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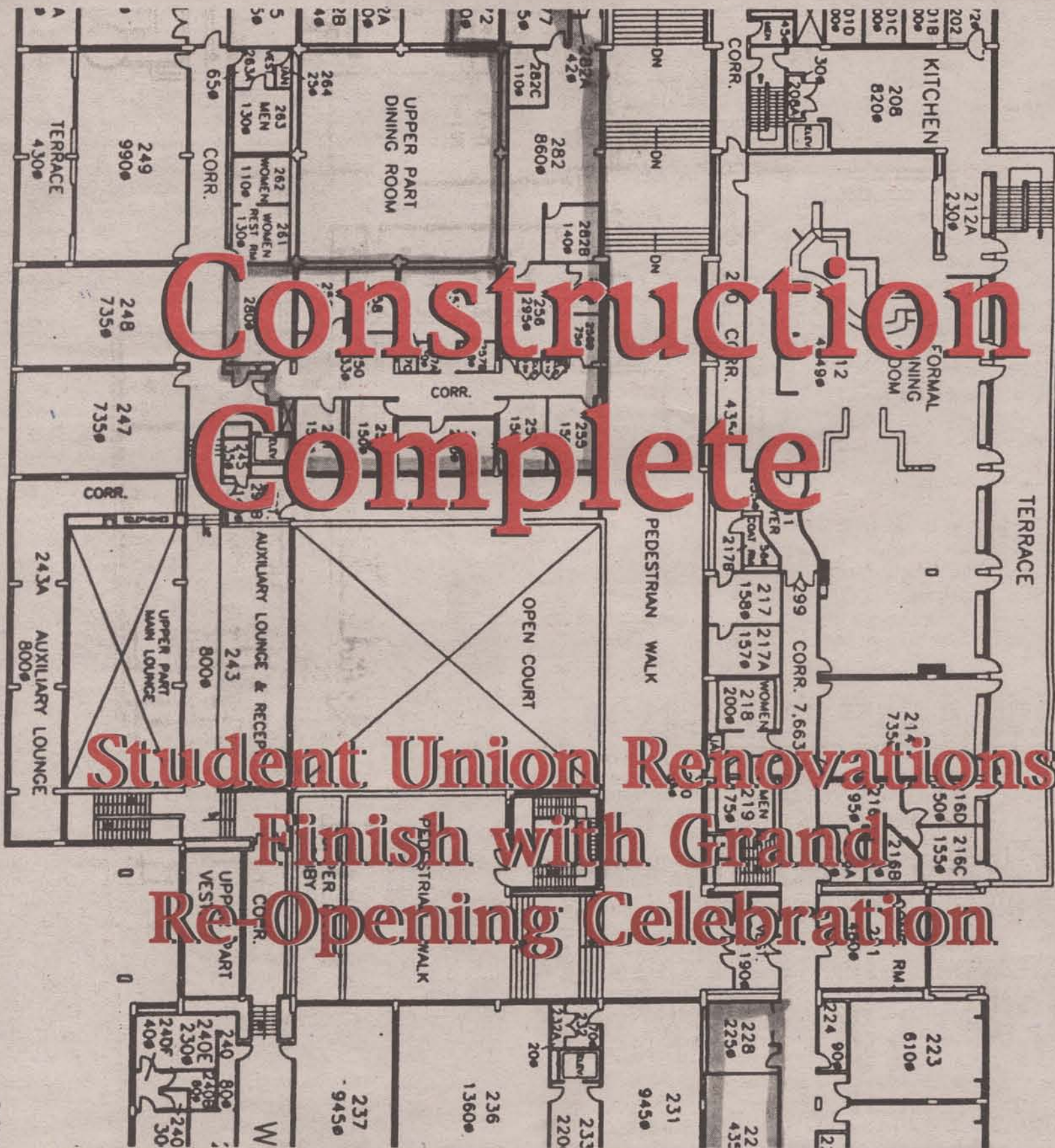
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Student Union Renovations Finish with Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Academic Judiciary Report

The Academic Judiciary of the College of Arts & Sciences reports on selected cases in which students have been charged with academic dishonesty. The report is prepared by the Executive Officer of the Arts & Sciences Academic Judiciary in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

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.

