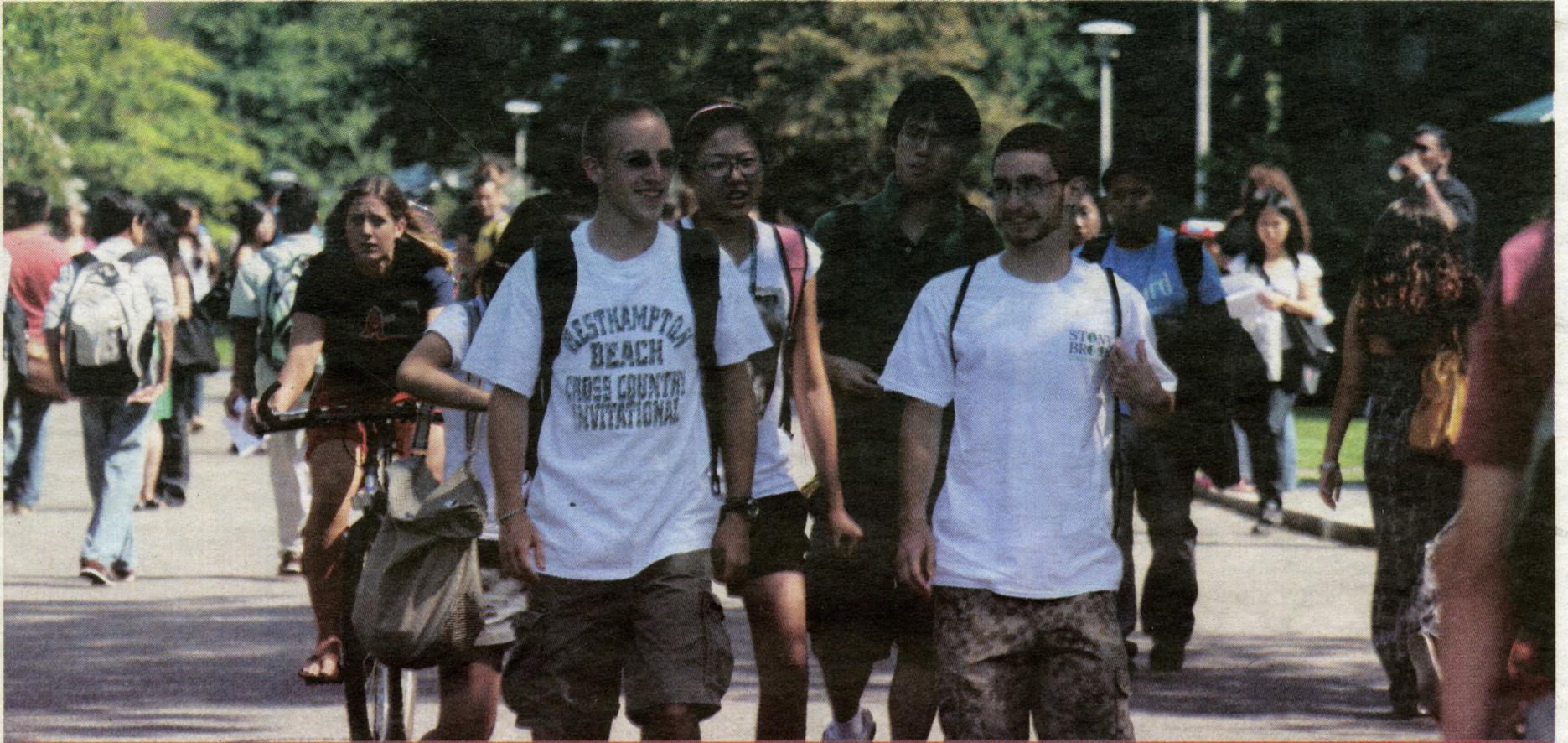
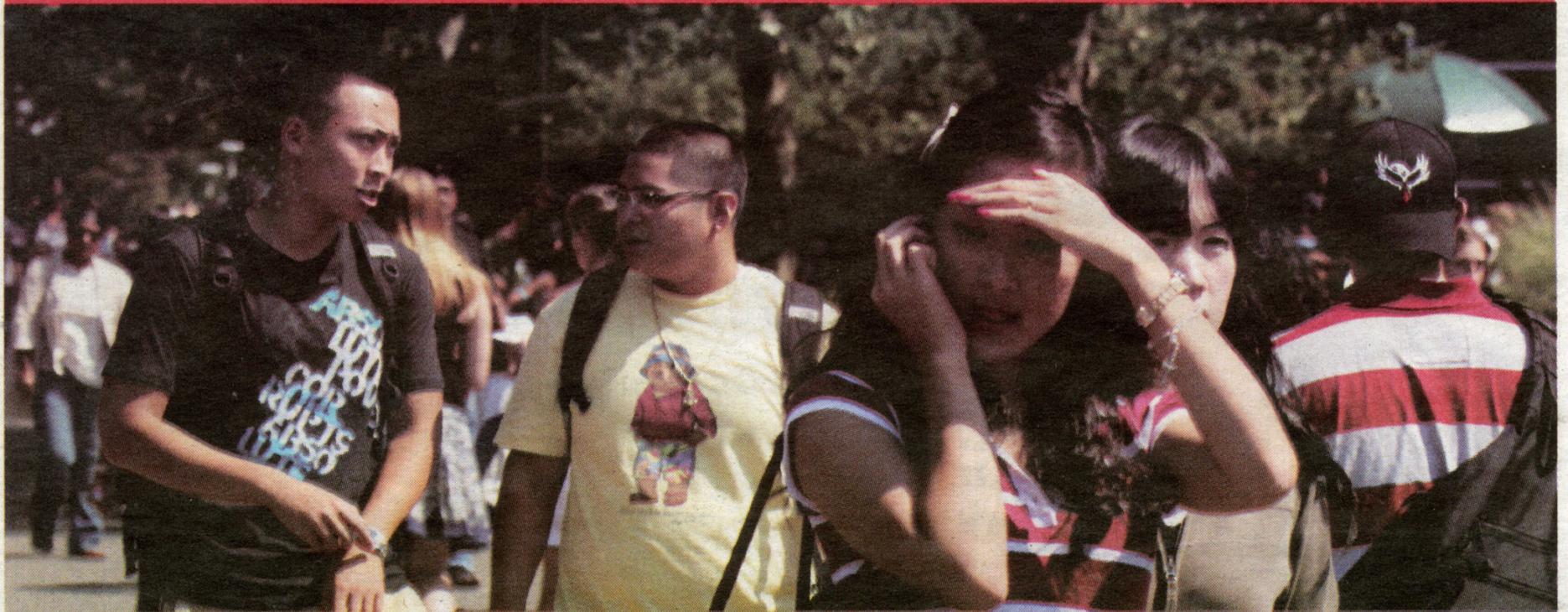


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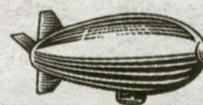


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A few months ago on his campaign trail, Barack Obama was asked by reporter Peggy Agar's about how he was going to help American auto-workers if elected. His response to the female reporter; "Hold on a second, sweetie."

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# Ammonia Leak In Chemistry Building Threatens Occupants

By AISHA AKHTAR  
Photo Editor

The first day of classes proved more eventful when the Chemistry building was evacuated because of an ammonia gas leak. Suffolk County and campus safety teams responded immediately to the emergency and the situation was resolved a couple hours later.

