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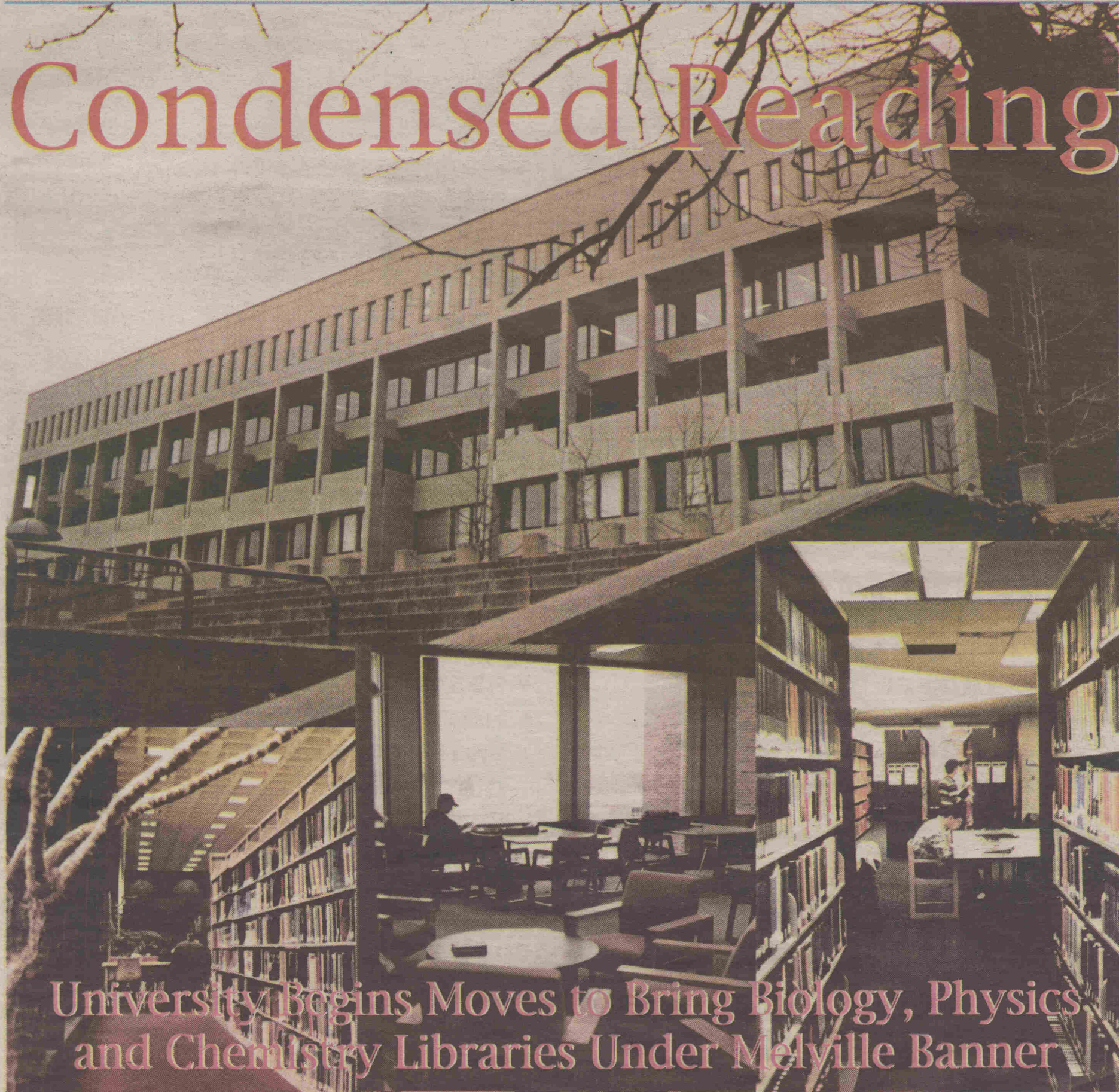
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Concerns Raised Over Melville Merge

Humanities' Renovations to Speed Integration of Science Libraries

By WILLIAM MUI
Statesman Staff

Stony Brook community members continue to express their frustrations over the proposed consolidation of the science libraries into the Melville building in the center of campus. Those who oppose the plan charge that questions of accessibility, library overcrowding, and interference with research have yet to be adequately addressed.

The consolidation plans for Melville were initially announced last September. It was not too soon before professors around campus questioned whether science students would have the same access to the books and periodicals they needed - as they now have at the separate facilities. Joseph Lauher, executive director of academic affairs for the Chemistry department, is against plans to transfer the chemistry library to the Melville building. "We don't like the idea very much in the Chemistry department," he said. "Our library is different than other ones on campus because our faculty and graduate students have 24-hour access to the library. The main thing... is the access that people are concerned about giving up."

Overcrowding is another concern that Polity President Monique Maylor worries will cause difficulty for students. "It's going to be like the Union during campus lifetime, everyone's going to be rushing for information," she said. "They're taking away space and condensing the little space that we have."

The Melville Library has the capacity to hold another two or three department libraries. There remains a number of empty shelves in the library's north wing. In addition, the library's administration is hoping to acquire control of the space in the building's third floor to provide more room for future transfers of the science libraries. Future renovations of the library, however, will depend on the result of preliminary plans for construction in the Humanities building. This would provide a location for the academic advising offices, classrooms and faculty offices that currently occupy the third floor of the Melville building.

Although any plans for relocation remain in the beginning stages, Provost Rollin Richmond said the design is still open to review by administration, faculty and students to determine its usefulness. "We have an architect working now on talking to people about what should be in that building," Richmond said. An estimate by Richmond placed the cost for the construction of the Humanities building at 25 million dollars.

