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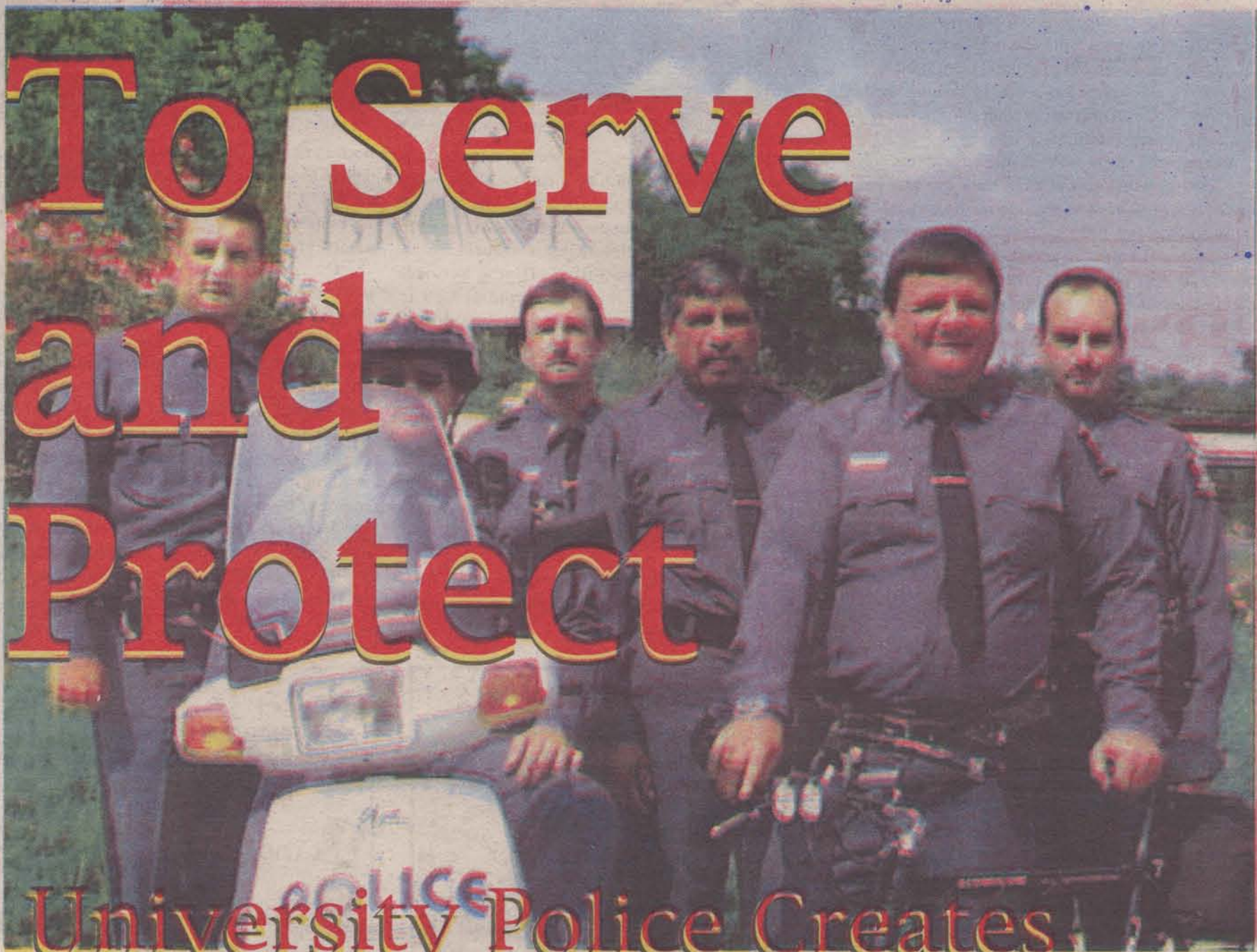
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# To Serve and Protect



## University Police Creates Community Watch Programs in Quads



# Fast Food

## Updated Meal Plan Put Into Effect

By ANDREW CHIU  
Statesman Contributor

Campus Dining Service has revised last year's Resident Student Meal Plan to maintain the long hours of operation of the dining halls and to meet the university goal of building community.

The changes to the meal plan were recommended by the Campus Meal Plan Structure Committee. With 5,400 students signed up for resident meal plans, cardholders will now have to face restrictions in dining hours and locations.

New to this year's plan is a \$125 operating fee designed to cover expenses that were not met last year. CDS's expenses from the previous year were greater than the revenues generated from food sales. The new fee was created as a way of making up this difference without cutting the hours of operation of any of the dining facilities.

Because of the new fee, most residents have \$125 less spending power than they did last year. The fee of \$1100 used to provide residents with 700 campus points and 400 Resident Points, but now the same amount of money translates to 495 campus points and 480 resident points for a total of 975 points of spending power. This means that students are forced to eat more in the resident dining facilities.

Another change is that surplus campus points no longer carry over from the fall to spring semester. This is another way to promote more even utilization of dining facilities, and generate the revenue required to operate the dining halls.

The other major change in the point structure is the 30 resident points per week spending quota, which has confused many students. Each week, beginning on 7 AM Monday morning, students have a spending quota of \$30 to be spent by the following Sunday night. If students spend less than \$30 in this period of time, they will still be charged the full \$30



Students buying food in the Student Activities Center.

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, resulting in "lost points." However, this quota is based on the average amount spent per week so far in the semester. For example, if a student spends 90 resident points in the first week, they don't have to use resident points the following two weeks.

According to Dawn Villaci, Dining Services Customer Advocate, this was implemented to encourage students to go the resident dining locations on a consistent basis, and at the same time the University hoped to create a sense of community among resident students. It also serves to alleviate the overcrowding at the central dining locations.

The committee favored this change because the "wasted" points are used to cover part of the expenses. "We want you to spend those points, but we need them to operate [our services]," said Villaci.

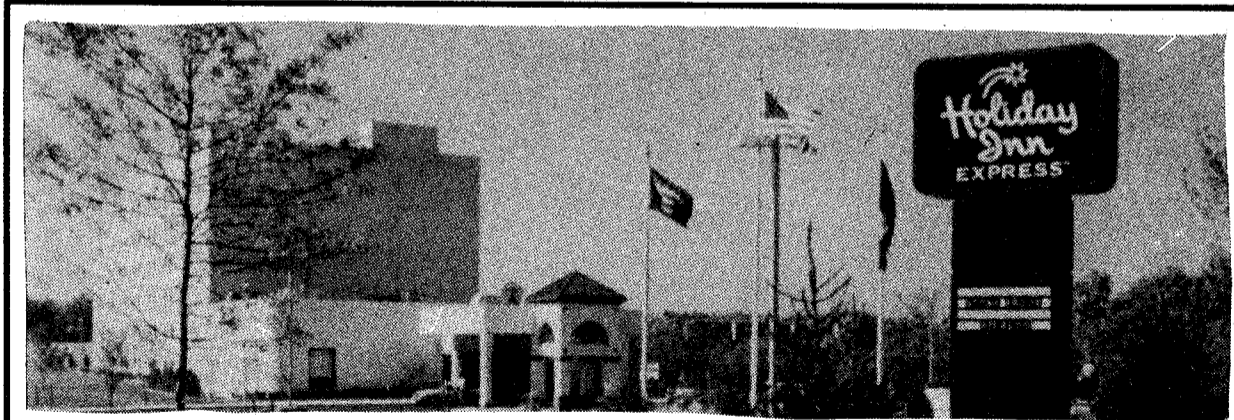
The new plan is advantageous for students in that there have been no cutbacks in service or

hours of operation in any of the dining halls. There are also more plans to choose from, such as the "Ultra" plan (\$1400/semester) that offers 25 bonus points, and the Ultra Plus plan (\$2000/semester) that offers 50 bonus points.

Campus Dining is also trying to provide more of a variety of food in the dining halls. Roth Dining now has Trattoria Italian for lunch and rotates Market Carvery and Caribbean food every two weeks for dinner. Kelly Dining now has bottled beverages, and the Friendly's in H Quad will be getting a "Cyclone" machine. The End of the Bridge restaurant has added about 10 entrees to their menu, and the Student Activities Center is planning to have hot heroes available within the next two weeks.

However, this new plan was not without its opposition. Last spring many students signed a petition, expressing discontent with the new restrictions on the fall '99 meal plan.

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# Buying Textbooks On-line

BY MELISSA GABRIELLE  
Statesman Contributor

An alternative to waiting on line at the bookstore is now available to financially strapped students at Stony Brook University. A barrage of on-line vendors is appealing to student consumers by offering textbooks over the Internet at cheaper prices and greater convenience. This means money and time in the pockets of those who can't afford to spend either, in what many students complain to be overpriced and understaffed campus bookstores.

Among the most popular vendors who offer textbooks on-line are ecampus.com, collegiatemall.com, efollett.com, amazon.com, and textbooks.com. Shopping through these may seem a daunting task for web-shy students, but the effort can be rewarding. Robyn Brown, a junior at SBU saved nearly \$75 by buying her books on-line. "I'll definitely do it again," she said, "I've spent a lot of money on books and I saw how much I was saving." Brown added that buying textbooks on-line was easy. "I ordered them all within twenty minutes." In addition, web sites, such as vivasmart.com have been developed to compare textbooks prices for the student, making cyber-shopping even easier.

