

Statesman

Sports

Not So Farewell Game on Senior Day

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Editor Emeritus

Although half of the Stony Brook University police force was present, presumably to keep the barren student section from rioting, they could only idly stand by and watch the Seawolves get massacred in the second half at the hands of the Vermont Catamounts.

Vermont held the Stony Brook women to a meager 11 second-half points as the Catamounts defeated SBU 61-43 in the Seawolves' regular season finale on Saturday afternoon.

Head coach Trish Roberts sounded disappointed, but still remains confident heading into the conference tournament.

"I feel that we can play with anyone in the [America East] Conference," she said. "We just have to put two halves together. The top five can't play all [forty] minutes, but when we put in our subs we have a drop off."

The Seawolves (14-13, 7-9 America East, 9-4 at home) led by as many as seven points in the first half.

But UVM used a 27-4 run that spanned about the first 17 minutes of the second half to not only retake the lead, but ultimately dash any hopes of SBU's

five seniors for one last joyous memory.

"It was really sad," said senior center Jill George. "This was our last game. I wish we could have won."

The first half provided some excitement for the roughly three hundred in attendance. Aaron Yantzi's lay-up gave the Catamounts (20-7, 14-2 America East) a 15-10 edge five minutes into the game.

Senior guard Erika Shipley scored five straight points to even the game at 15 three minutes later. Shipley scored all 14 of her points during the first half, shooting 5-8 from the field.

Sherry Jordan fought through early foul trouble, nailing a jumper and draining a three-pointer as part of a 10-2 Seawolves run that stretched the lead to 20-17 midway through the half. She finished the half with seven points, but turned the ball over twice and shot 3-12 from the field.

A free throw by Shipley gave Stony Brook its largest lead of the game at 32-25 with 3:26 remaining. The Catamounts mounted a comeback though, scoring the final five points of the half to pull within 32-30 at the break.

Jordan opened the second half with a jumper to stretch SBU's lead to 34-30

went ahead 49-34 with 6:21 to go. Jordan's layup finally ended the 12-minute drought, but UVM scored eight of the game's next 11 points to earn its largest lead of the day at 59-38.

Stony Brook went cold in the second half, making only four field goals for a chilly 14 percent.

"There was a lid on the basket," said Roberts. "We couldn't hit anything."

Jordan's heavy minutes had clearly taken their toll on the Seawolves' athletic forward. Yet, on this afternoon, none of her teammates brought their shot, and she still led the Seawolves with 15 points.

The Catamounts' Libby Smith scored 13 points to give her, including her 1,000th career basket.

The loss marked Stony Brook's seventh in its last 10 games, while UVM closed the regular season with 12 straight victories.

In Senior Day tradition, Roberts started all five of her seniors, and went with a lineup that featured four of them for the majority of the game.

"These seniors have been the foundation for this team all season," Roberts said. "It was their last game. I just wish the result could have been better."



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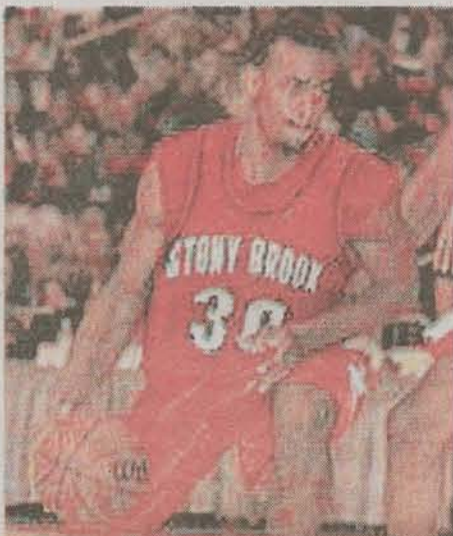
Erica Shipley's 14 points weren't enough to capture a win for the Seawolves on Senior Day.

at the 18:33 mark, but from then on it was all Catamounts.

The Seawolves went scoreless for the next 12 minutes, while Vermont reeled off 19 straight points.

The Seawolves shot 0-of-15 from the floor during the stretch, and Vermont

SBU Falls To Vermont



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Jarius McCollum scored 12 points in SBU's playoff-loss to top-seeded Vermont.

Boston (AP) - Trevor Gaines scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds and Taylor Coppentrath added 16 points and 10 rebounds Saturday as top-seeded Vermont beat Stony

Brook 74-59 in the quarterfinals of the America East tournament.

The Catamounts (21-7), playing before a crowd filled almost exclusively with fans who made the long trip from Burlington, Vt., kept the Seawolves from making it a contest by burying six of their first seven 3-point attempts. Vermont finished 8-of-15 from 3-point range.

T.J. Sorrentine, named the conference player of the year earlier this week, led the way with a pair of 3-pointers, including one at the 13:28 mark that gave Vermont a 17-8 lead.

No. 8 seed Stony Brook (6-22) cut Vermont's lead to 20-16 on a basket by Mike Orfini with 9:19 left in the first half, but the Catamounts closed the half on a 14-3 run for a 41-23 halftime lead.

D.J. Munir led the Seawolves with 21 points, and Jarius McCollum scored 12. Grant Anderson scored 15 points for Vermont, and Sorrentine finished with 11.

D.J. Munir named to All-Conference Second Team

Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Sophomore guard D.J. Munir was named All-America East Conference second team, the conference announced Friday at the America East Men's Basketball Banquet at the Omni Parker House Ballroom in Boston.

Munir, who leads the Seawolves this season with 17.1 points per game, also adds 4.0 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game. He is joined on the second team by Chaz Carr (Boston University), Taylor Coppentrath (Vermont), Austin Ganly (New Hampshire), and Errick Greene (Maine).

Named to the first team were Chris Brown (New Hampshire), Billy Collins (Boston University), Trevor Gaines (Vermont), Justin Rowe (Maine) and T.J. Sorrentine (Vermont).

Vermont, which finished the regular season with a record of 20-7 overall and 13-3 in the conference, swept Player, Rookie and Coach of the Year honors. Head coach

Tom Brennan has led the Catamounts to their first 20-win season and the program's first No. 1 seed in the America East Championships.



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D.J. Munir leads Stony Brook with 17.1 points per game.

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Kelly Kitchen Sanitation Questionable

By MARC NEWMAN
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Food sanitation is not a fresh issue for Stony Brook students, considering the closing of Deng Lee's two years ago. A growing controversy has found its place in the Kelly Kitchen. One employee has noted a number of health issues and brought them to the Statesman's attention recently.

