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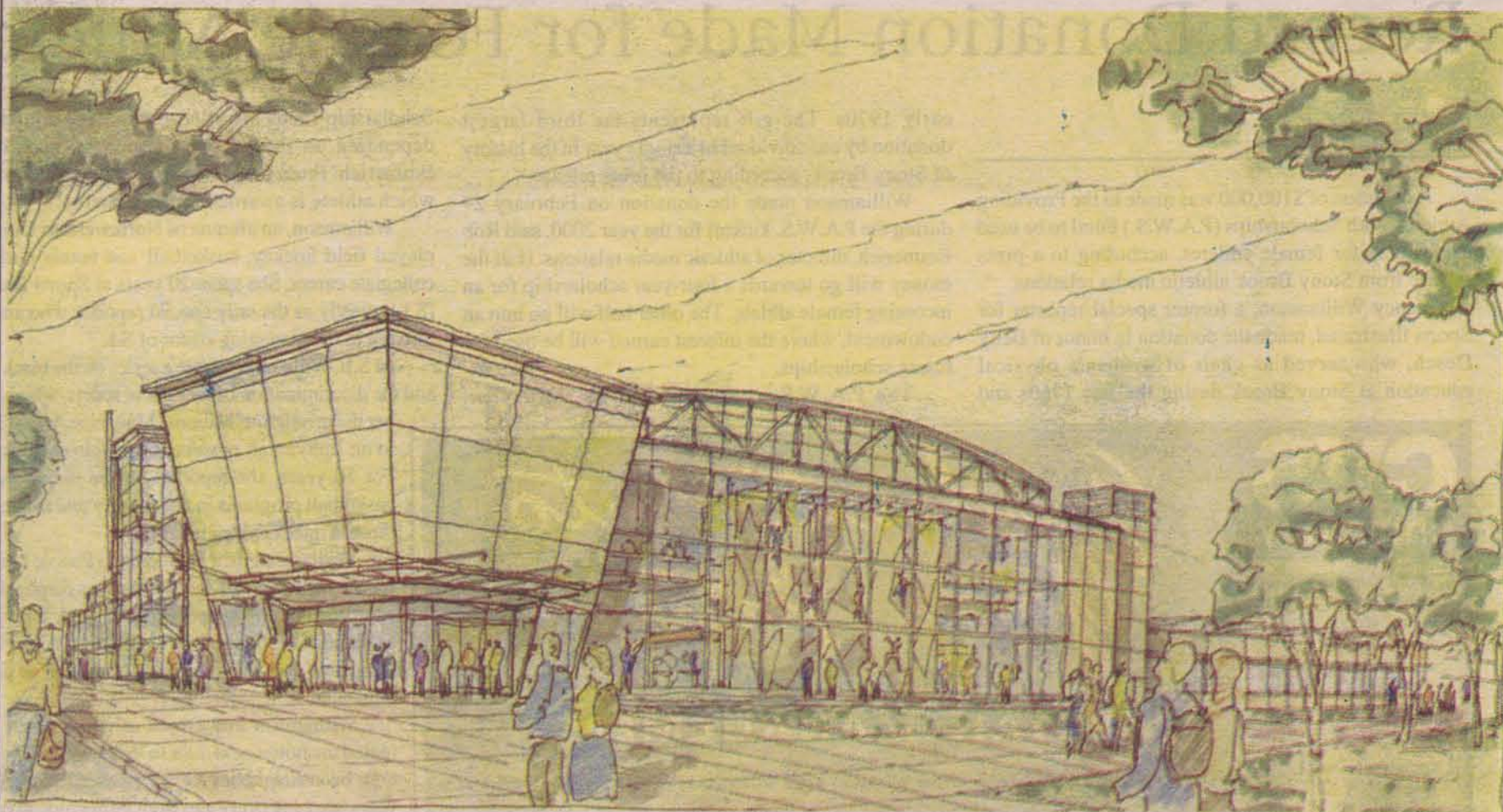
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Time to Play



Students to Vote on New Fee for Recreation Center

Get A Job

Annual Job Fair Comes to the Sports Complex

By GUY GRANDJEAN
Statesman Staff

Students dressed in suits and armed with their resumes packed into the Sports Center for the annual job and intern fair, which was held yesterday.

Representatives from a large number of companies positioned themselves at separate stands and sought to recruit students for part time and permanent positions. Though the number of companies represented was impressive, the choices available were extremely limited. The vast majority of companies were oriented towards biotechnology, computer science, and other technical fields. There was little offered to students interested in entering arts and social science related careers.

The companies represented at the fair included Art Marlin, which arranges art auctions for charities. They were searching primarily for students to fill sales positions and event coordinators. Jodie Fineman, the company's representative said, "we're looking for go getters and self-motivated students."

Another segment of the fair was the Secret Service. They were targeting students to fill permanent and intern positions, specifically special

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Students at the job fair were disappointed in the lack of variety.

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Record Donation Made for Female Athletes

By ANDREW CHIU
Statesman Staff

A donation of \$100,000 was made to the Providing Athletes With Scholarships (P.A.W.S.) Fund to be used exclusively for female athletes, according to a press release from Stony Brook athletic media relations.

Nancy Williamson, a former special reporter for Sports Illustrated, made the donation in honor of Betty Desch, who served as chair of women's physical education at Stony Brook during the late 1960s and

early 1970s. The gift represents the third largest donation by an individual in a single year in the history of Stony Brook, according to the press release.

Williamson made the donation on February 29 during the P.A.W.S. kickoff for the year 2000, said Rob Emmerich, director of athletic media relations. Half the money will go towards a four-year scholarship for an incoming female athlete. The other half will go into an endowment, where the interest earned will be used for future scholarships.

The P.A.W.S. program is in its third year.

Scholarship funds are allocated to each athletic team depending on their scope of success, according to Emmerich. From there it is up to each coach to decide which athlete is awarded the scholarship.

Williamson, an alumna of Northwestern University, played field hockey, basketball and tennis during her collegiate career. She spent 20 years at Sports Illustrated (S.I.), mostly as the only special reporter who answered directly to the managing editor of S.I.

At S.I., Williamson wrote a series on the black athlete and the discrimination of women in sports, which earned her the prestigious National Magazine Award Service to an Individual, presented by Nelson Rockefeller. For 10 years, she reported on the major women's basketball programs in the country and also covered three Winter Olympics.

Williamson then moved on to People Magazine for the next 16 years, where she was responsible for coordinating and supervising 30 reporters, serving as chief of reporters. She also helped move People Magazine and its entire operations staff to Sydney, Australia.

