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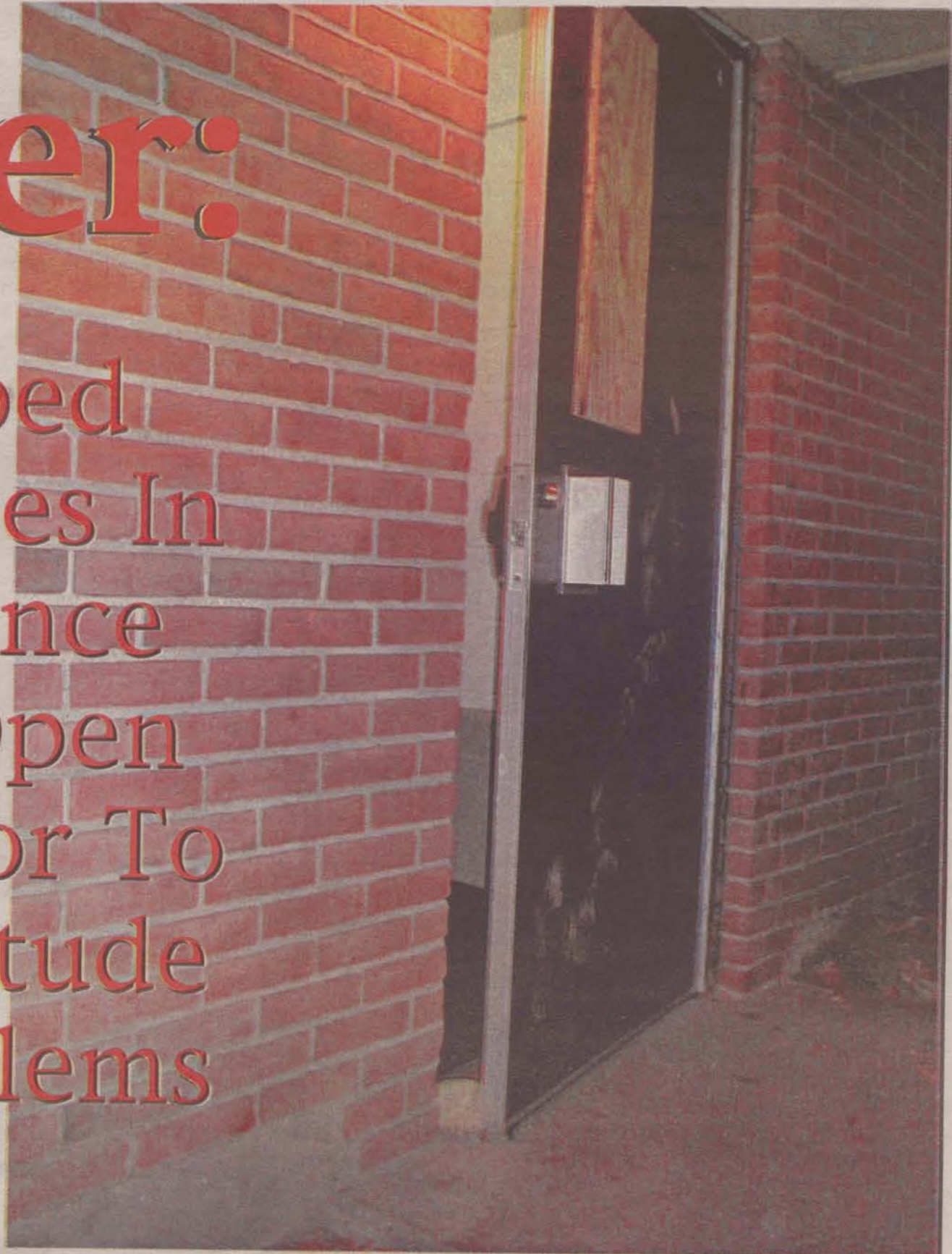
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Job Fair Comes to Sports Complex

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Enticing students to visit their tables with candy, pens, key chains and food, employers from various stores, companies and organizations visited Stony Brook yesterday for the job and internship fair, held in the Sports Complex. The fair brought together some of the leading employers on Long Island including Computer Associates, Symbol and Verizon as well as smaller companies such as Bed Bath and Beyond, Aeropostale and CVS Pharmacy.

While the Complex was filled with students dressed in high heels, suits and ties, Zoe Stylianoudakis from the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory said that she did not see the large amount of interest that she had seen in past fairs. "I have hardly received any resumes today," she said, noting that the lack of interest was most likely due to people not graduating until the spring semester, making many put off their job searches until next semester. However, Stylianoudakis said that past job fairs have been successful and that some Stony Brook students are employed by the lab, which does scientific research.

Recruiters from the Sports Authority sports store did not want students to wait until graduation to work for them. Recruiter Carolline Hicks said that her company looks for students that may be in their first or second year of school. "We want you to work for us while your in school and then after graduation, you can move up to a management position," she said. There is also the discount incentives. "It is 40 percent off your first purchase," said Hicks, "and 20 percent after that." She noted that for many Stony Brook students, Sports Authority may be a good place to work because it is close to campus and that some Stony Brook students already do work at the nearby



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Companies such as Verizon, Computer Associates, Symbol and Wells Fargo were at the fair yesterday.

store. "I get very positive feedback from the management," Hicks said. "They are very professional."

The line to speak to representatives from Computer Associates was long throughout the fair. Economics major Stanley Ridore waited on the line with hopes of working in the company's finance department. "I am going to give them my resume because they are a stable company," Ridore said. Anthony Maglione had his resume ready as well. The computer science major wanted to make a stop to all the major companies. "I'm trying to see what opportunities are out there," he said.

In order to provide better service for job hunting students, the Career Placement Center had an information table set up at the front of the Complex to guide visitors. Collecting resumes and passing out floor plans and questionnaires that would help determine

what companies were the most helpful, Jenny Cho explained that the resumes were taken for statistical purposes. "It is so the Center can see what majors are coming and what jobs students are looking for most," said Cho. "It is to make sure we know what the student body needs."

The fair also offered opportunities to get involved in the armed forces. The Navy had a table set up as well as the Marine Corps. Recruiter Captain Brandon Waller said that there are common misunderstandings surrounding joining the Marines, one of them being that signing up means joining for life. "We have a program that allows people to stay in school full time and train over the summer," Waller explained. "Once they graduate, they have the option to continue on with it."

This is the program USB graduate Duane Durant was enrolled in.

Graduated since May with a psychology degree, Durant said he loves being a Marine and that it was just the career path he was looking for. "I wanted to integrate the psychology with business," he said, "and I wanted to lead people."

Durant explained that learning about leadership is one of the best lessons to be learned in the Marines. "You are exposed to everything and they are constantly testing what you have in you," he said. Because of the constant testing and training, Durant said that you come out ready for anything. "Everything that a Marine does is done with success, and you won't find the responsibilities anywhere else," said Durant, "at the age of 22 or 24 years old, you can be a platoon commander which puts you in charge of 30 to 40 other Marines." "You really get to see what you are made of." Durant also pointed out that there is opportunity for a Marine even after they finish their service. "Anyone will hire you because they know that whatever you do it will be done with success," he said. "Corporate America is on the attack to hire people from the Marine Corps."

