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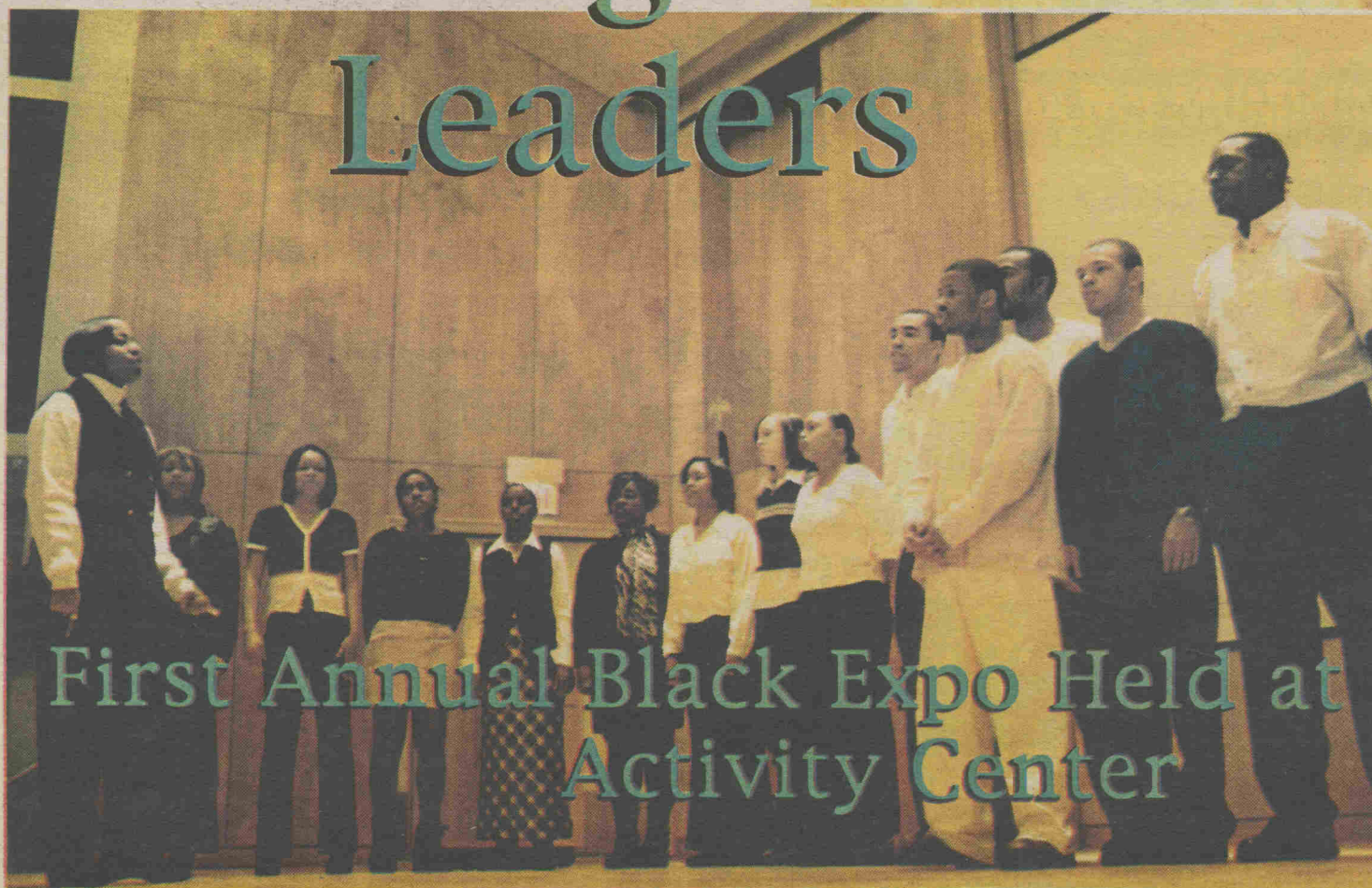
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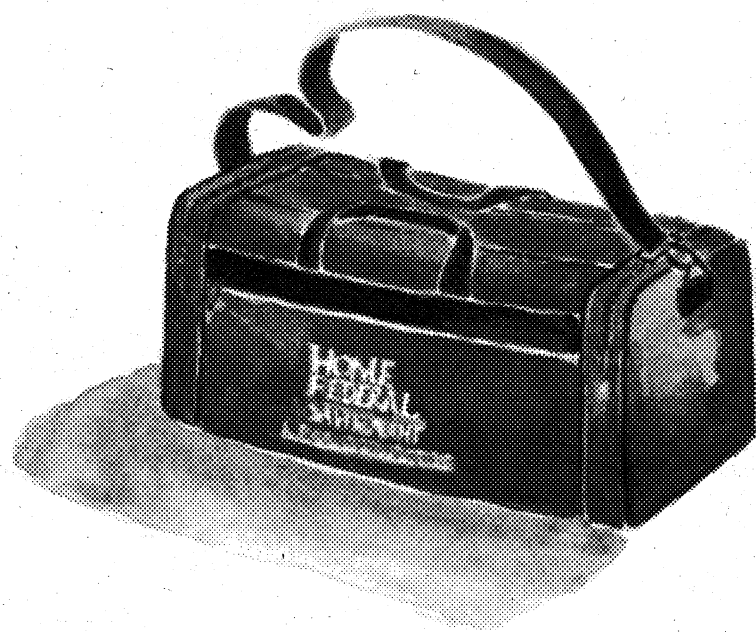
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University Holds First Black Expo³

Representatives from Major Corporations Turn Out to Offer Advice and Job Opportunities

By KEVIN KEENAN
Statesman Editor

President Shirley Strum-Kenny and other top level University administrators, along with staff and numerous students, turned out for the first annual Black Expo, entitled "Emerging Leaders of the 21st Century." The Expo, which was held in the Stony Brook Student Activities Center yesterday, was an open forum where people of all different races, religions, and backgrounds came together to meet and talk with successful Black business men and women.

"The outcome of this event is definitely positive. Hopefully, next year the number of attendees will triple in size," said Monessah Lawson, chief executive coordinator of the Expo. "We are providing Stony Brook students with great insight into the talents and skills required to be a leader in the 21st Century."

Several prominent New York and national based corporations were present at the event to offer students advice on technological skills and job opportunities. The coordinators of the Expo hoped that by providing positive minority role models, students in minority communities would be encouraged to work towards acquiring high level corporate positions.

"Everyone's looking for a job," said Candace Crouch, vice president of the Expo executive board, "this is not just going to benefit black people, it's going to benefit everyone that attended today."

The companies present at the Expo ranged from large computer corporations such as IBM to art companies such as Unfold Magazine and JEO Art. Each of these companies provided pamphlets, counselors, charts, graphs, and often videos to familiarize students with the demands

of high-tech employment.

"Many students don't realize the demands that entail a career in the corporate world," said Sandra Bulti from New Image Media. "Hopefully, events such as this one will provide some enlightenment."

Several computer corporations, presumably following the example set by Charles Wang's Computer Associates, were present at the Expo to establish a pool from which future employees can be drawn. Dale French, manager of software and engineering at Pitney Bowes Corporation, says that her Connecticut based corporation is looking to build a relationship with Stony Brook University in order to attract Computer Science majors. "We want students to be familiarized with our company, and we want to familiarize ourselves with the campus and the Computer Science programs here," she said.

After the Expo, students and administrators proceeded to the auditorium in the Student Activities Center for a program consisting of a performance by Stony Brook's Gospel Choir and speeches by prominent black men and women concerning their histories, triumphs, and difficult times.

University President Kenny spoke to the audience. "Having such an expo is an excellent idea," Kenny said. "The encounters that students had today with the various corporations enabled them to get a sense of the direction in which technology is headed. And, that's simply great! I hope that this event continues to be held every year."

Several students expressed their astonishment that President Kenny showed up for the event. According to sophomore Tamika McIntosh, "It was very surprising that Kenny decided to attend, but I'm glad that she did and showed her support for the



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Students expressed surprise at President Kenny's attendance at the Black Expo, held yesterday.

black community here at USB." Junior Troy Woodley says that he too was surprised that Kenny showed up, but feels that is "imperative" for administration to attend.

Ronald Manning, Health Science Center director of Health Initiative for Underserved Communities, was present to speak about his past in athletics. Manning, a former Chicago Bulls draftee, told students that they "will not play sports forever and should always strive to get an education."

Student response to the event was

mixed. Lawson indicated that she ran into several obstacles when organizing the Expo which reveals that some members of Stony Brook community were opposed to it. "A lot of the signs advertising the event were torn down, and racial comments were written on some. But, overall, people have been very supportive of this event."

Sunshin Fungcal, president of the Gospel Choir, summed up the event perfectly. "Black Expo is a very special event. It stresses black culture a lot but it is also about learning. It was a first and hopefully not a last." □

News In Brief

Compiled By Jennifer Kester

SAC Celebrates First Birthday

Aramark hosted a small celebration on Wednesday, February 4 to celebrate the Student Activities Center's first year anniversary.

The celebration was to show appreciation to the staff for their work over the past year. The party was open to all students from 3 to 4 o'clock. Students were able to taste the food and speak freely about their opinions of the SAC. District manager Bob Gunghandel and Bruce Incontro both were speakers at the event.

Many students voiced their frustrations about the meal card system. Under the meal card program students are not allowed to use their meal cards during lunch time which is a prime dining hour for many students. Student Kazmi Sitwat said, "We need to use our meal cards throughout the day. It is not right. If we have to be in the meal plan, then, we should be able to eat anywhere on campus if it is open."