Williamson met Desch in 1969, when Desch rented the house next door to Williamson. They have now been neighbors for 31 years. Desch spent 35 years teaching every age from third grade to college. She spent two years in the Army and then attended physical therapy school. After that, she taught at Briarcliff Junior College and Buffalo State University. From there, she went to work for the State Education Department in Albany. She then returned to Long Island to teach public school in West Islip and Southampton. After her three years in Stony Brook Athletics, Desch retired. She is in her 25th year of hospital volunteering and also spends time with the League of Women Voters and a study club.

"I'm very surprised and flattered," Desch said of the scholarship in her name. "Nancy has been an awfully good friend and neighbor all these years. This is quite overwhelming."

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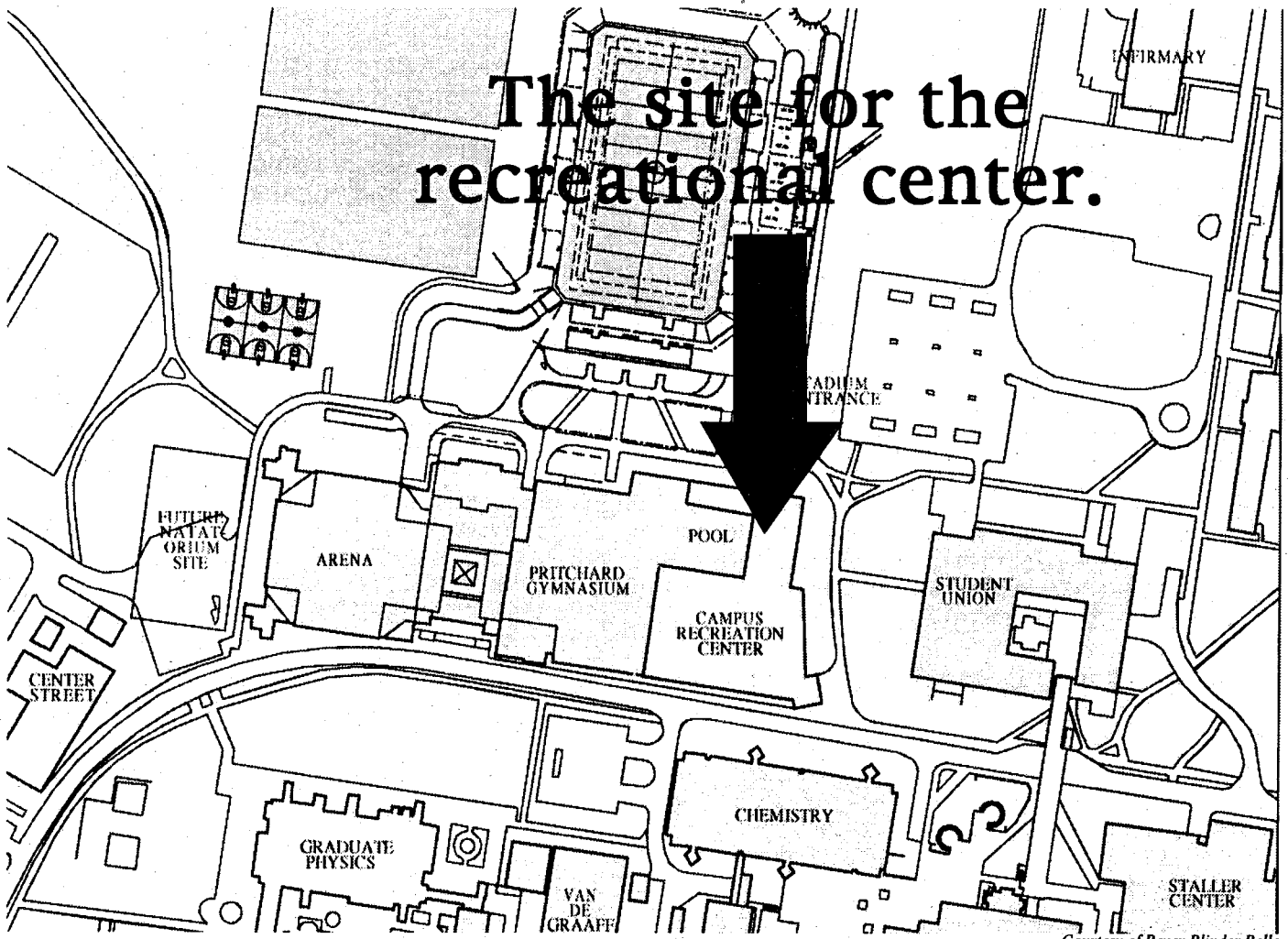
Rec Center to be Built on to Pritchard Gym

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

The Polity Senate approved yesterday to put a new fee onto the student referendum in April: a yearly \$100 for a student recreation center.

The fee will be used to construct a facility adjacent to the Pritchard Gym and will be approximately 84,000 square feet. The construction of the facility will cost approximately \$17 million and will depend on whether students vote in favor of the project.

"Over the years what we have been trying to do is progressively bring student life to what is typical of a college this size," said Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston, who is championing for the center. "We don't have a full blown recreation program because we don't have the facilities. The Sports Complex is not large enough to accommodate intercollegiate



The conceptual drawing of the proposed recreational center.

Courtesy of Beyer Blinder Belle

program and the move to Division I has intensified that and spaces like the Pritchard Gym are hard to get in."

Preston said that the idea stemmed from student complaints about not being able to use the gym because many times it is being used by the 20 sports teams, intramurals and physical education classes. Another problem is that the space is frequently rented out to raise money for the Sports Department.

The new facility will be exclusively for the use of recreation, intramurals and club sports, Preston said. It will be open about 18 hours a day, seven days a week, including

during the winter intercession and summer. Faculty and staff will be able to use the center, but will have to pay a fee double that of what students will pay or higher, he said.

The three-leveled center will feature a dance/martial arts room, a free weights room, a rock-climbing wall, massage therapy area/offices, a cafe, sauna, three basketball courts, cardiovascular and weight machines and a bowling alley. The facility will also be air conditioned, unlike the Pritchard Gym. Eventually, Preston said, they hope to incorporate the swimming pool as part of the center since there is current discussion about the state funding a 50 meter pool that will be built in the VIP parking lot next to the Sports Complex. The center will also be enclosed in glass.

"This is something that has been lacking on this campus," said Susan DiMonda, director of Campus Recreation, which is now housed in the Pritchard Gym. DiMonda will head the new center as well. "If you finish a test and feel like blowing off steam, you will be able to just go and shoot some hoops whenever you want."

