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Drunks, Thieves and Lost Ladies

Tuesday, February 1

12:05 am

Eighteen year old Douglass College female resident took an extra dose of prescription medication. She was taken to University Hospital.

11:35 pm

There was a smell of marijuana in Eisenhower College, roommates being referred.

Wednesday, February 2

12:08 am

An unknown intoxicated male entered a room without permission, refusing to leave. Upon police arrival, the subject was gone.

1:59 pm

In Benedict College a phone was taken from a room along with a computer connection.

10:27 am

In Life Sciences, an accidental alarm was set off when a construction worker was cutting wood under smoke detector.

10:47 am

In the Fine Arts Center, a television and VCR monitor valued at \$500 was taken.

8:40 pm

At North Loop Road at Kelly Quad bus stop an individual was struck by a vehicle and transported to University Hospital.

6:22 pm

Graffiti was found in a Whitman College stairwell.

Thursday, February 3

6:56 am

In Greely College, an intoxicated male was pounding on a door. He was gone upon police

arrival. There was minor damage done to the door. The RHD was notified.

2:24 pm

A woman was being stalked by her ex-husband in the SBS building. He was gone upon police arrival. He is in violation of an order of protection.

8:51 pm

Drug paraphernalia was found in Hendrix College.

Blotter of the Week

12:22 am

In Whitman College, an RHD requested assistance in removing the remainder of a marijuana joint.

5:07 pm

In Psychology B someone received a hip pack containing cash, a white powdered substance and a cash card.

Friday, February 4

3:33 am

In Hendrix College, a male student was harassing an RHD. The student was removed by officers.

12:22 am

In Whitman College, an RHD requested assistance in removing the remainder of a marijuana joint.

12:03 am

In Dreiser College, an unknown object was thrown at the exterior window of a dorm, causing it to crack.

6:25 pm

In Tabler Quad, a suspect attempted to take a guitar from a victim. Suffolk police were called.

11:27 pm

At the Staller Center loading dock, the driver's side door of a car was broken and a CD player was stolen.

Sunday, February 6

3:08 am

In Amman College, an intoxicated student was transported to the University Hospital emergency room. The person was referred to Student Affairs.

10:53 pm

In Amman College, a female student was taken to University Hospital for excessive vomiting.

Monday, February 7

5:46 pm

In Stimson College the smell of marijuana was present but then dissipated.

Tuesday, February 8

1:17 am

In Langmuir College, two non-resident males were passed out. Officers and medics responded but they came to and took off.

2:56 pm

Two elderly females were escorted in helping them find their car.



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Campaigning at USB

SASU Continues Efforts to Lobby for SUNY

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

With Student Lobby Day swiftly approaching on February 28, representatives from the Student Association of the State University of New York came to campus yesterday in an effort to spread the word about Lobby Day, their fight to have the Rockefeller Drug Laws repealed, and TAP cuts.

Student Lobby Day is a chance for students to pilgrimage to Albany and voice their concerns about SUNY affairs to legislators. A meeting of student activists across the state, it is an opportunity for young people to express their thoughts directly to lawmakers. SASU will be one of the student advocacy groups attending Lobby Day and is looking to recruit students to attend the trip.

SASU President Kirstin Swanson, Stony Brook SASU representative Michelle McCoy, SASU Statewide Organizing Director Maria Lambert, and United States Student Association delegate Noreen Dixon are SASU representatives who visited to campaign to the student body.

SASU is made up of student leaders from Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Oswego, Potsdam and Stony Brook. It is student-run and organized, and refers to itself as a "grassroots organization," with its efforts spanning a comprehensive range of state issues.



USSA delegate Noreen Dixon

For the past two years, SASU has pursued its Prison Moratorium Project. This project connects the relationship between state spending on prisons in contrast to the SUNY operating budget. According to SASU data, New York State spends over \$680 million a year to keep non-violent drug offenders in prison.

At the core of this issue, according to SASU representatives, are the Rockefeller Drug Laws. When Nelson Rockefeller was governor of New York State in 1973, laws were passed that required prison sentences for people possessing over four ounces of a narcotic or selling two ounces of any drug.

