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## Civil Rights Author Questions U.S. Racial Achievements

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

"Civil Rights and Human Limits: Getting Beyond the Past," a lecture by Ellis Cose held in SAC Ballroom B at Stony Brook University, was the second event in the President's Lecture Series this semester. The Series' proclaimed purpose is "celebrating diversity."

Cose has published nine books including his acclaimed best-seller, *The Rage of a Privileged Class*, and is a columnist and contributing editor for *Newsweek*. Cose, who is a past recipient of the Black Journalist Lifetime Award, is most famous for posing the question, "From apology, to affirmative action, to reparations, to what extent can we overcome the sins of the past?"

After a brief introduction by University President Shirley Strum Kenny, Cose delved into his opinion on affirmative action. On the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., President George W. Bush announced his support for a Supreme Court challenge against the University of Michigan's affirmative action-oriented admissions policy.

Cose recalled that Bush cited King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. The President reportedly



President Kenny and Newsweek Contributing Editor Ellis Cose, after Cose's lecture on racial equality and reparations.

insisted that affirmative action interfered with King's goal of having individuals "not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Cose expressed disapproval for Bush's use of King's rhetoric.

"Martin Luther King would not be on the same platform as George Bush," said Cose, who cited a 1965 interview with King in *Playboy Magazine*. "King was all for the preferential treatment of Negroes in America."

Cose added that, in 1968, King did not believe the nation had made up for the past 200 years of black oppression and slavery.

Some students in attendance openly disagreed

with Cose's stance.

"I think Martin Luther King's whole agenda was to encourage equality," junior Larry Esposito said. "I agree with President Bush...affirmative action is going against encouraging equality."

Cose gave several anecdotes about

how people deal with the issues of forgiveness and reparations on an individual level. One of these involved a woman who was brutally raped and beaten by police authorities. After some time, she found herself willing to forgive her attackers, only to find that they insistently denied that any such incident occurred.

Cose explained his view of the difference between what he called retributive justice, or vengeance, and restorative justice, or the pursuit of restoration. "Most people are looking to be made whole," he said. "What I see is not so much in the past, but a discussion of what's in the present."

Cose said that he wants the national agenda to be refocused on African Americans in order to achieve restoration. "We Americans are very quick to disown the past," said Cose.

According to Cose, America must question whether we have achieved racial equality and provided the necessary reparations for past oppression. He cited statistics that say one in four black men will be incarcerated sometime in their life. "If you were to put all of them in one city, it would have a population of 800,000," said Cose. "That's the 13<sup>th</sup> largest city in the U.S."

## Stony Brook Day in Albany Around the Corner

By KELLY BROWN  
Statesman Editor

For the past several years, United University Professors and Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny have co-sponsored a road trip to the state capitol, open to all students, faculty, and staff. This year's Stony Brook Day in Albany will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Last year, over 700 individuals made the trip upstate. Robert L. King, Chancellor of the State University of New York, praised Stony Brook's efforts. "I was thrilled to see so many members of the campus community showing their enthusiasm and support for Stony Brook as well as for the entire SUNY System," he said. "I am looking forward to another successful Stony Brook Day in 2003."

The event is intended to allow groups of students, faculty and staff to engage in discussions with state legislators,

expressing ideas for improvement and pressing concerns. The attendees will be divided into teams of eight to 10 people each, and these small groups will have the opportunity to meet with the politicians.

Some wonder whether the program is effective. "I just can't imagine the government caring too much about what some 20-year old college kids has to say," said junior Alexander Ruffman. "I'm sure the legislators already have their minds pretty much made up about most educational issues."

But the legislators themselves insist that student voices have an impact.

"When over 500 members of the Stony Brook University family descend en masse upon the State Capitol to tell policymakers what Stony Brook's degree means to their lives, believe me...it makes a dramatic difference," said New York Assemblyman Steven Englebright.

NYPIRG and other groups on campus have been urging student attendance,

particularly in light of recent gubernatorial proposals to raise tuition and cut financial aid. Other topics that will likely be discussed at the event include residence hall life and class sizes.

Pat Cruso, Stony Brook Day coordinator, said that interviews with the legislators last about half an hour each, and may involve personal discussions about student life and school choice.

"This project has a very strong public relations theme," Cruso said.

The trip begins long before most students normally awake—near dawn—in South P lot, where Albany-goers can meet to board a fleet of coach buses. The buses return late Tuesday night.

"The sight of 11 super-sized buses in South P lot by 5:15 a.m. was quite a sight," said Edward John O'Connell of Environmental Health & Safety. "Simply stated, the entire bus trip [last year] was a triumph."

