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## Splashes of Hope Brightens Walls and Lives

By Emy Kuriakose  
Statesman Editor

"I forgot when they were going to give me a needle because I was staring at the bunny on the wall," said an eight year-old patient at Mount Sinai Hospital.

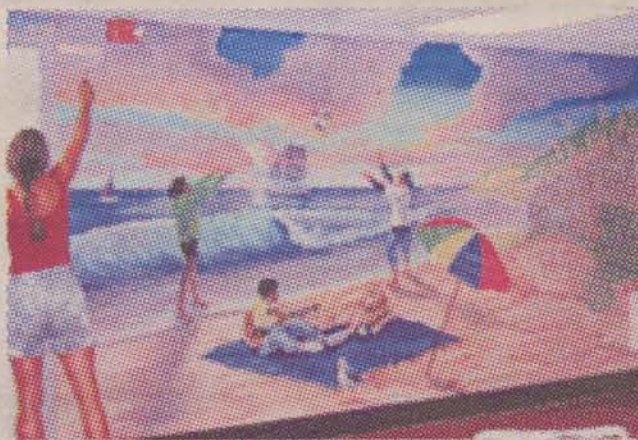
The boy was distracted by what some call the "artistic medicine" provided by Splashes of Hope, a non-profit organization of artists and volunteers. The group creates customized, colorful murals inside medical facilities and orphanages to provide attractive visual stimuli for patients, particularly children.

The organization dedicated its newest mural, a depiction of the characters and story of *The Wizard of Oz*, this past month at Stony Brook Medical Center.

"Our patients, staff and visitors appreciate your art work," said Bruce Shroffel, Hospital Director and CEO, during the dedication. "It has done so much to beautify the hospital and warm the environment here for the youngsters. Thank you for your talent, your caring, and your kindness. The

art work is wonderful."

The first mural project was done at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla in 1996. After it was completed, word spread quickly, and upon hearing



Courtesy of www.splashesofhope.org

Artists and volunteers around the nation work to create therapeutic murals in hospital settings.

The positive feedback from staff, patients and family members, artist Heather Buggee created Splashes of Hope.

For years, Splashes of Hope has worked in collaboration with art therapists and medical professionals to

create medical settings that can be used as tools for pain management, therapeutic distraction, soothing visualization, and focal points during necessary procedures.

"Our works are designed to stimulate the healing process of patients by giving them a soothing visual focus while in the hospital," Buggee said.

The art in Stony Brook Medical Center adorns several hospital units, including Maternity, Ambulatory Pediatrics, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, and Child Psychiatry.

The hospital awarded a plaque to the artists and volunteers of the organization, and congratulated their efforts on the new mural. Ongoing projects include pictures for ceiling tiles above examination tables and beds on pediatric floors.

"Words of appreciation seem inadequate in expressing our heartfelt thanks for the exquisite work you've selflessly completed in our pediatric ambulatory unit," said Richard N. Fine, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics at Stony Brook. "Your organization has transformed the Children's Medical Center at Stony Brook from a white-walled 'hospital' environment to a brilliantly picturesque, fun atmosphere, which helps to reduce the stress associated with illness of injury."

Splashes of Hope has become internationally renowned since its inception in 1996, with increasing requests from institutions to have their walls decorated. Hospitals have welcomed the work as many positive patient responses reflect the success of the venture.

Splashes of Hope currently has about 40 volunteers, including 15 artists, and is always looking for more individuals to join its mission.

"It takes a huge amount of energy to keep a positive attitude, but we need to, because our feelings are reflected in the artwork," Buggee said.

## Breast Cancer Guru to Be Honored by SB Med School

By Anjali Dogra  
Statesman Editor

Carol M. Baldwin will be the inaugural recipient of the Patron Award to be presented at "Celebrate Excellence," the first Annual Gala given by Stony Brook University's School of Medicine and Hospital.

This fund-raiser, which will be the first major event held at the University's new Charles B. Wang Center, will be held Saturday, March 1.

The Gala, which is expected to have many Stony Brook alumni and Long Island business, civic and health care leaders in attendance, will benefit children's services and programs at Stony Brook.

Baldwin has been a leader in the fight against breast cancer since she was diagnosed with the disease in 1990 and has been affiliated with the University, and its Health Sciences Center (HSC) and Hospital for many years.

The Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund (www.findacure.org), which she developed in 1996, raises funds for research at the HSC and hospital. The University Hospital, a premier public research institution, houses The Long Island Cancer Center where cutting-edge research into the causes of a number of types of cancer, including breast cancer, is conducted. Baldwin's Fund has provided researchers with 37 grants totaling \$1.8 million.

"Carol Baldwin is a courageous woman who turned her own fight against cancer into an inspired effort to find a cure," said Norman H. Edelman, Vice President for the Health Sciences Center and Dean of the School of Medicine, and Bruce Schroffel, Director and CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital. "Her



Courtesy of www.findacure.org

Carol Baldwin, an ardent supporter of cancer research at SBU and advocate for breast health, will receive the first-ever Patron Award.

