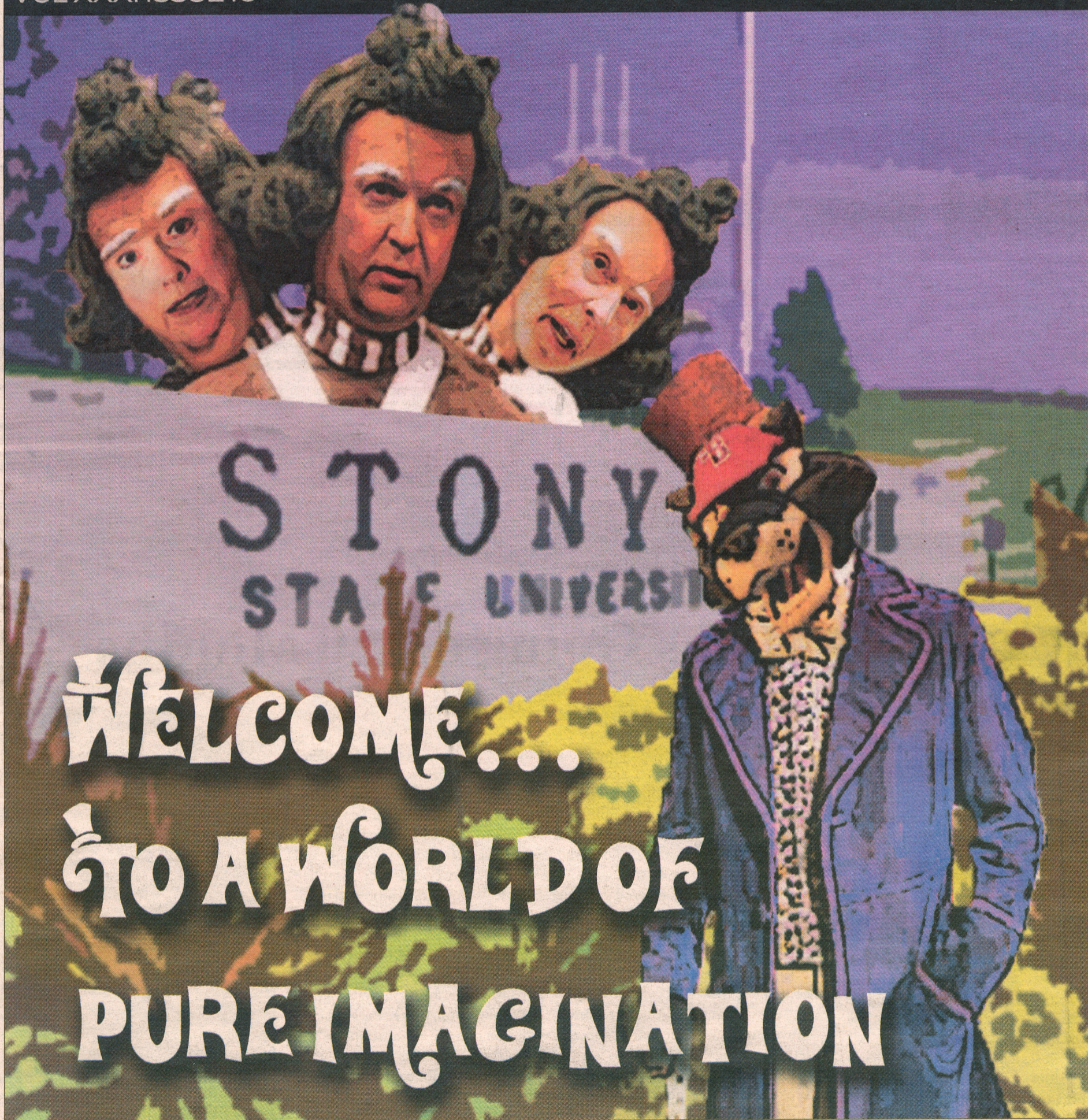


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The Fish In *This* Bowl Ain't Lucky

By Lauren Dubinsky

The lives of many fish were taken in early March as a result of the holes that formed in the liner of the Roth Pond. Following the piscine-genocide last spring semester, a second liner was installed in June. The second liner has been successfully installed and the university has brought life into back into the pond as they repopulated it with new fish.

Pipe penetrations, vegetation and age were all factors that led to holes forming in the old liner. "Roth Pond has had several penetrations in the original liner which have caused unwarranted drainage," said John Sparano, Director of Residential Operations. "The penetrations were compounded this winter when an overflow/drain for the pond failed and drained the pond faster than usual. The rapid depletion of the water caused the shallow level to freeze, which may have contributed to the death of some fish." The university tried to keep the pond filled but the holes in the liner caused it to drain rapidly.

Despite the devastation of the death of Roth Pond's fish, Sparano is confident that this problem will not transpire in the future. When questioned how the university is attempting to prevent the

pond from icing over and freezing the fish in the future Sparano said, "Consistent water levels should maintain once the liner is replaced. There are also natural processes including evaporation and precipitation which will alter water levels."

The university did not want to take out the old liner because the process would have been very complicated and costly. They decided to put a second liner over the old liner in order to prevent the draining of the pond.

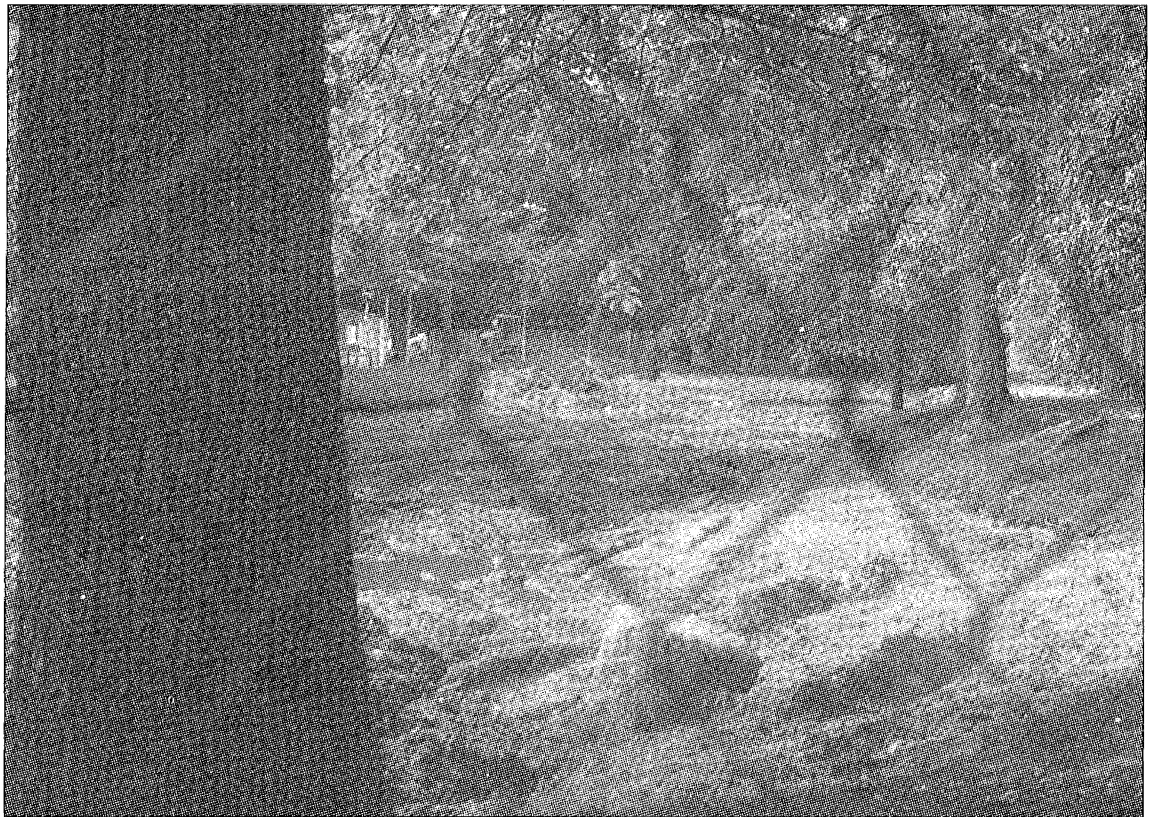
Certain procedures had to be performed in order for the second liner to be successfully installed. The fish that were still alive had to be removed and relocated to another location so they could be preserved until the reparation was complete. The pond was then drained and excavated. The topography was graded and over-

flow lines were installed. An aerator was installed to ensure that the pond would receive oxygenation and water circulation. The new liner was then installed and finally the pond was filled.

The Roth Pond dates back to 1967 when it was built to hold the water that was left over from the air conditioning

systems in the Roth Food Court. The pond has become a vital part of the university as traditions such as the Roth Pond Regatta have come about.

As for the pond's future, "We do not anticipate having any of the same issues with the new liner, excluding any unforeseen events," Sparano said.



Najib Amiry

"Down here all the fish is happy, as off through the waves they roll. The fish on the land ain't happy, they sad 'cause they in their bowl...**UNDER THE SEA!**"

RA Union Talks Going on 20 Months

By Matt Calamia

Research assistants (RAs) from around North America came together to support the Stony Brook University RA Union during a rally in the Research Foundation office on August 6.

It has been more than 20 months since the RAs of Stony Brook University were granted bargaining rights by the National Labor Relations Board—rights to negotiate a contract with the university to receive better wages and other benefits. Neither party has been able to come up with a contract that both sides can agree on.

Research assistants from other universities came to Stony Brook to support their fellow union members, and fight to get them a contract that was fair. More than 60 members of the RA

Union took part in the rally.

"We stand in full support of the union [members] here at Stony Brook [who] are struggling to get a good contract, fair wages and the respect that they deserve for keeping the university running," said one RA from the University of California, in a video now available on the Union's Web site.

"Twenty months is too damn long for a contract," said Michael Swayze of the University of Toronto.

Rally cries rang throughout the office as union members proclaimed, "No contract, no peace!"

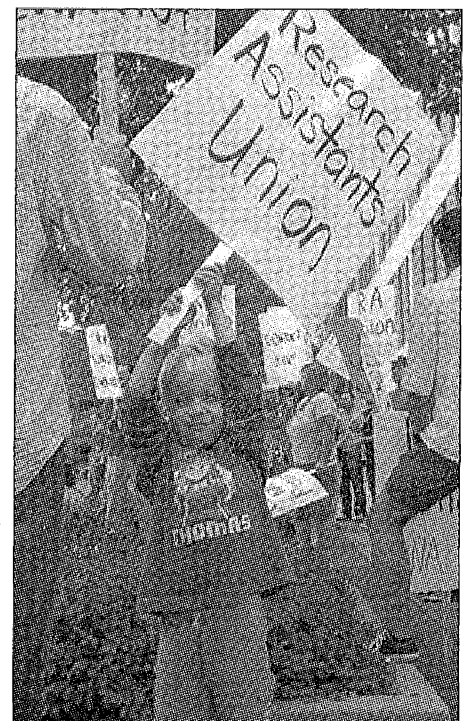
According to RA Union representative Jim McAsey, the union received a letter from the school two days later, on August 8, stating that the group had broken university policy, more or less due to abruptness of work.

Weeks prior to the rally, members

of the New York State's Congressional caucus got involved in the matter. In a July 19 letter, five members of Congress including Stony Brook representative Tim Bishop and fellow Long Islander Steve Israel wrote to SUNY Research Foundation President John O'Connor and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher. The legislators urged an end to negotiation and a fair settlement.

"This insecurity could undermine the quality of the critical research that Stony Brook's Research Assistants perform," the letter stated. "We now strongly urge the swift conclusion of those negotiations."

The school has repeatedly refused requests for comments regarding the negotiations.



The Press

Can You PHEEIA(L) It!?

By Colleen Harrington

Stony Brook students enrolled for Fall 2010 got a warning about a potential tuition hike just weeks before the semester's start.

In an email blast to all students on August 2, Stony Brook administrators vaguely noted, "The State University of New York may announce a tuition increase, effective Fall 2010. In that event, the tuition charge currently posted in SOLAR will change accordingly."

That disclaimer referred to the phantom Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act, the bit of legislation that would have given the university system the ability to set "predictable" tuition increases and control the additional revenue. SUNY had been banking on the inclusion of the tuition reform in the elusive 2010 New York state budget, which was finally passed the day after the email was sent out.

But the budget, more than four months overdue—which was one of the latest in state history, didn't include PHEEIA. Instead, the state handed down a round of severe cuts to the university system to the tune of \$210 million.

President Samuel Stanley said that cuts to Stony Brook's budget now exceed \$60 million and will undoubtedly lead to "work force reductions and additional programmatic cuts" within the university.

Disagreement over granting SUNY more tuition autonomy was one of the reasons why this year's budget was so tardy. A handful of state senators, including Brian Foley (D-Blue Point), had refused to sign onto the budget without addressing tuition reform.

Mounting pressure, ticking clocks and a ticked-off Governor finally forced the budget through without an agreement on the issue. But PHEEIA is not totally lifeless, according to Foley, who said he only voted to pass the budget because he "was assured that the higher education empowerment act will be voted on in the coming months."

"We came close to an agreement, but we weren't there yet," Foley said in an Aug. 20 interview. "Discussion among leaders is ongoing, and I expect it to be addressed no later than the next session, but I would hope that it will be earlier than that."

