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Emergency Operations Center Goes Orange

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

A candlelight vigil was held days after September 11 to commemorate the victims of the terrorist attacks, and hundreds gathered near the SAC to listen to Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny offer words of solace. It wasn't long before a woman passed out in the crowd, and emergency personnel had to respond.

"It must have taken twenty minutes for them to get to her," senior Jeff Avila said. "I'm surprised things turned out well in the end given those circumstances."

Emergency personnel said they are now better prepared to deal with such calls for assistance.

"[University Police] and Suffolk county are better prepared to respond in mass to any impending campus wide event," said Richard Young, Chief of University Police. "It's a more coordinated effort."

Young said changes have come about with the establishment of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Stony Brook. EOC is intended to address difficulties arising from hurricanes, snow storms, fires or terrorist acts. In such an event, a team of firefighters, emergency medical personnel, police officers, environmental health and safety personnel and physical plant personnel will directly



Statesman/Jeffrey Javidfar

Since going to Code Orange, University Police has increased their visibility.

communicate with one another through EOC's command center.

With Stony Brook's recent snowstorm and the elevated U.S. terrorist alert, the EOC has gone through a series of drills.

"We've stepped up random check points, patrols of truck loading zones and hospital laboratories," Young said. As a state agency, the EOC has a "direct hook-up" to the Department of Homeland Security.

"We get all the briefings and bulletins that other departments get, and are alerted to significant dates or people we should be on the lookout for," he said. Currently, Stony

Brook is at a Team Situation Level 2, or Code Orange. (See explanations of Emergency Management Situation Levels on Page 2.)

Tom Ridge, the Director of Homeland Security, has established the Code Orange alert for the nation, signifying that the U.S. is at high risk for terrorist attacks.

Young insisted that SBU has not been identified as a target. "There is no credible information that Stony Brook or any part of Suffolk County is a target for terror," he said.

The EOC asked that people be aware of suspicious activity, but that they not overreact. "Buying duct tape, dog tags, we don't

recommend these things," Young said. "We saw this kind of over-reaction during the cold war, and the EOC has reasonable steps that people should make to prepare for any potential emergency."

Should Stony Brook be the site of an emergency situation, Level 3—equivalent to a national Code Red—would go into effect and emergency personnel would go on 24-hour shifts and respond accordingly. An incident commander would be established to handle the emergency and coordinate all the other departments. Information during a crisis is released on the Stony Brook webpage, campus cable and radio stations (90.1FM) and on outside news sources such as News 12 Long Island, WBLI 106.1FM, and WCBS 880AM.

Doug Little, Deputy Chief of Police and co-coordinator of the EOC, provided insight into the specifics of Stony Brook's current Level 2 emergency status.

"We're in a different world since 9/11," he said. "A lot of the steps we're taking to prevent terrorism aren't going away. Some of the precautions you will see, others you won't."

Cameras, spot checks and unmarked policemen are just some of the measures

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Snowstorm Cripples University Maintenance

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook University scrambled to regain control after the fourth largest snowstorm in New York history fell onto its roadways, and budgets, this past week. Facilities managers and department heads at Stony Brook worked to combat the storm throughout its onslaught, but ended many days of work with mixed success.

"We planned with three goals in mind," said Michael Klein, Director of Transportation and Parking Services "First, we had to ensure life safety, then guarantee access to campus, and finally work on convenience."

Campus personnel arrived on Sunday night to begin planning for the snowstorm that was predicted to be a record-setter. Tasks were allotted to different departments, including the West Campus Physical Plant, which was in charge of clearing major roadways and parking lots. Campus Residences oversaw snow removal on

residential paths and around residential dining areas.

"We began work on Sunday to clear roads to the hospital and arterial roads that lead there," Klein said. "There was a tremendous effort on the part of every department."

While the main roads were being cleared, Transportation Services worked to take students off the roads. Sport Utility Vehicles served as "go in the snow" vehicles, transporting students to their residence halls. Plows drove through campus, clearing main roads and critical routes to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Campus Residences workers had begun their bout with the storm. With four plows (two of which are antiquated), a tractor and equipment rented from the University contractor maintenance, workers cleared quad paths and roadways.

The snow plows did not completely clear the route to several key areas. The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps

(SBVAC), which responds to emergency calls from the University, Day Care Center, and Veterans Home, was impeded by the snow.

"The snow plows weren't able to effectively clear the area in front of the ambulances," said Philip Aubrey, SBVAC's First Assistant Chief. "In the days following the storm, there were problems with cars and snow blocking the road by Roosevelt Quad. Luckily, there were no serious incidents. In the future it would be advisable to reevaluate the situation."

As the snowfall increased, these plows could no longer handle the elevated demand. They went out of commission for several hours until they were fixed by SBU mechanics.

Campus Residences said that the magnitude of the storm put an unexpected load upon the university. "We plan our budget and purchases according to five years of [snowfall] records," said Baycan Fideli, Assistant Director of Campus Residences. "What we discovered on Sunday was that the snow was coming

down harder than we could clean it up. Some of the trucks started getting stuck. Even the contractor that we hired couldn't keep up, and he had to hire contractors to work for him."

As a result, residents were left to deal with several feet of snow unaided. "They should've cleared the snow faster," said resident Donya Leatham "If they couldn't handle it, they should've cancelled [more] classes. It was unsafe for students to walk

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Code Orange at Stony Brook

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Emergency Management Team Situation Levels

the department has taken.