Baldwin is also associated with the University through the Carol M. Baldwin Care Center, which is part of Stony Brook University Hospital's services, and the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Health Screening Center. The Care Center, which provides a variety of services from psychological counseling to biopsies to digital mammography, is located in East Setauket, just two miles from the hospital.

The Screening Center, which was

generous support and that of her family has not only helped our institution's research mission; it has been a beacon for women across the region."

opened in 1999, is also operated by the hospital and is located in Lake Grove's Smithaven Mall.

"Stony Brook is a wonderful place," Baldwin said. "President Shirley Strum Kenny has really put Stony Brook on the map and made people aware of all the great things that happen there. I'm delighted to be the honoree for the Gala because of the great care the hospital provides and the outstanding research that is conducted in the School of Medicine."

Tickets for the Annual Gala are \$250 and may be ordered by calling (631) 444-2899.

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## Back at School and Bored?

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Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Thursday, Jan. 30

Dean of Students' Suite

### Men's Basketball

Stony Brook vs. Northeastern

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m.

### Staller Center Movie

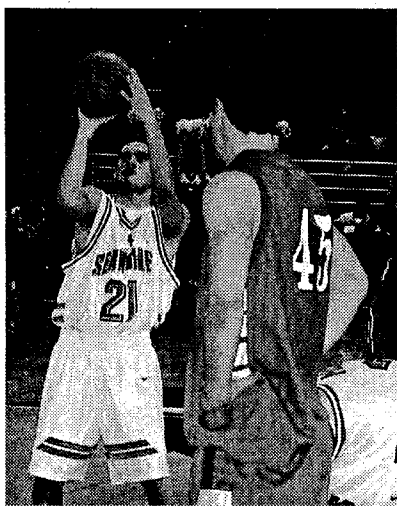
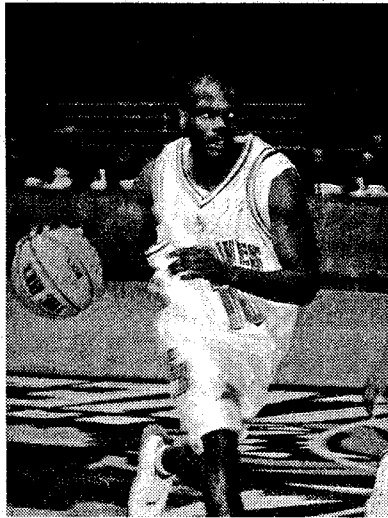
Spirited Away

Friday, Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m.

### Staller Center Movie

Mostly Martha

Friday, Jan. 24, 9:30 p.m.



### Men's/Women's Swimming

Stony Brook vs. St. John's

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1:00 p.m.

### Ray Anderson's Pocket Brass Band

Saturday, Jan. 25, 8:00 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

Stony Brook vs. Maine

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2:00 p.m.

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## CENTER FOR THE ARTS

### FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24



## Spirited Away

7 pm. 125 minutes. Rated PG.  
Animated feature from Japan.  
Recommended for older children.



## Mostly Martha

9:30 pm. 107 minutes. Rated PG.  
A comedy about a workaholic chef.  
In German with English subtitles.

Friday, February 14

### Quitting

7:00 pm 112 minutes. Rated R.  
Shot on location in Beijing. Zhang Yang directed. In Mandarin with English subtitles.

### Punch Drunk Love

9:15 pm 95 minutes. Rated R.  
With Adam Sandler and Emily Watson.  
Written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson.

Friday, February 28

### Solaris

8:00 pm 99 minutes. Rated PG-13.  
George Clooney stars in this Steven Soderbergh directed and scripted sci-fi movie.

Friday, March 7

### 8 Women

7:00 pm 113 minutes. Rated R.  
Classic couture, great French actresses and lush musical orchestration. With Catherine Deneuve. Directed by Francois Ozon. In French with English subtitles.

### Bowling for Columbine

9:15 pm 116 minutes. Rated R.  
A documentary by Michael Moore exploring America's obsession with guns, prompted by the tragic Columbine High School killings. Winner at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival.

Friday, March 28

### Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

8:00 pm 161 minutes. Rated PG.  
Part Two of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. Directed by Chris Columbus.

Friday, May 2

### Chaos

7:00 pm 110 minutes. Unrated.  
Stephen Holden of The New York Times notes: "Chaos has the ferocity of a Gallic Thelma and Louise without that film's undercurrent of despair." Directed by Coline Serreau. In French with English subtitles.

### Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

9:15 pm 179 minutes. Rated PG-13.  
Part two of Tolkien's classic story of good and evil. Frodo and Sam travel deeper into the land of the Mordor. Peter Jackson directs.

