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Points for Charity

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

Each week, residents lose money off their meal cards because they did not use the minimum number of resident points required under the new meal plan. The Catholic Campus Ministry has come to their rescue, with a plan so that students don't have to waste their resident points.

Under the CCM's plan, students can donate their resident points to the hungry. Volunteers are tabling at the residence halls Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with sign-up sheets for students with points to spare. This year, Dennis Lestrage, director of campus dining services, arranged it so that students can have the points taken off their card right at the registers. "We tried to make it a little bit easier for students to contribute," he said.

The campaign, right in time for Thanksgiving, is run through Oxfam America, a non-for-profit international organization that seeks to alleviate world hunger in countries all over the world and to aid in disasters like last year's Hurricane Mitch in Columbia or the refugees in Kosovo.

The CCM has been doing Oxfam America for nine years. "It has always been really successful," said Sister Margaret Ann Landry, who is directing the project. "The students are so very generous."

Last year was the CCM's best year yet, raising almost \$5,000. "We hope to match that this year," said Patricia Doherty, a Stony Brook sophomore who is coordinating the project along with Christopher Swarthout.

The CCM is also holding other activities to raise money for Oxfam America. Tomorrow, a bingo game will be held in the Student Activities Center Lobby at 7:30 p.m. There, students have the chance to win donated prizes from places like the Computer Corner, the Athletics Department, the Seawolves Market, the University Bookstore and the Office of Commuter Student Affairs. One of the featured prizes is two tickets to the Blessed Union of Souls concert, courtesy of the Staller Center. The Latin American Students Organization will be on hand at the event dishing out free ice cream.

"The point of it is to have a fun evening," Landry said.

Another event planned is the Banquet for Hunger. Students will draw random slips of paper, which will determine whether they will eat meals like rice and beans or just water. "The point of this is to show that poverty does not discriminate," Landry said. The meals are prepared and divided among guests in proportions of high-, middle- and low-income groups.

Also to be held is the Battle of the Sexes. Started



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Sister Margaret Ann Landry

in 1992, it is a popular event among the students, Landry said. Fraternities, sororities and other volunteers set up tables and try to outdo the other sex with donations.

Landry said, "It's nice to see students interested in others and want to help others in need."

Update:

Meningitis at Stony Brook

By MARIE OQUENDO-MILLER
Special to the Statesman

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the American College Health Association (ACHA), which represents about one half of colleges with student health centers, recently released a statement recommending that "college health services take a more proactive role in alerting students and their parents about the dangers of Meningococcal disease." Additionally, they suggested that college health centers,

"provide information about the vaccine to students and parents as well as access to the vaccine for those students who choose to be vaccinated."

Meningitis and meningococemia are two major brain infections which are caused by the Gram-Negative bacteria, neisseria meningiditis, which also causes pneumonia, sinusitis, genital infection, endocarditis – an inflammation of the lining of the heart.

In 1998-1999, 3,000 cases of Meningococcal disease occurred in the United States. Among those, 83 were reported to be college students – six of them

were fatal. Of the six fatalities, four may have been prevented by vaccination. Of those who survive, 10 percent may suffer mental retardation, loss of hearing and loss of limbs, as after effects of the disease.

How is the disease spread?

Meningococcal disease often occurs in relatively closed groups such as sports camps, athletic teams, and specifically among freshman dormitory residents. The disease is spread by contact with mucus or droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person. Thus, behaviors such as sharing eating utensils, drinking from the same glass, kissing (specifically, any kind of contact with saliva) and not washing hands after blowing your nose could put one at risk for this disease.

However, neisseria meningiditis will not survive well on walls, the sink or the telephone receiver. It cannot slip under your door and invade your body. Some people may carry the bacteria in their nose and throat without signs of illness and unknowingly spread the disease to others. Risk of contagion seems to vary with the closeness and persistence of contact.

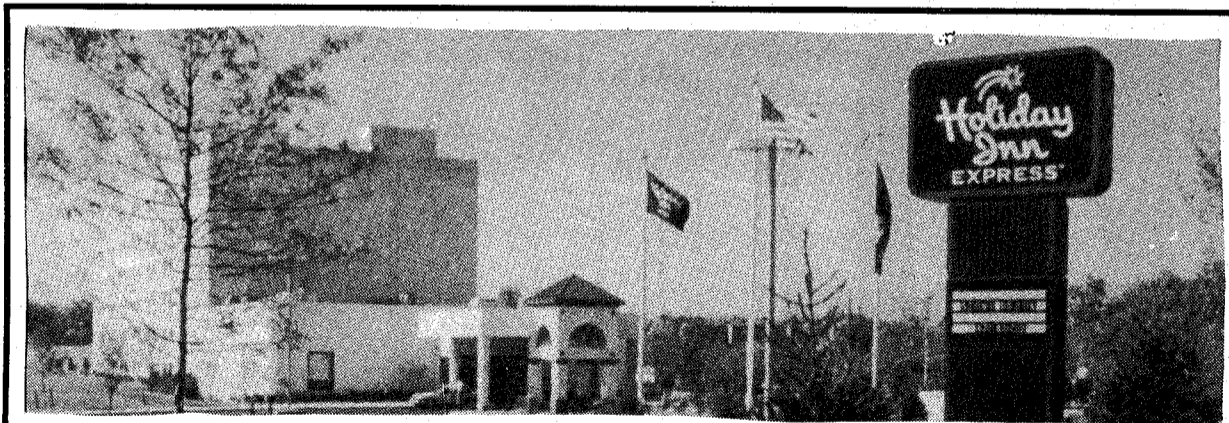
What are the symptoms?

Meningococemia usually starts with feelings of sleepiness and confusion. High fever, chills, rash (usually on the extremities), nausea, general malaise, and joint and muscular aches ensue. Instead of the rapid resolution seen in a self-limited upper-respiratory tract infection, the patient becomes and appears impressively sicker, developing mental status changes, severe headache, stiff neck and back pain. Symptoms usually appear within one to four days after infection (although symptoms may occur up to 10 days later). A person can spread the disease as long as the bacteria are present in the nose or throat. After treatment, the bacteria usually disappear within 24 hours.

Although the Student Health Service at Stony Brook has received calls from concerned parents, we have had only two confirmed cases of meningococemia in the last 20 years. Both were successfully treated.

