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## Mediocre Turnout at Stony Brook Day in Albany

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On Tuesday, Feb. 25, an estimated 400 Stony Brook University students, staff, and faculty set their alarms extra-early, and boarded coach buses in South P Lot. The caravan was headed for the state capital for an annual event known as Stony Brook Day in Albany.

The 13 coach buses arrived in Albany at 10:30 a.m. Participants were led to the registration area where they were separated into "teams," each with its own team leader.

All of the teams had 11:00 a.m. legislative appointments. Members of the university community had the opportunity to meet with State Senators and Assemblypersons to discuss state support for SUNY, and in particular, Stony Brook.

"We are here to let legislators know how important it is to fund SUNY, and to let them know our students will not be held back because of financial [constraints]," said Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny.

The event was also an opportunity for Stony Brook students, faculty and staff to celebrate the university's many achievements.

"This is our bragging day," said Special Projects Coordinator of Governmental Relations Vanessa J. Herman. "Everyone at Stony Brook already knows how great we are. We just want everyone else to know."

As the teams made their way through the concourse of the State Capital complex



At last week's Stony Brook Day, President Kenny (left) and other Stony Brook Day participants met with state legislators like State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (right) to discuss issues in higher education.

to keep legislative appointments, they were enthusiastically cheered. Sporting humongous school buttons, representatives from Career Services, the School of Health Technology and Management, Undergraduate Admissions, the Alumni office and many other offices, gave out high-fives and shouts of encouragement to participants.

"There is such an energy here, it's great," said junior Joseph Mata, a brother

of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity. "I really feel proud to be here and to be a part of Stony Brook. You can really feel the spirit. We truly are a family."

As teams of students, faculty and staff met with government officials, other Stony Brook representatives greeted hundreds of people passing by. They answered questions about the university, distributed pamphlets, and chatted with alumni. The school's mascot, Wolfie, was on hand to

assist in these efforts, posing for Polaroids with interested parties.

"Stony Brook Day connects faculty, staff and students together for a day in a way that you normally wouldn't be able to," said Edward J. O'Connell, Health Physicist, Environmental Health and Safety, and United University Professors (UUP) delegate. "A typical staff or faculty member won't normally hear from students regarding their lives here at the school and what the tuition increase will mean to them."

Stony Brook Day began 18 years ago as an effort by UUP. When she assumed the presidency in 1995, Kenny decided to make the event more prominent, seeing it as an opportunity to showcase Stony Brook and its achievements. She teamed up with UUP to take Stony Brook Day to the next level. "When I first started with Stony Brook Day [in 1995], there were 18 of us and one bus," Kenny said. "Today we had 13 buses. What a long, strange trip it's been."

Despite increased efforts at publicity over the past several years, however, Stony Brook Day has not drawn the crowds many had hoped for.

"Those people who decided to go about their normal course of business today are really missing a big opportunity," O'Connell said. "Make a commitment next year to go to Stony Brook Day. You owe it to yourself."

Kelly Brown Contributed to this Article

## Stony Brook Receives Rockefeller Fellowship

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

The Rockefeller Foundation recently awarded Stony Brook University's Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Center with a prestigious Residential Fellowship in the Humanities, one of only nine given.

The fellowship, which is offered to institutions in North and South America, will bring eight visiting post-doctoral fellows to Stony Brook University over the next four years to conduct an interdisciplinary project on the topic of "Durable Inequalities in Latin American Histories, Societies, and Cultures."

"This represents a tremendous boost not only for LACS, but also for humanities at Stony Brook, and the University as a whole," said

University President Shirley Strum Kenny. "Our vision is to bring in a wave of committed Latin American scholars to the University, across a variety of disciplines."

The Rockefeller Foundation will provide up to \$325,000 over the next four years, allowing the LACS Center to bring in fellows from eclectic fields of study—including history, sociology, literature, cultural and media studies, politics, economics and education—to address the problems of social systems in Latin America, which is an important focus for the global study of inequalities.

