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An Adjunct Fired and One Disaster Corrected Mid-semester, Undergraduate Director Replaces Grad Student

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

Like most introductory courses, World Politics, Political Science 101 (POL 101) is a class bustling with upwards of 200 students. POL 101 fulfills a Stony Brook Diversified Education Curriculum (DEC) requirement, so students from all majors enroll in the course.

Mary Kay DuCray was simply one of many adjuncts assigned to teach a political science course this semester. Based on her background in international politics, she was offered a position teaching POL 101. But, DuCray's assignment quickly turned into "a Titanic-like disaster," said Charles Taber, Ph.D., head of the undergraduate Political Science program. By early October, DuCray had been fired from Stony Brook University.

Taber assumed teaching duties in the wake of DuCray's departure. He has taught the course for more than ten years, and said that since he began teaching, the number of

full time faculty at Stony Brook University's political science department has dropped by seven members.

With this drop has come a rise in the number of adjunct and part-time faculty has only risen. Today, adjuncts teach nearly half of all undergraduate political science courses. The number of adjuncts, by Taber's estimates, has doubled since ten years ago. Political science adjuncts are often lawyers or graduate students, Taber said, and many of them do "a good job teaching material."

"[DuCray was an] aberration of an evolving adjunct problem at Stony Brook," Taber said.

DuCray sometimes showed up to lectures 20 minutes late, and was often nowhere to be found during her supposed office hours. Rather than developing her own notes, she simply used Taber's notes from years gone by, and read verbatim from the textbook. For one class in September,

DuCray brought and taught from a set of notes intended for use in a November lecture.

Within two weeks, students had approached Taber about DuCray's shortcomings. Department Chair Mark Schneider and Taber conferred and then talked with DuCray, offering suggestions for improving her teaching style.

By the month's end, more complaints had been filed. When Taber approached DuCray over the frequent lateness, she reportedly responded, "I don't believe in watches."

It quickly became apparent to Taber and Schneider that something had to be done. With a labor relations board protecting adjunct professors like DuCray, "it wasn't entirely clear that anything could be done," Taber said. But in early October, Schneider and Taber made their move, firing DuCray.

Forced to play "catch-up," Taber reviewed the first month's



Courtesy of sunysb.edu

Charles Taber, Ph.D., Undergraduate Director of Political Science, is now the new POL 101 professor.

notes in just two days. The first test was given Nov. 5.

"It's possible that some students will suffer, and it's important that they have an out," Taber said, noting that students may choose the Pass/No Credit option after the first test if they wish.

Taber said that he expects to continue teaching POL 101 for the

next two years, but then plans to go on sabbatical. His move will leave the department without an international relations expert. Taber hopes that the Political Science Department will be in a position to hire a faculty member by the time of his departure. But the current budget situation, Taber said, may leave the department with no other choice but to play the "adjunct game."

DuCray could not be reached for comment. Several POL 101 students, however, openly expressed their sentiments.

"I found that although Professor DuCray had a firm knowledge of the material [she] did not relate the topic to us in a very comprehensive way," said Donyssa Leatham, a sophomore philosophy major. "I do think the change was good."

"It did matter [that DuCray was a graduate student] because it was obvious that she was inexperienced in terms of how to get the point across," Leatham said.

Stony Brook University Residents are Proud to Bleed

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook students, faculty and staff are bleeding pints for points and sporting bright blue bandages around campus in an effort to raise the blood reserves for New York State. In a grand scale effort, Stony Brook Cares has launched its third annual Residential Blood Drive, this week and next, in dedication to Morgan Zuch and thousands of other leukemia sufferers around the country.

"We're hoping for a good turnout from the students this year. We're very happy with Stony Brook students, and we want them to keep up their support," said Carl Haynes, Deputy to the President for Special Projects.

For the past four years, Stony Brook University has won the Blood Drive contest sponsored by Long Island and New York City Blood Centers as the University/Institution with the greatest number of



Courtesy of www.fsmi.gis.sunysb.edu

This year's Fall Blood Drive is dedicated to Morgan Zuch and others like her who need several blood transfusions just to survive.

pints donated. Students are also competing with one another for the Bleeder's Cup, the prize given to the Residential Quad with the most pints. As of this week, H-Quad leads with 41 pints, Tabler follows at a close 38, and Kelly Quad and

Schomburg/UGA finish with 26 and 22 pints, respectively.

"Students who missed drives in their Quads can go to other drives next week and still donate for their own Quad," Haynes said. "The Quad that wins and all the blood donors will be invited to a tailgate party before the last football game this season on Nov. 16. Even people that [sic] can't donate for any reason will be invited for their [volunteer] efforts," Haynes said.

According to the New York Blood Center, one in every 10 patients needs three pints or more in an average blood transfusion, and nine out of every 10 people will need blood at least once in their lifetime. Each donation of blood is separated into four components, and a single sample may go to several people who need it.

"We run about 60 individual blood drives per year, and we've added the Fall Residential Drives, in addition to

the Spring, for the 2002-2003 year," Haynes said.

The Long Island Blood Services and Stony Brook are redoubling efforts to increase the frequency of blood drives this year, Haynes explained. Last year, after Sept. 11, planes that transported blood from international banks were

