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New Faces

By JULIE MINGIONE
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With the academic year around the corner, President Kenny has made two new appointments: a provost and a new position to serve as a liaison between the University and the business communities.

Earlier this month President Kenny announced the appointment of Deputy Provost Robert McGrath to the position of acting provost. President Kenny is optimistic about McGrath's decision to take on a double role as acting provost and his current role of vice provost for Brookhaven Laboratories. She said that she is confident he will be an "excellent [acting provost]."

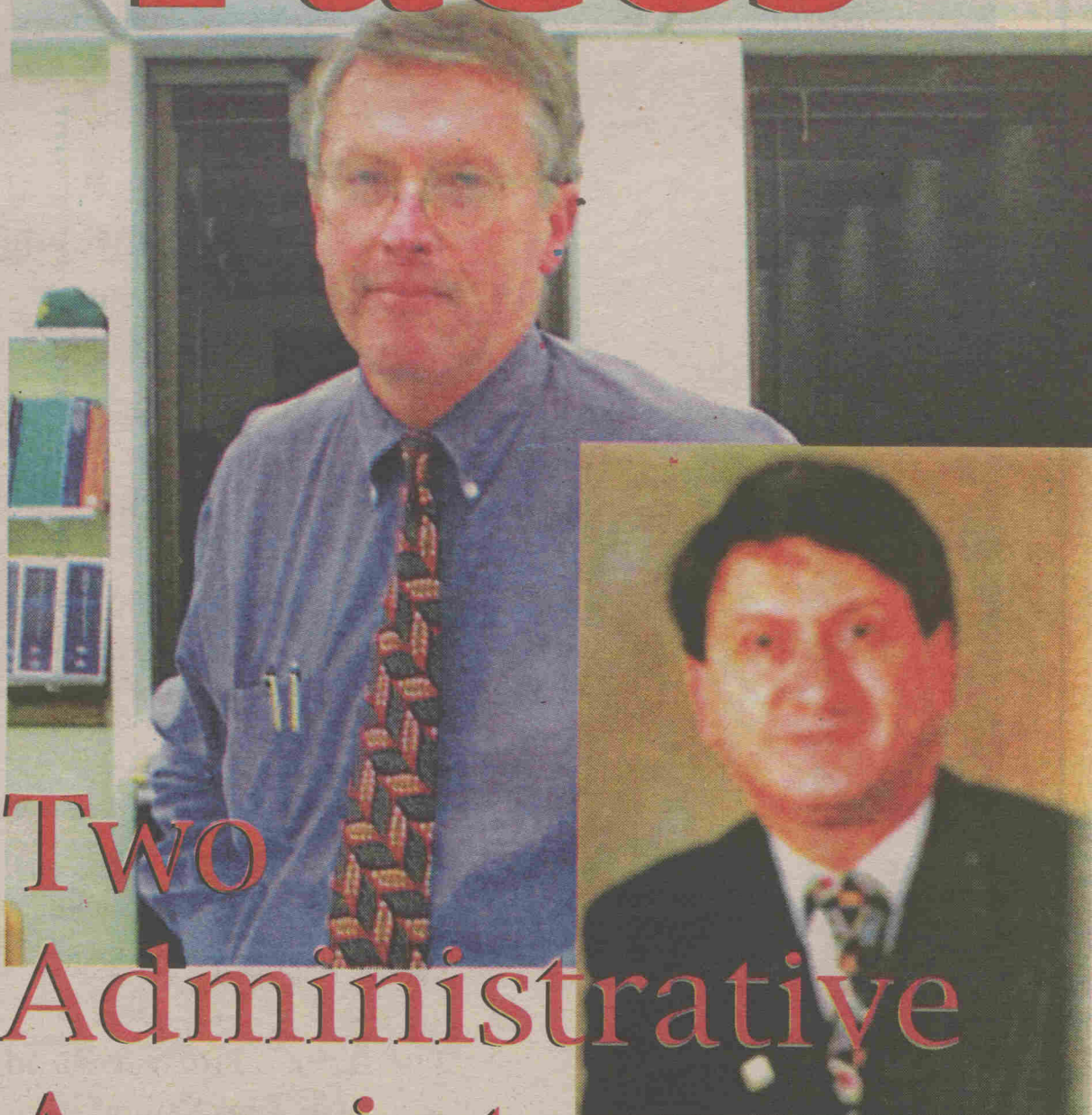
Meanwhile, the University will conduct a search for a person to permanently fill the position of provost, of which McGrath is a qualified candidate.

