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Inna Vuokari and Sarah Hummel, on the bottom bunk, and Linda Krales, top, are among those forced to share a double room with two other students.

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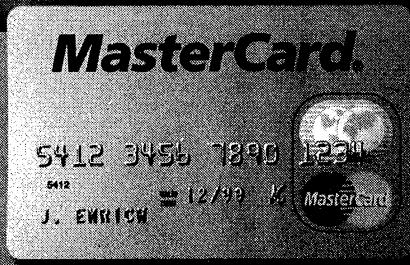
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No Warning For Those Tripled Up

Now all those tripled up have to do is to decide which one will have to move out.

BY JENNIFER KESTER AND
PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editors

For the first time in ten years, freshman and transfer students were forced to triple up in double rooms to placate another housing crunch. No students we spoke to were aware that they would be sharing their room with two other people coming to campus.

"They didn't send me any information about living in a triple before moving in," freshman Sarah Hummel, who currently lives in Ammann College in the Mendelsohn Quad, said. "It was really uncomfortable because we're stuck in one room with double of everything and three people," she said.

According to Daryl Lynn Bachmann, the director of administrative services for the division of campus services, about 58 students were put into the converted lounges and 109 students were put into triple rooms. "Anyone who applied got housing if they went through room selection and made the deadline, they were the first priority," said Bachmann. The next group that was accommodated to was the freshman and transfer students who applied before June 30. The rooms left over were then offered to commuters and those who never lived at school before.

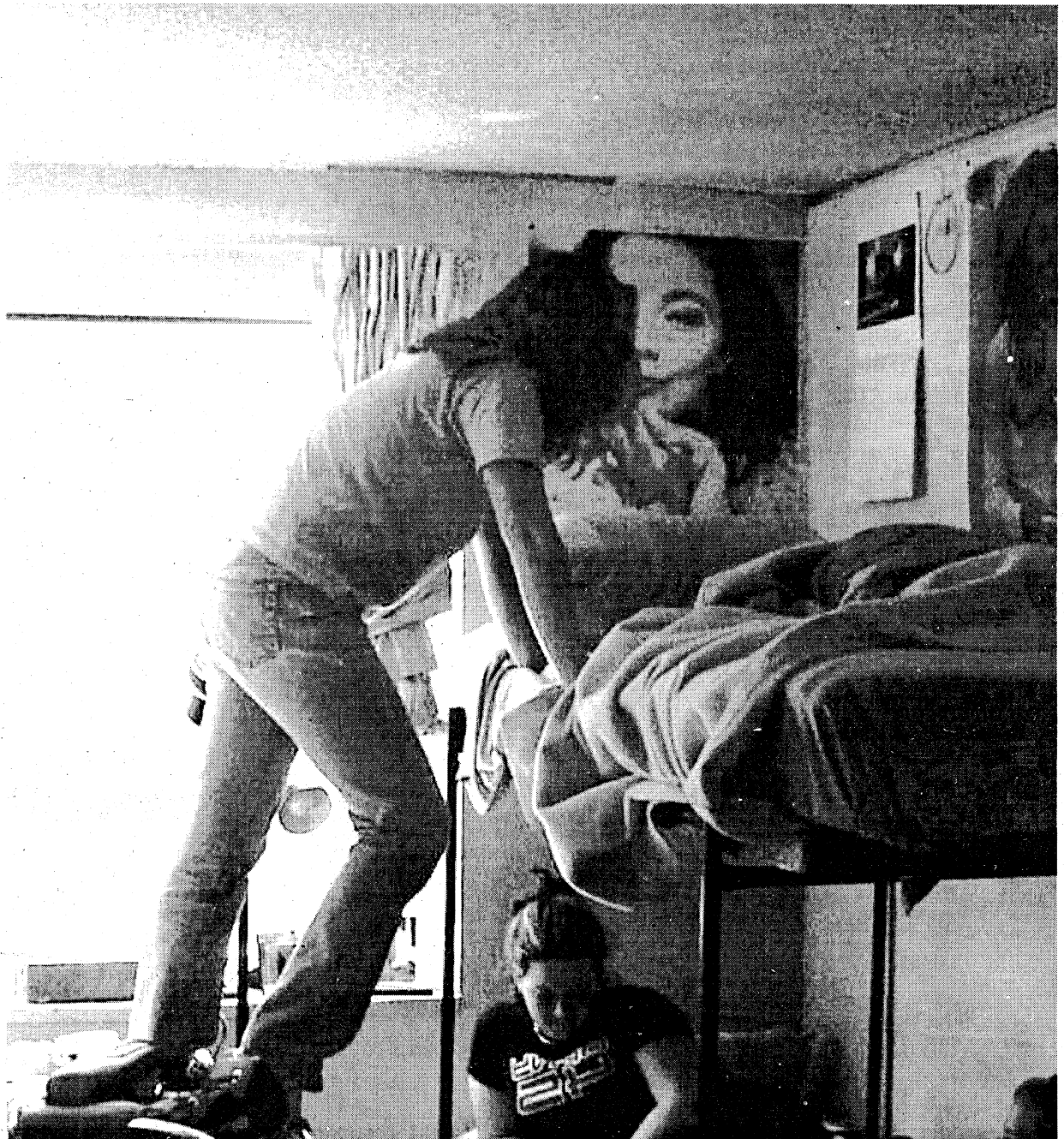
Last year, instead of tripling rooms, administration put the excess residents into a residence hall that were scheduled to be renovated. To try and fight this problem early on for the current semester, a committee of administrators and students was formed to resolve housing problems. Among the members of this group, which is still meeting this semester, were Director of Admissions GiGi Lamens, SPA Associate Vice President Dan Melluci and the Off Campus Housing Director Godfrey Palaia.

The alternatives that the committee had to work with were to either put students on waiting lists, in triples or in lounge areas. They decided against waiting lists because those lists would exclude a number of the students. Any students placed in triple rooms could be moved to rooms that are traditionally vacated by students that decide to leave after the first few weeks of the semester.

Tripled roommates were invited to attend a meeting last Wednesday to find out that new room assignments would be posted on Friday.

The task force is also exploring options such as building more rooms on campus, either in the form of modular housing or a new residence hall. "If the University wants to expand at the rate they are now, they need to look into more housing," Palaia.

Another avenue available for the committee is to increase the amount of off campus housing



Statesman/Peter Gratton

Linda Kraics, a transfer student, shows how she has to climb onto the top bunk without ladders that have not been handed out to residents yet.

that is available to students. However, the advertising campaign designed to target Stony Brook and surrounding communities did not turn up as many new listings as first hoped.

"The community is not receptive to the University and hasn't been for quite a while," said Palaia.

"We're stuck in one room with double of everything and three people."

The University is trying to alleviate the housing problems. Currently, renovations are being completed in Sanger, Toscanini which are both located in Tabler Quad and next January two more residence halls will be renovated until they are all completed. They are also crediting \$100 to the accounts of those students that were tripled for the first week of school.

"I am also getting reimbursed \$100 because I live in an unrenovated dorm. This is the least

they could do, I am living in a triple and I feel like I don't have any space to myself. I am on the top bunk and I don't even have a ladder for it, which is a fire hazard. I have to climb onto my roommate's desk and jump into my bed," complained transfer student Linda Kraics on her current living arrangements.

For now, the tripled up residents are faced with the most uncomfortable of choices with roommates that they just met this past week, figuring out which one will have to leave when new housing is found. "Nobody wants to come over because it is really uncomfortable and crowded," Inna Vinokuroe, Hummel's roommate said. Hummel agreed, "At first it was really bad, we hated it...now we have to choose which one of us will have to move out."

Gina Fiore, Statesman Editor, contributed to this story.

University Chooses New Meal Plan Provider, see Summer in Review and Update on page 12.

News Briefs

Compiled by Raya Eid

University Hospital Opens New Resource Center

The new University Hospital Resource Center located in the Stony Brook Village Center Inner Court opened on Tuesday September 1. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

The Resource Center is designed to provide information about the services of University Hospital at Stony Brook and to assist people with physician referrals and health information.

In addition to brochures and other printed information, the Center is equipped with a computer link to the hospital where visitors will be able to make physician appointments there.

For more information, call the University Hospital Community Resource Center at 246-6400.

Open House Offers Employment For Nurses

Registered Nurses with at least one year of experience are invited to attend an Employment Opportunity Open House sponsored by the Department of Nursing at the University Hospital at Stony Brook. The open house will take place September 14, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the

Galleria of the Health Sciences Center.

"Work at the University Hospital really offers an extraordinary environment for nursing professionals. Here, the newest technology coexists with old-fashioned caring for both patients and staff. The challenge can be rewarding for the right person," said Dr. Lenora McClean, the hospital's Director of Nursing.

These nursing opportunities are available in each University Hospital area including heart care, mental health, cancer care, women and children and surgical nursing.

BNL To Hold Environmental Fair

On Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory will hold an Environmental Fair on the Laboratory Campus. The event will be free, and open to the public.

Visitors will be able to explore the lab site by taking guided tours and nature walks. In addition, Scientists will be on hand to show environmental technologies developed at Brookhaven, and family-fun activities will be offered.

Tours will focus on the technologies that the Lab uses for cleaning up pollution and the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider which is the Lab's new accelerator, currently under construction. The nature walks through the pine barrens and along the Peconic River will offer an opportunity to learn about the local environment.

A display of more than a dozen environmental technologies developed at Brookhaven Lab will include a sensor that had been used to identify a

chemical at a safe distance in a New York City anti-terrorist drill and a technique developed by the Lab with W.R. Grace & Company that makes asbestos environmentally benign without diminishing its fireproofing properties.

Among the several activities offered will be a hydroponics workshop and a discussion on gardening, a recycling race and a kite fly.

For more information call (516) 344-2345.

Students Assaulted On Campus

On Sunday August 30 at approximately 1:19 a.m. two Stony Brook students walking to their car were allegedly assaulted by 10 white males in the G-H parking lot. The incident was reported by the victims to University Police at 2:45 a.m. and they were transported to the University hospital by SBVAC. Both victims suffered face injuries, and one suffered a head injury and broken jaw as well. One victim was released on the same night of the incident and the other remained at the hospital overnight.

The ten suspects who are being charged with both assault and harassment were said to have been wearing white tanktops at the scene of the crime. The double charges include third degree assault and second degree harassment.

As of now, the victims are said to be white, concluding that the crime was not racially motivated.

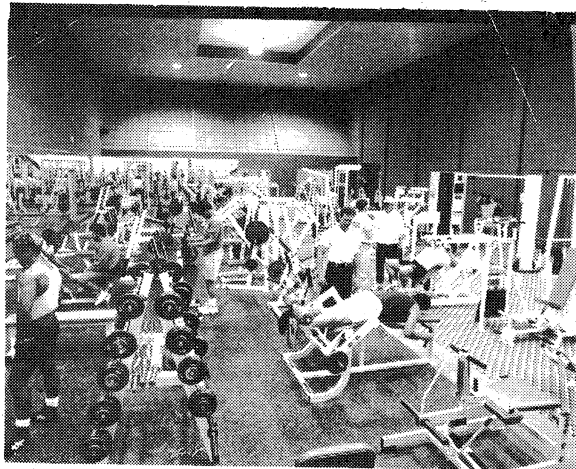
"There is no place for these crimes on campus," said Doug Little, the director of public safety. Little encourages anyone who has information about the incident to contact Crimestoppers at 2-TIPS on campus or 1-800-220-TIPS off campus. "The main thing is we want to bring these folks to justice," Little added.

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USB Experiences a Bomb Scare

By RAYA EID
Statesman Editor

A bomb scare occurred in the Department of Environmental Conservation building on Monday at 8:50 am. While opening a tan cardboard box from the federal government that contained shirts, Peter Sprul, a department engineer, noticed another small white box inside. The complainant quickly

became suspicious of the box, got people out of the area and called Public Safety.

After an x-ray of the box, a small sized gold grandfather clock made in China was found. The clock was fortunately not a bomb device.

Doug Little, Director of Public Safety, said, "This could have been a live device and the complainant acted very prudently and made the appropriate call."