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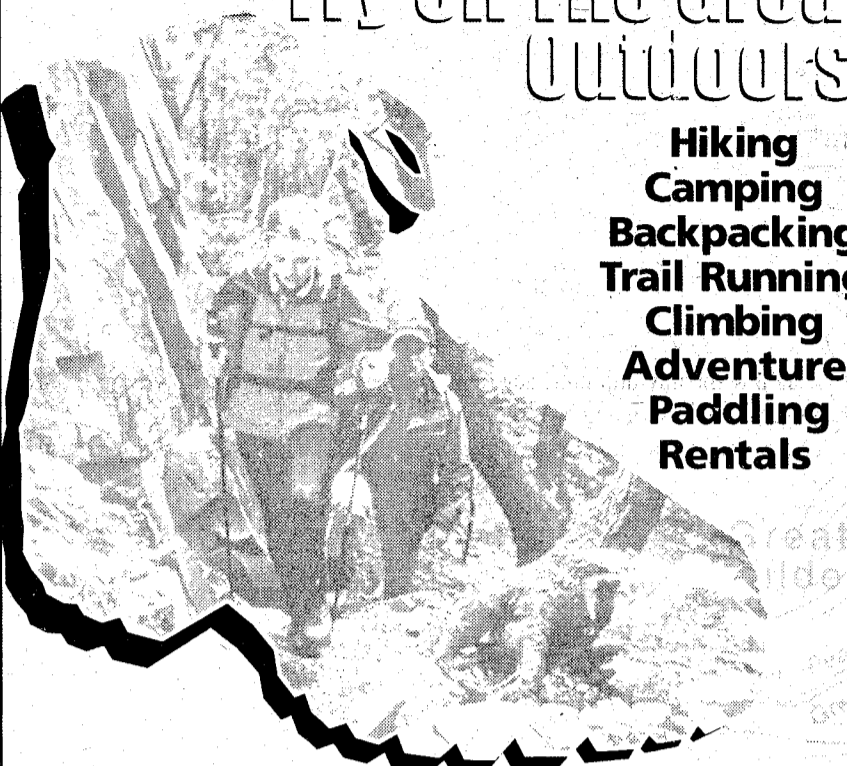
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SBU vs. Robert Moriss
Nov 9, Saturday, 1pm
LaValle Stadium</p> <p>RA Recruitment Info Session
Nov 11, Monday, 9pm
Hand College Classroom</p> <p>Residential Blood Drive
Nov 11, Monday, 5:30-11pm
Roth Quad Cafeteria, Wagner College, O'Neill College</p> <p>Famed University Orchestra
Nov 12, Tuesday, 8pm
Staller Center Main Stage</p> <p>Charting Paths in Engineering
Nov 12, Tuesday, 5-7pm
Irving College</p> <p>Career Week: International Twist
Nov 13, Wednesday, 5-7pm
SAC 205</p> <p>Planned Parenthood Program
Nov 13, Wednesday, 9pm
Douglass College Classroom</p> <p>Career Paths in Sports
Nov 14, Thursday, 5-7pm
Mount College</p> | <p>Men's Football
SBU vs. Cannisus
Nov 16, Saturday, 1pm
LaValle Stadium</p> <p>Peace Pole Dedication
Nov 18, Monday, 6pm
Inner Quad</p> <p>DO Pool Tournament
Nov 20, Wednesday, 8:30-10:30pm
Douglass Rec. Room</p> <p>Quad Mocktails
Nov 20, Wednesday, 9:30pm
Dreiser College Classroom</p> <p>Movie: Road to Perdition
Nov 22, Friday, 9pm
Staller Center Main Stage</p> <p>Men's Basketball
SBU vs. Sacred Heart
Nov 22, Saturday, 2pm
Sports Complex</p> <p>Long Island Philharmonic
Nov 23, Saturday, 8pm
Staller Center Main Stage</p> <p>Quad Enterprise Workshops
Nov 25, Monday, 8pm
Sanger College Classroom</p> |
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War on Terrorism: Big Message Missed By Most

Sister of 9/11 Victim Advocates Peace in the Middle East

By DON FRIER
Statesman Contributor

On Thursday, Oct. 31, the Student Union hosted guest speaker Colleen Kelly, who addressed the state of the nation in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Kelly, who lost her brother during the World Trade Center tragedy, has since been active in the movement against the war on Iraq. She began her speech by describing the events of Sept. 11 from her own perspective.

That day, she said, she dropped her daughter off at kindergarten and began her morning as if it were any other. Then, her sense of peace and security was soon shattered with the news of the first plane hitting the WTC tower where her brother worked. For Kelly, a Roman-Catholic, the first reaction was to pray. Kelly said she was thinking not only of the well-being of her brother, who she did not realize was in such danger at the time, but for all those whose lives were in jeopardy.

After the loss, Colleen Kelly sought



Courtesy of www.peacefultomorrow.org

Colleen Kelly hopes to protect innocent Afghani children (such as those pictured above) by opposing future U.S. warfare.

solace with others who had lost loved ones in the attacks. She took an active role in September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows (SFPT), an advocacy program that seeks non-violent answers to terrorism.

In recognition of the sufferings of Afghans, both under the Taliban rule and at present, SFPT has been sponsoring trips to Afghanistan. Kelly said that their mission is to show their sympathy and understanding for the plight of victims of aggressive acts.

"The pain I was experiencing as [one who lost a family member] would [also] be felt by those in Afghanistan," Kelly said. "There was such an outpouring of love and affection to the victims. Why not towards the Afghan people?"

Mending the scars left by past wars is not the sole focus of this organization, however. Member families are investigating and proposing alternatives to engaging Iraq in combat. They have sent

scores of letters to the White House and Capitol Hill, with results that have not been altogether satisfying, Kelly said. She feels that many Congressmen share the SFPT's peaceful vision, but are supporting Bush nonetheless.

"If [Congress] really doesn't want this war, then why [are they] voting yes?" Kelly asked.

SFPT is also working closely with the UN, attempting to find ways of mediating the conflict.

While those who attended said they found the speech inspiring, only a small crowd, less than 20 people, came to hear Kelly.

"We had a week's notice, so this was a good turnout," said Clark Berge, Chaplain of the Protestant Campus Ministry, and organizer of this event.

Even Kelly acknowledged the poor attendance, expressing little surprise or disappointment. "In my college days, I wouldn't have come to this," she said.

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Says "Butts Out"

By BRAD JERSON
Statesman Staff

Sigma Lambda Gamma (SLG) held a program last Wednesday, Oct. 30, to promote awareness of the high danger associated with cigarette smoking. The sorority has placed reduction of smokers on campus at the top of its priority list.

According to the American Lung Association, people smoke more than 1.1 trillion cigarettes per year. The Centers for Disease Control has said that tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, resulting in 400,000 deaths per year from such man killers as lung cancer, heart disease, and emphysema. Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke causes an additional 3,000 deaths from lung cancer each year. Approximately 25% of adults in the United States smoke, and approximately 35% of

high school students have used some form of tobacco in the past month.

The sisters of SLG presented statistics, opinions, and personal experience, offering the program's attendees different perspectives on smoking.

"People always believe that it is okay if you are a 'social smoker,' because it is perceived that an occasional cigarette cannot do much damage," sorority president Gina Mileo said. "However, nicotine is very hazardous, and even a social smoker can do damage to his body over time."

