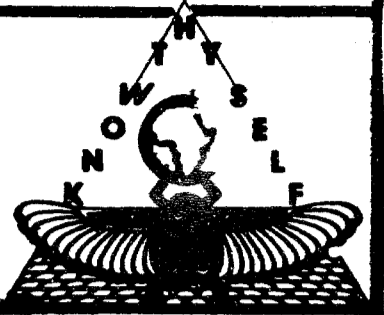


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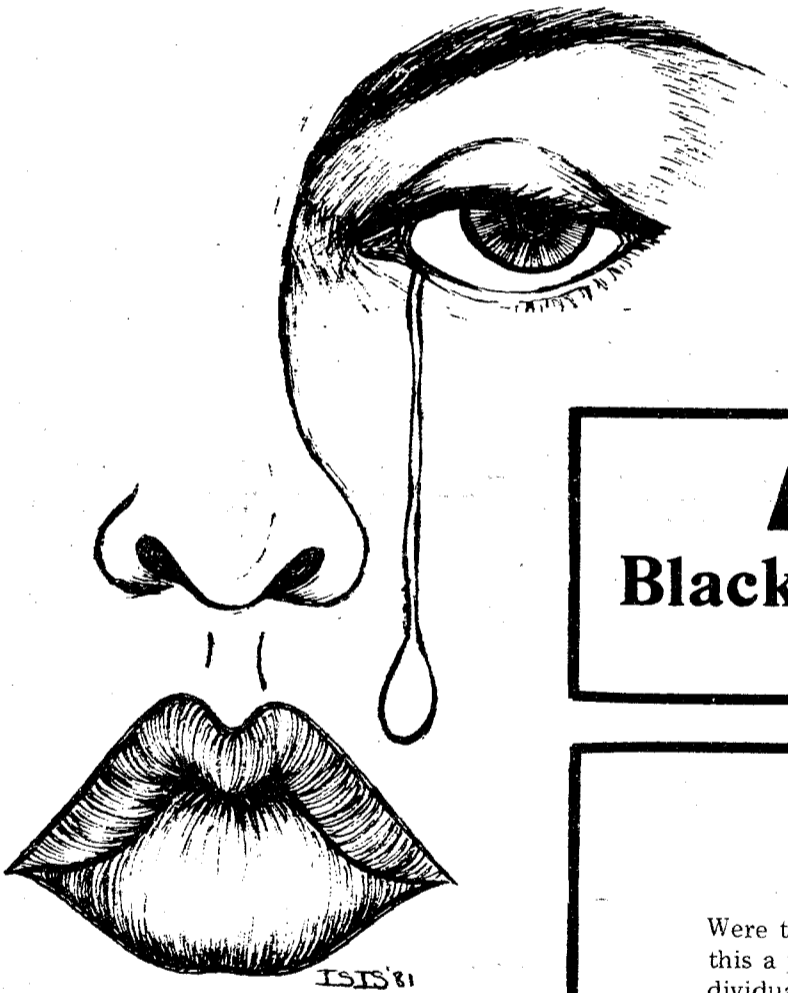
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Our Perspective



BLACK WORLD **Black + White = Shades of Gray**

By: The Editorial Board

Were this a perfect world neither I nor BLACK WORLD would exist; were this a perfect place all views would either be the same or looked on with individual merit. We do not live in this world and therefore until then BLACK WORLD must exist. We must exist so that topics of importance are not avoided; we must be here to question as students of the world are meant to;

Question: Hunger, Pain, Racism, Coexistence, Rationality, Laws and Regulations, Loves and Deaths. We must be here to answer these questions and not avoid them; we must be here to ask the only true question: Why? We must be here to help you see that nothing is either BLACK or White but various shades of GRAY!

Varsity soccer in retrospect

by Mark Ashman

Playing Division III sports at an institution as academically oriented is played by a set of dedicated young men and women. One of the most outstanding teams at Stony Brook is the men's varsity soccer team. The rise of this team has not been all downhill. There have been times when the team experienced disunity and confusion under the new coach (1981), Shawn McDonald.

The problems were based on tension between black players and the new coach. A lot of players felt that they were being used like animals. They would play hard in the games and do a lot of things that were helpful to the team's success, and yet they get no recognition.

In any sport, the players should be able to look up to their coach as a big brother and a leader. The players should not feel that their talents are being exploited just for the success of the soccer program.

As part of the soccer team, as a freshman in 1981, I did not understand the pressures which I used to hear upper-classmen talk about. This was because I was not a starting player - all I did when I got on the field was to play my heart out and do my best. The following year (1982), when I had developed into a much better player, these problems directly affected me. I remember straining my calf muscle and asking for a ride to the trainer's room on the cushman, which takes the equipment out to the field, only to be told by the coach that I should walk because if I rode in the cushman the other players would get ideas that I was being treated special. I used to watch my friend Ian Chung, a defense man, sit on the bench while other white players who were not even half as talented as he was, start over him. He used to come to me after games and tell me that he was going to quit because he was wasting his time. Games were lost because of the defense line, and somehow the coach acted like he did not see it. Eventually Ian and two other black players decided to quit and left the team. They had gotten the impression that the coach wanted to portray a certain white image, but not really wanted to win the games.

I stayed on playing, not as part of the team, but in my own world because to me soccer was part of my life. I felt alone on the team - I felt surrounded by people who just envied my skills and just disliked me. Once the coach told me to move my foot off the line and to stop blocking another white player. I, in



turn, told him that I was there before he was, and he told me to get off the field. That was the last straw that broke my back, and I left the team to form an all black team called "Roots Vibes" where I was appointed captain. We tried engaging in an indoor league but we had nobody to sponsor us, and lack of money forced us to give up soccer.

The soccer team went on to have a strong season, but not a great one. The following year the black players decided that we would not go out for the team but would watch to see how they did. The soccer team that year had two black players and the others were white. Many times when we went to watch the games, we felt depressed because we knew we could have contributed in some way. The team had a winning season, but I did not feel that it was the strongest Stony Brook team possible.

In the following year (1984) most of the guys who I had played with in the early 80's had either graduated or transferred. I discovered that my love for soccer had never left; it had just suppressed. Thus, I came to the conclusion within myself that if I can play the sport and not get involved personally with the coach, then I should be able to have some fun with a sport which I truly loved. Six black players tried out for the team this year, and we all made it.

Another thing that I noticed is that the coach had developed tremendously into a good coach. There were a few problems at first, but as we spoke about them, they were corrected. As a result, a close bond was created within the team. When we went on the field we fought together, loss together, and won together. Four of the black players got great playing time and for the first time, I made some true friends on the soccer team, other than black players.