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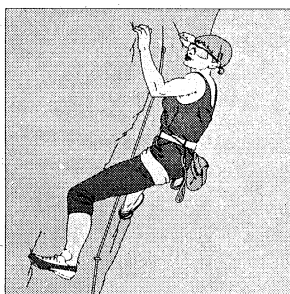
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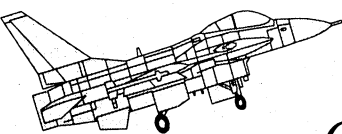
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Police Blotter

9/1/98 7:36 P.M.

A report was received by the University Police of excessive skateboarding outside of the Jacob Javitz Lecture Hall. Police advised resident students about the University's rules prohibiting skating in that area.

9/1/98 10:20 A.M.

A female reported her wallet stolen from the Student Activity Center. The wallet contained \$130, credits cards, and checks according to the women. The bookbag that the wallet was in was left behind.

8/31/98 2:00 P.M.

A name plate, worth \$20, was taken from a door in the Department of Psychiatry.

9/1/98 Time Unknown

The victim reported that her wallet had been stolen during July, while watching a movie at the Staller Center. The suspect(s) had attempted to use her credit card, but it was maxed-out.

9/1/98 10:12 P.M.

A woman saw a suspicious object in a toilet on the eleventh floor of the Health Science Center. The woman thought the object was a fetus, however after investigation - including a check by a pediatric doctor - the object was found to be food.

9/1/98 11:22 A.M.

While working behind the coffee area of the Humanities Cafe, the victim bumped into a fellow co-worker who was holding ice over his head. The victim suffered facial injuries after the ice fell and was taken by SBVAC to the University Hospital.

8/31/98 Time Unknown

Someone reported that their wallet was stolen from their backpack that they had left alone. The wallet was recovered down the hall with \$60 missing.

8/31/98 5:00 P.M.

A woman inadvertently left her purse on a table in the Student Activity Center. The purse contained \$325 and credit cards. The woman had left her purse in the SAC several times before.

8/31/98 8:00 A.M.

Traffic Enforcement reported that the top of a parking meter was removed by a suspect attempting to take out the change it contained. The meter was in the Graduate Chem parking lot. The attempt was unsuccessful.

8/31/98 12:30 A.M.

In Irving College, suspect(s) had written on a dorm room chalk board that the residents of the room "suck" a part of the male anatomy. The incident happened earlier that night.

8/31/98 3:32 P.M.

Northfork Bank: The victim cut ahead in line of several patrons at which point a man standing further back in line began yelling at the victim. The victim was told by the suspect that

if only the suspect had had a gun, he would shoot the victim, and put him "six feet under." The victim received no physical harm.

8/31/98 11:30 P.M.

A women in Whitman College received a series of disturbing phone calls. The caller spoke in a low voice saying "Oh baby, oh baby" and moaning several times. The victim had received harassing phone calls in the past.

8/31/98 7:05 P.M.

A white male without access privileges was seen at the level 5 blood bank at the University Hospital. The male, wearing a white t-shirt, was not found upon arrival of the police.

8/31/98 10:30 A.M.

At the University Hospital Parking Garage, a person found their car with small pebbles and moisture on their car. The pebbles were apparently from construction being performed in the area.

8/31/98 8:00 A.M.

A male at the Department of Environmental Conservation noticed a small white box that was not supposed to be in the area. The gentleman was expecting a shipment of shirts, not a small box. The box was x-rayed by the University Police and was found to contain a grandfather clock.

8/29/98 12:00 P.M.

Unknown subject used spray paint to write in black several names and the words "Squad" and "DNA" on the Graduate Chemistry building.

8/30/98 8:00 P.M.

A person in Schick College stated that he left his ground floor window open, which enabled a passerby to steal his Sony portable boombox worth \$80.

8/27/98 11:00 P.M.

At Gershwin College, an unknown male repeatedly called a female asking if another female was there. The female was sure that the male was unnecessarily calling repeatedly to ask the question.

8/31/98 3:07 A.M.

A highly intoxicated male was found stumbling through the Emergency Room parking lot. He was escorted into the ER for treatment, and his case was referred to Student Affairs because he was underage to drink.

8/30/98 8:45 P.M.

An intoxicated female was found laying on the ground in the first floor entrance of Benedict College. She was unconscious. However she was able to regain consciousness and became irate when she was moved to the University hospital. The case was referred to Student Affairs for underage drinking.

8/29/98 10:00 A.M.

An unknown person vandalized a University at Stony Brook sign near the Kelly Quad cafeteria. The sign is said to be worth \$800.

8/28/98 7:00 P.M.

In the Light Engineering Building, someone took a zip drive, seagate hard drive, and other equipment from a lab. Total value of the items stolen: \$1,468.

8/28/98 1:00 A.M.

Two victims were jumped from behind by a pack of ten young men wearing white tank tops. The victims were walking to their car in the G&H parking lot. Both were transported to the University Hospital with facial injuries.

8/27/98 8:45 P.M.

A female stated that after she came back to her room in Irving College she found a note on her door which stated "I suck" and then referred to a part of the male anatomy.

8/29/98 12:20 P.M.

While rollerblading along the new bike path along the South Loop drive, the victim received cuts and abrasions when she was unable to stop at a cross walk. The victim tried to receive help at the infirmary, but no one was there. The victim was taken to the University Hospital by ambulance.

8/28/98 4:00 P.M.

An employee at the University Hospital on the 17th floor received repeated hang up phone calls over a half hour period.

8/28/98 1:00 P.M.

A 1998 Chevy was parked in the Sports Complex parking lot when an unknown person(s) smashed a window, taking the wallet, credit cards, and cell phone that were inside. A crow bar was left at the scene of the crime.

8/28/98 12:30 P.M.

A women left to go to lunch, leaving her purse behind. When she came back her credit cards and nearly \$500 in cash were removed.

8/27/98 3:00 A.M.

At the Chapin Apartments, a female received 10-12 phone calls by a male who spoke in a low voice. The male talked about how he would like to perform certain sexual acts with her.

8/26/98 7:00 P.M.

In the Basic Science Tower, someone tried to get into a room on the seventh floor, which contained several computers. The attempt was unsuccessful.

8/26/98 11:30 A.M.

At the University bookstore, a person in overalls was confronted by an employee and was found hiding the book "Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems" on his person. The book is worth \$25. The suspect fled from the store

-Compiled by Peter Gratton, Editor

Older Students Return To Schools Across U.S.

Associated Press

Tim Silbereis figures he's been a college senior for 30 years.

Silbereis, 52, of suburban Kettering, has joined a growing number of adults returning to college to advance professionally, change careers or just finish what they started.

Between 1970 and 1997, the number of part-time student enrollments in American colleges and universities more than doubled, from less than 3 million to an estimated 6.2 million, most of them working adults.

Silbereis is a member of the inaugural class of the University of Dayton's new Adult Degree Advancement Program. It offers weeknight undergraduate courses at discounted tuition.

The program helps working adults 24 and older who started, but never finished college to obtain their bachelor's degrees. UD's degree-completion program joins several others in the region, including

Antioch University McGregor School's Weekend College program and Wilberforce University's CLIMB (Credentials for Leadership In Management and Business) program.

The Antioch program, with about 250 students, launched a human resource management degree program. Wilberforce, with 200 CLIMB students, added an information technology program and started offering classes in the Veterans Affairs Center in West Dayton. Kay Kohl, executive director of the University Continuing Education Association, said the Miami Valley's adult programs are riding the wave of a national trend that is fueled in part by labor market changes.

"Those people who decided 20 years ago that a college degree wasn't really necessary are finding out now that it is," Kohl said.

UD officials knew there was a need for the program locally, but they say they were surprised at the enthusiastic response the program has received: 1,132 people inquired about the program in less than three months, and 97 enrolled.

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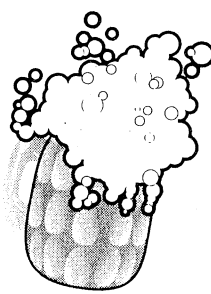
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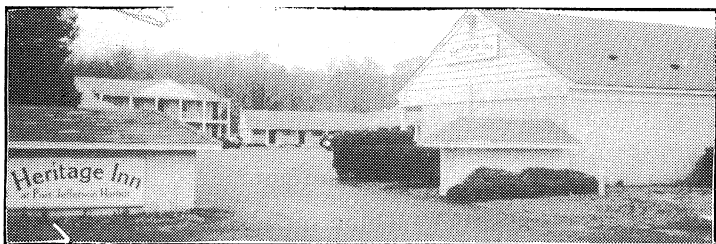
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Editorial

What Exactly Are We Miserable About?

The piles of discarded cardboard boxes were our first indication that the new semester was about to begin. Or maybe it was the collective groan of the freshmen who were forced to spend most of their beautiful weekend inside the Student Activities Center attending lame Orientation seminars. In any case, the new semester is upon us, and we're wondering just what to expect.

At the end of last semester, we had high hopes that the planned construction projects would be completed by August 31, and that we wouldn't have to wander around piles of dirt to arrive on time to our classes. Well, we were partially correct. The bike paths, which were apparently in high demand, were completed before classes began. Unfortunately, they rarely get used. So instead of drivers swerving to avoid a poor bicyclist who has nowhere to ride his bicycle, drivers swerve to avoid the arrogant bicyclist who has a new bike path but refuses to use it. We're pretty sure the Administration meant for the paths to be used, not just looked at. Is it going to take an unfortunate death for people to start realizing that those bike paths aren't there just for show?

Though the bike paths were completed, there are plenty more things that are still being worked on. One obvious point is the new heating pipe that is being run to H Quad. While this is a good thing for the residents who live there, it's a bad thing for the commuters and staff who park in the Union lot each day. We recognize that the installation of the pipe is a necessary evil, but wasn't it supposed to be finished before the start of classes?

The only thing the construction crews look like they're doing most of the time is taking coffee breaks. Maybe it's part of their union contracts, but still, what's the hold up? If this lag in completion continues, there will be some very unhappy drivers on campus soon. Though, there's nothing unusual about that.

Perhaps the construction would be easier to take, if the rooms on campus weren't so crowded. Dorms that were designed to fit barely two people (more like a person and a half) are now holding three people, with only two sets of furniture between the trios. Hey, anyone who can deal with that situation and like it earns our sincere respect. Come down to the Statesman office, we have a cold beer with your name on it.

Otherwise, things seem to be pretty much normal for the beginning of the school year. The commuters are complaining about parking, the professors are arrogant and the students are bitching about the amount of work they have. And, for the second year in a row, we're a miserable group of people. The second most miserable, to be exact. This year's honor of most miserable campus in the country goes to the New Jersey Institute of Technology. We're curious as to how they got that award, as it's pretty obvious that we've been trying hard all year to outdo every other school.

On a serious note, it is a bit disconcerting to see that we're ranked so high on the list of most miserable students. We're not sure if that's something we should really be proud of. Sure, it's a good topic of conversation

for awhile ("Hey, did you hear that we're the second most miserable campus in the country?") but after time the novelty wears off. Then we'll be left with the same depressed feeling we had last year.

Maybe the reason we're so miserable is because no one has identified the problem correctly. Almost the entire campus seems to think that the problem is the split between the resident students and the commuters. But what if that wasn't it? What if the problem ran deeper than resident versus commuter? What if it extended through the different minority and cultural groups on campus?

Sit down and ask yourself: When was the last time you have been to a meeting of Club India (Present members excluded, of course)? How many times have you made the effort to catch up with one of the many different minority groups that represent our diverse student body? That's the reason we're so miserable. No one knows what's going on with any of the other groups on campus. People have a natural tendency to stick with people and things they know. It's obvious in high school and it extends here, to college. That's unfortunate, because college is where we're supposed to break free of our cultural bonds and reach out to the world around us. Unfortunately, no one is doing that. And that is the root of our problem. If people made the effort to communicate with people outside their natural group, that would alleviate the separation that almost all groups feel between each other. Maybe then we wouldn't be so miserable. It might be a few years until we hit the top of the party school category, but getting out of the miserable list would be a good start.

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Generations of Teenagers Can't be Wrong

BY GINA FIORE
STATESMAN EDITOR

I am "Generation Y." I'm 13-19 years old, watch a lot of television, hardly ever pick up a book or magazine and am greatly swayed by advertiser's sales pitches.