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Choosing to Pay

Southworth Case to Be Heard in the Supreme Court

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

Tomorrow, the Supreme Court will hear the arguments for the Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin v. Southworth, a case that will decide whether or not college students will be forced to pay an student activity fee when portions of the fee are used to subsidize organizations that pursue political or ideological ideals.

The case is at the center of heated debate because of its implications. The decision of the Supreme Court (which is not expected until late spring or early summer) will affect the way universities fund the diverse organizations that define college life.

The case has its roots at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Backed by a right-wing legal group, the plaintiffs, students Scott Southworth, Amy Schoepke, Keith Bannach, Rebecca Bretz, and Rebecka Vander Werf initiated a case against the Board of Regents of the Wisconsin University system for using money from their student activity fee to fund the endeavors of various groups. The plaintiffs named 18 separate groups that they were opposed to, including the student National Organization for Women (NOW), the school branch of the International Socialist Organization, the campus lesbian, gay, bisexual group, and an AIDS support network. The students maintained that the University had no right to support the clubs with their money, since they were morally opposed to the groups.

Dubbed "The South Worth issue," the case has had a tumultuous past, and has never actually been tried in court. When the case was first filed over the 1995-96 school year, it was brought to the Seventh District Court of Wisconsin. The plaintiffs were angry that a portion of their mandatory activity fee was used to fund groups with political and ideological goals, and drew upon various precedents to back up their position, paying specific attention to first amendment stipulations. The plaintiffs concluded that the fee (which was \$165.75) infringed upon their right to free speech.

The court agreed, and the students

were granted summary judgment on the basis of their arguments. The University of Wisconsin appealed the decision, but the lower court ruling was affirmed. "The forced funding of such organizations significantly adds to the burdening of the students' free-speech rights," a three-judge panel of the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year. The ruling also maintained that the University "cannot use the allocable portion of objecting students' mandatory activity fees to fund [those] organizations."

The students were granted their request for injunctive relief, which was an order for the University to cease its funding practices, but the University appealed the decision again, this time to the Supreme Court. Both sides will be able to present a half-hour of oral arguments, but the Justices will have to rely primarily on previous documentation when making their decision.

Various groups are watching the case closely, certain of the fact that it has far reaching implications. At Stony Brook, members of the New York Public Interest Research Group have undertaken endeavors to ensure a full understanding of the case. "This case affects all of us," said Stony Brook NYPIRG Director Todd Stebbins.

"This is one of the biggest free speech cases of the century," said Peter Sikora, student rights advocate at NYPIRG. "Eighty percent of all students who attend college attend public schools, and if the Supreme Court agrees with the Seventh Circuit, many public universities are going to have to abolish the activity fee because anything else would be an administrative nightmare," he said. The American Council on Education has also publicly expressed concern that universities will abolish activity fees.

Additional fears of a Supreme Court affirmation include the possibility that any system a University would institute as a result of the decision would be disastrous. One of these concerns is a checkoff system, originally proposed by the judges of the seventh district in Wisconsin, which would allow students to choose individual groups to fund through the activity fee.

"A system [of that nature] would



Courtesy of Mike Staab from the Daily Cardinal

Scott Southworth of the University of Wisconsin.

never work," said NYPIRG Executive Director Chris Meyer. "The burden that it would place on a University would mean that student groups would have to wait months to get their funding. It would limit the effectiveness of activist and political groups, and would also require an unnecessary time and manpower commitment from the University."

Other parties watching the case include Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights group. Members of the organization have compiled a friend-of-the-court brief, or amicus curiae, in the hopes of helping the Justices make their final decision. The group is involved with the case on behalf of the gay and lesbian club at the University of Wisconsin campus.

"We are urging the Supreme Court to reverse a lower court decision to dismantle the university's activity fee system and give some students an ideological veto over funding for groups to which they object," said Ruth E. Harlow, a Lambda attorney. Harlow is also concerned that, "it would chill free speech and cut valuable services" on campus to let students opt out of fees that might support campus groups they dislike."

This case directly affects SBU students, because clubs on campus are funded primarily through the student activity fee, which is a total \$83.75, that is billed to students each semester. If the lower court decision is again affirmed,

Stony Brook will have to make changes to the activity fee, and the manner in which it is dispersed. Last semester, Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, told the Statesman, "The way the mandatory fees have been utilized have worked in the best interests of the students. I'm supportive of the Wisconsin campus."

The Student Association of the State University of New York is also taking a stance on the issue. "Maintaining control of that fee is important to organize," said Sari Krosinsky, vice president of SASU. "If that control is taken away and administration takes control, they may not be as responsive to student needs."

However, some disagree. Scott Southworth, a member of the original group of plaintiffs, graduated the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law school in 1997, and is still fighting for the issue. "We don't want to see the university involved in funneling mandatory student fees to any private student groups." Southworth and his fellow plaintiffs are backed by a number of legal groups, including the Alliance Legal Defense Fund and Northstar Legal Center.

SUNY Student Michelle Stern, the chair of the Board of Directors for NYPIRG, offered her opinion on the issue. "This case could potentially change everything. Students should have the right and means to organize, to try and make changes. It's what Universities are all about."

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 5-6pm: People of Color Caucus Meeting
 6-7pm: Womyn's Caucus Meeting
 7:30pm: Dinner and Open Mike

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 9-10am: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Caucus Meeting
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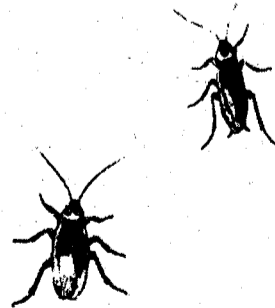
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SBU Faces Y2K

The University Plans for the New Millennium

By JENNIFER L.M. GUNN
Statesman Staff

A survey by the U.S. Department of Education has revealed that many post-secondary institutions will not be ready for possible computer system problems related to the year 2000. Stony Brook University, however, remains optimistic in response to impending uncertainties related to the Y2K Millennium Bug.

The Millennium Bug refers to a computer problem in which computers will read the year 2000 as the year 1900. During the advent of the computer age, programmers represented years with only the last two digits. Therefore, computers assume the year begins with "19" and will not recognize that "00" is 2000. The problem could possibly wreak havoc on computer systems throughout the world affecting computer networks and various other systems that are date sensitive. The damage could prove minor, and in some cases disastrous. According to the US Department of Education, "Systems that are not prepared in advance of the new millennium could experience problems ranging from minor hiccups to system crashes."

