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Back to School

19,000 Head Back to Campus for the Start of the Fall Semester

A Helping Hand

New Program Helps Find Jobs for the Disabled

BY ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Contributor

A new program that opened last month at Stony Brook seeks to assist persons with disabilities in gaining employment on-campus while breaking down stereotypes that have traditionally prevented disabled people from entering the workforce.

With state government and school officials looking on, USB President Shirley Strum Kenny proudly announced the creation of the Employ Ability Right Now (E.A.R.N) program, which was founded in honor of Sylvia Geoghegan, a University employee with a disability whose life was tragically ended in November 1999.

The new program is designed to provide financial assistance and support service incentives to department chairs and administrators in various offices to interview and hire people with disabilities. The program was developed through cooperative collaboration between USB and The New York State Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID).

According to Joanna Harris, acting director of Stony Brook's American Disabilities Act (ADA) Office, the initiative will work to match campus job openings with the credentials, training, and abilities of persons with disabilities. "We have already

begun the process of collecting and distributing resumes," she said. "We will be in close contact throughout the interviewing and hiring process, offering our assistance to both the hiring managers and potentials employees."

Harris explained that potential applicants could be hired under the E.A.R.N program in two ways.

immediately."

Recognizing the reluctance of some offices to hire disabled persons, the program also guarantees to pay the first three months salary for those hired through the program. The President's office will be responsible for two months' salary, while VESID will provide one month. Harris is certain that

initial costs to worry about. Everyone comes out ahead."

In addition to providing jobs, a second goal of the program is to attempt to do away with the stereotypes that prevent disabled people from assuming positions. There are fears that these people have too many limitations to be successful, and will become burdens on those who have hired them. These fears, assured Harris, are totally unfounded.

"Our mission is to educate students and staff on the positive aspects of hiring and working with disabled persons," she stated. "In fact, most arrangements that have to be made are small matters which cost little or no money. Things such as positioning desks, placing phones, or shifting hours to accommodate schedules."

Harris is proud of the efforts made by USB and VESID on behalf of those who are disabled. By acting as liaisons between employees and employers, she is confident that the program will be a success. President Kenny agreed.

"It is important, and it is right, that we do everything possible to encourage the employment of individuals with disabilities," Kenny said. "They enrich the campus and contribute to making Stony Brook the great university that it is."

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"Those with documented disabilities covered under the ADA can apply for open positions through the usual research process with aid from Disability Support Services and the Office for Diversity and Affirmative Action," she said. "In addition, we will work together with VESID to identify a qualified applicant for a known job opening. This way, the search process can be waived, and the person gets hired

this is a win-win situation for all parties concerned.

"National statistics show that 70% of disabled people seeking jobs are unemployed," she said. "Disabled people have proven very reliable and committed to their jobs, and department offices will have no

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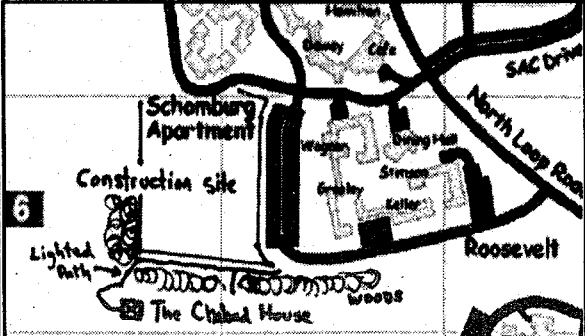
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**A Thought
From
Rabbi Adam**



Looking around, people generally seem like they are into themselves. Where the wicked may say, "What is yours is mine, and what is mine is mine", the average person lives by the attitude of "What is mine is mine, and what is yours is yours". As such, morality is judged by how well one adheres to the borders of "mine" and "yours". To take what is "yours" and make it "mine" is immoral. To accept "yours" along side of mine is conscientious. However, there is an even higher level. For the truly pious say, "What is mine is yours, and what is yours is yours." Why? "Because I care for you like I care for myself. For your joy is my joy; your success is my success." Thus the Sages of Judaism have directed, "Let your house be wide open (for guests)". So it is with "my" house. For it is not "mine", but instead, a Chabad House". A house open for guests. A home for those away from home. And, as such, we host Friday night Shabbat dinners. No invitation necessary. Just show up a bit after sundown. We'd love to see you.