In reality, I have almost nothing in common with that generic description. I hardly ever watch television, always have some sort of book in my hand (this week it's *Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*) and have learned when to question what advertiser's tell me. In fact, the only thing I have in common with the above generalization is that I happen to fall into the range that constitutes this new generation. I had the unlucky fortune to be born in 1979, which would make me 18.

The trend towards shoving people into different generations (most of them with snappy names like "Generation X" or "Baby Boomer") is nothing new. For decades, people looking to identify a certain group have classified them by age. Along with that comes the descriptive phrases that are inevitably part of this classification. After awhile,

these descriptions are proven wrong. For instance, Baby Boomers were thought to all be power-hungry, money crazed people (fondly called Yuppies by their predecessors). Members of Generation X were labeled as slackers with no direction. Only after they grew up and began to hold down steady jobs did anyone realize that they too had a purpose in life.

Personally, I find it unfair that someone twice (maybe even three times) my age can affix a label to me and then claim to have the definitive source of all my problems. I wonder if they realize that for all time people will be calling me and people my age "Generation Y." When I'm 80 and only able to eat mashed food through a straw, I'll probably read some newspaper article about a member of "Generation Y." We'll be forever known as the generation that was born with a television in front of them. Is that how we really want to live? Not me, for one. If anyone thinks they can get away with calling me Generation Y during my twilight years, they'll have to answer to the wooden end of a broom. (I'll let you draw your own conclusions)

I realize that not everyone is stuck with this problem. For the upperclassmen, their problem is even worse. For them, they were unlucky enough to be born in the tail end of "Generation X." Even though they're younger than almost all of their brethren and probably have nothing in common with the older half of the group, they'll still be called slackers. It will be next to impossible for them to shake the stigma that the media has created for them.


Which leaves me with the question: What will the media say about my generation? According to them, we watch too much television. Will they call us brain dead and blame it on TV? They say that we're a generation quick to part with our money. Will they attribute that to our Yuppie parents?

I think the media can get by without having to stick a stupid name to each of the new generations that reach adolescence. Just saying the age range (for example, 13-19) is fine with me. Do they really need to come up with some snappy title? No. Besides, I don't want people calling me "Gen-Y" when I'm living my last days in a nursing home. To me, it's a bit degrading, don't you think?


Misery Index (in review)

Compiled by Peter Gratton, Statesman Editor

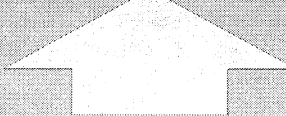
Each year, high school seniors and college students looking to transfer pour through a deluge of lists put out by a number of national magazines to gauge the universities they are likely to attend. These lists purport to enumerate the best colleges across the country. Our own University President, Shirley Strum Kenny celebrated our rise in these polls - a rise that ended this year. In any case, we were more interested in what you the students had to say about our campus. Princeton Review pinned us last year as the second least happiest students in the nation, behind the University of Missouri-Columbia. We tried to use this index to gauge our progress - to unseat UM-Columbia - and become no less than number one. We were inspired by the news that, yes, UM-Columbia, after a record year of cow tipping, was unseated this year as our country's most miserable campus. But alas, the prize was not to be ours. A little known technical college in new Jersey took home the title, leaving us to finish second once again. Well, there's always next year.



The Marketing Geniuses in Admissions: Princeton Review listed this campus as having among the most lifeless professors (4th in the nation), having too many TA's teaching upper division classes (5th), long lines and red tape (8th) and, of course, dorms like dungeons (11th). But the admissions office, on their web-site, tries to sell our campus by celebrating Stony Brook as the birthplace of the barcode found on most merchandise. Talk about pulling a silver lining from a dark cloud. Sure we treat students like just another number - but look at the technology it has produced!



Logic, Administration-Style: One administration told Newsday that the reason we posted a second place finish in the unhappiest students category is because Princeton Review pollsters "phrase their questions in a way that I believe solicits negative responses." So does this mean that Stony Brook students are more susceptible to so-called "negative" questions than the students at other schools that answered the same questions and said that they were happy? Here's a hint to all administration officials: maybe we're not happy because you keep making it out that we're dumb, falling for the pollster's wily ways while other college student didn't. We're not unhappy, according to the administration, we're just dumb. Thanks.



R-E-S-P-E-C-T: University cops are singing Aretha Franklin these days, happy over the new found respect they will receive on campus this January when they become official police officers. Here's an idea to gain respect: stop the officers walking around the campus wearing tacky neon wrap around sunglasses.

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Campus Voices

What makes you miserable on campus?



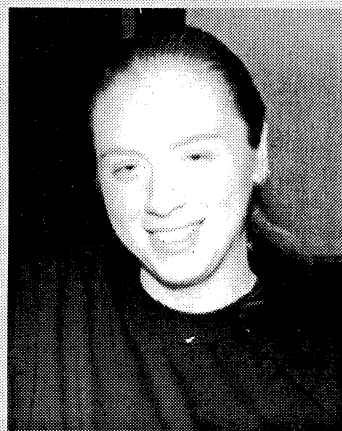
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"When you're coming in as a freshman, no one helps you. The advisors suck."



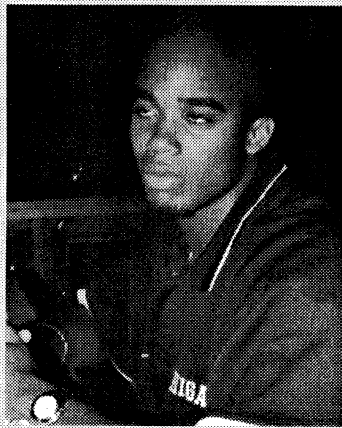
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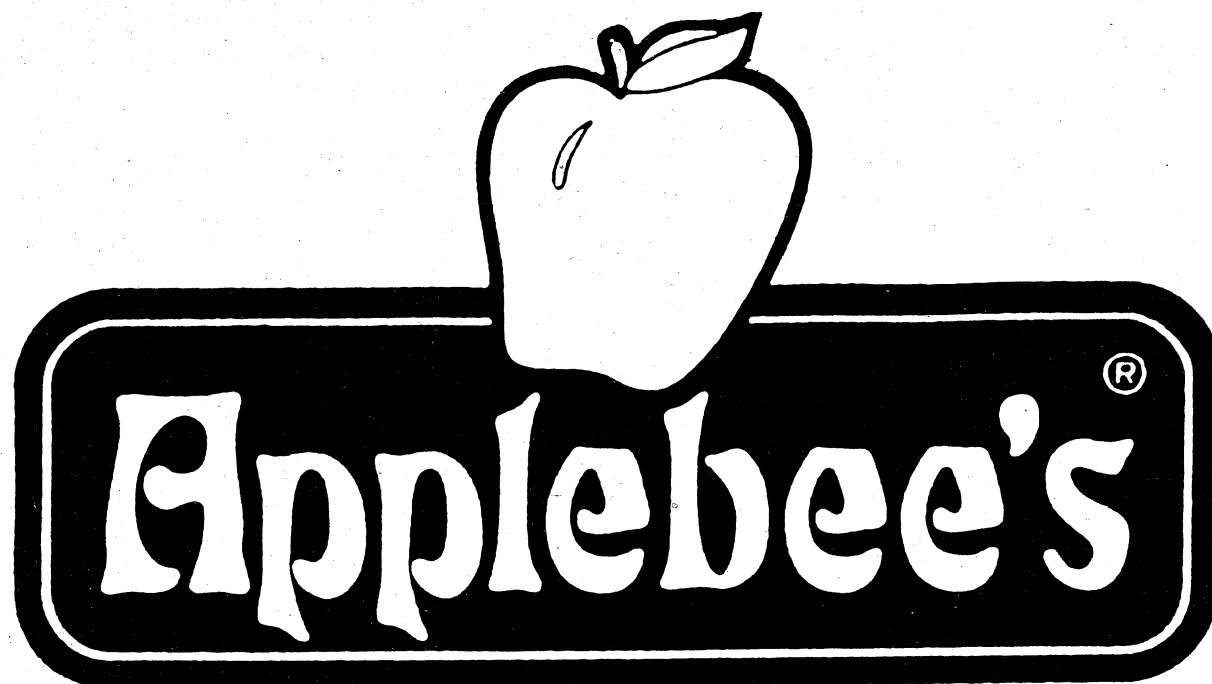
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University Dishes Aramark for Chartwells

By MIKE KWAN
Special to the Statesman

UPDATE:

Chartwells, Stony Brook's new Campus Dining Services has recently been declared the official food supplier on campus, ending Stony Brook's association with Aramark.

Due to the fact that the change occurred over the Summer Session and that much of the old staff remains, many students, residents and commuters alike, may be unaware of the change. Aficionados of Taco Bell and Burger King need not worry though, they are still where they used to be and are the same. The other dining halls have also remained, although renovations have been made to the cafeterias in H and Kelly Quads.

Concerning the transition between Aramark and Chartwells, Dennis Lesthrange, manager of Chartwells on campus, said, "I'm really excited about the new program," because of all the new changes. Lesthrange is also looking forward to future renovations in the Bleacher Club, Union Deli, Roth Quad, and continued renovations in H-Quad.

The new program includes changes in the salad bars in various parts of campus, operating hours of the cafeterias, and added support from corporate and school sponsors. Lesthrange hopes that the new arrangement will bring more variety to the campus, such as the "Profiles" program in the Bleacher Club. These "Profiles" will include, the Garden Emporium, the new salad bar, and the Market Carvery, where students can purchase items like rotisserie chicken or pork chops.

"We have formed a partnership," said Dawn Villacci of Campus Dining Services. The new program was the result of a consensus reached between the Faculty Student Association, Stony Brook Administration, Stony Brook students on the selection committee, the Office of Student Affairs, and Chartwells. Villacci has stated that changes will



Under the new meal plan, students are able to use only \$700 of their meal points at locations in the center of campus, including the Humanities Building, above.

be made to the meal plan during the year, with fine tuning as needed.

According to Lesthrange and Villacci, the transition went over relatively smoothly, and has generally been well received. For instance, the Benedict Cafe sold approximately 475 meals on the first night of the session, much more than in previous years.

Student response has been largely positive. One student commented that the food is noticeably "spicier." However, there have been concerns about the overall cost of the meal plan. One main concern is how there is only one level valued at \$1200 for most resident students, and the question of how the declining balances of the plan works.

Many students confused about the new plan and

how it works, did not return their dining contracts and have been put on the default plan, which allows for six meals in the residence hall per week, and additional \$700 in campus points up until September 21st. This can be rectified by going to the ID office in Room 0319 in the basement of library.

