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Woodchuck Chucks Seven, Researchers Say

By MANSOOR KHAN
Can Somebody Find My Pants?

Years of research has culminated in an answer to the age old question: "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?" Researchers at Brookhaven National Laboratory recently completed a four-year study investigating the number of spruce trees that *Marmota monax*, the common woodchuck, or groundhog, could process in the span of 24 hours.

"This represents a huge accomplishment for us," said Dmitri Pokavinski, Ph.D., the primary investigator of the study. "BNL is on the forefront of research, and our ability to decode even the most difficult of nature's mysteries proves that science can conquer all."

Through observation and analyses of woodchuck behavior



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The woodchuck stalks its prey, waiting quietly in jungle brush. Slowly, silently, it awaits the right moment to strike. BAM!

in literally hundreds of different habitats, researchers were able to compile data leading to a definitive answer to the question many thought could never be answered. Utilizing a unique and complex system of calculation and deduction, called counting,

researchers determined that the woodchuck does indeed have a natural potential and tendency toward processing a certain amount of wood: seven spruce trees in a 24-hour period.

"We were skeptical at first," Pekansky said. "I honestly thought

that our research would be inconclusive, and for a long time it was. Fortunately, my grad student noticed a pattern in the data and brought it to my attention."

"Yeah, well, [the woodchucks] pretty much all chucked, like, seven or so trees," said Candy Smith, a graduate student in the Environmental Ecology program at Stony Brook University. "Don't tell ol' Pokereskyov I said this, but I don't know why he cares so much."

According to Pokanivski, the potential that this research brings is astonishing, opening doors to many other facets of the scientific and ecological community. Students at Stony Brook University are enthusiastic about the results, citing future prospects and academic promise.

"Woodchucks?" said Stony Brook sophomore Rohit Das. "What? I thought that was a

rhetorical question."

Sources at BNL did not return *Statesman* calls.



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I chuck seven.

Pop Diva Britney Spears Turns Satanic



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Death Metal Crooner Britney Spears, seen here in the new uniform she will require her background dancers to wear.

By ROHIT DAS
Roommate of Wally Chang

Britney Spears, once an extremely popular pop-singer in the mainstream music world, was seen last night having a pentagram tattooed onto her forehead.

Apparently, Spears has abandoned the pop scene completely and has entered the realm of hardcore death metal with a band called, "I'm A Slave For You, Satan."

When approached for comment, Spears began to mumble random, indecipherable words that were seemingly part of some Satanic prayer.

"I realized that my voice really sucked," said Spears after being slapped in the face. "In death metal, all the vocalist has to do is growl. It's so easy."

Spears has abandoned millions of fans worldwide, most of them overly enthusiastic middle-aged men. After a long and arduous search, one overly enthusiastic middle-aged man was reached for comment.

"I think I'm going to become a metalhead now," he said. After a few minutes of focused, decisive thought, the overly enthusiastic

middle-aged man realized that there were several other young, beautiful, half-naked superstars to consider. The overly enthusiastic middle-aged man then smiled, ran quickly to his room, and forcibly closed and locked his door.

"I'm A Slave For You, Satan" is releasing a self-titled album this summer. Since no true metalhead with some shred of dignity felt like joining a band with the name Britney Spears associated with it, Spears is a one-woman show. Some of the tracks included on the soon to be released album are re-recordings of Spears' pop songs, but Spears growls instead of attempting to sing.

"I didn't realize that metal bands actually write their own music!" Spears cried. "I'm too stupid to write my own music. I used to have people write it for me. I didn't know what else to do."

After the release of their debut album, "I'm A Slave For You,

Satan" will go on a tour promoting the album. The metal sellout of the 20th century, Metallica, has agreed to tour with Spears.

"Well, it just seems that this is the next monumental step in the Metallica musical era," said

Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich. "Plus, James and I are planning on getting her drunk...yeahhhhh..."

For those of you who really, really feel like wasting your money, concert dates and ticket information will be made available in June.

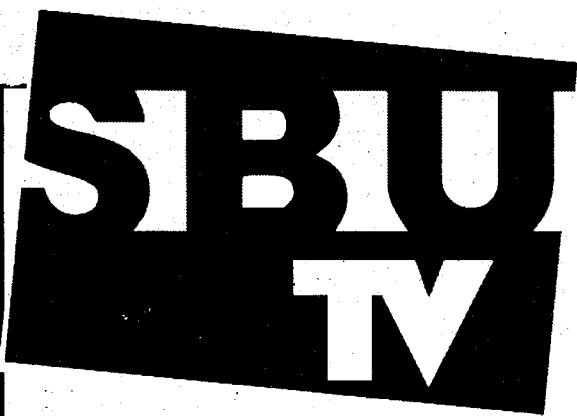


Britney Spears

...baby one more time

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NYPIRG Slams Legislators

By REGINA GLICK
Statesman Staff

New York legislators' offices across the state were flooded with calls during a "phone slam" organized by the New York Public Interest Research Group on Tuesday.

The calls were part of NYPIRG's efforts to block tuition increases and funding cuts to the New York State public university system.