The reactions from those who have

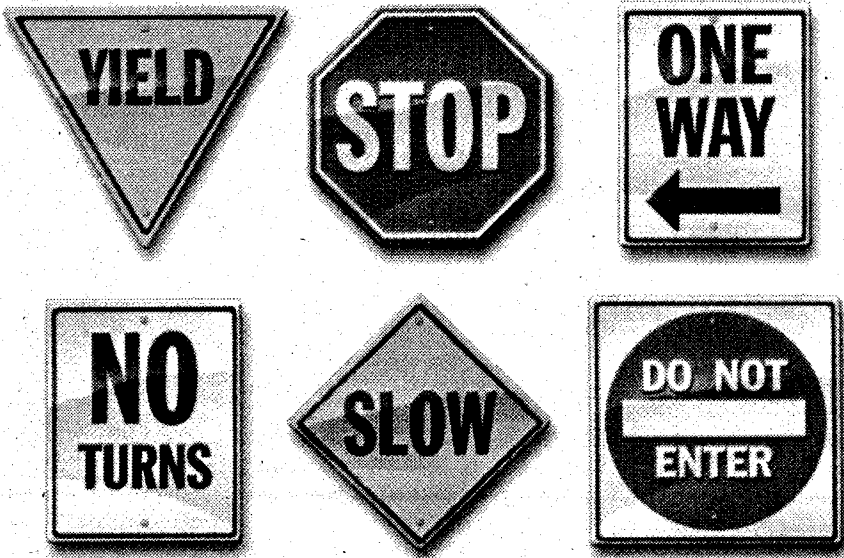
attended Stony Brook Day in the past are overwhelmingly positive. Students, in particular, have said they enjoyed the event.

"It was a very exciting and new experience," student Chris Gasiewski said of last year's excursion. "I felt like I was really taking part in government and at the same time helping my school. The whole day was fun."

For more information, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/albany](http://www.stonybrook.edu/albany).

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## Calendar of Events

**Brain Mapping of Personality**  
Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar  
Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 12:00 p.m.  
Room 038, Life Science

**Italian American Mass**  
Mass followed by Italian cuisine  
Sunday, Feb. 23 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Student Union Ballroom

**Black History Month Poetry Reading**  
Rowan Ricardo Phillips  
Humanities Institute Lecture  
Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 4:30 p.m.  
E-4340 Melville Library

**Stony Brook Day in Albany**  
Tuesday, Feb. 25  
Buses leave South P-Lot @ 5:30 a.m.

**Voyage into the Abyss: A Journey to  
Deep Sea Volcanoes and  
Hydrothermal Vents**  
Richard Lutz, Institute of Marine and  
Coastal Science, Rutgers University  
Friday, Feb. 21 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Room 001, ESS Building

**Women's Basketball vs. Binghamton**  
Tuesday, Feb. 25 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Sports Complex

**Men's Basketball vs. Binghamton**  
Wednesday, Feb. 26 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Sports Complex

**Jesus and Conflict Resolution: Moving  
from Violence to Non-Violence**  
Wednesday, Feb. 26 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Room 249, Stony Brook Union

**Black EXPO**  
Fifth Annual  
Friday, Feb. 21 @ 12:00 p.m.  
SAC Ballrooms A & B

**Arms and the Man**  
George Bernard Shaw  
Thursday and Friday, Feb. 27 and 28  
Staller Center stages

**Madame Butterfly**  
London City Opera performs Puccini's  
popular opera.  
Sung in Italian with English supertitles  
Saturday, Feb. 22 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Staller Center, Main Stage

**Bob Marley Day Celebration & Black  
History Month Closing Ceremony**  
Friday, Feb. 28 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Student Union Ballroom

**Tango Buenos Aires**  
Acclaimed dance troupe from Argentina  
Sunday, Feb. 23 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Staller Center, Main Stage

**Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra**  
Saturday, March 1 @ 8:00 p.m.  
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# Research Dollars Out There For Undergraduates

By DAVE WEISS  
Statesman Editor

We've stopped in the middle of a boring assignment to think, "What's the point of me writing this paper?" or "Why do I have to learn this?" And with all of the work college students have to do for classes, on many of occasions who has time to take on extra responsibilities. It might surprise many people with these thoughts that there are organizations offering money to students to do such seemingly mundane tasks. Yes, there might be someone who wants to pay you to do your schoolwork.



Courtesy of sunysb.edu

**Student Naphtali O'Connor was the recipient of the Merck Fellowship.**

Stony Brook University, along with many other institutions around the world, present students with the

opportunity to enhance their education through research grants. Here on campus, studies

are funded in many areas of study, including biology, engineering, chemistry, physics, mathematics and statistics. This money typically comes from agencies outside of campus who use their resources

fund fellowships or training grants in hopes of encouraging further research in their field of interest. These organizations meet the cost of research materials and in some cases offer stipends to subsidize, or even cover, the cost of living or meals. Stony Brook normally offers college credits for these research projects as well.

Grants from the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation fund projects which students undertake outside of their average class load. Research work can be completed at companies or research laboratories on Long Island and around the country. According to the sponsors, the hope is that students will learn more about their field of study

while adding to the knowledge base of the organization providing the grant.

"Becoming aware of the potential for receiving grant funds is the first step in applying," said Kristina Duryea, librarian for research opportunities at Stony Brook. For students, the steps to securing a grant include filling out a research grant application, providing academic credentials, and writing an essay about why he or she should receive the research opportunity.

The goal, Duryea said, is to give students real-world experience in the field that they are studying. Part of this includes the independent planning of a schedule and budget for the project. In preparing for the project, students must document the amount of time they plan on

spending on each task involved and detail how the grant money will be spent, taking into account equipment, travel expenses, lodging and food.

