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Police Blotter

Compiled by Julie Mingione, Statesman Editor

Thursday, April 27

1:24 am A commuter student illegally residing in a Toscanini College suite was referred to student affairs because he threatened a resident.

3:13 am A vehicle in the Kelly Quad paved lot had its driver side window broken. The car's stereo, rearview mirror and USB parking permit were stolen.

3:50 am Unknown suspect(s) attempted to rob a car from the Kelly paved lot. There was damage done to the steering column and the rear window was smashed.

4:00 am Police questioned an individual seen in the Kelly lot. He was identified and released.

4:43 am While on patrol, officers discovered a stereo, speakers, amplifier and CD changer stolen from a car.

7:17 am An IMAC computer was stolen from the 7th floor of the Science Tower. It is valued at \$1200.

11:45 am A wallet containing credit cards was stolen from a locker in the Indoor Sports Complex.

Friday, April 28

3:55 am A piece of paper with offensive writing on it was slipped under the door of a resident in Schick College.

8:56 am A wallet with cash and credit cards was found in Graduate Physics.

2:04 pm One male was threatened

Blotter of the Week:

Saturday, April 29. 10:40 a.m.

A subject was intoxicated at a Drunk Driving Program. A cab was called for him to get home.

by another in Stimson College.

4:27 pm Two males were fighting in the Tabler Inner Quad. The two fled the scene upon officers arrival.

Saturday, April 29

12:47 am An Irving College RA requested an officer's assistance in breaking up a party. The party was dispersed prior to police arrival.

12:50 am Ten to fifteen suspicious persons were spotted loitering near the Indoor Sports Complex parking lot.

3:30 am A Gray College resident reported being slapped and kicked by a male at the Indoor Sports Complex. The victim refused medical treatment.

3:36 am An intoxicated male was found in the men's lobby bathroom. He was taken to the University Hospital Emergency Room.

3:52 am Approximately 10-20 males were seen wandering Gray

College's C-Wing. The suspicious males were walking in and out of rooms, checking doors. They apparently gained entry to the building via the broken door facing the Infirmary. Upon police request, the males left the scene.

4:44 am A resident student in O'Neill College was burglarized in their room. Approximately 200 CD's, 1 watch, a CD player, 2 35 millimeter cameras and \$40 was stolen. The victim witnessed the burglary.

10:40 am A subject was intoxicated at a Drunk Driving Program. A cab was called for him to get home.

10:14 pm The silent hold up alarm was activated in the Kelly Cafe due to an unruly group there. The persons caused damage to the eatery and were gone upon Police arrival.

Sunday, April 30

1:44 am A Mount College RA requested help in breaking up a party. The party was dispersed and two students referred.

1:59 am An intoxicated male with alcohol poisoning was taken to the UHER.

3:11 am Two groups of males were seen around the Mount College Inner Quad. One group was comprised of 6-7 white males carrying sticks. The other group was black and made up of 8-10 men.

Monday, May 1

8:15 am The rear window of a vehicle was broken on the Roosevelt/Stimson College roadway.

Tuesday, May 2

12:42 pm A wallet with credit cards and cash was stolen from the ISC weight room.

1:52 pm A car was damaged in the Toscanini parking lot with damages of \$500.

6:25 pm A motorcycle went through a glass window of Life Sciences. The rider sustained major injuries and taken to UH.

11:23 pm A Baruch College resident complained about a male on the third floor of Dewey College who was throwing bottles at people as they walked by.

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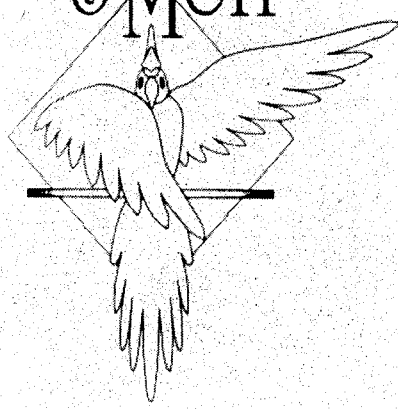
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The Fountain Bubbles Up

Year of Community Celebration Ends With Unveiling of the Fountain

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

University President Shirley Strum Kenny addressed a crowd that gathered outside of administration to watch the official activation of the new fountain, in a ceremony that celebrated the culmination of the "Year of Community."

Wednesday morning dawned sunny and clear, prompting hundreds of students to turn out for a campus lifetime celebration that included the dedication of the new fountain, USB's annual Strawberry Festival, a diversity festival, live music and entertainment, Wellness Center activities, and an opportunity for everyone to unwind before the stress of finals sets in.

Kenny, amidst rare applause from excited students, proclaimed "this fountain is for all of us." Elizabeth Kelly, the undergraduate co-chair for the year of community, also spoke at the ceremony. She presented plans for a plaque



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The fountain is in front of the Administration Building and flows down the stairs leading to the Fine Arts Loop.

commemorating the year, and also spoke of local legislators recognizing University administrators for their efforts this year.

Amy Cooper-Smith, special projects coordinator for the Department of Communication, co-chaired the event, which has been in the works for over three months. "We wanted to have a celebration that many people could enjoy," explained Cooper-Smith as she surveyed the groups of students taking advantage of everything the event had to offer. "We were blessed with such a beautiful day," she added.

The Diversity Fair was set up near the new fountain in the academic mall, and various booths



represented many different USB organizations. The Chinese Society provided entertainment reminiscent of cultural ceremony, with a traditional Chinese dragon dance. The group also had a booth set up for interested students. Many fraternities and sororities sponsored booths as well.

The Computer Corner was on hand, as was a campus group concerned with environmental interests, advertising their Stony Brook Recycles campaign.

The University Hospital was represented by ways of a popular booth offering free massages. The Commuter Student Association was also present, and featured a dunk tank that students could try their hand at for free. "Good job," yelled a soaking wet Mike Bernardin, as he watched a friend fall into the tank. Bernardin is the newly elected vice president of the Commuter Student Association.

"This is a great day for Stony Brook," said Deputy Chief of Police Doug Little. University Police officers attended the ceremony and participated in the Year of Community festivities. In lieu of

setting up a booth, officers interacted with students at the fountain celebration. "We're here to make sure that everything is in order with the 3,000 to 4,000 people attending," he said, "but we're also part of the community, and we enjoy what goes on."

By far, the most popular segment of the celebration was the 7th annual Strawberry Festival. Excited students milled about the academic mall for hours, socializing and enjoying samples of the 1,170 pounds of prepared strawberries and 52,164 fresh strawberries that Campus Dining Services ordered for the event.

