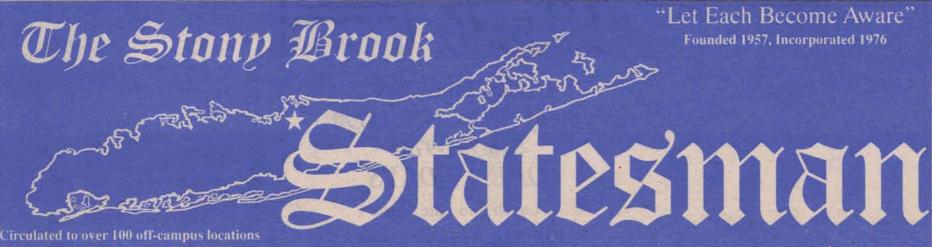
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The War on Binge Drinking

Universities Try "Social **Norms** Approach" to Reach Students

By Jennifer Kester

After yet another alcohol fueled incident that almost claimed the life of a college senior, colleges and universities have launched new tactics in a campaign to battle binge drinking on their campuses.

The senior, Pennsylvania State student Kristine Lurowist, went out drinking to celebrate her 21st birthday and ended up with a bloodalcohol level seven times Pennsylvania's legal limit.

Penn State President Graham Spanier warned that excessive alcohol consumption is one of the top problems campuses face. "Our goal is not to do away with alcohol consumption, that's not a realistic goal, but to bring a level of social responsibility to alcohol," he said. Alcohol, Spanier said, is a factor in 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of all dropouts.

"Frequent binge drinkers are far more likely than non-binge drinkers to have multiple problems," he said, including unplanned sexual activity, getting hurt and damaging property. As an example, a riot broke out last March at Michigan State University after the school lost in the National College Athletics Association Final Four basketball game, causing \$238,000 in damages to the campus and the neighboring city.

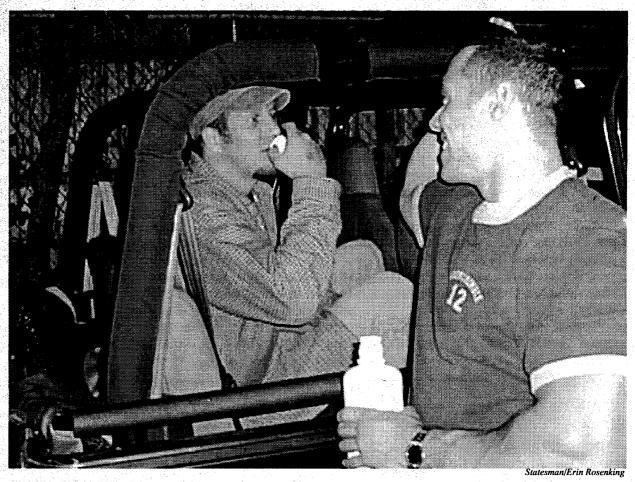
"The level of attention being given to this problem by university presidents has accelerated," he said. Spanier will be taking out ads in major newspapers, and trying prevention on campus by offering alternatives to drinking such as ballroom dancing. The sororities and fraternities have also been encouraged to not emphasize drinking.

Another tactic being used in Pennsylvania colleges is telling students that their peers don't drink as much as they think.

The tactic is called the social norms approach. Under this theory, proponents argue that a student's perceptions of what their peers do and don't do influences his or her actions. The student, they argue, will realize that their peers are not drinking as much and they will in turn change their behavior.

The strategy was developed in the late 1980s at Northern Illinois University, where officials have reported that binge drinking rates have dropped by 44 percent.

"You have to really saturate a market with a redundant message, the same way you'd sell Coca-Cola or Miller Beer," said Michael Haines, director of health enhancement services at



Two Stony Brook students enjoy a night out at a local bar.

Northern Illinois.

Three other schools using Haines' approach have reported 20 to 30 percent declines in binge drinking. Haines will be going to Dartmouth this fall to train staff there. He said that 10 colleges in Virginia and four in Kansas will also be launching campaigns.

William DeJong, director of the federally funded Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention in Massachusetts said that he is encouraging all college administrators to try the social norm approach on their campuses. The U.S. Department of Education is offering money to help.

Penn State University in State College is using this approach. Posters have been hung all over campus, right in time for back to school, that say "most PSU students drink two or fewer nights during a typical week."

The University of Arizona is doing a similar campaign, telling the student body that most students have "four or fewer drinks when they party." The fouryear campaign is attributed for helping decrease the number of students who report downing more than four drinks by 29 percent.

Stony Brook University also will be using the social norm approach. "We do it every year," said Peter Mastroianni, the health education coordinator at the Choice Center. According to Mastroianni, the University does its own research and relays the facts to the students, who he said always overestimate how much their peers drink. "By educating on the misconceptions the pressure will be reduced," he said. Thirty percent of the Stony Brook student population binge drink, which is lower than the 40 percent national average.

The City of Boston is using another but more radical angle to campaign against binge drinking. The campaign, called Party Smart, tries to show the negative consequences of drinking. One poster has a drunk student hanging over a toilet and reads, "It's easier to meet girls."

University students remain skeptical that any

such tactics would work here. "I don't think they are going to work," said Stony Brook senior Patrick Furr. "Stony Brook is no worse than any other school when it comes to drinking but you have to expect that people who live at home all their lives will want to break out a little," he said.

The University has taken other measures to look for its own solution to the problem. Aside from employing a full time substance abuse counselor, the University offered an orientation program about alcohol and other drugs, but it suffered from a low student turnout.

Last year the University held its first major seminar on the problems of student drinking. Local bar owners, police officers and student health counselors were invited. The campus also offers educational programs on public awareness of alcohol and other drugs performed in residence halls and to other groups. A theatrical peer group also put on presentations called Swallow This, where students act out the real life stories of Stony Brook students and their encounters with drugs and alcohol.

There is a task force on campus that meets 3 twice a month and works hands on in planning prevention programs. One such program is the curriculum infusion program. In this program, the faculty receives stipends in order to relate alcohol and other drugs into the course material. "For example, an economics professor can talk about how alcohol affects American business and an English professor can assign a novel that deals with alcohol and other drugs," Mastroianni said.

There is also a special program for the athletes to receive education on the topics and violation of the alcohol and drug policies may result in being unable to play on a team sport. Sororities and fraternities will also receive special education programs this year because of research that found that on a national level, those members are more likely to binge drink.

The Associated Press contributed to this

G Quad Undergoes Renovations

By Jennifer Kester Statesman Editor

As part of the Residence Hall Renovation Project, renovations in Irving and Gray Colleges in Mendelsohn Quad have been completed, and other residence hall remodeling is underway.

The project, which will cost \$65 million, is an effort to revamp the outdated and deteriorating residence halls.

"The buildings are 30 years old on average and no work of this magnitude has ever been done," said Dallas Bauman, assistant vice president for Campus Residences. Bauman said that the project has been a long time goal but was not attainable in the past due to lack of funding and resources. Stony Brook is the first campus in the State University of New York system to take such an initiative.

The new plans allowed for both colleges to have new surfacing, flooring and carpets. The buildings have also been painted. The lobbies feature porcelain tile and glass entrances while the bathrooms have new tiling, sinks, showers and toilets.

The individual rooms have new window coverings and furniture and are equipped with direct Ethernet connections for computers. The exterior of the buildings have also been redone as well as the landscaping.

Students were also involved in the renovation process. Campus Residences asked for their input and suggestions and had furniture manufacturers set up samples in residence hall common areas so students could sample different options.

Leslie Ryan, a resident of Gray College, is happy with the renovations. "Everything is cleaner and much better," she said. Ryan pointed out that she especially liked the welllit halls, which make her feel safer.

She said that Gray College was an improvement from her former residence hall, Ammann, which is next on the list for renovation. Ryan said that in Ammann, "The



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One of the new halls in Gray College.

windows didn't close all of the way and everything was dirty and old."

One concern that Ryan has about her new room is the construction that will be going on next door in the other residence halls. "I am tired of it because last semester we had to deal with the noise of the construction. It's annoying."

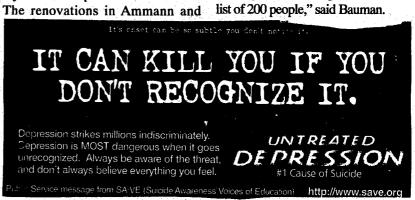
But Bauman assured that most of the noisy work has already been completed. "We are trying to minimize that as much as possible, especially around exam time," he said. However, Bauman also said that the construction would have to go on in order for the project to be completed.

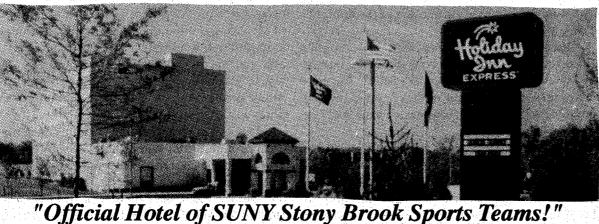
O'Neill, which will be done in January, will replicate the same scope of work as the other newly renovated residence halls. H Quad is slated last for renovations. Beginning January, the quad will receive the same features and like the others will be equipped with a new fitness center and an updated computing center. The renovations will be completed in the year 2000.

The project began in 1991 and each year since 1993, four or five buildings of the 26 residence halls have been renovated.

"An indication of the success of the project is that more and more people are wanting to live on campus. There is a waiting







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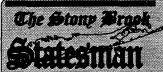
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Editorials

No Parking Here New Lots May Be Trouble

Think back to when you turned 16 and it was only a matter of time before you became a licensed driver. How liberating it was the first time you drove yourself around, how cool you felt dangling your car keys in the face of your not-yet-free friends. It doesn't take long for the novelty to wear off and for reality to strike: how will you pay for gas? Where are you going to come up with possibly thousands of dollars for insurance?

Pretty quickly, driving loses its appeal. Traffic, dents and repair bills make transportation public tempting and you may start longing for the days when Mom and Dad were your chauffeurs. If you're a student at Stony Brook, parking becomes another item on your list of carrelated headaches.

If you've been here for awhile, you know that the

thereof, is one of the most notorious problems plaguing SBU. The complaint inventory ranges from not enough spots, to lots too far away from campus, to unreliable bus service to the Academic Mall. It seemed that the gripes had gone unheard, but new measures put into effect this semester prove that Parking Services has finally done something.