Little said he wanted to emphasize that the spot checks were not "Big Brother looking out for students." He said investigations have led to some important discoveries.

"Often, we find people coming on campus with no business here," Little said. "Other times we've had trucks come in making certain violations, blocking loading docks or not having proper permits. Because of these checks, we have been better able to address these issues. We also want to let everyone on campus know we're looking out for them."

In response to the privacy issue, Little said there were no cameras in the residence halls or restrooms. Little conceded that the department has gotten a lot of complaints regarding its new security precautions, particularly concerning the 24-hour main entrance guard. But he also noted that there have been plenty of compliments.

"[Students] tell me, 'Thanks, I wish these kind of precautions were being taken in my neighborhood,'" Little said.

To report any suspicious activity call the University Police at 333, 911 from a campus phone or (631) 632-3333 off campus.

For more information on community preparedness for emergencies, students should visit www.stonybrook.edu/sb/emergency.

LEVEL 1 ('Yellow'): A minor emergency that requires the response by on-site resources such as University Police, Environmental Health and Safety, or Physical Plant. *Example: A small fire or chemical spill contained to a single room; an unplanned utility service interruption, such as a water break or electrical outage.*

LEVEL 2 ('Orange'): A Major Emergency requires activation of the Incident Command System (ICS) and the EOC to mobilize and coordinate campus resources. Additional assistance from other organizations, such as the Suffolk County Police or Setauket Fire Department may be necessary. *Example: A situation that extends beyond a single room or area, such as a large fire that spreads; a motor vehicle accident involving more than 10 people; or an unplanned utility service outage that impacts multiple campus buildings.*

LEVEL 3 ('Red'): A campus-wide emergency causing, or having the potential to cause, widespread damage, injuries, or curtailment of operations. *Example: A major fire that involves an entire and/or multiple buildings, or results in injury to more than 10 persons.*

University Police Blotter Feb. 19 - Feb. 24

COMPILED BY MAURY HIRSCHKORN
Statesman Staff

Feb. 19, 2003

1:33 p.m. - Traffic Safety Checkpoint, Main entrance.

Feb. 20, 2003

8:25 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Sanger College.

10:02 a.m. - Petit larceny, Life Sciences Building, Lobby, Men's room mirror taken.

10:58 a.m. - Petit larceny, Health Science Center, Level 2, Room 093, \$139 taken.

11:21 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Sanger College.

11:27 a.m. - Traffic Safety Checkpoint, Daniel Webster Drive.

1:39 p.m. - Attempted burglary, Staller Center arts room.

7:51 p.m. - Grand larceny, Douglass College, Theft of laptop.

8:51 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Forest Drive/South Loop Road, No injuries.

10:31 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Douglass College, No injuries.

Feb. 21, 2003

9:38 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Health Science Center parking garage.

1:24 p.m. - Medical emergency, Indoor Sports Complex metered lot, 1 intoxicated male transported to University Hospital.

2:34 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, University Hospital garage.

Feb. 22, 2003

5:01 p.m. - Flooding, Health Science Center.

6:53 p.m. - Flooding, Dana Hall.

9:22 p.m. - Medical emergency, Wagner College, Transported to University Hospital.

Feb. 23, 2003

1:58 a.m. - Medical emergency, Student Activities Center ballroom, 1 female transported to University Hospital.

4:25 p.m. - Safety check point, South Gate.

5:27 p.m. - Found property, Health Science Center, Bifocal lens.

9:23 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident, Fine Arts Drive.

Feb. 24, 2003

12:16 a.m. - Grand larceny, Indoor Sports Complex, Wallet, Credit cards.

8:58 a.m. - Medical emergency, Indoor Sports Complex walkway, injuries.

10:49 a.m. - Traffic Safety Checkpoint, Main entrance.

3:19 p.m. - Petit larceny, Langmuir College A106, Guitar and amplifier taken.

4:33 p.m. - Safety checkpoint, Infirmary Roadway.

6:51 p.m. - Medical emergency, Staller Center, 1 male transported to University Hospital.

9:00 p.m. - Medical emergency, Indoor Sports Complex, 1 male transported to University Hospital.

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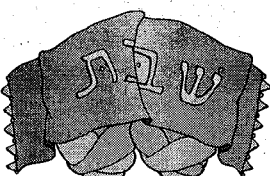
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Suffolk County Legislature Votes On God

BY MAURY HIRSCHKORN
Statesman Staff

Since Congress added "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, there has been a continual battle about whether those words violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which states in part, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

The Suffolk County legislature entered the battle when it passed and approved a resolution sponsored by legislator Allan Binder (R-Huntington) requesting that the federal court reject a judicial ban on the Pledge of Allegiance Feb. 5.

The reason given for this resolution was that the First Amendment was not designed to drive religious expression out of public thought but to avoid discrimination either for or against particular religions.

Currently, there is no judicial ban on the Pledge, however. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the Pledge could not be recited in schools because the words "under God" violated the First Amendment's prohibition against a state endorsement of religion last June.

The court was acting on a lawsuit brought by a California atheist, Michael Newdow, who didn't want his daughter to be forced to listen to the Pledge in her second-grade class. The court stayed its decision, to reconsider at a later date a day after the ruling was made.

