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The many faces of the Facebook at Stevens

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it, it's et's face something we've all done. Going through our AIM Buddy List manically checking the profiles and away messages of our friends from home and at other colleges, we've all stumbled upon the link begging all of those AIM stalkers to "facebook me!" The Facebook (http://www. thefacebook.com), a venture began at Harvard University by Mark Zuckerberg and fellow classmates February 24, 2004, aims to give students a place to connect with both fellow classmates as well as old friends from home that go to other schools connected the Facebook network. The company adds schools at their discretion, and while

most major universities in the United States and even some in Canada have been added to the network, Stevens has not. While the Facebook has yet to add Stevens, a rival company calling itself "Stevens Facebook" has added the school to its network as of the beginning of March. Many Stevens students have joined the new service in its initial stages but students must be aware that this service is not affiliated with the Massachusetts company that invented and markets The Facebook. Dean of Student Life Ken Nilsen, in an email correspondence explained that "[the Stevens Facebook] is not a part of the facebook.com service, and many students are concerned with who is running [www. stevensfacebook.com] why it isn't linked to the official site." Soon after the Stevens Facebook site launched I sent an inquiry for clarification about who was running the service and how it was different from thefacebook.com site most students were familiar with. Those requests for information were never returned. At the same time, I also inquired about Stevens' status on the real Facebook. In an email sent on March 3, Chris Hughes, head of press inquiries at thefacebook.com explained, "Stevens Institute is within the next 30 or so schools slated to be added to the site. (Hopefully within the next two weeks, but no promises.)" A month later, there has still had been no word back on Stevens' status. A request for an update has returned the following piece of information from Mr. Hughes; "we are currently setting up additional network space to add more schools. Stevens Institute is at the top of the list and will certainly be a part of the next batch added to the site. We're trying to do this as fast as possible. My best estimate is within the coming two weeks."

Stevens' students have taken it on themselves to work to bring official Facebook to campus. "While they have a form on their website to request getting a school added, I actually emailed them personally, asking why, even though several students e-mailed, we haven't been added. They said not enough students have sent requests for them to add us at this point, so I've been trying to get as many people on campus as possible to e-mail them and request us to get added," explained Ed Aguilar '07. Aguilar, who is also a second year SGA Senator explains that the current administration has been working to get the Facebook "Through e-mail. here, members of the SGA have also been active in requesting Stevens' addition to the Facebook. It has also explored options of advertising this cause throughout campus in the event that the two-week deadline passes, with the hopes of showing the people at thefacebook.com that the Stevens population remains interested in becoming a part of the network." In the end the best and only way to bring The Facebook to campus faster is to make your voices heard. The company has a form that can be filled out on their website requesting schools be added. If you want to see The Facebook in Hoboken keep e-mailing asking that Stevens be added, and keep them coming.

Stevens staff let their artistic sides spring. Despite the whipping winds, a fair number of students and professors were

Philip Mainwaring

Staff Writer

t is surprising to discover the latent artistic and Lmusical talent that lies untapped within the Stevens community. Dr. Stephen Bloom is certainly renowned for his intriguing style of lecture and enthusiasm for induction, but his musical prowess in the field of the clarinet goes unnoticed. Brian Moriarty, one of our school's two system administrators, may be known to some of you, but few could guess that he received an M.F.A in photography from Yale. These talents would still lay hidden if not for the simultaneous

opening of Moriarty's photography exhibit and Dr. Bloom's performance as part of The Zephyr Trio at the Samuel C. Williams Library this past Saturday, April 2nd.

The Zephyr Trio's name may sound familiar – this was their second performance here at Stevens. The Zephyr Trio consists of Bloom, who is chair of the Computer department Science clarinet; Richard Lyons, a mathematics professor at Rutgers Univeristy, on piano; and Styra Avins, an author and professor of music history at Drew University performing on cello. There is a limited selection of music available

that has been adapted for this particular grouping of instruments, but The Zephyr Trio gave the audience the pleasure of hearing the works of composers that are not often exposed to the public. The compositions of Ferdinand Ries, Robert Muczynski, Carl Frühling, and Nino Rota (the name of which may be recognized for his work on the original soundtrack for The Godfather) were featured.

