

More Students, Less Living Space

Lounges Are Converted to Dorm Rooms to Accommodate Increased Enrollment.

By ENEIL RYAN P. DE LA PENA
Statesman Editor

A record enrollment of nearly 18,000 students at the University this year has resulted in a shortage of living accommodations on campus.

Gigi Lamens, director of Admissions, reported 2,200 incoming freshman students, a number that is 450 more than originally projected, and a six percent increase of transfer students. As a result, the Division of Campus Residences converted lounge spaces into bedrooms and opened up buildings scheduled for renovations for temporary housing.

"I think that the word is out that Stony Brook is a strong quality viable institution for many of our students," Lamens suggested as a possible reason for the increased enrollment. She pointed out that the positive publicity about the University has "made it known how good we are."

"When we are determining how

many students are entering each year, we take into account the accommodations and try to make a good match there," Lamens said.

"There's a higher number of students applying for housing this year from the incoming class than in prior years," said Al Devries, assistant director of housing administration for Campus Residences. "So we had to create 300 beds and temporary housing. We also wait-listed 300 students."

Three buildings in Tabler Quad are scheduled for renovations this fall: Douglass, Dreiser, and Hand. Sanger and Toscanini are two of the buildings in the quad that were scheduled to open. Out of the three colleges scheduled for renovations, Hand College is now the only one opened for temporary housing. "Dreiser is now closed," Devries said. "We hope to get the majority of Hand out next week. But unfortunately, we won't get them all out. We expect to have Hand



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Mike Jones, of Greeley College in Roosevelt Quad is happy with his converted dorm.

closed within the next three weeks based on what we know in the past is the attrition rate in the first month of school. But that means that we can't go to our waiting list of 300 students

until Hand is closed."

More enrollment for housing this past summer had also caused Campus Residences to open one wing of Irving College for living

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Touring Long Island's Nature Trails

An Inexpensive Way to Spend the Day Exploring Birds, Bays and Bugs

By KRISTINE SEITZ
Statesman Staff

It's September and time to hit the books again, and that means that in a short time you'll need a break. But what's a poor student to do?

One low cost option available to Stony Brook students who are interested in nature are programs and areas maintained by two groups on Long Island, the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference and The Nature Conservancy.

The Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to the preservation of open space and the maintenance of hiking trails throughout the island. For a small fee (\$20.00 or under), the conference can provide a set of trail maps to the conference maintained areas, some of which are as close as Rocky Point.

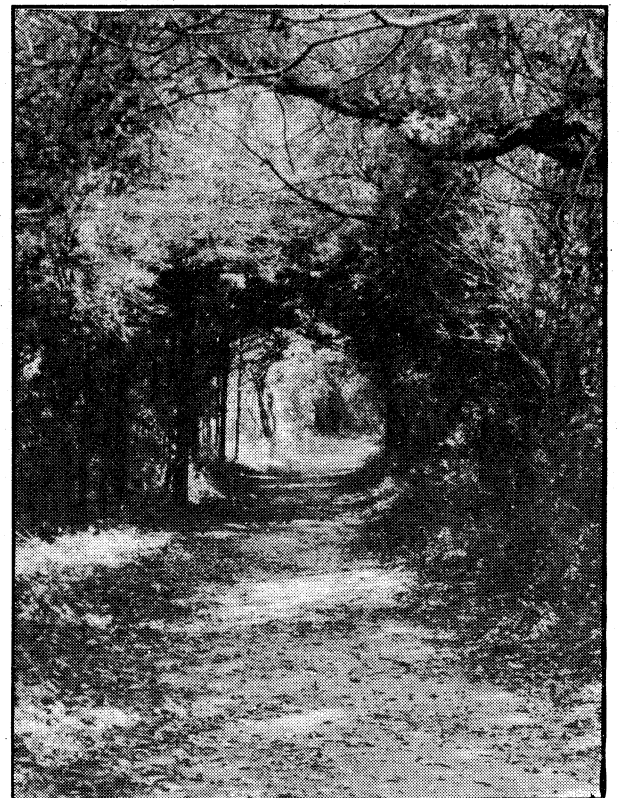
In addition to maintaining trails, Conference volunteers also run hikes through some of their areas. A sampling of the hikes left in the conference calendar are "The Caumsett Caper," a 6-mile moderately-paced hike exploring the ecology and history of the former Marshall Field estate on September 7, the "Great River to the Bay," a fast-paced 8-mile walk on September 14, and the "Harvest Moon Howl," a 4-mile, easy-paced walk that is held in the evening on September 16. The phone number to call for more information on maps, trail access (some trails are restricted to users

holding permits,) and a complete listing of the Conservancy's guided walks, is 360-0753. This is also the number to call if you want to get involved in this organization.

The Nature Conservancy is a national organization that has a chapter on Long Island. The Long Island chapter of this organization is responsible for increasing the numbers of the endangered piping plovers that live on the shores of our island. The Conservancy also runs various hikes and informational programs here on the Island.

A small sampling of the programs run by the Nature Conservancy include a boat tour from Huntington Harbour to the Conservancy-run Mill Cove Waterfowl Sanctuary to see a historic mill and dam and the snowy egrets and American herons that make their home there on September 1, and October 8; a hike exploring the rare maritime grasslands of the Shinnecock Hills Preserve on September 6, and even a hike right here in Stony Brook at the East Farm Preserve, to view the unique woodland there on October 18. The number to call to participate in hikes or in the Conservancy's other programs is 367-3225.