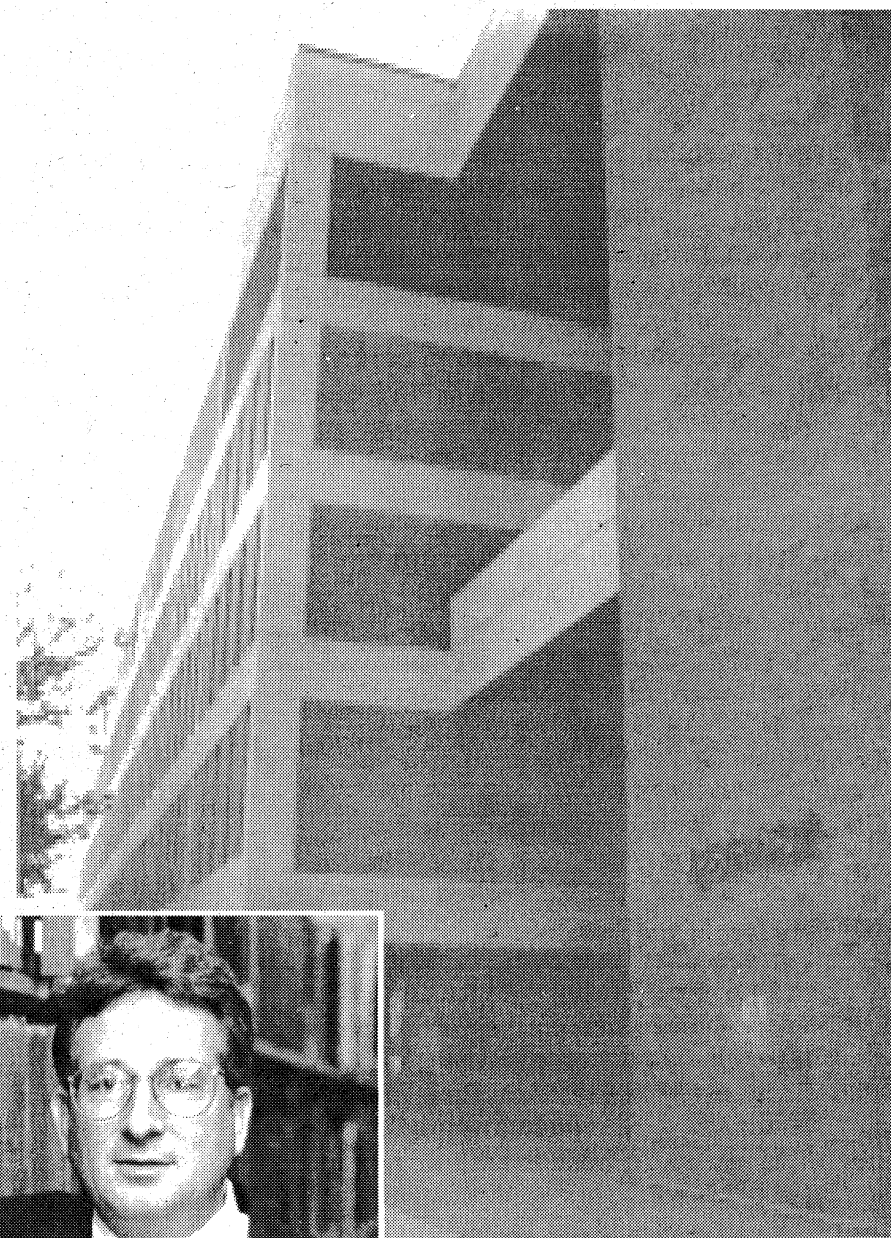
University President Shirley Strum Kenny said that the planned construction and renovations of the Humanities building are independent of the libraries' consolidation. "Regardless of what we do in terms of where the libraries are, Humanities must be renovated," she said.

A published plan of proposed changes to the library was completed last September by Dean of Libraries Joseph Branin. The plan states that the library's current seating of 385 could be increased to more than 500. There also remains the possibility of extending hours at the library if the consolidation occurs. The plan also suggests that staff be trained to serve more than one science library and that there should be "a team approach to develop online science reference services and library instruction." According to the plan, "about \$200,000 per year goes into purely duplicative costs of managing seven rather than one or two science libraries." The plan estimates the cost of renovating space in the Melville Library for up to five science libraries at approximately \$300,000.

Branin said the decision to move a department library into the Melville Library would be made by the department dean, the chair of the department and faculty. He said "only those [departments] that are willing to be transferred or are in desperate need of space" would be affected.

Some students support the idea for its convenience. "It sounds like a good idea - that way the information is in one place instead of scattered around campus," Jennifer Stearling said.

Other students aren't sure. "It might be a good idea to consolidate the libraries, but there might be a problem with overcrowding," Chris Craddock said.



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Joseph Branin, left, began discussions of the library consolidations in the fall of 1996.

And then there are those, such as Eduardo Dasilua, who said he thought the consolidation would cause interference with research.

In the event that the Biology and Life Sciences collections are transferred to the Melville Library, the University plans to use the space for research. Richmond said graduate and undergraduate students would have an opportunity to gain laboratory experience under the direction of faculty. He also said that the University is currently

seeking donations from industry to help cover the costs and that preliminary sketches of the layout of the laboratory have been made by a contractor.

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Biology George Hechtel is against moving the biology library into the Melville Library. He said he believes that students would be taken advantage of if the transfer occurs. "If it is true, I think it is a disgrace and the people doing it should be ashamed of themselves," he said. □

Pre-Med Making A Move Across Campus

By KEVIN KEENAN
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook's Health Profession students may have a long walk in front of them. University officials are currently considering transferring the Health Profession advisory office that is located in the Ward Melville Library on the West Campus to the Health Sciences Center located on the East campus.

The proposal, if approved by Administration, will relocate the office of Sandra Burner, assistant dean and chair of the faculty committee on Health Professions. Burner serves as a Health Profession advisor and academic consultant to Stony Brook students.

This may be catastrophic to the number of

students seeking out advice" Burner said, noting that undergraduate students pursuing Health Profession tracts live on the West Campus and spend most of their time there. "I'll have a much easier job," she said fretting over the possible loss of students seeking advice, "and that's not what I want to happen."