As anyone who cared to venture a look outside their window Saturday would realize, the weather was more in the style of pre-hurricane Florida rather than the Hudson at the beginning of

winds, a fair number of students and professors were in attendance. However, the weather was not the biggest possible deterrent to the success of the concert. The cleaning staff for the Samuel C. Williams Library had, the day before, waxed the floors, and in doing so had to shift the Petrof grand piano that Lyons would be performing on. It is generally accepted to be a bad idea to move around pianos before a concert; it throws them out of tune, and the piano in question had become unplayable. On an emergency request from Professor Lyons, an acquaintance of his drove an hour or more to Stevens to tune the piano a few hours

before the concert.

For a number of hours the prior to concert, immediately following, and during the intermission, those in attendance were free to wander and alight their collective gaze upon the displayed photography of Brian Moriarty. His credentials include work compiled for Fortune, Fortune Small Business, Wired, and Detour magazines, as well as being an instructor of photography at The Taft School in Connecticut. This particular set photographs were selections from 1994-2001 and were taken at various locations in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Greece. His photography will be exhibited until April 17th.

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Student Government Association

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SenateMeetingAgenda

April 10, 2004 - 9:00 PM Fielding Room

Officer Reports

President: The SGA has launched a "Save the Stute" campaign. It began when the SGA put together an application for a scholarship for incoming freshman interested in journalism. "Engineering without Borders" was presented by Dean Korfiatis. More information was obtained and hopefully a follow-up meeting will be this week. Hank Dobbelaar was contacted and he said that he would have the sand placed and additional sand will be put in if needed.

Vice President: Currently meeting with Aramark about implementing various new programs on campus for the future.

Treasurer: Earlier this week, the discrepancies in communication between the financial department and the students was brought to my attention; especially, the situation involving purchases using credit cards and I had a meeting with Divyang Mehta to discuss these policies Friday.

Secretary: At the end of the meeting, any forms filled out can be handed to me. Pictures will also be taken for the website and senator candidates after the meeting as well as during the Monday meeting. Please come to me

if any issues arise about the meeting on Monday.

CCSI: After meeting with Tony Blazini in Residence Life, we now have permission to order and place the suggestion boxes in the residence halls. At the last committee meeting, the idea of starting a mentorship program was brought up. The cabinet had already started discussion on a similar idea of starting councils for the various genres of RSO's. Pre-Freshman Tea is next Sunday and we are working hard with the Undergraduate Admissions Office on making the RSO turn out this year in Club and Activity Tent as high as

Committee Reports

Financial- The Marathon meeting was held on Tuesday, April 5th from 1pm to 6pm. For all of those in attendance it was a lot of work but it's over. The marathon meeting will be discussed in more detail during the meeting.

Elections/Constitution- Elections are coming on April 13th. Submissions of the Nomination forms are due by midnight on April 10th, 2005. Posters did not seem to be up everywhere that I had hoped. In future elections there will be a much more active role of exciting the class about SGA.

Entertainment- We are currently in the process of planning for next semester. We have 12-13 events planned out. Things should be definite within 2 weeks. We are encouraging RSOs to sponsor events with us.

Email entertainment@stevens.edu for comments or questions.

Student Interests-The RSO summit was completed with low attendance. Bringing about an RSO auditing was discussed as a means of regulating RSO participation. Aramark food to-go possibly being altered. The online calendar is not a feasible option through www. stevenslife.com due to support issues with the school. Other options are being surveyed. A decision to try to bond the RA program with Orientation leaders is also a possible route in the hopes of generating freshman involvement.

Class Reports

First Year- A good amount of students have been asking for specific channels to be added to our dormitory cable programming. Mainly The Yes Network and SPIKE tv are among channels to be added. However, it is not sure of the contract.

Second Year- The athletic equipment lending issue at the gym appears to be resolved, but I will have a more concrete response by Sunday night. Any further questions can be addressed to John Maurizi [jmaurizi@stevens. edu]. I would also like to (very) briefly discuss items regarding the magazine/facebook.

BOKEN Report: Updated list of events is attached. We had a meeting Wednesday, April 6th for campus awareness and to get people to help with the week.

Publicity and t-shirts should be coming in by next week if not already arrived. Table sitting for ASSASSIN and ice cream eating contest already started. Also, Exit 105 came to campus Friday and distributed 300 copies of their music to Stevens students.