NYPIRG members set up a table in front of the Union and offered passersby the use of their cell phones to call the offices of Governor George E. Pataki, State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assemblyman Ron Canestrari, chair of the Assembly's higher education committee, and Senators Kenneth LaValle and John Flanagan, Suffolk County's senators.

Callers were given typed handouts with suggested messages to leave for the politicians, such as "[Pataki's] proposal to raise tuition, cut financial aid, and cut funds for colleges and universities is bad public policy."

Pataki has proposed raising SUNY tuition by \$1,200, cutting the Tuition Assistance Program by one-third, reducing the SUNY operating budget by 15 percent and downsizing the Educational Opportunity Program.

Helen Ho, one of two project coordinators for the Stony Brook chapter of NYPIRG, said the individuals in the offices they had contacted were "pretty courteous," except for one.

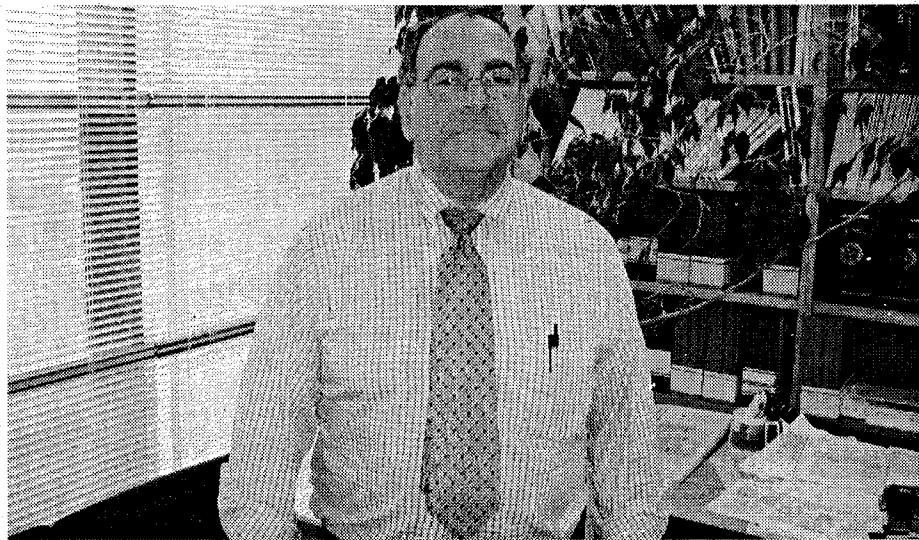
"Bruno's office is hanging up on people, which is pretty unusual," Ho said. "We want to tie up their phone lines and make them mad and upset."

NYPIRG chapters in universities throughout the state participated in the phone slam. Melissa Morahan, the second project coordinator, said that, in all, 4,000 calls were made to politicians' offices statewide on Tuesday.

"Some politicians said they hadn't seen or heard from students, so [the phone slam] was our opportunity to let them hear from us," Morahan said.

Both Morahan and Ho said that Tuesday's was the first of many phone slams that NYPIRG had planned. NYPIRG chapters around the state, including the one at Stony Brook, will be organizing future call-ins as part of their ongoing "No Tuition Hike" campaign.

Coming to the Aid of AIDS



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

Dr. Roy Steigbigel conducts HIV/AIDS research at the University Hospital.

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

In 2002, 3.1 million deaths were caused by AIDS.

"Compare that to the five anthrax deaths [in 2002]," said Dr. Roy Steigbigel, who gave a lecture at Stony Brook entitled "HIV & AIDS: An Update."

Steigbigel gave a brief overview of the disease's history and discussed

where the world is today with HIV/AIDS research.

By the end of 2002, he said, there were 42 million people with HIV worldwide, and five million of those were new cases. The disease is still growing, and Steigbigel, who conducts research in the Infectious Diseases Division of the Department of Medicine, feels that the epidemic could be stopped.

"It is preventable and treatable, but still millions are dying," Steigbigel said, echoing former President Bill Clinton's take on the issue. HIV is most widespread in the continent of Africa and fastest growing in East Asia, which, Steigbigel said, is due largely to the lack of preventative measures.

"By 2010, there are expected to be as many children 'orphaned' by AIDS in Africa as there are school-aged children in the U.S.," Steigbigel said.

The HIV virus was identified in 1981 by Michael S. Gottlieb. It is an RNA retrovirus, which allows it to copy its genetic sequence from RNA to DNA. The HIV virus inserts itself into the host individual's genome, where it will use the cell's machinery to reproduce itself.

According to Steigbigel, this makes it especially hard to fight, because conventional drugs cannot get rid of a virus embedded in the DNA.

The life cycle of AIDS/HIV starts with a primary infection, which causes fever, rashes, diarrhea, headaches,

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Stony Brook Community Protests "Operation Iraqi Freedom"

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

As students took in some sun or some much-needed sleep over spring break, a slew of news rolled in Wednesday night.

Operation Iraqi Freedom had begun, and many Stony Brook students, faculty, and members of the surrounding community organized Monday morning, March 24, near the SAC Loop to demonstrate their opposition to war. The sign on one man's back read "Hitler would be proud of Bush." Another sign read "Make Love, Not War."