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Lift-Off for a New Semester³

By KEVIN KEENAN
Statesman Staff

Freshman and returning students, along with faculty and staff, enjoyed the fresh air, sunshine and festivities of "Lift-Off," the University-wide opening week festival and barbecue outside the Student Activities Center last Wednesday.

Aramaark provided a home-style barbecue consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, corn on the cob, salads condiments and cookies. Students dined on the academic mall for a fee of \$2.25 which was deducted from their meal cards. Many sprawled on the new grassy areas around the SAC or sat under the trees by the Earth and Space Sciences building.

There were several entertainment tables set up outside the SAC. Free dog tags that displayed names and brief messages were offered to students. Students were able to acquire free pin on buttons bearing pictures of themselves with friends and were also able to have their pictures super-imposed on different people's bodies through a computer program to create an authentic appearing photograph. Monique Williams, a sophomore, admired her new bikini-perfect body that the computer created after she submitted her picture for photo-imaging.

Music was initially provided by DJ Elvis, a member of La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. Later, local radio station WBLI 106.1 arrived with a portable music station. The speakers, which added to the already lively atmosphere, roared with contemporary music and some hits from the eighties. WBLI also brought a birthday wheel which was spun to determine who would receive various prizes.

The event also consisted of numerous organizations and campus groups providing information to the students. The majority of information tables belonged to Stony Brook's Interfaith Center. The Catholic Campus Ministry, under the direction of Sister Margaret Ann Landry, provided students

with information about Catholic events and a chance to register to receive the Ministry's weekly bulletin.

Jill Teicher, Director of the Outreach Department of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life, was also on hand to provide students with information about Jewish Culture. Hillel Foundation provided a Kosher lunch for Jewish students which consisted of Falafel, Humus, Salads, and various sauces.

Cecilia Vernes and the Reverend Noelle Damico represented the Protestant Campus Ministry and offered information about a program to end hunger in the United States and other events that they sponsor. Additional Interfaith groups at the festival included the Baptist Campus Ministry. Secretary Peggy Won stated that the group's goal is to "spread the gospels to friends and neighbors." Unitarian-Universalists also had a table at the fair.

The New York Public Interest Research Group, NYPIRG, staffed a table. Here, students could pick up voter registration forms. Vivian Berrios, a student who volunteered at this table, wanted to recruit students for NYPIRG. She said that the new school year would mean a new NYPIRG. She stated that the group's primary goal was to keep students informed about current political events.

Student Polity Association's table, staffed by Jason Papalio and Yorette Hercules, offered students applications for employment as event and concert organizers and regulators. Papalio and Hercules also stressed the importance of voting in the upcoming state elections. They indicated that this year there will be on campus polling sites.

Robbye Kinkade, from Planned Parenthood, provided students with free contraceptives and educational information about sexual relations and sexually transmitted diseases.

Robert Wlodarczyk, a freshman student, thought the event was "pretty cool" but only wished that there were more clubs present such as a pre-med honor society. Wlodarczyk said he enjoyed meeting new people and that the

barbecue and festival served as an excellent social mixer.

The event was organized by the Opening Week Activities committee under the supervision of Victor White, an upperclassman who is one of the committee's co-chairs. White, who spent endless summer hours organizing

opening week in conjunction with his committee colleagues, appreciates the efforts of everyone involved. Traci Thompson, Assistant Director for the Student Union and Activities, and the UNITI Cultural Center also played roles in the organization and implementation of this opening event. □

Travel Medicine at University Hospital

By ENEIL RYAN DE LA PENIA
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Travel and tropical medical service is now offered by the Clinical Service of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University Hospital and Medical Center at Stony Brook. Vaccinations, advice for existing medical conditions and evaluation for tropical illnesses are among the services it provides.

"Travel medicine is a service offered to people who are traveling outside the United States to areas where they may be potentially exposed to infectious and endemic diseases," said Dr. Wajdy Hailoo, one of the specialists that are in the service.

Travelers can call the service and inquire about diseases that are present in the country they are traveling to. The doctors in the service provide this free information as well as listing ways to protect travelers from any diseases before they leave the United States.

The Travel Medicine Service maintains a database of diseases present in different countries at various times of the year. Through this database, preventive measures, such as vaccinations, can be taken before the traveler leaves the country. All required vaccines are available and are provided

by physicians licensed to administer special vaccination programs.

In addition, the service offers post-travel health assessments. If you are returning from abroad with a sickness, the service can give you a consultation.

"We all understand that the University community, which includes faculty, students and staff, does travel a lot for various reasons: business, research and exchanges," Hailoo said. "They often travel to places where the possibility of exposure to infectious diseases and endemic diseases exist."

Roz Resnick, director of leisure travel for Austin Travel, which has a branch office on campus, said that the service is a very good source of information. "It's very good for us to have a place for our clients to call because we don't want to be responsible for giving out medical information," Resnick said. "It's very beneficial and people should check if they're going anywhere out of the ordinary."

Hailoo points out that the service gives "extra consideration to members of the University community."

For more information regarding the Travel Medicine Service or to make an appointment, call 444-2167. □

Ministry Welcome

By KEVIN KEENAN
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On Sunday, August 31, the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at Stony Brook University held a welcome reception for incoming Catholic students and their families. In addition to meeting other freshmen, those students attending the reception were introduced to upper-class students. They were able to make connections that will be valuable resources in the upcoming weeks.