Stony Brook considers itself well on the way to Y2K compliance. Philip Doesschate, Director of Information Systems, Division of Information Technology at Stony Brook, explained that the University has been preparing for Y2K for some time in an attempt to ensure that all date-sensitive systems will remain operational in the event of Y2K problems. "I don't really expect anything big," said Doesschate.

Systems that are vulnerable range from financial aid records, student registration records, personnel-payroll, and student grades. "This problem could

effect networks, software, the computer chips in thermostats, alarm systems, elevators, and other devices," according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Doesschate indicates that Stony Brook has turned to outside vendors such as PeopleSoft and CISCO that are Y2K compliant. Human Resources records are now part of software provided by PeopleSoft, a company that provides software and software packages for businesses and institutions. According to the PeopleSoft website, it has "designed its applications with the Year 2000 in mind, and all PeopleSoft currently supported applications are ready to process Year 2000 transactions."

Embedded chips are of particular concern in the race to beat Y2K. These chips are difficult to find and difficult to evaluate. Such chips can be found in elevators and fax machines, according to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology. If these chips falter it could lead to potential system failure. "An embedded chip failure may cause a process control misunderstanding, which in turn may purposefully cause the software application to shut the whole system down," according to the Subcommittee's Report on the Committee's Oversight Review.

Richard Reeder, Chief Information Officer for the Division of Information Technology was unavailable for comment but is Stony Brook's designated Y2K Coordinator. Ironically, on his office door there is a Millennium Countdown clock, counting away the minutes and seconds until January 1.

Despite the fact that Stony Brook has done testing of various vulnerable systems, it has not had those tests independently evaluated, according to



Statesman/Michael Kwan

Oversights made by computer programmers decades ago could have catastrophic effects next year.

Doesschate. The U.S. Department of Education survey revealed that 61% of colleges who responded were ready in terms of "mission-critical systems." Without independent assessment, schools may well be missing possible failures that could occur in the wake of Y2K. John Koskinen, chairman of President Clinton's Council on Year 2000 Conversion has addressed this issue asserting that without independent review, institutions may be overlooking critical potential problems.

In Stony Brook's Research Foundation, which is responsible for receiving and allocating approximately \$500 million in grants and donations for university research, serious measures have been taken to ensure that university systems are Y2K compliant. According to the Division of Information Technology's letter to the campus community, "The principal investigator is responsible for ensuring that equipment software used in carrying out the aims of the grant will not be impacted by the year 2000 problem." The Research Foundation has a responsibility to ensure to its donors that their money will not be lost because of Y2K-related problems.

Dr. Robert Schneider, Director of Informatics and Compliance and Associate Professor of Chemistry said that regardless of the reluctance around campus in addressing Y2K issues, he is optimistic. The Research Foundation has been making sure that scientific equipment and other systems that are date sensitive through Stony Brook's campus are ready. In some instances,

according to Schneider, several notices have been sent in order to get reaction from people who may assume that their systems are not susceptible. "People have had varying responses," said Schneider. He continued to say that 80 to 85% of research related University systems are ready, and the Research Foundation, along with Stony Brook University Hospital were both independently assessed.

In the event that when the year 2000 arrives there will be a power shortage, Stony Brook has a backup generator, which will go into operation if power goes out throughout Long Island or even the Northeast. Stony Brook will have independently generated power in this case including heat and electric.

Since January 1 falls on a Saturday, Doesschate says that his team will be in that weekend making sure that University systems are functioning properly. The University has addressed all of the systems that may be date sensitive including elevators, environmental management systems, and other equipment but whether or not their solutions are adequate is still questionable because of the lack of independent evaluation.

Testing one's own systems is critical as well, and the Division of Information Technology has set up a web site for people to do just that. The Division's homepage includes information on the University's progress on dealing with Y2K and has applications to test your own computer. But, says Doesschate, "There's very little that the average person has to worry about."

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Effective intervention is dependent upon instituting intravenous antibiotic therapy early in the disease. Blood cultures (to confirm diagnosis) can be obtained as intravenous antibiotics are started. Isolation is imposed until the patient has received antibiotic therapy for 24 to 36 hours.

The spread of this disease is prevented by publicizing its early symptoms (e.g. fever, fatigue, confusion, muscular aches, rash) and urging potentially exposed persons to seek immediate medical evaluation.

Last January's issue of *Statesman* alerted the campus to the fact that the vaccination for Meningococemia is available at the Student Health Service at Stony Brook, with a cost of \$60. Since then, approximately 15 persons have chosen to be vaccinated. Side effects of

the vaccine are mild and infrequent, consisting of swelling and redness at the injection site, lasting one to two days. Once injected, protective antibody levels are achieved within 10 to 14 days and lasts for three to five years.

Persons who are pregnant, those with an acute illness or individuals sensitive to thimerosal (an ingredient found in contact lens solution) should not receive the vaccination.

It is important to note that vaccination will not totally eliminate the risk of disease. It is effective only against certain strains and confers approximately 85 percent protection against the strains which caused about 70 percent of cases among college students in 1998 to 1999.

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Editorials

Southworth Vs. Everyone

Wisconsin Case Has Implications For All Universities

As we all watch the cost of our tuition rise, the thought of any reduction in that semesterly bill is quite tempting. A pending Supreme Court case could very well leave us with a decrease in our bill but the reason behind it may not be worth the extra money in our pockets if we consider ourselves a part of a diverse, tolerant and democratic society.

The case is University of Wisconsin vs. Southworth and the issue is whether or not the funding of certain campus groups through a mandatory student activity fee is an infringement on first amendment rights. Scott Southworth is a right-wing conservative misogynist homophobic fanatic suing his university. Southworth, along with henchmen borne of the same defective mold, object to their portion of the \$165.75 mandatory student activity fee they pay supporting groups they are politically and ideologically opposed to. This includes the school's chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW), the International Socialist Organization, an AIDS support group and the campus gay, lesbian and bisexual club.

As if it wasn't scary enough that individuals like these still exist, the 7th District Court of Wisconsin actually agreed with

the students. The court claimed that the "funding of private organizations which engage in political and ideological activities is not germane to a university's educational mission." The biggest fallacy in this statement and decision is the fact that each and every group on conceivably every campus across the country can have an agenda that can be deemed "politically or ideologically offensive" to someone somewhere on the campus. Therefore, it would follow that this court would agree with having no student groups at all.