Burner said she also fears that the Academic Advising Center located in the Library on the third floor, an office she said she feels is already understaffed, will become overwhelmed as Health Profession students seek out advice from those counselors instead of trekking over to HSC.

"This plan is in its preliminary stages, there is absolutely nothing definite yet," Manual London said, associate vice provost for

Enrollment and Retention Management. According to London, he initiated the proposal in a memo sent to several of his colleagues. "Before anything happens, proper courses have to be followed," London said, "Approval and consultation with other members of the Stony Brook community are required."

In order for the proposal to become reality, it would have to be approved by many different divisions of Stony Brook's administration, London said. First, serious consideration would be required on the administration's part regarding the conveniences and feasibility of such a plan. Then, the faculty committee on Health

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Letters

Polity Action Against The Press Is Unnecessary

To The Editor:

Regarding the letter from Michael Tschupp in the January 2 issue of *The Statesman* which takes *The Press* to task for our coverage of SUNY trustee Candace de Russey: It's good to see The College Republicans back up and running, and we're even happier to see your political insights as well informed and open-minded as ever.

There are a number of errors in Tschupp's letter which need to be addressed. The first matter is one we've touched on in the past, but apparently, perhaps due to the diminished quality of education conservative budget cuts have burdened SUNY with, we need to repeat. Complaints with a specific campus publication should be addressed to the publication in question. Rarely does Newsday print letters complaining of The Daily News' coverage of an event, so similarly, complaints about *The Press* should be sent to *The Press*, and not to *The Statesman*. A hard concept to grasp, I'm sure, but one Tschupp should be able to get a hold on if he worked hard enough.

In his letter, Tschupp claims we at *The Press* do not feel Candace de Russey has the "right to espouse her conservative views." Nothing could be further from the truth. What we were questioning were de Russey's ability to govern SUNY effectively and fairly, given her background. At no point did we question her right to "espouse her conservative views," and I challenge Tschupp to cite anything in our paper that says otherwise. Quite the contrary, we encourage de Russey to contribute more material to *Catholic Crisis* magazine, a publication which lists her as a "contributing editor." Not only do her *Catholic Crisis* articles help us stay informed as to the danger de Russey represents for the SUNY system, but they provide us with night after night of gut-busting laughter.

Tschupp claims, "*The Press* finds it especially unacceptable for a woman to espouse the values of her choosing, and that when she does, she must be reminded that she is little more than a sexual object." It is clear that Tschupp saw the de Russey articles in *The Press*, but it isn't as clear that he read them. Time and again in the January 28 issue

of *The Press*, we discount any notion that our Nov. 26 cover was sexist, and was, in fact, an attempt to use the very subject de Russey has a desire to censor against her. By calling for a censoring of future SUNY conferences dealing with women's sexuality, de Russey poses more of a threat to a woman's right to speak her voice than any doctored photo ever could.

Tschupp claims, "...*The Press* devoted nearly the whole of its first spring issue to bashing [de Russey] yet again." It seems Tschupp's math skills are one of the casualties of the conservative attack on public education in New York State. Three

"Not only do her Catholic Crisis articles help us stay informed as to the danger de Russey represents for the SUNY system, but they provide us with night after night of gut-busting laughter."

and a half out of twenty four pages are hardly "nearly the whole" of the issue. If he were to read the whole issue, he would find a wealth of news and opinion on everything from Public Safety to the Chiapas massacre. Reading is fundamental, Mr. Tschupp.

Tschupp also seeks to draw a parallel between our coverage of Candace de Russey and the ill-fated Tupac Shakur Top Ten list we published last year. The top ten list was irresponsible. We sought to make a point about the glorification of violence in Shakur's music, and instead, we insulted a large proportion of the campus population. It was a mistake, but it was a mistake that we learned from. Calling Candace de Russey to task for her opinions and actions as a SUNY trustee is hardly comparable to making light of a man's death, and for Tschupp to attempt a comparison is dangerous and irresponsible.

Tschupp also claims, "the students are those who can be held financially liable for any litigation *The Press* incurs." Finally, something Tschupp gets right in his letter. His point would have been that

much more well-made if he included the fact that nothing we printed is libelous. Polity can not be sued for anything we wrote in that issue, because no one can bring a suit over anything we wrote in that issue. Tschupp would do well to brush up on his knowledge of the libel laws that affect *The Stony Brook Press*.

Tschupp also sounds a call to action on the part of Polity saying, "...the Polity Executive Council and Senate have a role as our representatives, and therefore are endowed with the power and duty to address campus issues at large." HUZAH, Mr. Tschupp! A call to activism from a College Republican! Only, Tschupp's words would ring truer if he were challenging Polity President Monique Maylor to form an organized protest against Trustee de Russey. Such a protest would obviously be in the interest of students, and it would sound loud and clear throughout New York State: SUNY students will not stand by as our educational system is co-opted by state appointees hell-bent on shaping policy along conservative and anti-intellectual lines.

One question comes to mind when we read Tschupp's letter, and that is, exactly what would Tschupp like to see Polity do in response to our issue? Does he think Polity will demand an apology? Does he think students will be upset because we are bringing the activities of a dangerous and ignorant woman to light? Would he like to see *The Press* defunded because we have the gall to question the place of conservative viewpoints in state education politics? Our guess is the latter, because just like so many of Tschupp's ideological contemporaries, the only speech that should be free is speech he agrees with.

It's not enough for Tschupp to say, "Freedom of speech and of the press, when it does not curtail the freedom of another, is a core value of our society;" he must believe it as well. A call for a censoring of such speech does not display a belief in free speech. Tschupp should decide what it is he believes in.

John Giuffo
Managing Editor
The Stony Brook Press

Honor's Systems Can Benefit University

To the Editor:

I read with interest the article and the editorial regarding the institutions of an Honor System at Stony Brook in the January 29, 1998 *Statesman*. Rather than agree or disagree with particular points, I would like to consider the two pieces as the beginning of a discussion. In considering whether or not to have an Honor System at Stony Brook (and by the way, the proposal for an

Honor System in the Living Learning Centers is just that, a proposal) there are several important considerations and these will require broad consultation among members of the University Community.