This integrated soccer team went on to break the Stony Brook most won record with a team record of 10 - 7 - 1. It also tied the most shut out record (7), won the Suburban Conference, and also got an ECAC bid. As a player, I have now developed a lot of respect for my coach. If people forget where they come from and work together as a unit, then the limit on what they can accomplish is endless. Shawn McDonald has built a great soccer program here at Stony Brook, and I would suggest to those lower classmen who are interested in playing soccer to contact him.

After graduation, what then?

by Annmarie Bull

It was stated in a recent article that black graduates are now encountering more problems finding employment than they did a couple of years ago because of the increase in competition. Part of that is to be blamed on the economy and a change in the attitudes of private people, employers, and an aversion to hiring fresh inexperienced and in particular minorities. The schools have to do their best in meeting the industry's new needs and demands.

However, through the discovery of technology, new job opportunities are emerging for minorities, especially in the science fields. This particular area pays a good starting salary and is looking for more minorities to become interested in it. It's observed that more minorities are vastly becoming more interested in the sciences, such as; engineering, medicine, computer science, etc. More and more minorities are seeking for a education because when the competition starts "only the strong survive".

With the economy pulling itself out of recession, the nation's job market has begun to blossom. Among blacks and other minorities, the unemployment rate has dropped considerably within the last few years. Black job seekers, particularly if they are entering the job market for the first time, have to be well prepared. There are more choices today open to black youths than before and yet a disproportionate

The biggest growth industries are those specializing in high technology, then business, and finance. Those areas where employment is available includes the Southwest (California), Southeast (Virginia), and South Central (Texas). But in order to get into these industries, minorities have to be well prepared and determined to face the pressures both inside and outside of the industry. It's embedded in them to prove themselves to others. But minorities on a whole have to receive the opportunity to know what the corporate world is like and how to succeed at whatever they're doing.

Today the majority of companies are looking for experience and education and for the individual to project some potential for a higher and continued growth. When minorities are hired they are usually expected to perform twice as much as their competitors go into such fields as social science and teaching etc. There are, however, many who are going into different areas of science and are willing to learn about society and its new technology as man continues to put his knowledge to the test. There are a number of minorities who are interested in highly technical careers and strive to achieve their goals. When opportunity knocks at the door minorities on a whole must respond quickly because it might be opportunity only knocks once.

tion in the working environment. A major criteria is that individuals must meet the qualifications for the job. But first of all the basic requirements have to be satisfied, such as writing a resume, which most people do not know how to do. Most firms and industries are looking for students with a grade point average of 3.2 or better on a four point system. Sometimes this is unfair to others because that particular individual may not know how to carry on a mature and sensible conversation. So you could be well qualified in one respect but not in another. If the person's G. P. A. does not quite qualify, the firm may probably recruit him less.

Many times some minorities are more qualified than some whites seeking the same positions, but since some weren't well prepared or because of discriminatory reasons, they, are not hired or receive lesser positions. There are no guarantees that someone will choose you because you are a minority, people are usually hired on the basis of their qualification and nothing less. It's every man for himself in this society. You have to try to handle things for yourself before others do it for you. Minorities just have to be fully prepared in order to get the jobs they are seeking or aiming for in life. Then they'll have a better chance on getting that particular job and being successful at it.

Interview with the Polity President

by David Bryan

The following is a brief but insightful interview with Polity President, Rory (Hawkeye) Aylward. This is another attempt of Blackworld's to branch out and deal with issues affecting students on campus.

What are some of the problems going on with the FSA?

The main problem is that the President of the University, John Marburger, is not happy with the structure of the FSA. Marburger feels the FSA has not been working as well as he wants it to. He believes the problems with it are structural. We, the students, feel that the problems are more operational in nature. Earlier this week, we were able to convince Marburger that the problems were operational as well as other things. The President wanted to change the student majority of the Class A membership, which elected the board of directors, the officers and the alumni seat. Now the President will select the Administration Representatives, the University Senate will select the Faculty Representatives, and the students will select the Student Representatives to the board of directors. The board will then select its own officers. This means students no longer control a majority in FSA.

Have all the issues been resolved?

No. The operational problems still remain. Administration argues that students aren't experienced enough to hold FSA positions. This may or may not be a good contention, but the students must have a say in what affects them. There is a two to one ratio of students to faculty and staff. Also the students involved if not experienced are very conscientious.

What has been the effect of the debate on FSA's day to day operations?

There has been no effective leadership from the Board of Directors in months, it is stagnant. If everything were running great there would be noticeable differences as far as students are concerned. Things, however, have not been run as well as they could. This refers back to the operational problems again.

Changing the subject. How do you feel about Polity thus far?

We have had our problems but things are going well. Our most detracting problem is Belina Anderson's lawsuit, which is still pending. The effects are still being felt, Joyce, the Vice President is still not official. The senate is being run by the Senate Pro-Temp. Joyce has put in many hours and has been doing a fantastic job, while Belina has been seen maybe once or twice. It seems that if Belina doesn't get the Vice Presidency she doesn't want anything. I say lets get the case over with or drop it and let things get to normal in Polity.

One of your campaign themes was to get more people involved in Polity, do you feel you have accomplished this?

Not to the extent that I'd like to see. We have gotten some people involved but not enough. Even the people we have gotten some commitment from, have not lived up to them. We are not as visible as we could be but people don't seem to care.

What are your plans for next semester?

Next semester will be treated as a new beginning. We will take further steps towards making Polity more visible to the students. This will involve finding new and creative ways to do so. Also there could be a shift away from traditional student issues like dorm cooking and the meal plan, to other issues such as academic credit for student service. I want to represent the students and make their needs know to Administration. We are planning a conference in early spring, where students, faculty, and Administration will get together and discuss topics that are of mutual importance.

How about the issue of minority representation in Polity?

There are about 20 or 30 committees that effect student life on this campus. There are not enough people to fill these positions. There are claims of under representation but there are some buildings that don't even have senators. The time is ripe for major inroads into the structure. It is a put up or shut up situation. I have had no complaints personally that I have been reluctant to respond to, so I feel strongly about this. Everyone is complaining but noone is doing anything about it. The budget process will be coming up and people aren't putting themselves in a position to be able to do anything to effect it. In saying this I'm not just looking for people looking out for minority concerns, but people who are looking out for the campus as a whole. However, you must be involved to accomplish anything.

Are there any last thing you would like to say?

I encourage anyone who is interested to come and talk to me, or if not me Joyce. If you are interested in music or concerts talk to Gary, the MPB will be needing a lot of help next semester. I'd like to say hello to many of my fellow Aim students, most of who do not know me. Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Polity needs you !!!