All of the groups sponsoring this event fell under the umbrella of "SB Coalition Against War." The Muslim Students Association, Students for Peace and Humanity and the Social Justice Alliance sponsored hours of speeches from various group members and members of the Long Island community.

At 3 p.m., the crowd was encouraged to

take part in a march from the Stony Brook campus to NY State Assemblyman Steve Englebright's office in East Setauket.

"We've had a great showing here, considering many students have just gotten back from spring break or haven't even come back yet," said Victor Rosado, Vice President of the Social Justice Alliance, one of sponsoring groups. "Our goal is to link all the members of the anti-war community."

According to initial estimates offered by some group organizers, over 200 attended the protest. But Douglas Little, Deputy Chief of University Police, put the number closer to 150. Officer Rastelli, one of a handful of officers overseeing the event, said "Things are very peaceful here, and people have a right to speak out."

Jacob Levich, Manager of University Web Content, is the man most credited for

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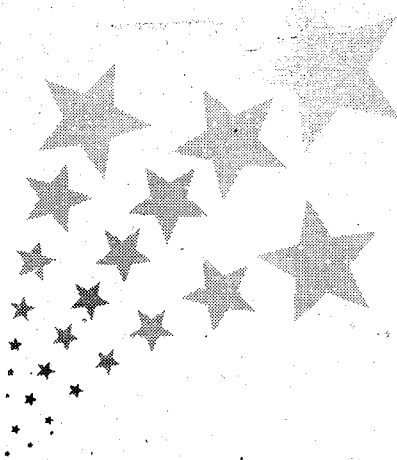
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Antiwar protests at Stony Brook University date back to mid-October.

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Cal State Moves to Close Security Loophole in Controversial Computer System

By DAN CARNEVALE
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The California State University System is tightening security for its new administrative software system after state officials voiced concerns about a problem that gave staff members access to confidential student information, including Social Security numbers.

Administrators at Cal State have known about the problem for about a year and have made employees with access to the database software sign agreements promising to keep student information confidential. But after a state audit released earlier this month criticized the new software for its security problems and cost, officials announced on Thursday that they would take extra steps to secure the information in the database.

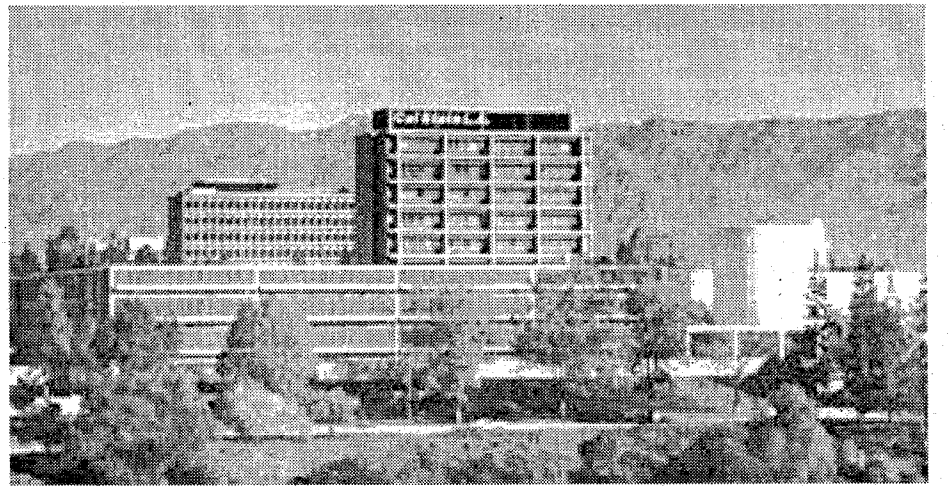
Cal State officials plan to have PeopleSoft, the company that created the software, update the database system so that students' birth dates and the first five digits of their social security numbers are blocked out. That fix should take about two months, said

Colleen Bentley-Adler, director of public affairs for the Cal State System.

In the meantime, university officials will double check which employees have access to the database so administrators can make sure it's limited to appropriate staff members. Those employees will sign another confidentiality agreement. "This is to really reiterate to our employees that you have secure information and you need to be careful with it," Bentley-Adler said.

The new software, called the Common Management System, is designed to replace the outdated computer systems that are on Cal State's 23 campuses with one system. An audit prepared by the California Bureau of State Audits found that the Common Management System, which was projected to cost \$440-million, could cost as much as \$662-million to get going. PeopleSoft officials have challenged the audit's criticisms and say the original cost estimate is correct.

The audit also criticized the security holes in the software. "The lack of security around a search



Courtesy of www.calstate.edu

California State University is spending as much as \$662 million to bolster the security for its software system to keep student information confidential.

feature in the PeopleSoft software apparently allows employees access to the confidential information of other employees and students beyond what is needed to do their jobs," the audit states.

The poor review has prompted state legislators and faculty members to criticize the implementation of the Common Management System, with some calling for it to be postponed.

