

FSA Closes Computer Corner

By MAUREEN KER
Statesman Staff

After years of battling fierce competition and budget cuts, the Computer Corner is calling it quits. The on-campus store will close permanently on June 27. For many—particularly the shop's employees—the news comes as no surprise.

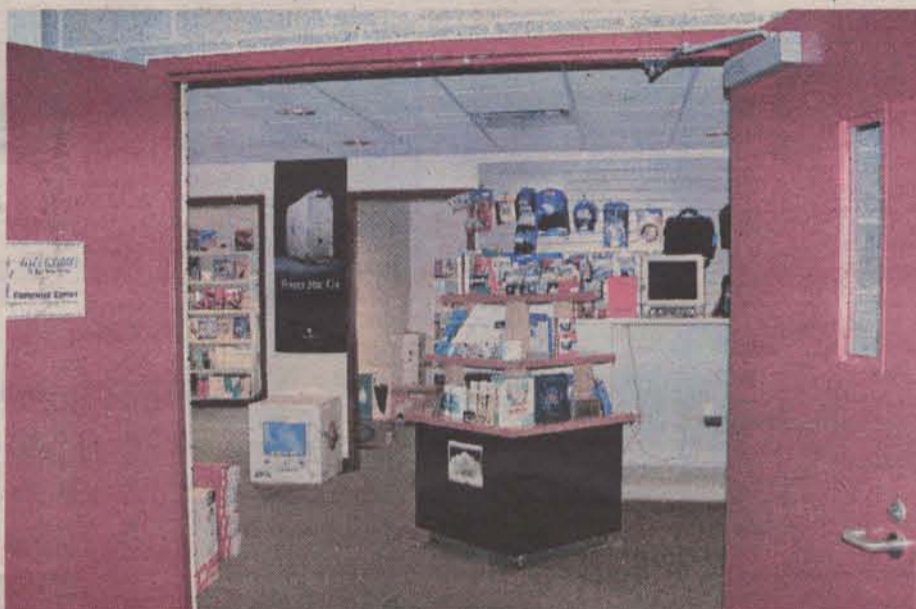
"We'd lost a lot of business from the departments cutting back on their expenses, which resulted from [Stony Brook] University's budget cuts," said James Mattern, general manager of Computer Corner.

The cuts were especially devastating to the store's profit margin because it depends heavily on orders coming in from various campus departments.

"Computer Corner was self-supporting and relied on the purchase of institutional computers to offset the operating expenses, such as payroll," said Kevin Kelly, executive director of FSA.

Another factor contributing to the demise of the store was the lack of business coming from students.

"The bulk of our business comes from the departments and demand from the students has always been weak," Mattern said.



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The Computer Corner, located in the Student Activities Center, will soon close its doors.

When it comes to buying computer hardware and software, many students shun the on-campus store, saying they find it to be more expensive than off-campus stores like BestBuy.

"I don't buy from Computer Corner because online sites such as EBay and larger retail stores offer better prices," said senior Monty Purkosesa, a biochemistry major.

Mattern conceded that prices at Computer Corner are sometimes a

little higher. "I always challenge the notion that Computer Corner is overpriced," Mattern said.

"I think retail stores in general are more expensive than online stores," said Raymond Li, a computer science major.

A price comparison of the top five best-selling items at the store shows that what Mattern claimed is mostly true.

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Goode 'Keeps it Clean' at BNL

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

The Environmental and Waste Management Services Division at Brookhaven Labs National Laboratory creates and delivers environmental products and services for all BNL stakeholders." Since March 1, George Goode has headed this new division.

"I came to Brookhaven Lab to start a pollution-prevention program, and I have successfully accomplished that, with waste generation from routine operations decreasing by more than 70 percent in less than a decade," Goode said. "I believe in the prevention method of solving environmental problems. If you can engineer toxic materials out of processes whenever possible, you eliminate the costly requirements of managing and disposing of them."

Previously the Environmental Services Division and Waste Management division shared the role that Goode's new department has assumed. Sixty environmental and administrative technical specialists ensue that the experimentation that goes on at BNL is done in an environmentally responsible way. Goode and his staff ensure that BNL complies with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

As lifelong resident of Riverhead,

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SBU Entrepreneur Opens Store

22-year old junior sells computers on Route 25A

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Six months ago, 22-year old Stony Brook junior Nick Petrillo drove by a deserted storefront right next to Stony Books and saw a bright orange sign that read "For Lease." Immediately, he went home and told his parents that if he did not take advantage of this opportunity, he would forever regret it.

With the help of his brother Michael, Petrillo opened a small computer shop in that previously empty space adjacent to Stony Books. Bearing the name "Cutting Edge," the store's inventory includes complete computer systems and accessories, video games and cellular phones. Petrillo said he hopes to establish a store geared toward the Stony Brook campus.