Mileo and fellow sorority sisters Jannet Mey and Tennile Haynes performed mini-skits satirizing the tobacco industry's efforts to entice the population and advertise cigarettes.

Members of other fraternities and sororities came to hear what SLG had to say. Lambda Upsilon Lambda member Joe Mata thought that Mileo,

Mey, and Haynes were very effective in sending a message to students.

"They were able to show the reality behind the false stereotype that smoking is cool," Mata said.

Matching the audacity of the widely known anti-tobacco "truth" initiative (www.thetruth.com), the presenters described in detail and gave analogies to explain the process of cigarette manufacturing. Audience members were told to consider the unpleasantness of drinking ammonia, explaining that the common household cleaning agent is present in cigarettes because it causes the brain to absorb large amounts of nicotine.

SLG members then focused on the process of quitting for people who have the true desire to do so, but find it difficult because of strong addiction. Mileo stressed the value of making the first decision to quit, then finding a support system.

SBU Hospital Heart Initiative

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook University Hospital launched a new educational program on nutrition and the anatomy of the heart at Medford's Eagle Elementary School last week. Surgeons and nurses will target Suffolk students in the fifth to eighth grades in a series of presentations as part of the program. The Hospital's Heart Center, which provides the most acute heart care in the region, operates the program, known as "Heart to Heart".

Director of the Heart Center and Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery Irvin Krukenkamp, M.D., launched the program when he spoke to about 150 Eagle Elementary fifth graders Oct. 29. Krukenkamp received international acclaim earlier this year for repairing five separate defects during one open-heart surgery. This was the first time this complicated series of procedures had ever been performed.

School principal Susan Kahl was the

mistress of ceremony for Krukenkamp's 45-minute presentation, in which he taught students various parts of the heart and about common heart problems and repairs. Heart Center Nurse Manager Rose Cardin then advised students on healthy nutritional practices. Cardin's presentation was followed by biomedical engineer Glenn Gaudette and profusionist Jennifer Harkcom's demonstration of a functioning heart-lung machine.

Students who attended the presentation received bags that contained information about the heart, heart-related-puzzles and activities and healthy eating tips.

"It's great to see the wonder in the eyes of the students," Krukenkamp said. "Stony Brook has a wealth of resources and we feel a responsibility to share those resources and our knowledge with the community we serve. And we really enjoy the interaction with the students and, especially, their curiosity."

Fall Residential Blood Drives

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held back. "We realized then that we can't depend on foreign supplies, so the decision was made to gradually reduce the amount of imported blood to become self-sufficient," he said.

Throughout this past summer, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has also responded to other concerns, including the threat of contaminated blood from Europe with the prevalence of mad cow disease in that region. This problem, combined with efforts to create self-sufficient U.S. blood banks, has reduced the store of blood on the Eastern seaboard by 25 percent. Blood centers around the country are working feverishly to fill the gap with several emergency blood drives throughout this fall.

"It's so important that people come out to donate more. We encourage

students who have donated in the past to bring a friend along with them to donate. First time donors can be anxious and it helps if they have company," Haynes said.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. People over 75 can donate blood if they meet all criteria and present a physician's letter. There are some medical conditions that can keep you from giving blood. The guidelines are set by federal, state and local health agencies. For additional information on blood donation, visit www.nybloodcenter.org.

Upcoming Blood Drives

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Republicans Regain Control of Senate; Leadership of Key Committees Will Shift

By MICHAEL ARNONE AND JEFFREY SELINGO
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The Republican Party regained control of the U.S. Senate in Tuesday's midterm elections. While the shift is unlikely to bring major changes for federal programs that directly affect colleges, it gives Republicans total control of the reauthorization of the law that governs the federal student-aid programs, and could clear the way for the confirmation of a critic of affirmative action to head the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights.

In the House of Representatives, Republicans not only held onto their majority but extended their margin by a few seats.

Although a couple of Senate races remained too close to call, and at least one, in Louisiana, was destined for a runoff that will not be held until Dec. 7, enough seats had been declared for Republicans as of about 2:30 a.m. to give the party control of the chamber.

The change will affect the leadership of several committees that are important to higher education, particularly the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, which will

rewrite the Higher Education Act.

Sen. Judd Gregg, a New Hampshire Republican who is known as a fiscal conservative, probably will become chairman of the Senate education committee, replacing Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat. While many higher-education lobbyists believe that the Higher Education Act will be tweaked in only minor ways, some Republicans made noise privately before the election that they wanted bigger changes, such as linking institutions' student-loan eligibility to their graduation rates, or examining the role of accreditation.

Kennedy also had held up the appointment of Gerald A. Reynolds, who took the post at the Education Department via a "recess appointment" made by President Bush in March, which had meant that he would have only served in the job until the end of the year. He is very likely to be confirmed by a Republican-led Senate.

With Republicans picking up a few seats in the House, Rep. John A. Boehner, an Ohio Republican, will stay on as chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee, which will

be in charge of rewriting the Higher Education Act in the House.

The shift in the Senate will have little effect on the policies of the appropriations subcommittee that drafts spending bills for student aid and the National Institutes of Health, which is the largest single source of funds for university research. The chairmanship of that panel is expected to pass from Sen. Tom Harkin, a Democrat who won reelection in a tight race in Iowa, to Sen. Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican who is a vigorous advocate for NIH spending and for loosening federal restrictions on research with human embryonic stem cells.

Rep. Ralph Regula, an Ohio Republican, will remain chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee that drafts the budgets for the NIH and the Education Department. He has also supported large budget increases for the NIH.

The House appropriations subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities will get a new chairman because its previous chairman, Rep. Joe Skeen, a Republican from New Mexico, retired. The Republican

subcommittee members with the most seniority and interest in becoming chairman are Jack Kingston of Georgia, Rep. George R. Nethercutt of Washington State, and Rep. Charles H. Taylor of North Carolina. Kingston was the only subcommittee member to vote for a failed amendment in July that would have reduced the funds for the NEA by \$50-million for the 2003 fiscal year.

Some races on Tuesday night involved candidates with strong ties to higher education. Rep. Rush D. Holt, a Democrat, defeated DeForest Soaries, a Republican, in New Jersey's 12th District. Holt is former assistant director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory in Plainsboro, N.J. He also taught at Swarthmore College.

