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Campus Sexual Assault Leads To Arrest

By MAURY HIRSCHKORN
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A 34 year-old man was arrested for sexually assaulting a female student on campus, according to Douglas Little, Deputy Chief of the University Police.

Three female students, whose names are being withheld for privacy reasons, said that around 9 p.m. on Feb. 28 they were walking on Center Drive toward Melville Library when they were approached by a male. He grabbed one woman's groin area and ran off when the women fought back.

The students alerted members of the Residential Safety Program who were walking nearby.

"One of the women noticed we were doing our rounds," said Emmanuel Gyamfi, RSP coordinator.

The RSP field unit observed the suspect's flight path and radioed the University Police for assistance.

"The man was going past the stadium to the other side of the train tracks," Gyamfi said.

University Police arrived and

followed the suspect across route 25A into a wooded area. The Suffolk County Police Department Canine Unit arrived and searched the woods with dogs. At 9:59 p.m., a suspect was arrested 100 yards north of route 25A by University Police.

Little said, Mark D. Lightcap of East Setauket was arrested and charged with sexual abuse in the third degree, defined as an instance in which a person subjects another person to sexual contact without consent.

"He [Lightcap] was not affiliated with the college," Little added.

If convicted, Lightcap can expect a sentence of up to three months in jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$500.

Philip Morales, a University Police officer, was involved with the chase and was pleased with the cooperation they received from RSP. "It was a good example of everyone working together to apprehend this person," he said.

RSP consists of roughly 140 students who patrol the campus and residence halls, check for broken lights and make sure that doors are secure. "We



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RSP provides a walk service to students between 12 p.m. and 3 a.m. on weekdays.

are the eyes and ears of the campus police," Gyamfi said.

RSP personnel cannot arrest suspects, but have the ability to radio suspicious activity to the University Police.

Little said that sexual assaults are uncommon on campus, and Gyamfi agreed. "I've been on campus for around

seven or eight years," Gyamfi said. "This is the first time I was called about something like this."

According to University Police statistics, there was one rape and one sexual abuse case reported in 2002, and there have been no rapes and two sexual abuse cases reported in 2003.

Taking the Fight to the Capitol

NYPIRG Leads SBU Students on a 560 Mile Journey to Protest Tuition Hikes

By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS
Statesman Staff

On the morning of Tuesday, March 11, about 150 Stony Brook students boarded three buses to travel to Albany for a rally against Governor George Pataki's budget proposals.

The proposed education budget includes a \$1,200 tuition hike for SUNY students, cuts to financial aid programs such as TAP and EOP, and a 15 percent cut to the operating budgets of state universities.

The rally came after a statewide "No Tuition Hike," during which students from all across the state marched toward Albany. Students from Stony Brook marched to the Nassau-Suffolk border on February 23.

"I thought the rally was great," said Helen Ho, one of the coordinators of NYPIRG's Stony Brook chapter. "Students from all the SUNY and CUNY schools were



Statesman/Michelle White

Protestors rallied at the steps of the capitol building in Albany with hopes of changing legislators' positions on Governor Pataki's proposed tuition hike.

represented and said no to the Governor's proposals." Event organizers estimated that over 3,000 students attended the rally.

Many students took the trip for personal reasons. "I went to the rally because this issue is very close to me," said sophomore Anna

Goldsznycer. "I am part of EOP, I receive TAP aid, and there is no way I can afford an extra \$1,200 for tuition."

The rally featured a host of speakers, including State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Chair of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee Ron Canestrari, former Assemblyman Ed Sullivan, Barbara Bowen, President of the CUNY Professional Staff Congress, and

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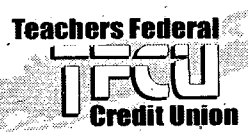

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Working to Create Better Writers, Not A+ Papers

By MAUREEN KER
Statesman Staff

Need an expert opinion on the paper you are about to hand in? Then quit nagging your roommate and head down to the Writing Center located in the former Life Sciences Library.

