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Theft in Dining Centers: How Big is the Problem?

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It isn't difficult to find students who complain about high prices in the campus dining centers. Ask Stony Brook freshman Allen Liu, who attributes the prices to the school's greediness. "The school just wants to take your money," he said. However, what students, and even the Campus Dining Services (CDS), fail to realize is that theft is a factor in driving up the prices in their dining halls.

The policy in all dining centers is "Zero Tolerance." Despite this measure, however, Resident District Manager of CDS Dennis Lestrage did not place much significance on incidence of food theft. "Theft is not brought up much at all [by students]."

In fact, CDS does not even maintain a log or record of instances of theft in their dining centers.

"We don't get many incidents reported," Lestrage said.

But students said that this does not mean that theft does not occur; it simply goes unreported.

"I see people steal from Kelly [Dining Center] all the time," said

Stony Brook sophomore Alyssa Williams. "They take everything from bottled drinks to protein bars. I even saw a guy steal a sandwich once."

Students say that many campus thieves do not even take care to conceal their acts.

"I know a lot of people who steal from [dining centers] all the time. Sometimes the cashiers see you. I think they just don't care," said sophomore Maggie Sturm.

According to Lestrage, cashiers and dining center personnel do receive a debriefing about theft, "They are aware of the [Zero Tolerance] policy," he said

In addition, the dining halls are equipped with surveillance equipment. But Lestrage said that the cameras along the ceilings are not utilized for apprehending shoplifters. Rather, they were installed to protect the safety of

employees and students.

In the event that an individual is apprehended for dining hall theft, the CDS procedure is to report to the University Police. The case is then referred to the Office of Academic Affairs, where a hearing may be conducted with a panel of faculty and student judges.



Small items such as candy bars and granola bars, like the ones shown above in the Union Deli, are easy targets for theft.

According to Gary Mis, Director of Judicial Affairs, the accused individual, if found guilty, may be sentenced to anything from having to write a formal letter of apology to expulsion. "With something minor,

they probably would have to do some community service," he said

In the event that a student is not apprehended, campus dining centers, and those who spend their dollars or meal plans there, suffer.

Statesman observed a Stony Brook sophomore named Clayton in the Kelly Dining facility.

As he walked into the main entrance of the dining area, Clayton nonchalantly picked up a protein bar from the box by the cashier. He waited in line at the deli, intending to get a sandwich. Clayton, facing toward the center of the room, inserted the protein bar into his back pocket, which was against the wall. He then decided not to buy a sandwich and quietly exited the dining center. When this Statesman reporter approached and questioned him, Clayton was unapologetic.

"That was so easy," he gloated, his "free" protein bar in hand.

"It's just like a retail environment," Lestrage said. "When theft goes up, cost goes up." Not surprisingly, protein bars cost about four dollars.

Expert Doubts Bush's Motives in War on Iraq

BY MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

Critics have acclaimed the book *Iraq Under Siege* as having provided a critical eye of the 1990 Gulf War, following United Nations intervention in the region. The book's editor, Anthony Arnov, offered his perspective on the unfolding US intervention in the region in a speech to the Stony Brook campus community Wednesday.

The lecture entitled "War in Iraq?" took place Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. in new SAC II ballroom B. Co-sponsored by the Social Justice Alliance (SJA) and the Students for Peace and Humanity, the event sought to network people to political information and encourage people to get involved, event organizers said. The two groups are jointly sponsoring a peace rally on Stony Brook campus to express opposition to a US war with Iraq Oct. 16.

"This is an urgent issue we're talking

about today, one of great importance," Arnov said. "This war is not a question of disarmament, but regime change."

Arnov discussed a CIA investigation that revealed that Iraq would not have



Above: speaker Mark Arnov.

access to long range missiles capable of attacking the United States until 2015. Citing William Safire's claim that Iraq "...is gaining power to threaten our cities with annihilation," Arnov referred to an article in the same *New York Times* issue that reported that Iraq currently had only 40 missiles with a 90 mile range and a few more capable of reaching 390 miles away.

Ultimately, Arnov said disarmament was "laughable" and not a true concern of the United States.

According to Arnov, President Bush's Chief of Staff Andrew Card warned Bush that the proposed Iraqi intervention would not gain popular approval.

Card's analysis appears to be echoed by members of the press such as Thomas Friedman of the *New York Times*. Friedman has claimed the Bush administration has yet to sell this latest bid for military action against Iraq to the American people.

Arnov then turned to the history of the Iraqi region. He discussed events that he said most people know about such as the Gulf War, and also events that he said enough people do not know about such as the Halabjah massacre. This massacre took place in March of 1988 when Hussein ordered the chemical gassing of thousands of Kurds.

Arnov discussed what he saw as continued US support of Hussein at the

time of the gassing despite this clear human right violation. He noted that a number of US senators reportedly met with Hussein after the massacre offering him advice on to how to spin his popularity in the media.

"The United States saw Iraq as a secular state they could control, as opposed to religious fundamentalist state Iran. They supported Iraq because of this, regardless of its practices. They

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Arnov Speaks Out Against War on Iraq

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thought Saddam was a man they could control," Arnov said, noting the increase in aid to Iraq to help the nation triumph in the war it was fighting against Iran following the massacre.

The US tried to reassert power in the region when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Arnov said. The true concern of the US has always been to exert its power, according to Arnov. Since

WWII, The United States has had 50 percent of the world's wealth with 7 percent of the world's population, according to the State Department. "The US would like to keep this disparity alive," Arnov said.