"We want to make sure that students

can come here for entertainment, computer needs and communications," said Petrillo, who is pursuing a double-major in history and economics.

But getting there wasn't easy, he said. "It was a lot of running around. It was a lot of work."

After expressing interest to the landlord of the property on Route 25A, who hesitated because of Petrillo's age, Petrillo approached the Small Business Association at Stony Brook. The SBA helped him to come up with a business plan. After they finally approved his preparations, Petrillo obtained a \$75,000 loan, cosigned by his parents.

"I was able to do that because the SBA backs 85 percent of your loan," Petrillo said.

Cutting Edge, which Petrillo said is owned "fifty-fifty" with his brother, who graduated with a computer degree from the Katherine Gibbs school, had its grand opening on April 12.

"I've always been business-



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Nick Petrillo has his own computer business. oriented," Petrillo said. He and his brother started off their career by running a small computer service for family and friends. Now their store offers complete computer servicing, including building desktops and laptops based on customer specifications, computer repair, networking and web design.

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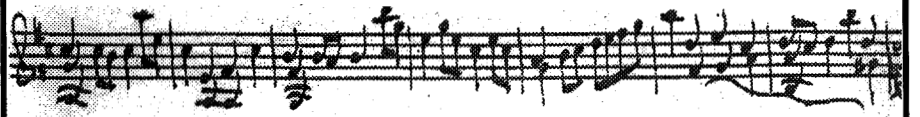
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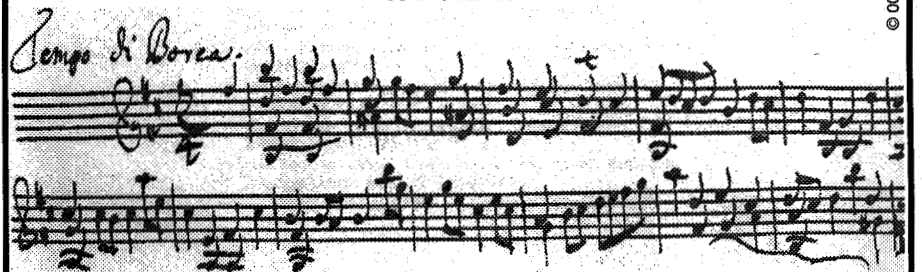
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Some Blame Troops for Baghdad Museum Looting

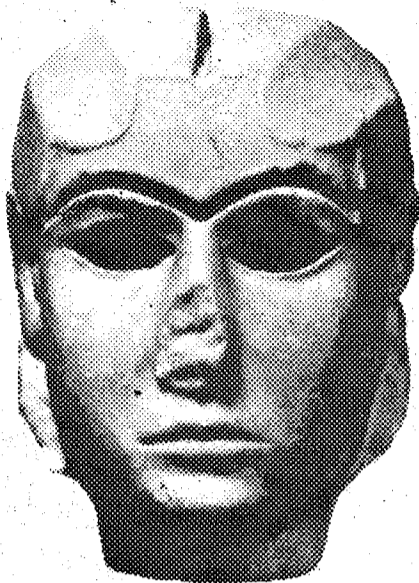
By MAURY HIRSCHKORN
Staff Writer

In her office in the Social and Behavior Sciences Building, Stony Brook Anthropology and Archaeology Professor Elizabeth Stone pointed to a photograph of a female sculptured head entitled, "Head, from Warka."

"That's the world's earliest piece of professional sculpture, dated from 5500 years [ago]," Stone said. "No photograph does it justice...It's a spectacular piece. This sculpture is the ultimate femme fatale. It's almost certainly the goddess Ishtar/Inanna. It's a sullen beauty that you see everyone falling over themselves over."

The "Head, from Warka" and at least 170,000 other priceless artifacts were almost certainly looted from the Baghdad Museum, according to Stone, despite assurances from the U.S. Defense Department that they would be protected during the US-lead invasion of Iraq. This has Stone furious.

"They were warned over and over again by archaeologists, archaeological organizations and by letters signed by hundreds of people," Stone said. In



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"Head, From Warka," stolen from Baghdad.

response, the U.S. Department of Defense had written a letter stating, "[We] recognize the unique cultural history within Iraq and share your concerns that this history will be protected."

Archaeologists had two meetings in Washington D.C. with the State

Department and DOD. At those meetings, U.S. government officials again made assurances that they would protect the museum.

But when the U.S. military seized Baghdad, the museum was looted of all its treasures as U.S. soldiers stood by and watched.

"There's clear evidence in the professionalism of the people who went in there first," Stone said. "They knew to go to the basement and blow up the big safety vaults [where the most valuable artifacts were kept]. And then the mob came in afterwards once the doors were open."