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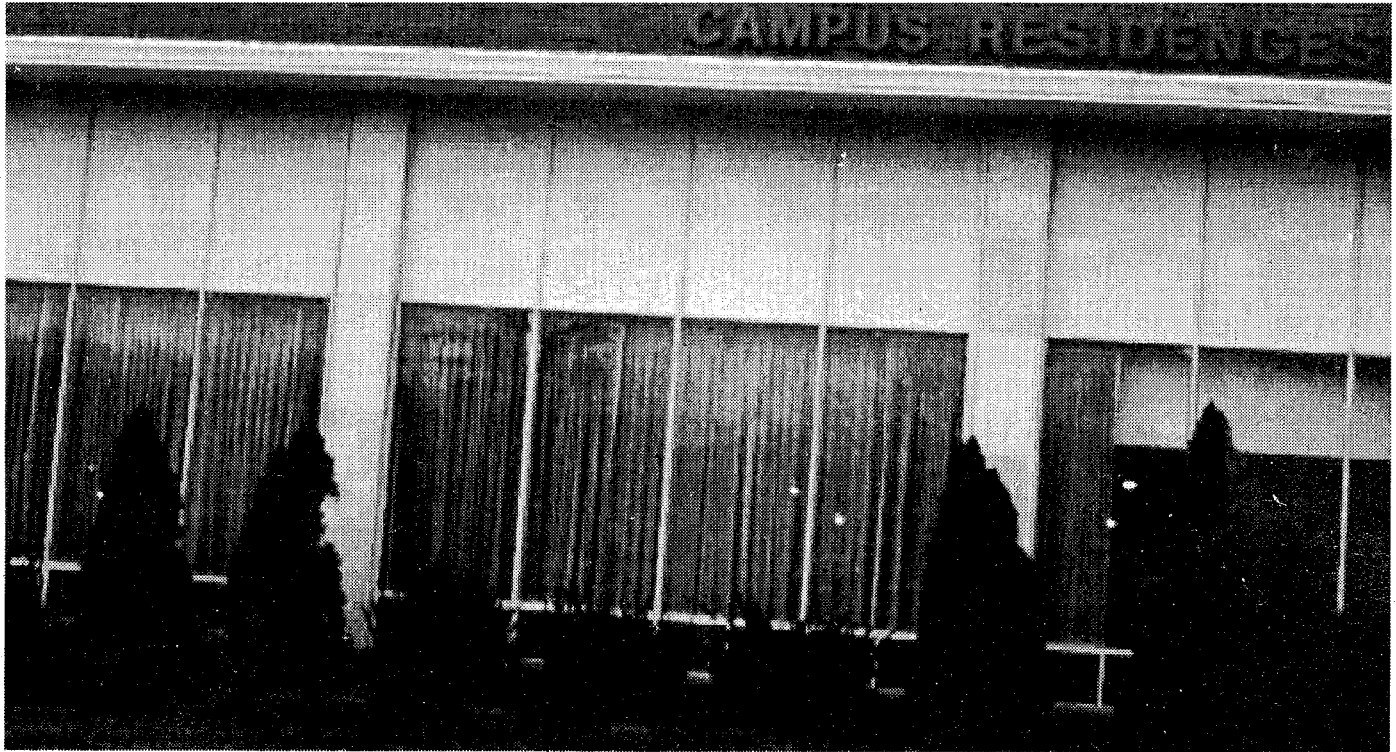
Improper Propping?

Residents Say that Door Propping is the Lesser of Two Safety Violations

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

Between August 1999 and May 2000, there have been 180 petty larcenies, which is the theft of property under a thousand dollars, 127 false alarms, 157 harassment charges, 11 burglaries and 8 sex crimes reported in residence halls. The debate over whether this is the fault of propped doors or the result of students not being able to have key access to all the doors in their building rages on campus. Unlike other school dormitories such as New York University, the Fashion Institute of Technology and New Jersey's Montclair which has security guards who regulate entry into residential buildings twenty four hours a day, Stony Brook has a less guarded system. Residents are given their own key or access cards that open only the main door to their buildings. Residential Security Program (RSP) desk monitors sit at the front door of buildings between 11:00pm and 3:00 am. However, safety becomes an issue on campus when residence hall doors are constantly found propped open with items such as bottles, rocks and even pennies.

According to Manny Gyamfi,



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Campus Residences says that access to doors besides main entrances would create extra noise for residents.

program coordinator for RSP, fifty to sixty doors are propped a propped doors are one of the top night on campus," Gyamfi said. safety problems on campus. "Over "And although RSP patrol units are

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constantly checking to unprop the doors students continue to leave doors open."

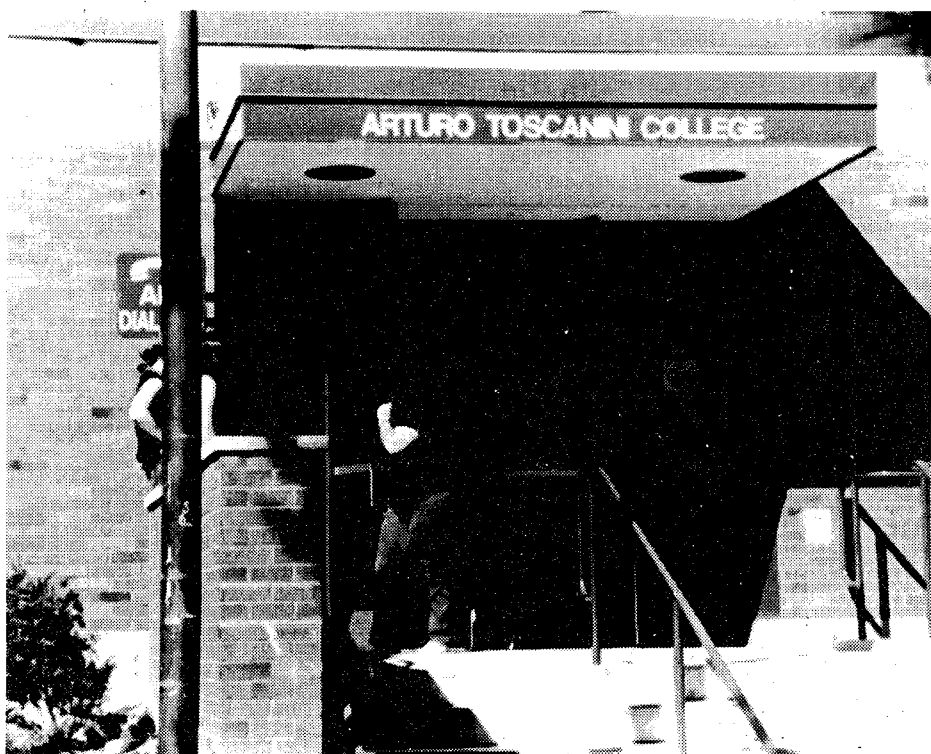
While students agree that propped doors are dangerous, they feel that one solution could be accessible entry into these locked doors. "They wouldn't have a problem with propping any door if they would access our keys to them," said Ivonne Estevez, a senior. "It's ridiculous that they say it's for our safety but it would be safer if we could enter the building with our keys instead of leaving the door open for everyone." Estevez wanted an explanation as to why doors remain locked doors. "I heard it's for security purposes," said Estevez, "but who is it protecting when students want that door open and will eventually be forced to prop it?"