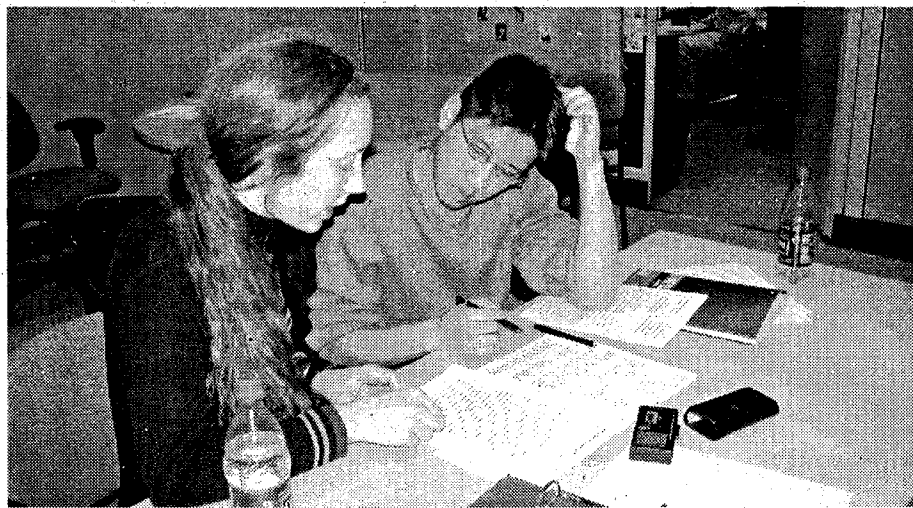
Open Monday through Friday and equipped with a staff of 22 tutors, the Writing Center is open to all students and faculty who want help with writing.

"I wish I went to the Writing Center before handing in my medical school personal statement, but I ran out of time," said senior Lucan Rodrigues.

The center's tutors encourage students to bring in writing a few days before due date for a tutor to critique.

"It is best to bring in your paper as soon as you have the first draft down," said tutor Jessica Zukas.

She emphasized that simple editing is not one of the services the center provides. "Some students come here expecting us to proofread their papers, but that's not what we do," Zukas said.



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A tutor and a student discuss sentence structure at the Writing Center on Wednesday. The center is open Monday through Friday, and hours of operation vary.

Students who need someone to instantly remedy their typos and grammar glitches should seek help elsewhere.

"I think the difficulty most students face is expressing what they are thinking onto paper," Rodrigues said. "The ideas in my head are A-plus quality, but it's different when it's on paper."

Rodrigues' sentiment seems to accurately reflect past research

conducted by Harry Denny, Ph.D., Director of the Writing Center. According to his survey results, most of the students who go to the center need help with forming coherent sentences and presenting clear arguments.

Among the students polled, only 29 percent said they had problems coming up with the ideas for the paper.

"I'm developing tracking data on students who use the center as well as performing content analysis on how students and tutors reflect on tutoring experiences," Denny said.

The goal of the Writing Center is to produce better writers, not to help students write perfect papers, Denny explained. "We strive to have mentoring support that responds to students' needs while also fostering a teaching focus."

To accomplish this, the center provides a comprehensive library of writing resources, including books, handouts and online notes, in addition to personalized tutoring.

"It's more important to say something of value than have perfect grammar," said tutor John Sun.

For students who are unable to visit the center, there is an e-tutoring service available. "Like most writing centers, we offer online tutoring as well as face to face tutoring on an appointment or drop-in basis," Denny said.

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Focus on Evolution: "Friends, Foes and Food"

By ROHIT DAS
Statesman Contributor

The Department of Ecology and Evolution recently presented a series of lectures by Stephen Palumbi, Ph.D., a professor at Stanford University and a nationally renowned evolutionary biologist. The talks focused on the role of human society in evolutionary processes.

His most recent lecture was titled "Friends, Foes and Food: Human Impact on Evolution." He discussed how societal norms promote the evolution of the human species by imparting the valuation of certain physical and mental characteristics over others.

Another example of the human impact on evolution is the evolution of domestic food products like salmon. Since consumers have shown a tendency

to favor larger, more grown fish, the salmon industry has adjusted its produce accordingly. The industry now favors the accumulation of larger fish to such an extent that genetic engineering is being used to enhance the expression of growth hormone genes. As a consequence of such bias, smaller salmon have increased in the wild salmon population. Human will, Palumbi said, profoundly influences evolutionary processes.

Perhaps the most obvious evolutionary impact humans have had is exhibited through bacterial and viral resistance. Since the discovery of penicillin, humans have been in a constant arms race with harmful bacteria. During the 1940s and 50s, the effect of penicillin was remarkable. But beginning in the early 60s, its effect

decreased significantly due to the evolution of bacterial resistance.

Ultimately, new antibiotics were made to counter bacterial evolution. But this cycle has continued over the years, and the discovery of each new antibiotic has eventually been met with bacterial resistance.

Human influence on viral and bacterial evolution has led to one of the most problematic issue facing scientists today, the treatment of HIV. "We are treating not just the disease, but the evolution of the disease," Palumbi said.

HIV is a retrovirus, and converts RNA into DNA. However, the enzymes it uses for these processes are highly inefficient and often produce mutations. Research has shown that HIV has the ability to adapt to individual genotypes by recognizing individually specific

immuno-alleles.

Despite the complexity of HIV, Palumbi said, there are efficient ways to treat it.

"Evolution is just not a theory, but it is something we can expect," he said. "And given that we have very powerful medicine, we should expect evolution."