"It is a question of access. The communities that have been affected by the drug laws haven't even had any opportunity to attend college



Kirstin Swanson, SASU president.

and receive a higher education," Swanson said.

To protest the increased prison spending, SUNY students are being asked by SASU to wear black on Valentine's Day.

According to facts supplied by SASU, from 1988 to 1997, SUNY funding dropped drastically while prison spending skyrocketed: an almost dollar for dollar trade off.

Only recently has SASU gained attention for their fight to repeal the Rockefeller Drug Laws. "We've gotten a good response from the



All pictures taken by Ruth Chung.

Maria Lambert, SASU's organizing director.

legislators. Now it's all about how the governor will react to the legislators, concerning the repeal of the Rockefeller laws," said Maria Lambert. "The legislators are starting to see the connection between incarceration and SUNY funding."

Gov. George Pataki recently unveiled a new state budget that "underfunds" SUNY, according to SASU. The budget calls for a new, 750-cell, 1500 bed prison to be built in an undisclosed location in the state. The price tag for this will be roughly \$180 million.

Pataki did, in fact, increase appropriations to SUNY by \$74.6 million.

However, it is the sentiment of SASU that this money is too late. "This is money that should have gone to SUNY long ago," Swanson said.

Another issue on the SASU agenda is the expansion of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Founded in 1974, TAP was the nation's largest state aid program. TAP offers need-based grants to students for higher education. Since 1995, TAP has been cut by \$112 million, prompting SASU to launch

a campaign to restore TAP to cover 100 percent of tuition, to keep TAP available to all students who need it, and to make TAP available to part-time students.

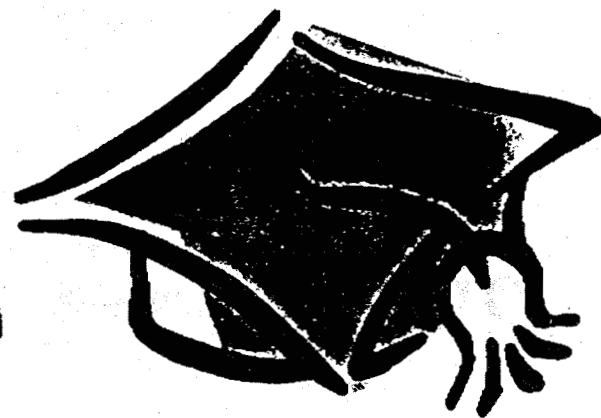
Said Maria Lambert, "SUNY has to re-shift their priorities. There are about 385,000 students in the SUNY system and we're getting less and less funding."



Michelle McCoy, Stony Brook's SASU representative.

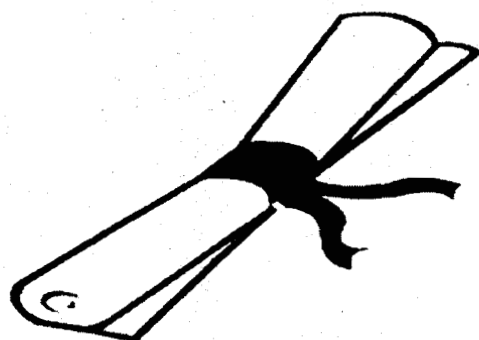
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Jubilation at Stony Brook

Campus Ministries Join Campaign to Help Third-world Countries



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Nora Fluent (right) of Protestant Campus Ministry and Sister Margaret Ann Landry (left) of Catholic Campus Ministry.

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

The Catholic and Protestant Campus Ministries at the University at Stony Brook are joining an international religious movement to wipe out third-world debt.

The movement, called Jubilee 2000, was inspired by the Book of Leviticus in the Old Testament. The book called for a celebration every 50 years, where social inequalities would be rectified, slaves freed, and debts canceled.

"It is a spirituality for the 20th century," said Sister Margaret Ann Landry from the Catholic Youth Ministry about the campaign. "The needs of the time vary and the current situation is the problem of debt relief."