Soon after that decision, politicians across the country including Suffolk legislators Lynn Nowick (R-Smithtown),

David Bishop (D-Lindenhurst), Binder and Andrew Crecca (R-Hauppauge), who led a rally outside the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge, held demonstrations against the court's initial ruling soon after the decision was made. Nowick introduced a resolution calling for the State to continue to require the Pledge in public schools. That resolution was tabled.

Dave Ryan, Nowick's legislative aide, said he believes that "under God" belongs in the pledge. "Many of this country's traditions are based on a Judeo-Christian ethic."

Arlene Parks, Binder's assistant, agreed. "The first English settlers came here for religious freedom," she said. "Our Founding Fathers put 'under God' in the Pledge. They didn't have a problem with it."

Nicholas Viola, a representative with Long Island Church of God Fellowship, a Christian activist group, also supports the phrase. "America is a Christian nation," he said. "There is no problem inserting God in the Pledge because God is itself a generic term used in most religions."

Erik Shwartz, a 20-year-old computer engineering student at Stony Brook said he supports Suffolk's actions. "It's a good thing because it shows unity," he said. "It's saying that we're all one people under God."

However, Barry Siebman, Executive Director of the Center For Inquiry, an organization that promotes scientific explanation of church teachings, said the U.S. Constitution is clear in separating church from state.

"The First Amendment ... means the

government must remain neutral in issues about religion in the U.S.A.," he said.

Ann Klaeyens, the head of the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, a progressive social and political activist organization, said that putting God into the Pledge creates problems.

"Acceptance ... of a majority's belief system should not be a requirement for affirming love on country," she said. "Inserting God into the Pledge inhibits some Americans from expressing their patriotism, and therefore, divides Americans instead of uniting them."

No action by the county executive was necessary for this particular resolution to pass, and it was sent to the federal court, as well as the Supreme Court, Congress and President on Feb. 11.



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Legislator David Bishop of Lindenhurst rallied in favor of the current Pledge of Allegiance.

History of the Pledge of Allegiance

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The Pledge of Allegiance was first written by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister and Christian Socialist, in September 1892. It first appeared in the Boston magazine, *The Youth Companion* and was to be used for school children to recite for the 400th anniversary commemorations of Columbus' discovery of America on Oct. 11, 1892. It was sent to schools across the country and read: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In June 1923, the words, "...my flag..." were changed to "...the flag of the United States..."

In June 1924, the words, "...the United States..." were changed to "...the United States of America..."

In June 1942, Congress officially recognized the Pledge, and a year later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that children couldn't be forced to recite it in public schools.

In June 1954, the words, "...under God..." were added by Congress and approved by U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower.

Brookhaven Gets Big Bucks to Clean Up Environment

BY ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

Brookhaven National Laboratories (BNL) will be receiving \$37.5 million in federal funds for work on three major projects. Senator Chuck Schumer announced Congress' official approval of this allocation of funds Feb. 14.

"We appreciate the Senator's [Schumer's] hard work on our behalf," said Marge Lynch, spokesperson for BNL. "This money will help us meet our science mission and our commitment to environmental stewardship and cleanup at the lab."

Approximately \$36 million of the funds,

which comes through the Department of Energy, will be used for environmental cleanup. Before that BNL was facing a fiscal crunch. This latest vote from Congress will be providing approximately \$15 million more than the President requested. It will allow cleanup efforts to remain on schedule for completion in 2005. Receiving only the level of funding requested by the President would have delayed cleanup for four years.

"Senator Schumer is still taking care of business by maintaining expedited cleanup for yet another year," said Richard Amper, Executive Director of the Long Island Pine Barren Society

and Head of the Citizens Committee on Accelerated Cleanup at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. "This is vitally important to the economy and environment on Long Island and is most appreciated."

\$1 million of the federal funds will be used for the Center for Functional Nanomaterials. This center, which is only the fourth institute of this type approved by the Department of Energy and the only one in the northern part of the country, will be a focal point of advanced materials research in the region. The Cyclotron Isotope Research Center, which will provide short-lived isotopes for

pharmaceutical, medical and therapeutic research, and cut the cost of producing isotopes by 90 percent, will receive \$600,000 of the funds.

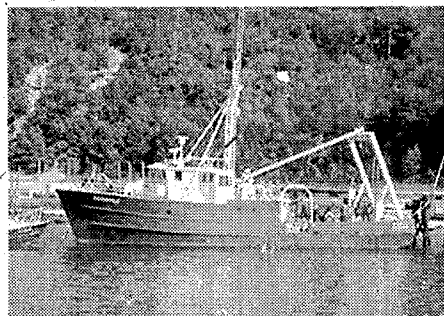
"For over fifty years, Brookhaven National Lab has produced excellent at times Nobel-prize-winning scientific work to benefit America," Schumer said. "Their recent work to develop technology that can scan cargo for terrorists' nuclear devices is particularly important, given the threats New York and the world face. These new funds will allow Brookhaven to continue its scientific research in the public's interest while it expedites necessary environmental cleanup."

Conover Takes Helm of the Marine Sciences Research Center

BY ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook Professor David Conover was appointed Dean and Director of the Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC) on Feb. 20.

Conover, who has been at Stony Brook since 1981 and has 20 years of experience in the administration of interdisciplinary research programs, was selected after an international search. He has served a term as Associate Dean for Research at the MSRC and is well known for his work in the evolutionary biology and ecology of fish and fisheries.