Although there were many complaints about the meal card system, students did admit that the food was good and that the staff was generally pleasant.

Financial Journalists Wanted

There are scholarships being offered to journalism students who are seriously interested in pursuing a career in business and financial journalists by the New York Financial Writers Association.

Those who are interested must provide a present address and telephone number. An essay explaining why you wish to pursue a career in business and financial journalism is also required along with any relevant personal information. If you wish, you can send samples of your writing and clips. The writing clips are considered important but are not required. Applications must be in no later than February 23, 1998. The material must be sent to the Scholarship Committee, New York Financial Writers' Association, Inc., P.O. Box 20281, Greeley Square Station, New York, NY, 10001-0003.

Last year seven scholarships of \$3000 were awarded. This year the awards will be presented at the Association's Annual Awards Dinner. The winners will be honored at the dinner in front of leaders in the business, financial, and journalism communities.

SB to Host Leadership Conference

Stony Brook University will be hosting the third Annual Leadership Symposium on Student Community Wellness. This year's conference will focus on "Cross Cultural Conflict in the Education Community".

The choice of this year's topic is due to the reported increase in intolerance and prejudice within the educational community as well as the American society at large. These incidents include campus

demonstrations, hate crimes, and anonymous threats through e-mail and seem to correlate with the increasing diversity on college campuses and with issues of disagreement over issues such as affirmative action and the debate over the role that cultural differences should receive in setting educational standards. The symposium organizers have felt that these issues are ones that should be explored to achieve possible meaningful solutions to the problematic cross cultural conflicts.

This program will feature speakers such as Dr. Graham B. Spanier, President of Pennsylvania State University and Dr. Frank G. Pogue, Jr., President of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

The Wellness Symposium is a forum for engaging the major issues concerning education. Each year presentations are made by prominent leaders across the nations regarding a different issue that faces educators today and is a graduate program that provides a professional resource to address current and future student quality-of-life issues especially those in higher education. The Symposium is an offering of the Student-Community Development Graduate Specialization jointly sponsored by the School of Social Welfare and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. □

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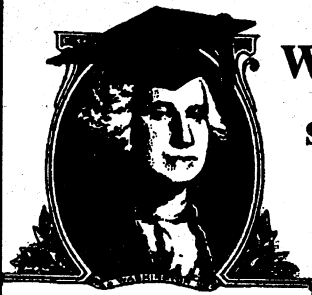
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An Insider's Look at the Dining Service Committee Proposed Changes

By Stephen Preston
Special to the Statesman

News Analysis

On Monday, February 9, the Dining Services Committee of the Faculty Student Association (FSA) decided on the structure of the new meal plan, which will take effect next Fall. In its final meeting before sending out its Request for Proposals (RFP), the Committee, composed primarily of students and administrators, decided to eliminate the fixed cost recovery plan (the current "Advantage" plan) in favor of a declining balance plan, to include one balance for meals in the resident dining halls, and another for meals on the center of campus. The new meal plan would bear a significant resemblance to the old plan abandoned two years ago, but would also differ in several important features.

Under the new structure, residents would be required to spend between 1/3 and 2/3 (the actual number has not yet been decided) of their declining balance in the resident halls - Kelly, H, and Roth Quads. The remainder could be spent in any location on campus. The FSA's goal is to keep the average meal plan cost around the same amount it is now: approximately \$1100, when end-of-semester add-ons are included.

Unlike the current meal plan, in which each item has a "retail" price and an "Advantage" price, all items in the new plan would have only a "retail" price. To keep the price of the meal plan from increasing too much, Kelly and H would be closed for both breakfast and lunch on weekdays; in their place during these hours would be a convenience store and deli in each location, similar to the current Kelly Deli. Roth would likely remain substantially the way it is, with hours possibly increased. Although weekend meals would remain all-you-can-eat, weekday dinners would change from "all-you-can-eat" meals to "cook-to-order" meals, similar to those now offered in H Quad for dinner.

This plan will be written in the RFP and sent to all bidders who are interested in the meal plan. Bidders will have the opportunity to recommend changes in certain features, such as types of food and hours of service, but they must all bid on the same basic structure, i.e. a declining balance plan divided between the resident halls and the center of campus. The interested contractors (currently Aramark, Marriott, Chartwells, Lackmann, CulinArt, Whitsen's, and American Catering) will be required to submit bids in early March, and the Dining Services Committee will spend March and early April choosing a food service provider and writing the contract. The new contract will take effect on July 1, but the new meal plan will not be instituted until the start of the Fall semester.

FSA decided in Summer 1997 not to renew the current contract with Aramark. The original contract had been designed to last six years in total, with options to renew after every two years, but after many complaints about Aramark's service and disputes between the management of FSA and Aramark, FSA decided not to renew. The Dining Services Committee was formed in Fall 1997 to decide what would be in the Request for Proposals, how to organize the bidding process, and what the features of the new meal plan should be.

After much vigorous debate, the Committee was still undecided on many of the issues at the end of the Fall semester, resulting in a significant delay in the original schedule. The Committee composed a "preliminary" RFP discussing the options the Committee was considering and sent it to all

bidders who seemed interested. The interested bidders were asked to come to campus and suggest ideas for the plan; these presentations took place between January 26 and February 5, except for Whitsen's, who will make their recommendations in a meeting on February 12. After the meetings, in which many bidders seemed enthusiastic about a declining balance plan, the Committee members present agreed unanimously that the new plan should be declining balance. The idea of splitting the declining balance into a cafeteria portion and a center-of-campus portion was jointly proposed by Kevin Kelly, executive director of FSA and Frank Santangelo a representative from the Commuter Student Association, and met with much enthusiasm but some harsh criticism. It was approved informally since only one member had serious objections.

Most members of the Committee are optimistic

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that the meal plan will be improved. The declining balance plan is viewed as easier to understand than the current "Advantage" plan, since the prices of items will be directly comparable to prices off-campus. In addition, since students will be required to spend money in the resident cafeterias, the halls that have been losing money (in particular H, which is claimed by FSA's Ken Johnson to have lost over \$400,000 last year), the cafeterias would not drain resources from other campus locations. Additionally, the policy of forcing resident students to eat in the cafeteria will reduce crowds on the center of campus, making the SAC, Student Union, and Humanities Cafe more appealing to commuters and graduate students. The Committee is also hoping that the contractor's management will improve, since there are many more interested bidders than the last bidding session, and the competition may help ensure that more appealing offers are made.

Although FSA is interested in keeping the cost as close to the current cost as possible, there are several factors which may force costs to rise. One important factor is the change from Advantage pricing to retail pricing. In the Advantage system, the Advantage price of an item was 10% more than the actual cost of the item; in the retail system, such price inflation will not be possible. Ken Johnson proposed that if all other factors remained the same, total food cost would increase by about \$400,000 because students would be getting more for the same amount of money. Another factor is that some students and Administration officials have requested that dining locations have extended hours; students such as Polity Vice President Diane Lopez have requested more evening and late-night hours, while Administration officials such as Peter Baigent have requested additional hours for new

students during Orientation and for sports teams who are here during the intersession. These extensions would increase labor and utility costs by an estimated \$270,000 per year.

Another very significant added expense might be

renovation costs. FSA is considering renovations to some of the dining facilities on campus, and preliminary quotes suggest that such renovations will cost

several million dollars. The Administration will provide no money for this, even though FSA must pay rent to the Administration for all dining facilities. The New York State government has also strongly indicated that it will provide no money for such renovations, and is only interested in paying for projects such as the new stadium. Thus all renovations must be paid for entirely by the meal plan. One idea under consideration is to try to raise \$4 million in the next three years by increasing the price of the meal plan. In the first year, the FSA would like to raise \$1 million, which could only be paid for if all prices on campus were increased by about 8%. Thus the average cost to students would be nearly \$100 per semester. The FSA is not at all sure what locations would actually be renovated with this money, or even if anything would be renovated at all. This would clearly be the most significant additional expense to students. FSA has already paid for removal of asbestos, costing several hundred thousand dollars. Legally it is the state's responsibility to remove the asbestos and this is just another example of how the state is passing its responsibilities to students.

In order to keep the prices from increasing too substantially, the Dining Services Committee is now considering reducing hours and services at several campus locations, but is not sure which ones would be cut. The only thing that is fairly certain is that lunch and breakfast at Kelly and H would be cut, producing the somewhat paradoxical effect of forcing students to eat more often in the cafeterias while they are open for fewer hours. Services on the academic mall (SAC, Student Union, and Humanities) would also probably be cut or at least modified significantly, since there will be far fewer students using those facilities.

Additional concerns about the new meal plan will probably be that resident students are again being isolated from commuters, in locations that many view as inferior; that resident students with late classes will be forced to walk back to their dorms for dinner (since dinner will be the only meal that can actually be eaten in the cafeterias); and that services for many students would be diminished while prices may actually increase. Another difficulty

with the new meal plan is that the amount of money students are required to

spend in residence cafeterias may change if profits are not high enough or if something unexpected happens on campus. Charles Wang's Asian-American Center, for example, will have some kind of food service; when it opens in 1999 or 2000, it will probably cause the same problems as did the opening of the Student Activities Center last year.

