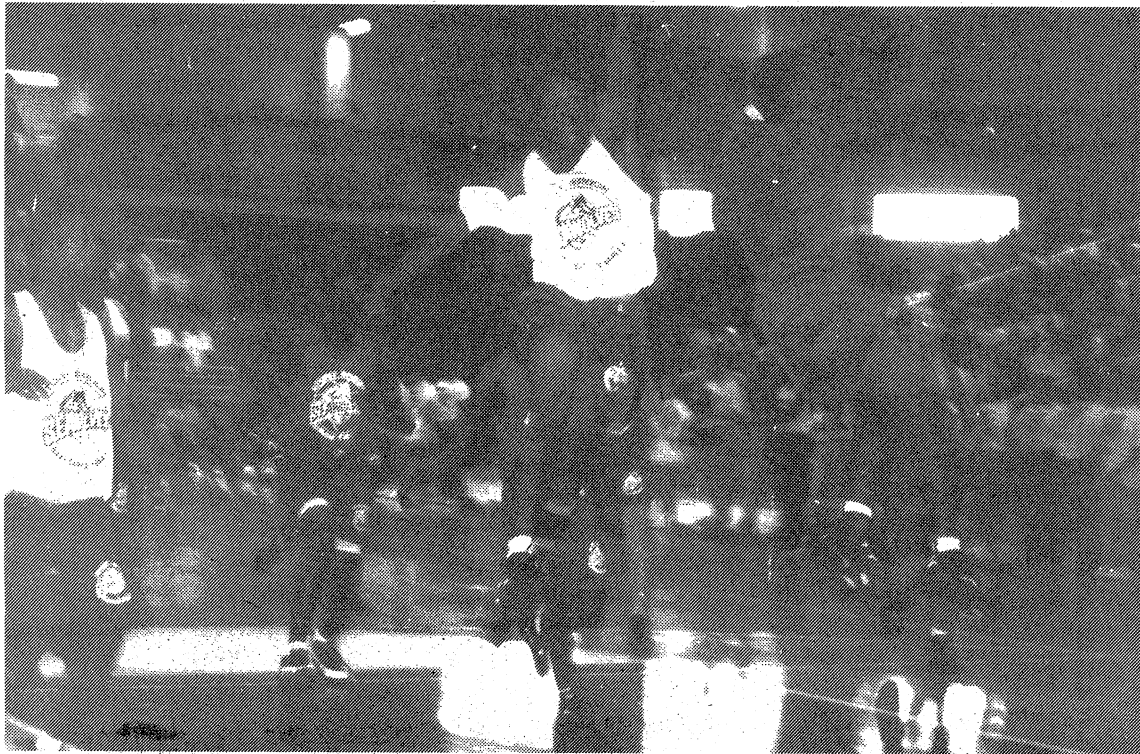


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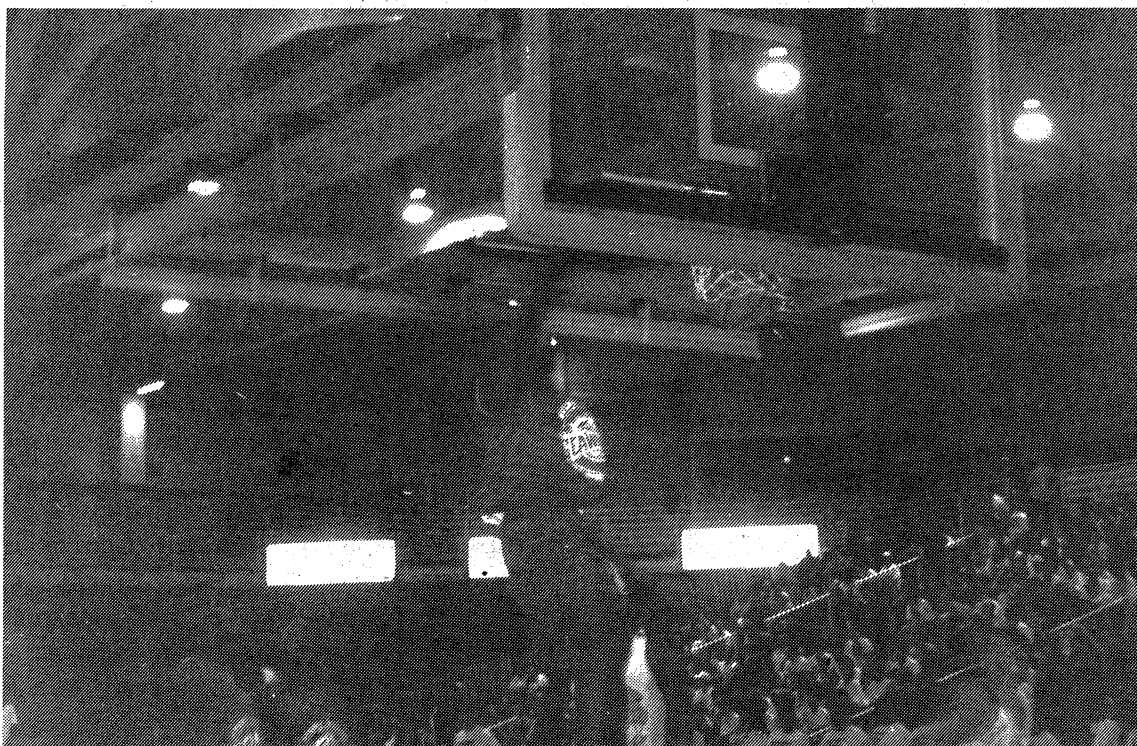
Midnight Madness Attracts Huge Turnout