Student Government Association News

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SGA@Stovods.odu www.stovods.odu/SGA

Ray Lynch

SGA President

he SGA has been very busy lately working on issues affecting campus. The current standing of the Stute, issues dealing with reimbursements, acquiring sand for the beach volleyball court, budgeting for the Fall semester and Senator elections have been the main topics of meetings.

First off, the SGA was presented with the information that the Editor-in-Chief of this paper will be resigning at the end of this semester. Along with this horrible news was the fact that because there is no one to take his place as well as a short staff, the newspaper will be out of print next year unless people take initiative. To help the Stute along, the SGA has launched a "Save the Stute" campaign. It began with the SGA putting together an application for a scholarship for incoming freshman interested in journalism. This is still in the works but looks promising. "Save the Stute" will be continuing with putting up posters, passing out flyers and other creative ways to bring attention to the problem. If you are interested in helping with the Stute next year, email stute@stevens.edu for more information.

Rob Hoar '06 brought an issue regarding reimbursements to the attention of the SGA cabinet recently. The new policy states that in order to obtain reimbursements on purchases students make with a credit card, the student must supply an original receipt and original credit card statement. In his experience with SGA and the financing department,

he has observed that there is a serious problem of communication between those making polices, those executing polices, and those following policies. The current decision by the financing department with little notification to students exemplifies this point. A simple email to RSOs or attendance at the recent SGA held marathon meeting is a simple solution to a serious problem. The SGA along with Rob are working on the problem.

Greg Maietta came to the last SGA senate meeting with a proposal to get new sand for the beach volleyball court. Vice President of Facilities Hank Dobbelaar was contacted and he said that he would have the sand there regarded and additional sand will be laid if needed.

The financial committee of SGA has been working hard analyzing the budgets of all organizations on campus preparing for the marathon meeting that will have already occurred by the time this is printed.

Lastly, the elections committee and SGA have been working hard on promoting student interest in the upcoming Senator elections. Each class will have a certain number of Senators based on its size. As per the changes to the constitution that were passed during Presidential elections, there are four classes - first year, second year, third year, and everyone else. Senators are the people in the SGA that make all the decisions by voting. They are in charge of organizations' budgets and can influence things getting done on campus ranging from aesthetic improvements to issues with curriculum and professors. Meetings are once a week and have historically taken place on Sundays at 7.

Old Business

C-03-28-2005-01

Approval of Minutes from the 03-28-2005 Senate Meeting (Document 1)

New Business

C-04-10-2005-01

<u>Dropbox Addition Proposal</u> (Document 2)

Presented by Ryan Lynch

- To add dropboxes for students to submit anonymous suggestions or questions to the SGA

S-04-10-2005-02

<u>2005-2006 EC Chair</u>

Presented By Neha Desai

- To appoint a new Entertainment Committee chairperson for the 2005-2006 school year.

C-04-10-2005-03

SAF Increase Proposal (Document 3)

Presented by Ceci Arias

- A decision is to be made regarding the proposed incrementing of the Student Activities fee by an amount to create a better balance of funds for Student Activities.

Discussions

- Possible Stevens Magazine
- Facebook Request
- Open Discussion

The Emergence of Cultural Greeks on Campus

Bditorial

by Juan Jaime

Contributor

reek organizations play a central role in student life here at Stevens; according to numbers reported by Student Life, in the Spring 2004 semester 32.7% of undergrads were either Greek or pledging a Greek organization. During the Fall 2004 semester, 24% of campus was identified as being member of a Greek organization. Stevens students have many options if interested in Greek Life. There are nine fraternities in the Inter-Fraternity Council and three sororities in the Panhellenic Council. 1997, five students pledged off campus for Lambda Upsilon Lambda fraternity

(LUL) and introduced a never before seen aspect of Greek life to Stevens, the Cultural Greek Organizations. These men chose to look elsewhere for Greek life because they strongly felt no organization available on campus met their needs or interests.

LUL'sprocessofbecoming recognized spanned over five years. Since LUL's inception at Stevens, many students have researched Greek life outside of Panhellenic and IFC and several attempts have been made at establishing a new wave of Greek life on campus. Two Latin sororities, Chi Upsilon Sigma and Mu Sigma Upsilon, and a South-Asian Fraternity, Sigma Beta Rho, have recently succeeded in establishing themselves at Stevens. Additionally, students on campus have

researched several of the Pan-Hellenic Council organizations, also known as the "Noble Nine", in attempts to bring an African-American fraternity or sorority to campus.