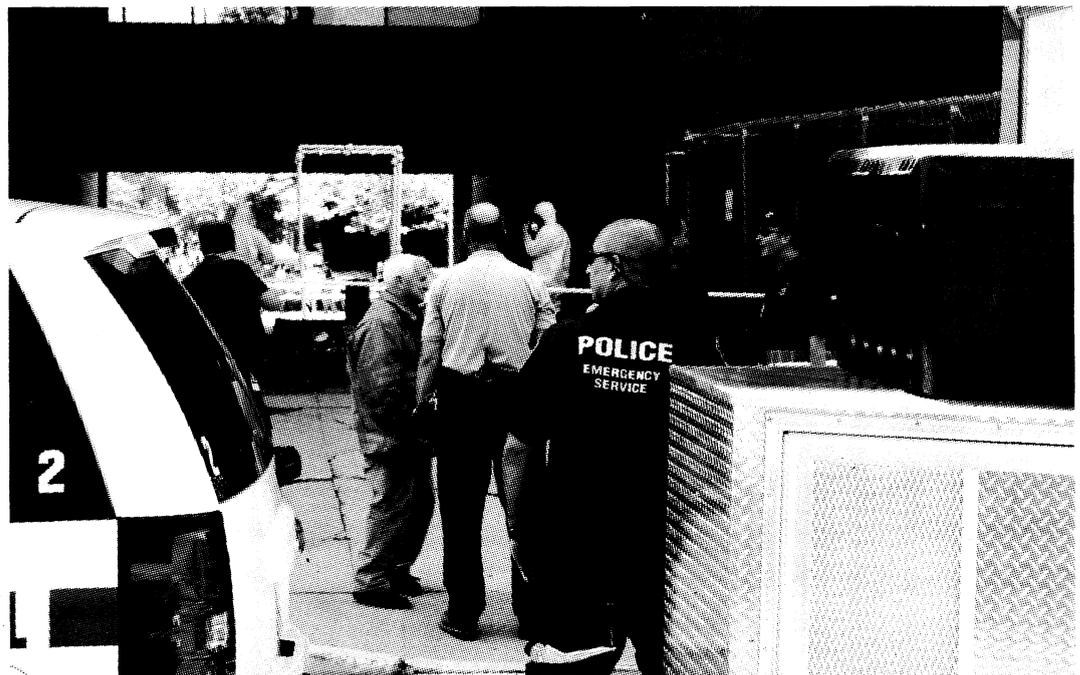
"At 11:05 [a.m.] we received a call that there was an ammonia type fume," said Doug Little, interim chief of University Police. "The cylinder holding ammonia may have had a valve that was loose."

Ammonia solutions with more than 50% ammonia are classified as a Toxic Inhalation Hazard. It is a corrosive alkaline solution, which will burn at contact whether swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed.

Many of the chemistry faculty members waited outside while the problem was being solved.

"The ammonia tank brought a leak to the fifth floor," said chemistry professor Robert Kerber, "Someone pulled the fire alarm and we had to evacuate."

"I can't remember anything like this happening [before],"



Aisha Akhtar / SB Statesman

Emergency officials respond to the ammonia leak in the Chemistry Building on Sept. 2.

said chemistry professor Frank Fowler. "We will probably have to come up with new policies when these kinds of things happen."

"I got a call from Professor [Daniel] Raleigh from the sixth floor because the service chase smelled like ammonia," said Director of Laboratories Alvin Silverstein. "Then, Professor [Philip] Johnson from the fifth floor called to tell ammonia

from the tank was leaking. The smell was so strong that as I reached the fifth floor I didn't even open the door."

"The only way to evacuate a building is via fire alarm," Silverstein said. "We don't have a P.A. system. If we did have a P.A. system, we would be able to properly inform everyone of what was going on and tell them which exits to evacuate from."

Silverstein was the one who pulled the fire alarm.

"I called the University Police, and the safety specialists were all here within a short time," Silverstein said. "They were all over in about five to 10 minutes. I pulled the alarm at their request, but the only problem with pulling the alarm was that the alarm shuts down

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Bradley Donaldson / SB Statesman

Emergency officials were quick on the scene when the Chemistry building occupants discovered an ammonia tank in building was leaking.

## Roth Dining Renovations Nearing Completion

By CARSON DANCE  
Contributing Writer

Long lines at the Student Activities Center (SAC) cafeteria have been the source of many student complaints. Some attribute the problem to the recent overcrowding of the school, but the problems are nothing new.

When the SAC was first constructed, it was not intended to be the central point of campus. The Union was originally planned to be the main place where students could eat during

the day. But given the proximity to the buses and Academic Mall, the SAC hasn't been able to efficiently meet the needs of all the students.

The Faculty Student Association (FSA), in charge of campus dining, has attempted to make other options more appealing to alleviate some of the pressure on the SAC. Some changes include the renovation of the Union last year, and the same is now being done to Roth

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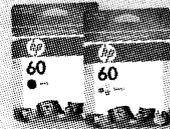
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# Ammonia Leak In Chemistry Building Threatens Occupants

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most of the fume hoods and air handlers which supply fresh air to the buildings."

Campus and some local fire marshals were well geared to enter the toxic gas environment.

"Our building manager, Mike Teta, gave them the master key and a large crescent wrench with the thought that the main valve wasn't fully closed," Silverstein said. "We didn't know what to expect."

"They took pictures and identified that one of the fittings cracked near the gas regulator," Silverstein said. "The big mystery is why it cracked. We speculate that someone banged into it and after some time it slowly got larger."

The tank had a 100-pound capacity, approximately, and carried both liquid and gaseous ammonia. Ammonia becomes a liquid at low pressures, and so the upper part of the tank carried gas and the lower part carried liquid. There were two openings, one for each state of ammonia as needed.

"Some experiments need liquid ammonia in a very con-

centrated form. It's not what you go out and buy at the store," Silverstein said.

For the future, current effective safety regulations will need to be enforced even more. "We need to remind people to shut the main valve when chemicals are not being used," Silverstein said. "And also chemicals that have not been used in three years need to be disposed, and the University is very generous to cover the cost of this." In this case, the ammonia tank did not belong to any active research group, and was not being used for research purposes as intended.

The Environmental Health and Safety Department is working on removing the tank and its contents. The tanks are usually returned to the manufacturing company, while the chemicals are disposed of at a separate facility. Stony Brook has a contract with Triumvirate Environmental for the disposal of wastes.

The tank is currently being stored in a walk-in fume hood till further action. "It's being checked multiple times to see if it is free of leaks," Silverstein said.

## Contract With Chartwells Extended Until Summer 2009

BY CHOIFALI GOMES  
Contributing Writer

The ten-year contract with the food-service provider Chartwells and Stony Brook University was originally set to end this year, but has been postponed by "one additional year," extending the contract until June 30, 2009, according to Angela Angello, the director of marketing and communications Faculty Student Association.

Campus dining heavily relies on Chartwells, a division of Compass Group USA, which claims to be the "leading foodservice provider" in North America, basing its menu on healthy alternatives "for a healthy lifestyle."

The FSA is responsible for choosing the contractor that provides the West Campus dining services. However, while Chart-

wells is responsible for the West Campus, the FSA independently runs the dining at the Medical Center and Stony Brook Southampton. Jasmine in the Wang Center is not included in this contract.

Chartwells is still in business for at least one more year "in order to provide an opportunity to better evaluate meal plan options, relative to changing needs of the student body and the University's master plan and...for expansion of dining services in both the center of campus and residence halls," said Agnello in an e-mail.

When the bidding begins, which is undetermined for now, Aramark may re-emerge as a potential bidder or Sodexo Inc., and perhaps the decision may be to renew the contract and stick with Chartwells.

# Roth Dining Renovations Nearing Completion

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Quad's dining hall.

The Roth Cafeteria originally opened in 1966, and since then, has served over 25 million meals. The dining hall was originally designed with two lines serving the meal for the day, according to the Roth food court renovations website. It had been updated since its original construction, with the addition of Kosher Dining, Burger King, and additional serving lines.

The need for a better and larger space as well as the aging of the building led to the complete renovation of the space. Money for the renovation comes from the facility fee paid as part of every student's meal plan. Almost \$300 of the basic resident meal plan goes towards this fee, which pays for maintenance and renovation.

The renovation was first planned for 2003, but the closing of the dining hall and renovations didn't begin until the end of spring semester in 2007. Construction was supposed to take

one year with the new facility opening in the fall of 2008.

Now, with the start of the new year, many students are anxious to see Roth re-open. The construction is mostly finished, and the facility is being tested by the Health Department.

After approval, the staff will undergo training, including a nationally mandated Wendy's program. The workers who staffed Roth before the renovations were relocated to other venues during the construction, and the workers will again be redistributed to fill the needs of the new cafeteria.

In addition to Wendy's, the new Roth cafeteria will offer made-to-order subs, pizza, an International Market, and Pura Vida coffee and tea

Once the cafeteria opens with its own unique food choices, FSA hopes that Roth will take some of the pressure off of the SAC.

The SAC will no longer be the closest option for those living in Roth Quad and the newly renovated dining area will provide another lunchtime alternative

for hungry students, faculty and staff.

But students should also try out the many other cafeterias available on campus. The Union Deli Commons offer some delicious ethnic choices, and Jasmine at the Wang Center offers a wide variety of Indian, Chinese and Japanese cuisine. Wolfie's restaurant on the second floor of the Union building offers full courses and the dining experience to students but there have been mixed reviews.