Methods of HIV treatment have been developed with such a perspective. For example, "treatment overkill" uses a triple-drug therapy regimen. Different drugs are used for the purpose of attacking different parts of the HIV virus, thus slowing the progression of resistant evolution.

Palumbi stressed that societal change and evolution are not two independent processes, but that the course one takes determines the course of the other.

New Blood in SBU Hospital's Surgical Oncology

By DAVE WEISS
Statesman Staff

Stony Brook University Hospital has added a nationally renowned cancer surgeon to its staff. Martin S. Karpeh, Jr., M.D., was appointed Chief of Surgical Oncology.

"All of the components of a truly excellent cancer center—such as clinical services, research, and academics—are here at Stony Brook, and surgical oncology is a major part of that," Karpeh said. "But surgery is not a technique; it is a science and a multifaceted specialty, and the operation is just one component. Stony Brook has all the components."

For the past 12 years, Karpeh worked at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City as a specialist in gastrointestinal surgery. He also held a faculty appointment at

the Weill Medical College of Cornell University and has been nationally recognized for his expertise in the treatment of cancer of the stomach and esophagogastric junction.

One of Karpeh's responsibilities is overseeing the hospital's Long Island Cancer Center. The recent addition of the LICC is part of the University Hospital's effort to establish Long Island's first National Cancer Institute and designate it as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. The hospital hopes to attain such a designation within a few years. There are only 39 such NCI-designated cancer centers in the nation. The LICC conducts the only university-based cancer research in the region.

Long Island's large and aging population makes cancer a significant

healthcare issue. Stony Brook is building its ability to care for the increasing number of patients with its comprehensive clinical services and research.

Through its General Clinical Research Center, the hospital also conducts clinical trials in the search for effective new therapies and drugs.

"Our goal will be to give patients a complete picture of their therapy in one initial visit," Karpeh said. "This ease of entry into the system is imperative, and it allows for the surgical and clinical oncologists, radiation therapists, and other specialists to generate a treatment plan that may or may not incorporate surgery."

Hospital administrators said Karpeh's expertise will help the hospital more effectively treat cancers of the gastrointestinal tract, such as

esophageal, pancreatic, and liver cancers. He emphasized that all of these cancers can be treated effectively if detected early and handled with appropriate surgery. Karpeh also will be responsible for recruiting additional surgeons who specialize in surgical oncology.

Karpeh is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology. He completed his General Surgery residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his M.D. from Pennsylvania State University in 1983. He was the recipient of an American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Fellowship Award in 1990 and is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health for research related to gastric cancer.

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Arab Intellectuals Work to Oppose War on Iraq

By DANIEL DELCASTILLO
Chronicle of Higher Education

Professors at universities throughout the Arab world are organizing protests and petitions against the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Some experts on the region fear that these activities are a prelude to a long-term estrangement between intellectuals in the Arab world and in the United States.

In Lebanon on Monday, a group of American intellectuals living in Beirut and scholars who teach at the American University of Beirut and the Lebanese American University delivered a letter to the U.S. ambassador. The letter was addressed to Colin L. Powell, the U.S. Secretary of State, and read in part, "We feel compelled to express our profound opposition to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Like the millions of people who have flooded the streets of cities around the world in recent weeks, we believe that this war is neither just nor necessary."

At the American University in Cairo, Mondays and Wednesdays have informally been designated protest days as a variety of groups and organizations gather to protest U.S. military action. "There is a great feeling of solidarity among us as Egyptians, Arabs, and Americans," said Samia Mehrez, a professor of Arabic literature at the university.

Mehrez, who formerly taught at Cornell University, said she was encouraged by protests taking place at American campuses. She is also one of the core members of Faculty for Palestine, a popular movement at the American University in Cairo that has also adopted an antiwar stance.

But Mehrez and other scholars said that one of the unintended consequences of the war may be a long-term backlash against the United States by a generation of talented Arab students whose academic goal would normally be to pursue higher education in America.

"Many of our graduate students are now thinking twice about pursuing graduate school in

the United States," Mehrez said.

Nick Hopkins, dean of humanities and social sciences at the American University in Cairo, said he was concerned about the future of intellectual relations between Arab and American scholars. "For sure the war has delivered a heavy body blow," he said, adding that he was "not sure" what the long-

"There's a whole generation of Lebanese and Egyptians who aren't really aware that there are large numbers of Americans who are opposed to the war..."

term impact would be. "I think the situation is too volatile to know," he said.

Some Arab scholars say that intellectuals' opinions in the region are divided in part on the basis of where the scholars did their graduate work, with those trained in the United States often being less critical than others.

"I think this war is going to cause damage to non-U.S.-educated Arab graduates," said Nizar Hamzeh, a political scientist at the American University of Beirut. "There is a split and alienation from this war already, and Arab intellectuals have once again been put on the defensive. On one side, they don't agree with authoritarianism or Islamism, but at the same time, this war has not been of great help to them in terms of promoting democracy or

democratic systems."