McGrath has been at Stony Brook since 1968 and is a faculty member of the physics department. He has served as associate dean of the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics and as director of the University's Nuclear Structure Laboratory. He was named associate provost in 1994 and deputy provost in 1996.

His appointment arose after Rollin Richmond accepted a provostship at Iowa State University this past July, leaving Stony Brook to find another person to assume his role. "I am extremely delighted that such an able administrator has agreed to fulfill this role," President Kenny said, "This will assure a smooth transition as Stony Brook moves into the millennium."

President Kenny has also made other important preparations for the new millennium, by creating the University's first vice president for economic

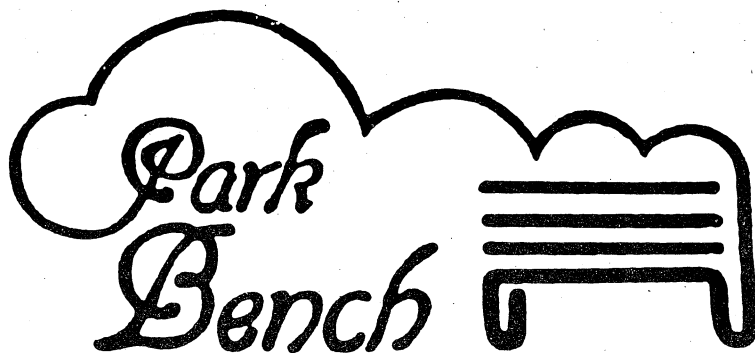
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development.

Yacov Shamash has been named to temporarily fill this position and will continue to serve his position as dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

This position "indicates our strong commitment to the business and industry of Long Island and the State," Kenny said. Shamash, who joined the University in 1992, had begun working with President Kenny prior to his appointment to expand the links between the University and the business community. In 1994 he initiated the Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence (SPIR) program and through it, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences partnered with more than 80 New York companies to assist them with research and development projects and helped them obtain \$20 million of new federally sponsored projects.

In a recent press release, the University said the position was created because of the need for the University to deepen its links with the metro-New

York business community. The vice president for economic development will serve as the University's ambassador to the business community. Shamash's other responsibilities will include overseeing Stony Brook's software incubators, the Centers for Advanced Technology and the corporate training programs.

"My goal is for Stony Brook to play a big role in the planning and development in New York State," he said about his new appointment.

"This is something that is happening all over the country," said Shamash, who does not think that mixing academics with business is a conflict of interest. He explained that the partnership would only benefit the University. "As we develop relationships with corporate communities we will get joint projects," he said. And joint projects lead to new projects and more funding for the students and faculty.

President Kenny also expressed her desire for Stony Brook to contribute to the economic growth on



Statesman/Michael Kwan

Robert McGrath at last spring's URECA Fair.

Long Island in her inaugural speech. "This position is just following up on that," Shamash said.

During the school year a quest for a

permanent appointment will be conducted, with Shamash as an eligible candidate.

Statesman Editor Jennifer Kester contributed to this article.