Tickets for the event were \$6.25, or \$5.75 if bought in advance. A ticket entitled a bearer to visit each of seven food stations. Volunteers from Campus Dining Services, the Faculty Student Association and other campus groups staffed the stations. Featured servings were strawberry shortcake, Viennetta a la strawberry, berries and chocolate, berries to go, confections, strawberry squeeze, and Fruitopia.

"They didn't serve the



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Volunteers from Campus Dining Services served up strawberries at seven stations.

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Breaking Ground on New Dorms

University Hosts Event to Kick off Construction on Quad

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new dorms set to be built behind Roosevelt Quad brought students and administrators together yesterday to celebrate the \$20 million project, which will seek to alleviate the need for additional campus housing.

Set in the parking lot behind Greeley College, against a backdrop of huge dirt mountains where the ground has already been broken, members of the campus community gathered to officially kick off the construction.

Balloons dotted the fence along the construction site's perimeter. A free barbeque and drinks, DJ blaring out songs like "Brown Eyed Girl," and a performance by the USB Step Squad all created a summer-like atmosphere. Students in shorts and sandals milled around with University officials in suits and ties, eating hamburgers and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston, Assistant Vice President for Residences Dallas Bauman, President of the Residence Hall Association Jonathan Latayan and University President Shirley Strum Kenny all gathered on the dirt and spoke to the crowd about the new resident complex.

Bauman touted the swiftness with which the new dorms will be completed. "This is going to move faster than anything you've ever seen in construction," he said.

According to Bauman, the new buildings will be up by October and occupied by the fall of 2001 at the latest.

The new building will include 503 new beds which will be spread out over four buildings of the as-of-yet unnamed quad. One hundred and seventy six of those beds will be in single rooms, and the rest will be fully finished apartments with bathrooms and full kitchens. Among the other amenities will be ethernet service and central air-conditioning, a feature unheard of in the existing dorms.



Campus officials and contractors at the ground-breaking ceremony.

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The 503 new beds will greatly ease the already overcrowded dorm situation on campus. University housing officials have heard an outcry from students in recent months in protest of the eight-semester rule, which denies housing to residents living on campus for more than eight semesters. When the new dorms are complete, there will be a 1000 bed increase that will, according to Darylynn Bachman, senior staff associate for Campus Residences, "greatly reduce the housing shortage that the campus community has experienced in the past few years."

The three-story apartments will be for upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) who have already lived on campus.

The new dorms will be fully sprinklered for fire safety and will be constructed of an innovative panelized concrete. According to Bachman, the apartments will be

built by a design/build collaboration between contractor J.M. Dennis of Wantagh and architect Urbahn Associates of New York City. This partnership is the reason why the construction is expected to move along so quickly.

Also on display at the event were six poster boards with preliminary sketches of the layout of the new buildings.

The new apartments will come shortly after the completion of a nine-year renovation program that spanned all 26 residence halls in December, 2000. The finished renovations coupled with the new apartments will enable the University to increase its housing capacity to 7900 students.

Bauman made it clear that yesterday's ground breaking ceremony was a student event. "It was planned to let the campus community know we're taking an important step forward in building these dorms for students."

New Budget Good for College Students

Gov. George Pataki and state legislative leaders agreed on a \$77.5 billion state budget that includes giving a tax deduction for college tuition up to \$10,000 per student each year.

This is the first time that families will be able to deduct the cost of college tuition from their state income. Beginning in the 2001 tax year, families would be able to deduct \$2500 per child, which would increase to \$10,000 per child in the fourth year of the program, which will cost the state \$200 million a year when fully implemented. The deductions can be taken regardless of income. The state is also expanding eligibility for the Tuition Assistance Program, which provides grants to low- and moderate-income students.

The new budget, which is a month late, is up about 5.6 percent from last year's budget package. Senate and Assembly began passing bills yesterday to create the budget.

Pataki said, "This budget will include the most fundamental debt reform in the history of New York state, while ensuring that we continue the largest and most sustained tax cutting campaign of any state in American history."

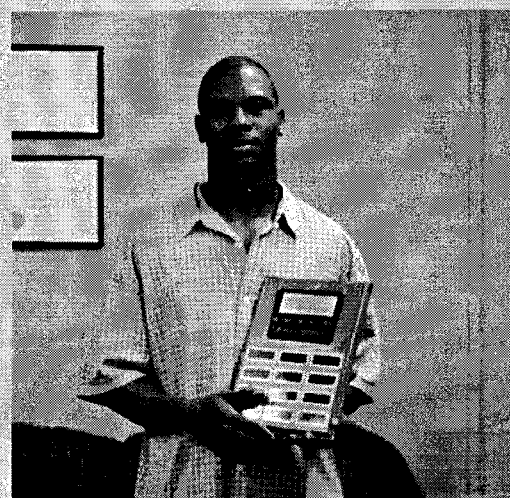
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Gov. George Pataki

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Statesman Media Relations Award



Polity President Andrez Carberry was this semester's recipient of the Statesman Media Relations Award. The award is given to an individual in the campus community who has gone above and beyond to help the student media on campus. Carberry said he would like to thank Naomi Johnson, senior representative, and Lisa LaBarbera, Polity secretary for their help and support.

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Editorials

"Nothing Lasts Forever"

Someone once said that all good things must come to an end and for the editors of Statesman, these words could not ring more true. As we put out our last issue of the Spring semester, we have to say a painful goodbye to two of our editors, Editor-in-Chief Jen Kester and News Editor Julie Mingione.

What can you say about the departure of two people who have literally been your backbone for a year? You can say "Oh no, we are screwed!" You can also beg "Please don't go!" But what we will say is that because of them and their tireless dedication, unending creativity and practical blood, sweat and tears, the Statesman has become a quality publication that has earned the respect of so many both on campus and off. But if you love something, set it free...

Jen is going off to Chicago. She will surely be in charge of something soon, and if we know her at all, it will be a major newspaper. We will miss her amazing juggling act. You will be hard pressed to find someone who can handle so many responsibilities at once. She is a gem and anyone who knows her will be blessed. She was a wonderful boss, an even better editor in chief, always the utmost professional and we are going to sorely miss her. She has taught all of us everything we know.

Julie is headed back to Queens and Hunter is lucky enough to get

her. What will be do without our Police Blotter girl, the heartbreaker of the police station? The entire campus is losing out with her departure: she was the one responsible for the most popular section of the paper. Thanks to her, students got to read about their drunken exploits and public safety run ins. She must have written hundreds of front pages while she was here. Pasting up will never be the same without her. No more wild giggles from the dark room.