A museum employee pleaded with U.S. soldiers only 200 feet away from the museum to stop the looting. But he was told that they couldn't guard the museum without orders. Military units only had instructions to guard the Iraqi Oil Ministry.

Stone suspected U.S. military leaders were responsible. "If I'm going to be cynical, I would suspect that they liked the pictures of the Iraqis looting the palaces, and let that go," she said. "And therefore, they gave orders to the soldiers not to stop

looting."

Hospitals and the national archives were also looted, in violation of the Geneva Accords and the Hague Convention.

In response, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Charles Owens, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command said that saving artifacts and stopping looting was not the military's highest priority while fighting was still occurring in Baghdad.

Mesopotamia was an ancient land located in modern day southern Iraq. The Sumerians, the world's first civilization, lived there from about 3500 BC and 2000 BC. They were responsible for the first writing (called cuneiform or wedge-shaped characters imprinted on clay tablets), the first literary document, the first cities and first professionals. They invented the wheel, the plow, a 360 degree circle, 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour and a 360 day year. Mesopotamia was later conquered by the Babylonians, the Assyrians and the Persian Empire. The Baghdad Museum had artifacts from all of those periods.

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FSA's Computer Corner Closing

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Among the five items compared, only one item was significantly overpriced at Computer Corner. A 10/100 PCI network card can be purchased at BestBuy for \$20 less than Computer Corner. The other four products were priced about equally.

Students automatically assume that Computer Corner, like the University Bookstore and Dining Services, is more expensive, but we offer support and service for the student's entire four years on campus," Mattern said.

Kelly said that the FSA received student feedback indicating that "customers understood that an operation which provides full service staffing and has significant sales only during seasonal (academic year) periods will have higher price points than discount retailers who do not provide on-site service."

This service, overpriced or not, will be scrapped by FSA due to losses totaling over \$100,000 during the 2002 year. "I

can't afford to pay the people who work here because we are losing a lot of money," Mattern said. Computer Corner hires about four full-time staff and four students who do everything from sales to delivery.

Perhaps the hardest hit by the closure are Stony Brook students who have limited access to off-campus venues.

"Where else are students who can't go off-campus supposed to get their computer wares?" asked Li.

"The Campus Division of Information Technology is making arrangements for direct online sales of computers through manufacturers," Kelly said. He added that Seawolves Market will sell some of the most popular computer peripherals.

"Students who can't get off campus can always try online computer stores," Purkosesa said.

Students concerned about overpricing or a lack of computer wares on campus have one bit of good news to look forward to. "We might have a store closing sale soon," Mattern said.

Keeping the Environment

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Goode has relished in the natural beauty of the Suffolk County area. Goode is an avid fisherman and boater. He also has worked in the Suffolk County Water Authority's groundwater protection program. "I am keenly aware of Long Island's sole source aquifer and sensitive to the public's concern about the environment," Goode said. Goode has 18 years of environmental protection and waste management experience.

Various specific responsibilities begot the new departments' 9.4 million dollar budget. Pollution prevention,

natural resource management and groundwater protection are some of the division's main goals. The department also maintains the BNL ISO 14001 registered Environmental Management System, which sorts data from the environmental surveillance system and prepares documentation for various government offices, including the annual site environmental report.

Goode has a B.S. in biology from Dickinson College and an M.S. in environmental technology from the New York Institute of Technology. From 1980 through 1991, he worked in various technical and managerial positions in

Student Vies for His Share of the Market

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"I think it will help a lot for people who don't have access to a car, and can't get to computer stores far away from campus," said sophomore Clayton Bailey. "With Computer Corner going out of business, someone needs to supply students with their computer needs."

"I really wanted to find an alternative to big businesses like CompUSA," Petrillo said. "We're gonna make it as easy as possible and as cheap as possible for students to get what they need."

Cutting Edge offers a home pick-up and delivery service for computers, as well as continuous real-time customer communication through the AOL instant messenger screen name: "CEINC1085."

Attempting to secure Stony Brook customers, Cutting Edge is making every effort to keep prices down, Petrillo said.

"Our first intention was to make sure [Cutting Edge] was affordable," Petrillo

said. Cutting Edge offers certain accessories at prices discounted from those found at retail stores. Petrillo purchases these items in bulk, or uses alternate means to make them cheaper. Printer cartridges, for example, can be recycled and refilled with ink. Petrillo purchases recycled cartridges from large companies like Hewlett Packard, refills them, and sells the refurbished cartridge for \$15 to \$20.

Cutting Edge also sells video games at \$2 off for students, and allows them to try any game before they buy it.

Petrillo is seeking to hire Stony Brook students with knowledge in computer networking to work for Cutting Edge. Interested individuals can call the store at 751-4480 or email at mail@c-einc.com.

"Right now, [our obstacle] is the anxiety of waiting for people and trying to temper what we have together," said Michael Petrillo. "That's the hardest part."