"Cockroaches are abundant everyday and fruit flies have become a commonality in my Saturday morning shift," said a senior Kelly staff employee who preferred to be anonymous.

In the past week alone, this employee has dealt with one fly in the office, a few in the back and numbers of cockroaches in the Kelly kitchen itself. He said that an exterminator would come in



Statesman/Imran Arif

Kelly Dining Services is being accused of having unsanitary conditions by a current employee.

each week in his three-year history at Kelly. This semester, he's yet to see that.

"The exterminators just don't come here any more," explained the Kelly employee.

More disturbing are the numerous health code violations

allegedly taking place.

"The lettuce is not washed periodically, and temperature and time sheets simply not filled out," the employee said. "We finally got an audit, I'm not sure from where...this was a

week ago, and we started filling out the temperature time sheets."

The worker said that student sanitation complaints have only gotten worse this semester, but that "there has been simply no concern."

One of the people responsible for the Kelly Kitchen sanitation is Michael Weintraub. He acknowledged no irregularities in the Kelly Kitchen.

"We do have an exterminator, he's here once a week, I don't know where an employee would get the idea he isn't," said Weintraub.

Weintraub did not acknowledge any rise in student complaints, or the number of insects. He did explain, however, that the cockroach and fruit fly problem was an "ongoing process that the company contracted was responsible for."

In response to the time/temperature sheet controversy, he again denied the possibility of these sheets not being filled out, saying simply, "Time temperature sheets are always done."

Evan Kennedy, director of the Kelly Dining Services, said that there recently has been a fly problem, although they were actually "drain flies," and that the kitchen crew was working diligently to address this issue.

Kennedy said that the roach issue had not been brought to his attention, but that the exterminators are doing their weekly runs and offering weekly reports, as had been the case in the previous semester.

The increase in student complaints this semester also

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New SUNY Student Trustee Appointed

By MICHELLE PIRAGLIA
Statesman Editor

Students now have a new voice to represent them on the SUNY Board of Trustees. George Pape, a junior from the University of Buffalo, took over after former New York state Student Trustee Christopher Holland stepped down Feb. 1.

"[His resignation] was sudden," Pape said of Holland's departure. "The same day he gave me notice was the same day we received his resignation."

Holland, who graduated from Fredonia University in 1999, and was attending SUNY Albany in the fall, said he left his position as student trustee for "personal reasons," according to Pape. Holland was also president of the SUNY Student Assembly, which automatically made him the SUNY student trustee.

Pape, who served as Vice

President of the SUNY Student Assembly, became president of the organization, due to Holland's resignation. This also made Pape the new student representative on the SUNY Board of Trustees, and while it may have come unexpectedly, Pape said he has the experience to cope with the new challenges.

"I've held several of positions," Holland said of his three years of involvement with student-related affairs. Holland was the academic affairs chair and also served as interim secretary, which also led him to attend several of the SUNY board meetings.

"Selene Traylor [SUNY student trustee 2000-2001], who's now a good friend of mine, spoke to Chris [Holland] about my interest in a position," Pape said of how he became involved in the SUNY Student Assembly. Traylor is now



Courtesy of www.suny.edu

George Pape is the newly appointed SUNY Student Trustee.

the Vice President of the SUNY Student Assembly.

The SUNY Student Assembly Executive Committee is made up of one representative from the University Centers' undergraduate divisions, two

representatives from the University Colleges, one representative from the Colleges of Technology or the Agriculture and Technology, Health Science Centers Specialized/Statutory Colleges, University Center graduate divisions and four representatives from the Community Colleges.

Pape encouraged students to become a part of the Student Assembly, by attending their spring conference,

which will be held in Buffalo from April 12-14. This is when elections for the Student Assembly, which meets once a month, will also take place at this time, according to Pape.

Pape said his experience as a member of the Student Assembly has taught him how to deal with important student issues.

"It teaches students how to use their student governments and be effective lobbyists," Pape said. "If you can affect the legislature, you can change anything you want."

Now that he is a board of trustee member, and representing the 388,000 SUNY students statewide, Pape expressed his three primary

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SBU Police Blotter

COMPILED BY GARY CHOI
Statesman Staff

2/27/02:

-Criminal Tampering: A tampered sensor set off an alarm in Benedict College, it was reset. A student involved was referred for Underage Drinking.

-Grand Larceny: A vehicle was broken into at the ISC Commuter lot, a wallet with cash and credit cards were taken.

-Grand Larceny: A vehicle was broken into and items taken in the ISC Faculty lot.

-Petty Larceny: A vehicle was broken into and items taken in the Kelly Paved lot.



vehicle was found damaged in the first level of the University Hospital Garage. A pocketbook with cash, checkbook and credit cards was taken.

-Harassment/Arrest: A subject was taken into custody at level 9N of the University Hospital.

-Aggravated Harassment: A student was harassed via phone calls in Benedict College.

2/28/02:

-Petty Larceny: A textbook was taken from first floor rooms in the Light Engineering Building.

-Criminal Tampering/Harassment: In Dewey College, a person tampered with a computer and urinated on a toothbrush.

-Aggravated Harassment: A student was harassed via phone calls in Keller College.

3/4/02:

-Petty Larceny: A computer board was taken from level 11 South in the University Hospital.

-Petty Larceny: \$100 USC was taken from a room in Dreiser College.

-Hit and Run: A hit and run occurred in the Javitz Lot.

3/1/02:

-Burglar Alarm: An alarm was set off in Room 308 of the SAC, and all was found in order.

-Suspicious Person: 3 males were reported in the Athletic Fields doing graffiti.

3/5/02:

-Alarm: The main entrance door in Langmuir College was forced open. All was found secure.

-Suspicious Package: A black backpack was found sitting at level 9 North of the University Hospital. It was gone upon arrival.

-Harassment: Two females were taken into custody at the Union Deli.

3/2/02:

-Petty Larceny: A computer was taken from a room on the 4th floor of the Library.

-Grand Larceny: A laptop computer was taken Mount College.

3/6/02:

3/3/02:

-Criminal Misconduct/Grand Larceny: A

-Criminal Misconduct: A rock was thrown through a window in Baruch College.