We had the displeasure of losing Ruth, our photo editor, a few months ago. With twenty one credits, working till the wee hours of the morning was pushing her over the edge. We couldn't blame her but it is like a comedy show trying to figure out the inner workings of the digital camera since she's been gone. Without Ruth, there are no deep pondering questions thrown out to us, and there is no one to scold for not wearing a jacket in freezing weather. And now she's off to London. We hope she brings her raincoat.

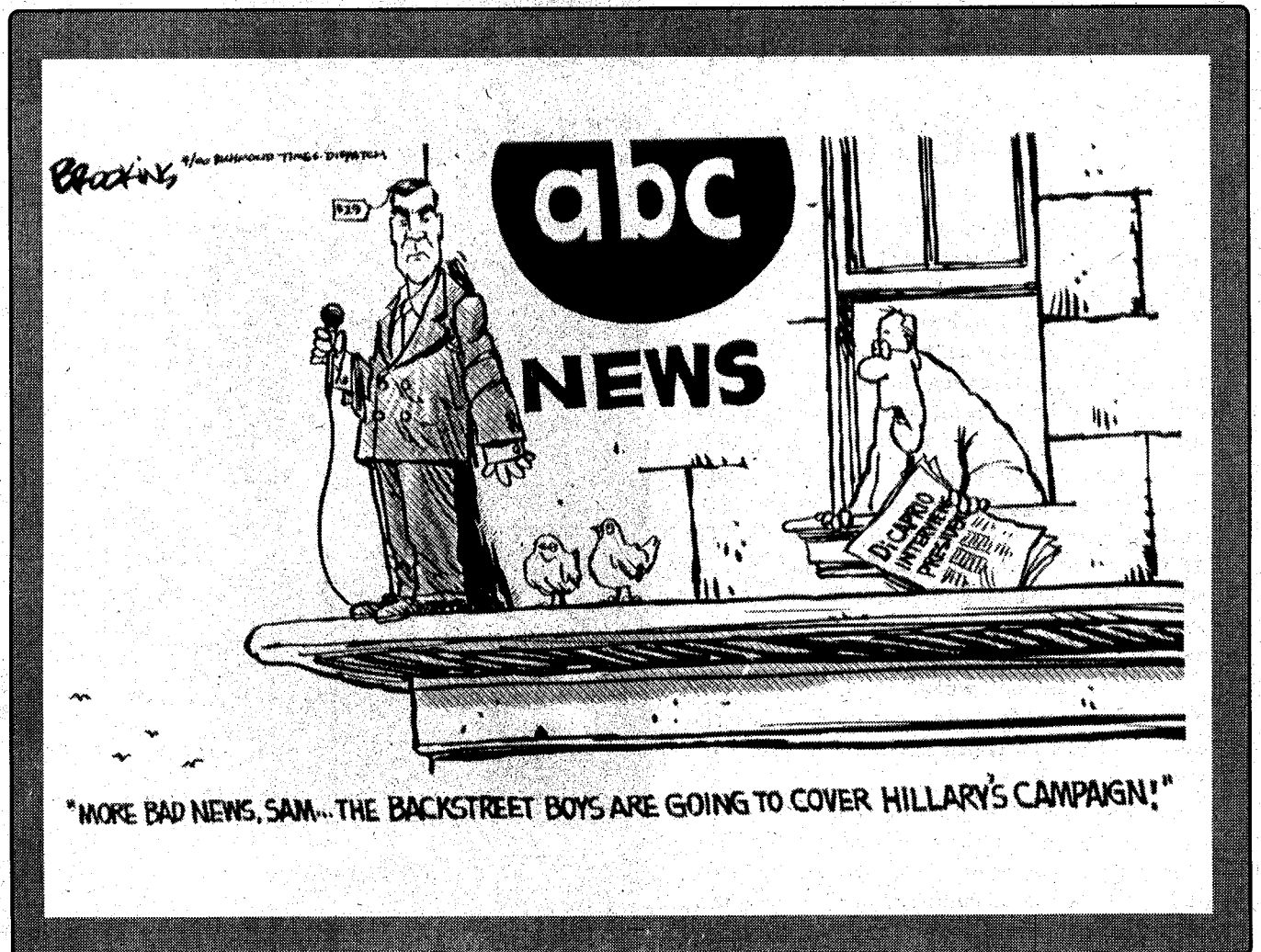
But it won't be all bad. Managing editor Erin will be uneasily moving up to editor-in-chief. She has some big shoes to fill but she will live up to the expectations of her predecessor. But only because she is not alone (thank God). Kat, features

editor extraordinaire, is the new managing editor (she's been acting the part anyway). She is nothing short of brilliant with a vocabulary that would make Webster blush. She is also technically inclined, just not to the point of geekiness.

And then there is Tina, the Statesman heartbreaker, who is moving up to associate news editor. Thanks to her, the old stuffy Statesman is slowly turning into the sassy Statesman. Where can you go to find out about the hottest city fashions? The features section of the Statesman, of course. Jen and Julie may be ditching but at least we will still have Tina dancing around the office, oohing over D'Angelo.

This has been a fun semester for us. The Statesman would like to wish all of our readers a great summer. We had a great time in this office and we are all sad to see the time finish. Even the all day Saturdays and late night Wednesdays. Jen, Julie what the heck are you guys going to do with your free time? You can't possibly have anything better to do on a Saturday!

Hey guys, remember how we moaned and groaned when we counted twenty five issues left for the semester? Don't you wish we could do it all over again?



Getting It Off His Chest

The University at Stony Brook is a great asset to Long Islanders. Their location, educational programs, research facilities, employment opportunities and health care facilities are leading edge and greatly add to the enhancements of the community and the region.

But as in any growth-oriented, twenty-first century state-run institute, there are some immediate problems that need addressing and if attended to now, could alleviate problems in the upcoming future especially those associated with transportation, health and safety employment.

In the areas of transportation, anyone visiting the campus would find major problems in locating on site roadways and buildings. This could readily be handled if roadway signs and buildings were marked with proper signage. This problem has been going on for years and

should be attended to as soon as possible. There is no excuse for the placing of temporary signs and directions until more permanent fixtures can be installed. They do it now for local events and could do it to meet the day to day needs to accommodate the thousands of visitors, commuters, students and dignitaries who are always frustrated in their endeavors to get from point A to point B on campus. Additionally, bus transportation that is provided appears inadequate not because of the operators but perhaps due to improper budgets that fail to accompany the short term and projected long term needs of the campus community.

Health and safety issues are also in need of attention. Very often facilities and manpower needs are insufficient to meet the twenty four hour, seven days a week demands of the students and employees at this large state run institute. What is

needed are some on going open forums to hear the concerns and then take some common sense creative approaches to solving the problems. Perhaps a campus suggestion program could be started so that all members of the campus community could have an input. This could readily be accomplished by placing suggestion boxes throughout the campus and a further enhanced web page and email postings.