The Seawolves Basketball season exploded into action on Saturday, October 14. Approximately 4000 fans showed up at the Indoor Sports Complex to celebrate the teams' (men's and women's) first organized practice of the season. The event (complete with slam dunk contests, sample games and drills) also featured free door prizes which included free

tuition for the spring semester, a free Spring Break Trip for two to Florida, a free television and VCR, free books for the Spring Semester, and (of course) over 1,000 free Midnight Madness T-shirts.

Please see the teams' Home Game Schedules on Page 3.

M. Fagan



Convocation Focuses on Budget Cuts

The recent, and ongoing, NY State cuts to higher education were the focus of President Shirley Strum Kenny's State of the University Address at the annual Convocation on October 10. Kenny stated that she believes the recent cuts will soon be followed by yet another wave of cuts in the next NYS budget. According to Newsday, state funding for USB has ALREADY decreased by \$6.6 million (3.6%) since Kenny became president only one year ago.

Kenny's address spoke of the cuts in general terms; the specific effects of the cuts on individual departments and programs was not disclosed. Speeches by Annette Hicks (Present, Student Polity Association) and Eric Knappenberger (President, Graduate Student Organization) were also featured.

The event was attended by over 300 people. The vast majority of those in attendance were university faculty and staff.

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Happy Halloween!

Feature Article

Graduate Health Care: A Retrospective

Peg Boyle
Department of Psychology

Recently, I was on the phone cursing under my breath at ChoiceCare. You know, our beloved health care administrator. After a few moments, I can usually change my perspective a bit and look at the lighter and brighter side of things. After all, this is only the second year ChoiceCare has been administering the Graduate Student Employee health plan.

They have improved tremendously since the early days of 1994-1995 when chaos dominated. And then I think back even further to pre-ChoiceCare days.

There used to be three options for health care. First, the 'take your chances plan'. Enrollment in the Student Infirmary was (and still remains) mandatory. One hoped no medical care would be necessary beyond what the Infirmary provided. Second, the 'pay more than you can afford for coverage you'll probably never use plan'. The Student Health Insurance underwritten by John Hancock Insurance had an annual premium of

approximately \$550. This plan covered catastrophic illness when dire emergencies occurred. The third option was obtaining individual health insurance. This option was usually prohibitive for graduate students struggling to live on stipends which had reached a plateau of \$8850 while the cost of living on Long Island continued to grow.

Being restricted to these three options was adequate for most graduate students - a typically young and healthy population. However in certain circumstances, this situation can place undue pressure on graduate students attempting to finish degrees. I have two examples from close friends. A graduate student found out from the Infirmary he had an irregular heartbeat. The doctors at the infirmary strongly suggested he go to a cardiologist for an EKG. Unfortunately, to do this would have cost almost one month's stipend which made it financially prohibitive. Under the current subsidized health plan, he would have had access to the health care he needed. Another friend moved out to Stony Brook alone her first year, leaving her husband back home in the mid-West. He planned on joining her during the summer months. She became pregnant during the Spring semester and found out that the Student Health Insurance plan provided minimal coverage for prenatal care and delivery. Consequently, they both had to modify their plans. She put her schooling on hold for a semester and

moved back to the mid-West in order to be covered by adequate health insurance. She could have stayed on Long Island with the current university sponsored health plan.

The aforementioned examples occurred prior to the 1994-1995 inception of university-subsidized health insurance for students, however actions which would eventually lead to this additional option had already been taken (starting in 1967) when New York State passed the Public Employees' Fair Employment Act, more familiarly known as the Taylor Law. For the first time, public-sector employees were allowed to organize for the purposes of collective bargaining.

University employees began unionizing immediately. By 1971, a union representing full-time and part-time faculty and staff formed. Its original agreement with the state included a stipulation stating that graduate students were barred from participating in this union. This clause effectively decreased the size of the union, a victory for the state, and set graduate students on a 20 year legal battle for collective bargaining rights. In 1975, graduate students at SUNY-Buffalo filed a petition to form a bargaining unit, but they withdrew the petition because it was assured defeat before the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB). PERB determined bargaining units should not be broken up by location (e.g., Buffalo). In 1984 a petition was filed by the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) which was supported by all four SUNY

university centers. In 1987, the petition was denied. In 1991, the 1987 ruling was overturned. Twenty-four years after the initial organizing efforts by graduate students, they earned status as State Employees and were thus able to organize as a union under the Taylor Law.

Now, graduate students had the right to collective bargaining. The next step was obtaining widespread graduate student support, and finally negotiating a contract with the state. During this stage, from 1991 to 1994 there were many memorable events - (to be chronicled in a future article).

