

Unfinished Undergraduate Apartments Leave Students Stranded

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM
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When asked why more than 500 students have been living in tripled residence halls or bunking in lounges since the beginning of the semester, Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston offered an impassioned response.

"We expected one of our high points to be in housing," Preston said at a student media conference last week. "Unfortunately, what was the campus dream turned out to be a construction nightmare."

As it stands, the 528 students who were supposed to live in the undergraduate apartments have been temporarily placed in residence halls. At its maximum capacity the readjustment caused 305 rooms to be tripled and 150 students to be placed in lounges. As of now, 88 people are in lounges, mostly in Roosevelt, Mendelson and H Quads.



Statesman/Marie Huxton

Construction stopped on the undergraduate apartments after the general contractor was fired.

According to Preston, the cause of the foul-up lies in the murky relationship Stony Brook University shares with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and JM Dennis Construction of

Wantagh, the general contractor hired to build the uncompleted undergraduate apartments.

State officials told Newsday and the Three Village Herald the \$20 million project fell apart on August 22, when

DASNY terminated JM Dennis. Allegedly, they failed to uphold terms of the contract and several sub-contractors walked out after not being paid.

A spokesperson from JM Dennis gave a different story,

however.

Jeffrey S. Wengroff, CEO of the company, told the papers DASNY missed several payments to them, and that all 95 contract and sub-contract workers on the project were locked out of the site on Wednesday, August 22.

SBU officials at the student press conference said that whatever the truth might be, the university is not to blame for the construction delay.

"It's like buying a car from a dealer," said Patrick Calabria, director of media relations. "If the dealer tells you your car isn't ready, you have no control over it."

Calabria based his analogy on the fact that neither DASNY nor any contractor is answerable to SBU. Instead, contractors report to DASNY, which is mandated by New York State to handle all housing construction projects at public universities.

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Wyly Loses Proxy Bid, Computer Associates Keeps Board of Directors



Courtesy of Computer Associates

Charles Wang and Shirley Strum Kenny with other board members.

By MARC NEWMAN
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On June 21, Texas billionaire Sam Wyly began his battle to oust the entire board of directors at Computer Associates, among

them Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny.

But Wyly's battle soon moved to only remove four members of CA's ten board of director members. The four

members up for removal by the August 29 vote included Russel Artzt, Alfonse D'Amato, Williemi de Vogel and Charles Wang.

As of August 29, these four board members will retain their seats with 75 percent or more of share holders voting against their removal from office.

While Charles Wang claimed victory in his speech at the Wyndham Hotel in Hauppauge New York that same day, the company acknowledged a lack of "communication" in the past.

The poor communication Wang referenced began in a letter Wyly wrote a few years ago to Sanjay Kumar, CA's second-in-command. Wyly inquired into "CA's reputation for abusing its

customers and employees."

Part of the abuse that Wyly is suggested to have referenced here is a 1.1 billion dollar grant of stock that Wang, Kumar and Artzt were awarded in 1998.

This reward and a financial crises in Asia that shortly followed affected CA's share value negatively that year. A lawsuit incurred in which Kumar, Wang and Artzt were forced to return some of their stock.

Kumar replied that Wyly "misunderstood" this and other situations, and things at CA were "changing for the better." Wyly contends that nothing has changed since then. According to Wyly, CA employs "phony accounting tactics and an abuse of customers and employees."

Those accusations have not stopped CA and Wang from forming a strong partnership with SBU, however.

Kenny, a board member and CA shareholder, with stock valued at \$444,000 back in January. Stony Brook University, and the Long Island

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The Freshman's Guide to SBU

By MEGAN LANGILLE
Statesman Staff

The incoming transfer and freshmen students may not realize all that SBU has to offer.

This large and teeming university with almost 20,000 students studying over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs on a 1200 acre campus situated 60 miles west of Montauk and 60 miles east of Manhattan. Students enjoy the diverse cultural offerings of New York City and the beautiful beaches of eastern Long Island.

Since it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer enormity of SBU, it's important that freshmen know about the different programs offering help and resources.

The Math Learning Center, located in room 127 on floor A of the physics building, provides free, one-on-one tutoring sessions for students having difficulty in their math courses.

The center also has a number of interactive CD-ROM programs and allows students to borrow textbooks and study guides to use in the facility. The center is open Monday through Wednesday 10am-9pm, Thursday 9am-6pm and Friday 10am-2pm. No appointment is necessary.

The Writing Center, located in Humanities 198, provides help in three ways: students can drop in with questions, set up a standing appointment for a short term project or have a weekly 50 minute session with a writing tutor.

With tutoring available for projects ranging from freshman compositions to post-doctoral papers, students who have visited the center found it extremely helpful in bettering the quality and clarity of their writing. The center is open Monday and Tuesday from 9am-8pm, Wednesday from 9am-12-30pm and Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm. Students can drop by on their own or call 632-7405 to make an

appointment.

"Become involved in campus life; it's an integral part of the college experience," said second year student Jennifer Goeren, when asked what advice she would give to incoming freshmen.

It's easy to become active in a university that boasts over 180 clubs and organizations. Some examples of clubs include:

The Asian Student Alliance (ASA), whose first general body meeting of the semester will be in a couple of weeks.

The Latino American Student Organization (LASO), whose mission is to educate and serve the Latino community on campus by improving communication among students and faculty through education and cultural activities.

The Philippine United Student Organization (PUSO), whose first general meeting of the semester will be held on September 24 in the Student

Union bi-level.

The Pre-Med Society, which provides a place where students interested in careers in medicine can meet and listen to interesting guest speakers and become more involved on campus through community service. Meetings are held meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in SAC 303

There are several organizations on campus as well. Students interested in student government should get to know the Student Polity Association, whose members represent their fellow students. Polity is a multi-million dollar organization run by students for students. It oversees all student clubs and organizations.

New students looking to join a fraternity or sorority will find 25 on campus from which to choose. The fraternity and sorority fair will give students an overview of what each organization is all about. Call the Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council at 632-9392 for more information.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Seawolves Women's Volleyball vs. Siena, Sports Complex, 7 p.m.
Campus-Wide Party sponsored by Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, End of the Bridge, 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m.
Staller Center Movies-*Under the Sand*, 7 p.m.; *The Mummy Returns*, 9 p.m., Staller Center Main Stage

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Seawolves Women's Volleyball vs. Holy Cross, Sports Complex, 1 p.m.
Seawolves Women's Volleyball vs. Quinnipiac, Sports Complex, 3 p.m.
Campus-Wide Party sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Student Union Ballroom, 10 p.m.-3 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Success In 2001-Time Management, SAC, 12:40 p.m.-2 p.m.
Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Fair, Academic Mall, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
World Famous Mentalist Robert Channing and friends, sponsored by SPAB, Student Activities Center, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Moulin Rouge - Staller Main Theater, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Seawolves Cross-Country Meet Invitational, Sports Complex, 10 a.m.
Seawolves Football vs Siena, Athletic Fields, 12 p.m.

Caribbean Student Organization Welcome Back Party, Stony Brook Student Union, 10 p.m.-3 a.m.

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - 19

Rosh Hashanah - No Classes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Classes Resume

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Club India Party, Union Ballroom, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PUSO Meeting, Union Bi-level, 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa Kulture Shock, Union Ballroom and SAC Lobby, 8 p.m.
CSO Lecture, Union Bi-level, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Yom Kippur - No Classes After 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Yom Kippur - No Classes
PUSO Fall Party, EOB, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Copa Cabana, Union Ballroom 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

SBCSSA Mid-Autumn Festival, Union Ballroom, 6 p.m.

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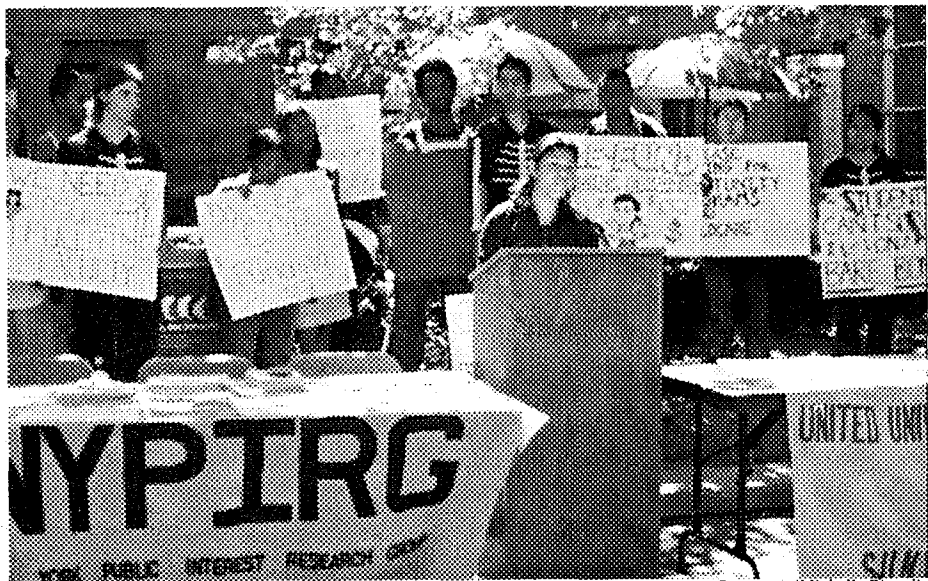


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NYPIRG Rally Protests SUNY Budget Cuts



Statesman/Michelle Piraglia

EOP student Silvia Castro spoke of how budget cuts effect low income students.