Friday, May 16

### Real Women Have Curves

7:00 pm 90 minutes. Rated PG-13.  
A look at "the real Americans," women who don't necessarily fit into small sizes. Winner of the Dramatic Audience Award at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival. Directed by Patricia Cardoso.

### Gangs of New York

9:00 pm 160 minutes. Rated R.  
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# New Surgery Techniques Offer Patient Benefits

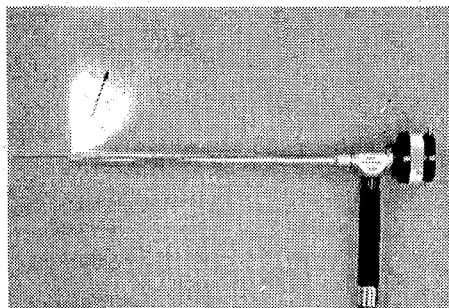
BY MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook's University Hospital has always been in the forefront of patient care and services. The Urology department is no exception with its new Clinical Program in Advanced Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Surgery, headed by Jamil Rehman, M.D., FRCS. The program offers men and women in need of urologic surgery some of the latest technical procedures.

The new program will offer minimally invasive surgical procedures, a new achievement at Stony Brook's Urology department. Routine surgery often leaves large scars and requires considerable healing time.

"[Minimally invasive surgery] offers many benefits for the patients, such as less pain, shorter hospital

stays, and faster recuperation at home," said Dr. Rehman, who completed his Urology residency training at the Albert Einstein



Courtesy of www.google.com

**Endoscopes, like the one shown above, can be inserted into the body through small openings.**

College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. "In addition, smaller scars, reduced chances of infection and blood loss all contribute to a safe, easier and more comfortable experience for the patient.

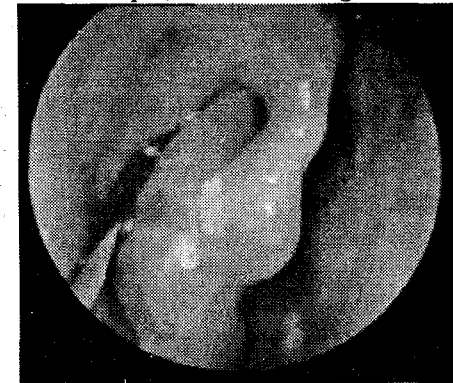
At least seven surgical procedures will take advantage of the newly used technology, which involves inserting a special viewing instrument that allows a surgeon to see images of the body's internal structures through very small incisions. Endoscopes, or tubes inserted into the urinary tract, are useful for removing many types of kidney stones.

The most common laparoscopic (laparoscopes are a specific type of endoscope) operations now being performed by Dr. Rehman include nerve-sparing prostate gland removal (radical prostatectomy), removal of a diseased kidney or a part of it, adrenal gland resection, bladder surgery and ureteral surgery.

"We expect that using the new technique to aid in donor kidney removal will help encourage people to donate their organs because the

procedure is safer with a faster recovery than the large traditional surgery," said Dr. Rehman.

Dr. Rehman received his training for these procedures during his two-



Courtesy of www.google.com

**Surgeons use endoscopes to provide a vivid view of inside the body, without having to make large incisions.**

year laparoscopic fellowship at Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

## Chipping Away at Discovery: Geoscientist Awarded

BY ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

The American Geophysical Union (AGU) awarded Stony Brook University Professor Lianxing Wen of the Department of Geosciences the 2003 James B. Macelwane Medal Jan. 14.

Established in 1961, the Medal recognizes an outstanding young researcher (less than 36 years of age) who has made significant contributions to the geophysical sciences. The AGU, which is the world's leading organization of scientists studying the physics and chemistry of the solid earth, near-space environment, oceans and atmosphere, has honored only 95 geophysicists with this award in the past 40 years.

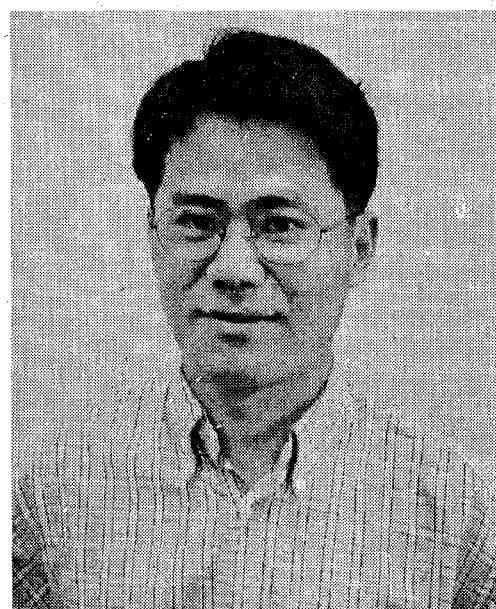
As a Macelwane Medal recipient, Wen will be named a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, an honor awarded to no more

than 0.1 percent of the more than 35,000 AGU members each year.