But don't get excited. The so-called solutions they have devised are bound to make you sicker than breathing in your car's exhaust, not to mention that it's going to cost you. The lot behind the Union, known as enough to make you want to the Stadium Lot, is set to crash your car right into the become an area reserved for special permit holders who have to shell out \$150 per academic year, or \$75 per semester, for the privilege of a good spot." According to letters sent home commuters, 352 spots will be

parking situation, or lack reserved for those of you that can afford a little extra added to your bill, allotted on a first come, first served basis.

> Also, for the convenience of "short term parking access," new meter spots are being implemented. The concept of meter spots on this campus is a frustrating one, especially since we already pay a pretty penny in transportation fees. But the real mystery is trying to figure out how "short term parking" benefits students, particularly at a pricey 25 cents per 15 minutes. It must be for all of those who have ten minute classes?

> As if this wasn't irritating Admin lobby, "improvement" will have you giggling harder than sniffing gas fumes: trumpeting it as a sure fire way to help ease transportation woes, Parking

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Summer In Review

Misery Index

Compiled by Peter Gratton, Editor Emeritus



Quick: What event has a number of people dressed in clothes designed centuries ago circling around adoringly to a man they call "chief"? A SUNY trustees meeting with George Pataki? Nope. Just the Stony Brook Pow Wow held two weeks back, which was one of the best things held on



Party Like it's 1999: As the New York Times reported early last week, some scientists fear that a new accelerator at Brookhaven National Labs - put together to recreate the conditions for the Big Bang – may inadvertently set off the end of the world in October. President Kenny is said to be already taking bids for reconstructing the universe should these scientists' fears come true.



McUniversity: The University announced last week that Bob McGrath, the University's liaison to BNL, would step into outgoing Provost Rollin Richmond's shoes while the University searches for a new provost. Commentators suggest that McGrath's experience overseeing the end of the world at Brookhaven this fall should come in handy when completing budgets for the University's



When in Doubt, Create a New V.P.: The University announced another employee move this week, creating the post of Vice President for Economic Development to be filled by College of Engineering Dean, Yacov Shamash. University officials are said to have created the position, which at first was called Vice President for Pandering to the Republicans, to further position itself as the friend of Long Island businesses.

Bahamian Inspiration

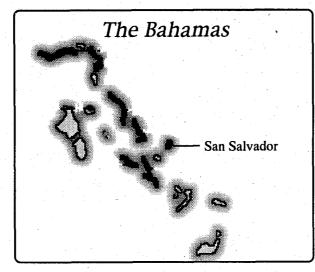
The Experience of a Lifetime on a Caribbean Island

By Erin Rosenking Statesman Editor

It's never time to celebrate when September rolls around and bathing suits and beach towels are exchanged for notebooks and pencils. Summer vacations never fail to end in the blink of an eye and before you have a chance to shake the sand out of your hair, tests and papers start looming.

Summer is supposed to be a time to rest. It's an opportunity to have fun and recharge the brain so that you are equipped to handle being bogged down with school work. How you approach the impending semester all hinges on how you spent your May, June, July and August. Some are dreading the start of the semester while others are ready to tackle classes. As for me, sure I'm depressed as I watch my tan fade with the warm weather but memories of my vacation are motivating me to look forward to school and dreaming in anticipation about next summer.

Now that I have you all dying to know how I spent the past few months, the first thing you need to know is that it all begins with enrollment in a great major: anthropology. Now, I am fully aware that after graduation, their won't be many looking wanted ads anthropologists making my job quest a tough one, but what other field allows adults to dig in the dirt by day and enjoy a different culture by night? Can law students feel the excitement of finding a shell bead millimeters long that has been buried in a pile of sandy soil for 100's of years? Can a business major talk to a client about how it feels to live on the very



island Columbus allegedly landed on? This is how I spent my summer, as an anthropology student doing a field school on San Salvador island in the Bahamas.

It would be quite an understatement to say that life on San Salvador is much different than here. For starters, there are roughly 1000 people on the whole island, the vast majority being men that came from other Bahamian islands in search of work at the newly built airport and Club Med. With so few people, a friendly atmosphere permeated the island with most people acquainted if not friends. There is only one major roadway on the island called Queen's Highway and having a car was of little consequence to most people because they could simply stand on the side of the road and wait for someone to pass. This pretty much guaranteed a ride and there is never a question of safety. While the more populated islands like Nassau had

reputations for being violent, San Salvador is virtually crime free. One Bahamian told me that the last incident that prompted police intervention occurred three of four years earlier when a jealous boyfriend pulled a machete on a man that was hitting on his girlfriend. Besides that, he couldn't think of any other crimes.

There is no such thing as McDonald's on San Salvador. Instead there is the "Three J's Take Away" where you can feast on conch fritters or delicious macaroni and cheese that makes Kraft look pretty pathetic. At night there is a multitude of bars where you can get a Kalik beer (a Bahamas original) and listen to reggae music that comes from a patron's own CD collection. Then of course there is the weather. Almost every day of my month stay was hot and sunny (just how I like it) with big puffy clouds filling the sky and no matter where you stood on the island the sight, smell and sound of the ocean was never far away.

I would be a horrible future anthropologist and deserving of an "F" in all my cultural classes if I painted a picture of a virtual paradise where life is perfect. Of course this is not the case. Amid the lush green landscape there are scores of house foundations that have been abandoned. The roofless and windowless structures are the results of hopeful men looking to build homes for their families only to find that the cost of materials to be shipped from the U.S. and other Bahamian islands was too much for them to afford. The major employer on the island is Club Med where the locals work long hard hours serving rich white people. The owner of the Club Med was known by one of my Bahamian friends as some "rich French guy" who was looking to build another hotel on one of the oldest and most historically significant sites on the island, paying no mind to the potential environmental and cultural damage he could cause. There is also a problem with a shortage of women. According to one local, there are 200 females for about 800 males, a ratio that made three men desperate enough to propose marriage to

Still, being back in the states I couldn't help but long for just one more day on San Salvador. With race related violence never out of our news, it was beautiful and almost unreal to sit down to a game of dominoes with five black men or challenge a Rastafarian to a game of pool. All the people were friendly and hospitable and always more than happy 🕱 to answer my annoying questions about life on the island. And of course I learned the proper techniques involved in Encheological excavation and even found a few pieces of pottery. It was an a few pieces of pottery. It was an experience I will never forget and by far the best summer of my life. But how was vour vacation?

Permission to Park

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Services is actually bragging about replacing the old sticker permits with new hanging ones. Wow, now if that isn't worth \$150, what is?

One of the most disappointing aspects of this new system is that, according to Michael Klein, the director of Parking Services, this was the option agreed upon by administrators and our own student leaders from organizations such as Polity and the Commuter Students Association. With so much talk about the alarming increase in tuition and ridiculously high text book prices, it is hard to believe that this pricey option was the best they could come up with. When asked about alternative free possibilities, Klein commented that four new shuttle busses are making a debut this fall. But those of you that have parked in South P and taken the ride over know that this is hardly progress. In fact many believe that the bus

system is a huge part of the problem.

The fact that these permits sold out in a matter of days, and that a waiting list with at least fifty additional names already exists, is proof that the student body is generally not opposed to this.

This is disconcerting especially when one learns that this is just the first in a future series of lots like this. The gravel lot near the Life Sciences building is set to be next, this one to be gated which means a higher fee. Will the next few years find a fee to be paid to park in South P? Will we have to have tokens to get on the shuttle busses? No one will deny the convenience of a close spot on this "1100 acre campus" and its obviously worth paying to some of you. But how much will it be in the spring? What will you be charged for next? Student support of this system sends a message that we are willing to watch a price tag attach itself to everything. Driving is expensive enough, don't support it getting any worse.

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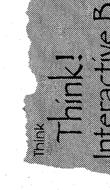


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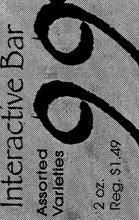
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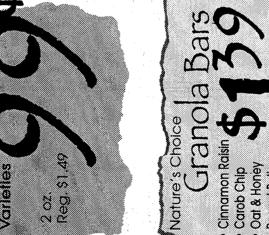


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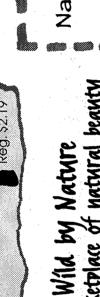
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JULIE MINGIONE Statesman Editor

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This growth in courses offered, ranging from Astronomy to Web Design, have university officials expecting a rapid increase in enrollment.

The program, which started out with 119 students and eight courses in 1995-96, now has allows the student the freedom to sign on to their 5,000 students and more are expected in the coming school year.

student population on-line, the University has made important strides toward expanding our commitment to an accessible afford, high quality the SLN would not otherwise be able to do so education for all New Yorkers," said SUNY Chancellor John W. Ryan.

The hike in popularity of the SLN is due primarily to factors of convenience, says one SLN student. "I always get front row parking. I never have a bad hair day." The prospect of being able to roll out of bed, anywhere in the world at any time day or night and "attend" class through a computer is likely to be a big draw for older Program, targeted for graduate students at Stony students, parents, and working people, as well as Brook, actually prefer teaching through the

One Thousand Classes to be Offered This Year

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The SLN is an asynchronous network, which courses at any time, from anywhere, and do coursework at their own pace, which accounts for "By reaching out to an increasingly diverse the students in Thailand, Singapore, Germany and chat rooms or e-mail. other countries participating in the program.

> "Many of the students taking courses through because of work and home schedules or their distance from one of our campuses," Ryan said.

> To accommodate the expected increase in students participating in the network, university officials are currently trying to coerce more faculty members to take part in the on-line courses. Instructors like Patricia Baker, who established and directs the Electric Extension

Internet, but most are still wary of the technology and not volunteering to participate in the program. Last year, only two instructors at Stony Brook participated in the program.

David Jaffe, a professor at SUNY New Paltz, sees the increase in demand for the SLN as a method of "closing the gap between the isolated independent student and the other human participants-namely instructors and students-who can enhance the learning process."

As in a regular classroom setting, students in SLN will be expected to read course materials, write papers, conduct research and communicate with classmates and instructors, although through

As for tuition, the SLN will remain at the standard SUNY charge, as set forth by the Board of Trustees and students will be eligible for financial assistance.

