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New Business Gets Mixed Reactions from University Professors

Students Turn Out for Local Elections

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook student Ryan Vinberg headed to the polls during last Tuesday's election to vote for someone who did things in the community.

"It's important to vote," he said.

But others, like Jay Zaheer, didn't have the time between midterms. "I am extremely busy and didn't know who was running," he said. This sentiment seems to be the consensus of the student body.

According to the Suffolk County Board of Elections, 10 percent of the registered students on campus trekked over to the Union Bi-Level to cast their ballots this week, down from the 40 percent that turned out last year.

"This figure is good considering the fact it was a local election and not a statewide election, and we didn't

have high profile candidates," said Todd Stebbins, group project coordinator for the New York Public Interest Research Group, an organization that annually holds voter registration drives on campus.

"It's local races, so you are going to expect [an] eight to 10 percent turnout. Actually, it's pretty good considering there wasn't any campaigning on campus," said Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, the Democratic committeeman who serves as a liaison between the party and the voting community, "If they're not motivated to speak on their behalf, nobody will be."

This year, with tabling efforts and visits to the residence halls, NYPIRG registered 823 students to vote.

On Tuesday over 100 students voted at the Bi-Level, 68 of which identified themselves as Democrats,

19 as Republicans and 31 had other or no party affiliations.

Suffolk County Legislator Vivian Fisher, a Democrat, stole the student votes with 92 ballots in her favor. Her opponents, Republican Gladys Gentile and Lillian Andwood on the Right to Life Ticket, got 26 and 12 votes respectively. Overall, Fisher won the election.

The student vote, however, differed from the overall totals for other elections. Democrat Patrick Mahoney won 81 of the student votes for Suffolk county executive, while Robert Gaffney only received 39 of the votes. Gaffney won the election overall, and is the first Republican Suffolk county executive to win a third term in office. For town supervisor, students preferred Democratic challenger Thomas Oberle, giving him 77 votes, over incumbent Felix Grucci Jr., who won the overall vote and 35 of the student votes. Libertarian candidate Audrey Pappaeliou won four of the student votes.

With 1400 registered voters on campus and approximately 5,000 to 6,000 residents in the district, Stony Brook University is its own election district. Stebbins pointed out though, that if the turnouts continue to be low, Stony Brook run risk of losing the polling site, forcing students to go off campus to vote. "That would be more difficult and would increase the likelihood that students would not vote," he said.

Another problem, Stebbins said, is that the board of elections has a problem reaffirming that students still reside on campus, thereby deregistering many. "The problem has vastly improved since last year but needs more work," said Stebbins, "A local election cannot shine bright enough light on the problem because there is not a high turnout. The primaries in the spring will show us."

In the meantime, NYPIRG will continue to register student voters.

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By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

Many Stony Brook students have discovered a business called First Class Notes, located across from the Stony Brook Train Station. Marking their second fall semester in Stony Brook, owners John Chung and Edward Kim have employed about forty Stony Brook students to provide them with notes from nearly forty courses offered at SBU. The notes are type-written and handed in, and are then photocopied and sold to eager students.