Estevez is not the only student that wonders why all the doors in

the residence halls are not accessible to residents. "What's the point of having doors if we can't even go in them," questioned Christine LeRoy, a junior.

Answering some of these questions is Baycan Fideli, associate director for campus residences. Fideli said that allowing students access to doors besides the main entrance of the halls would create an abundance of noise and traffic that would not be fair for students living by the doors. "We live on the first floor and we have a lot of traffic going through the hall anyway," said Jessica Werth, a sophomore. "The door by me is always propped and I think they should just give us a key for it so it wouldn't be." Fideli, however said that even doors that students are given access to are broken or propped. "Good examples are Sanger and Gray Colleges," said Fideli. "The key card door is always propped anyway and recently someone broke the windows and the card access system on the Sanger door and it is fully open twenty four hours a day." This damage, according to Fideli, will take \$3500 to \$4000 to replace, costs that are going to be charged back to students in housing fees. "Last year we spent close to \$32,000 repairing access doors only," said Fideli.

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Some residents admit to propping their doors open to avoid walking around the building to get in at the main door.

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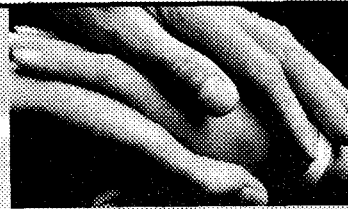
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Hang Up and Drive

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Staff

Cell phones were once thought to be a luxury, a perk of the wealthy classes of society. These days however, they are universal, providing people with instant communication anytime. But cell phone convenience has not come without its downside, one that was recently addressed by the Suffolk County legislature.

By a 12-6 vote on a bill with bipartisan support, Suffolk County last week became the first county in the nation to ban the use of hand-held cell phones by drivers. Sponsored by Legislator Jon Cooper, a democrat representing Lloyd Harbor, the bill aims to alleviate concern over cell phones being the cause of automobile accidents and other haphazard driving. Citing the testimony from family members of victims killed in such accidents, Cooper said "If I can even save one life, it makes the whole bill worthwhile."

The bill prohibits cell phone owners from talking or listening on a hand-held mobile phone while driving on any street or highway. While the bill carries a penalty of a \$150 fine for violators, offenders will not have any sanctions levied against their licenses.

In an effort to placate and compromise the critics of the legislation, the bill does allow for certain cell phones in cars, provided they are equipped with a hand-free device such as a headset or speakerphone option. Moreover, drivers are permitted to talk on hand-held cell phones if the vehicle has been moved to the side of the road.

In addition, emergency calls such as to 911, would still be permitted, and one hand may be taken off the wheel to push a button to answer a call, or to dial an outside number.

While passing by a strong margin, the bill has faced criticism and debate. Several wireless companies have voiced disapproval over the local, but not state, regulations, while arguing the difficulties of

enforcement would be too delicate to overcome. Opposing legislators, meanwhile, maintained that a bill of this kind is completely unnecessary. Legislator George Guldi, a democrat from Westhampton Beach was one who voiced such disapproval.

"If you're driving recklessly, whether you're on a cell phone or not," he said, "you're already violating a law."

Reaction to the bill was mixed on-campus as well. Starlyn Rupinsky, a freshman who has a car on campus, was convinced that the bill was needed. "It's a good idea," she said. "Drivers should be concentrating on the road and on the other cars, not to a person on the phone." Fellow freshman and cell-phone owner Cathy Brenner agreed. "I've heard of so many accidents caused by drivers who are not concentrating on the road," she said. "Using hand-held cell phones can lead to cars rear-ending each other."

Deputy Chief of Police Doug Little approves of the bill. "I think the bill is a wonderful idea, and I am impressed that Suffolk County has stepped up to the plate," Little said. "Accidents involving cell phones have caused millions of dollars in damage, and I'm proud that our county was the first in the nation to pass such a bill."

However officer Phil Morales voiced a different opinion. "Regardless of whether they're on a cell phone, people rarely drive with both hands on the steering wheel anyway," he said. "From a police officer's standpoint, it would be difficult to enforce as well."

The bill still needs the approval of County Executive Robert Gaffney in order to become law. If he signs it, the law would go into effect on January 1, 2001.



Driver's Ed

A Safety Guide To Driving Around Campus

By MEGAN LANGILLE
Statesman Contributor

Every day, over thirty thousand people drive on the Stony Brook campus, and with all this traffic, problems are bound to arise. According to statistics from University Police, 130 accidents have taken place on campus this year alone with another 50 expected before the year is out. Problems such as refusal to yield, excessive speed and ignorance of the crosswalks are the primary causes of these accidents, most of which are preventable. In an attempt to cut down on these numbers, Deputy Chief of Police Doug Little is asking the force to help. "I have asked members of my department to educate first, but to enforce vehicle and traffic laws with speeds well above limits." This includes issuing a summons for the motorist that ignores speed laws and travels at 60-70 miles per hour instead of the 30 mph maximum on campus roads.

Besides the danger it poses to others, the hassle and inconvenience that comes with an accident should be enough to have everybody slowing down. According to Little, over \$15,000 dollars of personal damage was racked up by Stony Brook motorists last year alone in vehicle accidents. This cost does not even begin to calculate insurance costs, which can skyrocket after an accident.

But drivers are not the only ones affected. Pedestrians are in danger too. Crosswalks are often ignored and people walking across them have been hurt as a result. In recent years, Little said that there have been as many as 15 people suffering personal injuries from such accidents.

Little stressed that everyone who drives on campus needs to be conscious and aware of the dangers. Officers who have responded to countless accidents, point out that often they could have been avoided. "Most accidents are one hundred percent preventable if only drivers would follow the rules of the road," said Little. This means stopping at cross

Little suggested that drivers look into defensive driving courses to become more cautious on the road.



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The winding roads on campus make the maximum speed limit - 30 miles per hour, a limit many campus drivers violate. This puts both other drivers and pedestrians at risk.

walks and remembering that pedestrians always have the right of way. In addition, the campus wide 30 mph speed limit is an important rule to follow. Many of the roads are narrow and winding and not designed for highway-like driving.

Little suggested that drivers look into defensive driving courses to become more cautious on the road. These one or two day class teach drivers to be defensive and they can also lower insurance. Classes are often available at libraries and schools and once a year, classes are offered on campus through the Union Crafts Center.

But Little stressed that being defensive is not enough. "It is important to stay clam and alert when driving," he said. "Whether late for class or work, rushing for any reason could cause serious repercussions." Little said that it is better to allow extra time to travel, or be few minutes late then risk an accident.

Being late can also cause a driver to become angry and aggressive which only makes the situation worse. Little said that there have been recent arrests on campus for so called "road rage."

The use of cell phones can also cause problems, according to Little. "It is all too easy to become engrossed in a conversation and take your mind off the road." The Suffolk County

Legislature has just passed a law which goes into

effect January 1, banning cell phone use while driving. Little applauds this decision, calling it a law that will save lives. Until the law takes effect, Little stressed that it is important to use cell phones responsibly and not compromise your safety.