The finances for the program can be attributed to sources such as the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, a philanthropic organization run out of New York City. The organization has supported the SLN from its conception with three monetary awards, and has just allocated another \$1.3 million to the network. In all, the Sloan Foundation has granted the SUNY Learning Network \$4.1 million since



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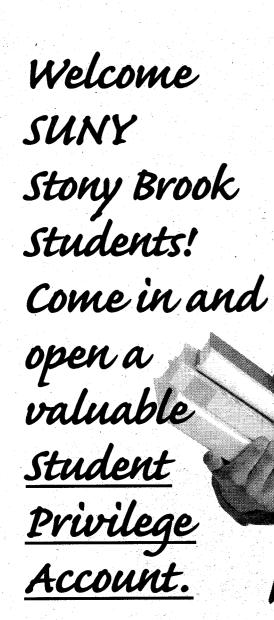
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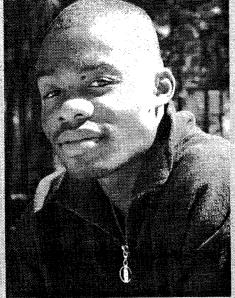
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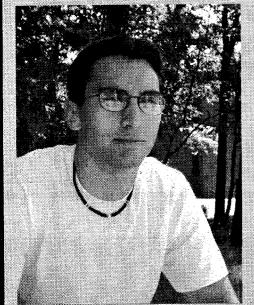
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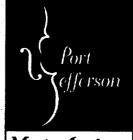
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University Hospital Leads the News

August 15

7:07 am

On the second level of the parking garage, a vehicle was found with the passenger side window broken. Police were unable to contact the owner.

4:05 pm

An employee at the University Hospital was injured when his arm was caught between the doors of a closing elevator on the third floor.

August 16

1:32 am

A man dropped off a patient at the University Hospital. He was supposed to park his car but instead he took it and returned eight hours later. No charges were filed.

9:26 am

A medical emergency was called into the University Hospital with a female having chest pains.

9:46 pm

In the University Hospital parking garage, a car rolled back from its parking space into another car causing

minor damage.

8:29 pm In room S235 in the math tower

officers responded to an alarm. Upon arrival the area was secure. The cause of the alarm was unknown.

August 17

4:50 am

There was an accident Forest Drive and the South Gate where a male crashed bicycle into a tree. The subject was taken to University Hospital and treated for

lacerations to the face. The bicycle was secured in police head quarters.

occurred.

10:51 pm

Police went to Chapin apartments on a harassment call because roommates were being disorderly.

Blotter of the Week

August 24

2:27 pm

In Toscanini a person was driving around

in a vehicle exposing himself. The

subject was reported to police and

arrested. The subject is a Stony Brook

resident and this is the second time it has

harassed via email.

10:14 pm

Someone stole a wallet from the

University Hospital. The wallet contained credit cards and other wallet-related items.

August 18

9:38 am

Police were called to Chapin apartments where a tractor trailer was blocking operations.

3:36 pm

A Hospital patient got locked in a bathroom and after repeated tries could not get out. The patient became disoriented accidentally pushed

a code M or panic button.

8:46 pm

Police responded to an aggravation/ harassment call to Schomburg apartments. Someone was being

1:42 pm

There was a report of skateboarders

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around the math and physics buildings. Upon police arrival, the skateboards A student threatened another student were confiscated.

8:54 pm

In the Intensive Care Unit of the University Hospital, there was a report of a smell of smoke. A bag of burnt popcorn was later found to be the source of the smell.

2:49 am

In the University Hospital, a male got trapped in elevator #4 which had wires and the shaft exposed. The subject was later released.

6:55 am

A doctor from the University Hospital reported that he was being harassed by another motorist.

3:37 pm

reported to be rollerblading off the building. Two of the subjects were identified.

6:36 pm

In the metered lot at the Indoor Sports Complex, a passenger side window of a car was found smashed with a handbag removed. It was later recovered with nothing missing.

11:54 pm

A black pocketbook containing personal papers and keys was taken from the University Hospital.

August 20

10:59 am

A pay phone was stolen from the Life Sciences construction site.

12:05 pm

Suspicious persons were reported setting off firecrackers. Subjects were gone upon police arrival.

2:36 am

In James building, two students under the influence of alcohol were accused of verbally harassing a Residence Life escorted off campus. No one was a motorcyclist doing wheelies dumped referred to student affairs.

3:20 am

An 85 year old man was reported missing from his floor. The subject later returned on his own.

August 21

7:42 pm

At the University Hospital a A male patient from the Veteran's potentially psychotic patient was Home was taken to the University making threats to a third party.

Setter scores. Refrer et notes j

6:30 pm

with a wrench on the Athletic Fields. The attacker was arrested.

August 23

7:23 am

Vandalism was reported inside a hallway in the Psychology A building. Molding was removed from some of the walls.

10:37 am

A counterfeit 100 dollar bill was attempted to be used in the Student

August 25

7:42 am

A blue Geo Metro car had been abandoned for a few months on In Javits Plaza, some people were campus. Attempts to reach the owner failed.

August 26

3:31 pm

Two bomb threats were called into the Melville Library. The building was searched but nothing was found. The suspect was a male and it was later ruled a prank call.

August 27

3:40 pm

In Putnam Hall, a female was found in the hallway with slashed wrists. She was taken to the University Hospital in a psychiatric emergency.

August 28

1:16 am

In Irving College, a suspicious odor was found coming from a room. The RA called for assistance. The call was discovered to be unfounded and all appeared in order.

August 29

1:33 pm

staff member. The students were At North Loop Road and SAC Drive, off its passenger.

August 30

8:13 pm

A cell phone was stolen from Toscanini College. September I

1:12 pm

Hospital with urinary problems.

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A Warm Welcome

Author McBride Speaks at Convocation

By MICHAEL KWAN Statesman Editor

At the start of each academic year, the University invites a guest to speak to the New Student Convocation. This year was no different when author and musician James McBride appeared before an

"You have to find out what you like to do," said McBride.

assembly of freshman and transfer students last Tuesday to welcome them to the University.

McBride, "the son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white," is the author of the book "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother," which has been on the New York Times best seller list for over a year. In it, McBride tells the story of his childhood with ten siblings and his relationship with his mother, whom he still lovingly calls Mommy. The daughter of a Polish rabbi, she ran away and married McBride's father, a black minister. "My mother was, and is, a very weird person. She was a white woman who insisted she wasn't white."

During the lecture, McBride told the students that they "have the right to make mistakes... and the right to fail." Even in spite of the high expectations of the people who helped them get to where they are

"You have to find out what you like to do," he said. "The things that are your hobbies, those are the things that you have to try to create your world around...don't think about the money," he said. "If you like what you do enough, you'll make plenty of money."

McBride himself is a musician in addition to being an author. He has written for the Boston Globe, People Magazine and the Washington Post. Currently he is working on a biography about Quincy Jones, the famed musician and producer.

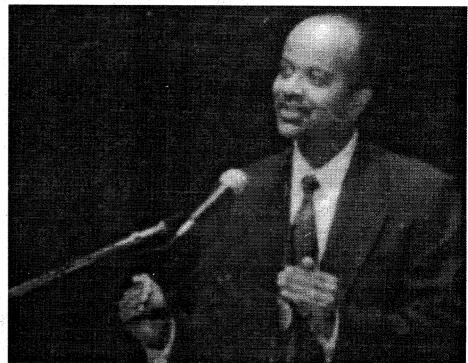
Also among the speakers at the

convocation were President Shirley Strum Kenny, Acting Provost Robert McGrath, Polity President Andrez Carberry, and Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston. Since this school year is designated by the Administration to be the year of community, each gave their own viewpoint about Stony Brook's sense of community.

Vice President Preston gave the opening remarks, welcoming the new students to the campus. "We hope that this will be one of the many exciting new beginnings and challenges that you will experience in your lives," he said.

"You will find us committed and concerned and eager to help you succeed in any way you can," said Preston.

Following Preston was President Kenny. "It is a great pleasure to look out and see you here because you are our future... you are what we are all about," she said. "Together we will continue to make Stony Brook a



James McBride spoke at the convocation.

better and better place."

new students to get involved in extracurricular activities. "We know that much of the learning at the University happens outside the

classroom and outside the President Kenny encouraged the laboratory," she said, important thing is to be able to communicate together, to work together to make Stony Brook the very best university in the country."

New General Education Requirements Announced

Julie Mingione Statesman Editor

The State University of New York is already thinking about the 2000-01 academic year, announcing its new general education requirements.

Last December, the SUNY Board of Trustees adopted resolution 98-241 which created a General Education Requirement for all baccalaureate degree candidates on every SUNY campus. To insure the implementation of the resolution's guidelines, SUNY provost Peter D. Salins has created the Provost's Advisory Task Force on General Education. This organization of campus presidents, chief academic officers, faculty, and students includes Stony Brook's own President, Shirley Strum Kenny.

The Provost's Task Force is divided into four different sects, each with a different responsibility. The jobs of the groups are to interpret the meaning of the resolution and to assist each campus with any concerns they may encounter during its execution. For better assistance, they will develop specifications that will help the resolution requirements be consistent throughout SUNY and to recognize the necessary resources to begin the resolution implementation.

It should be noted, however, that the General Education initiative is a "work in process, and this is the first step", according to Jon Sorensen, a SUNY representative. It will continuously be looked over and assessed to make sure it is implemented effectively, according to the report of by Provost's Task Force.

The General Education requirement deems it necessary that all baccalaureate degree students complete a program of no fewer than 30 credit hours in 10 knowledge and skill areas which includes mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, American history, western civilization, other world civilizations, humanities, the arts, foreign language. and basic communication, and in two competencies, including critical thinking and information management.

According to the official report, the new requirements will be presented

by each of the SUNY campuses in a variety of formats. Each campus' faculty will decide how to deliver the terms of the Resolution and whether or not to have more than one General Education curriculum. subject areas are flexible and unspecific, as each of the knowledge areas does not designate a "course". example, after completing an introductory math course, students should be competent in algebra, geometry, data analysis, and quantitative reasoning, according to Sorensen.

To prevent repetitious study, students with Advanced Placement credits or who show a college-level proficiency in a specific skill area or competency will be offered waivers and exemptions.

Task Force Co-Chairperson Murial A. Howard, president of Buffalo State College, is "pleased that this task force, with so many voices and perspectives, could reach a consensus on how these new standards should be implemented before the fall 2000 semester."



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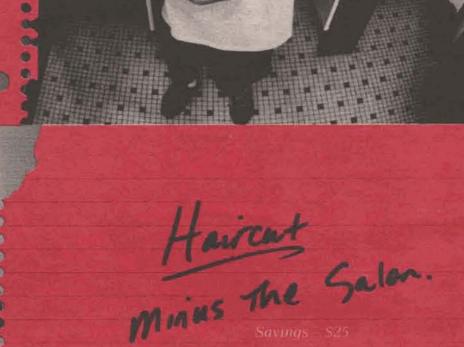
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Striking a Deal

SUNY Union Settles Contract With Pataki

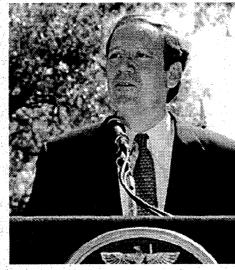
The union representing faculty and professional staff on State University of New York campuses has reached a deal with the Pataki administration on a tentative four-year contract, officials said.