A student with no prior record of academic dishonesty was referred to the Academic Judiciary for plagiarism. The instructor for the course conducted an internet search using selected keywords from the student's paper and found several documents on the web from which the student's paper seemed to be cobbled together. The student appealed the accusation and requested a hearing. During the hearing, the student argued that the paper, which was actually a set of downloaded notes from which the real paper was written, was turned in by mistake. The hearing board found the student's claims to be implausible and returned a decision of "guilty." The penalty was a Q in the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the student's transcript.

Four students with no prior record of academic dishonesty were referred for having plagiarized their lab reports. The students, who had been instructed to work independently, were charged with submitting reports that contained identical wording for large portions. None of the students appealed the accusation, and all were found guilty, receiving Qs for the course and notations of academic dishonesty on their transcripts.

A student with no prior record of academic dishonesty was reported for plagiarism. The student submitted a paper containing two paragraphs identically matching text posted on the course's listserv. The

student failed to appeal the accusation and was found guilty. The penalty was a Q in the course and a notation of academic dishonesty.

A student with no prior record of academic dishonesty was found to have submitted a text obtained from a web-based source. The student confessed to having bought the paper and was found guilty of plagiarism. The penalty was a Q in the course and a notation 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.

If you are a matriculated student who has never been found guilty of academic dishonesty and if you are interested in being asked to serve on a hearing board, please call the Academic Judiciary Office at 632-7080. You will be occasionally contacted and invited to serve. Hearings are scheduled at different times of the week and generally last 1-2 hours.

The Academic Judiciary is located in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs in E3310 Main Library. Policy information and forms can be found at <http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/ajc.nsf>.

Thanking Volunteers

By SUZANNE VELAZQUEZ
Special to the Statesman

On Wednesday, November 15, the Stony Brook Welcome and Orientation Planning and Organizing Committee, chaired by Peter Baigent, associate vice president for student affairs, hosted a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for students that volunteered during the Fall 2000 Opening of School. Students were recognized for volunteering their time, energy, and talents to welcoming and orienting the newest members of the Stony Brook community.

Many of those who volunteered arrived on campus early to assist the various orientation programs that occurred before opening weekend, including the Center for Excellence in Teaching and various departmental orientations, Disability Support Services, Graduate School, International Student Services, and New Undergraduate Student Programs.

Some provided information about campus services to new students and their families during the "Get to Know Your Community Information Fair" that took place opening day, representing campus areas such as Campus Dining Services and other Faculty Student Association services, Campus Recreation, and Student Union & Activities.

Some student volunteers worked throughout opening weekend to meet new students and their families during the New Student BBQ, and to escort students to and serve as ushers at the New Student

Convocation, the Academic Orientation programs, and the Community Rights and Responsibilities presentation. These students answered the Call for Volunteers put out from Student Union & Activities' Opening Week Activities Committee, Polity, and the Stony Brook Welcome and Orientation Planning Committee. Others, including orientation leaders from New Student Programs and Commuter Student Association and Commuter Student Services assisted in the Experience Stony Brook programs.

Some continued volunteering their time throughout the first weeks of classes to assist with the various opening week activities happening across campus and in the residence halls.

Students recognized at Wednesday's luncheon volunteered their time serving on the Welcome Wagon, helping new students move their belongings into their new homes on campus. Others, including Residential Security Patrol (RSP), assisted new students and their families with directions and other information.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the students in recognition of Outstanding Volunteer Service during Stony Brook Welcome Week Fall 2000.

If you are interested in volunteering for Stony Brook Welcome and Orientation Spring 2001 or Fall 2001, contact the individual departments or Suzanne Velázquez, via e-mail at Suzanne.Velazquez@sunysb.edu