Arnov said he thinks Bush's National Security Adviser sees power struggles and catastrophes in other regions of the world as an opportunity to seize power in the region before either of the sides involved in the

struggle can do so. He also said the Bush administration has attempted to take advantage of such catastrophes at home as well. "While most of us saw September 11 as a tragedy, this Administration sees it as an opportunity," Arnov said.

There is little concern for the 22 million people starving in Iraq, Arnov said. Doctors are forced to drive cabs, people go to hospitals to die and an intellectual embargo prevents

physicians from even obtaining the most basic of medical textbooks.

According to Arnov, a regime change in Iraq is likely to be run by a number of exiled corrupt Arab politicians currently living in London. These men seek to create a Monarchy in Iraq similar to the corrupt one in Saudi Arabia, Arnov said.

"This war is [ultimately] not about Democracy, but about increasing our supply of oil," Arnov said.

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The New Face of Racism: A Dialogue

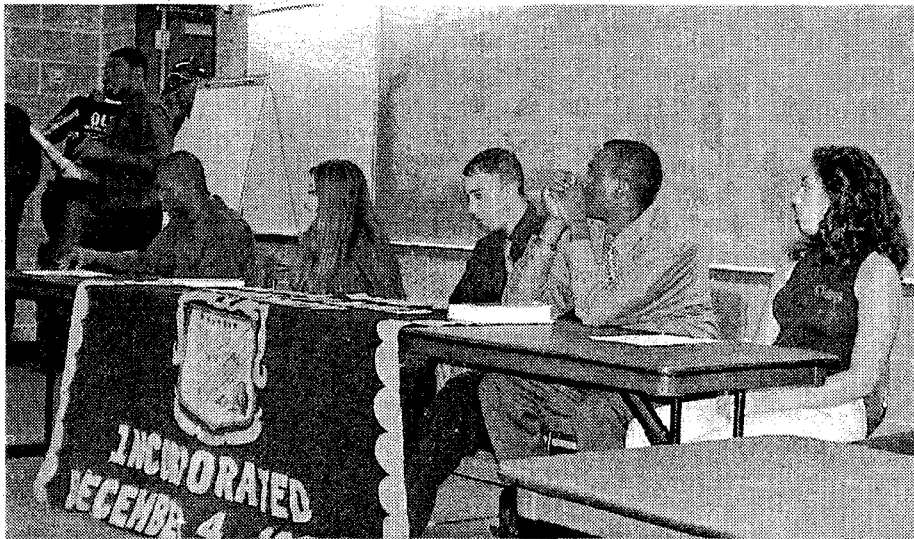
By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

Students from various fraternities and sororities came together on Tuesday to discuss race relations and social changes that have occurred on the Stony Brook campus over the past several years. The program, organized by Alpha Phi Alpha, sought to weed out racial stereotypes and problems that students have faced in their lives and particularly in school.

"The main point of the event was to raise awareness [of racism] in general, and how it pertains to Stony Brook students," said Timothy Haggerty of Zeta Beta Tau.

Students of all different nationalities and religions came to the event to debate the changing face of racism in the US. They seemed to reach a consensus on the idea that the US is no longer a melting pot, but rather a nation of distinct races that must learn to live together and accept one another's differences.

A diverse panel of students



Students from diverse backgrounds and cultures met to discuss racism on campus at an event sponsored by the Greek organization Alpha Phi Alpha.

representing different sororities and fraternities was set up to relate opinions and share thoughts on race relations. Omar Moore, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, led the discussion and prompted students to express their thoughts.

Some of the discussion centered around the issue of blame for current racial problems.

"One main point we should discuss is the events of Sept. 11," Moore said. "We should consider whether we have been guilty of racism in the past year." Students were encouraged to examine whether actions they had engaged in over the past year were, or could be perceived as, offensive to others.

At one point during the night, the

forum flared with surprised reactions after one student spoke of the intolerance he had witnessed towards his own race. Students were taken aback to discover that several things they had said in the past, causally and unknowingly, were perceived as racist and offensive.

Several times, students pointed to religious teachings they had learned in their own lives to foster an understanding and tolerance in others.

"The Old Testament even says, 'We should love the good and hate the evil,'" said one Muslim student in attendance. "If you're open to racism and tolerate it, you will be a racist."

Organizations on campus were called on to promote and host similar events. Many students expressed their hopes for open forums such as these in the future. One organizer, however, worried that the impact of the forum might be short-lived.

"The discussion was very lively," said Sean Wilson of Alpha Phi Alpha. "But part of me feels like it was only on the surface. I want people to go back and think about the things we said tonight."

The ABCs of Dorm Life: A Student Perspective

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

Before students decide to live at a university, they consider campus visits, college review boards, and advice from upperclassmen. This last is crucial; parents and students looking for evaluations of a school's residence halls should speak to the harshest critics: the students themselves.

Upon reviewing several SUNY universities and one comparably priced private institution, *Statesman* has compiled a brief residence hall quality report. Various colleges were assessed by room dimension, price, and spectrum of television channels (see chart). Also, students from each school were asked to comment on the everyday life at dorms in their school.

The three SUNY schools compared were Buffalo State, Binghamton, and Stony Brook. Long Island University, Brooklyn campus, was also evaluated because of its similar cost.

Room dimension was a key factor in student satisfaction at each university. Overcrowding was a major concern.

"When I came to Buffalo, they put me in a freshman dorm with three other guys, in a quad. The room was bigger, [but] it's not easy to live comfortably with four people in one room," said Benjamin Varghese, junior at Buffalo. "Later on, we get doubles for about the same price, so it's a lot better."

A comparable situation would be the tripled rooms at Stony Brook. At SBU, however, three students live in rooms made for two. "It's harder now with less room for each person, but I know it's not permanent," said Abby

D'Angelis, a tripled freshman.