Overall, the meal plan has some very significant improvements over the current Advantage plan, but it seems as though there are still many problems that will need to be worked out if Stony Brook is to have a meal plan that everybody can live with. If the FSA doesn't want students to be as unhappy with the meal plan as they have been for the past two years, it may have to reconsider its current strategy. □

The author of the analysis, Stephen Preston, is a member of the Dining Service Committee.



Open Your Eyes to the World Around You

by Erin Rosenking
Special to the Statesman

Transferring from Suffolk Community College over to Stony Brook was scary. It wasn't the fact that I had finally decided on a major and was about to begin with some hard core classes. That was something I was looking forward to. It also wasn't the fact that the Stony Brook campus is huge - a good three or four times larger than Suffolk. I knew I'd find my way around in due time. The fear had sprung from the negative things I heard about all the different races and nationalities that comprised not only the student body but the professors and staff as well. If I had a dollar for every time I heard someone grumbling about how their foreign-born teacher was so hard to understand, I'd have enough money to pay next semester's tuition. This diversity was explained to me as something that I should place under the "con" file; something that was very much to the detriment of the students. After having just completed my third week at Stony Brook, I couldn't disagree more.

Just going about your business on campus, it is not unusual to hear conversations going on in a whole variety of languages. On the bus to the South "P" lot, two girls were carrying on discussion about the

Asian Student Alliance in a mixture of Chinese and English. There was a guy on line behind me at the Bursar who was talking in a sexy Jamaican patois. And then there is Martine, the teaching assistant in my Latin American/Caribbean class. He is from Peru and I have to admit, he has to

talk very slow so that I have time to process what he is saying in his thick accent. But I would not by any other means prefer being

taught by someone else - As a native of Peru, he has first hand information on the exact topics we are dealing with, which right now is South American society. As far as I'm concerned, his accent solidifies what we are being taught and enables us as a class to relate that extra inch to information that may be alien to us. And all students know that first-hand accounts are always more interesting than sterile textbook information, right?

When I listened to the people who got me in a panic about their dislike for the cultural diversity of Stony Brook, I foolishly forgot to

take into account where they were coming from. Generally they were people from my neighborhood whose idea of understanding ethnicity was eating with chopsticks at the Chinese food place down the block.. Ethnic diversity was not something my high school could boast about. There were only

enough black kids to count on one hand and even less kids from Indian, Asian or any other non-American

background. Taking this into account, it shouldn't surprise anyone that coming to a place where there aren't white Americans as far as the eye can see can be a shock. Shock is one thing but why should this be considered bad?

In the 1997-98 student handbook, it is plainly stated that your education at Stony Brook is supposed to go beyond the realm of academics. In other words, take your nose out of your books and put that pen down long enough to learn something by simply looking around you, by talking to someone from another country, by going to an activity

commemorating Black History Month—even if you're not black! I don't want this to turn into a boring essay that we have all read before about how we really need to bridge the gap between the races, be tolerant of other peoples' creeds, colors and religions and generally "just all get along" While I believe this is something everyone should make a top priority, you have to take it one small step at a time. And a school like Stony Brook is a great place to start.

I think we all know that knowledge about other people and their cultures is the one and only way to begin working towards a truly free, equal and tolerant society. This is a theory that looks so good on paper but for some reason is practically impossible for some people to put into practice. You have to try to understand what it's like to be black, white, Korean, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu or whatever, even if you don't think it's for you. (And to think you can do this right here at school while earning your degree) Understanding is the bricks that paves the road towards peace. Wouldn't achieving peace be a great way to usher in the millennium? It's only two years away so hurry up and start celebrating the wonderful differences that make the world go around.

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A Slightly Skewed Look at the World

By Gina Fiore
Statesman Editor

Usually I try not to start my ranting until the weekend, where I have a full week's worth of information at my disposal. This time is different though, as it's only the middle of the week and already I feel like exploding.

I think it's Valentine's Day. Yes, I know it's supposed to be a holiday for love and lovers alike, but when your not sharing it with anyone, seeing hearts and cupids everywhere doesn't do much for your ego. It's not even that, but the fact that a holiday that was once sentimental and romantic has been reduced to a bunch of candy and Hallmark sayings. Sadly though, my voice on the subject is silenced by the sneer

of people who declare me a cynic and then walk away. They're content in their one sided world, where opinions other than their own don't matter. Not these people are unusual, of course, or even that they become open-minded and free spirited once the holiday is at an end.

Valentine's Day isn't the only thing that bothered me this week. Something I saw in front of the Melville Library was quite disturbing, more so than couples cuddling and kissing two feet from me.

Walking back from class to my car (which I admit was illegally parked) in the Union parking lot, I came across a small group of girls. While I didn't see anything unusual in the sight at first, once I got

closer to them changed my mind. One of the three girls, an obviously scared sorority rusher, was about to seemingly walk barefoot on the glass of a broken bottle. The other two girls were also involved, one holding her hand and the other taking her picture. Both had the identical shirts and the haughty laughter of sorority sisters.

At first I wasn't too concerned. I walked by and made my way to the Union. Once I had the chance to sit down and think over what I had seen though was I then upset and disgusted. Perhaps I'm in wrong, and what I saw was innocent and harmless. But what would you think if you had come across what I had seen?

I don't want to slam any sorority sisters out there. I

admire the fact that you offer sisterhood and a sense of family to people who may be lacking in that respect. But what I don't understand is why you feel the need to lower a woman to her lowest only to bring her to her highest. To me, it's saying that they couldn't get to that point without you there to guide them. Maybe it's true for some women, but surely there are those out there that can attain that feeling on their own, without having to walk on broken glass barefoot or be humiliated in front of people?

I've decided to give up on Valentine's Day and sororities. Maybe next year, some sister's boyfriend will walk over broken glass to profess his love for her. That's something I'd like to see.

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Editorial & Commentary

Dining Hall Plan is Hard to Swallow

To those who have complained endlessly about ARAMARK's pricing, service and general quality, your prayers have been answered. The Dining Services Committee, a division of the Faculty Student Association, have been entertaining bids from various contractors to see who will feed the students of Stony Brook in the upcoming years. . Even though ARAMARK is one of the groups bidding for the contractors, sources close to the committee have said that they will most likely not be receiving the nod.

Who will receive the lucrative contract? No one can say at this point, as it's a close race. However, besides a new contract, FSA is also making some changes to the current dining system, change that will not be popular to some residence students. Included in the plan are the closings of dining halls in both Kelly and H Quads, leaving them open for

dinner hours only. This leaves a large number of students, many of them freshmen, to fend for themselves for most of the day. We wonder how students who are new to campus will feed themselves, especially if they have little clue to the layout.

Besides the new hours for some of the most popular dining halls, resident students will be asked (we like to use the word forced) to begin to use the dining halls, which have been steadily losing money to the Student Activities Center and the Bleacher Club. If this plan were to go into effect, residents would have to spend a certain amount of their food plan in the cafeterias in their hall. Currently, many students, both residents and commuters, eat most of their meals in the more convenient Humanities Cafe, SAC or Bleacher Club.

The only reason the dining

halls are losing money is because it's much easier for a student to walk to the SAC instead of their various residence halls. Even we find ourselves eating at the Bleacher Club more and more, because of its accessibility to our offices. Could you imagine if we had to walk to our dorms all the time?

The plan does have some obvious advantages to commuting students. Since they won't be made to eat in cafeterias it will be easier for them to get seats in the now crowded dining centers on the main campus.

Who hurts in this plan? The resident students. We know it's strange, since usually the commuters get left out in the cold while residents benefit. This time the story is different. Both groups of students should come together and protest this plan. Though it's not yet official, an outcry from the student body could keep this plan from ever reaching your tuition bill.

Legislature Has Work Cut Out For Them

To the Editor:

The new presiding officer, Stephen Hackeling and new deputy presiding officer, Michael Caracciolo have a great opportunity to set a new agenda for the Suffolk County Legislature in 1998.

Perhaps they could start by investigating the hiring practices at Suffolk Community College. I recently inquired about job postings at their personnel office at the Ammerman Campus in Selden only to find out that they have no written policies, procedures or central location for applicants. When asked "Why?" several people indicated simply that not too many people inquire about campus jobs and if they did they would be available through civil service listings or posted in specialty trade journals or individually by department heads. Even the acting president, Mr. Lalima, when questioned about their job posting policies at Suffolk Community college appeared to be very protective and arrogant in protecting the status quo. Further inquiries

indicate that surrounding colleges act more professionally and do indeed have central posting areas for listings of all campus jobs...some are even on the Internet such as at Stony Brook University. Whatever their problem is, someone should investigate what's going on there to avoid violations of federal and state laws and questions of ethics relative to nepotism, favoritism and patronage.

Another area of concern has to do with public safety. It's about time for Lilco and local municipalities to take action by removing overgrown tree limbs and branches that could cause serious havoc if Long Island was to experience a serious ice/winter storm similar to that which recently occurred in Canada and the North Eastern Region of the United States. The bottom line is that we are not prepared for this kind of catastrophic event and should take corrective

action now while the trees are free of leaves and winter weather conditions are still favorable.

Certainly there are major issues that are more important but addressing inadequate and non professional hiring policies at our local community college and getting Lilco to spend some of their money for safeguarding customer services are neutral turfs for new beginnings of the Suffolk County Legislature in 1998

Congratulations and Good Luck to our newly elected leadership.

Sincerely,
Mike DePaoli

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Police Blotter

Compiled by Ben Varghese

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am

An unknown prankster made phone calls to registrar's automated class registration system and started to add and drop a student's class schedule. The prankster apparently knew the student's ID# and PIN #.