But Bentley-Adler said that the software's implementation would not be delayed. The extra precautions should prevent any problems with security without costing Cal State any significant amount of money, she said.

"We don't have any problems that I am aware of at all," she said. "We wanted to stop the problems before they started."

Citrus College Instructor Suspended After Encouraging Students to Write Antiwar Letters

By LAWRENCE BIEMILLER
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Citrus College has put a part-time instructor on administrative leave after students said she had offered them extra credit for writing and sending letters to President Bush that opposed going to war with Iraq.

Officials of the community college, near Los Angeles, said a dean had met with students in the class, who said they "were clear in their understanding that they would only receive credit if they wrote 'protest' letters."

But the instructor, Rosalyn Kahn, said in a statement released through her lawyer last week that "a terrible wrong" had been done to her. She called the students' allegations "untrue" and said

she had given extra credit for all assignments turned in, "regardless of viewpoints expressed." She also said the college's administration had acted "without a fair investigation" and without affording her "the protections of due process."

Subsequently, one of her students, Christopher J. Stevens, went to administrators with a classmate to complain about what he said was Kahn's "political agenda."

In addition to the extra-credit letters to President Bush, Stevens said in an interview, Kahn had also offered extra credit to students if they wrote letters to Jack Scott, a state senator. Stevens said the assignment was to write letters "about how important adjunct faculty members

are to our education." Kahn delivered the letters to Scott in person.

At another point, Stevens said, the instructor had asked students to fill out postcards about the importance of adjunct instructors. He said that the postcards did not carry addresses, and that she had said she would address them herself.

Through the California Republican Party, he got in touch with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a nonprofit advocacy organization based in Philadelphia. Thor L. Halvorsen, FIRE's executive director, wrote to the college's president, Louis E. Zellers, about the allegations. In the meantime, Stevens' initial complaint bore fruit. Samuel Lee, associate dean for language arts and

foreign languages, sent a memorandum to Kahn.

He then met with her students during a scheduled session of the class and discussed the allegations with them.

He said Lee had apologized on behalf of the college to Kahn's students, and would work with any of them who have questions about their grades in the class.

Lee said that Kahn had been put on administrative leave, and that another instructor had been hired to complete the course. In her statement, Kahn said: "Forcing others to falsely espouse beliefs they do not hold is inconsistent with my practices as an instructor. I would not, and did not, penalize students who expressed views contrary to my own."

Oil Tycoon Pledges \$55 Million to Okla. State Univ

By WELCH SUGGS
The Chronicle of Higher Education

One of Texas's best-known oil tycoons has announced that he will give \$55-million to Oklahoma State University, his alma mater. The donations from T. Boone Pickens Jr. will be used mostly to refurbish the football team's facilities and to support academic scholarships. The gift, to be made in several stages, is the university's largest from a single donor.

Pickens will establish a \$20-million trust to

underwrite construction costs at Lewis Field. The overall \$86-million project will add luxury sky boxes and raise the stadium's seating capacity to 53,000. Pickens also said that he will bequeath \$35-million to the university, to support "several academic and athletic projects."

An Oklahoma State news release says the stadium trust will appreciate by \$15-million, with the proceeds benefiting a universitywide general-scholarship fund. Pickens

will contribute whatever is not generated by interest from the trust to get the \$15-million, according to Harry Birdwell, Oklahoma State's athletics director.

Pickens built a "wildcat" oil company, Mesa Petroleum, into one of the country's largest independent producers, and came to fame in the 1980s as a corporate raider in the Texas oil patch. He became known as a shareholder-rights advocate, but he lost control of his company amid plunging natural-gas prices and a shareholder revolt.

"Boone's enthusiasm for OSU and his generosity have helped to put legs under some important dreams," Birdwell said in a statement. David J. Schmidly, the university's president, said, "He understands that the significance of OSU's participation in the Big 12 Conference goes beyond athletics, and his gift lifts the Cowboys to the next level in conference competition."

Pickens had previously given Oklahoma State \$4.5-million. The school of geology is named after him.



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Boone Pickens, Jr., founder of Mesa Petroleum, will donate millions to alma mater OSU.

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The Stony Brook Statesman Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Mop-Heads

To War or Not to War Who Cares When There's Cheese?

By MANSOOR KHAN
Seriously. Where Are My Pants?

With all this hullabaloo about a war, we forget about the important things in life, like cheese.

There are all types of cheese: American cheese, Monterey Jack cheese, pepperjack cheese, Muenster cheese, cottage cheese, Brie cheese, goat cheese, feta cheese, the cheese with the holes in it and some other types of cheese.

What I'm trying to say here is that when you have cheese, war isn't as much of an issue. Do you think that the famished citizens of Iraq would be discontented with their dictator and annoyed with Americans if they could have all the cheese they could eat? I don't think so.

I have been researching the whole issue of cheese to contentment ratio, and I find that states in which cheese consumption is at least three slices per day, the level of economic and social stability is at least 3 percent higher than in those states that eat less than three slices. Statistics like that just can't be coincidental.