Yahya Sadowski, who teaches political science at the American University of Beirut and has a brother serving on an American aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf, said he signed the letter to Secretary Powell in part as a didactic measure of protest.

"There's a whole generation of Lebanese and Egyptians who aren't really aware that there are large numbers of Americans who are opposed to the war, so part of what we're hoping to do by participating in demonstrations is to show them that this is an issue on which Americans are divided and that America is a free country in which we expect people to speak up if they don't support the government's policy," he said.

In the meantime, demonstrations throughout the region have continued. In Khartoum, Sudan, at least one student and one professor were killed on Saturday when police officers broke up a march headed for the American Embassy. In Amman, Jordan, more than 20,000 demonstrators were locked into the main campus of the University of Jordan by riot police on Friday. And in Yemen, students and authorities clashed violently at Sanaa University on Sunday.

However, the American Universities in Cairo and Beirut have largely been insulated from attack or criticism, despite the American symbolism they project, by virtue of the respect they enjoy in their countries — which has been helped by the visibility on their campuses of opposition to the invasion of Iraq.

Administrators and faculty members, though, are still cautious.

"All of the faculty are told on a regular basis that they need to be careful here because AUB carries a lot of clout in Lebanese political and intellectual circles, and if you ever appear as if you're trying to speak on behalf of AUB, it can very quickly backfire," said Sadowski, of the American University of Beirut.

Bomb Hits Iraqi University Founded in 13th Century

By DANIEL DELCASTILLO
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Al-Mustansiriya University, which was founded in the 13th century, was hit by a bomb on Sunday during intensive strikes on Baghdad. According to Reuters, the bomb left a crater 10 yards wide and 10 feet deep at one of the university's entrances.

Classes were not in session at the time of the blast, which injured several bystanders, the news agency reported.

Classes at all schools and colleges throughout Iraq have been suspended for the last five days.

ROTC Uniform Policy Changed in Wake of Vandalism

By WILL POTTER
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Officials at the University of Iowa, responding to vandalism and antiwar graffiti, decided on Monday to stop requiring cadets in the Reserve Officer Training Corps to wear their camouflage uniforms to class.

Lt. Col. Carol St. John, a professor of military science who oversees the university's ROTC program, said the move was meant to diminish the military presence on the campus. However, she said the physical safety of the 150 cadets in the program was not an issue.

"We were simply concerned that many cadets walk around campus, and if they are out there they are a very large profile. There are antiwar protests on campus: These are emotional young people who may not respond appropriately," she said, adding that no cadets have been accosted on the campus.

The two glass entrances to the ROTC building were found smashed early Friday, police officials said. Nothing was stolen from the building, and no

"Academically, it's one of the most important institutions in Iraq," Abdol Majid Khoei, an Iraqi scholar and general secretary of the Al-Khoei Foundation, in London, said of Al-Mustansiriya. "It's a part of the University of Baghdad and has been since 1962, when it was incorporated as one of the new university colleges," he added. "Students study primarily law and literature there."

Charles Tripp, a specialist in Iraqi history at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, said, "The Iraqis restored it in the 1980s. The structure is medieval, but they did quite a lot of restoration

work on it. It's beautiful, very, very impressive."

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The university's main building, he added, is "one of these wonderful, long arched buildings rather reminiscent, except not as highly decorative, of the ones you see in Isfahan," in Iran.

Al-Mustansiriya University was built in 1233 as an Islamic college designed to promote an ecumenical form of Sunni Islam at a time when Baghdad was the center of a vast Islamic empire.

The university is in the old section of the city along the Tigris River and is situated behind the Ministry of Defense, making it a vulnerable institution.

arrests have been made. No antiwar messages were left at the building, and police officers said they do not know if the incident was an act of protest.

Messages like "Freedom dies when bombs fall" and "USA: rogue state" were found spray-painted on four other buildings on the campus the same morning, according to the police.

Anjali Khosla, a representative of the campus group Campaign Against War, said the organization does not support the vandalism and denies any involvement in it. Some people in the antiwar movement at Iowa are torn over the ROTC presence on the campus, Khosla said.

"Nobody is crazy about the idea of fellow students being trained to kill people," she said, adding that students recognize that many of their peers enter the program to finance their education. She emphasized that her organization supports cadets on the campus and U.S. troops abroad.

Khosla said that tensions at Iowa over the war have increased in the past week. Activists

distributing antiwar fliers have been "met with much more antagonism" and have had "fliers thrown back in their faces," she said.

Similar antiwar graffiti were reported at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque last Wednesday night. Campus police officers are investigating nine separate instances of spray-painted messages on university buildings, including the one that houses the Navy and Air Force ROTC. The messages included "Bush is a terrorist" and "War is murder."