Sister Margaret Ann Landry, who belongs to the local Catholic parish, St. James, and who oversees the Catholic Ministry on campus, organized the event to formally welcome freshman students to the University. She also intended to provide the students with opportunities to meet other freshman and returning students.

The event focused around CCM's Connector-Connectee program. This program pairs returning Stony Brook Catholic Students with incoming freshman who have filled out a registration form. Over the summer, the connectors (returning students) receive the name and address of their connectee (freshman). The connectors are encouraged to write and call their connectees in order to introduce themselves. At the reception, the

connectors and connectees meet in person. According to William Forde, a new Catholic student, the event proved to be beneficial to him because it dispelled some of his nervousness about attending a large university, and he was able to make new friends.

Approximately 65 people attended the event. The Catholic Campus Peer Ministers, most of whom are upper-class students, socialized with the families and students and played an integral role in the welcome. On hand at the reception were Carmen Vazquez, Dean of Students, and Father Diederich, a priest also from St. James. Both conversed with parents and students and contributed enormously to the friendly atmosphere.

Refreshments were provided for the students along with unique refrigerator clips bearing the CCM logo. The reception ended around 3:30 p.m. Afterwards, some of the students and their families, along with Sister Margaret, Father Diederich, and the Peer Ministers, attended religious ceremonies in the Old Chemistry building.

The Catholic Campus Ministry and the Interfaith Organization at Stony Brook hold a variety of events on the campus throughout the year. Interfaith is located in Rooms 153-167 of the Humanities building. □

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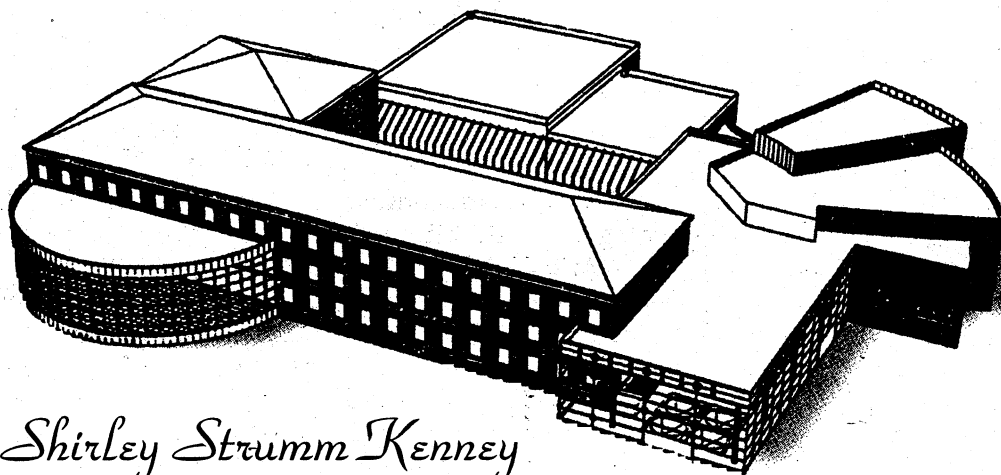
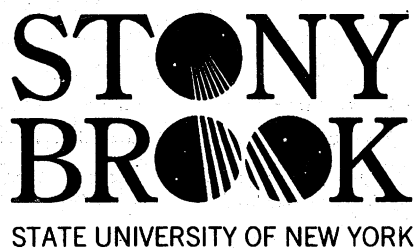
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Editorial

On The Way to Number 1

Despite the flurry of statistics bombarding students at a constant pace, suggesting that USB is topped ranked in this category, and 15th in the nation in another, Stony Brook rarely finds itself at the top of the rankings. Of course in this age of budget cuts and other threats to the public education system, it is a wonder that any state university should fare so well against more prestigious and private universities. So it is of course a surprise to us that according to one ranking in particular, by Princeton Review no less, that Stony Brook should finish second in the entire country against all private and public undergraduate schools.

While number two is no laughing matter, to be number one, of course, would be... well, more impressive. We are therefore calling on the student body to work with us so Stony Brook can stand tall and be ranked as number one next year in Princeton Review's Unhappy Students category. We have no doubt had the full support of the University's administration some,

whose help in this matter has brought us so close to number 1, for some time now. With your support, you the reader can help Stony Brook to ride to number one, by the time we reach Division I. (This could be our new mantra!)

Rather than sit idly by and offer students an unattainable goal without any advice or solutions, we at the Statesman want to look at what has kept us number two thus far.

Despite an endless blitz of new construction, and press releases about the Seawolves' move to Division I, and Money Magazine's assertion that Stony Brook is 26th in the nation for best college buys, the average Stony Brook student remains cynical and unhappy. It is precisely this feeling of despair that we will need to tap into to overtake the University of Missouri-Columbia, which is currently ranked number one.

The University administration has already begun its share by enabling overcrowding to occur in many campus residences. Students forced to make sleeping arrangements in lounges, in

bathrooms, while paying the standard housing cost are bound to grow even unhappy.

Professors can continue to help, particularly those in the sciences, by remaining inaccessible, except by ill-trained teaching assistants. We can count on foreign students remaining unhappy; visiting this country alone from far-off lands, they have been left with only one counselor at the Office of International Programs, which is actually a cubicle at the Computer Science Building.

The rock at the South Entrance receives more attention than the majority of students at Stony Brook.

But how can we make ourselves more unhappy? Perhaps the answer lies in making the students at UM-C a little less grumpier. Student groups could gather to send care packages (beer, Jell-O, and condoms) to students there in an attempt to make their lives a little less miserable, in time for next year's ranking. But, of course, any formation of students on this campus into groups could prove self-defeating in our goal of reaching number one.

