

Commuter College Starts Rolling

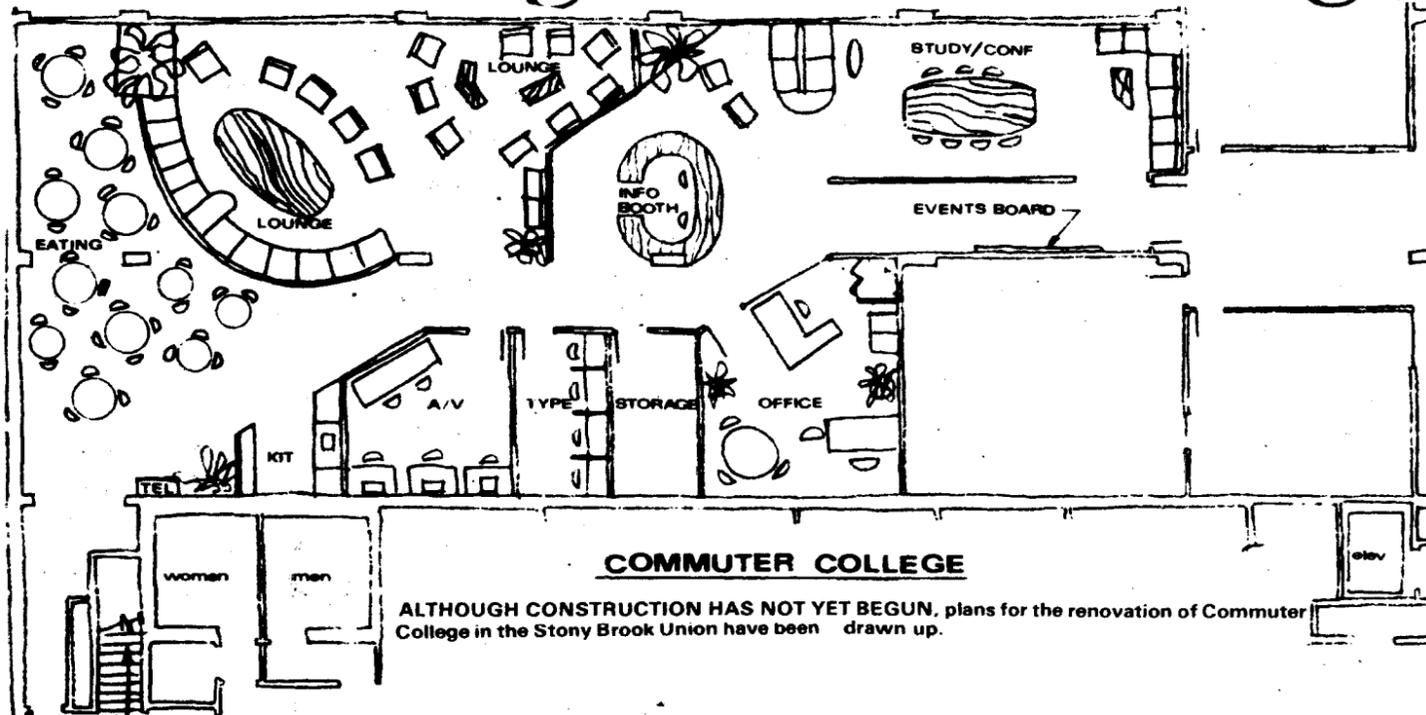
By John Buscemi

The Commuter College opened Monday in room 080 of the Stony Brook Union after a long delay and much red tape. Previously located in Gray College, Commuter College closed last spring because of mismanagement, apathy and vandalism, according to Brian Padilla, Commuter College student coordinator.

At the moment, the college contains two pool tables, a ping pong table, a refreshment stand, couches and tables, but a total overhaul has been planned. The construction, scheduled for this summer, Padilla said, includes adding a study area, typing and audio visual rooms, lounges, a kitchen and eating section, an information booth, an office and a conference room. Also, the Faculty Student Association (FSA) will use some of the space.

A big screen television should arrive next week, Padilla said, and before the end of the semester, if all goes well, a bagel breakfast, a "free coffee and donuts day" and a "party or two" will be held.

Fire Marshall John Paulos said that some of the plans such as an eating area and a kitchen must



ALTHOUGH CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT YET BEGUN, plans for the renovation of Commuter College in the Stony Brook Union have been drawn up.

be investigated further.

Padilla said he envisions the Commuter College as more than a place students can congregate. He said he wants the college to sponsor a tutoring program, an "emergency sleeping space" where commuters could spend the night if stranded on campus, and a day care center for

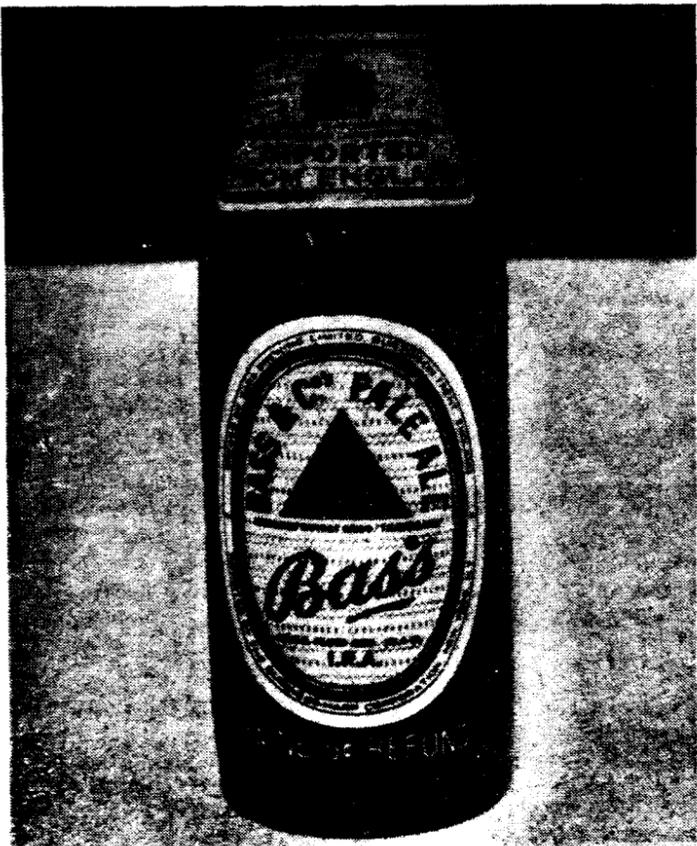
commuter students' children. He feels that commuters are discriminated against by receiving a smaller proportion of campus jobs than residents, and wants the college to change this.