Other schools have overcrowding problems as well. Binghamton sends surplus students to a Holiday Inn off campus. "The only real complaint here is from the people that have to be moved off campus or from people that are tripled," said Gini George, junior at Binghamton. According to Binghamton



A room offered at SUNY Buffalo.

Residential Life Services, newly constructed dorms are set to open to students in 2003 to minimize crowding.

At LIU, the problem is quite severe, as most freshmen are tripled at first. This occurs because the 16-floor LIU residence hall in Brooklyn houses students from FIT, and Polytechnic University as well. "Of course people won't be happy with triples, and dorms might be smaller, but later on you get

your own space," said Ann Chandy, senior at LIU.

A well-informed perspective is available from students who have stayed on campus at other schools. When asked to compare other SUNYs with SBU, freshman Chinnu Varghese said, "Honestly, a lot of schools I visited are about the same. The biggest difference was in the layout of the rooms. Buffalo's campus is a lot bigger though, so their rooms are more spacious."

A common trend among all schools was the readiness for students to move to apartments come their junior year. Ms. Varghese expressed this common underclassman hope. "I want to move into the apartments as soon as I get a chance. I know it's more expensive, but I think it's worth the money."

In fact, apartment life at each school was noticeably different from the traditional or suite environments. The room dimensions were bigger, with kitchens, and larger bathrooms often for twice the cost. In Buffalo however, these rooms come with monthly rent payments rather than a bulk semester rate. That University received \$21.9 million from the state in 1997 to construct privatized



A Stony Brook University room.

apartments with added community life amenities. Other SUNY universities are considering this type of housing, but stress that the success of new residence halls varies with the funding they receive from the State.

Stony Brook and Binghamton also received funding in 1997 through bonds sold by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. SBU's money went towards interior and exterior renovation of Mendelsohn Quad dorms. Binghamton used the money to build two new dorm buildings, which were completed a year ago.

"I know a lot of people can be unhappy with the dorms at State schools, but they are getting what they paid for. I'm sure things would be better with more funding," said George.

Undergraduate Resident Costs in New York State

	University Room Cost*	Room Dimensions**	Lowest Meal Plan	TV
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SUNY Buffalo	\$1,921	15' 8" x 10' 8"	\$1,035	Extra (for Premium Cable)
SUNY Stony Brook	\$2,257	16' x 10'	\$1,230	Premium Cable
Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus)	\$2,400	19' x 12"	\$625	Premium Cable

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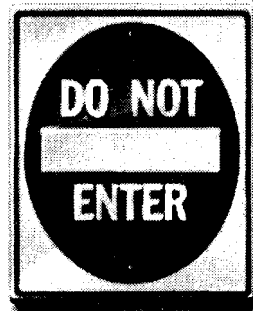
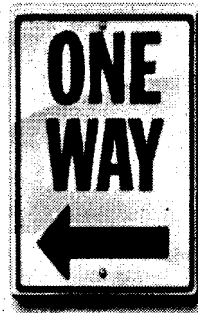
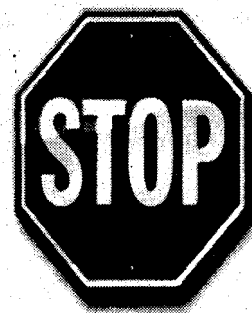
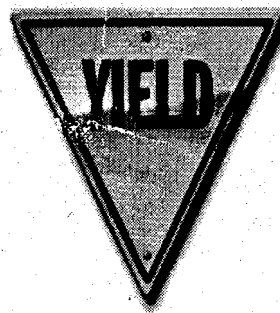
2002 Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat "The Student Experience at Stony Brook"

Now in its 18th year, the Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat brings together a diverse mix of 60 Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and administrators who will focus their attention on this year's theme: "The Student Experience at Stony Brook" (as part of the Institutional Self-Study review process for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education). The retreat will be held on Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd.

The goal of the 2002 Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat is to act as a spark to stimulate not only discussion but also action on the Stony Brook campus centered on multiculturalism, leadership and global citizenry. The retreat is meant to act as a learning experience for all.

The Planning Committee invites essays from students who would like to be considered to participate in the year's event. Authors of the selected essays will be invited to attend the retreat and share their ideas with a larger audience.

Applications can be obtained in Stony Brook Union Room 266, SAC 219, and the Polity and GSO offices. The application should be returned to SAC Room 220 by Monday, October 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Fuentes by telephone at 632-4591 or by e-mail at Christine.Fuentes@sunysb.edu.



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Justice Department Official Says INS Should Track Part-Time Students

By MICHAEL ARONE
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The tracking system that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has created to monitor international students should be expanded to include foreigners on nonstudent visas who are taking courses part-time, a Justice Department official told a joint Congressional panel on Tuesday. Such a step would assist in finding potential terrorists who might sidestep law enforcement by enrolling in institutions the system doesn't cover.

Glenn A. Fine, inspector general at the U.S. Department of Justice, said that foreigners can enter the country under tourist visas and enroll in institutions that are not covered by the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, or Sevis, which the INS has created to track foreign students. Under current rules, these institutions would fall under Sevis's reach only if they also have full-time programs in which foreign students can enroll.

"So the concern is that [foreigners] could come here and learn what we don't want them to learn," said Rep. Peter Hoekstra, a Michigan Republican who led the



Courtesy of www.usdoj.gov

Inspector General, Glenn A. Fine, told Congress that foreign part-time students can enter the United States and evade INS tracking when they use a tourist visa.

joint meeting of two subcommittees of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Janis Sposato, an INS official involved in developing and running Sevis, said the Justice Department already strictly tracks foreign students in flight schools. The U.S.

government has no interest in tracking other kinds of "low-risk" students, such as those in gardening courses.