Many students don't seem to mind doing the extra work. In fact, some spend hours a day in and around the lab, not all of which is spent researching.

"It might sound funny, but first thing in the morning, I used to head straight for the chem lab," said Naphtali O'Connor, recipient of the Chemistry Merck Fellowship. "That's where my friends and I hung out. Our research group was a mixture of grads and undergrads, and we had a good time working together.

More information on research grants is available at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/research>.

# Recognizing a Lifetime of Ingenuity and Leadership

## Dr. Praveen Chaudhari is Named Director of Brookhaven National Laboratory

By EMY KURIAKOSE  
Statesman Editor

With a career of achievement, discovery, and invention behind him, Praveen Chaudhari Ph.D., acclaimed physicist and research manager, has been selected as the Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory.

After 36 years of leadership as scientist and senior manager of research at IBM, Chaudhari will settle into Brookhaven National Laboratory on April 1.

"I am very pleased to join Brookhaven Lab," said Chaudhari. "[It's] one of the world's foremost scientific organizations and home of five Nobel Prize laureates."

Chaudhari's extensive years of experience include positions at major laboratory operations in New York, California, and Switzerland. With more than 160 published research articles and 22 patents,

Chaudhari was unanimously chosen to take up the position of director.

"His scientific leadership and international breadth of experience will shape the laboratory's future. This is a great choice for Brookhaven Lab, the local community, and the nation," said Raymond L. Orbach, Ph.D., director of Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science. "We are delighted to have Dr. Chaudhari - a top-flight scientist, leader, and research manager - as the new Director at Brookhaven Lab."

In a joint statement, Shirley Strum Kenny, Ph.D., Chair of Brookhaven Science Associates Board of Directors and President of Stony Brook University, and Carl Kohrt, Ph.D., Vice Chair of the Brookhaven Science Associates Board of Directors and President and CEO of Battelle, expressed the Board's faith in Chaudhari's work.

"Chaudhari was the unanimous

choice of Brookhaven Science Associates Board of Directors, which includes representatives from Battelle, Stony Brook University, and six partner universities," Kohrt said. "The Board said it is convinced that he will continue to emphasize the Laboratory's commitment to simultaneous excellence in science, laboratory operations, and community service."

Chaudhari earned his doctorate in Physical Metallurgy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and has been awarded the National Medal of Technology. His work at previous laboratories includes research into nanoscience and superconductivity.

"I look forward to working with the outstanding Brookhaven Lab staff to advance the frontiers of science, effectively operate a diverse laboratory, and serve the needs of the scientific, local, and national community," Chaudhari said.

Te n laboratories across the nation, including Brookhaven National Laboratory, are supported by the DOE Office of Science. With an annual budget of \$463 million, the BNL employs more than 2,800 scientists, engineers, and technicians and staff.

Nuclear and high-energy physics, physics and chemistry of materials, environmental and energy research, nonproliferation, neurosciences and medical imaging, and structural biology are just a few of the many ongoing programs that Chaudhari will oversee at Brookhaven.



Courtesy of www.bnl.gov  
**Praveen Chaudhari is BNL's new director.**

# Stony Brook Medical School Professor Lands Big Grant for Scleroderma Research

By ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

Barry L. Gruber, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Dermatology at the Stony Brook University School of Medicine, was one of eight researchers in the nation to receive a \$150,000 grant from the Scleroderma Foundation.

The foundation funds national centers at the forefront of the science of scleroderma, a rare, non-contagious disease of the skin, joints and internal organs that affects about

300,000 Americans.

The disease, which is most commonly diagnosed in women between the ages of 25 and 55, results in overproduction of collagen or connective tissue in the body. This can cause a hardening of the skin and excess collagen buildup in the kidney, lungs, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

The Scleroderma Foundation, which is the largest private supporter of research into the disease, not only provides funding for continued research through its grants, but also

recognizes excellence in the field. The organization has provided more than \$9 million in research funds since 1989 and many scientists who receive a grant from the foundation also receive funds from the National Institutes of Health.

In addition to the grant from the Scleroderma Foundation, Gruber also won the Marta Marx Eradication of Scleroderma Award. Gruber will be researching the role of mast cells in Scleroderma patients. These cells are typically involved in allergic reactions.