Back To Business

Fall Semester Starts With Highest Enrollment in USB History

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

This semester as returning students look around campus, a frequent question on their mind could be "who are all these new faces?"

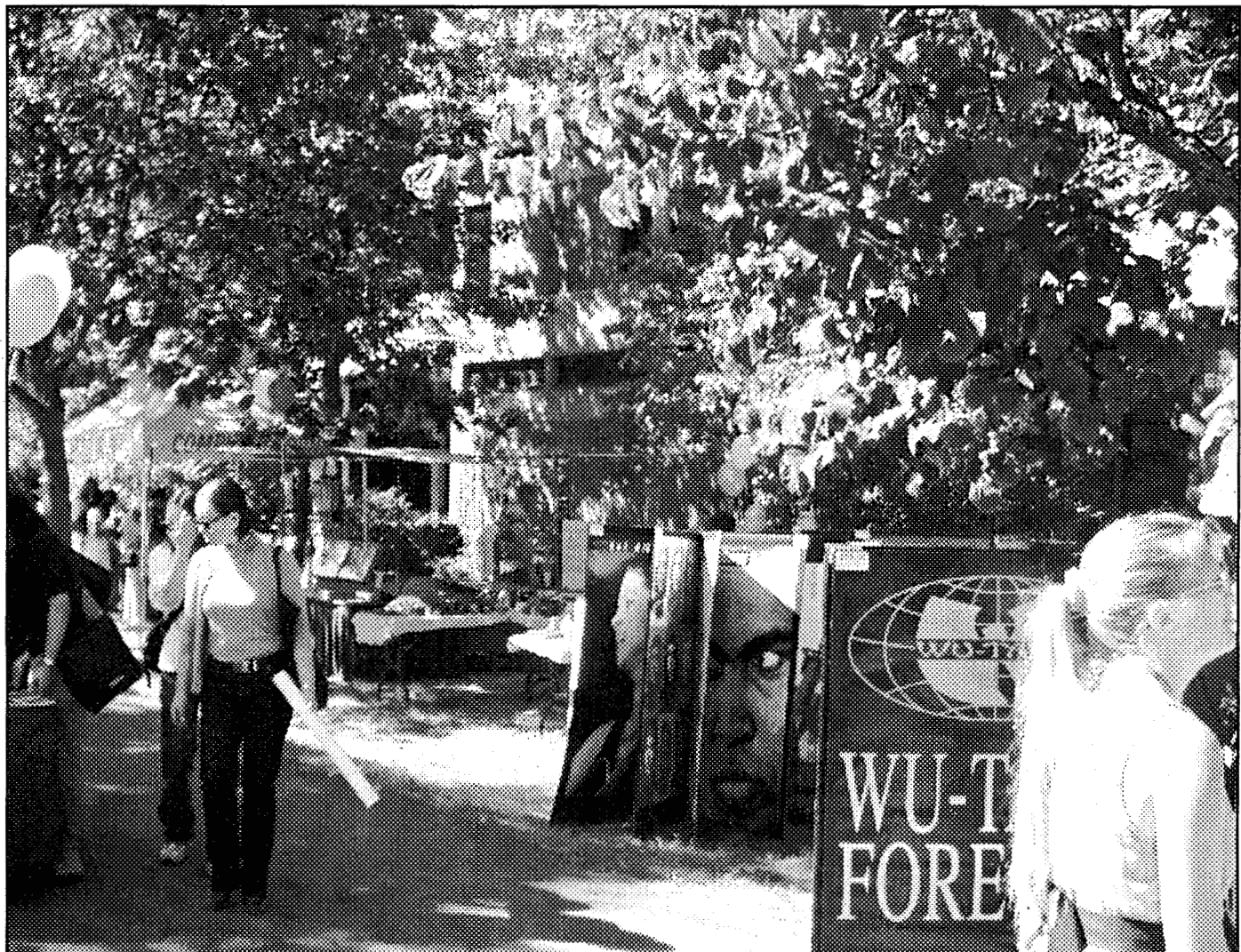
If the campus seems more vibrant and saturated with life than it has in the past, it's because it is. Nearly 19,700 students, the largest enrollment in Stony Brook history, marks the opening of the fall semester at Stony Brook.