Mr. Fine acknowledged that while such an expansion would drastically increase the workload for the immigration agency, it would also enable the INS to track more such institutions and students than it now does. The INS has declined to put in place the Justice Department's recommendation because of the project's size, he said.

The inspector general made his suggestion to members of the Subcommittee on Select Education and the Subcommittee on 21st-Century Competitiveness, whose joint hearing was designed to inform Congress on the progress the INS has made in tracking foreign students since the USA Patriot Act was passed last October. The law mandated that the INS have a system to monitor foreign students in place by January 1, 2003. The INS in turn decreed that colleges would have to be certified to use the system by January 30, 2003.

The witnesses who spoke at Tuesday's hearing said the INS has made good progress toward having the system ready by the deadline.

But they, as well as several committee members, expressed concern that the INS still faces major hurdles that makes it questionable whether the system will be running at full capability on time.

For example, 1,000 institutions are now using Sevis, and the INS intends to visit another 6,500 campuses by January 30 to certify their ability to use the system, Ms. Sposato said. The consensus at the hearing was that even with three contract companies employing 1,500 people, the INS has a Herculean task ahead of it.

"I can't believe you can certify these folks in less than a day," said Rep. Hoekstra. Some football coaches take more time interviewing one player, he added.

The INS will meet the January 1 statutory deadline for Sevis, said Ms. Sposato. That means the software will be ready and all institutions will have access to the Sevis database, she said.

But many aspects of the system will not be as complete as the INS, or colleges, might like, she said. "Sevis is a program, not an event," said Ms.

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Lawsuit Blames Hazing for 2 Students' Drownings; Police Say Deaths Were Accidental

By MEGAN ROONEY
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The family of one of two students at California State University at Los Angeles who drowned on September 9 has filed a \$100-million wrongful-death lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against the oldest African-American sorority in the country, alleging that the two women died as part of a hazing ritual. The Los Angeles Police Department, however, says there is no evidence that the deaths were the result of hazing, and disputes claims that the women died while blindfolded and bound.

Kristin High, 22, and Kenitha Saafir, 24, were both seniors at California State. According to the

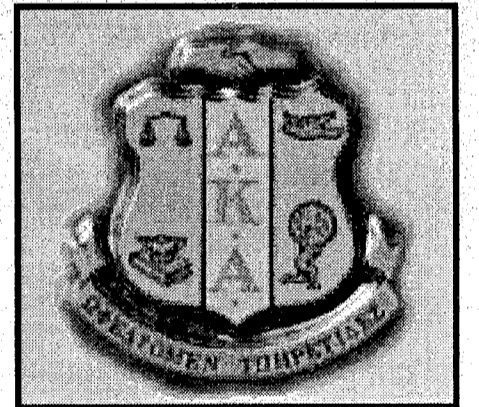
lawsuit, which was filed by Ms. High's family, the women were pledging Alpha Kappa Alpha, a sorority based in Chicago. The sorority does not have a chapter at the Los Angeles campus, but it does have chapters at several other California State campuses.

It is unclear whether the women were pledging an unofficial chapter at California State's Los Angeles campus or a recognized chapter at a nearby college.

According to a report in the *Los Angeles Times*, the lawsuit contends that Ms. High and Ms. Saafir were wearing sweat pants and sneakers, and were blindfolded and tied up before being led into the ocean by sorority members at night and left to find their way back to shore. There was rough water that night,

with waves cresting as high as 10 feet and a strong undercurrent, the newspaper reported. The lawsuit contends that Ms. High and Ms. Saafir were unable to return to shore and eventually drowned.

The lawsuit was announced at a news conference on Monday, and several news-media organizations have reported the details of its allegations. However, it is not clear what evidence exists to suggest that the women died as part of a hazing activity. The *Times* reported that the author of a book on African-American fraternities and sororities, Lawrence Ross Jr., said at a memorial service for the women that a forced wade in the ocean is a typical hazing ritual in those organizations. Other than that observation, however, no



Courtesy of yahoo.com

The two women that died were pledging for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

evidence supporting the allegations of hazing have been reported.

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Former Aid Officer at Tennessee College Pleads Guilty in Student-Loan Scam

By RICHARD MORGAN
The Chronicle of Higher Education

A former college financial-aid officer and her husband pleaded guilty in federal court on Monday to swindling the U.S. Department of Education out of \$276,740. According to court documents, Richelle Simpson, who worked at Tennessee's Carson-Newman College from 1994 to 2000, used fraudulent Social Security numbers and other forms of false loans for

her husband, Erick, who was not a student.

The cost the federal government \$287,500 in total insured liability, the court documents say. The loans were made under the Barnett Higher Education Loan Program, also known as the NationsBank Education Loan. They were guaranteed through the College Foundation, in Raleigh, N.C.; the Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance; and the United Student Aid Funds, in Indianapolis.

In February 2000, according to court records, an official at the Florida Department of Education discovered "conflicting information" in documents for loans made to Mr. Simpson. That official asked Ms. Simpson to provide the Florida office with a valid driver's license, a birth certificate, or a signed Social Security card in Mr. Simpson's name. Ms. Simpson sent what the court labeled as "misleading information" in response to the request.

During the investigation, Ms.

Simpson claimed that her husband knew nothing of the loan scam, but court records indicate that Mr. Simpson's fingerprints were discovered on 23 of the 68 checks the couple received.