By MICHELLE PIRAGLIA
Statesman Staff

Flyers and signs of protest were only part of an Aug. 29 demonstration in which several students, professors and advocates spoke out against Governor George Pataki's most recent proposed cuts to several opportunity programs throughout the SUNY and CUNY systems. Protestors encouraged students to join in their phone call and letter campaign to the governor.

"In terms of opportunity programs, what we believe is going to happen definitely adversely affects our students," said Brian Kerr, assistant director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Stony Brook. "The tutoring budget would be squashed, council lines slashed and stipends for books cut if that proposal goes through."

Organized by the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), the protest focused on Pataki's proposed \$2,700,000 cut to EOP.

"It's a blessing to be in the program," said Stephanie Bowden, 19, biology major, about the EOP program,

which helps disadvantaged students entering college.

Bowden entered Stony Brook through EOP and is now a part of the organization.

"If this passes, we'll have no more tutoring and the bus trips from high schools to Stony Brook will most likely be canceled," she said. "We also have a six-week mandatory program which gives students six credits towards their degree, but this will be cut if the governor's budget passes, too."

Because of the state's failure to finalize a budget for the fiscal year, a temporary budget has been put in place. Several supporters and students dressed as skeletons to express their feelings about what they believe is currently a "bare bones" budget for New York State.

"You don't pass a bare bones budget, leaving students out to dry and denying them their right to a quality, affordable education," said Todd Stebbinis, the Long Island Regional Coordinator of NYPIRG.

Many who recently came to Stony Brook through the EOP program are concerned about their future in the

program.

"It was the only way I could get into Stony Brook," said Josias Caminero, an 18-year-old freshman who is majoring in computer engineering. "Since I couldn't get into regular admissions, EOP gave me the programs that helped me become as good as a regular admissions student. Stony Brook is a top-ranked school, and without EOP I couldn't be here."

Caminero also expressed his concern about where he would receive funding for books next semester, as EOP has provided them in the past, but may not be able to after the program cuts.

"I get a stipend for books [from EOP], but with the cuts I probably won't have the money to buy books next semester," Caminero said. Other EOP students believe the program has been under funded even before the recent cuts.

"I think we need more money than we had," said Jaime Gonzalez, an 18-year-old freshman who also came to Stony Brook through the EOP program.

"We'll have less money to pay for counselors that care for us the way they do," said EOP member Silvia Castro, an 18-year-old second-year student who is double majoring in Sociology and Social Sciences Interdisciplinary (SSI).

Other programs suffering cuts are the Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK), down \$2,764,000 from last year, the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), down \$5.6 million from last year, and the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), which is being cut by \$2.5 million. The budget also proposes a \$3.92 million cut to campus childcare, and does not increase funding for new faculty lines.

"This has been a disaster that has very negatively affected higher education in New York State," said European Language Professor Bill

Godfrey, who belongs to the Faculty Union and the United University of Professions. "We were promised more faculty lines, but they are not included in this budget," he pointed out. "The governor is very much culpable."

NYPIRG's goal, through a phone call and letter campaign, is to restore the \$13.8 million to those and several other opportunity programs throughout the state, restore the \$3.9 million to campus childcare and to raise the funding for full-time faculty at all SUNY and CUNY schools. The protests also went on simultaneously at eight other SUNY schools.

"Make a phone call, send a letter, let the governor know how we feel about these cuts," said Meagen Reeve, NYPIRG project coordinator, who also organized the event.

As for the impact of the protest, Reeve believes it will send a strong message to Pataki.

"I'm very happy with the event," Reeve said. "I think this sends a very strong message to the governor when you have students from Buffalo to Stony Brook [speaking out] on this issue."

Shirley Strum-Kenny, president of Stony Brook, believes the cuts will cause future generations that enter college to struggle.

"It is really important for New York to understand that the future of the next generation depends on the funding provided to higher education," Strum-Kenny said in an official statement. "Industry is built on the investments we make in educating our future leaders."

Whether the governor will change his mind on the issue or not is unknown, as he could not be reached for comment, but Reeve is hopeful the governor will listen to the students' concerns.

"I expect the governor to do the right thing and pass a budget that's not going

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New Students Bombarded with Orientation Activities, Seminars and Entertainment

By MEGAN LANGILLE
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On Friday August 24, 2,200 freshmen of the Class of 2005 arrived at Stony Brook University to begin their orientation. The new students and their families attended a BBQ at the Student Activities Center, as they became acquainted with the campus.

Then, later that night, the Student Union was converted into a dance club, a movie house and a karaoke bar. This party was a great way for new students to get to know each other and have fun. Students such as Peter Tsang, a transfer student from Hunter College reported that he "met a lot of cool people at orientation."

Students rose early on Saturday the 25th for a 9 o'clock student sign in and the formal processional at the Sports Complex. Here faculty and administrators gave freshmen their best wishes for a successful start to life at SBU.

Resident Assistant Thomas J.

Barrett said about orientation: "The university and orientation committee really went above and beyond to have information and worthwhile programs for first-year students."

The entire freshmen class was required to read *The Colors of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother*, by James McBride, which focuses on race issues. McBride spoke to freshmen in the Staller Center during the opening week.

After a day filled with informational seminars about their new school, students were able to relax and participate in campus wide ice-breaker games, and a pool party at the Sports Complex.

On Sunday, freshman students heard guest speaker Katie Koestner's poignant story about surviving rape. Nelson Chin, an incoming freshman, said her talk "made a big impact on me."

More seminars and speeches about succeeding at SBU were followed by a welcome-back celebration Aug. 31.



Statesman/Ruth Chung

First year and older students attended the Campus-Wide Carnival last week.

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For further information, call 632-7000

Please send the nominations to:

**Selection Committee
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Administration Building, Room 407
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International

Problems Plague United Nations Conference on Race

By RALPH D'AMBROSIA
Statesman Contributor

The goal of the United Nations Conference on Race, which started in Durban, South Africa on August 31 and ends September 7, entailed producing a declaration against racism and a program to fight discrimination. A major roadblock, which may cause Israel and the United States to boycott the conference, has threatened this goal. The problem centers on eliminating criticism of Israel from conference document.

A coalition of rights group meeting separately from the conference submitted a report that attacked Israel as an "apartheid regime" that had committed "racist crimes against humanity including ethnic cleansing and acts of genocide." Furthermore, these

groups also link Zionism, the movement that was to create a homeland (Israel) for Jews, to racism and calls Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories as colonialism. Current draft texts prepared by the conference do refer to Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories as a "new apartheid" and a "crime against humanity." These drafts also condemn "racist practices of Zionism" and any racial and violent movements associated with racism, i.e. the Zionist movement. Nonetheless the language used is no where near as critical towards Israel as the documents submitted by the rights movement.

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, told reporters in Tel Aviv that the document submitted by rights groups was "an outburst of hate." Mordechai Yedid, the Israel's Foreign Ministry

deputy director general for international organization who leads Israel's delegation at the conference, has said they are considering walking out of the conference. The United States has already reduced its representation to the conference to the relatively junior level in protest of what it calls anti-Israel bias. This has left Secretary of State Powell out of discussions that would have taken place in the conference which would have included talking about bloodshed in the Middle East and reparations to individuals who have ancestors that were slaves. An American delegate, Representative Tom Lantos, Democrat of California, though talking with Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, foreign ministers and with dozens of delegates has made little progress in modifying the stance held by the various pro-

Palestinians faction who are attending the conference. He has recommended to Secretary of State Colin L. Powell that the United States should withdraw from the conference if the deadlock can not be broken. Jesse Jackson has criticized the possible United States boycott from the conference.

Another major issue affecting the success of conference includes the paying of reparations to families which have ancestors that were slaves. This has proven to be a major stumbling block in the conference and has caused the conference to ask Belgium to help bridge the conflict between African and Caribbean nations and developed nations. African and Caribbean states want a formal apology and some countries want reparations for Africans torn from their homeland.

National

Pop Star Aaliyah Dies in Plane Crash

By CAROLE SIERRA
Statesman Editor

Contemporary R&B will never be the same after this summer. Aaliyah one of today's leading R&B singers died on August 25, in a tragic plane crash.

The plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Marsh Harbour Airport on Abaco Island 100 miles north of Nassau. The plane was bound for Opalaka, FL., when it crashed 200 feet from the end of the runway at 6:50 p.m., police said.

Aaliyah, who had taken time off from her promotional tour for her latest album, was in the Bahamas shooting the video for "Rock

The Boat," directed by Hype Williams.

Along with Aaliyah eight others were killed in the accident including her bodyguard, hair stylists, producers, and the pilot.

The pilot, Luis Antonio Morales Blanes, had been sentenced for three years of probation 12 days before the crash, because of crack cocaine possession.

FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen told reporters that the pilot had no violations against him, but confirmed that his criminal record could have affected his flying record.

The cause of the crash is still unknown, but authorities suspect engine failure.

The twin-engine Cessna 402B aircraft is equipped to carry six to eight people, said

Cessna Aircraft Co. spokeswoman Jessica Myers. Nine people were traveling the day of the crash.

Baggage handlers at Marsh Harbour airport told CNN reporters that the plane was overloaded, but because of the instance of the passengers was allowed to depart.

Bahamian and U.S. investigators are examining the plane in a hangar.

Aaliyah's sudden death shocked many fans who mourned her death on Aug. 31, at a public memorial service in Manhattan. As they played her videos and performances continuously, fans lined up to wish Aaliyah a last farewell.

The private funeral service attracted her

contemporaries, including Lil' Kim, P. Diddy, and R. Kelly.

Others seemed not affected by her death at all, like Star, from the Star and Buckwild morning show aired on Hot 97. The show, which deals with all kinds of issues with no remorse, crossed the line when they began making fun of the tragic accident and imitating Aaliyah in a comical way as her plane crashed.

He has been suspended from the show.

The Grammy nominated singer and actress, left behind an image for many admirers to follow, and popular songs like "One In A Million", and "Try Again" to be remembered by.

Metro

County Legislator Issues Apology After Controversial Comments

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

Republican County Legislator Michael D'Andre issued a formal apology on Friday August 31, a day after he suggested that Smithtown residents would physically confront Hispanic day laborers, if they create problems when they come into his district looking for work.

"It is clear to me that my words demonstrated an unacceptable insensitivity," D'Andre said. "I made a mistake, and I am extremely sorry...I regret any pain or fear that my inappropriate comments may have caused anyone on Long Island and firmly state that no hate group or anti-immigrant group should take or use my remarks as support for their causes."

Lately, there has been a growing number of complaints by Suffolk and Nassau County residents who claim that the actions of day laborers, gathering in towns like Farmingville while awaiting work, have lowered property

values and undermined the community safety.

D'Andre's surprising comments came during a public hearing discussing a proposal concerning contractors who hire undocumented workers.

"If Smithtown was attacked tomorrow with the same thing, we'll be up in arms," he said during a heated discussion with an audience member. "We'll be out with baseball bats."

The 78-year-old former nursery proprietor, who earlier this year stated that he intended to retire after 19 years in Suffolk County Legislature, received mixed responses from his colleagues and the community.

Suffolk County GOP Chair Anthony Apollaro, whose party faces stiff opposition in three key elections this November, criticized D'Andre and asked for him to step down.

"Those statements do not reflect the Suffolk Republican Party, and I think he should resign," Apollaro said.

"Inflammatory remarks like this are uncalled for."

Criticism also sounded from the office of Republican County Executive Robert Gaffney.

"Remarks of this nature only serve to undermine any progress that has been made," he said. "There is no place in Suffolk County for sentiments of this kind."

A severe reprimand seems rather unlikely, however, as its sponsors would have a difficult time coming up the two-thirds majority needed. Several legislators from both sides of the isle appear satisfied with D'Andre's apology.

"I would not support any censure against him," said Legislator Fred Towle (R-Shirley). "The gentleman apologized—that's the end of it."

Legislator Ginny Fields (D-Oakdale), echoed Towle's sentiments when she stated on Friday that she thought the apology D'Andre already had made was sufficient.

Legislator Martin Haley (R-Rocky Point), also came to D'Andre's defense.

"The man doesn't have a bad bone in his body," he said. "And from my view, any attempt by anybody to say otherwise is just an attempt to inflame the situation and there's no reason for it."

D'Andre's controversial statements came also in wake of a guilty verdict issued in the case of a man charged with severely beating a Mexican worker in Shirley.

The jury found 29 year-old Christopher Salvin of Hicksville guilty of attacking Israel Perez and another Mexican day laborer with shovels, a posthole digger and a knife after luring them to an abandoned warehouse in Shirley.

Salvin's accomplice, Ryan Wagner of Maspeth, will stand trial next month. Both men face up to 50 years in prison.

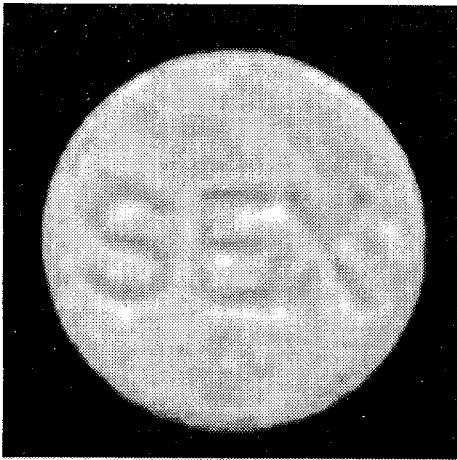
The day laborer issue has been tabled while the Suffolk County Legislature decides whether any action should be taken against D'Andre.

BNL Research on Ecstasy Offers New Insights on its Effects

By CHRIS FECAROTTA
Statesman Contributor

Until recently, the scientific community had limited knowledge of the effects of the designer drug Ecstasy (MDMA) on the human brain. Recent studies conducted at Brookhaven National Laboratories (BNL), however, have shed some light on the dangers of Ecstasy use.

Part of that research relied on a 1999 survey conducted by the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. Patients enrolled in a drug treatment



Ecstasy is available in several varieties, including one that is known as "sex."

program then in Suffolk County claimed that Ecstasy is the most popular drug abused in Long Island.

"It's a club drug," one patient said. "[Ecstasy is] like LSD, but less intense. [Usually] taken before going to a club."

One BNL study evaluating chemical abnormalities in the brains of recreational Ecstasy users discovered an increase in a chemical called myo-inositol. Scientists say this reflects an increase in a particular brain cell known as glial cells, which help repair other damaged brain cells.

Additional research found that Ecstasy pills laced with the drug speed (methamphetamine) resulted in a decrease in the chemical N-acetylaspartate. According to BNL, this indicates long-term damage in nerve cells of people exposed to methamphetamine.

And recent experiments show a decrease in blood flow to certain parts of the brain in subjects exposed to Ecstasy. This decrease in blood flow was shown to be more pronounced in those who received a greater quantity of Ecstasy.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Stony Brook University Student Health Service CHOICE Center, the use of designer drugs such as Ecstasy

has increased on campus over the last decade. Compared to national standards, the use of tobacco and alcohol at SBU is below national average. Ecstasy use, however, is slightly above average.

Last March, the CHOICE Center placed an advertisement in the Statesman implying drug use on campus to be relatively small. The advertisement stated that 91 percent of students here have never used cocaine, 89 percent have never used hallucinogens, 88 percent have never used designer drugs, 90 percent have never used amphetamines and that 94 percent have never used inhalants.

Statistics from the study, though, given to universities nationally, suggest something different. Many students surveyed believed drug use to be more prevalent than even this more recent study suggests.

Peter Mastroianni, the health education coordinator at the CHOICE Center, offered an explanation for the apparent discrepancy in the March issue.

"It's hard to define college students, because they fit into so many groups," Mastroianni said then. "Figuring out if someone is dependent or not is fairly complicated. Its not something that can always be determined by a survey. Most people with a problem are going to be in



Using significant quantities of Ecstasy may lead to neural damage in the brain.

denial, so a survey won't be very helpful."

The department reported that most youths under the age of 18 prefer Ecstasy to cocaine or other commonly abused substances, and that it is often combined with other drugs in pill form, costing \$20 to \$25.

Many patients in the study conducted by NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services claimed that most drugs on Long Island come from New York City.

"They go to the city and buy drugs, then come back and sell," one female patient said. "Three out of five people selling [Ecstasy] use it. Everybody uses it."

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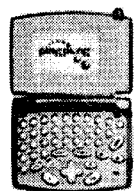
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New International Students Give First Impressions of Stony Brook

By TED LAI
Statesman Staff

One of the many aspects Stony Brook prides itself in is its diversity in student population. Although the majority of students are from within the United States, there are many international students that come from around the world to study here at Stony Brook.

The International Services office located in the Computer Science Building helps all international students here at Stony Brook. The main goal of this office is to help international students get accustomed to the American lifestyle and to reap the most benefits from their stay here at Stony Brook.

International students can get an enormous amount of help through the International Services office. Among other things, they can get advice and help with all the paperwork and red tape that comes along with being an international student.

"We help international students with many things from all aspects of life. Just recently, a student came to our office to ask what was an acceptable give for a wedding ceremony he was invited to," states Elizabeth Barnum, Assistant Dean for International Services.

According to Barnum, there were approximately 1500 international students on campus last year representing over 90 countries. The number of international students has steadily increased since the first international student set foot on campus in 1963.

Students participating in the exchange visitor program are allowed to come to the United States for their education through the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961. This Act fosters growth between the understanding of people of the United States and other countries by means of educational or cultural exchange.

Some of these international students are matriculated students who will remain here at Stony Brook until they receive their degree. Others are part of a formal exchange program between Stony Brook and an abroad university, where the two institutions will exchange students for a semester or two.