Along with any construction, several fire safety systems must be added, Paulos said, among these, sprinklers and heat

detectors. According to Padilla, the college is now operating under the old fire code which requires no additional fire safety equipment. No money has yet been allocated for the equipment and Padilla hopes the University will help. "It seems to me it is the University's responsibility to make the

buildings safe for its inhabitants," he said. The Commuter College is open from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 AM to 2 PM Thursday and 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Friday. Hours may be shortened if more students are not found to staff the room, Padilla said.

Cohalan Signs Bottle Bill; NYPIRG Commended



Statesman/Matt Lebowitz

WITH THE SIGNING OF THE BOTTLE BILL into law, returnable bottles will become commonplace in Suffolk County.

The controversial bottle bill, which requires a 5-cent deposit on all carbonated and malt beverage containers sold in Suffolk County, was signed into law Monday by Suffolk County Executive Peter Cohalan.

The bill, officially known as the Beverage Container Control Act, goes into effect one year from now. Suffolk is the first county in the state to adopt such a measure.

Among the groups honored at the bill-signing ceremony, held in a political science class at Lindenhurst High School, was the Stony Brook University chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). NYPIRG had

produced a price survey disputing industry claims that passage of the law would raise prices to the consumer. In addition, many Stony Brook students participated in the public hearings held recently in Riverhead and Hauppauge in support of the law.

Receiving the award for NYPIRG was James Leotta, a project coordinator for the Stony Brook chapter. Clark Jablon, who researched the price survey for NYPIRG, remarked, "When people work together, the public interest prevails, no matter how powerful or how much money the corporations spend." Companies that bottle beverages affected by the bill lobbied against its passage.

Hospital Has Power Outage

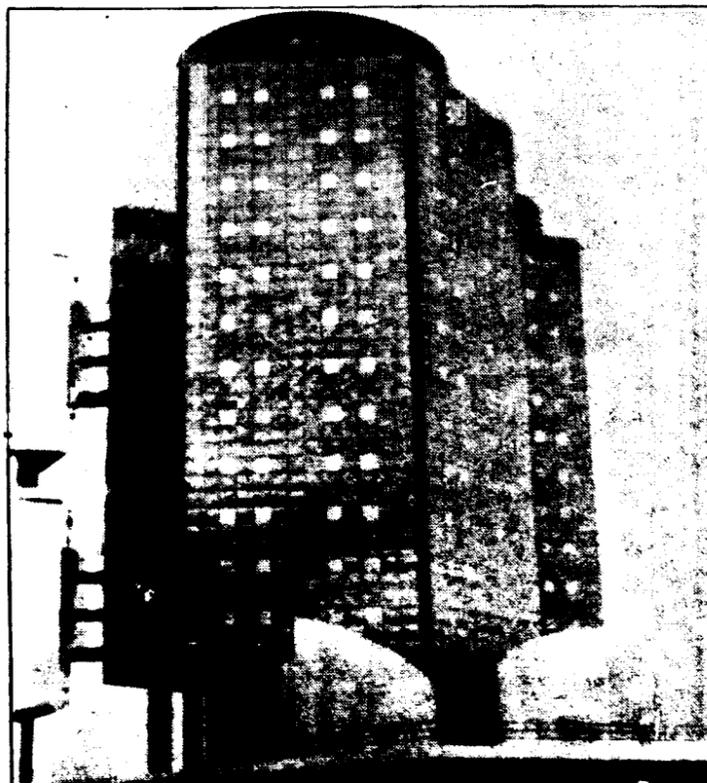
By Christine Castaldi

A power shortage affected the fourth and fifth floors of the University Hospital last night at 6:10 PM. According to the Hospital Administrator on duty James Gonzalez, "Apparently just a segment of the fourth and fifth floors have been affected by the circuit breaker. It is only a minor power outage, and the electricity and power is on in the emergency room and the operating rooms."

Several lights in the hallways and corridors were out and the hospital's fifth floor cafeteria closed at 6:45 PM, because food could not be served without lighting. The cafeteria usually closes at 7:30 PM.

According to X-ray technician Bob Klein, "As far as I'm concerned everything was fine in the radiology department on the fourth floor in the hospital."

There was no extensive damage to the hospital or to any of its patients. The electricians said that they were hopeful that in a few hours all the lights in the hallways would be operating.



Statesman/Darryl Rotherforth

A BRIEF POWER OUTAGE occurred in the University Hospital last night; no extensive damage was cited.

Tuesday Is Friday

If it's Tuesday, it must be Belgium, but if it's Friday, it must be Stony Brook.

The university has once again decided to tamper with the gregorian calendar in the hope of straightening out its academic calendar.

Because of a number of Friday holidays, next Tuesday has been officially declared Friday. The University will therefore operate as a Friday on Tuesday, with all classes following a Friday Schedule.

In addition, because of religious holidays, there are no classes this Friday or Monday.