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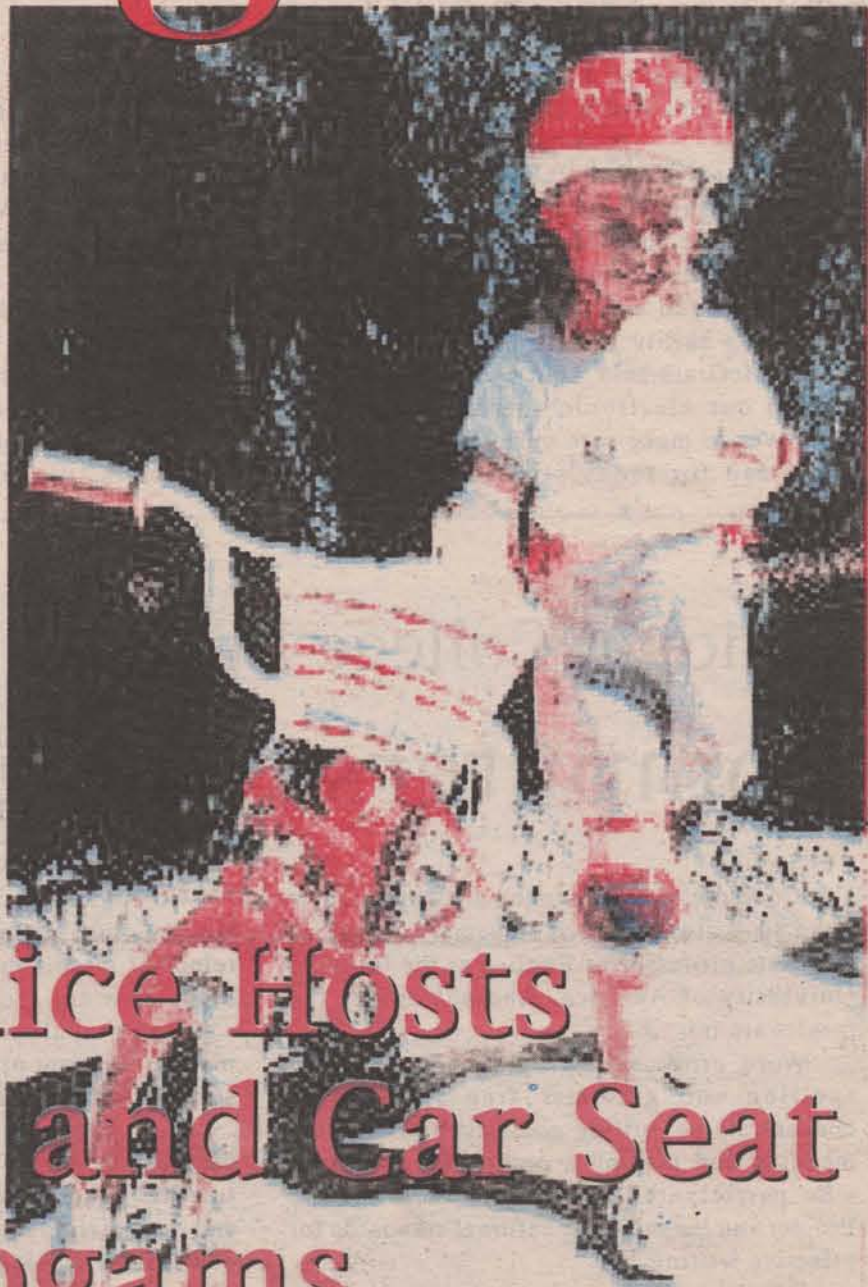
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Libraries Get New Dean and Director

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Later this month, Stony Brook will welcome Christian Filstrup to the position of dean and director of the west campus' libraries. Filstrup, who has held a position at the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. is a library management veteran and is currently the associate director for collection management, organization and preservation for the libraries at North Carolina State University.

As dean and director, Filstrup will hold responsibility for the operations and administration of not just the Melville library but all the branch libraries including chemistry, computer science, the Atmospheric Sciences Information Center and the mathematics, physics and astronomy library. The Melville branch alone houses collections on the fine arts, humanities, music and biology. It also hosts the Special Collections department which boasts of historical documents from Senator Jacob Javits, one of the nation's leading archives of twentieth century congressional documents.