By Kim Parks

How about coming to Polity if you are seeking jobs or to just volunteer your time and service there? If you are not pleased with your student government, why don't you express it? You may be doing your fellow student a favor...

If you recall a similar tune was played at the beginning of the semester. Some progress has been made over the course of the semester, however, more help is widely needed. You do not have to be come

politically inclined to help out in Polity. Whatever you don't know will be demonstrated to you by the mobility of the students already involved. Appointments to positions are made regularly and the progress throughout the office will only create more positions on committees and other work related areas in Polity. Think it over during intersession and spring out with Polity next semester. Good Luck on your finals!!

Viewpoint....why read BLACK WORLD for the personals

--The author is an unknown Student

Here you are walking on campus and you come across BLACK WORLD. What do you do? You pick it up and the first page you turn to is the personal. But why the personal page? Is it because you were never fortunate enough to get one and you are hoping a "true friend" will finally have one for you or is it because you are not interested in your culture and what is taking place on campus.

I talked to a few students on campus and asked them -- Why do they read BLACK WORLD, and to let you -- the readers know that I am not exaggerating when I say some students pick up BLACK WORLD for the personals. Do you know what the answers were -- that's right -- you guessed it -- for PERSONALS. They have the audacity to tell me, Personals. If I were them and I am not, I would be ashamed to say it. To our readers who read BLACK WORLD not for the personal but for finding out what is taking place on campus from a minority perspective. I say, keep supporting BLACK WORLD. For the students who read, let me re-phrase that, who pick up the paper for personals, I say if you find BLACK WORLD uninteresting, why don't you submit articles to us. You don't have to be on the staff to write articles, anyone can submit them. So why not stop reading and start writing.

Let us know how you feel about certain issues on campus or for that matter BLACK WORLD.

I really don't understand why some students don't take the time to read BLACK WORLD. BLACK WORLD is about getting messages across to you -- the minority students on campus. Why do you think we -- the BLACK WORLD staff stay up till 4 in the morning getting the paper together, it sure isn't because we can't sleep and have nothing to do, it's because we care about minorities on campus, and you should too, by supporting us and reading the only minority publication on campus.

We also know that BLACK WORLD is suppose to be a bi-weekly publication but it comes out sometimes once a month, if that much. The problem is: we don't come out bi-weekly because we don't have the funds to come out as often as we would like. Here again, if we get your support and we all go to P-O-L-I-T-Y, we may be able to come out as often as the other publications on campus.

This semester we only came out 3 times but with everyone's help, next semester we can be weekly. So why not stop talking badly about BLACK WORLD and start talking good. To the students who read BLACK WORLD only for the personals, I say -- WAKE UP AND KNOW THYSELF!

What is Christmas?

By Collene Peters

Xmas, Yuletide, giftgiving, birth of a new saviour, loneliness, or even unnecessary expenses. These are some of the thoughts that come to mind when we think of Christmas. Apart from thanksgiving, Christmas is the biggest holiday in this country. It is the time of the year we give but also receive, families come together, churches celebrate the new coming of the saviour, and the eyes of infants sparkle from new toys, candies, home delicacies, and Santa Claus.

It is also a time of sadness and loneliness for some, a time marked by unnecessary shopping sprees; where prices are jacked up and consumer spending increases. A time of careless deaths due to drunk driving and excessive consumption of drugs and alcohol. It is a time the lonely feel lonelier and suicide rates increase.

Some people refer to Christmas as Xmas. The 'X' marking the unknown event that has no meaning in their lives, events that become ritualistic but without purpose. For example, some people go to Christmas mass (on the eve of Christmas) for years without knowing the meaning of the mass or its significance. After all, if the Jones have been attending Christmas mass for the past eighteen years, their presence would certainly be missed by society (if they missed a year).

Yuletide, the practicing of gift giving, is probably the single most outstanding display of the Christmas spirit. But what is the Christmas spirit; in a materialistic world where the price of the gift is more important than its purpose, or where the designer name tag bears more meaning than the gift.

For us students, amidst finals, all night studying, and cram sessions, we probably haven't even realized that the Christmas season is here. And most likely not until after that last final will we even think about it; What does it mean, how does it affect us and how will we spend it. Are we looking forward to the shopping, cooking, baking, carol singing, Christmas mass, family reunions, Santa Claus, rum cake, ginger beer, egg nog..... or would we just like to go into hibernation until it's all over. Here's some students' thoughts about Christmas:

"Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Christ and remembering what it means to humanity, a time for family to get together and share the warmth and exchange gifts."

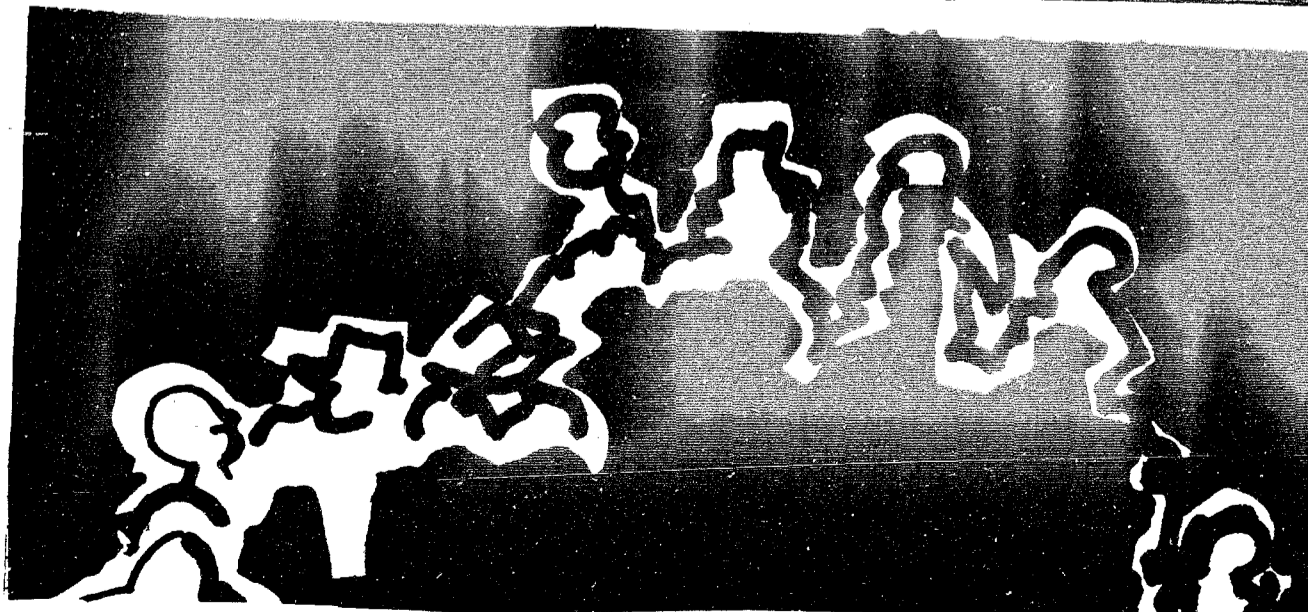
"To me Christmas means the world acknowledges the birth of Christ who came to give his life for us so we may share an abundant life and have his spirit in our lives forever."