Ben Tucker, a University of New Mexico graduate and antiwar activist, said he thinks that many people on the campus have been radicalized by the Bush administration's drive to war without the support of the United Nations, and by a local protest last Wednesday in which police used tear gas and pepper spray on protesters.

He said the graffiti indicate an increasingly frustrated movement willing to "engage in more of a diversity of nonviolent tactics."

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Op-Eds

Let the Propaganda War Begin

By MARIE HUCTION
Statesman Staff

America has invaded Iraq. The planes are dropping bombs, the tanks are rolling and the misinformation is flying through the air faster than apache helicopters. Coalition forces have easily captured several southern cities. Wait, no: the citizens are rebelling, and fierce fighting has broken out. Coalition forces have taken the oil fields without any fires - until, of course, those pesky rebels decided to bomb a couple of wells.

Saddam Hussein has been killed in an air raid - or perhaps not since he's appearing on Iraqi television. Iraqi forces are surrendering, but Hussein says the prisoners are American actors. The U.S. said the campaign would be quick, and now we're looking at a prolonged conflict. Hussein says the Iraqi people will be victorious, yet his cities are being bombed to dust and his troops are being captured.

Both sides are swamped with lies and political misinformation. Why not put a useful spin on the unfolding events? If the truth looks bad, change it. Tell the journalists only what you want them to hear. Take the most optimistic view of the death tolls and troop movements and do whatever it takes to convince your respective countries and constituents that the war is swinging rapidly in your favor.

That more troops have been killed in airborne accidents and due to friendly fire (including of course, the disgruntled Americans who throw grenades into

their cohorts' tents) is a sign of the odd nature of this war and its reporting. The people were led to believe that this would be a bloodless contest, that the Iraqi people would welcome coalition forces as liberators. But with nearly 6 months of warning to consolidate his position, Hussein is entrenched in the hearts of many of his people, and American victory is not an easy prospect. Hussein claims that every citizen would die for him, and he is certainly willing to sacrifice each life to maintain his power.

As it always was, this conflict is more ideological than ethical. Bush (with a little Blair thrown in for good measure) vs. Hussein. Western ideals vs. Arab tradition. And everybody is trying to look good in the public eye. Bush is posing as the moral crusader invading out of sheer ethical necessity. Never mind the oil and previous history. Blair is playing the supportive ethical ally who won't back down from a justified fight, ignoring the opposition of his own people. And Hussein is desperately trying to portray a victimized sovereign who cares about the people of his nation, editing any mention of the terror and hardship he has inflicted upon his own population.

In essence, it's all about media image - who can convince the global audience of their altruistic intentions. About who can garner international sympathy and foment a religious crusade. As with any conflict splashed on the front pages and television screens, it's all an issue of political and economic gain.

Letters to the Editor

On Support of U.S. Troops

Dear Editor,

I am told to "Support Our Troops" now that war has begun. I say it all depends on what you mean. I want our troops out of harm's way. I support them in their right to choose the military, their feeling that they are doing their patriotic duty, and in their thinking that they are doing good.

But I don't support them for what, at the president's orders, they are doing in Iraq. I oppose their hostile entering of a country without international support. I don't support them in their killing of Iraqis, both soldiers and innocent civilians. And I oppose them in their inevitable destruction of at least some infrastructure and resources that will lead to miseries in the future.

Please don't look at me strangely if I can't unequivocally agree that, "But, of course, all citizens can and should support our troops."

Neil Wollman, Senior Fellow, Peace Studies Institute
Professor of Psychology, Manchester College

Leave It for April Fool's

Dear Editor,

My attention has been brought to an article in your January 20 issue, written by Leonard Peikoff and printed by courtesy of the Ayn Rand Institute. I think there may be a few things you overlooked before publishing it, since it presents as fact some beliefs left over from the dark ages, and was written by or for someone exhibiting less intelligence than would seem to be required for college admission.

1. However you view the process, the fact that scientists have been able to take an egg from a woman and semen from a man, fertilize the egg "in vitro", initiate growth, and transplant the growing human life into another woman's uterus for carriage to term, definitively proves that the developing new human is NOT a part of the mother.

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Ask Joici: Drinking on Stony Brook's Campus

By Joici Job
Statesman Contributor

How prevalent is alcohol abuse on campus? Using my personal experience as a reference point, I wonder if the image of widespread alcohol abuse is an exaggeration?

-Hachung Chung

Dear Hachung,

It's great that you are one of the few people who insist on forming conclusions based on sound evidence rather than gossip. Yes, the mention of Stony Brook University often evokes images of campus-wide, reckless and frequent binge drinking.

But these images are the echoes of a raucous social scene during the "1960's and 1970's when there was no residence hall supervision and at least five or six bars on campus," said to Peter Mastroianni, Health Education Coordinator, SHS.