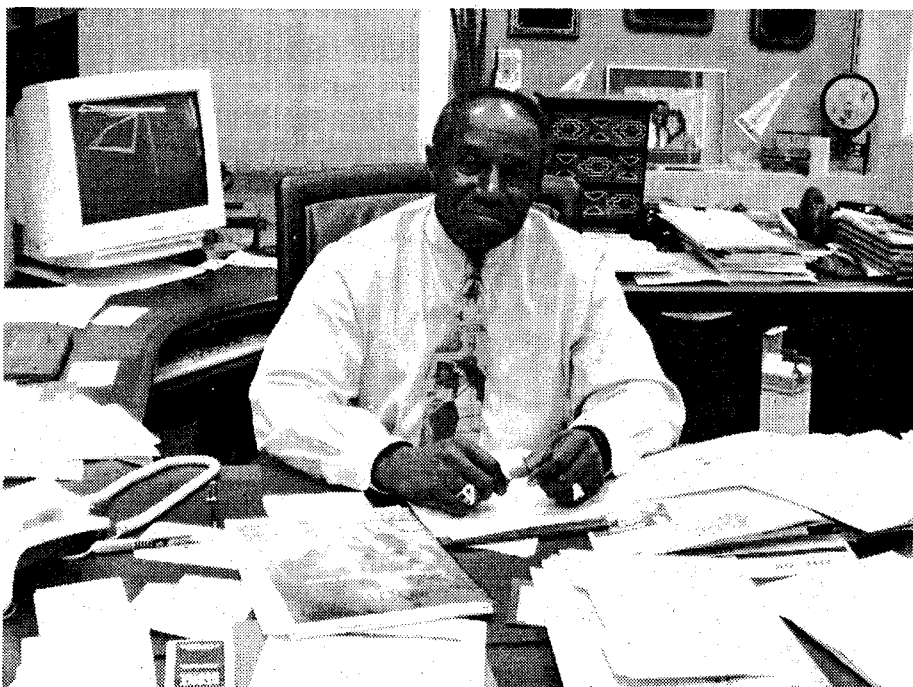
With 7,000 students involved in intramural sports, 450 to 500 students on the club sports teams, and classes such as kick boxing and aerobics, DiMonda said that she has had problems scheduling space in between the intercollegiate sports and other planned activities. "We

have World War III on Friday nights between the badminton and basketball teams," she said. "They are at each other's throats because they are vying for the same space." DiMonda gave another example of a new competitive ballroom dancing team that was created that requested space, but she said that she had to recommend the team join up with the non-competitive ballroom dancing team that already exists because there is just not any space left. "Because our window of opportunity is larger, we will have the flexibility to schedule these groups in," she said about the center.

Richard Laskowski, dean of Physical Education and Athletics, agreed another building would provide more relief to all since nearly 500 people visit the Sports Complex a day. "It would be great, the facility is old and there's an incredible demand on this building," he said. "A rec center would help everything."

The move to erect a recreation center began last year. Since then, conceptual drawings have been made as part of a feasibility study by the architectural firm Beyer Blinder Belle, which has done work on Grand Central Station. The drawings incorporated the recommendations of an 18-member student advisory board which includes members from Polity, the

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Fred Preston

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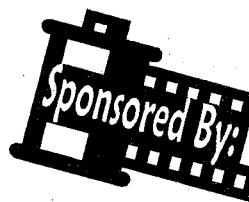
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Continued Controversy

Student Life Committee Meets to Discuss Eight Semester Rule and Increase to Athletic Fee

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

Two major campus issues, the eight-semester rule and the increase of the athletic fee, were the focus of the University Senate Student Life Committee meeting held Monday afternoon.

The "eight-semester-and-out" rule has stirred up strong emotions from many Stony Brook students. It is the by now infamous regulation stating that any student who has lived on campus for eight semesters must find other living accommodations if they plan to continue their education at Stony Brook. Put into effect in April 1999 by the Housing Planning Advisory Committee (HPAC), the rule has forced many students to secure off-campus housing.

Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs; Malika Granville, a Polity representative, Aaron Godfrey, president of the University Senate; Perry Goldstein, associate professor in the Fine Arts Department; Eugene Feinberg of the College of Engineering; and Dean Laskowski of the Athletics Department were all present at the meeting, chaired by Ed Feldman of the Health Sciences Center.

Polity President Andrez Carberry, a known opponent of the eight-semester rule, raised the issue in the last University Senate meeting, which prompted it to be the focus of the Student Life Committee meeting. Jamel James Addoh, who was Carberry's representative at the SLC gathering and Malika Granville brought up students' concerns about the policy.

"We feel that this rule puts students in an awkward position. It leaves us in limbo, because commuting can cause a lot of trouble for students who already live on campus," said Granville.

Addoh criticized the rule's conception, claiming that the students were not properly informed of the new policy and were thus caught off guard by its consequences. "Why wasn't a phone mail message sent informing students? They can send them to us when our bills have to be paid, though," he said. Addoh also brought up Monique Maylor, Polity president at the time of the rule's creation, who attests that



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The move to Division I means an \$80 increase to the Athletic Fee.

she had no idea that such a policy was in the works by the HPAC. Dan Melucci, chair of the HPAC, remained firm that students did have a say in the policy's initiation, saying "Believe me, she [Monique] was well-informed of the policy."

No one can deny the numbers, however. For the freshman class that entered Stony Brook in 1993, 32 percent graduated within four years, and a whopping 51 percent graduated within six years. The number of students graduating within six years has hovered around fifty percent for at least five years, which leaves many students wondering why a policy would be implemented that would affect half the graduating class.

Preston defended the policy by pointing out that, "Most college campuses guarantee upperclassmen only two years housing." Preston went on to say that he had faith in students. "Our students are no less capable of taking care of themselves than at other schools."

He also explained that the priority of the HPAC shifted from upperclassmen to incoming freshmen. With a greater number of freshmen being enrolled every year, there is just not enough room to house every student. "Whatever case the upperclassmen could make [as to why off-campus housing is a problem to find], the incoming freshmen's case is worse. That's how you end up with freshmen as a housing priority," he said.

Currently, James and part of Benedict Colleges are closed for renovations and are expected to reopen in September. All of Mendlesohn and H Quads will be completely renovated by January 2001, bringing 500 beds back into commission. By September 2001, 500 more beds will be added, making the total 1000 and, according to Melucci, solving the housing problem.

"After this fall, beginning in spring, every projection says we will be able to accommodate everyone." When asked if that meant a complete elimination of the policy, Melucci said, "There should be no need to implement it after that, but I don't think it will be withdrawn."

The second issue addressed at the meeting is the expected increase of the mandatory athletic fee. Richard Laskowski, dean of the Athletics Department was present at the meeting to explain why the increase in fee was "a necessary evil."

The Intercollegiate Athletics Board, comprised of four students, three faculty, and three administrators all appointed by the president, conceived of the increase.

Stony Brook's athletic fee has remained a stable \$120 since 1998. But starting this fall, another \$80 will be added to that fee, forcing students to fork over \$200 in athletic fees.