During early negotiations, the university administration attempted to thwart the passage of a union contract. One response I remember most vividly had to do with health insurance. When health insurance was stated as a primary goal of graduate students, the administration retorted that nation-wide health insurance was coming soon and there was no need for us to propose this avenue for receiving health coverage. This was during a period when national health care reform was a central political issue.

Looking back, I am glad the GSEU representatives did not believe the administration. If they had, we would be back where we were before with three options for health care. ChoiceCare coverage is very good and a great benefit to graduate students. It allows us to worry less about health care and worry more about attending to our studies.

GRADUATE STUDENT

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News, cartoons, ideas and comments are always welcome. The newspaper's fax # is 632-8965. To leave a message for the editor, call the GSO at 632-6492 or send E-mail to MFAGAN@cmail.sunysb.edu.

Graduate Students: Elect GSO Senators to represent your department.

All departments with graduate programs can have at least one senator to represent them at GSO Senate Meetings. If your department has more than 50 but fewer than 200 graduate students, it can have two senators. If your department has more than 200 students it can have three senators. Your department may also elect alternates to serve in the event that your senator cannot attend a meeting.

In order to act as a senator, a graduate student must be elected by the graduate students in his/her department OR, if there is not a competitive election, simply by informed consent. Informed consent requires the individual to notify the graduate students in his/her department of his/her intention to be senator (a flyer in the mail room will suffice) and a petition signed by 30% of the graduate students in the department, supporting that individual as a senator.

Why is becoming a GSO Senator

worth your time?

The GSO selects graduate student members to represent graduate students on university committees. In addition, the GSO disseminates information pertaining to graduate education. GSO senators serve as departmental advocates by informing the GSO of issues which are important to their departments, and collecting the department's allocation of GSO funds.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the GSO distributes the activity fees of graduate students: Your money. By becoming involved, you can help determine how this money is spent.

Once your department has chosen a senator, s/he simply needs to fill out a confirmation sheet (available at the GSO, Computer Science Building, Room 2105) at least one day prior to a Senate Meeting. Need more information? Call the GSO: 632-6492.

The next GSO Senate Meeting will be held on November 14, 1995 at 7 pm in The Spot.

Errors in the September Edition of News & Views

--News & Views had a rough first issue.

Page 4 had an ad which stated (in 28 point type), "Have a point of view? Write it down and sent it in." ...Ouch. Please replace "sent" with "send".

Page 8: Same problem. "Have an upcoming event? Write it down and sent it in." ...Ouch again. Please replace "sent" with "send" again.

The article entitled "Continuing Education at Stony Brook: Not Really, Not Yet" had an error in the second to last paragraph: "it's" should have read "its".

M. Fagan

Editor's Piece

Death.

Everyone has a definition of "death". For some, it is influenced by religious beliefs. Other people's definitions are rooted in some concrete medical definition. My definition comes from my perspective. I have worked with homeless men since 1990. Thousands of them.

Right off the top of my head, I can think of eight clients who have physically died: Two killed themselves, one was murdered for selling fake cocaine, one died drunk in the woods when he suffocated on his vomit, four have died of AIDS.

They're dead. A doctor simply stood over them and, based on a great deal of evidence, declared that "life" (breathing, heartbeat, brain activity) was both no longer present and had no potential of ever returning. Death, when defined this way, is the subject of no debate. It is easy to quantify...one simply finds and then counts rotting bodies. Everyone's definition of death seems to be met in these circumstances. This simple definition needs no more discussion than the 70 words it has been allotted.

It seems everyone, from struggling SOC 101 students to top HUD (Housing and Urban Development) administrators, has interviewed at least one homeless man to try to figure out what made him homeless and to try to figure out a solution. Regardless of the effort and expense

(varying from an afternoon to millions of dollars), all of them seem to find and report basically the same answers again and again:

...As compared with the US population at large, homeless men are disproportionately likely to: Be a member of a historically oppressed racial group, have had childhoods in which they were subject to physical and/or sexual abuse, have substance abuse problems, have a history of arrests and/or incarceration, have psychiatric problems, have a medical illness, have low levels of education, and have few work skills...

Note the absence of the phrase, "All homeless men have x". Instead, most writers/researchers take care to use the politically correct substitute phrase, "As compared with the US population at large, homeless men are disproportionately likely". Perhaps, in this way, the writers and researchers believe they can sleep knowing that a vast majority of the labels and stereotypes assigned to homeless men are applied by the readers, not authors, of the reports.

Indeed (as stated in the numerous reports and as evidenced by the thousands of homeless men I have worked with), homeless men do not unanimously share any of the above characteristics.

By and large, however, homeless men [together with men who live in cars, jails, prisons, psychiatric hospitals, rooming houses, cheap motels, and

adult homes] do share some characteristics in common...characteristics which seem to somehow have been overlooked by both those HUD researchers and struggling SOC 101 students.

Homeless men have reached a point where they are so isolated that they do not know one friend or family member who will provide them a bed for even one night. The men are beyond lonely, they are (according to my non-quantitative, non-medical definition) "dead".

They have lost everything except their vital signs. They have lost what the rest of the world describes as our "lives".