If we put this into a Stony Brook perspective, this issue has some serious implications for each of us. Imagine if the Supreme Court does indeed side with Southworth. Universities across the country, Stony Brook included, will have to rethink how they fund campus clubs. One option suggested is a check off system where students are presented with a list where they will literally check off the organizations that they want their fees to fund. On a campus as diverse as ours, it is clear that many groups will lose out of funding and the check off system will become more of a popularity contest than anything else. This will create nothing short of a mess, not to mention the fact that

it can effectively destroy a number of groups that may deal with "sensitive" issues. Would our campus' Lesbian Gay Bi Sexual Transgender Alliance be funded? Would a member of the Campus Crusade for Christ agree to fund the Jewish Hillel? What about other clubs and organizations that can be considered "minority" "objectionable" or "sensitive"? Their existence will seriously be compromised by such a decision.

Another problem with the 7th District Court's above statement is its claim that political and ideological activities do not involve an educational purpose. That is truly laughable. Extra curricular activities are just as integral to education as what goes on in the classroom. One would hope that any education, but especially that of a university, would include a learning experience about the "other" things that exist in the world. Surely we are not thrust into some neutral bubble upon graduation or one that only contains sugar and spice and only things we think are nice. One of the very goals of a university should include, not suppress, different ideologies. The exclusion of these from education will create ignorance and breed more intolerance in the world at large. This can do more harm to a student than any homosexual, feminist or socialist ever could.

Commentary:

Who says that no one is nice anymore? I used to be one of the cynics that subscribed to that belief but I have been converted thanks to the kind gestures showed me this past Friday.

It was an honor to be invited to the Student Faculty Staff Retreat, which was held at the beautiful Harrison Conference Center in Glen Cove. I was looking forward to the trip and excited about including my input in Stony Brook's effort to make our campus more community oriented. But due to a nasty stomach virus that attacked me before we even arrived, I never had the chance.

There is nothing quite like feeling like a kid again but it was unfortunate that I had that feeling as I lost complete control of my bodily functions, and of all places on a yellow school bus.

In what was truly the most embarrassing moment of my life, not one person on the bus, particularly the ones that were unfortunate enough to be sitting near me, made me feel uncomfortable. In fact it was quite the opposite.

I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to the people that helped me on the bus when I got sick all over myself. Special thanks to the poor man who was sitting with me. He

was nice enough to get me napkins and a garbage pail. Thanks also to the girl who gave me a piece of gum after the incident. Thanks also to Norm Prusslin and Marcia Wiener who gave me the motherly advice of sipping ginger ale and resting. The understanding and sweetness I was shown by everyone was wonderful.

I don't think we have anything to worry about. We do have a community-oriented campus and I am proud to be part of it.

Sincerely,
Erin Rosenking

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

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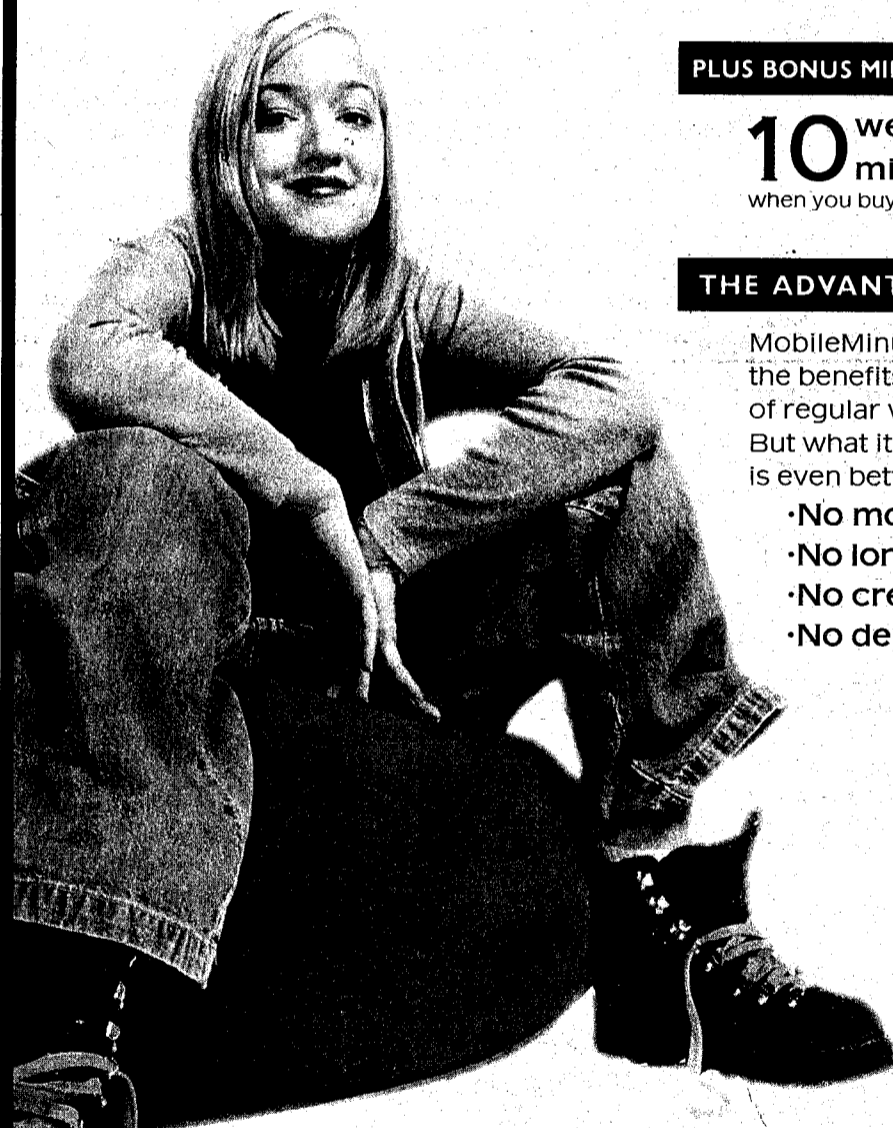
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The Stony Brook Statesman Monday, November 8, 1999

Soccer Blown Away By Columbia

By STEFANA RIBAUDO
Statesman Staff

The Women's Soccer team ended its season with a 3-1 loss at home to the Columbia University Lions last Tuesday.