Letter and Cartoon

To the Editor:

It is embarrassing to have to read of a goal and activity as wasteful and ridiculous as keeping the "rock" free from graffiti. Hundreds of campuses across the country have long had similar rocks or monuments that were customarily defaced in the name of tradition, defiance, fraternity life, or just plain adolescent, good-natured high jinx. That Mr. Michaels'

response to the latest defacing was "I expected this," says everything we need to know about the wasteful effort to keep it clean.

The fact is: the rock, being what it is, and where it is, is BEGGING to be defaced with graffiti. Nothing short of 24-hour surveillance will prevent it, and to what purpose? So the occasional passerby, lawn-obsessed homeowner or entering luminary can rest assured this is

not a campus that tolerates any pesky college kids (or local high schoolers)? Who really cares what they think, when with only a little more effort they can find much greater unsightliness at many buildings, dorms and classrooms, dining areas, walkways, lobbies, roads, parking lots or woodlands on campus? The rock, and the campus, is asking for it, and since it is, why begrudge ANY amount of work or money it takes to keep removing what it asks to be put there? No one likes self-perpetuating waste.

A few other measures might alleviate the situation:

1. Remove the rock.
2. Paint it black.
3. Have it artistically painted by local schoolkids.
4. Paint it with a glow-in-the-dark paint and/or logo.
5. Erect another monolith on campus for the strict purpose of attracting graffiti, thus creating a tradition.
6. Enjoy the pranks of those who are our reason for being here.
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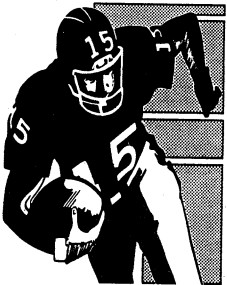
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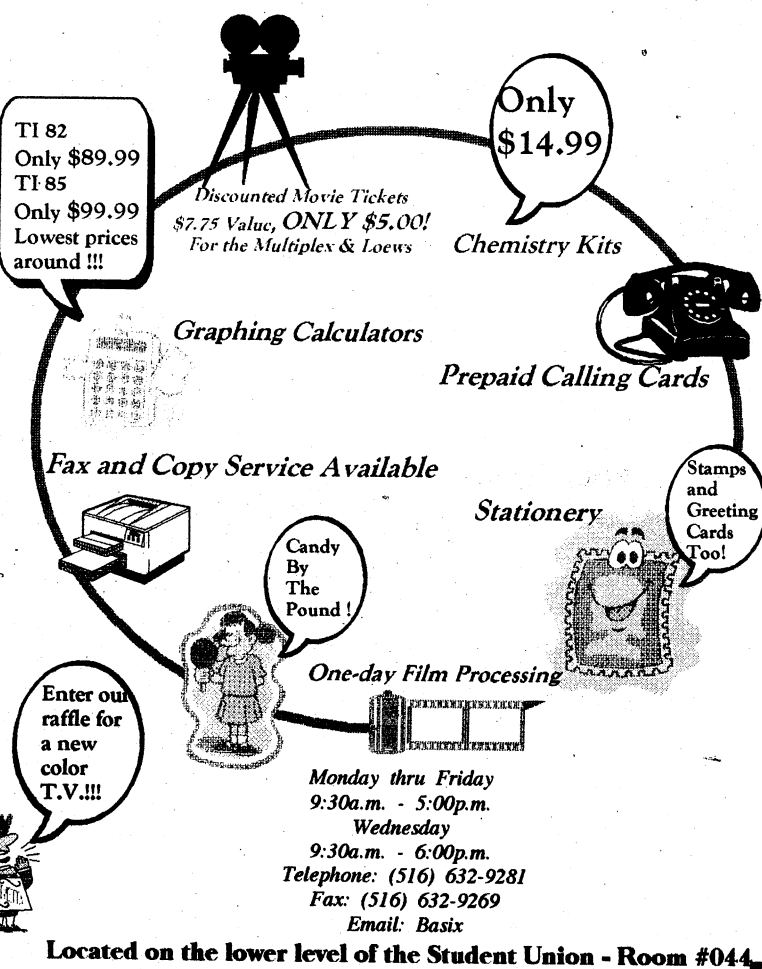
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The Ladies of Lilith (& some others) ⁷

By MICHAEL KIMMEL
Special to *The Statesman*

Remember those famous psychology experiments in which a professor would say exactly the same amount of words about women and men, and the students would say that the class was completely biased in favor of women. In a system of inequality, real equality nearly always feels like bias. (This is why most Americans foolishly do not support affirmative action.)

I think of this experiment every time some music critic or political pundit declares this to be "the year of the woman." By now, of course, we've figured out that this says more about how uncomfortable these critics and pundits are with women-as-equals than it does about women performers. Every year from now on will be *perceived* as the year of the woman, because women have finally arrived in sufficient numbers and with enough organizational expertise to make their presence felt as more than an anomaly.

If nothing else, this was "the summer of the women's tour." The Lilith Fair, a 7 week traveling showcase for ever-changing lineup of more than 35 female performers organized by and around Sarah McLachlan, outgrossed and outdrew every major summer music tour, including Lollapalooza, Horde, and other loud male duds. And since the Lilith Fair was also the most clever marketing scheme for a host of women performers who just happened to have new releases, it makes some sense to take a listen.