My own family has a policy of devouring four to five slices of good hearty cheese a day. Whether in the form of a sandwich, on top of Tostitos, on fruit or just plain out of the wrapper, we get in our daily intake of zesty curdled milk. It doesn't surprise me that my parents are currently not divorced, my siblings and I all go to college and none of us have spent any time in jail.

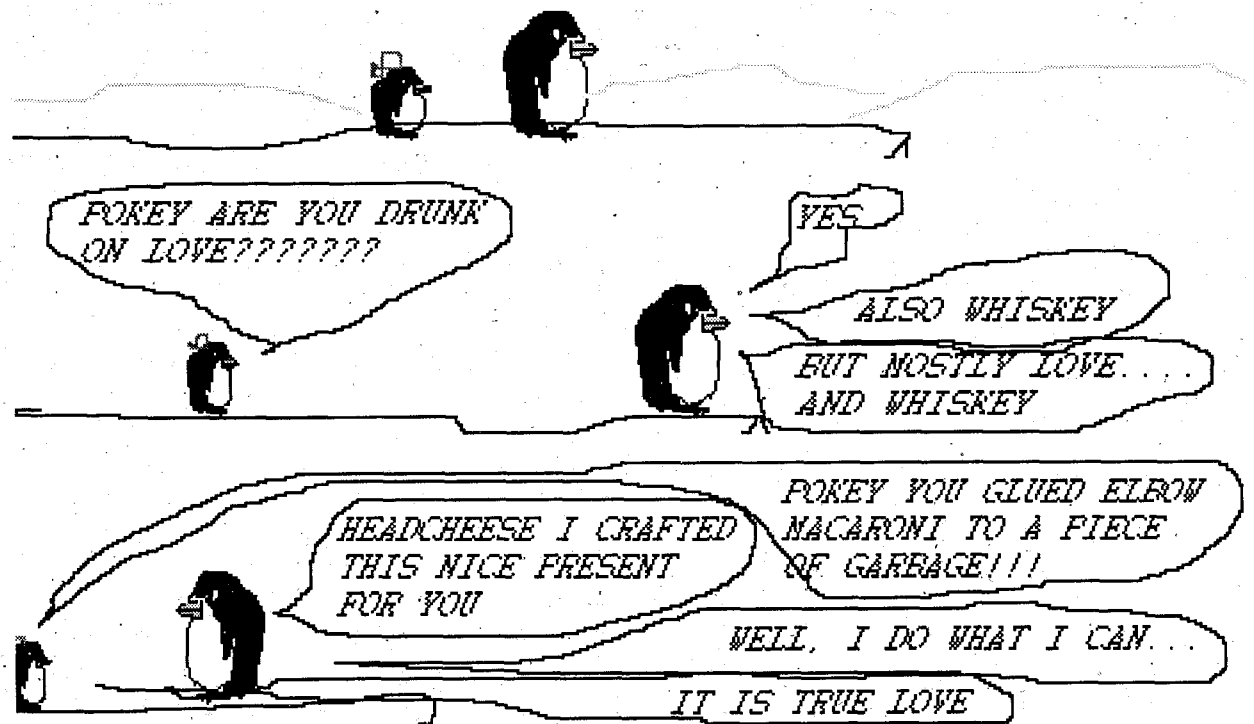
I am convinced that if we parachute canisters of cheese into the strongholds of Iraq, like maybe Baghdad and the some other place where there are a lots of important Iraqi people, we can put a definitive end to this war.

Iraqis have spent too much time without a hint of flavor in their turkey sandwiches. How would you feel if your masterpiece of a deli sandwich had turkey, lettuce, tomatoes and mayonnaise, but *no cheese*? Personally, I can understand where they are coming from. Without cheese, I would probably challenge an international superpower to war, too.

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A THOUGHT FROM RABBI ADAM



Reading about all the civilian deaths of war is truly heart-breaking. Especially when one reads of the suffering of innocent child bystanders. I was going to include in this week's column a picture of an Iraqi toddler who was burned in the bombardment of Baghdad crying in the arms of his mother outside of a hospital emergency room. But a picture is worth a 1000 words, and the photograph was too sensational. Too painful. Then, the other day, there was a shootout between Israeli soldiers and Hamas terrorists. The terrorists were driving a Peugeot 305 sedan. Sadly, on the same night, in the same neighborhood, the Saadeh family - mother, father and 2 daughters - were also driving a beige Peugeot 305 sedan. When their sedan turned the corner, they were greeted with Israeli automatic weapons. The Saadeh 12 year-old daughter is now dead. In our fight against terrorism, how can we allow this to happen? Tears come to my eye. It could have been any of our children. And yet, what are we to do? Saddam is evil. Jihadists are evil. They dress their military might in civilian clothes. In the marketplace. In the hospitals. Amongst the people. So, sadly, any countermeasures are defined by the horrific reality of civilian deaths and suffering. Because of this reality, there are those that call for truces and immediate peace, whether our countermeasures have proven effective or not. In truth, the peace marchers are right. However, practically speaking they are wrong. For our world reality is that of war and violence. Either we get them, or they get us. However, there will be a day of true peace. A day in which the world will change and we will no longer know war and suffering. A day when "[nations] will [convert] their swords into plows, their spears into hooks, nation shall not take up sword against nation, [and] they shall never again know war." (Isaiah 2:4) with the coming of the Moshiach and the utopian Messianic Era. May it happen speedily in our time, Amen.