Like North Carolina State, USB is a member of the American Research Libraries as well as the Association of Research Libraries and the Research Libraries Group. It also has an annual budget of \$11 million, a collection of two million and a staff of close to two hundred.

USB provost Robert McGrath, who also recently assumed his position on campus, announced the appointment in July, saying he was happy to have Filstrup at Stony Brook. "We are pleased and excited to have a person of Christian's ability joining our administrative team," McGrath said. "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



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Filstrup will be responsible for the Melville Library and all branches on the west campus.

world."

David Weiner of the Melville Library's technical services department was hopeful that Filstrup would represent the interest of the library users in meeting and exceeding their research needs. "We hope he has the vision, goals and finances to improve the quality of the library and its services," he said.

Back at North Carolina, Filstrup, who received a Master's in Library Sciences from Columbia University was involved in the management and development of that university's collection in addition to acquiring materials, digitizing the collection and

developing electronic resources. In spite of the hopes of McGrath and Weiner, Filstrup said that he wants to spend a few weeks on campus and listen to the concerns of librarians and staff before he makes definitive plans for his first year. However, he did mention how helpful faculty and staff have been in assisting him with his move to New York. McGrath said that it is this faculty and staff that will be able to benefit from Filstrup's appointment. "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 as well."

National College News:

Computers Changing Student Writing

Computers have changed the way students learn to write, observed Rosemary Winslow, associate professor of English at the Catholic University of America. And she thinks the results are mixed.

Word processing programs that correct spelling and grammar free students to concentrate on writing goals such as creating meaning and making a point, said Winslow, who participated in the National Writing Project and helped draft national standards for effective writing.

On the other hand, students who use computers for e-mail get in the habit of using an informal and familiar style too often, she said. They have difficulty shifting to an academic style in school.

Computers make students more fluid in writing, but at the same time make them reluctant to edit their writing, Winslow said. She's also noticed that these students have weaker vocabularies, perhaps a result of too much time spent playing computer games and surfing the Web instead of reading.

And computers make it so easy to plagiarize. "With such easy access to the Internet, students can download information and copy it right into a paper." Sometimes they download a whole paper and submit the work as their own.

"Students need to understand how easy it is to be caught plagiarizing," she said.

Winslow, who has taught writing to junior high school and college students for over 30

years, said certain types of writing should still be pursued manually.

"Writing things out in longhand accesses a different part of the brain, encourages flexibility and spontaneity, and can help students with creative writing assignments, such as writing poetry."

Even in a high-tech world, basic approaches still work well, she said. Writing often in many different disciplines and different styles helps students learn to write. And the best writers, she added, are those who read frequently.

"It's difficult to learn writing. You can't just follow a set of instructions. It's a skill you build on a little at a time, with frequent practice and encouragement." AP

Safety Program Targets Children

University Police to Offer Free Helmets, Car Seat Inspections, Bike Engraving

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

When nurse practitioner Susan Katz began working in the pediatrics unit of University Hospital in 1992, she said it exposed her to the many motor vehicle-related injuries and deaths of children.

"Seven children die every day due to motor-vehicle accidents," Katz said. She also cited that the total annual cost of motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries among children ages 14 and under is more than \$25.5 billion.

Katz decided that she wanted to do something to help. She joined Safe Kids, a national non-profit organization that seeks to prevent children from unintentional injuries, such as motor vehicle accidents. And to continue carrying that mission out, the Suffolk County Safe Kids Coalition and the University Police will hold a bicycle and car safety program at the Chapin Apartment Complex this Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Chapin Apartments, the only on-campus facility to house student families, is the prime location for the program. With 90 to 100 children residing in the complex, child safety is always an issue. However, community members, faculty and staff are invited to make an appointment with the University Police to attend.

The free program, the second one held this summer, will include child car seat safety inspections, bike engraving, bike safety tips and free helmets.

The event is the latest step in the University Police's efforts to expand its community policing program. The police will lend needy families child safety seats and three police officers certified to inspect child safety seats will be taking appointments to make sure that parents have the correct type of seat for their cars and the right types of seats for the particular child.