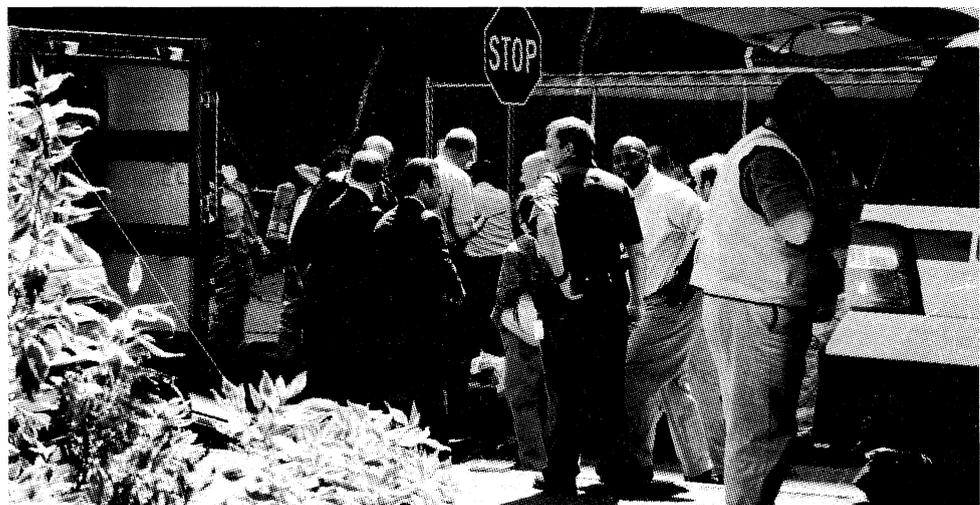
Kelly Quad is famous for having long hours, and even operates 24/7 for five days out of the week. Weekend brunches are delectable and the Kelly Coffee and Teahouse is a favorite among students.

Tabler and H-Quad both have their own dining options with a string of options such as Dunkin Donuts and Taco Bell. Finally, there are campus dining carts all around the campus such as in the Life Sciences building. Students with classes at the hospital can enjoy tasty and cheap meals.



Roth Quad Renovations still in progress.

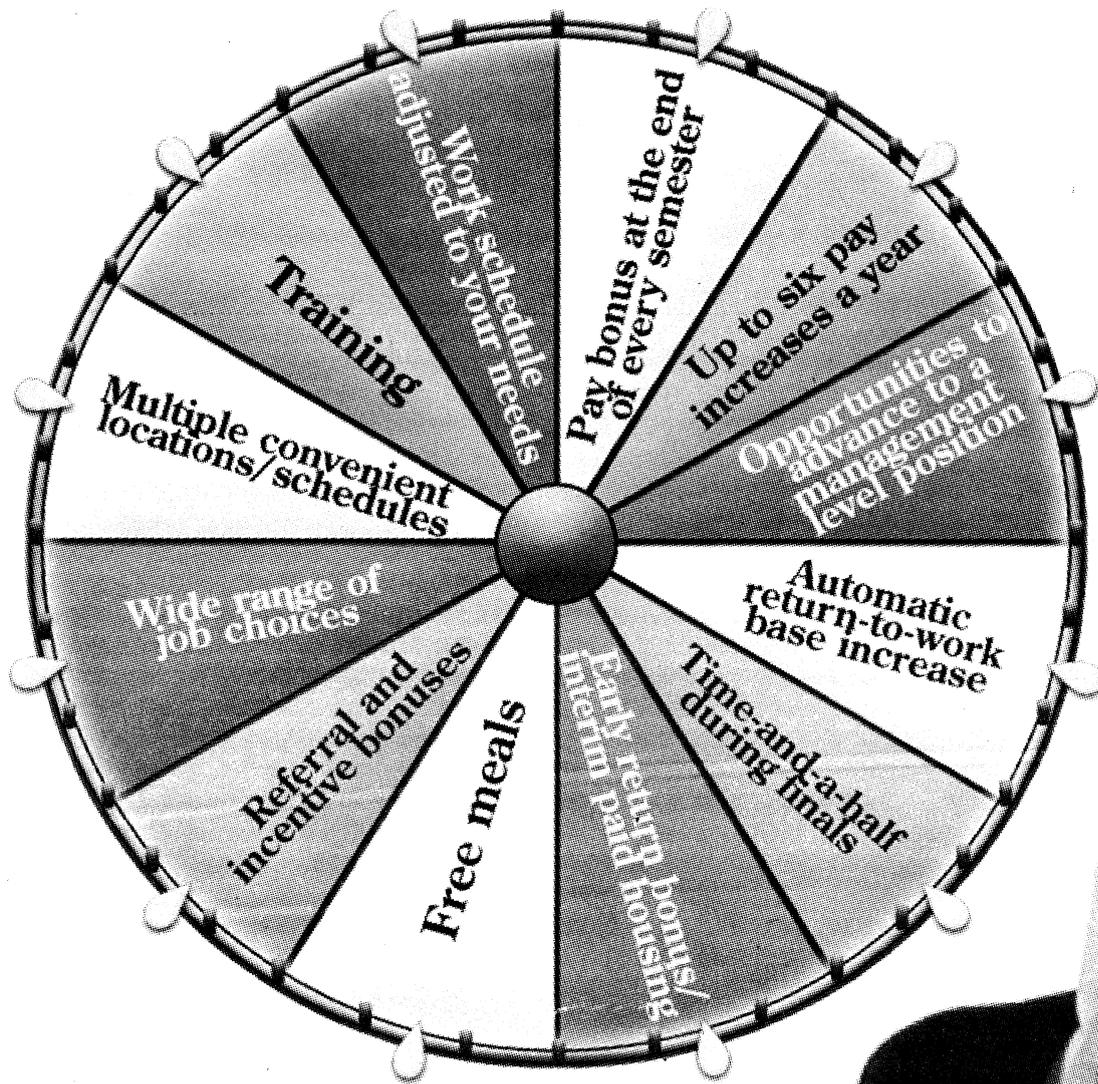
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BY AISHA AKHTAR  
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Love at first sight- if it only happened to everyone.

Don't let this 434-page novel daunt you; it's a really easy read. This book is meant for all kinds of readers, because the story line is not directed to one specific genre. It offers romance, fantasy, and fiction with a good balance. Clearly, the underlying force of the romance is based upon a "you want what you can't have" kind of scheme. If that's the kind of romance entertainment you seek, this is the book for you.

In a nutshell, seventeen-year-old Bella Swan has found the love of her life. The only problem is that he is a vampire. Bella is allured to the mysterious and divinely beautiful Edward.

Other than that, the story moves really slowly. Every event is drawn out, leaving the reader in suspense. I suppose this is a good thing, but I was usually disappointed with the resolution of the conflicts. Regardless, you will be compelled to read the whole series to know how Bella and Edward end up. You want to

know if Bella will eventually become a vampire and spend eternity with her soul mate.

Personally, I don't see what the whole hype is about- the book is poorly written. While the author does a great job of elaborating on details and creating a picture for the reader, she is unable to set a proper mood. You can imagine the characters and the scenery, but you are unable to grasp the emotion of the moment. I feel like there are many moments between Bella and Edward that are intended to be passionate or extremely angry, but I am unable to obtain that kind of sense. This is probably due to the fact that the book is written from Bella's perspective, and we never know what is going on in any of the other character's minds. Moreover, Edward is a difficult character to read, which leaves the reader in doubt about his intentions.

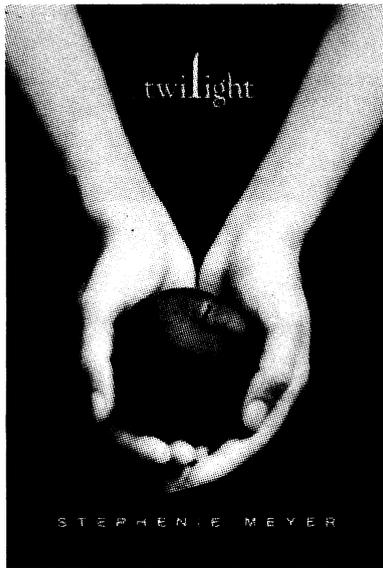
If there was more dialogue, then perhaps readers could get a better idea of what the moment is like. Perhaps the movie, slated for release on November 21 of this year, will take care of this problem. The previews have been impressive and it's because of them that I picked up the book. I hope the movie is heavily based on the book so I can have a better image of how the characters felt at certain key points throughout the story.