Sentencing is set for January 6. The Simpsons, who are free on bail, face a possible fine of up to \$25,000 each and prison terms of up to two years. They were not available for comment on Monday. Officials at Carson-Newman declined to comment.



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Editor's View

Better S.A.F.E. Than Sorry

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN Statesman Editor

Hey guys: picture your mother, your grandmother, your sister, your aunt, your niece, and your girlfriend.

Statistics show that one of these six women will get raped in her lifetime..

Would you say it took around a minute for you to picture all of these special people in your life?

Well, statistics show that 1.3 women in the U.S. have just been raped in that time span.

Now, these are no doubt shocking figures to consider, especially while reading about them on a college campus as safe as this one.

Of course, 1 in 4 college women in America have either been raped or suffered from attempted rape.

What perhaps seems benign on newsprint is frightening in reality, especially when you consider that 1.3 victims per minute translates into 683,280 rapes per year. We all have no choice but to realize the enormity of the epidemic that is sexual assault and rape.

Much of that responsibility falls on the shoulders of every man on this campus. To be sure, that vast majority of college men are not rapists. But the fact remains that 1 out of every 15 male college students have admitted to raping, or attempting to rape, during the preceding year. Studies also indicating that 1/3 of college men would have sex with an unwilling partner if they thought they would get away with it.

All of these statistics are, to say the least, frightening eye-openers. The challenge, however, is

to utilize that fear for affecting change. And that is the mission of S.A.F.E.; to have the impact be brought closer to home. SBU's Department of Residential Programs has sponsored Sexual Awareness Facts and Education for the past several years, and the group's stature on campus has grown with time.

Through "The Date," an interactive presentation put on by S.A.F.E. interns, we depict a relevant, realistic social situation and challenge audience members to come to grips with sexual assault dilemmas. Those in the audience can pose questions to the characters, played by students, and afterward receive informative literature.

This is my first semester participating in the program, and I can say honestly that being a member gives one a feeling of empowerment. We gain more than knowledge of statistics and a basic understanding of facts and definitions. S.A.F.E. is an opportunity to right a very serious wrong. And while the task is difficult, and the journey a long one, the walk is well worth it.

The bottom line is that S.A.F.E. represents an effective means toward combating rape on college campuses. In addition to promoting its value to all students, I would also encourage all faculty and staff to be part of the audience as well. Everyone on campus has a responsibility to be part of the solution.

For too long, society has deemed rape a taboo subject, and we have suffered mightily as a result. So grab a group of friends, and go see the show. Discuss it, debate it, talk about it.

And most importantly, learn from it.

Letter to the Editor

Thank You, and a Word About Success

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the Statesman for its coverage of the new stadium, and Adam Zimmerman, in particular, for the complimentary words in your column on Sept. 19. The truth is that it requires many good people-- administrators, coaches, staff, and, most importantly, student athletes--to be successful. Fortunately, we have some good people. As the editor, you know that when things go the right way, the praise is often shared.

However, when things go wrong, or fail, you, the editor, take the hit.

It's the same way with my position. If this stadium didn't open last Saturday, it would have been "the Dean's fault"; if we didn't have a great crowd, it would have been "the Dean's fault"; if we didn't win the game, it probably would have been "the Dean's fault". However, everything fell in place and we had a very, very successful evening. You win some, and you lose some; that night I won. Again, thanks for your kind words.

Dick Laskowski Dean of Physical Education and Athletics

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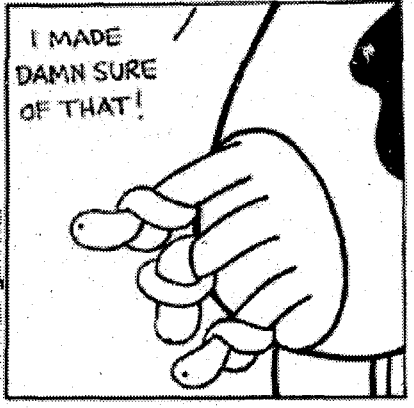
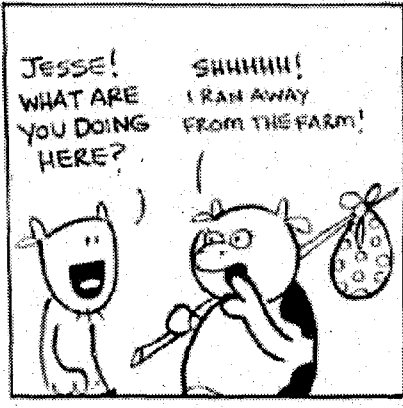


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Op-Ed: Dissent Rising

By ARIF RAFIQ
Statesman Staff

Senator Tom Daschle and former Vice President Al Gore are beloved by insomniacs around the world for their ability to make practically anyone fall asleep. While President Bush's style of speech isn't any more captivating than that of these two of his political antagonists, his fumbling, bumbling, and mispronunciations tend to provide an entertaining sense of unpredictability when he speaks.

The moribund style of Daschle and Gore was amplified by the "war on terror", as both individuals rarely expressed open opposition to the president's foreign and military policies. All that has changed this week when the two suitors for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination spoke out in opposition to the popular president's plan for a war on Iraq, thus once again resuming the vibrant political debate in Washington suspended by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In an address this Monday to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, the former vice president - who was one of the few Democrats in the Senate in 1991 who voted in favor of sending U.S. troops to Kuwait - criticized the Bush administration's handling of the war on al Qaeda and the possible war on Iraq, stating, "From the outset, the administration has operated in a manner calculated to please the portion of its base that occupies the far right, at the expense of the solidarity among all of us as Americans and solidarity between our country and our allies".