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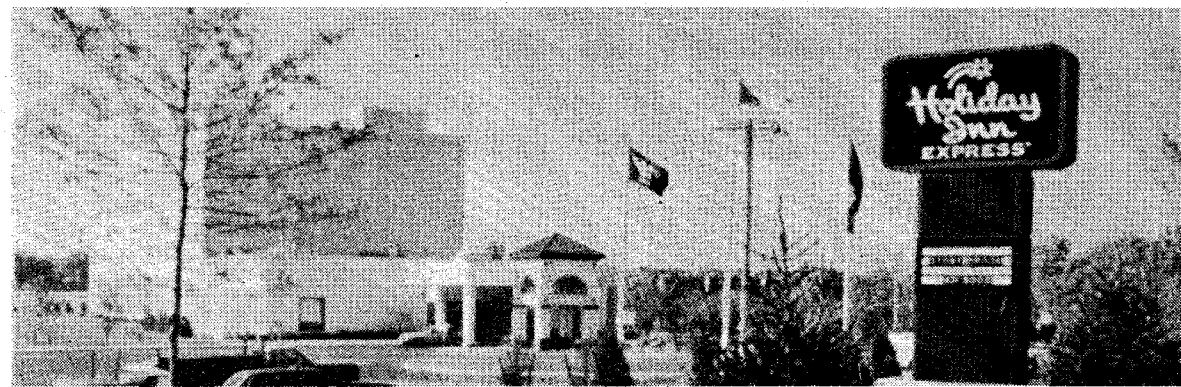
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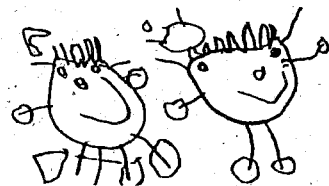
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NYPIRG Rallies in Albany to Defend Financial Aid ³

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM AND ANJALI DOGRA
Editor Emeritus and Statesman Editor

A cadre of dedicated students gathered before dawn, Monday, at the SAC Loop to prepare for a four-hour journey to Albany. This was not a repeat of Stony Brook Day. Their mission was to protest Governor George Pataki's massive budget cut proposal to higher education funding.

The event, organized by the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), brought more than 500 lobbyists together from public and private colleges across the state. After an intense strategy planning session in the Legislative Building, the mass broke into dozens of teams and met with state representatives.

The purpose was three-fold: to determine how senators and assemblypersons will vote on the



Courtesy of <http://assembly.state.ny.us>
Assemblyman David Sidikman is opposed to Pataki's proposed TAP cuts.

proposal, to convince them to oppose it, and to motivate them to convince other representatives to follow suit.

"We're all here to discuss more affordable and more accessible education," said NYPIRG Chairperson Camille Rivera. "This is your chance to tell it like it is."

According to the governor's proposal, the state will borrow one third of total financial aid held by the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) in order to balance the budget. That sum would be paid back to students upon graduation, as an incentive to earn their degrees. In the meanwhile, the plan creates what amounts to a \$155 million cut to TAP.

Due to the Sept. 11 attacks, New York state has been in dire need of funds. Pataki has repeatedly used that fact to justify cuts to higher education funding. The reality, though, is that these types of cuts have been occurring for years.

SBU students, nearly 50 in total, were separated and scattered among the

teams. Responses from representatives and their aides varied greatly. Some clearly stated that they opposed the proposal, but many offered vague generalizations. Very few openly supported the cuts.

Assemblyperson David Sidikman of the 13th District adamantly opposed the cuts, and vowed to persuade others to take up the cause.

"The governor's insane if he thinks we're going home without a restoration," Sidikman said. "This will be the reason the budget is late. [And] I don't get paid on April 1 if the budget isn't completed."

Kevin Webb, the committee director for Senator Frank Padavan, was less forthcoming. Webb spoke in place of the absent senator. He refused to comment on where Padavan stood

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Print Shop Source of Tension in Polity Senate

By RICH MERTZ
Statesman Contributor

John Perez came to Polity Senate to defend his record in running the Polity Print Shop and to let students know what, to him, are the real reasons that he is being let go.

To support his case, Perez took a 10 ft. by 30 ft. section of the Union B-level's wall and covered it with the past work of the Print Shop. He passed out sheets comparing price quotes from the Polity Print Shop, Budget Print, Kinko's and from the 1997 National Printing Pricing Book; all showing how price competitive the Print Shop could be.

Perez also circulated letters of recommendation and support from various University departments and organizations, as well as instructors and student groups.

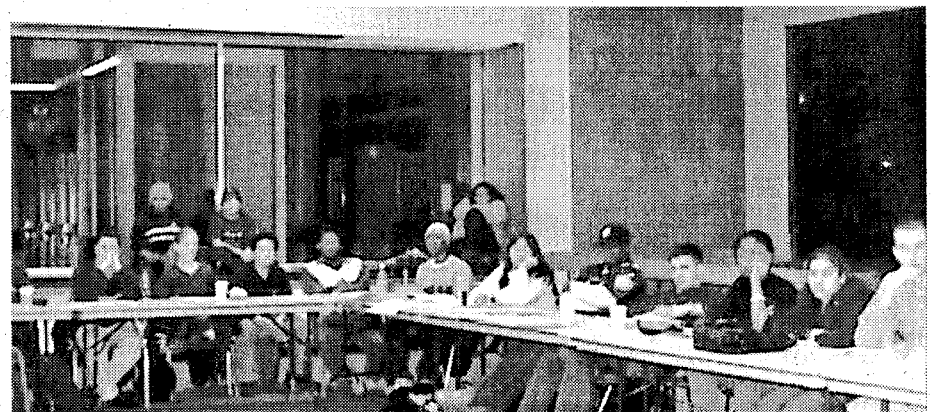
Perez maintains that changes in accounting procedures, and the disruption of business by work crews building Phase 2 of the SAC, contributed

to recent poor financial performance by the Print Shop. If the print shop's performance was looked at from its inception, Perez said, then it more than paid for itself.

"Polity Council, Peter Baigent's Office, and the outside accounting staff," Perez said, had given council erroneous information "in order to frighten them with the illusion of runaway cost overruns." Perez repeatedly refuted this information. "Preston's Office and Council don't understand the value of the service the Print Shop has provided."

Some senators questioned whether the print shop was moved to an area scheduled to be heavily modified by construction in order to disrupt business and create the appearance of mismanagement.

This would provide further justification for the removal of all competition to any franchise that would be contracted to service the printing needs of the administration



Statesman/Michelle Pirraglia
Student senators engaged in heavy debate over the location and management of the new print shop, which will be replacing the Polity Print Shop.

and the campus community, senators believed. Kinko's, which is considering the opening of a local super-center, is currently the only proposed franchisee. It's possible that it may go to open bid, but many senators feel they are being coerced into Kinko's as the only option.