Most national Greek organizations belong to one of the four large governing umbrella councils. These councils are the NIC (National Inter-fraternity Conference), the **NPC** (National Panhellenic Conference), **NALFO** (National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations) and NPHC (National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.)

In order to understand NPHC and NALFO, which represent most of the Cultural Greeks, it's important to familiarize yourself with historical accounts. Many of these organizations evolved during periods of American history in which people of color (generally categorized as minorities) were being denied essential rights and privileges afforded others on colleges and universities as well as the greater society. Issues such as color barriers and discrimination on predominantly white campuses forged a need by groups of African Americans, Latinos and other ethnic students to join with people of their own culture and establish common goals and ideals. Sadly because people of color were often not allowed to pledge into the brotherhood of mainstream Greeks at this time, individuals organized and Cultural Greeks were born.

Focusing on fostering

brotherhood on and demanding social change and equal opportunity through social programming, education, community cultural service, awareness, leadership and professionalism, the cultural Greek world flourished. These organizations still uphold these principles today as members pledge to devote their services to the betterment of their respective communities.

In understanding Culture Greek organizations it is important to understand that although they developed around the minority student, their existence is not solely minority backed. LUL, although based in Latino traditions, is not Latino exclusive.

Anyone interested in researching more on these organizations can visit www. nalfo.org or www.nphchq.org.

Net. Art Culture DAM'T

Editorial

Dan Juell 3/29/05

know there are a lot of George Costanzas [Seinfeld] out there whose notion of art is somewhere along the lines of "I don't get it." Don't worry. Despite the fact I'm currently playing host to a column specifically devoted to culture, I found myself in that same state of mind after researching the type of art that I'll be discussing this week. Actually, I take that back...sort of. Allow me to explain. When attending designated art museums, such as the MoMA or the Whitney, you can be rest assured that the work you are viewing adheres to at least some level of aesthetic quality. Curators must choose what works will be displayed while the rest are sent packing, for whatever reason. Artists may also open their own exhibition galleries, like those in Chelsea, but do so with considerable personal expense. With these checks and balances in place, one does not have to worry about being exposed to, for lack of a better (read: printable) term, crappy art; elephant dung notwithstanding [see Slacker's Guide to the MoMA]. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule, but more on that later.

Enter the Internet. Ah yes, the good ol' Internet. Where everybody is free to express themselves in whatever way they see fit, so long as they possess the moxie to put it there. So what do you get when you combine this with art? An increasingly trendy movement, that is known simply as Net Art. This relatively new movement has absolutely no boundaries, so there's guaranteed to be something for everyone to enjoy, from video games to sound design tools to eclectic indy film flicks, it's all there for your viewing pleasure (or displeasure, depending on your tastes). Below I've listed three different Net Art portals, which should provide an excellent starting point for an exploration of the genre. Bear in mind that these websites contain enormous wealth of artwork, far too many to go into with this column, but I'll

try to steer you in the right direction.

http://turbulence.org

This site has a little bit of everything, and has great presentation value. Some works are just downright strange, like the voyeuristic "Invigilate" which seems like an ode to Alfred Hitchcock's The Rear Window sans murder mysteries. Other works, such as Peter Horvath's "Tenderly Yours," are sure to pique the interests of Indy film buffs. There's even a lot of vintage video-game related work, like "Mystery House Taken Over"

http://www.machinista.org

The title for this site pretty much sets the tone. Here you'll find work where artists give their artistic commentary on all things machine-like. Some of these works seemed designed to annoy anyone within earshot of your computer (randomly generated music isn't music at all, in my mind). That aside, there are some interesting works here. Take, for example, "sundowning" by Robert Kennedy. This artist captured the interference patterns that a CRT displays when an audio signal is fed into the video input. If you've got headphones, this site will help you kill some time while on your lunch break. Another work uses nanolithography, displaying convoluted images of patterns etched onto silicon wafers.

http://www.netartmuseum.

This site is a spiffy looking portal to artists' own personal websites. Like the first site, it doesn't have a common theme other than "Net Art." So if you've got some time to kill, you could spend all day clicking through the various galleries. Think of it as a virtual art museum.