The agreement calls for 3 percent salary increases across the board for each year of the contract, as well as a payment of \$500 to each United University Professions member "as soon as practicable" following approval by rank-and-filers of the pact. The deal would also have to be ratified by the state Legislature.

Leaders of the 23,000-member union say they will put the tentative contract up for a vote in September.

The state's negotiations with its unions, most of whom have been working without a contract since April 1, have been closely watched. No union has made a deal with the Pataki administration since the tentative pact it reached with leaders of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) was rejected by union members.

That CSEA contract provided for a total 11 percent pay increase over four years but no cash payment after negotiators went back to the table and ratification, a provision of the United offered four years of "zeroes," meaning University Professions pact that seems no raises whatsoever, to the two unions. designed to win its approval in a vote Pataki has denied that accusation.



among rank-and-filers.

the Public Employees Federation - have Scheuerman said. There is also a been locked in bitter negotiations with provision allowing members to trade in the administration since the CSEA pact three sick days a year for a \$300 credit was voted down. Leaders of both unions they can apply to health care premiums. contend that Gov. George Pataki's

Both unions have staged numerous protests and rallies against the Pataki administration in recent months.

Pataki said the pact with United University Professions demonstrates "we are ready and willing to negotiate in good faith with our public employees."

The president of the educators' union, William Scheuerman, said the contract would also provide valuable gains for the part-timers who make up 40 percent of the union's membership. Currently, those members typically lose health insurance coverage for 40 days at the start of each academic year and during summers.

The contract would provide for 26 weeks' worth of health coverage for The two largest unions - CSEA and each semester a part-timer works,

"It's a good contract," Scheuerman

said.

But one of the people responsible for the defeat of the CSEA tentative contract said the United University Professions deal sounds almost no different from the one that the CSEA reached. Dennis Quirk of Manhattan is head of the State Court Officers union. He organized his members and those in other state employees unions to urge CSEA rank-and-filers to reject their contract in March.

Quirk's justification in fighting the CSEA pact was that the first one the state negotiates with one of the big unions sets the tone and parameters for all the others to follow.

He said he would regard the United University Professions contract in the same light.

"We would be opposed to that deal," Quirk said. "Bonuses are not pensionable... Most state employees are not fooled by bonus money. They know it is one-shot money."

Scheuerman countered that the contract his negotiators reached is "very different," and far superior, to the CSEA's deal.

Hats Off to '99 Graduates

By RAYA EID Statesman Contributor

Faculty, family and friends gathered last week to honor this year's Stony Brook graduates at the 39th University Commencement Exercises.

The proud graduates and distinguished faculty members marched into the Sports Complex to a processional played by the Long Island Brass Guild. Following the march and the National Anthem, University President Shirley Strum Kenny gave the commencement address, congratulating graduates for their hard work and wishing them luck in their future

special time not only for you, but for Stony Brook. It is the time when we know the importance of what we do because we realize the impact that you—our graduates—will have on the future," Kenny said.

The student speaker representing the class of 1999 was Sayed Ali, who gave a speech dedicated to all the Yang were among the few scholars mothers in the audience. Ali, a distinguished student with a degree in Physical Anthropology, also undergraduate

Thirty-ninth Commencement Ceremonies Held

Excellence Award and was recognized as a Summa Cum Laude and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Ali also served as Vice President of the Student Polity Association and Chair of Polity Senate. In his speech, Ali described himself as a proud product of Stony Brook and he shared his various college experiences with the audience and classmates. After being raised in Nairobi, Kenya, Ali arrived to Stony Brook in 1995 to begin his college education and he "Commencement is a very suffered from what he called a severe "culture shock." Away from his home and family, Ali struggled to make a new life at Stony Brook. "I set my mind to achieve my goals and I learned to strive," he said. "I put all lessons together, I learned never to give up," said Ali.

Charles Johnson and Chen Ning to receive Honorary Degrees. Johnson, a professor, cartoonist, literary critic, screenwriter, television host and producer came to

Stony Brook to work on his doctorate in philosophy. Johnson has written four novels and 20 screenplays since he left Stony Brook in 1976 to teach at the University of -Washington. Johnson's literary and creative contributions have earned him a National Endowment for the Arts grant, a Guggenheim fellowship, Southern Illinois University's creation of the Charles Johnson Award for Fiction and Poetry, and his naming as one of Stony Brook's 40 most illustrious alumni.

Yang, an Albert Einstein Professor Emeritus at Stony Brook's Institute for Theoretical Physics, was also an honorary degree recipient. Perhaps his most outstanding scientific achievement was receiving the 1957 Nobel Prize in physics. Yang joined Stony Brook faculty in 1966 as director of the Institution for Theoretical Physics, where he served up until his recent retirement in January 1999. Having served on several committees and academies, Yang is considered one

of the world's leading physicists and his presence at Stony Brook has helped Stony Brook emerge into an outstanding research university.

Many awards were given out to the graduates. This year's Ward Melville Valedictorian award, which University's distinguished undergraduate honor, was given to two graduating seniors, Daniel Greenbaum and Ellen Hoffman, who have attained the most outstanding academic record during their four years at Stony Brook.

The ceremony concluded with the conferral of degrees by President Kenny whose voice was drowned by the sporadic cheers and waves of the graduates.

Graduate Teri McLaren received her bachelor's degree in psychology and graduated as a Summa Cum Laude and is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society. "It took me five years to get all of this, but I'm so thrilled right now," she said.

Proud father of graduate Carisa Manza watched the ceremony in tears. "It was a magnificent ceremony that brought out a lot of and essential accomplishments," he said.

First Annual Stony Brook Pow Wow Held

By JENNIFER KESTER Statesman Editor

Stony Brook University held its first annual powwow on June 18, replete with dancing and drum competitions, basket weaving and bone carving seminars and caribou burgers.

The powwow, which means gathering of people, was the first on Long Island to be held indoors.

The weekend long event, co-sponsored by the Montaukett Indian Nation, a tribe indigenous to Long Island, was attended by approximately 10,000 people, in addition to several thousand Native Americans from the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Westbury to visit the vendors who sold Native American jewelry and crafts, and to see the dancing. "Everything was excellent, especially the grand entry," she said, referring to the traditional opening of ceremonies dance event. "They had so many dance and drum groups, I saw Native Americans from all over the country," said Gardiner, who regularly attends powwows.

Ted Wood, of the Abenaki tribe, came from Richmond, Virginia to perform in the powwow. "The best dancers in the Indian world were here today," he said. Wood, who is retired and travels all over the east coast to participate in powwows, said that the camaraderie between the Native Americans was what made the events special.

Wood, along with other participants, wore full Native Carol Gardiner, who is half Shinnecock, came from American garb, with face paint, feathers, and brilliantly



A performer in the Grand Entry.

Provost Richmond To Leave SBU

By Jennifer Kester Statesman Editor

Provost Rollin Richmond will be leaving Stony Brook next fall to take over as provost at Iowa State University.

"Rollin Richmond has an outstanding background as both a professor in the biological sciences and as a university administrator. He will be a valuable asset to Iowa State," said ISU President Martin Jischke.

The appointment, effective September 15, was unexpected for Richmond who has been with Stony Brook since 1995.

The move will return Richmond to the Midwest where he spent most of his academic career and move him closer to his family.

"It was an important opportunity that you don't know will come up again," he said.

Richmond, who describes himself as a "one time scientist turned administrator," said he was attracted to ISU because of the opportunities available in the sciences, distance learning and because it is an established land grant

Among his accomplishments at Stony Brook, Richmond said that he was particularly proud of bringing in good administrators and helping build the College of Arts and Sciences into the cohesive structure it is today.

"I will miss the stimulating intellect I experienced at Stony Brook and the diversity of the students. Iowa doesn't have as many different students and student backgrounds,"

Although the University has not yet announced who will take over for Richmond, the next step for the University is to name a search committee to find appropriate candidates.

colored headdresses. About 500 Native Americans competed in the dancing competitions, with more than \$50,000 in prize money being awarded. Proceeds from ticket sales went to scholarships for Native Americans and other underrepresented

"This powwow afforded people the opportunity to learn," said powwow spokesman Lewis Goldberg.

Seminars and lectures were held on Native American spiritual beliefs and environment, issues Native American women face and symbolism in Native American art. Meanwhile children were offered courses on beading and teepee painting.

Scott Harris, co-chair and founder of the powwow, said that the University would try to make the powwow an annual

"We'd love to come back if they have it," said Wood.

Tennessee Williams Alive on the Net

Theatre Class Creates On-line Index to Williams' Works

By Laura Fiore Statesman Contributor

When complete, a new website, to be created by students in THR 525 (Topics in Theatre) will provide an on-line index of over 70 one act and full length plays written by Tennessee Williams, including both published and unpublished materials.

The website can be accessed at www.sinc.sunysb.edu/class/thr525, and it is believed to be the first site to index Williams'

This index supplies information for each play including the year it was written, number of characters, setting, plot synopsis, information on original as well as other significant productions, location of original manuscript if unpublished, and more.

This "virtual file" also provides links to other Williams websites and an area known as "Ye Olde Tennessee Williams Curiosity Shoppe," a series of mini-webpages dedicated to other aspects of the playwright's life.

"This class creates a model to think and break outside of the classroom box. It allows the class' hard work to reverberate beyond the walls and share the information with many

people and help shape a community of people with like interests worldwide," said Joe Jeffreys, the instructor for THR 525. Jeffreys, who is a self-described Southern-born Williams buff, officially launched the website this past March in New Orleans at the Tennessee Williams Literary Festival and Scholars Conference, but said the hard part of finding students to help remained. Jeffreys put fliers into all the Theatre, English and Comparative Literature graduate student mailboxes to recruit students.

Jeffreys admits that the challenge of the class may have been a bit daunting, estimating that each of the class' seven students devotes an average of six hours per week on the graduate level class. In addition to reading and researching ten plays apiece and posting information on the class webpage, each student is responsible for creating their own "William's spin-off page" according to their own interest in the man, his life or work.

The only undergraduate in the class, junior theatre major T.J. Fitzgerald, created a web page with photos detailing the life of Williams' longtime companion Frank Merlo.

Students finish the course having acquired many valuable skills, Jeffreys said,



The THR 525 Website

including traditional and non-traditional research techniques and the ability to create and maintain websites.

"It's an interesting course, combining technology with literature," said Dorothy

Bauer, a first year graduate student who investigated Williams' drug use.

