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## NYPIRG Protests; Pataki Says No to Tuition Hikes

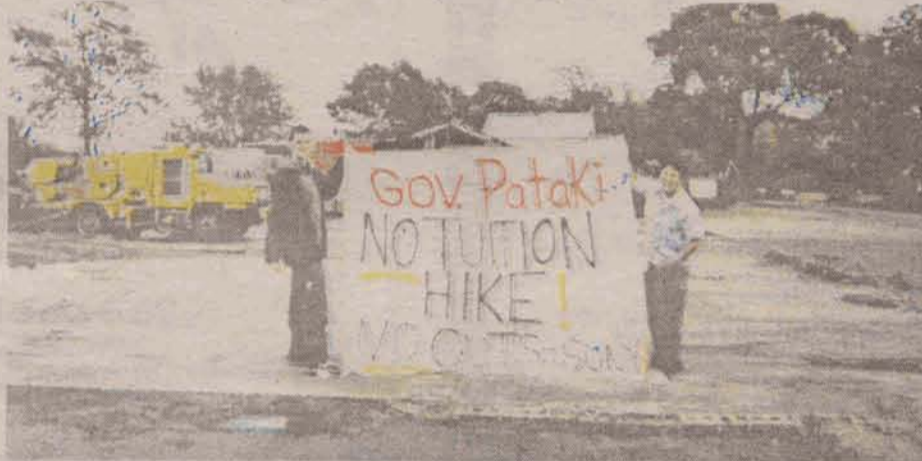
By ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

College students throughout New York state held banners protesting tuition hikes across highway overpasses, Nov. 6. The protesters, who were working with the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), were stationed at a total of ten locations including the areas around Syracuse University, Nassau Community College and the State Universities of Binghamton, Albany, New Paltz and Stony Brook.

Five Stony Brook students held their banner, which read, "Gov. Pataki: No tuition hike, no SUNY cuts" from an overpass over the eastward bound exit 60 of the Long Island Expressway.

The students involved in this statewide movement said that they are concerned that the newly re-elected Governor will propose to decrease SUNY funding and financial aid, and increase tuition.

"Governor Pataki must not balance the state budget on the backs of college students who can already barely afford to continue their education already," Stony Brook senior Andrea Ogden said.



Courtesy of NYPIRG

NYPIRG members hung a banner over the LIE to protest state tuition hikes.

Over the past 10 years, tuition costs have increased by an inflation-adjusted 97 percent, and funding for higher education has fallen by an inflation-adjusted 22 percent. New York's community colleges are the fifth most expensive in the nation and public college's in the state are presently the 14<sup>th</sup> most expensive.

"I can't afford a tuition hike or a financial aid cut," Stony Brook freshman Christine Tanaka said. "I already work 25 hours a week

to pay for college. If I have to pay even more, I may not be able to stay in college."

New York's public college enrollment decreased by 29,000 the last time tuitions were increased.

The banner movement was developed because of rising concerns that the state will decrease higher education funding to compensate for the multi-billion dollar budget deficit projected for the coming year. Similar movements have been met with success in

other states, such as Massachusetts.

Shortly after the protest, Governor Pataki said that he would not raise tuition. The Project Coordinator of the Stony Brook chapter of NYPIRG, Melissa Morahan, said that she sees Pataki's words as a mark of success.

"The fact that he's talking about tuition increases is a huge victory because students concerns are usually not at the forefront of politicians' agendas," Morahan said.

Morahan said that the banners were held as part of a proactive campaign begun in response to rumors that Governor Pataki wanted to raise tuition. She said that this protest was held to get the movement against tuition hikes out to the media and the legislators.

Morahan also said that she thinks that holding the protest the day after Election Day helped illustrate that higher education issues should be a priority.

Students are also planning letter-writing drives, rallies and trips to Albany to lobby against decreases in higher

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## University Hiring Adjuncts at Expense of Students?

By MARC NEWMAN  
Statesman Editor

Last week, *Statesman* investigated the firing of Mary Kay DuCray, formerly an adjunct in the political science department. Charles Taber, Political Science Undergraduate Director described the mid-term disaster as "representative of a bigger problem here at Stony Brook University."

