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# SB to Superseniors: Get Out

## University Moves Ahead With Eight Semester Eviction Policy

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# New SINC Site Opens

By GUY GRANDJEAN  
Statesman Staff

A new state-of-the-art "emedia SINC Site" at the Fine Arts Center opened last Wednesday.

This is certainly no ordinary SINC site as Christa Erickson, a site instructor, outlined, allowing arts students hands on experience with, "Hardware and software quite different than anywhere else." The sinc site represents a, "Collaboration between the LTA consortium of (Art Music and Theatre arts) and Instructional Computing," Erickson said.

Eager students and faculty packed the computer room filled with 21 Macintosh G3's and an array of other hi-tech equipment to watch demonstrations given by Christa

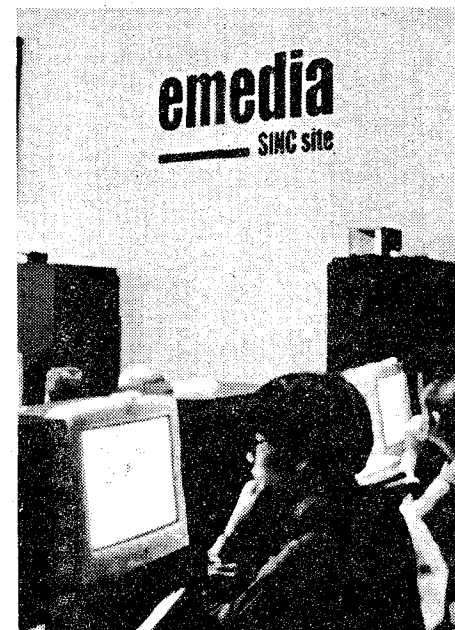
Erickson from the Art department, Dan Weymouth from Music and Nancy Duffrin of Instructional Computing, who outlined the various software available. The audience was cleverly filmed by an eyeball camera and projected against the back wall of the room suggesting the potential of the technology available.

The first of the advanced software packages displayed was 'Photo Shop' which allowed the creation of collages and digital images to be retouched and optimized. Another software package on show, called "Pagemaker" enabled the creation of layout brochures magazines and postcards.

Music programs provided the opportunity to stretch sounds and to compose new and original material. In addition to this, musical keyboards could be slid out from beneath the computers.

The site provided the possibility to enhance video footage and edit through splicing together images. After the demonstrations students were left to their own devices to explore the packages with organized assistant helpers at hand.

This is a facility which should not be viewed as a regular sinc site. The intention of this site is to, "Raise the computer literacy of arts students." It is meant not as another word processing site but as an environment for art students to



Statesman/Ruth Chung

The SINC site is in the Fine Arts Center.

create new work and to experiment with the latest computer technology.

## College Student Loses 245lbs on Subway Diet

Jared Fogle chewed his way to better health.

Fogle went from a hefty 425 pounds to a much slimmer 180 pounds by eating almost nothing but low-calorie, low-fat sandwiches from a Subway sandwich shop for nearly a year.

When Subway executives got word that Fogle had shed 245 pounds from his 6-foot-2 frame, they put him in a commercial now being aired around the country.

The 30-second spot was filmed on a sunny December day in Pasadena, Calif. It begins with a picture of the old Jared Fogle, then cuts to images of the new Jared Fogle cheerfully ordering a Subway sandwich and eating it on a park bench.

"We're not saying that his diet is right for you. You should talk to your doctor first," the announcer says. "But it is food for thought."

A year of veggie subs is not the dream diet for everyone.

Michele Klotzer, a spokeswoman for Milford, Conn.-based Subway, concurs.

"We're very proud of Jared's accomplishment, and we're pleased that our low-fat sandwiches could fit into his meal plan, but it's not a diet that we endorse by any means," she said.

Nelda Mercer, a registered dietitian with Health Media Inc. in Ann Arbor, Mich., and a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, said Fogle ate "relatively healthy" during his diet because several food groups are represented in the sandwiches. She said he probably should have included skim milk or yogurt to ensure he was getting enough calcium.

She added that most people probably would become bored quickly by Fogle's repetitive mealtime regimen and gone off the diet. Instead of quick-fix diets, the ADA recommends lifestyle changes: eating the right foods, consuming fewer calories and exercising.

Fogle, 22, a senior in business management at Indiana University, started steadily gaining weight when he was in the third or fourth grade and continued to do so throughout high school, despite frequent warnings from his father, Indianapolis physician Norman Fogle.

"I never listened, you know," the younger Fogle said in an interview. "It went in one ear and out the other. It didn't cause me to change my ways. It had to be me who wanted to do that."

At college, Fogle's weight skyrocketed and he became dangerously obese. He wore size XXXXXL shirts - the

largest sold by big-and-tall men's stores - and pants with 60-inch waists. He often fell asleep in class and found himself short of breath after walking one or two blocks.

