

## Erie Canal trail cyclists stay at fort



**A SENTRY FOR CYCLISTS** — Desmond Clay, portraying a soldier for the 3rd New York Regiment, serves sentry duty at Fort Stanwix National Monument, as 500 bicyclists pitch tents on the lawn in the background. The bikers in the Cycling the Erie Canal Bike Tour camped out on the fifth day of their eight-day tour that began in Buffalo and finishes in Albany. South James Street was closed next to the fort lawn, reportedly because last year some motorists were honking horns and throwing rocks at the sleepy visitors as they passed by. The campers sampled area restaurants and shops, before hitting the road again after showers and breakfast at the Rome Family Y this morning. More, page 3. (Sentinel photo by John Clifford)



**400 MILES ON THE ERIE CANAL** — Riders in the Cycling the Erie Canal bike tour cross the canal Thursday afternoon at Lock 21, headed for a night's rest on the lawn at Fort Stanwix National Monument. From left are Brian Anderson from Connecticut, Roger Armstrong from Long Island, and Sabrina and Harold Babcock of Newburyport, Mass. More than 500 riders from 39 states are pedaling the canal trail this week. (Sentinel photo by John Clifford)