"I am deeply honored by this award and humbled by the caliber and breadth of the impressive list of its past recipients and the impact of their work," Wen said.

Wen, a theoretical and observational seismologist and geodynamicist, used an interdisciplinary approach to understand the structure, dynamics and composition of the Earth's interior. He incorporated scientific results from seismology, geodynamics and mineral physics, using seismic waves to probe the Earth's internal structure and develop geodynamical models of how the planet's internal processes govern its continental drift, volcanism and surface uplift.

Wen's work has significantly



Courtesy of www.sunysb.edu

**Professor Lianxing Wen was honored with the Macelwane Medal for his work in seismology.**

changed scientists' understanding of the structure and dynamical

processes of the Earth's mantle, core and the boundary between them. His ability to form new theoretical models and apply them to seismological observations has led to a number of groundbreaking discoveries during the past 10 years.

After receiving his doctoral degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1998, Wen held a Research Fellowship at the Carnegie Institution of Washington between 1998 and 2000. He became a Stony Brook faculty member in 2000.

Since Wen was given this award, the Stony Brook Geosciences Department has become one of a select few that can claim two Macelwane Medal winners. SBU Professor Don Weidner received the honor in 1981.

## School of Health Technology and Management Honors Alumni

BY SOFIA KHAN  
Statesman Contributor

The School of Health Technology and Management recognized accomplished alumni for their achievements in their respective fields. The school, which is the fastest-growing of the five medical and healthcare schools within the University's Health Sciences Center, is the leading training ground for careers in healthcare in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Five Stony Brook University graduates from across the Long Island region were named winners of Distinguished Alumni Awards on Dec. 20, 2002.

The alumni honored included Joseph P. Hock, who is assistant director of respiratory care at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip and a 1986 graduate of the Cardio respiratory Sciences program. He also earned a Master of Science degree in

Health Sciences in 1992 and an advanced certificate in healthcare management. He currently resides in Middle Island.

Richard N. Thailer, a member of the clinical self-study committee at Stony Brook's School of Health Technology Management, graduated with a Bachelor

Shore and maintains a private practice. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in the Physical Therapy program in 1979 and also earned a Master of Science degree in Health Sciences. Makofsky is also an assistant professor at the New York Institute of Technology and

lives in Shoreham.

Jeannie Marie Eberhardt, a Smithtown resident, graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology, which is now known as Clinical Laboratory Sciences. As a forensic scientist in the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, she provides police with evidence prosecutors need to prepare their cases. In addition, she also holds a Master of Science degree in forensic science and criminalistics. Eberhardt she also teaches a biology seminar at Stony Brook to Clinical Laboratory Sciences students.

**"We at the School of Health Technology and Management are very proud of our alumni."**

*Dean Craig R. Lehmann*

of Science degree and certification in the Physician Assistant program in 1980. He is the supervising physician assistant in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Queens Hospital Center and resides in East Northport.

As a certified Clinical Orthopedic Specialist, Howard W. Makofsky is a consultant at Southside Hospital in Bay

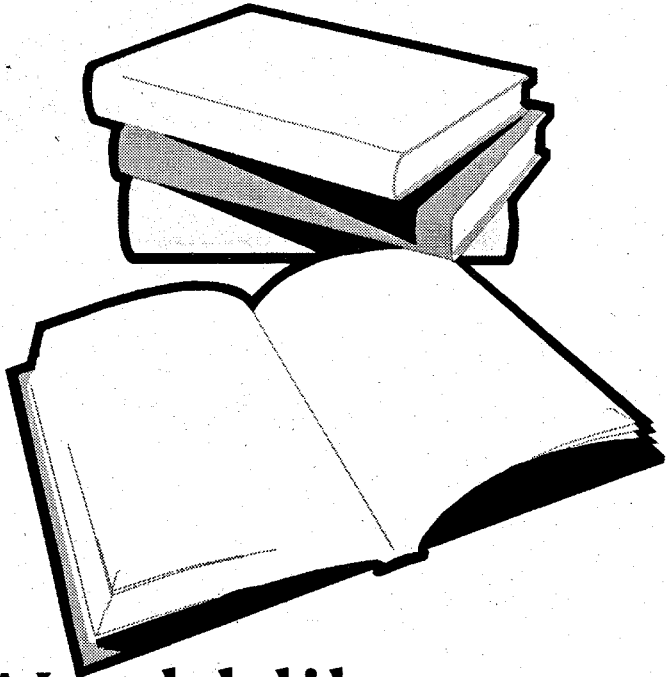
lives in Mastic Beach.

Ronald R. McNamara, a licensed New York State nursing administrator, currently serves as Vice President of Operations and Continuum Care at Central Suffolk Hospital in Riverhead. He graduated with a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Policy and Management

"We at the School of Health Technology and Management are very proud of our alumni and the great careers they have established," said Dean Craig R. Lehmann. "It speaks well not only of the great education and training that we provide here at Stony Brook, but also speaks to the quality of the students that we are able to attract."