"It's all about economic freedom," said Nora Fluent, the program coordinator for the Protestant Campus Ministry.

Fluent explained that third-world countries cannot take care of internal problems, such as poverty, education and healthcare, because of the enormous debts they have incurred. She emphasized that it wasn't the actual loans that are troubling the countries but the mounting interest they have to pay back. "They have paid so much interest that the loan already has been paid over and over again."

Efforts have been made at the legislative level to promote this issue. Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA) introduced legislation last March, the Debt Relief for Poverty Reduction Act of 1999. The bill calls for a cancellation of debts owed to the American government and it also

asks the U.S. government to persuade other international lending institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund, to also provide debt relief.

Senators Connie Mack (R-FL) and Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) are also sponsoring a similar bill in the Senate - the Debt Relief for Poor Countries Act of 1999.

"It would cost Americans a one-time cost of \$1.70 per person. That's what it would cost as far as forgiving debt," Fluent said.

The countries that would be eligible to receive relief under the proposed legislation include 34 African countries, five Latin American countries, five Asian nations, and one Middle Eastern

country.

The two youth ministries are planning their own semester long campaign to help these countries. The Jubilee 2000 kickoff will feature speaker Maria Harris on Monday, Feb. 14. Harris, a visiting professor at New York University, is one of the leading interpreters of the concept of jubilee in the Bible. She specializes in spirituality and religious education.

In April, Radhika Balakrishnan, coordinator of international studies at Marymount Manhattan College, will also be speaking at the University. Instead of focusing on the spiritual perspective, Balakrishnan will discuss the economics of third world debt.

The most immediate project is the letter writing campaign to legislators and senators. The two organizations, as well as the Interfaith Center, will table in the Humanities building, Student Activities Center and Student Union and try to get students to write to Congressmen supporting the pending federal legislation.

"The students here at Stony Brook have an opportunity to directly affect legislation, and legislators do pay attention to letters from their constituents," Fluent said.

"It is a very complicated issue, one that not everyone supports, they think that if you owe a debt you should pay it," Fluent said. "However enough is enough. Every 50 years everyone should be forgiven."

Still, Fluent remained positive of the campaign. "This is a one-time forgiveness of debt, it would only cost you less that of a cappuccino on campus."

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Editorials

Stop Being Dirty

We like to reserve each and every page within the covers of Statesman for quality, worthwhile articles concerning everything you need to know about on-campus happenings and beyond. Many of you have probably already figured out what literature to read if you want to get your fill of bathroom humor, not to mention other assorted taboo topics. Well, we are going to break with tradition and offer you some information and commentary about the bathroom and the dirty business that goes on within the stalls.

Many of you may have noticed that state of the art germ free types of facilities are cropping up in lavatories all over campus. These are those sinks, soap dispensers and hand dryers that work like magic. Using a sensor, these utilities allow you to touch as few dirty surfaces as possible while still giving your hands a proper washing.

Or course, you have to be lucky enough to find one of that actually works. Students

with classes in Javits Lecture Hall can enjoy the magic sinks but out of the four of them, you are lucky if you have enough body presence to make one work for you. The sensors apparently are just not sensitive enough.

You have to applaud the efforts of the people who have implemented such devices. After all, cleanliness is next to godliness, as they say, but it is all for naught if people do not take advantage of them. Cleaning technology means nothing if people are not willing to use it.

There are even some old timers who are much more satisfied with a good old faucet turning and terry cloth towel who refuse to practice good cleanliness. What are we talking about here? The people who disappear behind a stall door, flush, then rush out of the bathroom without completing a very important step.

Many of us have had the disgust of taking care of business only to notice that the person ahead of us have not washed their hands. Without getting too graphic, using a few of our five senses,

it is quite easy to see, smell or hear, that the person did in fact engage in activities that require soap and water.

What is the point of having futuristic facilities if germ ridden hands then go and touch the door on their way out? Maybe you spare yourself touching the dirt on the sink knob but you pick it right up again when you exit by way of pushing open the door.