Finally employment opportunities and services do not really meet EEOC, Title VII, IX, ADEA and other civil rights guidelines and are often compromised by in-house biases and prejudices especially where gender is concerned. All one has to do is walk around the campus and health care facilities and see for themselves what staff are in what positions and then ask themselves why or how is that possible? How could that occur especially if they are

an equal opportunity employer!

Talk is cheap, we need action. SUNY Stony Brook receives federal, state and local funding plus other monies from the community and could readily address the transportation, health and safety and employment problems mentioned above. At the very least, area elected representatives and campus administrative personnel should get out of their offices and see what's going on. Perhaps they could grab a paint brush and piece of plywood and create temporary signs so they knew where to go and how to get back after all at least they would be one of the lucky ones!

Mike De Paoli
SUNY Alumnus, grad student, area resident, campus employee

Where are the Barbershops?

By JOSEPH BAILEY
Statesman Staff

Many students, especially Afro-Americans, cannot find a barbershop in close proximity to the University. Many students are outraged that there are no outlets for cutting hair on campus. "I think the University should invest in a barbershop," said Patrick Jean-Pierre, a psychology major at Stony Brook. Talk about the University providing a barbershop Polity has neglected the proposal.

Dressed in blue jeans, a white shirt and with high bushy hair, a fellow Afro-American

student confronted me with the question, "Where can I find a barbershop?" "Sorry, I can't think of any around here," I replied.

The number of barbershops available for some 1,466 Afro-American students who have different types of hair than other students are scarce around Stony Brook and nonexistent on campus which raises the next question, why aren't there any barbershops located right here on the Stony Brook campus?

"I think steps have to be taken in order to get barbershops on campus," said Billy

Adefope, a black political science junior at USB. "It's a necessity people have to cut their hair."

The University has taken measures to provide students with all the available elements of a small community such as a movie theater, a post office, apartment complexes and restaurants but neglected to see that students need outlets for cutting hair.

As a result, many students have gone to extreme distances to get haircuts such as to Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan. "I think the University should invest in a barbershop because that is the reason why a lot of students go home on the weekends," said Jean-Pierre. Other students go to friends or other non-licensed barbers who cut hair for small fees in campus dormitories.

In addressing the issue, Steve Adams, executive director of Polity, says the idea was disapproved because the student who proposed the plan wanted Polity to finance the project and then divide the profits between the barbers and Polity. "If we are footing the bill, then Polity should reap the profit," according to Adams.


The Polity board concluded that if it were going to finance the project, it would have to hire employees but not split profits. "We would have to hire him as an employee and he didn't want that," Adams said.

Many feel that the idea was reasonable and followed guidelines of how most barber outlets operate.

Though black students have the greatest need of a campus barbershop, some students feel it should be for all races. "It shouldn't be just for blacks or a particular race," said Uchenna Obicheza, a student of African descent. "They should have it for all types of people."

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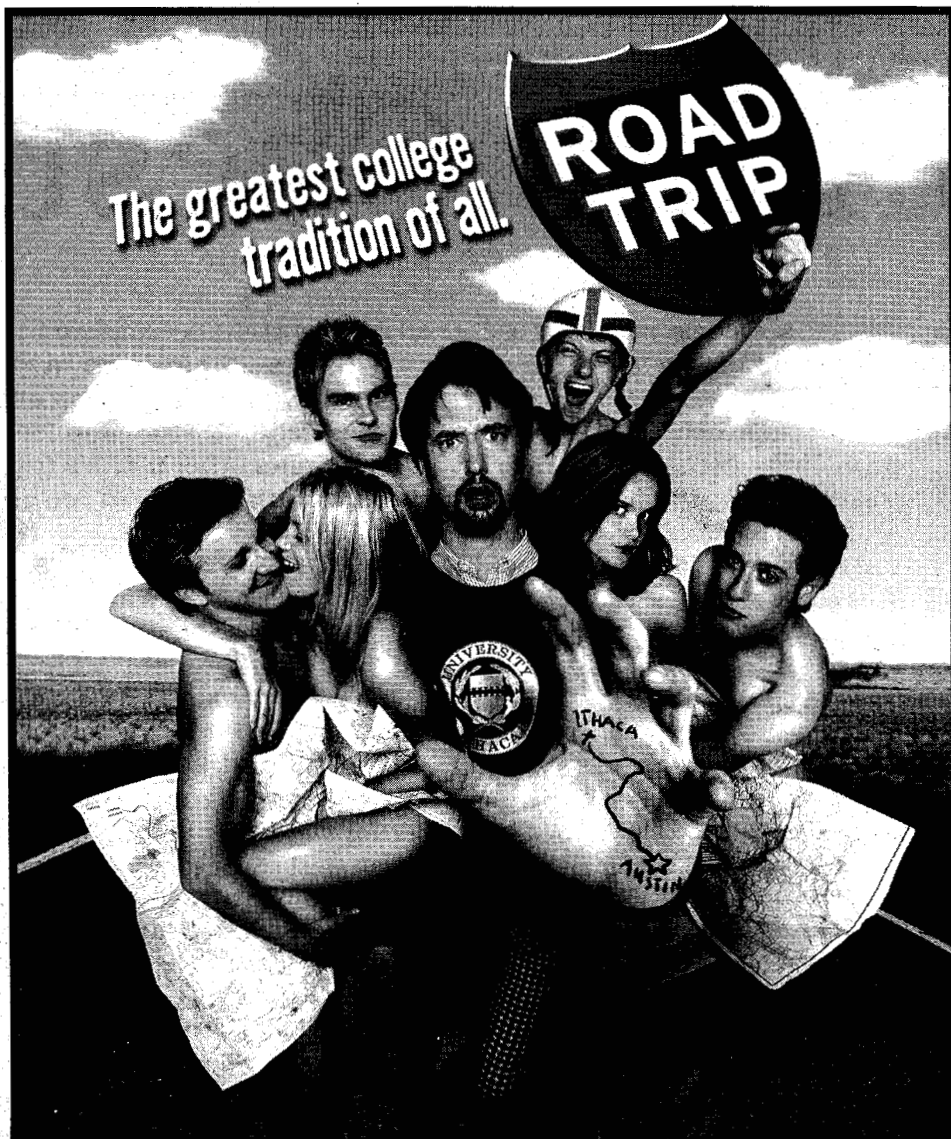
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"That was the latest number one song from Spacemunk! Coming up next, tour dates for the next ten months," she turned radio off.