#### The vivasmart.com website.

"As a student, I always felt as if I was being ripped off each time I purchased my textbooks," said Amr Awadallah, co-founder of vivasmart.com. "Why should college students pay even a dollar more than

necessary to purchase their required textbooks?" Awadallah, along with Thai Tran, both graduate students at Stanford University, answered this question resoundingly when they launched vivasmart.com. This free on-

line service, originally offered to Stanford students alone, broadened its services to include all United States and Canadian college campuses, due

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## Tripling Problems In Kelly Quad

BY JULIE MINGIONE  
Statesman Editor

Some resident students at Stony Brook began the fall 1999 semester in a tight position. In residence halls throughout the campus, most notably Kelly Quad, many students found themselves greeting their two new roommates, rather than one, on moving day. The University's residence halls are equipped to accommodate two people per room, with enough space for two beds and matching desks. Yet some were forced to triple up, and to divide an already limited area by three.

Any Stony Brook resident student is aware of the cramped space a room provides even for two people, and the concept of having to make room for one more is distressing, according to students. With the humid and sticky weather of late, the rooms set up for three have not allowed for their inhabitants to be very satisfied.

Vincent Fung, a freshman currently living in a triple in Hamilton College of Kelly Quad said, "None of us are very happy with this", but conceded that "we'll just have to deal with it." With two beds bunked and a third pushed against the other wall, many students that are tripled in Kelly Quad don't have room for desks. One student complained about having to climb on a dresser to reach her top bunk.

Al deVries, assistant director for the Housing Administration, responded to the tripling in quads all over campus by saying, "If we didn't, there would be much more off campus displacement of students."



Vincent Fung and his two roommates are tripling in Kelly Quad.

Statesman/Ruth Chung

This same situation occurred at the start of the 1998 fall semester, with students in Mendelsohn and Kelly Quads tripled up. And similar to last year, the Housing Administration of Stony Brook is refunding all students in triples \$100. But this does not seem to please all those concerned. According to Vincent Fung, many of the tripled students feel that, "One hundred dollars just isn't enough for the inconvenience."

The tripling dilemma in Stony Brook's residence halls is

scheduled to be fixed on September 8. According to deVries, this will provide relief to many by placing two people per room. As vacancies in the residence halls begin to form, the Housing Administration will pull out one of the tripled students in each room throughout campus, and place them accordingly. The only exceptions to the policy of fixing the situation would be students who decided they preferred a triple, or those who did not want to be relocated to another building.



# Buying Textbooks Through the Internet

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to its amazing success and popular demand. The website vivasmart.com offers several features including a net price comparison of various vendors who carry a particular textbook, and a student-to-student marketplace which allows students to sell their own used textbooks. Students can click on their preferred vendor and they will be sent to the purchase site. Amadallah and Tran hope that vivasmart.com will provide student consumers with an opportunity to "live smarter" and with greater convenience.

The creators of ecampus.com, currently one of the largest on-line campus bookstores, also echo this goal. The website ecampus.com boasts "the easiest, fastest and cheapest way to buy textbooks," according to its vice-president for strategic planning and development, Doug Alexander. He also stated that by using ecampus.com students would gain access to all books in print with considerable discounts. The website also offers free shipping on any order, which may be its biggest selling point because shipping costs may negate any original discounts given by an on-line dealer. And, for those students concerned with the safety of buying books off of the Internet, ecampus.com, as well as other vendors, such as efollett.com offers various forms of security. Alexander said, "ecampus.com employs all of the existing state of the art security available to protect the consumer." Other vendors, such as efollett.com offer password security.

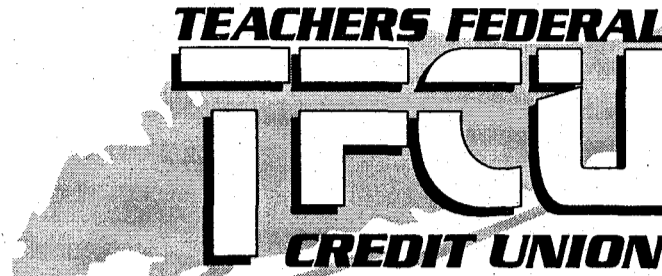
However, college bookstores offer a word of caution. Robert J. Breun, manager of Stony Books, warned students to be careful. "Once these companies get a foothold, I don't imagine the prices will stay the same," he said. He also pointed out that students should be careful to make sure that they are getting the right editions of books and to make sure of the return policies.

Breun also pointed out that with an on-line company, you don't get the same customer service. "At a bookstore, if you have a problem you can just return the book back," he said.

But, for college students who budget their purses and their time, buying textbooks on-line is a viable alternative to campus bookstores. The hassles of traditional shopping are eliminated with the click of a button, and some sites, like vivasmart.com will even do the legwork of comparison-shopping. Robyn Brown said, "I definitely recommend it to anyone who needs to save money for anything besides textbooks. And what college student doesn't need to do that?"

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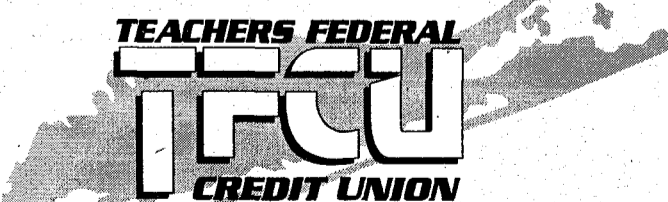


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# Community Policing

## University Police Tries to Bring Service to Quads

By JENNIFER KESTER  
Statesman Editor

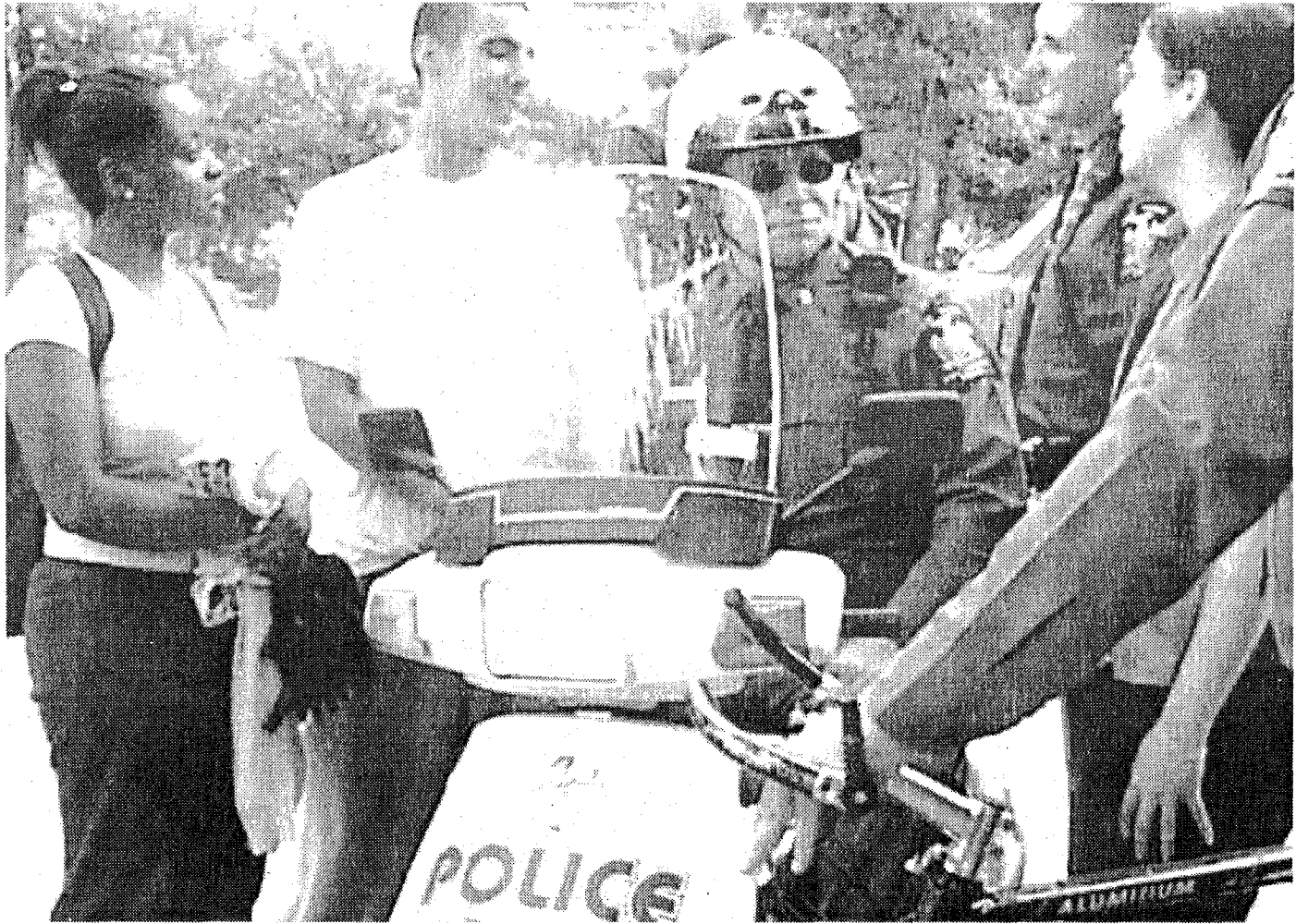
The University Police has put new community policing techniques on the front burner, almost a year after the University took the heat over three rapes that occurred on the campus last fall.