Throughout the first half, the Seawolves upheld their strength. When the Lions' Meredith Corkery scored off a loose ball at the 32:04 mark the Seawolves answered back quickly in an effort to get ahead. Lori Kotzen took a shot that was rebounded home by Krisha Zagura at the 35:24 mark to put Stony Brook on the board. Both teams took shots at opposing goals until midway through the second half. It was then that Columbia's Rose Francis accurately shot the ball into the goal to give her team a 2-1 lead. Eight minutes later a scramble in front of the Stony Brook goal gave the Lions a 3-1 edge. In an effort to clear the ball in the confusion, Seawolves sophomore Lisa Mariano knocked it out only to have it deflect off another defender into the net. It seemed as if the wind played a major role for Columbia during the second half. In the event that Stony Brook would punt the ball away from their defensive end, it would land close to where it came from. The Seawolves desperately tried to gain the edge, but were unable to do so causing them to conclude their 1999 season with a final record of 8-11.

Throughout the contest, a diverse set of players revealed their abilities. Sophomore Lisa Mariano worked the defensive end by providing many stops for the Seawolves. In the end, Mariano moved up onto offense to help in a scoring position. Freshmen Stephanie Smyrl and Beth Arikian displayed their skills throughout the game by playing well in mid-field. Junior Marti Yeager helped with many breakaways and shots on goal. Freshman Krisha Zagura who scored Stony Brook's sole goal played an aggressively keen offense. As Stony Brook's leading scorer this season Zagura has recorded 6 goals and 1 assist for a total of 13 points. Arikian came in second with 3 goals and 6 assists for a total of 12 points for the year.

Seniors Larisa Mahns, Audra Dutkowsky, and Melissa Eigen demonstrated their acquired talents on the field during their last collegiate competition. Mahns showed potential during every minute of her play, as she would control the mid-field and dash up to the forward position. This athlete has played every position except goalkeeper throughout her 4-year career. She has started 67 games and recorded 4 goals



Statesman/Stefana Ribaud

The Stony Brook Women's Soccer team finished its season with a 3-1 loss to Columbia and an 8-11 record.

and 2 assists during that time. This season Mahns scored the game-winning goal against St. Peter's.

Audra Dutkowsky has recorded 5 goals and 8 assists as a 4-year starter. During her last game, she sped through the wind like a bullet to provide many crosses for potential goals. It was evident that in the final minutes of the game she was running the offensive show.

Melissa Eigen has started each of the 71 games that she has played, missing only one game during her career. Her one career goal was an overtime game-winner against Hofstra last season. She has also added 2 assists in her four years. During this game, Eigen combined her defensive talent with freshman Kristen Baker and sophomore Kristen Lynch at the end of the second half to allow Lisa Mariano to help bolster the offensive end. The Lions were then unable to surpass the wall put up by Eigen.

Freshman goalie Lori Nelson had four saves on the game. Nelson, who hails from Phoenix, Arizona, has played all but one game for Stony Brook this season.

This season was definitely not a complete loss for the team, for it has set the stage for years to come. Each game was added experience for the players, and they expect to do as well next season. When asked about her goals for next season, Coach Susan Ryan said that in order for the club to

have a winning season and to make the Conference Championships, "We will have to improve overall as a team and increase our depth." Another point that Ryan made was that next year's team will work on being more consistent in their play. Reflecting on the season, Ryan feels that, for such a young team, they have gained a lot. "The team has steadily improved throughout the year and has continued to work extremely hard while battling injuries and bad breaks" said Ryan in a pre-game interview with the athletic department. One statistic that shows that this team has potential is that Stony Brook has outshot their opponents 333-156 this season.

Still, next season there will be more obstacles to overcome for this up and coming squad. They will only have two seniors next year and therefore, will still be young compared to their opponents. Despite the tough realities that the team must face, Coach Ryan has a great out-look for the years to come. "When our current sophomore class becomes seniors, then we will have a more seasoned team," she said to ensure the fans that, "we are on our way...."

SPRING 2000 - CLASS SCHEDULE

The Spring 2000 Class Schedule will be available to students on **Monday, November 15th.**
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- **Commuter Students** - Pick Up in the Student Activities center, room 131, 9:00 - 5:00 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 - 7:00 pm, Tuesdays.
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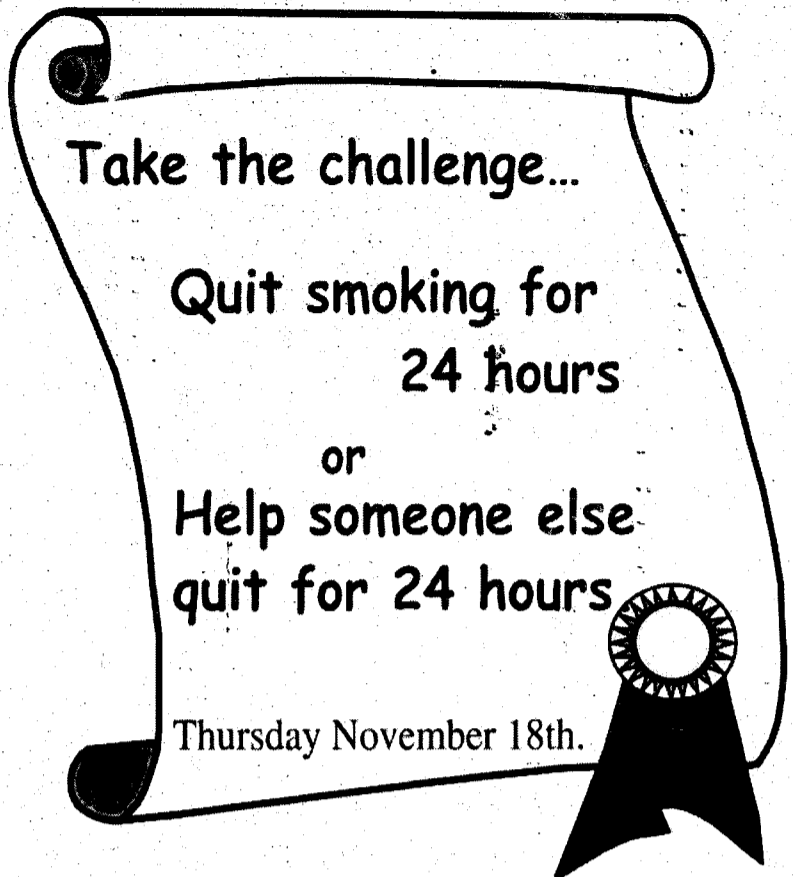
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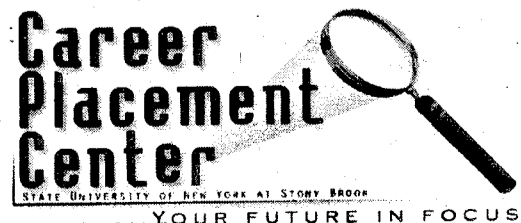
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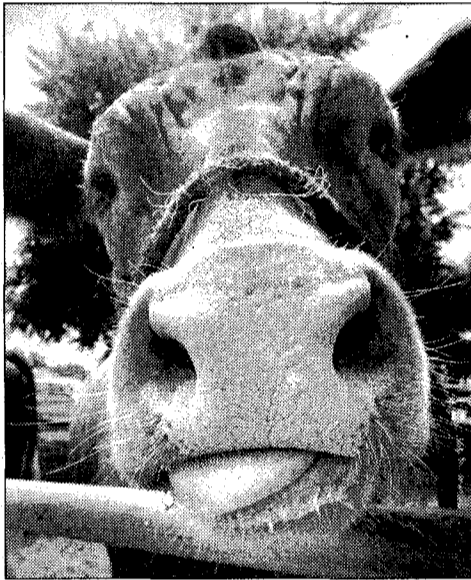
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Hole in Ozone Traced to Single Cow