"You think, 'Yeah, it's a safety seat,' but many people don't know how to install them on their



Statesman/Erin Rosenking

The safety program will take place in the Chapin Apartments.

bikes or cars safely," said Doug Little, deputy chief of University Police.

Katz, who certified the police officers and was the first instructor in New York to teach the program, estimates that 95 to 98 percent of all child car seats are installed incorrectly. "So two in a 100 might get it right," she said.

Parents in Stony Brook and all over Long Island are requesting more and more car seat inspections, Katz said. "It's not uncommon for them to wait two hours on a line with their children in cars just for the inspection."

Aside from the car seat inspections, the program will also focus on bicycle safety. Last year there were 112 motor vehicle-related accidents on campus and this year the number has already shot up to 122, according to Little. "That is one reason why it's important for us to have officers on the roads and have programs like this," he said. "We have to do more."

One of these things is helmet distribution. The University Police plans to give out about 25 free helmets to children on Wednesday. New York State law requires all children 14 and under to wear helmets when riding bicycles.

The police also plan

to do Operation ID, where officers will engrave serial numbers into bikes. Those numbers get put into a database, which will track the property. "It is an opportunity for people to have their stolen property recovered," Little said.

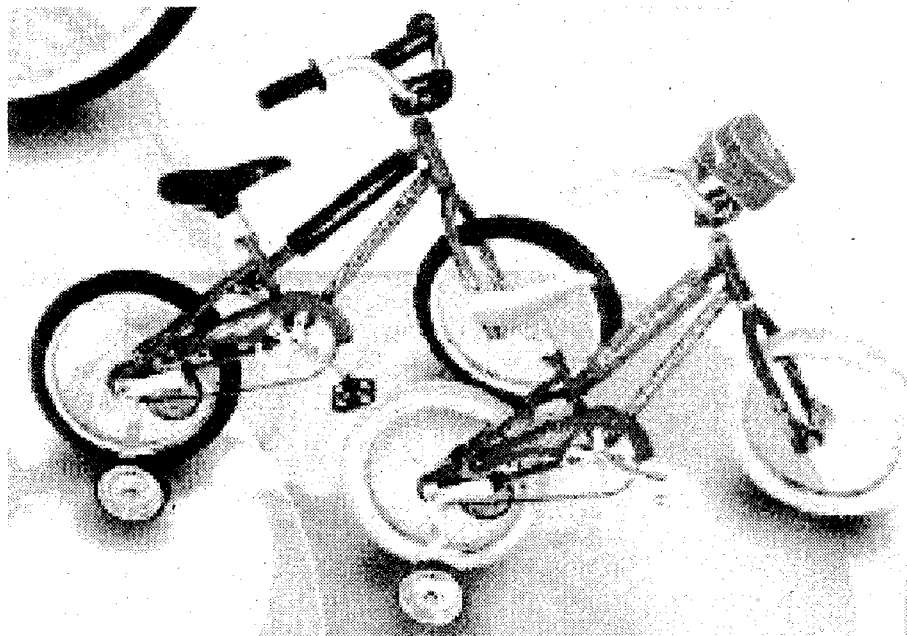
According to the University Police, last year 17 bikes were stolen. This month seven were stolen.

According to Yvette Hubbard, assistant director of University Housing, about 40 people are expected to show up for the program, 25 attended the program in June. Hubbard said that she feels the program has been successful. "We used to see kids riding around with no helmets about three years ago. Now it's rare to see anyone without one."

Hubbard also mentioned that because parents at the University are so busy, such programs are the only opportunities for parents to get access to proper safety information.

USB junior and parent Jennifer Greenfield brought her children, ages seven and nine, to the safety program held in June and plans to bring them to the one on Wednesday as well. Greenfield, 30, said that at different ages children learn different levels of information, which makes it important to attend such programs continually. "My daughter won't listen about crossing streets because she's not allowed to cross streets, but my son is allowed to cross streets. So that information will pertain to him."

Greenfield, who lived in the Chapin Apartments last semester, also thought the program was a good idea because of the unsafe driving near the Chapin Apartments. But most of all, she said that programs like these are important because kids need reinforcement of the proper safety procedures. "If they don't practice them they won't remember them."



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As part of the program, bike engraving will be done on children's bicycles.