Classmate Charlie Bandler agreed. "The best thing [about the class] is it gives you an opportunity to learn about a great writer and also the Internet, "he said.

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Chartering a New Course

First Charter Schools Open in NY This Fall

By Michael Kwan Statesman Editor

Following the lead of several other states across the country, the State University of New York Board of Trustees approved New York's first three charter schools earlier this summer.

The three schools, the John A. Reisenbach Charter School and the Sisulu Victory Academy-Harlem Charter School, both in Harlem; and the New Covenant Charter School, in Albany are slated to open this fall.

"By approving these charters, we have taken another step forward under Governor Pataki's vision of improving public education opportunities for all children," said Thomas F. Egan, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Nearly 1000 children between kindergarten and fifth grade will attend the three schools this fall.

Charter schools are designed to provide an innovative option for parents who are dissatisfied with local public schools.

These schools, and those following them, will receive state funding like regular public schools but will be largely independent. The difference is each charter school must have its charter approved by SUNY officials before becoming eligible for state

The charters are essentially contracts between the companies running the schools, which may consist of a corporation made of educators, parents, and nonprofit organizations; and the state, which sets down the terms under which the schools operates, primarily to bring innovation and competition to the state's school system.

With signed, and then issued charters, these special applicants can truly begin the task of

New Schools to Provide Alternative for **Dissatisfied Parents**

improving education for children desperately in need of better educational opportunities," said Randy Daniels, University Trustee and Co-Chair of the Trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools. The vote, held on June 15, unanimously approved the three schools opening this fall, and five more to be opened in the Fall of 2000, the Amber Charter School, Washington Heights, Manhattan; Flushing International Charter School, Flushing; The Harbor Science and Arts Charter School, Harlem; Syracuse Charter School, Syracuse and Victory Children's Academy Long Island Charter School, Roosevelt.

The law allows for a total of 100 schools to be

eventually created, but poses no restrictions on how many public schools may convert to being charter schools. All that is necessary for a public school to become a charter school is the majority vote of both teachers and parents in the school's community, pending the approval of the Board of Regents and local school board.

However, the approval of the three schools is not without controversy.

The Albany School District has considered suing the State over its lack of involvement in the decision making process. "It is disheartening that SUNY gave us such little time to comment on the proposed charter so much so that they are receiving our recommendations on the very day in which they are expected to approve the school," Albany School Board President Theresa Swidorski said.

Albany's school district was notified just one day before the Board's vote over the approval. Under the law, SUNY is required to notify the local district so that it could hold public hearings on the proposition. Moreover, Albany's officials would like to reduce the number of children in New Covenant from 550 to 300 to reduce the strain on the district's resources.

Scott W. Steffey, president of the SUNY Charter School Institute said, "We are delighted with the Trustees' approval of our recommended

Mingling With the Stars Directors and Actors Attend SB Film Fest

By Jennifer Kester

Statesman Editor

Actress Bai Ling and director Sollace Mitchell turned out last Wednesday to promote their movie "Row Your Boat," the film that kicked off this year's Stony Brook Film Festival.

The movie, which made its East Coast premiere at the Staller Center, features Ling (from "Red Corner" and "Wild Wild West") and rocker Jon Bon Jovi (from Moonlight and Valentino).

Bon Jovi stars in the film as Jamey, an ex-con trying to make good. But with crime tempting an easy out, he hits roadblocks to getting his life on track. Along the way he meets Chun Hua, a beautiful Chinese woman with a child and a husband. The two bond and subsequently fall in love.

The drama, which drew in 750 moviegoers, provided plenty of laughs for the audience, as in the scenes where Jamey teaches Chun Hua how to speak English. The movie, though, audience members

agreed, is mostly a love story.

Mitchell said that despite the fame of Bon Jovi and the increasing Hollywood presence of Ling, the two were easy and agreeable to work with.

"Bon Jovi was a real great guy to have on the set," Mitchell said, "he has no big demeanor and likes to just hang out."

Ling had a sweet innocence in the movie, he added, and was a great addition to the cast.

Ling said that she took the role because of her own travails as a immigrant to America. "I admire her courage and identify with her sadness and loneliness," Ling said of her character. Ling only came to America five years ago as a visiting scholar to New York University Film School and did not speak English. "She talked differently, had no money and no friends. I went through the same stages."

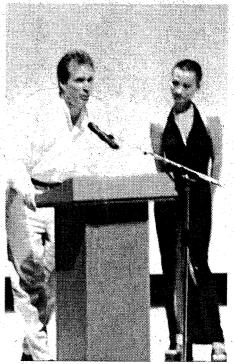
But Ling showed that she has done a lot since then. She showed off her shaved head, cut for her upcoming movie called "Anna and

the King," where she plays opposite from Jodie Foster.

Mitchell said that he hopes "Row Your Boat" is able to get picked up by a distributor that would open the film in six to eight urban cities. Mitchell, who also wrote the 1989 thriller "Call Me," said he had problems getting the financing for the \$1.5 million film. But a live theater reading of the script drummed up interest. And after two failed attempts, the movie was made.

Despite the problems, Mitchell still thinks it was worth it. "There is nothing more gratifying as a director when you hear people laughing when they are supposed to and gasping when they are supposed to," he said.

After the movie cast, crew, and movie attendees were invited to a reception at Planet Dublin, a nightclub on Nesconset Highway in Stony Brook. There Mitchell, along with other film fest directors mingled with movie-goers. Ling signed autographs and posed for pictures between dance numbers.



Director Sollace Mitchell and actress Bai Ling introduced the movie before sitting down and watching it with the crowd.

Alan Inkles, director of the Staller Center, said that opening night for the Festival went well. "It was a great night," he said.

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Simpson Named New English Chair

By PETER GRATTON Statesman Editor

In the wake of the resignation of English Chair Lee Edelman last spring that rocked a department already mired by in-fighting, the University has named Philosophy Professor Lorenzo Simpson to take charge as interim chair this fall.

Simpson was named, University President Shirley Strum Kenny said, because of the now public bickering between various factions within the English Department. "It is advantageous to appoint an acting chair," she said, "who is not perceived as part of one faction or another."

Simpson came to the University less than a year ago, taking a position as full professor in the Philosophy Department last fall. Before that, Simpson had six years experience as chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Richmond. The appointment of Simpson to head the English Department, Kenny said, is "ideal" because "he is not historically connected to any faction."

The naming of a chair from outside the department, which will place English "in receivership," is not unusual, given the department's problems in coming together, Kenny said. "Other universities have taken this approach in such circumstances. I myself used it very successfully on a number of occasions when I was provost at the University of Maryland at College Park, and found the departments grateful for the solution."

President Kenny Calls the Philosophy Professor an "Ideal" Appointment

Kenny added, "It was very effective in cooling tempers and providing opportunities for a given department to heal its wounds."

Simpson will have more than faculty infighting to deal with when he takes over in the fall. Graduate students in the department have become increasingly demoralized, saying that their future degrees have been watered down as the controversies within the department have gained nation-wide attention.

The controversy began mid-way through the spring when Edelman announced that he was resigning after less than a year on the job, blaming the long standing schism within the department between literary theorists and literature historians. After Edelman's resignation announcement, Kenny suspended the searches for new English faculty that Edelman was to lead into the late spring and early summer. That decision touched off

another storm of controversy when Tufts University Professor Modhumita Roy stepped forward to claim that the University had already offered her a position on the faculty before it had suspended the searches. If Roy's claims are true, English graduate students say, then the integrity of the entire University has been put at risk.

"I feel very little connection to the English department," said Melissa Chinchillo, an English graduate student, "Our department will eventually rebuild itself, but this process has been seriously damaged by what many of us believe to be unethical decision-making."

"It will be difficult," Chinchillo added, "to hire first-rate scholars, who will no doubt be wary of an institution that does not appear to honor its commitments."

Chinchillo and other University students have held several sit-ins at the president's office, appealing for the hiring of Roy. In addition, Michael Sprinker, a professor of comparative studies and Roy's husband, has said he will not be teaching in the fall, taking an unpaid leave, because of his anger over the administration's handling of the incidents.

For her part, Kenny has refused to change her position regarding the hiring of Roy. "The issues in regards to Professor Roy have been misrepresented," Kenny said. "At the time of that decision [to terminate the searches] no formal offer had been made to Dr. Roy."

Construction Begins on SAC Phase II

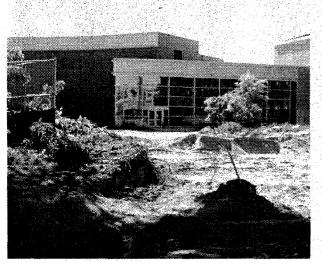
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Statesman Editor

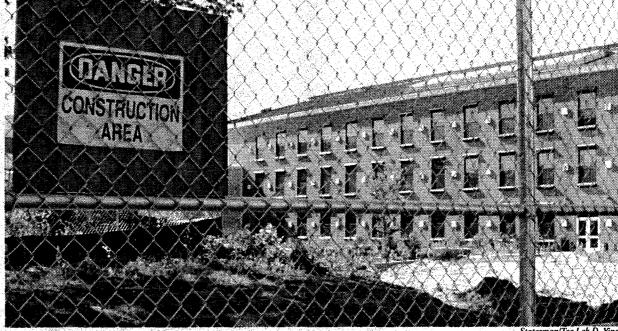
With Stony Brook University undergoing many construction and renovation projects throughout the campus, the construction of Phase II of the Student Activities Center has begun

The designs, handled by Kevin Hom and Andrew Goldman Architecture, will feature a ballroom that will serve as a multipurpose room. Also included will be meeting rooms student and administrative offices, a lounge and an art gallery. The Wellness Center, which offers exercise and fitness activities such as aerobics, will be moved from its location in the current Student Activities Center basement to the second building. SAC Phase II will be completed in approximately two to three years.

The construction will cost \$9 million, which will come from the State University of New York Capitol Construction Money. This fund will also provide money for other construction projects on campus, including a 7500-seated stadium, which will break ground this spring, and the Center for Molecular Medicine, which will be completed in January.

There are also plans to expand the Student Activities





Construction for SAC Phase II began this summer.

five years," said Matthews.