Worried about his health and unhappy about his appearance, he found salvation at the Subway shop next door to his off-campus apartment. One evening in mid-March 1998, he suddenly decided to live on a steady diet of the franchise's low-fat subs.

From then until late February 1999, he followed virtually the same mealtime routine every day. He skipped breakfast. He had a 6-inch turkey breast sub, small bag of baked Lays potato chips and Diet Coke for lunch. He downed a foot-long veggie sub and a Diet Coke for dinner.

Total daily dietary intake: about 1,000 calories.

"The biggest question people would ask me was, 'Did you ever get sick of it?' and I never did," Fogle said. "Every time I would come in here, I would sort of be excited about it, knowing I was going to get to eat this sandwich. I don't know why."

Only a few meals, usually during holidays or other special occasions, didn't include a Subway sandwich. At those times, he always was careful to eat small portions of low-fat foods.

Fogle weighed 180 pounds when he ended the diet but decided that he had become too thin, so he gained a few pounds. He has maintained his current weight for nearly a year by taking in about 2,200 well-balanced calories each day and walking daily.

"I'm about 186 or 187 right now, which is where I want to be," Fogle said.

Fogle said while the offbeat diet worked for him, others desiring to lose weight may have to try something else and, regardless of the diet they choose, should first consult a physician. AP

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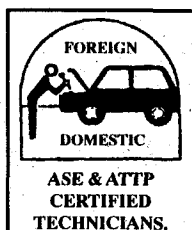
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# Getting the Boot

## University Gets Rid of Superseniors to Make Room for Freshmen

By JULIE MINGIONE  
Statesman Editor

Superseniors at Stony Brook University are getting their eviction notices from Campus Residences.

To make room for the increase in enrolled freshmen, Stony Brook University is denying resident students housing after they have lived on campus for eight semesters.

However, the National Center for Education Statistics reports that the amount of time it takes students to graduate has greatly increased. According to the NCES' findings, recently published in the college publication *Student Advantage Magazine*, between 1977 and 1990, students receiving bachelor's degrees within four years of high school declined from 45 percent to 31 percent, while those completing their degrees more than six years after high school increased from 25 percent to 32 percent.

Since the early spring of 1999, these students have received letters that cite the university's "significant enrollment growth...along with the renovation of the residence halls...(and) a larger number of new and continuing students wishing to live in campus housing," as the reason for placing them on a lengthy waiting list for housing.

It was acknowledged that, "Students who have lived in the residence halls for eight semesters or longer (six semesters or longer for transfer students) will be placed on a waiting list until all new students have been accommodated."

In an April 1998 town hall meeting, members of Stony Brook's administration announced their plan to give these resident students lower priority than new students starting in the fall of 1999. And while they are not being refused housing, residents are encouraged to "secure off-campus accommodations," by Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, whose signature appears at

the end of every letter sent out.

In the years since its conception, this policy has not been well-received by members of the faculty nor by students. Aaron Godfrey, professor and president of the University Senate, agrees that the policy was, "Not widely publicized."

"The assumption has been made that it's easy to find off-campus housing at a reasonable price," Godfrey said. "It's a terrible idea."

In a previous *Statesman* article from April 16, 1998, Dan Malucci, then a member of the task force designated to alleviate the pressure on dorms, said, "We want students to graduate in four years, but once they have their four years, they become a lower priority."

In October 1999, United University Professions adopted a resolution vehemently opposing the housing policy. The UUP is a Buffalo based affiliation of nearly 300 members that passed the resolution by unanimous acclaim. In all, there are seven clauses to the resolution, each citing a reason why, "the eight semester rule places a hardship on all students."

Daryl Lynn Bachman is the Director of Administrative Services for Campus Residences. It is her job to clarify this policy to all interested

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-Manny London

students. She explained that resident students who have been living on campus for eight semesters should have the, "Age and experience to fend for themselves." Bachman maintains that the University has



Courtesy of SBU

Associate Provost of Enrollment Manny London

offered its assistance in the search for off-campus housing, and revealed plans for a new apartment housing complex.

This new building, for juniors and seniors who have previously lived in a residence hall, will be constructed behind Roosevelt Quad with an expected opening date around August 2001.

According to Associate Provost of Enrollment Manny London, the problem facing resident students are not likely to cease. "The housing shortage is likely to persist through next fall because 500 beds will still

said she is sympathetic to the concerns of the senior residents. However, she also said that the priority does go to the incoming freshman and that is a "reasonable expectation."

Many students have taken issue with this new policy and protests are currently in the works. Jamel Jones Addoh, a member of Malik Sigma Psi, is a firm combatant of the policy. "Students didn't know about this issue. The way the administration let people know about it was wrong. Everything was done underground." He is referring to the fact that the decision was only presented at a town hall meeting. "Students are busy and don't have the time to go to every town hall meeting. Why didn't they send a phonemail message?"