Latin America is neither the most culturally divided nor the poorest region of the world, but it is by far the most unequal in terms of wealth, income and opportunity, gender, race,

age, region and ethnicity. The social disparities are reflected in the way Latin Americans conduct politics, join social movements, create urban spaces, and access educational, health, cultural and media resources. The contributing factors to Latin America's social inequality are the great disparities in power, education, technology, culture and beliefs in many Latin American countries.

"I think it's a huge problem, the way Latin Americans live right now," said sophomore Edward Gonzales. "It's great to see that Stony Brook will be giving some attention to this issue."

The LACS Center at Stony Brook offers students, faculty, graduate students and the New York regional community a chance to focus on current

Latin American and Caribbean issues.

"This prestigious, generous Rockefeller award to Stony Brook LACS represents what many of us here have known for a while, the global excellence of Stony Brook's advanced interdisciplinary scholarship on Latin

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# SBU Seawolves Send Bearcats Packing

By DANA GOMI  
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook men's basketball team broke a three-game losing streak by pulling off a win over Binghamton 77-70 Wednesday night at home in the Sports Complex.

"We have been on some losing streaks. We've been up and down," said forward Mike Orfini. "So far, I think we had a good season compared to last year. We have played better as a team."

During the first half of the game, the Seawolves were having some trouble securing a lead. They were behind, but not by much. The clock ticked away with the Seawolves trailing until they eked past the Bearcats, 33-30, with 1:04 min left in the first half. At the buzzer, they were leading 35-31.

But the real game action began when Stony Brook came out of the locker room pumped for the second half. The Seawolves hung onto the lead for most of the second half, but Binghamton was never far behind, and certainly wasn't ready to give up. With 8:23 left in the game, Binghamton tied it at 59-59.

"I thought we were going to beat them. I thought we were pretty well prepared in practice," said Binghamton guard Brandon Carter. "We knew Stony Brook well. We scouted them before, but we just didn't pull this win off." Carter made a huge impact in the game, scoring 13 points, but it just wasn't enough.

Stony Brook was up 70-66 when Cori Spencer nailed a lay-up and then sunk a shot after he was fouled by Binghamton's Nick Billings, widening the lead to seven points. Some tense moments followed, but the Seawolves pulled off a 77-70 win, leaving them with an overall 13-13 record, 7-8 in the American East Conference.

Once again DJ Munir was a major presence on the court, scoring 31 points on a 10-of-14 shooting. He had some assistance from Jairus McCollum, who came away with 11 points and seven rebounds. Bobby Santiago had 10 points, and Spencer finished with nine.

Orfini also carried his share of the load for the Seawolves. Coming off the bench, he sunk an impressive slam dunk and a nice three-pointer to help seal the win. Orfini scored a total of seven points and got eight rebounds.

"I just came ready to play today," Orfini said.

Stony Brook's final game against New Hampshire, which took place yesterday, determined their final conference standing.

The Seawolves may have to face Boston University in tournament play, but the players seem ready for the top ranked team in the America East.

"We beat [Boston] once; hopefully, we can beat them again," Orfini said. "They are a tough team [to beat], especially if the tournament is going to be in Boston."



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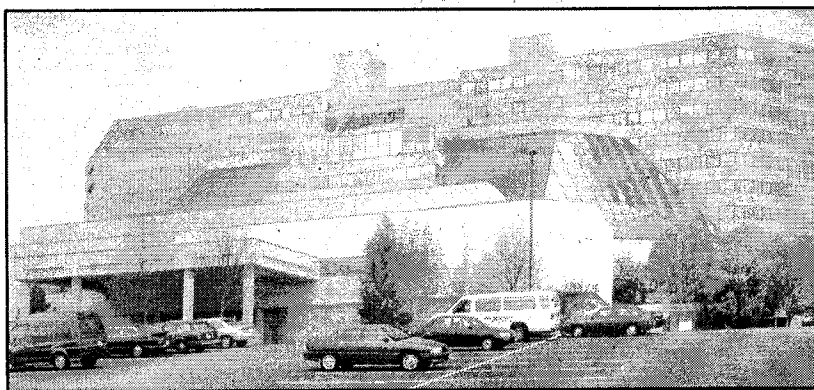
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# How to Lose a Guy Offers Some Good Laughs