Departments seek to hire professors to teach more courses, but because of budget problems, are forced to play what Taber describes as an "adjunct game." Who are these adjuncts? Are other humanities departments faced with the same situation?

"Hiring adjuncts instead of a tenured track professor is all about saving money," said Patrick Grim, Undergraduate Director of the philosophy department. "If Stony Brook University wanted to save money tomorrow, they would wipe all their standard faculty and hire adjuncts in their place."

Doing so, he said, would certainly have costs to undergraduate students. "Hiring adjuncts presents academic, student and administrative problems."

While some adjuncts have been very effective, there have been extensive

problems in some cases, as in the firing of DuCray. But Grim said that there is little to be done with the limited resources available in many academic departments. "All we can do is try to hire the best adjuncts possible," Grim said.

In the past, ineffectual adjuncts have gone unnoticed until student evaluations are submitted at the end of the semester. Student evaluations and word of mouth are the only oversight departments have on adjuncts. Graduate students who teach undergraduate classes, however, are evaluated and advised by professor-mentors in the department. Adjuncts have no such oversight.

"Students also may come back looking for a recommendation for graduate school and their adjunct professor won't be there," said Peter Manning, Chair of the English department. "Adjuncts present all kinds of additional problems...to the student."

Grim and Manning also emphasized that, while searching for a professor is an exhaustive process in which applicants from all over the United States apply, adjuncts are generally hired on the basis of proximity and availability. Typically, they said, the quality of an adjunct as professor is

going to be less than the quality of a tenured track professor, though there are a few who are well-qualified and successful in the classroom.

Within the journalism minor program, Manning said, having professionals who work at local papers in the city or on Long Island serve as adjuncts has proven to be an asset. The theatre arts department has had success with adjuncts as well. "Adjuncts [can be] more than just tools," said Manning.

Grim reiterated that he believes these individuals are the exception to the rule, however. Many of the adjuncts the philosophy department hires struggle to keep a living, working various jobs.

"Often, we could be described as sharecroppers for the department," said Evan Sellinger, an adjunct in the philosophy department.

Before this semester began, Stony Brook authorized the hiring of 27 new faculty members. But by the start of the semester, that number had been reduced to 12.

When University administrators asked that more courses be offered in the English department, Manning replied, "I'm not going to offer more courses with less qualified professors."

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# Professor Conducts Depression Study On Campus

BY MAURY HIRSCHKORN  
Statesman Contributor

The Stony Brook University depression clinic will begin a study in January 2003 to measure the effects of psychotherapy and antidepressant drugs on chronically depressed people. The study will take place for four years and will involve 150 patients.

Psychology professor Daniel Klein, Ph.D., author and head of the depression clinic, said the psychology department is looking for chronically depressed individuals to take part in the study. Such people may feel sad, empty, hopeless, may not get enjoyment out of life, might be socially withdrawn and may have thoughts of suicide. Klein's study focuses on those who have had these feelings for the past two years.

This study is a follow-up of another successful study the depression clinic conducted two years ago. In that study, psychotherapy and an anti-depressive medication were used together on chronically depressed patients.

Klein said that the treatments used in that study yielded an 85 percent

improvement rate in patient symptoms. In the January study, patients will be given an antidepressant drug before beginning therapy.

"A patient who has never taken medication before will start on a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) like Prozac or Paxil," Klein said. Serotonin is a brain chemical that regulates mood, memory and other functions. Klein said that if no positive result from the SSRI is noted after 12 weeks, another antidepressant drug will be substituted.

In addition to the new medication, psychotherapy will be used to treat participants in the study. "We're going to try a few different kinds of psychotherapies to see which is the most effective. We're going to use supportive therapy in which the therapist's job is to use support and understanding and help the patient arrive at decisions they think is the best for them," Klein said. "The other psychotherapy is the cognitive approach. Here the therapist plays a more active, directive role, like a coach."

Some people have concerns about



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**Daniel Klein, Ph.D., has conducted extensive research on treatment of depression.**

antidepressant medications. Peter Breggin, M.D., psychiatrist and author, has asserted that such medications may produce psychoses, aggression and behavioral abnormalities in children and young people. He pointed out that Eric Harris, who went on a shooting spree at Columbine High School, was taking the anti-depressive drug Luvox at the time of the killings.