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MSRC manages the RV Seawolf.

Conover has authored and co-authored about 70 articles. His studies this summer indicated that the potential

for evolutionary change in harvestable biomass should be incorporated in fishery management plans. They were published in *Science* and received considerable media attention. The National Science Foundation Ocean Sciences Division is the primary sponsor supporting Conover's current research.

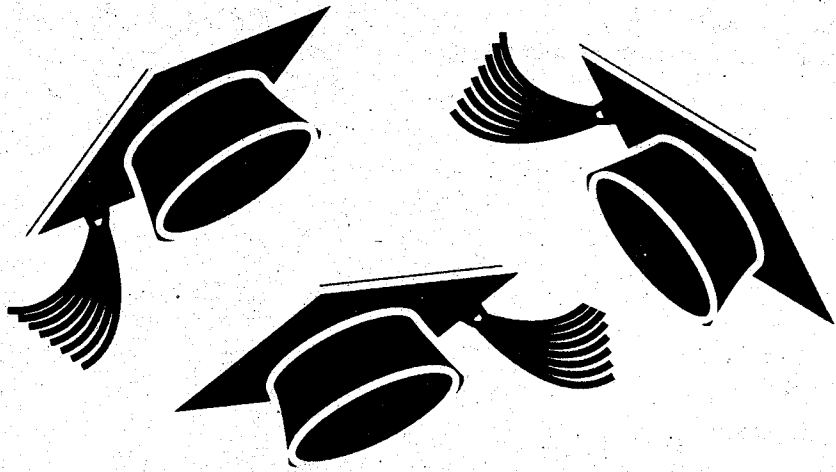
"While continuing to build the national and international stature of the MSRC in marine and atmospheric sciences, [Conover] plans to enhance the Center's position as the regional resource for a wide range of environmental issues," said Robert L.

McGrath, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. "He has already begun to assume the duties of this new position and I am delighted to welcome him to this new post."

Conover will take the post formerly held by Professor Marvin Geller who served as dean and director of the center for five years. The center made several significant accomplishments under Geller's leadership including the acquisition of a well-equipped marine research vessel and the creation of a marine animal pathology laboratory in partnership with Cornell University.

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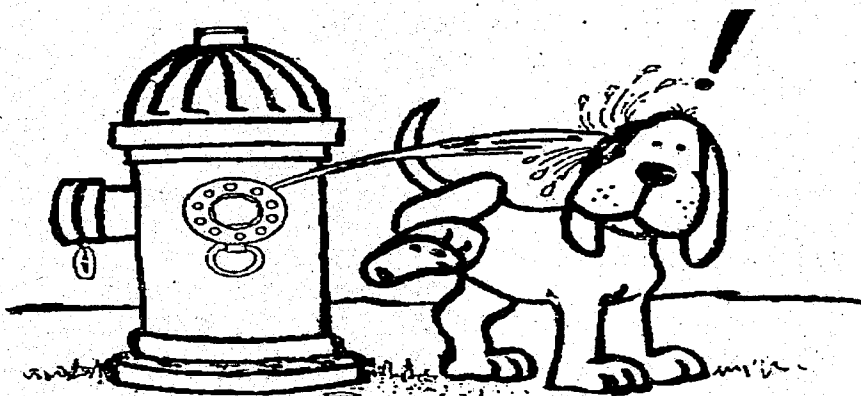
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Texas Tech Student Announces 'United White Persons College Fund'

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Matthew Coday wants to be sued, or at least to provoke debate on his campus about racial preferences at colleges. The Texas Tech senior loudly announced this month a new scholarship, which he is calling "The United White Persons College Fund."

Coday, who is white, said his effort, which he said would give a \$2,000 scholarship to one student each year, is a jab at the United Negro College Fund, which he argued discriminates against white students. Although he acknowledged that the UNCF does not exclude members of any group from its scholarships, he said that in practice the group is exclusive, since it supports historically

black colleges. Although such colleges are historically black, none bar white students.

Coday plans to mirror his scholarship program on the policies of the United Negro College Fund's programs: He said that no student would be excluded based on race, but that his mission was to support members of a certain group — in this case, white students.

"If you can have an organization that can serve to better your racial group," he said, "then so can we."

"I would just dare anyone to take me to court and try to have our organization declared discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional," he said. Such a finding, he said, would call into question the legality of other groups as well. "I would love to see organizations like

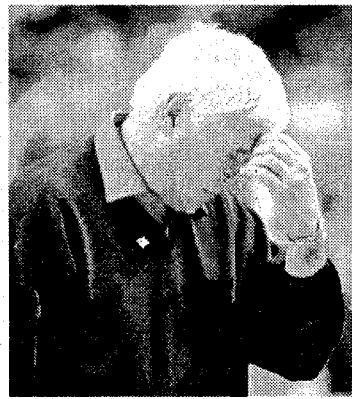
the United Negro College Fund disbanded."

Coday said he had raised more than \$1,000 so far for his scholarship fund, mainly from friends, relatives, and others who have heard of his efforts in recent local news reports. He said he hopes to raise at least \$50,000 by the fall, when the first scholarship will be awarded. "There were a lot of scholarships I didn't qualify for because I wasn't Hispanic or because I wasn't black," he added.