Pedestrians can also help reduce problems on the road by following the also following rules. Crossing only at crosswalks, and using side walks instead of walking on the side of the road makes it easier for drivers to see and allows them enough time to stop for them to cross. Little pointed out that the campus has crosswalks at every junction and more pedestrians than any normal town.

Taking an active interest in driving related safety, University Police are actively trying to educate everyone about safety on the road ways. "It is our fervent hope that no accidents will occur and that no officer will be called to another scene of bent and twisted metal," Little said.

To achieve this goal, radar equipment is currently used on Nicoll's road, and near the North P lot. While showing passing motorists their speed, it is a constant reminder to speeders to slow down. This equipment can cost up to \$15,000.

"Driving on campus is annoying," said Danny Cortes, a senior. "The buses drive very slow and stop anywhere they want and you cant pass them, and besides that it takes me forty-five minutes to find parking."

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Editorials

No Joke

At some point or another, all of us have had our fun playing pranks. Whether it was ringing doorbells and running away, prank calling our secret crush or putting whoopee cushions on the teacher's chair, most of our childhood's have at least some memory of being naughty. Pranks are almost rites of passage, the thrill of our young lives, the things we get punished for.

But there does come a point when the jokes should stop. College is a good place to put those fun and games in the past and think about the implications of some of the things we do. But as almost any resident on campus can tell you, the pranks are not left at the Stony Brook gate. In fact, they continue on although these gags have the potential of causing some serious damage.

Doug Little from the University Police department said that prank fire alarms are still a prevalent problem here on campus. It is hard to imagine that college aged people still do stuff like this. All students can agree,

studying can get boring but is the campus really that dull that pulling alarms for laughs is the only thing to do? Certainly it is not, which leads to only one conclusion: the people that do this are mental. Why is it funny to watch the entire population of a dorm plod outside in pajamas, without jackets in the middle of the night? Maybe it's the thrill of wondering how the person across the hall would kill you if they found out it was you who disturbed their peace. That would make them mental thrill seekers.

But there are more serious implications than disturbing sleep and study time. People can actually be killed. One problem Little pointed out is that students often grow so accustomed to false alarms that when fire bells do sound, some students are likely to ignore them and continue what they are doing. If every other alarm turns out to be a gag, why should this time be any different? But just like the boy who cried wolf, one day may not be a joke. To all you alarm pullers, can't you find a

better way to satisfy your itchy pulling fingers? Would you be able to live with it if you did cause harm to someone?

But safety issues go beyond false alarms. Door propping is also a problem but this time at least, crazy students are not to blame. To avoid having to walk all the way around their buildings in order to get in, many students have taken it upon themselves to make rocks, garbage and other debris laying around entrances their own personal doormen. Propping doors poses a safety issue in that any old intruder can just waltz right in, not to mention other creatures such as squirrels. Okay, so maybe it is lazy but students who prop doors can not really be blamed. The fact that they can gain entrance in only one exit poses a whole other safety issue in itself. Is it safe to have to walk all the way around to the back of a building to get in, especially if it is at night? Not only can it be unsafe but it doesn't make sense. Make keys accessible in all locks. That would easily solve at least one safety issue.

Commentary:

Not Rocking The Vote

By CHRIS LATHAM
STATESMAN STAFF

A lot of young people don't vote. They say they don't want to go through the hassles of registration and poll booths. They say their "one little insignificant vote" means nothing. They say the candidates aren't appealing enough and the issues aren't strong enough for them to feel motivated. They say it's their right not to have to vote. I say that is garbage.

I helped NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) on their Dorm Storm voter registration drive last week. It is utterly disgraceful how many people refused to fill out a 3" x 7" section of paper that will allow them to elect their leaders. The form literally takes less than a minute to complete, and NYPIRG even mails them out. So in effect, people chose not to write a paragraph that gives them a right millions of people have died fighting for.

There is no denying that lines at voting booths sometimes rival those at the DMV, but that is not a valid reason to not vote. If a person can wait an hour to ride the Batman Chiller at Six Flags Great Adventures,

they can wait half as long to elect their next president. To think otherwise is, as Governor George Bush would say, "fuzzy math."

But the more pertinent and defensible argument is that a single vote means nothing. We do not have a pure democracy where everyone votes on every issue. We have a representative democracy, where we elect officials to address the issues that concern us. This is done mainly for two reasons: practicality and protection.

There is just no way the public - instead of the president, or Congress, or the Supreme Court - could vote on every single issue. It would take too much time and interfere too greatly in our daily lives. Most people would be uninformed on many of the issues. And voter turn out would still be low. But more importantly, the decisions of the nation would be subject to the whims of the majority. Passions of the moment would be handled by the masses, overshadowing the concerns of the minority. In other words, whether they are honest or corrupt, hard working or shiftless, we elect public officials because they are willing to make the decisions we would

not be able to responsibly make for ourselves.

A deeper controversy surrounds the Electoral College. We do not directly choose our president. Rather, each state has as many electoral votes as it has members in Congress. This means no state has fewer than three electoral votes, but some have as many as 53 electoral votes. The candidate with the most individual votes (those made by the general public) wins all the electoral votes for that state. The candidate who wins the most states wins the presidency. Consequently, a president can take office without taking a majority of individual votes.

Many people see this as proof that our political system is unfair and that a single vote does not count. The Electoral College does greatly hinder the development of a strong national third party, and it does make it so that we do not directly elect the president. But it does not negate the power of a single vote. Without the Electoral College, small states would not have as much say as large states. Under this system, the handful of people living in Vermont have

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Maintaining Roots with the African Students Union

By CHRIS LATHAM
Statesman Staff

Twenty minutes into the meeting, Edith Ashamole had yet to sit down. She was busy talking to old friends and welcoming new faces, answering questions and listening to suggestions, all the while making sure to discuss club business as she jotted down names and numbers. But then, being a people person is just part of the job for the Public Relations liaison of the African Students Union.

Ashamole, a junior, has been with the ASU since last February, and began her position as the PR representative this September. Her duties, she explained, are to regularly communicate with e-board officials and club members to assess the group's performance, and to act as the voice of the ASU to the outside world.

Though Ashamole has lived in the United States for years, the bond to her homeland, Nigeria, has always remained strong. So strong that she found Stony Brook difficult to relate to at first.

"As a transfer here, I had a hard time adapting," said Ashamole. "My advisors suggested I join a club or something. My friends in ASU kept telling me to come check it out. So eventually I did."

The boisterous students scattered around the Unity Cultural Center in the Roth Quad Cafeteria last Thursday hardly resembled a club meeting at all, until Ashamole finally sat down and club president Nana Mensah called the gathering to order.

Working through good-natured jokes from the crowd, Mensah carried out the minutes. She began by

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addressing how the group could best contribute to the approaching homecoming events. Like many clubs, they will design a banner and march in the Midnight Madness parade. But ASU plans to stand out.

The banner and march will use African traditions, incorporating ethnic clothing, music and dance. "People will be looking at us because we're different," said Mensah. "We're one of a kind."