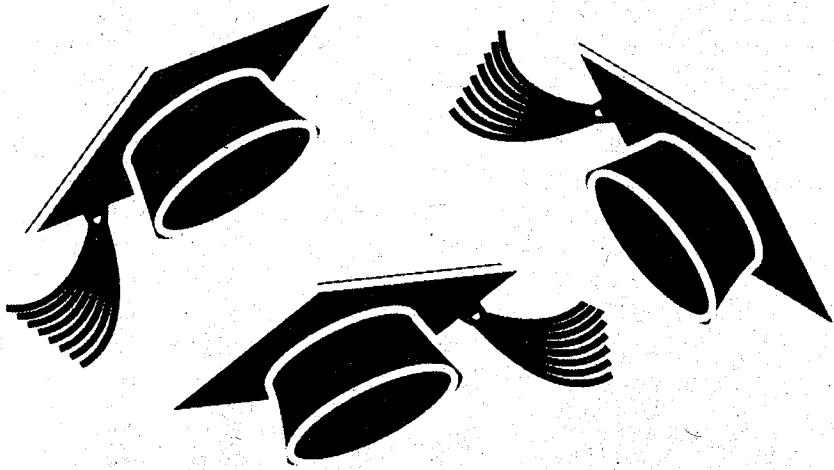
Gruber, who received his medical

degree from New York Medical College and completed an internal medicine residency at the State University of New York at Buffalo, has been a Stony Brook faculty member since 1984. He presently resides in Stony Brook and has received subspecialty training in Rheumatology, and Allergy and Clinical Immunology from Stony Brook University. In addition to Internal Medicine, Gruber also has board certifications in Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Diagnostic Laboratory Immunology and Rheumatology.

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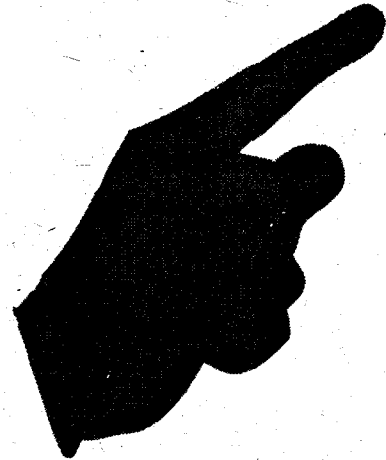
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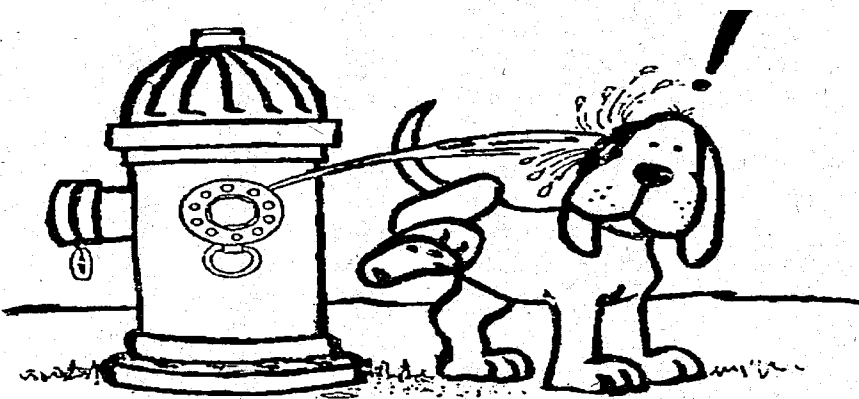
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# MIT and Princeton Open Summer Programs to All Students

By PETER SCHMIDT AND JEFFREY R. YOUNG  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Both the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Princeton University have decided to ditch admissions policies for summer programs that accepted only minority students — MIT in response to a federal investigation and Princeton fearing one.

At MIT, officials decided last month to open two summer programs to applicants of all racial and ethnic backgrounds in response to a discrimination complaint being investigated by the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, officials at MIT said last week.

The two programs are Project Interphase, which helps incoming freshmen adjust to college life, and the Minority Introduction to Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Science, which enrolls high-school students, mainly between their junior and senior years. Both were open only to black, Hispanic, or American Indian applicants, and each enrolled about 60 students annually.

The Education Department began investigating the programs last spring, after receiving a complaint from an organization that opposes race-conscious college-

admissions policies, the Center for Equal Opportunity, based in Sterling, Va.

The group alleged that MIT was violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which forbids racial discrimination at any institution that receives federal funds.

Roger B. Clegg, general counsel for the Center for Equal Opportunity, said his

of encouraging them to undertake graduate study in public service. According to a page from the program's Web site, which was taken down this month by university officials, applicants to the program must "be a student of color from historically underrepresented backgrounds."

Princeton's decision, sparked in part by

race-based admissions criteria could not withstand a legal challenge.

"From a legal perspective, we did not have a lot of choice," said MIT senior counsel Jamie Lewis Keith. She characterized MIT's decision to alter the admissions criteria as based on "an analysis of what our peers were doing around the country, and what conclusions other institutions have reached on the legality" of such policies.

"We are not aware of any racially exclusive programs that have been successfully legally defended," said Robert P. Redwine, who oversees the two programs as MIT's Dean of Undergraduate Education. He said that MIT's president, Charles M. Vest, had approved the admissions-policy change.

Both MIT summer programs will continue to take the race and ethnicity of applicants into account, in keeping with their mission of bringing more black, Hispanic, and American Indian students into the fields of science and engineering, university officials said. But the programs no longer will be off-limits to white and Asian-American applicants, and the admissions criteria have been expanded to look at other factors related to disadvantage.

**MIT officials decided to alter their summer programs after concluding that race-based admissions criteria could not withstand a legal challenge.**

organization initially contacted MIT in early 2001, after receiving a complaint about the institution's admissions policies from the parent of a white applicant who was rejected by one of the summer programs.

Soon after MIT retracted its policies, Princeton decided to revamp or scrap its Junior Summer Institute, which accepted only minority students. Princeton's program brought 30 students each summer from other colleges to study at the university's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, with the aim

a letter from the Center for Equal Opportunity and the American Civil Rights Institute was made after university officials learned of the Education Department's investigation of similar programs.