First, though, listen to what they're saying. At the press conference prior to the sold-out show in Jones Beach, McLachlan didn't even wait for a question from the rather jaded media to launch into a defensive distancing from feminist ideology. This was, she asserted, simply the opportunity to get to play with other performers whose music she likes and respects, "a neat opportunity to meet my peers," get to know them and their work. That there were so many women performers who fell into that category almost seemed like an accident.

Sure. And the fact that the tour was named after Lilith - the first original woman, the one who would not be subservient to Adam, which led her to get kicked out of Eden - was also a coincidence? Though McLachlan backpedaled before she even began was evidence enough that the "story" was the fact that this was an all-woman tour, and that fact dominated the music, the promotion, and its organization.

And what a line-up it was! The tour included an ever-changing lineup of headliners who included the Indigo Girls, Suzanne Vega, Jewel, Paula Cole, Mary Chapin

Carpenter, Shawn Colvin, Sheryl Crow and Emmylou Harris. For the Jones Beach event, the headliners included Tracy Chapman, who brought down the house with her most energetic performance; Joan Osborne, whose gutsy bluesy voice makes her this generation's Janis Joplin; and Fiona Apple, the teenage waiflike wailer, who seemed more like an Alanis-wanna be.

Since the tour coincided - another coincidence? - with the release of McLachlan's new release, as well as those of several other women performers, let's listen in, shall we?

Start at the beginning — with Sarah McLachlan's current best-selling *Surfacing* (Arista). McLachlan's so utterly likable that it's hard to dis her music. Her vocals are so soothing, so dreamlike, her lyrics so achingly honest, you'd never want to break her heart. And on this album, the production by Lanois-acolyte Pierre Marchands is so ethereal, so appropriately atmospheric, that the album sounds like a long tone poem of sincere emotion. It is, as she sings on "Witness," like "misery made beautiful right before our eyes."

And a few of the songs on this followup to the double platinum *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy* ring true both lyrically and musically, especially the opening "

But in the end, it's the liner notes and packaging that tell me what I need to know about the album. The inside booklet reminds one of the guidebook to the computer game "Myst." Mysterious, elliptical references, strange cryptic messages scrawled on the walls of time. But ultimately, like "Myst," tedious and numbing, even in the pursuit of truth. Ultimately, one forgets why one ever wanted to open the locks to those hidden caves in the first place.

Shawn Colvin joined the tour for several dates, partly to support her new album, *A Few Small Repairs* (Columbia). From her folksy beginnings as a fragile reedy singer, Colvin's taken a few bad career turns, including an embarrassing album of cover songs, none of which matched the original. (Who did she think she was, UB40?)

But this new record is perhaps the strongest of her career, an end-to-end stunner. Colvin knows that her strengths are like Muhammed Ali's - her voice floats "like a butterfly," stings "like a bee" all right. Sometimes she sounds fragile, almost whispering as on the delicate folksy "Facts About Jimmy" or "New Thing Now," and then you realize that she's singing about loving an excon, or watching an ex-lover try and get his act together, "But not quite."



Photo / George Du Bose

Amy Rigby

Such fragility is an illusion; Colvin's as resilient as tungsten, and she lets you know that too, as on "Get Out of This House" a no-compromise breakup song that brooks no possibility for reconciliation.

In the end, Colvin's left standing — alone, a bit harder, and with a bit more hoarseness in her throat, perhaps. But she also stands with a simple grace, still open to the possibilities.

A bit closer to home, there's Long Islander Amy Rigby, who wasn't included on the Lilith tour, but should have been. Former member of the folk-punk women's group The Shams,

Rigby's solo debut *Diary of a Mod Housewife* (Koch International) is more than a clever play on the title of a mid-1970s film. It's a masterpiece that reveals the edgy angst of women wrestling with balancing work and family, sex and love. If Betty Friedan was a pop star, she'd sound like this.

Rigby usually picks up the story *after* things get stuck, begin to get boring. She sings the anthems of those mornings after, when you wonder who this person is and what they're doing in your bed. She sings about when "that tingling feeling when you're first holding hands/ Gives way to dealing with a list of demands" on "Down Side of Love."

At work it's no better, is it. "She's got her self esteem/ And the American Dream," she sings on "The Good Girls" "But her chances of advancing are 10,000 to 1."

Where McLachlan and other big-name women performers play duck and cover when the feminist implications of their work is revealed, Rigby revels in it. This is how she describes it:

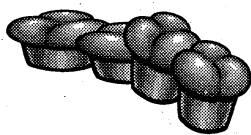
"I've been a mod housewife since 1993, when I decided I was not going to get down on my hands and knees and scrub the bathroom floor unless I could get up and sign about it. I didn't want to fight about sex and laundry with my husband unless I could turn it into a song. Somehow going to work at a crappy job made more sense if I could look at it as... research."

That her husband is ex-Car Elliot Easton, who backs her with twangy-country honky tonk guitar fills and backup vocals doesn't hurt the overall grittiness of Rigby's vocal delivery. This is a musical sensibility that cannot sugarcoat reality in gauzy sweetness, that's stronger, as she sings on the album's final song, "than the fairy tales, diaper pails, lack of heat, urge to cheat, shattered hopes, tired jokes, doctor bills, urge to kill" that constitute real life. Amy Rigby looks at that reality squarely in the eye and refuses to flinch. □

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accommodations.

To accommodate more students who requested housing on campus, some of the lounges or common living rooms in the buildings of Roosevelt Quad were converted into bedrooms.