Some have compared Twilight's popularity to Harry Potter. I would say Harry Potter is more enjoyable to read because of his zany adventures and unbelievable epiphanies. Some of the conflicts in Twilight seem easily avoidable and

carelessly caused by the characters. For example, there was one part where Bella was wandering in the outskirts of a town all alone, deliberately away from where her friends were. She was simply asking for trouble, and before long, four men approached her. Miraculously, Edward was there to save her, but that's aside from the point. There

was no valid reason for Bella to be wandering where she was, and it was a sappy forced way for Edward to look like a hero. It's almost like Meyer had to place in these types of scenes to enforce the love between Edward and Bella. She never used lustful dialogue, but relied on unrealistic catastrophes to illustrate the point that Edward and Bella were in love.

The greatest conflict in the story came out of nowhere. There was a clan of human-feeding vampires that were hunting and they made it their goal to hunt Bella. Why? I have no idea. There really wasn't any special or legitimate reason to hunt her except for the fact that they "saw her as a challenge." Of course it had to happen to her for after all she was the protagonist of the book. That's why everything happened to her. Meyer just needed to give more reasons why.

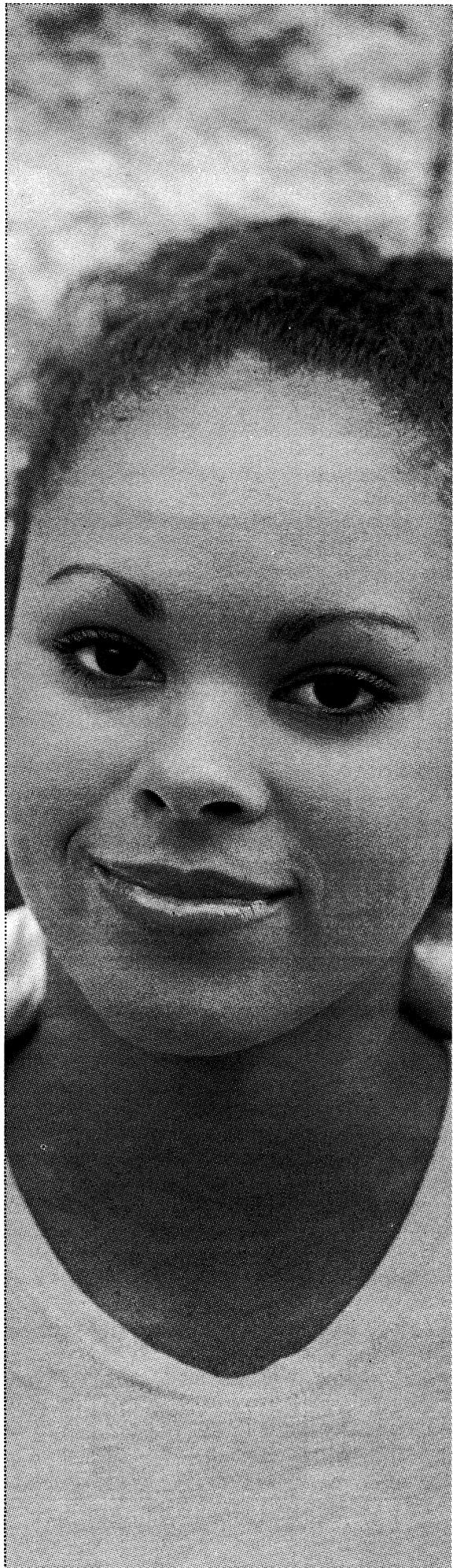


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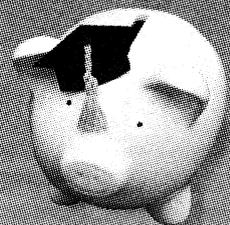
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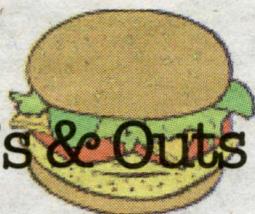
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## The Dining In's & Outs



Food is perhaps the second most critical aspect of college life behind Facebook (followed by academics, of course). Though many associate college food with unidentifiable mush and burgers so greasy the buns are saturated, Stony Brook's options are so broad, there is something for everyone.

The Union Commons has been revamped within the last year. Three years ago it was The Bleacher Club, and essentially offered the same items as the SAC, just in a smaller area with less seating. The Faculty Student Association made over the Union dining facility last summer, and now offers a variety of options for lunch and dinner. Blue Agave has fresh ingredients to fix your Mexican cravings, Coyote Jacks has good burgers, though the fries and onion rings tend to be soggy, and Bamboo provides a Chinese food outlet if Jasmine is packed.

The Union Deli is great for sandwiches, and with Boar's Head cold cuts, the meats are actually edible. Candy by the pound, five coolers for drinks, ice cream and a mini-grocery make it a one-time stop for stocking up a dorm fridge. For those keeping kosher, Delancey Street is the place to go, though its kosher foods keep prices high and meal plans running low. Seating can be hard to find during the lunch rush in the Union, but the ballroom is open and has additional seats. Kelly Dining Center is also a good option for lunch - though it is a longer walk from the Academic Mall, the lack of crowds and long lines is worth the trip. It also has a full deli, Blue Agave, Portabella's pizza, a salad bar and small market.



The Student Activities Center, or SAC, is the epicenter of dining services on campus. Hungry students from West Apartments to H Quad flock to the SAC during peak lunch hours, and the cafeteria subsequently turns into a madhouse between 11:00 a.m. and 2 p.m., particularly during Campus Lifetime on Wednesdays. The SAC is guaranteed to be packed in the middle of the day, so unless a line that wraps around the perimeter of the seated dining area sounds appealing, find somewhere else to eat during lunch. Otherwise, the SAC is a perfect pit stop for an in between class snack or dinner with friends. The pizza is decent, the sandwiches are made to order, and some of the daily specials are delicious.

Roth Food Court would also prove helpful to those during lunchtime, as it is relatively close to the Academic Mall. Unfortunately, the renovations have not yet been completed, though the Faculty Student Association assures it will open in the coming weeks. When it opens, Roth Food Court will have a Wendy's, sandwich station, an organic and fair trade coffee bar, and, yes, a pizza place.

Jasmine, located in The Wang Center, is the number one spot for all Asian cuisine. A wide selection of Indian, Thai, Chinese and Japanese food makes it tough to decide on a meal when the line is pushing along during lunch and dinner hours. The vegetable dumplings and rice noodles are both savory and filling, while the chicken tikka masala is lacking, with enough white rice, naan and extra curry sauce, it can be supremely tasty. Beverage-wise, Jasmine offers multiple flavors at its bubble tea bar, and has refreshing fruit and berry bottled teas stacked away in the small coolers by the registers.

## Safety & Security Campus Musts

Dorming at a large university is a bit like living in a small city. With nearly 9,000 residents and an undergraduate body of more than 15,000, new students can easily get lost in the in the sea of people already living and working at Stony Brook. But once the semester starts rolling and students become more comfortable of campus life, they should remember one key point: personal safety and security.

It's true that those late night parties can be fun, especially after a hectic week but students must remember that one bad apple can spoil the basket. New students should be diligent about where they are, who they are with and the fastest routes to safety.

Students should remember to lock their rooms. Doors should never be propped because this is when most accidents do occur.

Even diligent students studying late at night in the library should remember a few key numbers to call if they are alone and walking back to their dorms;

Residential Safety Program (RSP): Operated by Campus Residences, students can call the RSP for escorts during the long walks home. Escorts are Stony Brook students and they can provide very pleasant conversation, based on our experience. Dressed in pretty tacky outfits of bright neon, they provide security in numbers. RSP only operates from 8 AM to 3 AM so students will not be able to contact any escorts during these times. But on weekends, they operate 24 hours. Students can call RSP at (631) 632-WALK.

Another option that late-owls can take advantage of on campus is the university's Ride program. From "Dusk to Dawn," which basically

means after sunset and before sunrise, university police officers will squirrel students to and from their destinations. Usually, students are only sent to their dorms but if you get lucky, some officers are willing to send students to other destinations on campus such as the railroad station. (They've cracked down on this and 90% of time, this is no longer an option.) However, the school's university program has one glaring problem, students may have to wait, and a long time at that. From our experience, officers may come within 5 minutes of the call, but some have taken even longer; almost an hour during busy nights. And the officers do not give specific times of their arrival. They expect you to be at the agreed destinations by the time they arrive, so if they're late, you have no option but to deal with it. And during the longer winter nights in January, this can be unbearable. Interested students can call (631) 632-RIDE.