The reason for an honor system is not to have students monitor other students (instead of faculty and TA's doing that job). The reason is to have students responsible for their own behavior. I don't expect that the system will work because of fear

of being reported by other students, I believe it will work because it will lead students to realize that they are indeed responsible for their own behavior. The act of giving responsibility to students will be the reason why the level of academic integrity on campus will increase; not the fear of being caught. If we can't expect integrity in the most important aspect of the lives of students while at school, what are we saying to future employers of our

graduates? Your editorial states that an Honor System would result in more cheating than we have now. It says that students won't be able to resist a peek at a neighbors exam. Perhaps...perhaps not. You state that cheating is rampant now. Perhaps it is. However, if the Honor System works there is the possibility of less cheating.

Sincerely,
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Polity Needs To Give Up Some Power

It's a new semester here at Stony Brook and what could complete the picture but the beginning of Polity. Yes, that facade we call our student government has started a new semester of meetings, arguments and debates that will probably do nothing for the students and much more for the groups already inflated egos.

Sit back and ask yourselves what Polity did for you last semester. If you're like us, you won't be able to remember anything. It makes us wonder why they hold meetings in the first place, just to debate and complain? For instance, most of this week's meeting was dedicated to complaining about Professor Paul Dolan, an associate professor of English.

Granted, there was an informational section dubbed "Meet the Senators" where the newer members of Polity met the older ones. Informational, yes Helpful to the student body? No. This seems to be the trend of late: having big meetings which dissolve into hopeless arguments where nothing ever gets accomplished. This benefits nobody (except maybe the people debating their issues, who seem to need to have their egos stroked). What's the point to this? Your guess is as good as ours. There doesn't really seem to be one.

Administration should also open their eyes to the sham that we call Polity. Instead of sitting idly by like

they have for so long, they should quietly (or not so quietly if need be) take some of the members aside and remind them that they were voted in to help the students, not to make themselves feel powerful. Do your job, President Kenny, and help the students to receive the student government they deserve.

But the most important people to address are the members of the Executive Council, the members of the Students First ticket. The slogan that they've stood by seems to ring false when put up against their inactivity. Come down off your pedestals and start to work for the people you were elected to represent, not against.

The real test is for the students though. Time after time we call upon students to voice their opinions, be it via a vote or a letter to the editor.

Rant of the Week

An Open Letter To Billy's Three Biggest Fans

BY PETER GRATTON
STATESMAN EDITOR

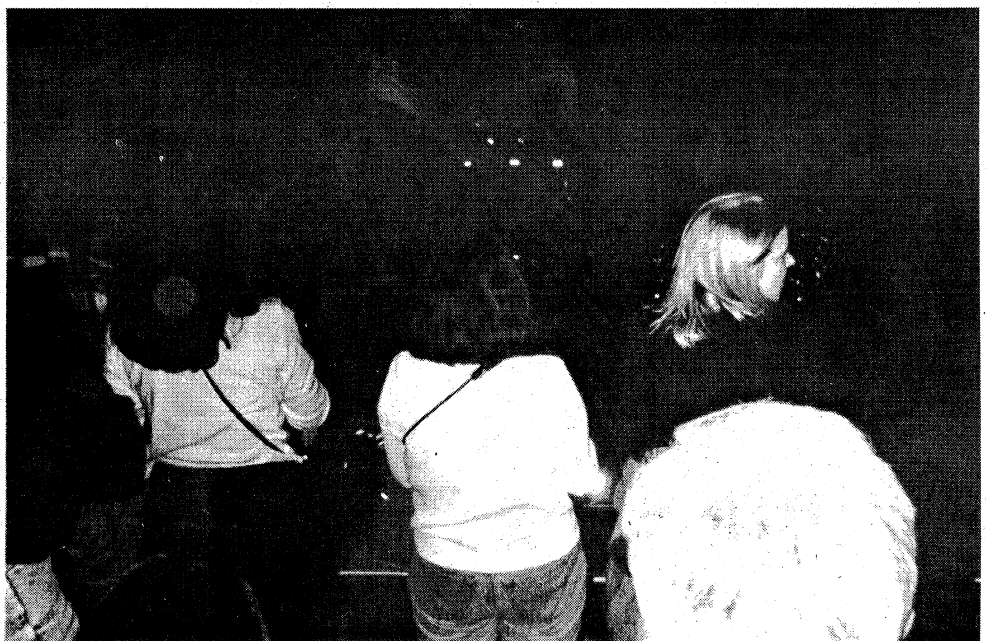
Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the Billy Joel concert. Now normally, I would be above using this paper as a forum for my disgust at others, however the three people pictured below were inappropriate enough to stand the entire concert, obscuring my view of the soon-retiring Billy Joel. To them, I have the following to say:

I only hope that any friends that you have here recognize you from behind, and remind you of proper concert-going etiquette.

For instance, standing ovations are certainly a fine way of letting the performer know that you are enjoying the show. However, screaming "I love you Billy" during somber pieces such as Joel's hit "Lullaby" does not strike me as very proper. In addition, while I found the volume of the music to be more than adequate, it was not so loud that you couldn't hear several neighbors of mine constantly remind you to sit down during the concert. Most of the audience sat for much of the performance, rising only during the better parts of the show. And while I like Billy Joel much myself, I can't believe that you found his entire show so enthralling.

I am left with nothing but a blunt message for you, since you seemed to ignore my more subtle requests during the concert. To the girl in the far left, you should remind your boyfriend that your rear-end is not a hand rest, and that the people behind you do not need to know about his special affection for you. To the girl in the middle, all I can say is that I found it unfortunate that I could hear your voice more than Billy's during many parts of the show. To the girl on the right, perhaps you did not realize the full power of Statesman's circulation (and since you are the most recognizable of the three) to embarrass you in front of your friends when you rolled your eyes at my neighbors' request to be able to see the stage.