Construction Begins on SAC Phase II

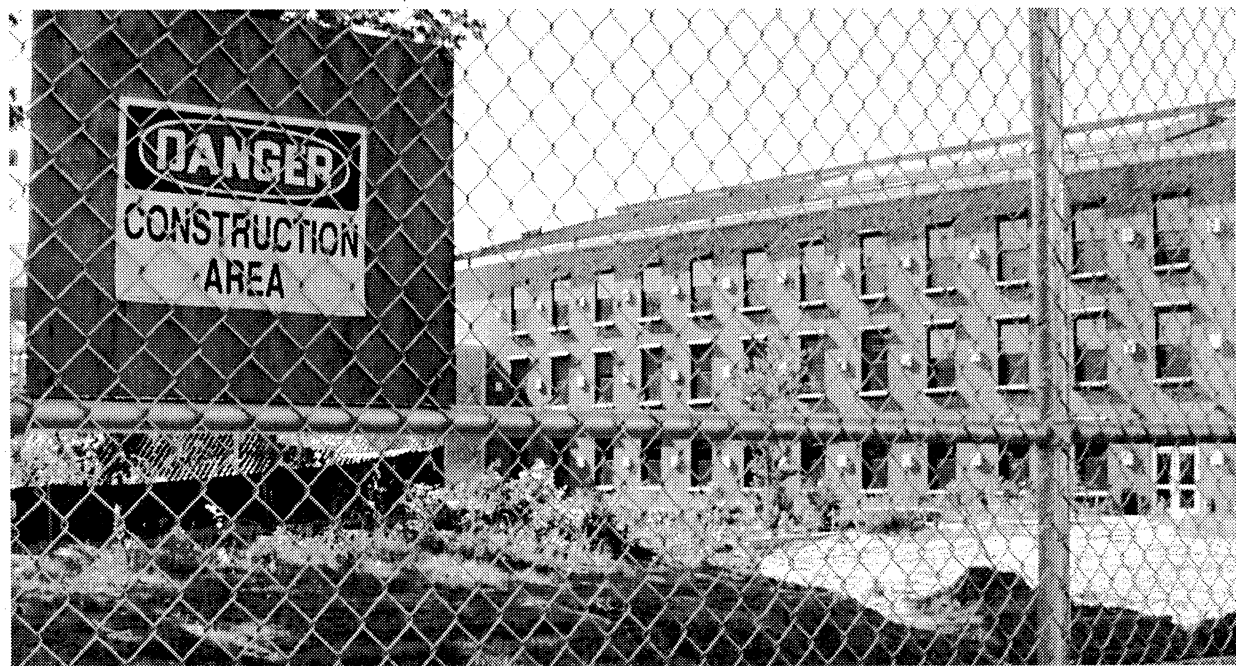
By JENNIFER KESTER
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With Stony Brook University undergoing many construction and renovation projects throughout the campus, the construction of Phase II of the Student Activities Center has begun.

The designs, handled by Kevin Hom and Andrew Goldman Architecture, will feature a ballroom that will serve as a multipurpose room. Also included will be meeting rooms student and administrative offices, a lounge and an art gallery. The Wellness Center, which offers exercise and fitness activities such as aerobics, will be moved from its location in the current Student Activities Center basement to the second building. SAC Phase II will be completed in approximately two to three years.

The construction will cost \$9 million, which will come from the State University of New York Capitol Construction Money. This fund will also provide money for other construction projects on campus, including a 7500-seated stadium, which will break ground this spring, and the Center for Molecular Medicine, which will be completed in January.

There are also plans to expand the Student Activities



Construction for SAC Phase II began this summer.

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Center after the second phase. This third phase will be a continuation of the building, making it three-sided. Although funding has not yet been secured and no concepts or plans have been announced, there has been some discussion to include retail spaces to fit the needs of the students. With ideas ranging from supermarkets to clothing stores, anything is a possibility.

"I am excited about the construction," said Gary Matthews, assistant vice president for facilities and services, "Unfortunately, it takes a long time to do."

The process of design and planning in and of itself is a three-year process. In the first year, the goals are established on what type of facility is wanted and needed. The second year is the designing stage where the constituency is consulted for ideas and thoughts. The third year is when construction begins and could take three to four years to complete.

"You are going to see a lot of construction in the next

five years," said Matthews.

Other projects in the works include the planned renovations for the Humanities Building, which are currently under design. The Heavy Engineering Building will also be renovated in the next year, as well as the Health Science Center.