When asked what the United States offers that his native country does not, Freshman Taesung Jung from South Korea stated, "These days the Korean economy is getting worse and worse. Here in the United States I have a better chance of finding a good job."

Taesung came to Stony Brook last January and has been polishing up his English at the Intensive English Center. Taesung added, "I have selected math as my major, but I'll change to business because I want to make a lot of money."

Another international student, Dale Summerville, a sophomore from New Zealand who is enjoying his Stony

Brook experience stated that, "mostly everyone is really friendly and easy to talk to on campus."

Summerville has also brought his

According to Barnum, international students offer the university a tremendous amount of talent and are an asset to the entire community.

allows U.S. students to expand their horizons. International students also bring a new perspective into the classroom. They come from different economic, social, and religious backgrounds than some U.S. students, therefore enhancing the class discussion by bringing in different viewpoints.

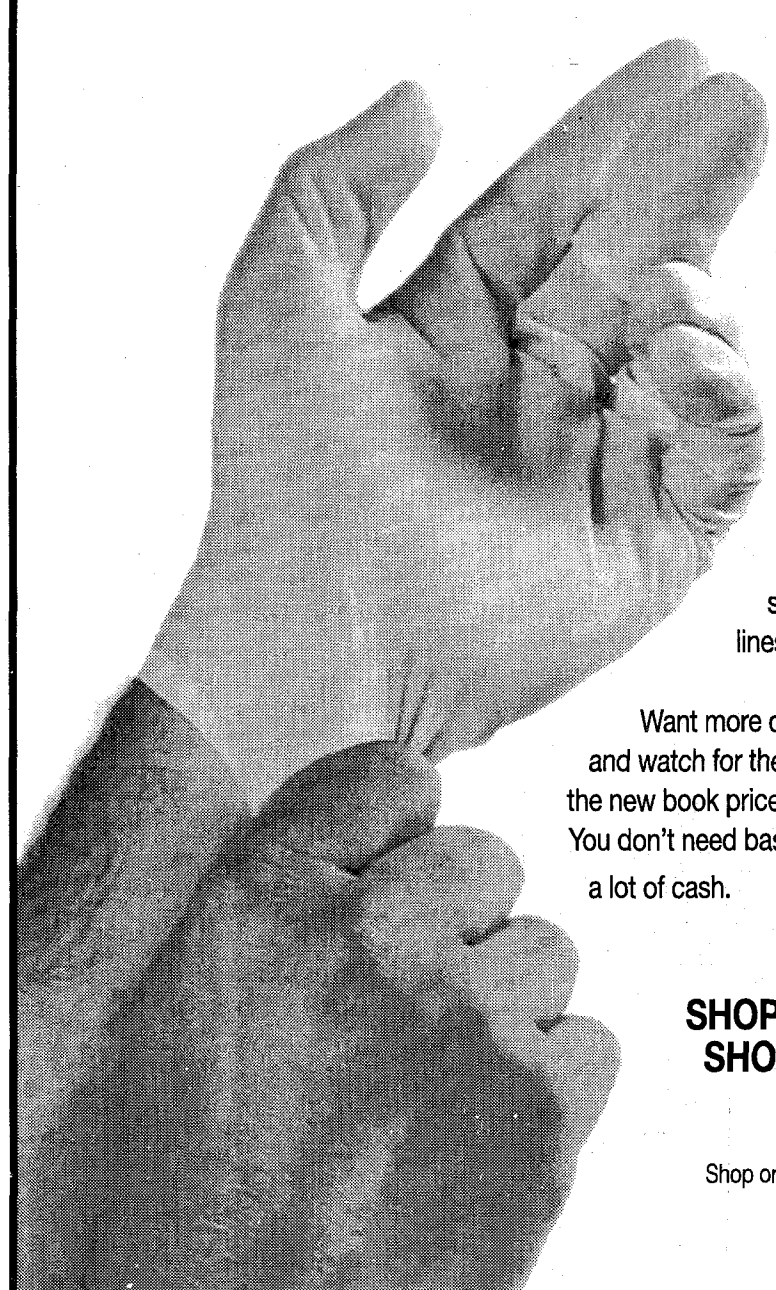
"Stony Brook students should reach out to all international students and recognize that they are new to the country and take them under their wing," Barnum continued. "Not only can they learn from international students, they can make new friends."

"The international students here at Stony Brook allow the U.S. students to learn about other countries without having to leave home."

athletic ability to the Stony Brook Men's Cross-Country and Track Team. After several other American universities accepted him to run on their team, Stony Brook was his top choice.

"The international students here at Stony Brook allow the U.S. students to learn about other countries without having to leave home," she said. "They share their customs and this

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Editorial

Calling All Statesmen

A new academic year has begun at Stony Brook, and as always, it is accompanied by change.

The campus now has one of the largest freshman classes in SBU history. Our fair school, once called the University at Stony Brook, now seems to go by Stony Brook University. And hundreds of students who thought they would be living in undergraduate apartments are instead tripled or living in lounges.

The most important change concerning the Statesman, however, is the new editorial board and staff.

There are some old faces here, but many new ones surround them. And that's as it should be. Young blood will allow us to reach for higher standards and touch a wider audience.

Here's a taste of what we're striving to accomplish this year.

More news. While it's certainly very difficult for student journalists to deliver the same level of investigative reporting about their college campus that professionals uncover about the world at large, we're going

to try anyway. That means taking an in-depth look at everything from the Administration to Student Polity and all their various subsidiaries. It also means producing as many quality articles about them as humanly possible.

More features. There's a stark difference between features and fluff. Fluff is relatively unimportant and usually uninteresting. Worthwhile features impact the masses and grip the reader from start to finish. Check this issue's entertainment reviews - as well as articles on the Fall 2001 Guide, the Staller Center for the Arts and International Studies - as examples of what to expect.

More commentary. A paper by students and for students should reflect the voices of students. To that end, there will be ample room for Letters-to-the-Editor, Op-Ed's, political cartoons and the occasional column. Many people might share the sentiments of the opinions published within, just as many undoubtedly will not. But then, that's the beauty of freedom of speech. If you disagree with our commentary, by all means tell us why.

More sports. SBU has made the move to Division I and has done it admirably, given

such little time and limited resources. With each passing day, the Athletic Department grows in scope and prominence. Consequently, a great deal of coverage will be given to all your favorite sports. And if you're on a team, who knows, your name might be in the paper.

That's basically what we're about this year, save for one last thing.

We want the Statesman to be something the campus can be proud of. We want it to be productive, thought-provoking and informative. But we need staff to accomplish that. Many students have already shown interest in joining the team, and rest assured we will tap each and every one of them. But we want more. There is no such thing as too much help.

If you have any interest whatsoever in reporting, writing, photography, cartooning, copyediting, layout or anything else you associate with a newspaper, then by all means come on down.

All right. So that's our opening tirade. Hello, Stony Brook.

Op-Ed

The Annual Housing Crisis: Home Sweet Lounge

BY ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Editor

Once again, another year has rolled around, and Stony Brook finds itself in a Fall semester housing crisis. As was the case a year ago, we have too many students, and not enough rooms in which to put them. Call it *deja vu* all over again.

Here's what we do know. The four undergraduate apartment complexes, scheduled to be ready this semester, are not completed, and probably won't be until the Spring. The 528 students who were planning to be occupants of the new buildings are now being forced to live in tripled dorms and lounges. As compensation for this inconvenience, each student will receive a \$100 reimbursement for every three weeks

they must live in temporary housing.

So that's what we know. Unfortunately, there is much we *don't* know. For example, whose fault is it that the apartments are as yet unfinished? As The Statesman reports in the lead story, that depends on who you ask. The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), the agency which oversees such projects on all SUNY campuses, maintains that blame lies with the workers of the JM Dennis Construction Company of Wantagh. DASNY claims that JM Dennis workers broke terms of their contract and then walked out on the job. As one would expect, JM Dennis points the finger at DASNY, arguing that several payments were not made, and their workers were eventually locked out.

And where does Stony Brook itself

stand in all of this rubble? According to Student Affairs Vice President Fred Preston and other top administrators, SBU should not be held responsible for the matter, as they assert that DASNY has total authority over housing construction projects.

This may very well be true. But the fact of the matter is that students are caught in the middle of this bureaucratic bungle, and administration is not doing enough about the things they *can* control. The so-called "compensation" is woefully inadequate. \$100 every three weeks might sound nice initially, but when you figure that it amounts to roughly \$4.76 per day (less than \$.20 per hour in highly cramped quarters), your pockets might start to feel a little light.

Moreover, this situation underscores several housing problems this campus faces. The eight-semester rule represents a severe problem and significant roadblock for those who take longer than four years to graduate. Plus, the Campus Residences policy of prohibiting returning students from moving back into the dorms until the day before classes start is blatantly unfair and unnecessary.

Fortunately, a discussion will be held this evening to specifically address housing grievances. There will be a town hall-style meeting in the SAC auditorium at 9 p.m. Several administrators will be there, and students will have an open forum to air complaints and offer solutions to existing problems. A high turnout and good dialogue would go a long ways towards more fair and equitable housing policies on this campus.