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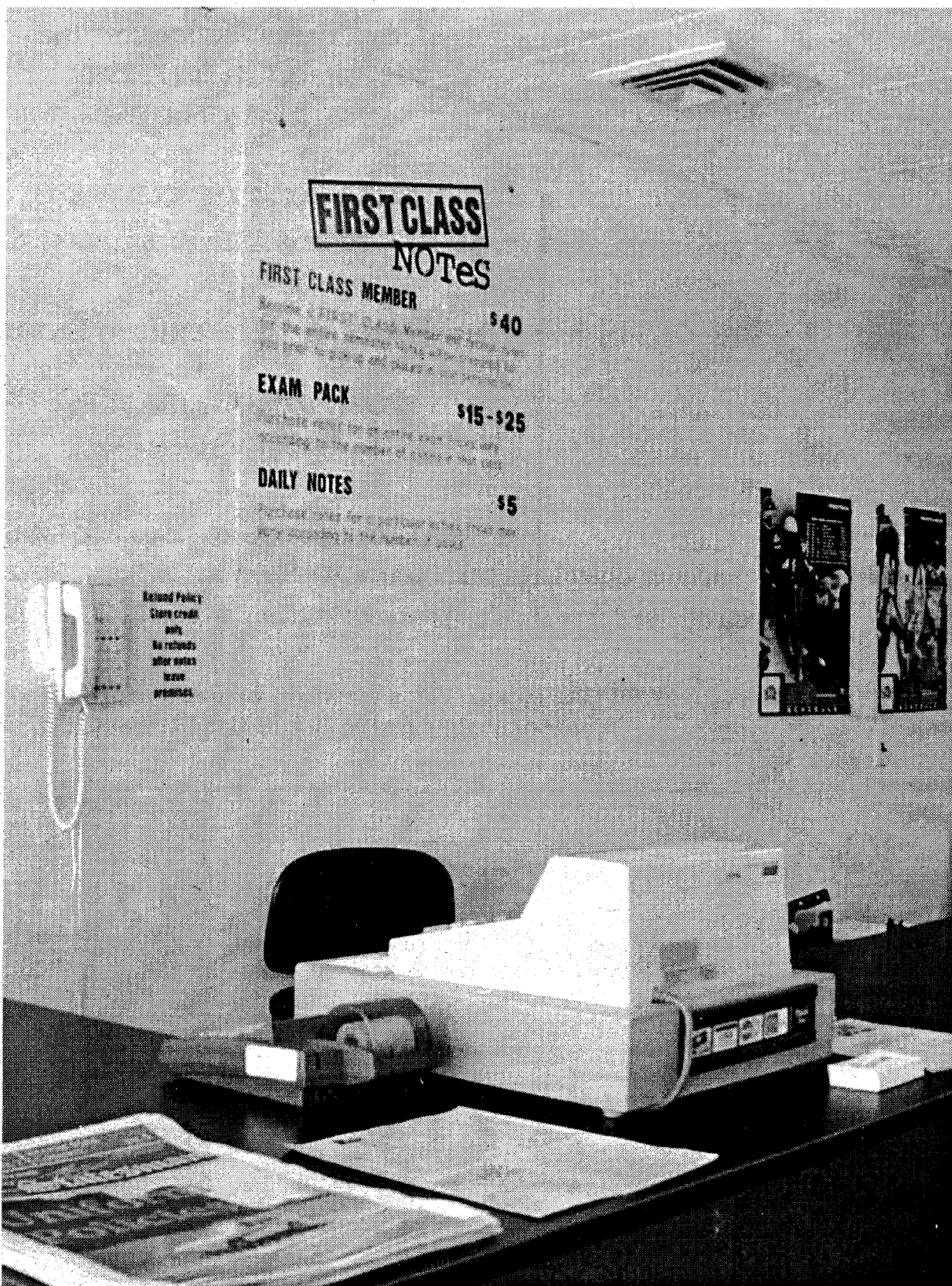
Students have eagerly been purchasing the daily notes, exam packs, and full-semester packets. The money they pay for the notes range from five to thirty dollars. They are typed and bound and include important highlighted terms, italicized people and places, and underlined subtopics. Clearly written and precise, many students are more than willing to shell out the cash to have "an extra edge on everyone else," according to Joe Seidel, a sophomore and recent First Class Notes customer.

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According to Chung, the reaction from Stony Brook's faculty and staff has been mixed. Some have gone so far as to call First Class Notes illegal, and as a result of those accusations, Chung and Kim have gotten themselves lawyers. Other professors, however, have commented that the notes were better than their own. An unnamed Stony Brook psychology professor remarked, "I neither recommend nor condemn the bought notes."