While I am no John Travolta to say much of anything on the subject of dance, I certainly would have had a better time had I not been subjected to total lack of groove in all of your dancing. After all, if you are going to shamelessly dance for the crowd behind you (who are unable to see anything else) at least put some moves into it.



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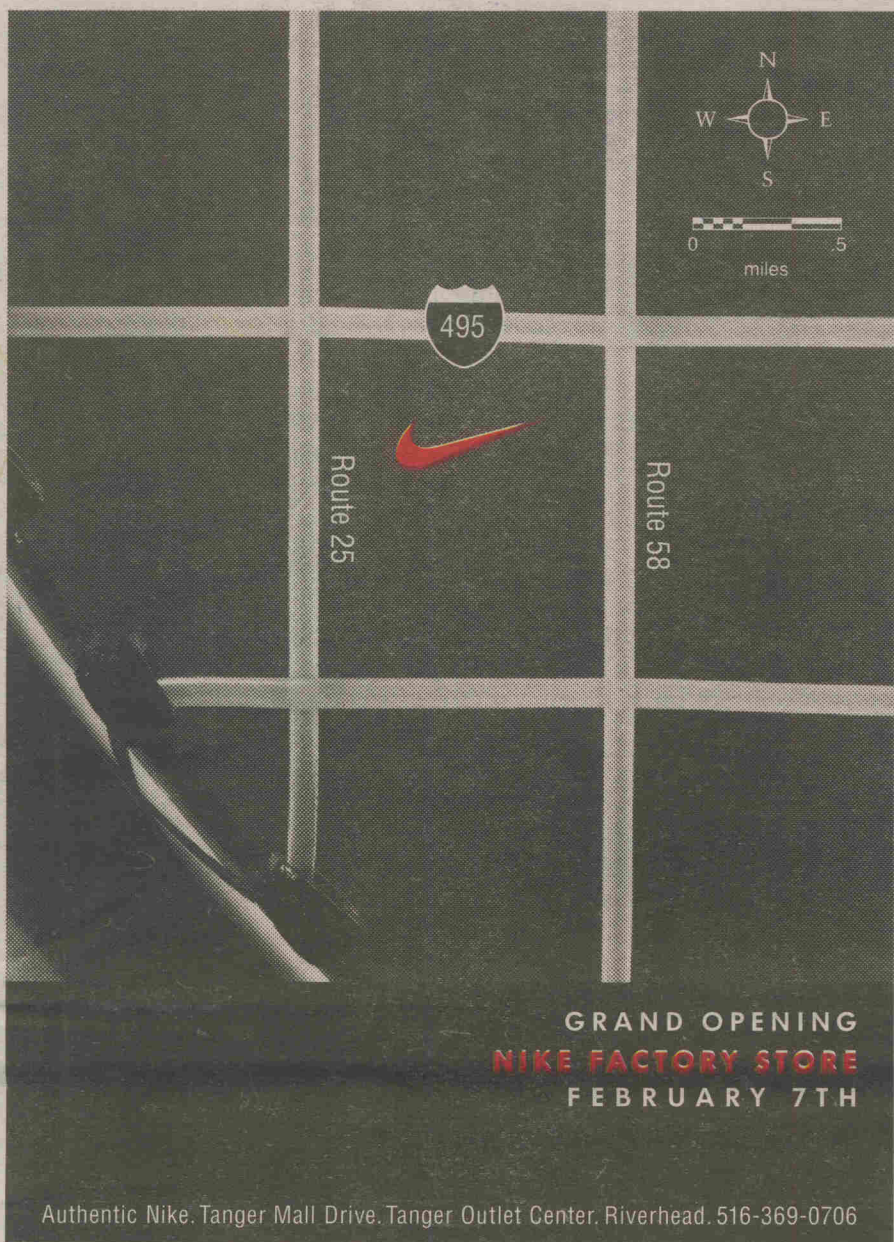
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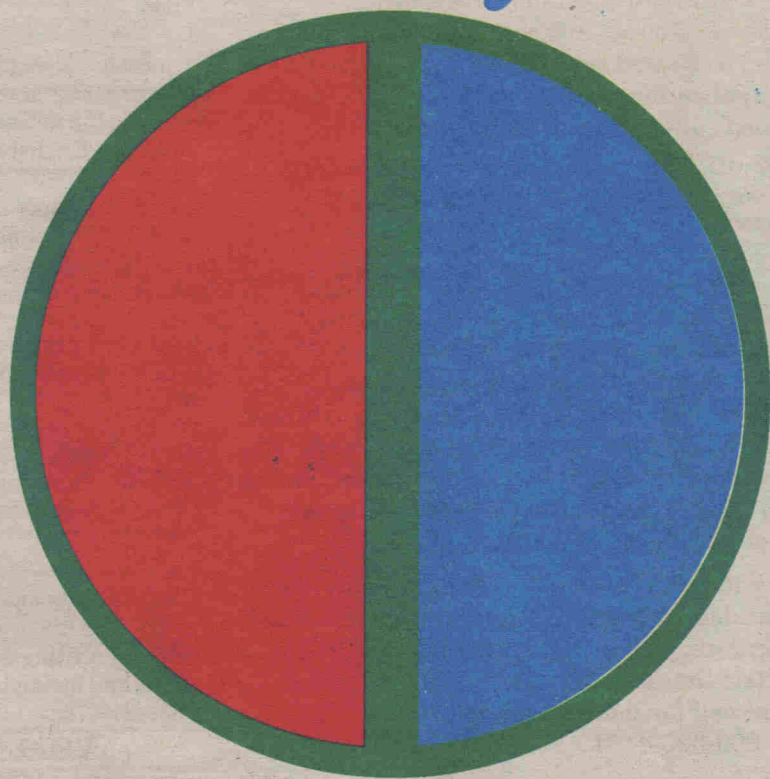
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5:55 pm

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10:09 pm

A suspicious looking male was seen looking into rooms of the SBS. The man was stopped and questioned by University Police, but fled during questioning. The man was later identified as a former University student.

