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## Wang Center Opens, Closes, to Mixed Reactions

By KELLY LYNN BROWN  
Statesman Editor

The day before the opening, cranes, plywood, and wet paint were strewn throughout the building, but in under 24 hours the major areas had been cleaned of debris, save for dirt on the floors, dust on ledges and handrails, and a film on the water in which exotic fish swam.

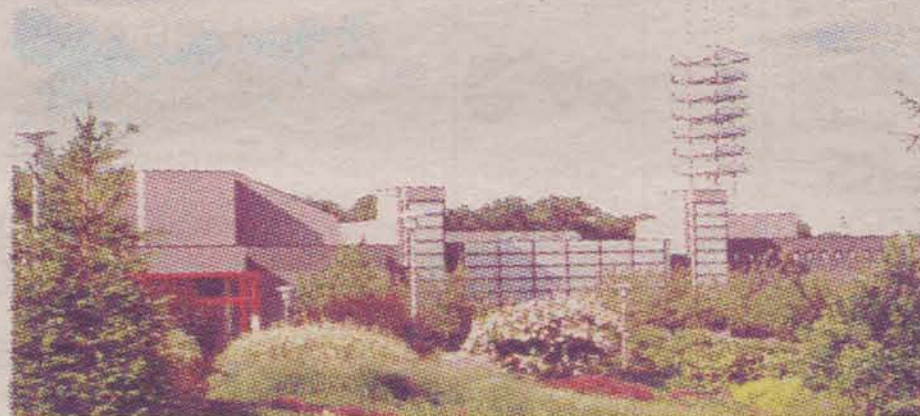
The Charles B. Wang Center opened Tuesday, Oct. 22, despite not being completely finished. Over the past week the construction and cleaning crews made efforts to make the facility presentable for the Governor and other visitors.

Iva Kocijan, SBU's Director of Public Relations, explained that the date of the opening had been set long ago.

"Oct. 22 was the day Mr. Wang picked," she said. "It had to do with a lot of people's schedules, like Governor [Pataki]'s."

The center opened to much fanfare. New York Governor George Pataki, Charles B. Wang, and various state legislators were on hand for the signing and ribbon cutting ceremonies, which were closed to the general public.

Wang, founder and chairman of Computer Associates, gave more than



The Charles B. Wang Center opened its doors on Tuesday, only to close again Wednesday so that construction could be completed.

\$40 million for the project.

"This is a very exciting moment for me personally," Wang said. "But it is also an exciting moment for the Asian student community and the University as a whole, as I believe the center will make a substantial contribution to both the quality of education and the quality of life here at Stony Brook."

Those not invited to the VVIP areas still had the opportunity to explore the new structure, enjoy live entertainment and sample five

different ethnic cuisines, including Indian, Korean, and Japanese, which were provided by local restaurants.

The Wang Center was designed by New York-based architect P.H. Tuan, founder of the Institute for the Advancement of Contemporary Chinese Architecture. The building was initially planned to run about 25,000 square feet, but over several years grew to 120,000 square feet. It includes multiple water structures, a chapel, a theater, two lecture halls, gallery spaces, an Asian food court,

and indoor and outdoor gardens. Atop the building is a 100-foot octagonal tower meant to symbolize an ancient pagoda.

Some students questioned the practicality of such a structure on campus.

"The building is an amazing work of art and architecture, but I fail to see it as a highly functional space," said Naomi Edlin, an Honors College sophomore.

President Shirley Strum Kenny, Ph.D., said that the university would use the structure for conferences, art exhibits, film festivals, lectures, and seminars. The fiber optic network will provide students and faculty with access to teleconferencing and rapid information exchange.

"[It] will be a unique place where people can learn about Asian cultures and exchange ideas about the arts, literature history, religion, language, technology, medicine, business, science," Kenny said. "With its graceful uniting of global and face-to-face interactions, it will create new synergies within the university, throughout Long Island, and indeed the world."

But a student protest outside of the

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## Dinner and a Movie at SBU: Meet the FSA

By MARC NEWMAN  
Statesman Editor

From buying a muffin for breakfast at the SAC to unwinding at the Union's Arcade and Billiard room to spending a Saturday night at The Spot, the food and activities on campus always involve money. The Faculty Student Association (FSA), founded in the 1960s, is instrumental in orchestrating the allocation of funds toward these student life essentials.

Statesman sat down to interview three key figures at FSA to learn more about the evolution of the organization and the future of "things you spend money on" at Stony Brook University.

"FSA has undergone somewhat of a revolution under this new regime," explained Warren Wartell, Associate Director of Human Resources and Marketing.

The SAC dining facility, a central campus food court, was introduced under the leadership of FSA Executive Director Kevin Kelly, a former Stony Brook

student who took on the FSA leadership role 12 years ago.