When it was announced that Stony Brook's teams were making the transition to Division 1, President Shirley Strum Kenny assured students that the fee would not go up. Laskowski explained that Kenny meant that Stony Brook's move to Division 1 would, "...not be built on the backs of the students who would be gone once Division 1 was in place." This means that since Stony Brook is already immersed in Division 1, the fee has to go up and those students still here have to pay.

Laskowski explained that the athletic fee funds, "sports operations, travel, equipment, lodging and scholarships."

The fee increase is not an issue that is up for vote. The increase will be implemented this fall, but Laskowski wants to make it clear that the \$80 hike will benefit all students.

"We want to know what students want from the new fee. We are trying to provide an improvement over student life," said Laskowski.

Laskowski maintains that the fee will improve existence on campus and will also increase enrollment. "There's something to do on campus now that we're Division 1."

He referred to the recent eight page spread in *Newsday* that chronicled the Seawolves' leap into Division 1 competition, as evidence of the growing interest in Stony Brook. "Athletic success contributes to enrollment. It attracts better students and then better faculty," said Laskowski.

He compared the Seawolves eight page *Newsday* spread, which made the front page of the sports section, with the recent visit to campus by George W. Bush, Gov. Pataki, and NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, which was tucked discreetly on page five. "In the minds of most people, academics takes second place to athletics," he said.

Any student who is unhappy about these changes in policy are encouraged to voice their concerns to their student representatives.



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Jamel James Addoh at February's Town Meeting that discussed the eight semester rule.

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Editorials

Think Before You Park

There seems to be a lot of stalkers on this campus. It is not an uncommon sight to see people sitting in their cars with the engine running, lying in wait for a person who will soon leave and free up a good spot in any of the prime lots on campus.

These stalkers can be found slowly tooling around the North P and the Stadium lots, eyes darting around in all directions, just lying in wait to spot an early bird parker on their way to exit a spot. Some people even compete with their fellow drivers. Many a brawl has broken out over someone "stealing" someone else's spot.

As we all know very well by now, parking here is a hassle and it is arguably one of the most serious problems on this campus. Many commuters are forced to resort to lots by the train tracks, lots that are so far away that they don't even have names.

So rather than walk from a lot that is so far away that your destination is barely visible on the horizon, many students are content to sit around and wait. Call them

lazy if you want but many would agree that it is annoying to have to walk 15 or 20 minutes just to get to class.

But what if you can't walk 15 or 20 minutes to class, or anywhere else for that matter? For the handicapped students that make use of this campus, this is a reality.

This is why they are

"Those spots painted in blue are reserved for the handicapped, not the lazy."

allotted the prime spots in each of the lots, not only on campus, but anywhere else you might go. For those of you that don't realize or just choose to ignore them, those spots painted in blue are reserved for the handicapped, not the lazy.

But we are all guilty. Maybe for not actually parking in these coveted spots, but for at least wishing we could. Life is so hectic, especially for students, and when we are in a rush, it is quite easy to

justify it and actually convince ourselves that we are only going to be a second. "What's the chances of a handicapped person coming in the few seconds I just run in here?" we wonder. "I need to park in this spot that is such a short distance from the entrance."

You might have the odds in your favor that, in fact, a disabled person will not need your spot in those few seconds but the fact remains that it is illegal. Not to mention rude.

But as we all know, being rude doesn't hinder too many people from acting, but would it stop you if it would cost you at least \$50, or have your car towed? That is the penalty you face if you get caught being lazy on our campus. How sad that it has to cost something for people to be considerate.

Parking Services is cracking down on violators, inspecting cars that make use of the handicapped spots and making sure that the parkers are legit. In addition to hitting you in the wallet, you also run the risk of getting your car immobilized and your permit forever taken away. Then you will be forever banned to really bad parking, only the beginning of the punishment bogus handicapped parkers deserve.

THE CONVENIENCE OF STUDENT TELEPHONE SERVICES:



Shaping Up

English Department Holds State of the Department Address

BY TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

The English department held a State of the Department Address yesterday to reacquaint themselves with their students and to address their concerns.

It was an informal gathering with food and drinks that provided an opportunity for undergraduates to find out about upcoming changes. Students were encouraged to share their opinions on all facets of the department.

Speaking at the event was Helen Cooper, director of Graduate Studies for the English department. Cooper delivered an update on the status of the search for a new chair. The department has been without permanent leadership since last spring, when Lee Edelman abruptly departed. Lorenzo Simpson is the interim chair.

"We have conducted what promises to be a very successful search for the English chair," said Cooper. The candidates for the position are: Prof. Warren Ginsberg, a professor of English at SUNY Albany; Prof. Peter Manning, a professor of English at the University of Southern California; Prof. Mary Jean Corbett, associate Professor of English and Director of Graduate Studies at Miami University of Ohio; and Prof. Steven Kruger, professor of English at the University of Alberta.

The English department has approved all four of the candidates and now it is up to the Dean, Provost and President to meet with each candidate and pick a new chair.



Helen Cooper listened to students' concerns regarding the English department.

Statesman/Richard Joe

Although they cannot say exactly when the decision will be announced, Simpson estimates that it will take a month.

"Everyone [in the department] will be happy in the fall with whomever comes," Cooper said. "We can then start building up the department."

Severely understaffed, the department is on the verge of redevelopment, and is looking to hire fourteen new faculty members.

"We waited for the new millennium to start building our staff," Cooper said. "It will take three or four years before we have a fully stocked faculty."

Cooper then turned the discussion over to the undergraduates, asking what they would change within the department. "We want contact with students, to keep the



Helen Cooper

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Annual Job Fair Held

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agent division officers. This representative did not specify a particular major. Denise Carson said the service is seeking "responsible, mature, highly motivated students with high moral standards."

Not for profit organizations were also represented at the fair. The Center for Developmental Disabilities offered a range of part time and full time positions and, as representative Karen Adler pointed out, "we're looking for students interested in working with individuals and wanting a

rewarding experience."

For the most part, the fair was dominated by technology companies. This reflects the strong reputation USB has in the science and computer fields. This was backed up by Nancy Sobrito, a representative of Brookhaven National Laboratory, who said that the company has a "close working relationship with the school, with many of the professors and scientists working at Brookhaven."

Students at the fair expressed disappointment at the lack of variety available. "Many of the representatives didn't talk to you unless you were a computer science major," said Carmen Perez, an

anthropology student. Candice Ferrette, an English major who came to the fair looking for communications opportunities, said that "the fair was not helpful at all." For a few students however, the event proved to be a worthwhile. Heather Ross, a computer science major, was pleasantly surprised at the fair, receiving a couple of job offers.

In general, the focus of the fair was extremely narrow, perhaps not only reflecting the strong reputation of Stony Brook university in the science and technical fields but also the widespread demand for computer science based careers.

undergraduates and graduates together as a department," said Cooper.