"Goode" and Clean at BNL

Long Island industries, including the Raytheon Corporation, Sedco Systems Division, from 1986 to 1988; and the Suffolk County Water Authority, from 1988 to 1991.

In 1991, Goode was hired as pollution prevention coordinator for BNL. From 1991 through 1997 Goode was a project engineer and group leader at BNL's Waste Management Division. Goode recently initiated the Environmental Compliance Representative program. Here, field-deployed environmental professionals proactively identify and manage environmental issues and pollution prevention opportunities at the

earliest possible time. Goode also managed the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System at Brookhaven, developing and implementing strategies to integrate, streamline and improve the system; a responsibility he will continue to hold under his new post.

Goode received the BNL Award for Outstanding Service in 2001, as well as six U.S. Department of Energy Pollution Prevention Awards from 1995 through 2001. Goode develops pollution prevention strategies for New York State at New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Risk Reduction Strategies Work Group.

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MIT Alum Offers Student Matchmaking Service

By VYACHESLAV KANDYBA
Chronicle of Higher Education

Trouble finding a date for Saturday night? For students at highly competitive colleges, it's a prospect that often seems tougher than a term paper. Now, an alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has made the process easier at three Boston-area colleges, where students can use his website to find potential companions.

While looking for a date several weeks before Valentine's Day, Jonathan G. Monsarrat realized that he might not be alone in his quest. Many students and alumni probably had the same predicament at his alma mater and at nearby Harvard University and Wellesley College, he figured.

Monsarrat, founder of a computer-

game company, approached MIT's Graduate Student Council to propose an online matchmaking service. When the council turned him down, he took on the project himself.

Some 30 hours of computer programming later, the entrepreneur had set up his web site — just in time for Valentine's Day. He spent \$1,500 to print 800 posters and 10,000 fliers to distribute in a door-to-door and mail publicity campaign. The service is free to students and alumni.

Monsarrat's efforts paid off: nearly 4,000 participants from the three institutions visited his Web site to fill out a questionnaire designed to pinpoint what each person had to offer and what he or she was looking for in a match.

About 1,500 MIT students, or 15

percent of the school's population, signed up for what *The Tech*, the student newspaper, called "the largest matchmaking service ever at any of the three universities."

Although he had intended to help users find dates only for Valentine's Day, demand led him to keep the site open for an extra week of matchmaking after February 14. Now Monsarrat says he plans to restart the service in June and continue it year-round.

The heart of the matchmaking process is an algorithm that processes data from each user — on age, religion, and drug-use preferences, among other information. The algorithm compares the information with that from other participants. When the electronic process is complete, participants are sent e-mail

messages listing up to 20 potential matches, and have the option of contacting them by e-mail.

"Overall, the service was good because it was free, but a good number of the girls I was matched with were way older than me," said an MIT student, Adam C. Powell, in an interview with *The Tech*.

Monsarrat acknowledges that some people are reluctant to try online matchmaking. "A lot of people think online dating is awkward. They feel more comfortable meeting someone at a bar," he says.

Nevertheless, he believes in his web site's potential. And Monsarrat has not done badly for himself. Using his own site, he got a date for Valentine's Day, and four after that.

Public-College Papers Have Broad Rights Under 1st

By MEGAN ROONEY
Chronicle of Higher Education

A 1988 Supreme Court decision that gave wide latitude to high-school administrators to review and censor student publications does not apply to student newspapers at public colleges, a federal appeals court ruled this month.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit made the ruling, finding that a dean at Governors State University does not have immunity from a lawsuit filed by the editors of *The Innovator*, the student newspaper at the Illinois institution. The editors sued the dean after she told the newspaper's printer that a university official had to approve the content of the newspaper

before it could be printed.

Patricia A. Carter, the dean of student affairs and services at Governors State, admitted making that request to the printer in 2000. But she argued, with backing from the Illinois attorney general, that the suit should have been dismissed because of uncertainty about the constitutional protections afforded to college journalists. Her lawyers cited the 1988 Supreme Court decision in *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, in which the court ruled that high-school journalists did not enjoy the same First Amendment protections as adults.

While the *Hazelwood* decision dealt with high-school journalists, many

college journalists have feared that it could be used to limit their freedom. As a result, many journalism groups have backed the Governors State student editors and warned that a ruling against them could have broad implications for college newspapers.

In a unanimous decision, the three-judge appeals panel ruled that college journalists are protected by the U.S. Constitution. "The differences between a college and a high school are far greater than the obvious differences in curriculum and extracurricular activities," the court said. "While *Hazelwood* teaches that younger students in a high-school setting must endure First Amendment restrictions, we see nothing in that case that should be

interpreted to change the general view favoring broad First Amendment rights for students at the university level."

Advocates for student journalists hailed the decision as a major victory.