This summer's program will go forward as planned, however, beginning in the summer of 2004 Princeton officials have decided at least to eliminate the race-based admissions policy for the program. They may decide to drop the program altogether.

MIT officials made their decision to alter their summer programs after concluding that

## Survey of Freshmen Shows Rising Political Awareness As Well As Changing Social Views

By MEGAN ROONEY  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

After 36 years of a general decline in interest in current affairs among college freshmen, new students at four-year colleges appear to be having a political awakening.

For the second consecutive year, an annual survey of freshmen reveals that an increasing proportion — 32.9 percent, up from 31.4 percent last year — consider following politics a "very important" or "essential" goal. Although far from the political engagement of freshmen in 1966, the survey's inaugural year, when 60.3 percent of students answered in this way, this year's figure reflects an improvement over the results in 2000, the last election year, when an all-time low of 28.1 percent of freshmen responded similarly.

"For years, students would tell me that politics weren't relevant to their lives, that they saw no use to keeping up with current affairs," said Linda Sax, associate director of the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles, which has been conducting the freshman survey since its inception. "Now, I'm getting optimistic about the end of that political apathy."

"We have to be politically informed," said Peter Quaranto, a freshman who attends the University of Notre Dame. "The war on Iraq, the economy, domestic policy — all of these things will have huge effects on college students. We'd be idiots not to be informed."

For this year's survey, 282,549 first-year students at 437 four-year colleges and universities were

evaluated during freshman orientation and the first week of classes this past fall, making these the first freshmen to be surveyed by the institute since the September 11, 2001, attacks.

This is the second year in the survey's history in which only responses from students at four-year institutions were included in the report, because the number of responses from part-time students and students at two-year institutions proved too small a sample to be factored into the data.

In what is probably a result of September 11, more students reported an ideological shift to the right on certain political issues, such as whether to increase federal military spending. An all-time high of 45 percent of students, including some who identified themselves as "far left," supported

such an increase.

Also, a decreasing proportion of freshmen — 27.8 percent, compared with 29.9 percent in 2001 — identified themselves as liberal, while conservatives increased to 20.0 percent, up from 19.1 percent in 2001.

However, more new college students held liberal attitudes toward various social issues than last year. For example, the percentage of freshmen supporting the right of gay couples to legally marry grew to 59.3 percent, up from 57.9 percent last year. A record-low percentage of students — 24.8 percent — said they supported laws prohibiting gay relationships. And the percentage of students who believe married women should confine their activities to the home and family remained at last year's 15-year low of 21.5 percent.

## Possible Role for Colleges in Cybersecurity Plan

By DAN CARNEVALE  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The White House wants colleges to play key roles in research and training to help secure computer networks from terrorist and hacker attacks, according to a plan released Friday.

The final version of the plan, described in a report titled "The National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace," took about a year and a half to devise. It incorporates recommendations from the public and private sectors, as well as from higher-education organizations.

President Bush asked for the report in response to increasing fears that terrorists and hackers could use

computers and network connections to wreak havoc. Because online networks control many utilities and banking services, some observers were concerned that a terrorist with a computer could jeopardize crucial elements of the nation's infrastructure.

The report calls on colleges and universities to develop training programs in which students could learn how to protect computer systems from attacks. Current programs in various federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency, should be expanded and should help pay for the training, the report says.

Many recommendations in the

report are similar to those in previous drafts, which called on institutions to beef up the firewall protection on their campus computer networks and to prevent students and others from launching cyberattacks from campus computer labs.

Colleges and universities should also develop guidelines for protecting computer networks, the report says. Institutions could do that, it says, by establishing "information-sharing and analysis centers" that would conduct research and disseminate the information.

The report does not recommend how much money Congress should appropriate to pay for cybersecurity research, but it does highlight a law,

signed by Bush, that authorizes \$902.8-million for such research. Much of the money, if appropriated, would go to university research facilities. Mark Luker, vice president of the education-and-technology consortium Educause, said colleges and universities would have a large role in battling the cyberterrorism threat, especially in educating the public on how to protect computer systems.

"We need to change the culture on how everyone thinks and behaves in respect to their networks," Luker said. "It's the same kind of culture change where we learned that we really should lock our car doors."

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### Standoff with Iraq: An Overseas Perspective

By MARIE HUCHTON  
Statesman Staff

A sea of a million and a half faces, voices and whistles echoing in the city streets, effigies of Bush and Blair covered in painted blood, banners of protest, banners of derision, peace flags and peace fairies mingling in an outpouring of democratic free speech and assembly.

Pacifists, Muslims, activists, Greens, concerned citizens, Tories and New Labours alike, anyone and everyone was represented. Regardless of age, race, social class, ethnicity, religious background, or other identifying characteristic, the march welcomed anyone willing to show solidarity in denouncing the United States' acceleration toward war.

The millions of protesters who gathered this past Saturday in cities throughout the Western world have sent a powerful message that is still being ignored. The UN deadline Feb. 14 has come and gone, and the UN is no closer to a resolution than the day before.