"Venus! I hope you are rehearsing," the voice of her manager Max, said over the intercom in her hotel room.

"Of course," she answered.

"This is crazy. They expect me to do three concerts, give interviews and photo shoots AND learn new songs all in one day!" Her manager Max ignored her request to slow down. "Not at such a high point in your career," was his excuse. She looked around her too large room. "I can't do this anymore," she said to herself and to the empty room.

"VENUS! Turn to channel three! Your latest interview is on," Max yelled, over excitedly, through the intercom. She put it on. "Venus. You are the highest selling musician in history! You have twelve number one hits and three Gold records. What do you plan on next?" the reporter from New Age Rolling Stone asked.

She turned the television off. "It's all down hill from here," she sighed to herself. She looked out the window, seeing one of Jupiter's moons in its orbit. "It's been too much pressure for too many years. It's the only way. Might as well be at the top of my career."

"Max. I'm going out. I'll be back in time to record," she told him. He nodded.

Venus took a space cruiser and headed out to space. After she was away from Hotel Jupiter, she locked her controls and crashed head on with a moon.

"It has been confirmed. Newest Rock Superstar Sensation, Spacemunk was killed. She lost control of her vehicle and died on impact with Jupiter's third moon. She will be sorely missed and remembered for generations to come. Not only as a musician but as a loving persona and a great friend. Now, in other news..."

Max turned the television off. Hung his head and wallowed in guilt with a bottle of Vodka. "What have I done?"

~RAVEN

Keep staring.
Your eyes always intrigue me.
You want something.
But you don't know what.

Or maybe you do.
You've got it all planned out,
Don't you?
Well, I know what you want, too.
But don't plan on getting it.

Still looking at me, huh?
Jesus, who thought we'd end up
like this?

1 a.m. in a parking lot...
sitting...
smoking and drinking coffee...
Just like before, only different
now.

Even though it's over,
I'll never forget.

~BRIANNE THOMPSON

Prose & Poetry...

Such Disgrace

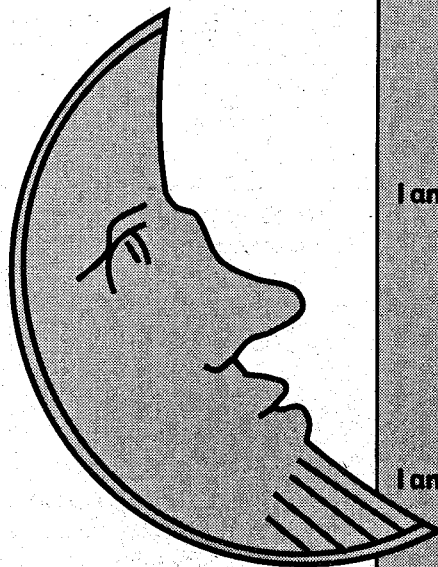
*Let us not lie distance apart,
With emotions left unfulfilled,
Rather breast to breast with beat of heart,
Enthralled as lovers thrilled.*

*For the clock chimes with every hour,
Moments spent so fleeting,
are we forbidden power,
Till our hearts return retreating.*

*Having been cast cruel such a fate,
And left alone to linger,
Distorting time as so not to be late,
Or face the accusing finger.*

*Had our paths been made to cross,
Another time in another place,
Would we both have suffered less the loss,
To live down such disgrace.*

~GARY J. AARONBERG



No Longer Strangers Such

Today, I was admired,
Within a stranger's eyes,
Today, I felt such passion,
Within a stranger's sighs.

Today, I was the object,
Within a stranger's lust,
Today, I was warmly received,
Within a stranger's trust.

Today, I found an infinite bliss,
Within a stranger's touch,
Today, unlike any day before,
No longer strangers such.

~GARY J. AARONBERG

I am Babe

(minus ee more like why?)
who is young and inexperienced
who is nervous and more naïve than some
but not others
who is afraid to go out and play
to climb trees and roll in the grass
however, does and shatters many-a-world as well as
the bathroom mirror

I am Party Girl

who clings to velvet blacklight
who wants to wear the hat
but finds dangling elastic, accidentally broken
who feels rhythm in HeartBeat
for once in my life
Alone I Dance to Silent Music.

I am Christened Moon Dancer

who beckons the Goddess
with Snake-Charming limbs
who convulses violently to entice the
Glowing Orb
who amazes and delights with ambivalence
toward powers of suggestion and hallucination
A Revolution in entirety if ever there was one.

I am Happy Brie

who reads about Love and Happy Bunnies
who drives a Happy Jetta Wolfsburg
which is grrreen and not yellow
like the Happy Bug with the purple dash
that I climb into my shirt and in my Dreams.

I am Care Taker

who explains all to Those who will not listen
who shares Room, Smokes, and Bed
who provides the Comfort Zone
which gives Good Vibes so that we can
All come Back to Reality
together,
One by One.

~BY BRIANNE THOMPSON

Love and Honor

It breaks her heart to see him like this. As great as the pain is for her she feels it must be tenfold for him. It is that thought more than any other that brings the tears to her eyes. He does not allow himself the luxury of tears. His rapidly fading dignity and what is left of his pride are all he has left. So he allows himself to be pushed along in silence. The armour he once wore with honor now brings him only shame. The fellow members of his order once brothers fighting alongside him, have become his persecutors.

The procession stops when they reach the scaffold. The man he is brought before wears a solid metal breastplate with a black tunic covering it. The tunic bears the symbol of the order that both men pledged their lives to, the dawn. A white cape hangs from his shoulders and a lighter mail of chains cover his arms and legs. Metal gauntlets cover his hands and thick boots his feet.

"Kellin Winters, you are charged with betraying your code and your order in the form of sorcery. How do you respond?"

"I accept both the charges and my fate."

"Very well. Kellin Winters, you have shown exemplary courage and honor in these proceedings. Your fellow knights spoke highly of you even after the nature of your crimes was revealed. It is decision of the Order of the Celestial Dawn that you are to be executed at first light with full honor."

"Thank—"

"NO!" she cries.

"Be silent Melaina!"

"No, Kellin, I will not be silent. It is my fault that you are here. Mine! If you want someone to blame, blame me! Punish me instead but not him." She is now almost completely overcome by her sobbing.

"I thank you Melaina, but you did not force me to violate the code. The fault is mine and thus, so is the punishment." Kellin turns to the orator and kneels before him. "Thanks you Master Malicus for allowing me to regain my honor. Kellin accepts the sword, rises to his feet and sheaths the weapon. He is then led back to his cell.