There are also numerous questions about the manner in which Perez was

informed of his fate. According to Perez, he received a letter notifying him of his impending dismissal on the grounds of "financial irresponsibility."

Polity Council had made the decision in Executive Session without inviting Perez to defend himself and, according to Senator Greg Lubicich,

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The Many Faces of Religion Show Themselves at SBU

By JOICI JOB
Statesman Contributor

"Faces of Religion", a program spearheaded by Samuel Quiah, a senior in the School of Social Work, and Jonnell Doris, a graduate intern in the Vice President's office. The event took place in the SAC Auditorium on March 5, and was sponsored by the Stony Brook University program Dialogues Across Differences.

The event's strong point was the approach to addressing inter-religious tensions. While it embraced the similarities between all religions, it also focused on the differences to generate awareness on campus of cultures that may be stereotyped and to which some students have little to no access.

The various speakers' also gave significant testimonials describing why each picked their specific philosophy or religion. Satjivan Singh Khalsa, in traditional Sikh garb, used his common

ground as an American to introduce the fundamentals of Sikhism to students who may not have been aware of its culture.

Rev. Madeline Ko-I Bastis, of European descent and with a shaved head, introduced the idea that stereotypes are not just projected onto religions by those who do not understand, but are also a result of internal stereotypes. She paralleled her current struggle to become a female Buddhist monk to the initial bars against all women within her religion.

"[Even] Buddha was simply a product of his time and culture," Bastis said.

Father George Matthew, a South Indian Orthodox Catholic, explained that intolerant religious fervors have a negative impact on society.

"More wars," he said, "are fought in the name of religion than all other wars combined."

Ibrahim Gonzalez, a Latin American Muslim, clarified that Islam is not an intolerant religion.



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose
Speakers from a variety of religious backgrounds lectured at the SAC on Tuesday.

"We need to find a balance in our lives between the wisdom that our traditions give us, and our tolerance amongst ourselves," Gonzalez said.

Finally, Mabel Gomes, born to a Christian family in Bangladesh and a practicing Unitarian, concluded with a

sermon on the common thread of evolution between all religions.

Many times comments such as "look for the spirit of the religion, don't worry about what people think about you," said by Khalsa, gave the impression that in an eagerness to foster religious tolerance, the speakers sacrificed the intricacies of each religion to portray, "an

impractical happy, everyone-loves-each-other world," as expressed by junior Humaira Syed, a Muslim.

The event concluded with a question and answer session that was

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Stained Glass Art Show Promotes Women

By LEO ALEXANDER CHING
Statesman Staff

Thirty years ago Laraine Jablon walked into her first stained glass workshop with confidence. She knew she had everything she needed, a dedicated mind and an artful soul. Trying to fit in and not cause a ruckus, she sat near the back of the room. She said she thought everything would go well from that point on.

Minutes later, the workshop leader distinguished her from the rest of the budding artists. But it wasn't because he spotted talent. It was because Jablon had a pair of yellow dishwashing rubber gloves, Jablon said.

According to Jablon, he singled her out and ridiculed her, somehow arguing that her caution showed a lack of passion to the art. He openly promised not to lend his tools and books to her and made it difficult for Jablon to be a student. With no solution at hand, she endured his abuse and became a master of glass art.

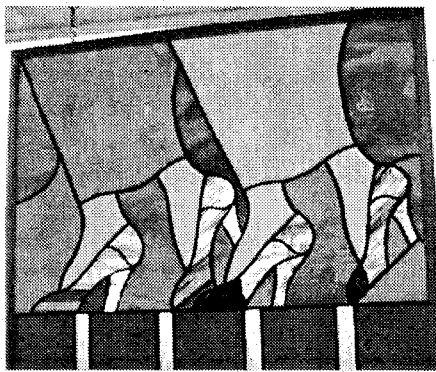
This was one of the anecdotes Jablon

revealed to a small audience as she opened the new "Whimsical Women" exhibition on March 6 at the Stony Brook University. In celebration of Women's History Month, her exhibition is dominated by 11 images of women on stained glass, mix media sculpture and tumbled marble at the WO/MEN Center Library.

Surrounded by people with an interest in glass art, Jablon opened the exhibition by speaking at length about her works, the perception of women, and her experiences and passion for the glass art. She also explained why she primarily focuses her artwork on women.

"My theme is women," Jablon said. "I can't help it, I think we're lovely. I tend to gravitate towards the curves, the flow, the movement, the sensual lines."

Jablon found common ground with some of the female artists at the opening as she explained how she handled the oppressive remarks she received from men. She spoke of a time when a man admiring



Statesman/Marie Huchton

A stained glass carving made by Laraine Jablon.

her work said she couldn't have cut the glass by herself because she was a woman. Jablon got over the negative remarks, she explained, by "never taking it personally."

Shortly, Jablon advocated for equal treatment of all artists. "We have to champion other women and we have to be just as helpful to men," she said.

Jablon also spoke about her relationship with her work and briefly mentioned how it

helped her heal on one occasion. She also revealed the evolution she and her art pieces undergo to reach a final product by providing sample drawings and mentioning the different glasses she uses.

Jablon said she was willing to donate "After the Storm," a stained glass piece on exhibit at the library, to the WO/MEN Center.

Laura Williams, the Director of WO/MEN Center, said she was grateful for the donated piece as it "offers healing to women and men."

The piece Jablon donated is the one that helped her heal.

Jablon is a renowned glass artist whose work has been exhibited in The Times Square Lobby Gallery and the Michael Lewis Orchard Street Gallery. "Whimsical Women" will continue to be on exhibition until March 29.

Campus Art: For Students, By Students

By ANA MARIA RAMIREZ
Statesman Staff

Seven aspiring artists sat in a circle in the Design Room where their Public Art class was taking place. Each tried expressing their ideas for the four new project proposals they will be working on in class. What makes this proposal different than any other project they have ever done is that one of their canvases will be the bricks above the Stony Brook University's Union fireplace.

ARS 491, Public Art, is a new upper-division course of the art department at Stony Brook University. It covers the understanding of public art, by tracing its history and how it is different from individual works, students also will learn what it takes to execute a proposal.

Instead of learning all of this just inside the classroom, the students will actually be proposing ideas to four locations on campus that are commissioning the class.

The locations include the Fireside Lounge in the Union, an outside wall parallel to a stairway in the Stony Brook University Hospital, the lobby of the Life



Statesman/Ana Maria Ramirez

Students involved in the new Public Arts class are getting a chance to show their creativity.