Another problem in the transition was the renovations in the H and Kelly Quad cafeterias. These renovations left only hours to get the H Quad cafeteria open for the arrival of Freshman and Transfer students last Thursday and a delay in the opening of Kelly Quad. Renovations on campus will continue throughout the year, with some taking place in the Bleacher Club and the Union Deli during the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

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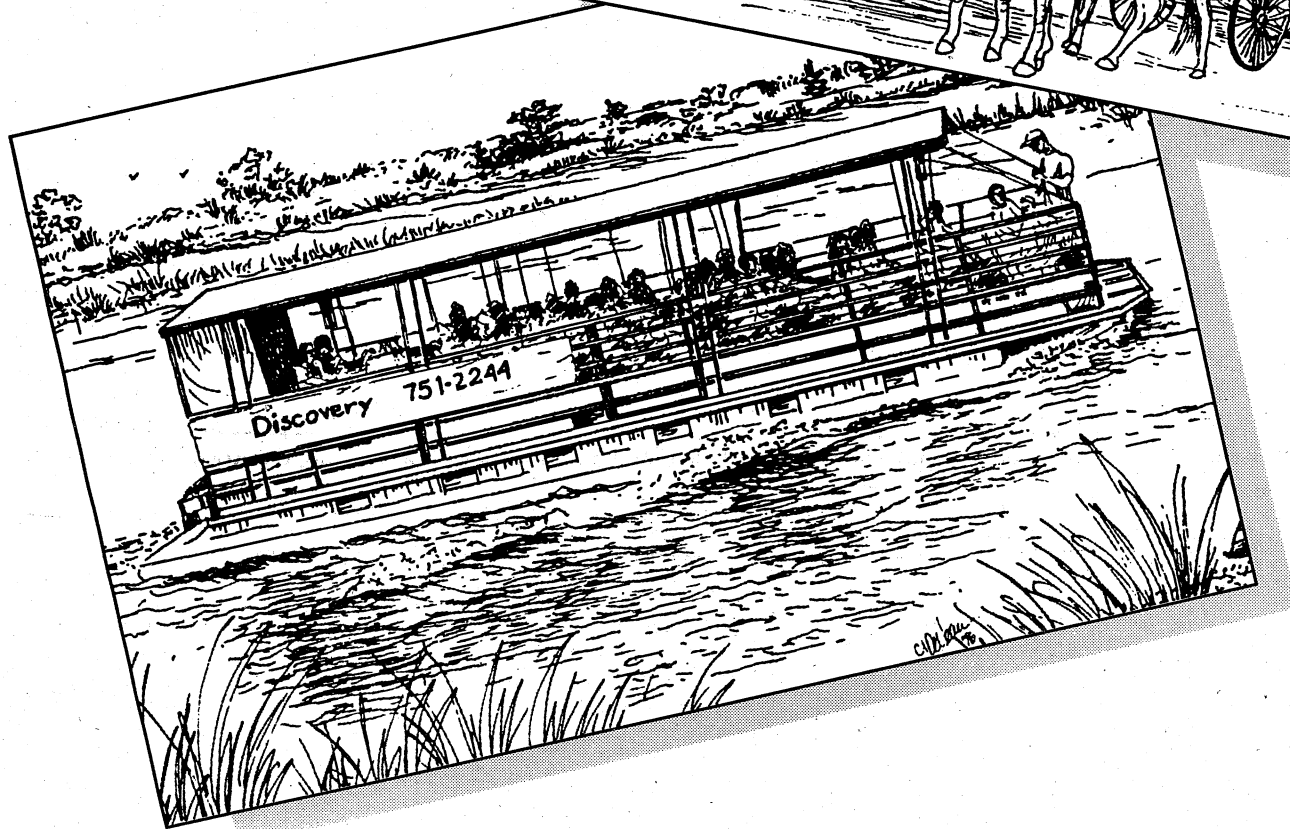
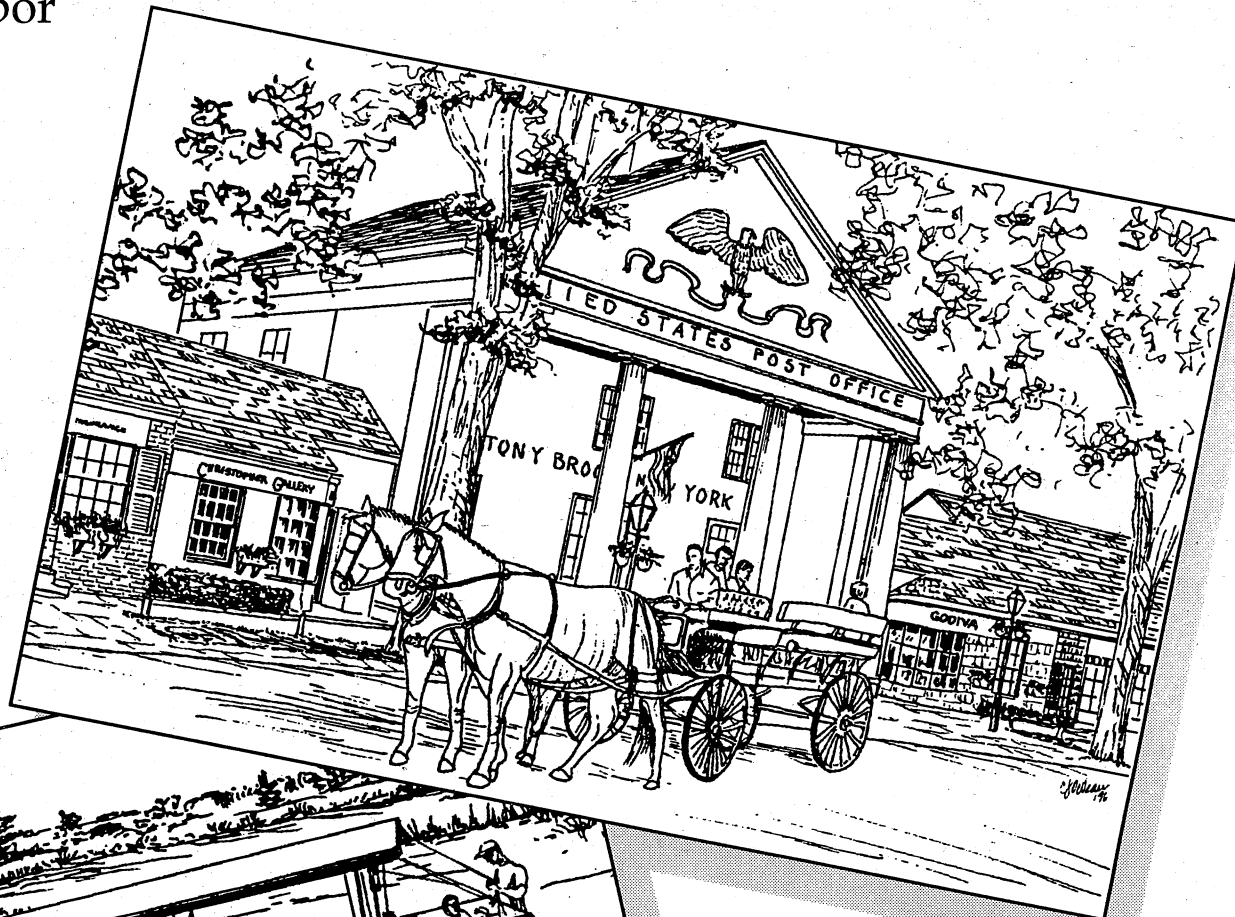
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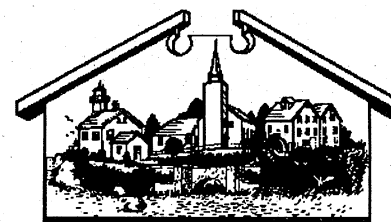
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Campus Security To Obtain Police Status

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

Governor Pataki recently signed law legislation that will expand the current powers of all State University of New York law enforcement officers. The law, which will take effect in January 1999, will give all campus peace officers official police officer power.

The peace officers had prior restraints that they believe made it difficult to do their jobs. Campus law enforcement officials currently have power while on duty but off duty they become regular civilians. Police officers hold many of their power on and off duty. The new bill will allow law enforcement officials to have jurisdiction all over New York State - a sharp contrast to their current jurisdiction that limits them to campus properties and adjoining roadways. This will enable campus law officers pursue criminal investigations crimes off campus. Campus officers will also have the power to execute bench warrants, transport prisoners and will have the power to "stop and frisk". Campus police officials at Stony Brook are happy with the new changes.

"This is a wonderful bill. It professionalizes the department and it enhances the safety and quality of life for all students, staff and visitors," said Doug Little, the Assistant Director of University Police for Community Relations.

University police unions and Albany officials have been negotiating over the change since

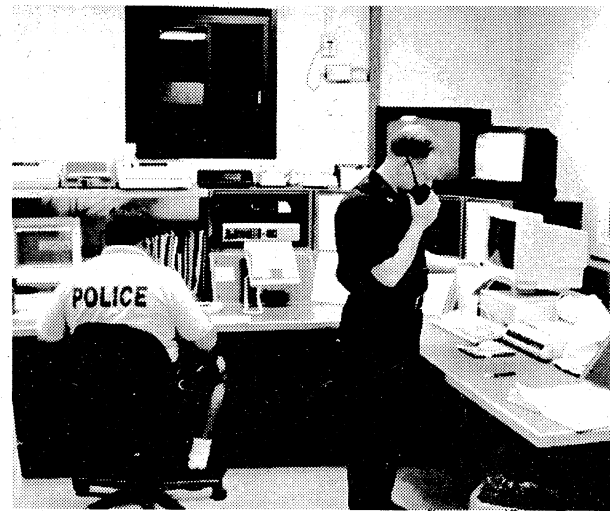
1992. The peace officers have similar powers to police officers such as making warrantless arrests, executing search and arrest warrants, issuing traffic tickets, and each officer is allowed to carry a firearm.

The title of peace officer, though, as University policeman at Stony Brook noted, often caused confusion as to what power the officers had and in what way they would be able to be exercised.

Aside from the issue of safety, this bill will also have many effects on the University officers themselves. "What this has done for officers is it helps morale. It has legitimized our responsibilities and has given officers an opportunity to be proud of what they do on campus," Little said.

Campus officers will also assist local police forces. After the bill has been implemented, campus police officials are hoping for a higher level of cooperation between the campus police and Suffolk County law enforcement since both squads would have equal status. Currently, all felony cases on campus may receive an initial response from the University police, and later turned over to Suffolk County. The Suffolk Police will then be called and will handle the situation from there.

The change over to police status will call for special training during the fall semester in topics related to the additional law enforcement powers. University officers are trained and selected based on current municipal police standards. They are



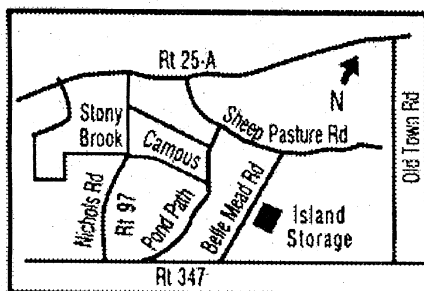
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Dispatcher Ralph Stears, right, and a fellow officer in the Dispatch Office in Suffolk Hall.

also required to have 60 college credit hours before appointment.

Don Kreger, President of New York State University Police Local 1792 said, "This is the most significant change ever made to enhance safety at SUNY's state operated campuses since they created out title in 1972. Students, faculty, staff and visitors on the State Campuses will now have the same level of safety and protection they enjoy at home. Since the changes are technical ones, the general public won't notice a change in how the police departments on campus operate, only criminals will."

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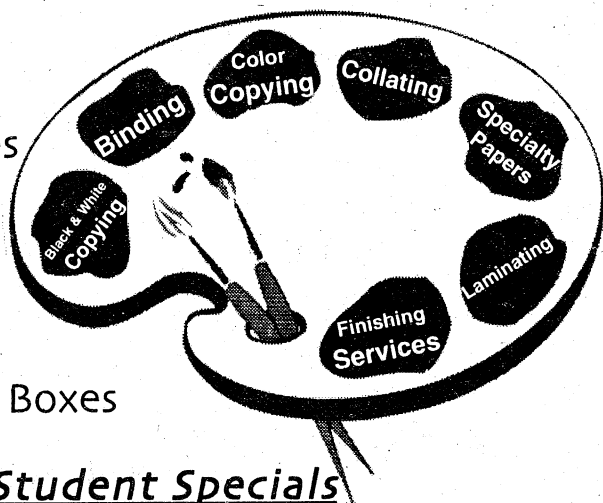
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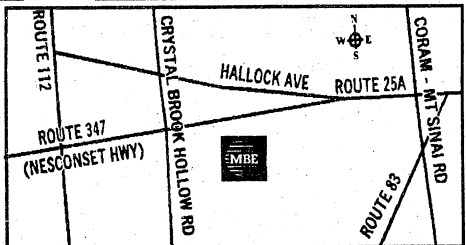
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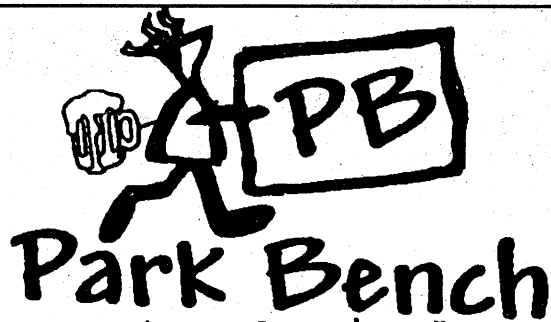
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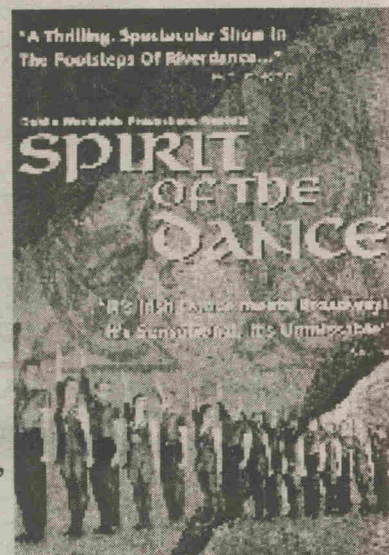
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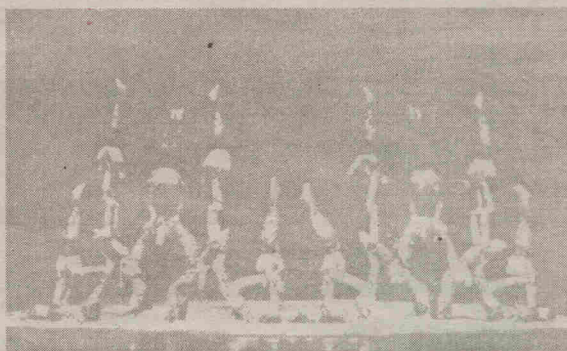
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Wisconsin Art Inspires One Man's World

Associated Press

For the young artist, a conversation with Lester O. Schwartz can be intimidating. Schwartz has spent his entire life making and teaching art.