7:05 pm

UH dietary aide in the Veteran's Home was seriously injured after a stack of trays fell on her left leg. She was transported by SBVAC to University Hospital.

Wednesday, February 4

10:30 am

A wallet was taken from a coat on a seat in Javits Lecture Hall 110, which contained \$25 cash, a gold cross, a credit card, a meal card and a checkbook.

Thursday, February 5

3:15 am

A Whitman College resident received two phone calls from unknown males, of which were explicit sexual statements said in great detail. She said she did not wish to elaborate.

8:46 pm

A male driving a white Hyundai in the Whitman Parking Lot was acting in a suspicious manner, when he allegedly starting looking into other people's cars.

9:15 pm

A Schomburg resident felt threatened by a suitemate who said, "leave my stuff alone or else."

Friday, February 6

9:00 am

A person noticed that a "pure breed" pitbull was left on the 2nd level stairwell of Administration garage. It was very friendly and it didn't bite.

Bulletin Of The Week

February 3, 1998

12:15 pm

A resident in an unknown location shoved his way into another victim's room who lives next door. The victim asked him to leave the room, but the resident refused. The resident picked up the victim's chemistry book and tore off the cover. They continued arguing for 20 minutes. The resident then stole the book, which was worth \$92.50. The residents have had ongoing differences in the past.

Saturday, February 7

12:59 am

An unknown person in the Student Union ballroom saw a jacket worth \$600 lying on the side. He quickly stuck it under his coat and

proceeded to exit the Union. SPA security noticed the extraneous bulk as he was about to leave. He was apprehended by University Police and was forced to give it back. Complainant did not wish to press charges.

1:19 am

University Police observed a person enter the Union, who was known to be a suspect in many of the Indoor Sports Complex larcenies. No arrest was made.

2:44 am

A Greeley College resident was threatened by two individuals. One demanded \$250 and the other shoved him a couple of times. One of the them open the drawers of a dresser and found a wallet. The suspect took some money, but not all of it. He put some money back and then threw the wallet on the floor. Victim found 13 single bills left in the wallet, although he wasn't sure how much was in there initially.

3:00 am

A Gray College resident reported receiving numerous harassing phone calls in a disguised voice, saying "I know where you live"

12:00 pm

A 27" Sony Trinitron television was taken from the ceiling rack of Old Engineering Lobby. Building staff said they last saw it on February 7th, but when they came back from the weekend, it was gone.

Sunday, February 8

4:00 pm

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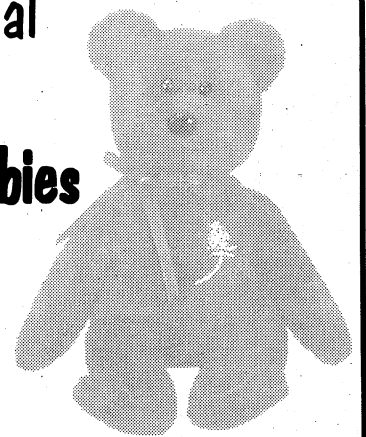
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Wednesday 9:30 - 6:00

Sunday, February 8

4:00 pm

A Stony Brook ID meal plan card was taken from a sweatpants pocket that was left on the bleachers of the main gym in ISC.

Monday, February 9

12:21 pm

A vehicle struck the bumper of another vehicle in the Kelly Cafeteria Loading Zone.

2:40 pm

A dictaphone was taken from University Hospital Mod K in Exam Room #2. Reports said that the door is always open.

4:30 pm

A victim on the first floor of Gray College entered his room and noticed that the frame of his window was missing. He looked outside and found it on the grass. The victim found this suspicious and then started to look around the room for missing items. \$100 cash, a T-shirt worth \$75, flannel shirts worth \$225 total value \$400 was taken.

9:35 pm

A Visa Gold card, a Mobil and Texaco gas card, \$75 cash and miscellaneous papers were taken from a jacket that was left in the hallway of the racquetball courts of the Pritchard Gym in ISC.

Tuesday, February 10

6:50 am

Upon arriving to work, a faculty member approaching his office, noticed that the knob was broken off. He found this suspicious. Upon entering he noticed a CPU worth \$1500, a Sony 2" monitor worth \$2,000, and a stainless steel container worth \$200 was stolen.

8:00 pm

A 32" television worth \$800 was found on the east-end stairwell between 2nd and 3rd floor. SAC staff found this suspicious and started looking through rooms and found that a VCR worth \$400 was taken from room 308. It seemed that the suspects could not successfully drag the television down the long flight of stairs, but had intentions of coming back for it. Television was secured.

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-Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds
Or bends with the remover to remove:
O no! It is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken...

William Shakespeare

Dear Stephie

It is with great ardor, but even greater reservation, that I attempt to convey to you an emotion that is quite inexplicable. I am bound by this earthly form, a vessel, that overflows upon each and every thought of my one true love. So it is understandable that words can fall short of their intended meaning. Therefore, I leave it in its purest form, I love you.

Ours has been a tumultuous relationship, spiked by my own shortcomings and the horrible mistakes that have led to my downfall. Nevertheless you have remained poised, never faltering in your sole intention, and fixated in making what once was wrong, right again. This has only made me love you even more if that is at all possible.

And so we shall soon leave this place and venture once again into the unknown with only the promise of dreams and the strength of our love to guide our path. With this in mind there is nothing we can't surmount together. What else could a man ask than to be in love with his best friend? I LOVE YOU and can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you.

Eternally Yours

Phillip



Special Valentine's

TO MY SISTANEENER on Valentine's Day,
How are your Tyets? Your my best friend, I love
you! Your one and only,
RAY RAY (do u want to shag w/my
twig&berries, my bits&pieces?)

TO MY GRAY C-1 BOYZ,
Happy Valentine's Day, I love you guys!
Love, Raya

SB Coven,
Happy Valentine's Day, girls!
Love, Starlight
P.S. Tawk to the....

**A BIG SHOUT OUT to C-1 Boyz with NO
ASS** on Valentine's Day! - Chris M

To our one and only Judges,
Happy Valentine's Day sweetie!
We Love You Tons!
Your Hippie, Ra Ra and Neener

To My RUNNING-MAN-A:
Happy Valentine's Day! You my bitch and I
love you.
Mean mean Stephano!
Luv u, Raya

My Eternal Love goes out to NEENER and
RA RA for their admiration and inspiration.
Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you guys, **Chris M.**

Kristin,
To my "bestest" friend. If it weren't for yOu I
wouldn't have gotten through this - Stupid
boys.. I'll always be here for you. I love you
kid. **Lily**

Joey,
No Starvin' Marvin' thats a bad Starvin'
Marvin'!
Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie!
Luv, **Raya**

TO MY PUMPKIN,
So happy we chillin'
-**Your SILLY PUTTY BUDDY**

Nadia,
you know I've always loved you
—a **secret admirer**

"Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens...."
Happy Valentine's Day to all my friends at the
WC!
Love, **Diana**

Mel,
The "personal trainer" Happy Valentine's Day.
Lily

Edgar,
Are you working today? Love smokin' and
chillin' w/you!
Your fellow Bench Junkie,
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!, **Raya**

Kevin
My main man - You're the best. - **Lily**

PAYTA-
Thanx 4 Bootin' BARNEY! Happy Valentine's
Day Sweetie!
I luv u, u luv u me...**Raya**

Diana,
I am glad that we are no longer "shadows of
ourselves."
I love you. -**Sean**

Brian,
You're toying with our hearts. You big stud
you. -**Lily and Kris**

Sister Margaret,
Thank you for the countless things you do.
Lily

Anita Chiquita Fajita
Bonita,
Happy Valentine's
Day!
Love Always, **Banana**

TO MY SISTA RAY
on Valentine's Day,
How are your Tyets?
Your my best friend, I
love you!
Your one and only,
NEENER

Doug,
Thank you for caring and taking the time. You
and Jovanna are the best. - **Lily**

To all my CCM buddies,
CCM rocks!

ANA,
Wanna get coffee? I love Being your little sister,
Happy Valentine's Day! Luv U, **RAY**

Su Ann,
Keep your chin up. -**Lily**

Phil,
My Press buddy, Steal me Please! (j/k to anyone
reading this from the Statesman)
Happy V-day Sweetie!
Luv, **Raya**

Abid,
Hey tall, dark and handsome. You are the best!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, -**Diana**
P.S. This weekend, I promise—Now you even
have it in writing!

May you all one day feel what I feel. -**Tek**

Rob,
We have been through a lot this year especially
but you are worth it. Just know that you will
always have a special place in my heart and
you mean the world to me.
Love always,
Your Angel XOXOXO

To the ladies of AO3,
Happy Valentine's Day!

Chris,
Who's still awake? It's not my gum!
Lily and Kristin

Antonious,
So what are we going to do tonight?. The same
thing we do every night, **TRY TO TAKE OVER
THE GIRL!!!!!!...The Gang.**

Gene,
Thanks for teaching my class. -**Lily**

Laura,
Don't worry—it's the rest of us that are crazy.
Peter

Kerry,
You should worry. You are the crazy one.
Peter

Dear Megan,
Happy Valentine's Day. I'm glad we became
friends, we can keep
each other sane.
Love, **Chris**

Benedict B2 Girls,
Happy Valentine's Day.
Christina

Kristin and Lilly,
Happy Valentine's Day
Girls.

Sister Margaret,
Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for everything.
We love you.