Playing a big part in this year's abundance of students on campus is the freshman class boasting a head count of about 2,300. This large influx of newcomers has not come without its problems. According to Howard Schatz, manager of Wallace's bookstore in the library, books for freshman classes have already been sold out. "We have to reorder," he said.

Students moved into residence halls across campus last Saturday, September 2 but for some the move was not totally problem free. Unable to handle the demand for room requests, many students found themselves with two roommates instead of one, a problem that housing director Al DeVries said will be solved by the end of the semester.

After check in was complete an array of opening week activities began. Following check-in was a barbecue in the Student Activities Plaza. And on Sunday, September 3, new students were welcomed by President Shirley Strum Kenny at a convocation at the Sports Complex. There was a carnival held in the academic mall and a street fair outside the Student Union, featuring jewelry and poster vendors as well as the Long Island radio station, 106.1 WBLL.

After the first few day of experiencing Stony Brook and their new environment, students settled in for classes on the fifth. "The first week was nice," said Dahlia Anderson, a freshman. "I wasn't used to big classes and I had trouble finding my way around for two days but now I'm used to it." Anderson noted that orientation went well and that it was very helpful. "I learned important things about my meal plan and the dining halls," she said.



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There was an outside market in front of the Union as part of opening week activities.

In addition to changing faces on campus there were changes among faculty and administration. After a nationwide search, Stony Brook named Dr. Robert L. McGrath to the position of Provost. McGrath, a reputable figure in higher

education and a member of the Physics Department, became the eighth person to hold the position. "Bob McGrath is a person of extraordinary ability," said President Shirley Strum Kenny. "His vision, accomplishments, and commitment to excellence will help us build on the momentum that has made Stony Brook a world-class university."

Following another national search, the University has again named one of its own, Dr. Yacov Shamash, to the post of vice president for Economic Development at Stony Brook. "It's very exciting," Shamash said about management in both the academic and private sectors. "We're pleased and excited to have a person of Christian's ability join our administrative team," said McGrath. "The experience and expertise he brings to the position will be critical in ensuring that Stony Brook's libraries serve our students, faculty, staff, and community members well. In addition, he will be working to expand our electronic services and tailor initiatives to make sure our clients have what they need for today's technology-driven world."

As the semester unravels it seems that Stony Brook is making the necessary changes to keep last year's theme of community going and getting students and staff to participate. Anderson was looking forward to getting keeping busy. "I'm interested in sororities, step squad and gospel choir," said Anderson. "I definitely want to get involved in activities, if not this semester than next."

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his new position. "It's a new position that no other university has." Shamash will remain Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS). Administering the collections and services in the libraries will be Christian Filstrup, the new dean and director of Stony Brook's libraries. Filstrup is a veteran of library