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

Let's break out the recipe book. Throw in one serving of gorgeous girl, one serving of dashing good-looking guy, a few misplaced bets and a whole lot of false pretenses. Simmer until the two fall in love; then cool until they feel betrayed. Serve when they realize they are perfect for one another. Sound like a recipe for success?

In the case of *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, the answer is yes. Despite the cliché storyline and incredibly predictable outcome, this trendy new film will make you laugh out loud (that's LOL for the technologically-obsessed).

Andie Anderson (Kate Hudson) is a how-to columnist at *Composure Magazine* (think *Cosmopolitan*) writing an article entitled—surprise—"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." In order to do this, she must select a guy at random, go out with him and make every mistake that whiny, clingy girls make to drive him away in 10 days.

The guy she picks is Benjamin



Courtesy of Sony Pictures

Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey team up for some great comedic moments, but at times *How to Lose a Guy* tries too hard to be deeply meaningful instead of sticking to lighthearted comedy.

Barry (Matthew McConaughey), an advertising exec who's trying to hitch a new diamond account. To prove to his boss that he knows what women want, Ben must make a random girl fall in love with him in the oh-so-conveniently allotted timeframe of 10 days.

The—ahem—"fun" starts: the harder Andie tries to make Benjamin throw her away like a used latex...glove, the more determined Benjamin is to hang

on to her. After all, he's got to prove that he *knows* what women want. The movie isn't good because of its hyper-intricate, incredibly clever plot. It's good because it's genuinely funny. For instance, when Benjamin's penis is named Princess Sophia by Hudson's overly vivacious character, I feel a sort of victory for men everywhere. There's even a dog named Crawl the Warrior. (another proposed designation for Benjamin's member) that has a habit of urinating on every pool table he comes in contact with. Mix that in with some excellent obnoxious-female moments that most of us can relate to, and you

have some decent laughs.

Without its frontline casting, however, I don't think this movie could have gotten away with as much as it did. Hudson is absolutely beautiful, in a down-to-earth, take-her-home-to-mom (she actually does visit Ben's home) kind of way. McConaughey is a great actor who, completely unnecessarily, removes his shirt to bear his freshly waxed washboard abs on a number of occasions.

The only problem with the movie is its attempt at getting serious. Hudson's character doesn't feel fulfilled writing her vacuous articles about hair and nails. She wants to write about "politics, and things that matter." I am so touched. Please, just take your place as an empty-headed romantic comedy, and don't complain.

Don't watch this movie if you are looking for an earth-shattering, life-changing experience. Watch it if you want to get away from your hectic life of school work and studying. It's funny, relaxing and most of all, doesn't require a lot of thinking.

I give it 3 out of 5 stars

## Argentinan Tango Troupe Tears Up Staller Stage

By MEGAN LANGILLE  
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Tango Buenos Aires, a dance company from Argentina, graced the main stage of the Staller Center on Sunday, Feb. 23. Tango Buenos Aires first toured the US in 1986 and represented Argentina in the Latin-American Festival held in Central Park. In 1995, the group toured the US extensively from coast to coast, gaining popularity and critical acclaim. The group is recognized as the most authentic international performers of the tango.

The company and orchestra performed 30 dances, wowing the

crowd with dazzling group dances involving all 5 pairs of dancers and stunning pair performances requiring intricate footwork and turns. The orchestra was an integral part of the show, and performed several times without the dancers. The musicians were positioned onstage, making an excellent backdrop for the dances and allowing the audience to see them better when they performed solo.