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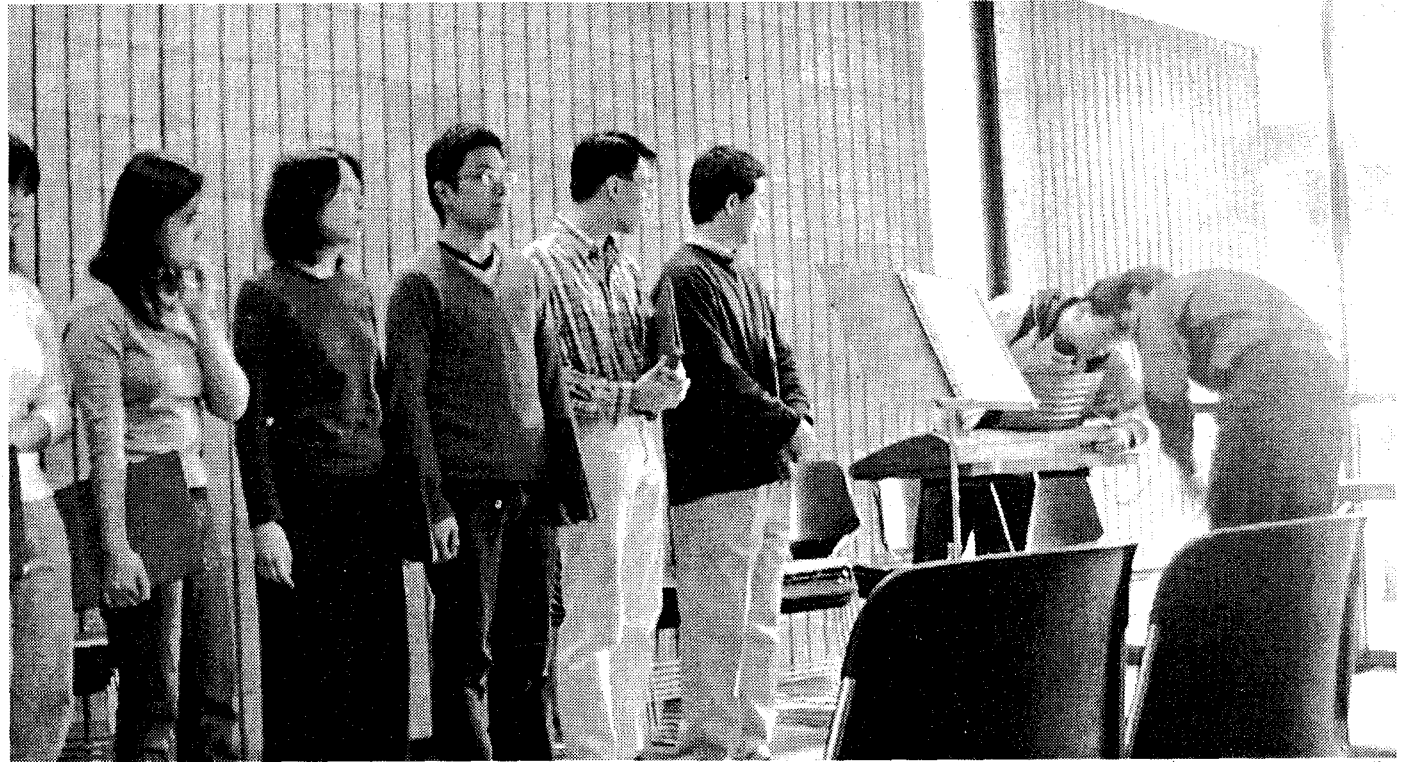
By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

With renovations complete or close to completion, administrators, staff and students gathered throughout the Student Union yesterday to celebrate the opening of four new entities within the building. Begun at the end of last semester, the Union now boasts a new Interfaith Center, a revamped Faculty Student Association suite, the Wo/Man Center and a SINC site. All offices are up and running except for the SINC site which is expected to be open by next semester.

The grand reopening ceremony began with Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, who said that the new offerings will help to maintain the building as a venue where all aspects of student life are accessible. "The opening of these facilities is one stop on the way to something grander," Preston said.

Preston then introduced President Shirley Strum Kenny, whom Preston credited with having the vision for the renovations. "She is always on the move so the campus is always on the move," he said.

Kenny took to the podium to praise the new additions to the Union, pointing out that during this year of community service, the offices all work hard to build up the community on campus. "It is very nice to have these facilities," Kenny said. "I am proud to celebrate our growing vibrant



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Members of Baptist ministry sang a song called "A Shelter in a Time of Storm."

community."

Preston returned to the podium to give a history of student unions on college campuses. He said that within the last ten years, campuses across the nation have realized that one union is not enough to cater to the needs of all students. "Unions are the living rooms of college campuses, they are the centers of activity, the heart beat and the pulse," he said. "Given the diversity of student bodies and interests, it is impossible for one facility to be enough." Because of this

trend, Preston praised Stony Brook for being "cutting edge" with multiple areas for student life. "The Student Union should reflect the synergy between student life and academic life," he said.