In the race for the South Carolina Senate seat held by Sen. Strom Thurmond, who is retiring, Rep. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, defeated Alex Sanders, a Democrat and former president of the College of Charleston.

In Tennessee, Lamar Alexander, a Republican and former U.S. secretary of education, won his race for the Senate against Bob Clement, a Democrat.

Three Students at U. of Cincinnati Dead

By LINDSAY BOSSLETT
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Early Monday morning, a University of Cincinnati student shot and killed two other students, one of them his former girlfriend, then apparently killed himself.

According to the Cincinnati police, Nicklaus Joyce shot his ex-girlfriend, Jennifer Duke, and her new boyfriend Nicklas Tipple, then turned the gun on himself. The shootings took place in a condominium that Duke was sharing with her brother, Michael.

A police dispatcher received a 911

call at 12:50 a.m. from Michael Duke, who said he believed someone had broken into the condominium. He told the dispatcher that he had heard shots and was afraid that the intruder had "killed someone."

Police officers arrived a few minutes later and found the bodies of the three students.

Duke was 19 and Tipple was 20. Both were students at the university's College of Applied Science, which is located about two miles away from the university's main campus. Duke had ended her

relationship with Joyce, a 23-year-old engineering major, last month.

"Everybody here is completely in shock over the incident," said Greg Hand, a university spokesman. "The individuals involved had a lot of friends. There is a lot of sorrow."

Hand said that counseling services were being offered, both on the main campus and at the College of Applied Science, to any students who were having difficulty dealing with the killings.

The University of Cincinnati's student body president, Darren Tolliver,

said that the deaths had been particularly hard on students living in the residence halls where Joyce and Tipple had lived.

"Anyone who lives in residence life knows that it's a tight-knit community," Tolliver said. "You see people, and you might not know their names, but you recognize them. And to see that they're gone now — that's hard. It's especially difficult for the roommates and the floormates whom these people have formed closer relationships with."

A candlelight vigil will be held on the campus at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Gay Student Forced to Resign Post in Religious Group at Iowa's Central College

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG
The Chronicle of Higher Education

A Christian group at Central College, in Iowa, forced one of its student leaders, Brad Clark, to give up his position because he would not disavow his homosexuality. Clark, who is also president of the student government, called the removal discriminatory, and it has led to debate about whether the Christian group, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, should continue to be recognized on the campus.

Clark had served as one of the organizers of a weekly worship service for InterVarsity, a popular group at the college, which is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. In September, he told other leaders of the group that he is gay. Later that month, leaders of InterVarsity asked him to give up

his leadership position after Clark would not agree to a statement that the only acceptable form of sexual activity is between a man and a woman who are married. They did not remove him from the group, however. Clark, who said he was disappointed with the group's decision, then left InterVarsity.

"I expected that there'd be a lot of conversation and debate about it," said Clark. "I didn't know it would be to the extent that I'd be asked to leave my position."

Leaders of InterVarsity say that their policy is not discriminatory and that they welcome anyone as a member.

"If we kick all sinners out, we'd be down to zero in a big hurry," said William McConnell, associate director of advancement at the national office

of InterVarsity. But "why would we expect someone who doesn't agree with the standards of the group to express leadership in it?"

McConnell said that the group might be willing to have a gay member take on a position of leadership, but only if he or she agreed to denounce homosexuality. "It's more a question of whether a person feels like he has to advocate for homosexuality," he said.

Last month, Central's Student Senate reviewed InterVarsity's constitution to consider whether or not the group could continue to be recognized in light of its policies. After heated debate, the senate voted 22 to 12 to continue recognizing InterVarsity.

"I was pretty disappointed with the decision," said Clark. "I think it sets precedent for our student government to recognize discriminatory organizations."

InterVarsity's McConnell, however, said that "it's a question of whether a group has a right to exist under its own terms on campus."

A college diversity committee of students, professors, and administrators is drafting a policy on how groups like InterVarsity, which are recognized by the college but not run by it, should behave. The college's own policies bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"There's a conflict between how the college internalizes our nondiscrimination policy and how InterVarsity does," said David Roe, Central's president. "I'm hoping to use this as a catalyst to examine internally when we talk about our values, what does that mean vis-à-vis the behavior of [groups] on campus?"

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Op-Ed

A Disaster for the Democrats

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Editor

America, from its inception, has always been known for its two-party system of government. For the past 150 years, those parties have been the Republicans and the Democrats. However, we witnessed a switch in this election cycle. The Republicans are still with us. The Democrats are not.

The Democrats have become the anti-Republican Party. We liberals no longer have a party to call our own in Washington. We have no unity, no consensus on any major issue. We react against the policies of the Bush administration and the GOP, but we don't put forth any true alternatives.

We are fractured, divided, and without a soul. Don't believe it? The Republicans have made SERIOUS history this week. The GOP had NEVER in its history gained congressional seats in both houses while they occupied the White

House. That is, until two days ago.

Here is the current political landscape: An immensely popular George W. Bush occupies the White House. The Republicans once again control the Senate, meaning every Bush judicial appointment, including those to the Supreme Court (you heard it here first), will sail through. The Republican majority has expanded in the House of Representatives. And The Supreme Court remains a conservative one.

Yes, 9/11 played an exceptionally important role in all of this. While Bush's ratings are no longer in the political stratosphere, he still retains heavy popularity across the country. Americans still want to rally behind him, and they wish the same thing from their congressional leaders.

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Letter to the Editor

Remembering Vietnam's Heroes

To the Editor:

I had the fortunate opportunity to sit in on a class entitled "Making Peace With the Sixties," during which a panel of Vietnam War Era veterans presented their memories of service to our country. It was a poignant and moving experience for me. Memories of that difficult national time brought thoughts of my youthfulness to forefront of my mind.

I listened carefully to the veterans as they recounted their Vietnam experience, memories that were still painfully alive and haunting. I watched these former servicemen become overwhelmed with emotion and joined them in their tears. Theirs was the story of service to our nation during a time when this nation was fragmented by an "unpopular war."

There was great unrest in the political and public arenas. Even in the sanctity of the normally peaceful American household, turmoil erupted as

parents and children drew battle lines on the issues of the war and its effects.