The dancers energized the crowd. They seemed to effortlessly float across the stage, exemplifying grace; each movement was precise and sharp. In one dance, the women of the company performed together. They moved with great fluidity while maintaining

good form. Their high kicks and sensual energy moved the audience.

The men of the company exuded charisma, energy and endurance, often lifting their partners high above their heads while spinning. In one scene they dance in turn, one man performing leaps, turns and footwork followed immediately by the next man. The stage was ablaze with movement as each man performed individually.

Each dance had a theme. Some were sensual and intimate, with a single pair of dancers floating together in slow and rhythmic way. Other dances involved the whole company, which lit up the stage with rapid-paced Tango. The audience

responded to each dance with cheers and applause. The theatre reverberated with the cheers of audience members who were enthralled with the talents of the dancers.

In one particular number, called the "Libertango," performed by Omar Merlo and Natlalia Lavandeira, the Tango was performed with intricate footwork and grace. As they rushed across the stage, turning, they performed perfectly coordinated and executed kicks. The musical accompaniment was very fast, giving the dancers little room for error, but they performed flawlessly. This kind of flawlessness reigned throughout the entire performance.

## Madame Butterfly Moves a Packed House

By MEGAN LANGILLE  
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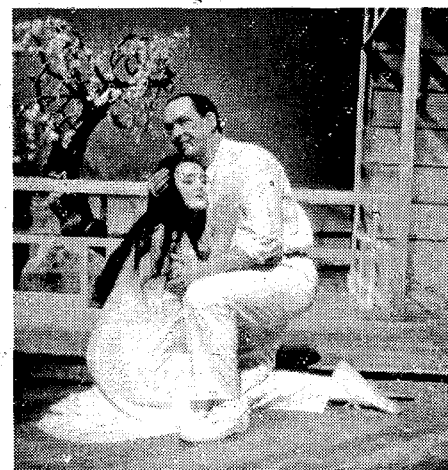
On Feb. 22, the London City Opera Company visited the Staller Center and performed *Madame Butterfly*, a poignant love story of a U.S. Navy Lieutenant and a young geisha girl. While serving in Nagasaki, Lieutenant Pinkerton arranges to marry Butterfly, a 15-year-old geisha girl. He signs a contract to marry her for 999 years; but the contract can be cancelled at any time.

For Pinkerton, the marriage is a game, something to pass the time while he is in service. To Butterfly, the marriage is forever. In an attempt to please her new American husband, Butterfly renounces her ancestral religion and becomes a Christian.

When her family finds out, they disown her. She finds happiness only in her new marriage, and hopes for better times in the future.

Once his time in service is over, Pinkerton returns to the U.S. He tells Butterfly that he will return someday. She waits three long years in misery, disowned by her family and fearful of what the future will hold. Her only solace rests in her hope that Pinkerton will keep his promise and return to her one day. Other suitors come and ask for her hand in marriage, but she turns all of them away because of her faith in her American husband.

Pinkerton sends a letter to the American Consulate and asks him to break the news to Butterfly that he has an American wife and will not



Courtesy of www.stallercenter.com

The London City Opera Company brought the moving tale of *Madame Butterfly* to life on the Staller stage.

be returning to her. She does not understand the message and instead believes that he has sent the

consulate to tell that he is coming to see her. She shows the Consulate her son, Pinkerton's son, and asks the Consulate to tell Pinkerton of the boy, who was born after he departed. The rest of the tale is heart-wrenching, though fairly predictable.

The betrayal of the beautiful and trusting Butterfly by young Pinkerton is deeply touching. The opera's lyrics were both poetic and ironic. In Act I Pinkerton tells Butterfly not to be afraid to love him and that love cannot hurt her, but of course it is love that is her ultimate undoing. The London City Opera Company brought this engaging opera to life with elegant costumes, dramatic music, and amazing vocal talent. The performance was simply beautiful, captivating the sold-out audience.