Harmless cow, or planet killer? eCircler Anthony Redwood claims to have proof that Lilly is the latter.

In an eCircle shared by a group of environmentalists at various universities around the nation, Accursed Earth founder Anthony Redwood used his eCircle's voicechat feature to announce his shocking discovery that the Illinois-sized hole in the ozone appearing over the South Pole was caused by a single Holstein.

"So, there I was," Ivy James said, the other members listening carefully to his words thanks to the voicechat feature, "hanging helplessly from the factory smokestack, with the owner's brat kids below with their BB."

"Guys you're not going to believe this," Redwood broke in, as he joined the eCircle

from his computer in Lander, Wyoming. "I was at the Flying Z Ranch a night ago."

"Did Big Larry rope you and brand you like he did John?" asked Lilac Sunset, speaking from Pullman, Washington.

"No. It was 3:00 am, and I was in his northern pasture with my methanometer, going behind all the cows and taking readings, when I smelled this horrible stench. Like a truck full of rotten eggs crashed in a paper-mill town. Suddenly, I just passed out.

"I woke up an hour later with this migraine. And it still smelled godawful. I got up to go take some more readings, and the needle to my methanometer was stuck in the red. I whacked it a couple times, and it didn't move. All the cows were gone, except for this one in the distance, eating out of a trough. I put my shirt over my head, plugged my nose and ran towards it. The smell got worse the closer I got."

"I finally made it to the trough, and looked inside," Redwood continued. "They were feeding the stupid thing pinto beans! I couldn't believe it! I was delirious from the smell, and stumbled back to my car. I drove a few miles before pulling over for the night. 6 that morning I woke up to the sound of an explosion. Deafening. Soon the cops showed up and all they found was a scorched lighter and one of Larry's boots with his foot still in it."

"Deserved it, the bastard," Lilac replied.

"Maybe ranchers will take it as a sign from God to stop ruining our planet," said Ivy.

"But listen to this," Redwood exclaimed, "I read today in Enviro-Watch that the hole in the ozone has shrunk slightly for the first time ever!" There was online cheering all around.

Local Band Linked to Online Vomiting

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Yesterday, student Grant Richards of Sandberg College used the music sharing feature in his eCircle to play an MP3 for four of his friends, all of whom threw up upon hearing the first song. The MP3 was recorded by the local acoustic band Roses Galore, and it's entitled "A Dozen for My Sweet Love."

"You're paying for my ruined keyboard," eCircler Dan Kaplan wrote Richards. "If that was a

joke, it wasn't funny." The three other eCirclers also were not amused, and are demanding similar compensation for their damaged computers, as well as for any damage to their traumatized stomachs.

While Richards expressed surprise over his friends' reaction to hearing the "Roses Galore" MP3, local music aficionados did not. "Those guys blow," said Han Vu, a well-respected Columbus music

critic. "Richards is lucky his buddies didn't dive out their dormrooms headfirst into the concrete the moment they heard that stuff."

In a barely related story, the Wiersema family of Chicago used eCircles.com's music sharing feature to enjoy an MP3 of their favorite polka songs during the family's regular Sunday night chat session, and not a single case of vomiting occurred.

Graduates Headed to Wall St., Silicon Valley, Attica to Stay in Touch Via eCircles

It's a bittersweet time at Persimmon University, as this year's seniors begin to grasp that after this final year, they will have to leave the warm bosom of their companions and take separate paths into the world. One closely-knit group of friends, however, is determined never to grow apart, and has created an eCircle on www.eCircles.com, where they will be able to have private chats online, as well as share photos and music.

For this group of seniors in particular, staying in touch is especially important, as they recently learned that their close friend Thomas Hherd is going to prison for being an arsonist, running a slave labor ring and stealing a golf cart.

"Sure, it's kinda unexpected," wrote John Walters during the group's first online meeting on eCircles. "But, he's still our friend." John's excited to start a job as an assistant trader on Wall Street.

"Besides, a lot of this stuff was happening during midterms," responded Mary Goldberg, who plans to head to Silicon Valley to begin a career with a software company. "And people just handle stress differently. But, from what I understand, the curriculum won't be too demanding at Attica, ha ha!" The group shared a collective virtual laugh.

"S--- happens," Brian Hurley added from Prague, as he traveled through Europe while taking the semester off. "And it's not like I'll act any differently towards him just because he made a few bad judgement calls."

"The thing that really freaks me out," typed Janet Mullin, who was off vacationing in Aspen when she heard the news of Hherd's arrest, "is that Thomas was always asking to borrow matches from me, and I gave them to him. But he said they were for the bathroom."

"He once asked me if I had a blowtorch he could borrow," Brian wrote. "I was like, why would I have a blowtorch in my dormroom? But, to be honest, I didn't think much about it."

The group hopes that in a few months Thomas will be able to join their eCircle from Attica Correctional Facility, provided he's not restrained by a straight jacket and can

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RIT Offers Course in Space Travel

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Coming soon to the planet you're on: cruises to outer space.

The Rochester Institute of Technology says vacations in orbiting hotels or honeymoons on the moon are not far out ideas anymore, so the school is getting students ready with a class in space tourism.