Statistics from the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey of 2002 demonstrate the extent to which Stony Brook has changed since the implementation of regulatory policies and improvements in academic quality and outreach programs. While a good percentage of the student body may use alcohol, a comparison between Stony Brook and a reference group of 93,679 students from 197 institutions reveal that Stony Brook University ranks below the national average for heavy alcohol consumption.

The misconception that alcohol abuse is rampant on campus is popular, as suggested by the same survey, which reports 85.7 percent of Stony Brook students believe that most of their peers use alcohol once a week or more. But only 12.1 percent of the Stony Brook student body engages in high-frequency weekly consumption of alcohol. An even closer examination of students' responses show that 25 percent claim to have never used alcohol while 35 percent admit to having used alcohol moderately (less than twice a month).

How, then, are the actions of a few accepted without question to define the norm? First of all, there is the possibility that an individual is surrounded by students who regularly abuse alcohol. One might naturally conclude that this is common.

One Stony Brook sophomore recalled, "When I first moved into the residence hall, I lived next to people who were constantly half drunk. I thought everyone in the school were crack-heads. By simply moving down the hall after my first semester, I realized I was in a pocket community that was far from the norm."

Another factor that contributes greatly to the propagation of such false notions is our society, which applauds obnoxious behavior. Peers sensationalize a drunken brawl or other infrequent outrageous behavior to the extent that listeners internalize these accounts as normal and common.

The disproportional publicity given to the destructive actions of a few leads to dangerous misperceptions, since the ill consequences of their reckless behavior is rarely given similar attention. It warps

students' logic to the point of eliciting comments such as "stuff like that rarely happens" when reading a list typical of the aftermath of alcohol and drug abuse; ranging from "sexual assault, accidents caused by drunk driving and alcohol poisoning."

This false sense of invincibility perpetuates more reckless behavior and takes power away from the majority who chose to drink moderately, if at all. In fact, the 2002 survey ranked Stony Brook above the national average in DWI/DUI and showed Stony Brook students to have a penchant for being in trouble with police, residence halls or other college authorities.

Many on-campus programs, like CHOICE, and national programs such as CASA try to build awareness among the campus community of the ill effects of alcohol abuse and encourage safe and intelligent behavior.

Writing Center: Not a 'Fix-it Shop'

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Students can access the service online at www.stonybrook.edu/writrhet/writingcenter and fill out a form to submit their papers. Feedback from a tutor is sent via electronic mail.

For students who prefer to see a tutor in person, the center suggests a few things to keep in mind.

Openly expressing concerns to the tutor is the key to a successful session, the center's employees agreed. "We need to know what the students want and a lack of communication makes that difficult," Zukas said.

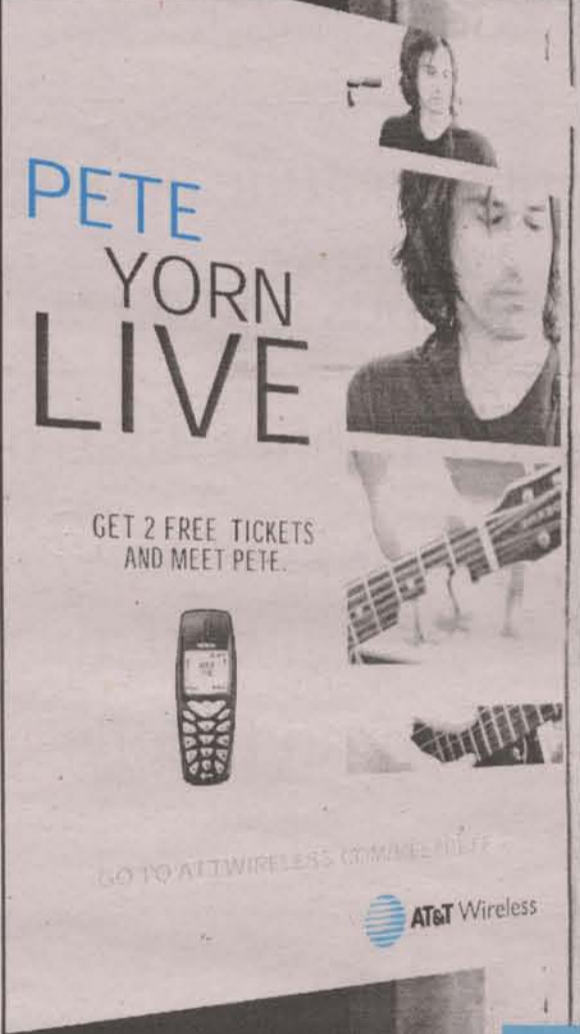
The center is not just for students taking classes that conventionally require a lot of

writing. "Like most centers, half of our business comes from the Writing Program and the rest of our student usage comes from classes across the entire university," Denny said.