Many legislators have said their

hesitation to step back from SUNY stems partially from the notion that increased tuition with decreased oversight could put affordable education out of the reach of low-income students. To quell nay-sayers, Foley said that talks among leaders have resulted in an idea called TAP Plus, which he says would allow the state's Tuition Assistance Program to "mirror any increases in tuition and shield low-income students."

Foley also acknowledged that originally, PHEEIA was over-zealous in its scale-back of legislative involvement. "There are some legitimate concerns, such as land use issues," he said, referring to a provision in the act that would have allowed SUNY campuses to lease out state land. "There shouldn't be full autonomy, and there wouldn't be. There definitely needs to be some oversight."

While Foley insists that a PHEEIA framework has been reached with a vote coming soon, the SUNY Student Assembly was incensed that the act wasn't in the 2010 budget. It issued a statement saying it is now creating a "student legislative agenda" to address the latest round of cuts inflicted on SUNY.

"He [Stanley] ended up with nothing, largely because the extravagance, incompetence, and arrogance of SUNY."

—Assemblyman Fred Thiele

"The Student Assembly is trying our hardest to correct the unjust decision the New York State Legislature made when they did not adopt any provisions of the empowerment act," John Dias, director of communications for the SA, said in an email. He said that SA members are unsure what the agenda will consist of yet, other than it won't be "PHEEIA with a facelift."

"We are hopefully planning on working with political leaders to try and



President Stanley walking past a group of student demonstrators protesting against PHEEIA in early March of this year.

Najib Amiry

get this approved," Dias said. He expects the SA agenda to be released by the end of the fall semester.

Meanwhile, some are furious that SUNY and Stony Brook would waste time and money attempting to get PHEEIA passed. Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor) called for President Stanley's resignation, citing a "failed budget strategy that has resulted in crisis for Stony Brook."

"He ended up with nothing, largely because the extravagance, incompetence, and arrogance of SUNY," Thiele said of Stanley in a statement. "He needs more oversight, not autonomy."

Thiele noted that despite the extreme budgetary cuts SBU decries, the school is "employing outside lobbyists to roam the halls of Albany and Washington." Published reports indicate that system-wide, SUNY spent roughly \$1 million this year in lobbying efforts mainly focused on getting PHEEIA enacted. Daniel Melucci, Vice President for SBU Strategy and Planning, would not comment on how much Stony Brook individually has spent on lobbying, but said that "no direct state funds nor tuition revenue was spent on lobbying efforts."

For months, SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher has championed PHEEIA as a quick fix to the school system's ever-dwindling budget while simultaneously providing means to invest fresh cash into the state and create more jobs. She stood by President Stanley and said that Thiele's comments were

"totally off the mark."

"Above all, we are concerned for SUNY's students and the state's economy," Zimpher said in a statement after the budget was passed PHEEIA-free. "We will continue to advocate for reforms that are essential for fullest access to a quality public higher education and essential for our state's economic revitalization."

Stanley, too, seems to be keeping his fingers crossed in hopes that the lobbying will still pay off.

"We are disappointed that the State missed the chance to enact the Empowerment Act during this budget cycle, and urge the legislatures and their leaders to stay true to the promise for a three-way agreement on PHEEIA in the early fall," Stanley said in a statement.

If SUNY prevails and PHEEIA is enacted in coming weeks, Stony Brook could potentially put their greater autonomy to use without wasting a moment. "Although it remains technically possible to implement a tuition increase for fall 2010, it is very unlikely to happen," said Melucci. "There is some thought that a spring rate increase is possible, but it is pure speculation at this time."

So are these predictable tuition hikes on the horizon? Keep checking your inbox-- presumably, you'll get an email.

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editorials

There's No Earthly Way of Knowing Which Direction We Are Going

Because Stony Brook University is such a giant campus with a plethora of small events and clubs, most of them lame, it's easy to lose sight of the bigger issues taking place. However, this year is already shaping up to be an interesting one, as the student body will determine the success of several reformations that have taken place in the Undergraduate Student Government (USG).

In the waning weeks of the spring semester, the USG Senate passed the 2010 Establishment of Student Life Act, which restructured the Student Activities Board (SAB) by eliminating the general body and displacing and distracting former SAB Committee Chairs, shunting them off into a less autonomous sub-agency called the Student Programming Agency (SPA). The new SAB is composed of USG elected officials, plus members from the Resident Hall Association and Commuter Student Association, to oversee the operations of SPA.

SAB, SPA, WTF? Confused? Well, it gets better. The old SAB, which was responsible for student programming that included concerts, events and trips, fostered a reputation of being operated by a small clique of fraternities and sororities that often catered programs to their own liking. SAB was known for hosting Brookfest, an annual end-of-the-year concert which had a consistently dismal student turnout in the three years it took place.

However, SAB lost that responsibility earlier in the spring due to questionable planning and management. This sparked growing tensions in student programming, complicated by the racial makeups of the disputing sides, that erupted with the reconstruction of the SAB. While the old SAB was criticized for hosting events that pandered to a small clique of SBU students, it did offer many programs made possible by active members.

New SAB's biggest challenge lies in establishing itself and offering quality programs that cater to the whole campus—roughly 16,000 undergrads. To do that effectively, experience is required, but many members of the old SAB are hesitant to lend their know-how. It is important to add that the new SAB's funding totals for this year are

\$270,000, a substantial increase from the \$198,000 that the old SAB was awarded last year.

Beyond the activity scene, Stony Brook students will partake in an involuntary social experiment when a new wave of Stony Brook Southampton (SBS) students come crashing onto Main campus, courtesy of President Samuel Stanley's decision to shut down their East End school. SBS students are reportedly friendlier when compared to the "mind your own business" attitude often experienced with Main campus students.

Just an hour's drive apart, Main campus and SBS are worlds away in atmosphere. Whereas class sizes continue to grow at Main campus, students at SBS often enjoyed class sizes of 20 students or less. There was a strong small-campus feel amongst the 500 students enrolled there last spring, fused with a collective conscience on sustainability that made the campus unique and rich with identity.

Given an early room-selection preference, many SBS students chose to dorm in the newly constructed Yang and Lauterbur buildings, hoping to preserve the remains of that close-knit community. However, Main campus is ten-fold bigger than the SBS campus, and nowhere near as green—which should make for quite the interesting dynamic.

Lastly, there is the future of education at SBU. In the four-month-late New York State budget passed in early August, Stony Brook's budget was cut \$30 million, bringing the total to roughly \$60 million slashed since 2008. The administration has thus far weathered the storm, doling out administrative cuts and scaling back on maintenance and other related services. For example, in the past two years, the budgets reallocated by SBU's numerous Vice Presidents have been reduced by roughly \$25 million. Yet it appears that these



next round of cuts may slice into the classroom and the professors that teach in them.

While class sizes have become significantly larger and course offerings noticeably smaller, it'll be difficult for the SBU administration to handle these cuts without touching academics. Between the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years, 264 fewer classes were offered, significantly affecting the quality of education being offered and even increasing time for some students to graduate. Thus students should keep a close eye on how their respective department will be affected and try to plan accordingly.

So, as it seems some of us may be around here longer than we planned, let's hope the new SPA has some fantastic activities in the works, and that the incoming Southampton students can perk us all up with their friendliness and their folk tales of close-knit classes. Even in difficult times, facing unprecedented economic issues, it's crucial to remember that it's not the about the administration, or the politics, or the budget. It's first, foremost, and always about the students.

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The Danger Must Be Growing for the Rowers Keep on Rowing

When the 2010-11 New York State budget was passed four months late, the New York State Legislature did what many perceived unthinkable—their jobs. But what's most pertinent about this year's budget for any SBU, let alone SUNY, student is the exclusion of the Public Higher Empowerment and Education Innovation Act (PHEEIA).

The act, if passed, would allow the SBU administration to raise tuition rates annually in hopes of balancing budgets and raising revenue. In the past three years alone, Stony Brook has suffered roughly \$60 million in budget cuts from the state and is now facing a \$30 million budget gap.

PHEEIA, which would also lessen the red tape on public-private land leases, is what both SUNY and SBU officials have been touting as the be-all, end-all to all of New York's public higher educational woes.

For example, whenever tuition was

raised in years past, a small portion of the money generated from a tuition increase would go back to Stony Brook, leaving the remaining 80 to 90 percent of money going back to state, thus providing little profit for the university. PHEEIA hopes to change that by receiving all the money generated from tuition increases—which don't forget, would be taking place every year.

It's what President Samuel Stanley calls a "zero-cost solution" for the taxpayer. Right, that's assuming the 465,000 students that attend a SUNY school and their families are tax evaders.

In the past couple of months, Stanley, alongside SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher and hedge fund manager and high profile donor James Simons, have collectively failed to represent the interests of the people who matter most to any university—the students.

Students—who build tradition and keep it alive—who bring identity to a campus—who go on to represent the university in ways that outshine bogus advertising campaigns and the effect of frivolous lobbyist spending—students should be the pri-

ority. Why jeopardize the one group of people that will ultimately have the most meaningful impact on SBU?

It is evident that both the SUNY and SBU administrations are willing to disregard students and hand them a financial burden during an unprecedented economic downturn. Consider the politically-motivated closure of the Southampton campus, which Stanley had called a budgetary measure (saving \$6.7 million in a span of 2 to 3 years). It was poorly executed towards the end of last spring semester. This announcement offered little to no time at all for Southampton students, who may have been left with very few options for the current fall semester, or a prolonged graduation schedule. Many simply decided to take the semester off, because they could not apply to other schools.

Then there is the "Simons Bribe." Through a rare interview with *The New York Times*, the media-shy Simons had reportedly offered a \$150 million-pledge to SBU if PHEEIA were passed. PHEEIA wasn't passed, and talks of another "generous" donation from this philanthropist have since ceased. Simons, who is estimated by *Forbes* to be worth \$8.5 billion, donated \$25 million to the university in 2006. He trumped that donation in 2008 with a \$60 million donation for the construction and endowment of a math and

physics center, which is to be completed later this year.

As Zimpher and Stanley desperately fight to get this proposal approved, they have repeatedly stated that PHEEIA would not only address SUNY's shrinking funding, but would create more jobs by investing \$8.5 billion in capital construction projects around the state and "create more than 21,800 construction jobs." Not that there's anything wrong with working in construction, but the majority of students don't go to SUNY schools to get a Bachelor's in plumbing or electric, so that's a short-term fix that's not helping students much. If they raise tuition to fix the economy, they're taking money from some of the most vulnerable people in the state—young, lower-to-middle class adults, most of whom are already saddled with student loans, who often work unpaid internships akin to slave labor (yet they have to pay the state for the privilege), who sit in huge, overcrowded lecture halls reading from outrageously priced text books and who will graduate only to face monstrous unemployment levels.

Rather than working to empower SUNY, Stanley, Zimpher and Simons should seek to empower the people who matter most to Stony Brook—the students. You can't do that by raising tuition, and further, calling it "a no-cost solution."



Facts.

The mainstream media has reported atrociously on Park 51, the independent project led by Muslim Americans seeking to build a Muslim community center in lower Manhattan, by failing to report the facts.

Park 51 is not a mosque. A mosque is a place of worship for the followers of Islam. Islam is a monotheistic religion that believes in the God of Abraham (worded Allah, in Arabic). Park 51 is a proposed community center that seeks to foster the understanding of arts and culture, education and recreation amongst the lower Manhattan Muslim community, as it states on its website.

In this community center, two floors are designated for prayer. However, the complex as a whole, still, is not a mosque, simply because the community center is not being built with the intention of gath-

ering for prayer and worship. Plans for the eleven story facility also includes a 500-seat auditorium, theater, performing arts center, fitness center, swimming pool, basketball court, culinary school, art studio, food court and a September 11th memorial.

On September 11, 2001, America was attacked by a group of terrorists called Al-Qaeda, not by the religion of Islam. Al-Qaeda was a group of radical Islamic extremists. There are extremists in every religion that often commit acts of terror in the name of god, that's why they are called extremists.

While on the subject of dates, on December 15, 1791 the U.S. Bill of Rights was ratified by a two-thirds majority in the U.S. House and Senate. The first amendment guarantees five freedoms, one of which is freedom of religion. So if a mosque was indeed going to be built in Ground Zero, then by virtue of

the first amendment, there should be no interfering problems, presuming all the necessary steps of acquiring land and getting local approval were met. The New York City Landmarks Commission approved the location of Park 51, which (again) is not a mosque.

Ground Zero, specifically the area where the World Trade Center once stood, is cordoned by four streets, Liberty Street to the south, Church Street to the east, West Street to the west and Vesey Street to the north. Park 51 is located on 51 Park Place, two blocks north of Vesey Street. This means that it is not at Ground Zero.

Thus we can conclude that "Ground Zero mosque" is a doubly inaccurate title for Park 51. These are facts. That is all.

news

SBU Loses What Little Tradition It Had

By Bobby Holt

This year's *Princeton Review* rankings prove one thing, SBU students can't even achieve success in being unhappy about school. In their annual list, Stony Brook was ranked eleventh for colleges with the least happy students, the first time SBU has placed outside the top four in at least the past five years.

Fisk University, a small, predominantly African-American institution in Nashville, Tenn. topped this year's list, followed by several military academies. But was SBU the unhappiest of all the SUNY schools?

That prestigious title, which SBU has defended for the past couple of years, has now gone to SUNY Albany, which came in at ninth place. The survey was said to be conducted based on several categories: class selection, class size, professors and the usual food and



dorm accommodations.

The military schools are obvious choices for the least happy students, since their students are scolded, forced to wake up at terrible times and eat terrible food. Not what any college student wants.