The United States, however, is becoming more aggressive and more divisive in its drive toward armed conflict. Threats are being made in council meetings and troops have already been deployed. The UN and NATO are split and quickly crumbling, bringing the rest of the Western world to its knees. Economic sanctions, military revocations, and diplomatic backbiting are all taking their toll upon global efforts at cooperation.

Eastern European countries are throwing in with the U.S. while Western Europe is still firmly committed to a delayed UN solution. Members of the European Union are engaged in debates that highlight the cultural and ideological chasms

### What If the Anti-War Protests on TV Didn't Ever Really Happen?

By MICHAEL ZANETTIS  
Special to Statesman

With an army of protestors amassing in Manhattan, the popular television networks maintain their regularly scheduled programming. If war is good for business, then anti-war protests are not. MTV, which supposes it is the voice of a generation is airing a segment about a fat girl that wants to be a celebrity. The beautiful VJ with the body to die for argues that you don't have to be a size two to be sexy. Like she would know. For reference, see Christina Aguilera's video, "I Am Beautiful." Two segments later, we get a behind-the-scenes look at the making of a swimsuit calendar.

Then, in an ideological body-image tug-of-war, Kelly Osbourne is on camera being interviewed about her plus-size model runway show. "These are real beautiful women," Kelly says. MTV thinks that what some daughter-of-a-guy-that-bit-the-head-off-of-a-bat has to say about her body image is more provoking than thousands of people in the literally freezing cold amassing in the streets to express themselves, because sex sells. When in doubt, it's always about sex.

between nations.

Declarations, vetoes, and political alliances are springing up throughout the world, with far-reaching and potentially detrimental consequences. The focus of the 1990s on global cooperation and economic prosperity has been supplanted by international strife and terrorist threats. The privilege of its moat-like isolation gives the United States a bargaining chip European nations don't have. WWII was not fought on the soil of Kansas. No concrete and barbed wire wall ran through the center of Los Angeles. A single European nation cannot afford to alienate all its neighbors, nor fight a war on its own. America thinks its superpower status gives it more global clout than any other country—being the bullying big brother has its perks.

The situation of the UK does not parallel that of America. The Twin Towers did not fall in London, anthrax did not invade the Royal Post, but terrorism is still a major concern for the people in Great Britain. The airports now have military guards, and a poison scare was linked to Muslim asylum seekers. The British people are well aware of the threat posed by terrorism, yet the majority of the population does not support a war against Iraq. Sunday's march was the largest protest British history has ever seen. Masses of people filled the London streets for over seven hours, and most Western European cities saw similar anti-war demonstrations.

The divisions over this war are made explicit at every level. From the demonstrators this weekend waving signs and shouting slogans to the disagreement on the UN Security Council, every individual and every nation is forced to choose a side, to back a political program, to subscribe to an ideology, and ultimately to proclaim an allegiance.

Back in the MTV Studio we are primed for an interview with Colin Farrell (sex), who co-stars in the 'Daredevil' (sex) movie that opened the night before. Now we don't even have to wait for the commercials for the advertisements. Still no sign of the protestors who are rallying only blocks away from the MTV headquarters in Times Square. Cut to real commercials: Pop Tart snack sticks (sex); Tic-Tac, because you never know when your breath smells bad (sex); and in an attack of sheer irony, the United States Navy (sex) urges you to fight for freedom and liberty—presumably your freedom and liberty. In front of the U.N., an army of protestors exercises their democratic privilege of freedom of speech and assembly (no sex).

CNN, the 24-hour news channel, does its job and reports on the rallies taking place in an estimated 800 cities worldwide. They title the protest footage "Voices of Dissent." I prefer "Voices of Sanity," but we are lucky just to be getting airtime, even on cable.

On screen a protestor holds up an American flag

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3:49 p.m. - Attempted burglary,  
Greeley College, Someone tried to  
break into room.

### Feb. 11, 2003

12:10 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident,  
South Dr., One light pole down,  
Power plant notified.

6:52 p.m. - Harassment, Indoor  
Sports Complex, Physical altercation.

### Feb. 16, 2003

6:10 p.m. - Possession of stolen  
property, Benedict, Three students  
arrested for possession of stolen chairs  
from SINC site (computer rooms).

### Feb. 12, 2003

12:35 p.m. - Criminal mischief,  
Student Union, Arcade machine damaged.

2:58 p.m. - Petit larceny, Indoor  
Sports Complex locker room,  
Cellphone taken.

4:52 p.m. - Grand larceny, Greeley  
College, Theft of wallet with contents.

### Feb. 17, 2003

4:31 a.m. - Employee injury, Keller  
College, Slipped on ice.

### Feb. 18, 2003

4:09 a.m. - Dispute, Tabler  
Roadway, Between driver and  
pedestrian.

6:20 a.m. - Vehicle Check Point,  
Health Science Center roadway, 190  
vehicles monitored for suspicious  
devices, IDs, safety checks, etc.

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11:16 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident,  
Tabler Roadway.

11:28 a.m. - Medical emergency,  
UGA Apts. "D", Foot injury.

4:47 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident,  
Engineering Rd. and Mount parking  
lot.