His home serves as a gallery indoors and out, filled with sculptures, paintings and drawings in his pleasing and popular "joie de vivre" style.

He's traveled the world, founded a college art department and talked shop with one of the most notable artists of this century, Pablo Picasso.

Yet, this Green Lake artist exhibits a remarkable quality to share himself, his home and his art in a way that touches student, artist and non-artist alike.

"Some of the pieces are just so uplifting. Most of his paintings leave you feeling good," his daughter Tanya R. Schwartz-Roeper, 33, of Milwaukee, said.

"I think so many people come back through the years and say how wonderful that experience to visit the gallery was. Sharing what he has is very fulfilling to him."

At age 86, Schwartz is working hard to make a new life for himself after losing the use of his dominant left side from a stroke two years ago.

Gradually, new paintings, drawings and sculptures have emerged, including a new sculpture in his outdoor gallery and a number of commissioned weather vanes for area property owners. His gallery maintains a steady flow of visitors from across the country during the summer.

For Schwartz, his new challenges make up just another chapter of a richly colored life history that started in Manitowoc.

Schwartz's father owned a foundry there and despite his son's artistic aspirations, preferred he pursue the more practical commercial art.

On a full scholarship and a white lie to his father, Schwartz studied fine arts at the Art Institute of Chicago. During the Depression, he

A Green Lake Artist Has Traveled the Earth But Still Returns Home

worked for \$125 a month as a commissioned artist with the Works Progress Administration painting murals in Chicago area schools.

In 1939, he was awarded the Edward L. Ryerson Traveling Fellowship, through which he spent time in Paris and had the opportunity to meet and talk with Picasso.

Despite a language barrier, the two shared a common passion for art.

Coming years would bring study at the Imperial Art School in Tokyo, the Colarossi Academy in Paris and the American Academy in Rome.

Schwartz worked as an art instructor at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Layton Art School and from 1944 until his retirement in 1977, he was an artist in residence at Ripon College. He now is a professor emeritus at the college and is

considered the founder of its art department.

Schwartz gained respect and admiration from contemporaries, students and friends through his diligence and drive to make art.

In fact, it wasn't that long ago, Schwartz audited a number of painting, drawing and print making courses at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

UW-Oshkosh professor of sculpture T.C. Farley met Schwartz in the 1960s when he owned the Picasso Plaza hotel in Oshkosh.

"The gifted students really enjoyed being around him. Here's an old guy that's painting and he really doesn't need to be painting, but he's still working hard," Farley said. "I don't think any one piece of Lester's work will be known as Lester Schwartz. It's the body of the whole that's Lester."

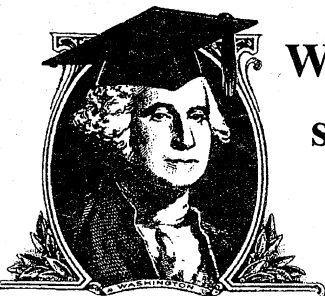
Impressed as a child by the circus, the whimsical subject matter now takes center stage in Schwartz's art. It's the predominant theme of his outdoor sculpture garden in Green Lake.

His drawings and paintings reflect a combination of strong, emotional line, sharp and ornamental or blurred and blended, not unlike the work of 20th Century artist Marc Chagall.

Many of his late brightly colored works, Schwartz said, were inspired by his travels in Mexico, Central America, Portugal and Greece after his wife Gloria's death in 1986.

The two shared three children, Tanya, Leslie, 37, and Gigi, 30, who now work closely with their father to keep the gallery open and paint flowing.

"Right now we're just taking one summer at a time," Schwartz-Roeper said.



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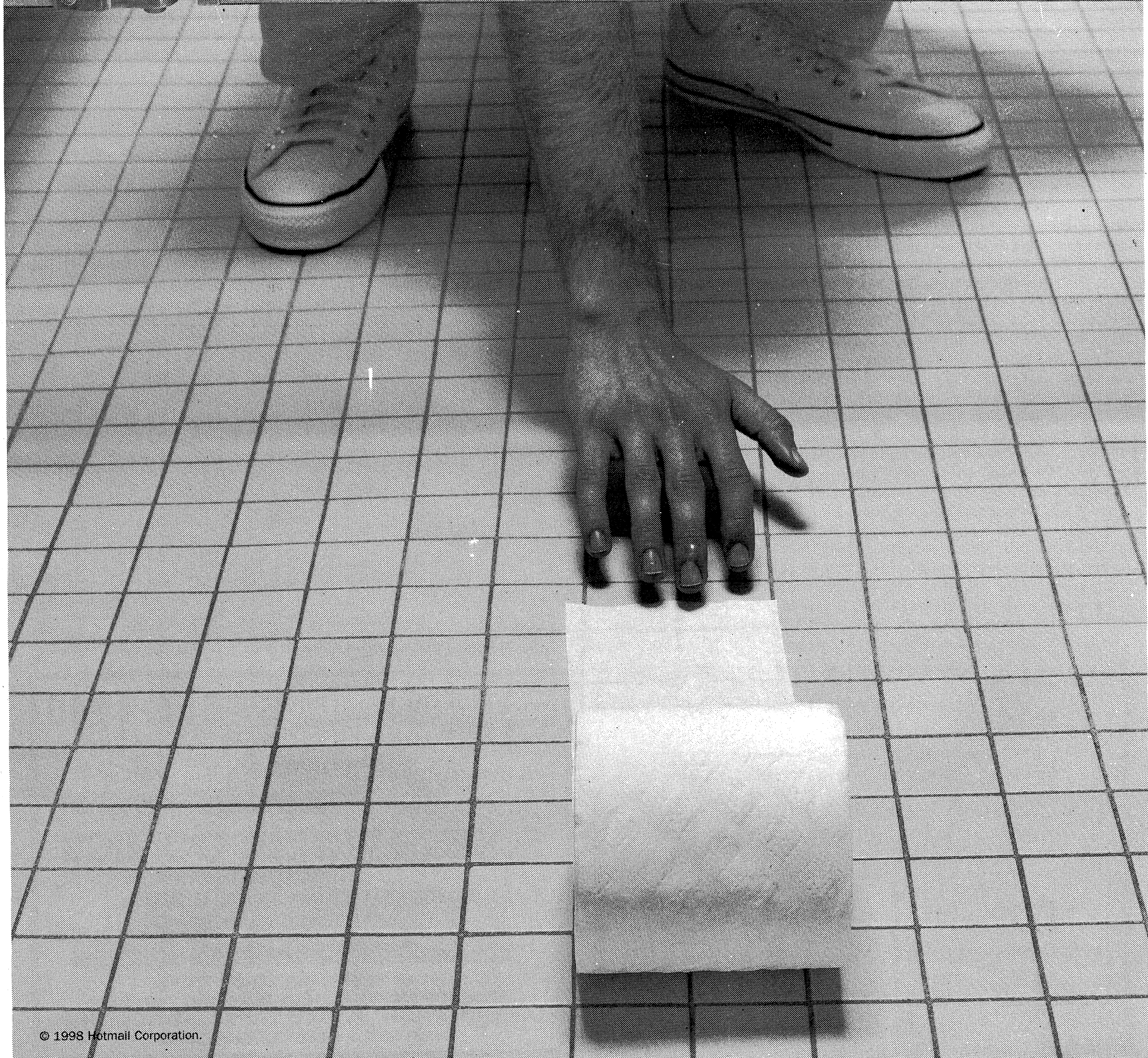
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Stony Brook Falls in the Rankings

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

A year after University administration officials trumpeted Stony Brook's second place finish in a national ranking of public universities, behind the University of California at Berkeley, the University finished its second year in a row with another second place finish in a survey that officials are unlikely to include in next year's admissions manual. Stony Brook again found itself number two in the least happy students category in Princeton Review's annual college rankings. In addition, the University has fallen in other annual rankings, including those put out by U.S. News and World Report and Money Magazine.

Other SUNY schools fared better in the polls, with the other University Centers, at Albany, Binghamton, and Buffalo ranking within the top 50 public universities in U.S. News' survey. SUNY Albany also found itself on top of Princeton Review's list of the top ten party schools - a distinction that did not amuse officials at Albany.

Spokesman Mary Feiss said that the school is attracting numbers of top-notch students and that "the facts we have about our students suggest a very different picture."

"We don't think we're the number-one party school," Feiss said. was voted the number one party school. This ranking was based on polls about alcohol and drug use, study hours and the prevalence of fraternities and sororities on campus.

The Princeton Review has been making guides for colleges since 1992. The Princeton Review surveyed 311 of America's best colleges and polled 56,000 students when compiling their rankings. The guides include 60 categories which range from academics, financial aid, dorms, and food to political leanings, social life and race/class interaction. This year, USB scored poorly in a number of these categories. In academics, USB was ranked fourth in the topic "professors suck all life from materials," eleventh in "professors make themselves scarce," and fifth in "teaching assistants teach too many upper level courses." The administration category was also a problem for USB. USB was eighth in long lines and red tape from administration and was 13 in the topic students dissatisfied with financial aid. In the quality of life category USB received eighth ranking for dorms like dungeons.

Students attribute the lack of social life to the

50% of students who live off campus and commute to school. "My experience with campus life was not great. You don't go to Stony Brook for a social life. People are always doing their own thing and you don't really meet anyone," said Dina Davies, who graduated from Stony Brook last spring.

University students and faculty can find little comfort in other recently released polls. U.S. News and World Report ranked USB as 117th among the nation's top public or independent colleges which was a plunge from last year's ranking of 55. The SAT scores for incoming freshman range from 960-1180, in the median range of the lower 25% to 75%, also the lowest of all New York's state university centers.

U.S. News and World Report also formulated the debt load of graduates. The report listed the largest and smallest average debt loads of 1996 graduates and where they attended college. Stony Brook is 20th on the list. Forty-seven percent graduated with debt averaging \$18,267.

In the U.S. News and World Report survey, academic reputation accounts for 25% of the final score of all the schools. Their report also measures the number of students that leave the college prior to their expected graduation. Faculty reputation, student selectivity, financial resources, the value added (which is a measure of the college's role in the academic success of the students and how efficiently the school is playing that role) and the amount that alumni give to their schools comprise the rest of the ranking system.

When mixed together, recently released college rankings can leave mixed messages for students. For example, Money Magazine found that Stony Brook was among the best buys in college buys in the nation, a distinction not easily meshed with Stony Brook graduate's relatively high debt load. In Money Magazine's survey, Stony Brook ranked 26th, up from its 40th place finish last year.

Peter Gratton, Statesman Editor, and the Associated Press contributed to this story.

NY Governor Announces SUNY Capital Plan

Associated Press

The State University of New York at Buffalo will receive \$105 million to build a new math building and make other improvements under the state's \$2 billion SUNY Capital Plan, Governor George Pataki said Monday.

The Buffalo Campus was among four SUNY schools that were to receive a visit from the governor on a swing promoting the five-year Capital Plan throughout upstate New York.

"This investment will ensure our children have the cutting-edge skills they need to compete for 21st Century jobs, while sending a powerful message to businesses around the world that New York is the place to invest because we have the best-educated, talented workforce," Pataki said via a video conference from Albany.