Other projects in the works include the planned renovations for the Humanities Building, which are currently under design. The Heavy Engineering Building will also be renovated in the next year, as well as the Health Science

The fountain on the Academic Mall is still under construction, and is slated to have 80 to 90 percent of its walking surfaces completed by fall to eliminate the many detours on campus. The project marks the first phase of a larger vision to redesign the central core of campus. The fountain is meant to unify the dispersed buildings in the Academic Mall and added landscaping will be put in to make the campus less bland and minimalistic, according to Beyer, Blinder, Belle Architects and Planners, the firm handling the project. However, unlike the SAC phase II, the funding for the fountains is funded locally.

funding has not yet been secured and no concepts or plans have been announced, there has been some discussion to include retail spaces to fit the needs of the students. With ideas ranging from supermarkets to clothing stores, anything is a possibility. "I am excited about the construction," said Gary

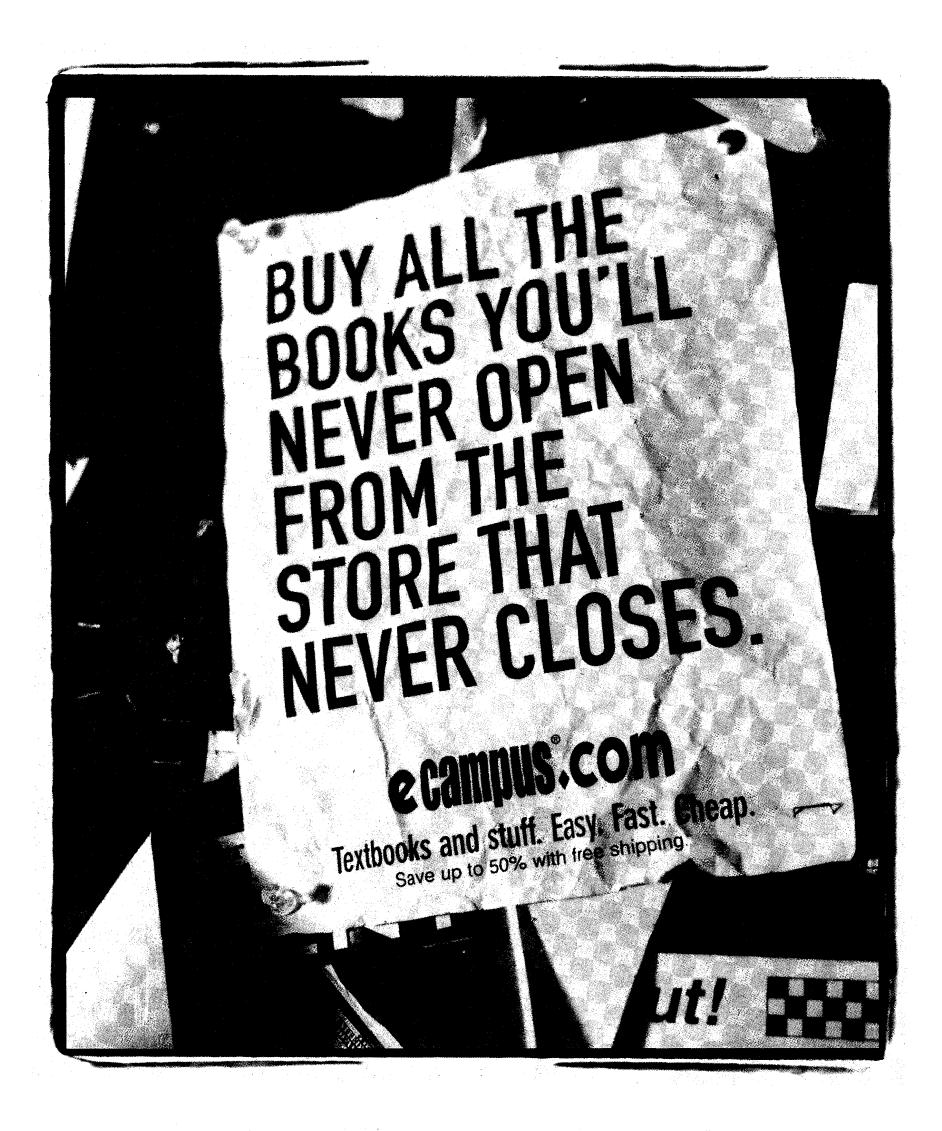
Center after the second phase. This third phase will be a

continuation of the building, making it three-sided. Although

"I am excited about the construction," said Gary Matthews, assistant vice president for facilities and services, "Unfortunately, it takes a long time to do."

The process of design and planning in and of itself is a three-year process. In the first year, the goals are established on what type of facility is wanted and needed. The second year is the designing stage where the constituency is consulted for ideas and thoughts. The third year is when construction begins and could take three to four years to complete.

"You are going to see a lot of construction in the next



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Election Results Announced

By Jennifer Kester Statesman Editor

After an election season delayed because of allegations of illegible petition signatures and controversy surrounding a new Polity Constitution proposal, the winners of the spring 1999 Polity elections and referenda were announced last week.

All undergraduate students were eligible to vote in the election, with only 12 percent choosing to do so.

The proposed Constitution, drafted by Polity Senator Brad Hausman, was passed 477 to 188. The new constitution will use a proportional student representation system as opposed to the former equal representation system. It also further separates the branches of the government, where the Polity Council will lose its voting power in the senate.

. Andrez Carberry, formerly the Polity junior representative, won the race for president. Running against Vincent D'Amore on the Commuter Student Association ticket, challenger John Sulit, and write-in candidate Andy Auguste. Carberry snagged 578 of the 927 votes cast. He has been an active member of Polity for three years.

Carberry's platform focused on the need for unity among the student body. "I believe that the Student Polity is a great organization that should work in more direct ways with the students, combine all its entities and show the administrators, students and other powers that we are reason for running. "If anything needs to be improved at a force to be reckoned with," he said prior to the election. Stony Brook it's communication, not only between

For vice president, junior Calvin Coleman won over Claudine Stuart, who served as CSA president last year. With his experience as the sophomore and freshman representative, Coleman's goal is to cure apathy on campus that he said results due to lack of communication between Polity and the students. "The main thing I would like to see change on this campus is the fact that people say 'I did not know' or 'I had no idea," he said.

The closest margin of the election was that for secretary. Lisa LaBarbera won by the relatively small margin of 98 votes over opponent Heather Wilbur.

Winners:

President - Andrez Carberry

Vice President - Calvin Coleman

Secretary - Lisa LaBarbera

Treasurer - Renee Johnson

LaBarbera was treasurer for the Center of Womyn's Concerns and worked in the Polity suite.

LaBarbera said that student apathy was her central

students and faculty, but also students and their government," she said.

Renee Johnson won the treasurer position over opponent Brad Hausman. Johnson has had prior leadership experience with the Caribbean Students Organization, in the Polity bookkeeping office and as a member of the senate. She plans to create "activities that encourage diversity, fun and education," and is looking to improve the relationship between the University administration and Polity.

Other winners include Naomi Johnson for senior representative, Orlando Gonzalez for junior representative, and Malika L. Granville for sophomore representative.

Aside from the Polity Council seats, students also voted on five referenda from organizations seeking funding from the student activities fee for the next three

The New York Public Research Interest Group won an overwhelming 93 percent of the vote to continue its \$3.00 per student per semester fee.

The Ice Hockey Club, which competes in sponsored games against other university teams, won a continuation of its \$1.25 per student per semester fee.

The \$.50 per student per semester allocation for the Roth Pond Regatta was passed.

The Student Polity Association Events Management Staff - Reimbursement referendum received their \$2.50 per student per semester fee with an additional \$.50 per semester increase.

Asian American Center Under Construction

By Tina Chadha Statesman Staff

Did you ever wonder about the construction going on behind the Staller Center? For those of you that still do not know, it's the foundation for the Charles B. Wang Asian American Center.

In December of 1996 Wang, founder of Computer Associates International which is the second largest software company in the world, gave Stony Brook \$25 million to build a new Asian American Cultural Center.

The donation, which is the largest private donation in SUNY history, came about when SBU professor Gary Mar asked Wang for help in converting an empty corridor in the Physics Building into the Asian American Center. After several meetings, both decided that Asian American studies needed more than just a hallway.

The Center will be completed in the fall 2000 and architect Pao-Hwa Tuan is heading the project. The building will have abstracted red gates surrounding the main entrance. The most prominent feature of the building will be the 100 foot tall octagonal tower of glass and

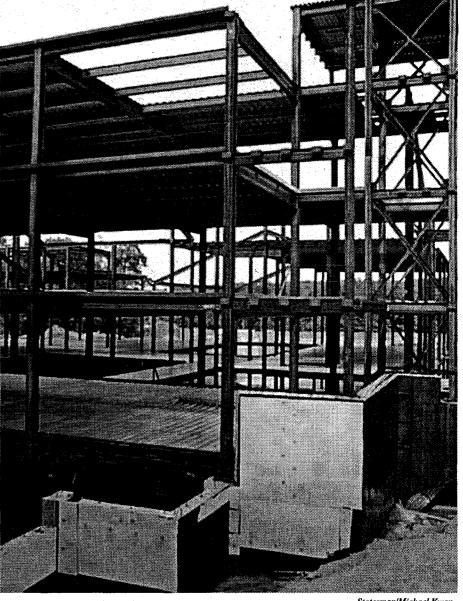
The Center will be divided into two sides. One side will contain a connected art gallery and museum, large lecture rooms, a theater and auditorium. The other will include computer facilities, student club rooms, lounges, administrative rooms, a reading room with international newspapers and journals, an oral history library and a wedding chapel. A food court is also planned that will include foods from all

Decorating outside will be twenty garden courtyards, each representing an Asian country. The most anticipated feature is the distance learning facilities. Video teleconferencing will be used so that professors and students at Stony Brook can communicate with those in Asia and all over the world.

Many wonder why Stony Brook has been chosen to receive this huge donation. "Mr. Wang's close ties with President Kenny and the relationship Computer Associates" are a factor said Gary Matthews, assistant vice president for facilities and services. "The latter being more important since Computer Associates has been active with the campus's computer science department. Businesses want access to the intellect and input from the students," he said, pointing out that the company's corporate headquarters are right on the Long Island Expressway.

Another factor could be of Wang's background. Wang is Chinese immigrant. At eight-years-old Wang and his family moved from Shanghai to Queens. In 1976 he graduated from Queens College, a member of the City University of New York.

"I do not want to construct classrooms or faculty office's for any one program or department," Wang said, "I want to build a bridge between Asia and America and Asian Americans and the majority culture and other minorities that would be used by everyone."



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The Asian American Center is under construction behind the Staller Center.

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Bad Book Buys

Legislation Fails to Pass that Would Create More **Competition Among Bookstores**

By Peter Gratton Editor Emeritus

This fall, as University students continue to suffer sticker shock over the price of school books, New York legislators will go into recess, having failed to pass legislation that proponents say would have forced university bookstores to lower their prices.