5:03 p.m. - Petit larceny, University  
Hospital, Theft of narcotic drugs,  
Seven vials.

### Feb. 13, 2003

1:49 a.m. - Petit larceny, Greeley  
College, CD players and calculator  
taken from room.

11:57 a.m. - Petit larceny, SAC, 3  
textbooks taken.

11:28 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident,  
Infirmary Rd., Plow accidentally removed  
street hole cover, Car drove in hole.

### Feb. 14, 2003

2:35 p.m. - Unlawful posting, South  
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# U.S. Media and Iraq

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with a black swastika burned among the red and white stripes.

In related news, the bottom ticker announces that J-Lo and Justin Timberlake each received three nominations in the Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards.

A thousand years after the Crusades, the Vatican reverses its decision to march Christian soldiers into Arabia, instead insisting on peace.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister (Iraq has a parliament?), prays for peace with Assisi Monks.

**Here is what Network Television is airing...**

**CBS 2:** Blues Clues; a show for kids about solving puzzles in cyber-space/real life/kid's imagination

**NBC 4:** Discovery Kids; Scout's Safari, a colonial developer wants to open a golf course near a nature reserve. He has the legal right to do this, but a bunch of ecologically conscious kids talk him out of it.

**FOX 5:** Winston Cup NASCAR Racing; a bunch of white guys driving cars in circles for hours. It's the fastest growing sport in America.

**ABC 7:** NBA Inside 'Stuff; Steve Francis, the point guard of the Houston Rockets, explains that being a professional basketball player is a rigorous way to make a living. Apparently that's why they get paid so well to throw an inflated piece of leather through a metal ring.

**WWOR 9:** Men's College Basketball; 19 UConn vs. Villanova; a competition where the participants do not get paid to throw inflated pieces of leather through metal rings.

**WPIX 11:** City Kids; L-Train is in trouble with the principle again.

**PBS 13:** Caucus; a debate on legislature to treat outbreaks of bio-terrorism.

...and back on MTV, the making of a bull-riding rodeo star. "It's not a sport for sissies," explains a cowboy.

My grandmother comes in to the living room after she has put a tray of spanakopita into the oven. "Put on the Greek channel, you," she tells me. On the screen is absent the usual bad Greek soccer, the overproduced Greek music videos, the painfully obnoxious Greek talk shows, the dubbed over Greek soap operas, or the actually funny Greek situation comedies. Instead, there is a pan shot of thousands of people huddled together on the streets of Manhattan holding up posters like "No Blood for Oil." Not even CNN has this much coverage. I can't believe my Hellenic senses.

The footage cuts away, and we are taken to the Greek television studio. There, a Greek man who obviously has only recently learned English is interviewing a Pakistani man, who suffers from the same linguistic problems. The conversation is barely coherent; they think

this war is a bad idea and that Bush is an jerk. At one point, they get caught up in agreeing with each other on the latter part, and since they cannot express themselves perfectly in English, mutter and shake their heads at each other violently. The Pakistani man then gets a split screen with the anti-war footage so that he can express his political sentiments. Unfortunately he does this in Pakistani (on the Greek channel), and I have no idea what he is saying. Though, for some reason, I think that he is trying to say that Bush is an jerk.

Old W. is right about one thing: People aren't particularly fond of malicious, egomaniacal, malevolent, arrogant, political leaders.

**The Revenge of the Six O' Clock News...**

If there was no reporting of the anti-war protest over the course of the day, then it was the six o'clock news that was making up for it.