The availability of class notes might prompt some students to stop attending class, which has some professors worried. Said Arjomand, a professor of sociology at Stony Brook University, shares the mixed feelings of other professors. "These notes are quite good...It would be very bad, however, if students thought they could just buy these notes, not come to class and do well on the exam." Arjomand went on to say that there are, "Positives and negatives. If used as a supplement, I think it's a good idea."

Some professors, however, are against the idea



First Class Notes allows students to purchase class notes per day, for the semester, or for test review.

of note-sale. Said Mark Edmundson, a professor of English at the University of Virginia, "There's something sleazy about students taking their notes and selling them...But if you can buy the notes and satisfy the course requirements, maybe the course should have been distributed as a book, rather than have this charade of somebody standing up and going through a lecture."

Despite some adversity, First Class Notes is doing extremely well, and has increased their number of employed note-takers from twenty-five to forty since last spring. Chung attributes the growing popularity and success of First Class Notes to the "quality of our notes." First Class Notes prides itself on "Getting the best note taker possible for every individual class we carry." In order to be employed by the store, an interested student must have a grade point average of 3.5.

Also, Chung and Kim inspect the students notebook for "organizational skills and structure." Only people with a "high level of responsibility" are hired. Another stipulation is that no freshmen are employed, as they are still adjusting to the intensity of a college course. Once a student gets the job, they are assigned one or more classes in which to take notes, and are paid on average \$210 per class.

When asked if he would ever sell his notes for money, sophomore Robert Russo laughed, "I don't write very good notes, so I don't think anyone would want them. But it's a great idea, and makes me want to take better notes."

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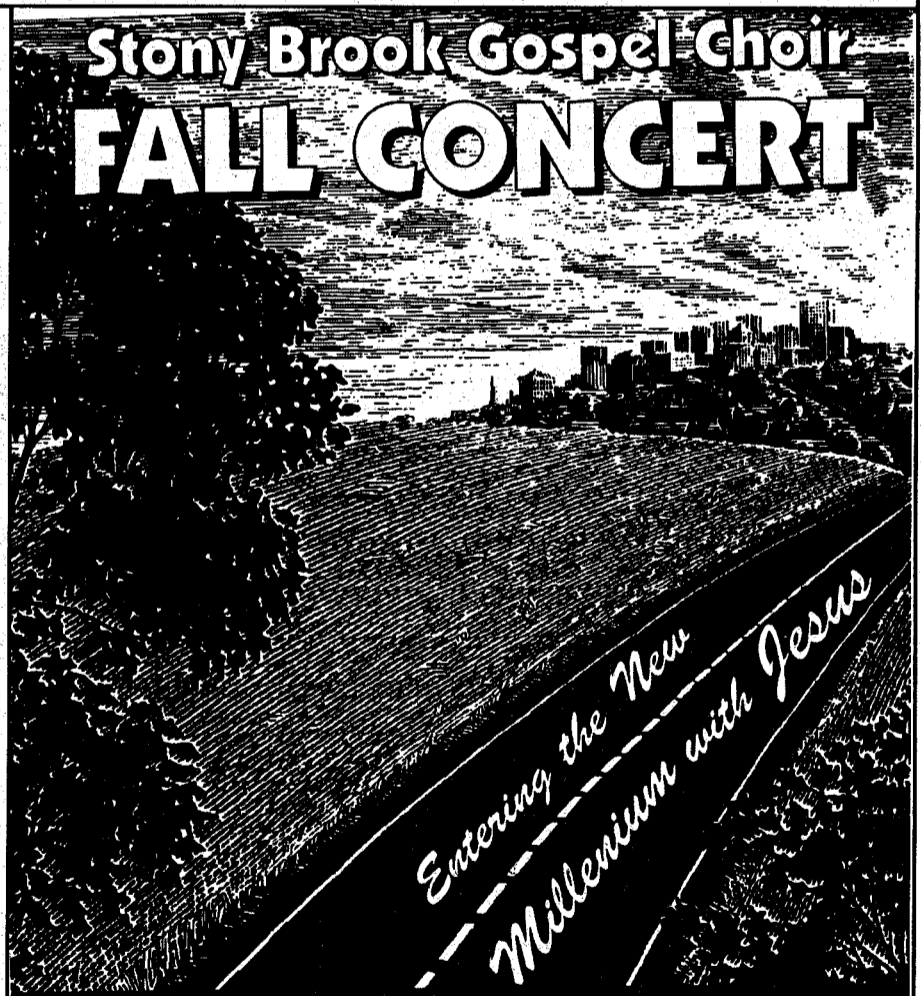
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By Michael Kwan, Statesman Editor