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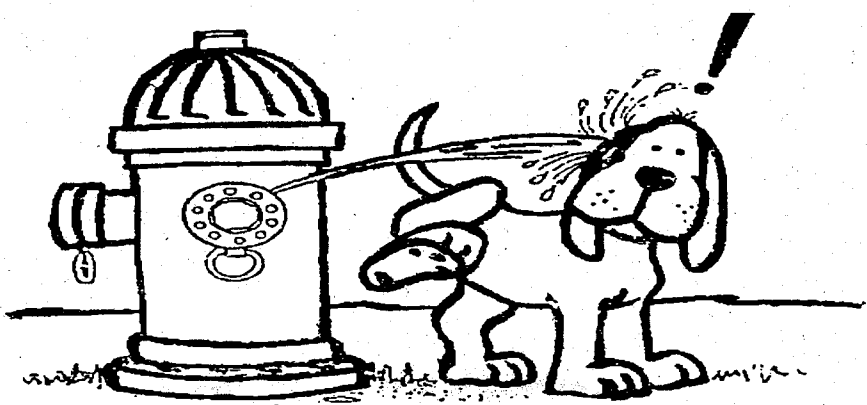
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# House Votes to Ban Research Cloning — Again

By JEFFREY BRAINARD  
Chronicle of Higher Education

After a heated debate over ethics and science, the U.S. House of Representatives voted yet again on Thursday to criminalize any effort to create cloned cells, even for medical research. The vote of 241 to 155 essentially mirrored the tally on a similar bill approved by the House in 2001.

Its sanctions against what some regard as a highly promising field of medical research, represented “an unprecedented intrusion of the criminal law into the scientific process,” said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a California Democrat who voted against it. The bill specifies a fine of at least \$1 million and a prison term of up to 10 years for anyone attempting to clone a human cell.

The prospects for the bill to become law remain cloudy, however, because many Democrats in the U.S. Senate oppose it, as does at least one Republican, Orin G. Hatch of Utah.

The House defeated a rival proposal that would have criminalized attempts to create human babies through cloning but allowed uses of cloned cells for medical studies, which supporters refer to as research cloning. A similar proposal has been introduced in the Senate. But President Bush, who favors a complete ban, has vowed to veto it.

Speakers in Thursday's House debate split almost entirely along party lines, although 42 Democrats joined with Republicans to support the total ban on cloning. Just 16 Republicans supported the

alternative. The speakers expressed sharply divergent views about the morality of destroying cloned cells. Some said research cloning would usher in a new era of medical progress, while others predicted a dark era of eugenics and exploitation of vulnerable human beings.

Opponents of the complete ban argued for exempting research cloning, saying that cloned human cells could be a vital source of embryonic stem cells that could prove useful for treating a variety of human diseases. The cloning process involves inserting the nucleus of an adult human cell into an unfertilized egg, which researchers would stimulate to begin dividing like an embryo.

Scientists would destroy the developing embryo to yield the undifferentiated stem cells, which are capable of morphing into specialized cells, like heart muscle and brain neurons. Scientists say that stem cells derived from cloned embryos may prove especially useful, because they could be genetically matched to a patient's body, avoiding immunological rejection.

The complete ban “is about outlawing cutting-edge research that could one day save and improve lives,” said James P. McGovern, a Massachusetts Democrat. “That strikes me as not only wrong, but cruel.” Added Anna G. Eshoo, a California Democrat whose district includes Stanford University: “In my view, it is the equivalent of book-burning to criminalize scientists and researchers and ban what they do.”

Many of the supporters of the complete

ban view research cloning as immoral because they view the developing embryos as human life.

“We've never gone in the direction before where we're actually talking about creating human embryos in the lab for the express purpose of exploiting and destroying them,” said Rep. Dave Weldon, a Florida Republican and chief sponsor of the total ban.

Supporters of a complete ban also argued that unscrupulous scientists would inevitably allow a cloned embryo created for research purposes to be implanted into a woman's womb, where it would be carried to term and result in the birth of a cloned human baby. Once such a pregnancy began, there would be no legal way to stop it, said F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., a Wisconsin Republican.