I remember one particularly ugly explosion between my father and myself over the horrific massacre of four students at Kent State. My father felt that those "four college kids" got exactly what they deserved: death. After all, they were "commie, red, subversive, hippie freaks" who were anti-American to the core.

What my father did not acknowledge was that many of the service people who were fought for our country were being drafted from the very colleges and universities that he saw as hotbeds of civil disobedience. My friends that lost their lives in the war were "heroes," but those who voiced opinion against the war were "communists." Dead is dead; and the war was

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Forgotten Veterans

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taking lives overseas and on college campuses.

Unlike the veterans of past wars, our Vietnam Era service people were not venerated. On the contrary, they were frequently heckled, insulted, degraded and even physically assaulted by the very people they thought would support their service.

Many Americans did not see these service people as national heroes, but rather as national disgraces. They were labeled as "baby killers." They were not, at least on a national level, respected with a joyful homecoming, with all the trappings, pomp and circumstance a returning warrior deserves.

Many quietly slipped back into home life with only close family and friends honoring them and giving thanks for their safe return. Far too

many returned physically and emotionally scared without the benefit public sympathy and understanding.

The Vietnam War was a difficult war on many levels. The men and women who served are still feeling the pain of the experience. The members of the Vietnam War Era Panel were united in expressing their feelings that Americans did not respect their service and did not see the value of their military duty. They felt that America really didn't care!

As Veteran's Day approaches, we need to remember that those who served this Country are indeed heroes. They should be honored, respected and thanked.

Take time to personally shake the hand of a Veteran, and say thank you. It's not too late to make a difference.

Hanne A. Giordano
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Demise of the Democrats

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Americans feel a measure of safety behind a united front in these uncertain times, and Bush, whatever his faults, has provided that relief quite adeptly.

The Democratic leaders, from the outset, struggled mightily with whether to fall lockstep behind the President, or lay out a clear, competing national agenda. In the end, they tried to do both, and it failed miserably.

There were several missed opportunities. There was never a unified Democratic plan for action against Iraq. There was never a unified Democratic plan to resuscitate the economy, or repeal the abominable Bush tax cuts. Even in the the Senate, when it was under Democratic control, Daschle and Co, were never able to pass a prescription drug bill, or Social Security legislation, two items supposedly on our agenda. We couldn't even pass the annual budget resolution.

Yes, there were a few largely

Democratic successes, such as campaign finance reform, but they were few and far between. Most often, however, the Democrats spent their time railing against Republican legislation without coming up with decent, viable alternatives.

So in the end, when it came to the election, Americans had a clear choice: elect the party with strong leaders, clear plans, and the necessary means for implementation; or, elect the party which forgot to offer any of those three. Americans have made a statement in this election, and its effects will reverberate, I fear, for years to come.

War with Iraq. Permanent tax cuts. Privatizing Social Security. Far right-wing judges and justices. They're all coming, and we can't stop it.

There was once a time when the Democrats stood for something better. Now, at least for the next two years, we have no leg to stand on, and the American people know it.

Shame on us.

Job Market Worries

MICHAEL BRINN
Statesman Contributor

If you're anything like me, you're probably more than a little bit worried about the decline in today's job market. I, like many other graduating seniors, have been desperately searching for that great job after graduation. Unfortunately, I have had no success in locating one. Perhaps you are an underclassman who thinks this problem doesn't concern them, well it does. It is quite possible that like myself you have been (for the most part) sitting back and waiting for that golden opportunity to come to you. I am here to tell you that if this is the case, you'll be waiting for a very long time. No matter what year you are, there are many important steps to finding a job that you should take before graduation.

The first step, is knowing what kind of job you want. I know that for some, this step is not easily answered. Well, if this is the case, relax; it is time you got yourself acquainted with the Career Counseling Center. There are programs available there to help pinpoint what fields of employment you would enjoy and be most productive in. Step two is making your resume. No, you are not too young to have a resume. There is a ton of information on the Internet about how to make one that is right for you, or you can go to the Career Counseling Center and receive assistance virtually anytime during business hours. Now that that's settled all you have to do is get that job. Still sound pretty rough? Well, it is. I mean who is going to hire someone with no experience? Well

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That's about it. If you're anything like me you probably read through this article and dismissed it, saying you'll do it later. DON'T DO THAT! Stop waiting for opportunities to come to you; get up and make them happen. I'm serious. Get up right now and start using all the resources here at Stony Brook, that's why they're here. To have a resume looked at you can stop by the Career Center Monday-Friday, 9am to 10:30am and 1pm to 4pm. This service is first come first served. If you're unsure about that kind of job is right for you, are interested in an internship, or have any questions whatsoever, call (631) 632-6810 or stop by W-0550 in the Melville Library to make an appointment. The friendly and curious staff will assist you in any way possible. They are open Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. You can also check them out on the web at www.career.sunysb.edu/students. It's actually pretty cool. Well that's it. The rest is up to you. Stand up and take it. Remember, you are not alone. Good luck.