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

- 4:20 p.m. A wallet with cash and checks in it was taken from the Library SINC Site.
- 5:52 p.m. A Dewey resident reported receiving obscene phone calls.
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- 11:15 p.m. The speed limit sign across from Benedict was stolen.

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

- 2:52 a.m. A high sound was reported to be coming from the Spot. All was in order.
- 1:29 p.m. A fire occurred in the first floor ladies room of the Union. The Suffolk Arson Squad is investigating.
- 3:16 p.m. A toilet paper dispenser was ripped from

- the wall of the third floor men's room of the SAC.
- 3:27 p.m. A small fire occurred in Greeley College.

Thursday, October 28, 1999

- 12:11 a.m. A sweatshirt and jacket containing a cell phone was stolen from the University Hospital.
- 9:40 a.m. A laptop, with an estimated value of \$1500, was stolen from the University Hospital.
- 10:58 a.m. An 11-year-old child, who was reported missing, was found at the University Hospital.
- 4:55 p.m. A bag was stolen from the Union.
- 5:37 p.m. University Police retrieved a letter with suicidal and sexual content from a professor in Javits.
- 10:25 p.m. A motor vehicle accident occurred at the corner of South Drive and Forest Drive. One victim was transported to the University Hospital.

Friday, October 29, 1999

- 11:05 p.m. The front wheel of a bicycle was stolen 5 from a rack in front of the Physics building.
- 12:30 a.m. A motorist reported being stuck in a car. The motorist was gone upon Police arrival.
- 12:39 a.m. The Whitman residential hall director requested Police assistance in dispersing a party.
- 10:06 a.m. A paper fire was extinguished in Life Sciences.
- 10:15 a.m. Elevator shaft #1 in the University Hospital was flooded. The Physical Plant was notified.
- 8:31 p.m. Approximately \$37 dollars was taken from the wallet of a patient at the Long Island Veteran's Home.
- 10:16 p.m. A Wagner college resident was unable to remove some cotton from his ear. He was transported to the University Hospital.

Saturday, October 30, 1999

- 12:25 a.m. A Wagner College resident complained about excessive noise coming from the Spot. University Police requested that the sound be lowered.
- 9:10 a.m. A cell phone was taken from the Indoor Sports Complex's Coach's Office.
- 2:55 p.m. A book valued at \$70 was taken from the Library SINC Site.
- 4:59 p.m. A dispute between a soccer team and a referee occurred at the Indoor Sports Complex.
- 5:32 p.m. A male subject was seen outside of Gray College setting fire to leaves, paper and other items.
- 5:40 p.m. A wallet containing a debit card, ID card and \$60 was stolen from Langmuir College.
- 7:02 p.m. A motor vehicle accident occurred on Lake Drive. One of the drivers involved left before University Police could investigate.
- 9:49 p.m. A University Hospital nurse requested help in looking for a patient that had left the Trauma Room without permission. The patient was found and subsequently returned.

Sunday, October 31, 1999

- 10:22 a.m. Credit cards were stolen from a vehicle in South P-Lot.
- 12:11 p.m. A wallet, cell phone, and credit cards were stolen from a vehicle in the Indoor Sports Complex parking lot.
- 2:04 p.m. Windows in the Fanny Brice Theater were accidentally broken.