The presentation made its way upstairs to the chapel room of the Interfaith Center for the opening of the facility, which moved to the Union from the Humanities building. Rabbi Joseph Topek said that he will miss his Humanities neighbors but that the Center has more in common with its new neighbors. "We are beginning to reclaim what the Union was originally intended for," Topek said, saying that the Union is a place where there is always something going on. "We now have a home where students can identify with their own religion," he said.

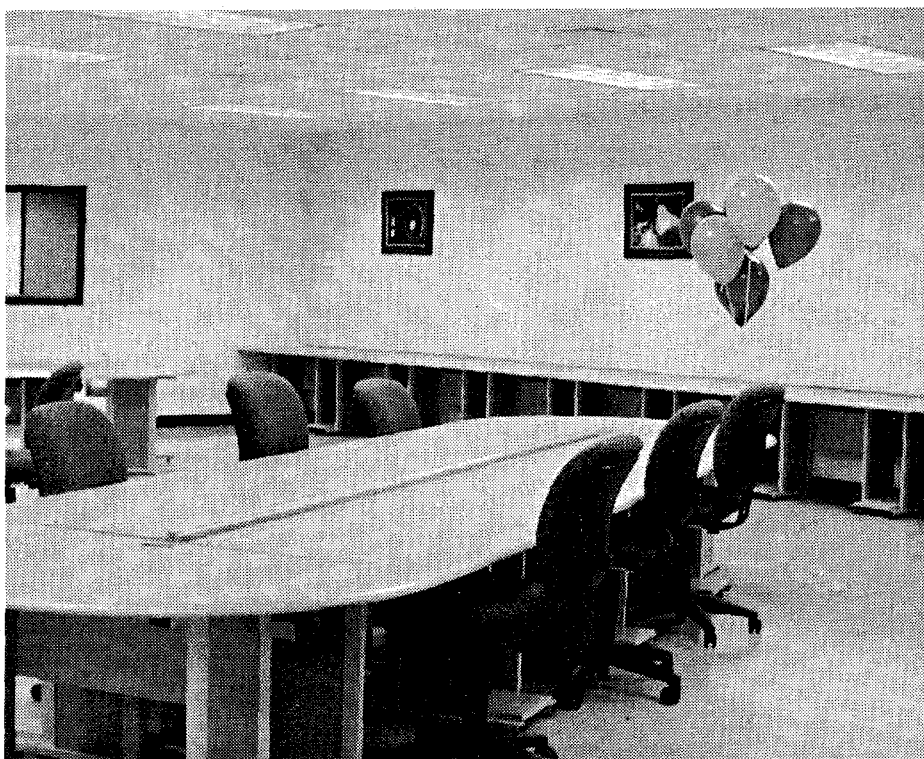
The new Interfaith Center includes offices for all the campus ministries including the Baptist, Protestant, Catholic, Muslim and Jewish faiths. There is also a chapel room and a prayer room for the Islamic Society in the room that formerly served as a TV lounge area. The chaplains of each ministry gave thanks to the university as well as to their religious beliefs for the re-creation of the Center. Prayers were said by each chaplain and members of the Baptist ministry sang a song of thanks called "A Shelter in a Time of Storm."

Although it remains without computers on the desks, the SINC site in the basement of the Union is almost set for opening. The spacious room

was formerly the commuter lounge which has since been moved to the library. The site, which is decorated with purple accents and pictures of outer space, will include 73 computers, both Mac's and PC's, seating for 94, both high end and low end scanners as well as a resnet connection station for students with laptops. The site will also feature DVD players and a CS burner. Student worker Tom Sorensen explained that this site is designed for group work. "That is why there are more chairs than computers and classrooms with dry erase boards and projectors."

Brett Auletta, program analyst for Instructional Computing, said that there are still a few more kinks to work out before the site is open. "We still need to do a few more things, such as change the doors," he said. Auletta also said that the site's hours are still to be determined. "We are looking for student consultants now," he said. "How many we get will determine the hours we will be open."