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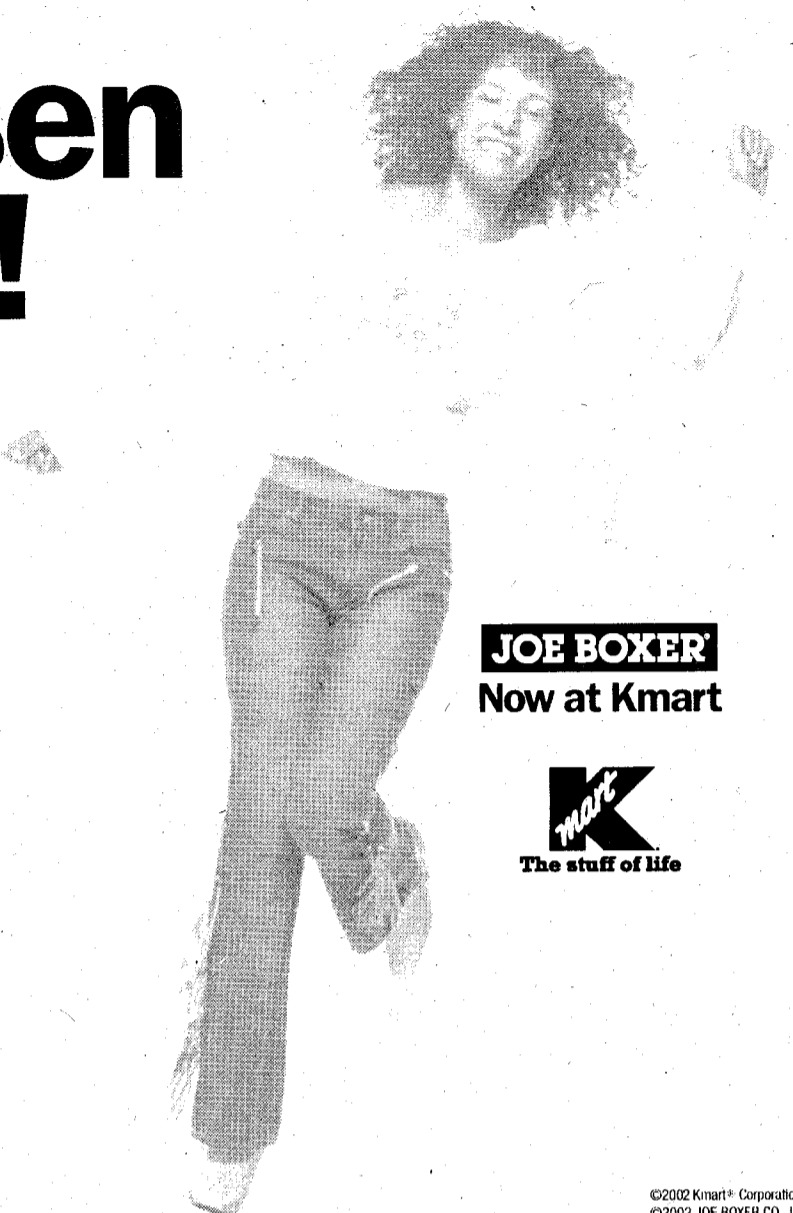
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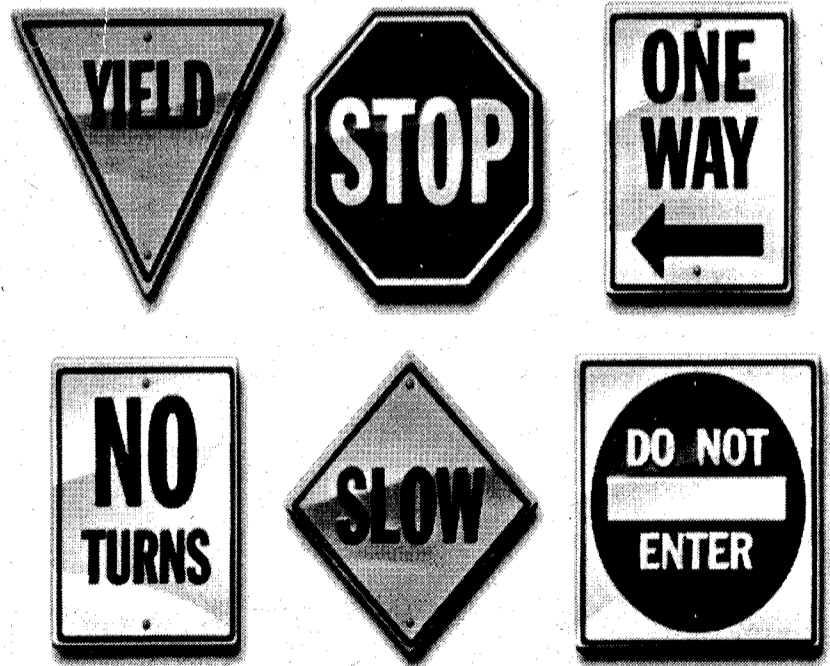
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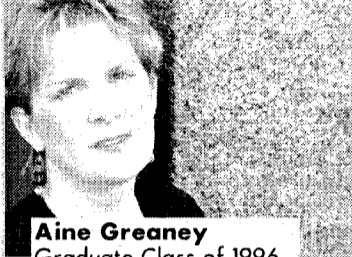
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Administration, as well as Council, recognized the need for drastic new measures to be taken to reform student governance as a whole, and thus decided to decertify Student Polity Association, Inc.. Although there will be many extreme changes made, what remains unchanged is how the functioning of clubs/organizations operate. Please remember that despite this setback, the Executive Council would like to let everyone know that we are still the elected student representatives for the undergraduate student body. We are still here to represent each and every one of you to the best of our ability.

Currently, different mechanisms are being put in place by Administration to start the process for the structuring of a new student government. There are also measures being reviewed that will ensure the continued proper administration of the Activity Fee. We will be working as closely as possible with Administration to ensure proper reform of student governance. In addition, we will be maintaining our role as student leaders and representatives of the students in campus life. You will still see us involved in the different University settings as much as time permits us; that includes sitting on University committees, addressing student concerns before different University agents, working closely with clubs/organizations and coordinating class programs. Therefore, do continue to keep us abreast of events and student issues within your areas and how we may assist and be involved. Our main goal is to continue to develop a method, in a "Partnership for Student Success."

We thank everyone who has been a strong support to us. We greatly appreciate it.

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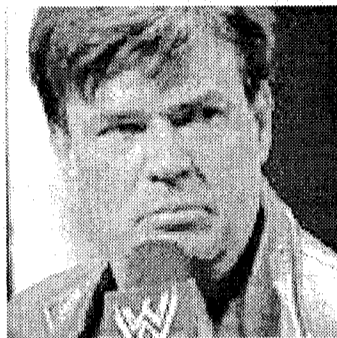
Mike on the Mat: Worst Survivor Series Main Event...Ever

By MICHAEL ADLER
Statesman Staff

With the horrible events of the Katie Vick murder/rape/necrophilia storyline ended upon the return of the casket match on RAW, I want to turn my critical eye to the upcoming events at Survivor Series.

I'll tackle the good news first: Eric Bischoff's elimination chamber. Other than the presence of HHH, this is shaping up to be a decent match, or whatever it's going to be. Bischoff is keeping quiet on the details, but says it will be a mix of the Royal Rumble, Hell in the Cell, and War Games.

It will feature RVD, Shawn Michaels, Booker T, Kane, and Chris Jericho, and of course the only wrestler that matters, Triple H. Will we see six other wrestlers job to Triple H within one show? If Triple H walks out of this one champion, I



Courtesy of www.survivorseries.com

Eric Bischoff has created the elimination chamber for the WWE Survivor Series.

suggest everyone stop watching WWE programming.