Since then, what Wartell described as the "ho-hum factor" of state food here at Stony Brook has been greatly reduced. The SAC allows students to choose from a number of "food stations" including a grill, a stir-fry bar, and a wrap counter.

This food court-style system was extended into the Kelly Dining Center when its renovation took place three years ago. Brand name food was introduced as well: the Boar's Head meats and Krispy Kreme made their debut, and have been enormously popular.

With a budget primarily derived from Student Activity fees, FSA works to address student needs. The FSA Board of Directors, composed of students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni, works to design new initiatives like Friday Bubble Tea at Kelly. The Board also gives FSA recommendations on which food service to use, and supported the choice of Chartwells at SBU. But those at FSA assert that the

group faces even greater decisions than food options.

The closing of the Humanities building at the beginning of the year left the campus with one less cafeteria.

"Often we're forced to adapt to changing situations we have no control over," said Angela Agnello, Director of Marketing and Communications at FSA.

The renovation of the Humanities building was an administrative decision, and FSA said it was left scrambling to provide food courts in the SBS building and the SAC by the beginning of the year.

"Often, it's difficult to get things done here, because we have to recognize this is a bureaucratic system," added Ronald J. Willa, FSA Controller.

FSA has requested an extension of the food services offered at the SAC in SAC Phase III, but currently are waiting on approval from Albany to make the project happen.

"Expanding doesn't happen overnight with protocol and financial obstacles like this," Wartell

said. "We just can't pick up and build where we want to."

The Humanities building and SAC Phase III are just two examples of FSA working at the will of a bureaucratic process. The Spot, co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Organization, has been moved a number of times around campus, and the FSA must work with limited space. "We're renters here, not owners," Willa said.

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# FSA Addresses Student Needs in Face of 'Limitations'

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Despite some "limitations," the FSA said it is still pursuing myriad undertakings. They project the SAC Phase III project should be completed in three to five years. A coffee shop in the Kelly Dining Center with Internet access and a stage for entertainment is also in the works. A Roth Dining Center renovation is projected for 2003.

As a recent Statesman editorial pointed out, building capacity is an issue at Stony Brook. Long lines at the SAC during lunch hours and short lines at the Residential Dining Centers such as Roth and Kelly are long-standing difficulties. FSA has begun offering more healthy foods at the residential centers in hopes of shifting traffic in that direction.

FSA is responsible for oversight of services such as the food offered at the dining centers, and of convenience service offered by the Bookstore, Seawolves Marketplace or Computer Corner. FSA also serves as a financial center for Stony Brook Orientation and Athletic and Conference activities, among others. Suggestions are always welcome at 632-9306. Information on FSA services not mentioned here is available at [www.sunysb.edu/fsa](http://www.sunysb.edu/fsa)



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# Washington D.C. Sniper Strikes Again

BY SAL VAGLICA  
Statesman Staff

The Washington area sniper struck again on Tuesday morning, Oct. 22; taking another victim's life since the Oct. 19 attack.

Conrad Johnson, a 35-year-old bus driver, was shot at 6 a.m. while standing on the steps of his bus in Aspen Hill, Md., according to the Associated Press. Johnson was airlifted to Suburban Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

On Monday, authorities at a Maryland gas station captured two men driving a white minivan similar to the car authorities have sought for a week in connection to the sniper. The two men detained were illegal immigrants and may face deportation. The men were determined to have no connection with the sniper killings.

NBC's "Meet the Press," recently featured John Walsh, host of "America's Most Wanted," ex-



Former FBI Agent Candice DeLong said that she doesn't think the sniper is mentally ill.

FBI agent Candice DeLong and criminologist Professor James Fox in an in-depth discussion of the sniper.

"[M]y opinion [is] that it's a

homegrown American psycho, someone...relishing in 15 minutes of fame," Walsh said.

Authorities have not definitively labeled the sniper either a domestic killer or foreign terrorist, but the consensus is that the latter is unlikely.

"[Terrorists] would be going after prime targets. And certainly they wouldn't be using language like, 'I am God,' Fox said, referring the message on a tarot card left near the scene of one shooting.

DeLong, a former FBI profiler, said she believes that there is a single culprit, and that if there are two individuals involved, that there is only one shooter.

"I think for this particular killer, it's not about the killing, it's about the sniping," DeLong said. "[H]e's sending a message to someone or some agency or entity, 'I'm the best sniper in the world. You misjudged me.'"

"Meet the Press" host Tim Russert questioned the killer's reaction to media coverage.

Initially, the sniper profile was comprised of the assumptions that he only shoots in Maryland on weekdays near I-95, and that children aren't targets.

"Whatever is reported, he does exactly the opposite, just to show what?" Russert asked.

"To show how invincible he is, that he's superior to the police. He has been watching, he has been reading the newspapers and he has been responding," Fox said in reply. "He's basically playing off the investigators, playing off the theorists and showing that he is in charge."