On the same day, Sen. Daschle asked some of the most important questions regarding the possible war on Iraq, namely, "what will it do to our international partnerships, what effect will it have on the war on terrorism, what does a pre-emptive strike mean for other countries, does it set the wrong example?"

Something sparked Daschle this Wednesday to make a passionate address before the Senate floor in which he criticized the Bush administration's "politicization" of the war on Iraq and the president's claim in an address at a campaign fundraiser that Senate Democrats were "not interested in the security of the American people".

It's not clear what exactly motivated Daschle to speak so strongly: perhaps it was the excessiveness of the Republican rhetoric, or the fear that the Republicans were gaining in congressional races, or the Washington Post

article published that morning which quoted congressional Democrats expressing their frustration over the party leadership's support of the Bush war plan for Iraq, or maybe it was an attempt to deflect attention away from Al Gore, who received some heavy press coverage for his criticism of the president on Monday. Perhaps it was a combination of some or all of these potential factors.

Regardless of what his true motivations were, something sparked Tom the Turtle to move swiftly, and to speak with eloquence, passion and poise. It was like seeing a baby walk for the first time, or, like watching Al Gore's great concession speech in December 2000. On this occasion, however, the rose bloomed at the right time.

Members of the dormant anti-war movement, which has failed in recent years to affect the formation of our foreign policy, must not only take advantage of the momentum created by these two Democratic heavyweights, but also must take note of the strategy adopted by Daschle and Gore in criticizing an extremely popular administration.

Both Daschle and Gore couch their criticism within the language of the national interest and concern for our national security and the success of the war on terror. Simply utilizing moral or legal arguments will not suffice. Nor will holding large rallies organized by coalitions of fringe political groups achieve much, unless all that is desired is to speak to the converted and to hold up traffic.

Anti-war groups must outline a set of clear goals and priorities and work to achieve a maximal level of them by developing a broader support base and placing pressure on political opponents in multiple ways. Instead of only protesting in the streets of Washington and annoying already stressed D.C. commuters, anti-war activists must also take their efforts inside the walls of Congress. Right now that means supporting congressional candidates who oppose or at least question the Bush plan for a war on Iraq.

A new, more focused and intelligent means of dissent is required if those in the anti-war camp seek to achieve actual, tangible results. But this entails compromising on one's complete agenda. Previously, anti-war advocates have limited themselves to a choice between achieving their entire agenda or none of it. If they desire to achieve some success, they must roll up their sleeves and play hardball just like all of the other power brokers in Washington. How successful they will be depends on how hard and intelligently they approach their campaign. But what's clear now is that the opportunity for them to get the ball rolling has definitely emerged.

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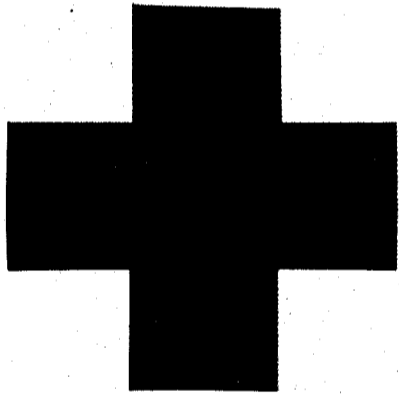
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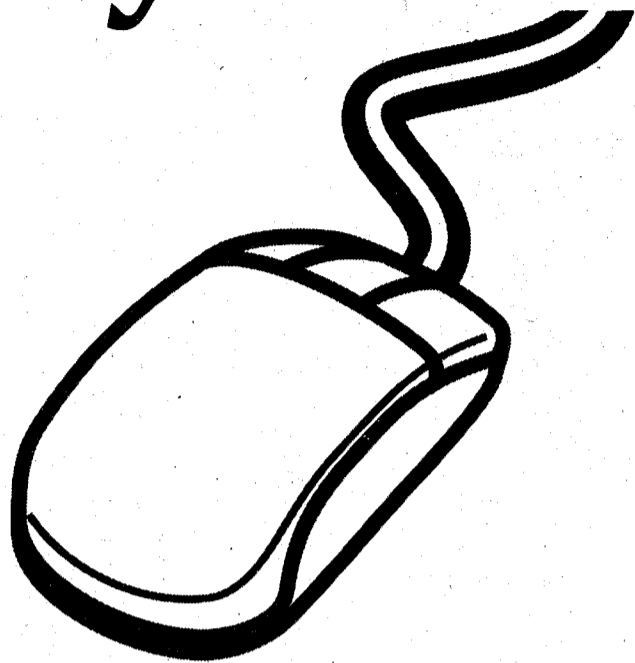


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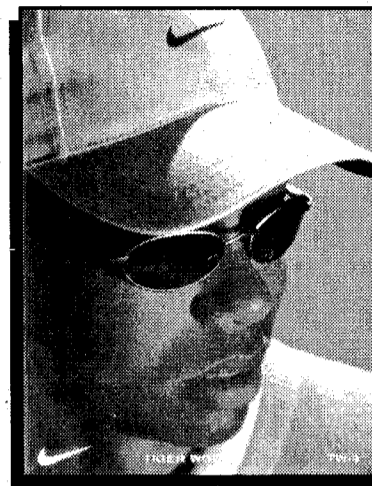