Addoh has the support of his and, "every fraternity and sorority on campus" in his resistance to the policy. He is organizing another town hall meeting to protest this administrative action, the date for which has not yet been announced but can be expected within three weeks.

Bachman gives all Stony Brook resident students one piece of advice in dealing with the new housing policy: "People need to plan ahead."

be off-line for renovation. These beds will open up in spring 2001," London said.

"We (campus residences) want people here. Our business is to house people," said Bachman, who

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## Snow No!

The winter season brings with it the delights of hot cocoa, post-Christmas sales at the mall, and sightings of carefree children bundled up and playing outside. Welcome to Stony Brook University, where we get all that and more, served up in the grand tradition of the people in administration - a la stupidity.

After two decent sized snowfalls, this campus is in pretty bad shape. Drivers and pedestrians, whether you are commuters or residents, beware.

Tried walking under the bridge by the union recently? If you have, the bottoms of your pants are probably pretty horrendous. The reason for that? Slush saturated with dirt, and there is no escaping this disgusting substance, which apparently covers every inch of the Main Campus. The most exciting property of this stuff is that it often manages to look just like a solid material. A nice trick, until some unwitting person attempts to step on it. Such victims have been observed submerged in freezing slush up to mid-calf, cursing, sputtering, wet and cold. But the fun does not end there.

Parking. A situation long lamented on this campus by anyone who operates a motor vehicle. Great job with snow removal in the commuter lots...South P looks like no one even bothered to plow it. The Union lot is a death trap of ice and mountains of snow. And forget about the residential lots. You're lucky if you can move your car over the mountains of ice and snow. They look as if they weren't even sanded. Even if you can maneuver your car into a spot, you still have to face a slippery trek out of the parking lot.

Not that plows could have gotten into the lots if the University had bothered to send them in. See, Stony Brook students have this tendency to create their own parking spots when one is not available, and the

snowstorm only magnified this problem. Students who couldn't find spots close to their building crammed into the offending lots by the dozens, leaving no clearance for any motorist wishing to depart the lot, let alone a plow.

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No room to drive? No plows.

But lack of room to operate machinery is really no excuse for the mess in South P, or the situation in the Union lot. Or the fact that every single foot path on campus is covered in a couple of inches of snow that started icing over as soon as it hit the ground. Case in point: the zebra path. It looks like a brown waterfall with

occasional chunks of ice. And forget about going to any classes in the Life Sciences building. You'll plummet to your death on the way, whether you're taking the stairs near the Social and Behavioral Sciences building, or following what has become a treacherous footpath. Same thing goes for the stairs leading to Tabler Quad, or the ones people use near Roth Dining Hall. In some places, stairs aren't even visible.

Just because these locations aren't on the main part of campus (ie: the Academic Mall) does not mean that they do not sustain heavy foot traffic. The snow, temperatures, and the lack of University response to these factors have created a potentially dangerous situation for anyone on campus. It only takes a second to fall. What does tuition pay for these days? Kitty litter is on sale at Edward's. Suburban homeowners make use of it every winter, and it does the job.

It seems pretty obvious that the University was unprepared for the snow. Why do the students and faculty members have to suffer for it? Give us a break, before we really get a break just trying to get to class and to work.

### Letter to the Editor:

## Don't Blame the Chef

### To the Editor:

I have no idea how good a chef Gary Adler is, but, having eaten there several times, I can tell you Metropolis serves great food - if anything like it turns up in the residence halls the students will think they've died and gone to heaven. So even though it's only five miles down the road getting

a chef from there could be a very good thing. Local isn't necessarily bad - let's honor our own prophets! Of course translating what Metropolis does to a mass feeding situation with a limited budget could be near impossible - don't mean to get your hopes up, but this is definitely worth crossing your fingers for.

**Sally Sternglanz**

# SB's Rain Man

## Professor Develops New Model for Weather Forecasting

By ERIN ROSENKING  
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Growing up in the midwest, Brian Colle saw his share of extreme weather. He can recall April 3, 1974, when a tornado struck. He spent the day in his basement only to emerge and find that the twister had wiped out the town not far from where he lived in Dayton, Ohio. Then, just four years later, a blizzard hit hard, with snow, 70 mile per hour winds, and snowdrifts some 15 feet high. "It was the first time I had to shovel the roof," Colle joked.