The fountain on the Academic Mall is still under construction, and is slated to have 80 to 90 percent of its walking surfaces completed by fall to eliminate the many detours on campus. The project marks the first phase of a larger vision to redesign the central core of campus. The fountain is meant to unify the dispersed buildings in the Academic Mall and added landscaping will be put in to make the campus less bland and minimalistic, according to Beyer, Blinder, Belle Architects and Planners, the firm handling the project. However, unlike the SAC phase II, the funding for the fountains is funded locally.



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Deep Links

A Commitment to Business, A Loss For Students

If you are a student at Stony Brook, the issue of economics can never be far from your mind. Some of you take the class and study the difference between the micro and macro varieties while others just ponder the sheer economics of affording tuition as it steadily increases. Whatever your exposure to economics was before, prepare for it to change as President Kenny welcomes Yacov Shamash, the present dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, into the position of vice president of economic development.

The what? For those of you that have no idea what the vice president of economic development would do, don't worry, no one knows. At least no one on this campus. This position is an invention by President Kenny to fulfill Stony Brook's nagging need to strengthen its "strong commitment to the business and industry of Long Island and the State." A need that was evident to no one but her. SBU officials said in a recent press release that the job, which may be the first of its

kind in the country, was made so that our university can "deepen its links with the metro-New York business community" and that Shamash will act as SBU's ambassador to this community.

Speaking of ambassadors, Kenny should get one for the student body because it is obvious from her actions that she views it as a foreign entity and that she has absolutely no idea about our wants and more importantly, our needs. Commitment to the business of New York? How about a commitment to us? We need lower tuition, we need better book prices, we need the holes in the Union ceiling fixed, we need to stop getting ripped off every time we eat.

The trouble all started when Stony Brook officials thought for a minute that they were executives of Sony Records or Disney or some other huge money making firm when they signed a ten year contract with Coca Cola. Now Coke emblems are plastered everywhere as it's the official sponsor of the Seawolves sports teams, and now our trusty mascot is riding a big wave of soda

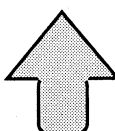
right into Division I status. We also have the campus construction which as of next spring will produce fountains. Stony Brook has all the makings of a shopping mall: overpriced products, Coca Cola and decorative fountains! What's next, Tommy Hilfiger and Gap for sale at the Seawolves Market?

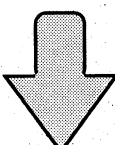
It's unfortunate that we have an administration blinded by commercialism and public relations and that has completely lost sight of problems at hand. No matter how many "links" we make to the business world, the English department will still be suffering from a lack of professors and an internal controversy that is ripping it apart at its seams. And while money is wasted on pretty water decorations, textbook prices remain exorbitant and a meal in the SAC won't run you less than an expensive \$8.

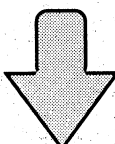
Let us hope that the administration will wake up and realize that these and other pressing internal issues should be resolved before anyone starts making unnecessary outside plans.

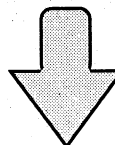
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Compiled by Peter Gratton, *Statesman* Editor Emeritus

 Help Wanted: The office of the University President is looking for a new assistant to President Kenny. The job pays \$37,000 - \$40,000, based on experience, and applicants should keep in mind the following requirements" 1) Flexible knees are a must, as you will be asked to get down on them not just for Kenny, but any visiting dignitaries from Computer Associates. 2) Bookkeeping skills are recommended; among your job duties will be keeping an on-going list of the President's enemies. You will need to keep in mind that the English Department faculty will have specially designed weighted scores so that they remain near the top. 3) You will need to remember to tell all reporters that, "No, I'm sorry, the President it not in today." However, if you should accidentally tell this to members of the staff at *Newsday*, apologize profusely, and tell them that you will have President Kenny right on the phone.

 Party Like it's 1999: As the New York Times reported early last week, some scientists fear that a new accelerator at Brookhaven National Labs - put together to recreate the conditions for the Big Bang - may inadvertently set off the end of the world in October. President Kenny is said to be already taking bids for reconstructing the universe should these scientists' fears come true.