"Who are you? What do you love in life? What aspects of your life makes it worthwhile?" Or, from an admittedly abstract perspective, "How do you know you are alive?"

For me, the answers come out sounding like a quickly written personal ad of sorts: "I am NYS Certified Social Worker, the Editor of a struggling student newspaper, and a Harriman graduate student. I love my work, my friends, re-runs of Bugs Bunny and the Simpsons, and a good verbal debate."

After being branded with labels from society which read "felon", "mentally ill", "alcoholic", "drug addict", "deadbeat dads", "slackers", every racist name in the book, and every other degrading name you can think of, the men have lost all love of life which

they may have once had. The men can list nothing which they enjoy. They cannot afford what many of us consider to be the "bare necessities of life"; affording a "pleasure" is simply out of the question. Many find their problems to be so huge that they must spend every minute of their life simply fighting to survive. Some attempt, although without success, to survive their lives by escaping.

In other words, for many homeless men, the answers to my "life questions" either simply do not come out at all or seem to say, "I have no life...I am dead".

Indeed, their situation sounds much like afterlife as depicted in the movie "Ghost". The men are truly in a situation in which they can only communicate with other dead (read "homeless") persons. The world's "living" either deliberately take steps in order to not communicate with the "dead", or communicate with the "dead" in a manner and language (sometimes under the convenient euphemism "professionalism") which the men cannot understand.

Likewise, (perhaps simply as a result?) the "dead" are often not willing, able, or even allowed to communicate with the "living".

...Sorry, no conclusion this month.

M. Fagan

The 1995 Basketball Home Schedule: Fall Semester.

Men's Team

Sat	Dec 2	New Hampshire College	4:00 p.m.
Sun	Dec 3	UMass-Lowell	4:00 p.m.
Thu	Dec 28	Southern Maine	7:30 p.m.

Women's Team

Fri	Nov 17	Dowling	8:00 p.m.
Sat	Dec 2	New Hampshire College	2:00 p.m.
Sun	Dec 3	UMass-Lowell	2:00 p.m.
Thu	Dec 7	Millersville	6:00 p.m.

Having Problems?

Help is available. This year's Graduate Student Advocate is Casimir Adler-Ivanbrook. He can be reached by calling 632-7040 or by visiting him during his office hours:

Mondays 9:00 - 12:15, 2:15 - 5:00,

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Candidates for the position should possess general office and/or secretarial skills, excellent interpersonal skills, and be self motivated. Preferred applicants will have some previous student government experience at the graduate or undergraduate level and knowledge of campus administration.

Compensation will be either a 1/2 Graduate Assistant line, or a full Graduate Assistant line with benefits (full tuition and medical coverage). The start date for this position will be the Spring Semester of 1996. The Office Manager's employment will be structured around the Stony Brook academic calendar. The position will entail 10 or 20 hours per week, commensurate with compensation.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, references, and a resume (or curriculum vitae) to: GSO Hiring Committee, Graduate Student Organization, SUNY at Stony Brook, 2105 Computer Science Building, Stony Brook, NY 11790-1401.

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The more an article deals with "graduate student life at USB" the more likely it is to be published.

Have a point of view?
Write it down and send it in.

**The next GSO Senate Meeting is
November 14, 1995 at 7 p.m. in The
Spot.**

There are lots of good reasons to come
...good food is always one of them.

Feature Article

Graduate Life Have You Stressed Out? ...The S60 Bus May Be Just What You Need.

Cary Henderson,
Staff Writer

So, you've already somehow reached burn-out, even though this is your first semester in Grad school and you've just barely started to wade through the mountain of readings, oral presentations, practicum mini-lectures, and - yeesh - seminar papers that are all supposed to be polished off before the 2nd week of December. Even if you weren't feeling burnt out when you started reading this piece, you probably are now that I've reminded you of all the above. How are you supposed to actually do this stuff??

Experienced grad students almost universally maintain that a short break is needed every now and then from the stress of school. However, what can one do to refresh his/her concentration in order to

channel all available energies into the daily, weekly, and monthly focus that seminars and teaching or research duties require??