Members of the new offices were excited about the opening. Deborah Menton Peretz, associate director for special programs for Hillel, the foundation for Jewish life, said she was happy that there was more student life in the Union than in Humanities. "It is more centrally located and it is better maintained," she said. Hillel member and student Lisa Esquenazi also praised the move. "There is more room here, we can actually sit and relax in our own spaces," she said. "It's better for students."



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Educating Through The Arts

Swallow This Preforms at The Union

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

"Swallow This," the USB prevention through the Arts program, held a performance for students in the bi-level yesterday during campus lifetime. The performance featured skits based on actual Stony Brook students' true experiences with alcohol and drugs. "Every spring semester I go into class rooms and ask students to write down anything relating to drugs and alcohol," said Kathleen Flynn-Bisson, who founded Swallow This six years ago. It is from these stories that the student performers pick what they will use to make up the script. "It is the students who actually write the script," explained Flynn-Bisson. "Every year the script changes but the theme stays the same." Swallow This tries to make audience members aware and consider the effects of drug and alcohol use in their own lives.

Wednesday's performances were all based on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, such as personality changes, date rape and blackouts. One skit was about a popular high school couple, a cheerleader and football star. Everyone admired this couple until one day when the football player starts taking steroids and his temper changed from moody to violent. He curses at his parents and beats his girlfriend. The drugs had such a deadly grip on him that in rage he would even rape his girlfriend. This went on in the lives of this couple for nine months.

The performances also included parodies of soap operas and the Jerry Springer show as an outlet for telling the anonymous stories. In the Swallow This version, the Merry Springer show, a young man named Rico brags that he drinks until he passes out and on the night of September 13 he says he drank so much he doesn't remember what he did. Then comes the other guest to the show who says on that day he and Rico, who is a heterosexual when sober, kissed and had sexual intercourse with the other guy. At this point, the two young men started fighting on stage and Merry Springer makes her final thoughts. "This is what happens when you drink too much," she says.

All of the skits had a serious and sad message behind them. One of the skits that left audience members sitting in silence was of a young man who was just going to school and had his whole life ahead of him. We meet him just as his parents



courtesy of Flynn-Bisson

Fall 2000's cast of 'Swallow This' with founder Flynn-Bisson (third from right).

are dropping him off. He immediately encounters someone who is smoking and playing the role of nicotine. Nicotine describes to him how cool he would be if he smokes so the boy falls for the pressure. Next he meets other characters, Marijuana then Coke and Heroin, who are also personified as people. Soon the boy is an addict who has nothing left and is forced to go into prostitution to support his habit. His parents try to reach him but it is too late. He is surrounded by his "new friends" who have a tight grip on his life. The parents to this day don't now where their son is.

Another sad but true skit was about a 16 year old girl whose father is an alcoholic and beats her, one day she is doing dishes when her father


comes at her and she kills him.

At the end of the skits, a performance member said that what they performed might be a lot to swallow, but 39 percent of college students are not current alcohol users. They mention some positive facts and end with messages from students who do not or no longer abuse drugs or alcohol. Following the performance the cast interacted with the audience and volunteered to answer any questions audience members had.

"The show teaches you to make wiser decisions," said Luz Velasques, a freshman. Another audience member, Melinda Tong, said although she was required to attend for a class, it was worth it because the performance was terrific.

Flynn-Bisson said that students interested in becoming a part of Swallow This should be aware that it is a year long class and auditions take place in the spring. If anyone is interested or has questions, contact Flynn-Bisson at kflynnbisson@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

"I feel very lucky to get to coordinate such a phenomenal program as a part of my job," said Flynn-Bisson.




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Editorials

A More Comfy Student Union

Better late than never. Although the Union renovations were slated for completion by the end of the first week of the fall semester, the changes are nearly done now, with just under four weeks left until the end.

But good things come to those who wait and the improvements made to the rather decrepit Student Union should do wonders for it, if not cosmetically than certainly in terms of improving student life.

The people of the Interfaith Center are probably the happiest about the move. Since the creation of the Center in the 1970's, the various chaplains have worked and worshipped out of what people from Hillel described as storage closets in the Humanities building, which incidentally is the building next up for renovations. Members of the Interfaith Center were concerned that they were in the middle of no where over there in Humanities and they praised the move to the Union as a way to start getting into the thick of things and making their various services available to any and all interested students.