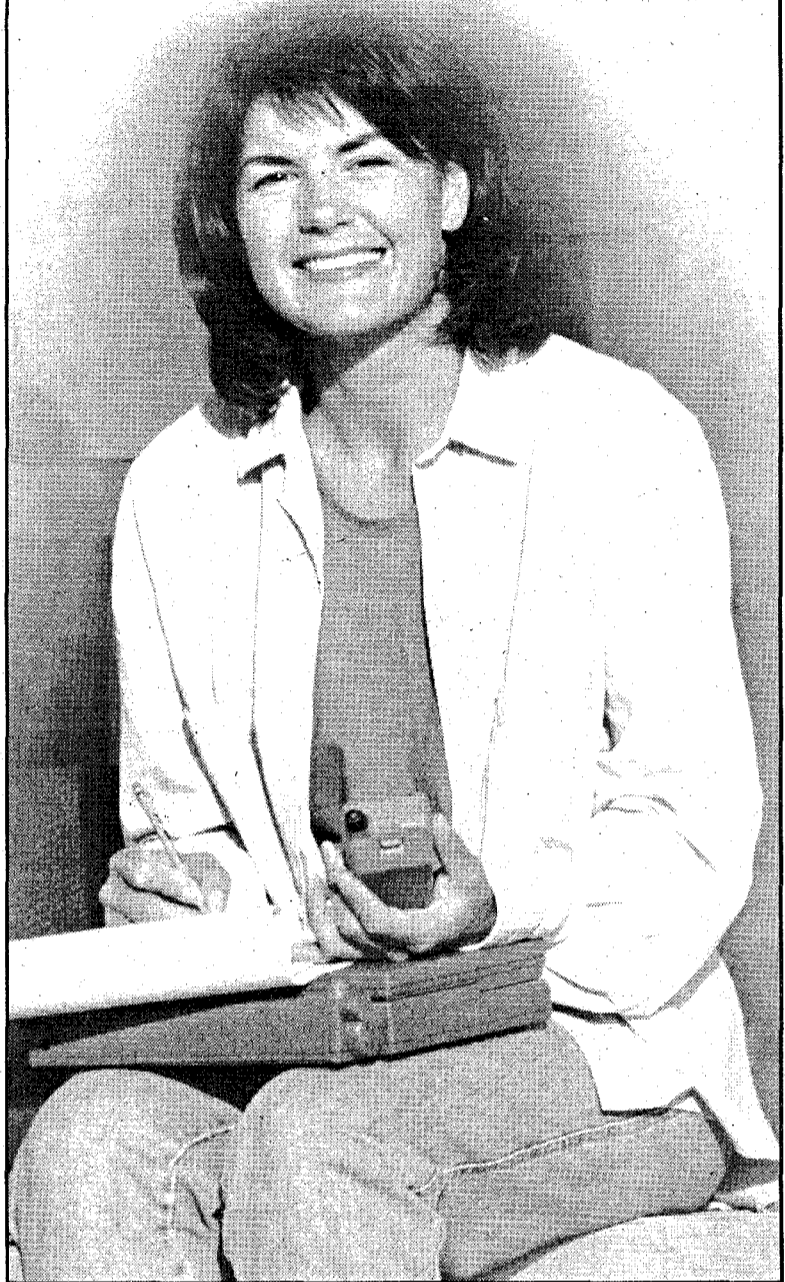
All four of the major networks - CBS, NBC, FOX, and ABC - opened their broadcast with extended segments on the protests. FOX cut its coverage first at six minutes past the hour. CBS was last at nine minutes. CBS also reported the highest estimate citing numbers over one hundred thousand strong. ABC only went so far to say tens of thousands...The protest cost the city \$5 million in police overtime alone...Rome had one million reported protesters. Damasus 200,000. London, 500,000.

In comparison, New York, the capital of the world, and the liberal capital of the world at that, was a political lightweight. Where were the Democrats? We can't have all overslept... Footage of a hippie being handcuffed...An Upper East Side resident, female, dressed in a black turtleneck with diamond earrings and a Prada handbag is being interviewed by a television reporter. The protestors have disturbed her dog walk. To make matters worse, her taxi downtown for a late brunch was stalled because of traffic caused by marching droves of hooligans. Tomorrow, she will blame freedom of speech for her mimosa being too heavy on the orange juice...

Even Iraq had an anti-war protest. Which, given the circumstances, was probably arranged by Saddam himself.

FOX, before ending its anti-war segment and going to commercials primes us with a weather report upon return. A storm is on the way, one made of snow that is. In related news, pitchers and catchers report to training camp...Democracy is all well and good, but what does it have to do with sex?...Footage of angry protestors pushing back police barricades. The anchorman on ABC frames anti-war protestors to be blood thirsty anarchists — Once they get peace they'll never stop!

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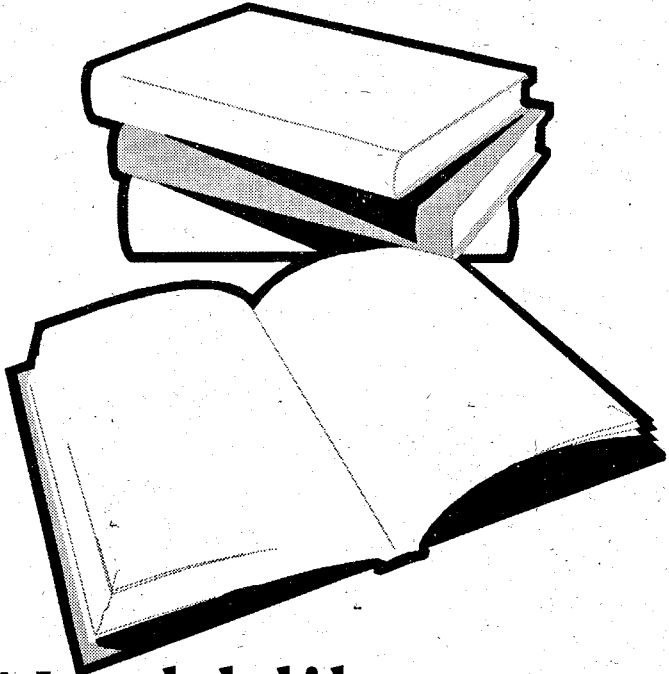
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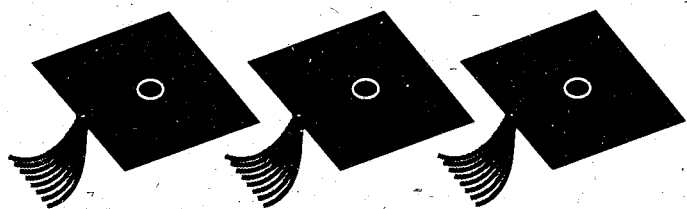
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