BY ALBERT SCOTT
Statesman Staff



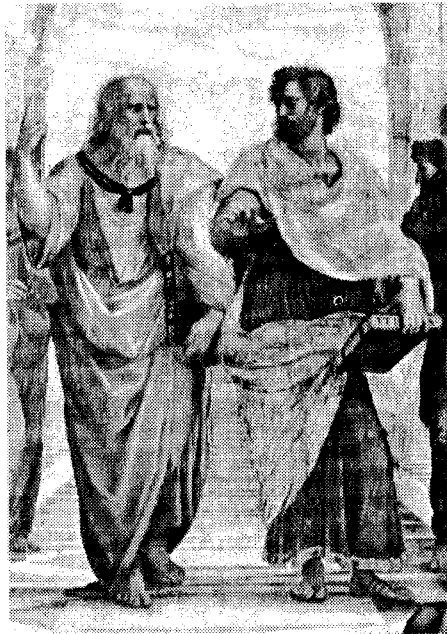
Societal Perspectives: Philosophical Queries for the Modern Age

By **FREDERICK DAVIS**
Statesman Contributor

This piece shall mark the beginning of a forum of ideas and thought to be put forth and judged, and for the most part hopefully debated and not taken at face value. A place that will serve as a mirror and mere reflection upon the face that lies now masked in our ever changing fast pace phenomena of science and technological based society that spins at perhaps a speed we may as of yet not be able to deal with. Yet refuse to question why.

For while we educate the many in which only the few emerge upon the top in such fields, what they have in strength in these fields they lack in judgment in others and are perhaps blinded by such one-sidedness that they are yet to realize the equity of the whole and the shallowness in what they lack in their incompleteness.

A forum in which I hope to make a



The House of Athens, where philosophers, intellectuals and statesmen gathered to discuss the pressing issues of the times.

little spark among those readers to get upon their hind legs and take charge to do the ever dreadful task of thinking for themselves and begin to deny all that was ever forthwith told to them as truth alone, to begin to look in as they look out of such validity and in hopes that great minds emerge not that think alike but that think for themselves and are not slaves to the masses of a pop culture ever out of touch with the real world around them.

With such notions and initial sparks that I hope will perhaps induce a change among a single soul for that is all we ever want, either the validation of our seeming path or the efforts to change its pace or direction. On which this path we come to claims that we mark as truth to be our lighted guide to our telos of which we know not of nor even begin to question outside of trained backgrounds. In which

perhaps change will be made for the greater good in view of the whole and not in the view that what is best for man is what is to be done. For while we are a race and self-preservation is at the top of our list there is no us with out all else that exists around us to give forth our existence from rocks to plants to the others and ideals that we mark our lives defending against or fighting for.

I choose not to be the tome of truth though, some preacher of the right way, for such a prophet is not true of any single man when each path remains yours alone. Instead I will only question and argue to throw at you riddles to try to cast many points of light as there are in the sky at a time of night.

So burn those bridges, because if we continue there is no turning back, and into the flames with will go for what lies at the end of this road remains to be perceived.

Op-Ed

Israel-Palestine: The Real Way Out

By **ARIF RAFIQ**
Statesman Editor

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one of the major examples of a political Pandora's Box that exists today. The UN-administered division of Palestine in 1948 into separate homelands for Jews and Arabs was perceived by its designers as a solution to the conflict between the two groups, which developed under British colonial rule

That plan failed as Arabs and Israelis fought their first major war in 1948, followed by two more in 1967 and 1972.

The 1978 Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel were seen as an immediate catalyst for resolving the 'Palestinian question', but it took the Intifada in the 1980's to bring the Israelis and the Palestinians to the negotiating table in what is known as the Oslo Peace process.

Soon came that historic moment on the White House lawn when the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat shook hands for the first time and signed an agreement "ending" the prolonged conflict. There was a renewed sense of hope throughout the region. The Palestinians could feel an end to the occupation of their homeland in the midst and the rise of their very own state; and Israelis saw peace and security within grasp.

But today, after almost a year of renewed conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians, Oslo is dead. It received no eulogies, but was rebuked posthumously. It now serves as a convenient punching bag for both sides rather than a bridge

to bring them together.

And so the history lesson ends here and we now will take a look at the future. How can we escape this torturous cycle of violence? How can we prevent the next 'solution' from transforming into the next problem?

The answer may seem obvious and cliché at first, but watch the new spin on this pitch. The real way out of this horrid state of affairs is through honest dialogue. Honest dialogue in the United States.

The United States retains a focal role in the conflict, because of domestic and strategic

considerations in addition to our position as the world's sole superpower. Its centrality is maintained by the fact that the current behavior of the Israelis and Palestinians is similar to that of two first graders engaged in a tit-for-tat exchange of slaps, saliva, and name-calling.

Both want to get the last hit, jab, or jar. Will this kind of behavior sow the seeds for reconciliation and nation-building? Absolutely not.

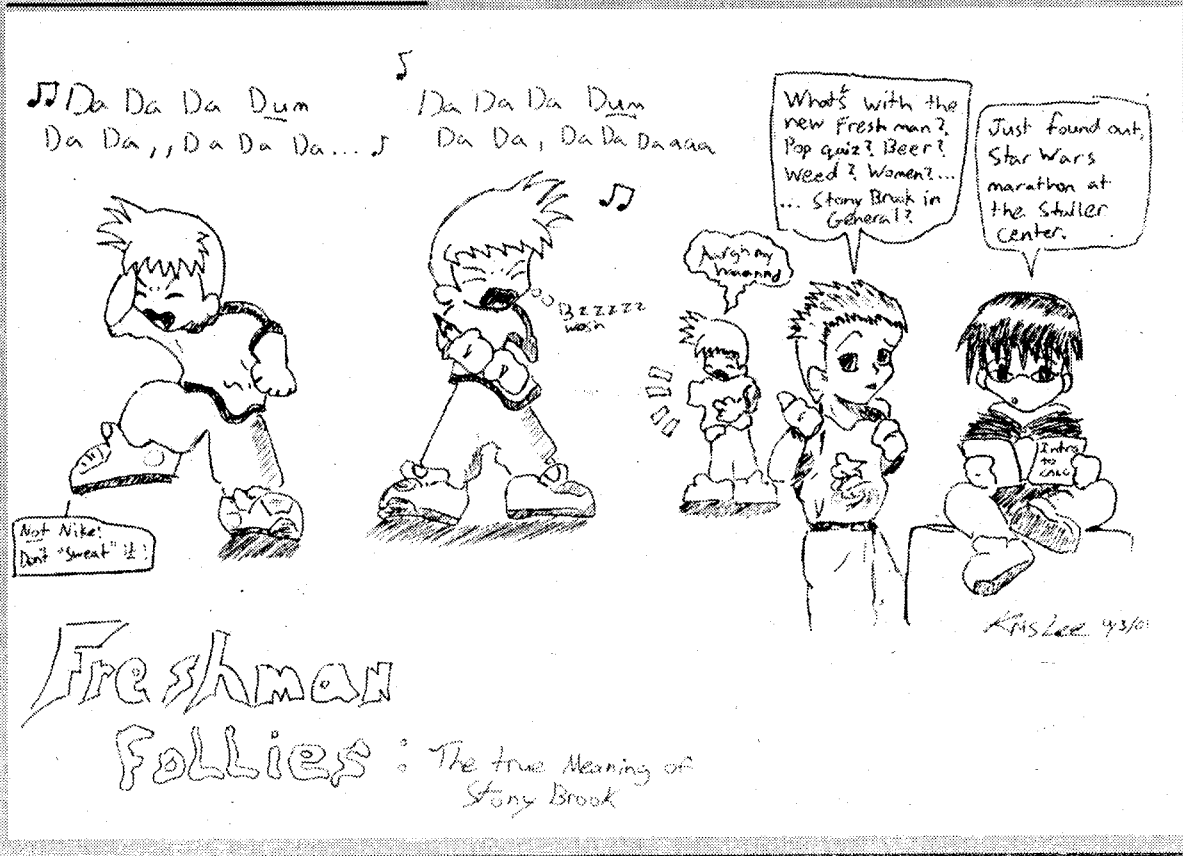
Just as the two children discussed before need a principled, unbiased teacher to mediate a resolution, the United States must play a similar role in the Middle East. Sorry, no cans of whoop-ass can be opened. Since a real and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is dependent upon significant contributions of an unbiased United States, there needs to be a more honest forum of dialogue in the American public arena.

When Senator John McCain (R-AZ) states that "America's unequivocal support for Israel - not evenhandedness, not moral equivalence...is the best guarantor of peace in the Middle East", and New York Times columnist Tom Friedman calls for a NATO-administered Palestinian state, they represent the strange bias and lack of seriousness that pervades the American media and political arena.

McCain views the conflict within the context of his political career. He will placate the pro-

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By **KRIS LEE**
Statesman Contributor



UN Ambassadors to Video Conference with Honors College Students

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM
Statesman Editor

A group of senior Honors College students have the special privilege of participating in a series of live videoconferences with Ambassador Ahmad Kamal, the former Permanent Representative from Pakistan to the United Nations. As if that were not enough, an active U.N. ambassador will accompany Kamal on each videoconference.