"There has been a growing murmur among college officials that maybe the law isn't so clear, that they can get away with censoring student publications on campus," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, a nonprofit group that provided the plaintiffs from *The Innovator* with legal help. "I think this decision slams the door on that argument."

Officials at Governors State did not return calls seeking comment.

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Letter to the Editor

Pay to Pray at Hillel?

Dear Editor,

This letter concerns the doctrine of separation of Church and State.

Last September, my wife attended the Jewish High Holy Services at Stony Brook University given by the Hillel Foundation. She has attended these services for several years and has always given a donation. I do not attend.

This year, she brought home a contribution envelope that stated: "The *minimum* contribution for non-University participants is \$400 for families, \$200 for singles."

On September 19, 2002, I wrote a letter to Student Affairs about the wording on the envelope, as it seems to violate separation of Church and State: "I take offense to this wording, as the word 'suggested' was left out of the demand. Since only the word 'minimum' was left...it is not a contribution, but a demand for a fee." This letter was passed onto Rabbi Joseph Topek, Director of Hillel.

On October 1, 2002, Rabbi Topek told me that he would not change the wording on the envelope, and thanked my wife for her support. He added, "You should know that the envelope

that you mention in your letter has been in use for many years and is not a new policy but one put in place by our Board of Directors long ago." He further stated that, "The Hillel Foundation is under no obligation to provide worship services for those who are not members of the university community..." and "This support enables us to provide Jewish activities for our students throughout the academic year."

On October 4, 2002, I replied to him.

Your excuse that the "Letter has been in use for many years and is not a new policy, but one put in place by our Board of Directors long ago" is no excuse for poor judgment, a mistake and bad taste. If your argument was good we would never have bettered our lot over time and one could say that slavery should continue because it was around for a long time.

I am simply saying that it is time to rectify your error in judgment. I will be happy to address you Board of Directors on this issue if that would please you.

Your words in your response, "Hillel requires a contribution..." are the height of chutzpah as one has no right to 'require a contribution,' especially a minimum contribution (pay to pray) especially on state property in violation of the doctrine of separation of church and state.

You are correct that 'The Hillel Foundation is under no obligation to provide worship services for those who are not members.' You are

also correct that it is non-member support that helps to keep Hillel afloat 'in providing Jewish activities for our students.'

My wife and others even said to me that there was way too much of a hard-sell push for contributions this year. You should know that one could catch more flies with honey ...

I never received an answer to this letter, so on February 28 2003; I wrote a letter to President Shirley Strum Kenny explaining the above concern.

On March 10, 2003 President Kenny wrote:

As you know, the Interfaith Center at Stony Brook is located on the University campus, and as a result, offers a variety of worship and educational opportunities to the University community. However, the center is an independent private organization that receives no funds from SUNY Stony Brook University or the State of New York. As a result, its members associations are responsible for fund-raising activities to cover the congregational costs.

In late March I decided to pay the head of the Interfaith Center a visit in the hope that something could be done in my quest. Catch-22: the head of the Interfaith Council is Rabbi Topek.

I spoke with him, but he was adamant in his

One has no right to 'require a contribution,' especially a minimum contribution--a pay to pray--when it's on state property and thus violates the doctrine of separation of church and state.

refusal to change the word "minimum" to "suggested." He told me that without the word "minimum" Hillel would receive less money in contributions, as there would be more schnorrers (freeloaders) and that the local synagogues are angry because Hillel allows outsiders into services and they lose business.

Thus, Rabbi Topek proved my life long belief that religion is a business, and a tax-free one at that.

Then I asked Rabbi

Topek, "Does Hillel pay rent for their university offices and other university facilities when used? Not a payment in kind, but in real value dollars and not just a token amount?"

He avoided answering this question.

I asked him if by the envelope's wording "the university community" meant secretaries and other personnel and their families?

He hesitated with his answer and then said, "Yes."

Then I stated that I was a member of the Round Table affiliated with the University and that I guessed from now on my wife could go for free if she desired and in Rabbi Topek's words, be a schnorrer.

He said, "I guess so."

The words "minimum contribution" must be removed or changed, as religion is not and should not be a business.