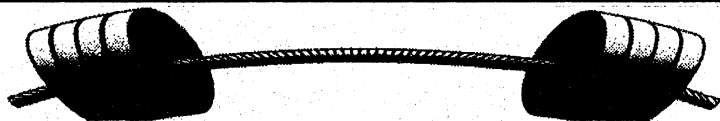
Storms in western New York prevented Pataki from attending the news conference at UB's north campus.

UB president William Greiner said the

school's share of the Capital Plan would be spent on improvements to both campuses. Among projects planned: construction of a \$7 million math building; \$20 million expansion of Farber Hall for use by the schools of Medicine and Biochemical Sciences, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing, and a \$4.2 million renovation of the Undergraduate Library.

SUNY Brockport has plans to use its \$28 million share to renovate existing facilities, while SUNY Utica/Rome broke ground on a \$14 million campus library. SUNY Plattsburgh is to receive \$21.5 million under the plan.

The SUNY Capital Plan, the largest capital investment in the State University System's history, includes \$1.4 billion for the 34 state-operated and funded campuses and \$350 million for 30 community colleges. The remainder of the funds will go toward residence hall construction, university hospitals and other campus projects around the state, the governor's office said.



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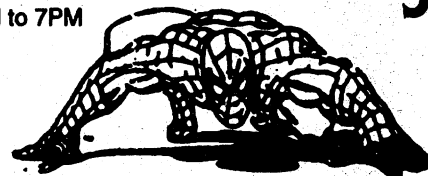
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An M.D. is No Longer a Job Guarantee

By **MARTHA IRVINE**
Associated Press

Some new doctors are discovering that a medical degree is no guarantee of a job, especially in popular parts of the country.

A study in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that more than 7 percent of resident physicians surveyed by the AMA in 1996 did not have positions within six months of completing residency.

It's not like it's horrible out there. Many doctors still make a living that most Americans would deem very comfortable - \$199,000 on average in 1996, though that figure is somewhat inflated because of specialists like neurosurgeons who make more than \$300,000.

"You won't see physicians standing on a corner holding the proverbial 'Will do bypass surgery' signs," said Dr. Kevin Grumbach of the Center for California

Health Workforce Studies at the University of California at San Francisco.

But there are areas where it's more difficult to find a job, namely along the West Coast and around the Great Lakes, according to a survey of 25,067 doctors who completed their accredited U.S. residency programs in the spring of 1996.

There also are too many doctors chasing too few jobs in specialties such as anesthesiology, cardiology and gastroenterology, as well as ophthalmology and other surgical specialties.

The days of a doctor simply opening a fee-

for-service practice are quickly diminishing. That's due in large part to the advent of managed care.

The ever-shrinking health-care dollar has left some doctors scrambling to join well-established private practices or HMOs, often for less money - particularly if they're set on living in a popular state.

At the same time, an increasing number of

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non-physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives and nurse anesthetists, to name a few, are performing tasks that doctors used to do.

Some new doctors see "super-specialization" as the way to secure a good job.

Dr. Jonathan Shifren, a Harvard-trained plastic surgeon, is now doing a fellowship in "aesthetic surgery" in Beverly Hills to make himself more marketable. "A diploma is simply a wall decoration," he said.

Other doctors are going in the opposite direction, opting for the broad skills of family practice or internal medicine.

Dr. Rakesh Chaudhary trained in internal

medicine at UCSF and took a job with

Kaiser Permanente, the California-based health maintenance organization, last fall. He said he likes being able to treat a broader range of ailments.

"But I also knew I could get a job," said Chaudhary, who practices in Santa Clara, Calif. "I had a couple of options, but it wasn't huge."

Doctors are "still able to maintain an income level above what the free market would otherwise provide. But are salaries increasing the way they used to? Not at all. Do physicians take cuts in some places? You bet," says Dr. Itzhak

Jacoby, director of the Center for Health Quality Assessment at the Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences, a training center for military doctors in Bethesda, Md.

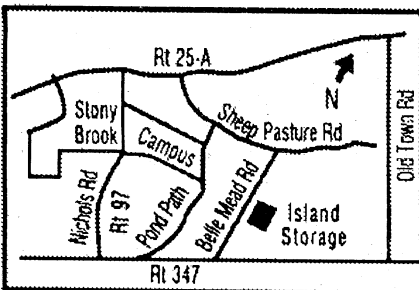
Another study, also published in Wednesday's *JAMA*, found that the number of non-physician clinicians graduating from training programs doubled between 1992 and 1997.

Grumbach said he thinks that, once again, universities are headed for an oversupply of doctors and clinicians. He and others have called for a public-private collaboration to make hard decisions about quotas.

Dr. Marvin Dunn, a Chicago-based researcher who has helped conduct the AMA's surveys of new doctors, said there may still be time for the system to correct itself.

"We may well be on the edge of an oversupply," Dunn said. "But if we're on the edge, it's barely just the edge."

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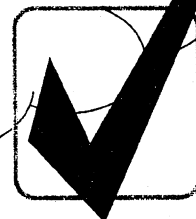
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Sober Solutions

University Holds Outreach Program on the Dangers of Alcohol

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

In the first seminar of its kind on campus, the University held an outreach and training program that brought administration officials, student counselors, local bar owners, and police officers under the same roof to seek solutions to the problems of underage drinking and the recently increased use of designer drugs.

"Together we must nurture and work to prevent the binge drinking culture in and around college campuses," Gary Mis, chair of the Campus Commission of the Prevention of Alcohol and other Drugs, told the audience in the Student Activities Center last Wednesday.

The University hopes that the seminar will be the first in a series of meetings regarding the issue. "I think its a good beginning," said Doug Little, assistant director of the University Police.

Next semester, Little, who helped plan this first meeting, hopes that the University can arrange a town hall style program, with a large input from students on the topic. "The next step is a follow up bringing in students and an open dialogue meeting," he said.

The program began with a call by Peter Mastroianni, chair of the campus' Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Task Force, for a "comprehensive approach" to curbing underage drinking. He said that bar and restaurant owners were invited not to brow beat them about

the dangers of drinking, or the state laws that prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors, but rather to get their input in finding answers. "No one group is the problem," Mastroianni said, "and no one group is the solution."

Thomas Kelly, an investigator with the New York State Liquor Authority, was quick to point out, though, that a license to sell alcohol is a privilege. "The State Liquor Authority gives out the licenses, and is also the one that takes them away," he said.

Penalties for retailers selling to minors can run up to \$10,000 for multiple offenders. Patrons must be 21 years old to buy alcohol.

Retailers, such as a 7-11 owner, Frank Baig, were concerned that they were expected to take on too many responsibilities in enforcing the state laws. He said that his \$6.00 an hour clerks were expected to act as a parent in the community, making sure somebody else's kids weren't drinking. In addition, he said that his stores have received little help from Suffolk County police.

"There is no protection for us. My night clerk has gotten beaten up for asking for i.d.," Baig said. He said that the police have taken up to an hour to respond to calls that his employees have been threatened. "Here [in the conference] everything looks nice, but it doesn't agree with the real world," he said.

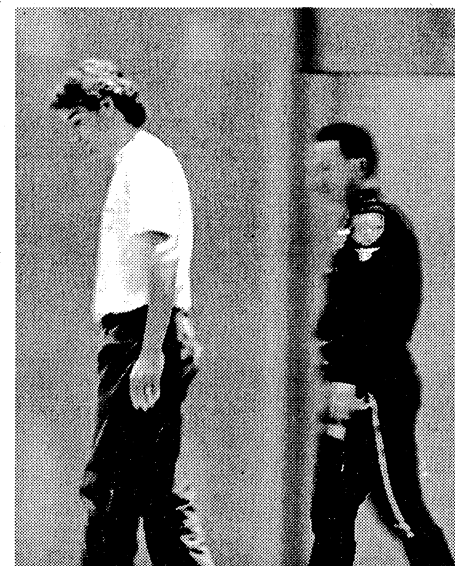
Tim Hahn, a manager at the Park Bench, estimates that the club turns away 30 - 35 people on busy nights for not having proper identification.

He said, though, that it was difficult catching everyone trying to get into the club with fake i.d. "It's so hard now because some people work at the Department of Motor Vehicles and get fake licenses," he said.

At the Spot, an on campus Graduate Student Organization bar in Roosevelt Quad, Godfrey Palaia, its manager, said that they have techniques, like other bars, to stop people from getting in with good fake i.d.'s. "Because we're non-profit, we don't have to get everyone in the door," he said.

On hand at the seminar were employees of the DMV to show the business owners ways to check licenses to see if they are real. For instance, licenses now have a state seal in the background that shines a bright yellow when placed under ultraviolet light. The new measures make the licenses very hard to counterfeit.

Another panel, called "Working Together to Implement Solutions," presented the efforts of a community relations committee at the State University at Albany to curb underage and excessive drinking by the university's students. The committee was set up after community members and elected officials became angry in 1989 after students were found urinating and being rowdy on off campus property after nights out at local bars and house parties. Plans for off campus parties are now reported to members of the committee, which informs the Albany Police. The Albany police then send out one of their officers on the day of the party to remind



Statesman/Peter Gratton

Suffolk County Police Officer Robert Viggers, right, watches an unidentified business owner as he attempts to walk a straight line in a demonstration of a test similar to those given to drunk drivers.

program has particularly effective because most off campus students live in one area of apartments, and are easier for police to target.

The program also has the support of local businesses which have signed up with the committee promising to be responsible in their sale of alcohol.

Suffolk County is looking into using the Albany program as a model for its own initiative to stop alcohol abuse and related deaths among the young. Last year, over 700 people under the age of 21 were arrested in Suffolk because of alcohol related offenses.

"There are no easy solutions but we know what doesn't work," Mastroianni said. Mastroianni believes that scare tactics about the dangers of drinking haven't helped reduce student alcohol consumption, and education hasn't always worked either. A fuller approach was needed to take into account the individual backgrounds of each student. "We have students coming onto this campus who already have dependency problems," he said.

"70% of the students on this campus don't binge drink," he continued, "but we still have work to do."

"Here on this campus," he said, "there is evidence of the use of alcohol to excess."

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"It's amazing how it's worked out. I'm sure no one had any idea this would happen," Bellinzoni said.

The lone response came from Richard D. Wells, a journalist, who sent a letter saying that he was struggling financially himself and was of "modest means."

But Wells wrote that should he ever be in a position to help, he would remember Wells College, which is located on Cayuga Lake in upstate New York's Finger Lakes region.

According to Bellinzoni, no one had heard anything from Wells after the initial letter until the 1950s when he and his wife visited the campus and met with then-president Louis Jefferson Long.

Then 30 years passed. In the 1980s, after

seeing an advertisement in a Wells alumni magazine, Richard Wells contacted the school for information on planned giving and bequests to the college.

Bellinzoni visited Wells in Alabama, where he had retired as a childless widower.

"His wife apparently inherited a large sum of money that he had control of after her death," Bellinzoni said. "He invested it, still living modestly himself."

The trusts he set up are valued today at \$1

million, all of which will go to the Richard D. and Margaret Homestead Wells scholarship.

Wells College was established in 1868 by Wells Fargo founder Henry Wells and has approximately 375 students.

The gift is not the first unusual donation Wells has received.

In 1995, Wells received \$7.2 million from pharmaceutical magnate Richard Upjohn Light. He donated the money because he once dated two sisters who were Wells graduates.