This is no simple lecture class. According to Professor Jackie Smith, who instructs the course (listed as Sociology 401) Kamal and his fellows will do much more than ramble about their experiences. They will engage the class in discussions about global affairs and the role of the U.N. in those affairs.

Kamal's many years of expertise working at the UN makes him perhaps one of the best qualified to lead such a forum.

He began his ambassadorship for Pakistan in 1984, working with South Korea. There he established Pakistan's first Embassy to South Korea and initiated trade between the two countries totally \$240 million annually.

In 1986 he became the Additional Foreign Secretary to Pakistan. Two years later Kamal assumed the position of Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United



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Former Permanent Representative from Pakistan to the United States.

Nations, where he served on to the Conference on Disarmament, the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT), the Human Rights Commission and as the High Commissioner for Refugees.

Finally, from 1995 to 1999 he was a member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). Though no longer an active ambassador, Kamal continues to be a Senior Fellow of the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR).

His 10 planned videoconferences will focus on a wide range of topics. Kamal has conducted college sessions in the past, and has garnered the praise of many former students.

An article summarizing the discussions will appear in the issue following each class. What follows is a tentative schedule for each meeting.

September 6. The UN in the 21st Century: Possibilities and Challenges.

September 13. The Scourge of War: Peace and Security Issues.

September 20. New Security threats: Managing Responses to Transitional Crimes.

October 4. Human Rights Part 1: The Politics of Defining and Enforcing HR Norms.

October 11. Human Rights Part 2: HIV/AIDS as an International HR Crisis.

October 18. Human Rights Part 3: Migration and Refugee Rights amid Globalization.

November 1. Equitable Development Part 1: Globalization, Culture and the Mass Media.

November 8. Equitable Development Part 2: The UN and the Global Financial Institutions.

November 15. Sustainable Development: Science, Politics and the Global Commons.

November 29. Democratizing the UN: NGO's, Corporations and Obstacles.

SUNY New Paltz Prez. Quits

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

The embattled president of the State University of New York at New Paltz quit last week to lead the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Despite a bumpy relationship with SUNY trustees during his five years as president, university officials said Roger W. Bowen's decision to leave was his own.

"I am truly and profoundly attracted to this very different sort of educational responsibility and challenge at this stage of my life and career," he said.

In November 1997, members of the system's Board of Trustees called for Mr. Bowen's removal after New York's governor, George E. Pataki, ordered an

inquiry into a student-sponsored conference at the university that included workshops on sex toys and sadomasochism, and panels on "Safe, Sane, and Consensual S&M" and "How to Get What You Want in Bed."

In 1999, a board member called for Mr. Bowen's resignation after he had countenanced a campus performance of the critically acclaimed play *The Vagina Monologues*. More recently, he was rebuked after a campus women's group held a symposium on female sexuality.

Upon learning of Mr. Bowen's resignation, SUNY's chancellor, Robert L. King, said the president had done well at the university, having increased enrollment and strengthened relations with the citizens of New Paltz. "I wish Roger well in all his future endeavors," Mr. King said.

Med School Applications Drop

By KATHERINE MANGAN
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

Medical-college applications dropped for the fourth straight year, dipping 3.7 percent in 2000, according to a report published today in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A similar decline is expected for the fall of 2001, based on estimates by the Association of American Medical Colleges.

"One possible explanation is that people are more reluctant to enter medicine because of the direction health care is going — the fact that physicians face so much more paperwork and other extraneous

pressures," said the report's author, Barbara Barzansky, who serves as secretary of the AMA's Council on Medical Education.

"There are also concerns about the increasing amount of debt students accumulate," she added. Until a few years ago, the economy presented plenty of options to students, and the number of applications to many professional schools dropped.

Medical schools received 37,092 applications for the fall of 2000. That total includes 17,274 women — 1 percent fewer than in 1999 — and 4,266 members of minority groups — 2 percent higher than the previous year.

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Housing Overload Forces Students to Live in Triples and Lounges

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Throughout the State University of New York, conventional construction projects are authorized by the state budget through the sale of bonds. Housing contracts, like many other construction projects, must be given to the lowest bidder.

In this case, it was JM Dennis.

"The contractor had a very good reputation," Preston said. "It came as a surprise."

Calabria and Preston emphasized repeatedly at the meeting that both the Dormitory Authority and JM Dennis had assured them the buildings would be completed on time.

"We weren't involved in much of the meetings," Preston said. "Progressively we found out that all four buildings would not be done. We only found out at the last minute that none of

Wang and Kenny Stay on CA Board

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communities' connection with this CA battle does not end here, however.

Wang's 5.4 billion dollar company has funded a \$100 million dollar Asian American Center at SBU and employs some 2,800 people on Long Island, many of which are SBU graduates.

Yet while Wang's role in the Long Island community has been great, his role in the economic community stretching outside New York has not been.

Wyly, a Texan billionaire, took note of the company's 1.1 billion dollar scandal three years ago, as have other investment firms that voted on August 29. State Street Global Investors, based in Boston, said that they believed that what the company "said it will do differently" and what it "needs to do" are satisfactory.

As they put it, "the wake-up call has been received" and they voted in favor of the current board members.

Tom Johnson Investment Management, based in Oklahoma City, had similar quibbles, stating that, "over the years one can acquire some decent gripes against the existing board, especially the million dollar package."

They to were willing to overlook that incident and voted in favor of the current board, however.

Overall, this challenge cost Wyly and Wang nearly 30 million dollars. CA made a number of concessions through this battle, promising more influence on the board of directors for shareholders and working with corporate governing consulting firms in the future.

Wyly admitted defeat in the vote, but took credit for some of CA concessions in this long battle. A chief executive of Wyly's investment firm Ranger Governance Ltd., having just lost his fight for one of the four board member seats being contested, acknowledged "an impact on the company."

Wang seems to have acknowledged the impact as well. He admitted that in the future, he needed to "do a better job of communicating" with his shareholders.



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CA CEO Charles Wang, visiting SBU last year.

the buildings would be. Even at this late date we cannot tell you when even one of those buildings will be completed."

Students who are tripled and occupying lounges are being compensated at a rate of \$100 every three weeks they are not given normal arrangements. Due to construction delays, it is a pay scale that might be in effect for a few months.

Because DASNY has yet to find another contractor or finalize agreements with sub-contractors, students will not be able to move into the undergraduate apartments until the start of next semester.

According to Preston, the housing nightmare would not be nearly as bad if DASNY were taken out of the loop.

"We could solve the problem to a major degree, if [state] institutions like Stony Brook were allowed to manage their own projects," he said.



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Some residence hall lounges have been converted into makeshift living quarters.

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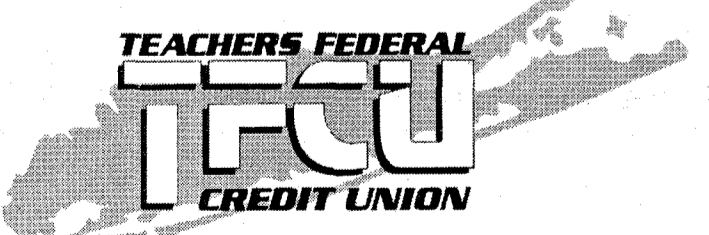
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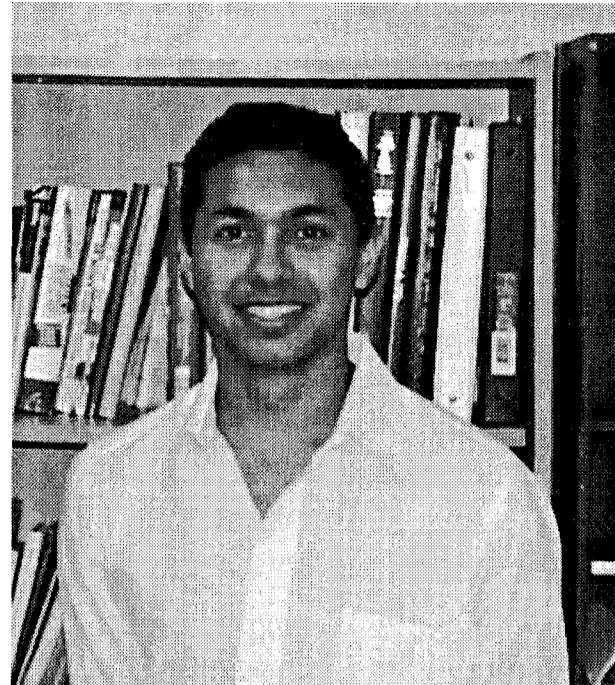
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Administrative Spotlight: Introduction



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BY GREGORY KANHAI
Statesman Contributor

This university is a very large place, and there is no doubt that we sometimes feel lost or drowned-out. It's the reason why I've decided to write this column. It gives me the opportunity to address three pervasive issues here on campus.

First, there is the negative sentiment many of us have about the administrative staff. Second, there is the feeling of being defeated when trying to get help after a problem arises. Finally, you might have an idea and would like it acknowledged by influential ears, but who to turn to?