After brainstorming initial ideas for how best to handle next semester's African Pride Week, updating the club website and distributing Polity reimbursements, Mensah announced that it was treasurer Banke Zogt's birthday.

Applause for Zogt were only occasionally interrupted by the healthy servings of cake and ice cream being circulated.

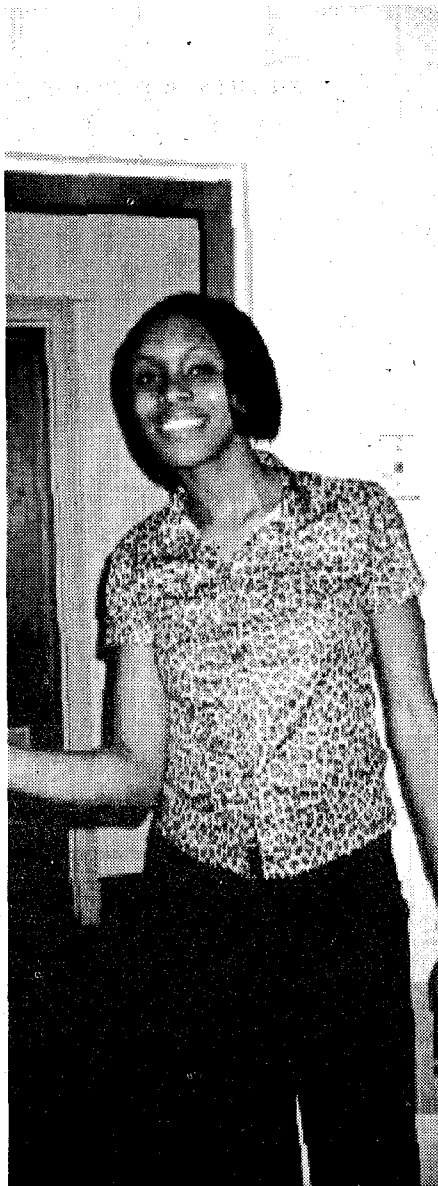
Finally, dessert in hand, it was movie time. The film, "Back to Africa," was already well known to much of the group, though this was the first movie night of the year. It follows the journey of a young American woman who travels to Nigeria in search of the father she never knew. Once in Nigeria she experiences the full scope of the culture, learning much about herself and her heritage.

Later, the members held a brief discussion about the issues raised in the movie. "There was a lot of laughter from the group, but they also sympathized with the main character," said Ashamole. "Some of us began to feel kind of melancholy as we reminisced about home. It was positive to talk about it, though."

This was not a typical ASU assembly, however. According to Ashamole, there is usually a general meeting, followed by a weekly report of current events in Africa and a discussion of how those events impact Africans here in America. The group has about 45 members, but the attendance rate varies from week to week. This particular group reached nearly 30 members.

The board tries to maintain an informal atmosphere whenever possible, as evidenced by last week's Social. "We usually talk about serious things, but instead we had a game night," said Ashamole. "We played chess, spades, Pictionary and Ludo [a board-and-dice game popular in Ghana and Nigeria]. It was really fun."

A talk show scene was set up earlier this semester, where the group discussed African stereotypes and



Courtesy of ASU

Ashamole (left) and Mensah said that everyone should feel welcome to join ASU, not just African students.

challenges to preserving cultural identity. There was a large turn out, strengthened by the high number of graduate students that attended. The ASU sponsors prominent events every year, such as their cultural fashion show. Last year's Nubian Fashion Show, held at End of the Bridge in April, had rare twists. An African student from Ghana, currently attending the Fashion Institute of Technology, designed the outfits, which were worn by a professional model. After the show some club members, Ashamole among them, performed a series of traditional dances. "It took a lot of practice and hard work, but it was definitely worth it," she said. Another fashion show is scheduled for the Spring 2001 semester.

Other events include a poetry open night, where members can give an artistic performance of their choice, and a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, where members bring dishes from home.

According to Ashamole, if

students don't know about ASU events this year, it won't be for lack of advertising. "We're putting up very bright fliers all over the campus - I'm talking hot pink and neon green," said Ashamole. "And we're using other outlets like 3TV, WUSB radio, e-mails and telephone forwards."

In addition to encouraging more students to attend ASU events, the group hopes to attract new members. Though many of the members come from African nations, Ashamole doesn't see that as a reason for non-Africans to avoid the club.

"Nobody should feel unwelcome by us," she said. "I go out of my way to let everyone know the club isn't only for Africans. We've had Latino, Caribbean and American members before, and I hope we do again."

For more information about the African Students Union, contact Edith Ashamole at eashamole@ic.sunysb.edu, or visit them during club hours, at the UCC in the Roth Cafeteria, Thursdays, starting at 9:00 p.m.

Why Students Prop Doors

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"The bottom line is behavior. It's the resident's responsibility to keep their building safe."

Fideli feels that while students want to be safe they still tend to ignore the propped doors. "Everyone has the it's-not-going-to-affect-me-syndrome, until they get something stolen," said Fideli. "It's better to be proactive than reactive." Fideli also warned residents that the majority of crimes are theft related and they need to lock their room and suite doors.

For the future Fideli said the campus, starting with H-Quad, is going to have a new access card system called Lenel, a network through which RSP will be able to monitor all doors. Students will also be able to use their I.D. cards

to get in to the building. This new system will take approximately two years to set up and will cost \$100,000.

But for now Fideli said that responsibility is the key. "Our job is to repair the doors, and educate residents that unpropping doors should be their responsibility as well as ours."

Yet students like Ieisha Pimble, a freshman, think not giving students access to all the doors is "just plain stupid."

"I use propped doors," said Pimble. "It's more convenient. I live in Toscanini and when you come up the steps there is a door right there, and it's easier and quicker to go through that than down another hill just to go up again."

National Depression Screening Day

By NICK IYER
Statesman Staff

On National Depression Screening Day, which takes place once a year in hospitals across the country, people who suspect they might suffer from depression came in to various locations, which work in cooperation with the National Institute for Mental Health, and received information about depression, as well as a free counseling session to determine if they have a clinical problem.

From 5p.m. to 8p.m., on Oct. 5, over 60 people walked into John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson for a free consultation. "There's a bigger turnout this year because of all the publicity," said Ken Herbert, a mental health technician at Mather Hospital, "even News 12 was here."

"About 10 percent of the people who walk in here are seriously depressed," said George Fairey, M.D., a staff psychiatrist at Mather hospital. Fairey expected about 60 people to come in to Mather, and he attributed the high incidents of depression on Long Island to its hectic pace, high cost of living, and high population density. "If you put rats in a tight box, they'll start fighting," Fairey said.

The room in which the consultations, as well as a brief speech and video on the signs and remedies of depression were held, was mostly filled with elderly people.

"People who think they're depressed usually are," said Jean McCarrick, Director of Behavioral Health at Mather, as well as the coordinator for National Depression

Screening Day at the hospital. "It's like people who think they have an alcohol problem, by the time their defenses begin to crumble, the symptoms are big enough to warrant a clinical diagnosis."