During emergencies, students can either call 311 or 911 on any campus phone but not on your cell phone guys! If you do, you will be calling the Suffolk police, who eventually directs you to the campus police, and this could take longer. On cell phones students should call campus police at (631) 632-3333. So save these numbers and keep them charged guys! If you're near one of the many blue light emergency phone locations, press the large red emergency button. Supposedly, the police response time is one minute.

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# Campus Housing

Living on campus has its many pros and cons. Aside from the close proximity to academic buildings and the main hubbub that is West Campus, the residence halls and apartments offer the inclusiveness of a strong student community and plenty of opportunities for your typical college social life.

Underclassmen (U1 or U2 standing) usually live in one of the six quads that each has four buildings with the exception being H Quad, which has only three buildings. Upperclassmen (U3 or U4 standing) who qualify may opt to live in the West Apartments.

Each quad is known for a unique trait. H Quad is the only quad with three buildings instead of four- Benedict, James, and Langmuir. All buildings in H are corridor-style and James College is the cooking building in the quad. The Residential Sinc Site in H is located in Benedict. H Quad and neighboring Mendelson Quad are known for their similar appearances and large rooms. Mendelson rooms are older than H rooms as H Quad was the first quad to be renovated. Mendelson Quad is slated for renovation next year.

Tennis lovers rejoice. H is home to two tennis courts (behind Langmuir) but note that one of the courts share space with a basketball court. There is open space between all three buildings, just right for touch football, stargazing and running around. Dance crews gather at Benedict's atrium for practice, not just for its comfortable space but probably also for its perpetual cold temperatures. Mendelson's field is between Amman and Gray Colleges and you'll find students playing sports there too.

Roth Quad is home to Roth Pond, air-conditioned (but small) rooms, and Roth Food

Court (currently under renovation with its grand opening delayed again- cross your fingers for next year!). The pond is filled with countless fish and aquatic organisms (the running joke that they're all radioactive and mutated).

Across the street from Roth is Tabler Quad, which was recently renovated this summer and is home to the Tabler Center for the Arts. It is affectionately known as TAC by some residents and is home to random band jams, piano rooms, small student art exhibits, and a Media Lab, outfitted entirely with Macintosh computers. Tabler has a small field in the center of the quad, just right for sunning and a pick-up wiffleball game.

Next door to Tabler is Eleanor Roosevelt Quad, sometimes referred to as ERQ. A new residence hall is going up in Roosevelt in the spot that used to house a theater house and a Roosevelt Cafe;. Roosevelt is corridor-style, home to a diverse group of students, and plenty of pick-up soccer games in the quad's cement square.

Finally, Kelly Quad is widely favored by students for its dining hall with Kelly Coffee and Tea House on the ground floor and assorted options upstairs. Kelly's balconies set them apart from all other residence halls. The balconies encircle a small forest of trees, shrubs and cement - the best place for a game of tag and marco polo.

Students in residence halls may choose to and are encouraged to participate in their building's Hall Council, which is entirely student-run. Hall Councils plan, allocate, and organize building activities, participate in quad-wide events and programs, and are represented at Residence Hall Association meetings by their respective RHA Reps.

Campus Residences Staff to contact include Resident Assistants (both undergraduate and graduate RA's), Residence Hall Directors (RHD's)

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## What's a SINC site again?

Many students use the various SINC sites on campus to print out some last minute lecture notes, check their e-mails or just kill time in-between classes. For commuter students the SINC sites become their only way to print out what they need while on campus if they do not have access to a friends dorm room.

A SINC site is basically a computer lab. These labs are spread throughout the campus in different buildings such as the main floor of the Melville Library, the third floor of Harriman Hall, the fourth floor of the Chemistry building, the first floor of the Engineering building, the sixth floor of the Social and Behavioral Science building, the basement of the Union building and various other places on campus. A full listing along with their hours of operation can be found at: <http://moya.ic.sunysb.edu/Sinc/>

During the day the SINC sites fill up quick. The most popular one being the main floor of the library where students can be seen snaking in and out of isles ready to lunge for an open seat if anyone gets up.

During the middle of the day it is best to use the Union SINC site because there is usually an open seat to be found. This SINC site is equipped with 42 XP PCs, 16 dual boot OSX iMacs, 13 OSX iMacs, 4 PC scanners, 2 Mac scanners, 2 walk-in print stations, 2 release stations and hookups

for laptops as well.

Since so many people use the SINC sites on a regular basis, there is a printing quota per person per day. Each user is limited to about 40 pages per day. If you use up your quota in one day you will not be able to print in any SINC site until the next day. Printing double sided is recommended for the maximum use of the quota.

If the quota is not met, the unused pages rollover until the next day. The quota is then reset on Monday and Saturday.

Once a user hits print on their computer, they must walk over to a release station, usually Pharos and identified by a blue sign where they must put in their ID number and password, before the station will print.

There is no color printing in the SINC sites and using your own computer paper is not allowed.

When printing lecture slides, hit print, go to handouts on the menu, and hit 6 slides per page for maximum use of the quota. You can adjust this to any number of slides on a page depending on how many notes you take and how large you want the slides.

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# How to Avoid Cold War II

By ZACHARY KURTZ  
Opinion Editor

From the moment when the United States condemned Russian involvement in the Georgian conflict, it became apparent that that we were in for a rough ride. Despite existing tension with Russia, and long term tension with the Soviet Union before that, United States politicians, speaking through the White House, continue to insist on taking sides in a conflict that isn't ours.

South Ossetia, a Georgian territory populated by ethnic Russians, has claimed independence and is being recognized by Russia as a sovereign nation. The conflict has cooled down after Russia has pulled its troops from the separatist region, but both the European Union and United States are condemning Russia in their involvement and denying Ossetian independence.

Now, it seems Putin and his American counterparts are in a word-slinging contest to see who can be the most petty. Putin claims that the United States provoked conflict in Georgia on behalf of a Presidential candidate; a claim that the White House has dismissed as "patently false." It is, of course, a wild claim, given that most of the American public probably didn't know that a country called Georgia or the region of South Ossetia existed before a couple of weeks ago -- and many of them probably still don't. Still, the fact the United States responded by stating that Russia would face "consequences" if it continued military action in Georgia is worrying.

This coupled with tension caused by the United States's installation of defense technology in Poland, an act which Russia no doubt sees as an act of military escalation at its own doorstep, is cause for concern.

It is doubtful that Russia, the United States or the European Union actually wants military conflict; such a thing would probably end in a disastrous nuclear holocaust. It seems, however, that we are easily slipping into another cold war, where both sides unconsciously build up strategic military defenses and fighting the occasional proxy war. This was common during the Cold War and is something to look for now; a U.S.-supported Georgian army versus the Russian and Ossetians, for example.

If U.S. politicians insist on mak-

ing Russia our enemy by making unnecessarily aggressive overtures, we're going to find ourselves going up against quite a formidable opponent. The old Soviet Union had a socialist economy with a limited capacity for economic mobilization. Merely convincing the labor force increase productivity took great effort that resulted in massive prison camps and genocide.

These days, however, Russia is a capitalist giant under the political control of a pseudo-totalitarian, but with an 80% approval rating despite allegations of human rights abuses. Putin's accomplishments, saving of Russian economy and reintroduction of Russia as a world superpower, ensure that simply outspending Russia won't win us a new Cold War.

Even though getting Washington politicians to stop meddling in foreign affairs is akin to a Sisyphian task, we still must seriously consider what we are getting ourselves into. Last time, we slipped into a Cold War without fully understanding what the military costs were. Even though we never had direct confrontation with the USSR, the resulting military conflicts (in Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea, Cuban missile crises, etc.) could have been avoided. Now, we have a chance to act without getting our military involved and it's a golden opportunity.

It means that we need to stop taking sides in overseas conflicts and performing military actions that outrage a potential enemy. Putting "defensive" technology in Poland doesn't sound like a very defensive move if it escalates tension with Russia. Picking Georgia's side in a civil conflict isn't going to make anybody freer. After all, it was Western powers drawing artificial boundaries which have caused many problems between different ethnic groups living in one nation in the first place. We're not going to solve others conflicts for them by more meddling.