SBU also found itself ranking for other notorieties that possibly contributed to its poor showing on the happiness spectrum. SBU was ranked ninth for having the least accessible

professors and twentieth for lack of class discussions. But, cheer up! SUNY Buffalo ranked three spots ahead, at seventeenth, for their lack of class discussion.

As for overall appearance, SBU is one of the SUNY schools that was too beautiful to be on the ugliest campus list. SUNY Purchase ranked second followed by SUNY Albany in thirteenth and SUNY Buffalo in twentieth. Yay landscaping!

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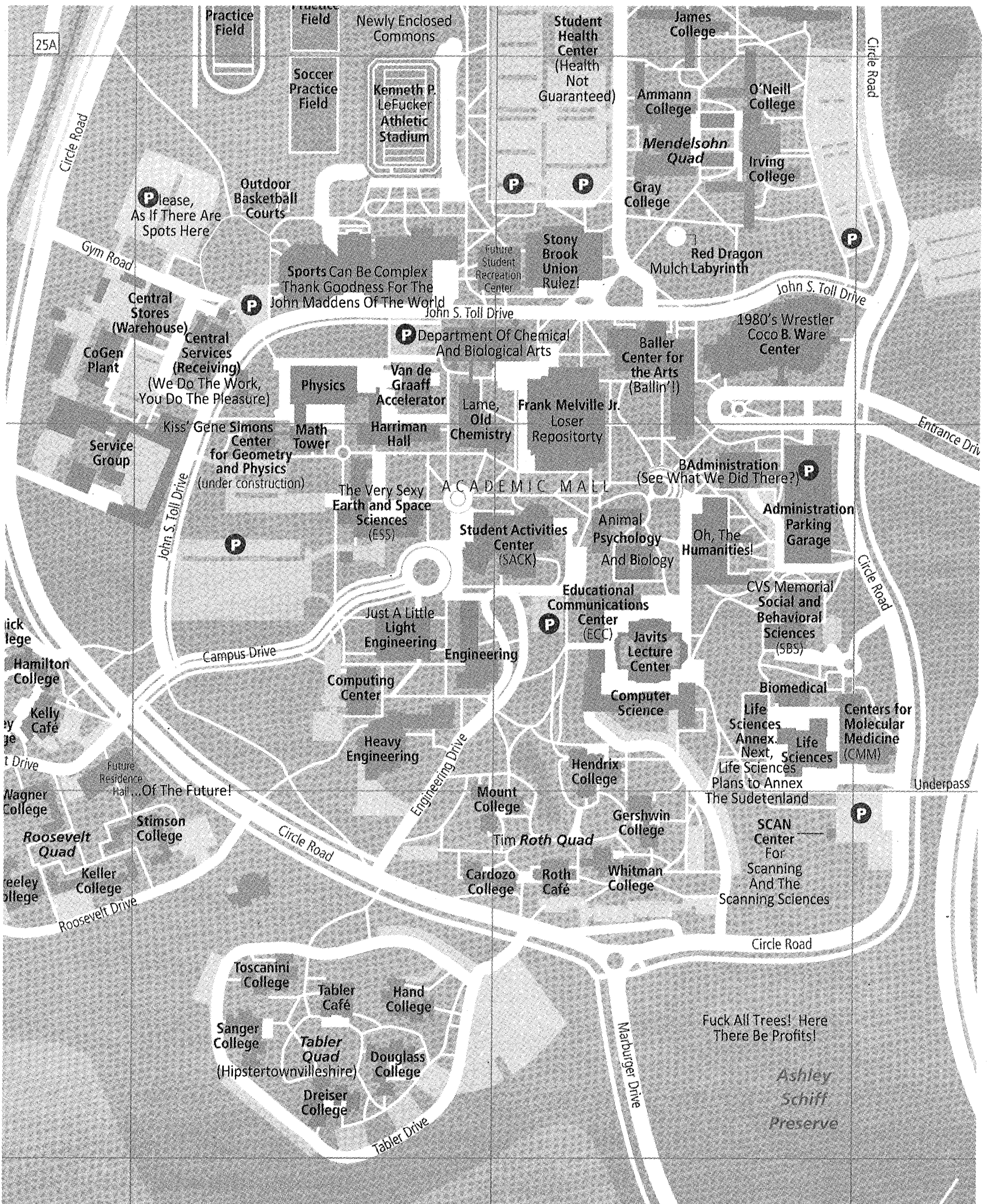


2010 FRESHMAN GUIDE

*“Now listen carefully,
because I’m going to make
you very rich indeed.”*

Get it? It's Provost Eric Kaler photoshopped as Mr. Wilkinson, the guy who tries to bribe Willy Wonka's guests in to stealing a golstopper for him. duh!

Map



Freshman Guide

Welcome, dear freshmen, to the prestigious institution called Stony Brook University! And congratulations on making it thus far! Alas, college is finally here, and so begins your journey into the vast world of independence, knowledge, opportunity and debauchery.

Habits will be formed, values will be tested and weight will surely be gained, for college is not just a place of higher learning, but it is where one's character and personality are tested in multiple ways. These coming years may serve as redemption to your yesteryears and springboard you into a successful future, or may anchor you down into a pool of failure. So don't fuck up.

You will find SBU to be at times an oasis of activity, fun and excitement. But heed this warning that if certain paths are not trekked and little effort is made, you will be con-

fronting a mirage of what you think college *should* be like rather than *what* it is actually like. In layman's terms, you can find yourself sitting in your dorm doing absolutely nothing and hating it. So again, don't fuck up.

Oh, how your patience will indefinitely be tested upon the marathon miles of red lingering tape. And within the sea of diversity, how your views on differing cultures will be enriched (especially if you aren't used to being around a lot of Asians). And how quick your taste buds will acclimate to prehistoric foods served daily.

Read these following pages to help acclimate yourself to this new, exciting yet scary environment.

Hugs and Kisses,
The Stony Brook Press

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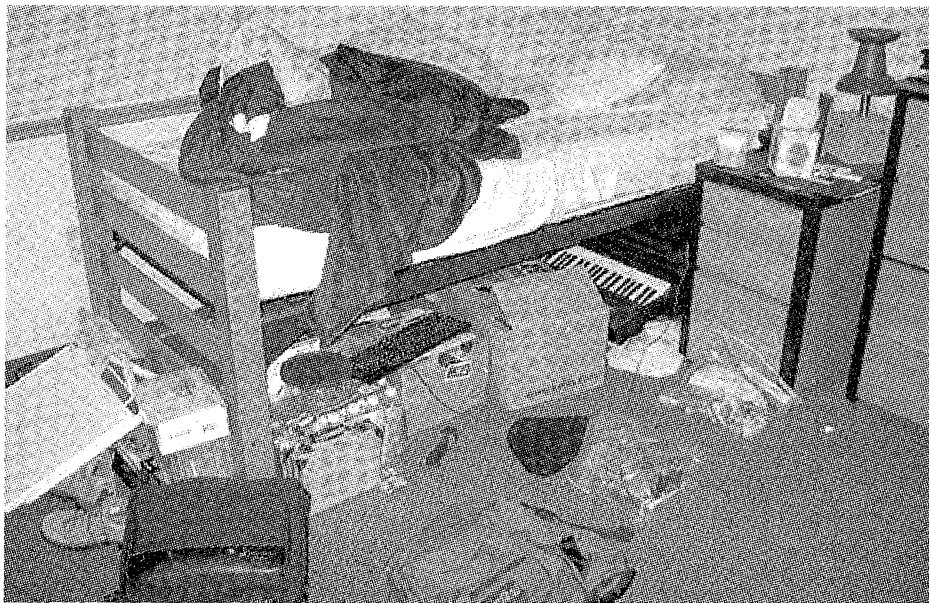
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10 this is where the magic happens! Kelly Quad

Hello, and welcome to the wonderful world of being a resident at Stony Brook University! We hope you find our reviews of each dorm helpful. Each review was written by a student who has had the misfortune -- er... we mean pleasure -- of living in the particular residence hall. These hardened former occupants provide expert analysis into the subtle intricacies of dorm room living.

Residing at Stony Brook is very much a mixed bag. You can be placed in the lovely, roomy suites of West Apartments and enjoy every moment of it. Conversely, you can find yourselves trapped in the cold, broken down caverns of Roosevelt or Kelly. (By the way, did you know that the architect who designed Roosevelt made his name building prisons?)

Either way, we hope you can find something enjoyable about your time living here. And remember, if you find a rat, grab the sucker. It'll certainly be a cheaper meal than eating anywhere campus.



Kelly Quad is known for its food. The quad's 24 hour eatery gives students a great outlet for weight gain. Other than the un-fine dining amenity, Kelly can be considered the shanty of Stony Brook University.

The Quad's buildings are yet to be renovated, leaving cleanliness and aesthetics up to the students who fill the rooms. Students are challenged to find creative ways to cover up Kelly's cracked walls.

Each suite is equipped with a balcony, which is small yet large enough to get an illegal smoke in. Since the quad is filled with students too lame to live off campus and too stupid to get the GPA needed to live in West Apartments, marijuana use is kept at the "Hooray!" level.

Kelly Quad is also home to the Undergraduate College of Human Development, so expect lots of freshman interested in human development, whatever that is. RAs in Kelly patrol like it's their job, probably because it's their job to patrol Kelly. Filthy bathrooms result in write-ups, as do menial things like the placement of a couch that poses as a fire-hazard. (Given the aforementioned rate of smoking, perhaps those write-ups are good things.)

Every quad has some 24-hour quiet buildings, but that doesn't keep Kelly from being loud as fuck. Drunken students yell from their balconies and find creative ways to annoy those who pass below.

Many students who were placed in Kelly express interest to leave the quad as soon as possible, revealing the fact that very few students actually choose to live in the quad. Transfers who don't know better, and those who go through room selection last get a Kelly dorm as a last resort. If you're reading this and are a freshman who was placed in Kelly, *The Stony Brook Press* expresses sympathy towards you. Unless you are genuinely interested in Human Development. In that case, develop on, babe.

Mendelsohn Quad

Welcome to Mendelsohn Quad. We sincerely hope you can amuse yourself, because Mendelsohn is perhaps the most bland and boring residence hall on campus in terms of aesthetics and features. Not much separates Mendy from its next-door neighbor, H Quad, and Mendy lacks the dining hall that the other quad can claim.

However, if you like noise, Mendy can sometimes be endearing. It's almost a guarantee that you'll have some loud people in your hall at all hours of the day. Whether it's the obnoxious anime geek that watches cartoons at 3 am, the football star playing Madden on his extra loud speakers or the fraternity/sorority member having a loud party, Mendy won't disappoint.

Mendy does have some relatively large double rooms, at least compared to the rest of the campus. As mentioned, though, there isn't much to look at, besides your roommate, if that's your thing. Cover your walls with colorful things from Bed Bath and Beyond if you're a girl, or posters from films like *Godfather* or *Scarface* and pictures of girls making out if you're a guy. Wait... isn't this the case with every residence hall on campus?

In terms of dining, you'll have to make the short walk to H or the Union. There used to be a Taco Bell here, which made this dining area an ideal place to eat, but gone are the glory days. Oh, speaking of Taco Bell, you'll also have to share bathrooms with all the other students in your hall. So watch what you eat. We can't have you creating a pungent, sewer stink in the bathrooms every night.

Overall, Mendy isn't too bad. It could certainly be worse (you could, for example, be living in Roosevelt or Kelly). It's difficult to have a party in Mendy, but you could always make friendly with some folks in West Apartments and go to their parties. Rock on.

Roosevelt Quad

Roosevelt Quad has the worst reputation out of all the quads and for good reason. Residents have been evacuated, experienced water shut downs, heat shut downs and full electricity shut downs with the construction of the new dormitories. Hopefully that is in the past and new residents won't have to cope with being told a grab a pillow and "curl up on a friend's floor."

Roosevelt is a typical college "slumming it" dormitory. The rooms are small and cramped. The hallways stink of cheese and axe body spray. Freshmen are tripled up and have bunk beds in their rooms. There are about 20 people per bathroom, and it gets very messy. I don't know how fecal matter ends up anywhere outside of the toilet, but I digress.

Beyond the typical downs of college life, Roosevelt isn't that different from the other quads. It's not like the rooms are huge and are fancy. The food near Roosevelt isn't better or worse than anywhere else, it's the same selection of sandwich, pizza or burger. In fact, Roosevelt is just a short walk from Wendy's and California Pizza Kitchen, which is pretty sweet, and by short I mean like a little less than 10 minutes. For argument's sake, let's go with an 8-minute walk.

The party scene at Roosevelt is virtually non-existent. However, it's not much better anywhere else on campus. There are some decent parties at West, which is literally right next to Roosevelt, but more often than not they are broken up by 11 p.m. If you want to have a good time though just go off campus.

more magic! yay!

Roth Quad

If you enjoy a man made ecosystem in your backyard, then Roth Quad is your new home. The regular sight of spewing water from a hose into a lake that houses so many random animals, you'll feel like you are living in your own aquarium (but do not pet those turtles...they bite...we know from firsthand experience).

Each building in Roth Quad is suite style and every suite bathroom is cleaned once a week by the cleaning staff, so leave the cleaning bleach at home. Each suite in Roth has either a common room or kitchen that connects all three rooms, but either room can get messy really easily. Bring a vacuum, a mop and a shitload of Febreze. You're going to need it.