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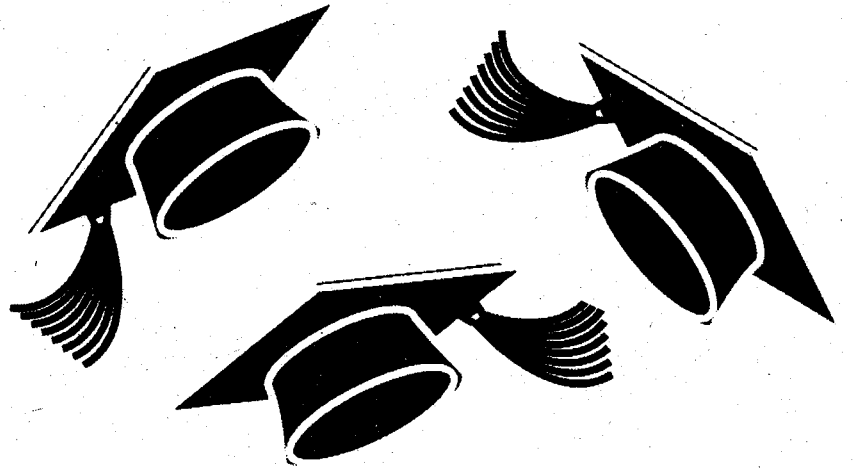


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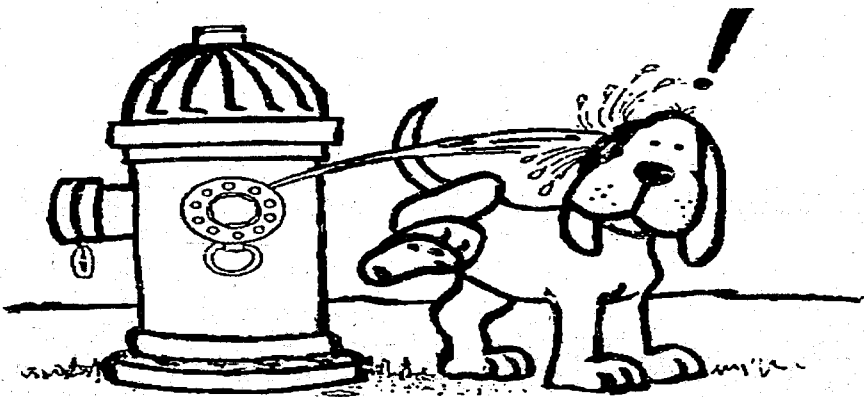


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# Senate Leaders Propose Adding 15 Percent to NIH Budget and \$100 to the Maximum Pell Grant

By JEFFREY BRAINARD  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

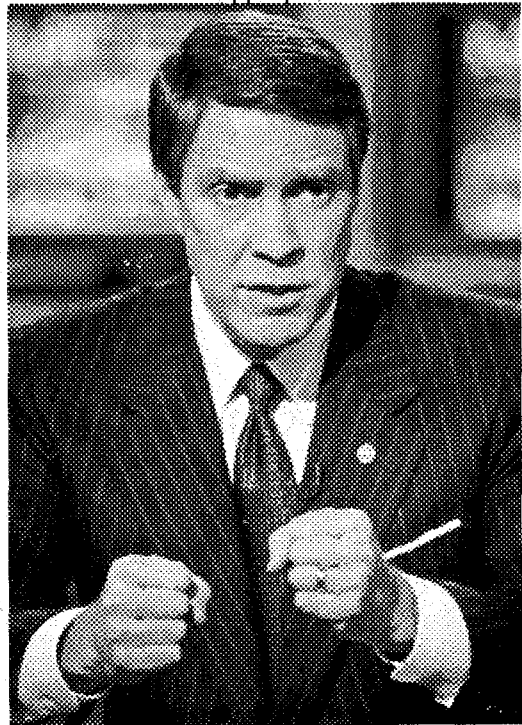
Congress's long-stalled effort to complete a federal budget for the fiscal year that began in October finally began moving forward this week. Among the developments, Republican leaders in the Senate proposed a plan Wednesday night that would nearly complete a longtime goal to double the budget for the National Institutes of Health and that would raise the maximum Pell Grant by \$100.

The proposals still face a difficult series of legislative hurdles. However, the 2003 fiscal year is already nearly four months old, and Republican leaders in Congress want to finish the budget soon.

The NIH, the largest single source of funds for biomedical research at universities, would get about \$26.7-billion under the plan proposed by Sen. Ted Stevens, an Alaska Republican who is incoming chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. That figure is 15 percent higher than the 2002 budget and nearly twice the level of 1998, when Congress vowed to double the agency's budget over five years.

Stevens's spending plan would give the National Science Foundation an increase of 8 percent, to about \$5.183-billion. The proposal also would raise the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,100.