As one of the most diverse entities on campus in the truest sense of the word, the whole campus, whether religious or not should find praise for the Interfaith's upgrade. The Center houses offices for the Baptist, Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and Jewish ministry. They set an example in tolerance as they all share a small corner of the building as well as a chapel. At the dedication ceremony for the Center, all the faiths took turns at the podium praising god in their own ways and setting an example, not just the University but for the world as a whole, in partnership and tolerance.

But the renovations include goodies for more than the holy ones on campus, and religious or not, the new SINC site, set to open by next semester might find you saying "thank god." Situated in the basement of the Union in between the media wing and the NYPIRG office, the site will have 73 computers, including Mac's and PC's, as well as CD burners, DVD players, high end scanners and equipment to download photos from digital cameras. In addition to the technological perks of the

site, which has a pleasing to the eye purple color scheme, it will hopefully serve up the practical perk of easing congestion in the always-crowded library SINC site, a definite godsend for anyone that has tried to do a paper at the last minute over there.

Construction on campus is nothing new. Muddy puddles and construction vehicles have become an almost permanent fixture of the campus landscape. But the Union renovations stick out. Unlike the narrow purposes the other projects seem to serve, the ones in the Union are universal. The stadium is for all of us but it is the athletes who are most excited about that. Everyone wants to live in a renovated residence hall but only the occupants get to enjoy clean rugs and new appliances.

Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, called the Student Union the "living room" of the campus where you will find the pulse and the heart beat of the students. It's a nice way of looking at it and with the completion of these construction projects, our living room just got a little more comfortable.

Commentary:

The Right Man for the Job

Chief of Police Should be the One to Investigate Complaints

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Staff

Everyone knows that weekends are quiet here at USB. Very quiet. About as silent as administrative efforts to reverse the trend itself. As a student who regularly stays on weekends, it is my steadfast hope that we have a little more noise and commotion on future Saturdays and Sundays.

Unfortunately, too much noise and commotion presented itself at that now-infamous Union dance a few weeks ago. The big brawl that broke out at a Union sorority party was the wrong kind of weekend activity we need here. In fact, because of the injury-filled ruckus, subsequent parties which were supposed to be held in the Union had to be canceled, due to police investigation into the

incident.

The matter of this police investigation has gotten USB students and faculty talking. SPA security staff and other students have ripped the University Police Department for their alleged inaction that night, which saw one SPA staff member suffer a broken jaw. Officers have taken criticism for their lack of response time to the fight, as well as for their lack of involvement in breaking it up when they reached the scene.

Not turning a deaf ear to the complaints, the Police Department correctly decided to launch an investigation of the reported misconduct on the part of its officers. Everybody seemed to applaud this move, until it was announced that Deputy Chief Doug Little would be in charge of this investigation. And we thought all hell broke loose at

the party.

The Police Department was slammed once again. Students decried this decision, charging corruption and fraud. Some SPA members claimed Little was "condescending" when he met with them to discuss the incident. The *Statesman* itself openly questioned in an editorial whether Doug Little was the proper person to head the investigation, wondering aloud if he would automatically be subjective regarding the officers in his keep, and would thus automatically be inclined to tilt a ruling in their favor. All in all, this has been a tough stretch for Doug Little. An unfairly tough stretch.

Reports of Little's biased character have been greatly

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Why Doug Little is the Right Man to Lead Police Investigation

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exaggerated. In my mind, the attacks against him are completely unjustified and unwarranted, and the open questioning of the man's faith and honor were not worth the newsprint on which they were printed.

Doug Little has been serving this campus for 24 straight years. Putting that into context, he started during Gerald Ford's administration. He has been helping to keep this campus safe before most of us were even zygotes. And he is now Deputy Chief of a department responsible for roughly 30,000 people on 1,100 acres of property.

Not only Deputy Chief of the entire department, Little also serves as commander of the department's Community Affairs Unit, whose task is educate the campus community on topics such as personal safety, risk awareness, and crime prevention. Under his watch, this organization was the recipient of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Award. No small honor.

Little also coordinates the police department's Ride-A-Long program, an experience in which I was proud to take

part. This program allows students to ride with campus police officers during real shifts in real squad cars when real crimes may take place. He was personally involved in my effort to ride with some of our officers, allowed me to witness an officer meeting he led, and spoke to me

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at great length about how the entire department functions.