The individual rooms at Roth must have been constructed when humans were but the size of elves. It is difficult to live in a Roth room with just two people, let alone three. Freshmen who are tripled will have to allocate who gets what furniture since they still only get two of everything, including closets. Be ready to have your personal space violated.

The Roth Quad Café has a brand new dining area with a Wendy's and California Pizza Kitchen. The SAC is also five minutes away and the hike to Tabler is definitely not worth it for stale doughnuts and frozen pizzas.

Of course, Roth Quad is home to the Roth Regatta every Spring when every club makes a cardboard and duct tape boat and paddles across the dirty pond. Sometimes people fall in, so that's kind of cool. Either way, your home will be the most popular spot on campus for one day each year. Something to look forward to, we guess.

Parties can be found anywhere as long as you are looking. Most people have suite and floor parties, but some find their way to the roof of the buildings and just chill outside.

Tabler Quad

Located just beyond one of three hills that exist on Long Island and 54 infamous steps is the "arts" quad, Tabler. Despite the arduous journey one must take to get there, Tabler is well worth it. This quad is one of the few to feature actual nature outside the buildings. The absence of concrete and asphalt allows students to soak up the sun and enjoy the weather on comfortable fields of grass.

Music can be heard at almost all hours, whether from a dorm, the practice rooms of the Tabler Arts Center, or just some kids playing acoustic guitar out in the quad. Almost everyone who lives there is friendly (even to outsiders from quads that actually feel connected to campus), and is probably more than willing to bum you a cigarette to smoke outside the TAC.

Tabler is a suite-style living quad and provides a common area that compensates for the small size of its dorm rooms. Though the sizes of individual rooms are more accommodating than other quads, it is most wise to take advantage of the first opportunity to de-triple. The common room provides great space to host parties, study intermediate algebra, and even work on your croqueting skills.

At one point in life, you've probably come across the phrase "location, location, location." Well, whoever developed Tabler Quad probably cut architect class that day. The downsides of Tabler are pretty evident. There are 54 fucking steps to get there, or a long journey around them, neither of which is fun. This also isolates the quad pretty well from the outside world, and puts it a fair distance from the academic mall and food other than Roth and Tabler's own eatery, which is more often than not atrocious and has a redeeming quality only in its Dunkin' Donuts.

Overall, Tabler seems to be one of the better quads to live in, due to its jovial nature and attitude as a kind of other world compared to the rest of the quads. But god, those steps are a bitch.

West Apartments

While all the cool kids live off campus, all the somewhat cool kids live in West Apartments. Halfway between the real world and college dorm life, West Apartments are at times known as the place to party on campus. One has to be an upperclassman in good academic standing to live in the Apartments, so alcohol is easy to get, albeit "good academic standing" may imply party pooper.

Think of these Apartments as a segue into the real world. Instead of overbearing landlords, you're paying over \$3,500 a semester to the corporate fat cats who run Stony Brook University for a single room. Miss your mother? West Apartments is patrolled by high GPA students working for the Residential Safety Program. If you ever end up living in West, remember to not invite your RA to your party. Also keep in mind that apartment RA is somewhat of an oxymoron.

Students are not required to purchase a meal plan if they live in West, as the apartments are furnished with kitchen appliances. While there's no dishwasher, students are given a range top, oven, refrigerator/freezer and microwave. Miss your mother? Learn to cook like her, instead of paying money to the corporate fat cats who run Chartwells.

The apartments are situated at an edge of campus, creating a sense of privacy but also posing a challenge in getting to class. Single and double rooms are small (110-161 sq. feet) but air conditioned, and the suites they're in are large. With an exceedingly long waiting list to obtain a West Apartment, getting into a suite with your buddies is close to impossible. The long wait list suggests that these apartments are the best place to live at Stony Brook.

West Apartment's popularity could be because they offer freedom while still keeping a sense of college dorm life.

H Quad

Like Mendelsohn next-door, H Quad features corridor style housing. You'll become fast friends (or hated enemies) with the other fools in your hall. Studying isn't easy here since you'll inevitably have a bunch of hall-mates up until 4 am, blasting music or having sex or whatever.

You should also make effective use of your closet space and invest in a bed raiser. You will need all the space you can get. H Quad sports rooms with more space than, say, Kelly Quad, but you'll still always be somewhat starved for personal room, especially if your roommate is in the dorm 24/7.

Dining won't be a problem, though. The Benedict College is home to a solid dining hall with pretty good prices. H Quad is also as close as you'll get to the North Entrance gates here at Stony Brook, so you won't be far from 7-11, Station Pizza and Green Cactus.

H Quad actually has clean bathrooms, too! Yeah, you heard right. Unlike Mendelsohn, the H Quad bathrooms seem to be staffed well and always stocked up. Of course, if you're a slob, you can ruin all of that for everyone else. So clean up and don't be a dirty fuck.

Parties are a rare thing here. Unless you have a really cool RA who lets you par-tay down, you'll probably have to go elsewhere to let loose.

H Quad is pretty solid. As long as you can deal with staying up late and sharing a bathroom with everyone else, you should be fine. However, it'll always have the dumbest fucking name of any quad on campus. Oh well. I guess you can't have everything.

Parking Guide

Faculty/Staff Parking Lots

Stony Brook University faculty members put a lot of time and effort into their work, whether it results in Nobel Prizes or new ways to cheat death. That being said, DON'T PARK IN THEIR PARKING SPACES, YOU WILL GET A TICKET, BECAUSE YOU ARE A PISS STAIN COMPARED TO THESE STARS OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Looking at the parking map, it is obvious that these faculty parking lots are situated in the best areas, adjacent to the academic mall so that professors can get to office hours quicker. The only problem is that nobody goes to office hours, leaving professors all alone in their offices to play Nintendo.

Commuter Parking Lots

Commuter students have a number of places to park, the largest lot being South P. Looking at the parking map, it is apparent that South P is very far away, so far away that (gasp) it's in a magical land called Inset A!

For those commuters who are willing to show up early, green colored lots on the same map scale as

the academic mall are available. These lots are North P and the Gym Road Lot. However, even these commuter lots are in baseball land and the industrial park, respectively. These nicer spots fill up quick; North P and the Gym Road Lot are usually filled by 9 AM. After that, the only option is to take your \$0 commuter parking pass and park in South P.



Stadium Lot

Stadium Lot parking passes cost \$150, and the waiting list to get one of these permits is over 1000 students long. That being said, the Stadium Lot's posh location near the center of campus may make the \$150 worth it, provided you have an extra \$150 lying around. But then you need

to be lucky enough to be called off the waiting list.

This lot is frequently patrolled, and a fine for parking in the Stadium Lot without a permit is \$30. However, the lot opens up to the general public after 4 PM, making the Stadium Lot ideal for students with evening classes.

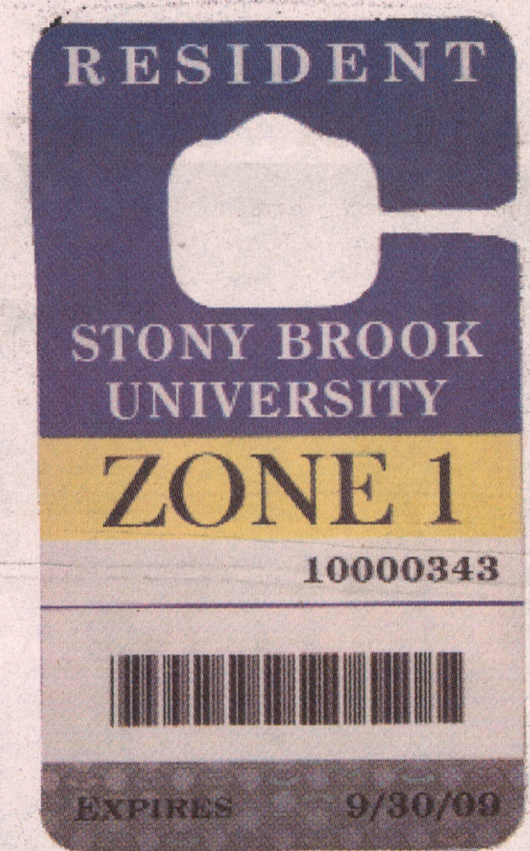


Resident Parking Lots

Resident lots come in six different colors, and resident students come in two different varieties. There are "suitcase" students who use their cars to drive home on the weekends, and there are students who choose to stay at Stony Brook on the weekends. Of those who choose to stay, the ones with cars use can use them to drive to the Smith Haven Mall, Port Jeffer-

son village and that big duck

That being said, the parking space allocated for residents is actually located in the same area as their respective residence halls and apartment complexes. This makes for a quick escape to home, the Smith Haven Mall, Port Jefferson Village or that big duck.



Parking Garages

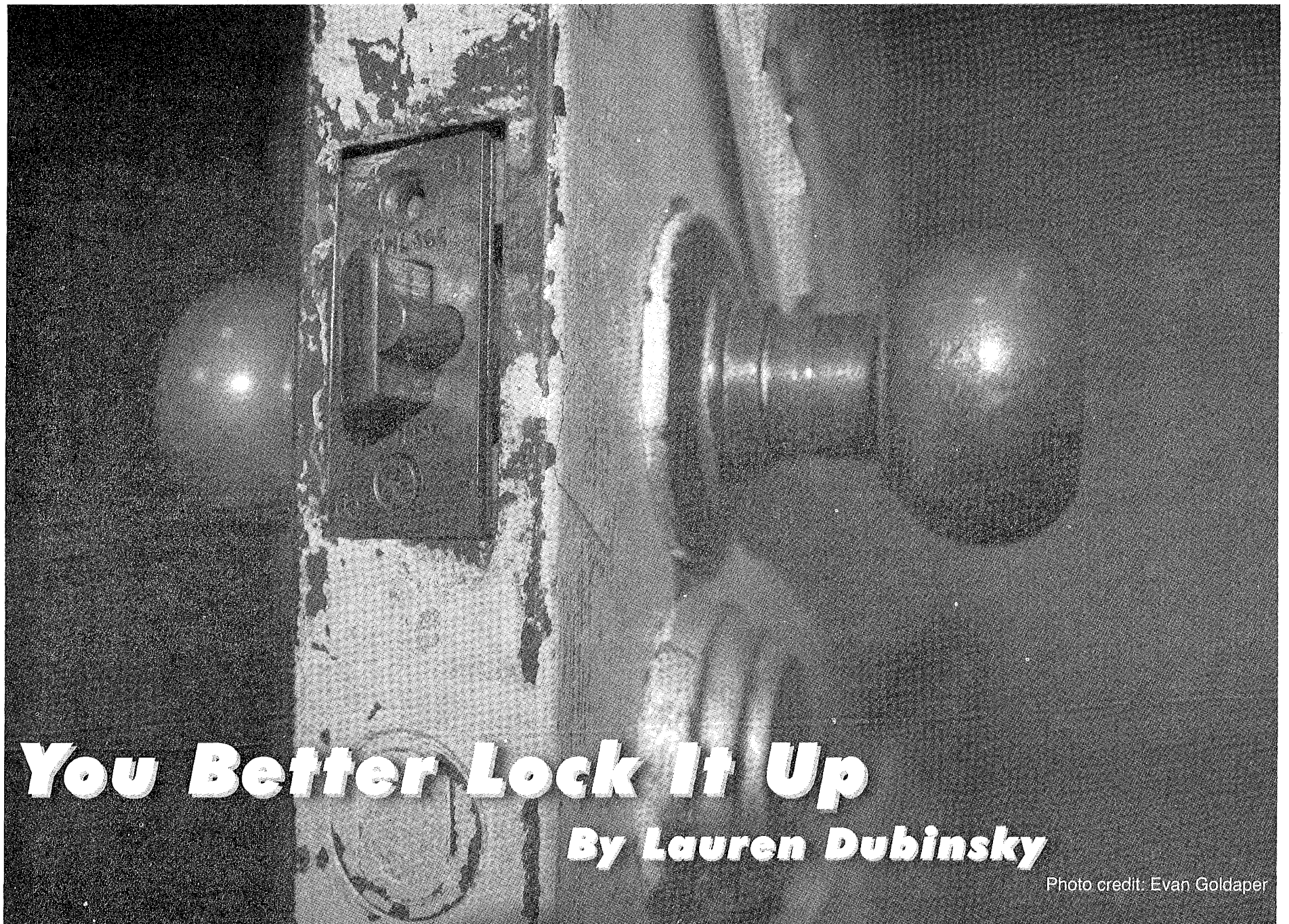
If you are parking in the hospital parking garage, expect to die. If you are parking in the parking

garage next to the administration building, expect to administrate.

L.I.R.R. Parking Lot

The train station lot, though not visible on this map, is another excellent spot for commuters. It's adjacent to the North P Lot, so it's only far away, as opposed to really far away. One caveat: it's supposed to be for the train commuters going into the city to work. But fuck 'em, right?

That just means it's always open, no worries about tickets. It fills up quickly though, later than the Gym Road Lot, but earlier than the North P Lot. It's also the obvious choice for parking if you want to take the train. Who knew?



You Better Lock It Up

By Lauren Dubinsky

Photo credit: Evan Goldaper

On the morning of February 11, 2010, a resident of Cardozo College in Roth Quad noticed an individual enter their room and begin to go through their personal belongings. When the resident questioned the individual as to their presence in the room, they fled the room along with the resident's personal belongings. Had the resident locked the door, this incident would have never transpired.