The tactics, to be implemented by the University Police's Community Relations Team, is an answer to the demand by students last year for more policing on campus. After the widely publicized incidences of rape, University President Shirley Strum Kenny held a town meeting where she promised to increase the presence of police in the residence halls, among other plans.

The volunteer team, which consists of five officers and one lieutenant, will patrol their beats each night. Each beat consists of two quads. "We want students to know they have an officer to go to," said Doug Little, deputy chief of University Police for Community Relations.

The idea of the "cop on the beat" goes back to the days when neighborhood residents knew the local cop and maintained open relations with him or her. "It is our job to get out there, make friends, and become an integral part of the community," said Sean Collins, who patrols Chapin and Schomberg Apartments. Collins has been patrolling the area since 1998. "I know just about everyone in my area by name or sight."

Little said that the unique part of the



Officer Dennis Aitken on a motorcycle talking to students and other officers on campus. Statesman/Ruth Chung

program is the services that each member of the team will provide. "A cop's job is 75 percent service and 25 percent law enforcement," he said.

"I know I have a lot of freshmen in my quads," said Jason Orlich, who patrols G and H quads. Orlich plans to tailor the safety programs to fit their age group by focusing on alcohol, basic crime awareness and a general SBU orientation.

Dennis Aitken, who patrols Kelly and Roosevelt quads said that a big concern in his areas include the parking and noise problems that sometimes occur at The Spot, a graduate bar located in Kelly quad.

Collins, on the other hand, has a number of children and international students living in Chapin Apartments, a part of his beat. As such, he will host a number of safety programs for children,

with such topics as bicycle safety and fingerprinting for the children.

Chapin had formed its own community watch program in 1997 and is being used as a model for the other quads. Stacy Dermont, founder of the community watch program in Chapin, said that it began with a group of concerned mothers. "We sat down and hashed out a plan," she said. Now, the group is responsible for implementing programs such as the Chapin Missing Child Phone Tree, a phone chain to help locate wandering or missing children.

Dermont recommends the program to other quads. "It's an excellent way to meet people, discussing things that matter," she said. "I feel a lot safer knowing that not only myself but other members know officers on a first name basis."

The community watch program being used in the other quads will have the same grassroots structure as Chapin. Representatives from each building meet within the quad to discuss safety concerns and propose solutions. Police officers will be asked to assist in making solutions.

"It's an outstanding program, we are bringing resources together that share one mission - to create a safe environment," said Robert Solow, associate director for Campus Residences.

All the police officers in the unit are college graduates and are certified emergency responders, which is one step below an emergency medical technician. Others have special training. Lieutenant Tom Clark is a rape aggression defense instructor and has already gotten calls to do programs on self-defense for this semester. "I have been doing this for 10 years now and students have been our

biggest supporters," said Clark.

Additional officers include Phil Morales, who will patrol Roth and Tabler, and recent New York State Police Academy graduate Peter Thomson, who will assist in all areas, and Lieutenant Neil Sluiter, who performs the administrative and training tasks.

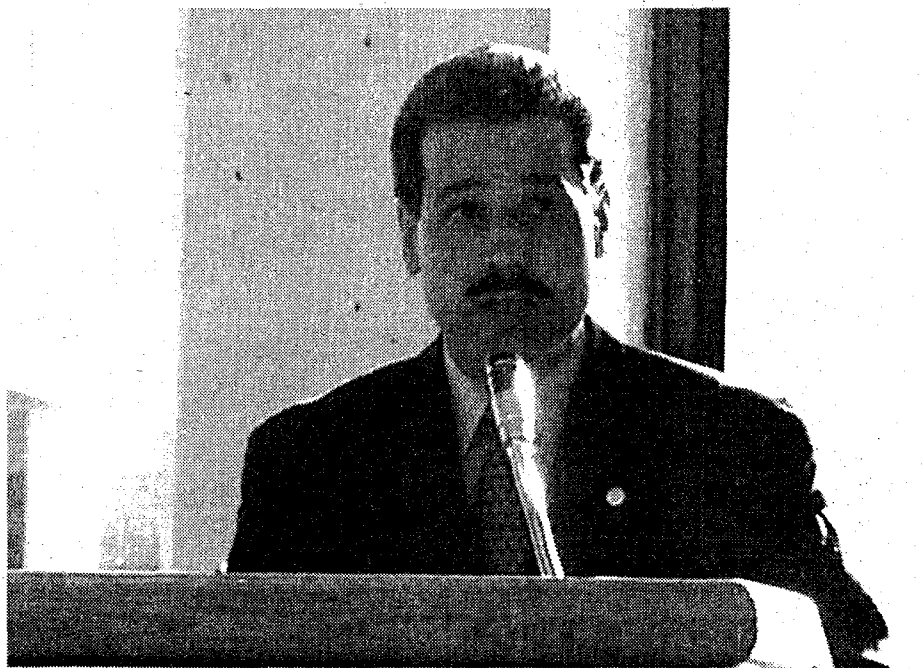
Although programs will be held in the residence halls, all are welcome to attend and they are free of charge.

Commuters will not be excluded from the programs.

The team is planning to get involved with the Commuter Student Association and will do mailings. The team also is encouraging students, especially commuters, to take part in Operation ID. It is a free service where the police etch serial numbers into cars, computers and other expensive personal property, making it more difficult to sell the item in an auction. One student whose merchandise was stamped as part of Operation ID later had his room broken into. The thief, however, left the student's computer equipment in the hall after he had seen the ID number. "When I saw the guy later he stopped and hugged me," said Collins.

Many students, though, remain skeptical that the new community programs will heal relations between the University Police and students.

"It sounds like a good idea in principle, but knowing the campus police, I don't think it would work," said Min Yi Chen, a senior who heard about the rapes last year. "I have had to call the campus police because we had an incident with a dead fox last spring, they were not even professional and did not investigate it," she said. "I don't trust them."



Deputy Chief of Police for Community Relations Doug Little



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## Editorials

# Book 'Em

## Future Legislation Could Save You Money

As college students across the country are settling in to a new semester, a bill that could save each one of us hundreds of dollars is lying on a table somewhere in the State Assembly's Ways and Means Committee office with a big fat "F" on it. The failed legislation would have mandated that SUNY administrators release the titles of books needed for classes to any off-campus bookseller that wants them. For those of you that haven't taken economics, this would create more competition and, in theory at least, force campus bookstores to lower their exorbitant prices.

This bill passed with an "A" through the Assembly's Higher Education Committee and although it failed to make it through the next committee, student-friendly state Assemblyman Stephen Englebright intends on raising the issue again in January, firm in his belief that students should not be forced into paying high book prices.

This has got to be the best idea to come out of a government office in years. Let's face it, if there is one thing all college students

have in common, it's the utter disbelief we feel when forking over two and sometimes three hundred dollars for textbooks, many of which we barely use during the course of the semester. And when it's over, it's all we can do to keep from really losing it when we go back to sell those same books only to receive a tiny fraction of what we originally paid. Getting ripped off in textbook buys is practically a college rite of passage.

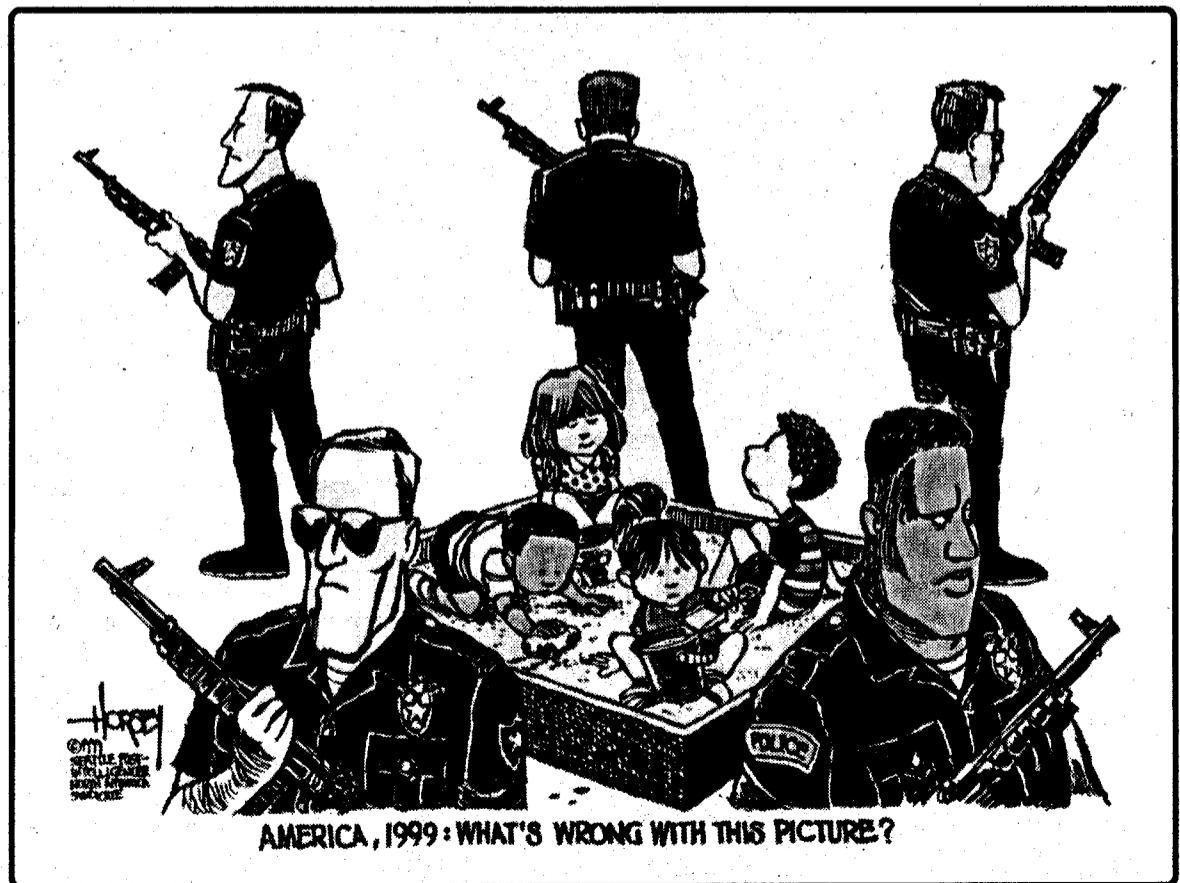
But imagine the luxury of going to Border's for class books. You could check out the latest CD's then venture over to the café to browse through your biology textbook, which could be 10% off the publisher's price, as you sip on a frozen chai. Even if you don't know what chai is, just think about the other more important luxury of saving money, even at stores less trendy than Border's.