Klein stated that claims of violence as an antidepressant side effect are unfounded.

"The side effects aren't dangerous or permanent. There is very little evidence that the anti-depressive medication the boys in Columbine were taking was responsible for their actions," he said. "The problem is that [some] people who take those medicines are unhappy to begin with and [have] had a history of violent behavior. It might have happened anyway."

Everyone feels sad at times, Klein said, but only about six percent of the current U.S. population has ever suffered from chronic depression. Therefore, most people would not be eligible to take part in this study.

"I've felt depressed, but it never got to the point where I've had a major problem with it," said Stony Brook student Dennis Harasimic, a mechanical engineering major.

Klein hopes that if this study is successful, it will provide a strong argument for insurance companies to pay for psychotherapy and antidepressant medications as a treatment for chronically depressed people.

For more information about the study or the depression clinic, contact Daniel Klein at (631) 632-7859.

## SBU Hosts Third Annual Oxfam America Banquet

BY TED LAI AND GENE TULMAN  
Statesman Staff and Editor

The Oxfam America Hunger Banquet was held last Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in SAC Ballroom B. Students, faculty and staff joined forces to fight against poverty and hunger around the world.

Oxfam is a non-profit international organization that works to spread awareness of global hunger and social injustice. The Stony Brook chapter has focused on specifically educating the campus community on these issues.

Sr. Margaret Ann Landry, Chaplain of the Catholic Campus Ministry at Stony Brook University, is an advisor for the local Oxfam America connection.

"One of our main goals is to help [the communities in need] to do things that will bring about systemic change for them and give them the means whereby they can



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**Sister Landry of Catholic Campus Ministry advises the SBU chapter of Oxfam America.**

grow their own food," Landry said.

Many organizations, including Catholic Campus Ministry, Golden Key Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Zeta

Beta Tau, and the American Medical Students Association, collaborated to sponsor the Oxfam event. Over the years, Stony Brook students have raised over \$20,000 for Oxfam's fight against world hunger.

"Oxfam provides a wonderful opportunity for various diverse clubs on campus to unite and work towards a common cause—fighting world hunger," said Christina Geraci, Stony Brook junior and President of Golden Key Honor Society. "The Hunger Banquet is an interactive experience that left a great impression on me. It opened my eyes to the suffering in the world that we students are often sheltered from."

During the banquet, students were randomly placed into groups representative of the actual distribution of people in the world.

"What we do at the banquet is serve

an elegant meal symbolizing the wealthier group, the rice, corn and water for the middle income group, and just rice and water for the low income group," Landry said. "The students portraying the low income group sit on the floor, the middle income group sits on chairs, and the highest income group sits at tables and chairs and, of course, is waited on."

"This was a great way to show students that we are really lucky here in America. Not everyone can eat meat and potatoes every night," said participant Dan Operman. "Most people around the world would be lucky if they fall asleep with a full stomach."

Approximately 100 students participated in the event, which raised \$2,000 for the organization. "It was a fantastic event," said Oxfam Coordinator Brian Wong. "There was a lot of student support."

## Residential Tutoring Centers Earn High Marks

BY LORI INDEMAIO  
Statesman Contributor

Studies done by Campus Residences and by the SALT offices have shown that residential Stony Brook students do the majority of their studying alone in their residence halls. Both residential and commuter students said they do most of their work in the evenings and later at night, after attending classes and other commitments. At this time, however, most professors are unavailable for help.

Office hours are usually held during the day, at times that many students say are inconvenient. In response to the study habits of college students, the Residential Tutoring Center (RTC) initiative was established.

RTCs are open at night and are located in the residence halls themselves. There are three locations: Toscanini College in Tabler Quad (Tuesday and Thursday, 8 - 11 p.m.), James College in H-Quad

(Monday and Wednesday, 8-11 p.m.) and Stimson College in Roosevelt Quad (Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 - 11 p.m.). The centers are open to both resident and commuter students.

One-on-one help, as well as small group sessions, are available and no appointment is necessary. Many classes also hold larger review sessions in the centers. The majority of students who frequent the centers are looking for help in the hard sciences, mathematics and economics. But assistance is not limited to these areas of study. Tutors are also available in writing, psychology, anthropology and other subjects.