Dear Prof. Alexander,
Teach me some chem. on Saturday night!
-**Chem 132 girl**

Dear Megan,
You're so beautiful and I love you. Be my
valentine. -**Secret Love**

Dear Felicia,
You are so hot. I want you, I need you, I love
you so much.
Love, **your only man**

Dear Kevin K,
You are so hot! Do an article on us anyway!
Happy Valentine's Day.
Love,
C & M

Dear Sister M.,
Come dine with me on Valentine's Day.
Love, **Big G.**

Dear Franco,
Forget the hot R.A. you always have me! I love
your eyes and your sexy body. Let's have some
fun. Where's my Tweety? Happy Valentine's
Day. Love, **M.**

Dear Felicia,
Have fun with Frank, but not too much fun.
You two look so cute together. You are my
favorite roommate and friend. Happy Valentine's
Day.
Love, **Megan**

Dear Sal,
Happy Valentine's Day. Your so cute and we
love you.
Love, **Megan & Felicia**

Dear Paul,
I'm glad I'm staying this weekend to be with
you. Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for dealing
with me. Thanks for my duckie. I want my boys!

Love, **Megan**

Franco,
You are so hot. I need you now, Be Mine.
Love,
The Hot R.A.

Dear J & M & N & S,
I hope your Valentine's Day stinks. Go smell a
dead rose.

Dear SR. Margaret,
Happy Valentine's Day
Love,
The Boyz of CCM

Kristen and Lily,
Do I make you Honey, Baby?
You know who.

Lily- To my weekend coffee buddy-I'm so glad
we've become so close-I love ya, sweetie-
Happy Valentine's Day! Love, **Kris**

Babily- I have so much love for you-you make
me happy everyday and every night. Thank you
for giving me so much-I love you-sweetie-**heart**

Heather G.- Warner Bros. is a geek job! Just
kidding
Happy Valentine's Day.
-**Kevin**

Brendan,
"d'accord d'accord" (put)
Je suis tres contente que tu es mon ami
luv, **Ray-Ha**

Mary Ellen H.- Phone wars are awesome
Happy Valentine's Day and stay away from
Todd. -**K.**

To Lily G.
Your ice cream heart seems to be melting.
-**A Friend**

Kristen O.
Tell Mel to step aside, you need a real man. J/K
-**A Friend**

Mike F.
You are an idiot. Thanks a lot for calling me.
Maybe I'll see you in Chamelions with Timmy.
an **ex-FRIEND.**

Dina C.
Nice tongue!!!! -**A Friend**

Daneille- It's all about not sleeping & not
remembering this semester AT ALL! Happy
Valentine's Day!
Love, **Kristin**

Mana- You will always be my "package"
Love, **Kris**

CBarthol-Happy Valentine's Day-KOrabone

Edgar- Hang in there! Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, **Kris**

Sr- My favorite purple lady-Happy Valentine's
Day-Love, **Kristin**

Hey- Thanks for holding my hand on the plane.
I love ya, Kiddo! **Me**

Christina- You are a doll- you keep me sane-

Day Personals

Love, Kristin

Mike,
I miss u! I don't say anything I don't mean either. Happy V-day!
Luv, Raya

To my little mush,
I don't know quite what to say.... I am glad that we are finally together—you make me so happy and I love you so much! Happy Valentine's Day!
P.S. You are not busting anything! XOXO

Izzy- you got something to say about eye-talians?
Luv, dina

Carm- makin' it a Blockbuster night?
luv, dina

Lillilana- Mi amore, te amo.
Luv, dina

Nightlight,
Thank you so much for always being there. I am not quite sure what I would do without you! Happy V-Day, chick!
Love, Starlight

Kris- don't ya luv incompetent people?
Luv, dina

Joey- you know you love me.
luv, dina

Chris- let's compare v-day nails!
luv, dina

Joe- you owe me Big time.
luv, dina

Happy Valentine's Day and Anniversary Babily,
Love Mele

To my hunnie Cathy Wu:
I love u so much. Please remember that you are my one and only. Wesley Yeh

Joe,
Now you know why I make you read the newspaper!
Surprise! I love U
-Mancy

No words or cards could ever express my love for you. In this past year, we have had a lot of happy memories. You know that I can't promise you anything but no matter what, you will forever be in my heart....

Te Amo Para Siempre Hon Hon
-Love you as much as you love me,
Your Wife

John G.:
I take two steps forward, you take two steps back; we come together, cuz opposites attract. Oh Pookie-Bear, you know that seeing my name in print gets me all tingly inside, and the way you try to Borg me into your one-sided, left-wing collective leaves me trembling. You rock my world, muffin-butt.

So, please, come up from that underground hole in the Union that you dwell in, wash yourself, and meet me in the Staller Pit for the death-match of the century. If not, please finish your Bachelor's before I finish my law degree so we can be together at last.

Right-wingers have a sense of humor, and need love too. If I could change the world, I would be the sunlight in your universe.
All my love, Mike T.

Beth,
You've won my heart since the first day we met as a friend. I'll do anything and I'll say anything, just to be with you.....
I love you.....
-Jay

To Doug,
Even if we aren't dating, you still my honey and my friend. Happy V-Day and good luck with Debbie. - Gina

To Erin & Crew,
Five weeks until Spring Break. Just point me to the beach. - Gina

To my dearest Boo:
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you.
Love, Sweetie

KJ.

*In the beginning, there was a time you said you loved me, it was no crime. But time marched on, and so did you. I didn't think I'd ever know what to do. I loved you so much and cared so deep; Who would've thought you'd be such a cheat?
You have no conscience, you feel no guilt;
Have you no remorse for the lies you built?
I'll be just fine; don't worry 'bout me
'Cause I've got freedom and you've got the baby
I hope you pay, and pay you will.
I hope you never forget your cheap thrill.
-J.L.*



Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. I love you baby. - Eirene XOXOXO

Lisa:
I love you so much baby!
-Love Danny

To my special someone:
Many days, many years and not even eternity can break us apart. You hold the key to my heart and every fiber of my being. Many happy moments, and many more to come. With all of my heart, I want to celebrate this special day with you, and no other.
Yours, always and forever, Boo

To the Disney Crew (Purplelkah, Paco, Cactus, and RJ),
Gotta catch the bus? Put on your dancing shoes and break out the Malibu. There's always going to be a good one Elkah. First son has to be a king? Put a little salt on it. Paco, so you wanna be spoon fed? Just chug it. Much love and true hearts, Vivalae

Dear Jian,
Happy first V-Day. Once in a blue moon...Early morning wake up calls at 9, 2 really good friends. Love, Eva

Peter,
Don't settle for anything less than the best. A king of hearts only deserves royalty.
Love, Alex

Dave,
Thanks for everything. Viv was a fool.
Love, Alex

To Diana, Alex & Gina,
My S.M. bitches. I love you guys. Raya

Dear James,
Happy Valentine's Day, Hon. I love you and I'm really happy that you gave me another chance to prove that to you. My life would not be the same without you in it. I love you! Love Always and forever, Nancy.

Alex,
I've always loved you. Keep on Guessing--
Your secret admirer

To My Big L,
I never thought about what my 'real' dreams were. I never smiled so much. I never laughed so hard that it hurt. I never had the physical endurance, mental patience and intellectual curiosity to appreciate Monet. I never knew what it was like to be serenaded. I never felt so welcomed into someone's love. I never. Until I met you. Happy Valentine's Day--this year, you're mine. Love, Your BabyDoll

Thanks To All Who Wrote In. Happy V-Day from the staff at Statesman.

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Features Events

Orchestra To Perform

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The Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Staller Center on February 21. Under the baton of Principle conductor Gustav Meier, the program consists of Weber, Overture to *Oberon*; Bartok, *Concerto for Orchestra*. Dohnanyi, *Variations on a Nursery Tune* will also be on the program with the accompaniment of Chadd Merrigan, a piano soloist and Concerto Competition winner.

There will also be a free pre-concert lecture. Speaker Mark Ledeway will lecture in the Recital

Hall at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending you call the Staller Center box office at 632-7230 for tickets. The cost of tickets is \$12 and the price for students and senior citizens is \$6.

Slide Show on India

On Monday, February 16 the Center for India Studies will be hosting a slide show on contemporary India.

Robert Arnett will be the guest speaker at the show. Arnett is the award-author of *Unveiling India* which won "Best Travel Book of the Year",

"Best Travel Essay of the Year" and numerous awards.

The slide show will be held at the Center for India Studies, East 5350 Melville Library. For more information call 632-9742.

Music Celebration

The Department of Music will be holding a three-day celebration of contemporary music at the Staller Center.

The festivities will begin on Wednesday, February 25 with a program of original compositions

performed by graduate students from the music department. The celebration continues on Thursday, February 26 with the Contemporary Chamber Players. They will present a program of contemporary classics including works by David Lang and the established American composer Francis Thorne.

All of the concerts are free to the public and will be held in the Staller Center Recital Hall at 8 p.m. For more information, call the music department at 632-7330. □

If you have Genital Warts (the fastest growing sexually transmitted disease) ask your doctor about...



a new patient-applied treatment for genital warts.

Please see accompanying brief summary of patient information.

Most local skin reactions are mild to moderate and include erythema, erosion, flaking, edema, scabbing and induration at the wart site.

Most common application-site reactions were itching (26%), burning (16%), and pain (4%) at the wart site.

3M Pharmaceuticals



Brief Summary—Consult package insert for full prescribing information.