"We've done that in prior years, too," Devries said. "They look just like any other bedroom on campus with the only difference being that they have wardrobes instead of closets. They tend to be bigger rooms than the double rooms in Roosevelt. To look at it, it would look just like a bedroom." These rooms also have telephones, equipped with cable, and furnished with the same furniture as regular bedrooms.

The buildings in Roosevelt Quad are the only residence halls that have living rooms converted

into bedrooms.

"We are very fortunate in terms of comparing us to some of the other buildings," said Brian DeLong, Roosevelt quad director. "Roosevelt is the best place if you're going to convert lounges into temporary housing because we do have the extra space with a classroom upstairs and the study room in the basement. Other buildings don't have that."

"In Roosevelt Quad, you have the big main lounge in the basement and you have the big penthouse that other quads maybe wouldn't have," Devries said. "It's happening in Roosevelt right now because that's the quad that was most conducive in doing it in. In fact, people have asked what about the end-hall lounges over on Mendelsohn and H Quads," he said. "It was just not conducive. You can't secure them the same way. They're not as secure, not as attractive. They wouldn't really lend themselves to being bedrooms

say, the way the ones in Roosevelt are."

The one drawback, as Devries points out, is that public spaces in Roosevelt Quad that students use for social space are taken away.

"As far as study space goes, you do also have to remember that we're very fortunate in Roosevelt because we have the penthouses upstairs," DeLong said. "So we have classrooms up there where they can go and study. Each building also has study lounges on the ground level floors."

Devries said that the lounge spaces will be returned to these buildings in the spring semester. "We've made a commitment that by the spring semester we'll return them back to lounge space," he said. "Not so much that we couldn't use them as bedrooms but because we want to give the public space back to the residents of those buildings."

Ryo Okano is one student who lives in a converted living room. Okano said that he likes it. "The furniture is new and the room is very large," he said. There is one problem though. He doesn't have a mailbox.

The thing is that the students who are in the lounges were students who applied late," DeLong said. "So it's not like the first people to apply were placed in lounges. I feel bad for them that they don't have just a double room like everybody else has, but they do have a good living space. And you've got to remember that we're renovated over here. So even the lounges are nicer."

But the overbooking caused problems, according to Lamens.

"Yes, it did cause a problem with our housing and the University is making a concerted effort to do everything they can to accommodate the students as best we can," Lamens said. "But there are some real positives here that I think the students should be looking at. The fact that the University is so well regarded and has been getting so much national attention is actually a good thing. I think that the student body should be really proud of the interest that Stony Brook is getting."

"We're definitely doing the best we can, the staff and everyone else," DeLong said. "I don't necessarily see it as a problem because we're going to be having buildings coming back on line in Tabler Quad that are currently going under renovations."

Devries said he doesn't know what the answer to the increased demand for space is. "That's probably beyond my scope," he said. "In terms of making plans for how the spaces are allocated, I just think that even though it's difficult for students this semester, I think it's good that enrollment is up and that occupancy is up. But I do realize that this is not necessarily a housing problem. It's an enrollment problem and housing is just a piece of it. It's a short term situation. Unfortunately, some students are caught in it." □

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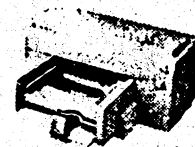
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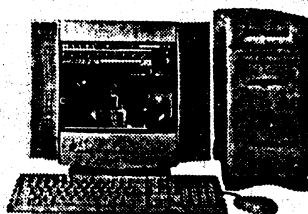
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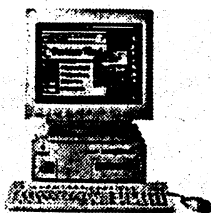
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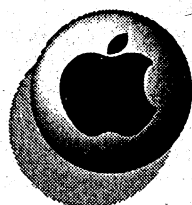
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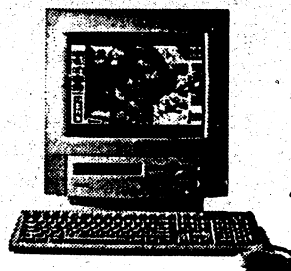
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By BROOKE DONATONE
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With a lot of last minute additions, The Stony Brook Film Festival featuring the Long Island film festival featured about 140 films between July 18 and August 2 at The Staller Center for the Arts. The movies ranged from full length movies and shorts to independent and mainstream films which were showcased in the Stony Brook film festival. Five hundred advanced passes were sold before the festival began and approximately 10,000 people walked through the doors of Staller throughout the festival.

"There's not a lot of venues on Long Island for independent films and for many artists, this was the first time their movie was shown," explained Patricia Cohen, Director of Marketing for Staller. Many films had to be shipped to other countries such as Germany and Canada for other film festival. The film festival was formerly held in the Huntington Cinema Arts Center for the past several years and Chris Cook who produced the film festival saw new possibilities at Staller that weren't there in the past such as 16 millimeter, video, and a lot of different formats that can fit more films.

"It was definitely a challenge this year because we didn't know what to expect," said Cohen. Staller usually shows one film per week and had to run three films at once until two in the morning with question and answer sessions as well. "Everybody was just going on adrenaline," added Cohen.

In addition to the films, there was the Long Island filmmaker panel discussion where Steve Buscemi, who grew up in Valley Stream, made a guest appearance to promote his new independent film *Trees Lounge*. The movie discusses his life and what it may have been like if he didn't make it in the movie business. Buscemi's most recent mainstream flick is *Con Air*.