He said that he will refuse to take any money from white-supremacist groups, and that he does not consider himself a racist.

"That's like saying, isn't the United Negro College Fund black supremacist?" he said.

So far, Coday said, his



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Until now Bob Knight was Texas Tech's most flamboyant figure.

efforts have not sparked much debate on the campus. "I expect the black-student organizations to march against me," he said, "There's a firestorm that's about to erupt."

The president of the Black Student Association on the campus, Martin Lee Dorsey II,

said his group had not yet had time to decide whether and how to respond to the new fund, though the group will discuss a possible response at a meeting next week.

But Dorsey said he found the spirit of the scholarship troubling.

"There are 21,000 white students here and only 818 black students," he said. "He's being discriminated against? I don't think so. I mean, come on."

"You can get scholarships for just about anything these days," added Mr. Dorsey. "I don't think the United Negro College Fund is a discriminatory scholarship. ... He's just trying to do this to get attention."

Leaders of the United Negro College Fund could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Groups Back Michigan on Affirmative Action

By PETER SCHMIDT
The Chronicle of Higher Education

If the Supreme Court judged cases based on the sheer volume of briefs submitted on behalf of each side, the University of Michigan would have no trouble prevailing in its defense of its race-conscious admissions policies.

The court received more than 60 briefs last week backing the use of race in admissions decisions by Michigan's main campus, in Ann Arbor. Seldom in the court's history have so many *amicus curiae*, or "friend of the court," briefs been filed on behalf of one side in a dispute.

Among the more than 300 organizations that signed the briefs are scores of colleges and higher-education associations, as well as civil-rights and student groups, labor unions, and professional organizations. The other signatories include nearly 70 Fortune 500 companies, 29 former top-ranking officers and civilian leaders of the military, 22 states' attorneys general, and more than 110 members of Congress. One brief bears the signatures of nearly 14,000

law students.

But it is unclear what effect, if any, this deluge will have as the justices consider two cases challenging the university's policies as unconstitutional. As a practical matter, few of the briefs submitted by either side in the cases are likely to be read by the justices themselves. The rest will be passed off to court clerks. And legal analysts say that most of the briefs

are likely to be given little weight.

Each of the briefs puts forward its own set of legal arguments. Most, however, agree on the idea that race-conscious admissions policies serve a compelling government interest. And many describe how campus diversity benefits particular institutions, or career fields, or society as a whole.

The University of Michigan encouraged

the briefs' filing in an effort to convey to the court the breadth of support for race-conscious admissions policies. In a speech delivered last week, just before the court's deadline for the briefs, Michigan's president, Mary Sue Coleman, described the many submissions as "an unprecedented flood that speaks volumes about the importance and far-reaching impact of this upcoming decision."

"Congress is supposed to be impressed when there is a deluge of letters, but the court is supposed to react to arguments and reasoning" --Ronald Rotunda

"This case is not about college-admissions policies alone," Coleman said. "Nor is it simply about important matters of constitutional law. It touches every major sector of our country, and the outcome will influence the direction of America's public policy."

Paul F. Rothstein, a professor of law at Georgetown University who closely

monitors the Supreme Court, said that such strong shows of support for one side in a case "makes the justices sit up and think," and could prompt those who are on the fence in the Michigan cases to rule in the university's favor.

But other experts said that the justices are unlikely to be swayed in that manner.

"Congress is supposed to be impressed when there is a deluge of letters, but the court is supposed to react to arguments and reasoning," said Ronald D. Rotunda, a professor of law at George Mason University.

Some veteran court observers even said that Michigan may have hurt its own cause by encouraging the submission of so many briefs.

"There is at least a possibility of backfire," said David J. Garrow, a professor of law at Emory University. He said that "the greater the number of *amicus* briefs, the lower the chances the justices themselves will flip through them." He warned that the justices may feel resentful if they suspect that they have been swamped with briefs filed mainly to put them under political pressure.

Sun Microsystems Gives Out Free Software

By FLORENCE OLSEN
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Sun Microsystems is giving students and professors a free ride. The company announced on Monday that it would no longer charge them for nearly 100 software products, including programming tools.

Excluded from the program are colleges' administrative offices. They will continue to pay the usual license fees.

Students and faculty members will gain free access to many of Sun's Java programming tools, which are used to write programs that run on the Web. The portfolio of free products will include Solaris 9, which is Sun's proprietary version of the Unix operating system; StarOffice, which includes a word-

processing program; and Sun One Studio, a suite of developer tools for Sun's Java platform.

One analyst said the announcement was not surprising, considering colleges' increasing reliance on Linux software for teaching and their lessening interest in Microsoft's and Sun's software.

"Education is incredibly important for both companies, primarily because education has been going heavily toward Linux, and Linux is free," said Rob Enderle, an analyst at Giga Information Group, a market-research company. The Linux operating system and programming tools are based on open-source code, which its voluntary developers worldwide make freely available for anyone to use and to modify.

"Both Microsoft and Sun are trying to keep education from going to Linux, and from developing more programmers and potential customers for that platform," Enderle said.

Sun Microsystems officials acknowledged that the company's free-licensing strategy is based on the fact that student innovation has created a market for products that have since been adopted by better-paying corporate customers, an assessment with which Enderle agreed.

"The affinity that has been driving Linux into corporations has come from the new hires — the people brought in from colleges and universities," he said, "very much like it was with Unix and with Microsoft software in years past."