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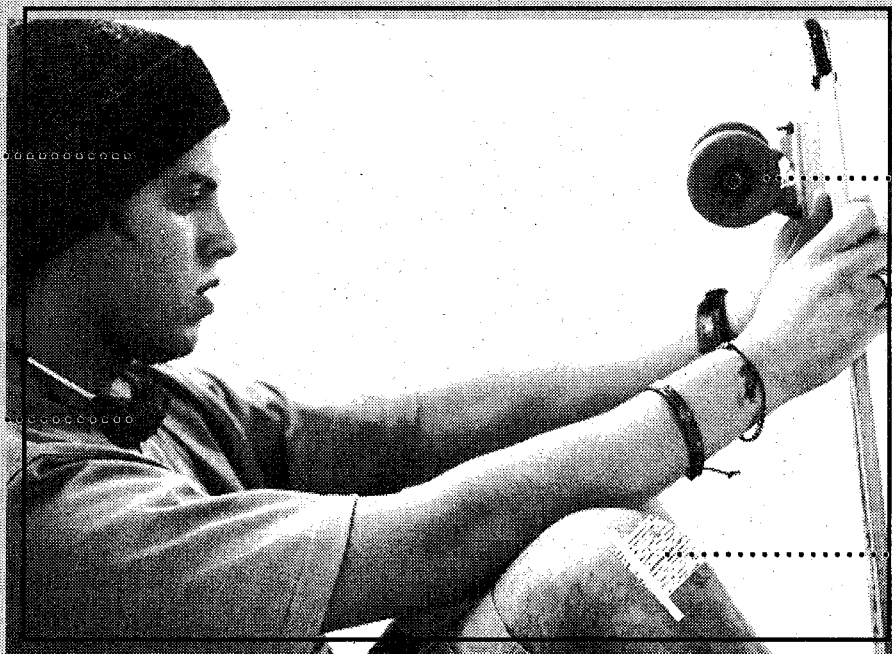
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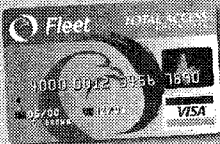
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Editorials

Cry For Help

USB Students Need A College Town

Amidst the constant whining and complaining that there is nothing to do on campus, you would think that by now Stony Brook administrators would have done something, if for no other reason than to shut us up. Our peers attending other SUNY schools in the upstate New York area can enjoy the quaintness of hippe-type towns with bars on every corner and shops a short distance away from campus where one can buy college oriented paraphernalia. But students at Stony Brook can walk to little more than the train station, just a few restaurants and the property of the suburban houses that are as much in our backyard as we are in theirs. Clearly we need some sort of college town and the village of Port Jefferson might be what we have been looking for all those weekends when we wondered where everyone went. The problem is how do we get there?

There are places to go to get the heck off campus. There is a Stony Brook bus that transports the carless masses of Stony Brook to

the Smithhaven Mall and the village of Stony Brook, which is definitely cute, but nothing compared to Port Jeff. It has a historical post office which is nice enough, but which does little to provide bored and stressed out students with a form of entertainment. The Stony Brook village is also geared to the tastes and bulging pocketbooks of the residents of up-scale Stony Brook town. Chances are the price tags of stores like Laura Ashley will not coincide with the funds of the average broke student.

But now Port Jeff is much better. It has ice cream shops, bars, a Starbucks (the staple of almost every college kid's diet), the pretty scenery of the harbor and on a clear night, the lights of Connecticut. But as of now there is no direct bus service that lets us get there. Michael Klein, director of Parking Services said that there is a schedule from Suffolk County Transit that brings a bus from the mall, through campus and finally to the village.

But both students and the

people down in Port Jeff, hungry for both the dollars of the University but also for the creation of a college town amongst their businesses, want more.

Michael Mart is the owner of Good Times bookstore. If there is any type of store that can benefit from the needs of a university it is his. Because of this, Mart is plain annoyed that there is not more of a connection between campus and his shop's village. In addition, as a former grad student here, Mart knows the bored agony that a weekend at Stony Brook can cause which is why he has been trying to create a bus service between the two. But as most of us who go here know, nothing involving Stony Brook comes easy. Mart said that his efforts to get this good idea to come to life have been going on for years.

Maybe the students at Stony Brook can expedite the fight by letting administrators know that this is a great idea. When the weekends come and you are bored to tears, cry out a little louder so they can hear you.

Commentary:

Through the Eyes of a Freshman

By MEGAN LANGILLE
Statesman Contributor

Anxious, nervous, apprehensive— feelings I'm sure every freshmen experienced coming to Stony Brook during this first week of classes. None of us

knew what to expect. We questioned whether we could juggle class work and an active social life. Or navigate complicated bus schedules on such a huge campus and how and where to get parking permits to get where we needed to go. We have been transported from all knowing seniors in high school to bewildered freshmen in college.