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AIDS Lecture at HSC

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nausea, weight loss and other symptoms within the first two weeks of contraction. Then the body's immune system responds and no symptoms are evident. The virus remains inactive for any number of years, with the average dormancy lasting about 10 years. Antibodies are produced, but the virus still replicates at a rapid rate.

"There are 10 to the tenth virions being produced each day [during the inactive phase]," Steigbigel said. After the asymptomatic phase, a massive number of virions have infected all cells in the body, and immune response degrades.

"A person is very susceptible to infections of any type at this point," Steigbigel said.

Recently, the drug Fusion was approved for HIV treatment. It is very expensive, and must be taken by injection twice a day. There are about 15 other drugs currently in development, some of them at Stony Brook.

Steigbigel said that HIV drugs, the most prominent of which is AZT, have many side effects. Individuals with the virus must take a combination of these drugs, depending on their lifestyles.

"I have a friend who is currently infected with HIV," said Stony Brook junior Adrianna Guller. "And she takes several different drugs for treatment. I think it would be amazing if science could create a vaccine instead."

Currently, there are two types of vaccines being researched: therapeutic and protective. Therapeutic vaccines assist the immune system's preexisting memory of, and defenses against, HIV after an individual has already contracted the virus. Protective vaccines immunize a person and prevent infection.

At Stony Brook, Steigbigel said, scientists are researching a DNA vaccine which injects DNA directly into the muscle cells.

Steigbigel could not say exactly when a vaccine would be ready. "[It could be] eight to 10 years. But we could have a breakthrough any day."

Steigbigel graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and is a Professor of Medicine, Pathology, Microbiology and Pharmacology at Stony Brook University. An eminent microbiologist, Steigbigel is nationally and internationally known for his research

Def Leppard Releases X

By IAN RICE
Statesman Staff

DEF LEPPARD - X

Take Def Leppard's 1996 release, *Slang*, and their 1999 release, *Euphoria*, and slam them together. What you've got left is an album that knows how to rock out like Def Leppard in their mid-80s heyday, but also knows how to take the music into some new and, more importantly, interesting directions. The band's latest release is the sparsely illustrated and titled *X*.

Many people shunned the *Slang* album when it hit the record stores in 1996, mainly because it abandoned the arena rock for some more subtly and often darker musical contexts. The album was solid, but didn't get the recognition it deserved.

So what did Def Leppard do? They threw out *Euphoria* in 1999, which harkened back musically to the full-on, all-out wall of sound that colored their biggest hits.

Although it was a bigger success than *Slang*, that really doesn't say much. And even though it contains some truly wonderful songs, it sounded out of place in the musical climate at the time.

Where was the band to go from there? They had fallen flat commercially when they tried to reinvent their sound, and their return to the familiar fell on deaf ears. Well, apparently they learned a lesson from



both incidents, and recorded *X*.

This album is the perfect example of how to update your sound without totally chasing away what got you there in the first place. The trademark wall of guitars is there, along with the powerful background vocals. But mixed in are the elements of R&B and soul that turned people off when presented in full force on *Slang*. Here, Def Leppard tricks you, enamoring you with the song before you realize all the styles it contains.

The album's single, "Now," is a nice opener and--being the single--should attract some radio play. Then again, it might not, considering that today's radio stations wouldn't know what to play if their lives depended on it. But it's a good track

all the same, and it really sets the tone for the rest of the album, which includes rockers like "You're So Beautiful" and more mellow gems like "Long Long Way To Go."

The rock world seems to have written off Def Leppard, relegating them to the basement with other, lesser, rock bands that emerged during the 1980s. This is a shame, because I have seen few bands that deliver as well and as consistently as Def Leppard. And in the world of music, what more could you ask for than that? Go to the store, pick it up and blast it from the nearest stereo. You won't be disappointed.

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Antiwar Protests Outside of SAC

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the coalition. "In early September, it became clear to [various campus groups] that there was an immediate sense that we were entering the major struggle of our times," he said. "We've come today to voice our opposition."

Various speakers gave their individual opinions on the main podium, expressing thoughts such as: "The US is well-known for its illegal occupation of foreign countries," "Education is what we should pursue. We don't want people to die," and "This new doctrine of pre-emptive strike is a violation of international law. We need to respect international forces."

As each speaker took his turn at the podium, a group of three or four people, some hundred feet from where the protesters were massed, occasionally interrupted the speeches with shouts of "Support our troops!"

Levich responded to the opposition. "If people didn't show up offering their opposition, then we wouldn't be doing the right thing."

The group said it was particularly proud on Monday to include an estimated 60 Ward Melville High School students who protested U.S. military action in Iraq by walking out of class in the afternoon.