Now is the time to be wary of war and stay out of foreign affairs. We have enough problems at home to deal with, we don't need to get involved in external conflicts as well. If we really feel the need to "beat" Russia, we can do so in the way we always have -- by being a shining example of economic and civil freedoms to show others what they can also have if only they willingly followed our example.

# Obama, You Can Call Me Sweetie

By APRIL WARREN  
News Editor

A few months ago on his campaign trail, Barack Obama was asked by reporter Peggy Agar's about how he was going to help American autowokers if elected. His response to the female reporter; "Hold on a second, sweetie."

Obama quickly apologized, calling the reporter and saying, "It's a bad habit of mine. I do it sometimes with all kinds of people." However, buzz of the word 'sexist' still remains even months later; the incident was still mentioned in passing during the Democratic National Convention.

Which leads us to wonder, what do women want?

According to Michelle Obama, women have put 18 million cracks in the notorious glass ceiling. We are teachers, professors, doctors and even presidential candidates.

At the same time, plenty of women use gender to their advantage. Short skirts in workplaces, low cut tops in classrooms, thongs sticking out of low-rise jeans.

In one Stony Brook political science class a female student stated that she wants equal pay for equal work and, in the same breath, she expressed her expectation that a man should pay for her on a date. Several male students in the same class confirmed that his girlfriends rarely paid when they went out.

In the 21st century do we

really expect him to pay for everything? Wouldn't that mean men should be earn higher salaries because they have to pay for us and buy us things?

Women who feel this way give others a bad rap.

So why get offended if someone of the opposite sex refers to you with a term of endearment? It's not like Obama said, "hold on a second, sexy."

Wouldn't you rather a president with a softer, more compassionate side than one who isn't?

In our nation men were breadwinners, protectors and providers for their family long before women had the right to vote. In colonial towns men watched out for women and children. Maybe old habits die hard.

Some women seem to want equality only when it suits them. In certain situations we would rather be the weaker race. You don't see women picketing for the right to be drafted.

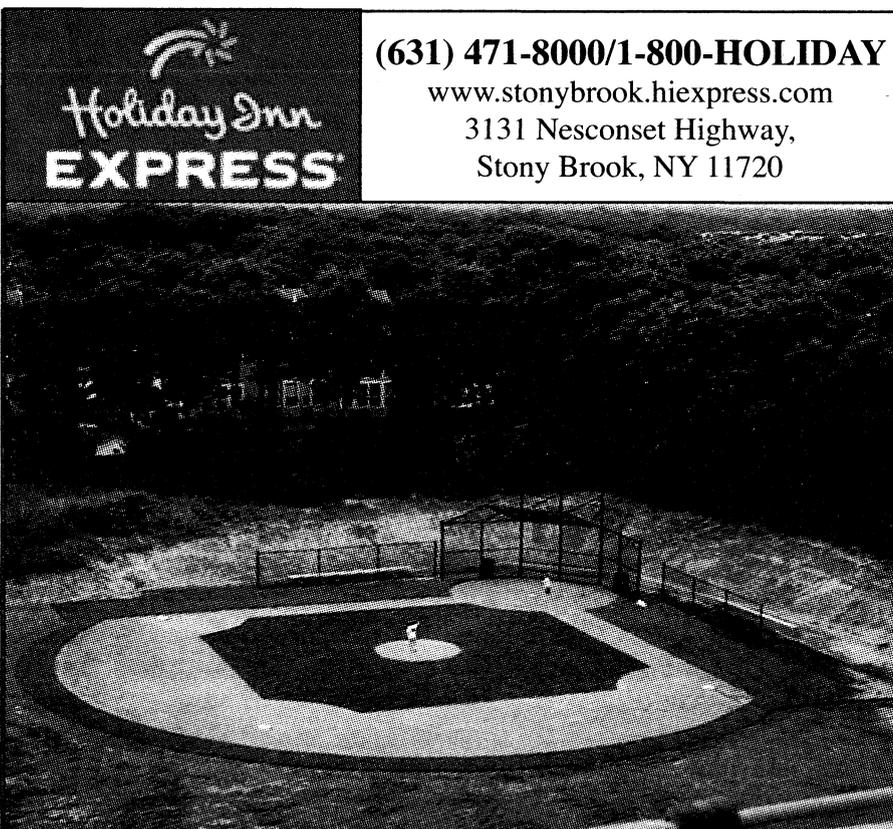
Therefore, the "sexist" question is thrown back to the reporter and women across the campus and globe. If she doesn't want to be singled out as a woman than it is her job to assert herself and not let Obama brush her off.

The reporter had a microphone. She could have used it to shout "Mr. Obama, that's not an appropriate response" if she thought he crossed the line.

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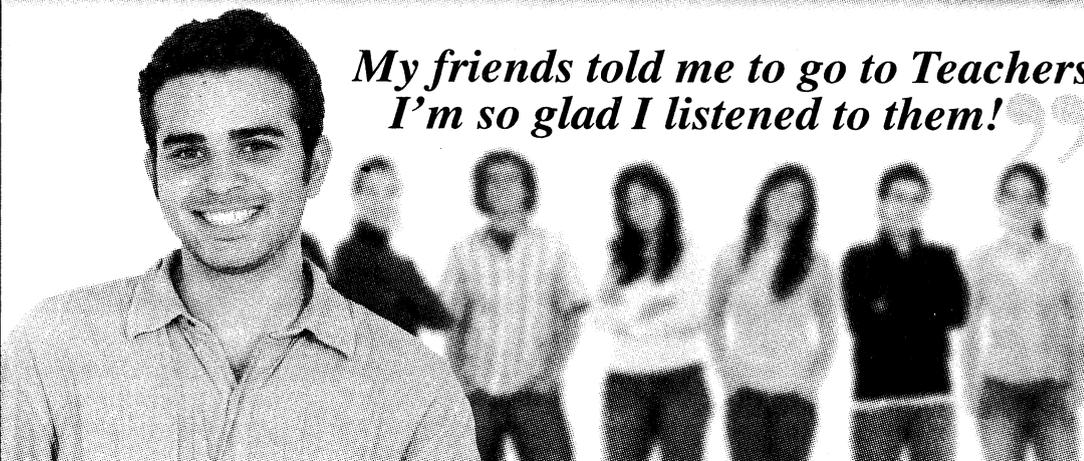
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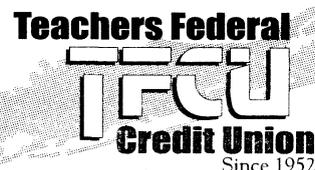
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# Cross Country Runs Past Competition

Stony Brook started off their 2008 season with a bang. The Men's and Women's Cross Country team won both their respective races in dominating fashion in the Stony Brook Invitational last Friday. The women placed seven runners in the top ten of the 4100-meter run, with Seawolves occupying the first six finishes. The men did equally as well, placing nine runners in the top ten, with four runners in the top spots.

Looking for a dominating performance this year to justify the top ranking for the women by the America East Conference, the Seawolves ran with a determination that will soothe the naysayers. The Lady Seawolves were led by Junior Jessica Hampson, from Smithtown, New York, who crossed first in a field consisting of four other universities. Hampson's time of 14:03.42 led the pack, followed closely by the second place finisher, Sophomore Holly Van Dalen, of Wanganui, New Zealand, who finished fourteen seconds later with a time of 14:17.81.

Stony Brook's domination did not stop there as four more Seawolves would inhabit the next four spots: Sophomore Lucy Van Dalen (14:47.62) from Wanganui, New Zealand, Junior Laura Huet (15:07.16) from Carrickmines, Ireland, Sophomore Caroline Cortes (15:31.71) of Woodmere, New York, and Freshman Kristal Conklin (16:13.46) of Middletown, New York. Sophomore Leanne Skrabacz rounded out the top ten with an eighth place finish with a time of 16:54.49. From the first finish by Hampson, the next place occupied that was not

a Seawolf was from Long Island University, who finished a full two minutes after Hampson.

The men were placed second in the preseason poll by the America East Conference and after the powerful performance by the men's team, the Seawolves look to prove that a second seed is no fluke.

The men placed an astounding nine runners in the top ten in last week's Invitational. Sophomore Tim Hodge, of Tawa, New Zealand, placed first for the Seawolves with a time of 19:33.60, followed closely by his teammate, Daire Birmingham, a junior from Portmarnock, Ireland (19:35.42). Hodge and Birmingham were followed by Junior Alex Felce (Stroud, England) with a time of 19:53.42, good enough for third and junior Iain Whitfield, from Stroud, England, who crossed fourth at 20:23.14. The last five spots in the top ten were full of Seawolves as well as freshmen David Frankel and Daniel Sierra, Sophomore Alex Varone, Junior Kurt Wende, and Freshman Gerard Harley finished in the fifth through tenth places, respectively.