"I see a lot of students from all different majors, including technical fields such as Engineering and Computer Science," Sun added.

Last of all, Denny said that students should remember that a good writer is not made overnight.

"Students often come to us with the expectation that the center is a 'fix-it' shop or place where 'bad' writers go to get 'corrected,'" he said. "As a result, we often must spend a good deal of time overcoming those perceptions and helping students discover and learn strategies to improve their writing."



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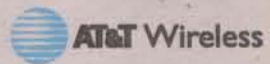
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NYPIRG's No Tuition Hike

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representatives from the Student Association of SUNY. Two students who marched across New York State in the two weeks leading up to the rally, and Stony Brook student and NYPIRG member Becca Ahuja also spoke.

"[Pataki] didn't think we could do this, but we stepped up to the plate," Ahuja said. "Education is our right, our privilege, and we're here

but in a press conference held earlier that day, he told reporters, "I certainly understand that no one would like to pay higher tuition. That's why we worked very hard for seven years — the longest time ever — to have no tuition increase at SUNY and CUNY."

Students attending the rally were invited by organizers to participate in "Lobby Day," which will take place on Sunday, March 31. There

"It is our job to continue the work we have started and let the Governor know that we are not going away."

to let him know that." She then led the raucous crowd in a chant of "Education is our right. Fight, fight, fight!"

"It's senseless to try and build something from the roof down," Silver said. "The governor has to make tough choices, but there are tough choices, and there are wrong choices."

Canestrari proclaimed Silver "a friend of education," and added his own thoughts. "[The tuition hike] is unfair and unjust to students and we, as Democrats in the Assembly, will not let it stand."

Pataki did not attend the rally,

students will have the opportunity to speak to State Assemblymen and express their views on the Governor's proposals. Students were also encouraged to call Pataki's office and leave messages in opposition to the tuition increase.

"It is clear that we have friends in the Assembly and the Senate that will fight for students," said Melissa Morahan, one of NYPIRG's coordinators at Stony Brook. "It is our job to continue the work we have started and let the Governor know that we are not going away."

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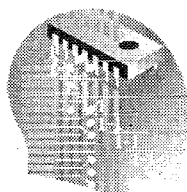
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Mike on the Mat: Heterosexual Buddies

By MICHAEL ADLER
Statesman Staff

Wrestlemania XIX is here, and finally the WWE has figured out how to properly use Roman numerals. This year's festivities are mainly centered on the theme of heterosexual buddies. This will become obvious as we run down the matches.

Heterosexual buddies Lance Storm and Chief Morley will face mismatched buddies RVD and Kane for the world tag team championship in a match I don't care about. RVD and Storm can do some interesting things in the ring, but it's going to be death the moment Kane steps into the ring to, say it with me, slow the pace of the match.

The true tag team championships will be up for grabs in a three-way match featuring Los Guerreros, heterosexual buddies Team Angle, and mega-heterosexual buddies Chris Benoit and Rhyno (aka "Team Neck Injury"). I'm calling this match to be match of the night, and possibly



Courtesy of google.com

Brock Lesnar dresses up for the occasion of killing Kurt Angle this Sunday.

match of the year. Everyone involved is in top form, and doing amazing things in the ring lately.

And in a completely useless tag team match, ultra-greased heterosexual buddies Big Show and A-Train will take on heterosexual buddies Nathan Jones and Undertaker. Um, right, time for a bathroom break.

The Cruiser weight championship is on the line in a

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2. The "mass of relatively undifferentiated cells" at least later in the first trimester, appears in photographs and ultra-sound images very much like a human baby.

3. New human life does not spring into existence in the womb uninvited. Action of two people is required, and if either is under duress, criminal action is demanded, which seems rather rare in the context of the article.

I would suggest that, if any further articles of such ridiculous tone be considered, they be used only for your April 1 issue.

Al G. Weimer

"In Defense of the Cowboy"

Dear Editor,

I write not to add my two cents to the debate about war with Iraq, but to comment on a couple of the ignorant remarks made in this column.

First off, I don't know what rock the writer has been living under, but we no longer teach or

Secondly, please do not profess to speak for "Americans" when you defend our belief in "black-and-white certainties." You speak for our "elected" administration. I'm no expert in psychology, but I believe Piaget would suggest that a black-and-white, right-and-wrong, "with us or against us" worldview is

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believe that the Indians were "evil." You're right that the "honest" settlers didn't hesitate to steal land that didn't belong to them and slaughter men, women, children, and, oh yeah, bison in the process. The treatment of the Indians, particularly during the westward expansion of the late 19th century, is akin to Germany's invasion of Poland, or, more recently, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

something one would expect to see in a small child, but that an adult would realize that the world is painted in shades of gray, and that there are many sides to every situation. Would that the world were as simple as some would suggest, but it's not, and an intelligent leader should understand, and accept, that reality.