"It was really exciting to have him here," revealed Cohen. "The reason why he does mainstream is to make money to put into experimental film making."

Screenplay writer for *Tootsie*, Murry Schisgal co-moderated the panel along with Newsday critic John Anderson.

Rod Steiger also made a guest appearance when his 1965 movie *The Pawnbroker* was shown, in which he won an academy award for best actor. Stony Brook also presented Steiger with the Lifetime Achievement award.

There was an audience choice award based on a scale from 1-8 for the best feature, short, documentary, animation, etc. The award became affectionately known as "A Stony".

Staller will promote upcoming box office movies with complimentary sneak previews. On September 10 *The Game*, starring Sean Penn and Michael Douglas will be shown at 7 pm. At noon on September 8 students can obtain two free tickets at the box office.

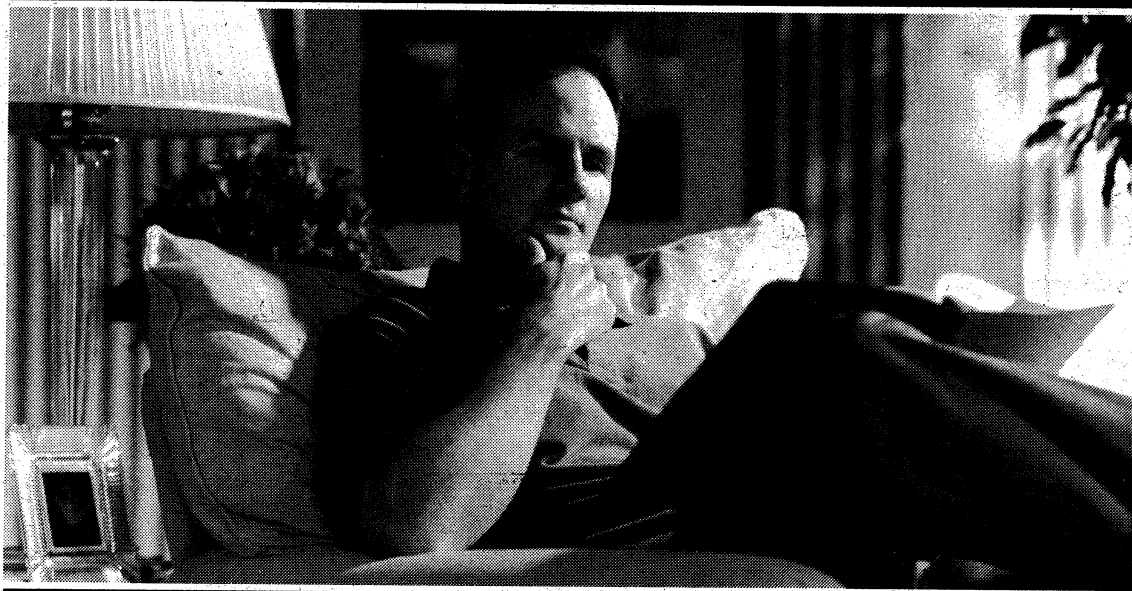
On the final night of the film festival, Stony Brook Alumn Fred Carpenter premiered his new movie *Disco! The Final Dance*, which depicted the seventies disco scene with a little more comedy than John Travolta did. Over 1100 people were in attendance. "The film festival not only shined a light on Staller but on Stony Brook because it will not only be known for medicine but also for the arts," emphasized Carpenter.

"Having the film festival here gave filmmakers an opportunity to meet their fellow filmmakers and network," explained Cohen. This seemed to ring true, as Carpenter admitted that he tried to see as many films as he could and support the artists.

"It's very hard to see an independent film since 99% of people who dream about making an independent film will never make it. The film fest gives an opportunity for movies to live, even if not for more than a brief moment. If a film isn't seen, it's as if it doesn't exist," elaborated Carpenter. After his movie debuted, the music group that sang in his movie, *The Del Satins*, gave a concert in the Staller Plaza.

"The people who loved (screen) most were filmmakers who first saw their movie and would probably never see it again," concluded Cohen.

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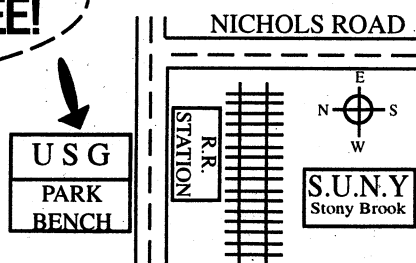
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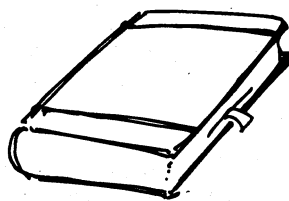
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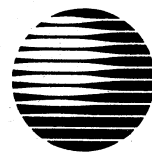
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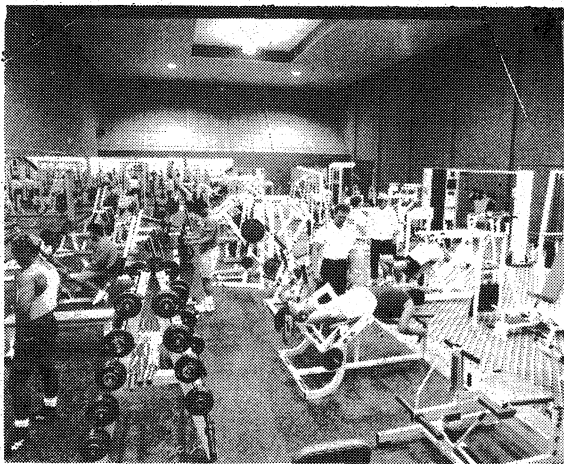
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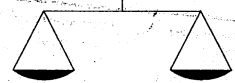
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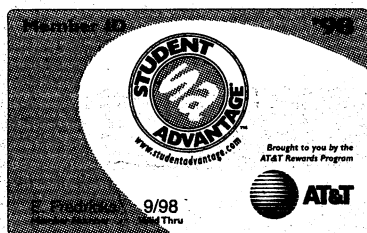
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SOLID START FOR VOLLEYBALL ONLY LOSS AGAINST NATIONAL POWERHOUSE NEW HAVEN