Melaina storms back to her small cottage slamming the door behind her as she enters. Screaming, she looks around the small room. A thought comes to her suddenly. Quickly, she gathers up a few things. Her winter cloak made from dark wolf's skin and like boots, half a dozen books, and an assortment of scrolls and components are all packed into a traveler's backpack.

She does, however, leave a few of the components to the side for something else. As rapidly as care will permit, she mixes the potion, putting each ingredient into the backpack once it has been added. When all have been mixed in the proper amounts, she closes her eyes. She feels the magic well up inside her as she calls upon it to complete the potion. Though she cannot see it, the potion glows for an instant in response. She takes a drink from the bitter potion immediately. Slinging the pack over her right shoulder, she calls out, "Ventrai!"

She opens her eyes and sees Kellin sitting before her in his cell. His head is resting on the palms of his hands and his elbows on his knees. His dark red hair is cut short and combed straight back. As he looks up at her, he allows her to see the thin goatee surrounding his mouth and the dark blue eyes that always seemed to understand him so much.

The cell itself is small, but comfortable. It is clean and contains a washbasin, chamberpot, a small window and even a mirror. "Melaina, what are you doing here?" He has now risen to his feet. "You can't be here!"

"I brought you something to drink." She pushes the potion into his face. "Please," she pleads when she sees the look on his face.

"If I drink it do you promise to leave?"

"Yes," she replies as a smile comes to her face.

He takes a sip of the potion and scowls at the bitterness. "Augh, okay, I drank it. Now you really must get going. We could both get into a lot of trouble for this."

"As you command." She bows formally and whispers "Ventrai." She is prepared for the transition, he is not. She finds him completely disoriented upon opening her eyes.

"Where are we?" He asks as soon as his head clears.

"About a day's walk to the next town."

"You didn't tell me about this."

"Your honor wouldn't have let you take the potion if you knew."

"You tricked me."

"Not exactly. Look, we can go far enough away that no one will have ever heard of the Order of the Celestial Dawn or your oath. We can start over there. I did it for us...for you."

"I have to go back to Melaina. You have to understand that."

"No! I don't understand! I will never understand! Why! Why must you allow them to kill you just to save honor? Why are you willing to throw your life...our life away? Why?"

"You ask why I am willing to forsake my life for my honor. The answer is because there can be no true life without honor. If I went with you not only would bring that dishonor among myself but you as well. I could not bear that."

"But I am pregnant!" she blurts out.

"All the more reason for me to go back. I would dishonor any child of ours just as easily as I would you."

"I don't want to lose you." Tears well up in her eyes.

"Nor I you. That which I must do brings me little happiness, but it must be done."

"What of our child who will grow up without a father. I don't know if I can do this alone."

"A child without a father is far better than a child without honor. As for you, you have more strength than you give yourself credit for. Now I must say good-bye. If I leave now, I can make it back by first light."

She nods if not in understanding of why he must go, but that he must. "I could bring you back."

"Thank you but I think it would be better if I walked." Again she nods. "Good-bye Melaina, I have loved you more than life itself. I know you will take good care of our child."

He turns and walks back towards the town. He looks back once to see her watching him through the clearing. Her long black hair blows across her face. Tears stream from her green eyes. The blue cloak surrounding her is almost black against the setting sun.

When he has finally passed beyond her view he whispers, "Good bye, my love." She turns around and begins walking to the town just as she had planned. She reaches the outskirts of the town just before dawn. She stops dead in her tracks at the entrance to the town.

"Damn him! Ventrai!"

This time she opens her eyes to see the scaffold from the day before surrounding her. Kellin is kneeling before her with his armor neatly arranged beside him. The audience gasps at her arrival. He just looks up at her pleadingly with his hands on the handle of his sword and the blade facing his heart.

"Do not worry my love," she says as she strokes the side of his face.

"I think I understand now." Tears once again begin to fill her eyes.

"Good bye."

He nods in response and plunges the sword through his chest. When he ceases his struggles, she pulls the sword from his chest and wipes it clean. After returning the sword to its sheath she closes her eyes and whispers again, "Good bye."

It is not until she moves to gather his armor that someone says something.

"Blasphemy!" he cries.

She turns toward the outraged knight. "Though we were not formally betrothed, we were bonded through the child I carry. It is for that child that I claim that which is his. This sword and armor, his name, and, most importantly, the honor he died to regain are all my child's right. On your honor stand down!"

Whether it is the speech or just the fire behind her eyes as she speaks the knight steps away. She continues to gather the rest of the armor. "Ventrai," she calls out one last time and is gone.

~ DAVID SORGER

I Can No Longer Walk In Fear

I can no longer walk in fear
Through America's streets alone,
Not knowing shadows lurking there,
If I'll make it safely home.

The odds of encountering road rage,
Violent outbursts in our schools,
We've come to live in such an age,
At the mercy of hatred's tools.

Races blaming one another,
With fears fueling destructive release,
Death upon our very brother,
When will this madness cease?

~GARY J. AARONBERG

Calculus

Stigmata pounds (and number sines)
On trigonometrically graphic pages
Limit the wisest in their quest
For knowledge periodic through the ages.

Opp over adjacent to this well-known
Tangent that dilates my mind.
Derivatives give prolific advice-
Some say, "Secant ye shall find

The Points of No Return - I mean,
The Origin," symbolically speaking.
Integration invades the curriculum.
"I can take no more!" my mind is shrieking.

Functionotopically I am remiss,
Sit here on my axis and reflect.
Gaze upon the unit circlock...
Just 12 degrees since last I checked.

~BRIANNE THOMPSON



On the eight: twelve
train
to where I lay my
head down...
I sat unaccompanied
pouring over
pages of
your
past.

Lovely penmanship
told the tale
of past lovers.
All of whom
had
the pleasures of being
someone to you,
like I am at this
moment.

Unsettling pages of
attempts
to attain "bound-
less" love.
Page after page of
learned pain.