Again, these sites are all

more or less unmediated, so be prepared to stumble across some works for which the descriptor "art" doesn't really seem apropos. Don't get discouraged; just keep telling yourself "well, at least I didn't have to waste a subway ride to get here," and simply click elsewhere.

As a side note, remember what I said earlier about exceptions to every rule? Well, some British graffiti artist smuggled his own "art" into the MoMA earlier this month. He stealthily hung a picture of a cheapo soup-can on the wall, where it went unnoticed for more than three days. Pretty funny if you ask me.

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- General business terms: budget, sales quota, information services
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- Industry-specific acronyms: NASDAZ, MIT, ASCII

Out and About

Upcoming Career Events

Class of 2006 Open House

Wednesday, April 13, 2005
OCD Office, 9th Floor Howe Center
4 Sessions will be offered at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00 pm
Learn about the OCD's "senior services", including the Class of 2006
Resume Book, and begin your senior-year career planning
To register for this event please e-mail Tara Weyouch at
Tweyouch@Stevens.edu and indicate which session you will be attending

New Jersey Collegiate Career Day

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 9:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m. Rutgers University- Rutgers Student Center http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/

TOP FIVE JOB LISTINGS POSTED THIS WEEK!

COMPANY LOCATION JOB TITLE MAJOR(S) New York, NY Software Developer CPSC/CPEN/IFSY Barnes & Noble.com McMaster-Carr Princeton, NJ Management Development BUSI/ENMG/MBA Microagility, Inc. Systems Analyst CPSC/CPEN/IFSY Parlin, NJ Ward & Olivo Summit, NJ **Technical Specialist** ELEN/CPEN BMEN/CHEM/BIO (The) Wistar Institute Philadelphia, PA Research Assistant

Details on these and other employment opportunities available in the OCD, 9th Floor Howe Center

In 7 days, 24 parking

violations occurred in the

parking lots with the majority

occurring in 8th street. Just

think, for the bargain price of

\$20 you got a trip to city hall

to pay for the privilege of

missing out on talking to the

dispatchers at the front desk,

showing your ID, and getting

a piece of paper. At this time,

old parking passes are not

being accepted for refunds.

Headline

Bditorial

Becca Quinn Columnist

ue to administrative action, the police blotter has been reduced to a statistics set for this week and possibly the rest of the semester. All details aside from the bare minimum have been removed from the reports received for the blotter report. The following have made the Best Of list for this week:

only option.

NYC is looking to host the

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Parking in 8th street lot not only gives you a chance for a summons, it also gives your vehicle a lucky chance to win big and get hit by a baseball allowing you to partake of the wonders of Stevens Athletics without ever attending a game.

Other vehicular decorations courtesy of parking in the 8th street lot include a collection of

say that this strikes me as the WRONG decision, thus I fully support Cablevisions lawsuit against the MTA. I hope it stands in the way of the new stadium construction entirely, though that is probably just wishful thinking.

I do intend to offer a solution (a little late albeit) that involves getting into the 21st Century thinking outside the box. It will also allow the Jets and Cablevision to coexist. If the stadium must be built in New York City, and specifically Manhattan, they need to look toward technological advancement and consider a floating stadium. This decision would leave Cablevision the opportunity to purchase the land while inconveniencing no one. I would also like to addthat Mayor Bloomberg's biography on the NYC. gov website continuously mentions his love of technology. It even gave a detailed account of his disappointment by the slow technological advancement of stock trading tools in the 1980's so he created his special Bloomberg computer. That sounds to me like someone who might embrace the most technologically advanced stadium construction to date.

I am not a civil engineer and I cannot give a thorough analysis of the floating stadium plan, but

scratches, personalized for your car by your choice of cats, women with fake fingernails or another car with your choice of paint color.

There were only 4 fire alarms this week; however the careless cooking of the week award goes to CPA.

CPA also had a complaint of an unusual smell found to be emanating from the bathroom. While the mice infestation has been known to be a problem, hoarding a

small family in your bathtub in protection of animal rights is severely frowned upon by most roommates.