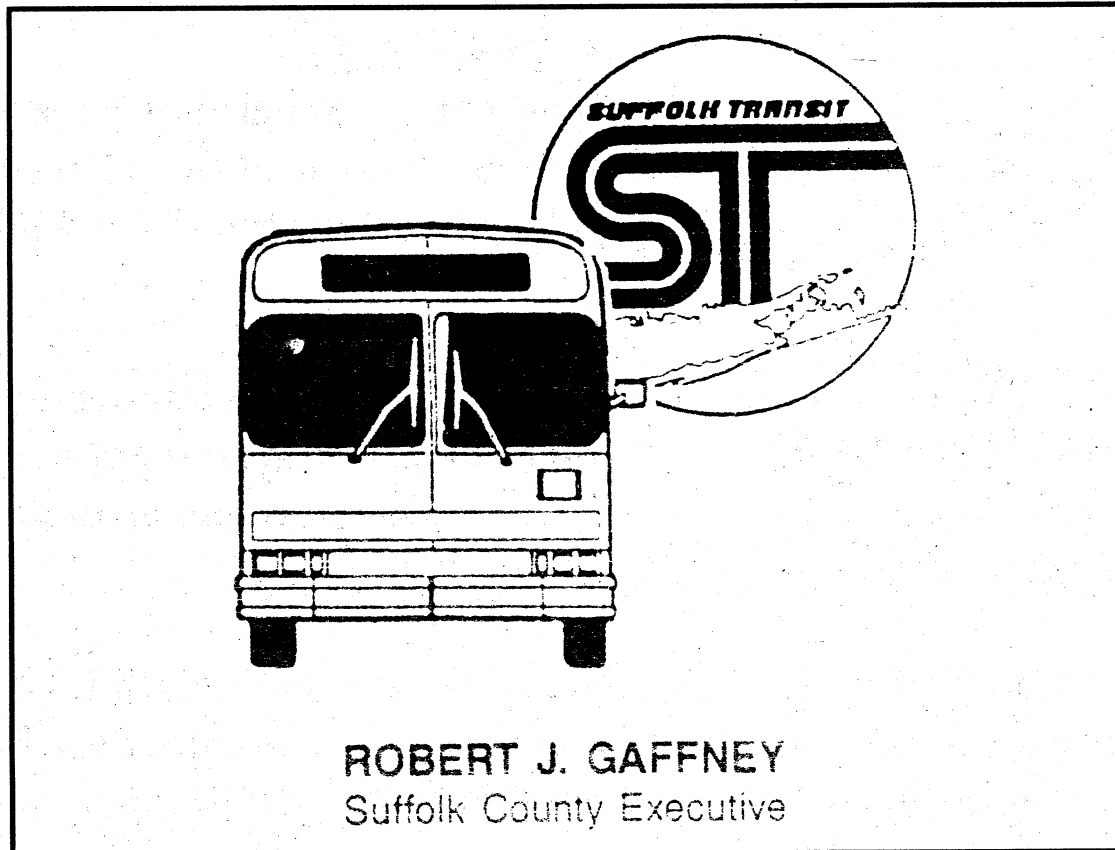
Simple: find a happy-hour at a local bar and relax a bit. The campus abounds with advanced graduate students who have successfully found a zone between work and play that keeps burn-out at bay, even after years of graduate work. But, what can the student do who is transportationally disadvantaged, i.e., is stuck in Chapin or Schomburg without a car?

Don't freak, there are actually two bars within easy walking distance. **The Spot** is even *right next to* Schomburg. It is designed for weekend relaxation: You can hang there from 8 PM until the wee hours of the night every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Beer is cheap and plentiful, there are even snacks upon occasion and local bands often play.

But what can you do during the week? You can wander over to the **Park Bench** across from the LIRR train station on the north end of the campus. There's always something for everyone on the multitude of big-screen TVs that run simultaneously: On Tuesdays there are specials on pitchers of Miller and burgers. Miller drafts are \$1 and bar drinks are \$1.50 during the Monday through Thursday happy hour (3-7). On Fridays, the Park Bench has 2-for-1 drinks.

However, because burn-out is often grounded in a profound lack of new scenery and USB is not exactly renowned for its readily accessible cultural heterogeneity, the Park Bench and The Spot might not do the trick.

What to do? Leave the driving to them: climb aboard a county S60 bus.



It stops on the campus across from Schomburg, at the Union, and right in front of Chapin. Head east, that is, AWAY from the Smithhaven Mall.

This is a perfect strategy to insure that you don't stay out toooo late, thereby distracting yourself toooo much from your work, because you'll have to catch the last bus back to campus sometime before 11 PM. All you'll need is \$3.00 in quarters for the round trip fare.

Your first stop: **Checkmate**. At the first traffic light away from campus, climb out of the bus and walk a few hundred meters north along North Country Road away from the LIRR tracks. Checkmate is a very popular spot for meeting fellow students, the beer is plentiful, you can play darts and music, and the ambience is like one of those dark, hole-in-the-wall dives that you saw in *Wings of Desire*.

Next stop: **Country Corner**. [A little farther from campus, a little more adventuresome.] It's time to get off once you ride the bus up the hill, past a big shopping center on the right, and then down to the stop light at the bottom of the hill. Country Corners is on the right. It is a very mellow place, but there's a juke-box and a couple of big TVs. Fridays feature free chicken wings (from 4:30 to 7), Miller drafts for \$1 and bar drinks for \$1.50. There's even a kitchen if you want something more substantial than the free chicken wings. Students hang there but (as you may quickly realize) you're short ride has taken you into -dare I say it- suburban Long Island. You'll see salty local types mixed with the student crowd.

Want to get away from anything intellectual for awhile? Stay on the bus. You'll end up (after you go over hill and dale, and then down a big hill into the harbor) in the Village of Port Jefferson.

It's time to get off when you reach the first stop light at the bottom of the hill. **James Bay Brewery** (a genuine micro brewery) is on your left towards the harbor. There are always several different types of beer to choose from, all drinks are discounted weekdays from 5-8, and -yippee- on Fridays there's a even a free buffet! A starving, over-stressed Grad student can't ask for more. You are out in the countryside now, so you'll see relatively few students, although there may be a few on Friday who are availing themselves of the same free protein supplements that have attracted you.