Orientation

attempted to show us a small slice of what Stony Brook has to offer. World class academics, an diverse array of clubs and other activities, Division 1 athletics and great research programs. Most of us did not question the

quality of the school we had decided to attend, but instead what challenges this year would hold for us.

How would we cope with living on our own, away from the security of home and the comfort of familiar faces. The start of our new independent lives come with more questions than answers. The freedom of not

having a curfew and no one to watch over us implies new responsibilities. Doing our laundry, choosing when and what to eat and when or whether to study. This affords us a great opportunity to learn and grow.

Although we approached college with much anxiety, we also felt excitement, hope and a determination to succeed. By embracing the new challenges we encounter and triumphing over obstacles we will surely find our niche in this large and teeming university.

Seawolves Take a Bite out of the Owls

Stony Brook's Clinton Graham lead a ground attack that totaled 229 yards and the SB defense forced five turnovers that resulted in a 26-0 shutout of Southern Connecticut in the season opener at Seawolves Field Saturday afternoon.

In the first half, it was the Seawolves defense that set up the first two scores of the game. Midway through the opening quarter, Stony Brook linebacker Alexis Ayala recovered a fumble by Darrin Davis at the Southern Connecticut 43-yard line. Four plays later, Brian Stanley rolled to his right and found a wideout Courtenay Mitchell in the back of the end zone for a 13-yard touchdown strike to give the Seawolves a 7-0 lead.

On the ensuing SC drive, Ayala intercepted a Kevin Dickinson pass at the Stony Brook 47-yard line. The Seawolves

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then put together a 12 play, 53-yard line drive that culminated with a Ralph Menendez one-yard touchdown plunge to stake SB to a 14-0 lead.

Graham, a freshman from Massachusetts, had an impressive debut against the Owls, totaling 110 yards on 13 carries, including a 59-yard run on his second carry from scrimmage in the quarter. Later in third quarter, Stony Brook took control of the game with a 12-play 80-yard drive that was highlighted by a 27-yard run by Graham to the SC 22-yard line. Two plays later, Graham took a handoff, spun off a defender and scampered 10 yards for his first touchdown as a college athlete.

The defense stymied SC all afternoon, forcing five turnovers and limiting the Owls to only one rushing first down for the entire game. SC finished with only 65 rushing yards on 23 carries. In the fourth quarter, the defense struck for a score of its own when freshman safety Christian Porter sealed the win when he intercepted a Dickinson pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown. The 26-0 final was the first shutout for SB since November 1995 when it blanked UMass-Lowell by the same score of 26-0. Stanley connected on a 16 of his 23 attempts for 188 yards and one touchdown. Dickinson threw for 274 yards on 28-52 passing but was intercepted three times. The Owls' Thomas Dyer hauled in 12 passes for 93 yards in a losing effort.

With the win, Stony Brook improves 1-0 on the year while the Owls fall to 0-1. The Seawolves are back in action next Saturday when the play host to Northeast Conference foe St. Johns. Kickoff is at 12:30.

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"It's boring here, but having fun because I've gone to a lot of parties."
Noah Rice, Freshman, Undeclared



"It was interesting. The first time I actually enjoyed going to classes that are not boring."
Kenny Cruz, Junior,
Psychology



"One class is boring because of the professor."
Denise Lam, Sophomore, Art History and Criticism (left)