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End of Summer

Where did the time go? The month of May seems like it was just yesterday when everyone was cramming for finals and bidding their friends and roommates a farewell until the fall. The end of the spring semester is an exciting time. Everyone is making plans for the summer, whether big or small. Who is graduating, who is going away on vacation, who is starting a new job, or better yet, who is just going to sleep late and go to the beach?

Now here it is, it's already August and to all of you procrastinators who have yet to make the most of the warm summer months, you better quit delaying and get t- moving. School starts in less than four weeks.

You always can tell when school is drawing near. The nights are not as steamy as the were in the beginning of the summer and you might need a jacket when you go outside. You might feel a need to make a mad effort at doing all the things you didn't do yet. You'll be so busy every day cramming in all the

day trips, visits to friends and other assorted projects and plans you had planned for June and July that you're going to be exhausted. But at the end of the day, you just might find yourself feeling a little bored. Being in school for the better part of your life makes you grow accustomed to having something to do at all times. Doesn't it feel strange to have no papers to write and no

"Doesn't it feel strange to have no papers to write and no tests to study for?"

tests to study for? You get so used to a non-stop, up-all-night pace that you almost feel lost when you don't have it.

As fun and relaxing the summer is for most of us, and no matter how we might dread the schedules, rigidity and piles of work that come with the fall, most

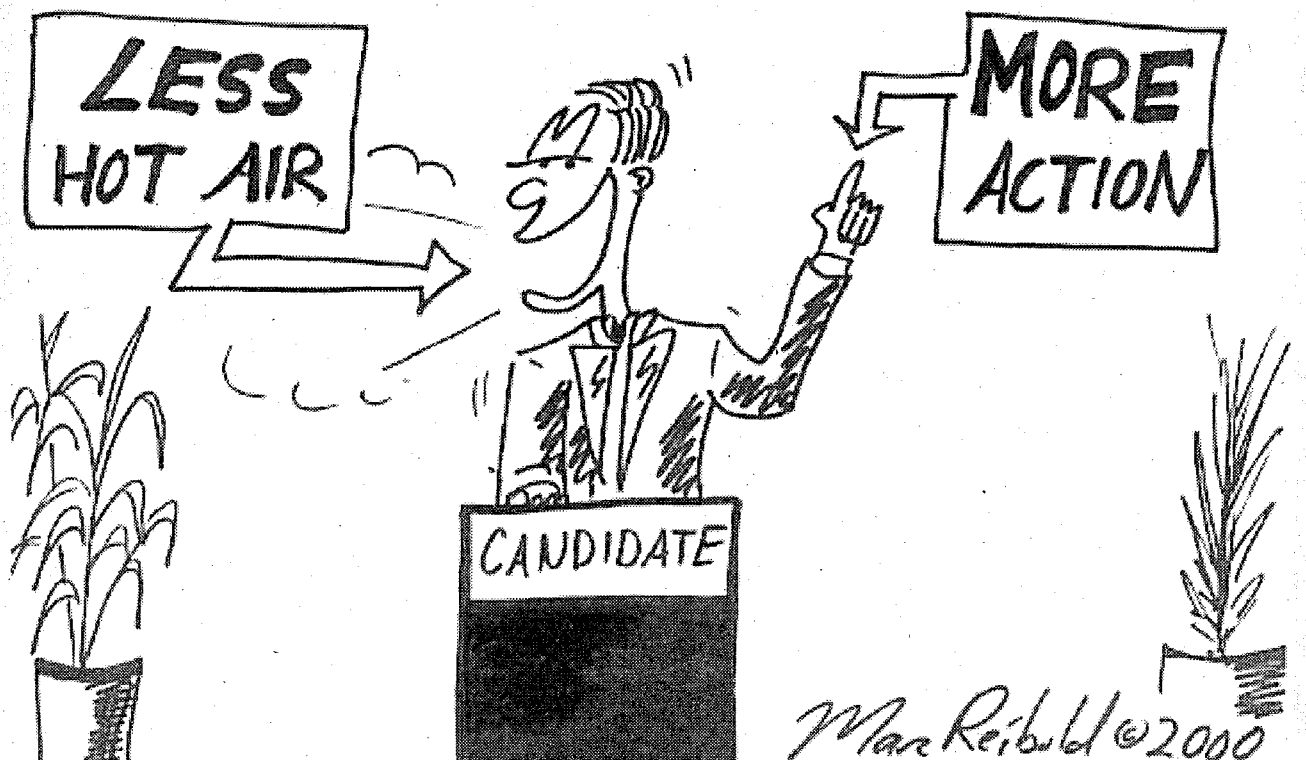
would have to admit that by the time the middle of August comes around, we actually look forward to it.