DESCRIPTION
Aldara™ is the brand name for imiquimod which is an immune response modifier. Each gram of the 5% cream contains 50 mg of imiquimod in an off-white oil-in-water vanishing cream base.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Aldara 5% cream is indicated for the treatment of external genital and perianal warts/condyloia acuminata in adults.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None known

WARNINGS

Aldara cream has not been evaluated for the treatment of urethral, intra-vaginal, cervical, rectal, or intra-anal human papilloma viral disease and is not recommended for these conditions.

PRECAUTIONS

General

Local skin reactions such as erythema, erosion, excoriation/flaking, and edema are common. Should severe local skin reaction occur, the cream should be removed by washing the treatment area with mild soap and water. Treatment with Aldara cream can be resumed after the skin reaction has subsided. There is no clinical experience with Aldara cream therapy immediately following the treatment of genital/perianal warts with other cutaneously applied drugs; therefore, Aldara cream administration is not recommended until genital/perianal tissue is healed from any previous drug or surgical treatment. Aldara has the potential to exacerbate inflammatory conditions of the skin.

Information for Patients

Patients using Aldara 5% cream should receive the following information and instructions: The effect of Aldara 5% cream on the transmission of genital/perianal warts is unknown. Aldara 5% cream may weaken condoms and vaginal diaphragms. Therefore, concurrent use is not recommended.

1. This medication is to be used as directed by a physician. It is for external use only. Eye contact should be avoided.
2. The treatment area should not be bandaged or otherwise covered or wrapped as to be occlusive.
3. Sexual (genital, anal, oral) contact should be avoided while the cream is on the skin.
4. It is recommended that 6-10 hours following Aldara 5% cream application the treatment area be washed with mild soap and water.
5. It is common for patients to experience local skin reactions such as erythema, erosion, excoriation/flaking, and edema at the site of application or surrounding areas. Most skin reactions are mild to moderate. Severe skin reactions can occur and should be reported promptly to the prescribing physician.
6. Uncircumcised males treating warts under the foreskin should retract the foreskin and clean the area daily.
7. Patients should be aware that new warts may develop during therapy, as Aldara is not a cure.

Carcinogenicity, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility

Rodent carcinogenicity data are not available. Imiquimod was without effect in a series of eight different mutagenicity assays including Ames, mouse lymphoma, CHO chromosome aberration, human lymphocyte chromosome aberration, SHE cell transformation, rat and hamster bone marrow cytogenetics, and mouse dominant lethal test. Daily oral administration of imiquimod to rats, at doses up to 8 times the recommended human dose on a mg/m² basis throughout mating, gestation, parturition and lactation, demonstrated no impairment of reproduction.

Pregnancy

Pregnancy Category B: There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Imiquimod was not found to be teratogenic in rat or rabbit teratology studies. In rats at a high maternally toxic dose (28 times human dose on a mg/m² basis), reduced pup weights and delayed ossification were observed. In developmental studies with offspring of pregnant rats treated with imiquimod (8 times human dose), no adverse effects were demonstrated.

Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether topically applied imiquimod is excreted in breast milk.

Pediatric Use

Safety and efficacy in patients below the age of 18 years have not been established.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

In controlled clinical trials, the most frequently reported adverse reactions were those of local skin and application site reactions; some patients also reported systemic reactions. These reactions were usually mild to moderate in intensity; however, severe reactions were reported with 3X/week application. These reactions were more frequent and more intense with daily application than with 3X/week application. Overall, in the 3X/week application clinical studies, 1.2% (4/327) of the patients discontinued due to local skin/application site reactions. The incidence and severity of local skin reactions during controlled clinical trials are shown in the following table.

3X/WEEK APPLICATION WART SITE REACTION AS ASSESSED BY INVESTIGATOR

	FEMALES		MALES		FEMALES		MALES	
	5% Imiquimod N=114	Vehicle N=99	5% Imiquimod N=156	Vehicle N=157	5% Imiquimod N=114	Vehicle N=99	5% Imiquimod N=156	Vehicle N=157
Erythema	61%	21%	54%	22%	4%	0%	4%	0%
Erosion	30%	8%	29%	6%	1%	0%	1%	0%
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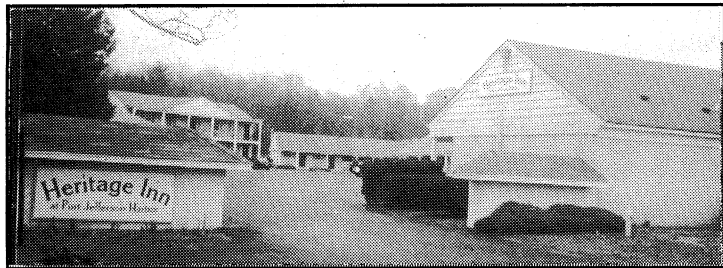
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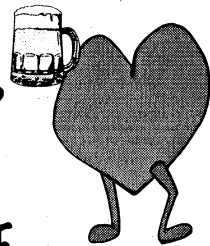
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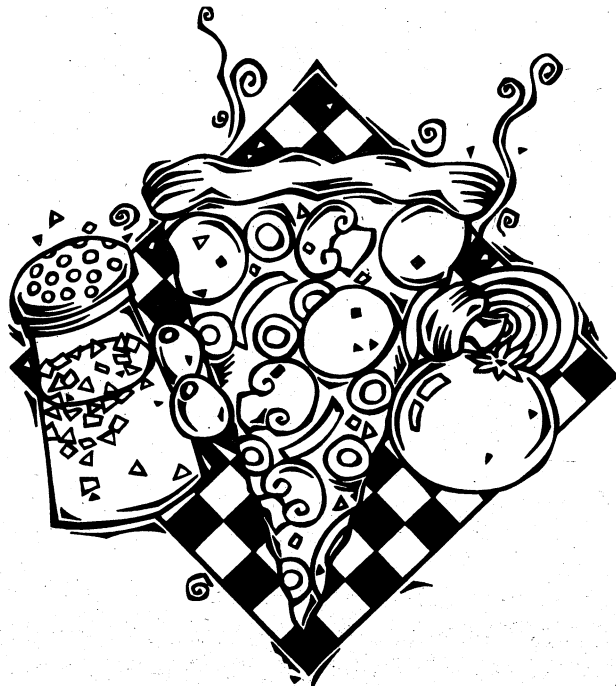


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By JIMMY FORD
Statesman Staff

Visitors of the Staller Center can view a piece of history in the making at the University Art Gallery. In order to graduate from the Master of Fine Arts Program (MFA), Stony Brook art students have put their work on display for all to see.

At the MFA show, you'll first notice the work of Jason Paradis, "Three Tries at Immortality". This is a can't miss. The artwork entails a centralized motor attached to a system of wires and other materials. As the motor whirls, the wires are pulled and released in such a way that it affects the hanging artwork attached to the wires. It is a challenge of your imagination to find the meaning.

Marcia Neblett's work will also catch your eye. Her stunning charcoals of "Little Red Riding Hood" are bound to amaze. Neblett looks at the classic fairy tale in an innovative way that some will definitely find refreshing.

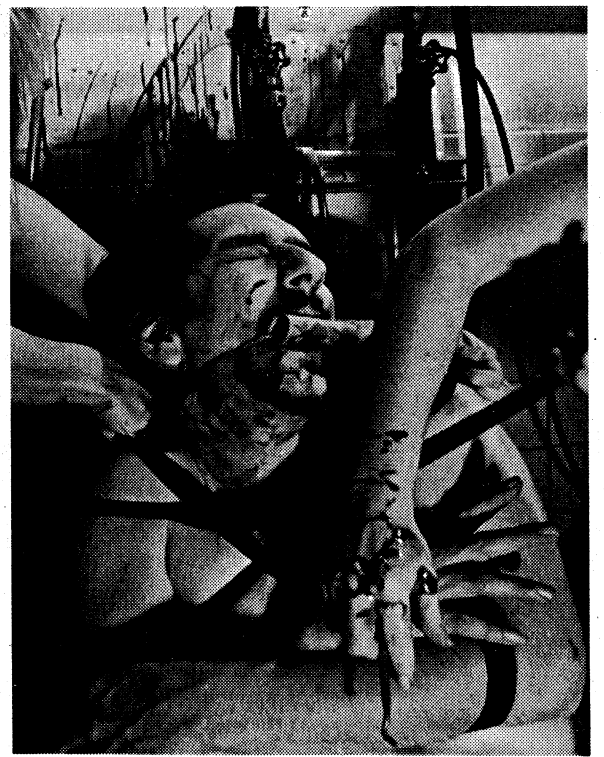
Besides the subject matter, the intricate sense of detail is easily recognized. "Crazy Circus" will shock as well as intrigue you, as a band of women take on animalistic characteristics. The detail is amazing here, easily as seen in the eyes of the characters.

Cathleen Cavanagh's "Hearts Are Broken Every Day" will also fascinate you. A series of pillars surround a pile of stone babies

sliding off a metal slide. The symbolism of the babies will place you deep in thought. If you take a walk to "The Pit" outside the Staller Center, you will also find "The Aftermath of One's Decision" which is yet another one of Cavanagh's works. These are statues shaped vaguely in the form of people.

Also on display is the work of Nathan Japel, whose combination of oil and charcoal, works harmoniously to provide him with a variety of different looks. Japel can add age to a face so well, that he makes it seem easy. These pieces are definitely worth taking the time to look at.