Studies have shown that at least 10 percent of Americans will experience major depression at some point in their life, and other researchers place this figure as high as 25 percent. "The kind of depression that we have to treat right away," said McCarrick, "is the kind that affects a person's mood, thinking, bodily functions, and behavior in many ways."

The room in which counseling was taking place was filled with literature about depression, suicide, and other mental illnesses. Many of the attendees sat with their hands in their laps surveying the room, while others sat with their faces in their hands.

People were screened using a brief, anonymous questionnaire put together by researchers at Harvard, McCarrick said. Questionnaires provided information on the mental status of those that filled them out, and gave a quantitative measure of the extent of depressive symptoms. Depending on the severity of depressive symptoms, people were either referred to emergency rooms, clinics or other community, mental health resources.

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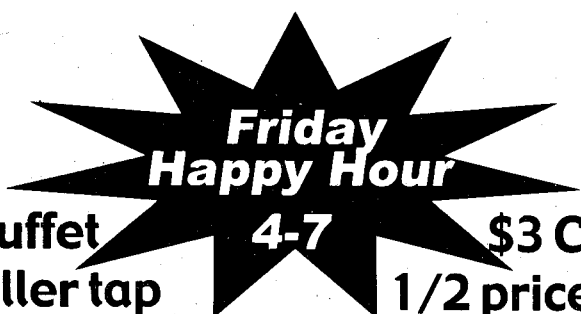
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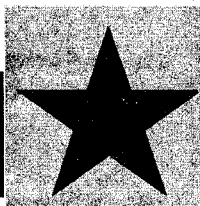


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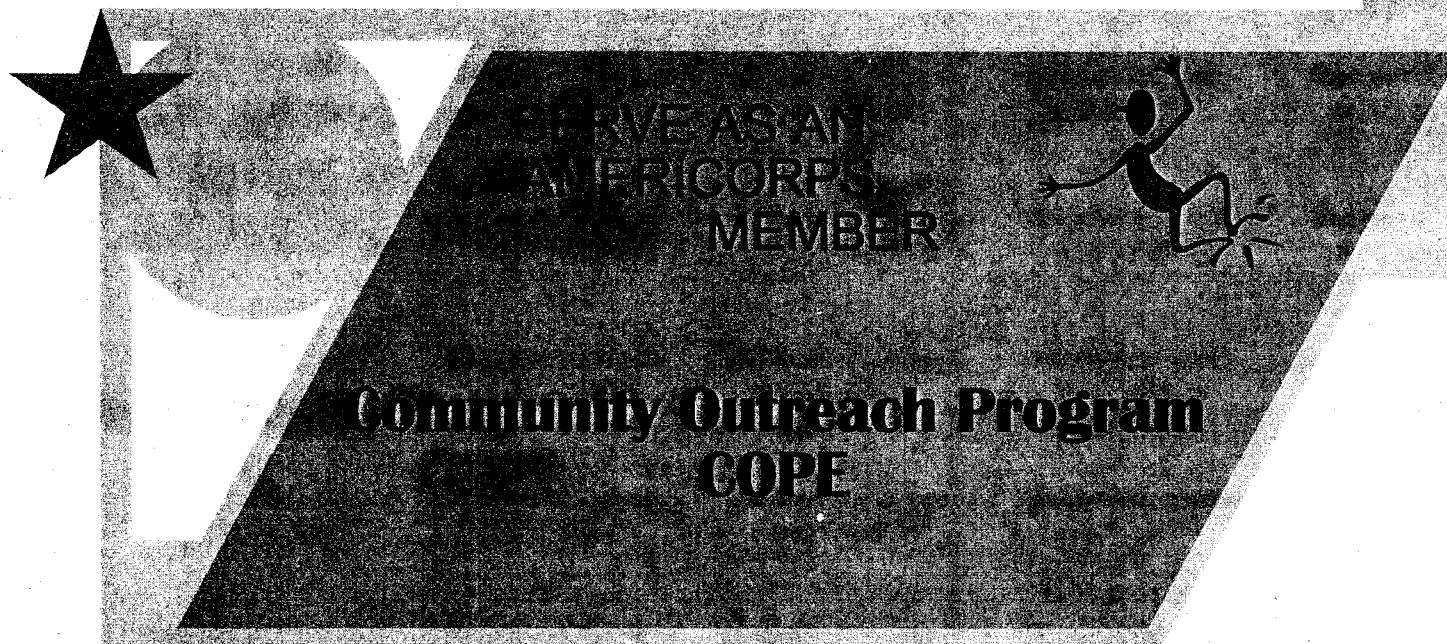
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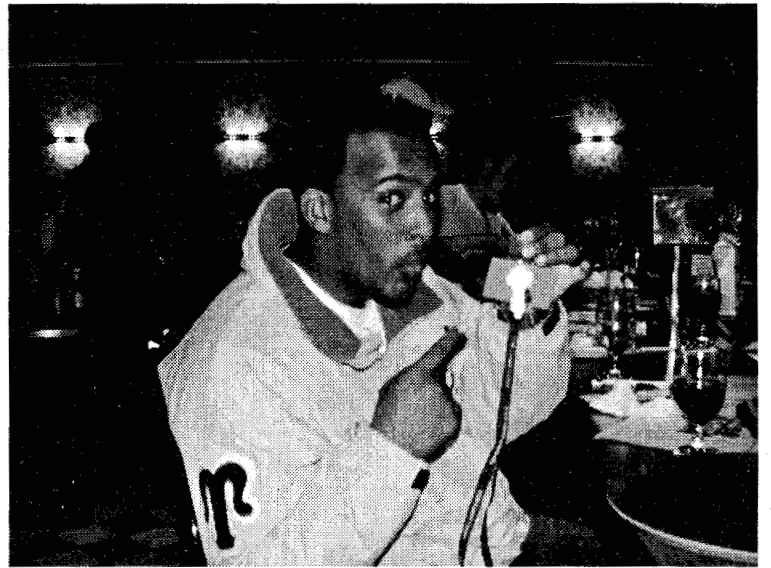
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Cleveland Dash (right)

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“I feel safe but if I was a girl I wouldn’t because of all the propped doors. People prop them because they don’t have access to all the doors in their own buildings like they should.”
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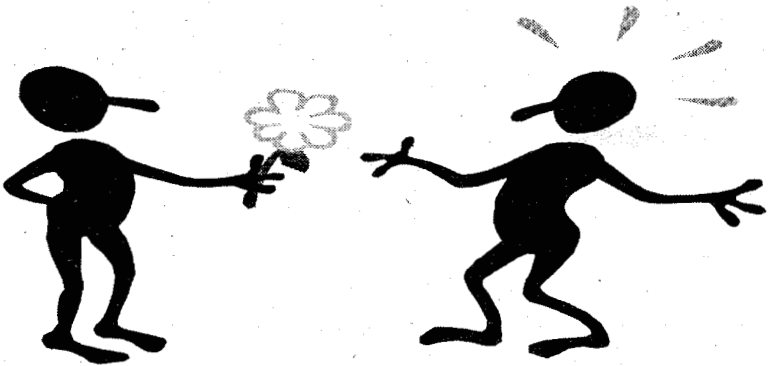


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These officials follow the concerns of the people who elect them, and many issues that could directly impact young people are being addressed in the coming election. Abortion, gay rights, health care, social security, school vouchers, taxes, welfare and affirmative action are issues that concern everyone, young and old, and their futures will be decided by the officials elected to the national and state levels.