Come on, admit it. Isn't it sort of refreshing to start in September? It's like a clean slate, a chance to start over either by making new friends or getting better grades. In a lot of ways, September is like the New Year's of the college world. We all start off with resolutions for the semester ahead. To work harder, get the GPA up and generally just to make the most of another year at school.

At Stony Brook, we have even more reason to look forward to the Fall. We have a spruced up campus with, be it for better or worse, a fountain that does look pretty. New dorms are going up that will do away with room waiting lists and tripled up rooms. There will even be a new SINC site in the Union, a feature that is sure to make life at least a bit easier for students.

So enjoy these next few weeks because you know they are going to pass as fast as the rest of the summer did. Until then, we will see you in September.

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Courtesy of National Environmental Wire for Students

Rain Floods Union

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

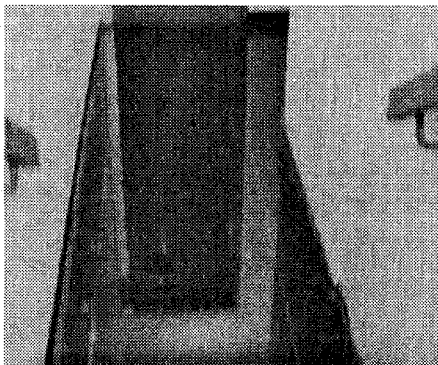
The students, faculty and staff that found themselves stuck in the Student Union during last Monday's wet weather did not need to look outside to see how hard it was raining. They just needed to look in the hallway.

Little rivers, bubbling geysers and messy puddles formed in various hallways, offices and closets of the building as a clogged drain caused rainwater to back up with no where else to go but in to the second floor entrance of the Union. According to Manuel Cortes, Union building manager, this is not something people in the Union need to fear each time the skies threaten rain. He said that the mess appeared simply because so much torrential rain fell in so short a time, not allowing the water to drain properly against the blocked drain. According to *Newsday*, some four inches of rain fell within two hours.

"The water entered in from the entrance by the FSA offices," Cortes said. "It followed the elevator shaft down to the first floor and the basement." Outside the elevator in between the Fireside Lounge and Papa Joe's, water dripped rapidly from a leaky ceiling that quickly accumulated to approximately an inch of water on the floor. The water found its way to the stairwell leading to the Union basement directly below, accumulating more water.

But it wasn't dry elsewhere. Sounds of running water could be heard coming from an electrical closet at the entrance of the media wing, next to the room where the SINC site will be and soon after, water was seen seeping from underneath the door, eventually reaching the doorway of the office across the hall. Although water leaked near the future SINC, Cortes assured that no damage had been done to the new room. "As part of the renovations, the SINC site area has already been checked for potential leaks and problems," he said. "All of the renovated areas have been checked as a preventive measure," he said.

If water was not leaking from above, in some spots it was gushing from below. A mini geyser spouted out of the ground in the photo room of the *Statesman* office, causing a flood that was restricted to the floor thanks to a table that was above the stream. One maintenance worker blamed the spouting on a floor hole cover that had holes in it. No damage



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The Fireside Lounge, top, and the door leading to the basement were both flooded last Monday.

was done.

Cortes said that maintenance and custodial staff were quick to respond to the problem, cleaning up the water with vacuums in a matter of a few hours in addition to unclogging the blocked drain.

If the monsoon-like rain caused puddles inside it created virtual ponds outside. Forest Drive was flooded above the curb, causing the motorists stuck in the rain to drive in the middle of the road out of fear of getting stuck. The situation was no better in between Benedict and the sump as water reached the bottom of some cars. By the time staff had the mess cleaned inside, the water had subsided as well along University roadways.