The more troublesome event at Survivor series is the main event for the WWE championship when Brock Lesner will face The Big Slow in what may prove to be the worst Survivor Series main event...ever.

Big Show is being pushed as an unstoppable monster seemingly out of nowhere. Paul Hayman, the man who won't let us forget that Brock killed Hulkamania and destroyed the Undertaker and the Rock, is now convinced that his unstoppable monster can't stop the Big Slow. "The Big Slow can't be F5ed, he can't be manhandled!"

Hhhmmm...wait, The Big Slow, in the past two years, has lost to almost every WWE superstar on the roster! He lost to Jeff Hardy on two occasions! Since when was Paul Hayman retarded?

The problem is Mr. McMahon still lives and dies by the philosophy that big man vs. big man is a huge draw.

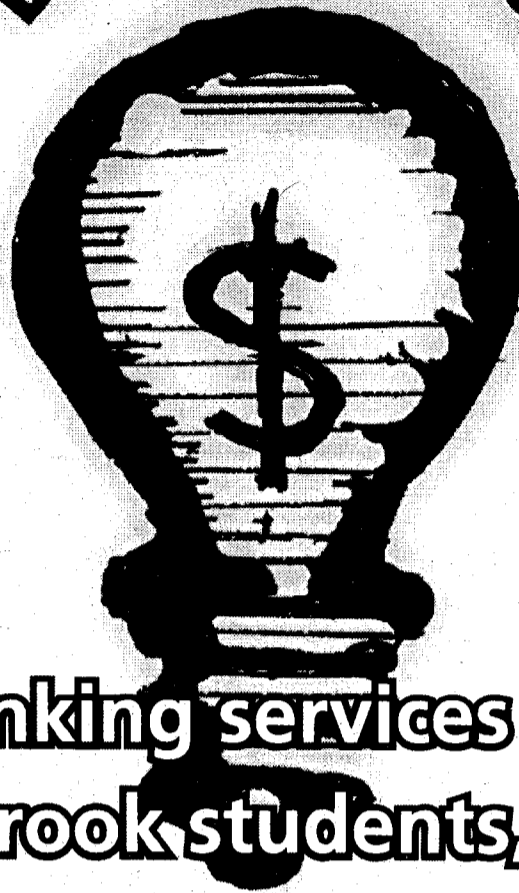
Last Thursday we were treated to having Big Slow rammed down our throat excessively as he slowly informed the fans, if there are any left, that he is a giant monster. Brock Lesner thankfully informed the Big Slow that he's actually "a giant piece of —."

Furthermore, I'm not calling him the Big Slow for nothing. Watching him wrestle is akin to taking sleeping pills. You could count the number of steps he's taken on one finger in many of his matches. Usually he'll just throw someone in a corner, do a few chops, raise his hand signaling for the choke slam, and then lose. This whole main event just breathes excitement.

The problem is Mr. McMahon still lives and dies by the philosophy that big man vs. big man is a huge draw. This was a valid point of view, in the eighties. Now it just leads to slow boring

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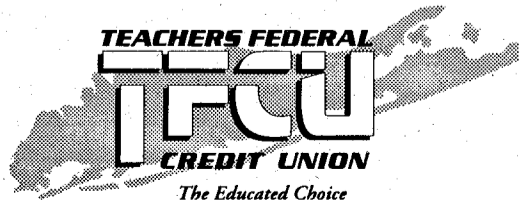
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SBU Hockey Enjoys Big Weekend

By CHARLES CLIFFORD
Statesman Staff

This past weekend was a big one for the SBU hockey team. On Friday, Nov. 1, the first rankings for the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) were announced, and the Seawolves found themselves in first place in the Northeast region.

And on Saturday and Sunday, they set out to defend that ranking by taking on two teams ranked in the top ten in the Northeast.

On Saturday night, Stony Brook took on Marist (ranked ninth in the Northeast) with revenge was on their minds. Last season, Marist knocked Stony Brook out of the Supereast league playoffs and the insult was still fresh in the Seawolves minds as they defeated Marist 7-1.

Mike Keane opened the scoring for the Seawolves just 11 seconds into the game. He later added another goal. Also with two goals for SBU was Billy Sullivan. Arty Martrano, Joe Savan, and James Sedoruk each added one.

Goaltender Brian Andruszkiewicz got the start in goal for Stony Brook, making 27 saves en route to his third victory of the season.

On Sunday the Seawolves faced off against one of their biggest rivals in NYU (ranked 3rd in the Northeast) and beat them 3-1.

Stony Brook took a 1-0 lead early in the second period when Anthony DeMichele scored on a slap shot from just outside of the face off circle. NYU quickly bounced back, scoring a power play goal just minutes later.

The score would remain tied until midway through the third period when Alex Kourgouzov scored for Stony Brook pushing Seawolves to a 2-1 lead. Just moments later, Billy Sullivan closed out the scoring when he stripped the NYU goaltender of the puck and slipped it into the empty net giving SBU a 3-1 lead.

Late in the third period NYU had a chance to cut the Seawolves lead to one when they came in a two on one breakaway, but SBU goaltender Brian Andruszkiewicz made an acrobatic save as he dove to his right stopping the puck on the goal line. Andruszkiewicz made 31 saves for the night, earning him his fourth victory of the season.

Defensemen Mark Pane, Adam Grillo, and Steve Plackis all increased their level of physical play in an effort to make up for the absence of star defenseman Brian Karbot. Karbot suffered a severe head injury last weekend and will most likely miss at least one



Statesman/Charles Clifford

The Seawolves Hockey Team was ranked by the ACHA as first in the Northeast Region.

month. His absence is noticeable, as he is by far the most physical player on the Seawolves roster.

Team captain Jesse Muro provided some inspirational leadership for the team, as he played the entire third period of Sunday night's game with a badly injured right shoulder. Muro injured his shoulder late in the second period when he slammed into the goalpost in an effort to break up a two on one breakaway.

Stony Brook is on the road this weekend, traveling to Massachusetts to take on rising power Westfield State.