One of the criticisms of this possible legislation, obviously from the bookstore owners, is that a portion of the revenue they earn is converted into scholarship money and that a decrease in these earnings translates into a decrease in potential scholarship money. That's certainly a valid point but don't cheaper book prices benefit every student as opposed to the

selected few that receive scholarships? It's important to look at the whole picture.

To combat that position, certain organizations, such as NYPIRG, are arguing that this will barely put a dent in bookstores' income because of factors like on-campus advertising and convenience, which can contribute to their making a healthy profit. It's not likely that those students without cars, surely a significant percentage, are going to walk over to Border's only to trek back to campus with the weight of two textbooks and four paperbacks on their shoulders, especially when they could just go somewhere on campus to get them.

But whether you choose the convenient route or if you are willing to do a little shopping for your books, it is important that we as students support this legislation so that it eventually passes. Too often, it seems that lawmakers completely overlook the needs of students, which is why a bill like this is such a novelty. In order to start a trend that finds our interests considered in future proposals, we have to convey the message that we are listening, supportive and that we won't forget come Election Day. Now if only we could work on that high tuition.





# Paying to Park

By ERIN ROSENKING  
Statesman Editor

In response to criticism that accuses Stony Brook of having both inconvenient and inadequate parking accommodations, the Department of Parking Services has devised new parking policies in an effort to alleviate the problems. According to Parking Services director Michael Klein, the absence of student spots in the core of campus is a "quality of life issue" that has prompted the new measures, which went into effect the first of September. The change, says Klein, is a "huge opportunity" that he is "pretty excited" about.

The most significant modification can be found in the lot behind the Student Union, called the Stadium Lot, which now requires a permit for parking access. According to a letter sent to commuters, the permits can be purchased for \$150 per academic year, \$125 for the Spring/Fall school year or \$75 per semester, allotted on a first come, first served basis. Klein said that the 352 permits available sold out in a matter of days and that a waiting list comprised of at least 50 names has already been established.

The policies, which were designed to better "mesh with class schedules" with the intent of providing better service to student drivers, are the result of negotiations between leaders from student groups such as Student Polity, the



The Stadium Lot behind the Student Union.

Statesman/Ruth Chung

Commuter Student Association and Parking Services. Klein also said that administration was in support of the changes, all the way up to University Vice President Richard Mann and President Shirley Strum Kenny.

Though Klein stated that these arrangements were implemented with the welfare of the students in mind, not all students are happy about them. Commuter student Kevin Link called them "unfair" while another commuter went so far as to accuse Parking Services of "financial discrimination," noting that not everyone can afford an extra \$150 for the convenience of closer parking.

But Klein said that the fee is a "modest" one. He went on to explain that since the SUNY system does not provide

funds for parking, the creation of the fairly new Stadium Lot was paid for out of Stony Brook's pocket, and the fee is being charged to replenish that money. Klein also claimed that the upkeep of just one parking space can cost up to \$2000 after the costs of lighting, signs and upkeep are totaled. This is in addition to the assessments made during the planning stages which suggested that "people would be willing to pay for better service."

When asked if any free alternatives were discussed, Klein pointed out that four new shuttle busses will be debuting this semester, providing more reliable access from lots and main campus stops such as the Academic Mall.

Other changes implemented have

been the creation of more meter spots to provide more convenient "short term parking access", and the replacement of the old sticker permits, which could curl at the edges and fade, with more durable hanging plastic ones.

The permit-only Union lot is just the first in a planned series of lots like it. The gravel area adjacent to the Life Sciences building is slated to become next, this one equipped with a gate and staff. Klein said to expect "strict enforcement" in the lots and he half jokingly warned to not be surprised to find tow trucks extracting unauthorized cars from them, protecting the spots for paying patrons. "These changes were made using a service perspective," said Klein. "We're not here to make money. We just want to make things better."

## Dual Law and Social Work Degree Created

By JENNIFER KESTER  
Statesman Editor

In collaboration with Touro Law Center, the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook has created a dual full-time degree with a master's degree in social work and a law degree.

"This dual degree program allows an in-depth study of the law relevant to the field of social work and gives students a valuable perspective on the relation between these two professions," said Howard Glickstein, dean of the Touro Law Center.

The program, which was only approved last spring, is the only degree of its kind on Long Island. Schools in New York City, such as New York State University, Columbia University and Fordham University, have similar programs.

"This program will provide Long Island with its own cadre of professionals who possess unique expertise in those areas where law and social work converge. Graduate will be able to take leadership roles in bringing about effective services in relation to the social problems - such as substance abuse, family violence and adolescent pregnancy - that crowd our legal system," said Frances Brisbane, dean of the School of Social Welfare.

### School of Social Welfare to Work in Conjunction with Touro Law Center

Among other opportunities, the dual degrees will equip graduates for work in the legislative arm of government in forming policy, and is ideal for those who want to work in the criminal justice system as a family court judge/attorney or in issues like domestic abuse.

The students enrolled in this four-year program spend the time between Stony Brook and Touro, which is approximately 40 minutes away from campus. An added benefit for interested students is that Touro will be moving to Islip near the federal and county courthouses, which is closer to Stony Brook.

Students are able to spend their first year at the school of their choosing, the second year at the other school, the third year is split between both and the fourth year will be spent at Touro. The program reduces the amount of time necessary to get the dual degree, which otherwise would take five years.

Esther Marcus, coordinator of the program, said that the program was created because the schools realized that having both skills would be more effective, and that Touro's curriculum already incorporates a strong sense of community service.

The social work background, Marcus said, will help identifying the problem that led to the legal problem. "You could use the example of someone fighting an eviction in court," she said. The social work degree could allow the lawyer to look at the cause of the problem, perhaps a rocky work history and maybe hints at substance abuse. Then, the lawyer could help fight that underlying problem.

With three students currently in the program, two from Stony Brook, the office in the School of Social Welfare has fielded over 175 calls this year from students expressing interest. However, students must be accepted independently to both schools before enrolling in the program. Current students in the School of Social Welfare are also invited to apply.

"Anyone interested in some aspect of social work and at the same time have an awareness of the importance of law, but it is open to everyone," Marcus said. Those interested can call the School of Social Welfare at 444-3141.

Statesman Editor Michael Kwan contributed to this article.



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# Football Preview

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often to compete in Div IAA. Two more likely starters are returning after missing the '98 season due to injuries. Senior Chris Grant (#6) and junior Doug Lewis (#9) will insure that the receiver's position has plenty of depth. The Seawolves also boast co-rookie of the year, sophomore Lucas Niskanen (#18) in addition to Mike Stanley who had 18 receptions.