11:03 pm

A purse containing money, credit and ATM cards was stolen from the SBS. The purse was later found by a faculty member and returned to the complainant. The only item missing was the money.

1:05 am

A female student fell and injured her knee on the zebra path near the old chemistry building. The woman was transported to the University Hospital.

Friday, January 23, 1998

9:45 am

A 1989 Ford Sedan was found vandalized in the Schomburg parking lot. The owner stated that the drivers side window had been broken and that clothing, jewelry, a cellular phone and stereo speakers had been stolen. Estimated value of the stolen items was \$4147.

7:30 pm

A computer valued at over \$2000 was stolen from the 7th floor of the Graduate Chemistry building.

9:15 pm

A female Baruch college resident reported that she had received a harassing phonecall. The caller stated "You better

watch your back and stay the fuck away from my boyfriend."

7:07 am

A 1995 Toyota Camry was stolen from the South Parking Lot. The car's estimated value was \$20,000.
Sunday, January 25, 1998

8:35 am

A 21" computer monitor valued at \$1200 was stolen from the 6th floor of the Graduate Chemistry building.

BULLETIN OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 2, 1998

1:38 pm

A man said that he was lowering down a Motorola radio from the roof of the Roth Quad down in a bucket to the loading zone below. Reportedly when the man came down the stairs to get his radio he found that it had been stolen. The estimated cost of the radio was \$600.

Monday, January 26, 1998

9:25 pm

University Police reported that a Baruch college resident was found unconscious in her room apparently from a overdose of pain relievers. The woman was taken to the University Hospital.

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

12:40 pm

University Police were called to the G+H Quad parking

lot by reports that 15 males were screaming and breaking bottles. When police arrived the suspects had fled and no broken glass was found.

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

12:00 am

A University student in the Wagner college lounge was summoned to his room by his roommate who said that he had a phone-call. When he returned he said the items valued at \$125 were missing.

Thursday, January 29, 1998

9:50 pm

A suspicious male was reported sleeping in the Staller Center. When police arrived, the suspect was found sleeping on a couch in the hallway. The suspect later fled during questioning and was not found.

Saturday, January 31, 1998

10:50 pm

A 1991 Buick was vandalized in the Roth Quad parking lot. The drivers side window was broken and books, clothing, jewelry and a guitar were reported stolen. The items were valued at \$1400.

Sunday, February 1, 1998

7:35 am

A workstation computer, 2 storage devices, a digital camera and \$15,000 worth of software were stolen from the 4th floor of the Graduate Chemistry building. The total value of the items was over \$25,000.

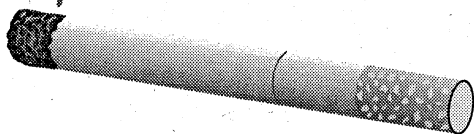
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A candy machine in the Kelly Quad laundry room was found vandalized. The contents of the machine were missing. The contents were valued at \$800 and damage to the machine was \$2000.

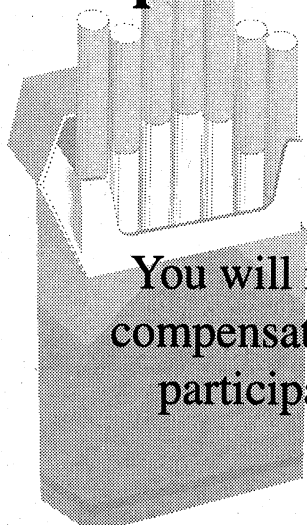
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Funkadoobiest's 38 Second Greatest Hit

By JIMMY FORD
Statesman Staff

Funkadoobiest's newest album, *The Troubleshooters*, is not a bad start for a group, unfortunately this is the band's third album. *Troubleshooters* gives us three good songs but out of the 20 on the disc. Having three good tracks is the usual for most popular bands, however one of its best songs is only 38 seconds long.

"Doobie Show", the first track on the CD, is dedicated to introducing backup vocalists as well as the group's two main members, Son Doobie and Ralph M. A better way to begin the album could have been to add this section to the end - after you've established yourself into the tempo of the album. The next track off the album is a little better. "Papi Chulo" includes portions of the *Squirrel Nut Zippers* hit "Hell." Funkadoobiest also provides us with an all-spanish version of this same song at the end of the album; the spanish version sounds a bit more appealing to the ear.

"The Anthem" is a refreshing change of pace from the rest of the album, a slower song from which a meaning can be interpreted, with the group calling on the audience to 'listen to Funkadoobiest. This meaning shows very little depth, and is disappointing considering the potential of the music.

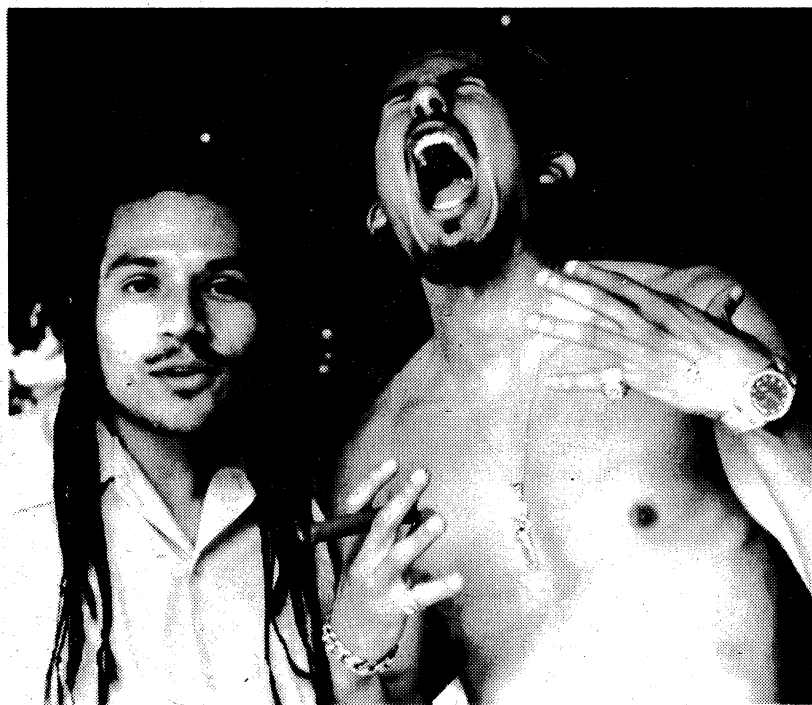
Later in the album, the band relies on the hit "Jam On It," by Maurice Cenac, where Funkadoobiest gives us "Act On It," an upbeat tune that keeps your mind occupied. It is here that we see the talent this duo is

capable of, unfortunately this is only one of two tracks to accomplish this on the album.