Supporters of the total ban also said that if scientists were allowed to create cloned embryos tailor-made to study certain diseases, it would create a “slippery slope” inevitably leading to the development of “designer” babies genetically engineered to have certain characteristics favored by their parents, a prospect the lawmakers called abhorrent.

For their part, opponents of the total ban said the supporters' arguments equating embryos with adult humans was nothing but an appeal to religious authority. Lofgren said it would be wrong to legally impose a view of when human life begins on all Americans, many of whom disagree with it and many of whom could benefit from the research.

Although Thursday's debate mirrored aspects of the debate over abortion rights, no

speakers noted that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* did not recognize embryos as having rights.

Opponents of the total ban also argued that the Food and Drug Administration could monitor researchers carefully enough to prevent cloned human babies.

In addition, the opponents blasted a provision of the total ban on cloning that would criminalize attempts to import into the United States any medical therapy developed overseas using cloned human cells. To avoid that criticism, sponsors dropped that provision from the corresponding Senate bill that they introduced in January.

Supporters of research cloning cited a recent statement by Nancy Reagan that sided with them. The former first lady wrote Hatch this month that the technique could offer the only hope of a cure for diseases like Alzheimer's, which afflicts her husband, former President Ronald Reagan.

Members of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research — one of the leading groups supporting research cloning — had only a limited time to lobby members of the House, said Michael Manganiello, its president. The group's members, including many university officials, focused all of their lobbying last year on the debate in the Senate. “We did the best we could,” he said.

He called Thursday's House debate “full of rhetoric and mistruths” offered by the ban's supporters, and he called the outcome “disappointing.”

## School Officials Didn't Report Rape

By NICOLE FULLER  
Chronicle of Higher Education

Two housing officials at Morehead State University, in Kentucky, and an independent physician's assistant who works there have been charged with failing to report an alleged group rape of a female student last semester in a campus dormitory. The student, who was 17 at the time, had told the three women about the alleged attack, a police spokesman said.

All three were charged on Feb. 21 with failure to report a crime, a misdemeanor which could result in up to a year in jail, according to Ralph V. Lockard, a spokesman for the Kentucky State Police. The women are Shannon A. Colvin, area coordinator for residence halls; Lisa M. Griffith, who was director of Waterfield Hall, where the attack allegedly occurred; and Julena N. Adams, a physician's assistant who works under contract at the university health clinic.

Brian Bowling, a Kentucky State Police spokesman, said that the student had told the three women shortly after the alleged attack, on September 14, that she had been raped by five male students in Waterfield Hall. She subsequently went to the police. All five of the students were charged with involving a minor in a sexual performance and are free on bail awaiting trial, Bowling said. The woman and the five accused students are no longer enrolled at Morehead State.

Adams, Colvin, and Griffith were charged under a Kentucky statute that requires any person who is aware that a child is

“dependent, neglected, or abused” to immediately file a report with local law-enforcement officials. The Morehead student qualified as a child under the law because of her age at the time.

Pauline Young, a spokeswoman for Morehead State, said that the student had spoken with the employees after the alleged attack, but that it remained unclear what they had discussed.

“She did have a conversation with these three individuals,” Young said. “She lived in the residence halls where Lisa and Shannon worked, and she visited Caudill Health Clinic, where she would have encountered Adams. But what she told them is not known.”

Neither Adams nor Colvin could be reached for comment. Griffith declined to comment.

Young said that the three women would continue to work at Morehead State despite the serious nature of the charges against them.

“We're of the assumption that you're innocent until proven guilty,” Young said. “It has not been proven that they're guilty of anything. So at this point, they're still doing their jobs.”

Young maintains that the police did not notify Morehead State of the alleged assault until approximately a week afterward, and that the university's president had promptly notified people on the campus and attended a candlelight vigil for the student. She also said that all resident assistants and directors are trained each semester to help students who may have been sexually assaulted.