Many have questioned the snipers mental awareness, and many members of the media have dubbed the killer the 'psycho sniper.' But some experts disagree with this notion.

"This man is not delusional. He is not mentally ill. He does not really believe that he is God," DeLong said. "I think he's saying in that statement, 'I'm in charge here, not you, Chief Moose.'"

## Leakey Lectures on Evolutionary Ancestors

BY ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

Paleontologist Meave Leakey, Ph.D., presented her talk entitled "The Search for Our Fossil Ancestors in Eastern Africa" on Monday, Oct. 21 in the SAC Auditorium. Leakey, the former head of Paleontology of the National Museums of Kenya, and her team discovered a new branch of early hominid, or human, remains in 1994. This branch of hominid began to walk about half a million years earlier than



Paleontologist Meave Leakey lectured on Monday at SBU about the ongoing search for fossil evidence of evolution.

previously believed. Leakey has mainly studied fossils recovered from her long-term fieldwork in the Turkana basin, including the evolution of monkeys, carnivores, mammalian faunas and apes in addition that of humans.

She has authored more than fifty scientific articles and books and her extensive field experience and academic credentials have established her as an expert in her field.

Leakey also received an honorary degree at the Stony Brook University Commencement Ceremony this past

May. She is currently co-leading excavations with her daughter, Louise Leakey, including the one that led to the discovery of Kenyanthropus platyops.



Leakey (right) with her expedition team at Lake Turkana in East Africa.

## SPEC Plans Community Out-Reach Programs

BY ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

Students Putting an End to Cancer (SPEC), one of the newest official organizations on campus, plans to help raise awareness of and help those suffering from cancer, founder and president Brad Jerson said.

Jerson founded SPEC in June 1999 at Bethpage High School. He brought the organization to Stony Brook University (SBU) as a freshman last year. When his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in September 1998, Jerson wanted to do something to stop the pain he saw people go through because of cancer.

"Once it hit my family, everything began to come into focus with regard to how much cancer actually affected everyone around me," Jerson said.

He said his initial goal for the club was to raise consciousness in the community about the various forms and causes of cancer and to suggest methods on how to cope with the side effects. He said he also wanted to provide a forum for sharing ideas and feelings, help patients and their families, raise funds for research

and treatment for those in need and try to improve the lives of those affected by the disease.

During the three years since its inception, SPEC has spread to many different middle and high schools and to other colleges. SPEC has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research, which helped many people.

Various SPEC chapters have participated in and raised money for awareness walks, collected toys and organized parties for children with cancer, held awareness programs throughout schools and communities and lobbied for breast cancer awareness laws and policies in Albany.

They have also organized anti-smoking campaigns, created cancer awareness gardens, directly helped individual children with cancer in third world countries, and raised funds and awareness in other ways.

Since last semester, the groundwork has been set to make SPEC a highly effective organization on campus, Jerson said. After beginning with the help of Volunteers for Community Services (VCS), SPEC garnered enough support to register as its own

organization this semester.

Last April, the Stony Brook chapter of SPEC teamed up with New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) during the Toxic Tour. The Tour traveled to various sites around Suffolk to urge that the State Superfund Program be refinanced. Tour participants tried to prevent the lowering of toxic waste site sanitation because low standards have reportedly been linked to various health hazards in surrounding communities.

SPEC collaborated with the Cancer Center for Kids at Winthrop University Hospital to contribute to the more than 700 volunteers representing the Center at this past summer's US Open at Bethpage State Park. The golf tournament's catering company donated almost \$40,000 to the Cancer Center because of these volunteers.

Because of the tremendous contribution SPEC has made to raising awareness and helping victims, the organization has been recognized and commended by New York State Senators Chuck Schumer and Hillary Clinton; Governor George Pataki; Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani; the American Cancer Society; Cancer Care of Long Island; Cancer Center for Kids

at Winthrop University Hospital and the Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, Support, and Education.

This year, SPEC's mission is even stronger, Jerson said. During the third week of November, the organization is planning to work with the Choice Center to help students and faculty members quit smoking. Tables with trained specialists who will be available to provide advice and plans for anyone interested in quitting smoking will be set up at various locations around campus.

SPEC Vice President Bina Farooqi is looking forward to the impact that this event will have on the community. "There are so many people who want to quit this very harmful habit [smoking], but just do not have the inspiration to do it. We hope to be the stepping stone for their decision."

SPEC will hold its first official General Body Meeting of the semester this Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:15 p.m. in SAC 302. Free pizza and refreshments will be served.

"Too many people have had cancer turn their lives completely upside down. This year, something is going to be done about that at Stony Brook," Jerson said.

For additional information about SPEC: e-mail StonyBrookSPEC@hotmail.com.