Yours truly,
Fredric S. Goldberga

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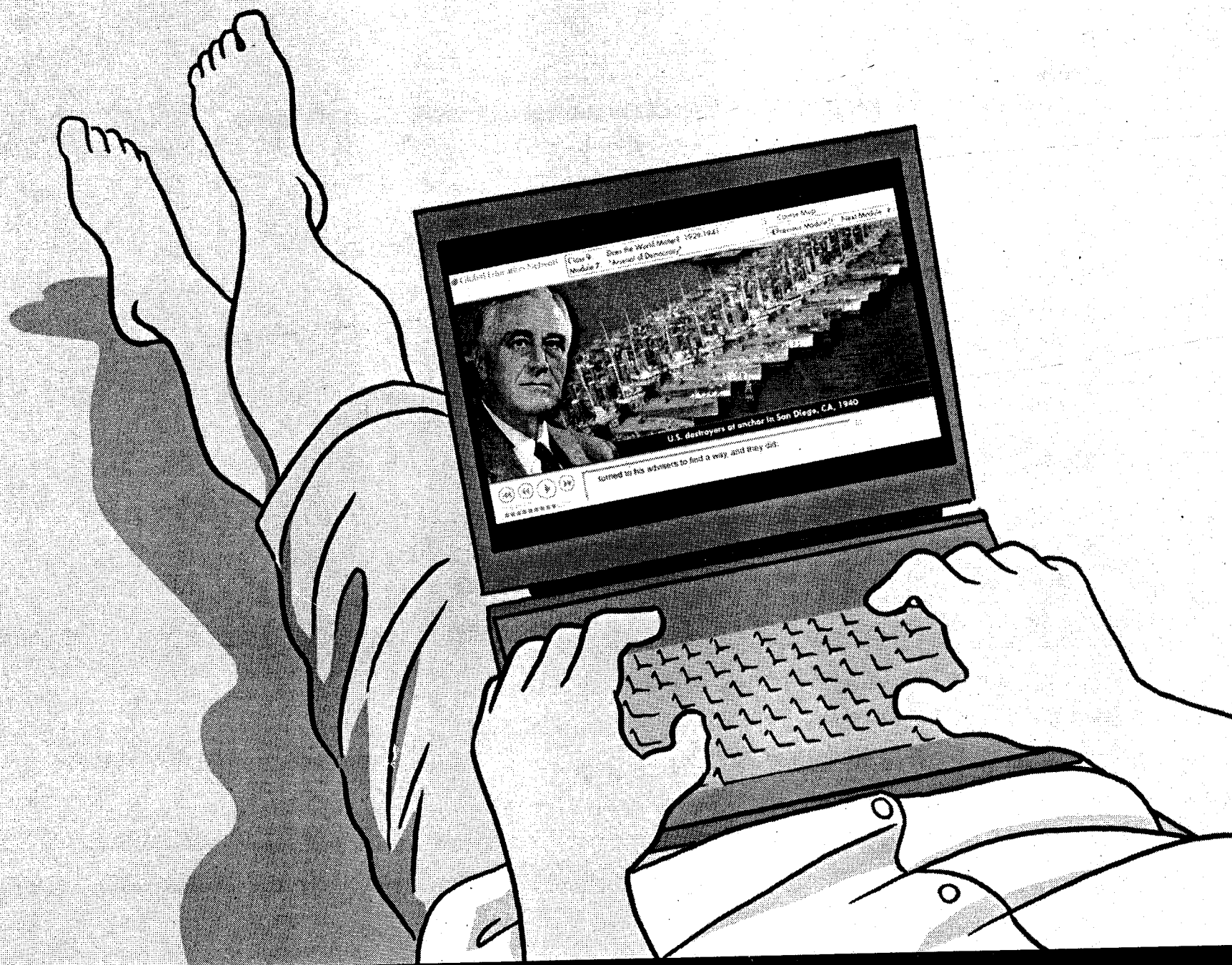
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Date: April 16, 2003

Subject: Rectifying A Constitutional Error

There is a technical error in the Constitution under Article III, Section 1.B, Paragraphs 1 and 2 that resulted from the insertion of the phrase "before placement on the ballot" and not changing the class standing to account for that. Should the qualifications stand as is, only students who will become seniors can run for the positions of President, Executive Vice President and Treasurer and a sophomore would not be able to represent his/her class because only a future junior would be able to do so.

Consequently, in light of the "framers' intent" and the unintended consequences which would be detrimental to the student body, instead of using the following erroneous language in the Constitution:

1. President, Executive Vice President and Treasurer having to have **junior or higher standing** before placement on the ballot and
2. All other Executive Council positions having to have **sophomore or higher standing** before placement on the ballot

The current election will take place with the actual "framers' intent", which is:

1. Those students who wish to run for the positions of President, Executive Vice President and Treasurer must have **sophomore or higher standing** before placement on the ballot and
2. Those students who wish to run for all other Executive Council positions will have **no class standing requirements** since all undergraduate students would be qualified to do so.

All the other requirements for these positions will still apply.

The required formal technical revision of the Constitution to change the language for future elections will be submitted for a vote to the student body in the Fall semester.

University Police Blotter: 4/16-4/21

COMPILED BY MAURY HIRSCHKORN
Statesman Staff

April 16, 2003

8:43 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Health Science Center loading dock, Truck vs. pole.

10:21 a.m. - Petit larceny, Tabler Quad parking lot, Sideview mirror and vehicle damaged.