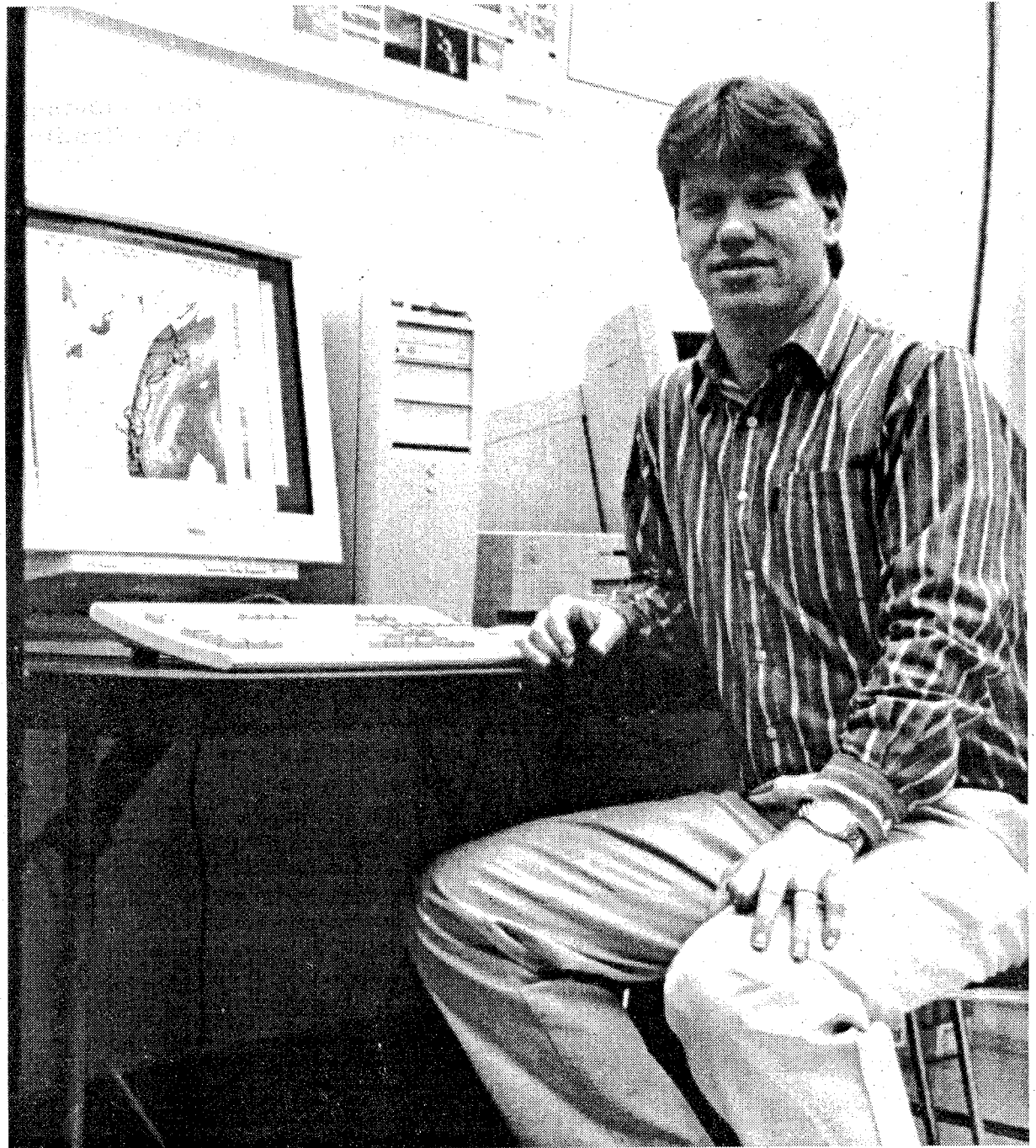
While this highly variable weather would send many packing for calmer surroundings, Colle got curious. "You get interested after seeing these events," he said. "You begin to wonder, where do these storms come from? And why can't we get these forecasts right?"

Through his research as a professor at the Marine Sciences Center at Stony Brook, Colle is on his way to answering these questions. What started as a fascination grew into a personal hobby and eventually into a life's work of research that is aiding weather forecasting.

But Colle explained that the task of predicting the weather is not an easy one, particularly for a geographical area like Long Island. Colle called the island's weather "fairly complex" because of a number of factors, including the irregular coast, which separates land and water at different temperatures, cold air from Maine which comes in from the south along the Appalachian mountains, and urban heat island effects. These combine to form a weather that is highly variable. "There are temperature variants and wind and precipitation differences across the island," he said. "You can have as much as a 20 to 30 degree Fahrenheit difference in temperature from Manhattan all the way out east."

This variability may be why Long Islanders have traditionally had little confidence in weather predictions. What may be forecast on television may be much different that what is actually observed.

According to Colle, Long Island weather is predicted using data from the New York City branch of the National Weather Service office, located at Brookhaven National Lab, and the Penn State/National Center for Atmospheric Research mesoscale model (MM5); a tool he helped develop. Like all other weather prediction models, this model uses a three dimensional grid



Statesman/Harvey Yau

Professor Brian Colle

and mathematical equations are then used to predict the future state of the atmosphere, be it one day, two or three days into the future. Colle said that this is what has historically been done. "The grid spacing typically used is 200 to 300 kilometers apart, which sometimes does not allow for a firm grasp of how weather changes in a coastal zone," said Colle.