I've encountered each situation and know just how frustrating they can be. In this column I will be highlighting, throughout the semester, administrative staff and faculty who have proven to be genuine compasses of empathy in a supposed ocean of misdirection and apathy.

It could prove worthwhile, if you familiarize yourself with these people and the many others that make and execute the myriad of important decisions that make the university what it is. Furthermore, by getting to know them, you will be opening the opportunity to influence those decisions.

I often hear how out-of-touch the decisions makers on campus are with the students. Well, this is the opportunity for you to bridge that chasm that has given rise to such feelings. I encourage you to go meet these people. As you will see, they are not dogmatic and vindictive individuals hidden away in the administration building. They are people with hobbies, favorite movies, and various interests that may coincide with your own.

The column will elucidate the area of expertise each individual holds on campus and will highlight some personal aspects of their lives. This semester, take the time to meet these individuals, first in this column and then in person. Grasp the opportunity to rise the masses and be recognized not as a social security number, but as a person. After all, recognition is a power in and of itself and you're likely to be surprised at what you will be able to do with such power.

Getting to know your administrative staff and knowing who to go to with your ideas and needs is an important part in us building a community with an identity we are proud of.

Get to know them, get involved, and uncover the long-term benefits of being an active member in our community.

More Students Decide That College Can Wait

By ERIC HOOVER
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

In high school, Nina Jacobi followed the script: She took advanced courses, scored well on standardized tests, and toured the same prestigious institutions that her friends wanted to go to. She was an A student, captain of the track team, and an editor of her school's literary magazine.

But when the acceptance letters rolled in during her senior year at Durham Academy, in North Carolina, Ms. Jacobi missed the cue to celebrate.

"I felt tired, like I was locked into a path," she says. "I had done a lot of things to get into college, but I wanted to feel like I had more ownership over what I was doing, to get some perspective on academics."

So Ms. Jacobi improvised. After settling on Harvard University in the

spring of 1999, she received permission from the admissions office to take a year off before starting classes.

Ms. Jacobi is one of a small but growing number of students choosing to defer admission to college. As the competition at selective institutions grows more intense, many students are leaving high school with a sort of high-achievement hangover.

In some cases, a break from essays and exams is the preferred remedy. Other students are delaying the admissions process altogether and taking a year off for pursuits that might add luster to their applications.

And some observers say that overcrowding at some institutions might be encouraging more students to consider the idea; following an unexpectedly high yield at Dartmouth

College this spring, for example, officials there offered a \$5,000 tuition break to any student willing to defer for a year. As of late August, 15 students had accepted the offer, apart from the 30 or so who usually put off starting classes.

Taking a "gap year" has long been fashionable in Britain, where as many as 200,000 students leave to travel or work abroad before starting college. In the United States, however, most college-bound students choosing to take time off after high school traditionally have been either children of privilege, spending some time overseas studying, say, the Renaissance painters, or less well-off students working or serving in the military to earn tuition money.

"Colleges are asking applicants to explain their lives through more than

just their transcripts, and that may be prompting the increased interest in slowing down, doing community service, or plugging into activities that might serve as bridge experiences to college," says William T. Conley, dean of undergraduate admission at Case Western Reserve University.

For decades, Harvard University's acceptance letters have suggested that students consider taking a break before going to Cambridge. Last December, William R. Fitzsimmons, Harvard's dean of admissions and financial aid, co-wrote an essay in *The New York Times*, "Time Out or Burn Out for the Next Generation," advocating a hiatus year as a way of preventing "burnout" among high-achieving students. This spring, the most incoming students ever — 54 — chose to defer their Harvard education.

Hughes Will Offer \$1 Million Grants for Top Researchers for Science Education

By AUDREY Y. WILLIAMS
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute plans to give each of 20 research scientists a \$1-million incentive to spend four years teaching science to undergraduates.

The grants, which may be the largest of their kind, are intended to put teaching on a more equal footing with research at large universities.

The 2001 National Survey of Student Engagement found that only 25 percent of seniors at top research universities worked with professors on research outside of course requirements.

The institute has given \$476-million in grants since 1988 to support undergraduate science education, but this is the first time that it will make awards to individual professors. The institute has invited 84 research universities to nominate tenured faculty

members to compete for the grants, which will be awarded in the fall of 2002.

The chosen scientists will receive \$250,000 for each of four years.

Institute officials expect the winning scientists to add creative twists to science education, rather than repetitive experiments.

"Students have already been exposed to what is a gene, what is a protein, and what is an enzyme," says the institute's president, Thomas R. Cech. "We would hope that exposure to these research scientists would have an impact on these young people's lives that would be much more powerful than a typical classroom experience."

The largest National Science Foundation program to promote science education in colleges, by comparison, awards \$200,000 to \$500,000 over four or five years to

new faculty members who are committed to the integration of research and teaching. And many science-education programs feature grants that are far smaller.

The guidelines for the awards are flexible. For example, a scientist may propose to take 20 freshmen each semester into the laboratory so they can work on a science project that would illustrate firsthand a concept like thermodynamics. Small seminars like that are among the recommendations of a 1998 report by the Boyer Commission on Educating Undergraduates in the Research University.

"This would be a way for them to learn about how scientists think about problems or how they organize an attack on a difficult subject," Mr. Cech says.

Mr. Cech notes that some barriers keep research scientists and undergraduates apart: Tenure and promotions are frequently tied to

research accomplishments rather than teaching, and national gatherings of research scientists rarely offer sessions about how to teach effectively. If such sessions are offered, attendance is low.

Hughes officials say the grants were designed in part to help universities attach the same worth to teaching that they do to research.

"Clearly Hughes stands for high-level research, but we are also saying that we also equally value high-level education," says Peter J. Bruns, vice president for grants and special programs at the institute. "The idea is that ... institutions will say it's OK to spend your time on this kind of thing."

For the institute's grants to be effective, there will need to be "institutional buy-in," Mr. Cech says. "They'll have to say if you can get this grant, this outside support, we'll allow you to teach a course that we normally wouldn't have the horsepower to teach."

Mississippi Desegregation Forces Tough Questions

By SARA HEBEL
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

A proposed 17-year, \$503-million settlement of Mississippi's college-desegregation case received strong support at a federal-court hearing Tuesday from state officials and one of the original plaintiffs in the case.

But the federal judge who must decide whether to sign off on the deal repeatedly questioned them about whether the state could come through with the money, and whether the plan would lead to real integration.

They argued that Mississippi needed the settlement to finally put the state on a path to being certified by the federal government as officially desegregated.

Twenty-six years of legal wrangling, they said, have sapped time, money, and emotional energy from Mississippi's higher-education system. Mississippi is one of 11 states that U.S. officials have not declared

desegregated, and a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision requires that those states eliminate the vestiges of segregation that keep public colleges racially identifiable.

"We need some certainty, we need an opportunity to put this behind us," said William S. Crawford, president of the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. "That's what this settlement brings us."

However, U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers Jr. — who oversees Mississippi's desegregation case and must decide whether to approve the settlement plan — voiced several concerns Tuesday about the proposal, after having already expressed "serious reservations" in court papers he filed in May.

Tuesday marked the first day of public "fairness" hearings on the settlement plan. The hearings are scheduled to last two, possibly three, days. Judge Biggers is expected to rule on the settlement proposal

within the next several months.

On Tuesday, he questioned supporters of the agreement about its cost and about whether state lawmakers would support financing it, especially during the tough budget times that the state now faces.

Judge Biggers also criticized some aspects of the plan's goal for historically black institutions of having nonblack students make up at least 10 percent of enrollment. Under the settlement, each university would have to meet that target for three consecutive years before it could control its share of the principal of two endowments the plan proposes to create.

"There is no question that this proposal would enhance the colleges," Judge Biggers said. "But the theory of desegregating them seems to be on the back burner."

State and college officials, as well as higher-education consultants who support

the desegregation proposal, defended the programs and said some duplication was necessary to serve more students, meet state work-force needs, and provide a solid core of classes at every institution.

"The key question is not whether they duplicate, but whether the duplication is considered unnecessary," said Thomas D. Layzell, Mississippi's commissioner of higher education.

Absent action by the appeals court, Mr. Chambliss asked Judge Biggers to allow him to add a total of five faculty members and students to the list of those who could testify at the hearing.

In a testy exchange, the judge denied his request for more time for his witnesses, and, after Mr. Chambliss protested the ruling, Judge Biggers threatened to throw Mr. Chambliss out of the courtroom if he again disrupted the hearing to ask a question or make an objection.

Police Blotter

AUGUST 27

10:43 a.m. - Strobe light indicator stolen from bathroom form Greeley College.

3:53 p.m. - SBVAC transported random female to University Hospital ER from Javits Lobby.

5:53 p.m. - Patient roughed up doctor during a verbal dispute. Hospital Security handled the situation without arrest.

9:42 p.m. - Accident at corner of South Dr. and South P Lot. A car collided with an occupied bus.

Minor injuries resulted. SBVAC transported three individuals to University Hospital ER.