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## Op-Eds

# On War and Peace: Role of the UN

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My eighth grade Social Studies teacher used to say that there would never be a World War IV. His reasoning? World War III would wipe out the Earth. There was a time when that comment seemed an exaggeration. That time has passed.

One of my political science courses is engaged in weekly video conferences with several present and former members of the United Nations, perhaps our best protection against a world war trilogy. The sessions are run by Ahmad Kamal, the former UN Ambassador to Pakistan. Kamal recently gave our class a broad overview of the United Nations and its responses to nuclear weapons and global security.

Interestingly, he pointed to the 1960s as a "high point" of international consensus concerning disarmament. I say interestingly, of course, because it was in 1962, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, that the world teetered precariously on the brink of nuclear Armageddon.

Yet it was containment, not an invasion, which allowed world to live another generation. And let's recall the historic achievements during that decade, not the least of which were the ratification in 1963 of the Limited Test Ban Treaty and the 1968 drafting of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The Cold War, in hindsight, was perhaps our greatest protection against nuclear weapons use. Yes, both superpowers maintained awesome nuclear arsenals, but neither would be the first to use them, for fear that there would be no world left after a retaliatory strike. Ambassador Kamal discussed the effects of this mutually assured deterrence. There may have been an arms race, he reasoned, but neither side was willing to cross the finish line.

Now, we face uncertain prospects in this post-Cold

War era. Not only is there a single superpower left, but there has also been a rise in armed rogue states, terrorist organizations, and various NGO actors. As we have often discussed, the UN is a forum where, by nature, attention is paid to member states. Today, the largest problem may not come from defined entities with internationally recognized governments. We have entered an age where traditional borders and governments may, to a certain extent, be obsolete.

Yet the UN has not shied away from its founding principle of disarmament. Ms. Hannelore Hoppe, Director of the UN's Department of Disarmament Affairs, spoke to our class regarding several areas of progress in which the UN has played a large role. Indeed, she maintains strongly that disarmament remains a top UN priority, perhaps even more so than in 1945.

Aside from Israel, India, and Pakistan, every UN member state has signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Moreover, dozens of states (the U.S. being one exception) ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. In addition, the UN has also attempted to rid the world of biological and chemical weapons. Even in the face of Saddam Hussein, al Qaeda, Osama Bin Laden, and Kim Jong Il, Hoppe remains committed to her belief that the UN can, and will, be the vehicle for peace. In these uncertain times, I wish we could all share in her optimistic spirit.

As Ambassador Kamal pointed out, however, the three major conflict zones since 1945 have been the Middle East, Far East, and Southeast Asia. As he accurately stated, these are regional conflict zones, not global ones. As such, they may in the end require solutions to be put forth on a local scale, not a global one. If that is to be the case, the question of UN relevance is by no means irrelevant. Which leads us to another question: if the UN ultimately fails, will the next generation live to see it?

## Struggling for Basic Cable

By ROBERT J. ROMANO  
Statesman Contributor

When I sit down to watch television and decide which channel I want to watch, normally I flip through channels until I find a station I like. But did you know that each fiscal year, Stony Brook students may fill out a survey, which is used to decide which channels should be added to, or taken away from, the institutional contract we share with the cable provider? This contract is presently under review. Despite the availability of these surveys on an annual basis, very few residents know about them.

"The current cable contract reflects the desires of the students who took the time to give their input through the appropriate channels," wrote Vanessa Maybeck, Residence Hall Association (RHA) Treasurer, in response to my inquiries. This means if you forget to fill out your survey in March, you could potentially have your favorite channel axed in order to make room for a more "popular" one, as ranked through an unscientific survey. "Students' top three choices are surveyed to rank the desired and undesired channels in the event that some channels need to be dropped in order to add those which students desire," Maybeck added.

My concern lies with the ability of large organizations on campus to participate ("tyranny of the majority") in the survey if they do not like a particular station (even if others do). It appears that I actually need to organize an effort to get a channel added, but similarly, I could also

organize students to get channels taken away in the name of "cutting corners." Though labeled as "democratic," since one does get to vote, I believe this system for obtaining student views on the channels is demagogic, for one person can organize a large group of people to vote in a particular way.