This large grid spacing may be the culprit behind some faulty forecasts, which is why Colle uses grids where the spaces are decreased in length, in order to make up for the variability. In his forecasting for the New York/Metropolitan area, Colle's grid spaces are only four kilometers apart, a change he said will hopefully help improve short-term forecasts.

Colle's model will also help the general public in letting them know if they should grab the umbrella or the snowshoes on their way out. He said that most forecasting is done through something known as a "consensus." In order to achieve this consensus, forecasters look at three or four models to predict the most likely weather. He said that his model, which is currently in use by the National Weather Service, offers more of a consensus. "They are welcoming it with open arms," Colle said. "In terms of predictions, the more the merrier."

However, Colle said that one of the most important aspects of weather data collection is getting it out to the public. He praised outlets such as the Weather Channel but he said that more mediums are necessary. "You have to package it all together," he said, communication to the public is critical." He sees this as an area that will grow and he was pleased by the rumor that a second weather channel might be making its debut soon.

But for now, Colle is content with his work. "This is an exciting time for atmospheric sciences," he said, adding that one of his driving forces is the fact that students have access to the data. He said that this is the first time Stony Brook has had a weather program and its popularity continues to grow. Much of this data as well as information about atmospheric sciences at Stony Brook is available on the web at <http://cheget.msrc.sunysb.edu>.

But can he give Stony Brook a five day forecast? Colle said that these are too far into the future to be totally accurate, however, he promised that the weather can only get better in this winter of extremes. As for the seasons, Colle can't pinpoint a favorite but he said that he likes a good snowstorm. "But," he said, "I hate driving in it."