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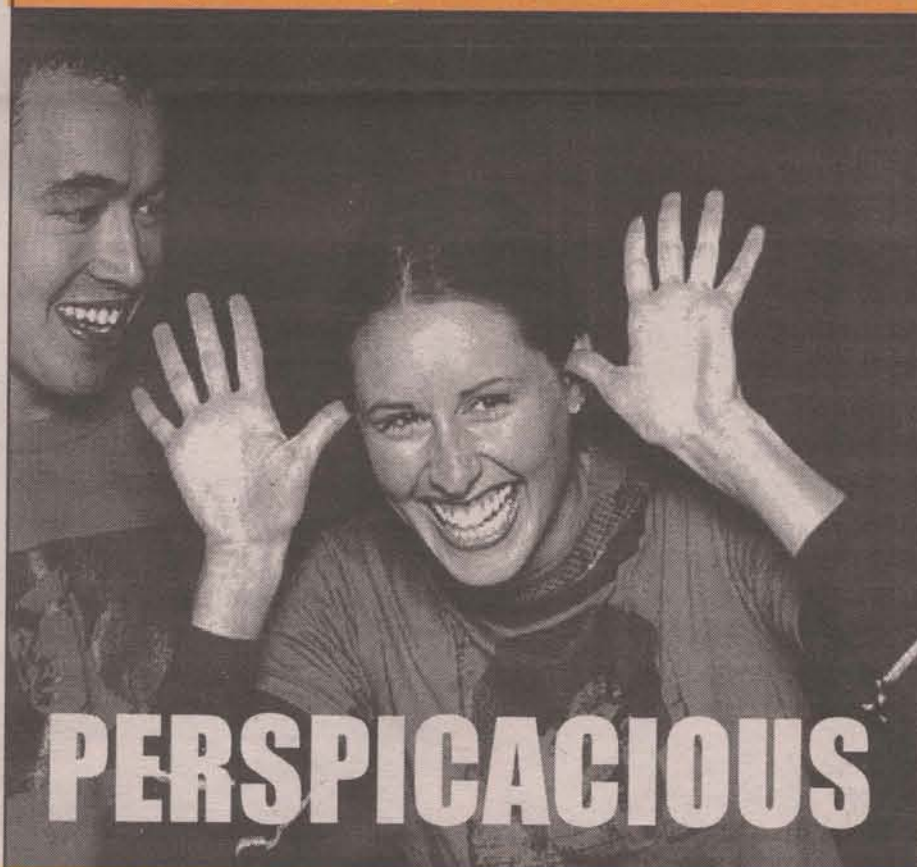
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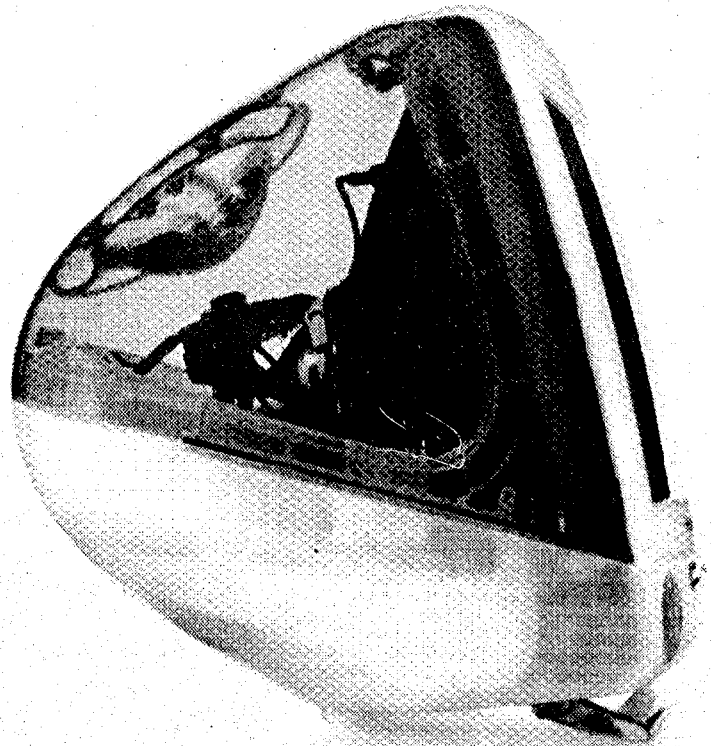
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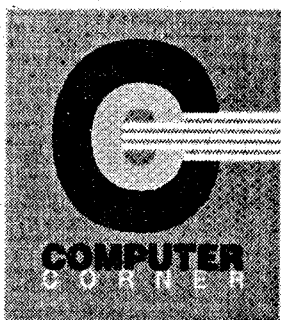
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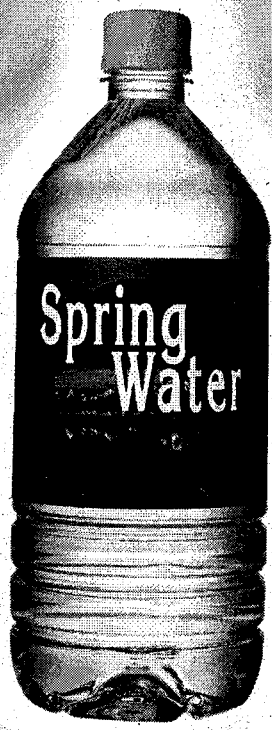