The legislation, sponsored by local Assemblyman Stephen Englebright, would have forced State University of New York administrators to release the book lists for classes to any outside organization seeking them. As of now, most SUNY campuses, including Stony Brook, provide this information only to designated campus bookstores. Other booksellers must then seek this information directly from the faculty members themselves, who have the right not to provide it to them.

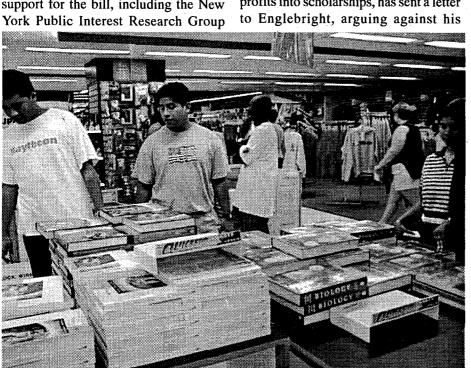
"The key is to provide competition so that textbook prices come down," said Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, a top aide to Englebright, noting that the assemblyman would raise the issue again when the Assembly goes back in session in January.

Student groups on a number of SUNY campuses have issued their support for the bill, including the New

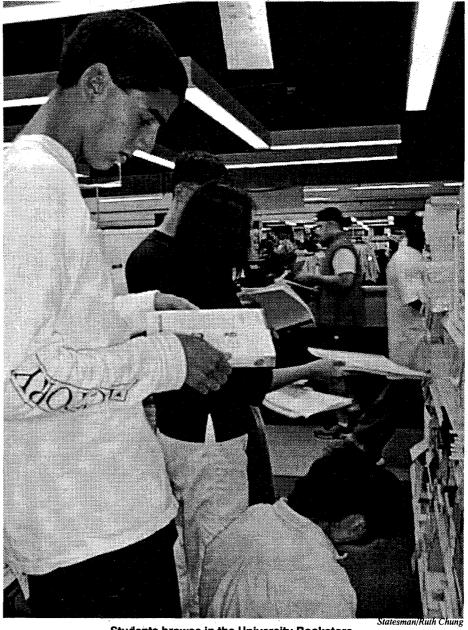
(NYPIRG) and the State Association of the State University of New York (SASU). "It is almost a universal experience of all college students to have to do battle with classmates to get the cheapest possible prices for course books," said Kirstin Swanson, SASU's president. "Enactment of this law will not only give students fuller access to textbooks at cheaper prices, making college that much more affordable, it will also serve to break the on-campus monopoly that franchise bookstores have on the college textbook market."

Margaret Mallon, a Stony Brook freshman said that the law would make it easier to find books at cheaper stores. "There would be more sales," Mallon said, noting that she had already spent \$200 on four books for her classes.

However, SUNY's campus bookstores have shot back, noting that a percentage of their profits is funneled back into the campus for scholarships and other students services. Independent bookstores do not have such obligations. Judy Lum, president of the Faculty Student Association, the University organization that converts some of the profits into scholarships, has sent a letter



Statesman/Ruth Chung



Students browse in the University Bookstore.

NYPIRG, in a statement released last week, denied, though, that campus bookstores would lose their profit margins if the bill should pass next year. "Campus affiliated bookstores will still have major advantages over local bookstores," the statement read. "These advantages include convenience, tabling on-campus, and more access to advertising.'

Fiore-Rosenfeld agreed, saying that student should not be forced to pay higher prices for books to help pay for the services of organizations such as FSA - whatever the benefit. "It's close to being a mandatory fee," he said.

and passage by the Assembly's Higher Education Committee, though, the bill failed to make it past the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee.

Students, though, need not wait for the possibility of the bill becoming law next year to see the benefits of more competition between booksellers for their money. Students are increasing using the Internet, with mixed results, trying to find online bargains for

Online companies have been

support for the bill, based on these offering students the chance to buy their textbooks over the Internet at prices sometimes 40 percent lower than college bookstores. But shipping costs can reduce or eliminate the savings and online companies don't always carry the books needed by the

> Still, it's a trend that's gaining momentum, say officials of online companies.

> Matt Johnson, chief executive officer of BIGWORKS, said companies like his have been doing very well in the \$3-billion-a-year textbook market.

"Students are looking for convenience in buying books and However, despite student support value," said Johnson, whose San Francisco-based company opened in August 1998. "We felt a key factor was to be able to offer students all their books in one location. We offer over two and a half million titles."

But regardless of whether the books are bought at campus bookstores or online, students agree it's still an expensive part of college life.

"I've spent over a \$100 so far and the bookstore hasn't gotten the rest of my books in yet," said Roseann Arizonis, a Stony Brook freshman, "They charge so much."

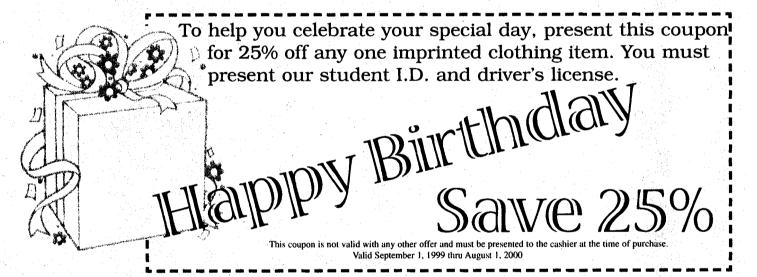


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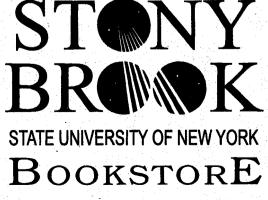
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The Show Goes On

A Look at this Season's Staller Events

By KAT FULGIERI Statesman Editor

With the start of a new school year comes a new season of shows and concerts at the Staller Center.

Incoming and returning students are who are faced with the college staples of loud pop music and MTV can take solace in the events that are scheduled at the Staller Center for the Arts this semester.

The Tokyo String Quartet will be performing on Sunday, October third at 7 p.m. The quartet is world-renowned for its tight and technical interpretations of string music. Mikhail Kopelman is the first-chair string whose presence is said to add immeasurably to a performance by the group.

Those who are fans of Broadway and musical theater may also be interested in the performance of "Anything Goes", a classic musical comedy that is being presented on Sunday, October the tenth at 7 p.m. Experienced actress Gloria Loring will be appearing in the lead role of this production.

Saturday October 23 will see the premiere of "Gala 99," and event that will feature the Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra and chorus with soloists from the Bolshoi Opera. The pieces performed will include samplings of well known operas, including "Carmen" and "Samson and Delila." The performance promises to be a large one, as the talent assembled will be a cross section of talented instrumentalists from all over Russia.

For any who feel that opera is overrated, the Staller Center will be featuring the guitarist Stanley Jordan on Saturday October 30. Jordan is considered by many to be a virtuoso, capable of feats on the guitar that many would not believe possible.

Some at the Staller Center have said that Jordan can make his stringed guitar sound like a keyboard, or a percussion instrument.

November 13 will bring about a transformation of the Staller Center main stage into an ice rink. The timeless "Romeo and Juliet" will be interpreted by an ice ballet group hailing from Russia. More than 150 costumes will be used for the production, which makes use of the Prokofiev score, and is being directed and supervised by Mikhail Shavdetueshvili.

Moving more into mainstream college culture, the Blessed Union of Souls will be performing for Stony Brook on Friday, November 19. The Blessed Union of Souls will be joined by their opening act, Tsidii Leloka, who is most famous for her composition and vocals for Disney's score for the movie "The Lion King."

The Staller Center also shows movies weekly. Scheduled screenings include popular films, including last years "The Matrix," and last summer's "Eyes Wide Shut." Disney fans will be able to enjoy "Tarzan," and students who frequent independent and less-publicized films will be treated to showing of "Run Lola Run", with Lili Taylor, and "The Red Violin."

Other movies planned for showing at the Staller Center this semester include "Entrapment", "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me," Will Smith's "Wild Wild West" and "The Generals Daughter.

Tickets for all Staller events are available by phone by calling (516)632-ARTS. Ticket reservations are also available online at the Staller Center Website.



The Tokyo String Quartet, and the St. Petersburgice Ballet will be appearing this fall.



The Blessed Union of Souls will be playing at the Staller Center on November 19.



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On The Road To Division I

Sports Analysis:

Macarchuk Named New Coach

By CLIFFORD MARK Statesman Editor

On Thursday the men's basketball team at Stony Brook took a decisive step in preparation for their first NCAA Division I season by hiring a new coach.

The Seawolves are anticipating that last year's Atlantic 10 coach of the year, Nick Macarchuck, will bring his experience to Stony Brook's basketball program.

A native of Norwich, Connecticut, Macarchuck has brought life to many basketball programs in his 22 years of Division I coaching. Macarchuk has accumulated 310 career victories and the Seawolves are hoping to capitalize on his winning magic to ease the transition they are facing.

In five years as an assistant coach with Providence College, Macarchuk made three NCAA appearances with one trip to the Final Four in 1973.

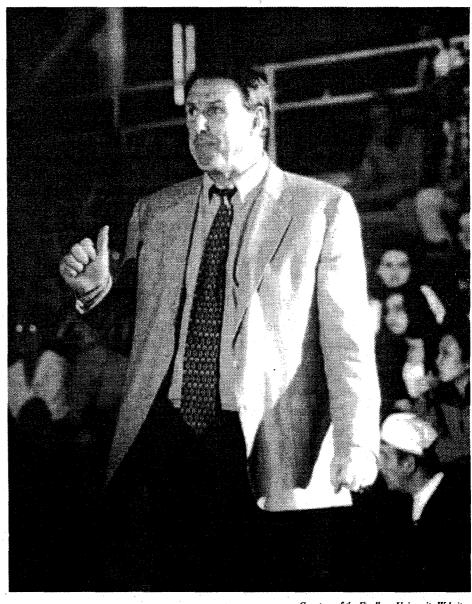
He then found an opportunity to move to another school and take over as a head coach for the first time in his career. As the head coach of Canisius College, Macarchuk provided the program with a much needed facelift. It took him eight years to create a team from the bottom up to make it to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). It only took him two more years to become the winningest coach in Canisius history with 149.

Nick Macarchuck was spotted next connections and support from the by the struggling University of University to attract top ranked recruits.

Fordham's basketball program which had its first back to back loosing seasons in its history. He revived their program and by 1987 Fordham was back into the NCAA Tournament. In 1992 he made it back to the "Dance" again with Fordham. By 1995 Macarchuk helped Fordham's basketball program make an unprecedented move from being in the Non-Scholarship Patriot league to the Atlantic 10 Conference which is one of the best in the country.