 McUniversity: The University announced last week that Bob McGrath, the University's liaison to BNL, would step into outgoing Provost Rollin Richmond's shoes while the University searches for a new provost. Commentators suggest that McGrath's experience overseeing the end of the world at Brookhaven this fall should come in handy when completing budgets for the University's academic departments.

 When in Doubt, Create a New V.P.: The University announced another employee move this week, creating the post of Vice President for Economic Development to be filled by College of Engineering Dean, Yacov Shamash. University officials are said to have created the position, which at first was called Vice President for Pandering to the Republicans, to further position itself as the friend of Long Island businesses.

Chartering a New Course

First Charter Schools Open in NY This Fall

By MICHAEL KWAN
Statesman Editor

Following the lead of several other states across the country, the State University of New York Board of Trustees approved New York's first three charter schools earlier this summer.

The three schools, the John A. Reisenbach Charter School and the Sisulu Victory Academy-Harlem Charter School, both in Harlem; and the New Covenant Charter School, in Albany are slated to open this fall.

"By approving these charters, we have taken another step forward under Governor Pataki's vision of improving public education opportunities for all children," said Thomas F. Egan, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Nearly 1000 children between kindergarten and fifth grade will attend the three schools this fall.

Charter schools are designed to provide an innovative option for parents who are dissatisfied with local public schools.

These schools, and those following them, will receive state funding like regular public schools but will be largely independent. The difference is each charter school must have its charter approved by SUNY officials before becoming eligible for state monies.

The charters are essentially contracts between the companies running the schools, which may consist of

a corporation made of educators, parents, and non-profit organizations; and the state, which sets down the terms under which the schools operates, primarily to bring innovation and competition to the state's school system.

With signed, and then issued charters, these special applicants can truly begin the task of

New Schools to Provide Alternative for Dissatisfied Parents

improving education for children desperately in need of better educational opportunities," said Randy Daniels, University Trustee and Co-Chair of the Trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools.

The vote, held on June 15, unanimously approved the three schools opening this fall, and five more to be opened in the Fall of 2000, the Amber Charter School, Washington Heights, Manhattan; Flushing International Charter School, Flushing; The Harbor Science and Arts Charter School, Harlem; Syracuse Charter School, Syracuse and Victory Children's Academy Long Island Charter School, Roosevelt.

The law allows for a total of 100 schools to be

eventually created, but poses no restrictions on how many public schools may convert to being charter schools. All that is necessary for a public school to become a charter school is the majority vote of both teachers and parents in the school's community, pending the approval of the Board of Regents and local school board.

However, the approval of the three schools is not without controversy.

The Albany School District has considered suing the State over its lack of involvement in the decision making process. "It is disheartening that SUNY gave us such little time to comment on the proposed charter so much so that they are receiving our recommendations on the very day in which they are expected to approve the school," Albany School Board President Theresa Swidorski said.

Albany's school district was notified just one day before the Board's vote over the approval. Under the law, SUNY is required to notify the local district so that it could hold public hearings on the proposition. Moreover, Albany's officials would like to reduce the number of children in New Covenant from 550 to 300 to reduce the strain on the district's resources.

Scott W. Steffey, president of the SUNY Charter School Institute said, "We are delighted with the Trustees' approval of our recommended charters."

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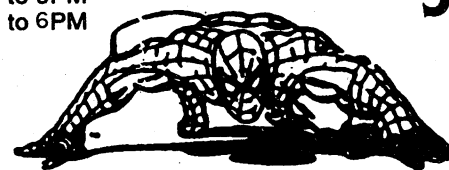
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Riots Erupt At Woodstock Festival ⁷

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Canadian Kirsten LuPont offered her take on the crowd, "We've all been reduced to the same level by the sun, the prices, the lack of sleep and the desire to rock. So, we can all be friends."

Despite overtures of friendship and peace, inflated prices ruled. The price for bottled water was jacked up from four dollars to five in the space of two hours. A small pizza cost \$12, while a burrito sold for \$11.

During highly crowded acts, the free water fountains would mysteriously become inoperable, and patrons would have no choice but to shell out for water to keep cool and hydrated under a burning summer sun.