During my dorm storming it became frightfully clear that in addition to being apathetic, many students are downright

ignorant of the candidates. Nearly a dozen people asked who the presidential candidates are and more than that had no clue who the senatorial candidates are. I sympathize that George Bush Jr. and Al Gore are less than attractive presidential choices. I agree that Rick Lazio and Hillary Clinton are uninspiring senatorial choices. But these are the choices we have to work with, and ignoring them is just not a realistic option.

Voting is a right in the U.S. So Americans are perfectly free to choose not to vote. It is their decision. The problem with that perspective is that it's short sighted. At some point most people are motivated to vote, usually when something they feel strongly about is threatened. What they fail to realize is that their cause is usually threatened by politicians following a faction they could have opposed earlier by voting for the candidate of their choice. It has become cliché to argue that those who choose not to vote forfeit the right to complain about government. Well, cliché or not, it's true. To vote is to take action and be heard. The candidates we elect don't always meet our expectations, and the political system is flawed, but choosing not to participate in the process improves nothing. In fact, it only makes the problem worse.

NYPIRG has a few more dorms to storm. Undoubtedly, they will register many students, just as many students will refuse them. I just hope those who choose not to register understand that they reap what they sow - nothing at all.

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Academic Judiciary Report

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In accordance with federal and state laws governing the protection of student privacy, these reports exclude identifying information such as name, gender, course, and department. In some cases, details that could be used to identify people have been altered to protect their privacy.

Falsified Data

Six students with no prior record of academic dishonesty were referred for having falsified data. The assignment entailed a series of personal observations, and students were not allowed to submit data obtained from other sources in the place of observations. The students were found by the instructor to have reported information that could not have been personally observed and were discovered to have consulted an unauthorized source to complete the assignment. The students appealed the accusation and requested a hearing. All six students were found guilty by the hearing board of having falsified data. The penalty was a Q* in the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the transcript.

Plagiarism

A student with no prior record of academic dishonesty was referred for plagiarizing a paper. The cheating was discovered when the instructor found a word-for-word match with text from a book used in the course. The penalty was a Q for the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the transcript.

Distributing Exams

Two students with no prior record of academic dishonesty were referred for their role in distributing exams prior to their administration. Neither of the accused students appealed the accusation, and both have been recommended for suspension from the university. A third student, who was accused of selling multiple copies of exams and who failed to appeal the accusation, was recommended for permanent expulsion from the university. All three students will receive permanent notations of academic dishonesty on their records.

Cheat Sheet

A student with no prior record of

academic dishonesty was referred for bringing unauthorized notes into an exam. The dishonesty was discovered when the instructor examined the student's scratch paper and found a set of course notes hidden inside a set of blank pages. The student appealed the accusation, and a hearing board found the student guilty of cheating. The penalty was a Q in the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the transcript.

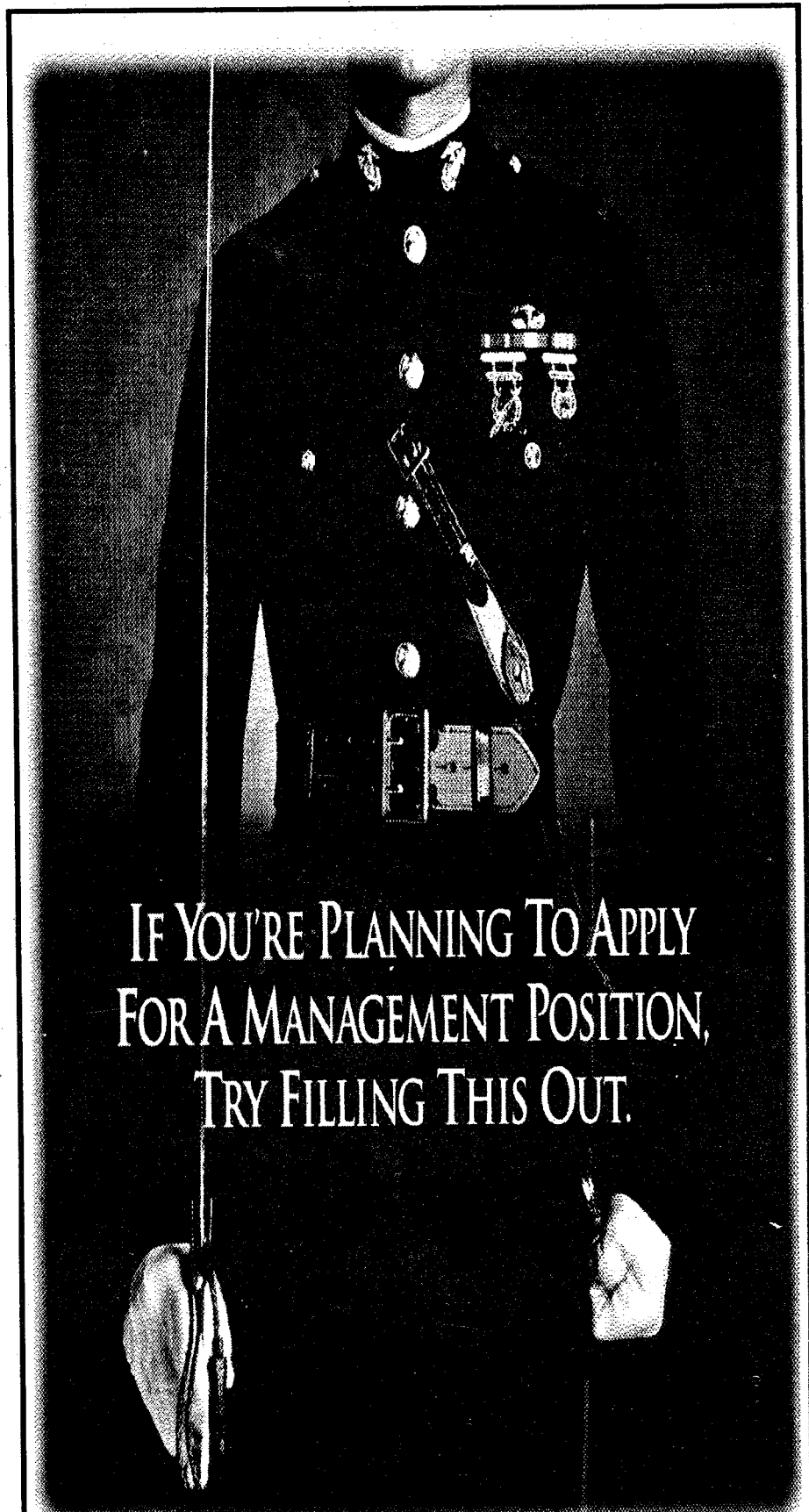
Plagiarism

A student with no prior record of academic dishonesty was referred for submitting a plagiarized paper in a course. After conducting an internet search, the instructor for the course found the text of the student's paper on several different web sites. The student failed to appeal the accusation and received a Q for the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the transcript.