Some of the suggestions made included holding a job fair dedicated to the humanities, establishing journalism as a major, publicizing the URECA Research program, updating and utilizing a English department web site and establishing a newsletter.

"Our web site isn't utilized now, and we are hoping to start with paper [the newsletter] and then move on to electronics...in order to get information out," said Kathy Magrini, president of the Undergraduate English Society.

A shared complaint among students lies with the insufficient selection of English classes offered and the overcrowded classes.

Cooper assured students that all their concerns will be taken into consideration once the new chair is in place.

"A Moral Handicap"

Parking Services Cracks Down on Fraudulent Handicapped Permits

BY ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

A change in route has turned a scenic walk to campus ugly for a professor whose office is in the Social and Behavioral Sciences building.

The professor, who wished to remain anonymous, said that he recently changed his route to school so that he now approaches campus from the south instead of the north. This takes him past the SBS parking lot which has afforded him the opportunity to witness people without obvious impairments parking in handicapped spots. On more than one occasion, he claims to have seen someone park their car, hang up a handicap pass and then sprint into the building.

"These people had no visible handicap—no cane, no oxygen tank, nor any other indication that they were physically impaired," the professor said. "The only apparent handicap appeared to be a moral one."

Stephanie Patterson of Disabled Student Services agreed that the problem is pervasive, not only on campus but in society at large. Patterson, who is the assistant to the Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, said that people parking in handicapped spots is mostly a matter of conscience.

"If people see 10 handicap spots in a row, they assume that there is not going to be 10 handicap people needing to park in those spots," she said. "But when we see a red light, we still stop even if no cars are coming, it's still illegal to go through the light."

Although Patterson said that the Stony Brook campus has been very responsive to the parking needs of handicapped students, the DSS is always advocating for more. She also praised the efforts of campus Parking Services to ensure that the problem is kept under control.

"There have recently been very successful stings where a number of bogus permits were found," Patterson said.

According to Arty Shertzer from the Traffic Office, the

Parking Services department is aware of the issue. "We are working on the problem so that genuinely disabled people can use the spaces provided," Shertzer said. To do this, periodic checks are performed to

ensure that handicapped parkers are indeed handicapped. This includes inspections being done on cars with the permits and on drivers themselves as they park in the spots.

These efforts have allowed for the confiscation of seven permits and a number of summonses just this semester alone. Last year, close to 60 permits were confiscated. "It is amazing how many people use them improperly," Shertzer said.

However, he said that this is not always useful in solving the problem because the permit itself is "anonymous" and it is not always easy to tell if someone is legitimate or not.

"There isn't a name or picture on the permit and no identification is issued to permit holders," Shertzer said. To verify handicapped status, Shertzer said that his offices check with the township or city the car is registered in.

If found to be using bogus permits, in addition to permit seizure, Shertzer said that violators are subject to \$50 fines, towing or car "booting," a procedure which immobilizes vehicles and carries another \$40 fine for removal. Offenders are then referred to Student Affairs.

However, there are a number of ailments that may warrant handicap access that are not seen by the eye.

Patterson pointed out that some ailments are not always visible, including asthma, being prone to seizures, and back trouble. "Not every handicapped person is in a wheelchair," she said, "most disabilities are hidden."

Patterson explained that the process for the issuing of permits requires medical documentation but she said that if an injury is long-term, she refers the student to their town to obtain a special license plate.

However, not everyone agrees that this is a serious issue, and point out that time is an issue. Mohamed Mohamed, a sophomore, said that if someone is in a rush, it isn't a big deal to park in a handicapped spot. "Parking is such a problem on this campus," he said. "If you find a spot you should take it."

But Patterson thinks it is all about being respectful. "We're all running on tight schedules, we are all in a rush," she said. "But the important thing is politeness. It is a big deal."



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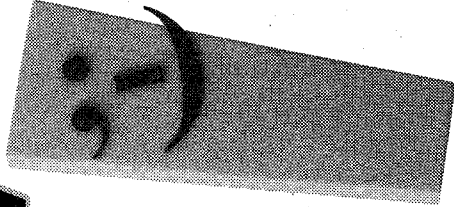
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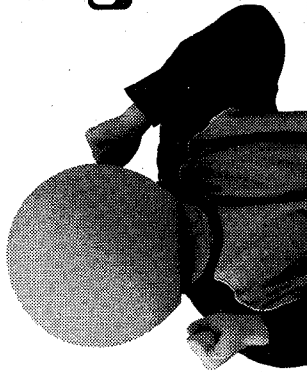
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Police Blotter

Compiled by Julie Mingione, Statesman Editor

Wednesday, March 8

12:14 pm A phone card and micro cassette recorder were stolen from the periodicals section of the Melville Library.

2:53 pm The glass on one of the bus shelters in the North P-Lot was found shattered.

5:00 pm A person previously banned from the University and its grounds was spotted in the Kelly Quad area and arrested for criminal trespassing.

9:48 pm A Langmuir College student reported receiving threatening phone calls.

11:13 pm A vehicle was broken into and a jacket and parking permit were stolen in the Mendlesohn/H Quad parking lot.

found in a corridor of Whitman College. He refused medical treatment.

Saturday, March 11

3:17 pm A napkin dispenser valued at \$25 was stolen from the Benedict dining hall.

4:00 pm Belongings, including cash, books, and clothes, were stolen from a room in Dewey College.

10:24 pm A party in Ammann College with underage drinking was dispersed by officers.

Sunday, March 12

2:05 am An unauthorized party was

Blotter of the Week

2:05 am An unauthorized party was thrown in the basement of the Math Tower, with approximately 50 people and underage drinking. The party was dispersed and students were referred to judicial affairs.

11:18 pm Harassing phone calls were reported to the police by a Toscanini College resident.

Thursday, March 9

12:46 am Five males were reported making noise and banging on objects in the Greeley parking lot. Subjects were gone upon police arrival.

1:29 am The strong smell of marijuana was reported emanating from a bathroom in Keller College.

1:50 am A noise complaint was registered by Sanger College residents when fraternities were hazing nearby. The crowd was dispersed.

9:20 am A burned out toaster caused the fire alarms to go off in Toscanini College. The toaster was confiscated the by fire marshall.

7:40 pm Heavy smoke entered the Student Union through the ventilation system.

11:55 pm An anonymous report was called in claiming that 10-15 people were going to cause criminal mischief in the Roosevelt Quad parking lots. The area was patrolled and the report unfounded.

Friday, March 10

12:40 am An RA in Hamilton College requested assistance, when people were reported on the roof of the building.

4:31 am A fight involving three people ensued in O'Neill College, with no reported injuries. All students were referred to student affairs.

5:00 am Students in Eisenhower College were seen throwing bottles onto the roadway.

5:11 am The smoke detectors in Irving College were vandalized, and police were unable to reset the system. Fire Safety was notified.