Last week, Microsoft announced a \$3.5-million program of grants aimed at making its programmer tools available to computer-science students.

Sun's no-cost licensing program, which will affect education and research institutions worldwide, was valued by Sun as "very, very conservatively \$1-billion," said Kim Jones, vice president for global education and research. The program includes free Web-based software training and quarterly software updates.

"Students who really want to become familiar with what it takes to build out interesting projects now have access ubiquitously and without charge to all of that technology," said Jonathan Schwartz, executive vice president for software.

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Op-Eds

Bush and al Qaeda Agree: Wage War on Iraq

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A war in Iraq—whether you believe it to be good or bad for America—will without question be good for terrorism. Not only will it serve as a recruitment tool for potential Islamic radicals who sit undecided on the fencepost of martyrdom, but it will also leave us open to further botherations here at home.

One of the greatest mistakes any military can do is start a battle while leaving another unfinished. Fighting wars in multiple places with multiple peoples leaves gaps that intelligent enemies can exploit. As painful as it is for some to admit that Osama bin Laden is an intelligent enemy, not since the Trojan horse has such a sub-rosa operation as the 9-11 attacks occurred successfully in the face of such insurmountable odds.

Immediately following the 9-11 attacks, the most technologically endowed military in the world did not bring us a “dead or alive” Osama bin Laden. Osama is free and alive and releasing statements aligning himself with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. As Americans, we need to question such links, as they could be strategic traps to provoke us into entering a conflict with Iraq in which al Qaeda will win out.

Our economy is getting worse everyday, and a war will not bolster it, but burden it further. The law tightening our civil liberties, ironically known as the Patriot Act, is not easing our fears at home. Displeasure is growing among our allies—even Britain hosted an anti-war protest attended by millions. The dollar is depreciating against the Euro.

The problems go on.

Yet you still have the self-proclaimed “patriots” and “real” Americans, drunk off mainstream media coverage, beating their drums without fear of consequence, saying, “if we must fight, let us fight the world.” In the face of this logic, I only feel more afraid.

Let us admit our truth, let us admit our fear, let us admit our problem and then let us deal with it rationally, not emotionally. If we do this, the rest of the world will treat us with respect instead of a dutiful loathing. Invading another country to prove our dominance is not only granting the wishes of al Qaeda, but historically the futile act of a nation headed in the wrong direction.

We live in a time where America is, without a doubt, regarded as the most powerful nation in the world. Now, the Director of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, will have us live in a world where terrorism is “as natural as a hurricane or earthquake.” What is this? I know we just had a so-called blizzard here, but when was the last time NYC got hit with an earthquake or major hurricane? Yet, we are supposed to expect the sporadic collapse of buildings.

America must refuse to passively accept such violence and view it with the “well, what can you do about it” disdain of a passing storm. I have watched the news for years, and since early childhood I have regarded the Palestine-Israel conflict as one of attention seeking fools. Today, Yasser Arafat's compound was destroyed. Tomorrow, a suicide bomber detonates himself in Israel and the next day Israel responds. The response to the response to the response is

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Voice of Dissent Among Dissenters

By ROBERT J. ROMANO
Statesman Contributor

Amid the signs, pins, leaflets, and propaganda denouncing any possibility of warfare being waged against Iraq by the United States, a coalition of the willing, the UN or anybody else, I boarded the so-called “Peace Train” to Manhattan and sat alone in protest on Feb. 15. Believing that the case laid out by President Bush and others was compelling, I gathered resolve around my person to set the record straight. Could my lone voice be heard against the roar of a mob?

I was determined to hear all sides of the argument from the opposition to the war, to learn, and perhaps to be convinced, as I am now, that these protestors would never be supportive of any conflict, ever. Indeed, extreme positions to any cause tend to be rather set in their ways, and so I was content to simply dissent in silence.

Upon arrival, it was soon apparent that while folks of all ages were participating in the march towards the UN, the overwhelming majority of marchers were college students. Some estimate there were 200,000 participants (I even met Jerry Springer), though the loose organization of the event did not appear to accomplish any end.

Many marchers were surprised to learn that the event was organized by Communists (the Workers World Party), among others, but this did not bother them. The fact that a war has not yet begun was not an impediment, either. If the Iraqi regime surrenders before a war begins, will the protestors then take credit for “preventing” it from happening much in the same way last generation's protestors boast to have

stopped the Vietnam War?

Do they realize that the only truly diplomatic solution that will actually disarm Iraq requires the use of force to be authorized? Most “arguments” presented at the march consisted of a mockery of the Bush Administration with rather nonsensical wisecracks not worth repeating. “Peace is Patriotic,” “Disarm America,” “No Blood For Oil,” and “Regime Change Needs to Happen Here” were among some of the slogans that actually made a bit of sense, although they are dead wrong.

For instance, a patriot in fact defends his or her country. At the very least, supporting the troops who may have to go into combat would come closer to the realm of being patriotic. Unilateral disarmament is also silly, and the whole business of “stealing Iraq's oil” is pure propaganda, as it was in the first Gulf War when no oil was seized by American forces.