So what's an unsoiled person to do? There are some tactics such as elbowing the door, opening it with your hip or only using johns that have their doors propped open. Or you can just pull open the door shielding your pure hands with a piece of paper towel.

Really, what we should be asking is for the dirty people to learn some elementary hygiene tricks. Do you want to give yourself some sort of infection, sickness or disease?

Isn't it funny that you aren't safe anywhere? Your actions are even scrutinized when you are your most vulnerable. But if you won't be clean for yourself at least be clean for the person that also can't wait until they get home.

Misery Index

Compiled by Erin Rosenking and Kat Fulgieri, Statesman Editors

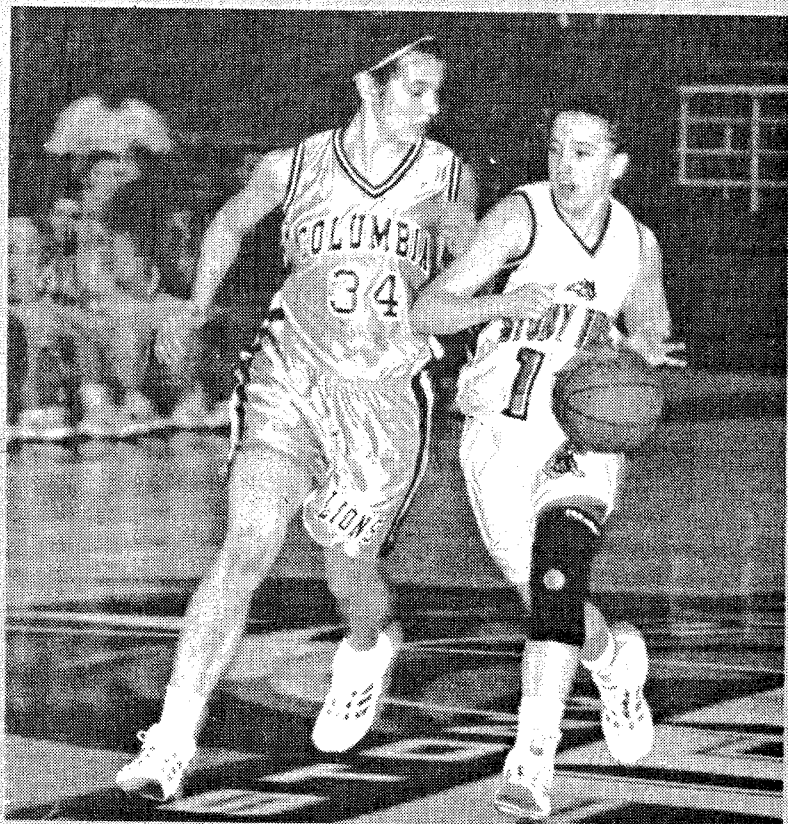
A Fresh Idea... -Campus Dining Services has introduced an alternative to Coke.(Is that even legal here?) Fresh Samantha drinks have made their debut on campus with such interesting varieties as Carrot, Protein Blast and Tangerine juice. They are the Ben and Jerry's of beverages, offering pure, ecologically sound ingredients only the college age crowd would love. There is finally a way to get your recommended daily allowance of vitamins and minerals on campus! Goes well with your pizza, Taco Bell and Burger King, huh?

...Turns Sour -Fresh Samantha is tasty but you will pay a hefty price. At three bucks a pop, you'll be out of meal plan points before breakfast is even over.

Let it Snow -USB employees charged with clearing the campus of snow are hot and bothered. After facing criticisms that their snow removal was shoddy, they cited faulty equipment for the less-than-good-job. Allegedly, the trucks are so bad that drivers were actually vomiting from the carbon monoxide spewed out by the trucks. Now they know what happens to commuters trying to find a parking spot on campus.

Sunny Skies Ahead -One of these above mentioned employees is so mad he's going to the governor for some reparations. Naturally, the weather is warming up and snow is not in the forecast.