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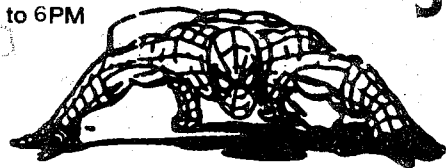
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Tell Me About It

Advice for the College-Aged Crowd

By Carolyn Hax

Hi Carolyn!

I have my 10-year high school reunion coming up. While in high school, I was dating the sweetest guy ever but, unfortunately, our lives went in very different directions. We broke up due to distance, or at least that is what I believe. I can truly say this person was my first love. I have since been married to the man of my dreams, who is everything I could want and more. So why am I as nervous as a girl on prom night about seeing my old flame?

—B.

I'd be nervous if you weren't nervous. A fondly remembered old flame can make you question the wisdom of marrying the man you did; question how well you've aged; question the validity of your misty watercolor memories; question your taste in men; question your long-assumed irreplaceability when he shows up engaged to a bra-model-slash-brain-surgeon; and question whether merely wishing you could sneak off to a broom closet Just This Once for 15 minutes makes you an immoral pig. That's a lot of fundamental-selfness to question, and that's far scarier than any old prom.

Feel better?

My guess is your nerves will hold up just fine, since everyone's usually do in the

end. Especially when their tormenter shows up wider, duller and plaid.

Carolyn:

How do I slap some sense into someone? *Sitch: Ex-GF (we still talk) is in debt and unemployed, pining for an apartment in Manhattan but can't get the job to pay for it.*

She thinks her problem is that she's been underpaid and taken

advantage of. I think her problem is she shops at Neiman's too much. I want to try to give her more than sympathy—i.e., useful advice—but she just is not getting it. Leave it alone, or is there something I can do to get her to ditch her princess illusions?

—East Nowhere

Take off the kid gloves, and slap her with them. Anyone who's unemployed and still shops at Neiman's strikes me as a total loss, but even if there is some character to salvage, it's too big a job for sympathetic advice. It's time for the Truth, sans the buttery-soft buffer. Tell her there's an embargo on whining until she stops shopping and gets a job.

Carolyn:

Several friends from college and I have remained close through the years. We gather at least once a year for a reunion, showers, weddings and other special events. Over the last few gatherings, one of my friends, X, has been very cold to me. We did have what I thought was a minor disagreement/miscommunication about two years ago, but I certainly thought we resolved it. A year ago a different friend mentioned that X "didn't like" me. We had been rather close while in college. The fact that the friendship has faded bothers me, naturally, but I know these things happen.

The almost aggressive coldness I feel from her, though, is just plain rude, and it actually kept me away from the last reunion. (I'm over that now—I value spending time with my other girlfriends too much.)

My conundrum is this: I am getting married next spring and inviting all "the girls." However, I don't really want X there. (I don't want any ugliness, imagined, real or potential.) This issue is not common knowledge to the group, but my not inviting X would not go unnoticed and might hurt our group dynamic. Any thoughts?

—S.

Just that singling one friend out from

an established pack will give you an entire buffet of ugliness—imagined, real, flambe and on a stick.

No one wants to see an unfriendly face in the congregation, but one bad face is far easier to ignore than a pervasive, unfriendly vibe. It seems to me you made the exact same calculation yourself when you weighed the joys of the group against the tyranny of the jerk. You chose the group then; are the stakes any different now?

The one thing you have is inviting power, and you can use it to broker a cease-fire. Call the problem child. Tell her you know she doesn't like you much but, being an adult and all, you can handle it—except that her frostiness has gotten so egregious that you question her place at your

wedding. If she has a lingering grievance, she should either air it or let go of it enough to be civil. She owes you that much in light of your long history and, more important, she owes it to all the friends you still share.

The "let it fester" approach just gives otherwise festive gatherings an unwelcome, unpleasant smell. You say the rest of the group hasn't noticed it, but I find that extremely hard to believe. Frankly, I'm surprised you haven't tried to open a window sooner.

USB Science Students Mentor Young Women

By FERRON FRENCH
Statesman Contributor

In an effort to encourage young Long Island women to pursue their college studies in science-related fields, a nationally recognized science mentoring program is currently underway at Stony Brook.

Women to Women is a mentoring program which teamed up middle school aged girls from Brentwood and Riverhead with graduate and undergraduate students who supervised the girls during a two-week workshop held last month.