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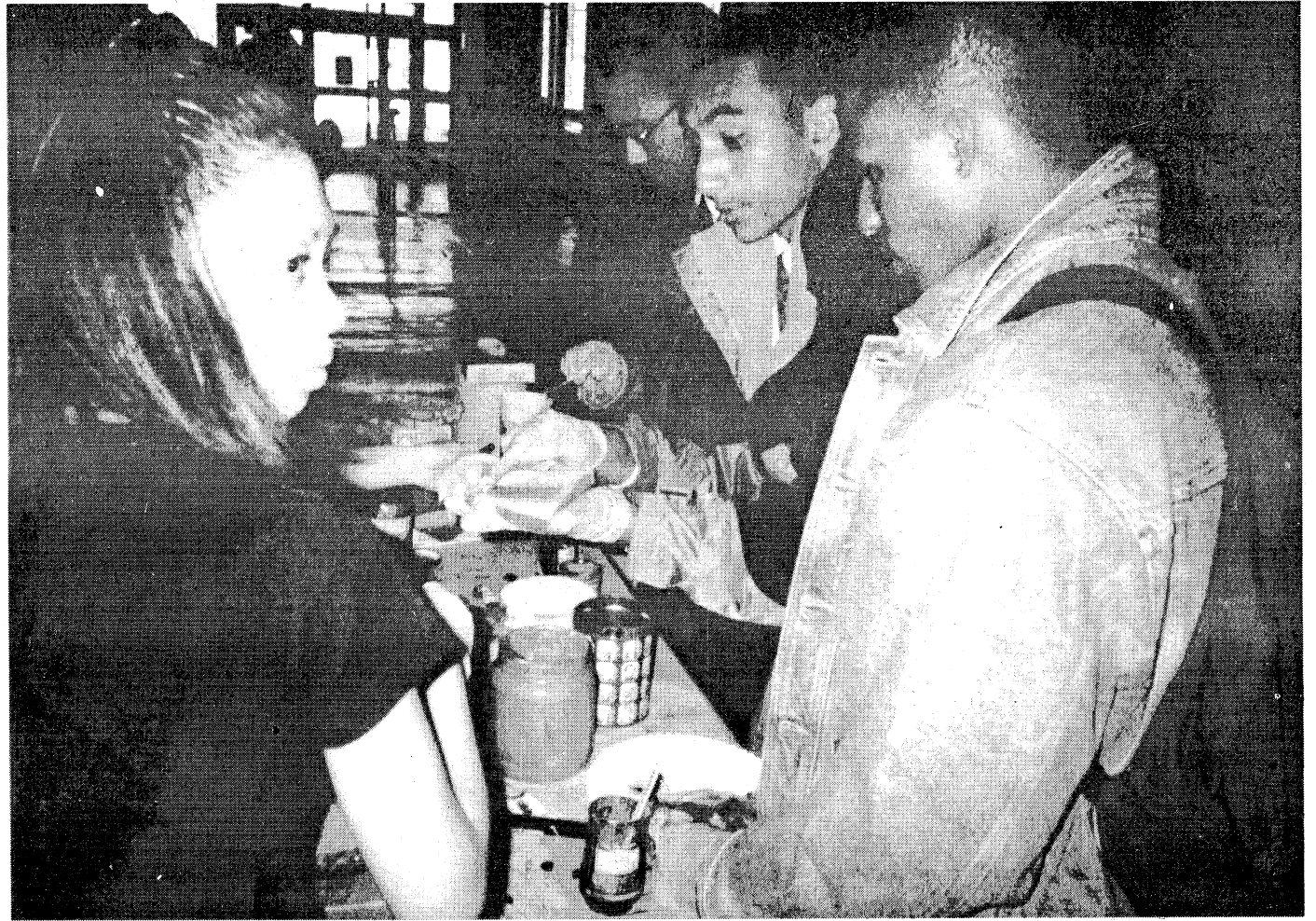
NYPIRG Offers Students Help

By TODD STEBBINS
Special to the Statesman

As a new year begins at Stony Brook University, faces both new and old scamper about campus adding and dropping classes, buying books and generally getting back into the swing of college life. As we adjust to new rooms and improvements on campus, there are some things that remain the same. There isn't enough parking, tuition is threatening to increase again, and the campus food service looks like it is going to be a disservice to the students.

There are always going to be issues on this campus, and for that matter, on every college campus throughout the country. The way in which students keep those issues from ruling them is by organizing. This is where student advocacy organizations like NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) come into the picture. As the state's largest consumer advocacy, student rights, environmental and government reform organization, NYPIRG is the most effective in promoting issues on campuses statewide.

Issues for the beginning of this year will focus around this fall's elections and getting as many students on the Stony Brook Campus registered to vote. The second part will be a campus-wide "get out the vote" campaign to get students to actually vote on election day. It is imperative that all students on campus take the initiative to educate themselves about the issues directly affecting them, about the candidates that advocate those issues and to get out and make it happen for themselves. The best way to ensure students issues will be addressed in both Washington and Albany is to



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Last spring NYPIRG organized the Peanut Butter and Jelly Jam to help benefit the homeless.

make the elected officials accountable to the student body's interests. Are they going to try and increase tuition again this year? Is the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) going to be restricted even further? Are cuts again going to be made to the SEEK and HEOP programs?

The answer could very well be yes to all of those questions if our voices aren't heard come election day. Some critics of the political process say, "I don't like anyone that's running, I hate all politicians." Well, that may be true, but our

democratic system is set up in a way that if you don't vote for someone to get on the ballot in primary elections, then you have slim pickings come November 3.

The people you vote for are the ones who advocate in favor of the issues you find important. Where does a student on campus find out such information?

As a non-partisan group, NYPIRG also supplies students with our annual voter's guide. This guide comes out to educate people statewide on how each candidate views each issue. This will be made available to all students as the elections come closer.

NYPIRG also works on other issues for student on all 20 campuses in New York. There is also a Small Claims Court Action Center based in room 079 in the Student Union. Student counselors and interns provide information, counseling and assistance on resolving consumer problems, filing and presenting small claims cases and collecting judgments.

NYPIRG's Book Exchange Cooperative enables students to save money on their textbooks each semester. Students buy and sell their textbooks from each other without the mark-ups inherent in third party transactions.

There is also NYPIRG's

Homeless Outreach Project in which students work on food, clothing and toiletry drives to benefit the local soup kitchens and shelters in our community. This is done by students working together in coalition to raise as much awareness to the countless needy people in Suffolk County.

The National Environmental Campaign becomes very pivotal this semester. With the upcoming World-Wide Environmental Conference this fall in Buenos Aires concerning Global warming, it is crucial to make sure the White House is pressured to take a firm stance concerning clean air emissions for the next millennium. However, the first task at hand is to organize and educate the campus about the issues. The second step is to educate about the candidates and make Stony Brook an important factor come election day. This is the best way to make our representatives accountable to the student's needs. Use the power - vote.

-Todd Stebbins is the Project Coordinator of NYPIRG at SUNY SB

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UCLA Professor Offers Tips on Screen Writing ²⁷

NEW YORK (AP) It's the stuff dreams are made of: The average original screenplay fetches upwards of \$250,000 from major studios.

And Richard Walter, a UCLA professor for 21 years, considers it his mission to help new writers develop that stuff and those dreams. Part of the challenge is making them understand why Michael Corleone is like Buzz Lightyear and what Luke Skywalker has in common with Malcolm X.

"Every movie is about the same thing," he declares. "Identity."

Considered one of the top screenwriting teachers in the country, Walter has been steadily expanding his student base beyond southern California through lecture tours and books, including his latest, "The Whole Picture: Strategies for Screenwriting Success in the New Hollywood" (Plume).

Legs together, arms half upraised, the long-haired, bearded Walter, 53, is like a modern messiah giving the Sermon on the Movie as he stands before about 40 people who have each paid \$225 for his two-dayspring seminar at the New School in Manhattan.

He poses a catechetical question: "If you have absolutely no standards and all you care about is money, put a lot of sex and violence in films. Right?"

The students sit rapt, but don't respond.

"Wrong," Walter says, then rattles off a list of films that croaked at the box office, including "Jade" and "Showgirls." He isn't shy about dismissing the critically acclaimed, either.

"'L.A. Confidential' was about a bunch of growling white guys. Talk, talk, talk. Shoot. Talk, talk, talk. Shoot," he sneers.

But the Queens, N.Y., native, a graduate of that egghead incubator known as Stuyvesant High School, isn't averse to sex and violence in films so long as they advance the story. Many of his former students have liberally peppered their dramas with those devices, and their success is what drives Walter's marketing machine.

"Men in Black," "Face/Off," "Speed 2: Cruise Control,"

"Con Air" and "Jurassic Park: The Lost World," among others, were all penned by UCLA Film School students who took his screenwriting class.

In an interview, Walter says his combined careers as academic, script doctor, author and lecturer let him live

Successful films, he says, do not rely on the old cliches of sex and violence

comfortably with his wife and two children in the Los Angeles area.

In the "new" Hollywood, he says, writers are no longer at the bottom of film's food chain, precisely the reason he tells them to embrace art as commerce.

"Sophocles and Shakespeare were hacks," he declares. "If they were writing today they'd be writing for TV. Drama is pretty much unchanged since the ancient Greeks. It's just the snobs who think otherwise."

For example, Walter describes "The Godfather," a box-office smash and one of the treasures of modern cinema, as a classic Greek tragedy about the nature of families and how brothers get along.

"The format of writing a screenplay can be learned by a chimpanzee in three minutes," says Walter. "But what about stories? What about character?" He thinks his ability to draw those elements out of writers is his greatest strength, especially in a semester-length course.

A woman who attended the two-day New School seminar and is familiar with Walter's work praised his analytic skills but called him a "horrific" lecturer.

"It was a rehashing of most of the peripheral stuff you could get from any screenwriting book," said the woman, who did not want to be identified.

Mike Werb, a 1987 UCLA graduate who had Walter as a professor, co-wrote the 1997 movie "Face/Off" and 1994's "The Mask." He praised Walter's teaching style.

"Richard is good at cutting through the mustard," Werb says. "He'll say,

"This is your story.' But he's also big on not letting you write until you know the theme, or what you want to say through the characters."

Walter receives hundreds of unsolicited screenplays from writers requesting critiques. He used to charge \$5,000 per script.

"Now I charge substantially more," he says coyly. "I raised my fees because I thought it would chase people away. But it hasn't. I've actually gotten busier."

Like any guru worth his gab, he knows how to make people feel good. Variety once described him as "the Jewish mother of screenwriting," a moniker he wears with pride. ("Guilt is good. Guilt is your friend," he tells writers who procrastinate.)

When Walter graduated in 1965 from the State University of New York in Binghamton he was planning a law career. He went on to get a masters from the Newhouse School of Public Communication.

But in 1966, during a visit to California, he enrolled in USC's film school. After three years, he left without graduating. "Star Wars" creator George Lucas, with whom Walter worked on "American Graffiti," was one of his classmates.

By 1977, the year he began teaching at UCLA, Walter was already a working writer and script doctor in Hollywood.

Asked why growing numbers of people are signing up for his lectures around the country, Walter can't suppress his inner "mother" when he explains, "I create a safe place in my class where new film artists can feel comfortable. I don't think these people are foolish to try to write screenplays. I admire their creative courage."

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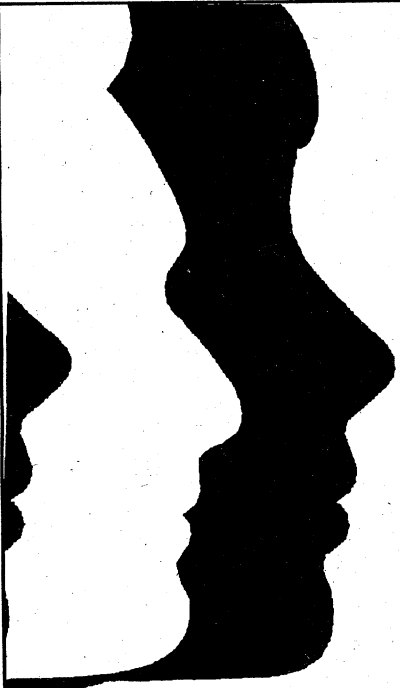
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Louisiana Frat Agrees to Pay For Pledge's Death

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) A college fraternity chapter agreed Monday to pay \$22,600 in a plea bargain stemming from the drinking death of a 20-year-old pledge. Sigma Alpha Epsilon pleaded no-contest to 86 counts of purchasing alcohol for underage drinkers.

The fraternity agreed to give \$8,600 to a campus alcohol awareness program. The fraternity also will pay \$14,000 to cover half the cost of the investigation into the death of Louisiana State University student Benjamin Wynne. Wynne was celebrating his acceptance into SAE on Aug. 25, 1997. The drinking started at an off-campus party and later at a party sponsored by the fraternity a bar.