Sweet Victory



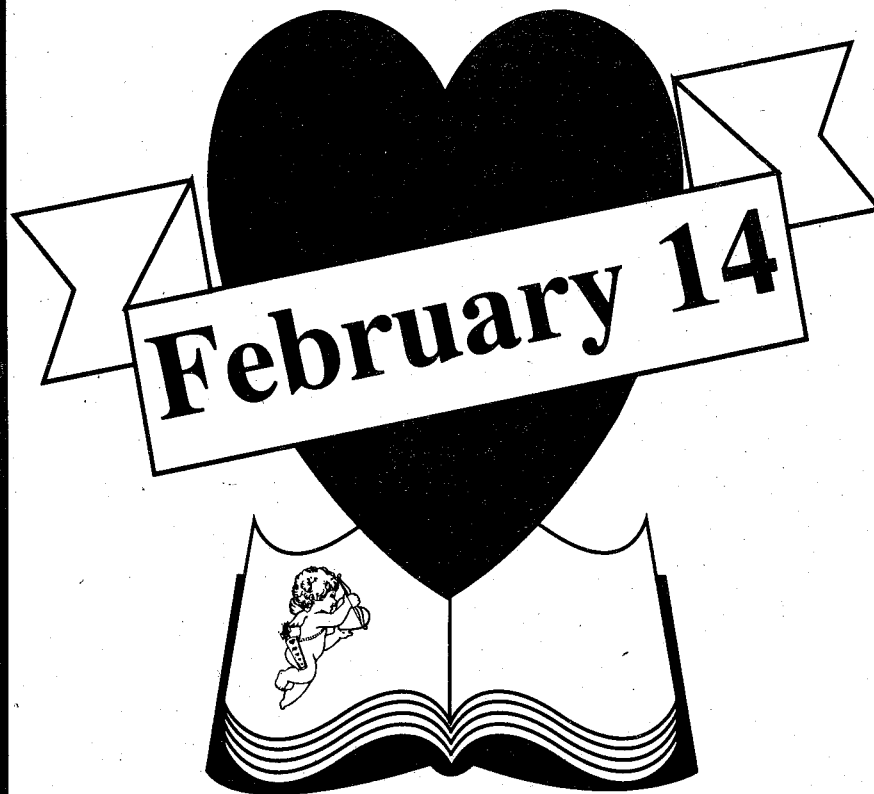
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The USB women's basketball team took down Columbia during Tuesday's game.

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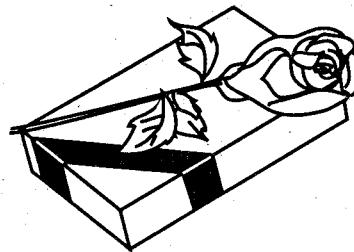
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- Students must obtain from the Financial Aid Office a *USB Summer 2000 Application for Financial Aid*. It must be completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office by the deadlines specified (Summer 2000 Federal Work Study deadline = April 1, 2000).