These artists, as well as others, have put forth quite an effort to get this show going. Even if you are not an art major, you can still appreciate this display. It will be held on display from now until March 7, from Tuesday to Friday, 12 noon until 4 pm, and 10 am till 6 pm on Saturday. If you happen to be free during these hours, come and experience the artists of tomorrow. Don't miss your chance! □



Craig Zammiello's work, *The Surgeon Sisters* (1996) is currently on display at the Staller Center For the Arts.

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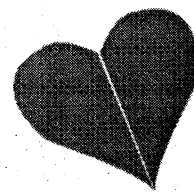


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Kissing Throughout The Ages

Greek poets called kissing "the key to paradise". Primeval man believed that by kissing, souls mingled. What is kissing anyway? How and when did it begin?

Webster's Dictionary defines the kiss, "to touch or caress with the lips as a mark of affection". However this definition does not only apply to humans. If you are an observer of nature, human and otherwise, you will agree that many animals do kiss: elephants intertwine trunks, birds stroke beak with beak, chimps and horses kiss, and some of the longest kisses occur between fish.

There are several speculations about the origins of kissing. Cavemen tasted their wives' mouths to make sure they weren't drinking forbidden wine. Roman emperors had their knees kissed by peasants while noblemen kissed their hand. Africans and Persians kissed the ground their leaders walked on.

The New World never even heard of kissing

until between the mid 1400's and into the 1800's when early explorers tried to kiss the natives who either fled in terror or showed no emotion.

The Life Column

Marie Oquendo-Miller

By the Middle Ages, illiterate persons would place an "x" in place of their own name. Kissing the "x" would affirm solemnity. Eventually, the "x" itself came to represent a kiss. Today, gamblers kiss dice for luck and people kiss lottery tickets for the same. Moms and dads kiss their child's boo-boo and "throwing a kiss" is not uncommon. Kissing

under the mistletoe signifies that the plant is a symbol of love. Refusing to kiss under the mistletoe is considered bad luck. "Kissing the bride" is a carry over from ancient times when a couple would kiss in front of witnesses before the wedding ceremony to show that they understood what they were getting into.

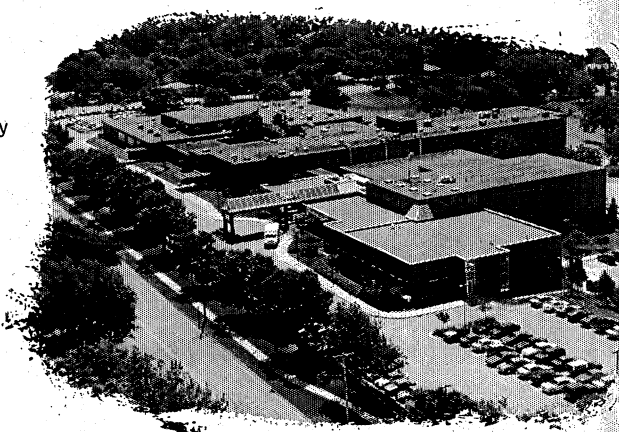
Believe it or not there have been historical bans on kissing. The Emperor of Tiberius of Rome banned kissing 2,000 years ago to calm a raging herpes epidemic. The Connecticut's Blue Laws used to prohibit kissing on Sundays and fasting days. A few years ago, in a suburban mid-western train station, officials designated the drop-off area as a "No Kissing Zone" as it felt that traffic jams resulted from wives kissing their husbands goodbye as they dropped them off.

As we approach the year 2,000, we don't need an emperor to impose any restrictions regarding the act of kissing. While kissing is a wonderful expression of love and affection, that wonderful kiss may not be just a kiss. Did Ingrid Bergman know she could contract gonorrhea from "Bogie" by engaging in the famous screen kiss in "Casablanca"? Clark Gable was a "ladies" man...did Scarlet O'Hara ever dream that she could get herpes from kissing him in "Gone With the Wind"? Fortunately for us, HIV is not transmitted via this route. Remember, although kissing is no longer banned in most places, what you receive from the exchange may be more than a loving gesture. □

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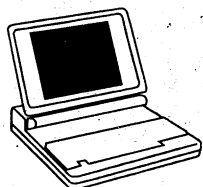
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Finding the Help to Plan Your Future

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Career Placement Center Continues to Give Students Information to Find Jobs

By KEITH FARBER
Statesman Staff

When students enter college, they may for the first time begin to think of careers and how to start on the road to the future. Sometimes they need a little help.

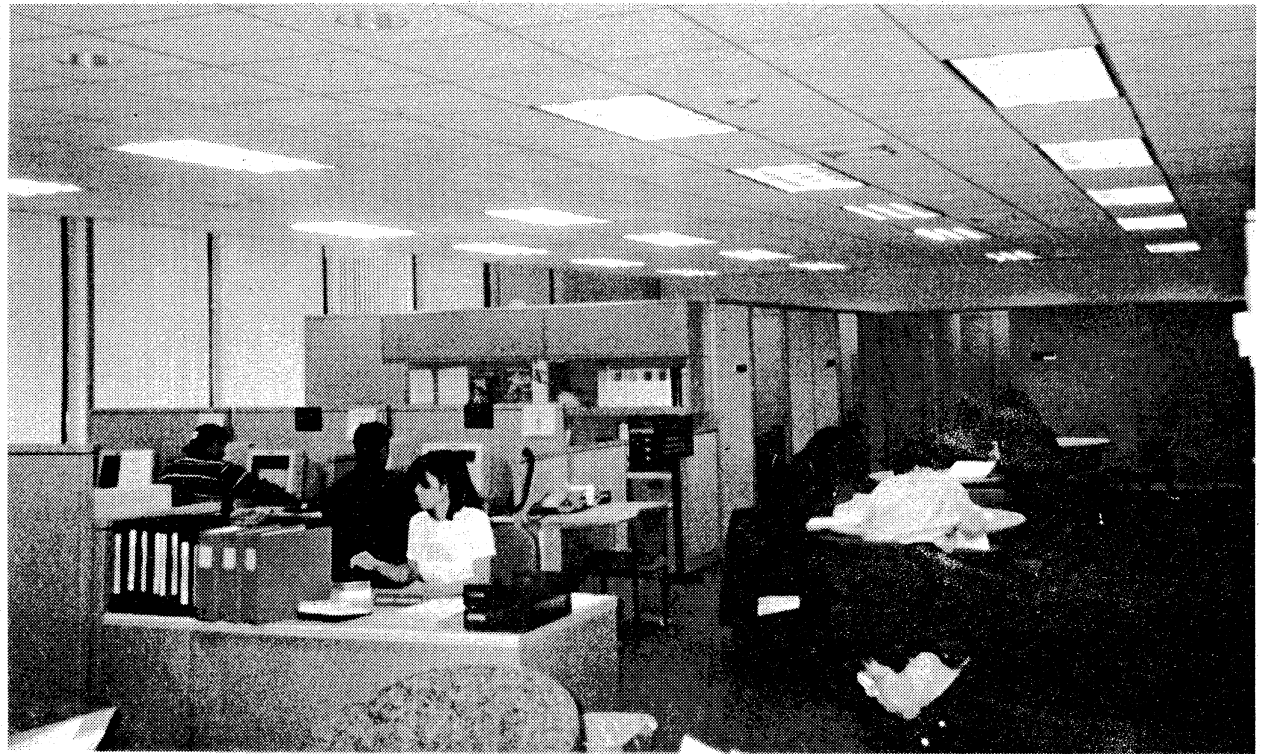
"The jobs they are aware of are those of a parent, neighbor or friend, the people around them," says Tim Luzader, director of Stony Brook's Career Placement office, "There is a plethora of opportunities."

Established nearly thirty years ago, the career placement office has been helping students start on that road to the future through its numerous services and is always expanding. The office began as a career development office and operated as such until James Keene, the original director retired two years ago. The office, now under the direction of Luzader, has expanded to include career placement and an on-line site.

Luzader describes this site as the nickel tour. Here students can view the services offered by the career placement center. Many students are unaware of such services,

Luzader says, "The greatest challenge is informing juniors and seniors of online interviewing." Once within the site, students are directed to a student's foyer where they can access a listing of these services.

One of the most important services, Luzader believes, provided by the office is the individual counseling sessions. Students can make appointments beginning the last Wednesday of every month to speak with a professional career counselor who can answer questions they have about deciding their future jobs. "It is helpful to meet with a



Statesman/Keith Farber

Students at the career placement center can use internet and software links to search out their future jobs.

counselor one-on-one if they are required. A visitor to the career placement should not be led to believe that the programs offer all of the answers to their job questions. "It doesn't tell them what to do," Luzader said.

Once students find careers that they are interested in, they can consult the center's career resource library. The resource library is a non-circulating library that contains information on topics related to the career planning process. "A student can see what they have," says Luzader, and look at job opportunities for specific majors or at majors that can be taken in order to pursue a career.

"Some students are very specific about their interest," Luzader said. "Sometimes there is a perfect major to connect to that interest. You have to support your interest."

While at the office, students can look at computer programs that can help them better define their interests. A "Strong Interest Inventory" program examines the relationships between interest and potential careers while FOCUS II or SIGI plus offer tests that focus on interest, values, abilities and life experiences. Through FOCUS II and SIGI Plus students can learn which jobs can fulfill their needs. Students can also view job titles and descriptions,

According to Luzader, there is a misconception that the only majors which offer a future career track are within the disciplines of science and engineering, which isn't so. There are many more opportunities out there.