The House of Representatives has not yet put forward its own comprehensive spending plan. However, a bill introduced this month by the chairman of a House appropriations subcommittee



Courtesy of yahoo.com

Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee, the new Republican Majority leader, is battling Democrats over the budget.

contains roughly comparable sums for the NIH, \$26.6-billion, and the maximum Pell Grant, \$4,000.

On Thursday, Democratic senators offered an amendment calling for additional funds for, among other things, elementary and secondary schools and for raising the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,500. But the amendment failed, 46 to 51.

Republicans have vowed to finish work on the 2003 budget by next week, when President Bush is scheduled to deliver the State of the Union address. Then, in early February, Bush will unveil his budget for the 2004 fiscal year. Republican leaders have said that it would be awkward for lawmakers to be facing the 2004 proposal and a new legislative year without having completed work on the budget for 2003.

Congress has been deadlocked on 2003 spending levels since last fall. Lawmakers had passed two appropriations bills related to defense. But the Senate Appropriations Committee,

controlled by Democrats at the time, passed 11 other spending bills that gave more money to domestic programs than President Bush and Republican leaders in the House of Representatives wanted.

Faced with a stalemate, lawmakers have approved a series of temporary measures that continue the government's spending at the 2002 level.

If no deal is reached soon, Congress may decide to continue spending at the 2002 level for the rest of 2003, an outcome that many lawmakers would like to avoid. Stevens and his staff members trimmed about \$10-billion from the original Senate package of bills to provide a version that most Republicans and Bush would support.

Senate Democrats said that the amendment they offered on Thursday to raise the maximum Pell Grant would have helped an additional 200,000 students pay for college. Sen. Patty Murray, a Democrat from


Washington State, said that raising the maximum Pell Grant by \$100 was "not nearly enough" to meet students' needs.

Republicans rejected the amendment, saying that they did not want to exceed budget limits set by the White House.




Courtesy of Senate.gov

Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, opposes the \$100 increase to Pell Grants.



**A THOUGHT FROM RABBI ADAM**



Whenever we enter a new framework, we automatically reflect on our past experiences. In the case with a new semester, one's reflections remain within the world of academia. However, with regard to a new calendar year and historic current events, one will reflect on the impact to our everyday lives. This time last year, we were still asking if and how 9/11 would change pop culture. But of all the cultural predictions after 9/11, the first proved the wrongest: that grief and war would moderate our culture and elide our differences. Movies would stop blowing up buildings [and] reality shows would stop humiliating people. It was a fleeting moment for cultural critics who longed to see the world in uniform and at a sort of moral attention forever. In 2002 we got the moral attention but not the uniform.

2001 couldn't last. It was the temporary, shocked pulling together of a feuding family after a sudden death. (Time Magazine, "The Year in Culture" 12/30/03) Thus, after the shock, just like such a family returns to their feuding, we returned to our unenlightened lives: to our gangster rap, our murder mysteries and corporate corruption. But it doesn't have to be so. For there is a new awakening. There is something brewing down there. Granted, it may have just momentarily bared its head after 9/11. But it's there. And all we have to do is figure out how to reveal it. Now everyone describes it differently. Some call it Nirvana. Some call it utopia. Some call it Moshiah in Hebrew, or Messiah in English. But whatever the case, the fact that we're living in a generation that stands at the culmination of such a unique ongoing historical process that has the potential to effect a permanent world of good- is enough to give us the inspiration to make it happen. And if we are really inspired to make it happen, it will happen.

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## Editor's View

# Let the Tuition Battle Begin

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN  
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There are sixteen members on the SUNY Board of Trustees. Fifteen of them are appointed by the governor of New York. Like George Pataki, they seem to have a keen sense of politics.

Consider: the proposed SUNY budget for 2003-2004, including a major \$1,400 tuition increase, was approved and released this past on Jan. 17, this past Friday. Not just any Friday, mind you, but the Friday prior to a three-day, holiday weekend. Which means most New Yorkers heard about this news on Saturday, always the slowest news day of the week.

Coincidence? Don't bet on it.

Give the trustees credit though. They know an unpopular news item when they vote on one. Obviously, they wanted this tidbit to garner as little media attention as possible, so they shrewdly went about making that possible. I am sure they made the governor proud.

But that sort of politicking happens all the time. So we'll give them a pass on that. What isn't quite so common, however, is the recommended 41 percent increase to current tuition rates, which would be the largest in SUNY history.

There's all sorts of political spin going on here. To illustrate that, I pulled quotes directly from the official SUNY news release announcing the budget. My own conclusions follow in parentheses.

1) "There has not been a tuition increase in seven years." (What they don't tell you: When tuition last went up in 1995, SUNY enrollment dropped by five percent over the next two years.)

2) "The increase would have no effect on SUNY's 30 community colleges." (Translation: the other 34 institutions within the SUNY system will face the tuition hike.)