Had enough to eat? Good news: Port Jeff is so small that you don't need to worry about the bus for a while. Wander to that blinking yellow traffic signal and you'll find Main Street. Take a right. **Harborgates** is on your left. Drink specials abound during the week after 9 PM, and happy hour occurs every Friday from 4-8. Harborgates also offers food, lunches are actually relatively cheap if you feel like arriving earlier. Now you're really into the local crowd: There are Monday night football specials that accompany the action on big screen TVs.

Ready for the next bar? Wander farther down Main Street. **Billie's** is on your right after a couple of blocks. Miller drafts are only \$0.75 cents, and bar drinks are half-price weekdays from 4-8. Billie's is renowned for its burgers and snack goodies, it's usually not too crowded during the week unless, again, there's Monday night football.

Next. A block farther down Main St. is Wynne Lane and, a few meters off to your right, a bar known as **Printer's Devil**. Food and drink specials abound from 4-7 during the week. The atmosphere is usually quiet and mellow.

It's time to get back on the bus. **The Tara Inn** and **PJ Horsefeathers** are two more places up the hill in Port Jefferson Station. They are just stumbling distance away from the LIRR train station, so either one is ideal if -heaven forbid- you find yourself out too late to catch the last bus back to the campus.

The Tara Inn is just past the stop light at the top of the hill on the left. Food of a distinctly American cast is plentiful and cheap, and there are several TVs for the sports enthusiast at any time.

PJ Horsefeathers's is just a

hop, skip, and a jump farther. From 4-7 on weekdays and from 4-8 on Friday you "pay what you pull", meaning that you select one of 5 possible entries on a ticket and receive the indicated discount.

Now, if you're really adventuresome, you can wander over the LIRR tracks and check out the **Murphy's Triple Crown Lounge**. Don't be surprised either by the bartender's flooz-do or the questionable activities which may be occurring in the restrooms: Murphy's is really a biker bar that offers the intrepid student insight into a very non-intellectual life style. -Rich material is available for sociology students.- Happy hour specials greet the weary traveller from 4-8 during the week, if you're really desperate, you might even find some food there, too.

Remember now, you went out to help alleviate burn-out ...this does not mean that you want to add to your stress by staying out all night and drinking yourself into a total stupor. Think about all that work piled up in the lab, on your desk, or -if you are like me- both. The purpose of your foray into the local bar scene is simply to add to the quality and diversity of your USB experiences, -do not make those experiences more odious than they are already.

Using this piece as a handy guide, you'll find that happy hours during the week are ideal for mixing work and play and making that mountain of work at USB seem much less daunting.

P.S. All you need to do to get back to campus is cross the street and catch the bus going in the other direction ...you have \$1.50 left, right?

Letters to the Editor

SUNY to be Restructured, Downsized, Privatized and Reorganized?

Last Spring after the Governor introduced a budget cut of 31% for SUNY, a coalition of students, faculty and staff mobilized to define the terms of the debate on funding for higher education. As a result of combined efforts, we succeeded in capturing the support of a majority of New Yorkers.

Our work begins again! The private interests that would do away with a public university are well represented and well funded. We will not match them dollar for dollar but we can match them in numbers, willpower and public support.

Our first and best weapon is the ballot box. At present, a campus voter registration drive is underway. Did you know that:

1. Resident students can and should file a new voter registration form listing your campus address since you are more likely to be on campus on election and primary days.

2. If you are not currently registered to vote, you must file a voter registration form by October 28 (in person at the Board of Elections) if you want to vote in this November's elections.

3. If you can't or won't change your address, make sure that you apply for an absentee ballot or go home to vote on election day.

In the coming weeks you will be called on to do more than cast a ballot. The very future of Stony Brook and public higher education is at stake. Don't believe for a minute that your vote is not important.

Voter registration forms have been distributed to resident students. Voter registration forms for commuter students will be distributed through the campus bus service. Voter registration forms for faculty and staff will be distributed through the payroll/paycheck distribution. Voter registration forms are also available through the UUP Chapter Office (Old Chemistry Bldg. Rm. 106). Polity will have tables set up in the Union on Wednesdays during Campus Lifetime to help with voter registration.

Together we can make a difference!

John P. Schmidt
Chapter Legislative Liaison
on behalf of the UUP West Campus Executive Board

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...SPD Does Offer Far More Than a MA/LS

We were quite heartened by Ann Berrios' article on Continuing Education at Stony Brook characterizing her years in the School of Professional Development (formerly CED and now SPD) as "the richest moments of the last twelve years" she spent at Stony Brook and that "the program (Master of Arts in Liberal Studies) is an invaluable resource for the so called 'baby boomer student'." Ann graduated in 1992 with a MA/LS.

However, it seems that Ann is not fully aware of the dramatic expansion in both credit (degree programs and advanced graduate certificates) and non-credit programs (certificates for professional licensure) in a number of expanding fields. In addition to offering such programs at night to service working adults and those with family obligations, we have developed courses which will be offered on Saturdays via Internet as well as programs in extension at various teacher centers and school district, cooperative extension centers and State office buildings, and on site for several businesses and industries on Long Island. We also work with governmental agencies and professional organizations to develop professional in-service programs and conferences. Examples of such relationships include companies such as Dayton T. Brown, agencies such as the IRS, and organizations such as the Suffolk County Library Association.