But as the office's title suggests, developing an idea of a desired career is only half the

battle. "There is a much greater emphasis on establishing opportunities for students to interview with a company," Luzader says.

In order to prepare to put those ideas into action, the CPC offers weekly workshops that inform students of interviewing processes, writing resumes and methods to search for jobs. The CPC also offers resume evaluations on a drop in basis and credential services for a small fee.

Students are also welcome to take advantage of the twice-yearly University job fairs. Here employers and students meet and discuss their organizations and job openings. Students can meet, have brief interviews, and leave resumes with employers.

The center is located in the basement of the library, near the University bookstore. □

VIDEO QUEST

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This is just the beginning of the evil. The foes you face start out stupid, zombies and the like, but as you progress through the game, they get smarter and more bone-chilling. But it is not the creatures so much that provide the scares, but it is the suspense. Like the ads say, "if the suspense doesn't kill you, something else will."

Aside from the scares, RE2 is an all-around great game. The story develops just as strongly as the original, and is just as mysterious as the original. Graphically, the game is superior to its predecessor, smoothing out the blocky nature inherent in the original and adding Full Motion Video (FMV) scenes, replacing the acted sequences of the original. The city also has a crisper, cleaner look to it. Yet with all these improvements, the B-movie feel is retained. something that can be argued as either good or bad.

RE2, in all aspects lives up to its predecessor and to the moniker as being the "most anticipated game of 1998". If you're brave enough, there is only one way to play it, - in the dark with stereo surround sound, and if possible in the bathroom for expediency's sake. The rest, as they say, is for the morgue. □

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Adaptation Falls Short of Expectations

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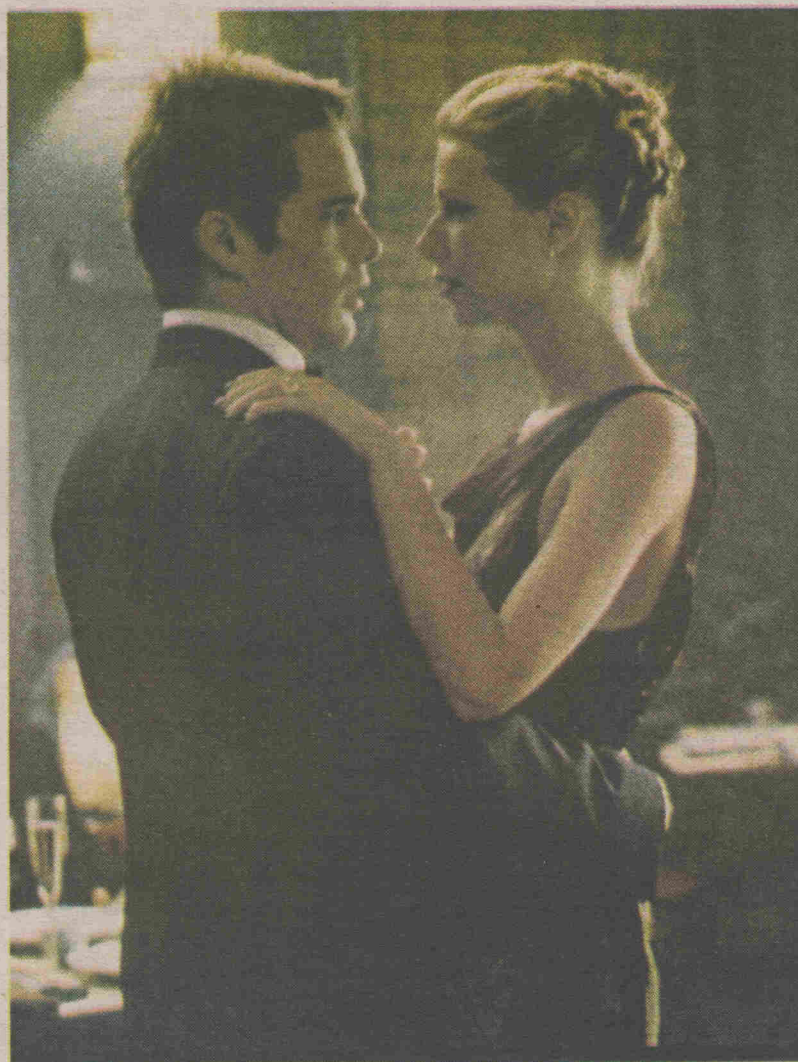
Recast as a modern day tale of obsession and shallow celebrity, the Charles Dickens classic *Great Expectations* can't boast of much other than the tireless twists and turns in the lives of its colorful characters and its two fashionable lead stars Ethan Hawke and Gwyneth Paltrow. In contrast to Baz Luhrmann's portrayal of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, director Alfonso Cuarón can scarcely put the Dickens' seal on this twentieth century version. Ten-year-old Finn Bell (Pip in the Dickens' original) spends his childhood growing up on Florida's Gulf Coast with his guardian Joe (Chris Cooper) who ekes out a rough and tumble living on his fishing boat and occasionally earns some extra money doing odd jobs for the local elite. During these care-free formative years, Finn encounters three other characters that change his life in an unforgettable way. Enter Nora Dinsmoor (Anne Bancroft), a 90's Miss Havisham who spends her time wandering around her moss covered mansion, dancing to old rumba tunes and hiding behind an outrageously grotesque mask of make-up. It is through this encounter with the reclusive eccentric, that Finn meets the ravishing and irresistible Estella.

The embittered, male-hating Dinsmoor is the guardian of this young girl and grooms her to be

a pitiless, self-serving heartbreaker. As part of a sadistic and long winding plan, the old woman sends for Finn to come visit her mansion and entertain her on a regular basis. The young Finn, enthralled by the beautiful Estella, cannot refuse this offer and faithfully attends. Dinsmoor subjects the two to vigorous dancing lessons in the hopes of getting the young boy permanently enraptured by her ward. An escaped convict Lustig (Robert DeNiro), makes a frightening appearance into Finn's life and threatens the boy to help him find food. He returns somewhere in the middle of the movie, to reward Finn generously for his kind deed. Lustig provides Finn with great opportunity—tickets to New York, free room and board and a chance for the blossoming artist to exhibit his paintings in a Soho gallery. It is here in New York that Finn bumps into Estella in a most predictable way and she continues her mission as fiercely as ever to torment him.

What most viewers will find fascinating is the transplantation of these characters from the Rochester Kent Victorian setting, as described in the novel to the Florida/New York surroundings. The persistent tug-of-war between the two worlds of Finn and Estella is another defining feature of this story. The emotionally icy, femme fatale young woman treats her world with brutal disregard while the innocent Finn has an endearing gentle determination in contrast.

For those who like their Dickens' straight, this film may not be your



ETHAN HAWKE AND GWYNETH PALTROW STAR IN 20TH CENTURY VERSION OF DICKENS' CLASSIC.

cup of tea, yet the story is compelling, and there are moments when Dickens' characteristic style does shine through. Although an essentially rags to riches story for

Finn, the tale does not end on the most idyllic note. Unlike the two versions that have preceded it, this 1998 version may fall far short of our expectations. □

Death and Dismemberment, A Good Time Had By All

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The floor boards creak with your every footstep, the air is stale and reeks of death, you reach for the doorknob, your heart skips a beat, and as soon as you walk into the room zombies and monsters pop out of everywhere. So get ready for some bites on the neck, some blood on your shirt, and get ready to face it armed only with a video game controller.

Yes, America's love for horror has fixed itself in the still-beating heart of yet another media - video games. And although you may not have blood stained clothes at the end, you certainly will need to change one article of clothing when you're through. Enter Capcom's Resident Evil 2, the newest in horror for the Sony Playstation.

Resident Evil 2 is Capcom's follow-up to its 1996 gore-fest classic, Resident Evil. Although Resident Evil was not the first of the horror games, (some of us may remember Splatterhouse and those cheesy Friday the 13th games) it certainly was a landmark for the genre. But will it's little brother become as big and bad as the original?

Before we can even answer that question, we have to look at the original game. The original began with a "bare-bones minimum" story that erupted into horror beyond belief. It began in a small, remote town called Raccoon City. The police were being flooded with missing persons reports and sightings of wolf-like creatures roaming the nearby forest. Then more reports started flooding in, detailing the gory attacks in the surrounding areas. When the mangled body of a female jogger was fished out of a river, an investigation was finally launched and S.T.A.R. S. (Special Tactics and Rescue Squad) was called in.

Bravo team was the first to investigate. Reports came back to the city of a mansion on the outskirts of town. Soon after, all communication with Bravo was lost. It thus had become Alpha team's mission to find out what happened.

The game opened up with Alpha team finding the wrecked chopper of Bravo, and nobody around. Well, nobody except for a savage dog that chased them into the mansion. With half the team either dead or missing, you

were given the task of finding out what in hell was going on, and hell it was.

Beautifully crafting horror, strategy, and a compelling storyline, Resident Evil set new standards in horror. Standards its successor more than lives up to. RE2 picks up 2 months (game time) after the original, and without spoiling the original's ending, it continues the horror.

Enter Leon Kennedy and Claire Redfield, the heroes of our quest. Utilizing a disk for each character, you arrive in the city via alternate paths (Leon is in search of his job on the Raccoon Police Dept. and Claire is in search of her brother of RE fame, Chris) and much like the original, the game will progress differently depending on the character. You start off with introductions between the two in both games, and then are "parted by an inescapable destiny" when a zombie trucker rams your squad car.

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