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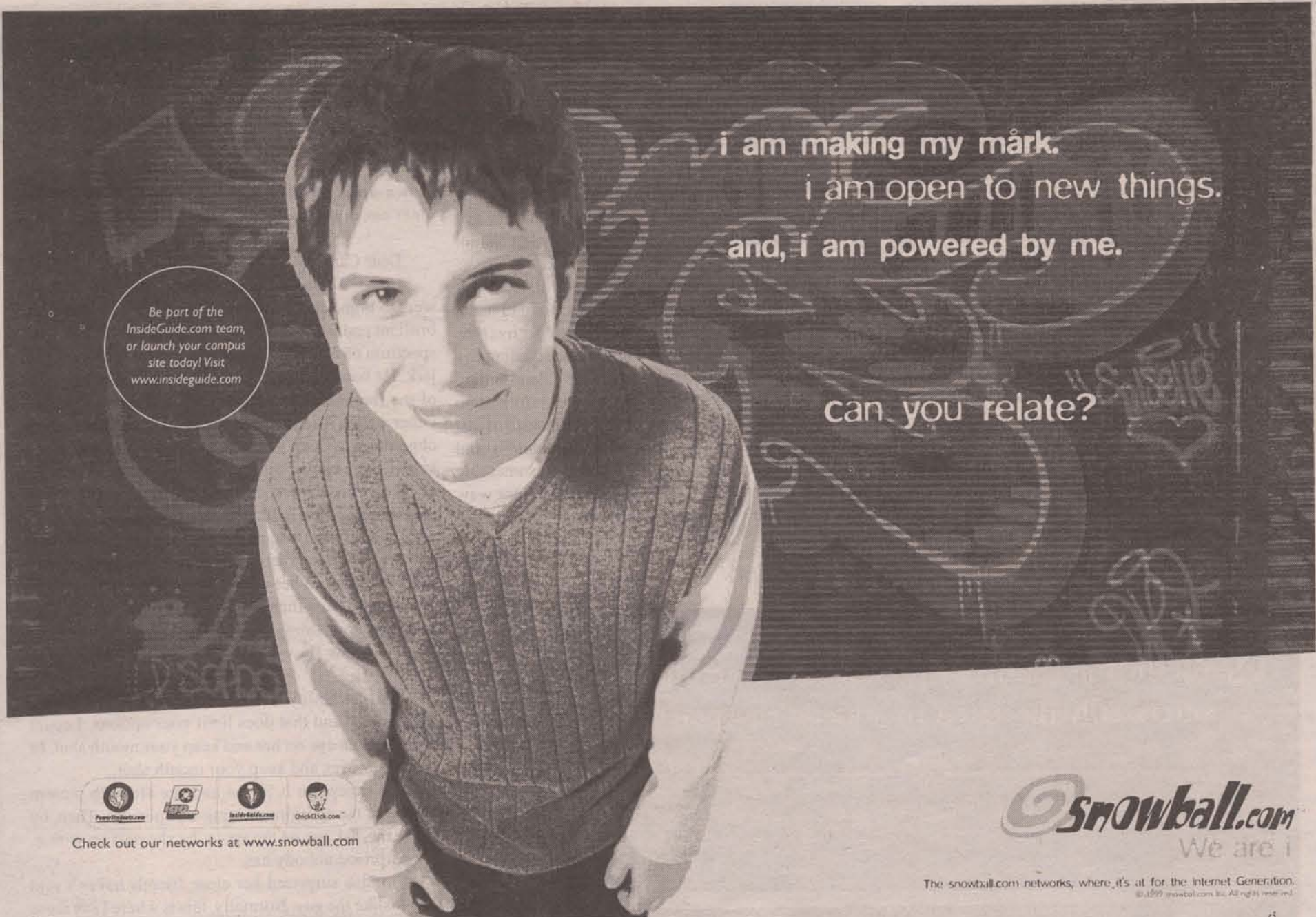
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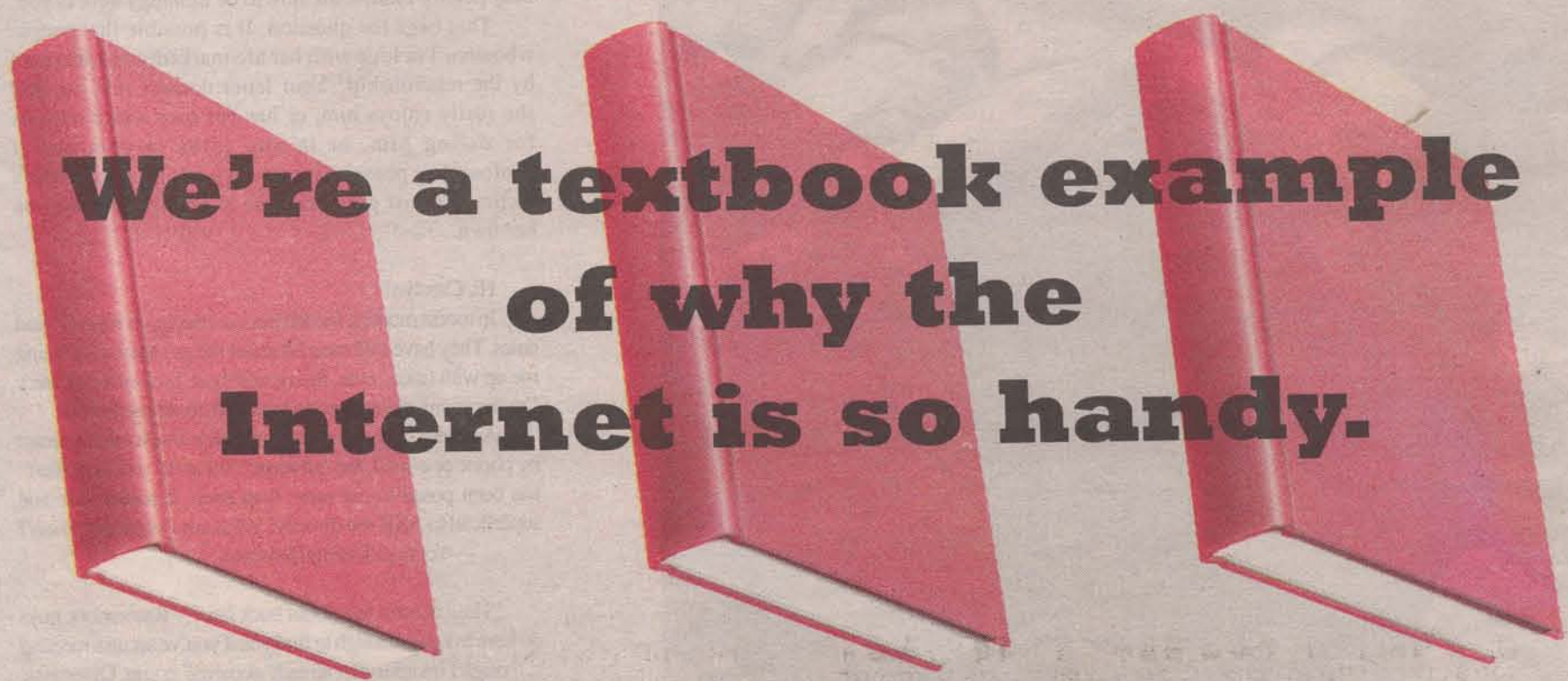


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# Tell Me About It

By Carolyn Hax

Hi, Carolyn!

I've been dating a great guy for 10 months—we're both 28—and everything's going really well. We get along great, have fun together, like each other's families, etc. The problem? He doesn't like to hold hands. Normally it's no big deal, but occasionally, when we're somewhere with a lot of couples who are all holding hands, it really bugs me that he won't hold mine. I've jokingly asked if it's because he doesn't want anybody to think he likes me—a la junior high—and he tells me I'm being ridiculous and he's just not comfortable with it.

Should I try to make him do it more, so he gets more comfortable, or should I just get over it?

—Virginia

Hi! You sound really nice! Which is why I'm going to sound like a real jerk when I point out that you have no business accusing anyone of being "junior high"!

The option to go with is (b) Get over it.