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# Islamic Alliance Vows to Ban Pakistan Coed Universities

By **MARTHA ANN OVERLAN**  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

A coalition of religious parties that recently gained substantial power in Pakistan has announced plans to impose "true Islamic order" by banning coeducational universities and setting up separate institutions for women.

Pakistan has some women's colleges now, but most of its universities are coeducational. While the coalition — known as the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal, or MMA — may not immediately be able to force women out of all universities nationwide, it plans to begin doing so in some provinces where it already has control.

In a speech in Peshawar on Sunday, Qazi Hussain Ahmed, the vice president of the MMA, said the alliance would restore Islamic principles to Pakistan.

"We will abolish coeducation, and we will set up separate universities for



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**A student receiving her degree from the Fatima Jinnah Women's University in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.**

girls," said Ahmed, who spoke from behind a curtain to hundreds of burkha-clad women who are party workers. "There will be no restrictions on women, but they have to live according to the

teachings of Islam. We will treat women with respect, provide them education and training, and there will be no job restrictions on women."

The MMA is a six-party alliance of conservative religious groups opposed to American military operations in neighboring Afghanistan. In previous elections, the groups had never garnered more than four of the 217 seats in the National Assembly. But this month, the pro-Taliban parties tapped into growing anti-American sentiment in Pakistan and won 45 seats. The MMA is now the third-largest political party in the country. Analysts say it could wield more power than the numbers suggest because the two largest parties lack enough seats to form a majority, and so they will need the MMA's support to do so.

Even if the conservative religious

coalition is unable to sway national policy, it now controls the Assembly in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province. It is also the second-largest party in the state of Balochistan and will be part of the ruling coalition government there. Critics of the MMA's interpretations of Islamic principles say the coalition will ban coeducation in those areas first.

"I have no doubt they will carry it out at least in the provinces where they have formed a government," said I.A. Rehman, director of Pakistan's Human Rights Commission. "As far as we are concerned, this is part of a retrogressive campaign against liberal ideas and thinking. The higher-education authorities will not be able to stop them. And the states will not be in a position to resist them, because in their heart of hearts they also agree with them."

# Possible Changes To Protect Human Research Subjects

By **JEFFREY BRAINARD**  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Washington, D.C. - The Bush administration has questioned the legality of a generic agreement that the government has asked many researchers conducting studies involving human subjects to sign as a condition of receiving federal funds.

Administration officials are considering whether the agreement, which binds those who sign to protect people who volunteer as research subjects, was issued properly. If not, colleges and other research organizations may be required to resubmit as many as 1,600 of the agreements.

The Bush administration also plans to review another new effort announced in September by the same office that issued the research agreements, the federal Office of Human Research Protections. This project, called the Quality Improvement program, is aimed at encouraging universities to voluntarily assess their protections of human subjects, with the office's help.

Greg Koski, the office's director, announced last week that he would resign, effective next month. (See an article from *The Chronicle*, October 17.) Some university

officials have speculated that his decision was related to the administration's reviews of the new policies. Federal officials are required to seek and obtain permission from the White House Office of Management and Budget before releasing new policies that may have the effect of regulations.

The Office of Management and Budget has been reviewing whether Koski's office should have proposed the research agreements, called Federalwide Assurances, as a regulation, according to two sources familiar with the review, who spoke on condition of anonymity. That would have triggered a formal process of public comment and review by the management office. Instead, Koski's office unveiled the written agreements in December 2000 as a policy announcement, which did not immediately cause such a review.

The written agreements were meant to provide a simpler version of a similar set of documents that institutions had been required to sign previously. Institutions were required to sign the agreements, or draft their own equivalent version, if they conducted research using human subjects and received federal research funds from the Department of Health



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**The Bush administration plans to review a new plan to protect research subjects.**

and Human Services, which includes the National Institutes of Health.

Under the old policy, some colleges signed several versions of the same document, depending on the type of research they conducted, and each document could be voluminous. Thus, many college officials welcomed the new version of the agreement.

After the White House budget office raised questions about the policy, Koski issued another revised version of the written

agreements in March. The new version contained some less-stringent requirements in order to avoid the requirement for a more lengthy review. In particular, the earlier version had required officials at research institutions to undergo training approved by Koski's office about proper practices for ensuring the safety and welfare of people who volunteer for medical studies and other research. In the revised version issued in March, Koski's office changed this to a recommendation.

Koski could not be reached for comment this week. Arthur J. Lawrence, principal deputy assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services, who is one of Koski's superiors, said he did not know the details of the policy reviews. "We'll work with OMB, and it will come out where it comes out," Lawrence said.

Koski's office has not yet required colleges to resubmit them, saying that it will await a decision from the Office of Management and Budget.

"I think his stumblings with the OMB could have been avoided if he had more of a stay-at-home administrative approach," Nelson said of Koski.