This is censorship. Despite the budgetary issues involved—the fact that more channels would mean higher housing costs—the system is still fundamentally flawed. Since the system is already well-established, we cannot vote on adding all of the channels, or "basic cable." Instead, we only get to add a few, and if you want to add one you may still need friends to help your cause, potentially at the expense of another resident's favorite channel. Is that fair?

I'd like to see my favorite channel, the Fox News Channel, added to the lineup, but it may not be added unless I can find enough students to vote for it. I think we should be able to vote for all of the channels available, the reasonable expectation of a "basic cable" service, for the sake of fairness. So when you fill out your survey, send the RHA a message and tell them you want "basic cable."

We deserve the privilege of "basic cable," and we reserve the right to change the channel. After all, no law can be made "abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." This system, though passed off as democratic, is in particular unconstitutional. The RHA cannot cut corners at the expense of student freedoms for the sake of saving money. I feel that I've wasted my money on an unfair and grossly retarded system.

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# Rockefeller Fellowship

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### A THOUGHT FROM RABBI ADAM



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**Article 9:** "Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine and is therefore a strategy and not tactics. The Palestinian Arab people affirm its absolute resolution and abiding determination to pursue the armed struggle."

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**Article 15:** "The liberation of Palestine is a national duty to eliminate the Zionist presence from Palestine."

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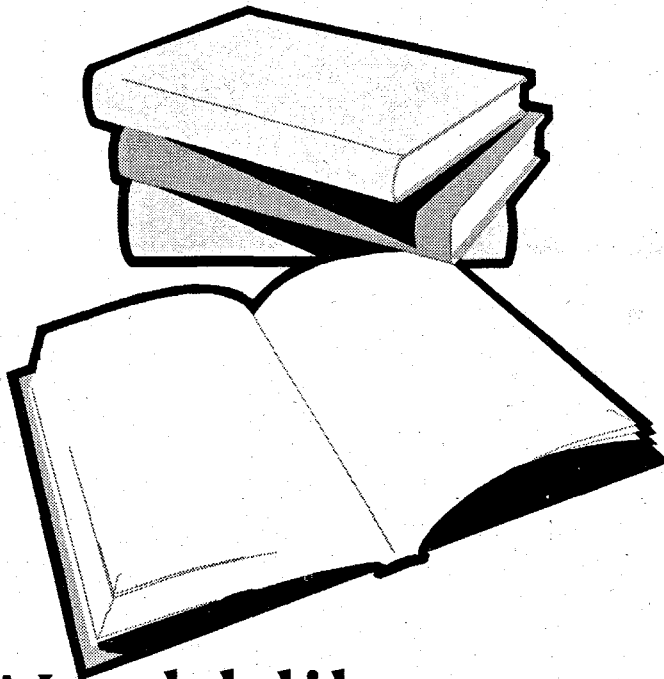
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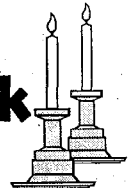
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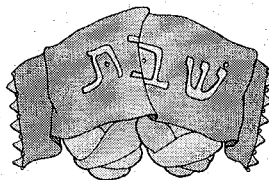
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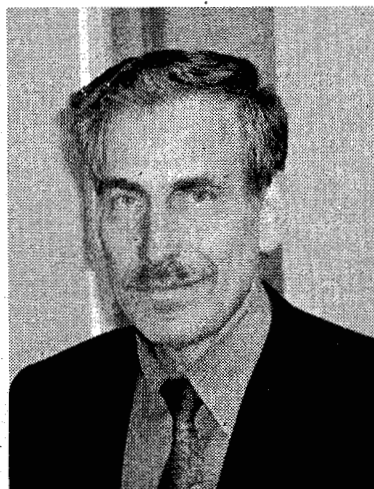
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