And while you're getting over your unheld hand, make it a twofer - actually a fourfer - and get over the grade-schoolisms wholesale. They include starting any sentence with "All the other couples are ..." and ending it with your feeling left out; digging out information by way of passive-aggressive little jokes instead of just asking, "Why don't you like to hold hands?"; and thinking it's ever OK to "make" a friend do something he doesn't want to do so that you can have your way. You're 28, you're in a happy relationship - your outer

grown-up is thriving. Congratulations. Now let the inner one make her debut.

Dear Carolyn:

I have a female friend (I am male) with whom I went to high school and now college. She is beautiful, brilliant and in all other ways very desirable to a broad spectrum of men. Her current boyfriend, however, is a jerk. He constantly hits on other women, both in front of me (he knows I'm her friend) and in front of her. Other of her friends who know him better say he's obnoxious in other ways. Admittedly, no one, to my knowledge, knows that he belittles her or otherwise overtly abuses her. Nonetheless, I know he is emphatically No Good.

I would have a hard time saying anything to her, however, because there is history between us: Three years ago I asked her out, and that put a strain on our relationship from then on. There are other friends who could say something, if only they knew what to say.

—New Haven

Your credibility here wavers between "comic" and "ludicrous," and that does limit your options. I count two: Keep an eye on her and keep your mouth shut, or avert your eyes and keep your mouth shut.

The exception is if you and she are both present for one of the egregious hitting-on episodes. Then, by all means, ask her on the spot why she puts up with it. I'm surprised nobody has.

I'm also surprised her close friends haven't said they dislike the guy. Normally, this is where I say these friends need to come to the rescue and point out the obvious signs that she is unhappy—but I can't. The only person I know for sure to be unhappy here is you.

That begs the question: It is possible that people who aren't in love with her are markedly less alarmed by the relationship? Your letter doesn't rule out that she really enjoys him, or has her own weird reasons for dating him, or is into jerks (a common if confounding phase). If she's not walking around like a victim, I'd just give her time to connect the dots on her own.

Hi, Carolyn!

In recent months, friends have set me up on several blind dates. They have told me a bit about the guy they were fixing me up with (nice, cute, funny, tall/short, brown/blond, etc.). I'm assuming the men were told a bit about me as well.

Anyway, once these men and I have made initial contact by phone or e-mail, the question, "What do you look like?" has been posed to me more than once. It seems rude and superficial to ASK me directly! What am I supposed to say?

—Yours in Dating Dementia

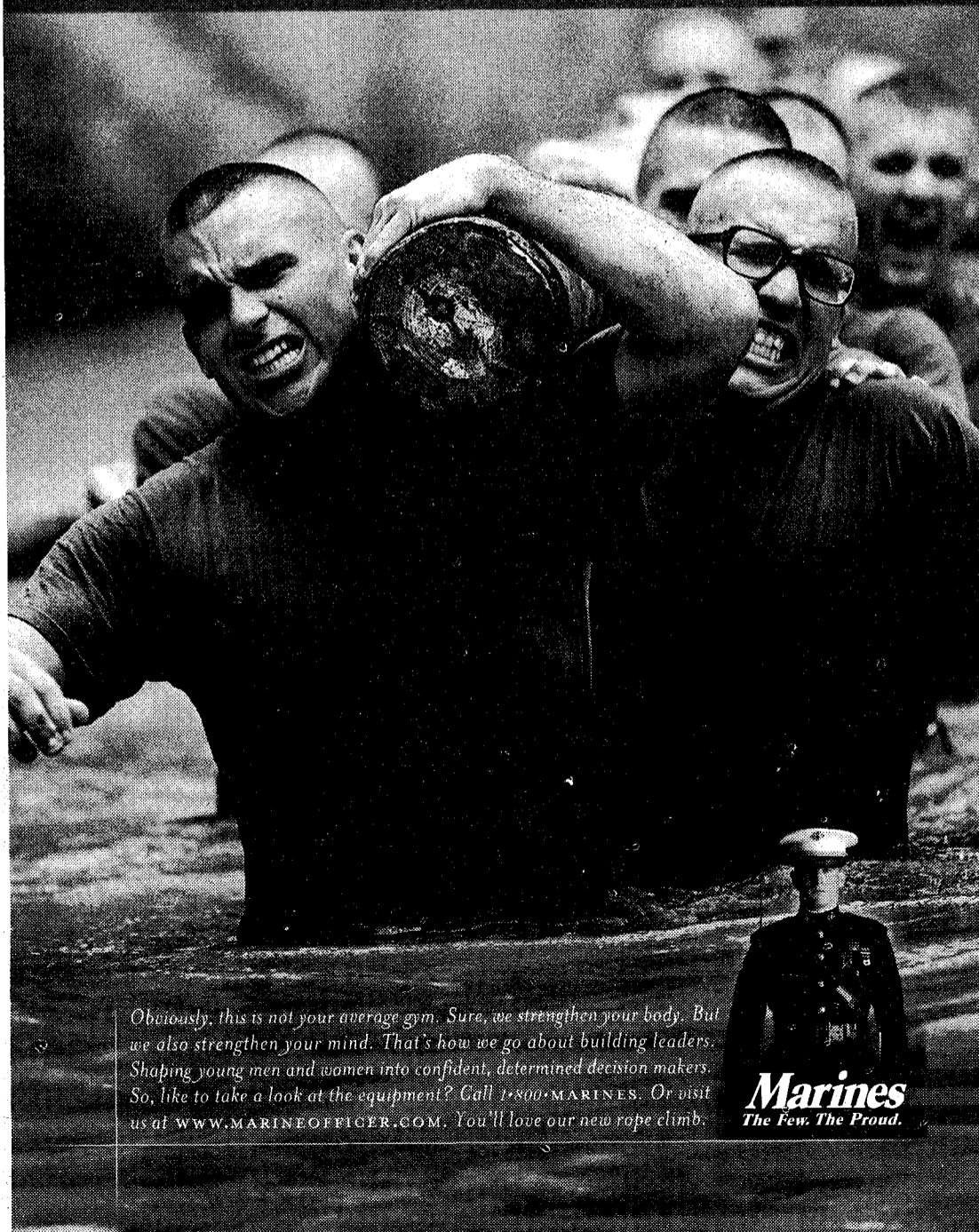
"How do you feel about back hair?" Remember, guys do have to know enough to find you if you've set up a meeting ... though I imagine that already occurred to you. Otherwise, I'm not sure it's rude so much as stupid. As if they're going to decide whether they find you attractive based on your own description.