The tutors are undergraduate students who displayed mastery in specific subjects. Most come from the Honors College, and all must undergo an interview process before they are accepted as peer advisers.

Jeff Barnett, Residence Hall Director (RHD) of James College, was one of the

key players in the RTC initiative until his recent replacement by the new RHD of Hand College, Susan Powers. He stressed the effectiveness of the program.

"The tutors are able to put things in understandable terms," Barnett said. "They have a connection to your language, can put things in your terms and can adjust to your learning style."

Powers has only been the Professional Staff Coordinator for a little over three weeks, but said she has already gotten deeply involved in the program. "I'm still learning the ropes," she said. "I'm making the connections, meeting the tutors, going to sessions. [RTC is] a wonderful resource."

The initiative is in its second year, and both tutors and those seeking academic help said it has already seen remarkable success. Resident student George LaFlare was overwhelmed with the help he received at the center.

"With my schedule I don't have the time to go to my professor's office hours. But I walked in and there were students right there to help me with my questions," LaFlare said. "I would definitely go there again."

Students who go to one of the centers are randomly given surveys in which they can voice their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the program. On a scale from one to five, with five equating to a rating of high satisfaction, RTC has rated well above a four in all areas. RTC is a nationally recognized initiative, according to organizers, and is spreading to many other campuses around the United States.

Patrick Wong, student coordinator of the RTC, explained that the program is designed to bring together aspects of a student's academic, residential, and co-curricular life. "We really want to make students feel connected in every possible way," he said.

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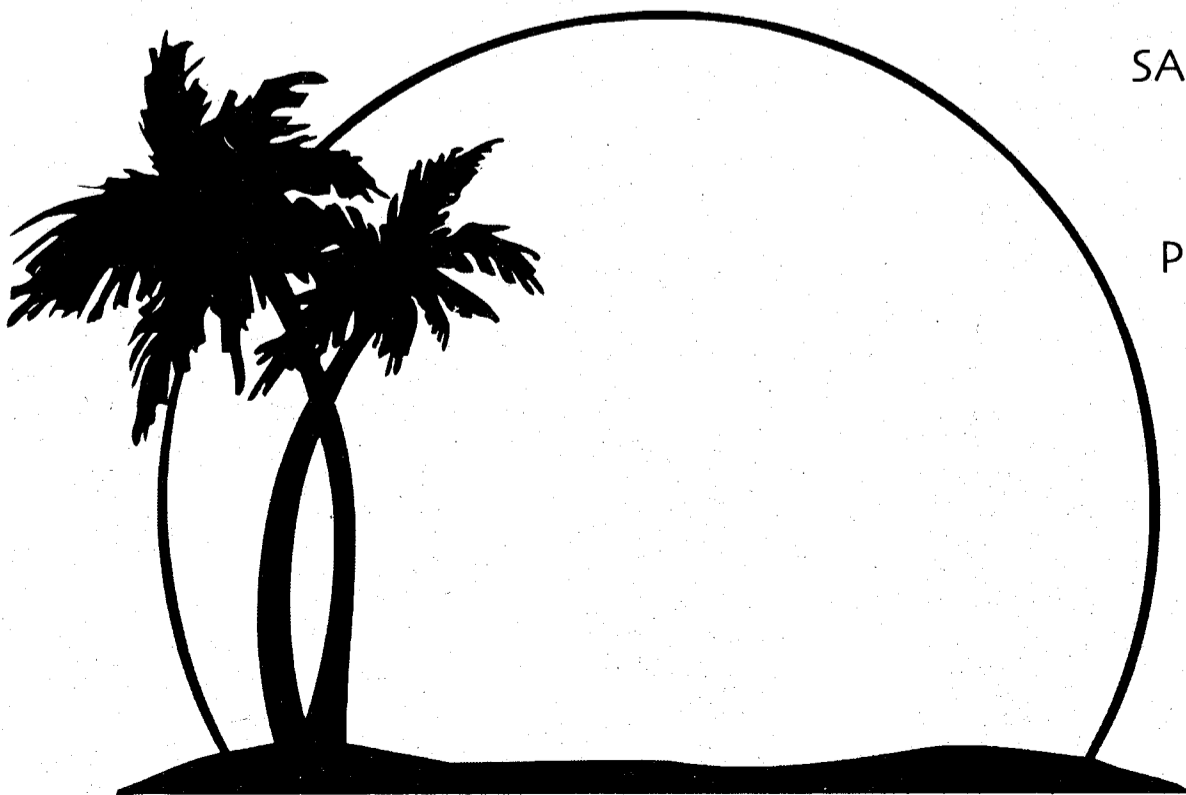
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# Georgia State Dance Company to Dazzle Staller