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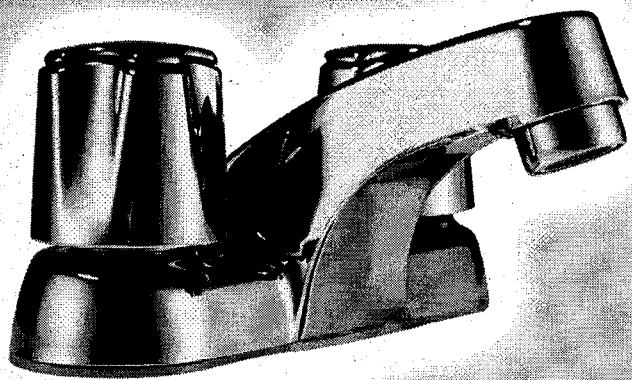
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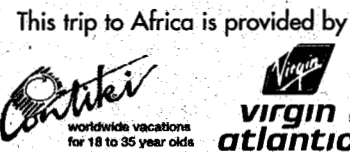
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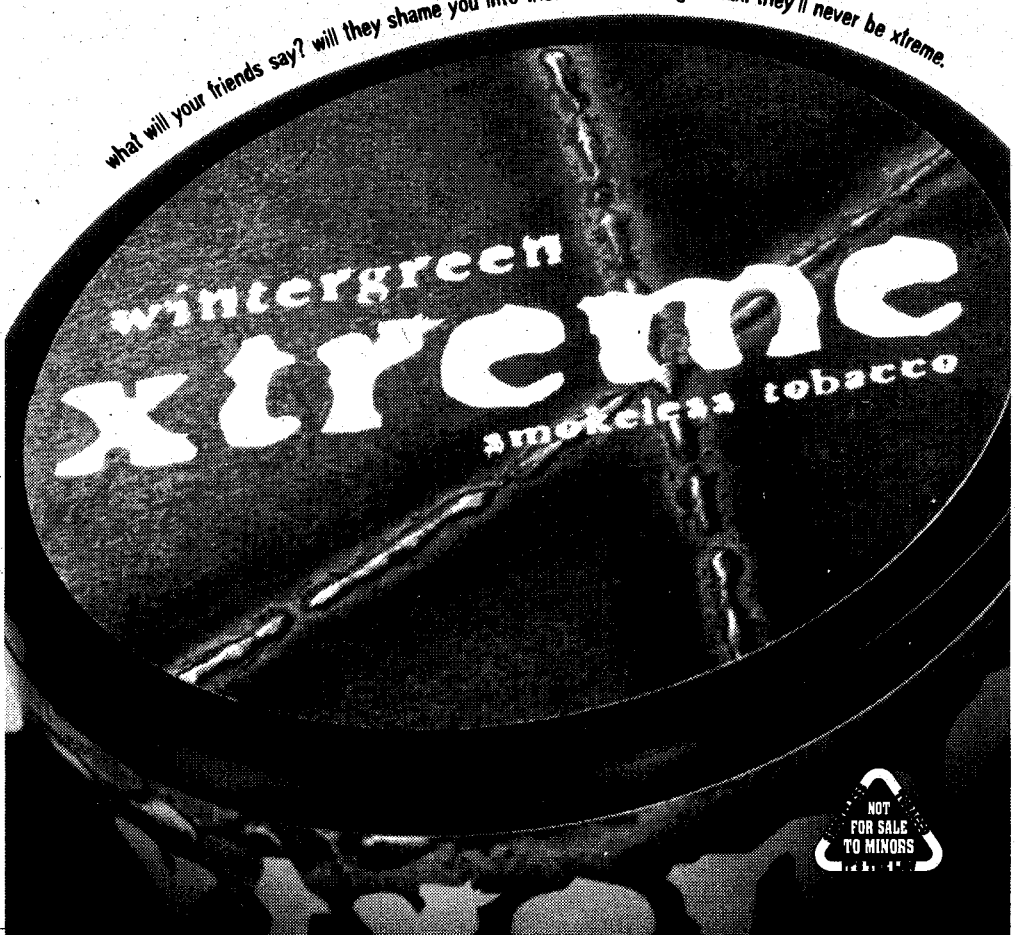
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No Place of Our Own