Drug abuse was rampant, and the Peace Patrol volunteers did not attempt to impede sales or usage of any substance. Many bands urged fans to "go crazy" in terms of throwing mud, bottles, or people into the air. The bathrooms did not have any toilet paper; they were seldom cleaned. Those seeking to use the "showers" that had been advertised with the ticket package found themselves with a four hour wait for a space. Others seeking respite from the filth and overpricing took shuttle buses to a nearby shopping center, where they were met with a right-wing protest group holding up posters of aborted



One of the fires that was set during the festival.

Courtesy of www.woodstock.com

fetuses, and calls of "Hippies repent!"

Some people did not stick it out; it was estimated that the group composed of a quarter million had dwindled to about 150,000 by mid Sunday. Police in riot gear appeared as the crowd grew more restless, and more determined to engage in reckless behavior. Police estimated that two hundred individuals began to set small fires, and the crowd went proverbially

nuts as rampant looting of vendors, pay phones, and ATM machines took place. The riot-equipped police did not move in, though, choosing instead to stand around and watch the flames and ensuing noise.

It is unfortunate that the event turned out the way that it did. At the festival's end, reports of thousands of dollars worth of damage, four rapes, and countless

misdemeanors were being circulated. Those who attended the festival attributed all of these things to poor organization, while many of those who did not attend blame the irresponsible nature of the teens and twenty-somethings that comprised the majority of ticket holders. Either way, the closing events lend themselves to the consensus that the Woodstock event will be no more.

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Love, Music, and Riots

Woodstock Festival Provides Fun Despite Problems

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

The memories of Woodstock '99 for those who did not attend the event include media-hyped photos of raging flames, rioting teenagers, and general wreckage. The coverage of Woodstock '99, the music festival held in Rome, New York on July 24 through 26, paid no real attention to the positive experience of the concertgoers.

In spite of the riots and flames, heat, overpricing, and disorganization that marked the weekend, a great many left the venue satisfied. Yes, the mosh pit was a haven for some uncontrolled aggression. Certainly, the portable bathrooms coupled with the fountains located near them made for some of the most unsanitary conditions ever seen by those in attendance. The sound technicians at the East Stage atrociously mangled the tunes of Sheryl Crow, and various other performers. The fact remains, though, that a quarter of a million people were gathered to party with some of the most



Concertgoers cooling off at a fountain.

Statesman/Kat Fulgieri

formidable rock stars of the decade. A quarter of a million people camped out in the pseudo-wilderness of Mullins Air Force Base and spent their days dancing under a relentless sun, and their nights raving to the popular sounds of Fat Boy Slim and others like him.

There were many bands at the festival, with acts split among three stages. Most headliners played at the East Stage, which is the longest stage that has ever been constructed, while other acts played at the West Stage, the tallest stage in existence. More tunes could be heard at the less frequented "Emerging Artists"

stage, which was located between the two main concert stages. Performances began at noon and lasted well into the night, with the crowd apparently gaining more and more energy as the bands played. The distance between the stages made for a fifteen minute walk when factoring in pedestrian traffic, fences, and various other obstacles, including a marketplace, and the volunteer organization tent, both of which usually merited stops by people going between stages.

The traffic flow was changed mid-Saturday afternoon as the Dave Matthews Band played on the East Stage, when concertgoers realized that there was nowhere to move. Those trying to exit the staging area met with crowds that rendered them virtually immobile, and it did not take long for the packed crowd to get angry. "It's stupid to stand here!" screamed one muddled teenager, as he and a group of others set to work knocking over a fence. Cheers erupted as the fence came down, and the crowd surged over a new walkway.

"This was an amazing experience," raved sun poisoned Long Island native Erik Koentje, "It's worth it just for the memories. I can't believe I'm a part of something this huge!" Huge being a common adjective applying to all aspects of the weekend, in terms of huge crowds, huge prices, and an overall huge spirit. Indeed, the overall group of attendees seemed to project an excitement and a sense of freedom. Twenty-year-old



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