Some more serious debaters of the topic insist that Iraq can be “contained” through inspections, another silly argument, though easier to make than “Bush is Stupid.” In arguing for containment, or the restriction of the strategic power of a nation or bloc by encircling it with hostile alliances, have these doves fully considered the situation in the Persian Gulf or the meaning of the word containment? With the support of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Turkey, Jordan, and 16 of our 19 allies in NATO including Great Britain, Poland, and Italy, our forces are posed to move into Iraq via air, land, and water. Clearly, the argument for containment ought to go something like this: encircle the enemy with military forces in order to maximize pressure on Iraq.

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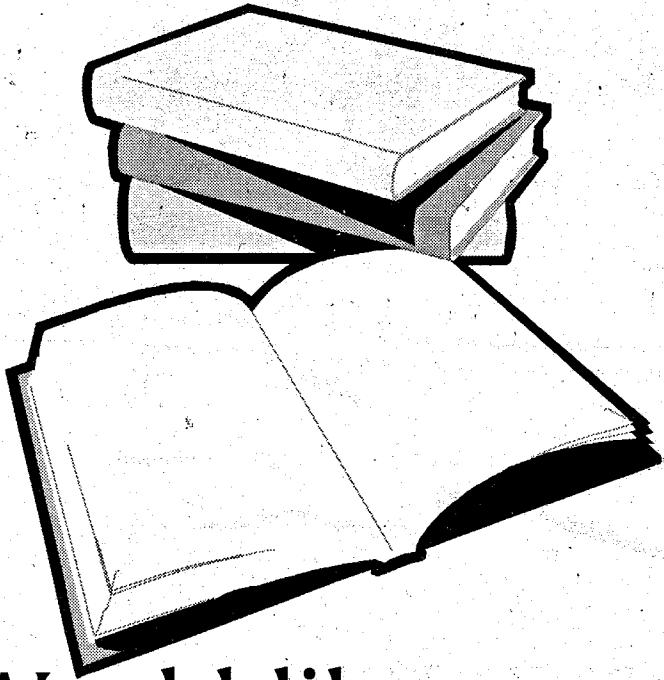
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What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period, **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding; and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		3
Combined	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD		3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1-9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	28	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol.* 1990;76:558-567.

*From Norplant[®] package insert.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients)

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
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This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA, and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unexpected Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
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- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects
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Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions
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3. Drug Interactions
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4. Nursing Mothers
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How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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War Brings More Problems

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death and destruction, whatever side you're on.

This is the height of stupidity. I do not want to see this for my country, my children or myself. We are a country that stood by while the Berlin wall and other repressive regimes fell. We watched all our enemies crumble, yet from this rubble new enemies arose and we gave them the gun to shoot us in the foot with. Why make this new enemy strong to make an old enemy weaker?

The fact is, Saddam is old hat and, unless provoked, virtually powerless. If we were to lift sanctions on Iraq, very soon Hussein would be so weak that his own people would

be able to push him aside with a stick. Why do we need to do it with million dollar missiles and men in fancy anti-biological weapons suits? What are we proving?

Everyone already knows that we have military dominance and nuclear surplus. All we would accomplish is setting a precedence of arrogance and callousness at their use.

As the former African slave and genius Thomas Fuller put it, "Let not thy will roar, when thy power can but whisper." Let us deal with the problems at hand—al Qaeda—and leave the problems of the past to the peoples of Iraq. Those who seek to deal with others' problems in truth seek to avoid their own problems and in the end only worsen both sides of the situation.

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For how long are they supposed to wait? Supporters of this tactic have compared the situation with the old Soviet Union. But it took 50 years of Cold War and weapons proliferation on both sides before finally the nuclear arms race bankrupted the Soviet government into dissolution and collapse. In the process, nations friendly to the USSR, including Iraq, acquired weapons of mass destruction and other military support through the Warsaw Pact and other channels.

Should "containment" last for months or years? How is disarmament or regime change to take place? Are we supposed to wait for the government in Iraq to collapse

before disarmament happens? Should we also wait for Iraq's weapons to be given away? Should we trust their claims of disarmament?

The United States has exhausted diplomatic options by using the United Nations. The argument for disarmament through regime change speaks in the case of Iraqi noncompliance. Noncompliance is the key word. If Iraq does not cooperate, disarmament will not occur. Without the coercive measures, the UN resolutions are clearly ineffective. In order for containment to work, the use of force must be authorized and imminent. Therefore, the use of force must be authorized unanimously and without hesitation by the UN Security Council.

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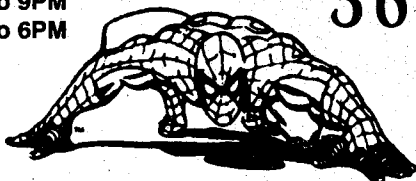
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Let it Snow: Can SBU Handle Another Storm?

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through the snow. It was hard for commuters to come at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, too."

Campus Residences said it attempted to accommodate everyone, but found that resources came up short. "Our first priority was handicapped students, and we worked the whole day to just clear the front of buildings," Fidelis said.

A Campus Residences maintenance worker, who asked not to be named, said he believes that the office treats some residents unfairly. "As far as the handicapped walkways not being shoveled, it's been that way for years. When we mention it we're told that there are no handicapped people living in this building," he said. "I just feel bad for the [disabled] students trying to get around."

Fidelis urges residents to contact Residence Halls Directors and Campus Residences if they have trouble in the snow. "If we missed something, we have to know. Go to your RA, and your RHD," he said. "RAs were very helpful in helping the disabled residents."