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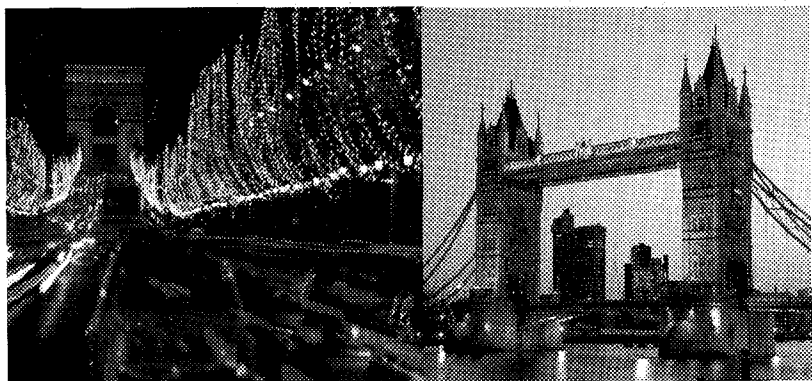
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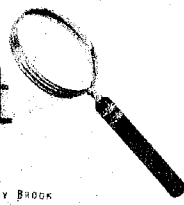
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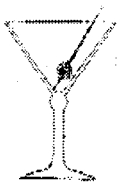
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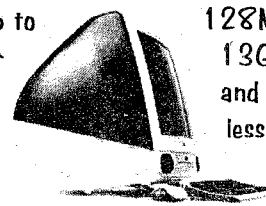
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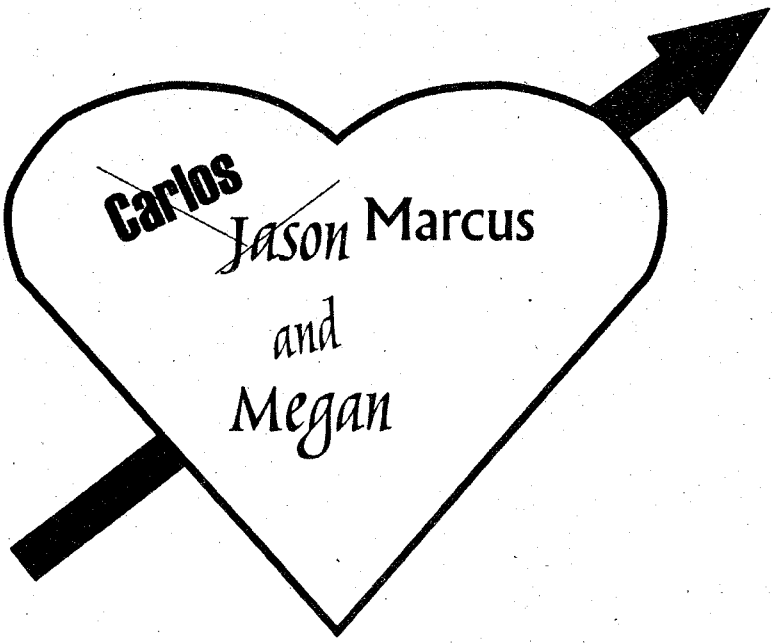
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February is a month brimming with holidays. Some honor and remember past leaders of this country, and others let people express their love for each other. Here at Stony Brook, yet another festivity is added to the list- Black History Month. Multiple programs are currently being held across campus to celebrate this month. Included in this array of showcases is the exhibition of African American Quilts that is presently being displayed in the Union Art Gallery.

Crafted by members of the New York Chapter of the Woman of Color Quilters Network, the quilts that decorate the walls of the art gallery are not simply bright colors and patterns. Each quilt carries with it a story - some of happiness and some of sorrow.

The family heritage of Floris Cash, assistant professor of Africana studies here at Stony Brook, is revealed here through many of her grandmother's quilts. Squares of various pigment and textures form the contours of neatly tied bowties in the "Gentlemen's Bowtie." A delicate "Butterfly Quilt" drapes the wall with pastel butterflies in ordered rows against a pale background. Recent works of Dindga McCannon display words and images that each exhibit a theme.

Egyptian motifs form the essence of the "Queen's Crazy Quilt," with vivid colors and charms of gold elephants and pyramids. The portrait of an African American woman serves as the center of the piece on "My Tree of Life." White branches with messages of "love" and "roots" stem from the woman's head and a border of photographs of faces line the artwork. With a very different subject, Ms. McCannon crafted "Celebrate Venus" as a tribute to women athletes.

As part of "A Community of African American Quilters: The Narrative in Historical and Contemporary Quilts," author Raymond G. Dobard will present his book *Hidden in Plain View: The Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad*. This Artist in Residence presents the theory that African American slaves crafted quilts coded with patterns to help each other escape to freedom during the Civil War. In his



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"My Tree of Life" is only one of the quilts on display in the Union Art Gallery.

book, he explains this theory. "Since it was the law that slaves were not allowed to be taught to read or write, other methods were needed to ensure successful efforts for escape." Quilts were passed on amongst slaves to prepare for an escape from captivity.

"A Community of African American Quilters: The Narrative in Historical and Contemporary Quilts" is located on the second floor of Stony Brook's Union. The quilts will be on public display from February 8th to February 23rd. Gallery hours are 12:00 to 4:00pm.