The project was initiated by Edith Steinfeld, the special project consultant to the department of technology and science at USB, and Lois Rowan, associate director of the women in science and engineering program, known as WISE. Steinfeld called the low numbers of women in science fields "staggering." "It never occurs to women that they have the option to pursue many different fields within science," she said.

Participating in activities with titles such as DNA Detectives, Designing a BMW and Breeding Betas to Bytes, allowed the participants to gain more than just knowledge according to Tanya Smith, a college mentor. She called the work shop an enjoyable experience for both the mentors and their subjects. "I think I learned more from the [girls] than they learned from me," Smith said. But she was sure of what she wanted the participants to come away with. "I hope the exposure

that I was able to provide will help broaden their perspectives about possible career choices," she said.

Although the workshop ended July 21, the students will continue to meet with their mentors on a monthly basis during an 18-month program made possible through the support of a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in conjunction with the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Women to Women is a guaranteed yearly effort as long as the funding continues. Along with other costs, the money is used to provide a stipend to the mentors for their 18 months.

The student mentees do not receive scholarships for participation in the program but there are rewards for them as well. If they choose to pursue science in college, they can receive up to 12 college credits which could save them up to one semester of college tuition. In addition to saving money, the girls get an

academic edge over other students. "This program puts them a little above their peers," Rowan said.

Carly Hein, a Stony Brook senior and fourth-year member of WISE said that the mentoring program is very important for young women interested in science. "It gives them an idea of what really goes into being a scientist and it gives them a realistic goal to work for in the future," she said. "It allows them to see that they have more options in the sciences as well as good role models in college who are already in pursuit of careers in the science world."

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— USB senior Carly Hein

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There Goes The Neighborhood

WWF Restaurant in New York Is Laying the 'Smackdown'

By NICK IYER
Statesman Contributor

In a city full of trendy and pretentious restaurants and bars, it is a pleasant change of pace to see a place in the heart of Manhattan where a guy can be a guy and openly enjoy wrestling without having to worry about whether or not it is cool. WWF New York, a new complex situated in the heart of Times Square, is just that kind of place.

The complex, which is located at 1501 Broadway, is a wrestling fan's Mecca. It has everything for the devoted fans of the World Wrestling Federation including a store for souvenirs, an arcade with more than ten wrestling games and a restaurant, all of which provide a laid back environment conducive to having a good time spending money, relaxing and watching some good old

fashioned wrestling with people who love the game as much as you.

Souvenirs range from tee shirts to beer mugs to videos and are all conveniently displayed in the shop located on the first level of the complex. Although merchandise is somewhat overpriced, the selection that WWF New York offers is second to none.

Downstairs from the gift shop, there is the arcade, which has the latest in video games and other amusements. These games are accessible to fans of all ages. The only drawback is that their popularity usually means waiting on line to play.

After getting in a few rounds of your own in the arcade, the hungry wrestling fan can make their way to the restaurant, which is probably one of the most appealing aspects



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The atmosphere at the restaurant often revolves around WWF figures, such as Tori.