Working personally with students is one of Little's great strengths. He will never shy away from personal contact

with students, an important character trait from which other administrators here could learn a great deal. He has spoken at Polity Senate meetings on several occasions, and always keeps us informed of impending police activity.

For all the talk I hear of how he may be ill-suited to the task at hand, nobody seems able or willing to criticize his record. You'd think they would, if only they could. Yet it's an impossible task, for that argument holds less water than Roth Pond. His dedication to his officers is matched only by his dedication to the students he protects, and no one knows more about the inner workings of the police department, thus, no one is more trustworthy or qualified to take on the task of heading this serious investigation.

What this all boils down to is that Doug Little is one of the primary reasons why most of us walk this campus every day with little or no fear. His character is beyond reproach, his ability to lead beyond question. In short, he's one of the good guys. He's on our team. He is a true Statesman.

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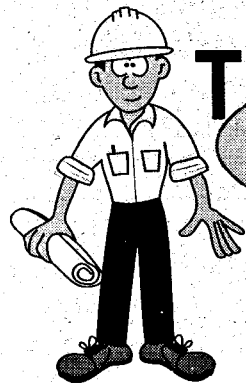
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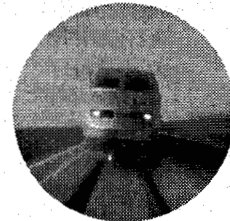
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Features

Dancing to Hollywood

Upcoming Fundraisers Seek to Get Money for Students' Trip to California

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Jermaine LaMont can't stop. In an effort to raise money for his trip to Hollywood, where he is going to compete in the Hollywood Convention of the International Modeling and Talent Association, the multidisciplinary major is in the middle of a number of creative fund raising efforts.

With the help of fraternity brothers in the Delta Sigma Phi, LaMont heated up the Student Union lobby yesterday with a game he devised himself called Jeopardy Tuck In's. For small fees, women bought an actual tuck into bed from a Delta brother. Three dollars would get a rose and a tuck in. For four dollars, you can get a tuck in with a bedtime story, for five, a tuck in after a massage and for seven dollars, you can buy what LaMont calls a "Brother's Specialty." This is where one of my brothers will give someone what they are good at," he explained. "Mine is a day of personal training in a gym." Other brother's specialties include breakfast in bed, a gourmet dinner for two cooked by a brother and a Blockbuster night. The first episode of Jeopardy Tuck In's was a success. "We made a good amount of money," LaMont said. He added that he hopes to make more during the next few weeks. Jeopardy Tuck In's will be in the Student Union today and Thursday December 7 and the 14.

But getting a good night's rest courtesy of a fraternity brother is not where LaMont stops. On Saturday December 9, the manager of 3TV television station is hosting a dance-a-thon to continue to raise money for not only his trip but for the trip of fellow IMTA competitor and Stony Brook student Julie Paritskaya.

Paritskaya, a native of Belarus who will be competing in the modeling portion of the program, did not know LaMont when she entered the competition. It wasn't until she ran into him on campus that she realized he looked familiar. Since