The University of Stony Brook found in Macarchuk a basketball coach with Division I experience and was looking to mold another basketball program from the bottom up. Macarchuck was looking for job security and found it with signing a five year contract with the Seawolves. He can also count on the inherent tolerance that a school has to invest in to create a strong foundation when transitioning to Division I ball. Macarchuk has proven in the past that he is one of the best team builders around. He is also time tested and very experienced in the field of building programs.

The Seawolves have opened up their doors and hearts to his experience and expertise. Any improvement on last years 0-7 record against Division I teams will be welcomed. As for the long run we will have to wait and see if he has the connections and support from the University to attract top ranked recruits.



Courtesy of the Fordham University Website

Nick Macarchuk was named the head men's basketball coach.

Roberts to Head Women's Basketball



Courtesy of Stony Brook University

Olympic medalist Trish Roberts will be taking over as coach for the women's basketball team in the fall.

By CLIFFORD MARK Statesman Editor

The women's basketball team has found a new leader in Trish Roberts, a former Olympic silver medalist and 15 year coaching veteran. As the fifth

women's head coach in Stony Brook's 30 year history, Roberts is bringing a wealth of Division I coaching experience to the team.

Roberts began her career at Central Michigan University serving as assistant coach from 1982 to 1984. She held three other assistant coaching jobs including the University of Illinois (1984-85), the University of Wisconsin (1985-86) and the University of North Carolina (1986-88), before landing a head coaching position at the University at Maine in 1988.

After leaving Maine with an accumulated record of 88 wins and 32 losses (.719), three conference championships and a trip to the National Invitation Tournament, Roberts moved onto the University of Michigan and found herself with a team that seemed to be constantly injured. Roberts' teams won 20 out of 108 games in four years.

In 1996 she jumped at the chance to become a professional head coach with the new American Basketball League. As the head coach of the Atlanta Glory in their inaugural season, Roberts won 18 out of 40 contests.

Roberts was also an outstanding basketball player.

In 1976 she was part of the first USA Women's basketball team in Olympic history, marking what she calls her greatest accomplishment. She took home a silver medal from Montreal.

Other distinctions include being named athlete of the year in her first season playing for the University of Tennessee, where she still holds records for most points scored and rebounds.

After graduating, she joined the Women's Basketball League where she played for three years on the Minnesota Fillies and the St. Louis Streak and earned all-pro honors in 1982. She was also the captain of the World University team in 1978 and the U.S. National team in 1979.

Roberts starts her work at Stony Brook this month when Division I programs are allowed to go on the road to recruit potential players. With up to 15 full scholarships to offer, she and her staff have been busy watching videos trying to find the best potential freshmen. Roberts said that while recruiting, locals will be looked at closely to see if they can compete in the arena as well as in the classroom. She added that to attract top ranked student-athletes would be difficult, but it will be her main focus.

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Tell Me About It

Advice for the College Age Crowd

SO. YOU CAME OUT TO YOUR ROOMMATE.

by Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn:

My girlfriend of a year and a half still talks to her ex-husband from time to time, and it drives Campaign suggested: me nuts. They don't have kids, and try as I might, I don't understand the need to continue to talk to lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender (breathe) or someone with whom you shared a relationship LGBT group, either on the Web or through that caused so much pain. I know I'm feeling insecure; she's extremely (and understandably) nervous about "commitment," though we've been dating exclusively for a long time.

-Indianapolis

Yoo-hoo, they were married. Be glad they still talk; it shows some respect for what that meant.

Hi Carolyn:

I will be attending college this fall and living in the dorms. I am nervous because while I am kinda open about being gay. I don't want to create more problems for myself than I have to. I am afraid if I am too open then guys will think I'm after them, or I will be ostracized before anyone sets to know me. On the other hand, I don't want to be secretive or, worse yet, lie. I just want to be me. Any advice?

-B.G.

Hold your chin up high, throw out your arms, and sing, "I've got to be me!"

Right. Show tune. Bad idea.

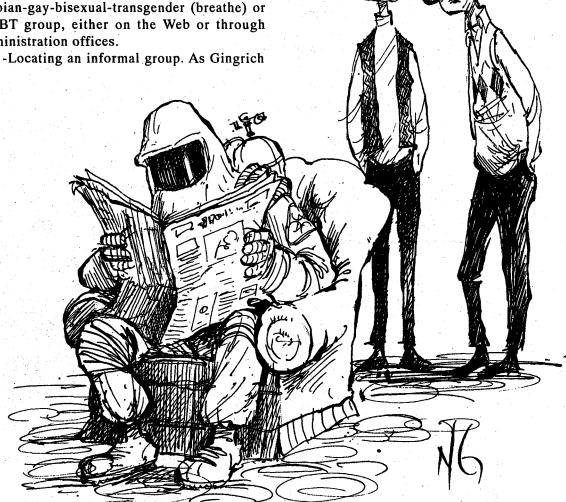
Still, your commitment to being yourself and the grace with which you act on it are your key to being accepted. The elusive "grace" falls somewhere between ruthlessly telling everyone everything about yourself and fearfully guarding yourself against everyone. A good rule is to wait until you're asked, then provide no more says, "there is always a community." information than you feel like giving. This is true if you're straight, gay or charting new waters in scomma/SCLX~:BTA. This is the site for LGBT between. However-and unfortunately - the issues on the American College Personnel acceptance of someone like you who falls outside Association Web site. The "On-Line Services" the mainstream is more subject than usual to link contains a search function that brings up certain vagaries of fate, which is a pretty way of LGBT groups and policies at specific schools. saying "your proximity to jerks."

at your school (Liberty U.: bad idea) and among Universities and Graduate Schools" by Janto you, and so is your attitude toward other be dated (1994) and incomplete (some schools are students. Surely some will accept you outright or missing) and imperfect (info is from an in time, particularly as you master the art of selfassurance. Likewise, you might as well assume some would antagonize you regardless of what the lone school-by-school measure of gayyou do. Just ignore them. And remember-a homophobe by definition spends more time man who has sex with men does. These are threatened, insecure people. (Right-wing outrage line: 1-800-BOYOBOY.)

If you feel yourself foundering, American

campuses are stocked with support resources. Candace Gingrich of the Human Rights

-Finding out if your college-to-be has a administration offices.



-Clicking to www.acpa.nche.edu/comms/

-Checking out "The Gay, Lesbian and The fate part for you is the prevailing climate Bisexual Students' Guide to Colleges, your dormmates. Still, choosing the school is up Mitchell Sherrill and Craig Hardesty, which may unspecified number

of questionnaires), but it is, at this writing, friendliness, and it's a start.

There's so much more information like this, thinking about men having sex with men than a I can't list it all. And I don't want to. Straight people are people too, and if you withdraw from them completely, you'll be missing out on a lot more than Kmart, Velveeta and brown plaid decor.

Hi Carolyn:

I'm a 14-year-old girl, and recently my friend introduced me to a wonderful guy. (He's 16,) I really like him, and I think he likes me back, but I'm new to the dating scene-guys were never a part of my life until a few months ago. So far we see each other only once a week (at church) and we've talked just as friends. He's not a Problem guy - intelligent, sweet and religious. I just don't know what to do next. I was wondering if you had any ideas as to how I should proceed.

Thanks!

Howdy. Cover your eyes for a sec sweetest thing!

You can look now. My only tip is to enjoy the luxury of being you, sigh, and do nothing-at least, nothing more than you're already doing. There are few things cooler than letting a friendship grow at its own pace. Besides, nothing will keep you in church like a standing date with a stud.

If you have a question for Carolyn it can be e-mailed to statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu

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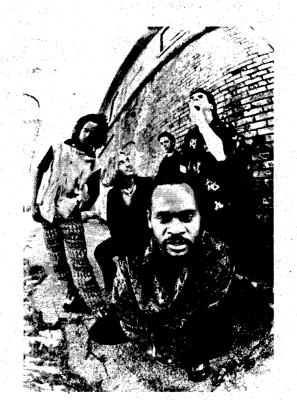
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Dr. Richard Laskowski

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Ms. Sandra Weeden,

Athletic Director

High Goals Women's Soccer Defeats St. John's

BY CLIFFORD MARK Statesman Editor

yesterday.

of a Div I pilot program along with men's lacrosse to test the waters for the rest of the campus. In fact, the lady Seawolves already Iona have ten years and a ECAC play-off birth SBU under their belts.

Since they have

bland opening tradition.

Sophomore, Kristin Lynch (#18) from Fairport, N.Y. Lynch, a midfielder and an integral part of Stony Brook's defense, showed her impressive

offensive abilities by tearing through Iona's line of defense. Her first goal came by way of a corner The women's soccer team kicked off the kick from freshman Beth Arikan (#8). She season by putting their right foot forward authoritatively headed the ball to the back of the by defeating Iona College, 4-1 at home, goal to answer Iona's first goal made by Julie Abrenica's (#14) goal in the first 17 minutes of As Stony Brook University revels in their the game. With Lynch's second goal, an campus-wide move to a Division I sports unassisted header, the Seawolves pulled away program, women's soccer has already been part with a 4-0 lead with seven minutes left in the

Score

Another scoring contributor was forward, Lori Kotzen (#7), a sophomore from Walingford, Pa. Kotzen has faced the huge role in filling the shoes of Stony Brook's all time scoring leader, Erica

been in Div I competition, season openers have Keller who graduated last year. Last year, Kotzen been a rocky road, posting a 2-7-1 record while found the back of the net six times and had six chalking-up another win to help sweeten their assists. In Stony Brook's win on Wednesday, Kotzen is already pulling her share of the weight The leading scorer for the Seawolves was by scoring with the help of Arikan's second assist.

> The other Seawolf goal was unassisted by forward, Kerri McCabe (#9), a sophomore from Farmingville, N.Y, who seems to have a talent for scoring in the clutch situations to help win games.

> > The Lady Seawolves are coming off a record year. In their first eight games, Stony Brook reeled in an impressive, seven victories which excelled them to the best start in history. With a record seven game winning streak in the bank, the Seawolves went on to finish the season with the best record in school history at 11 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties. This year the Lady Seawolves are showing they have more of the same magic. They showed Iona College and the rest of their conference that their 16 underclassmen are going to be a force to be reckoned with. The next game will be at Northeastern University on September fifth and their next home game will take place on University Field at 4pm against St Peter's College.







Statesman/Harvey You

Junior Forward, Marti Yeager, above. Freshman All-American Midfielder, Beth Arikian, had two assists in yesterday's game, top. Senior Midfielder Audra Dutkowsky, is co-captain.

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