Coach Andy Ronan was particularly pleased with both his teams' performances, knowing how important a strong opening is for a successful season. Next up for the Seawolves is the Fordham Invitational, where they will travel to the Van Cortlandt Park, in New York this Saturday at 10:00 AM.

## Soccer Set to Battle #2 UCONN

Bethlehem, Pa. After a relatively quiet first half that saw each keeper only make one save a piece, Lehigh bombarded Ditrich in the second half with eight shots on goal, the seventh of which eluded him for the only goal of the game.

After falling behind in the 90th minute the Seawolves mounted one more offensive attempt, but a header by Mladen Ramic was turned away by Lehigh keeper Jonathan Nydell to

preserve the shutout. Ditrich had to make another save on Steven Avena after that, but Stony Brook was unable to get anything past Nydell and fell by a score of 1-0.

The Seawolves travel to Storrs, Ct. on Wednesday night to battle the #2 ranked Huskies. They then open up the home schedule on Sunday, September 7 against Long Island University.

# Oh Joba!

BY BRIAN MORGAN  
Senior Writer

According to ESPN, Brian Cashman has already decided that Joba Chamberlain will start next season in the bullpen. If this announcement was made before Joba pitched a game as a starting pitcher, I would've agreed 100%. The combo of Chamberlain and Mariano Rivera was unstoppable and if the Yankees had a lead after the seventh inning, victory was inevitable. However after seeing him pitch in his 12 starts, it's obvious that he is most useful as a starting pitcher. Before he started, their starting pitching was less than stellar, even with a healthy Wang. Chamberlain gave the Yankees a true ace, something that hasn't been seen since Clemens' first stint with the Yankees.

Of course I would like to see Chamberlain in pinstripes for 15 years, and Cashman is probably afraid having the next Mark Prior or Kerry Wood on his hands, however Dusty Baker is not the manager of the Yankees. Baker is notorious for killing the arms of young pitchers and there is no way Chamberlain or any of the young pitchers of the Yankees staff will be over-used like Wood or Prior was. For those who are unaware of the debacles that occurred in 1998 and 2003, Wood, at the ripe age of 20, pitched 166 2/3 innings, while Prior pitched 211 1/3

innings at 22. Chamberlain pitched 112 1/3 innings at 21 (minor league stats included), and he'll ultimately finish with approximately 100 this year, at 22.

According to CBS Sports, Joba's shoulder injury, which sidelined him for nearly a month, is common in pitchers who change roles in a short period of time. If you take a look at Joba's game log, he pitched 2 1/3 innings on June 3rd, 4 1/3 innings on June 8th, and 6 innings on June 13th. Although his pitch count determined the amount of innings he pitched, if you estimate that an inning takes 20-25 minutes, he went from pitching over less than a span of an hour to two hours within 10 days. If Joba does repeat the process he went through this year, he is more prone to injury, and the Yankees will be worse for it.

The only silver lining I can see from Cashman announcing that Chamberlain will be in the bullpen is they will be more likely to sign or trade for a big free agent in the offseason. CC Sabathia's inning count over the last couple of years scare me, but he is an ace nonetheless, and the Yankees can't go into the playoffs with the same pitchers as 2007. They need a Josh Beckett-type pitcher to start game 1, and in my opinion they have it in Joba after his performance on July 25th. However if he's in the bullpen, CC Sabathia would be a great option.

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DB Chris Richards talks after coming up with two interceptions.

Wolfie urges on the crowd.



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# Women's Soccer off to Tough Start

By **MATT EHRESMAN**  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's soccer team began its season with high expectations. Although they've proceeded to lose two out of their first three games, they are still confident in where they believe their season is headed.

On August 22nd, the Seawolves lost 1-0 C.W. Post. In the loss, junior goalkeeper Marisa Viola made seven saves. Unable to overcome an early first half goal, the Seawolves scrambled for an attempt at the tying goal, outshooting the Blackbirds 13-7 in the second half. Assistant Coach Steve Welham expressed disappointment with the loss.

"Sure, the LIU game was a little disappointing since we felt we completely dominated the second half and limited their scoring opportunities," Welham said.

On August 28th, the Seawolves then traveled to New Rochelle, New York, where they faced Iona. Stony Brook picked up its first win of the season, defeating Iona 1-0. Viola picked up her 17th career shutout, moving her to second all-time on the program's list. In the twenty third minute, senior Trine Allenberg picked up the only goal of the afternoon off a pass from freshman Colleen McKenna.

"Our team responded well against Iona and received a positive result," Welham said about the game. "The score line could have easily been 3-0 us."

To close out the month of August, the Seawolves continued on to the second game of a three game road trip to Providence, Rhode Island, where they were defeated 2-0.

The Seawolves gave up an early goal, as

Tara Ricciardi of Providence scored just ten minutes into the game. Stony Brook had opportunities late in the game to tie it, but Providence goalkeeper Jill Schott denied Kate Collins from inside the penalty marker. Also, freshman Dominique Adamo had a chance to tie it for the Seawolves, but her shot from inside the eighteen yard box was deflected away by a Providence defender.

In the 76th minute, Ricciardi would ice it for Providence, scoring her second goal on a penalty kick.

Although the team would have liked to have gotten off to a better start, Welham is pleased with where they are as a team right now. Despite being a very young team, the Seawolves look forward to the challenges that lay in front of them.

"Right now we are a young team that is growing," Welham said. "We can have anywhere between six and eight freshmen and sophomores playing at one time, so we know that there needs to be time for a learning curve to take place. As a coaching staff we feel that this year's freshmen class has brought us depth and stability not only for right now but moving forward in the future."

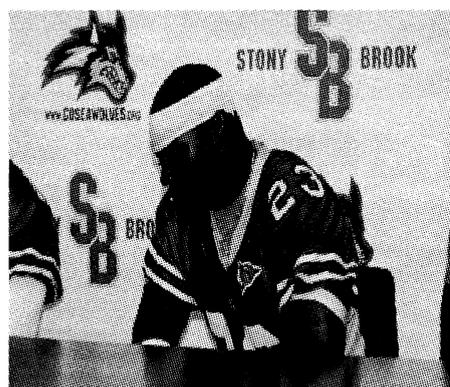
"We definitely have a young team at the moment. Our seniors (Brooke Barbuto and Allenberg) are doing a good job helping to lead us as well."

With a tough America East schedule ahead, Welham said that Stony Brook embraces matches with high level non-conference opponents, such as Boston College and Hofstra.

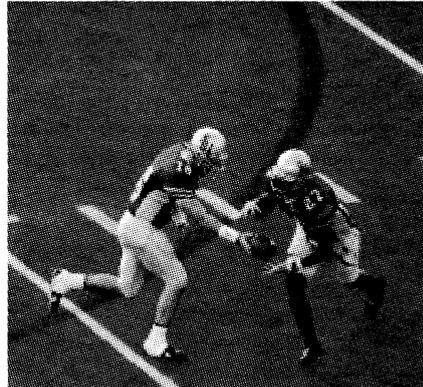
"Every game is a chance to learn and find out a little more about ourselves and what we can do, everything leading up to conference play," he said. "We are looking to take one game at a time."

## Football Photos

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Running back Edwin Gowins discusses his first game in a Seawolves uniform



QB Dwayne Hoffman hands the ball off to Brandon Mason

# VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO OF THREE MATCHES

By **JESSICA MCCLINTOCK**  
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The Stony Brook volleyball team lost three close sets during its season opener to Iona College at the CCSU Blue Devil Invitational in New Britain, Connecticut on Friday August 29. The Seawolves were helped largely in part by senior Gulce Nazli Dikecligil all the way from Istanbul, Turkey. She accounted for a double-double by means of 13 kills and 13 digs. Stony Brook was left after this game 0-1 thus far for the season.

The team bounced back quickly the following day and won both of its matches Saturday night August 30, beating Bucknell in straight game sets, 3-0. The dominating scores were 25-18, 25-19, and 25-22. In the second match, they displayed nothing less than the first

one with more stand out performances. The Seawolves won against Central Connecticut State University, 3-1, with scores of 39-37, 25-19, 23-25, and 25-22. Dikecligil and Jessica Graham from Eastport, New York were together named to the all-tournament team for that game. Stony Brook is all set to move on with their season at 2-1 overall.