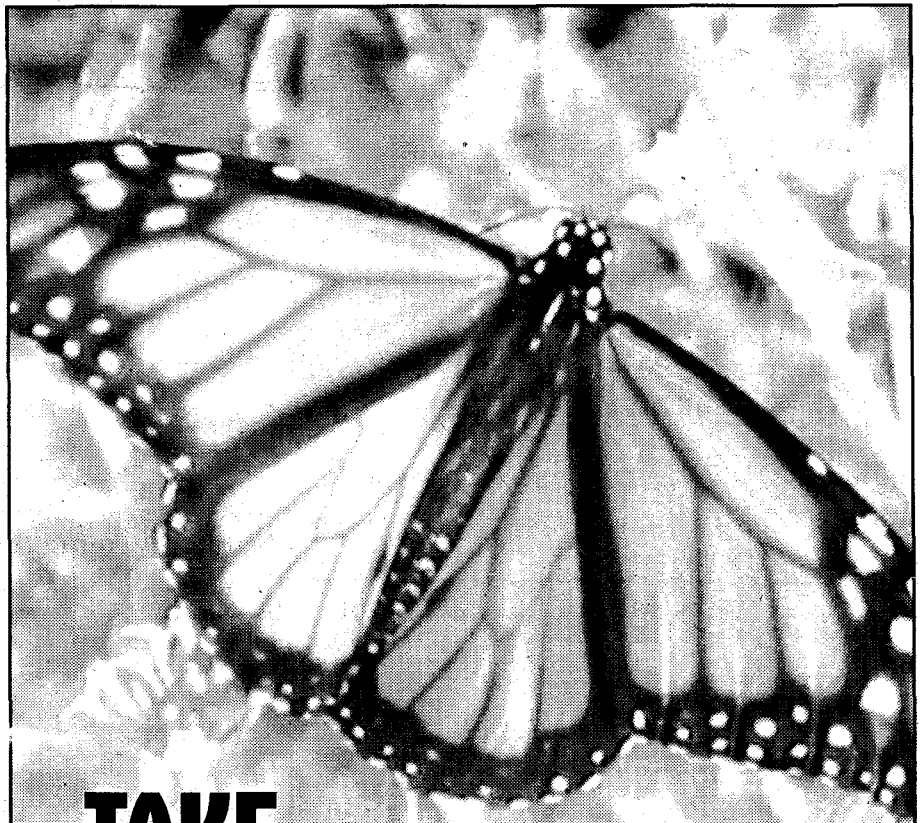
"The high school protesters were inspiring," graduate student Federico Sanabria said. "I think there is a general message of unfairness that is affecting everyone."

"We need to get the message out that no one is free of war, and hold the politicians responsible," said community member Nick Luciano. "This is a grassroots campaign." Luciano planned on marching to Englebright's office.

But there were those who were less impressed by the efforts of antiwar forces on campus. "I expected to see more people out here today," said senior Derick Olszowy.

As the conflict in Iraq escalates, Levich is convinced the tide of public opinion will turn. "I think this kind of stuff is indicative of an explosive growth in the antiwar movement," he said. "As the fighting goes on here, the groups against this war will only grow."

On April 1, the SB Coalition Against War is sponsoring a debate between pro and antiwar forces, which will feature professors. For a complete list of the Coalitions' supporters and endorsers, and for information on upcoming campus events like the April 1 debate, visit www.sbcoalition.net



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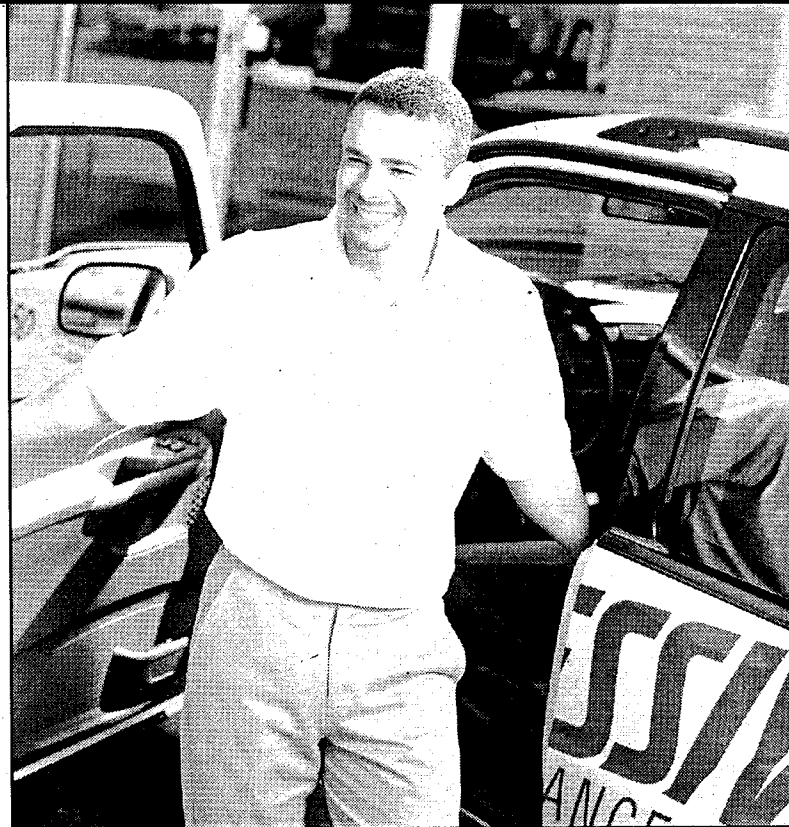
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By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS AND
JESSICA SCHWARTZ
Statesman Money-Makers

Recently, with talk about budget cuts and proposed tuition hikes, the Stony Brook administration has been concerned with how the university's image might be hurt.