Students found were entering the theater in Burchard at 8pm and were removed for tresspassing. They seemed to have missed the fact that daylight's savings time was the following weekend in showing up for the movies in Burchard. Excessive spring break fun has been known to have serious effects on keeping track of time.

if scientists and engineers are in the early stages of attempting a floating city, a stadium should be possible. There are numerous obvious considerations and thorough that must be research conducted before a plan can be put underway including determining whether the depth of the Hudson River allows for such construction. The fact still remains that the stadium would not take up space that Manhattan does not have, and giant cruise ships and the Intrepid have already safely traveled the Hudson. Ferries can be used to pick up fans in both New York City and New Jersey and the floating stadium can cruise down the river when winds are low, for double entertainment. We can make the stadium heated with a retractable roof and help handle the severe weather conditions athletes are taught to understand and accept as an "uncontrollable" anyway. It might even give them an advantage over their competition, much like the Green Bay Packers and their frozen tundra.

In the end, I envision way more tourists visiting the most technologically advanced stadium in history just for the experience and not merely as football fans - all while producing less congestion for the natives who do not want to have to change their lives in Mayor Bloomberg's attempt to upstage Giuliani and win another election. How can we do any better?

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Madison Square Garden, Penn Station, Port Authority Bus Terminal, Times Square Station and Grand Central Station. where several million people pass through every day. Some may argue that all of New York City is packed anyway, "So what's the difference?" To that I say that the Upper East Side and Upper West Side have not been inundated with 30 new high rises in the last few years with no end in sight, and the financial district on a weekend is as desolate as Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on any day at about 4:30pm.

Travelers looking to visit the stadium will be entering from the subways, trains, buses, the LIRR and by car, all inside this quarter-squaremile. There is currently no transportation that can take fans directly to the stadium so the only option is extending a train line. The only train line that can in any way be extended to the stadium is the 7 Train which runs from midtown Manhattan to Flushing, Queens. personally find it to be one of the filthiest unsafe trains in existence as I don't think I have ever ridden without finding food and dirty bandaids strewn across the floor. Surely one would love the opportunity to ride in such comfort and style to this brand new stadium, and it looks like that will be their

that there were two other

bids placed on the property

Olympics in 2012, but if we so the Jets were not the ever get that far, I would have only consideration, though to guess that the city would they are the only ones we ever really heard about. open up and swallow itself Cablevision due to pure density. Clearly, Comcast placed a higher bid on the there are other not-quite-soland and in my opinion had accessible places this stadium can be paced such as Nassau just as much a right to it, County, Queens, or pretty especially considering their much anywhere on Long past experience. Comcast Island. Mets fans, Islanders has been burnt by the NFL fans and those watching the several times from losing the U.S. Open find a way to initial bid for ownership of get there, so I am sure Jets the Jets, to losing the bid for fans can too. People trudge the Cleveland Browns as an through the East Bronx for expansion team and for a third their precious Yankees and time when it learned that the Brooklyn can claim Coney NFL will no longer be using Island and half the rap songs Madison Square Garden ever written that mention (owned by Cablevision) for Brooklyn, in place of the only the draft. Surely it's about true New York baseball team time Cablevision wins the that left us for L.A. anyway, draw. At this point, it is still the Dodgers. Staten Island possible that the construction could use a claim to fame will be thwarted due to as they attempt to lose their the fact that there are legal reputation as the giant landfill implications to these actions. borough so the stadium would Cablevisionplacedalargerbid be perfect for them too. I can for the land at \$760 million, say with confidence that New while their competitors York City Mayor Bloomberg offered only \$720 million. and his gang of dimwitted Cablevision's plan included building residential housing zealots only saw the future for New Yorkers as well as dollar signs written all over a public park, which raises such a large venue that will boost the economy as much many questions regarding as it will hurt it when people the MTA decision to choose can't get to work (minus a stadium over a community the handful working at the improvement, and even more stadium). More importantly important why the mayor so he is unphased by how strongly supported it. Still much it upsets "his" city's more mind boggling is that people as large numbers of the land was appraised at "anti-stadium" groups have \$1 billion dollars. Surely, been formed. This, I find accepting less than the land is worth and denying the highest inexcusable. It is important to note bid which fosters community improvement is suspicious.