By MEGAN LANGILLE  
Statesman Staff

Dazzling, stunning, amazing and electrifying! These are some of the adjectives used to describe the world renowned Georgian State Dance Company. The Company will be performing its dazzling dance routines at the Staller Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. This troupe performs traditional folk dances in a lively and exotic fashion.

Georgia was considered the California of the former Soviet Union, because of its sunny valleys, forests, fertile land and superb wine. The Company members attempt to express the spirit of the land through dance. Each dance is a piece of history, a slice of culture from the Georgian Republic on the Black Sea. Dances are centered on the Georgian people's work, games and cosmic or ritual phenomena.

This group of 100 dancers has a unique style. Male dancers are able to dance on their toes without the aid of pointe shoes, while dancing on pointe for female dancers is unheard of.



Courtesy of Columbia Artists Management Inc.  
The Georgian State Dance Company Artistic Director and Choreographer Tengiz Sukhishvili.

A common theme throughout the dances is the great strength of the male dancers. The male dancers perform midair body turns and land on their toes.

During one dance, the men create a "live tower" and whirl and twirl around

stage at incredible speeds with agility and grace. Athleticism and artistry pulse through each of the 24 awe-inspiring dances that will be performed at the Staller Center.

The costumes accentuate the beauty and strength of the dancing. The women wear long, flowing white gowns and elaborate medieval-style headdresses. The men are dressed in the native red and black and adorned with jeweled daggers, swords and horsewhips. The women dance with poise and grace.

It is almost as if they ignore the men who leap and twirl about. They show no apparent signs of being

pursued, but continue to dance with style and elegance. Traditionally, women are held in high esteem in Georgia and must be treated with the utmost respect. This is reflected in the dances. The female dancers perform difficult and highly stylized

footwork, coordinated with extended and flowing arm movements.

Many of the dances depict exciting war and battle scenes with gallant fighting complete with swords. The dancers' energy, passion and excitement are palpable. They twirl on their knees around stage, and suddenly spring into the air, depicting cavalry at battle. They cartwheel around the stage and break into intricate fight scenes with clashing sabers.

Iliko Sukhishvili and Nino Ramishvili founded the company in 1945. Their idea was simple: to show the rest of the world the beautiful dances of their country by combining traditional art with modernism. The result, more than 50 years later, is the Georgian State Company.

The Company is truly a family affair, T. Sukhishvili, son of the founder, is now the general producer. His wife, Inga is a choreographer and his daughter Nino manages the Company.

The show is sure to delight and astound the audience. Tickets are on sale now at the box office, and SBU students get a 50 percent discount.

# Mike on the Mat: Survivor Series Thoughts

By MICHAEL ADLER  
Statesman Staff

There are only three days left until survivor series, and your favorite sports entertainment columnist will proudly be in attendance to witness the full glory of MSG and the elimination chamber. I am a little

disappointed, though, that despite being fewer than twenty rows on the floor away from ringside, I still won't be able to see Rey Mysterio.

This week I'd like to give my official survivor series predictions.

There'll be a hardcore rules match for the Women's Championship featuring Trish

against Victoria. Because no one really cares about women's wrestling, I'll move on to the other three matches listed on the website. Never the less, expect Triple H to win the Women's title.

Next up is a six man table match featuring Jeff Hardy, Spike, and Bubba Ray Dudley against Three Minute Warning and

Rico. Expect Jeff Hardy to be very skeletal and covered in paint, and Spike Dudley to get severely injured when he takes an insane bump from Rosie and Jamal.