However, many Stony Brook residents often neglect to lock their doors and as a result, have become victims of crimes of opportunity. From 2006 to 2008, there were roughly 200 burglaries on campus each year. This recurring problem at Stony Brook University over the past few years has led the University Police Department and Campus Residences to work together to crack down on this issue.

An hour after the burglary at Cardozo College, there was another incident at O'Neil College. Upon confrontation, the suspect fled. The day after, a similar incident occurred with

two residents of Wagner College in Roosevelt. All three of these incidents were similar in that the residents neglected to lock their doors. "It's about locking doors at the end of the day," said Baycan Fideli, Associate Director for

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Campus Residences. Residents do not lock their doors because it's inconvenient, but inconvenience comes with a price.

Many residents aren't aware of the presence of this problem. When Kenny Chiang, a resident of Benedict College, was told that there were 189 burglaries

on campus in 2008 he responded, "I'm aware that burglaries occurred around residence halls, but not that many." When you compare the amount of burglaries at Stony Brook to other SUNY universities, the difference is great. For example, the Annual Security Report states that there were 53 burglaries for SUNY Albany University and SUNY New Paltz University states that they had 11 burglaries. For a larger and much broader scope, there were 29,489 burglaries in 2008 on 10,366 campuses in the U.S. and outlying areas, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Out of the 592 college campuses in New York, which totaled to 2,260 burglaries in 2008, Stony Brook rakes in 8 percent of the pie.

"As far as reporting, we look at the Clery Act and we want to make sure we are getting it right," said Robert Lenahan, Chief of Police at Stony Brook University. The Jeanne Clery Act states that schools have to publish an annual report by October 1 that contains 3 years worth of campus crime statistics.

The act is named after Jeanne Ann Clery, a 19-year-old Lehigh University freshman, who was raped and murdered while asleep in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986. Her parents, Connie and Howard Clery, found out that students on the Lehigh campus had not been told about 38 violent crimes three years before her murder. They joined with other campus crime victims and convinced Congress to enact the law. As a result, Congress signed the Clery Act into law in 1990 as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act.

All public and private institutions of post-secondary education that take part in federal student aid programs, including Stony Brook, Albany and New Paltz, must follow the Clery Act. The institutions that do not follow the Act can be fined up to \$27,500 by the U.S. Department of Education. The unfortunate component of the Clery Act is that it has not been very effective at Stony Brook. When asked whether the Clery Act is effective in promoting awareness amongst students, "The reality is no,"

said Lenahan. "Not a lot of people know about them. There is, however, plenty of useful information regarding policies and services available to students contained in the Clery Annual Security Report."

Two years ago, Campus Residences started to enforce the concept of students locking their doors. They posted stickers that gave out safety tips on bedroom doors and wall switches. Following the sticker drive, Campus Residence decided to be more proactive and take a different approach by joining the University Police in knocking on the doors of residents and to see if doors were unlocked.

Many students prop their doors open because their friends come over, but this too allows for a potential burglar to enter the dorm. "Burglars know that someone will leave their door unlocked making it easy to cause a crime of opportunity, so they will take the chance," Fideli said. "Why let that happen?" If an exterior door is propped open, the web-based door access system sets off an alarm to alert Residential Safety Program Dispatch.

The RSP acts as the eyes and the ears for Campus Residences and the UPD. If they see something that looks suspicious, they call it in. They have a walk service, in which Field Unit Monitors

escort students from one building to another at any time upon request. "I feel safe and comfortable on the campus even though I hear about these burglaries and muggings because I know that RSP and UPD are constantly patrolling the campus to ensure our safety," said Felicia Weathers, a senior at Stony Brook. "Also, because if I ever need to get somewhere after hours and I don't feel comfortable, RSP and UPD give walks and rides." The walk service is widely used by students on campus and has become very successful over the years. "Students who use us are former victims of things," Fideli said. "When you're burned, you learn."

RSP also patrols the residences to see if entrance doors into the buildings are locked. As an added measure, desk monitors are located at the front of each residence hall and check I.D.'s to make sure that the people entering the building live there.

"The culture we are trying to break is that it is not considered unusual for people you don't know to walk around your dorm," Lenahan said. In the past six years, the UPD and Campus Residences recently collaborated to promote awareness about campus burglaries. The Community Relations Team informs the UPD of the areas on campus that have higher crime rates

and they conduct seminars in those locations to educate students about what is going on in their area. This better the chance for students to become more aware of the potential threats and how to combat them.

The adopted Metro Transit Authority slogan, "If you see something, say something" kicked in five years ago to promote students to report incidents.

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—Baycan Fideli,
Assoc. Director of Campus Residences

"Even if the incident is small, we want the students to let us know because we connect dots all the time," Fideli said.

The incidents on February 11 and 12 were a result of an individual following students into the buildings. When the University Police investigators questioned the individual, he informed them that he would find doors that were left unlocked with the intent to steal personal belongings. Fideli en-

couraged students to call 911 if someone who looks suspicious follows them into their building. If the student that allowed the individual to follow them into the building had called 911, said Fideli, the incidents would have never taken place.

The individual was arrested on February 18 when a staff member in Cardozo College saw an individual that matched the description of the suspect. The staff member immediately notified the UPD and they responded to the location. The outcome of this incident shows the strengthening of the efforts of the UPD, Campus Residences and residential students.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel for Stony Brook University because of the slight decrease in burglaries in 2009. Education, awareness and significant arrests have contributed to the decrease, said Lenahan, who is optimistic about the future and will continue to pursue education awareness, checking dorm rooms and monitoring camera systems. Although there has been a decrease, the future is uncertain and that number could turn around at any time. Fideli said, "Stony Brook is a safe campus if everyone does what they are supposed to. Students have to lock their doors and have I.D.s on them at all times."

Hey Kid! I'mma Commutah...

By Colleen Harrington

Not every student has the pleasure of rolling out of bed five minutes before class and dashing across campus, hair all tangly and still in jammies, to make it just in time for a morning lecture. No, we commuters are faced with some serious a.m. obstacles. To make the commute a bit sweeter, here's a list of tips from someone who's been commuting to college for five (five?!) years.

SB Alert can save you' life.

Nothing makes you want to establish a vantage point by Admin and start chucking snowballs at passersby quite like those occasions when you brave ultra-icy roads, only to find that they shut SBU down due to inclement weather sometime after you left your house. You can avoid dangerous wintry accidents and snowmancidal rage by signing up for SB Alerts in SOLAR under the "self-service" section (sounds sexy, but isn't). There, you can opt to receive text alerts whenever shit gets nuts on campus.

H to the OV

Get a cardboard cutout of a person—bonus if it's a celebrity. Prop up your corrugated comrade in the passenger seat, and voila: you can freely use the HOV lane without getting pulled over. If you can score a life-size celebrity cutout, people will believe you and George Clooney are old pals, sharing a morning cruise in your Toyota Prius. Actually, it's probably better if you can find a real person who lives nearby to commute with.

Parking

Ugh, parking. In terms of paved real estate, undergrad commuters are at the complete bottom of the totem pole. Unless you have exorbitant dough to shell out for metered parking or elite passes, you'll be facing the quagmire that is South P on the regular. Abandon all notions of pulling up right in front of your building and scooting inside; South P is so far that you have to take a shuttle to get to class. It's like coming to an amusement park, only there are no rides and the fees to get in are much higher. Keep track of where you park in South P (i.e. Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck), and

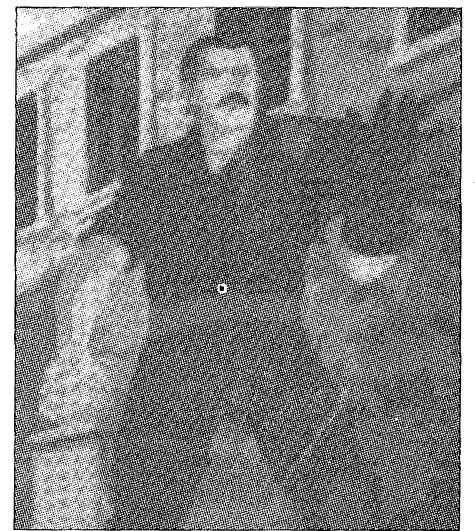
make sure to lock your car up tight--there tend to be some grimy thieves among us. Oh, and if you forget a book or something in your car? Well, you're shit outta luck, my freshmen friends. We should start a petition to have President Stanley and his admin pals park in South P every day and ride the buses, yes?

Spare Time?

If you have some extra time to kill in the morning and you're super starving, a great breakfast place nearby is Bagels 'N a Hole Lot More (they make good puns, too!). It's right on Rte. 347 just west of Nicholls Road and they're open 24 hours. They can make you an egg sammie at 3 a.m. if you're into it.

Lonely?

There's a super-friendly, high-energy gang of people in the Commuter Student Affairs office who can hook you up with a personal commuter assistant that will help you get around campus and make yourself at home when you're here. On the office's web page, you can sign up to receive the commuter newsletter, read commuter blogs and find out about upcoming



"Stop all the downloading."

events on campus. There are also commuter lounges on campus in the SAC and in Melville Library. You don't have to miss out on all the college fun even though you don't live here!

Read *The Press*, Stupid!

If you're stranded on campus with time to kill before your next class, go to the nearest newsstand and pick up a copy of the *Stony Brook Press*. Always.

What Do You Get When You Guzzle Down Sweets?

By Najib Aminy

The freedom and independent decision-making of college can easily turn one's fine crafted six-pack abs into an unappealing trophy of fat. The Freshman Fifteen is no myth, if not it is an understatement to the additional fat and pounds you will pack on in the additional years of college. So how do you not get fat?

Well, ironically keep eating, but healthier. So says Leah Holbrook, a nutritionist who advises students in the Student Health Services building. "The key is to keep your energy-level up every two to three hours." Not only will this keep you active and best prepared for classes and exams, also it will better your chances of choosing a health-conscious lunch or dinner rather than whatever will simply fill you up. Everything from nuts, fruits and sources of natural protein are a good way to keep the calories low but your appetite full.

Secondly, watch what you eat and

gently transition your old eating habits into a desired style. Thus, if you find yourself munching down one giant hamburger with two order of fries and a giant cup of soda, maybe go for just the burger and one side of fries to start rather than becoming a vegan. Holbrook finds that drastic changes in one's diet and eating style often prove to be a temporary solution and set oneself up for failure. "Set your self up with realistic goals that you can reach and modify from there."

An often hidden part of one's meal is the drink. You may not notice it, but you are paying a good two to three dollars extra when buying lunch or dinner for a soda or juice packed with calories and sugar. Try to avoid the sodas and juices, often they are artificial and have little to no nutritional value, and reduce on the amount of sugar packets you put in your coffee. Holbrook advises her students to substitute beverages with water. Not only do you save money on your meal plan, but you stop a ton of calories and sugars from threatening

the fine masterpiece that is your body.

As to what foods one should avoid, stay away from greasy, fried or unnatural foods. "Go with foods that you can tell what is inside it, because they will

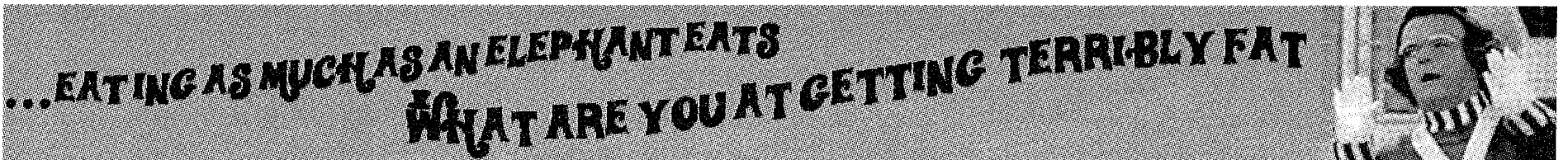


be less harmful than the preservatives and other stuff you find in other food,"

Holbrook said. Avoid at all times trans-fatty foods, labeled as hydrogenated oil and high fructose corn syrup. The two together prove to be a deadly combo that could easily prevent you from becoming a beauty queen.

A big factor as to whether you will successfully fight off the evil Freshman Fifteen monster is what you do when you're not eating, specifically with exercise and sleep. Many of you presumably were on some sort of athletic team in high school and ate whatever you wanted without having to worry about where it went. However, this may not be the case in college because of class schedules, course work or lack of knowledge of active events. Additionally, building a poor sleep regiment will be one of the first dominos to fall in this Cold War against calories.

If you do find yourself stressed, the University has multiple programs that offer counseling services from the Center for Prevention and Outreach to University Counseling and on. So keep calm and carry on.



A Thin Line Between Love and Hate

By Evan Goldaper

As you, an incoming freshman, begin your time here at Stony Brook University, you are certain to find Stony Brook is a magical place filled with miracles and wonder, among other things. One of the least miraculous, but most wondrous things you'll encounter are lines—the queue kind, not the graph paper kind, mind you. And I mean long, long lines.

Of course, lines are nothing new, and they aren't exclusive to Stony Brook's campus. As sophomore marine biology major Mike Thompson said, "I feel like lines are a basic part of human biology. Since the dawn of time, we have been forming people into lines so it was easier for the dinosaurs to find the best eats."

However, lines here can be much longer, though occasionally featuring less bloodlust. If you want to eat on campus at the time you'd typically do so,

prepare to wait in a line. During my freshman year, I conducted a complex investigative study about waiting in lines. For those seeking to repeat my experiment, it mostly involved buying an awful lot of salad. My observations indicated that during Campus Lifetime, the Wednesday afternoon block where few classes are scheduled, the lines at the SAC can stretch from the cash register to the hallway, frequently snaking down to the end of the corridor. Getting take-out at Jasmine during the usual six o'clock rush can take, quite literally, as long as you'd expect to spend at a restaurant. And fortunately, you incoming freshmen will never have to deal with the lines at California Pizza Kitchen when it first opened, but don't expect short waits there either.