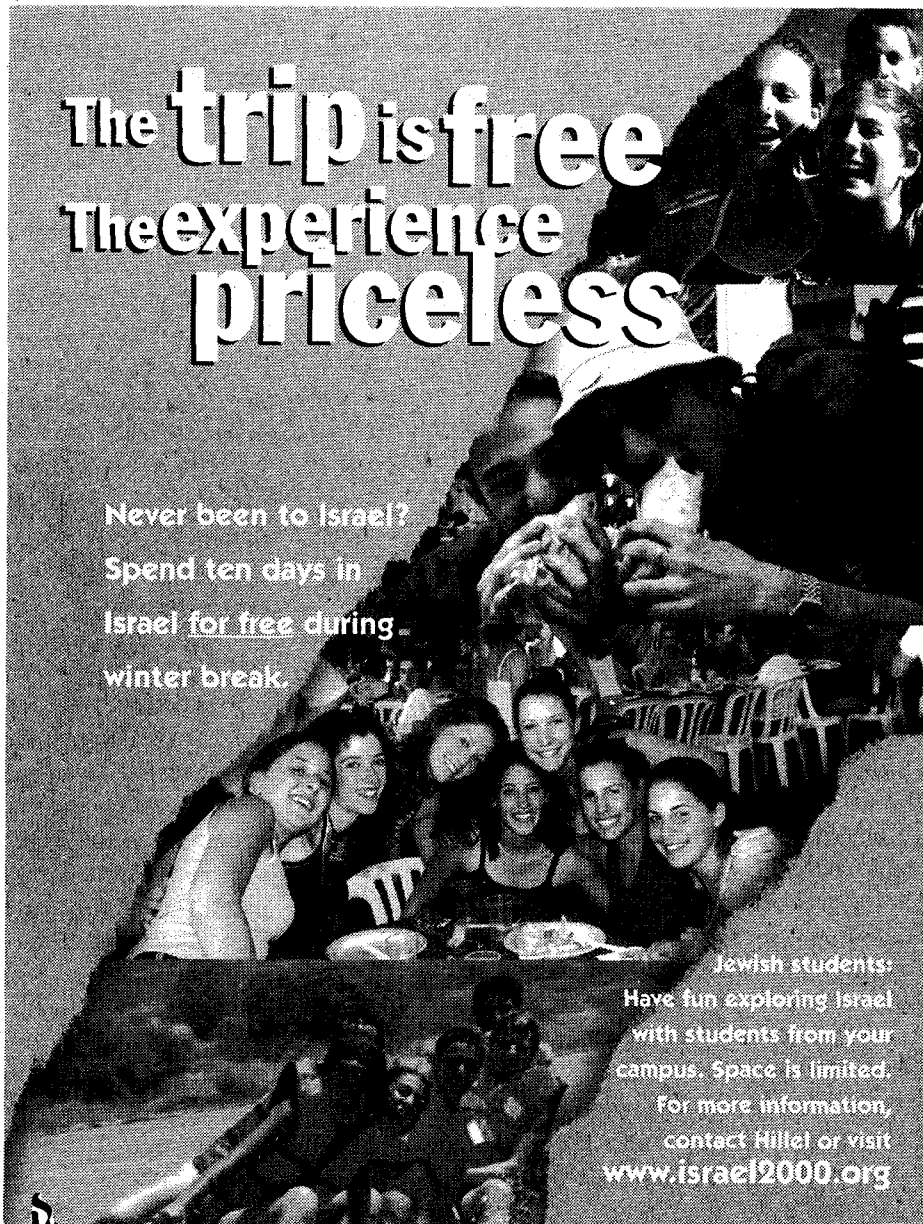
The Seawolves show some development on the offensive line. The center job will be handled by last year's left guard, Lynsert Walcom (#55). Right tackle Mike Plugues (#76) will be moving to fill the left side. The right side will feature junior Tom Marshall (#54) at guard and senior Rajesh Kumar (#74) at tackle. Only the left guard has not yet been determined with junior Ernest Baskin (#62) and Chris Durante (#75) leading the list.

Stony Brook has traditionally had an excellent defense. This season looks to be no exception with a solid, eight-man squad returning from last year's #1 ranking in the Eastern Football Conference. The Seawolves will have senior George Karafantis (#42) back after

missing last year due to illness. Junior Mitch Ramson (#97) and senior John Kostkowicz (#94) combined last year for 14.5 sacks and will be a major force in causing "something to happen" this year.

It will be up to the Seawolves defensive backfield to stop Div IAA opponents from having a successful aerial game. Senior Jesus Marcano, who had 92 tackles last year, will be called upon to gel the linebackers together. The return of Seniors Patrick Shelly (#38) and Andrew Wallace will solidify the secondary and will take the sting out of the opponent's quarterbacks.

The Seawolves appear to have strong potential and a healthy team in '99. If the Seawolves remain this way, they should finish the season proud of their standing in the first-ever season of Div IAA play. The pre-season poll picked Stony Brook to finish sixth out of eight. They can quickly show them wrong by beating fourth-ranked Wagner College on Saturday. To move up they need to get good field position from their special teams and have some freshmen standouts.



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# Football Season Preview

By CLIFFORD MARK  
Statesman Editor

The Seawolves are defending their home turf on Saturday against the Seahawks of Wagner College. The '99 season marks a new era for the Seawolves football team. It is the first Division IAA season for the Stony Brook football program. They also become active participants in the Northeast Conference (NEC) along with school rival, SUNY Albany.

The NEC is going into its fourth season. Currently it is eight teams strong with Pennsylvania's Robert Morris Colonials being the team to beat. The NEC also boasts a .500 overall record and has shown their presence by winning the Eastern Conference division game in 1997.

The Seawolves are feeling fine in '99. Stony Brook's roster is lacking one thing this season and it is something they are actually glad to do without. Coach Kornhauser's team, compared to last years, is virtually injury free. In '98, the Seawolves had a tremendous set back with the loss of many of its key players. Knock on wood, the "K-squad" has all of its key starters healthy and hungry to improve on their 3-7 overall record last year.

Saturday, we will find out who will take charge of the offense. With 1998's starting quarterback Scott Meyer graduating, the Seawolves will look to three returnees. Senior Brian Stanley (#13) has been primarily utilized in his two years as a signal caller and on the field he is 4-16, passing for 61 yards. Quarterback, Chris Vollmer (#17), who has battled injuries during his first two seasons, is now healthy. Although he does not have varsity experience, being

the tallest quarterback at 6'3" may help to get his foot in the door. Another candidate, sophomore Oscar Alcantara (#2), showed exceptional vision and speed in his playing time in '98. The question is, will Stony Brook's offense support Alcantara's fast pace, option-style football. Alcantara also finds himself being asked to be a returnee for the special teams.

The Seawolves also recruited a potential QB in Eric Hatkewitz over the summer. Hatkewitz was the starting QB for the Governor's Bowl, which pitted New York's high school all-stars versus New Jersey's. He also was picked as Offensive MVP.

Even though we have to wait to see who the starting QB will be, there is no doubt who will be the work-horse in the back field. Running back Ralph Menedez (#20), a junior who rushed for 901 yards and averaged 5.4 per carry, will most likely be the "Go-To Guy." He was voted MVP of the team last year because of his consistently great performances. He had five 100+ plus games and six touchdowns. Joining him in the backfield are seniors James Crawford (#10) and Rob Vitucci (#1). Their combined versatility will make Stony Brook's backfield a potent weapon.

Senior Dan Flores (#84) will help keep Coach K's blood pressure down by giving the QB a reliable "out". Flores missed all of last year due to a broken leg. Flores will be joined by junior Kevin McGrogan (#39). McGrogan replaced Flores in '98 and had 13 catches for 121 yards.

The Seawolves receivers have to come up big and



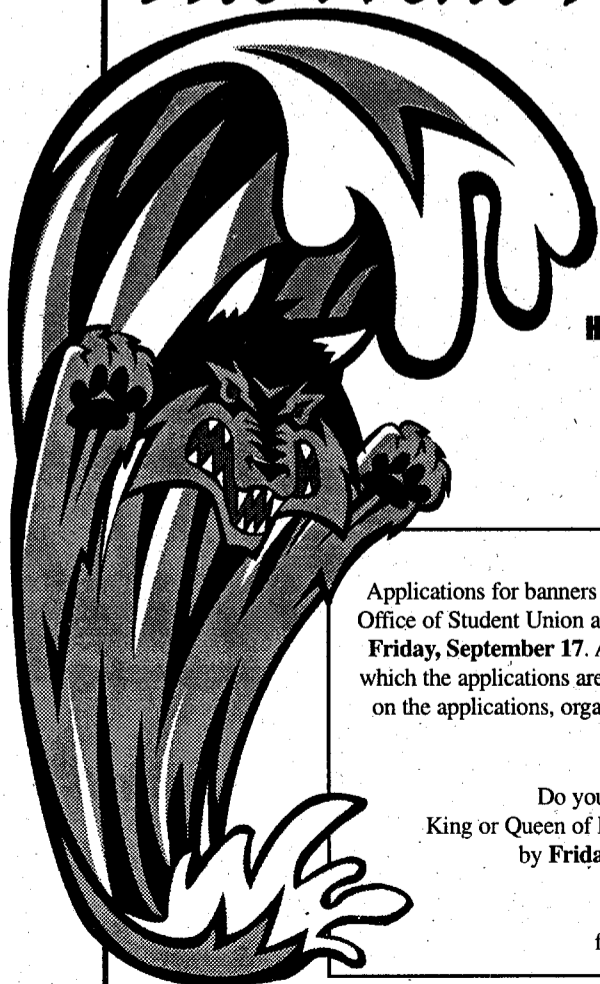
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Stony Brook is looking to find a quarterback to replace Scott Meyer, who graduated last spring.