Port Jefferson Village is USB's "College Town"

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Statesman editor

Nestled in between two busy main roads and the scenic suburbs of the town of Stony Brook, the area surrounding the Stony Brook campus is conspicuously absent of the typical college town. While store fronts that appeal to the college aged crowd, such as 7-11, the Park Bench and Dunkin' Donuts, are just a quick walk across the train tracks, there are no sidewalks for strolling, cafes for studying and places to relax for the 19,000 students that are enrolled at USB.

But the village of Port Jeff is just a few miles down the road, a cute little downtown area where you can find a refreshing alternative to convenience store coffee and standing in parking lots. Although it is not within walking distance from campus, it is the closest thing to a college town.

According to Bill Monahan, president of the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, a number of faculty and staff members live in Port Jeff and USB students are welcome visitors to the village any time. "We try to encourage the student body to get in touch with us as a college town," Monahan said, noting that there are a lot of activities for them to take part in, such as shopping in the GAP and other specialty shops, taking tours on the paddlewheel boat, strolling on the dock and going to the many bars in the area.

Billie's 1890 Saloon is one of these bars and manager Kevin Cassidy said that Stony Brook students are great for business. "After the summer crowd leaves the students are just coming back," Cassidy said, "and every night there are at least a few people from Stony Brook here. A few students even work here."

While students, faculty and staff make up a significant portion of the village's visitors and residents, Michael Mart, owner of Good Times bookstore, is frustrated that there is not more of a



Statesman/Erin Rosenking

The Village of Port Jeff has coffee shops, specialty stores and the scenery of a typical college town.

connection between the University and the village. "You can't even buy a Stony Brook sweatshirt or mug here," Mart said. "It's absurd." Along with his wife Mary, Mart has ran the second hand store for 28 years since he attended USB as a graduate student. He noted that while his shop has served the interests of the University since it opened, if it were not for Stony Brook, the shop may not have lasted. "Clearly we have existed because of the University," he said. "There is fertile economic ground for business here."

Mart said that he thinks part of the reason Port Jeff has not become the official college town of Stony Brook stems from issues relating to transportation, a point that sophomore Teresa Amore agreed with. She said that

while she has been down to Port Jefferson, she usually stays close to campus when going out. "Why would you want to go to a bar where you would have to drive home," she asked.

But besides looking for places to drink, Amore said that Stony Brook is dead when it comes to social activities. "We definitely need more places to meet with people on campus and more activities for them to do."

Amore, who transferred from SUNY Oneonta, said that because Stony Brook needs to make more options available to students to socialize, working something out with Port Jeff is a good idea. She said that Oneonta does have a college town as well as the means for students to get there. "They have busses that leave campus every fifteen minutes that bring

students to the town and they are free."

The bus idea is something Mart has been hoping for years. He said that he would like to see a bus route created that would go from campus all the way up to Port Jeff Station making stops along the way. "We are getting close to making this happen," Mart said.

Monahan said that with a recent grant to create a trolley service in the Port Jeff area, it may soon become easier for University people to make it down to Port Jeff, however he said that more dialogue is necessary to make the connection between the town and the campus a reality. "It's a marriage that has just not come to fruition," he said. "But if students are looking for a place to go, we would love to have them."