"Space tourism is a frontier issue that some of the large entertainment companies are beginning to explore," Francis Domoy, chairman of RIT's department of hospitality and service management, told the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. "It's not a question of if it's going to happen. It's when."

Experts agree.

"Space travel for the public will happen soon," said Robert L. Haltermann, an aerospace engineer who

is executive director of the Space Travel and Tourism Division of the Space Transportation Association.

"There will be sub-orbital rides in the next three to five years and short orbital flights in five to 10 years," he said. "In 10 to 20 years, some company will have a small facility in space for people to visit. In 30 to 40 years, there will be space hotels and lunar cruise ships."

NASA joined the Space Transportation Association in making the statement last year that "this fundamentally new human experience could be much closer to being realized than most people imagine."

Up to 20 students are expected to enroll in the two-credit course that begins Nov. 29. By studying orbital mechanics, marketing, economics and packaging science, students will try to figure out how to package eggs to survive rocket

launch pressures, and how to minimize risks of injury in the weightless environment of a space hotel.

Space tourism could generate more than \$10 billion annually.

Some major companies are taking steps toward the market. Richard Branson, president of Virgin Atlantic Airways this year revealed plans of extensive research to begin operating sub-orbital flights in 2007.

"It will be difficult to continue to use science or manufacturing as the only rationale for space exploration," Domoy said. "For space travel to grow, it will have to also be built on leisure and entertainment."

"We want to have kids think out of the box about issues and solving problems," he said. "We want to set them up for jobs 20 years out. God only knows what will be there." (AP)

Former San Francisco State Newspaper Editor Dies

SAN FRANCISCO - A former editor of San Francisco State University's newspaper has died of complications from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She was 25.

Bernadette Petra Smith died last week at the University of California, San Francisco's hospital, 10 months after being diagnosed.

It was her dream to become a reporter, and she was about to embark on a career at the time of her death. But she packed a lot of living in her short life, said a close friend, Jeff Kearns.

"I don't think she ever wasted a day in her life," Kearns said. "When someone dies young it's sad, but with someone like Bernie, she did what she wanted to do and did it well."

Born and raised in Reseda, Ms. Smith attended Loyola Marymount University in 1992 as a communications major. There, she met her future fiancé, Dan Scott, with whom she studied and traveled.

The couple left Los Angeles in 1994 and headed to San Francisco where Ms. Smith studied journalism and urban affairs. She worked on the Golden Gate for only two semesters before being named editor in chief in the fall of 1998.

She was diagnosed with cancer in January and went through five months of chemotherapy.

In June, the cancer returned. Ms. Smith was hospitalized in August, unable to finish a successful summer internship at the Record in Stockton, which had offered her a job upon her expected graduation this December.

Memorial services were held last Saturday at the Church of the Presentation in Stockton. A wake was planned for 6 p.m. on Nov. 13 at the Front Room in San Francisco. (AP)

Settlement Reached in Citadel Sexual Harassment Case

CHARLESTON, S.C. - A former cadet at The Citadel has settled her sexual harassment lawsuit against the college for an undisclosed sum, school officials say, closing the book on the formerly all-male college's battle to avoid enrolling women cadets.

School spokesman Bruce Williams said Thursday that The Citadel's Board of Visitors agreed to settle with Jeanie Mentavlos at its Oct. 22 meeting. The agreement does not require the school to admit liability.

The settlement will be paid through the state Insurance Reserve Fund, which insures public agencies, but the amount cannot be made public until U.S. District Judge Joseph F. Anderson Jr. signs off on the settlement.

"The settlement closes a chapter in the history of The Citadel," the school said in a prepared statement. "We think the settlement represents a reasonable resolution for all parties involved. It saves the state the expense of a costly trial."

The (Charleston) Post and Courier said suits against former Citadel cadets Eric Amhaus and Nicholas Belcher and Army ROTC Capt. Richard Ellis also were dismissed.

Columbia attorney Dick Harpoottlian, Mentavlos' lawyer, refused to confirm any settlements, citing the continuing lawsuit against three individuals accused of harassing Mentavlos.

"I'm not going to say anything that in anyway will prejudice a jury," Harpoottlian said. "Once the jury is

selected, it will become apparent what's going on here."

Jury selection is scheduled for Tuesday in Columbia in Mentavlos' suit against cadet James Saleeby and former cadets John Justice Anderson and Edward Bohm. Bohm never contested the suit and will be tried for damages only, but the attorney for Saleeby and Anderson said they will fight the charges.

"My clients wish to clear their names of these nasty and exaggerated allegations and have opted to have a jury decide their fate rather than take the easy way out," said attorney Sandy Senn.

"Ms. Mentavlos has said she wants the public and a jury to hear about her Citadel experience," Senn said. "It looks like she will get that opportunity."

Mentavlos claims she was harassed because she is a woman, including being shoved with a piece of cardboard, being kicked and having her clothes set on fire.

The cadets admit Mentavlos was harassed, but not because she was a woman and no more than male cadets. In the school's fourth class system, upperclassmen discipline other cadets.

Mentavlos also accused The Citadel of conspiring with the cadets, but last month Judge Anderson dismissed most of her accusations against school. Anderson hasn't ruled on what allegations will go to trial.

The Citadel remained an all-male school until 1995, when Shannon Faulkner was allowed to enroll as a civilian day student. Faulkner dropped out after just a few days.

The next fall, Mentavlos was one of

four women in the school's first cadet class, but she and Kim Messer dropped out after one semester. Messer settled her lawsuit against the school last year for \$33,750.

Last May, Nancy Mace, a classmate of Mentavlos and Messer, became the first woman to graduate from The Citadel. The fourth member of the class, Petra Lovetinska, is a senior scheduled to graduate in May. (AP)

UNC Scientists Test New Cancer Treatment

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Scientists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are beginning the first clinical trials of what they call a promising new way to treat some cancers.

The researchers at the UNC-CH School of Medicine will administer doses of a compound called PS341 to between 20 and 30 cancer patients to determine the highest doses they can receive without side effects.

Earlier research suggests the compound is safe and that it might boost success in treating people with stubborn cases of such blood-borne malignancies as leukemia, myeloma and lymphoma, said Dr. Robert Z. Orlowski, assistant professor of medicine.