7:04 am An unconscious male was

thrown in the basement of the Math Tower, with approximately 50 people and underage drinking. The party was dispersed and students were referred to judicial affairs.

2:44 am Multiple fights broke out in the Union.

2:44 am A male, involved in a fight, received a laceration over one eye. He was taken to U.H.E.R.

2:44 am Another male involved in a fight in the Union received a broken nose and was taken to U.H.E.R.

2:44 am A worker who attempted to break up the fighting had his front teeth knocked loose and lip cut open.

3:25 am Crisis intervention was deployed at the Union. The crowd was eventually dispersed.

2:36 pm A CD player, \$20 and a keycard was stolen from a room in Cardozo College.

8:47 pm A radio, golf shoes, and a flashlight were taken from a car in the Kelly paved lot.

Monday, March 13

1:56 am A caller from the Health Sciences Center said her vehicle had been stolen. The woman later recalled that a friend had moved her car.

Tuesday, March 14

11:33 am Clothes were stolen from a locker in the Sports Complex valued at \$200.

7:30 pm The smell of marijuana was detected in Langmuir College.

Wednesday, March 15

3:27 am A car was found in the North P-lot with its driver and passenger side windows broken, along with a smashed windshield.

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New Recreational Center in the Works for the University

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Inter Fraternity Sorority Council, senators from the residence halls, members of the Commuter Students Association, graduate students and the undergraduate intramural coordinators. The board, which will be a permanent fixture if the facility is built and which is looking for members, visited other colleges to check out recreational centers there for ideas.

If passed by the student body, the University will try to start construction in September and will shoot for January 2003 as the latest completion date, despite that the timeline for construction usually takes approximately five years.

Although the University has agreed to pay the annual custodial maintenance fees for the center and its utilities, most of the cost will lie on the backs of students. "I jokingly say it's the cost of a cheap date," Preston said. "It will be \$25 per semester and then when construction starts it will be \$50. It's chump change."

Preston also explained that the juniors and sophomores who will be paying the fee who will not be around to see the completion of the center will still benefit. Those students who pay the fees will be given memberships after they graduate, a one-year pass for current juniors and a two-year pass for sophomores.

He remains optimistic that students will enjoy having a recreational center. "Many of them will end up using the facility if they are here, you can bank on it. People crave that environment, where people have fun. Whenever you upgrade in a major way, it effects everyone."

USB student Junior Dorsainvil seemed enthusiastic about the idea but remained hesitant. "It will be a better social atmosphere and a nice addition to campus," he said. "In the Sports Complex students don't have full access, organizations on campus don't always have full access, off campus events have an easier time. I hope this doesn't happen with the center. I hope it's primarily for students."

Other students remained skeptical of the move. Senior Rajiv Patel said, "I think that the money should be spent on building our academic programs rather than playing games."

School of the Assassins

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Salvadorian military entered a village and forced everyone out into the streets. The officers ordered everyone to lay face down, and massacred over 900 men, women, and children. In the documentary, a survivor tearfully recounted hearing children cry out "they're killing us." Of 143 bodies that were later found, 131 were the bodies of children under 12. Ten of the 12 officers that were blamed for the massacre were educated at the SOA.

In November of 1989, El Salvador's premier military battalion slaughtered six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter. Nineteen of the 26 officers that were implicated were graduates of the SOA.

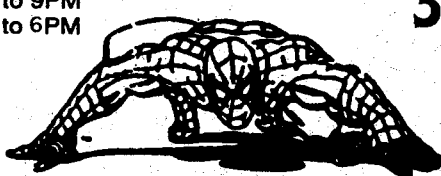
William McNulty, a Long Islander, has dedicated himself to the cause of closing the school permanently, and spent six months in prison because of his non-violent opposition. He engaged the attendees in an avid discussion about the nature of the SOA and other related issues. Students brought up topics like the drug war, the government of Columbia, police brutality, class divisions, and the nature of proactive individuals.

"Why would we, as a country, want to do things like this?" he asked the group, referring to the fact that the SOA is still in operation. McNulty explained that his time in prison gave him a better perspective on why the school is still open. "The SOA is the mechanism through which the violence of domination is maintained in Latin America," he said, and then explained that various factors have kept the school open, including the assertion that "it's a loss of face, it's a prestige issue, and it's related to the face that we do not tell them [the government] what to do."

McNulty offered his take on a complicated issue, with the stipulation that his conclusions were drawn over the course of many years. He spoke simply, and did not attempt to debate opinions. The issues raised in the discussion were relevant, timely, and inspiring. In the proclamation that led to his assassination, Romero epitomized the issue of activism. "We who have a voice, we have to speak for the voiceless," he said.

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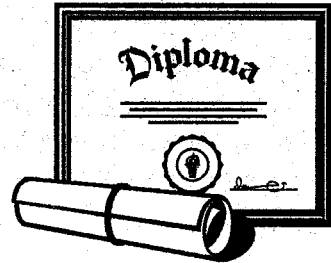
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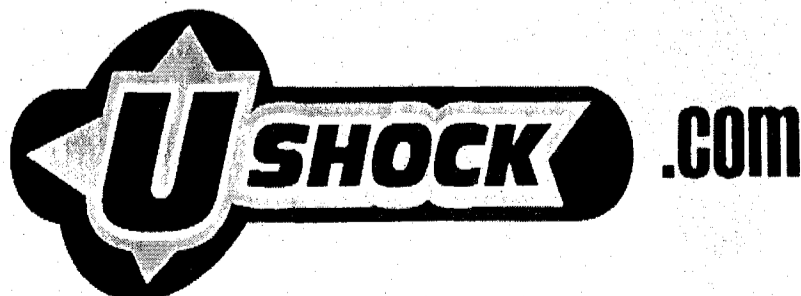
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School of the Assassins

Activist William McNulty Speaks to Students About the School of the Americas

BY KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

At 4 p.m. yesterday, a group of students gathered in the Student Activities Center to watch a documentary on the School of the Americas (SOA) and participate in a discussion with activist William McNulty.

The Students for Peace and Humanity sponsored the event, which began with a viewing of the 1995 Academy-award nominated documentary film "School of the Assassins," a piece which delves into the operations and ramifications of the school.