Sciences building and the courtyard of the Greeley College dormitory.

This is the first time that the art department is offering students a way to leave their permanent mark on campus,

but like any other art proposal, their ideas can be declined, either because of budget restrictions or the pieces do not interest the commissioners.

Normally, to place permanent

artwork on campus, a student would have to win awards for the pieces through the Senior Show Exhibition, at University's Staller Gallery or through the Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival, both yearly events.

"To get anything done here, it has to be approved by a whole lot of people," said Shervin Ramin, a studio art senior and one of the students in the class. "And those awards, they are not about public art. Public art is a whole other issue. It's art made for that surrounding."

Ramin believes that the art on campus has been placed sparsely and improperly. For her, public art should be like a decoration.

"It has to be aesthetic, so when you're walking on campus you have no choice but to see it, it's in public viewing," she said.

According to Nobuho Nagasawa, the ARS 491 professor, "It is not only creating a permanent piece, I think it's to assist in a construction of the public."

Nagasawa has been making public art for a decade and continues to do so,

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Residential Tutoring Center Opens Doors

By PAUL CONRAD
Statesman Staff

The Residential Tutoring Center (RTC) has helped nearly 400 Stony Brook University students study for their exams, during times when there is usually no one around to help.

The RTC was established in response to research done within Stony Brook residence halls. This research indicated that a high percentage of students who live on campus do most of their studying in their rooms at nighttime. Because many instructors and help centers do not hold office hours during this time, the RTC fulfills this need. The development of a residentially based and operated tutoring center enables students

to have easy access to this resource.

Sponsored by the Division of Campus Residences and the University Scholars Living and Learning Center, the RTC is located at James College in H Quad on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Toscanini College in Tabler Quad on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Currently, six qualified tutors offer help in a variety of subject areas.

"I think that students really should plan ahead when they study. The help is right here and they should take advantage of it," said Patrick Wong, RTC Student Coordinator.

Although some students attend on a daily basis, others show up right before an exam, expecting to be taught all of

the material, Wong said. He also said that because the center can get crowded on the nights before major exams, students find it much easier to get personal help if they attend the program in advance.

Central to the success of the Residential Tutoring Center are its tutors. Having excelled in the courses they are teaching, many of them are honors college members and have been course TA's. Some also have experience with companies like Kaplan.

The centers are open from 8-11 p.m. On Monday and Tuesday, help is available in general and organic chemistry, biology, physics, and calculus. Chemistry, calculus, and economics tutoring is offered on Wednesdays.

Thursday's offerings include chemistry, physics, economics, and calculus.

In addition to the regular sessions, tutors have also held review sessions for PSY 103, AMS 102, MAP 103, and other MAT courses.

"We have been trying to organize more review sessions for the students," said Wong, "we would like to bring the notion of 'Education beyond the classroom' to another level."

The Residential Tutoring Center is a pilot program, and is sponsored entirely by the Division of Campus Residences. Though proposed higher education budget cuts may affect other student programs, funding for the tutoring

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**Editorial****TAP Proposal Out of Line**

Governor George Pataki has recently proposed that the government cut the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) by one-third in order to balance the New York state budget. In addition, there will be budget cuts for the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), child care programs and full-time faculty.

These cuts will make less money available to thousands of students, including those from lower income families, and make it harder for single parents to get an education. They will also create larger class sizes (as if the class sizes here are not big enough already). This may cause an overall decrease in the value of a college education. Governor Pataki should leave higher education alone. By cutting into students' ability to get a college education and make themselves more valuable in the working field, he is cutting into the heart of New York.

If students become unable to afford their state-funded schools because of a lack of tuition aid programs or affordable child care services, then there will begin to be a huge decrease in trained professionals for New York state in the future. The state will suffer because if students

cannot afford the cheaper public schools, such as Stony Brook University, they will not be able to attend private schools in New York either.

Also, if classes become larger while part-time teachers struggle to give a full-time effort, many students that can afford schools in New York state will seek a higher quality education in other states or perhaps even other countries; thus feeding the professional job markets everywhere but New York.

Assemblyman Ed Sullivan was right when he suggested that the New York state government get its funding from the people of New York instead of from TAP. Spreading the fees among a wider range of people is very wise. That way students will be able to afford and concentrate on their valuable education.

When New York state reaches out to help students, they are also reaching out to help themselves. Everyone benefits when students are capable of getting a high quality education and filling professional jobs. After all, students are New York state's future.

Op-Ed**IM: Foreplay for Our Generation**By DAVID KOPP
Statesman Contributor

I'll be the first to admit that I have found myself in the occasional after-hour obsession with online instant messaging. I've drawn out a simple "hey" into hours of unimportant blabber and careless innocent flirting. If the acronyms brb, lol, or ttyl mean anything to you, you'll understand where I'm coming from.

Like everyone else, if you own a computer you've probably found yourself at odd hours of the night instant messaging with friends, potential romantic interests, and sometimes the occasional online stranger. So don't be afraid if you have become an instant messaging guru with over a hundred buddies on your list and almost two-dozen clever away messages, you're not alone.

What I have found to be terribly interesting is how this online advancement in communication, instant messenger as we like to call it, has become the icebreaker of the new millennium.

No more face-to-face, uncomfortable chitchat to initiate the first stages of 'getting to know you.' We used to ask for someone's phone number, now it's, 'let me give you my IM name.' Not only do you avoid eye contact with the person on the other end of the computer, but you also escape those nervous pauses we've all found ourselves in over the phone.