The compound is being used experimentally at other universities to treat solid tumors, Orlowski said. Clinicians have observed few side effects from the treatment, whose success rate

isn't available yet, he said. UNC-CH research shows the compound might also be useful in treating non-solid tumors, he said.

"When talking about cancer treatments, you never want to make predictions that are too positive and lead people to be disappointed later on," Orlowski said. "However, the good thing about compounds like this is that they act in a completely different manner from all of the other available drugs. For that reason, they have the potential to help even in patients who have not benefited by currently available chemotherapy."

Laboratory work also indicates that compound might kill cancer cells without a large effect on normal cells, he said.

About half those who go into remission from advanced lymphoma will suffer a recurrence, and only about 30 percent to 40 percent of people with advanced, aggressive lymphoma can be cured, he said. (AP)

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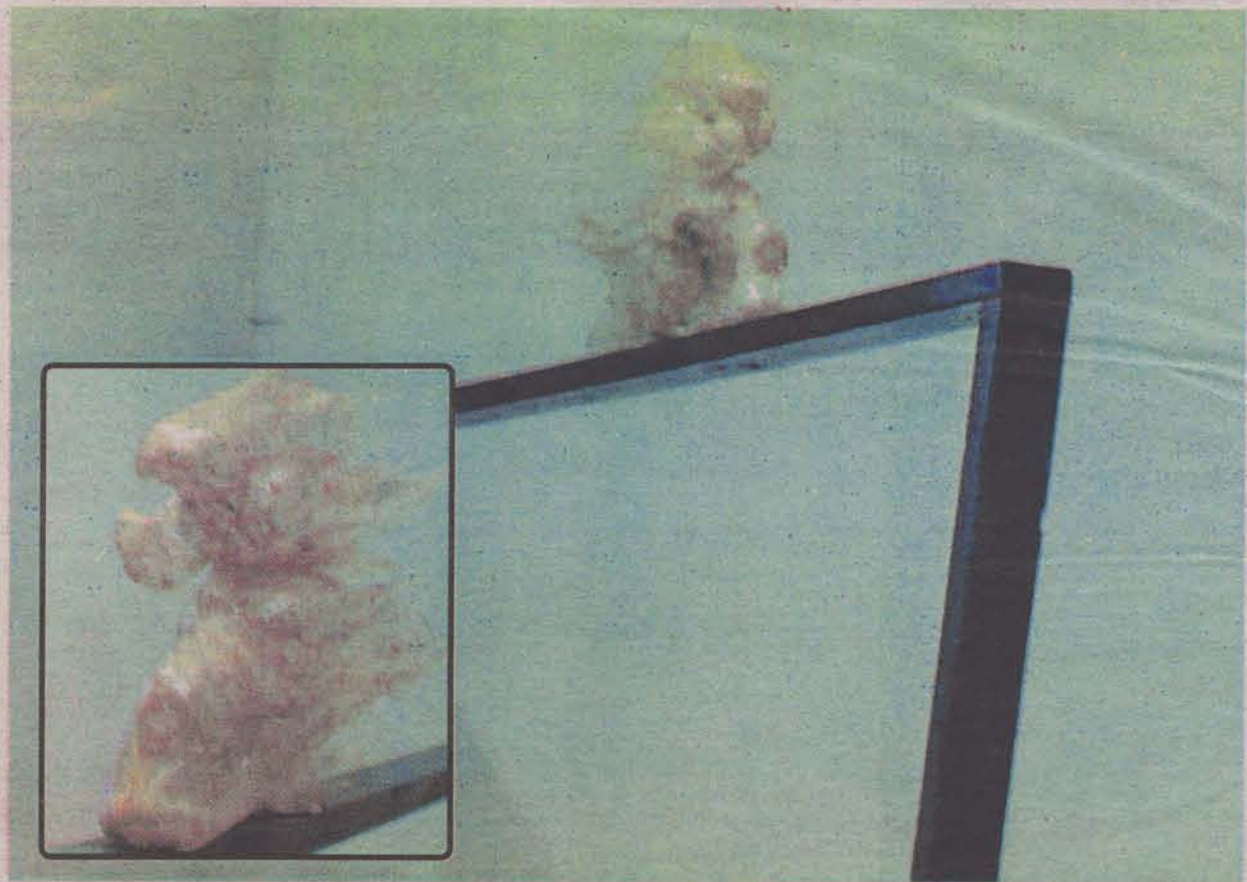
Senior Exhibit II in Union Art Gallery

By MICHAEL KWAN
Statesman Editor

All seeming to be answering a different question with their work, four skilful and talented artists all are presenting their views in the Senior Undergraduate Exhibit II, now open in the Union Art Gallery.

The exhibit consists of work by four senior artists, Darryl Isaacs, Scott Smith, Krys Lipinski, and Andrea Montalvo, and features several types of media, including ceramics, oils, and photography.

The range of subject matter and style in this exhibit is as diverse as the minds that created the pieces. Andrea Montalvo's work is the more whimsical part of the exhibition. Her sculpture, "Leaf," is a large bowl-shaped leaf, in ceramic,



An untitled Sculpture by Scott Smith.

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while her work titled, "Dreamscape", is a swirling fantasy panorama.

Krys Lipinski's work seems to center on one theme. Two of his paintings "Virgin Child" and "Holy Ghost" are both firmly based in the realm of religion. "Passage to the Underworld," seems to be Lipinski's oxymoronic rendition of a confused and turbulent afterlife that is somewhat joyful. The painting's bright colors and flowing style suggest that the after life is something to be looked forward to. The painting does suggest, however, the element of fear as there are demons looming throughout. His "Black Out Self Portrait" is a stirring look at the artist's apparently quiet world.

The exhibit contains four pieces by Scott Smith, none of which are titled, and are done in various media. One of Smith's sculptures depicts a figure running toward the end of a short road. The figure is seemingly unaware of its fate, possibly indicative of the modern mentality to live for the "here and now."

Darryl Isaac's work includes several black and white photographs and sculptures. One of his pieces, titled, "Uncommon Flasks of Perpetual Use," truly stands out among the other pieces installed in the gallery, as it takes up most of the rear wall. The piece consists of small enameled bottles mounted to the wall, in a manner that makes it appear as though they are

falling to the ground in a massive deluge from a smashed medicine cabinet.

Overall, the exhibit presents some very interesting and versatile pieces and is definitely worth a look at.

This exhibit is currently open and will run until Tuesday, November 16. The Union Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Stony Brook Union. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m. For information, call (631) 632-6822.

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