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CAMPUS SECURITY: (From Chief of University Police - Rich Young)

During the week of September 9-13, I plan to make our police patrols highly visible including various vehicle check points and inspecting trucks entering various loading zones.

Given all of the media hype surrounding the anniversary of 9/11 and the importance terrorist groups have placed upon significant dates, I believe it is prudent to provide our community with a feeling of enhanced security.

We have been active in communicating with various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and there is no indication of any terrorist activity at our University or the Long Island area. Of course this does not preclude the possibility of some deranged individual copycat causing problems.

In the next few weeks, we expect to receive a computer terminal from the New York State Office of Public Security. This will link us up directly with all of the law enforcement agencies and provide current updates which we were previously receiving via FAX.

We will try to accomplish our efforts with a minimum of disruption.



ADOPT A DUCK:

One of the festivities planned for Salute to Stony Brook on Thursday Sept. 19th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm is Rubber Duck Races down the brook next to Admin. There are 500 ducks - anyone interested in adopting **for their area** e-mail: campus_recreation@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Include your campus address in the e-mail so that you can be mailed the adoption papers. IT'S FREE!

UPDATE ON EMPIRE COVERAGE: (From Alexis Swiatkowski - Manager, Benefits)

We have just received notification that Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Long Island Health Network hospitals have not reached an agreement. As of 12:01 Wednesday, August 21, 2002, the hospitals will no longer be participating providers with Empire Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. Empire does anticipate that negotiations will continue, however, no additional provisions have been made to extend the hospitals network participation at this time.

For STATE employees enrolled in the Empire PPO Plan, the level of hospital coverage remains at 100 percent. However, effective August 21, 2002, enrollees using Long Island Health Network hospitals may see a change in the billing process. If the hospital will no longer bill Blue Cross directly, the enrollee must submit the bill to the local Blue Cross plan. Please call Blue Cross at 1-800-342-9815 for instructions on how to do this.

Employees enrolled in the Blue Cross HMO will not be covered for services provided at these hospitals, only for emergency treatment. Employees enrolled in the Blue Cross HMO must use a participating hospital to receive coverage for treatment.

If employees have questions regarding a hospital or coverage for their specific treatment, they should call Blue Cross at 1-800-495-9323. Following is the list of hospitals that are no longer participating in the Empire Blue Cross network. We will communicate any additional information as soon as we receive it.

Brookhaven Hospital Medical Center
Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip
John T. Mather Hospital
Mercy Medical Center
New Island Hospital
South Nassau Communities Hospital
St. Catherine of Siena
St. Charles Hospital
St. Francis Hospital
Winthrop University Hospital

STUDENT SUPERVISORS: (From Pam)

Don't forget to print out the time paid sheets for each pay period.

L.I.L.R.C. PROGRAMS:

1) Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm in the Javits Room, *Pizza and Music Download*, Andrew White will present this program which examines the variable sound quality among digital audio formats and how you can work with audio files to improve their performance. FREE

2) Friday, October 31 at 9:00 - 1:00 in the Huntington Public Library, *Statistics Without Fear*, Ellen Maleszewski will present this program on understanding, interpreting, and utilizing statistics to help manage the library. FEE: \$10.00

REGISTRATION FORMS WITH MORE INFO ARE IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.