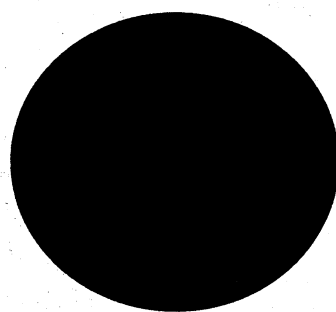
Our on-campus programs have expanded dramatically in the area of professional development since Ms. Berrios was matriculated in our School and for this reason, we officially changed our name to SPD last January. In addition to the MA/LS, we currently offer a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) with nine different concentrations in English, foreign languages, sciences, and social studies. It is also possible to achieve certification in TESOL through the MA in Linguistics. We offer a Master of Professional Studies, Waste Management, and Public Affairs. We offer a range of Advanced Graduate Certificates including two, School Administration & Supervision and School District Administration which lead to State certification.

In addition to the above mentioned certificates, we offer certificate programs in Coaching with the Division of Athletics and Physical Education, Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety with the Department of Preventive Medicines, Long Island Regional Studies with Political Science, and Waste Management with the Marine Sciences Research Center. We are currently awaiting formal approval and will be offering AGCs in Software Engineering with the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences' Department of Computer Science and Educational Computing with Technology & Society. On the drawing boards are programs such as Philosophy for Children. In the non-credit area, we currently offer programs leading to licensure as real estate agents and brokers in addition to licensure in several areas of the insurance industry. We have a fully approved program in Substance Abuse Counseling through the NYS Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services. In addition, we have programs in workforce development and corporate continuing education.

As one can readily discern, while the MA/LS is our meat and potatoes, over 2000 adults (approximately 41% of the total graduate student population at Stony Brook) who may be working or have family and other obligations, have been drawn to SPD by its wide array of programs and convenience of scheduling options. While we still have a lot to learn from our sister institutions, SPD prides itself on diversity of programs and service.

Sincerely,
Marvin J. Glocker
Assistant Dean

The Spot



8 pm - 2 am
Thursday -
Saturday.

Live bands and events

...all bands perform from 10 p.m. until the wee hours of the morning.

Friday, Oct 20

Dart Tournay 8 p.m.
MJ 12

Saturday, Oct 21

It's Oktoberfest!

Thursday, Oct 26

Foot

Friday, Oct 27

Reckoning

Saturday, Oct 28

Primary Colours

Thursday, Nov 2

Foot

Friday, Nov 3

Dart Tournay 8 p.m.
Moxie

Saturday, Nov 4

Roadside Prophet

Thursday, Nov 9

The Reckoning

Friday, Nov 10

Dart Tournay, 8 p.m.
Primary Colours

Saturday, Nov 11

Poetry Readings with
acoustic music,
9 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov 14

Spot Closed.
GSO Senate Meeting
at 7 pm.

Thursday, Nov 16

Foot

Friday, Nov 17

Dart Tournay, 8 p.m.
Voice of the Turtle

Saturday, Nov 18

Open mike night.



Featuring Bud Tap, Bud Light Tap, Sarnac Black and Tar Tap, Bud, Heineken, Corona, Molson Ice, Amstel Lite, Guinness Stout, Watney's Stout, Murphy's Stout, Sam Adams, Bass Ale, O'Douls, Coke, Diet Coke, Club Soda, Ginger Ale, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Mineral Water, Bitterino, Chinotto, Aranciata, Limonata, Gasosa, Coffee, Tea, Espresso, Double Espresso, Cappuccino, Blanc de Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sparkling Blanc de Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Zeller Schwerzekatz, White Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Reserve, Kir, Kir Royale, Wine Spritzer, Lillet, Tango, Cinzano, Campari and Soda, too many more beers to list, and some of the best people around.

What more do you want?

Located above the Fanny Brice Theater in the Roosevelt Quad. Never a cover charge for graduate students. 21 and over with picture ID.

**A selection of events which may be of interest to graduate students.
All of the events are free unless noted. Have an upcoming event? Send it in.**

Ongoing Events

The Stony Brook Union Art Gallery hosts "**Bidrogynous Blastulations**". The exhibit features touchable, interactive sculptures of adult nature by Lizzie Zucker Saltz and is on display until Nov. 2, 1995.

The **University Club** is once again open. An exciting menu is waiting to tempt you. It won't be easy to decide between innovative salads, gourmet pizza, omelets made to order, and class sandwiches. Specials of the Day will compound the confusion. Reservations are appreciated and recommended (call 2-7069). The University Club is located on the second floor of the Graduate Chemistry Building.

Upcoming Events**Thursday, October 19**

The Spot. See page 7

The Humanities Institute will host a lecture entitled "**Postmodern Politics and the Power of Conviction**" presented by Teresa Brennan of the New School for Social Research. 4:30 p.m., Main Library Room E 4340.