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Editorials

Crime and Punishment

While many of you may get a good laugh out of the Statesman's Police Blotter, campus crime is no joke. We at Stony Brook are actually quite lucky that the crimes that plague our campus don't get much more serious than stolen wallets or "suspicious smoke" wafting from under dorm doors. If and when the time comes that a serious crime is committed here, two recent Congressional amendments will drastically change the way it is handled.

Under the Campus Security Act, all colleges are required to publish crime statistics each year, with a standard across the nation's colleges yet to be established. This would require that all schools employ the same tactics when measuring campus crime statistics. This may prevent any particular school from manipulating their data to make them look better or safer and it allows prospective students to make a more informed choice on their school.

The amendment made to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is much more drastic. According to this act, schools have the power to release the outcomes of certain student disciplinary actions when they involve

violent crimes. Violent is the key word here and these crimes include attempted murder, rape or assault. This means that the federal government does not stop schools from releasing crime information including the name of the perpetrator and the actions taken by the school.

This is a major overhaul from the original FERPA of 1974. Back then, the bill mandated that a student's record was restricted from release without the express authorization of the student. Assuming the student is found guilty, this information is now fair game to whoever wants it.

Another aspect of FERPA states that if a student violates a portion of the code of conduct, the student's parents can be notified. While many of you may fear the punishment of your parents more than any other legal body, this is a serious violation to all students. Can you say kindergarten? Laws like this are reminiscent of grade school days, when you received mid semester progress reports. Can you imagine getting in trouble while in college then going home and getting grounded by your parents? Are we not adults?

Besides making you feel like a kid again, and not for any good reason, this bill raises

some interesting issues. Many of us get uncomfortable when we hear that a name is being released. The right to privacy is something drummed into our heads as citizens of the United States and any violation of that makes us squirm in our seats, particularly if the name in question is a fellow schoolmate. But consider this: when a serious crime is committed elsewhere, the perpetrator's name is plastered all over the media.

We do think of our campus community as a microcosm within the real, often cruel, world. But it is important for us to remember that we are not autonomous bodies. Maybe we hate the idea of seeing a fellow student go down but should the safety of all be sacrificed for the privacy of one? Probably not.

Universities depend upon good wholesome images to keep up enrollment. The glossy literature does not show a photo of the darkest alley on campus with some shadowy figure lurking behind a tree. Instead you see happy students lounging under a tree eating lunch beside a fountain. But thanks to these laws, students can determine whether or not this is a misleading image.

Misery Index

Compiled By Kat Fulgieri

Campus Dining Services has finally given some recognition to the plight of campus vegetarians, and has posted fliers in dining areas that list every meatless option available on campus.

The University Police have a new favorite speed trap. Everyone beware of the road near the train station. Cruisers have been observed hiding in the parking lot, radar guns at the ready.

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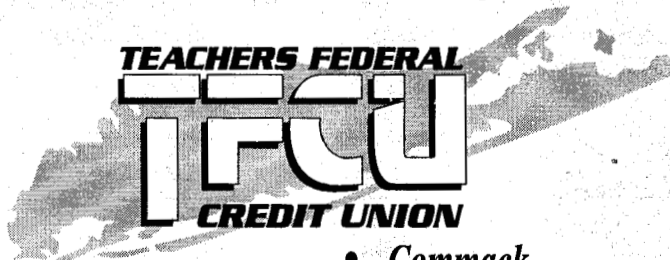


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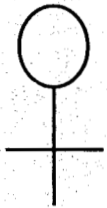