By SAMI AHMED
Statesman Editor

The Women's Volleyball Team, after clobbering Molloy in their first game of the season, competed in the New Haven-Baden Invitational and finished in second place behind a powerful New Haven team.

The Seawolves started out their season in great fashion, in their home opener, against the Molloy Lions. The 'Wolves easily defeated their overmatched opponent in straight sets 15-4, 15-4, 15-7.

Victory was never in doubt as the 'Wolves started out quickly and never looked back. Sophomore sensation Jessica Serrano again led her team to victory recording 13 kills and 9 digs. She leading the team in both categories and also served up two aces.

Elka Samuels and sophomore Heather Bure complemented the play of Serrano well. Samuels was second to Serrano in kills with 9, while contributing seven digs on defense. Bure pitched in with 6 kills and 8 digs.

Setter Sarah Boeckel also played a sizable role in the victory. She had 25 assists and led the team with 3 aces.

Next up was the New Haven-Baden Invitational, a tournament played over two days featuring Quinnipiac College, UMass-Lowell and New Haven, one of the top Division II volleyball programs in the country.

First the Seawolves played Quinnipiac College and beat them, coming back from a two sets to one deficit, 15-6, 13-15, 11-15, 15-12, 15-13.

Boeckel was the star of the game as she recorded 49 assists and 12 digs.

Serrano excelled on offense with 30 kills.

The next two games were breathers for the 'Wolves. UMass-Lowell and Long Island University at Southampton both fell in straight sets. UMass was soundly defeated 15-6, 15-5, 15-2, providing little competition against Stony Brook. Southampton provided somewhat more competition, but, they too lost in straight sets 15-2, 15-12, 15-6.

Serrano, Boeckel, and Mary Schelp led their team in kills, assists, and digs, respectively, in both games.

Finally, Stony Brook would have to face their toughest challenge, the New Haven College Chargers. The Chargers were ranked first in the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) in the Preseason Coaches Poll. They finished last year with a dominating record of 44-2 and advanced all the way to the NCAA

Elite Eight Tournament for the fourth straight season.

Stony Brook was second to New Haven in the NECC Preseason Coaches Poll. A victory would mean respect for the Seawolves volleyball program.

Unfortunately, the Chargers annihilated Stony Brook in straight sets, 7-15, 6-15, 3-15, handing the Seawolves their first loss of the season.

Serrano, as usual, had a team-high in kills with 14. She also committed a season high nine errors in what was not one of her better executed games of the year.

Samuels, who was later named to the All-Tournament Team, had a team-leading 6 digs.

The Seawolves season record now stands at an impressive 4-1. They will play Queens College Wednesday on the road. □

SOCCER REMAINS WINLESS New Head Coach Scott Dean Still Seeking First Victory

By SAMI AHMED
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The men's soccer team has lost all three of its game this season leaving, first year head coach, Scott Dean still searching for his first victory.

In the first game of the season, the Seawolves played in a non-conference matchup against the Southampton College Colonials and lost 4-1.

Greg Chavious, of the Colonials, scored the first goal 17:13 into the game, 27 seconds later, they scored again to take a 2-0 lead on a pass by Chavious, before running away with victory.

The Colonial would go on to score two more goals, as they outshot the Seawolves 16-7. Greg Adelsberg, the senior goalkeeper for Stony Brook, recorded five saves in a losing effort.

The lone goal for USB occurred on a penalty kick at a time 73:20 into the game as a kick from Ryan Jinks sailed past the goalie.

Next the Seawolves traveled to Dowling College to play two non-conference opponents, West Chester

and Merrimack College, at Lasalle Learning Center, over a two day period. They would go on to lose both of the games.

Against the West Chester Braves, Stony Brook lost 3-1, to fall to 0-2 on the season as Greg Adelsberg did a decent job in goal recording seven saves.

The Seawolves got as close as 2-1, when Fred Ridore scored on an assist from freshmen Matt Grady in the fifty-fifth minute.

Unfortunately, in the eighty-seventh minute, John DeMichele of Westchester scored his second goal to put the game out of reach for the Seawolves.

In the final game of the weekend, the Merrimack Warriors dominated Stony Brook 3-0 to keep the Seawolves winless.

All goals for Merrimack were scored by Gabe Lortie, who recorded the hat trick with his three goals. His last two occurred in a span of 2:31 in the second half. He scored his first goal just under 6:00 into the game.

Stony Brook was outshot 18-3, which let Warrior goalkeeper, Dennis Horton, register a shutout without

breaking a sweat.

Coach Dean, was hired as head coach after a tenure as assistant coach for the University of Rhode Island. URI was ranked as high as fourth in the nation last season.

The team's next game is at home against New York Tech, this Wednesday. □



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