Parking lots also became a major concern for students as cars were quickly covered by snowdrifts. "The cleanup effort was much harder than the initial storm. We couldn't dig [cars] out because we didn't want to take the risk of putting the equipment and cars at risk," Fidelis said.

Parking needs, however, had to be met by Tuesday night, when classes started again. The snow that had accumulated in each parking lot was payloaded overnight to the back corner of South P Lot. Commuter students were not affected because the area did not encroach on regular parking areas, said Klein. "Typical high level utilization would fill 75 percent of the lot," he said. "The back right corner [where] we dumped the snow in sees almost no student use."

The total cost of the snowstorm is projected to be more than the University had allotted for the entire winter season. The entire operation is expected to top \$350,000,

a figure that will only increase with the projected snowfall for the end of this week.

Last Wednesday, the unidentified worker said, Campus Residences had three plows out of commission. "[On Feb. 19] we were down to one truck, because within the last two days we lost three trucks. One is at the transmissions shop off-campus, one is being fixed on campus because its steering knuckle went out, and the third truck

lost its power steering unit."

Fidelis said that, despite difficulties, Campus Residences has done its best. "Our main concern right now is repairing equipment. We have to look at our budget, and stretch the dollar as much as possible, with safety in mind," he said. "We're going to have to adapt to the conditions. We have to rely on people who can be fatigued, equipment and the luck of the storm."

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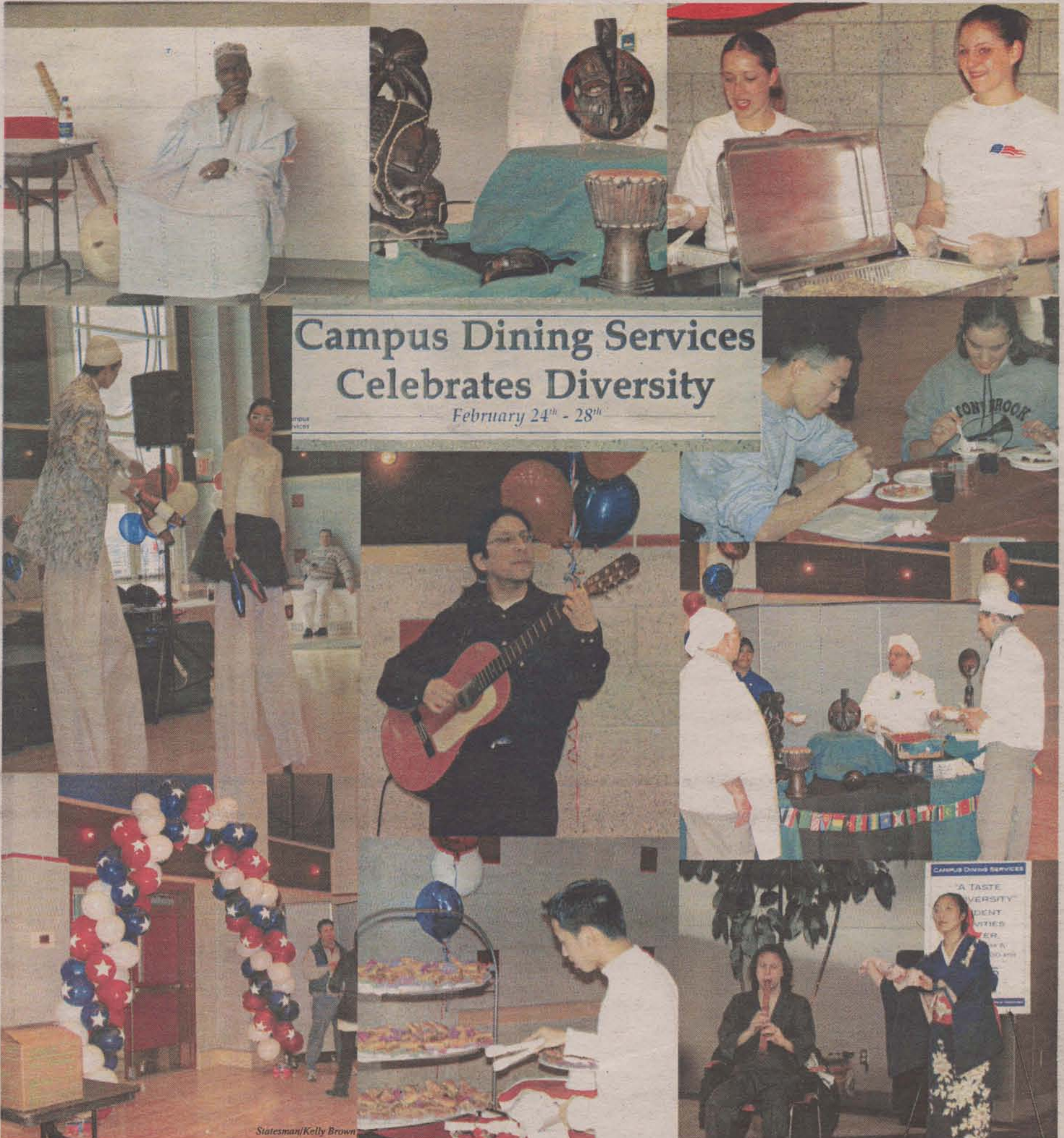
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