Christmas is the time of exchanging gifts, making people happy, pigging out on chocolate cream pie and long lines to exchange presents....."

"Christmas is the joy of celebrating with family and friends, a time of sharing, loving, and giving."

Christmas is a time for sharing love with your family and friends and remembering that special day that Christ, our saviour, was born; that's what Christmas means to me."

X -mas, Yuletide, giftgiving, birth of a new saviour, loneliness, unnecessary expenses; what does Christmas mean to you??



Say Something

Merry Christmas:

Harmony & Lady J., please try to remain friends with each other or you'll lose a lot. Harmony--stop your drug habit. Lady J.-- hopefully a voodoo doctor will be able to cure your affliction. Merry X--mas! -- of course, you know who ----

Av,

You are a nut! Without you our late night rehearsals would not have been worthwhile. I hope we never meet the girl with the long blond hair up in Syracuse. Well we got a job. what more can we ask for? Let's always remain friends.

Lyn

Maria C.

Needless to say: **YOU ARE LOVED!**
Drinking Partner

T. C. O.,

All you have to do is make the sisters happy.

Your future Delta Sweetheart

D.J.,

The Liquor store closes early so stock up now to be happy.
Your Drinking Partner

Blue Love and Scottie,

When are we going up to the mountains for S.O.F. (Straight up -----). My friend can't wait-- Thanks for lunch.

Love Tiff

C.C.,

Merry Christmas!!
Run wild, Lay pipe, and all that junk.
Bricklayer

Selina,

Dear person who forgot my Personal,

I don't carry grudges so Merry Christmas and a sexually active New Year.
Don't forget to call.

Love,
One-Way

It was really good talking to you.

Civil Rights wouldn't have been the same without you. I'm really glad you pinned me!
I Love YOU!!

To All,

Delta Sigma Theta wishes all a happy Kwanza and a Happy New Year.
Delta Sigma Theta

Cee Dee,

You are the Best roommate ever. What the HELL would you do without me?

Love

Gee Bee

To Linda,

Is friendship such an easy thing to waste?
South West

To the Imperial B.,

"A.T. & T. to me" is the next best thing to being there so keep in touch. Long distances do not a relationship break.

Courteously yours,
Father

After years of studies we can conclude only one thing: "the voices" CHEEBA is good.

--American Food and Drug Administration

Sanger B121,

Uno Anyone?

Merry Christmas Dave:

Have a Happy New Year and study hard for your aptitude test. Hope you pass!!!

E - 1

Roxanne & A. J.,

Up in the Bronx where the people are fresh (DST), there is a new person on the yard named Sweet "G" Sweet "Gee"

Mike G.

I love the short story -- Keep it up. You write great!

Cindy

Mo, Av, Li, Shelly, Lynn, Jeni,

Keep up your active participation in the organizations on campus. It's a very good feeling to see freshmen involved. The African American Student Organization truly appreciates it. P.S. We appreciate all members!!

Thanks,
Golda

Rayna T.

You are terrific!! Need I say more. Have a great vacation, however short it may be!! We entrust B121 in your capable hands!!

Joanne

TAB,

I am really glad that things are working out. Let's keep in touch over the holidays!!

luv ya,

South East

To all the people who have begun to call my son a lush and an alcoholic after the disgusting events that preceded his 21st birthday,

GET OFF HIS BACK!!

Everyone is entitled to one night of deviant behavior. Besides he's a good boy. He's just a victim of circumstance. (The Liquor store had a sale) Bacardi--50% off. Buy one get one free!!

Mrs. Johnson

To the I.Z's, A.C's and Zeta's, Ladies of my fair dreams, Starlights with crystal beams,

Princesses of my wind-song castles, Blue and White flowers in my garden, Sweet, adorable, beautiful raindrops, Keepers of the Blue and White Kingdom, Angels from heaven sent,

Allow me, thy humble servant, to kiss thy wings and touch thy petals, for I am thy knight in shining armour.

Sir Lancelot, the ladies charmer, Zeta Phi Beta Ebony Knight Court.

Michelle,

I'm overjoyed that I have met you. You are a sweet person, go back to Jamaica and have alot of fun. Remember my present, O.K.? (Smile)

Love,
Avril

Jen,

What can I say? I never thought I'd meet a girl who was on the exact same wavelength as I. Must be the Leo attitude. You know there are too many funny things--more than I can fit, so let me just say we should try to make this unique friendship last for good. Does your brother have WEEKENDS??

Lyn

Lon--Da,

Thank you for all the encouragement and support you've given. I can always count on you and your big mouth. (Smile)

Your suitemate, sorta,
A.

Patricia,

I will miss you when you leave, and you're right we will be in contact with each other.

Adrienne

Dear J.B.,

You are learning to be happy with yourself, by yourself, and for yourself; I'm proud of you!!

Love,
O.J.

Dear Sharon,

Eventhough we are far apart you are always in our heart. Welcome home.

Love, your sands of Delta Sigma Theta

To Pookie,

Like a bra, you give me a lot of support. Thank you for everything. I Love You a lot!!

Love,
Your Wife

Helena, Nicka, Bonnie, Sandy, and Ophelia,

This year has been great. I'm happy I came to Kelly Quad. We're great together!

Bubba

To Jackie,

Who would have known I'd find a cousin as nice as you on campus. You're a lot of fun. Keep being yourself.

Audrey

Rob,

Being with you these past months has been fantastic. Never knew I'd find someone as special as you. Loving you always.

You know who

To my Roomie,

Guys, you can't live with them and you can live without them. Keep your hopes up. Life ain't all that bad!!

Audrey

To Kiven,

I am 18 now!! 18 Do you think you can handle it??

Jackie

To the ladies of AKA,

Thanks for the informal rush. It was really nice getting to know all the sorors. It was truly "a very serious matter".