2:18 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Light Engineering

April 17, 2003

11:23 a.m. - Petit larceny, Earth, Space and Science Building, 2 parking meters with contents taken.

8:00 p.m. - Petit larceny, Chapin E, Parking permit and textbook taken.

April 18, 2003

5:30 p.m. - Grand larceny, Greeley College, Theft of computer system.

April 19, 2003

1:34 a.m. - Confiscation, Gershwin College, Marijuana and pipe taken from individuals, 2 students referred.

April 20, 2003

6:25 p.m. - Petit larceny, 2 Greek letters



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stolen from sorority rock on Forest Dr.

8:34 p.m. - Burglary, Ammann College, Computer and speakers taken.

10:30 p.m. - Disturbance, Kelly Cafe, Female student making noise and throwing things around.

April 21, 2003

12:00 a.m. - Suspicious person, Roth

Dining Hall, 1 male sleeping, Told to leave and complied.

3:37 p.m. - Grand larceny, Student Activities Center, Computer Corner Store, 2 computers taken, Subject fled on foot.

7:53 p.m. - Petit larceny, Undergraduate parking lot, Stolen parking permit.

Baghdad Looting

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Elizabeth Stone is an expert on Mesopotamian archeology and has worked on Iraqi excavation since 1971. She said that after the 1991 Gulf War, conditions got dangerous when the illegal antiquities trade took control over Iraq.

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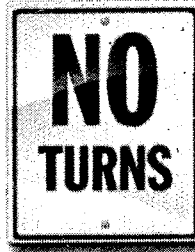
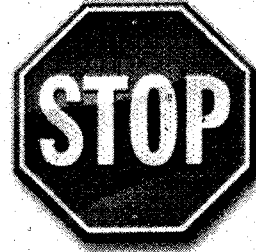
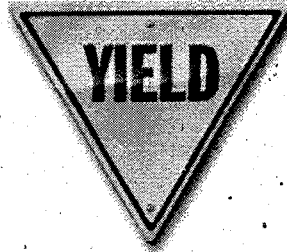
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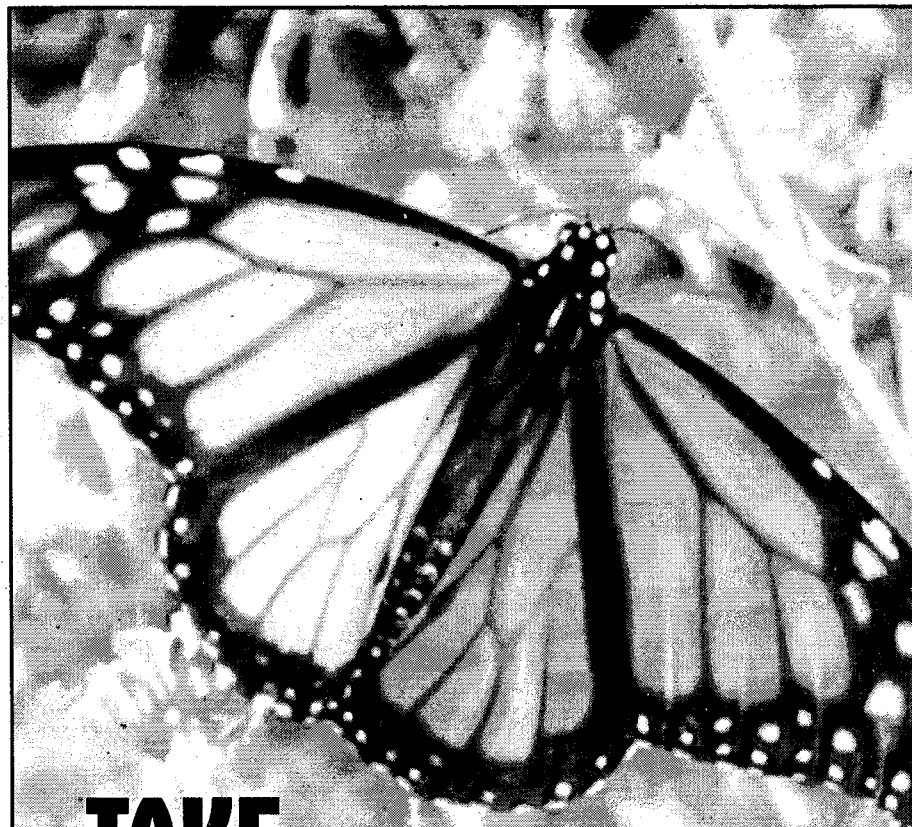


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A schedule of each department program is listed on page 5 of the 2003 Commencement Planning Guide.