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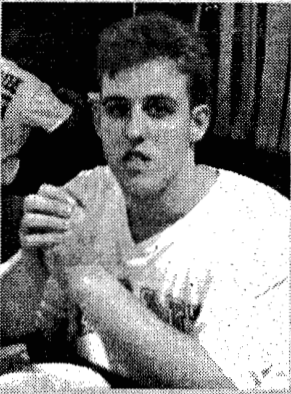
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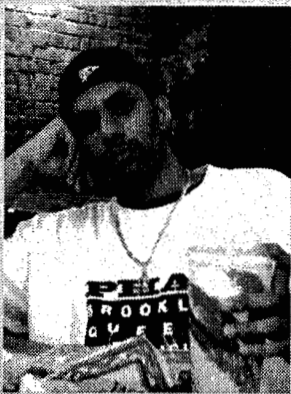
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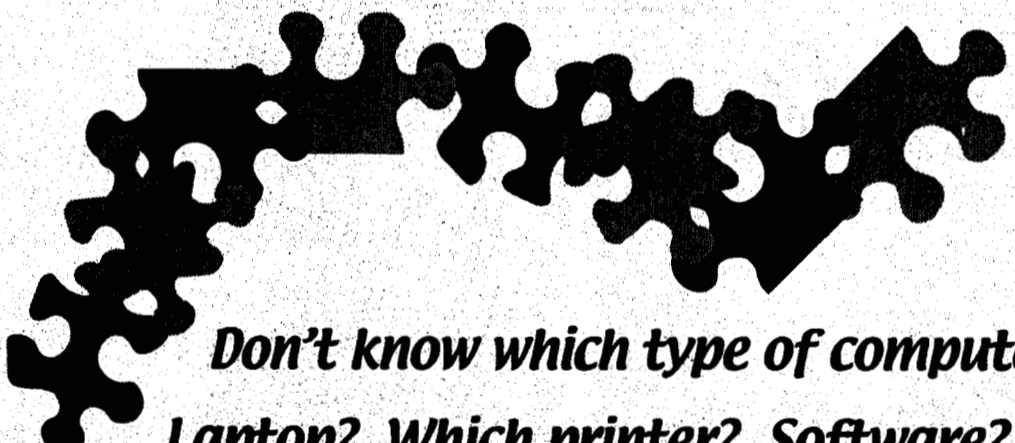
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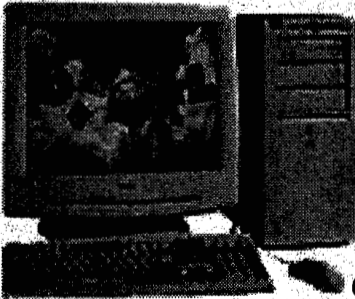
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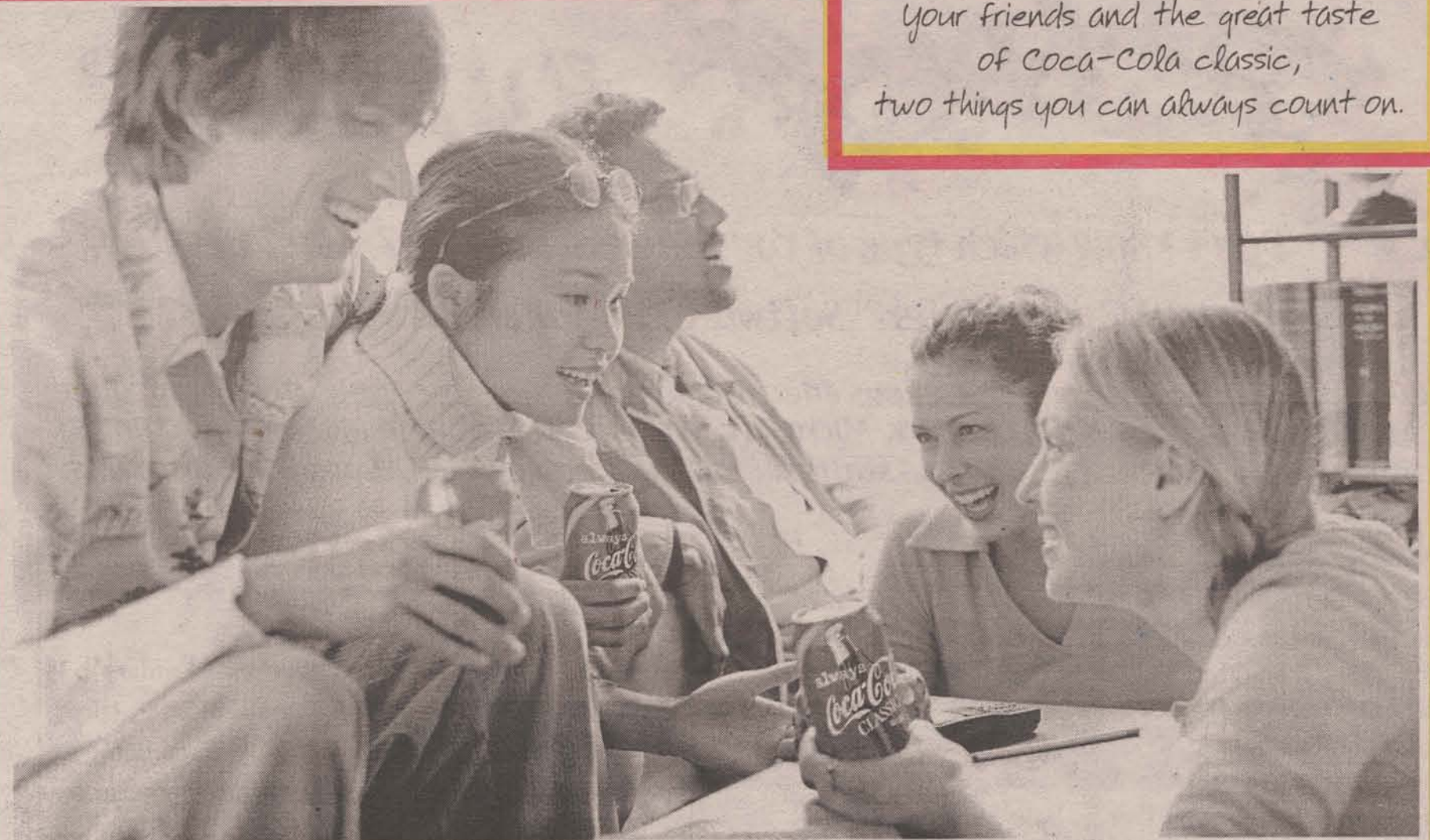
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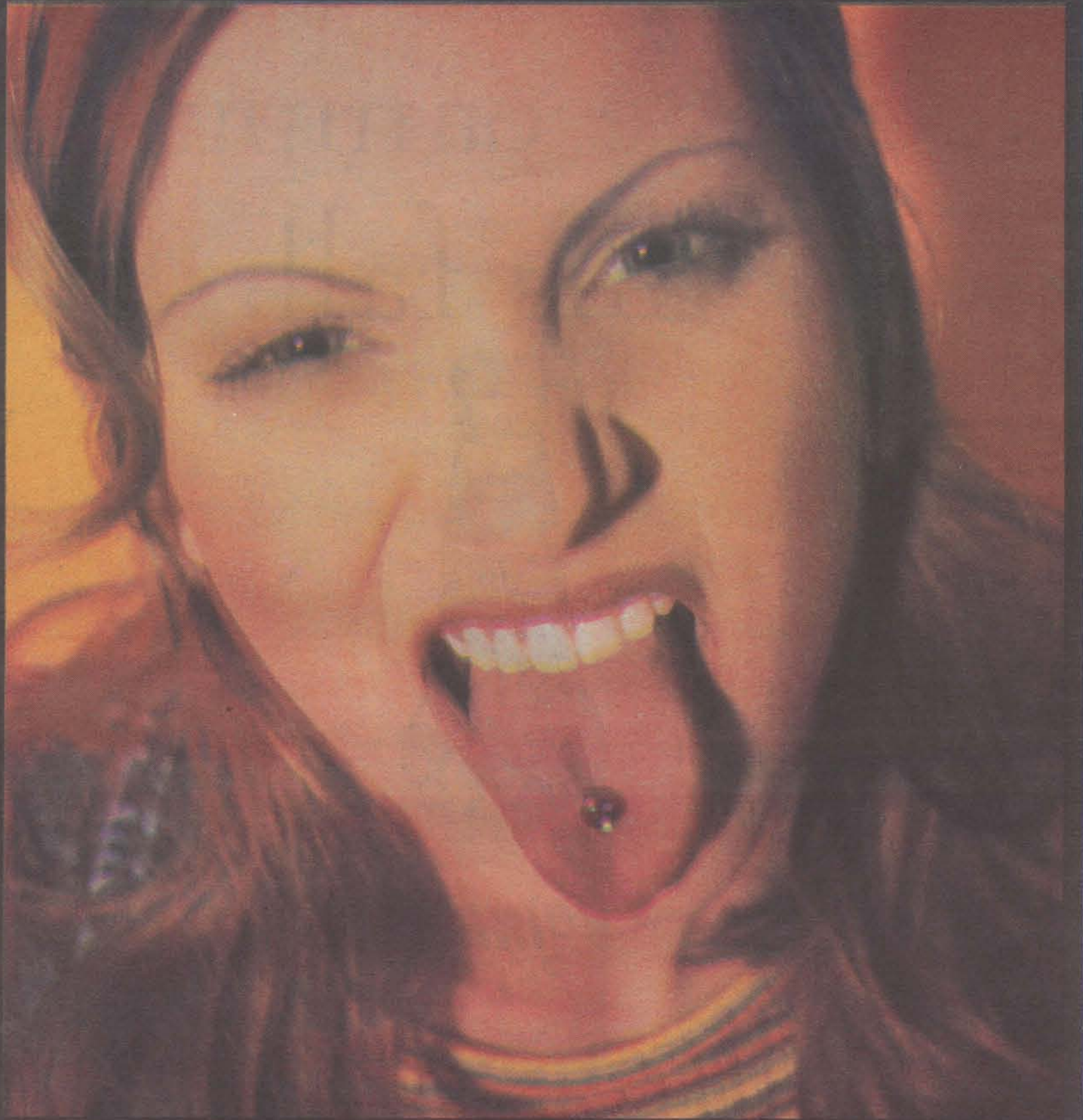
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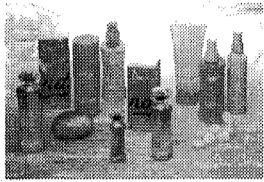
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By Carolyn Hax