Anonymous

Keston,

What we have can never be taken from and you know that I will love you

Angela

Gee Bee and Maria,

I luv you guys a lot. You are two of the sweetest suitemates (now aren't I smart to think of that pun?). Merry Christmas!!

luv,
Southeast

Dear Smiley,

You've been so sweet, passionate and understanding. Thank you for being you and for all the wonderful times we shared together. Let's try to cherish those moments.

(Mateus)

Happy Holiday and have fun!!

Tulips

Poppi,

I know we can make it. I know we can. I know damn well we can work it out! Continue being you.

Love,
Sojo

Flinora,

Thanks for lending me your time and ears. I'm glad we're friends. Don't hesitate to call me when you need someone to talk to.

Merry X-mas
Jo

Audrey,

It's been wonderful knowing you. I'm glad you're my cousin. If you ever need anything you know where to come.

luv,
Cuz
Jackie S.S No. 9

Jannet,

It's been wonderful being your friend all these years. Keep the faith, stay sweet, and you know what else.

Bushy Baby
(from around the way)

To Mo, Av, and Thanks for the surprise party. I had a great time. Stay cool. J'aim tu Lisa.

P.S. I want another one next year!!

To Sonia (Bright Eyes),

Keep smiling and remember that I'm here whenever you need me, eventhough I call your suite and never ask for you!!

Love ya!!
Jackie

Roxanne,

Thanks for being such a sweet person. Have a nice Christmas.

Jam Master J.
To Sandie,
Have a very good time and thanx a lot

Ziggy

To Gershwin B121,
My cheeba is good and it just got better. Damn it!!

Puff

It's hard to change Nancy -- Don't think that I don't want your love or help. It's just hard sometimes to accept a friend's helping hand.

Merry Christmas,
My friend,

E - 1

Yo little brothers, BLUE PHI to all the Sigma squires. Study hard for your finals, so we can get don to business next semester.

Madd Doggs of Mu Delta

Kofi and Kiki,

It was a nice idea while it lasted, maybe next semester! I'm glad I met you guys and we shared the experience.

Love ya,
Coby

Mike Lucienne alias:

BROTHER Sinbad
Congrats new Sigma on a job well By the way can I still have my 44?

T.A.B.

Dwayne,

To the Guy whose always on the dance floor, save a dance for me!!

Guess?

Michelle,

You stay out of trouble and keep in mind that I will miss you.

Take care!
Angela

Jackie,

It's been a good semester. I really appreciate your being there when I needed you. I love you.

Sandie

Dear Silent Shadow,

Glassy Eyes has one, now we have to get you one.

To all of my sorors of Delta Sigma Theta,
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!!

I love you all!!
Love,
No. 6

To Sharon Daniels,

I am still hungry for a year and a half and I can't taataake it any more.

MERRY X-MAS!!
ZZZZZZZ

To Diane,

I love you very much and look forward to sharing my life with you. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with me.

English

A. J.
I heard up in the Bronx, where the people are fresh, there was one D. S. T. who could pass the test. That's right yah! her name is A. J.
Roxanne, Roxanne

Horace and Scott,
What would Stony Brook's basketball teams do without you!! Keep up the good work!!
Your No. 1 fan!

To Sweet G,
They tell me that East Flatbush is as tough as they come; so how did you get in there,
Rox

South West,
It was great having you as a suitemate. I am going to miss you a great deal. Stay sweet "Big Baby" and don't forget to write.
love ya
Gee Bee

South West,
We're going to miss so much!! What are we going to do without you?
Cin

Jennifer,
Stay cool. We have to get a suite together so we can bug-out!

Ralph,
You can brighten up a person's life any day because you are so sweet and understanding.
Dimples!

Master Don,
(Alias: Mr. Clean)
If you can't handle it then don't tamper with it. Miss me terribly. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I guess I'll hear from you then. (from a member of the tube sock crew)
P.S. Good Luck on your solar project.

To "the Girls",
(Darlene, Maria, Matilda, Nancy, Shiann)
You need a real man, not an A. I. M. man. So stop telling me your sorry man-less stories. I've never experienced your problem.
Andrea

Roxanne,
I'm waiting!

To Debbie in Tosc.,
You ain't nothing but a front!
The Man

To Gittens, Val, Norma,
Have a very exciting X-mas!
love,
King

Roxanne,
What do you mean me a thief?

Glenda,
I can't believe this SHIT!!
Cin

Michelle,
Is everybody that lives in the Bronx as crazy as you!??
Mo
P.S. Blow your nose.

To Abbakha,
Thanks for all the help you've given us. Good Luck on your finals. You are one Cool Rasta!!!
Iri
Monique and Avril

M. I. Q's,
You're a bunch of DOGS!!!
Love ya,
Turnip (formerly Okra)

J.C.V.,
Get a 9 to 5!!
Bwaaaalgh!!
L. H. J.

Sanger B 121,
THANX
Jo - Jo

To S. B. Gospel Choir,
Have a Merry and I'll see you in January!!
Joanne LaSane

To Shiann,
Everything is fine. Just remember that you'll always have a shoulder to cry on.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Ce

To Pete,
Thanks for your support. You are a unique individual.
Love Nancy

Charles A,
It's really been great knowing you. We've had our ups and downs but all in all you know you mean a lot to me. Good Luck!!! in California!!
Love,
Valerie

To my two favorite Sharons (Daniels & Polite),
To the latter I hope you have a most joyous holiday. No I haven't found a poem for the wedding yet but I'm working on it.
To the former you are a wonderful person and an even better roommate, who else would take my abuse at 8.00 am.
Smile.
Love,
Max

To Drunk 1,
Give it a rest! Keep off the liquor for a while, and maybe you won't get sick on yourself. Slow down---
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Drank a lot

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Left Half,
Was your last one worth so much pain? When I said we would always be "BEST FRIENDS" I didn't mean for you to abuse!! Cool it ..My back is getting weak.
luv,
Right Half

To Jeff,
I don't live that far away!! Come visit!!

To my future sisters,
YOU SLIMES!!!
Anonymous

To Larry,
Make sure you come to visit me when you come to the Bronx.
Michelle

To Don Juan,
I'm still trying to hook you up. Tell your friend that I said "hello". (Smile)

Micky

To Keston,
The next time we go to McDonalds it's your treat.
Av and Shell

Pete,
Did you have to tell the world that I didn't know what "crowding out" was? You are cut off...Merry X-mas anyway!!
Gee Bee
(your 1 true love)

Michelle

Bedel,
Sounds like a street to me but you could run through 40 projects any time.
from around the way

To B.B. (Kelly B),
Stop running your mouth. Give it a rest. For once in your life take the advice given to you. Shut up!!
you know who dude?!!