Mark Jackett

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March 18, 2003

1:55 p.m. - Burglary, Heavy Engineering, Computer taken from room.

3:24 p.m. - Criminal mischief, Health Science Center surface lot, Booth and fence damaged.

March 19, 2003

1:44 p.m. - Call for assistance/arrest, Lt. Engineering/Gershwin College, Room B-11A-3, Subjects taken into custody, Various narcotics found.

6:55 p.m. - Suspicious person, Math Tower, Vagrant sleeping in bathroom for the past few days.

March 20, 2003

9:54 a.m. - Petit larceny, Kelly Quad paved lot, Vehicle broken into and assorted items taken.

11:59 a.m. - Crisis Intervention, Health Science Center level 2 cafe, Food items taken.

12:54 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Health Science Center garage, Car vs. gate.

March 22, 2003

1:14 a.m. - Burglary, Wagner College, TV, VCR and DVD player taken.

1:06 p.m. - Medical emergency, Mount C33C, Female with chest pain, Victim locked in room, Had to break down door to get access.

9:28 p.m. - Burglary, Douglass College, Room 124B, Computer, monitors and CD's taken.

9:53 p.m. - Grand larceny, Undergraduate Apartments, B306B, 3 computers taken.

March 23, 2003

10:53 a.m. - Medical emergency, Schick

College, Room 324A, 20-year-old female with difficulty breathing.

2:14 p.m. - Medical emergency, Chapin Apartments "L", Room 2172, Female with abdominal pains.

2:45 p.m. - Burglary/grand larceny, Greeley College, Room 11, Entry gained through ground floor window and electronic equipment taken.

4:23 p.m. - Petit larceny, Wagner College, Theft of cell phone.

6:47 p.m. - Grand larceny, Keller College, Theft of laptop computer.

11:36 p.m. - Medical emergency, Keller College, 1 female transported to University Hospital.

March 24, 2003

10:11 a.m. - Warrant arrest, One male surrendered to University Police, Dutchess Hall, Taken into custody.

11:00 a.m. - Burglary, Greeley College, Room 303, Computer taken.

11:25 a.m. - Burglary, Douglass College, Room 124B, Speakers taken.

11:29 a.m. - Grand larceny, Hamilton College, Room 026, Packages tampered with and items taken.

11:55 a.m. - Criminal mischief, Kelly Quad paved lot, Windshield damaged.

12:51 p.m. - Medical emergency, Old Engineering room 314, Female with difficulty breathing.

4:56 p.m. - Larceny, Hamilton College, Stolen hard drive.

11:20 p.m. - Petit larceny, Greeley College, Clothing stolen.

March 25, 2003

1:04 a.m. - Burglary 3rd degree, Library room 0319, 2 male suspects taken into custody, Transported to 6th precinct by Suffolk County Police Department.

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special child abuse match when Matt Hardy faces 12 year-old contender Rey Mysterio. This should be great, and I can't wait for the special Wrestlemania Matt facts. Hopefully Rey Mysterio will win the belt, since Matt isn't quite a cruiser weight.

Perhaps the most anticipated match of the night is when Chris Jericho, self proclaimed living legend, fights living legend Shawn Michaels. These two should tear up the ring if allowed a good amount of time, and this one may well steal the show.

In the night's race war, Triple H will defend the World Heavyweight title against Booker T. Triple H has been playing the race card against Booker for a few weeks leading up to this match, and hopefully Booker T will get revenge for his politically incorrect comments and take the belt. Of course Triple H will probably win because despite the fact that he sucks huge donkey ass, he always wins. My hope for this match is that Booker T shoots and kicks Triple H in the injured quadriceps as hard as he can.

Also, for the third time at a

Wrestlemania, The Rock will face Stone Cold Steve Austin. At this point it feels kind of stale and forced, but maybe these two will surprise us. Speaking of old and stale, Vince McMahon will face old-timer Hulk Hogan in the match to end all matches. Well, not really, but I give both men credit for spectacular physiques at their age, due to the fountain of youth known as anabolic steroids.

The most anticipated match of the night will be Brock Lesnar vs. Kurt Angle for the WWE championship. Unfortunately, Kurt Angle's neck is seriously injured going into this match, and I fear that Brock Lesnar is going to kill him. I'm torn between foaming at the mouth to watch this and being terrified that I'm going to see the end of Angle's career, and possibly Angle himself.

To end this Wrestlemania article, I'd like to congratulate Mansoor Kahn on the most condescending article in the Statesman's 30-some years. I have a D average and got a 6 on the MCATs, and I'd just like to personally thank him for keeping me from wasting time applying to medical school.

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