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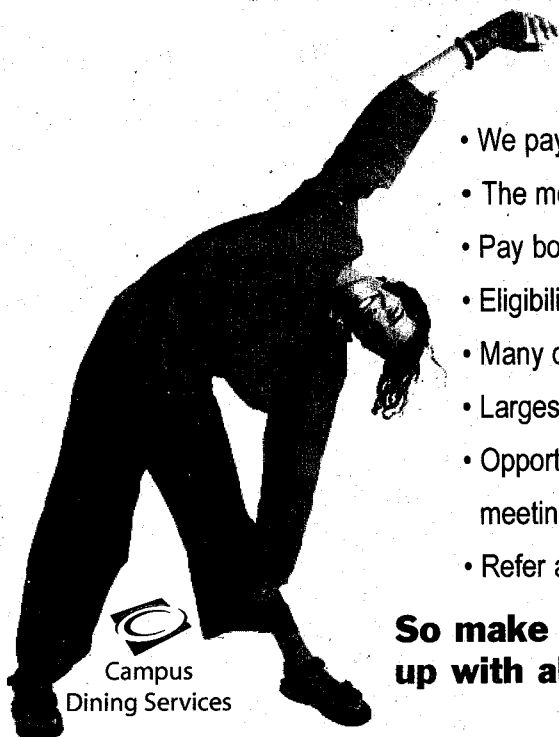
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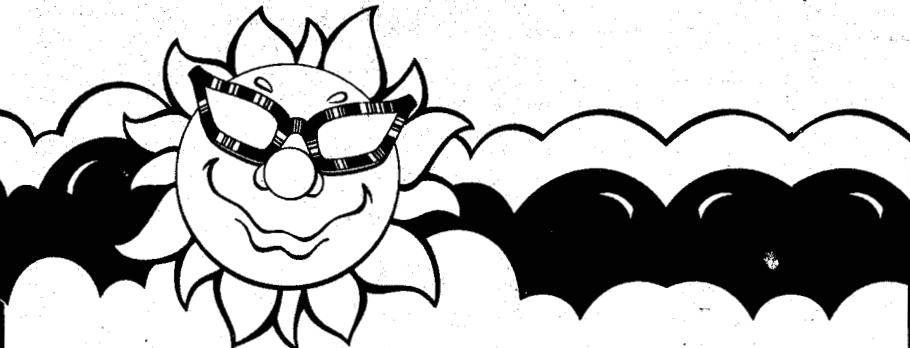
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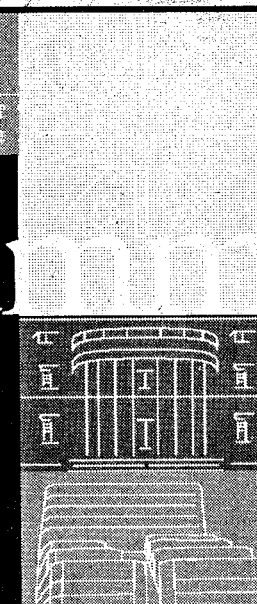
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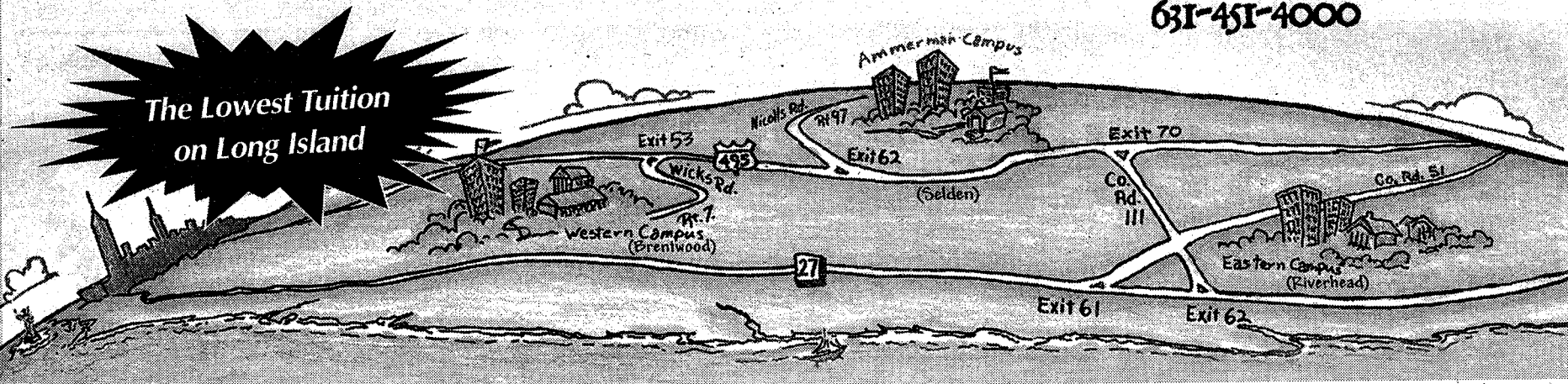
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