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## Editor's View

# Carl McCall's Disappearing Act

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN  
Statesman Editor

Normally, the last weeks prior to Election Day represent the homestretch for major candidates to make that final push into the hearts and minds of the voters. Here in the New York gubernatorial race, we have one Republican and one Independent doing just that. We also have one Democrat who has disappeared. And it's not by accident; rather, that's his strategy.

Republican incumbent George Pataki maintains a healthy lead in the polls. He is, after all, our 9/11 governor, and no matter what the other issues are, this gives him an immediate, pressing advantage. Nevertheless, that does not make him indestructible. He is not infallible; any SUNY student who sees tuition costs increasing as financial aid decreases knows that our present governor has major faults.

Tom Golisano knows this too. The Independent candidate for governor, Golisano is wreaking havoc across the state and all over the airwaves. A billionaire who is financing his own campaign, Golisano, as he will never fail to tell you, is not beholden to special interests, because he does not need their money. Consequently, he campaigns as his own man.

As such, Golisano has spared no effort to attack Pataki on almost every issue imaginable. From the budget to tax aid to higher education, Golisano has ripped into the Pataki record, while offering some rather free-spirited ideas of his own (free SUNY tuition, increased use of medical marijuana). While they may not all be realistic in the form in which they are presented, they are at least food for thought in an otherwise dull campaign.

That dullness can be attributed to Mr. Carl McCall. Simply put, he has run an incredibly uninspiring campaign. Remember several months ago when he appeared at Stony Brook at the behest of the SBU Democrats? He seemed galvanized, energized and ready to do the yeoman's work to knock off the two-term incumbent Pataki.

That energy he once showed has disappeared faster than Andrew Cuomo. And perhaps that was the turning point. When Mr. Cuomo conceded to him the nomination several weeks ago, the life just seemed to go out of the McCall campaign. Even the Democratic National Committee, an organization which should have a highly vested interest in this race, has not given McCall extra funds to fill the campaign coffers. Why? They don't think he can win. Quite frankly, at the rate he is going, neither do I. I still plan on voting for him; I do think he is the best candidate in the race, and Pataki has been, at best, dismal for higher education and financial aid.

Nevertheless, McCall is going to need to convince many more people than he has presently done. His work is cut out for him, and everyone knows it. Everyone, that is, except Carl McCall. Our intrepid candidate has resorted to biding his time, hoping against hope that Golisano can siphon away enough Republican voters so that McCall might sneak in. In doing so, he stays off the airwaves. According to Richard Schrader, a Democratic consultant recently quoted in *The New York Times*, "He's locked in almost as a spectator. He's a bystander while Golisano and Pataki go to war."

Hey, Carl: There's an election coming up. We need you to win. Wake up.

## Op-Ed

# Sending the Wrong Message

By ARIF RAFIQ  
Statesman Staff

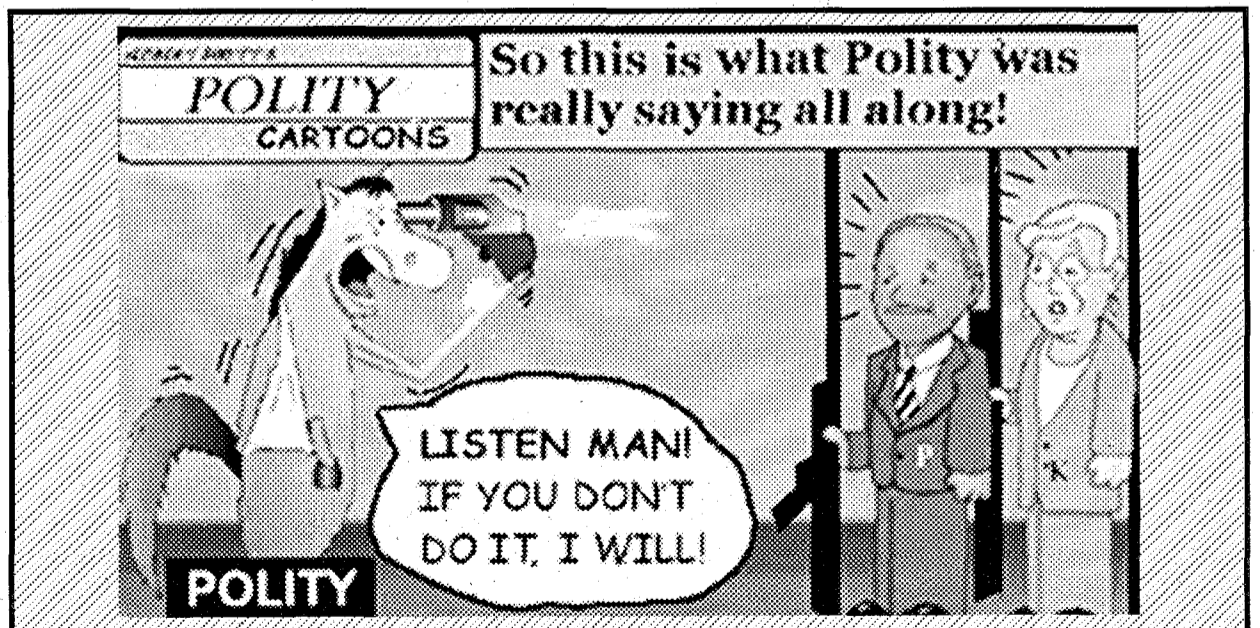
Two weeks ago, the American Jewish Committee (AJC) published a statement in an advertisement in the *The New York Times* condemning acts of intimidation and hate committed on U.S. college and university campuses against students who are Jewish or supporters of Israel. The statement was signed by presidents of over 300 colleges and universities across the country, including our very own, Shirley Strum Kenny.