**Dear Carolyn:**

*I'm 13, and I have this friend who tells a stupid rumor about my sister right in front of all my friends and me. She says she saw my sister and her boyfriend making out, or says someone told her my sister and some of her friends aren't virgins. I can tell she's lying cause I can catch little hints, and I know my sister and her friends aren't like that. I don't know if I should tell my sister. I don't want her to go to my friend and yell at her cause my friend will be really mad at me and tell everyone I'm a "tattle-tell." But she is my sister! And true friends don't gossip about a person's family.*

—Rumors

You yell at her. This is no friend.

You're not being a friend, either—to your sister. Do you know what it takes for a person to insult your family in front of you? A total lack of respect, for you, for them, for family in general. Mostly for you though.

You have to say something. Do something. Get angry. But calling the girl a liar won't do it—because you really don't know if she is, for

starters. No matter how close you are to people, there will always be things they keep private.

And, the truth of the rumors is totally irrelevant here. For the sake of argument, let's assume they're true. Does that make the gossip OK? Hardly. So next time the rumors fly, ask your friend to have the decency to leave your family alone. This isn't brain surgery, you know. If she gives you a hard time, ask her the burning question: Why is someone else's life such a big deal to her? No matter what she comes back with, people with integrity (you ... right?) always have power over people without it (your "friend"). It's the power to walk away.

Next time she trashes your sister, let her have it; if she tries it again, leave. Being 13 may buy her one more chance (any older, and I'd drop her on the spot), but after that, you're outta there—the room, the friendship, everything.

Then they can talk about you behind your back—you might as well be prepared. Having principles may not be brain surgery, but it does leave you open to abuse. Still, they haven't invented the abuse that's worse than knowing you were too craven to speak up. The reverse of that,

strange as it may sound, is that you'll feel closer to your sister for defending her—even though she'll never know you did it. Because you aren't going to tell her, because people should never have to hear the vile things said about them. If you like your gratification more immediate, being good has a tasty byproduct: It makes your friend look really bad.

**Dear Carolyn:**

*I'm looking for some possible safe first-date ideas. I want to ask out a very sophisticated woman, but it's one that is going to take some time, and I don't want to be too forward. Please*

—K.S.

Avoid the shellfish, look both ways before you cross and wear a condom. How's that? For first dates, I say, go boring—nice but non ambitious dinner, thank you, goodnight—so it's about your personality, not your performance. (Unless your personality is a performance, in which case, pull out the stops. The babes will be duly impressed.)

That means The Great First Date Conundrum is ... which restaurant? I think you can handle it. If you try for "sophisticated," though, you're going to try too hard, which makes for the finest first-date squirmathons. Instead, pick a place you like that makes you feel comfortable, even if it's Sammy's House of Suds. That way, you'll relax (as much as can be expected when you really really want to impress someone) and the atmosphere, the food and even the price will be a reflection of you. In return, she'll be able to tell early on if that "you" is something she wants to witness again. The answer may be no, but at least it's an honest, I-gave-her-the-real-me no. The alternative is forcing her to sort through various facades to find out—something your true sophisticate will hardly care to try.

**Carolyn:**

*Whenever I touch my boyfriend on the arm or neck, he always seems to want a massage someplace else. For instance, he'll say, "You know what would feel good right now? If you rubbed my shoulder." He does this constantly, and I guess I like the spontaneity of touching someone because I genuinely want to, not because I'm told to. What do I do?*

—Baton Rouge Masseuse

What's wrong with repeating what you just said? There doesn't always have to be a strategy, beyond "be diplomatic." Next time he asks, say you'll do it this time—and then point out that you see affection as a gift, and you wish he'd stop exchanging it.

*If you would like to ask Carolyn a question, you can e-mail it to [statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu](mailto:statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu)*

## Lost Art Found in College Dorm

Amid dusty old dorm furniture stored in a garage, Russell Sage College discovered it had an etching by surrealist Rene Magritte valued at \$3,000. Perhaps in an even more perilous place, a dorm lounge, was a portrait valued at \$500,000.

And that's not all that turned up during the school's inventory of college holdings.

After a yearlong appraisal was completed in June, the 83-year-old college found that it also owned a piece by Salvador Dali, all the artwork was valued at a total of \$1 million.

"Frankly, we didn't know we had them," said William Beckman, vice president of finance and administration. "It's been wonderful and exciting."

The college decided to conduct an appraisal to catalog and insure its possessions.

They contracted with Janis Keane Dorgan, director of the Rice Gallery at the Albany Institute of History and Art, and Dennis Holzman, an antiques dealer and private appraiser.

"We wanted them to put a price tag on what we've found, but they found all the things that none of us found," Beckman said.

Holzman found "Dawn of the Opposites,"

by Magritte, amid surplus dorm furniture in a maintenance garage. He also discovered a huge landscape painting by French impressionist Alexandre Defaux tucked behind a mattress and some lines in a laundry room. The painting measured 3 feet by 4 feet.

Dorgan dealt with a more contemporary collection that included Haitian folk art and abstract silkscreen prints made by British artists in the 1970s. The items were less valuable, but Dorgan said that was a plus because the school's art students and faculty will have access to them.

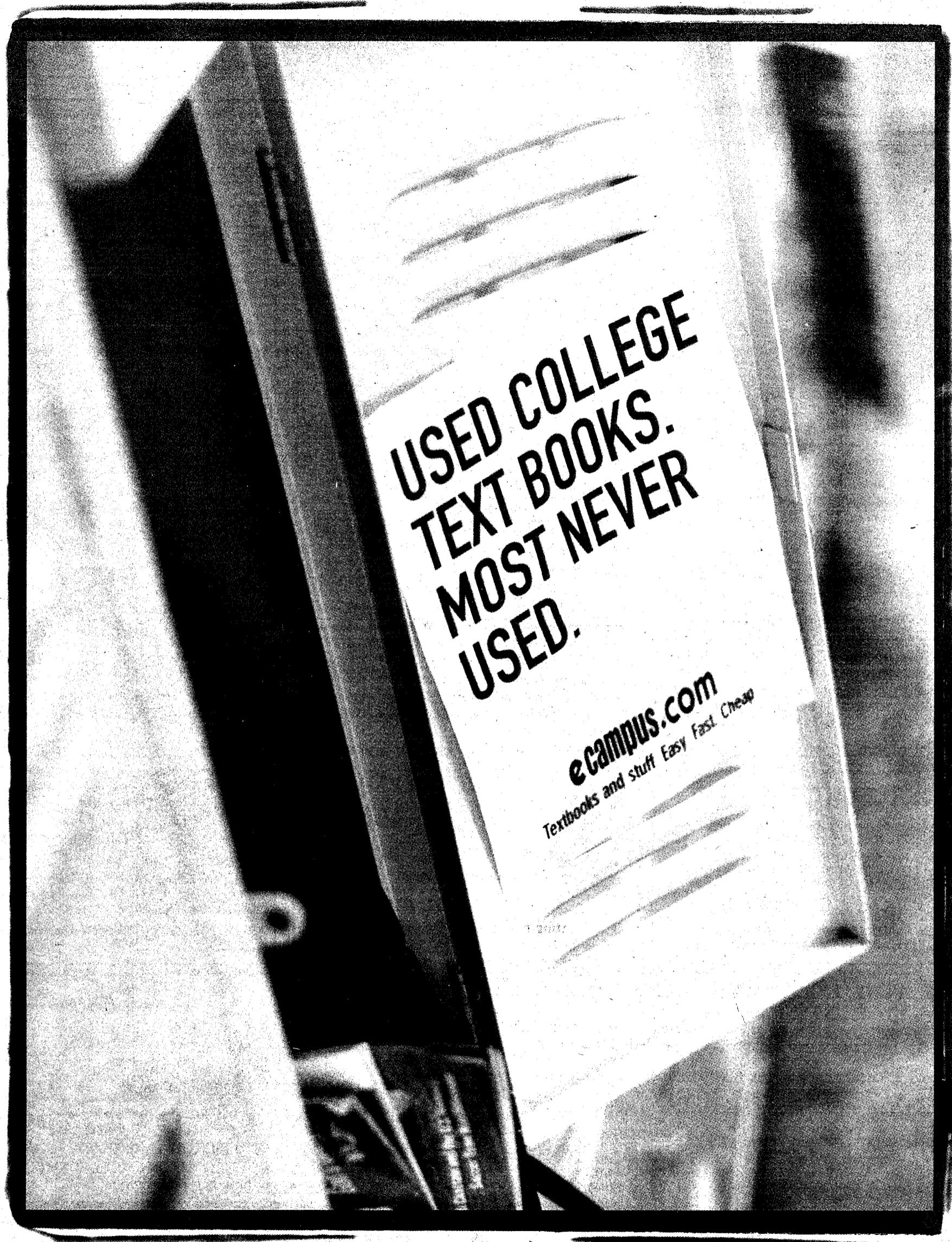
The most valuable item was a neoclassical portrait by British artist John William Godward. Donated to Sage in 1937, it hung in the lounge of a residence hall. It was valued at half a million dollars.