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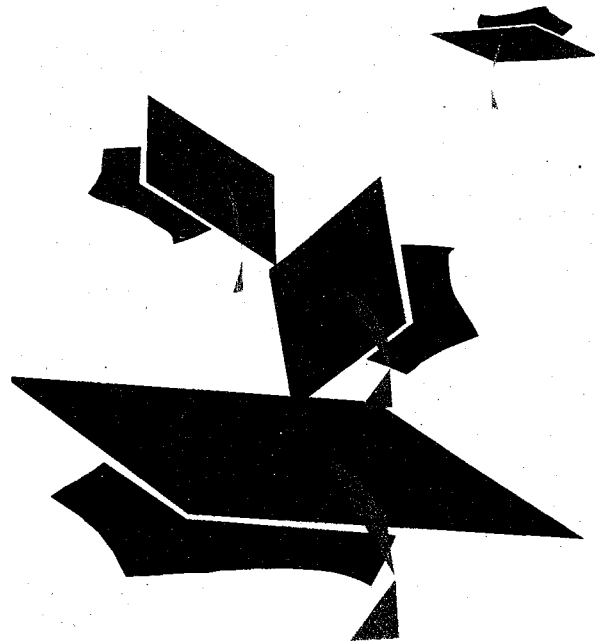
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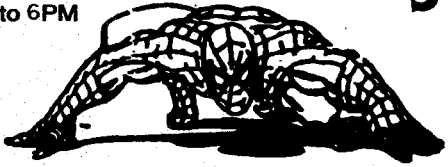
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Fountain and Strawberry Festival

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strawberry frappe this year," said junior Annette Vacquez, one of 2,300 people who purchased a ticket, and one of many who complained about the absence of the frappe option. "I'm sick of Fresh Samantha," one student was overheard grumbling as he grabbed a glass of the beverage that replaced the frappe.

Music could be heard all through the academic mall throughout the entire afternoon. The University hired a steel drum band that also entertained at the recent Island Barbecue. The 18 piece Stony Brook jazz ensemble was also on hand, under the direction of USB Professor Dan Faulk. The Stony Brook Gospel Choir performed in front of the SAC.

Students could be heard making music as well. Many took the opportunity that the beautiful day offered and took their instruments along with them. Students were seen strumming on acoustic guitars and banging on drums, creating the atmosphere of a relaxed community jam session. "It's a djembe, not a bongo," said resident Keri Whitenack of her oft-misidentified instrument as she instructed an interested passerby on proper drumming techniques. A microphone stand was set up near the zebra path, and several enthused students attempted guitar renditions of popular music.

This self-propelled entertainment may have been inspired by the fact that radio station WBLI did not show up. Despite having agreed to broadcast live from the event, the station was a no-show.

The crowd began to thin out around 3 p.m., but many students remained in the academic mall, waiting on line at booths offering free popcorn and cotton candy and another that took pictures of friends who wanted to commemorate the day.

Other students, perhaps taking Kenny's declaration at face value, stood on the ledge of the fountain and began running through the jets of water. University administrators watched with a degree of amusement as gleeful students willingly drenched themselves.

"This event was a real success," said Cooper-Smith. "People from all different areas of campus turned out for the celebration."



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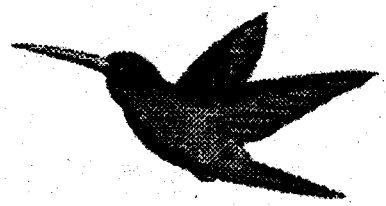
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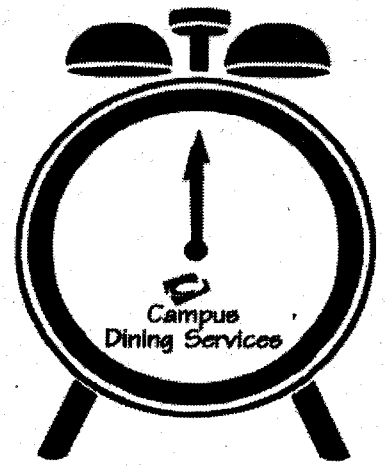
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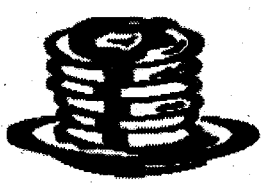
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Kelly Dining Hall to Undergo Renovations

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

When residents return to campus after the summer, they will be greeted with a sight that is sure to make a lot of them happy.

Administrators are hopeful that renovations of the Kelly Dining Center will be complete by this fall. The task of redesigning the heavily trafficked eatery has been a multi-faceted one. Campus Dining Services and the Faculty Student Association relied upon the voice of students during much of the process.

A series of focus groups met to discuss student opinions of the resident dining hall, which is popular because it is the only campus eatery open between the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Focus group participants were gathered through a list provided by Campus Residences, and student advocates who interact with residents in the dining halls.

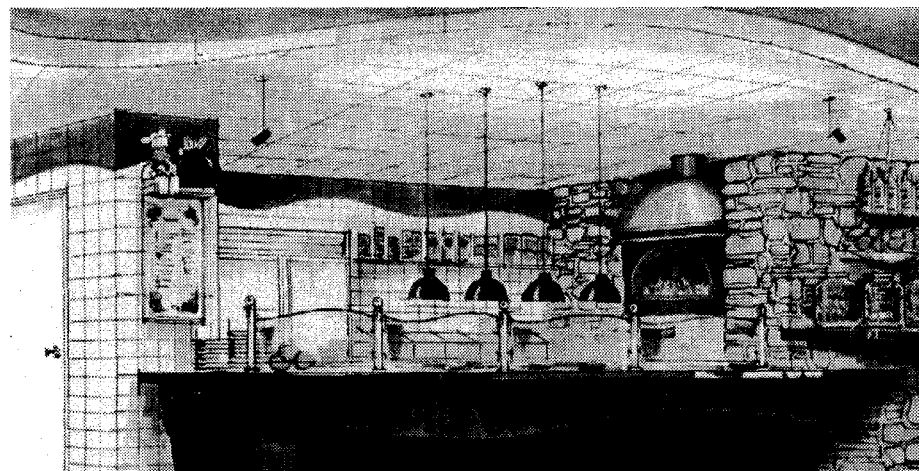
Students were asked a series of questions, ranging from overall opinions

of the Kelly dining experience and atmosphere to food variety, food quality and pricing. In return for their two hour participation, students were given \$10 gift cards to the Seawolves Market.

The students identified their main concerns to group leaders. "The biggest issues students talked about were prices, time spent waiting on line, and the fact that there are few hot meals late at night," said Angela Agnello, director of marketing and communications for FSA.

In response to the student feedback, which was primarily compiled by Business Manager Ken Johnson and Customer Advocate Dawn Villacci of the FSA, Kelly was redesigned.

Physical renovations will result in larger serving areas for all sections, which administrators hope will eliminate the traffic flow problems and the subsequent long waits on line. Villacci recalls one student who declared he was usually "ready to kill someone" by the time he waited on line to get his food, and then waited on line to pay. "It's not



An artist's rendering of the architectural plans of the Kelly renovations.

going to be an issue anymore," Agnello said.

The International menu will undergo an overhaul as well, since many students voiced dissatisfaction with the usual choices.

The new dining area will feature a new cook-to-order grill and the popular SAC selections of Harvest Moon. The deli section is being expanded, and more take-out options will be available to students.