The problems don't always end there. I conferred with sophomore math and physics double major Kevin Sackel. Results of his less-vegetarian study indicated that getting a burger from the Kelly Charcoals line—which contained two other people—took 40 minutes. "He had a bunch of burgers made and

didn't give them out until he had finished about 10 of them. It was just bad."

So what can you do to stop this? Not much. If you haven't noticed, Stony Brook is a big school, and we've got a whole lot of people: a whole lot of people who all apparently want to eat lunch on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. But because I like you best, I'll give you some advice. Just don't spread it around; it's top secret between you and me. First of all, if possible, adjust your personal schedule. As dinosaur-expert Thompson noted, "During Campus Lifetime, I went to any number of food places, saw the lines were ridiculous because everyone had free time, and I said, 'Fuck it,' went back to [my room], waited until campus lifetime was over." Late lunches and dinners are a good way to beat the crowd, and Kelly is open pretty late every day. Eventually, you'll catch on to the trends and figure out when things run the smoothest.

Second, don't ever count on being able to grab food quickly. If you're in a rush and don't want to be late—a desire you are likely to quickly outgrow, but I

digress—don't test your luck. Buying food in larger quantities and keeping some in your dorm can help you avoid the rush. As Stony Brook expatriate Rafael Lizzaralde told me, "You will find that not only have you halved the time spent in lines, but also increased the quantity of your adipose tissue by virtue of not having walked there twice!" And really, isn't that the greatest reward of all?

Still, you're ultimately doomed. You're not going to be able to dodge lines forever: they're literally everywhere and you're eventually going to have to line up for library books or test papers or a sci-fi convention—maybe not a sci-fi convention. So the best you can do is make your time more pleasant. As Kevin Sackel added, "Just talk to people! It astonishes me that people can stand in line with each other for ten minutes and not say a word." Personally, I prefer just standing in line and pretending to be conducting scientific experiments. But yeah, meeting new people might be nice.

Places to Eat...Nomnomnom...

Roth Café

Everyone's heard of the Freshman 15. But here at Stony Brook, we call it the Freshman 25 to 30. And it's not really packed on because of beer...more like Wendy's and pizza. And it's not really exclusive to freshman. So forget everything I just said. The bottom line is you can get real fat if you're not careful.

The main source of this impending lard is Roth Café. What makes this quaint little eatery overlooking scenic Roth Pond a death trap for weight watchers, and, well, anybody trying to avoid cardiac arrest, is both a Wendy's and a California Pizza Kitchen. Are both amazing? Of course. But are they dangerous to your health when eaten upwards of twice a day? You bet. Oh, and they're both open until midnight all week long.

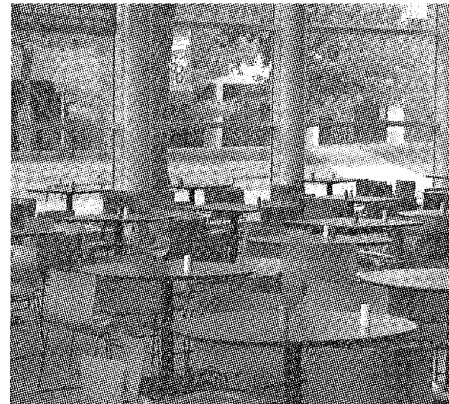
Now we're not talking an express-hole-in-the-wall or a crappy dollar menu with one flagship item. Both of these places have impressively large selections: the Wendy's delivers us the new specials at the same time they hit the off-campus ones and the CPK has

multiple varieties of pasta, pizza, paninis, and salads. The prices are also very manageable considering the cost of food at other dining halls.

You'll start eating here so much that your days of the week will be marked by whether or not you had a Wendy's double that day, or how long it's been since you last ordered the buffalo chicken pizza. You'll start to not care that much that the lines can get absurdly long and the wait times can potentially make you late to class.

There's always the oft-forgotten American Kitchen, which is mostly reserved for impatient people and fervent lovers of crusty macaroni and cheese. Apparently its selection of chicken, vegetables, and other "American" delights is not half bad (never really tried it, considering Wendy's is like cocaine for me).

The point of all this rambling is that you can easily sink into the Roth black hole. It takes some strong willpower and maybe a strange affinity for poorly made Kelly burritos to drag you away, but it could tag on a couple of extra years to your life span. Try a budget system, or maybe abstain from Wendy's for a couple weeks at a time. Whatever you do, just stay away from the Baconator. Seriously, don't eat it. It will kill you.



might as well take the walk to the Union Building and grab some food there. The SAC can be expensive, and really isn't worth the long wait or the cash. It's a wonder why so many students wait on that obscenely long line everyday.

Union

The Student Union is home to three different places to eat, giving it the variety of the SAC, but generally with slightly less crowding. Not a lot less, but enough that you can tell the difference.

There is the Union Commons, a food court type of area with a number of different concepts, all of which are pretty sure bets in terms of quality. There's your standard grill, vague Mexican and vague Chinese, but in addition, the Commons features a Halal station with a daily rotating menu and a

sushi station, which, while pricey, is often a better choice than many of the other options available.

Also in the Union is the Union Deli, serving a variety of sandwiches and salads/appetizer type food. It's way overpriced (cheaper sandwiches can be found at the SAC and the Kelly dining center), but open until 11 each night, pretty much its only redeeming quality.

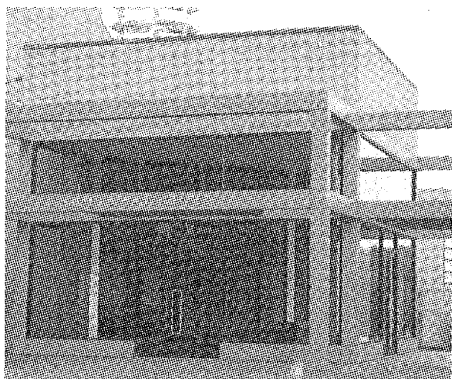
Finally, there is Delancy Street, a kosher deli that has started serving more full on hot entrées in the past year. Like the Union Deli, it has some steep prices, but the quality is generally much higher and it is the only eatery on campus dedicated solely to kosher food.

Benedict

Benedict, which is located in H Quad, holds a plethora of fine dining, exquisite foods. From a number of meals to choose from, you will feel like you are in heaven, momentarily. The one downside to this reliable dining area is that it only opens in the late afternoon around 5 p.m. and is closed on the weekends except for its Sunday morning brunch. The prices aren't too bad at Benedict, and with a giant seating area it's quite rare you won't find a seat. From ice cream to soups to moderately tasty steak, Benedict serves as one of the top places to eat on campus.

Jasmine

The Jasmine dining hall, located in The Wang Center, is Stony Brook's source for all foods Asian. Serving Chinese, Indian, Thai and Japanese foods, the Wang Center has the potential to be an enjoyable contrast to the run-of-the-mill pizza and grill foods located elsewhere on campus. They also serve Bubble Tea, which we recommend you try at least once. However, Jasmine also tends to be a mixed bag when it comes to quality. Depending on the time you arrive, the food can either taste wonderful and fresh, or stale and dull. That, combined with absurdly long lines at times, prevent Jasmine from being all



that it could be. That being said, it still is one of the better places to eat on campus.

Kelly

Stony Brook University is an institute of higher learning, emphasis on "institute." Just look at Kelly Dining Hall. Serving college standards like cardboard crust pizza, the campus eatery is now open 24 hours, making said college standards available at 3 am. Breakfast is the meal of the day, though, and Kelly serves made-to-order egg sandwiches and other breakfast fare. Then there's the campus famous Kelly brunch available on weekends starting at 10:30 am. Try the Belgian Waffles, as they are probably the best thing offered then. And like at any other college dining hall, stay away from the breakfast meat. Downstairs there is the coffee house, which serves the standard café fare and smoothies. At least there is a convenience store there, too, where one can buy a box of cereal and carton of milk. Yay!

SAC

Many reviewers complain about the high prices and the long lines at the SAC and we'd have to agree with them. Go there and order the pizza, which is apparently good enough to try to steal and create a campus-wide panic. Or, if that's not your thing, you can get a grilled cheese that's neither cheese, nor grilled. Really, if you're hungry you

Tabler Café

As you're wandering around during your first couple days on campus, you might catch word of there being a Dunkin' Donuts. But beware—the D & D's home, Tabler Café, is a huge disappointment.

Squeezed into the arch-shaped bottom floor of the Tabler Arts Center, the café had the potential to be a welcome consolation to the fact that Tabler residents are at least a 10 minute walk from any decent breakfast selection. However, a mixture of ridiculous hours and a bare bones menu make it one of the least satisfying eateries on campus.

The café opens for the morning, but then closes for the afternoon...only to re-open at night. So if you maybe wanted a drink or a snack before classes, but it happened to be 1 or 2 in the afternoon, you'll have to go somewhere else. Also, it's closed on the weekends, which will only further intensify the air of alienation at SBU when everyone ships out Friday afternoon.

As for the selection, the Dunkin' Donuts seems to have the coffee down just fine. But tough luck if you're looking for more than that. They don't serve

breakfast sandwiches, and the donuts selection doesn't come close to making up for that. There's bagels, but they don't stay fresh very long and you have to nag the employees for cream cheese. Most of the time, they'll just tell you they're out.

The shining light of the Tabler café, at least in theory, is the crepes and flatbreads. At night, the right side of the counter begins making these two dinner items to balance out the fact that nobody wants a stale donut after it's been chilling for 12 hours in a glass case. However, even these are plagued by inconsistency. You're at the mercy of whoever is working the station that day; sometimes they come out delicious, while other times they'll come out a sloppy mess folded into a half-burned piece of flat bread.

The only thing Tabler Cafe seems to be consistently proficient at is providing soon-to-be-stoned TAC regulars an impressive selection of potato chips. Considering the smoking habits of the quad, that's enough to keep any resident from really complaining. But all in all, it's not worth your time unless you're way late for class and absolutely need a drink or something small to tide you over until you can go somewhere more forgiving.

More Places to Nonomnom...

Eating Off Campus

For some, on-campus food options tire quickly. For others, the thought of giving this rapacious, exploitive university another cent of their hard-earned dough really grates on their nerves. Either way, you should know that there are other options. Most places offer a student discount when you show your card. So even if you don't drive, the section of 25a near the train station offers some appealing choices. Here are three of the best.

Jake Starr Café

Jake Starr Cafe is pretty much one of the best places around. They have an extensive menu of really tasty stuff, from sandwiches to smoothies to burgers. Their forte of course is breakfast – go with the homemade pancakes, which are far better than even the diners. The prices are pretty reasonable – similar to the shit in the SAC, without the lines.

Station Pizza

Do yourself a favor and never order from the Domino's Pizza at Stony Brook. Why pay for a pizza that will take more than an hour to make and taste terribly bad.

Look for alternative like Station Pizza, which offers better tasting pizzas and foods at a much cheaper price.

Green Cactus

We eat here all the time. Located a little further down 25a, near Stonybooks, this is the best Mexican food you'll find in the area. Go there. Girthy burritos and towering nachos are prepared fresh to order with fresh ingredients. The prices are rough for some items, but it's totally worth it if you've got a few extra bucks lying around. We figure it's much better to spend seven dollars for a huge burrito and nachos than five dollars for a crappy, stale meal at the SAC.

Longboards Suck

By Nick Statt

Imagine walking to class—the skies are blue, a cool breeze has a perfect handle on the temperature and you have enough time to enjoy your walk to class. Then out of nowhere, some obnoxious clown wearing plaid shorts, a backwards baseball cap and a shiny pair of aviators almost takes your elbow off while flying down the sidewalk. Of course, he's riding a longboard. As he tries to maneuver through the large crowds of people without checking someone into the street, you can only hope he slips and takes a tumble.

Longboarding, at least on expansive college campuses, is now a cultural phenomenon. Ten years ago, when skateboarding was just starting to hit the cultural limelight, it'd be hard to find someone with a longboard casually leaning against their closet. It wasn't until skateboarding became insanely popular with the rise of Tony Hawk videogames and the annual X-Games that most teenagers discovered that riding a skateboard was hard as hell, and not worth their time.