In order to help prevent that from happening, and to appeal to an ever-growing pool of prospective college students, the administration recently has put forth various proposals to help improve the university and make it more appealing to applicants as well as existing students.

In order to promote high achievement in its academic courses, Stony Brook will now require students to complete their DEC's in the first language of the course professors, after students have completed their DEC requirements in English. The purpose of this is to ensure that students have fully grasped the material that they have been learning during their time here. New DEC categories have also been approved, one for each letter of the alphabet, the specifics of which the administration will release shortly.

"I come from another country, and I am excited about my students having to learn my language," said one mathematics professor.

As most students know, a full

day of classes can be pretty hectic, especially on a large campus like Stony Brook's. Commuter students say they experience the brunt of this, and in response administrators are considering the development of "drive-thru" classes.

Under such a system, students would wait in their cars in the SAC loop at designated times, and receive note packets from curbside professors. And yes, you can get fries with that.

According to a clandestine source within the administration, "[The drive-thru approach] will encourage students to take initiative and learn all the material themselves, so that they may be fully prepared for exams." Many regular classes will be eliminated, alleviating an immense financial burden on the university's budget.

Drive-thru courses will also allow the university to tear down many dilapidated campus buildings. In their places will be paved an extension to the South-P lot, to accommodate the expected increase in students studying at Stony Brook.

"Additionally, it will give Stony Brook the honor of being home to the world's largest parking lot," said an unnamed, anonymous worker from the Office of Transportation, who declined to give his name because he did not want to be identified.



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The soon-to-be-Dasani Union, once thought to be on the forefront of modern architecture, is not. It is falling apart.

This, however, does not mean that construction of new buildings will cease. Many new ideas have been put forth, such as the Beaver Building. This building, slated to be built directly across from the Wang Center, will feature an innovative roof design, including a large, deep crevasse. Additionally, a sister building to the Javits Lecture Hall—which features no right angles—has been proposed. The new building will be completely angle-free, with futuristic, rounded construction.

Some of the older buildings on campus may receive corporate sponsorships, allowing the administration to quickly raise money and introduce students to the wide range of products and services available around them. Deals for the Computer Associates Computer Center and the Dasani Union have already been struck.

In the spirit of corporate diversity, the new LaValle stadium will be renamed "Diet Vanilla Coke Stadium." The Office of Physical Education and Athletics said that the Stony Brook Seawolves will become the Stony Brook Red Snappers, reflecting the university's proximity to the Long Island Sound and its wildlife.

Improvements will also be seen in campus housing. Proposals that have been set forth will

guarantee housing to every Stony Brook student for all six years, and will alleviate the problem of "tripling" in dorm rooms. The plans call for Japanese-style cubbyholes to be constructed in residence halls. Suite bathrooms will also be eliminated, increasing the available space that can be offered. Rumor has it that the suite room toilets and showers will be replaced with a new communal bathroom at Roth Pond. Tolerance of different lifestyles is high on the agenda of Campus Residences. A new Nudist Living Learning Center has been proposed. New housing assignments call for students to be paired up with roommates who are wildly different from them in as many ways as possible, to promote tolerance and diversity on campus.

With the new reduced schedule of classes, Campus Life Time will be extended from 8:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. every day. To eliminate overcrowding in the SAC Cafeteria, meal plans won't be accepted during those hours. Additionally, the SAC will be moved to the current location of the University Police in Dutchess Hall, while Police Headquarters will be moved to the more spacious and centrally-located building formerly occupied by those in the SAC.

"This will allow police to effectively keep an eye on a much larger student body and respond to incidents as quickly as possible," police sources said.

Stony Brook will also eliminate its old, diesel-guzzling student buses and replace them with environmentally-safe rickshaws. The high number of rickshaws needed to serve the student population will mean many new student employment opportunities, and will promote a cleaner, environmentally-friendly campus.

Campus Dining Services will see improvements as well, said administrators. After taste tests conducted on a small portion of the student body revealed that Deng Lee's was the preferred food establishment on campus, Deng Lee's has completed a buyout of all other dining services on campus, and will feature its award-winning fare in each dining hall.

Finally, no improvements can be complete without drastic changes in the campus media. Statesman's board of trustees recently approved plans for its hostile takeover of all other campus print media, including the Stony Brook Press and Happenings. Statesman will introduce its new 100-page, full color, daily edition starting in the fall of 2003.



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Although the Wang Center officially opened this past October, scientists at BNL have projected its completion and "real" opening date for the spring, summer, or fall of 2034. Or 2060. It depends.