But many college and university presidents, including Douglas J. Bennet of Wesleyan University,

Mary Sue Coleman of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and many in the Ivy League, refused to endorse the statement because it was clearly one-sided. While the statement rightfully condemned acts of hate against Jewish students, it failed to address similar acts committed against Arab, Muslim and South Asian students, or faculty and staff members - a national phenomenon that has increased dramatically since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

As the war against Al Qa'ida continues and a

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# Biased AJC Statement

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war on Iraq is closer to becoming a reality, Muslim women who wear the hijab, or head scarf, and Sikh men who wear a turban are perhaps the greatest potential targets of hate crimes on campuses.

By blatantly ignoring the visible increase in acts of intimidation and hate committed against Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians on college and university campuses, and neglecting to address the continued threat members of these groups face, the AJC-sponsored statement introduces an unhealthy and foreign phenomenon into the administrative circles of academic institutions. It serves as a debate similar to that between the Israelis and Palestinians, centered on which party is the "greater" victim. The slighted ethnic and religious communities seek equal attention for their plight, perhaps resulting in competition for greater attention and desensitization towards acts of intimidation and hate committed against the other because of the perception of a policy of favoritism.

Furthermore, the statement creates another roadblock preventing the improvement of Jewish-Muslim relations in the United States. The antagonism between the two groups remains strong as ever and it is solely

based on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which seems to pollute an environment in which there are both Jews and Muslims.

The Charles B. Wang Asian American Center opened this week, serving as a testament to the university's efforts to not only accommodate non-Western cultures and traditions, but also to celebrate and integrate them into the university's curriculum, culture and environment. Unfortunately, President Kenny's signing of the AJC-sponsored statement sends a completely opposite message to non-Jewish students on campus; namely, that acts of intimidation and hate committed against them are of lesser importance.

The ribbon cutting ceremony took place this past Tuesday and the Wang Center officially ushered in a new period for this great university. Unfortunately, it did not remove the dismay felt by many students, faculty, and staff over the highly biased letter signed by the president. In order to prevent any further rift based on ethnic and religious lines from occurring on this campus, President Kenny should sign or issue a more balanced statement that speaks out against all acts of discrimination, intimidation, and hate committed on U.S. college and university campuses.

*Arif Rafiq is a member of the Stony Brook Council.*

# We Don't Want Polity Back

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
Statesman Editor

Our trust they have betrayed, our cause they have misrepresented, our hopes they have dashed. Why would any self-respecting government drag its constituency along with it into the abyss? The answer is simple: they never really represented us.

They don't care about us. And why should they? We have nothing in common. We are at Stony Brook

nothing better to do with their time than waste ours. In fact, they are not students. They are nothing more than professional senators, turncoats and charlatans.

After all of the damage they have caused, they have the gall to peak out from behind the rubble and claim to see nothing wrong. They have the moxie to stand in front of us and masquerade as victims. And perhaps in some ironic way, they are. It was their failure to heed countless warnings and chastisements that led to their decertification.

Let us remember the appointments they never made. Let us not be quick to forget the issues they never addressed. And let us not fall victim to their lies and forget the thousand and one other reasons that Polity no longer governs us. They were slow in standing up for us. Let us be equally as slow to forget the rancid taste they left in our mouths.

We, the student body, gave Polity a resounding vote of 'NO CONFIDENCE' and thankfully, thankfully, someone heard our pleas.

Now that they don't have a forum to play out their fantasies and feed their egos, they are upset and want nothing more than to get their power back. So they hold strategy meetings in secret, they put up flyers to misinform and create

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They are nothing more than professional senators, turncoats and charlatans.

to learn and to better ourselves. They are here to cause trouble and better their lot. We often carry a heavy class load and pack activities into every minute of the day.