Dikecligil and freshman setter Kelsey Sullivan from Hamilton, Virginia were named the America East Volleyball Player of the Week and Setter of the Week correspondingly. This is according to a release from the conference office on Tuesday afternoon.

The girls hit the road as Stony Brook continues their 2008 season on Thursday September 4 with a game in Kingston, Rhode Island against the University of Rhode Island set to start at 7:00 PM

# Men's Soccer Starts Slowly

By **GENE MORRIS**  
Sports Editor

Men's soccer opened its 2008 schedule with a pair of road games against two tough opponents. The Seawolves salvaged a tie with a big comeback in the first game against rival Hofstra University and lost a heart breaker to Lehigh University on a goal in the 90th minute.

The team traveled to Hofstra on August 29 to open the 2008 campaign in front of a record setting crowd of 1,062 at Hofstra Soccer Stadium. The game was scoreless through the first half, with Stony Brook senior goaltender Dawid Ditrich making three saves. His counterpart James Winters made one save in the half.

Early in the second half Hofstra was able to get on the board first. Demont Mitchell's diving header from eight yards out gave the Pride the 1-0 lead. Just over 12 minutes later Steven Ehrichs headed a ball past Ditrich to give the Pride a

seemingly comfortable 2-0 lead.

But the Seawolves did not give in, and answered back with a goal of their own less than nine minutes later. Freshman Tom Butler scored his first career goal on a shot from 15 yards out into the upper right corner of the net. Diego Acero was credited with the assist on the goal that got Stony Brook back into the game.

In the 88th minute, sophomore Mladen Ramic of Serbia was able to head in a ball past Winters to tie the game for the Seawolves. Petar Rakovic got the assist with his long free kick.

The game remained tied into overtime, when Tom Butler nearly won the game in the 98th minute but was turned away by Winters. Neither team registered another shot on goal and the Seawolves were able to come out of hostile territory with a well earned tie.

On August 31 the Seawolves took on a tough Lehigh team in

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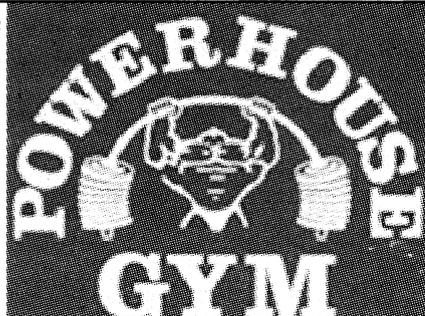
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# STATESMAN Sports

## Stony Brook Brushes Away Colgate

By GENE MORRIS  
Sports Editor

On a night when the Seawolves ran wild over Colgate's porous run defense, two new additions and a familiar face led the offensive charge.

Freshman running back Edwin Gowins ran for 149 yards and two touchdowns in his Stony Brook debut, while junior Conte Cuttino also hit the century mark with 107 yards and a scored on 14 carries. Senior Brandon Mason also had a touchdown to

<i>Stony Brook</i>	42	go along with
<i>Colgate</i>	26	22 yards.
<i>9/6 vs. Elon</i>	3PM	"It's a nice
		1-2-3 punch,"

Gowins said. "We have three good backs."

Red shirt freshman quarterback Dwayne Hoffman did enough to manage the offense, going 8-16 for 174 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Although the Seawolves first drive ended with the interception, Hoffman persevered.

Stony Brook's final scoring drive exemplified the kind of explosive offensive weapons the Seawolves have on their roster this year. Hoffman and junior wide receiver Donald Lee hooked up on a 49 yard pass down the middle of the field, which ended with Lee fully extending and diving to make the spectacular grab. On the next play Gowins covered the remainder of the field scoring his second touchdown from 20 yards out.

The defense, which played well in the first half also made some timely plays after halftime. "We made some big stops in the third and fourth quarter," Head Coach Chuck Priore said after the game.

The biggest was midway through the fourth quarter. Colgate had crept back within 16 points, and was about to cross over midfield and into Stony Brook terri-

tory. But quarterback Greg Sullivan was sacked by red shirt freshman Ryan Haber for a twelve yard loss. On the next play Sullivan was picked off by Chris Richards, who also had an interception in the first quarter.

"I got beat a couple times deep," Richards said. "But coach always talks about staying disciplined." Richards also finished with four tackles to go along with his two interceptions.

Not everything was positive on this night for the Seawolves. Several players were taken off the field with injuries, and when asked after the game Priore said, "We're probably dealing with a couple of season ending injuries."

Hindering the Colgate offense was the absence of star running back Jordan Scott, who was a Sporting News preseason FCS All-America team member. Freshman Jordan McCord shouldered the load for the Raiders, and ran for 90 yards on 21 carries.

"Regardless of who's on the field, it's all about the team who executes," Coach Priore said. "We got the job done, but we have room for improvement."

**Box Score**

<b>Passing</b>			
Name	Cmp-Att	Yards	TD
Hoffman	8-16	174	1
Team Total	8-17	174	1
<b>Rushing</b>			
Name	Carries	Yards	TD
Gowins	12	149	2
Cuttino	14	107	1
Team Total	38	291	5
<b>Receiving</b>			
Name	No	Yards	TD
Suggs	3	70	1
Lee	2	61	0
Porter	2	30	0
Team Total	8	174	1



Running back Conte Cuttino on his way to 107 yards rushing.

Alex Berkman/ SB Statesman



Senior Brandon Mason punches in a one yard touchdown run.

Alex Berkman/ SB Statesman



The Enthusiastic crowd cheers on the Seawolves

Alex Berkman/ SB Statesman

### Statesman Game Ball



Edwin Gowins RB- The freshman, who graduated from Bellport in 2007, and spent a year at Bridgton Academy, rushed for 149 yards on 12 carries and added 2 scores in his first collegiate game.

# Parking Assistance For Commuters



Parking at Stony Brook University can be a hassle. If you're a commuter who drives, parking at the University is about as painful as a slap to a tender, sunburned back.

With the influx of more students -- and what seems to be more commuters -- parking has become even more of a nightmare. And if you're a latecomer, you will most likely be forced to pay in one of the metered lots. As if that wasn't enough, parking is confusing enough all on its own. What this means is that you'll either have to come earlier each day or put away money for parking. The latter, I'm sure, no one likes doing.

But as limited and inconvenient as parking is, here are some tips in attempting to tame the SBU parking beast.

## Free All-Day Parking

North P Lot  
South P Lot  
Gym Road Lot  
LIRR Parking Lot

## What To Always Have

- Patience -- To park at Stony Brook, this virtue is a must.
- \$7.50 on hand in case you can't find any free parking. (And make sure it's change.)

## Keep In Mind

- Most parking on weekends is free on campus. The stadium premium and faculty lots are free, as well as the Administration Garage. Metered lots are also free on weekends. (Still check the signs in case changes are made.)

## Stay Positive

- Parking may be a pain, but until you find another way, it's a necessary evil. If you can't find free parking, well, you can't get everything for free.

North P Lot



North P is narrow and small, but don't count on parking here if you come later than 9:30 a.m. This lot fills up much quicker than you'd think, given that it's quite a walk from the Academic Mall. Come early, or if you're feeling lucky, whiz through and see.

Gym Road Parking Lot



This lot fills up the fastest of all the commuter parking lots. Come early and maybe you'll get a spot. Circle a few times if you're determined, but if you're not a patient person, don't bother waiting eagerly for a student parked there to come waltzing along because you'll be waiting for a while.

South P Lot



This is the lot to go to if you want a little more certainty. Albeit, you'll have to take the bus -- unless you enjoy 30-minute (or more) walks to the academic mall. Still, the bus service is relatively reliable and if you don't mind parking in the middle of nowhere in case of anything, this is the place.

**LEGEND**

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- Paid Faculty/Staff Parking
- 24 Hour Parking

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## Parking DONT's

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- Don't take your metered parking receipt with you. Leave it on your dashboard, just in case. The time spent appealing a parking ticket is time you won't get back.
- Don't come late. If you want to get parking in coveted spots, you have to work for it -- even if you have to get up a little bit earlier.

## Best Place To Park

- The North P and Gym Road lots are the closest to the center of the campus, but if you're going to even attempt to park there, come early. And by early we mean 8:30 a.m. the latest. These spots go much quicker than you think and barely open up until the day is almost done. Don't forget the railroad parking across from the Gym Road lot.