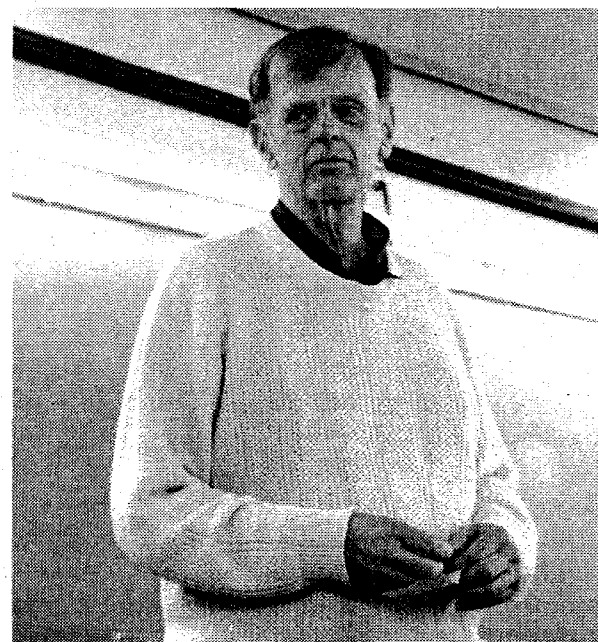
Located in Fort Benning, Ga., the school was created in 1946 by the Pentagon for the purpose of training and "professionalizing" the armed forces of Latin America. It is funded with U.S. capital. Courses offered to trainees include sniper training, how to fire an M-16 rifle, and psychological warfare. The establishment educates upwards of 2,000 Latin American military students a year. On paper, the organization is a noble, if outdated, effort to strengthen U.S. relations with Latin America, and to ensure that military forces have undergone

proper training.

Observers and political activists, though, regard the school as an institution of the most degenerate nature, one that has turned out countless murderers and criminals. The Hall of Fame that is visible upon entering the school immortalizes graduates that went on to become terrorists, criminals, dictators of various Latin American countries, and murderers. Among the distinguished alumni are Manuel Noriega, who currently resides in a U.S. prison, Roberto Viola of Argentina, Hugo Banzer Suarez of Bolivia, and Juan Alverado of Peru.

The video introduced those assembled to various examples of SOA graduates terrorizing citizens in their home countries. For example, a civil war raged in El Salvador during the 1980s, and countless acts of heinous nature were committed by military officers. In December of 1980, an unmarked grave was discovered in a field. It contained the bodies of four women who had been raped and brutally murdered. Of the five officers who were later brought up on charges for the crimes, three were trained at the SOA.

Overly oppressive circumstances inspired El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero to send out



Statesman/Ruth Chung

William McNulty was arrested for peaceful resistance, and spent six months in prison.

a plea to the military, ordering them to stop the repression of the masses. He was assassinated the next day while saying mass. Declassified cable transmissions later revealed that the murder was planned by an officer who had been trained at the SOA. Additionally, two other SOA educated officers played a pivotal role in the actual assassination.

The documentary then went on to tell stories of horrors committed by SOA graduates on a much larger scale. In 1981, 12 officers of the El

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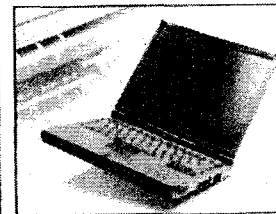
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Tell Me About It

Advice for the College-Aged Crowd

By Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn:

I dated a girl for two years. We shared a room in a house that I own. I rent out other rooms to friends of mine. Naturally, my friends and housemates became her friends as well. We broke up and she moved out last April. It's one of the better breakups I've had and we have remained good friends. A few days ago, a housemate, who is also a friend of mine, dropped the bomb that he is going to start dating her. I am happily involved in another relationship, but their decision still does not sit well with me.

There's too many fish in the sea. I've talked to them about it, at one point even terminating our friendship and telling my housemate to move out.

Am I overreacting, or are they lacking some basic moral fiber?

—M.

I'm going to go with (A) Overreacting.

Specifically, you're way overstating the moral-fiber content in this issue. There was no bedroom-hopping, right? The order of events was your breakup, her moving out, their developing an attraction. Nothing immoral about that. There may be a lot of fish in the sea, but these two were sharing a bowl for quite some time. Things happen.

I'd have a lot more sympathy if you argued that they punched you in the gut emotionally, because they have, absolutely. Knowing you'll be replaced one day is nothing compared with watching it happen. But what does this small

victory get you? The right to get angry at them, I suppose—and to guarantee that any awkwardness and hurt feelings will intensify.

Better to ease tensions, and respond with grace. Your friend did his part by having the decency to tell you himself. If your breakup was as amicable as you say—no pining, no open wounds—then do your part by sucking it up and wishing them both the best. It helps if you unclench your teeth.

Okay Carolyn, try this one:

I know I was/am in the wrong, but this is how it is: In high school, met someone, fell in love, never seemed to get it to work out right even though we tried for years. Out of high school, met someone, had a baby together, fell in love, got married, had more kids, went "happily" on with life.

Cut to many years later ... accidentally found each other, accidentally found we never stopped thinking about each other, accidentally found we still love each other, accidentally got caught—no physical cheating, just emotional. Now everything is a mess, as you can imagine.

Love them both, don't want to lose either, know that isn't an option.

An outside opinion?

—M.D.

Made vows, made children, honor them. It's difficult, but that doesn't mean it's complicated.

Carolyn:

How long should I stay as a dinner guest at a friend's house? I have dinner with my co-worker's family every few months, but I'm never sure how long after dinner I should hang out. We usually eat early since they have kids, and I don't want to be rude by leaving too early or be a pest by staying too long. My mom advised that I should have a "feel" for when the appropriate time to leave arrives, but it hasn't happened yet.

Suggestions?

—Socially Inept

You've stayed just long enough if you finished your coffee, tea or after-dinner drink (no gulping), but you still have some good conversation left in you.

You've stayed too long if your host is yawning, glazing over, not asking questions, not offering refills, mentioning that big big day he has waiting for him tomorrow, thanking you for coming while you're still sitting down, and starting any sentences with "Oh, look at the time"—or if you've exhausted your supply of conversation.

Everything in between is fine.

The smoother the host, though, the subtler the signals. If you see the

sunrise on your way home and/or realize with horror that you failed to notice that your hosts erected the Times Square of please-leave-our-house signs, apologize the next day by saying you had such a good time you're afraid you got carried away. Truth in the form of a compliment.

Carolyn:

I've got "baby mama drama." What does the fiancée do when the "baby's mama"—who was never a wife—just won't get over the fact that she wasn't "the one." My fiancée is a wonderful father to their 3-year-old daughter, but her mother is so bitter. I'm ready to just tell her off!

—Virginia

Bitter? Imagine that. And besides, what good is a victory if you

can't rub it in the loser's face? What the fiancée does is remember that she is the fiancée—and that being "the one" isn't much to crow about if it's "the one without a teaspoon of class."

The father of her child doesn't love her. That may not excuse her behavior, but it should be enough to squeeze a little compassion out of you. Locate it, gather it, use it. Let the bitterness slide.