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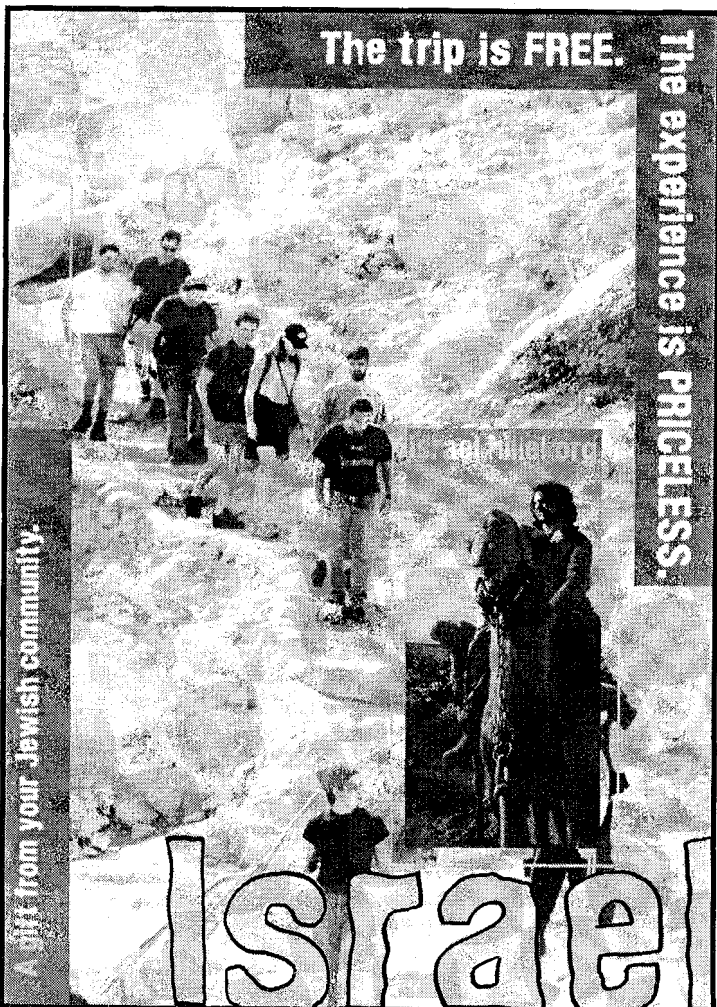
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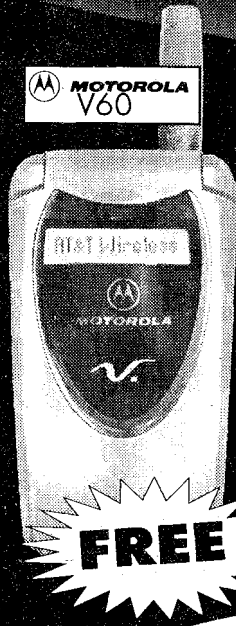
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# Wang Opening

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ribbon cutting ceremony challenged Kenny's assertions.

"We have no funding for Asian Studies. We feel that this [building's opening] is a hypocrisy," said Tae Hyun Kim, who has organized a group of students who are protesting the lack of financial resources for Asian Studies. "We're trying to make a point that there is no funding."

Wang responded to the disgruntled students by encouraging them to speak to Kenny about the issue, and said he was confident that she would address their concerns.

After the celebration, the center closed again so that construction could continue.

"In a few weeks it will be open," Kocijan said. "We just have to finish the bookstore and the food court."

Finished or not, the major figures in attendance at the building's opening seemed elated. Kenny professed her strong belief that an aesthetically pleasing environment enhances the student experience. "[This is] a building so grand it will transform this campus," she said.

Pataki thanked Wang, who is a CUNY graduate, for his contribution to New York State education. "[T]his is an extraordinary gift to a wonderful university," he said. "Never before in the history of the state university system have we experienced a gift like this."

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websites to give their cause the facade of legitimacy. This is just the manifestation of an ousted oligarchy, desperate to reinstate its regime, and willing to say or do anything.

But then what would we expect when a group of 30 individuals sits around, holds an election, and 26 senators emerge from it? What would we expect when it's a good night if close to two-thirds of the Senate shows up and spends three hours debating inane topics? What would we expect when meetings end before student concerns can be addressed because they have no quorum?

These are the characteristics of Student Polity Association, NOT a democratic government. What makes it worse is that large portions of the Senate aren't even fulltime students. They don't have many classes and tests to worry about like the rest of us do. They may pose as students, but they are at Stony Brook purely to be in the Senate and to cause mischief.

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## SB Athletics Named After Kenneth P. LaValle

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
Statesman Editor

Overcast skies and cold weather didn't dampen the mood of Homecoming 2002 as thousands of students, alumni and their families were treated to food, entertainment and a 24-14 victory over Sacred Heart University at the new stadium. Although the facility opened six weeks ago, it was officially named during halftime homecoming festivities on Oct. 19 for New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle.