*The Q grade denotes a failure in a course by reason of academic dishonesty and is accompanied by a notation on the transcript indicating academic dishonesty. The Q denotes a failure in the course by reason of academic dishonesty and is calculated into a student's grade point average as an F.

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Heart and Soul

Women's Rugby Loses Game But Plays With Force

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The kicker added the two extra points to increase their lead to 14-0 at half time. Stony Brook found themselves two scores adrift after two errors by the referee, although Princeton had shown good technique to execute the scores successfully.

The second half continued in a similar to the first, with the Widows strong both on offense and defense, but never getting enough players to the breakdown to be able to convert pressure into points. McLaughlin continued to make impressive breaks, although she should look to bring the back-line into play on a more consistent basis. Cioce was tackled inches short of the line twice, and Stony Brook came close on a number of other occasions. Fatigue began to set in on both sides, and consequently the pace of the game slowed. As if having two fewer players was not problem enough for Stony Brook, they spent over 15 minutes of the second half three players short. After a

collapsed scrum, largely as a result of the referee's incompetent handling of the set pieces, Mahar was forced to leave the field, only to recover and return to the fray for the final 10 minutes. To the Widows' credit Princeton remained scoreless throughout the second period. Stony Brook had no luck offensively however, which might have given them a deserved score. The second period finished scoreless, the final whistle coming at 0-14.

Stony Brook was disappointed in not having scored, but pleased with the team's performance. Coach Frank Grieco remained upbeat after the game, stating that he "couldn't ask anything more from the players, they played their hearts out". Looking back on the score line Grieco said his team played great considering the numerical disadvantage and the poor officiating. "The result in no way reflects how the girls played," Grieco said. "In my eyes, we won this game." Grieco said that the sky was the limit for his team, and spoke

optimistically of play-off berths, national exposure, and of sending individuals to Conference All-Star trials. He found it hard to select an MVP, stating that the whole team had been "unbelievable", but singled out fly half Maria Cioce, who "showed strength to break tackles, great leadership in the back-line, and who excelled in the face of great pressure".

Despite the defeat, this was an exceptional performance by Stony Brook, particularly since the team is almost entirely comprised of rookies. But in the words of Grieco, "everyone on this team played like veterans today".

One of just two veterans on the team, Mahar, a candidate for MVP, said she was

pleased with the outcome. "Never in my life have I seen such determination," she said. "I am so proud of these girls."

Stony Brook Men's and Women's Rugby teams train Wednesdays and Fridays, 4-6pm, at the South P Field on Stony Brook Road. Contact names for the teams are Ben Ross (Men's) 642 2714, and Ginessa Mahar (Women's) 6-1298. No experience is necessary.

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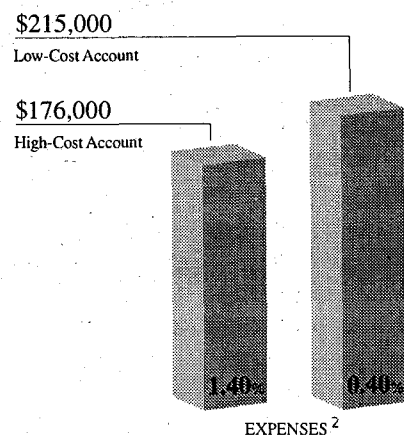
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Roth Menu:

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My name is Chef Edwin Urena and I'm Puerto Rican & Dominican. I have been cooking on campus for 7 years. I selected the menu from some of my personal favorites and from past student requests, and hope you enjoy it!

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Monday, October 23rd
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Campus Connection Menu:

Brown Stew Chicken, Rice & Peas
Oxtail w/White rice,
Steamed Peppers, Onions,
Carrots & Cabbage,
Coconut Rice Pudding

My name is Chef Nigel. I have been cooking for seven years, on and off campus. I specialize in Caribbean food as well as American food.

Kelly

Monday, October 30th
5:30pm - 8pm

Kelly Menu:

Sancocho,
Paella, Pernil,
Rice & Peas,
Zucchini &
Yellow Squash,
Plantains, Rice
Pudding



My name is Chef Frank and I'm from Puerto Rico. I came to New York 38 years ago. I owned a popular Latin/American restaurant in Brentwood for 2 years. I sold it for a large profit, but missed cooking so much that I got a job as a Latin chef here on campus. I've been here since 1995. I am happy to contribute to Hispanic Heritage Month and plan on preparing authentic Puerto Rican dishes for all to enjoy!


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Sports

A Good Fight

Even Outnumbered, Women's Rugby Plays Hard

By CHRIS BINNIE
Statesman Contributor

Dealing with adversity has become commonplace this season for the Black Widows, Stony Brook's women's rugby team. Inexperience, injuries, and lack of numbers have all taken their toll over the course of the semester. Coming face-to-face with strong, varsity-backed programs at colleges such as Vassar and Columbia, they have found the going tough. But one thing that has never been called into question is the courage and dedication that the team displays on a regular basis.

This adversity reached a new height on Sunday as the girls lined up to face a highly regarded Princeton side and found themselves with only 13 players against a full Princeton 15, complete with replacements. A run of tough games had left the team's confidence low, but determination to provided enough for the players to make a huge performance. The Widows lost the game 0-14.

Despite being two players short, Stony Brook started brightly, making big tackles and rucking well. Scrumhalf Christina McLaughlin (#9) made

powerful runs from the base of the scrum, and fly half Maria Cioce (#10) also created good attacking plays with the ball in hand. But as a consequence of the numerical imbalance, Princeton found themselves in strong positions with scoring opportunities. Yet attack after attack directed at the Stony Brook end zone was repelled. At the heart of this defensive effort was Guinnessa Mahar (#8), who made a series of bone-crunching tackles. The Black Widows' resolute work was undone after ten minutes, when Princeton scored to lead 7-0. The referee failed to notice a stray Princeton hand illegally stealing the ball from a ruck. Stony Brook's back-line, set for an offensive play, unexpectedly found themselves on the defense, and were caught cold as Princeton touched down for the first try, much to the disgust of Stony Brook coach Frank Grieco.

Disappointed, but not disheartened, Stony Brook set about leveling the score. Their defense remained solid, and they began to exhibit more and more confidence while on offense. When Princeton found



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The Black Widows lost 0-14 but they played a good game.

themselves attacking 25 yards from the Stony Brook try-line, outside center Katie Roe (#13) stole in for a perfect interception, which gave her a clear 75-yard run for a try. But the referee deemed her to have been offside, and called the play back, awarding Princeton a penalty.

The Princeton fly half showed clear intent to kick for position on a regular basis, but Cioce showed herself to be equal to this tactic, charging down two first half punts and a third in the second period. When the kicks were successful, full back Dasha Eremina (#12) proved solid as a rock under the high ball, and powerful

when returning the kicks with ball in hand.

As the first half drew to a close, Stony Brook set up camp deep in Princeton territory, pressing for a score. The referee made yet another crucial error, missing a Princeton knock forward, which allowed the Princeton scrumhalf an 80-yard run. The gritty Mahar refused to let her score however, running her down from behind and dragging her to the ground just two yards short of the end-zone. However, this gifted Princeton a strong attacking position, from which they were able to thunder over for a second try. The kicker

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The rugby team only has two veteran players.