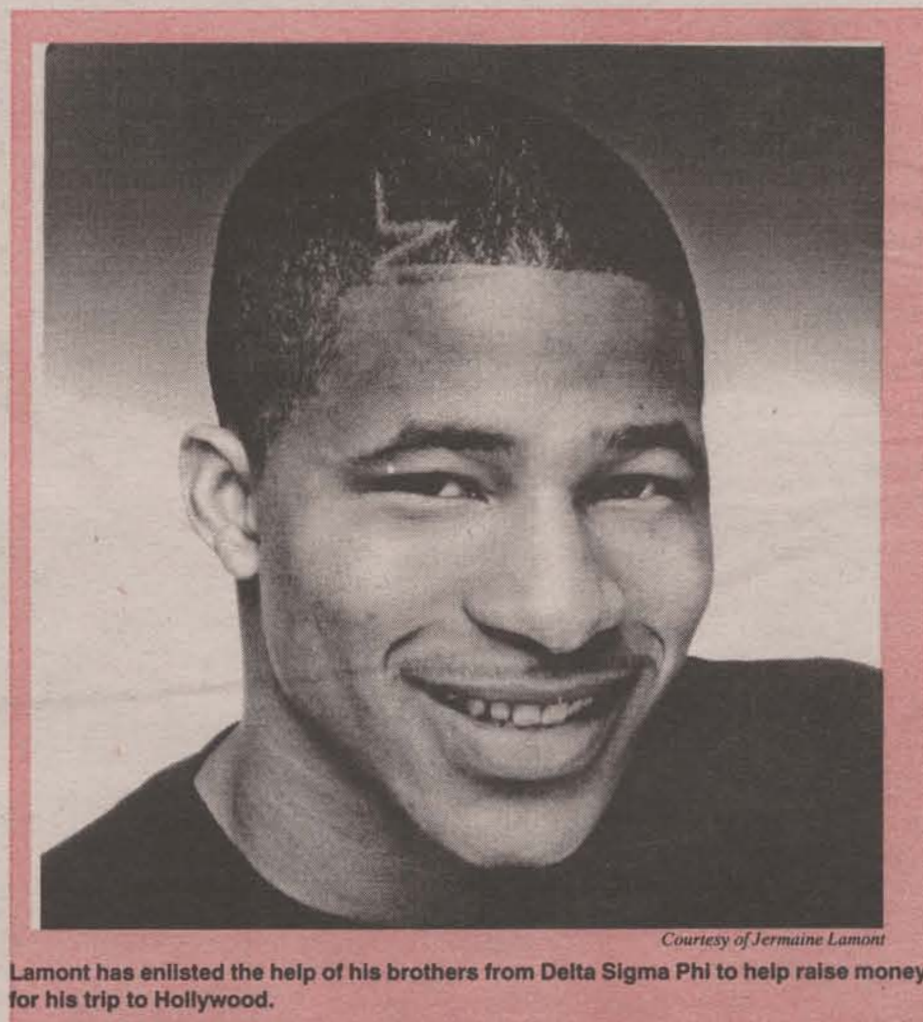
then, the two have joined forces to raise the \$5000 the trip will cost each of them where they will be able to show off their talents in front of various producers, fashion designers and casting directors.

LaMont explained that the dance-a-thon will function like other charitable events such as walk-a-thons. It is open to both couples and singles and it starts at 10 pm in the Union ballroom where DJ's KMD, Cel and Nece will spin all kinds of music from hip hop to reggae to house to the electric slide. "Participants have to sign up sponsors who will pay them for every hour that they dance," LaMont said. Students can sponsor a friend for one dollar an hour while faculty members can sponsor a dancer for five dollars an hour. "Sponsors can pay ahead of time and then the competitors can bring the money to the event," he said.

But it is not just Paritskaya and LaMont who will benefit from the dance. Dancers who are on the dance floor the longest are also subject to some prizes of their own. The individual dancer that dances the longest will take home a television while the couple with the best endurance can pack their bags for an all expenses paid trip to Cancun, Mexico. LaMont credited Mary Smith from Student Union and Activities for making the trip a reality. "She has been like my fairy godmother," LaMont said. "Without her, none of this would even be going on."

LaMont said that close to 40 people are already signed up for the event. Contestants must have a minimum of five sponsors and they are allowed only a five second lapse in dancing before disqualification. A five minute break will be given to all dancers at the end of every hour.

Besides raising money for his trip, LaMont still attends the weekly workshops that are part of the competition where he learns the



Courtesy of Jermaine LaMont

LaMont has enlisted the help of his brothers from Delta Sigma Phi to help raise money for his trip to Hollywood.

essentials of the entertainment world such as how to audition for commercials. With so much on his plate, LaMont began missing work in some of his five classes. "I spoke to all of my professors and they have all been very understanding," he said. "They are letting me make up the work and I am catching up."

LaMont's plans extend beyond his Hollywood trip. "After the trip, I plan on coming back to help other students," he said. "A lot of people have helped me and I want to give back to the community." He plans on working with the Talented Student

Organization and he advises other talented students to take it easy and to remember that the acting and modeling world is not just about the glamour. "It is also a lot of hard work," he said. But LaMont maintains that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. "Your body cannot go where your mind has not yet been," he said.

If you would like to sponsor Jermaine and/or Julie, contact Rob Spoor at (212) 675-9750. Checks can be mailed to IMTACON c/o Tomorrow Talent, 150 Fifth Ave, Suite 420, New York, NY 10011. Please include the name of who you are sponsoring.