In response to student concerns that no hot foods are available late at night, the late night food selection is going to be reworked and expanded. Portobella's will still have pizza and pasta options,

and the deli will still offer hot and cold sandwiches.

More information is available at the Campus Dining Services homepage, which is located at www.campusdining.org.

A town meeting is planned for Friday, May 5 in the Kelly Dining Center. Initial architectural designs will be presented to all who attend, and organizers hope to garner more student feedback. Refreshments will be served at the meeting, which begins at 1 p.m.

"People told us that Kelly was dark, dreary and crowded," Villacci said. "We're not going to take away from anything, but everything is going to look very different when we're done."

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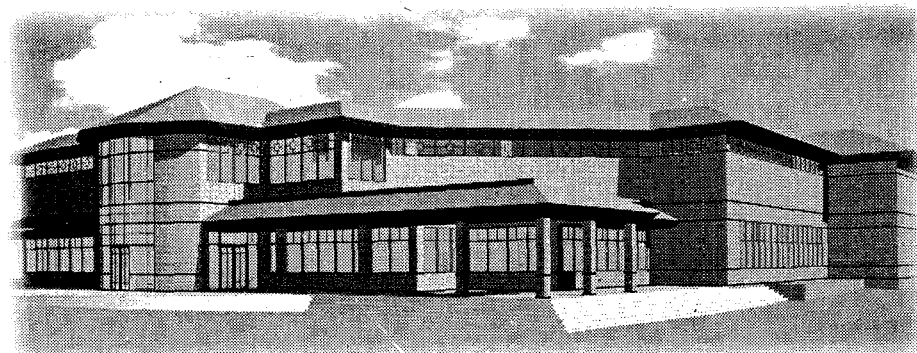


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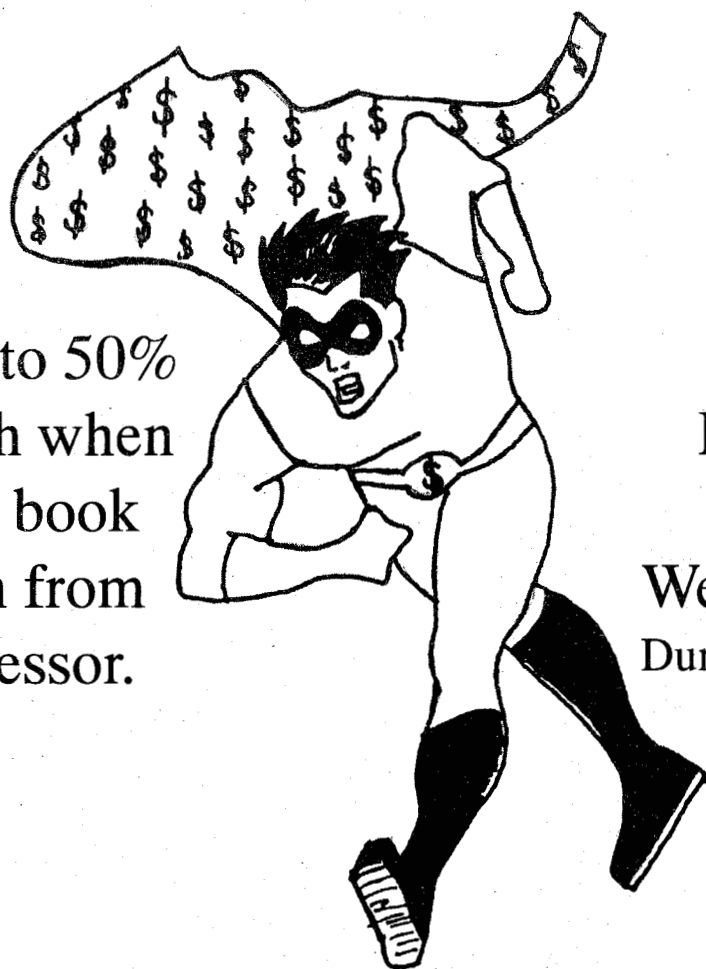
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Farewell to a Friend

USB Says Good-bye to NYPIRG Coordinator Todd Stebbins

BY JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

The University at Stony Brook is losing a dear friend.

Todd Stebbins, project coordinator of the Stony Brook chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group will be leaving the University after this semester to be NYPIRG's Long Island advocate, working on environmental and consumer issues.

Stebbins is the very tall, blond-haired, blue-eyed guy on campus who attends all of the Senate meetings, who asks you if you are registered to vote, who is seen making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless in the Student Union and who marches in the protests against sweatshop labor.

Stebbins became a community activist nearly three years ago after he observed problems with the state take-over of LILCO. "I grew up on Long Island and watched my parents painfully pay their bills," Stebbins said. "And with this move LILCO got rich, the state gained an electric company and the taxpayers got stuck with the bills." Instead of just sitting back, Stebbins got an internship with Hauppauge Industrial Association, a group that was trying to fix the energy problem on Long Island.

While interning at the association, Stebbins encountered NYPIRG, which also began working on the energy issue.

After his internship ended and Stebbins received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University at Stony Brook, NYPIRG called him and offered him a full-time position in the organization to help one of the college chapters. At first, NYPIRG was planning on placing Stebbins in their chapters at either Queens College or Hunter College. Then the University at Stony Brook's project coordinator resigned and the post became open. "I snatched it up," said Stebbins, who has lived in Stony Brook his whole life. "What could be better than going back to your old university and giving back?"

And that's exactly what Stebbins, 27, has been doing ever since. This year alone Stebbins has overseen programs such as the Stuff-A-Bus,



The irreplaceable Todd Stebbins is a true asset to the University

Statesman/Julie Mingione

where NYPIRG interns and others solicited outside of an area supermarket. The program raised some \$13,000 in food for the homeless in this area which was later donated to the Greater Port Jefferson Food

"One thing I'll miss most about Stony Brook is the people I've met," Stebbins said, "I will definitely miss being here on a daily basis, meeting with student leaders on campus, the student media, Penny the pasta lady and

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Pantry. In the fall he led a voter registration drive where nearly 900 new students were registered to vote and he was successful in getting a Suffolk County law passed phasing out the use of pesticides on county-owned lands over the course of the next three years.

He was voted man of the year in 1999 by the Stony Brook Press, gracing their cover, and he has won numerous awards from the Student Polity Association.

the other people who work in the Union."

The search for his replacement will begin this summer.

"My goal is to be able to have a job like this and work for advocacy," Stebbins said.

As the semester comes to an end in a few weeks, Stebbins said that he is not satisfied with his work at Stony Brook. "I feel like there isn't even enough done yet to be satisfied. It is a constant fight to keep open other people's eyes."