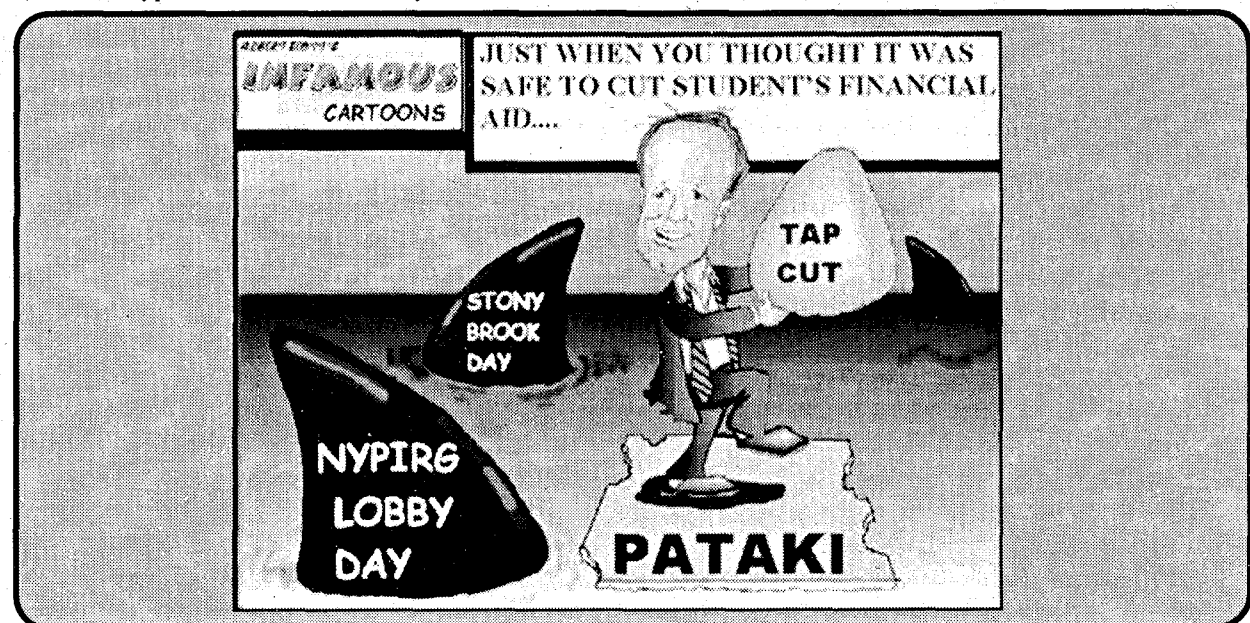
A typical scenario would be, you meet someone

in the first day of classes and exchange IM names, instead of numbers, although your room extension comes soon after the first online conversation, of course. You spill out your guts, talk for hours about ex-girlfriends, ex-boyfriends, etc., then poof, you know everything about the other person who was so easily able to talk to you about anything.

But the best part is when you search deep within to muster up the courage to ask someone to hang out while instant messaging. When you get to that point, all of the pretentious, unnecessary bull crap is out of the way. Not only do you know the other person's favorite food, color, and movie, you also have some kind of first impression of the person, as they have of you.

Just why does instant messenger make it so much easier to break the ice? Why does it give us such bold confidence that we go full steam ahead into any type of online conversation? And why does it make it so much easier to obtain those 'no strings attached' hook-up visits, which we've all had at some point freshman year?

I don't have the answers to these mysterious IM questions. Maybe instant messenger has taken the personal side out of meeting people. The sad thing about it is, if we personally haven't, we all have a friend of a friend who took instant messaging a little too far by using it as a method of foreplay. No first date, no first kiss, just one short instant message chat then, IM, wham, bam, thank ya ma'am.



Kelly Dining Kitchen

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had not been brought to Kennedy's attention. He did, however, know about the time/temperature sheets.

"They haven't been done, and we've addressed this issue as well...we take the temperature time sheets very seriously," Kennedy said.

The anonymous employee noted above, and another employee who preferred to remain anonymous,

The employees are claiming grievances against Mr. Weintraub, saying that he has created a "hostile work environment and offered numerous racist remarks."

He is simply "unprofessional," noted the anonymous employee who first brought these complaints to the Statesman's attention.



Statesman/Imran Arif

Kelly Dining Services is being accused of health violations.

"This too has been an ongoing investigation, in which we're following the proper protocol," Kennedy said.

Print Shop Woes, Polity Unrest

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minutes, as required under Robert's Rules of Order.

Senator Mike Bernadin, visibly irritated by the many conflicting accounts of the print shop's finances and the circumstances surrounding Perez's dismissal, urged other senators to "let council clean up it's own mess."

Other senators disagreed, not wishing to compound the mistakes that had all ready been made, and advocated a more active oversight of the matter. Bernadin disagreed vehemently, adding that he'd like to "give council enough rope to hang itself with." Eventually, a resolution was passed giving polity two weeks to resolve the matter on their own.

Many Senators expressed the fear that any attempt to keep Polity Print Shop in its present form would lead to Fred Preston's office not approving the entire budget, or simply line item vetoing it out of the budget.

In other business, Polity passed a motion allowing them access to funds left over from SPA security. Polity intends to use the funds to restore the budget cuts of two percent that clubs took in the beginning of the year in order to make the budget work.

The funds were to have originally come from audit money, but problems with this year's audit process has made any windfall unlikely. In addition, \$3,000 will be allocated to establish the new election process.

Culture and Religion

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charged by the attendees' enthusiasm, and came from an exploration of religions and cultures to a forum discussing the very nature of religion in society. Each unique guest, at first a representative exception to the norms established by society, gradually became normalized and integrated into Stony Brook through intellectual discourse.

Quiah originated the event and was key in organizing the panel of guest speakers for the evening. Doris, former Student Polity president, began last November to assist in generating interest and catering to the concerns of the campus community. Quiah organized brainstorm sessions among student leaders of a wide range of organizations including the Catholic Campus Ministry, Muslim Students Association, the office of Diversity and Affirmative Action and the Center for Social Justice at the School of Social Welfare.

The event attempted to address the natural human tendency to demonizedifferences, with an intellectual approach of discussion. While it didn't attempt to suggest improbable solutions for religious tensions, it brought tolight the fundamental truth that diversity exists and should be recognized andtolerated within a well-informed society.

Stereotypes, as a result of ignorance, plague the clarity of thought in people's everyday lives, as pointed out by Khalsa.

"A Sikh," he said, "was the first one that got killed [after the September 11th attacks]."

NYPIRG Activism

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with the issue, but offered little encouragement to lobbyists.

"The governor has a good plan if you're looking to save money. It's not such a good plan if you're looking to graduate from college," Webb said as he leaned back in his chair, arms folded and staring at his desk.

Despite these blunt remarks, the committee director cautioned lobbyists against labeling the TAP readjustment as a cut. Because students are assured the remaining third of their financial aid upon graduation, he stressed that it should be seen as an incentive to stay in school.

For the most part, representatives from the SBU chapter of NYPIRG left Albany satisfied with their performance.

"The event was definitely positive because it gave representatives faces to go along with the statistics," said Kavita Tanguturi, the NYPIRG intern for higher education. "Mostly it shows that people care."

Studies Show Heart Disease Linked to Eye Artery Narrowing

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Writer

A narrowing of tiny blood vessels in the eye may be a warning sign of heart disease in women.