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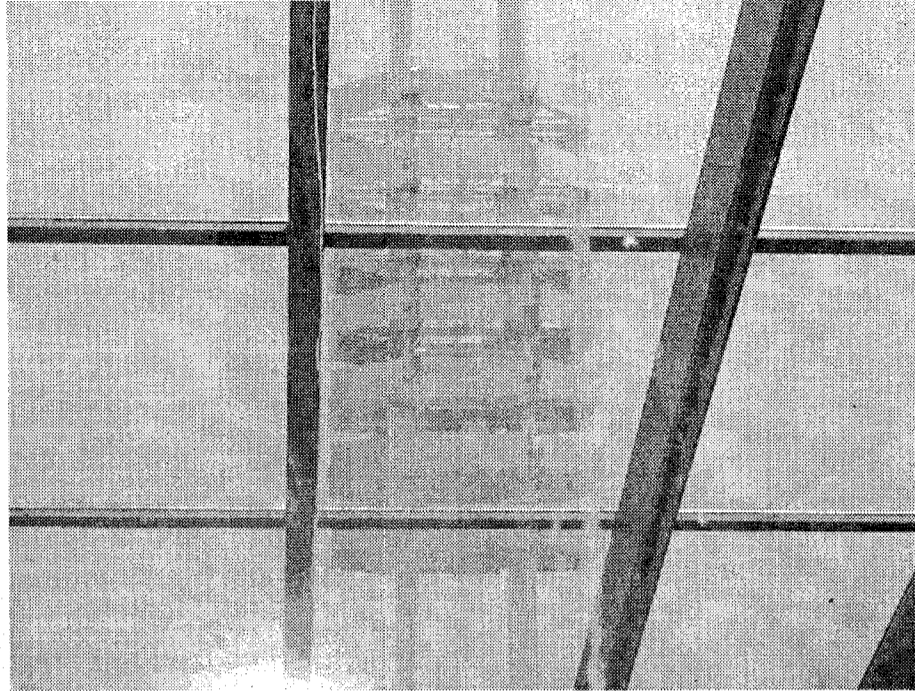
BY GENE TULMAN
Statesman Editor

The Charles B. Wang Center for Asian American Studies, set to open in October, is the first building at Stony Brook University funded by a private sponsor. According to S.N. Sridhar, the new director of Asian and Asian American Studies, the Center should have a significant impact on the course of Asian American studies at SBU.

"This gift represents a major step forward for multicultural education at the University," Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny said. "The generosity of Mr. Wang means that Stony Brook will be alone among major universities in having a dedicated center specifically built to meet the unique technological requirements of advanced cross-cultural programs."

Charles B. Wang, Chairman of Computer Associates International, Inc., donated some \$25 million to SBU intended for construction of the new facility on a four-acre site in close proximity to the Staller Center for the Performing Arts. This is the most significant gift in the history of the State University of New York.

The Wang Center is filled with skylights, winding stairwells and exotic water structures. Near the south entrance of the building,



Statesman/Jeffrey Javidfar

Students will soon be able to view the pagoda-like sculpture atop the Wang Center from inside the building, as pictured here.

bronze-cast Chinese zodiac heads spout water into a pond containing a topographical map of Asia.

"[The Center is] designed to be very experiential," said Dexter Chen of P.H. Tuan, one of the architectural firms leading the project. "It's a wonderful space."

The structure includes a 300-seat theatre and two lecture halls equipped with state-of-the-art video teleconferencing. The communication

technology is intended to allow for international collaboration. A comprehensive complex, the Center will include an art gallery as well as a multi-cuisine food court.

"[Having the Wang Center on campus] does justice to the important things we want to do, such as holding art exhibitions," Sridhar said. "[The Center] will allow students to showcase their talents and to project cultural accomplishments."

The Center is scheduled to open its doors to much fanfare on Oct. 22. Governor Pataki and Charles B. Wang will both be present for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Asian American studies program has long been stunted by lack of accommodations, Sridhar noted. Among those in the curriculum, hopes run high that the Center will create renewed interest in the field and facilitate growth.

"Until now, we did not have suitable facilities," Sridhar said. "It is appropriate at this stage, and will help expand activities, and increase the range of venues."

Students on campus have long marveled at the presence of the imposing structure, although to some it is seen as a benefit principally to the Asian American community.

"It's a great looking building," senior Randy Stein said. "The Wang Center should help Asian students get in touch with their culture and roots."

But Sridhar wants everyone at the University to take advantage of the new campus addition.

"Long Island has a huge Asian American population," Sridhar said. "Stony Brook's student body consists of about 30 percent Asian Americans. But the Wang Center is not only for Asian Americans. It is for everyone."

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INS Tracking of Part-Time Students

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Sposato. "It will grow and develop after January 1."

The INS will let some "low risk" institutions with which it has worked before use Sevis before the INS actually comes to their campuses. Ms. Sposato said the INS hasn't yet defined what it means by "high-risk" and "low-risk" institutions.

Mr. Fine said that the INS should visit institutions before certifying them to use Sevis. The INS should also ensure that the 1,500 contract employees it has hired to certify institutions to use Sevis should get proper training in the system to ensure thorough evaluation.

"We believe the most effective way for the INS to ensure that Sevis audits are performed would be to coordinate with the Department of Education to incorporate Sevis reviews into its audits," he said.

Lawsuit Over Death of Two Cal. State Students

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According to Los Angeles police investigators, all evidence indicates that the deaths of the women were accidental.

"Our officers pulled those women out of the water," said Sgt. John Pasquariello, a police spokesman. "They were not tied up, and there is no evidence that they were blindfolded."

Sergeant Pasquariello said that police officers noticed a handful of women on the beach earlier in the evening, running and performing calisthenics. Later, the police department received a call from a nearby resident, who said that a woman was screaming for help on the beach. When police officers arrived at the scene, they dove into the water to pull Ms. High and Ms. Saafir to shore. They performed CPR on them, but the women had already died.

There were five other women on the beach that night: Two were pledges, and three were members of the sorority. All five women told the police officers that several of the women were standing near the water's edge when a big wave overtook them.