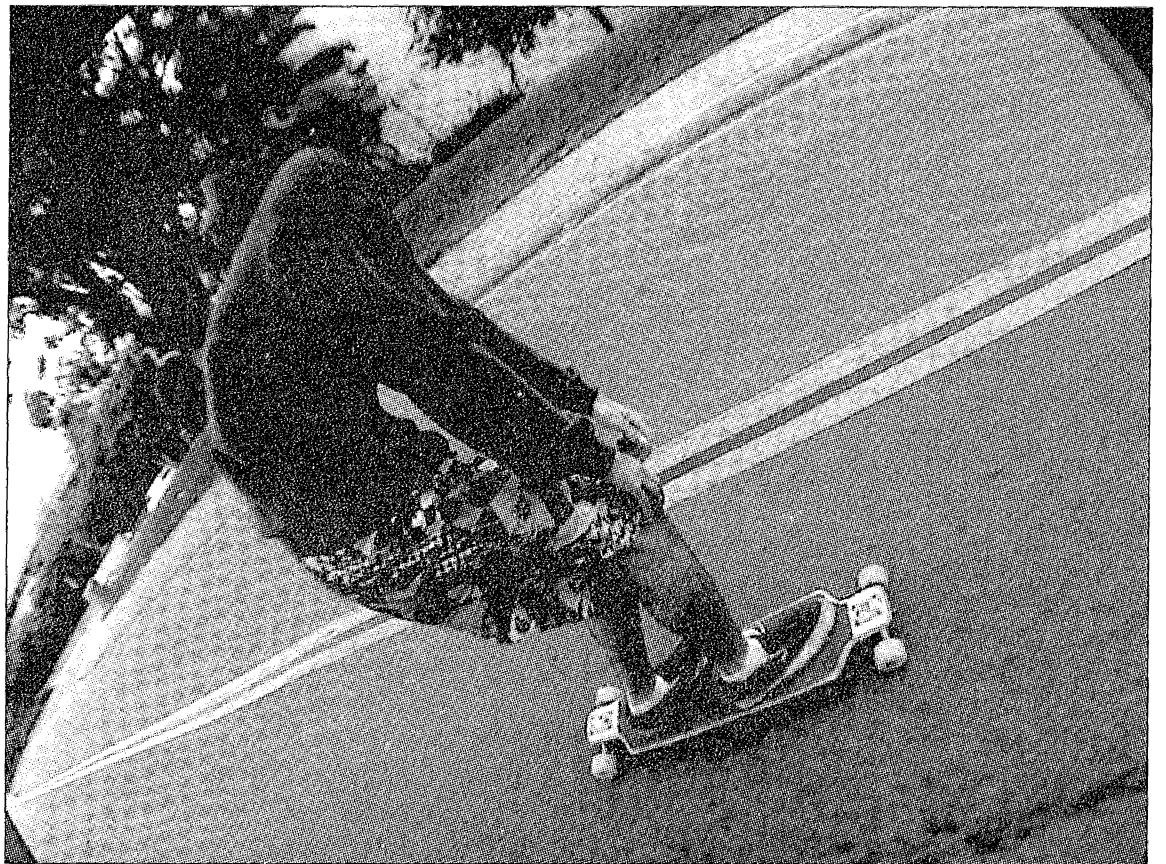
Enter the longboard. Mainly started as a way for surfers to get around when they couldn't hit the water, the longboard gave rise to the modern-day skateboard, but has also evolved to match the times. A modern longboard is less of a surfboard on wheels and more of an elongated skateboard with special equipment, like enormous wheels and specially angled trucks that allow for a huge turning radius and scary-as-hell speed.

Sadly, the common longboarder is

using his board as a mode of transportation. That fact makes the longboard for people who don't have the energy or skill to learn how to skateboard, but think bikes are for hipster douchebags and walking is just lame. With enormous wheels and a very modest understanding of how to shift your body weight to turn, anyone can hop on one and get the hang of it in no time. You don't need to know how to ollie (jump), nor do you need to really worry about personal injury, like with a skateboard, if you're only taking it to and from class.

Any crack in the pavement or change in texture won't affect the huge wheels, which is exactly the point: longboarding is idiot-proof skateboarding.

Now longboarding is an extreme sport of its own merit, with quite intense downhill racing, trick contests, and all that other good stuff. You'll see a few kids on campus who are actually serious about it as a sport, which is highlighted by the whole suit of pads and a helmet they usually wear. But that doesn't outweigh the fact that the average rider thinks he can barrel through a crowd of people with his flip-flops on,



Don't be this guy.

which brings up the final point.

Like with any growing trend, longboarding has its own culture. It just happens to now be tailored for the bro and/or alternative sports jock (just when you thought they had been replaced with the *Jersey Shore* stereotype). It's for the guy who loves extreme sports, but grew up playing lacrosse. It's for the guy who doesn't care if the Dave Matthews Band blasting in his ear buds drowns out the, "Hey! You're about to run me over!" The longboard is essentially a Ford Mustang – a not-that-expensive vehicle that's still pretty fast and will make you look cool to people

who don't really know that much about cars.

So while the longboard may be one of the best ways to get around campus if you happen to know how to ride one well, its main clientele come close to ruining it for everyone. If you're one of the lucky people who's lacking in longboarding experience, then get some practice in by getting good at moving out of the way of fast moving objects and coming up with quick one-liners to yell after your foot gets run over. If you already own a longboard...well...I hear they make good beer pong tables.

The Unbearable Darkness of Being: A Guide to Shitting At Stony Brook

By Ross Barkan

For all those who have read The Stony Brook Press in years past, you know that I, Ross Barkan, despite my attempts to write lengthy and profound pieces about the war in Afghanistan, Don DeLillo and the nature of our educational system, am best known for my once a year journalistic forays into the world of excretion. You might remember my high praise of the Wang Center toilets or my defamation of the first floor SAC bathrooms or, since you are most likely a freshman reading this, you may have no memory of such things. While you were diddling and dumping away in "high school," worrying about being fat and what to wear for prom and why Justin Bieber never answered your e-mails, I was busy at this fine university determining the best places to make the holy number two. Introductions are for losers, so without further bullshitting (a doo doo pun!) here are the best and worst places to unleash a turd at Stony Brook University in the year of our lord and savior Jesus Christ, Two Thousand And Ten.

(Notice that each location has a rating out of seventeen possible points. Why seventeen? Because I'm handsomer than you, that's why. Now shut the hell up and read.

Editors Note: Ladies, he's single and ready to mingle.)

Your Dorm Bathroom (if you live in a corridor-style dormitory): Ah, welcome to Stony Brook, you Roosevelt, Mendolsohn and H-Quad fucks. Thought college would be all fun and games, hot chicks and chiseled dudes, beer pong and all-night circle-jerks, tit-tie-fucks and Rock Band? Wrong! You have to squeeze a chocolate gargoyle between those butt cheeks too, and judging from the fact that you, fat-tits, are probably eating way too much candy (like, oh my God, in college they have all the M&Ms you can eat and all you gotta do is swipe this card thing and it's like *they give you the M&Ms*) you're gonna be shitting a Hurley-like monolith of doo-doo. In corridor-style dormitories, you share your bathroom with like thirty other impressionable and di-

arrhea-disposed morons. Get used to toilets with broken seats, dolts who don't flush, and a lingering smell that would remind you of bodies decomposing on the morning after Hiroshima, if you could know of such things. When I lived in Roosevelt, the sink was broken every week and a certain dreadlocked dude bragged about his "B-52 bombers," an act of great skill and stupidity that requires the shitter to somehow climb to the top of the stall, wait to give birth to his fecal baby, and crap chunks into the toilet below. COLLEGE RULEZ BRO!!

Rating: 2/17.

Your Dorm Bathroom (if you live in a suite-style dormitory): An upgrade over the corridor because less people share a bathroom and less is always better. The drawback to living in a suite-style dormitory, especially Tabler, is that they facilitate pot heads. Pot heads like to smoke and talk about things that don't matter, and the suite is a great place to do that. Pot heads also eat things from places like Dominos, Taco Bell and the dubious burrito lines at Kelly, leading to waves upon waves of terrifying detritus. I lived with this giant dude in Tabler who walked like an Asperger's robot and once bragged about driving five cars and eating five sandwiches in one night. He obliterated our defenseless little toilet, bringing a 9/11-like gravity to a realm of previous levity. Wizards couldn't even shit like that, and they're wizards.

Rating 4/17.

The Wang Center Bathrooms: Finally, a ray of light in the dark, a sliver of optimism at zero hour! Sure, the economy might be tanking, these wars make no sense and the intelligent seem doomed to be tormented by the stupid. But hey, you have the Wang Center and its pristine, oriental aesthetic that conjures up the feeling of wafting along a gentle breeze, seeing those yellow pointy hats, hearing that twangy Chinese music, and receiving fortune cookie wisdom from Mr. Miyagi. Enter the blessed monastic cells that are Charles B. Wang's bathrooms, forever at the cutting edge, forever clean. Stalls are always available. The people are friendly. The toilet paper is abundant.

When you are finished emptying your stomach of its various shit goblins and preparing for the arduous period of wiping in order to avoid the dreaded itchy butt, you may stare into the shimmering façade of the stall door and attain peace with the world. You might even forget to clean the devastation that remains inside of you. That is the glory of the Wang.

Rating: 16/17

Fifth floor SINC site, library: A hidden gem because most human beings are too unmotivated and corpulent to climb to such heights. *The fifth floor, wow, that's like soooo high!* Take advantage of humanity's failings to enjoy an empty and relatively clean bathroom. Be warned, graffiti is scrawled all around the stall, so if you do not enjoy finding out the number to a "primo" weed guy, learning why Obama is socialist (and black), reliving the breathless romance between Danny and Samantha in early 2004 and taking in Monet-like renderings of fat monster dicks, then this might not be the place for you.

Rating: 11/17

SAC bathrooms: The golden rule is to avoid floor one. If you can get up to floor three, you're probably safe. The first floor SAC stall resembles a tenement dumping hole at the turn of the 20th century. Ready yourself for the unflushed fudge gorillas, the sloppy seconds, the shreds of used toilet paper and the stench of thousands of butt holes coalescing like storm clouds to welcome you into the darkness.

Rating: 2/17

Javits Center: Oh boy, do we have some bathrooms for you to never visit. The angst of long, tortuous lectures can be found here, transmogrified from the horror of an impending organic chemistry midterm into the shadow of the devil: a giant wet pile of human feces. Javits shifters don't like to flush either, so get used to knowing all the hues of the doo: pond scum green, butt-deep black, despair brown, glimmer of hope light brown and avalanche black, only possible when the chunks of crap pile atop one another to form a mountain

no man should ever want to scale. I do appreciate the bounty of urinals in these bathrooms; if only so I can avoid seeing another man's penis when I pee. Otherwise, these bathrooms are a veritable cataclysm, like a mid-afternoon evacuation of that *tostada* you thought was a good idea at eleven a.m. Slow down, maverick.

Rating 3/17

The bathroom next to the Press office: I feel like it's dangerous to praise such a bathroom because this might mean one of our four or five readers might start using such a place and the sanctity could forever be ruined but, man, I've taken some world-class dumps in there. The stall is always clean, a three month-old *Press* issue is usually lying on the ground, and I can enjoy the sounds of my colleagues from beyond the door decrying my very presence in their lives. This isn't one of those fancy Wang Center bathrooms with its Far East gizmos and black magic and whatnot, but it does the trick. Seriously, don't come down there though, because I hate opening the god damn door and seeing a pair of feet that aren't mine enjoying a sweet surrender to the torpedo-shaped turd wheedling its way out of another jam. Oh, to be young again!

Rating 14/17 (don't fucking go there though)

Humanities bathroom: Let's close this debacle of an article with another winner. High-tech as hell, though I wonder if these auto-flushing things will forget to flush one day and one of my fellow English major pals will walk into the stall after me and assume I am One of Those People and forever revile me. Probably has happened already. I recall last year I compared this bathroom to *Brave New World*. I guess I'll stick with that. If you want to know what the future holds, go there, and relish the faux-profound discussions about hacks like Shakespeare while you prepare to sculpt your fecal monument in the bowl of victory. Remember to wipe thoroughly, wash your hands and ask God for forgiveness, because everyone knows going to the bathroom is a mortal sin.

Rating: 15/17.

Top Five Current GPA Killas

By Bobby Holt

Video games are a good way to kill some time and release some stress in college, but they can easily ruin your GPA without you even noticing. While everything is best in moderation, the games listed below are perfect for the student who is too cool for school.

Starcraft II (PC/Mac)

It's been almost twelve, count it, twelve years in the making. The origi-



nal *Starcraft* came out in March of 1998 and has been killin' GPAs like it was its job. For a game that is so easy to play, it is impossibly difficult to master. In Korea, many players spend eight plus hours a day practicing. It's not just a game, it's also their job.

The player starts out with the choice of three races: Terran, Protoss and Zerg. Each race has specific abilities that set it apart from its counterparts. Learning to play just one of these races on a high level is an accomplishment, but if you want to go down as a *Starcraft* legend, you must learn the ins and outs of them all.

With most matches ranging from roughly ten minutes to up to an hour of non-stop micro and macro action (I just really nerded out there), it can really take up a lot of time. Unlike any game on this list, people have died from playing *Starcraft*. Yes, died. It's easy to see why SC2 should not be taking lightly and is the ultimate GPA killa on the list.

GPA Destruction: Fail Everything (Side affects may include blurred vision, carpal tunnel and death)

Modern Warfare 2 (Xbox 360/PS3/PC)

Like shooting stuff in a computer generated world? Ever need to burn a few hours between classes? Not only will *MW2* kill a few hours, it will

massacre an entire day. What starts out as one or two hours often ends up as seven or eight. The game is just flat-out addicting. It will even lay down the *MW2* curse on you. What is that, you ask? That's when you say, "Oh, I'll just play one more match" or "I'll just play til I level up again." Yet you end up playing about 20 more matches and

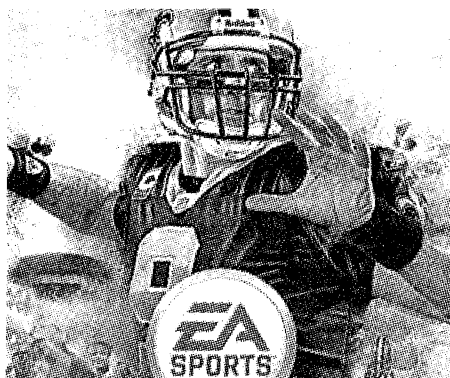


reach about three more levels. Don't expect a 4.0 while playing this game, especially when trying to get a nuke.