Some experts said the finding, while still preliminary, may one day help doctors better diagnose heart trouble in women. The connection was not found in men.

The finding came in a study of 9,648 men and women who had three eye exams over six years. Participants were ages 51 to 72. Heart attacks and other serious heart trouble occurred in 84 women and 187 men during the study.

Women with the narrowest arteries and vessels in the retina--the light-sensitive region at the back of the eye--faced nearly double the risk of developing serious heart problems, compared with women with the widest retinal arteries. The risks appeared in women with and without diabetes and high blood pressure, conditions that contribute to heart disease.

No similar increased risk was found in men.

Previous research has linked narrowed retinal arteries with high blood pressure, but the study used specialized digital photographs and measurements to detect much less obvious narrowing than can be seen in standard eye exams, said Dr. A. Richey Sharrett, a co-author and researcher at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

The results appear in

Tanguturi said that of the representatives she spoke with, Assemblyperson Steven Englebright was most receptive. Conversely, she found the assistant to Senator James Lack to be extremely unapproachable.

"Everyone in my team explained how TAP cuts would affect us," she said. "It was clear that Englebright was listening and understanding. Senator Lack was not there. We spoke to his assistant, who was unresponsive and very elusive on Lack's decision."

Ultimately, the true impact NYPIRG and its student lobbyists made in Albany will become evident on April 1. Until then, TAP recipients at SBU will have to heed the words of NYPIRG Project Coordinator Meagen Reeve.

"Students did a great job of expressing how disappointed they are with the cuts," she said. "The majority of the responses from legislators were in favor of higher education and most of them agreed to fight these cuts."

Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study bolsters a theory that narrowing of tiny arteries and vessels--microvascular disease--plays a more prominent role in the development of heart disease in women than in men.

Other research has indicated that women with chest pain are more likely than men to have normal angiograms--imaging tests that show the size of larger arteries--and also fare worse after heart bypass surgery.

"Women are not small men. We're beginning to see investigators think a little bit further about issues of women and heart disease, instead of just applying traditional testing," said Dr. Nieca Goldberg, an American Heart Association spokeswoman.

Sharrett said the findings are too preliminary to warrant making sophisticated eye exams a part of a normal cardiac workup.

But Dr. Lynne Perry-Bottinger, a cardiologist at the New York Hospital Medical Center, said the findings suggest that women whose standard eye exams detect obvious narrowing should be checked for heart disease.

The researchers said the reason for the gender difference in the study is unclear. But Perry-Bottinger speculated that since women's arteries are generally smaller than men's, narrowing in smaller vessels would be more significant in women than in men.

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New Student Trustee Appointed

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focuses in representing the student's interests on a larger scale.

"My main concerns are making sure that student services aren't cut in light of the budget constraints, making sure the student activity fee is protected and representing the student body in all issues," Pape said.

According to the SUNY website, the Board of Trustees has the authority to "appoint its own officers, the chancellor, and System Administration senior staff." They also have the power to "appoint the president of each state-operated institution, and approve the appointment of statutory and community college presidents by their respective boards." The board grants all diplomas at all the state-operated campuses, as well as the regulation tuition, fees and charges, curricula also falling under the Board of Trustees' jurisdiction. The board can also establish new campuses.

The SUNY board, which is composed of 18 members, 17 of them appointed by the governor and one by the Student Assembly, currently has two vacancies. On a whole, Pape believes the 15 other trustees are interested in the student's concerns.



Courtesy of www.suny.edu

Christopher Holland is the former State University of New York Student Trustee.

"The Board of Trustees is composed of some of the most interesting, student-friendly members," Pape said.

Pape recently went to Albany to address some of the issues SUNY has with Governor George Pataki's

proposed budget, which would cut \$155 million from the TAP program.

"We want to insure that the TAP the governor's initiative does not go through and that the money will be placed back into the fund," Pape said, adding that he believed they received a "positive response" from the legislature on this issue. Pape and several other students also lobbied for the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), and child care programs.

Pape believes tuition, which has not gone up since 1995, will remain the same, but said he is more concerned with the student fees.

"While tuition hasn't gone up since '95, student fees have gone up \$100 per year since '97," Pape said.

Pape encouraged students to make a difference by becoming a part of their own college's University council.

"It's better for students to get involved when an item is first initiated," Pape said. "There are a lot more students involved this way."

As for last week's controversial remarks made by fellow board member Candace de Russy about the SUNY Africana Studies programs, Pape, a triple major in History, Political Science and Africana Studies, has mixed feelings on the topic.

"I respectfully disagree," Pape said of de Russy's statements which accused the SUNY Africana programs of being "anti-American," according to *Newsday*. "I think Africana Studies is a vital program and, in general, I believe the programs are going quite well."

Pape added that even though he disagreed with de Russy's comments, he believes she should be able to speak her mind as a trustee.

"She still has the ability to say what she wants in a trustee capacity," Pape said, adding, "that doesn't mean I'm going to agree with her."

Pape said he wants to encourage students to contact him on issues they are concerned about.

"I've been given a huge responsibility, and I want to cover every aspect," Pape said. "I'm here as the student advocate for the entire system, and if a student has any problems or concerns, I'd be glad to hear from them."

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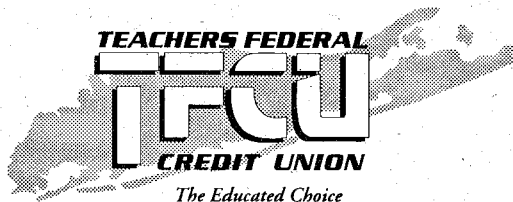
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"The Residential Tutoring Centers are getting a good amount of students," said Wong. The center is always open to receiving new students, both to tutor and to be tutors, he said.