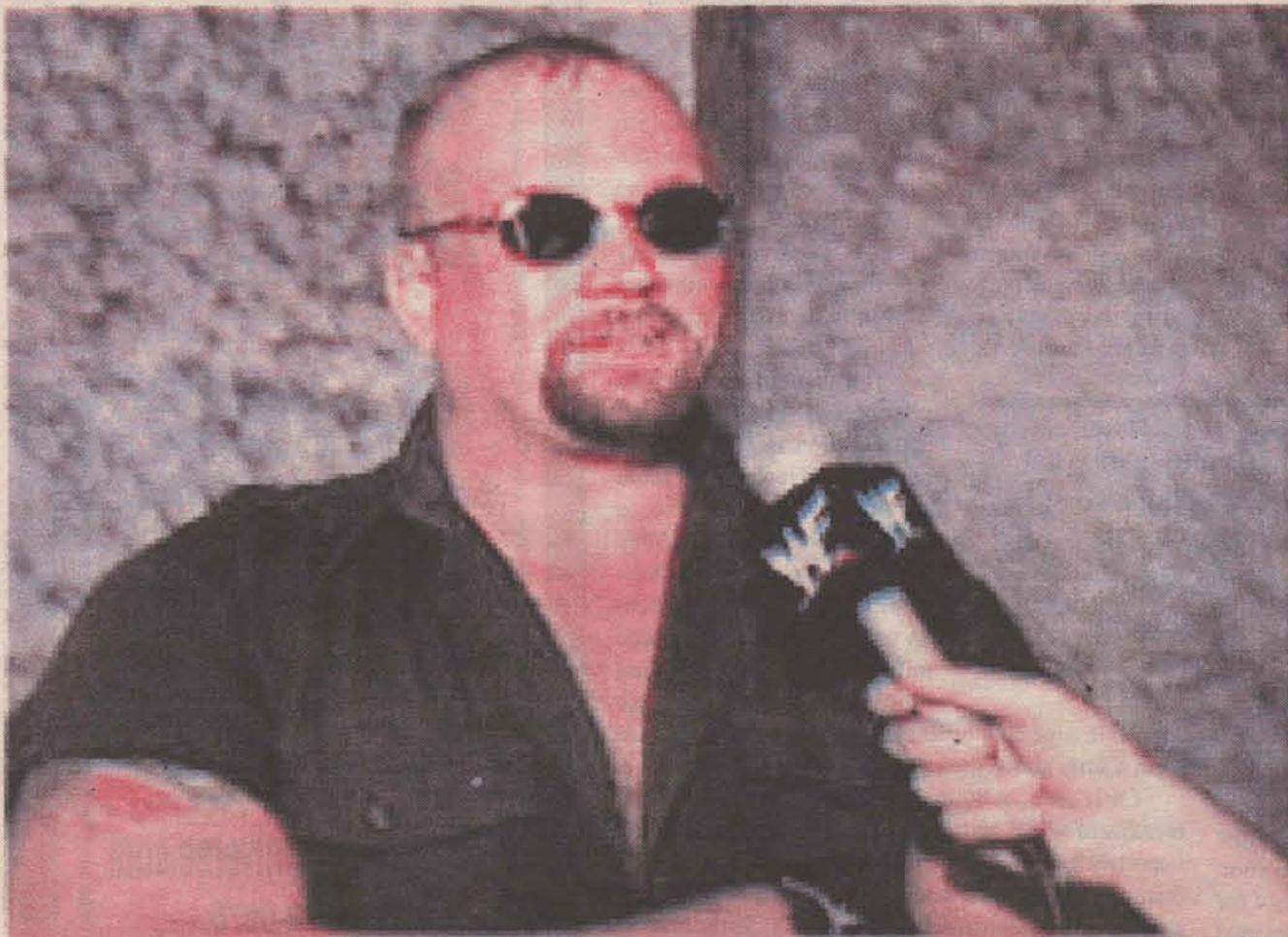
of the complex. Customers are given a choice of sitting by the bar, at individual tables or inside an area set up inside a steel cage, similar to the ones occasionally seen in the ring. Monday and Thursday nights are special for

WWF New York as different wrestlers often make an appearance to chat and sign autographs with fans. This is also the night complex diners can watch televised wrestling events such as Monday Night Raw, a popular weekly wrestling show, on the various screens set up around the restaurant, including one that is the size of a movie theater screen. On August 7, the complex is putting those screens to good use by offering an alternative for fans who were unable to get tickets to Madison Square Garden to see Raw is War, a much anticipated wrestling show. The mood of the restaurant is upbeat with attentive waiters and waitresses that are always ready to serve and to do it with a smile.

Similar to other theme restaurants in the city, WWF New York offers food and beverages that go with the wrestling motif. The Smackdown, which fans know as one of the moves that can be found in the ring, can be found at the restaurant's bar.

In comparison to other New York restaurants, prices are somewhat reasonable. Food can range in price from as little as \$8 to as much as \$20 but they have all the grub a wrestling fan desires including buffalo wings, baby back ribs and hamburgers. They even serve some vegetarian dishes for the gentler wrestling fan. Drinks can go as high as \$15 but with the purchase of a \$14 cocktail, WWF New York treats you to a complimentary 22 ounce glass.

Not everybody loves the body slams, pile drivers and clotheslines of the wrestling world but there is something for everyone at WWF New York, even the non-wrestling lover.



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"The Bossman" gives an interview at the restaurant, which is located in New York City.