The second, which is not quite a song, is still worthy of note. "The Troubleshooters," a thirty-eight second short monologue, is the best selection of the entire album. Even without the music, once you've heard this song you will wish the album contained more like it. We will have to make do with "First Million," a short conversation about a man about to make his first million through illegal means. "First Million" holds much the same style as "The Troubleshooters," but the basic idea is there.

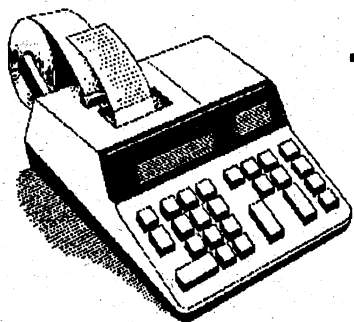
Using such filler songs as "Life's A Gamble," "Sunshine," and "Stretchin," Funkadoobiest seems to be wasting space. Instead of songs with no meaning, how about an extension of "Troubleshooters"?

"Five Deadly Indians" has an interesting introduction, but after that, I'm afraid you have nothing to look forward to. Starting out with a very detailed description of the ways in which American Indians were being slowly pushed west as the United States expanded, the remainder of the piece does not rise to initial expectations from the intro.



D.J. Ralph M. and Sondoobie of Funkadoobiest

Fans might be interested in *The Troubleshooters* to complete their collection of Funkadoobiest CD's, although I wouldn't advise buying this album for that reason. If you do get a copy of this CD, skip ahead to track fifteen, and judge Funkadoobiest on that. Better luck next time! □



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Pre-Med Move Remains In Preliminary Stages

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Professions, of which Burner is chair, would be consulted. Next, the University Senate gets a shot at considering the proposal, and finally the University provost's stamp of approval is needed.

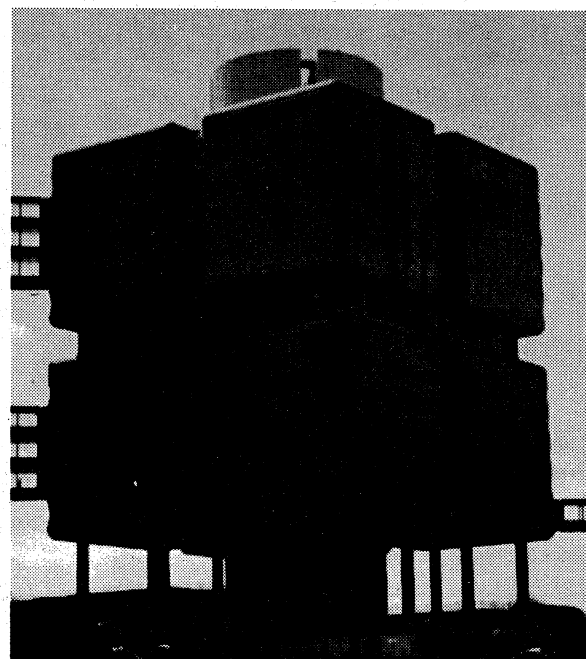
However, it may not be the case that things are in their preliminary stages as London maintains. In an interview with the *Statesman*, London said that he has been involved in discussions concerning the movement of the pre-med office "during the past several weeks." Further, the university has approved the creation of a position for a new Health Profession advisor who will work in the Academic Advising Center on the third floor of the Ward Melville Library, and Administration is already looking for someone to fill that position. This occurrence may be an attempt to ensure that Burner's fear of an Advising Center overwhelmed by pre-med students who do not want to walk to the HSC does not materialize.

At no point in the Administrations considerations is student input mentioned as a determining factor of the plan's approval. However, according to Burner, "the administration has an obligation to find out what students want. Their input should be integral to any decision made."

According to both London and Burner, the reasoning behind changing the location of the Health Professions advisor is that students currently spend considerable amounts of time at the HSC volunteering, studying, taking courses, and conducting research. "It is logical to want to consolidate our pre-med resources into one area," London says. But, he also maintains that "we will keep a Health Profession office here on the West Campus. It is clear that we have to have resources here for our students. Students will not be forced to go over to the HSC for advice regarding their educational careers."

The lack of space in the HSC for a relocated Health Profession advising center may prevent the approval of the proposal. Both Burner and London say that space is a serious problem in the Health Science Center. "It probably won't happen because of the space issue" London says.

Sophomore Christina Surace says "it is more convenient to have an advising office for pre-med students here on the West Campus because it is on the West Campus that most students take their classes." Freshman Catrina Gaines expresses similar sentiments. "I am taking all of my introductory classes right now, and now is when I need a Health Profession advisor. These are the most difficult times I think, college is so new and



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demanding and navigating the Health Science Programs are even harder. If the advising office was in the Health Science Center, I probably would never go there until I was taking classes there. By that time, who knows what mistakes I would have made."

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Leadership and Keys Pass At Honors Society

By KEVIN KEENAN
Statesman Editor

Warm smiles, friendly hugs, honorary members, and University administrators were all part of the Stony Brook Chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society's key passing ceremony that was held yesterday in the University Club.