3) "Under the current TAP program, more than half of SUNY undergraduates receive TAP; 60% of those TAP recipients would see NO INCREASE in their tuition." (Translation: almost 50 percent of all undergraduate SUNY students receive no TAP assistance. For those who do, 40 percent of them will see an increase in their tuition.)

New Yorkers have just reelected a governor who has submitted several proposals in the past to significantly reduce overall SUNY and TAP funding. Governor Pataki presents his next budget in nine days. In his State of the State address a few weeks ago, he called on New York to become the "tax-cutting capital of America." Do the numbers add up in favor of the governor reducing the financial burden on students? You do the math.

In my own humble opinion, we students are all that stand between \$3,400 in tuition per year and \$4,800 in tuition per year. Our governor has not stood with us in the past, and our trustees are not standing with us now. If we do not protest, we will be complicit in a scheme which will quite possibly prevent thousands of students from ever going to college. The Office of the Chancellor can be reached at 518-443-5355. It is imperative that our voices be heard without delay.

By the way, I left a message at that number over the weekend, inviting Chancellor King to come to Stony Brook and speak with students about the tuition issue. More on that as soon as (if?) I receive a reply.

## Commentary

# Mike on the Mat Intercession Happenings in the WWE

By MICHAEL ADLER  
Statesman Staff

Did you feel the direction of the company turn with the push they gave A-train? Did you see how the ratings skyrocketed to new records for UPN on Thursday nights? Did you witness the awesome in-ring prowess of the A-Train? Neither did I. The genius writing team of the WWE had another wash-out with this idea. Why they didn't give the push to Matt Hardy V1.0 is a mystery to me. A-train is the stupidest name/gimmick ever. (Well, in the last couple of months, anyway.)

Speaking of stupidity on the part of the writers, could they make the John Cena raps a little more offensive? It wasn't enough to stereotype Mexicans as nothing more than landscapers and unskilled labor (aided and abetted by the always open-minded and tolerant WWE fans signs declaring, "Eddie mows my lawn"), but this past Thursday he threw a line in about concentration camps. Classic. The white guy rapping act is great fun to watch, and I'm not one to get easily offended (ask the people who edit my articles!) but week in and week out of stereotypes and ethnic slurs is a bit much.

And how about that Al Wilson? What a great on-camera presence. There's nothing I want to see more on a wrestling show than a beautiful twenty-something

woman with gigantic breast implants sex her seventy-six year old newlywed husband to death. Delightful. What I would have done to save this horrendous gimmick: Have the casket viewing in the ring, with Dawn Marie by the coffin. Torrie's music hits, she comes down with a chair, and beats the hell out of Dawn Marie, screaming "You killed my father, you —! , etc. She demands a hell in the cell match for Royal Rumble for the two of them, when the lights go out, and Undertaker comes out of the coffin and choke slams everyone. Sure, it's a little silly, but it would have been a satisfying end to the feud. Another possibility would have been to have Al Wilson fight Big Show's father in a battle of tasteless parent death angles.

On the plus side, we saw the formation of team angle (Charlie Haas and Shelton Benjamin)—an excellent edition to Smackdown. They're fairly decent in the ring, and it gives Kurt Angle more credibility. Their formation has added an interesting new twist to the feud between Angle and Benoit. Good to see Tajiri back as well. His last two matches have been amazing.

On the RAW side, there's the HHH feud with Scott Steiner. At the time of this writing I'm a little worried about their match at the Rumble. I don't know Things can only get better....right?

Email Mike with your questions, comments, and adulation at [mantis\\_bog@hotmail.com](mailto:mantis_bog@hotmail.com)

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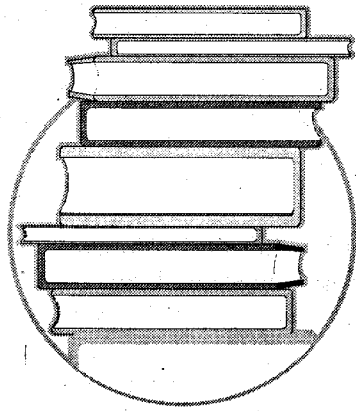
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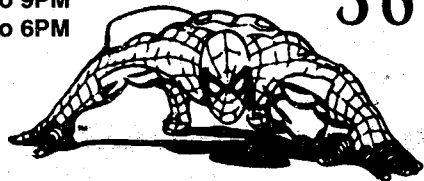
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# Abortion Rights Are Pro-Life

By LEONARD PEIKOFF  
Courtesy of the Ayn Rand Institute

Thirty years after Roe v. Wade, no one defends the right to abortion in fundamental, moral terms, which is why the pro-abortion rights forces are on the defensive.

Abortion-rights advocates should not cede the terms "pro-life" and "right to life" to the anti-abortionists. It is a woman's right to her life that gives her the right to terminate her pregnancy.