GPA Destruction: 2 Letter Grades

Madden 2011 (Xbox 360/PS3)

As the seasons changes and summer transitions into the fall, only one question comes to mind. Are you ready for some football? And the answer is yes. However, there is often a month between the launch of *Madden* and the actual football season. Everyone knows that preseason football is terrible so there needs to be something to fill your hunger for grown men hitting the crap out of each other. Well, John Madden has the answer for you. Boom! And it's not tough actin' Tinactin.



Madden 2011 was released on August 10 and has had sports fans and "bros," including myself, extremely happy. Between beating up on some straight suckas online or managing your favorite team, or all of them if you're hardcore. There is quite a lot to do. This year, *Madden* has an overhauled running mechanic that makes juking the defender oh-so-sweet-and-

satisfying. Also implemented into the game is 3v3 online multiplayer where you and two friends choose which part of the offense(QB/RB/WR) and defense(DL/LB/DB) you want to be. Between playing *Madden* and watching actual football, where is there time to do homework?

GPA Destruction: 1 Letter Grade

Halo 3 (Xbox 360)



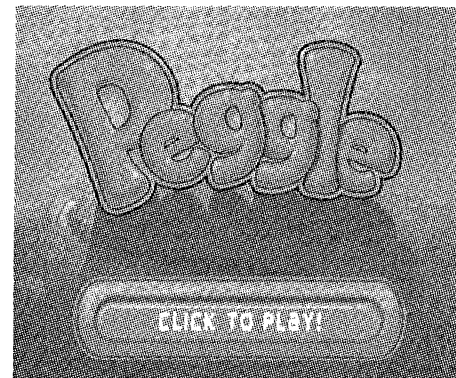
With *Halo: Reach*, Bungie's latest installment in the *Halo* franchise, right around the corner, it's time to hone your skills and get ready to bag a few fools. What better way to get ready for the game that will ultimately get you kicked out of college then to play its predecessor. Almost 200,000 people have the same idea. Even though the game came out in the fall of 2007, there are still plenty of people online to help you get ready for your biggest test yet. No, not your Organic Chemistry final, rising to the top of the *Halo: Reach* Onyx league. Duh. With many playlists to suit your needs, despite its age, it is still enough of a distraction to deter you from studying, doing homework and going to class.

GPA Destruction: 1/2 to 1 Letter Grade

Peggle (XBLA/PSN/iPhone/iPod Touch)

With such a cute name like *Peggle* you can't possibly expect it to be a bad thing, but in fact it is one of the more addictive games on this list. Most people have played *Peggle*, but if you're one of the few that haven't, this is how it goes. Each level has about 50-60 dots, about 20 of those are orange. The object of the game is to knock out all of the 20 red dots before you run out of balls. Sure, it sounds easy and at first it is. But when the difficulty ramps up and the level design becomes crazy, it is extremely hard. With over 50 different

levels in the game and a challenge mode built in on top of that, *Peggle* has the ability to suck up all your free time. Here's the kicker: *Peggle* can be played on all of your fancy Apple mobile devices. It starts out as "I'll just play until



class starts" to "Maybe I'll sit in the back so I can play a little bit, but I'll pay attention." Then, out of nowhere, bam, a *Peggle* addiction is in full swing. It hits you in class, then hits you when you're at your dorm, apartment or house. All of sudden you've got nothing but *Peggle* on the brain; you're like a mindless *Peggle* zombie. No one wants that. So be careful and play in moderation.

GPA Destruction 1/2 Letter Grade to Mindless Peggle Zombie

Honorable Mention: Cabela Big Game Hunter 2010

We were going to profile this game to explain how awesome and addicting it is, but we've left it to the experts. Below are actual gamer reviews of this amazing one-of-a-kind hunting game.

5. "Nothing says fun like playing a fun game for 10 min. and then reaching a impassable object (mountain lion)."

4. "How do you stay alive when the logs crumble and you eventually fall to the bottom."

3. "Try using a shotgun for the animals that attack! It gets the job done."

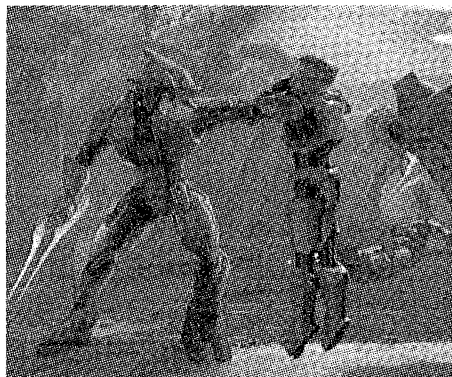
2. "There isn't any wind to worry about or foul weather."

1. "It is fun being chased by bears."

Top Five Upcoming GPA Killas

By Bobby Holt

Video games are also a good way to spend money to kill time and release some stress. If you don't buy these games and have a high GPA, then you might as well call yourself Sir Nerdface McGee.



Halo: Reach (Xbox 360)

The last day that you ever attend class is this September 14. Bungie's highly awaited release will include Spartans, but not everyone's favorite Spartan, Master Chief. With a completely overhauled multiplayer system and touting a 4-player co-op campaign, there is so much stuff to do that one would not have time to do anything else. Between destroying grunts and brutes or messing around with Reach's newly redone map editor called Forge, school will be an afterthought. A ton of stuff could be said about the game, but keeping this spoiler-friendly, there is just one thing to be said. The first day of the rest of your slacking life starts in less than three weeks.

GPA Destruction: You won't have a GPA after this game.

Call of Duty: Black Ops (Xbox 360/PS3/PC)

Last year, *Modern Warfare 2* was re-

leased and people went nuts. Now Treyarch, the developer of the game, looks to add to the already winning *Call of Duty* combination. Their last game was *Call of Duty: World at War* which was a solid albeit over-hyped game. However, there was one big winning attribute that *World at War* had over any other game: Nazi Zombies. Waves and waves of zombies, who also happened to be Nazis. This time around, Treyarch is making sure the multiplayer is fluid and of course, bringing back the zombies. Who doesn't love zombies? Why be in class when the free world is at stake of being overrun by zombies who happen to be Nazis? It would be treason for you not to fulfill your duties to your nation

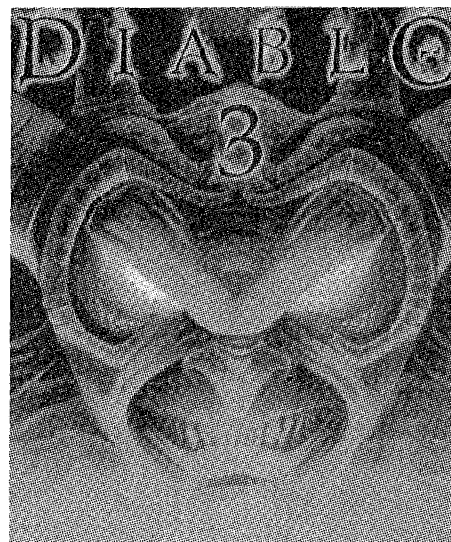


and turn down this opportunity. The better a zombie killer you are, the worse your GPA will look. But, hey, we all have to make sacrifices.

GPA Destruction: The only destruction here will be the zombies. Aww yeah.

Diablo 3 (PC/Mac?)

Not a lot is known about *Diablo 3* which is the third game in Blizzard's largely successful *Diablo* franchise. However, one thing is for sure, *Diablo* is back and you have to take him down. With potions, spells, weapons and armor to collect, you won't have time for much else. Like yeah, zombies are bad, but this El Diablo, he's a bad mamma jamma. The way Blizzard de-



signs their games is that there is almost an infinite amount of weapon and armor choices that all have their own separate attributes. Between collecting upgrades and taking down skeletons, ghosts and any other sort of thing associated with the devil, you are going to have your hands full.

GPA Destruction: 2 Letter Grades

Portal 2 (PC/Mac/Xbox 360/PS3)

When the original *Portal* came out, not much was expected from the first-person puzzle game. Yes, first-person puzzle game. You get a gun, but this gun is unlike any other gun you have ever seen. It shoots portals (clever title, huh), one orange portal and one blue portal. This allows the player to go from area to area, without having to walk all the way there. It creates an interesting dynamic and some even more interesting puzzles, from taking down turrets to placing blocks on switches and even doing that at the same time. With *Portal 2* coming out this February with more puzzles and even more cake, which is a lie (if you played the first one, you'd get that) this game is going to be awesome.

GPA Destruction: 1 Letter Grade

Assassins Creed 2: Brotherhood

Ever wanted to be an assassin in Italy during the Renaissance? Ever want to have hidden blades that shoot out of your hands? Well, this game is for you. *AC2: Brotherhood* follows up *AC2* and the story of Ezio a young assassin who is out for vengeance. Once again, no spoilers, but here is the basic idea of the story. Kill people in the most creative way-possible, without being spotted. Sound fun? That's because it is. There are a ton of things to collect and many people to assassinate, however this time, you don't have to do it by yourself. Ezio is back again in *AC2: Brotherhood* but this time he brought some friends. He has created an assassin guild who goes around the city of Rome, trying to restore order. If that doesn't intrigue you, how about this? The city of Rome is built 100 percent historically accurate and most, if not all of the characters in the game are real and have been researched. Finally, even a game you history buffs can enjoy. Not much more to say, but the game comes out November 16, luckily you can wait to Thanksgiving to get your assassin on.

GPA Destruction: 1 Letter Grade, but potentially extra studying if you are taking a class on Rome during the Renaissance. Who said games can't be educational?

Honorable Mention: Cabela's Dangerous Hunts 2011

This time, it's dangerous.

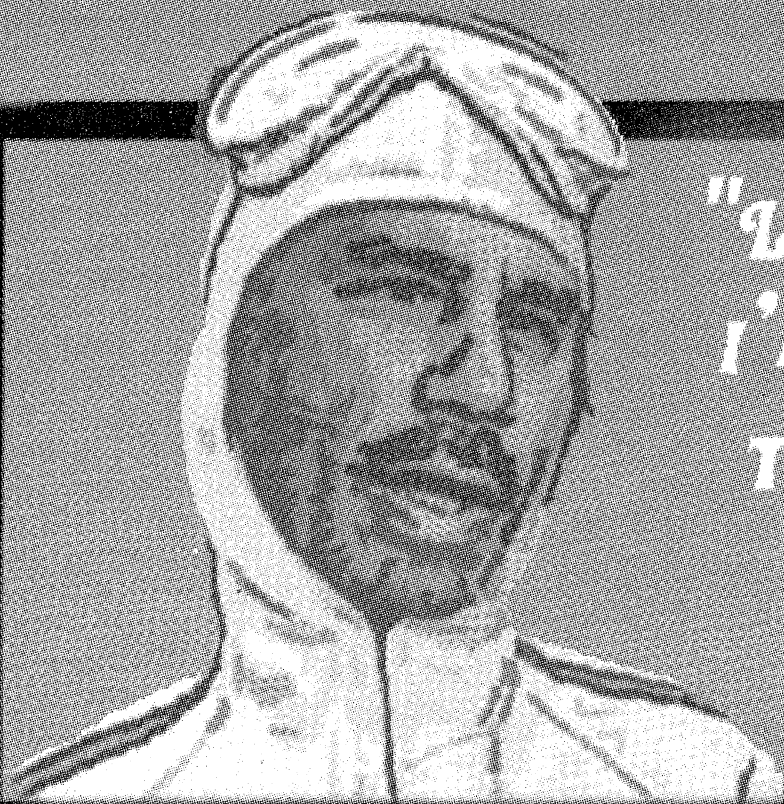


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www.stonybrook.edu/aaas

Charles B. Wang Asian American Center

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University Counseling Center Infirmary 2nd Floor

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/counsel/

Suicide Hotline

www.ulifeline.org/schools/sunysb

WO/MEN's and Gender Resource Center - Union 221

MON-TH 12pm-8pm / FRI 12pm-6pm

www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dev/womenCenter/index.jsp



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Asian / Asian American Media Pizza Party

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AAJ:

Asian American Journal

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Sunday, 8/29, 2pm

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Wed, 9/15, 12-3

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China Blue / CASB: Chinese Association at Stony Brook / CCF: Chinese Christian Fellowship

CLC: Chinese Literature Club / Cricket Club / Culinary Club

DDKY: Dung Duk Koong Yee Korean Drumming / Global China Connections

Go Club / HSC: Hindu Students Council / IGSA: Indian Graduate Student Association

JSO: Japanese Student Organization / KCF: Korean Christian Fellowship

KPL: Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority / KGSA: Korean Graduate Student Association

Korean Life Media / KSA: Korean Student Association / Korean Students for Christ

Muslim Student Association / PDP: Pi Delta Phi Fraternity

PUSO: Philippine United Student Alliance / Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity

SSA: Sikh Student Association / SASA: South Asian Student Alliance / SB Aikido and Judo

SB Bhangra Team / SBCSSA: SB Chinese Students and Scholars Association

SB Chinese Chess Club / SB KaraOK / SB Lion Dance Team / SB Table Tennis

Tae kwon do / Tai Chi Club / Taiko Tides Japanese Drumming

TGSA: Taiwanese Grad Students Association TSA: Taiwanese Students Association

Thillana: South Asian Dance / VSA: Vietnamese Student Association

WISO: West Indian Students Organization

PLUS: Lots of clubs and groups have their own dance teams that perform in shows all year!

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