As legislators and other VIPs gathered at midfield, Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny described Senator LaValle as the impetus behind the stadium project, which dates back to the early nineties, and thanked the Senator for his efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

"Senator LaValle was instrumental in bringing this stadium to Stony Brook," Kenny said.

The stadium dedication was the centerpiece of Stony Brook's homecoming weekend that started with a parade on Friday, Oct. 18, and continued with three



Statesman/Jeffrey Javidfar  
President Shirley Strum Kenny with Senator Kenneth LaValle, who played a key role in the stadium construction.

hours of pre-game celebration.

Richard Nasti, Chair of the Stony Brook Council and a SBU

alumnus, reminisced about his own days at Stony Brook and gave his perspective on how far Stony Brook athletics has come. "When I was here [in the late seventies] we didn't have Division I football...we didn't have Division III football...we had club football."

LaValle, who was accompanied by his family onto the field, expressed his gratitude for the honor and likened the day to a second birthday.

"This is a tremendous honor for me and for my family," LaValle said. "It is also a powerful recognition of my work and my dedication to education and to the community. The stadium will be a great addition to the University, the community, Suffolk County and Long Island."

The 8,136-seat stadium is the largest outdoor athletic facility in Suffolk County and is home to SBU's football, lacrosse and soccer teams. It was designed by Richard Dattner, Architect P.C. and built by Tyree Construction

Company using monies from the SUNY Construction Fund.

Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (R-C-1, Port Jefferson) was first elected to the New York State Senate in 1976. He was the former Executive Director of the Senate Education Committee and has an extensive background in public education. In addition to his standing committee assignments, Senator LaValle is Chairman of the Senate Majority Conference and chairs the Higher Education Committee. It was his latter leadership position that helped him push the stadium project through.

"Judging by the first two football games played here, and by the enormous community interest and support we have received, this stadium promises to become a premier destination for Long Island families," Kenny said. "It is a fitting sports venue for Division I teams, and it is needed at Stony Brook University."

## Seawolves Crush Sacred Heart in 24-14 Win

By SAMEER KHANLJO  
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On the day that Stony Brook stadium got renamed in honor of New York State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, the Seawolves, including Londre Blocker and Chad King, left their mark on the field, crowning it their home.

Led by a flawless offense and a staunch defense, the Seawolves Football team defeated the Pioneers of Sacred Heart University: 24-14. The win improved the Seawolves record to 4-2 overall and 3-2 in NEC play.

"It only takes one or two plays to blow a game open," said SBU-TV announcer Chris Hunt. "Tonight was the Londre Blocker show."

Coming back after an injury, Blocker had a special game, making 6 receptions for 133 yards. "This was definitely the best game of my career," said Blocker. "It was just special, coming back from the [high ankle] injury."

"Londre is a star. When you get him the ball, he will make things happen," said Head Coach Sam Kornhauser. Blocker, returning to

the form that garnered him last season's NEC rookie of the year award, scored two first quarter touchdowns, including a 67 yard reception on a slant pattern from quarterback Scott Bard.

Bard, one of the seniors enjoying his last homecoming, pioneered the NEC's top ranked passing offense, passing for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Bard and the high powered Red Reign offense returned to form after last week's miserable weather conditions.

Early on, Sacred Heart, riding the high of three straight victories, had no answer for Stony Brook's offense, allowing 17 first half points.

"Our kids played awfully well," said Kornhauser. "Defensively we played our hearts out."

The Stony Brook defense was up to the challenge all game long, showing why they are rated second in the NEC. Led by senior linebacker Aden Smith, the defense made big stops, including huge goal line stands at the end of each half.

"Aden is the heart and soul of our defense," said Kornhauser. "He is the

most intense football player you can imagine. He wills us to win."

Both defensive stops resulted in missed field goals by Sacred Heart kicker Tim Redican, last weeks NEC Special Teams player of the week. "We called a timeout before he went to



Statesman/Jeffrey Javidfar  
Quarterback Scott Bard contributed to the offensive success of the Seawolves football team in the decisive victory against Sacred Heart.

kick," said Kornhauser. "He's a pretty good kicker; we just tried to ice him."

The Pioneers were unable to mount any sustained offensive power. The two missed field goals crippled their options. The League's highest scoring offense could muster only two touchdowns against Stony Brook, and was never fully able to respond to the Seawolves' quick start.

On the field, Chad King reminded everyone why his name is synonymous with outstanding play at the new stadium. "Obviously, we put plays in for Chad every week we are at home," said Kornhauser. His 61 yard punt return deep into Pioneer territory infused energy into the crowd, and then his 90 yard interception return for a touchdown sealed the game. Even King's tackles during the goal line stands were instrumental in keeping Stony Brook ahead.

The cold, windy day was capped off with fireworks, both on and off the football field. The Seawolves, still unbeaten at home, celebrated their first Homecoming Day victory in three years with a five minute display at the end of the game.