To Avril, Lisa, Monique, and Michelle,
It has been a pleasure to meet you. Our future together will bring us closer together.
Yoly

Wishing you fine gents of Delta Sigma Theta, Pi Delta Chapter, Happy Holidays!!
Song bird

Juice-bootey,
What can I say that I haven't said before. Baby! How about....well forget it, I'll tell you in person.
Nursey Nursey

Dear Yoly,
I am glad I've met you this semester. Stay cool and let's be friends, forever. We have so many things to do together. Right? (Smile)
Love,
Avril

Mel,
Enjoy your vacation. Stay into trouble and I'll be seeing YOU!!
K.P.

To A25:
We will soon be missing an angel but the devil in the suite will take care of everything.

Angie,
You are fearing to go somewhere that will help you to fulfill a dream. "...and you know it's time to across the fields in the distance... you hunger for the time...time and your earth moves beneath your own dream landscape." You have given us all something very special, a chance to call you 'our friend' "Oh don't sorrow, no don't weep..."
Good Luck
With Love,
Rhoda, Monica, and (little) Jackie and Jacqueline

A. I. M. (1984),
It's not as bad as you thought, huh? Have a wonderful vacation and Good Luck on your finals!!! (not that you'll need it).
Love Joanne

To Andrea,
It has been great having you as a friend, and yes-I knew you would pass the portfolio; help from above! Have a Merry, Berry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love,
Joylyn

To Roommate,
Please, next semester if we are still together, buy your own things and stop borrowing!
Tired!!!!

To Rodney,
You are the one man that I plan to spend the rest of my life with!!! Stay Sweet!! I Love You!!
Roz (wife)

Ondina and Luis,
To the greatest roommates I've ever had, Ondina, you are a special person to me but Luis, you're the sweetest pain in the --- I know!
Love ya both
Jackie

Mo,
Thanks for all your patience in teaching me the dances. You are a real bug-out and a good friend, indeed. Remember all the laughs and good times we have had so far. Something tells me, the best is yet to come.
Lyn

To Judith, Jacqueline, Rhoda, and Monica,
I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Chanukah and a Happy New Year. All of you have made my first semester at Stony Brook one that I will never forget. It has been real. We have had some good and bad times but somehow we have managed to pull through. I hope that our friendship will continue to grow. Thanks for everything.
Love ya,
Jackie (Little)

J.P.,
You are truly an "unique" person in everything you do. Ever since the first day I met you, everthing has a new meaning to it. You are the sunshine of my life and I hope you keep on shining on me for a long, long time.
Forever yours,
"Special Girl"

Pam, Judy, and Susan,
You impressed me on only your second day of racquetball. How about a rematch?
Appelle-moi.
G. Taylor

Wife,
I only wish I had met you earlier in the semester, but I can assure you it won't make any difference. Good Luck at home and job-hunting.
Husband
(The Brake Man)

Enid,
Sorry we had you waiting so long in the city. Still hoping to get to know you better.
The Driver

Ivon,
Admiring you from afar it's easy to see you are one of the most beautiful women in the world, mind and body. I'll be speaking to you soon.
Your next door neighbor

Sanger B 121,
Love You All!!!/ou It's been real. Good Luck on finals! Merry Christmas and have a great vacation. I had a great time this semester. Looking forward to next semester.
Love,
South East

Avril, Monique, Lisa, and Michelle,
It's been nice knowing you and I hope that we will become good friends. I just want to say that you all are very positive and beautiful people. Stony Brook is fortunate to have YOU!!
Keep the faith!
Jackie

Golda (G.I),
I was glad to have you as a friend for all these years, I am even happier that you are now my soror, my sand. Keep sweet
Jackie
S.S No. 9

To my roommate,
Hey it's over, remember the time we would say "to hell with this mess". Let's forget these textbooks. Now we don't have to say that anymore. So let's pull out the get high and set off. Have a great time in Hawaii and make sure you bring me back some beach.
Jo

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Sonia W.,
Always--our friendship will last--Always. I am going to miss you sooo much!! Be happy
MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Frazia,
When I am with you every day is an hour and every hour is a minute. I care about you very much. I know that we had a rough start in the beginning but through patience and understanding our relationship will flourish. You are very special to
Love always
Jacqueline

Lee,
To one of the most graceful dancers I know. Remember the quiet ones are the ones to watch out for!! I'm very glad we got to become friends.
Lyn

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Love,
South East

Robin Rabii,
Enjoy your holidays.
I hope you get what
you want for Christ-
mas (another compu-
ter). Just joking!
K.P.

Dribbba and Scottie,
What up dude? just
shut up. Motor mouth,
Lois Lane & Roxanne
sends our appreciation
for our crazy friend-
ship. Dribbba, don't
be mad about the
water. You needed a
bath.
Red and White Suite

To the men in A-36,
(Cardoza)
You have been
true friends. I will ne-
ver forget the smiles
you have all brought
to my face. I will miss
you all!!
Angela

Kyle,
Happy Birthday,
try to enjoy it!!
love ya,
Sandie

Polity,
Merry Christmas to
everyone and I hope
we are successful in all
our endeavors in the
near future.
K.P.

To Valerie (Hendrix),
Adios, Au revoir,
arriverderci!! In other
words goodbye! I'm
glad you're leaving.
You're a very pretty
girl. Too bad you also
have a pretty big
mouth!!
from,
Historically Happy

To What are we gonna
do, I don't want to,
and I know it all,
Don't take me serious-
ly!!
from,
Why do I have to

Dear A-3,
Have a great holi-
day; let's work to-
gether next semester.
Sandie

Jackie M., Jackie L.,
Rhoda, and Monica,
I worry about you
crazy girls at times.
Thanks for being there
on those "boring"
days. Will see you
whenever.
Angela

Dear Jackie and Golda,
I really appreciate
all that the two of you
have done for me this
semester. I'm really
looking forward to
more good times next
semester.
Adrienne

To the people in the
A.I.M. Office,
Thank you for all
of your help!
I love you all!
Linda Goodson

To George,
From your 3 favor-
ite girlfriends; it's
worth knowing you!
K.P.S.

Purita,
Thanks for being
there even when I
messed up!!
Kiki

To Nancy, Simone,
Enid, Zoe, and all the
IZ's, Sigmas and
Merry X-mas!!