I for one will not hesitate to

Waterman's first career home run helps lift Ducks past Maritime

Mod's Baseball



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Becca Quinn Staff Writer

he Stevens Ducks Maritime defeated 5-1 on Tuesday, April 5 as Eric McCormick '07

struck out 12 batters and gave up just 1 run and 2 hits in 7 innings. McCormick's 12 strikeouts were a career high. Jim Waterman '07 hit his first career home run in the top of the 5th inning to give Stevens a 2-1 lead. Jeff Drobik '05

Katusa '08 when he was hit by a pitch with the loaded. bases Gerard Moreno followed '06 with a RBI and

forced in David

Adam Sandt '07 drove in the fifth run with a fielder's choice grounder in the top of the 9th inning. Andrew Tesorieor '07 went 3-4 with

an RBI while

Moreno went 2-4 and Katusa scored 2 runs in the win.

The Ducks play double headers at home April 9 against Centenary and April 10 agains Kings Point and then play Manhattanville at home on April 13 at 3pm.

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Sports Editor

The Men's Volleyball team faced their toughest conference opponent with their match vs. SUNY New Paltz heading

Spring Break. SUNY New Paltz came out firing, hitting .400 in the first game. New Paltz capitalized on the Ducks slow start and took the first game 30-27. The rest of the match proved to be a game of "cat and mouse" for the Ducks. They trailed by

a significant amount in each of the next three games, but came back all three times with scores of 30-28, 30-27, 30-28. Outside Hitter Chris Bock '06 had a good night, hitting an impressive .460 in route to racking up a matchhigh 25 kills. Right Side Greg Higgins '06 and Outside Hitter Brian Woodworth '05 also had a strong night with 15 kills and 13 kills, respectively. Setter Steve Strollo '08 ran the offense with 50 assists and a team

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high 10 digs for the match. This win improved the Ducks to 11-0 in Conference play, and with only one conference game left they have sealed the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) Metro Division



title. This also marked the Ducks 28th straight win in Conference play. For the 6th week in a row, Stevens sits at #4 in the country, while several players have stats ranking them in the top 15 for all Division III volleyball players. Middle Hitter William Foley '07 currently ranks 13 in hitting percentage, while Middle Hitter Scott Stoner '07 ranks 9th in blocking, and Steve Strollo '08 ranks 8th in assists.

Can't the Jets' Stadium Go **Anywhere Else?**

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April 4, 2005 ₹ very week I choose to write about the Stevens Athletics Program because it is relevant to all of us and many of us enjoy reading about the highlights of the week. This time, however, I am writing about the construction of a new Jets stadium in midtown, Manhattan because proposal was approved on Thursday, March 31 against the adamant wishes of the residents of the area. As a native New Yorker living only a few blocks from the site, I have to say that I am incredibly disappointed with the MTA committee's decision, because it was not only selfish but also extremely suspicious. I do not have anything against the Jets per se, but I do have

something against excess traffic and tourists. At times, it can take over an hour and a half just to drive through the Lincoln Tunnel and I am not merely talking about rush hour. I am talking about prime Broadway show times on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The construction of the stadium means New York City would need to increase venue accessibility in order to limit congestion. stadium site is beside the current Jacob Javitz Center extending from 34th to 42nd Streets between 10th and 11th Avenues. This land stretches over existing train tracks owned by the MTA and would not be accessible by any subway line in an already densely populated area. The management of the Jacob Javitz Convention Center has claimed on several occasions that they are comfortable with the size of their

looking to expand. However, they also have a website dedicated to the question of expansion and why it should be supported. Remarkably, the committee is encouraging the construction of this gigantic venue sandwiched in an already packed quartersquare-mile comprised of

Men's lacrosse

Editorial

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The men's lacrosse team had a strong showing during Spring Break with tough loss to third ranked Middlebury 9-7 and wins over Rensselaer and Eastern



Connecticut 8-6 and 16-5, respectively. The Ducks have risen in the national poll to the number 11 spot. John Dolny '08 had five goals and six assists in the two wins while earning Knickerbocker Conference Player of the Week honors. Joe Van Sickle '07 and Alex Richards '07 each had three goals in the win over Rensselaer, which avenged last year's loss.

In the Eastern Connecticut game, Dolny had four goals and five assists, while the Stevens defense stayed strong holding Eastern Connecticut scoreless for nearly 30 minutes. Jack Dunderdale '07 and Corey Vaillancourt '08 combined for six saves in goal.

Van Sickle and Richards each had three goals while Mark Bielicky '07 had two goals and two assists. Evan Swiker '06 tallied an impressive 9-14 record on attempted face offs in the game.