Wynne and 11 other fraternity members and pledges were found later that night at the SAE house unconscious or nearly so. A hospital pronounced Wynne dead early on the morning of Aug. 26. His blood-alcohol level was nearly six times the level considered legal proof of intoxication in an adult in Louisiana. SAE attorney, Hillar Moore, said the money to pay the fine and other costs will be raised from a variety of sources including donations from alumni and from the national chapter.

"They want to get this behind them and move on. There's no admission of guilt," he said.

Moore had argued that the young men who fell ill, including Wynne, were adults who bore responsibility for their actions, even if they were not quite of legal drinking age.

LSU kicked SAE off campus for three years and took steps this year to curb binge drinking during fraternity rush week, including having bids to join fraternities issued on a Sunday, when bars are closed.

Still unresolved are the charges against the corporation that owned the bar, which closed shortly after Wynne's death. Murphy's Bar Inc. faces 86 counts of selling alcohol to underage drinkers and a possible \$8,600 fine, and is attempting to work out a settlement, its lawyer said Monday.

Last week, one year after his death, Wynne's parents filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the fraternity and the bar.

Syracuse Faces Strike By Service Workers

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) As hundreds of service workers set up picket lines along the Syracuse University campus, union and university negotiators talked wages behind closed doors.

The two sides met for about four hours Monday with a federal negotiator for the first time in nearly a week. University spokesman Kevin Morrow said the topic of the meeting was negotiating the wage system used to pay union employees.

"It was a very positive meeting," Morrow said. "Without saying exactly what took place, it laid the groundwork for future discussion."

Service Employees International Union Local 200A leaders had accused the university of negotiating in bad faith and refusing to make key concessions.

Morrow said Monday's meeting showed good faith on both sides.

Meanwhile, more than 700 service workers went on strike, setting up picket lines at more than a dozen spots around campus as students started their first day of school.

Although management staff and temporary workers were keeping the school running, Morrow said the strike's impact on students was minimal.

There were a few sporadic incidents of delivery trucks and vendors being stopped by picketers, but

campus security quickly resolved the problems, he said. There was some disruption of classes, too, but the university could not say to what extent.

Dining hall operations ran smoothly, buses were on time and all the parking lots were open, Morrow said.

"The lines in the dining halls ran smoothly and the library stayed open for the regular hours," Morrow said. "So far, it's been a situation that has worked out."

The union represents grounds workers, custodians, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, food service workers, library technicians and parking lot attendants.

The workers have been without a contract since June 30.

Among its demands, the union wants the university to stop subcontracting work to outside companies and stop using temporary workers to fill the jobs of permanent employees.

"The strike is the only thing we can do at this point that we haven't done," said union spokesman Coert Bonthius. "We decided that the university wouldn't move from their current stance, and that this is the only thing we can do to tell them that we're serious."

Meanwhile, some faculty said they would honor the picket lines, despite warnings from administrators that such action could cost them their jobs.

"We are interdependent with all of the workers on campus ... and we know that as they stand and fall, we stand and fall," said Linda Alcott, an associate professor in philosophy and spokeswoman for the SU Faculty Support Group.

"We can see the writing on the wall as the university becomes more corporatized and adapts corporate models of downsizing," she said.

Alcott said some instructors were planning to hold classes off campus while others were organizing a teach-in for later in the week to show their support.

On Friday, at the Chancellor's Convocation for freshmen and their parents, 16 faculty members wore white handmade placards over their ceremonial gowns that read: "Negotiate with Local 200A S.E.U.I."

Students couldn't help but notice the picket lines, and while most were concerned few said they saw any immediate impact of the strike.

"There was no mention of the strike in my two classes so far today," said

Dolce Liu, a graduate student from Taiwan in electrical engineering who was waiting for a bus in front

of Manley Field House. "No problems yet."

Morrow said union and university officials planned to continue talks with the federal negotiator today by telephone, but had no plans to meet.

Arkansas College Faces Problem of Mold in Books

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) Lysol is helping in the battle against mold on thousands of volumes at Arkansas State University library, but the library dean says she's not certain the hospital-grade disinfectant will do the trick.

The Lysol is removing the spots of gray, fuzzy mold on the 61,000 volumes found afflicted last week, but Dean Mary Moore says she's not certain the mold won't grow back.

"It takes more effort than we originally anticipated," she said.

The mold was discovered on books on the third and fourth floors of the Dean B. Ellis Library. The books are worth some \$2.2 million and laid end to end would stretch about 10 miles.

Since the discovery, workers began using Lysol to treat the books, beginning on the third floor. Cleaning staff members treated the books during nightly cleaning hours, and library staffer Malissa Davis treated the books during the day.

But Moore said, "It hasn't been going as quickly as we hoped it would." The treatment technique depends on each book and how advanced the mold growth is, Moore says. Some books also are showing different patterns of mold growth, she says.

"Malissa Davis was in the stacks on the fourth floor on Thursday with a flashlight," Moore said. Davis found those books were affected differently than the other books on the third floor.

"The mold was growing toward the back of the book and underneath the spine of the book," Moore said.

Physical plant workers have repaired the heating and air conditioning unit in the library, reducing the humidity in the building.

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The Spot Gives Off Laughs

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

The Spot, a graduate lounge and bar, has recently expanded from its usual music shows and poetry readings and has added comedy to the list, making it one of the few comedy venues on Long Island. Stony Brook students ages 21 and over will now be able to see semi-pro and professional comics live.

On the first and third Friday of every month, up and coming comedians will be performing live, along with some professional stand-up comedians here on Stony Brook campus. The Stony Brook Improv Troupe is expected to perform on the comedy nights. The Improv Troupe is a new campus organization that practices every week and they perform improvisation with audience participation.

"Basically I programmed the continuance of our mission- entertainment for the entire campus community. I wanted to expand on our offerings," said Godfrey Palaia, the manager of The Spot.

On September 4, the lineup includes Long Islander Tim Homayoon, who has 16 years of experience under his belt, Carol Ann Doner, who regularly performs in a club in the city called Don't Tell Momma's, which is a cabaret club.

Marc Migliore will also be performing. He has appeared in many clubs in the city and also in Long Island spots like the East End Players in McGuires Comedy Club. Lazlow, one of the founders of the East End Players group, is also

The Graduate Student Lounge Will Now Be Host To Live Professional Comics.

on the roster for this coming Friday, along with Saad Sarwana, a graduate student at Stony Brook who is also one of the organizers of the comedy night at The Spot.

"New York City is so saturated by comics that it is hard for the newcomers to perform, so I had the idea of bringing comics to the campus," Sarwana said. He then took his idea to Palaia, the manager of The Spot. "I chose The Spot because it is popular, has a great atmosphere and has a good location," Sarwana said.

The Spot's new comedy night has given all comics an alternative that is the only local comedy venue for Stony Brook students on Long

Island. The three comedy clubs on Long Island are McGuires in Bohemia, the Brokerage Comedy Club and Governor's, which are both in Nassau. Alternative venues like Classic Cake's Cafe in Islip and The Spot are not as well known, but the audience still gets a show just as good and since there are only three Long Island comedy clubs, they provide an opportunity for newcomers to break into the LI comedy scene. "All performers need stages and we provide one. The Spot is one of the very few places on and off campus that offers consistent entertainment," Palaia said.

The Spot held a trial run of shows last May and had successful turnouts of about 50 to 60. The success of that one night prompted The Spot to have regular comedy nights. "I was impressed by the caliber of the comics last semester and that's what motivated me to create a series for them. The comics have found a home here," said Palaia.

There is a three dollar cover charge for undergraduates and graduate students get in for free. The comedy shows begin at 8:30 p.m. and each show is followed by live music. The Spot is located in Roosevelt Quad in the Fanny Brice Theater and is open from Wednesday through Saturday, from 7:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m..



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Features

Staller Center Adds Ethnic Flavor

By DAVE CHOU
Statesman Editor Emeritus

The 1998-1999 season of the Staller Center for the Arts is a celebration of internationality, and esoteric entertainment experience. From puppet stagings of Japanese ghost stories, to blues interpretations from Paris, to high flying Chinese acrobats, audiences will be treated to a truly special year comprised in equal parts fascination and delight. The breathe-takingly planned program boldly proclaims Staller's new found prominence as a center for culture and entertainment on Long Island.

Over the past few years Staller Director Alan Inkles has been slowly nudging the center's programming towards including more open and inviting events in hopes of attracting student audiences. The center's shows did generally good business with the local residents of the university's surrounding community. Individuals from the university itself, however remained conspicuously outside the velvet partitions of the Staller's various theaters and auditoriums. Inkles, keenly aware of this dichotomy existing in the audiences, carefully tinkered with the season programs-experimenting here and there with different kinds of shows without disturbing the staples of his tried and true audience. Not until now, was it significant enough to stand up and take notice.

This will certainly be a season of giving. There is something here for everyone. Students and academics will be interested in the shows with the most ethnic flavor. The Staller Center's 1998-1999 World Focus will be a year long celebration of Asia. Notable examples of this are the Za Ondekoza Drummers of Japan (Oct. 13) and the National Acrobats of China (Sept 25). The acrobats, quite simply put can not be missed. The author of this article was fortunate enough to catch a performance of the troop in their own homeland. Their physics defying skills, demonstrated with the utmost of ease with ordinary objects of daily life, had me wondering if I myself had somehow missed a few stages of physical evolution. Penn and Teller, the ever enigmatic innovators of magic, return to the Staller stage October 11th. High profile performances from pianist Andre Watts (Oct. 24) and Soprano Christine Goerke (Dec 1) top off the '98 of half of the season.

"Our mission is to provide cultural entertainment. This year Asia was chosen because it is unique to this part of the world. For next year, I am planning to do the African Experience as the overall theme," said Alan Inkles, the director of the Staller Center.

The Staller Center Box Office is open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. and one hour before all ticketed performances. You can also order tickets 24 hours a day on-line (www.staller.sunysb.edu). Please call (516) 632-ARTS for all your customer service needs. Ask about the various discount packages available.



Spirit of the Dance will be performing at the Staller Center on September 22.

Here are the dates for the '98 half of the Staller season:

September 22-23

Spirit of the Dance

Two Performances

Tuesday, September 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23 at 8:m.p.m..

Tickets \$29.00

Follow the footsteps of Riverdance and tap into some real Irish spirit as Spirit of the Dance makes its North American debut at the Staller Center. This sensational production combines dramatic Irish dance with tap, ballet. Jazz and flamenco, making it a truly international dance experience. See spectacular Irish routines set to both the traditional lilting airs and reels contrasted with the latest jazz funk sounds of the 90's.

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National Acrobats of China

Friday, September 25 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$26.00

Since the Han Dynasty (206 BC-240 AD) dramatic folk arts and variety shows have blended with the deepest roots of Chinese civilization. Considered the foremost company in all of China, the skillful performers often use objects of daily life such as chairs, tables, poles. Ladders plates and jars as stage properties. Their perfect movements and flexible showmanship have provided entertainment and relaxation for people from all walks of life for centuries. Bring the whole family for an incredible night to remember.

October 11

Penn and Teller

Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$29.00

An exciting and unique brand of humor and magic returns to the Staller Center when the award-winning duo of Penn Jillette and Teller bring their long-running Broadway and touring theatrical show back to the Staller stage for one amazing evening. Join them for an outrageous night of comedy and illusion when Penn and Teller dazzle with their classic skits and show you some new tricks

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Kwaidan

Three Japanese Ghost Stories

A collaborative work by Ping Chong, Jon Ludwig and Mitsuru Ishii; produced by the Center for Puppetry Arts (Atlanta) with Ping Chong and Co. (New York). Presented in Association with the Jim Henson Festival of Puppet Theatre.

Tuesday October 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$26.00

Kwaidan brings together the talents of conceptual artist/director Ping Chong, puppeteer Jon Ludwig, and designer Mitsuru Ishii with turn-of-the-century writer Lafcadio Hearn, whose exquisite translations of Japanese ghost stories inspired this collaboration. The purity, simplicity, and poetry of these tales evoke a beguiled world, far removed from our pragmatic one. Layered imagery and dazzling puppetry conjure up scenes of mystery, enchantment and macabre fun, as crabs with human faces haunt turbulent shores, dead lovers appear in a McDonald's, a blind minstrel performs before assembled ghosts, and demons call to finish business. For ages 12 and up.

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