To Val,
A beautiful young
lady and a dear friend.
Enjoy your holidays.
Wendell, Mike, Chris,
and Kyle

To Scott and Horace,
Otherwise known as
Blue Love Inc. Have a
nice Christmas and keep
in touch. Thanks for ma-
king my first semester at
Stony Brook the best.
Stay Cool Dudes!!!
Love ya,
Lisa

To Drunkard No. 1,
Keep your face out of
the toilet bowl.
To Drunkard No. 2,
Yes, yes, my brother,
I LOVE YOU!!! Yes.
Nancy

Dearest Jeff and Larry,
Looking forward to
spending next semester
with two cool dudes.
Love,
Mo, Li,
Av, Meech

To Shy - Baby,
You are a good friend
that I am glad to have. (I
think) Wait, it is also
hard to get along with
you too. But it is Worth
It!!
Roz

Lynn and Jean,
You complained we
didn't write enough last
time, so here is a rewrite.
Stay cool and be good
over the intersession. We
will check out Staten Is-
land. Friends Forever!!!
Mo, Av, Lisa, Meech

To Maureen,
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and prosperous
New Year. May God con-
tinue to bless our friend-
ship and bind us together
with cords of love.
love,
Joylyn

To Master, King, Wonder,
and Cool (Mount B 24),
You are truly the real
men of Stony Brook!!
The Ladies

Rayna and Debbie,
Please let's stay in
touch through the years.
Have a Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year!!
Good Luck on your finals!
love,
South West

Sanger 121,
Girls you are the BEST
on the entire campus!!
Happy Holidays!
Gee Bee

Marie,
I did not forget you.
You are a great friend.
Stay Sweet
Love,
Av, Mo, Meech, and Lisa

To Dave,
Thanks for waiting for
me to write these person-
als.
Mo

Darlene, Maria, Rebecca,
To three young ladies
who we don't know very
well but would like to
know better. Let's start
next semester fresh. Let's
be friends.
-three concerned young la-
dies -

To Sonia (Abraham),
To a wonderful girl,
you are a true friend in-
deed. I'll miss you a
whole lot!!!! Please keep
in touch.
Love,
Jackie

To Majestic,
If we can't be the best
of --- then let's be the
best of friends.
A friend

To the Sigma's and Sweet-
hearts,
Being a Sweetheart
was a good experience, I'll
always remember you Phi
Beta Sigma mu Delta
Chapter.
Blue Phi til I die!!!
Love,
Ivory (South West)

Joanne (with the French
last name).
To one of my best
friends in the whole wide
world. We have had so
much fun together -- thru
the bad times as well as
the good. Good Luck on
your finals, and stop by
over the vacation (other-
wise I will be at your
house with a baseball bat!
luv,
Southeast

To Colette (Special).
Merry X-mas! It's nice
knowing you, my little
rose.
You know who

Nancy (Ammann),
To the lush of all lush-
es. If you can't handle
your liquor then I suggest
you drink Cool-Aid. Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year and may all your
days be high!!
AYB

To the cute light skinned
girl who eats in the Union
and studies in Periodicals,
You have a very nice
smile!!!
You know who
(Smile)

Sanger B 121 contains
the best people in the
best suite!!!
Happy Holidays
Good Luck on Finals

To Howard,
A friend who is al-
ways there when you
need him. May you have
a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!!
Your good friend,
Doran

To Sandy, Teddy, and
Dwayne,
I know old friends
should stick together,
but this is ridiculous!!
Anyway good luck on
your finals and enjoy
your vacation. Don't
drink too much but
do everything else in
excess.

love
The Big Flirt

To Patrick Simon,
Knowing you is
knowing the true
meaning of friendship;
Happy Holidays --Stay
Sweet!!
love ya,
voulez vous coucher

To Sharon and Lucette,
By now you should
know how much you
mean to me. Remember
those late nights, those
games of Spades, and oh
the gossip. Be strong and
be good to yourselves;
keep in mind that life's
trials and tribulations serve
to make us better people.
This will be our final S. B.
X-Mas together, but hope-
fully not our last.
love,
Maxine

To Bedel,
Yo little brother...Stop
hanging out after
Stay cool and keep in
touch.
love,
Sis

To Joann,
To the best friend
anyone can have. Let's
keep that friendship go-
ing on forever and
Love,
Jackie

Hey Angel Face, Silent
Shadow, J.J. Aristoc-
rat, P.D., Glassy E.,
Sad "S", Grandma,
W.W., Grand Inquisitor
Space-C, and Punky,
Ain't no sstoppin us
now!!! Merry Christ-
mas and I know we'll
have a Happy New
Year's Eve to New
Years.
Song Bird

To all you brothers
and sisters in Crusade,
Enjoy the holidays
and God Bless!!
Love,
Sandie

Robert (Panama),
Me vas a hacer
mucha falta. Buena
suerte en todo lo que
haces!! Gracias por
los libros aunque solo
lei algunas.
Te quiere!!
Glenda (Costa Rica)

To Chrizzz,
My baby, I have grown
to love you so very much
and our friendship means
a great deal to me. I hope
that you and your girl-
friend will be happy for-
ever, together!
Love always and Merry
Christmas,
E - 1

Sonia E.
Of course I'll come
by over the vacation. We
will go the Lido!!
Me (again)

To Val,
you've been a great
friend to me. You're like
a big sister I've always
wanted. Good luck in the
future.
Luv,
Donna

To Larry,
You're cut off if we do
not get a visit before the
semester ends.
Luv,
Twiggy & Ziggy

To Sandie T.
We still didn't fin-
ish our talk, but there is
still next semester. God
bless and Have a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year!!
love,
Joylyn

A. J.,
How's everything
up in the Bronx? Is it
as crazy as you are?
Your Sand No. 9
JMJ

South West,
I will be thinking of
you. I miss you already.
... tears are falling.
luv,
South East

Aracely:
It's really nice to have
someone like you close by.
You're very sweet and
compassionate. Remain
the way you are and this
world will be a much bet-
ter place with one less
frown to combat.
Valerie

To the Ladies of DST.
Thanks for always
being there. I love you
all and I'm glad we're
sorors. Crimson and
Cream, Forever.
No. 9
S.S

Congratulations to all
you graduating seniors
Sandy M.