Homecoming celebrations kick off with **Stony Brook Spirit Night** featuring a pep rally and fireworks show. Athletic field, 8 p.m.

Oleanna will be presented by the University Theater Dept. Staller Center, 8 p.m. General admission is \$8. Students get in for \$6.

Friday, October 20

The Spot. See page 7

The Humanities Institute will host a lecture entitled "**Postmodern Politics and the Power of Conviction**" presented by Teresa Brennan of the New School for Social Research. 10:30 a.m., Main Library Room E 4340.

The School of Health Technology and Management will host a Distinguished Lecture and Reception at 4 p.m. Topic of lecture to be determined, for more details call 4-2252.

Saturday, October 21

The Spot. See page 7

...Homecoming Stuff Galore.

The parade. Floats, banners, balloons, marching bands and hundreds of students dressed up in things which they would not normally wear make this event "A Must See". The parade begins at 11 a.m. at Roosevelt Quad and ends up at the football field over by North P-lot.

The big barbecue. Barbecue food (grilled chicken, hotdogs, burgers, corn, etc.) will be available near the football field on a "pay as you eat" basis. The big barbecue is being sponsored because the Tailgate party has been nixed.

The big game. Stony Brook vs. American International. Students and alumni get in for free. Everybody else has to pay \$5. Held at the football field, 1 p.m.

The crowning event. The homecoming queen and king are crowned during the "big game's" half-time.

The ballet. Ballet Hispanico will take place in the Staller Center. Tickets are regularly \$22 and \$24, but students get in for half price. It'll only run you \$6.50 if you already have a ticket to The ball. 8 p.m.

The ball. That's right, this year there is a Homecoming Ball. Dress-up and join students and staff for a semi-formal. 8 p.m. - midnight in the Sports Complex. Tickets will run you \$15, but include a buffet dinner. Tickets available at the door.

Sunday, October 22

The run. Help raise scholarship funds by running, or walking 5k. Register at 9 a.m. for \$14. Start your run at 10 a.m. Call 632-6330 for details.

The brunch. Dig into a stack of pancakes either after your run, or ...instead of your run. If you run you get to eat for free. All others pay \$5. Stony Brook Union Ballroom. 10 a.m.

The carriage drive. The Stony Brook Community Fund, The Museums at Stony Brook, and the Paumanok Driving Club all sponsor the Third Annual Carriage Drive. It begins at the Stony Brook Village Center and runs to Setauket and back. For more info, call 751-2244.

The Music Department will feature a performance of "**Duo Continuum**" in the Staller Center at 3 p.m. as part of its "Baroque Sundays at Three" series. Admission free, but donations accepted.

The Protestant Campus Ministry and Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry will provide an **evening of music, shared reflection, and fellowship**. Refreshments and a social hour will be available following worship. Attendance is open to all. 9 p.m., Peace Studies Center.

Tuesday, October 24

Artist Lizzie Zucker Saltz will present a slide show and discussion on "**Sources and Sympathies**" pertaining to her touchable, interactive sculptures of adult nature. USB Union Room 237, 3 p.m.

The Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services will host a workshop on how to cope with feelings of loss due to separation, divorce or death. Town of Brookhaven Auditorium, 3233 Route 112, Medford. Admission \$1. Call for more details 698-2074

The Humanities Institute will show a Chinese film entitled "Army Nurse". 4:30 p.m. Main Library, Room E 4341. Call 632-7765 for more details.

Thursday, October 26

The Spot. See page 7

Going to the city tonight? Manning Marble will present his analysis of African American politics and society in the 1990s. Held tonight at the Institute for Popular Education. Call for details (212) 242-4201.

Saturday, October 28

The Spot. See page 7

The Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra will perform Bartok's *Divertimento for Strings*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*, and Neisen's *Concerto for Flute*. Staller Center, 8 p.m. Tickets for students are \$8. Regular admission is \$10.

Sunday, October 29

The Computer Music Studio invites you to experience an evening of

experimental music spiced with drama and humor. 7:00 pm., Staller Center. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Monday, October 30

The Stimson College International Living Learning Center presents a seminar hosted by Dean Bell entitled "**United Nations: The Vienna Conference on Human Rights**". Fourth floor lounge of Stimson College, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

The Humanities Institute will show a Chinese film entitled "**Shoot for the Contents**". 4:30 p.m. Main Library, Room E 4341. Call 632-7765 for more details.

Happy Halloween!

Wednesday, November 1

The Stimson College International Living Learning Center presents a seminar entitled "**Middle East: A Panel Discussion on Palestine Students and Faculty**". Fourth floor lounge of Stimson College, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

The Stony Brook Baroque players will perform a concert of **instrumental chamber music for strings and winds from the 17th and 18th centuries**. 3:00 p.m., Staller Center. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Monday, November 13

The Stimson College International Living Learning Center presents a seminar entitled "**United Nations: U.N. Test Ban Negotiations**". The seminar is hosted by Prof. Paldy of Technology and Society. Fourth floor lounge of Stimson College, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday
November 14**

**The November GSO
Senate Meeting.**

**Come get involved in
your student
government!
7 p.m. in The Spot.**