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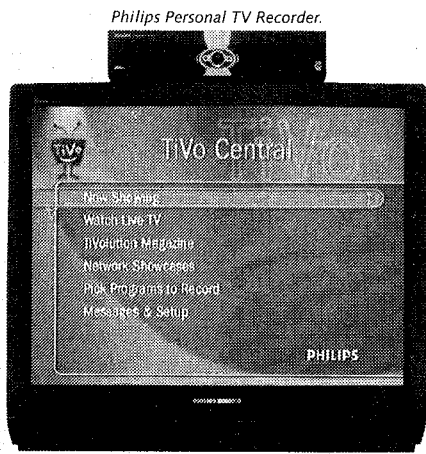
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A USB State of Mind

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Piano man Billy Joel visited Stony Brook's own Staller Center on Monday night to chat with students and do a little singing.

With a sold-out crowd of more than 1,000 attending, the Long Island native gave them the intimate opportunity of a back-and-forth open dialogue, where audience members asked Joel about his music and his life. Sponsored by the Student Activities Board, the show lasted three hours — all filled with story-telling, humor and of course, music.

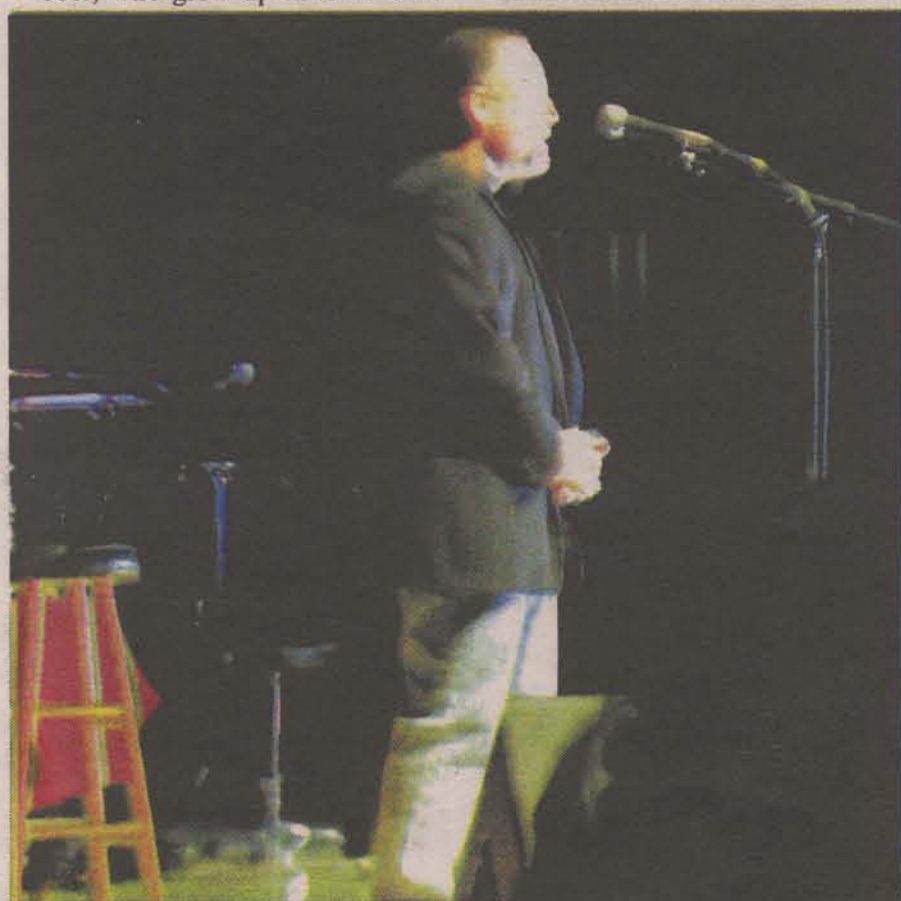
Staller Center Director Alan Inkle opened the night, introducing Joel. He also announced that the musician offered to donate his \$30,000 performance fee to the University's Marine Sciences Center. The donation was prompted by Joel's concern for the lobster die-off in the Long Island Sound, a big problem for local fishermen.

Joel, who grew up in Levittown

and now resides in the Hamptons, said that he decided to do the show to help the students. "That's why I am doing this, to help people who are interested in getting into music," he said. "We need people who believe and who are good at what they are doing."

"If you go into the music business, get a lawyer and then get another lawyer to watch the first," Joel joked.

The fans in the crowd frantically waved their hands, hoping to get called on by Joel. Some asked personal questions, such as what the most thrilling experience was in his life (his answer: "The birth of my daughter.") to silly questions such as whether he wears socks to bed when it's cold out (his answer: no, unless he falls asleep by accident) or whether he would marry an audience member who proposed (his answer: I don't even know you). Most of the questions, however, centered on his inspirations for his music. One male asked Joel which restaurant inspired the song "Scenes From an Italian Restaurant."



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Joel spoke openly with the audience, answering questions and cracking jokes.



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Billy Joel performed parts of popular songs at the Staller Center on Monday.

"I am not going to tell you because there are too many places that will let me eat for free because they think its them," Joel said, joking.

He then proceeded to play half of the song on the piano on stage. He did explain, though, that the song was inspired by the different courses during the meal. The opening line, "A bottle of red, a bottle of white," came to him when he was sitting at the restaurant and the waiter came up to him and asked, "A bottle of red? A bottle of white?"

He also told the crowd about writing "Code of Silence" during the 1980s when he ran into Cindy Lauper in the studio where he was working. "It was the first time I co-wrote lyrics and it's the last time I'll do that again," he said, laughing.

The night played out much like that, with Joel telling the crowd about his music, and then playing pieces of it on the piano. The pieces discussed and that he played included "New York State of Mind," "My Life" and "Goodnight Saigon."

Someone asked Joel what type of music he liked to listen to today. "I listen to everything — Latin, even classic rock once in a while," he said. "I love jazz. I've rediscovered how much I love classical music."

Since retiring from rock 'n' roll, Joel

has turned to classical music, this time only writing though. Two of his pieces, "The Fantasy" and "Waltz No.1" were featured at the event.

Joel also told the crowd what it was like to work with artists such as Ray Charles and Elton John. "It was thrilling and scary, but I think the best kind of stuff is scary," Joel said about working with Charles.

Besides highlighting his musical talents, Joel's comedic side shone. He did great impersonations of Frank Sinatra, Jerry Seinfeld and Little Richard — both imitating their music or jokes and their body language making the night more of a stand-up routine mixed with music.

Some in the audience tried to get gossip from the star. Someone asked whether there was a woman behind the song "She's Always a Woman to Me." "Yes," Joel answered shortly. "You're not gonna get any dish out of me."

When the alarm placed on the stage started beeping at approximately 10:30 p.m., Joel threw the clock onto the floor and kept on performing to the cheers of the crowd.

He gave a wonderful show, evoking laughs, giving advice from someone in the music business to aspiring musicians and satisfying everyone's craving to hear him play.