"Our mouths were agape when we heard the painting had that value," Beckman said.

Since the appraisal, more valuable objects have been moved to secured places, Beckman said. Sage is in the process of deciding which items to keep and which to sell. Those sold will go toward a preservation and restoration fund for items kept.

(AP)





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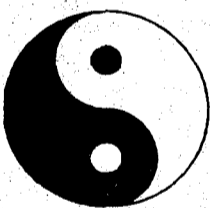
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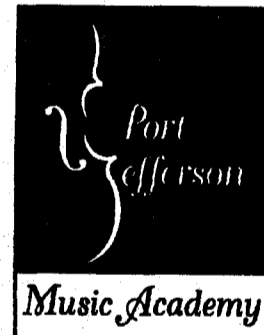
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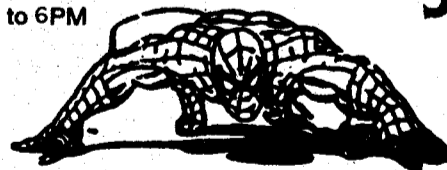
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# Angelou Advises the Freshman Class

Poet Maya Angelou urged Duke University freshmen to use their time in college to rid themselves of the burden of ignorance.

"It's very hard to agree to give up things you've known all your life: attitudes, positions, conceits," she said.

As they learn to interact with others, students may have to give up their prejudices about the other sex and different races, she said.

"You will wonder, 'Dare I, dare I really lay this down? Dare I really give over the idea that women are really quite fine, but not as important as a man?'" she said.

Angelou's speech Sunday marked the 10th year in a row that she has addressed Duke freshmen.

Angelou, whose poems include "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," encouraged students to expand their knowledge by learning poetry and using the library.

"Memorize some things so you will have



Maya Angelou

something to call upon," she said. "It is imperative that you have something to call upon in the quiet moments, in the moments of terror," she said. AP

## Characteristics of the New Class

Do you remember when Walter Cronkite said "and that's the way it is" to end his CBS newscasts?

Members of the class of 2003 don't, according to the latest "mindset list" released today by Beloit College.

It's a compilation of statements that describe the cultural frame of reference for today's freshmen class.

The first list from the college, for the class of 2002, was released last year as a "humor thing on campus," says Ron Neif, Beloit's public affairs director. "It slipped onto the Internet ... and it's been going crazy ever since."

According to that list, the students never feared a nuclear war; to them, "The Day After" is a pill, not a movie; and Kansas, Chicago, Boston and Alabama are places, not

bands.

To this year's college freshmen, according to the latest list:

- Singer John Lennon and comedian John Belushi have always been dead.
- They never heard anyone say, "Book 'em, Dano" or "Goodnight, John-Boy" on prime-time television.
- There's always been a woman on the Supreme Court.
- They've never seen white smoke over the Vatican to signify selection of new pope.
- They don't think there's anything terribly futuristic about 2001, and don't even remember 1984.
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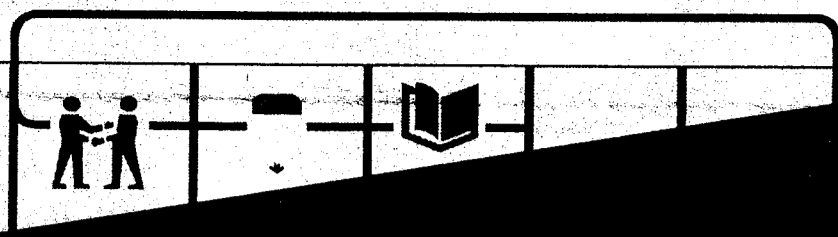
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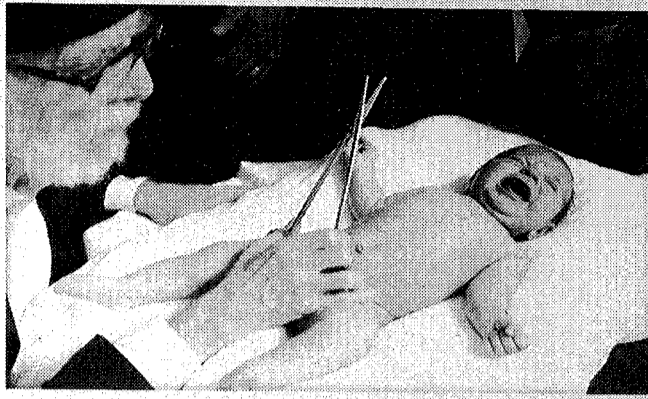
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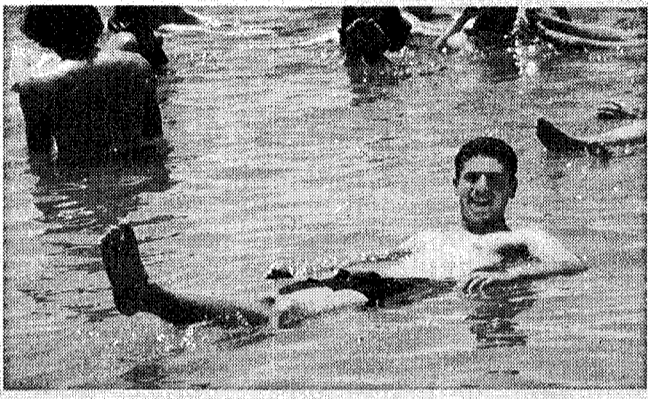
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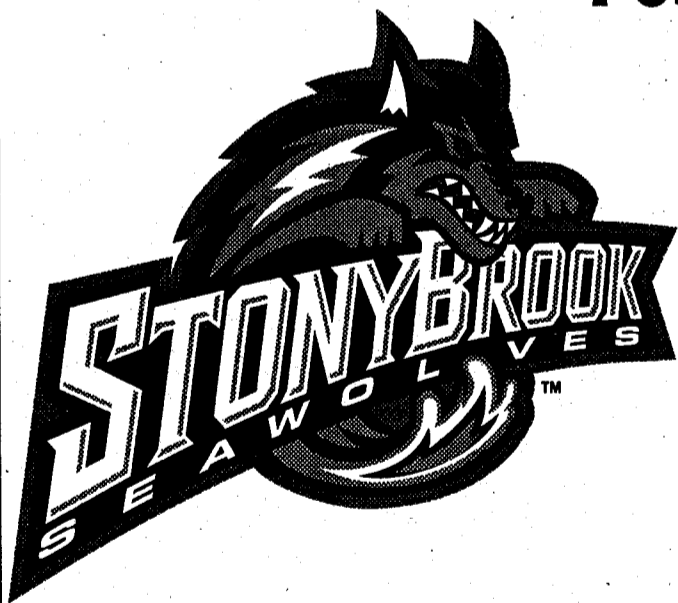
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# Features

## Parade of Pots

### "Explorations in Porcelain"

JULIE MINGIONE  
Statesman Editor

On the evening of Thursday, September 2, the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery premiered "Explorations in Porcelain", a collection of work by Karen Swyler. Swyler is a Fine Arts graduate of Alfred University, and has just completed her one year residency at Stony Brook. While here, Swyler had the opportunity to continue her work in ceramics, as well as teach both introductory and advanced level ceramics courses, which she describes as "great because I got to work with a lot of people in the art community of all ages."

Although this is Swyler's first solo project, she handled the evening with an easy calm, speaking with various onlookers and potential buyers quietly. A native of Sound Beach, Swyler's interest in ceramics began at Miller Place High School, where she first cultivated her talent. Known on Long Island, she currently has pieces on display in Gallery North in Setauket and the East End Arts Counsel.

Teapots, cups and saucers, plates, pitchers, vases, and bowls are all on display, demonstrating the artists versatility through production of various forms. The use of color also varies, though it is apparent that Swyler favors warm fades or intricate single-color patterning. All the works displayed are smooth and streamlined, and what appears from afar to be misshapen is, upon closer inspection, formed ceramic work along the rim of several pieces. As one walks around the room they can observe the little red dots visibly scattered next to certain pieces, indicating that they have been sold.

It is quite apparent that Swyler's work is unpretentious; the pieces are all modest and delicately crafted. Each work Swyler has created with a user in mind. The exchange between the person and the piece is what completes her work, and conveys its meaning. Says Swyler, "The pottery I create is meant to be used and enjoyed. It is my hope that through interaction with these pieces people will enjoy using and looking at them as much as I enjoy making them."

Statesman Editor, Kat Fulgieri contributed to this article.

"Explorations in Porcelain" will run in the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery until September 21. For additional information, call 632-6820.



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