On second thought ... it is rude. And superficial. And stupid. It could also be a lame attempt at conversation (blind phone calls aren't exactly a snap), so try making conversation out of it: "What can I say that will matter?" Have fun with it, though, or else you'll sound bitter, and bitterness is guyspeak for "looks like a troll."

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# Features

## Snow Falling on Stony Brook

By KAT FULGIERI AND TINA CHADHA  
Statesman Editors

Most Stony Brook students woke up on Tuesday morning and called the weather hotline at 632-SNOW. They were greeted by a recorded voice informing all callers that University classes were canceled. The culprit was the largest northeaster that New Yorkers have seen since January 1996. It deposited approximately four inches onto eastern Long Island, turning roadways into slippery messes and wreaking havoc upon businesses and all forms of commutation.

The National Weather Bureau admits that it did not have adequate notice of the storm's severity. Snowfall and winds exceeded original predictions, and most of the tri-state area was unprepared for the harsh weather. Stony Brook was no exception, but the University community came through the storm relatively unscathed.

Though the infirmary was forced to close half an hour early because of weather conditions, Doctor Rachel Bergeson, director of the infirmary, reported only two snow-related injuries. Doug Little, deputy chief of the University Police, also reported a low incident rate for the day. "I was really happy that classes were canceled, because public safety is the most important

thing. Commuters didn't have to travel, and residents had their areas plowed." Little also explained that non-essential employees were permitted to use vacation time instead of coming to work. He went on to say that the University Police fielded calls for dead batteries and cars stuck in snow.

Other driving dangers were apparent, as roads were slippery and icy for the better part of the day, and bad driving conditions persisted over the course of the next day. "I spun a 360 on my way to class," said freshman Patrick Maddack.

Administrative concerns did not matter to the residents that were given a free day off. Students found ways to amuse themselves despite the harsh weather. "I slept until three, and then in the evening, friends came over," said freshman Jamie Graham, "we did makeovers, took pictures, and then we just chilled." Most students slept in, while some opted for physical activity. "It was nice to finally have free time to do something different," said sophomore Solveig Torjesen. "I slept late and played basketball."

Others chose to use the time to catch up on schoolwork. "I caught up on reading, and then went to a party at night," said sophomore Gina Kowalczyk.

Many treated the snowstorm



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Artwork in the Staller Center was covered in ice.

as an excuse to get some much needed fresh air. "I played football in the snow," said William Olivo.

Some of the more creative students were seen with impromptu sleds made from stolen food trays. There were snowball fights abound, and several misshapen snowmen were spotted outside residence halls. Snow angels dotted the grounds. "I had a snowball fight with some of my friends," said graduate student Kevin Keenan, "It was really cool, because we hadn't had snow like this in a long time. We enjoyed it, and I'm sure everybody else did too." But not everyone had such positive things to say about the weather. "I hate the snow. I hate winter," said junior Ruthie Rivas. "The only time I played in the snow was the forty-five minutes I spent digging my car out."

Whether the snow made students pleased or angry, no one could be heard complaining about the day off.

Statesman Editor Erin Rosenking contributed to this article.



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After the storm, everything on campus was covered with icicles, which slowly began to melt early Wednesday.



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Cold weather and slippery paths did not prevent students from returning to class on Wednesday.