Golden Key is a national honor society that has over chapters located throughout the United States. The society stresses rigorous scholarship and community service from its members.

The Golden Key key passing ceremony occurs each year as the old executive board of the honor society passes on its responsibilities to the newly elected executive board. This year Carmen Vazquez, dean of students and advisor to the honor society, attended the event along with Zenobia N. Sadler, eastern regional director for Golden Key, and Brian McConnell, academic to the society.

"Stony Brook has one of the best chapters in my region and in the nation and the involvement of the University administration in this chapter is unprecedented and really is an asset to our members here," Sadler said.

"The diversity in regards to this academic pursuits and ethnicity in this group is extraordinary and really conveys a certain energy," Vazquez said. "It is remarkable to see such people so interested in hard work and service."

Hannah Morel, president of the Stony Brook chapter for the second consecutive year, said she shared an intimate relationship with the outgoing board but said she is excited with working with the new leaders.

Morel elucidated some of the opportunities for personal growth through community service and involvement that she says she hopes she can lead her society towards. For instance, Lobel hopes to raise funds through fund raisers such as a Valentine's candy gram so that many Golden Key students can go to the Regional Conference that will be held at West Virginia University. She also said that there are numerous community service programs that she is planning with her board.

Carmelina DiPietrantonio, treasurer of the society, helped to initiate a tri-sponsor clothing drive for needy people.



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Carmelina DiPietrantonio, Liza Mateo, Brian McConnell, Carmen Vazquez, and Zenobia Sadler, above left to right.

Golden Key Honor Society, Catholic Campus Ministry, and Sigma Beta Honor Society will support the drive. "We have bridged three organizations to help benefit our community, that is what Golden Key is about," she said.

According to Rada Rozental, recording secretary for the society, Golden Key students are showing, through their academic and community service pursuits, "that college students do not just care about academics, but they also care about their community and other people who are not

necessarily part of Stony Brook."

Several of the Honorary Members present were drawn from throughout the campus. Honorary Members ranged from the Philosophy department's Dr. Rita Nolan to the School of Health Technology and Management's Dr. Clifton Mereday to the Interfaith's Sister Margaret Ann Landry, RSHM.

McConnell said, "I'm very honored and flattered that I can be part of this organization that recognizes such high academic achievers and service contributors." □

Zen Tricksters Hope to Show There Is Life After Dead

By RAYA EID
Statesman Editor

The Zen Tricksters, perhaps one of the best known Grateful Dead cover bands has recently released its first album, *The Holy Fool*.

There are only good things to be said about this talented band's new album which features 12 original tracks. The album incorporates diverse elements of rock, blue, folk, classical, bluegrass, and jazz. These components are combined together to produce creative, upbeat, and groovy tunes.

The band consists of guitarist and vocalist Jeff Mattson, keyboardist and vocalist Rob Barraco, bassist and vocalist Klyph Black, and drummer Dave Diamond. Although much of their inspiration and influence comes from the legendary Grateful Dead, this four man band possesses a unique strength and talent that shines on their new album.

The first track off of *Holy Fool* is "Victim of Circumstance," which definitely gives the listener a Dead feel with jazzy undertones. The impressive, and harmonious vocal talent of the

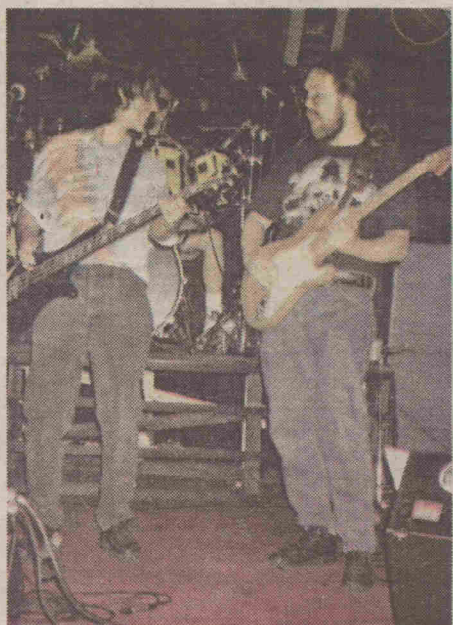
members can be heard on "Arise" a song about youthful discoveries. Lyrics include, "Take care my friend for the hour is at hand, the top of the hourglass has run out of sand, the waiting is over, voices clear, wake and arise for someday is here." Barraco reveals his fantastic talent with keyboards on the fourth track "Drownin," which displays a soulful blues sound. "Body Parts," an interesting and funky piece illustrates the anatomy of a breakup with some amusing lyrics: "Your a pain in my ass, you make my skin crawl..it wasn't head over heels, you took my hand over fist..no more dragging my foot hitting my nails, I'm sick of losing face."

The longest track on the album, "Lay Your Love," is a sensational jam. For ten and a half minutes, the Tricksters prove their musical capability and incredible skill. Like the Dead, the Tricksters launch into extended jams, especially when performing, sometimes for more than a half hour. Lead guitarist Jeff Mattson continues to play, sound and even resemble the late Jerry Garcia. Mattson first saw

the Dead when he was 14, and for the next two decades, he studied Garcia, attending 200 shows. This all paid off for the band. In the 1980's, the Grateful Dead's Brent Myland and Bill Kreutzmann watched the Tricksters from backstage.

Kreutzmann later stopped Mattson, telling him, "You can take our place when we die." After Garcia did pass away in 1995, the Grateful Dead called it quits, leaving a void in the music community. "Since the demise of the Dead, we seem to be filling a gap that needs to be filled," said Mattson. The band isn't trying to take the place of the Dead, Mattson said, "but people come up to us every night and say, 'I needed that bad. I needed to hear those songs.'"

As much as Mattson and the band enjoy playing the Dead's music, "it's a vehicle...to improvise our songs...we're trying to make our own way now, doing our own thing. With the CD out, we're hoping to get credibility outside the Dead world," he said. □



The Zen Tricksters hope their new album will find an audience outside of Dead fans.