In the end, Triple H will emerge victorious when he puts all six men

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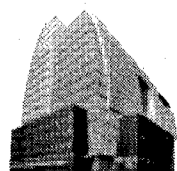
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*Op-Ed*

# Celebrating Diverse Origins

By Emy KURIAKOSE  
 Statesman Staff

As we walked onto the Union Ballroom, the lights dimmed and the crowd around us hushed. Tamil music filled the hall and we danced lightly to the soft rhythms with small lit candles in our hands. It was an expression of who we are, where we come from, and what we hold dear to us. The dance continued with a Malayalam song, and ended with a Hindi song. The routine embodied several disciplines of Indian dance forms and brought together eight Indian women of different cultures and traditions.

The performance was put together for the annual Indian Catholic Mass on Nov. 10, where part of the service was said in Malayalam, the language spoken by most Indian Christians, and where Indian food was served to celebrate the diversity of Catholicism.

As an organizer for the Malayalam choir and co-choreographer of the dance, I walked away from the Mass thoroughly amazed at the students who, despite their upbringing in America or other countries, longed to forge and reestablish strong connections to their homeland.

A common misconception held by most immigrant parents is that their children do not want to speak their mother tongue or openly display their roots, as if doing so would be detrimental to their image.

What I found over the past few weeks lays claim

to the opposite. Students were eager to learn their own language and sing with their peers. Dancers worked long nights and hard hours to master traditional folk steps and study music. It was as if the students only needed the opportunity to take part in such an event to express their interest in their culture. How can any one judge the attitudes of a generation without even considering that they might simply lack the means to explore their traditions?

Despite our move to embrace our Indian culture, some claim that a never-ending dichotomy exists in the lives of most Indian, and other immigrant, students who find themselves presented with two different ways of life. In America we are looked at as Indian, they say, and in India, we are seen as American. In each environment, we long to establish ourselves and find a solid base for who we are.

I maintain, however, that there should be no dichotomy. I define who I am by what I love to do most. I enjoy my culture, I embrace it and express it

openly wherever I go. Simply taking a plane to another part of the world cannot change that passion.

"Only if my dad/mom could see me now," we often said during practice for the Mass. We came with open minds and a willingness to take part in a tradition we knew to be distinct to our little state in Southern Indian. With songs and dance, we celebrated what our parents long for us never to forget. In the end, we found that we share that same vision; to always keep with us what no one else can define or take away: our origin.



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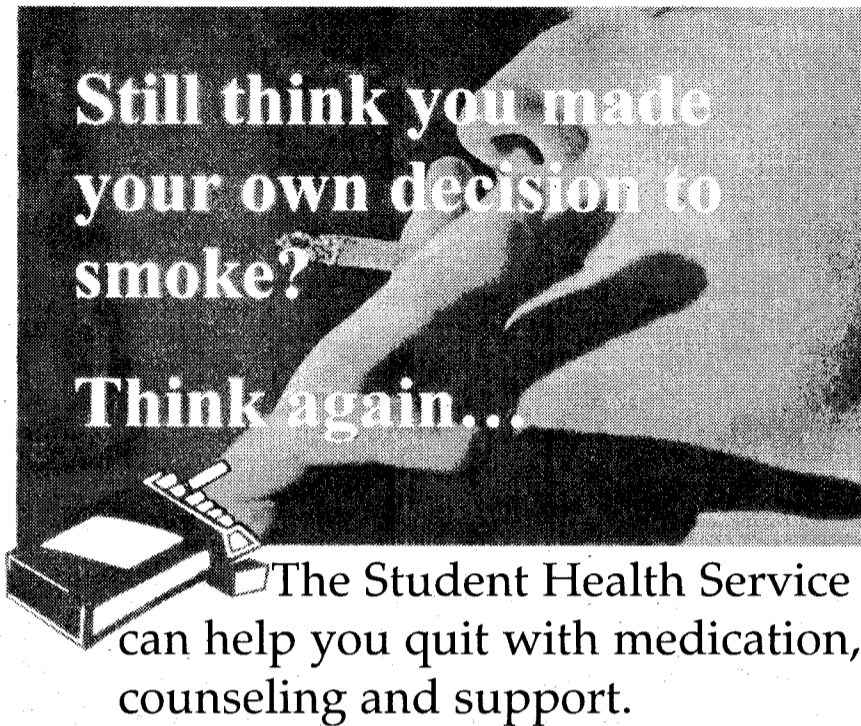
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