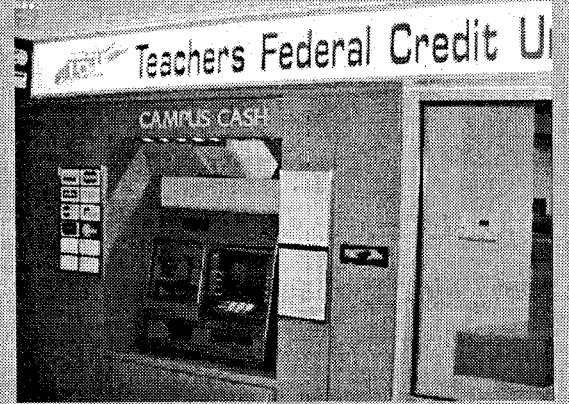
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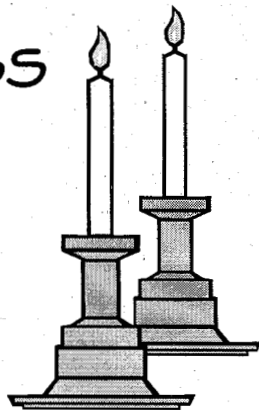
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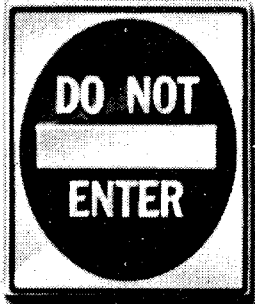
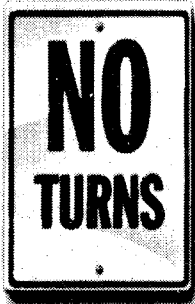
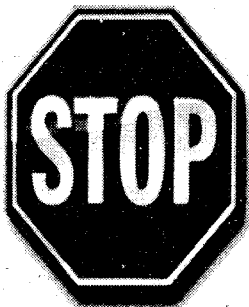
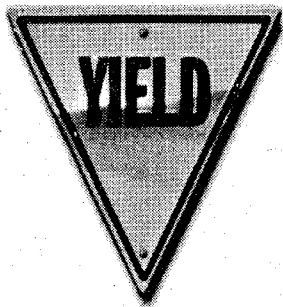
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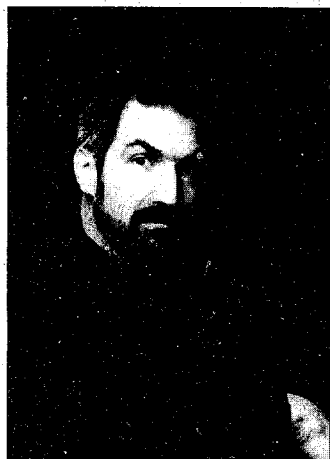
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Democrats See Deeper Deficit Seen in Bush Budget

By ALAN FRAM
AP Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's budget would dig a deeper deficit next year than the White House claims and tap \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses for other programs over the next decade, Congress' top fiscal analyst said Wednesday.

Both political parties immediately drew the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's report into their election-year fight over Bush's plans to cut taxes and boost spending for defense and domestic security.

Democrats said the analysis underlined the need to "restrain spending and tax cuts," while Republicans said it showed the budget's condition will improve as the recession fades.

"You bring us rather good news," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told CBO Director Dan Crippen, who presented his agency's report to the Senate Budget Committee.

Though the economy has shown signs of regaining strength, Crippen said Bush's budget would create a deficit next year of \$121 billion — \$41 billion worse than Bush has projected. The chief difference is that CBO believes the government will collect less revenue next year than the White House has forecast, Crippen said.

Bush's proposal — which Congress is only beginning to work on — would begin generating annual surpluses in 2005, yielding a total surplus of \$681 billion from 2003 through 2012, the report said. The figures assume the president's tax and spending plans become law.

That is in contrast to Bush's estimate of a \$1 trillion 10-year surplus. The major discrepancy is that CBO believes Medicare spending will be higher than the White House has estimated.

The report also predicted a \$90 billion deficit under Bush's budget for fiscal 2002, which runs through next Sept. 30. The White House has estimated this year's deficit at \$106 billion. Either figure would end a string of four straight years of surpluses.

White House budget office spokesman Trent Duffy said the analysis showed the budget's bottom line will gradually improve.

"I don't know that Democrats have proposed a better plan at this point. They haven't," Duffy said.

Democrats focused their fire on the report's forecast that



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Bush speaks about his new budget plan.

\$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses would be used to help pay for other programs over the coming decade.

Citing the costs of war, recession and terrorism attacks, Bush has said he has little choice but to generate federal deficits and tap Social Security surpluses. Democrats say diverting Social Security money will make it harder to shore up the giant pension program for the elderly and handicapped.

Calling such a course "simply unsustainable," Budget Committee chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said, "We have got to restrain spending and tax cuts if we're to prepare for what's to come."

A few Democrats — but not Conrad — have called specifically for blocking parts of last year's \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut from taking effect.

Republicans say such a move would be a tax increase and would roll back a plan that has helped revive the economy. Many Democrats say the tax cut is the chief reason projections of massive surpluses have vanished.

Conrad, who is writing a budget he hopes to push through his committee this month, has said his plan would require Congress to vote on whether it wants to

use Social Security surpluses. Lawmakers could propose any spending cuts or tax increases to prevent that from happening, he said.

The Congressional Budget Office projected small surpluses of \$5 billion this year and \$6 billion in 2003 as the starting point for this year's budget fight, before any tax cuts or spending increases are enacted.

In January, CBO forecast deficits of \$21 billion this year and \$14 billion in fiscal 2003, without any tax or spending changes. That was before signs emerged of the economic rebound.

The difference between surpluses and deficits of that magnitude are nearly insignificant in a \$2.1 trillion federal budget and a \$10 trillion U.S. economy. But the new estimates may well add political momentum to House Republicans hoping to produce a 2003 budget they would say is balanced.

To make that claim, they will have to exclude the \$77 billion price tag of an economic stimulus bill that Bush has proposed. The measure has stalled in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Even so, keeping the budget balanced will be hard. Added spending for defense and homeland security is a virtual certainty, and there is wide support to boost funds for farmers and schools.

Life Imitates Art

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Because the art department was not expecting these offers, none of the students knew about this opportunity before the first day of class.

"I really didn't know what it was, I had gotten in (ARS 491) a week and a half late," said Richard Quinn, who is also a senior studio art major.

Quinn, being fond of Stony Brook University's architecture, because of its simplicity and quietness, will make his proposal for the Greeley courtyard similar in nature.

"I want to make a very sculptural, gazebo," said Quinn "Something that will last a long, long time."

The deadlines for the final proposals are for mid-semester, so the pieces can be completed by the end of summer. This means that the students whose proposals are chosen will have to continue working on their projects after the semester is over.

Even though this is Ramin's last semester, she feels that despite the heavy workload, she will not let go of this opportunity. "If we have the chance to contribute to the campus, for this recognition, we'll make ourselves available," said Ramin.

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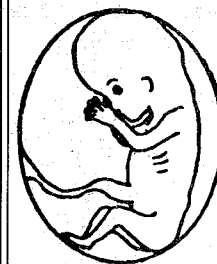
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