Monique,
You are a wonder-
ful person, bust out
them grades so you
can be on lthe dean's
list. Make your
mother proud, I love
you.
Your best friend

To the Contact Crew,
Have a prosperous va-
cation, and don't forget to
keep in contact! Get
Luv,
I don't Wanna

To: J. L., G. B., C. D.,
It's been great living
together and I'll never for-
get the fun we shared
throughout the semester.
I'm going to miss yah!!
Please don't forget me!
Keep in Touch!
Love,
South West

To Jackie, Arleen, and all
my girls in Ammann.
I hope to get to know
you girls better next se-
mester. Have a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year and God Bless
love,
Joylyn

Sharon (G. E) No. 3.
I am so glad you
are back. We really
missed you.
Jackie S.S No. 9

To Debbie,
Thank for being there.
Your friendship means a
great deal to me. I hope
that we will remain friends
forever.
Donna

Jennifer,
If Nyack is only 15
min. away, I won't mind
taking the drive.
Trust me

To the Barnes and Noble
Crew.
Barnes and Noble must
be desperate. I can see
there will be a lot of short-
changing and overcharging
next semester. Get a real
JOB; like in the

Av, Meech, and Lisa,
I can't wait to bug
out next semester. Stay
Cool, my good friends!!!
Friends Forever
Mo

To the Dancers,
Black Butterflies, our
moment has arrived, and
here our dreams will finally
be born. We are
and everyone will see just
how proud and beautiful
we are. Yes, we are
changing.....
Merry Christmas
Lynette

To Brown Sugar,
Stop, Think, and be
Serious!!
Chic

Mich,
I'm glad I also got
to know you. Remember
the "Purple Rain"
and our home made
tickets. I hope our
friendship lasts for our
entire college years.
Lyn

Lisa,
Accomplish your
goals here in Stony
Brook. We have a lot
to go through together
Love ya,
Av

To Darlene,
You're the biggest lush
I've ever met. If you can
manage to keep your
hands off the liquor, you'll
be able to keep your appointment
with Alcoholics Anonymous. Good
Luck!!
Nancy

Mike G.,
Surprised, aren't you?
How could I give up the
chance of saying 'hello' to
a sweet guy like you? Take
it easy with your sex life
(in your poetry of course)
Love,
Gee Bee

South West,
The bestest roommate
a girl could ever hope to
have. I will miss you
much. Remember all our
late night talks? What
fun!! Have fun next year
and don't forget me.
Please keep in touch.
Merry Christmas. Hope I
see you for the New Year.
Love,
South East

Roz,
Never give up on him
because he loves you
dearly and he and I only
want the best for you!
Love always &
Merry Christmas,
E - 1

Gee Bee,
Who would think
that rats eat carnations!
Maria

Sweet G. & Kurtis
Blow,
Aren't you all tired
of making the parties.
Next time I come to
Kelly I am going to
stay for a week.
I had a great time.

Joylyn,
Thanks for all your
help and for your friendship.
It has meant so
much to me. Have a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year and
may all your dreams
come true. God bless
Love,
Your twin

To Maude,
You finally made
it out!. It was really
nice knowing you. I
wish you happiness
in the future.
Enjoy your holiday!
Antoinette

To whom it may concern,
I want to apologize for
my actions when I was
slightly incoherent on Saturday.
I also want to say a
special thank you to the
one person who really
looked out for me.
You know who

J. S. C. S. & G. --S 121
It's been great guys!
I'll learn to cook next
semester.
Cin

Gee Bee,
I want another delicious
reindeer.
Maria

Scottie Rock, Blue,
TCO, and TODD,
What up Dude?
Have a nice Christmas
and stay sweet. And
get a job!!!
Jackie

S. B. Gospel Choir Gospel
We had a great semester.
I had a very good time.
I am really looking forward
to next semester. Good
luck on finals and Merry
Christmas!!
Love,
Sonia E.

To the Construction Crew,
Erect sites so work can
be continued over. Lay
that pipe for the foundation.

Jackhammer
&
Riveter

Donna,
Congratulations on
your engagement!!
Adrienne

Hey Mel,
Hear's to doing another
Hellified job next year.
Our slogan will be if
Witherspoon can't, Holley
cacan!!
love you always,
A

Marie,
Light skinned, long hair:
A sister? No Way!! If you
don't like smell, leave! Remember
all of the laughs this semester,
hopefully there will be many
Lyn

To Steve,
Ain't it about time
you started wearing
diapers.
Roxanne, Roxanne

To the Construction Crew,
It's been fun hanging
with you. Have a Merry
Christmas.
Love,
Nancy

To Loverboy and Porkbut,
Stay Cool. You guys
are some great friends. See
you over the intercession.
you know who

To: 1,1,3,3,4,5,6,7,
8,9,10, and 11.,
Have a very nice
Red and White Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
Love,
No. 2 (G.I)

Steve (Barfy B),
The Spit Up Crew is cutting
a record next weekend.
Vomie D and Up-Chuck C
say they're ready.
P.S. Stay off my bed.
Your Agent-- J.C.V.I.

To Suite 110 (Kelly),
Sorry, noones's at home,
Go
Have a nice Christmas
and don't forget our presents.
Suite 108

To all the people who
helped to make my 21st so
memorable,
Thank you, I deserved it!!
L. J.

I know my son does not
indulge in the intake of alcoholic
beverages or drugs. All those
who think he does are absolutely
wrong and should get their facts
straight.
Mrs. Vanterpool

To Master Mike,
Cut it up Mike, cut it
up.
your fans

To Wendy,
Puff, Puff, Merry
Christmas!
Your Partners

Sonia E.
Since High School!
It's been fun -- together
Friends Forever!!!
Your suitemate,
(finally)
Joanne

King Kyle says to all his
subjects, "Have a great
Christmas" mas

Reena (S.S.),
We all love you
and you're always on
our mind.
Silent Shadow
No. 9

Jo,
Why is your make-up
always perfect? Don't you
ever mess up?
Cin

Lynnette,
You are a very nice person.
I'm glad I met you.
We have a lot to do together
in 4 years.
Avril

To the Contact Crew,
Let's stay in contact
over the Christmas intercession.
from why do I have to

I had a great time
A. J.

To Meech,
Up in the Bronx where
the people are fresh there
is one cool girl who had
passed the test. You know
she's down by law and she
is as crazy as me. That's
right yah'll her name is
Shelly!

Love ya
Lisa

I will be missing you

I sat at my desk alone,
Alone in profound thoughts,
And I wonder what it will be like when
you are gone.
I tried to understand the reasons why you
must go,
But when I realized that you are indeed
the one that made me glow
I sank in my chair with sadness,
Lost hopes and dismiss madness
Alone in my chair, in my thoughts, in
my world.
Deep down within, I know that I will be missing you.
I got up and walked the empty campus
in the quietness of the night,
Looking around as if to find you, but
you were nowhere in sight.
It was then I felt your absence
with every step I took.
And realized that it would be so different
without you at Stony Brook.
I know I will be missing you. P. T. O.
I don't know what the future holds, but
I hope we will meet again.
And until then things shall not be the same.
So before you go
I would like you to know,
That the years we've spent together,
Through thick and thin, good and stormy weather,
They were the best years of my life.

by Lancelot Walker