Mike on the Mat

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matches that no one cares about. I'd rather see Edge or even Rey Mysterio (not that it's ever going to happen on a PPV) in a match against Brock. Hopefully Big Show will tear his Quad muscle. Maybe dreams will come true

In other news, I was lucky enough to receive an advance copy of the WWE Global Warming Tour Melbourne DVD. It has a number of excellent matches such as a tag match featuring Lance Storm and Christian vs. Billy Kidman and Rey Mysterio and Edge vs. Chris Jericho in singles action. Also of note is rare footage from a 1986 tour of Australia, labeled jokingly as classics.

These are great fun to watch to see how far wrestling has come since the dark days of the eighties. The Rougeaus vs. the Moondogs is so bad that it's fun to watch. I recommend that you go out and buy this DVD so they'll keep sending me free stuff.

Trivia Question of the week: Guess who has floor seats to Survivor series?

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Stony Brook Cares to Raise \$250,000 by 2003

By GENE TULMAN
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In an effort to raise \$250,000 by January of 2003, the Stony Brook Cares 2002-2003 campaign is collecting donations from Stony Brook University employees. The funds will then be distributed to some 450 State Employees Federal Appeal (SEFA) agencies.

"[Originally,] SEFA was doing a campaign for the state employees, while the Research Foundation was doing a campaign for the research community," said Barbara Katz, Executive Administrator for the Office of the Vice President of Health Sciences. "They combined into one program called Stony Brook Cares about five years ago."

Katz explained that the Stony Brook Cares campaign raises money for a diverse set of charities. These agencies serve a wide range of needs for the Stony Brook community and various Suffolk County interest groups, including those involved in healthcare delivery, environmental protection, and public health prevention initiatives.

"The SB Cares/SEFA Campaign gives each of us an opportunity to make a lasting difference in people's lives," wrote Norman Edelman, Executive Chair for the Stony Brook Cares 2002-2003 campaign and Dean of the SBU School of Medicine and Vice President of the Health Sciences Center. "One in three Suffolk County residents



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Barbara Katz and Maureen Veprek are both involved in organizing Stony Brook Cares.

will receive services from a partner agency this year."

Edelman expressed a two-fold purpose of the campaign. "Stony Brook Cares provides much needed support to agencies that serve our community well."

According to Edelman, the funding is used to "rebuild lives adversely affected by physical abuse, illness, disability, or unexpected personal, family, or physical crisis."

Maureen Veprek, Coordinator for the Stony Brook Cares 2002-2003 campaign, addressed the significance of individual

donations, pointing out the numerous choices available to SBU employees once they select to donate funds to the Stony Brook Cares campaign.

"The employees make their designations for where they want their donations to go," Veprek said. "They choose whatever charity they feel they want their money to go to. They may want it to go to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, or the Guide Dog [Foundation for the Blind]."

Veprek said that University employees who choose to donate to Stony

Brook Cares may do so by credit card, check, cash, or by opting for a payroll deduction. They may then select to donate their money to any of the 450 charities, supporting the cause of their choice.

"Instead of being solicited by 450 different agencies, you now can make one check, which will be distributed as you see fit," Veprek said. "There are two affiliated groups here at the University, which [are] the Child Care Center and the University Hospital Auxiliary. It's all about choice."

According to a Stony Brook University Hospital publication, with generous donations from SBU employees the University Hospital Auxiliary was able to finance such healthcare endeavors as mammographic ultrasounds, cancer treatment, and child care programs.

"We try to serve as role models for the students," Katz said. "We hope that what we do in our campaign is something that students will emulate in the future, becoming not only employees but also active members of their community."

Edelman stressed the importance of individual contributions during difficult economic times.

"This is an especially important year," Edelman said. "Because of the poor economy the need for services is increased. Because of the fiscal problems of government, their support of agencies is down, charitable donations, especially from people like us who are fortunate to have secure job, must fill the gap."

A Crash Course in Chemistry Research Proposals

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

Arthur B. Ellis, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Chemistry at the National Science Foundation (NSF), spoke to chemistry professors, students and faculty on building a strong relationship between the NSF and the chemistry community at Stony Brook.

"We want to build strength, agility...community, strength of research, efficiency and a more cohesive community that works for a common purpose," Ellis said.

Ellis spoke to researchers as part of the Chemistry Provost's Lecture Series concerning issues like grant proposals, research opportunities for students in chemistry, and the expansion and sharing of new ideas with other schools and institutions worldwide.

NSF is an independent agency of the U.S. government that initiates and supports scientific and engineering

research and educational programs through grants and contracts. Each year, about \$5 billion from federal funding goes to NSF. Subsequently, the organization receives and processes proposals for research grants from around the country. Thirty percent of the proposals are funded each year. Ellis' talk focused on the methods for insuring a strong proposal backed with solid research for an award from the NSF.

"Proposals are evaluated on two basic principles: intellectual merit, and broader impact on society," he said.

Ellis said he believes that the strength of a community's research is grounded in training undergraduate and graduate chemistry students in the skill of writing proposals with worthwhile ideas and purposeful research goals.

"We create knowledge and we communicate that knowledge," he contended. "We need to train students to propose and organize."

But regardless of the strength of the proposal, Ellis continued, the impact of research may not be seen until many years down the line. He went on to describe the procedure for proposing high-risk experimental research that may not produce rapid results.

Ellis also offered ideas for the university to expand its undergraduate research opportunities. One main challenge facing research universities is to get motivated freshmen and sophomores into research labs. Ellis explained that international and global ideas for networking are becoming more and more vital to the progress of any institution.

"We're seeing more examples of graduate students seeking outreach opportunities abroad," Ellis said. "Students can be given the opportunity to learn various tools and techniques."

The lecture was part of the NSF's efforts to branch out to a chemistry community that produces research ideas.

"We hold workshops and individuals give us feedback. [Researchers] can network with each other also," he said.

Ellis introduced the concept of "Dear Colleague" letters that give research peers a chance to stay in touch and share ideas through a newly found network of partners. The talks that he gives are intended to foster the formation of those bonds and give researchers a way to impart ideas via the connection they form with the NSF.

Ellis is a Meloche-Bascom Professor of Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He has received several distinguished teaching awards, including the NSF Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars in 2001. In addition to his research on chemical sensors, Ellis is involved in efforts to integrate Material Sciences into the chemistry curriculum. He received his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and currently works for the NSF in Washington, D.C.