"It seems that one of the women was swept out into the water, and the other went in to save her," Sergeant Pasquariello said.

Lacking other evidence or statements from witnesses, Sergeant Pasquariello said that the police department would consider the deaths accidental. However, he said the case was not yet closed.

The lawsuit by Ms. High's family names the national Alpha Kappa Alpha corporation, the regional chapter, and the individuals from the sorority who were present on the night of the drownings.

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SBU Football Tries to Regroup After Loss

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Different game, different environment—different outcome. Without the lure of Seawolves Stadium, Stony Brook couldn't find a rhythm against Wagner and dropped their first road game, 17-14, last Saturday.

The Seawolves (1-1, 0-1 NEC) had the opportunity to jump-start their season after a big opening game winner against St. John's. Unfortunately, the Stony Brook football team dropped their first conference game in a visitor's stadium.

Scott Bard struck first for the Seawolves. Early in the first quarter, Bard took a 56-yard touchdown pass from wide receiver Courtenay Mitchell. But the offense went flat after that drive and couldn't put any more points on the board.

Wagner pounded the ball on the ground with 200 rushing yards on 53 attempts. Wagner senior Chris Davis ran for a game-high 116 yards with 194 total yards and one touchdown. The Seahawks responded to Stony Brook's initial touchdown with 10 points in the



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Ken Lockhart took personal responsibility for the Seawolves' loss last Saturday.

second quarter. The only other Stony Brook score was a sack by David Bamiro in the end zone that resulted in a touchdown when Chimezie Okobi recovered the fumble.

Coach Sam Kornhauser attributed the loss to having a young team playing in a

hostile environment. After the game Sunday Kornhauser tried to restore the team's confidence and remind them that the loss was in the past.

One of the bright spots on the day was the performance of Mitchell, who had a career-high 132 receiving yards in the absence of Stony Brook's top receiver Londre Blocker. Blocker sprained his ankle and is likely to miss this weekend's game against Albany.

But the offense couldn't put it together consistently. "We [the offense] would come in after the defense made a big stop and be three [downs] and out," junior running back Ken Lockhart said. "The defense did a great job."

Lockhart was held to 40 yards for the game and took most of the responsibility for the loss. "I didn't finish my runs like I normally do," he said. Lockhart was struck three times on fourth-and-goal plays. "I was very disappointed in the way I played," Lockhart said.

Offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy said before the game that the team looked lax in practice but this week Kornhauser said the team looked spirited.

"We have a chance with this team," Kornhauser said. "But that chance only comes into realization if the performance is there."

Women's XC Team Gets Vote In Poll

Courtesy of www.goseawolves.oscn.com

The Stony Brook women's cross country team received a vote in the NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country National Poll released Sept. 23.

The recognition marks the first time the Seawolves have ever been included in the poll. Stony Brook began competing at the D-I level in the 1999-2000 season.

Under the direction of head coach Andy Ronan, Stony Brook has dominated its two meets so far this season, winning the team title at both the Central Connecticut State University Invitational and their own Stony Brook Invitational.

Even more impressive was where the Seawolves finished individually - at CCSU, Stony Brook nabbed three of the top four spots, and four of the top five finishes at the Stony Brook Invitational.

Senior Jenny Payne captured the individual crown at both meets, running the 5K course at CCSU in 17:46.4, nine seconds ahead of her nearest competitor. Payne finished the 5K at the Stony Brook Invitational in 18:42, over a minute ahead of runner-up and teammate Laura Hixson.

The voting panel for the poll consists of the nine elected regional representatives and four at-large members of the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association.

Stony Brook Hockey Preview

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With a new coach and a new game plan, the Stony Brook Seawolves ice hockey team entered the 2002-2003 season with high hopes and expectations.

The Seawolves, who finished last season ranked 12th in the nation amongst ACHA Division II teams, are looking to improve on their success from recent years and are aiming to earn an invitation to their fourth straight national tournament.

With 18 returning players and nine skilled rookies, SBU is looking to make a statement. Brian Andruskiewicz resumes his starting role in net. After being named the starter midway through last season, he went on to post an 8-2 record while leading the Seawolves to the NCAA tournament. He will be backed up by Mike Gragnano and Bobby Morrota.

Jesse Muro (39 pts.) and Brian Karbot (16 pts.) have returned and will once again backbone the defense. They are joined by sophomore Arty Martrano and newcomers

Billy Acker and Marc Pane. Also returning on defense for Stony Brook are Adam Grillo, Steve Plackis, and Dave Guichard.

Anthony Fronzoni (24 goals), James Sedoruk (27 pts.), Anthony Dimichele (21 pts.), and Billy Sullivan (20 pts.), all of who are returning from last year's squad, will lead the offense. Vinny Lanni returns after a two-year hiatus, adding both speed and toughness.

Rookies Alex Kourgazov, Gregg Dietrich, and Joe Hirschy will add to an already high scoring offense. Other returning forwards include Chuck Clifford, Joe Savan, Brad Thomas, Mike Keane, and Danny O'Shea.

Taking over as head coach for SBU this year is Larry Nastasi. Coach Nastasi has been involved at every level of hockey from the rec. leagues to the pros.

When asked about coaching the Seawolves, Coach Nastasi said, "I know the history behind the program, so when Chris Garafalo approached me and asked me if I wanted the head coaching job, it was an offer the I couldn't refuse."

The Seawolves' first home game of the season is Saturday October 5 at 9:40 p.m. against Marist. All home games are played at the Rinx in Hauppauge. For directions please call 232-3222.



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SBU hockey, although unseen, will take their hand at continued success this year.