We must not confuse potentiality with actuality. An embryo is a potential human being. It can, granted the woman's choice, develop into an infant. But what it actually is during the first trimester is a mass of relatively undifferentiated cells that exist as a part of a woman's body. If we consider what it is rather than what it might become, we must acknowledge that the embryo under three months is something far more primitive than a frog or a fish. To compare it to an infant is ludicrous.

That tiny growth, that mass of protoplasm, exists as a part of a woman's body. It is not an independently existing, biologically formed organism, let alone a person. That which lives within the body of another can claim no right against its host. Rights belong only to individuals, not to collectives or to parts of an individual.

It is only on this base that we can support the woman's political right to do what she chooses in this issue. No other

person—not even her husband—has the right to dictate what she may do with her own body.

There are many legitimate reasons why a rational woman might have an abortion—accidental pregnancy, rape, birth defects, danger to her health. The issue here is the proper role for government. If a pregnant woman acts wantonly or capriciously, then she should be condemned morally—but not treated as a murderer.

Abortions are private affairs and often involve painfully difficult decisions with life-long consequences. But, tragically, the lives of the parents are completely ignored by the anti-abortionists. Yet that is the essential issue. In any conflict it's the actual, living persons who count, not the mere potential of the embryo.

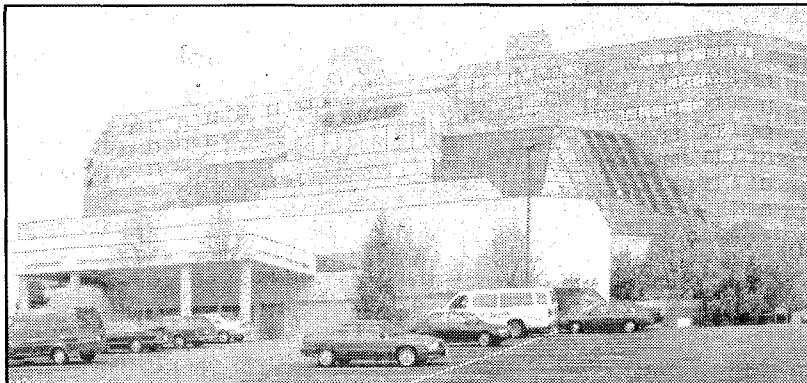
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The anti-abortionists' attitude, however, is: "The actual life of the parents be damned! Give up your life, liberty, property and the pursuit of your own happiness."

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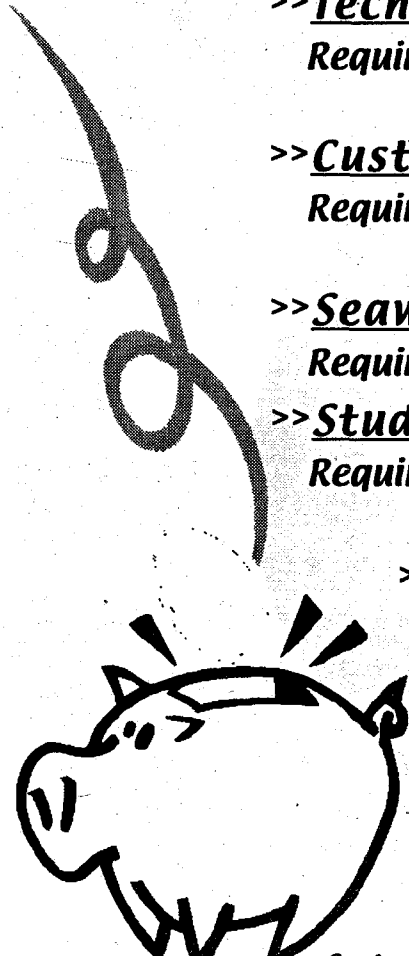
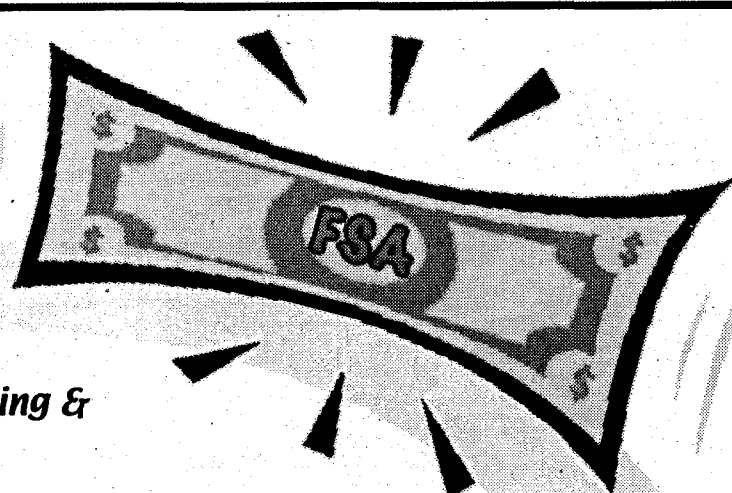
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