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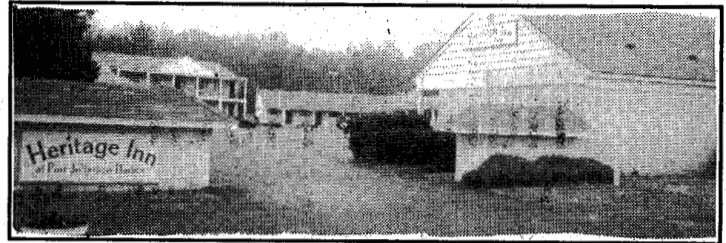
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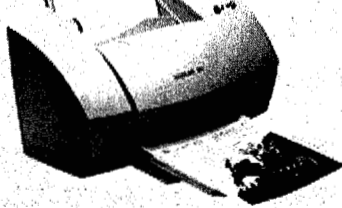
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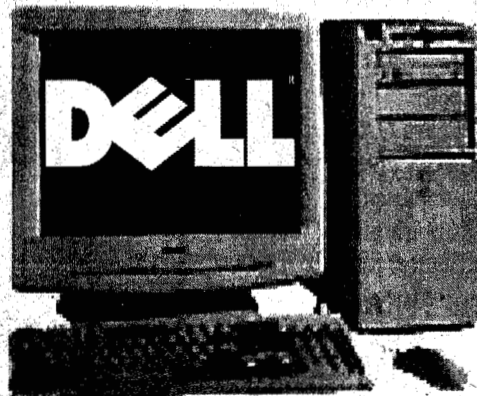
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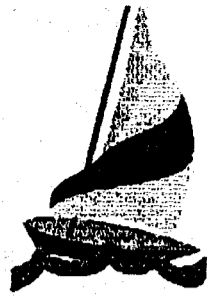
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Walking Off The Buzz

Blessid Union of Souls to Play Staller Center

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

November 19th will see the Staller Center transformed into a rocking concert venue, when the band Blessid Union of Souls takes to the stage at 8p.m. The group is on tour to celebrate the release of their third CD, entitled *walking off the buzz*, from which comes the hit single "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me For Me)," a song which has enjoyed airtime on the likes of 95.5(PLJ), 100.3 (Z100), 92.3 (K-Rock), and 92.7 (WLIR).

The band members of Blessid Union of Souls are no strangers to success. In 1995, single "I Believe", taken from their self-titled freshman studio effort, reached number one and boasted the accomplishment of being the fourth-most played song for 1995.

Staller Center officials are excited about the concert, including director Alan Inkles, who booked the show over a year ago. "They're a great band, and they play great music, plus they have a large underground following," said Inkles, "but they haven't gotten to the place yet where everyone knows the name, and that's good. Blessid Union can still play the type of music they want to because they haven't sold out to becoming a commercial band."



Keyboard artist CP Roth is a favorite among fans. Courtesy of Crocker.com



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The single "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me For Me)" can be heard on *walking off the buzz*.

Inkles also expressed concern that not enough Stony Brook students are aware of the concert. Starting yesterday, PLJ, the radio station sponsoring the concert, has been publicizing it to the tri-state area. Inkles wants Stony Brook students to be able to see the show, which is expected to sell out because of radio advertising.

Blessid Union of Souls has a style that the members of the band have dubbed "urban soul." The group is obviously talented, and their third CD is a testament to their versatility. There are ballads, catchy pop tunes, and soulful, funky tracks. The arrangement of the music differs, allowing each musician to show off their skills at various times. The sounds are fun, diverse, and interesting, and all of the songs have a history. The band name also has a story to go along with it - taken from a M*A*S*H episode, and deliberately spelled incorrectly to ensure correct pronunciation.

The Cincinnati-based band is made up of Eliot Sloan, the vocalist, Jeff Pence on guitar, CP Roth on keyboards, Tony Clark on bass, and Eddie Hedges on drums. They have sold over a million records, and expectations for the new *walking off the buzz* are even higher.

A bonus for those who attend the concert will be the opening act Tsidii Leloka, who will take to the stage with a seven piece band. Tsidii Leloka is best known for contributing her musical talents to the Lion King. "She's going to get a little bit of everything into her act," said Inkles, "she'll do some traditional African music, some Broadway, and things in between." Leloka's presence will be a cultural celebration of African music.

Tickets for the show are expected to sell out, and are available by calling 632-ARTS. Tickets are \$13.