9:42 p.m. - Another random female fell. She cried, but refused medical attention.

AUGUST 30

5:31 p.m. - Subjects armed with bb guns shot at LIRR train from the platform. Gone upon arrival.

11:23 p.m. - RA in Hamilton College requested assistance with clearing out a loud party.

AUGUST 31

1:02 a.m. - Verbal dispute broke out between students over the choice of cold cuts at the Kelly Deli. Meat cutter appeased both sides. No arrests were made.

2:14 p.m. - A dispute amongst suitemates at Hamilton college escalated into harassment and verbal threats. RHD called police for assistance. The dispute was resolved without arrest.

SEPTEMBER 1

10:31 a.m. - Petty Larceny. Cash,

personal effects and feminine products taken from room in Sanger College.

SEPTEMBER 2

11:07 p.m. - A small fire broke out in Irving College. Police responded. Fire was extinguished. No injuries reported.

SEPTEMBER 3

12:14 p.m. - Windows were broken in Psychology Building A.

1:36 p.m. - Room 235 in the Math

Building was vandalized.

SEPTEMBER 4

11:11 a.m. - Windows were broken in Kelly Dining Hall.

4:25 p.m. - Crisis intervention at Whitman College. Students engaged in a dispute over a parking spot.

SEPTEMBER 5

4:01 a.m. - Suffolk County Police searched for a knife wielding assault suspect on campus. No one fitting the description was found.

Academic Judiciary Report

The Academic Judiciary of the College of Arts & Sciences reports on selected cases in which students have been charged with academic dishonesty. The report is prepared by the Executive Officer of the Arts & Sciences Academic Judiciary in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

In accordance with federal and state laws governing the protection of student privacy, these reports exclude identifying information such as name, gender, course, and department. In some cases, details that could be used to identify people have been altered to protect their privacy.

The following cases

occurred in Spring 2001 and Summer 2001.

1) A student was found by the course instructor to have altered an exam after it had been passed back and then attempted to submit it for a re-grade. The student failed to appeal the accusation and was found guilty. The penalty was a Q* grade for the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the transcript.

2) While grading course papers, an instructor found that a student had plagiarized several sentences from a Web site. The amount of text taken from the other author's work was sufficient to lead to an accusation, and a subsequent guilty finding, of plagiarism.

The student received a Q for the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on the transcript.

3) A student was accused of copying answers from the person sitting in an adjacent seat during an exam. The student requested a hearing but did not appear for it and was found guilty. In a second accusation, the student was reported for having used a ringer to take an exam. The student failed to appeal this accusation and was found guilty. Because of the history of multiple offenses, and because of the egregious nature of the second offense, the student was suspended from the university for academic dishonesty, with a

permanent notation to that effect placed on the transcript. The student also received a Q for each course in which cheating took place.

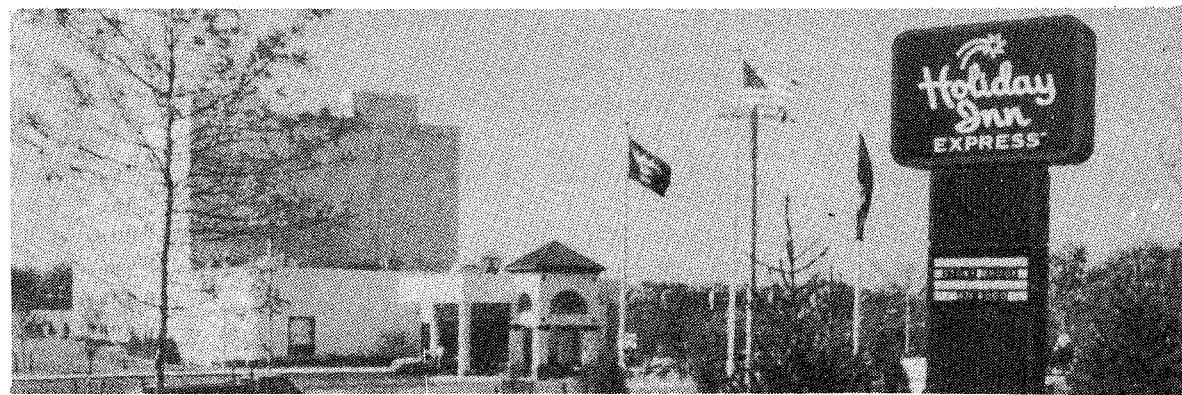
4) A student was reported to the Academic Judiciary after the instructor noticed a drastic difference between the quality of the term paper and the quality of in-class work. Using a simple search engine, the instructor found the body of the paper on-line. The student failed to appeal the accusation and was found guilty of plagiarism. The penalty was a Q and a notation on the transcript.

5) A student was found by the course instructor to have plagiarized pieces of a term

paper from two Web sites. The student failed to appeal and was found guilty of plagiarism, receiving a Q and a notation of academic dishonesty.

*The Q grade denotes a failure in a course by reason of academic dishonesty and is accompanied by a notation on the transcript indicating academic dishonesty. The Q is calculated into a student's grade point average as an F.

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Staller Center for the Arts - Fall Highlights

By **KELLY BROWN**
Statesman Contributor

The start of the Fall 2001 semester here at Stony Brook also marks the beginning of yet another year for the Staller Center for the Arts. Canadian puppetry, classical composition, and urban dance come together to form the September and October lineup. It is stocked with a diverse fare, which offers something for every appetite.

The season opens on September 29th at 8:00 p.m., with the return of pianist R. Hyung Ki to the Stony Brook



Courtesy of Christian Steiner
The Beaux Arts Trio (from left) Antonio Meneses, Menahem Pressler, and Young Uck Kim.

stage. Hyung Ki has been extolled as a virtuoso by the likes of Paul Simon and has performed with artists ranging from Jerry Lee Lewis to Billy Joel. Program highlights include compositions by Berg, Debussy, and Bartok.

Another act to grace the Staller stage are funny men Penn & Teller, scheduled to appear on October 7th at 7:00 p.m. The duo has been performing comedy and magic since 1975, playing to packed audiences on and off-Broadway. Their innovative style has earned them international acclaim, and a re-occurring appearance at the Center.

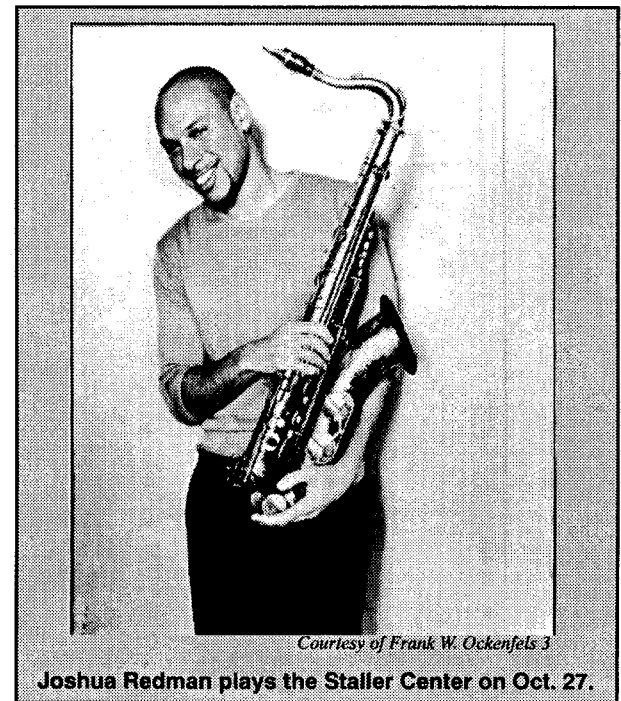
Rounding out the first three events of the season is the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, coming to Staller on October 13th at 8:00 p.m. Hubbard Street combines a variety of ballet, jazz, and modern dance techniques to create a unique style that has wowed audiences around the globe.

Bringing harmony to the Staller Center with the sounds of the piano, violin, and cello are the Beaux Arts Trio, on October 14th at 7:00 p.m. The group is credited as a major player in the rise of chamber music within the past half century.

Outstanding musicianship and a vast repertoire align them with performers of a slightly different genre—the Neville Brothers, who are coming to Staller October 21st at 7:00 p.m. The funky R&B beat of this foursome has been engaging audiences since 1977 and making them dance for just as long.

Joshua Redman, tenor saxophonist and jazz artist extraordinaire, performs October 27th at 8 p.m. He is the winner of the 1991 Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Competition, and will be accompanied by his famed Quartet for his appearance at Staller.

The last event of October is not just one for the kids—the Canadian troupe Theatre Sans Fil will take over the Staller



Courtesy of Frank W. Ockenfels 3
Joshua Redman plays the Staller Center on Oct. 27.

stage on October 28th at 3pm. The world-famous ensemble uses the classical technique of the Japanese Bunraku theatre, presenting lyric fantasy plays through puppetry and music.

If you're not tuckered out after all of that, you can catch some more action on Staller's silver screen. Movies planned for the fall season include Shrek, Moulin Rouge, and Pearl Harbor. Stony Brook students with current ID can see all fall films with a \$15 pass, available at the Center's box office. Single tickets are also available for purchase.

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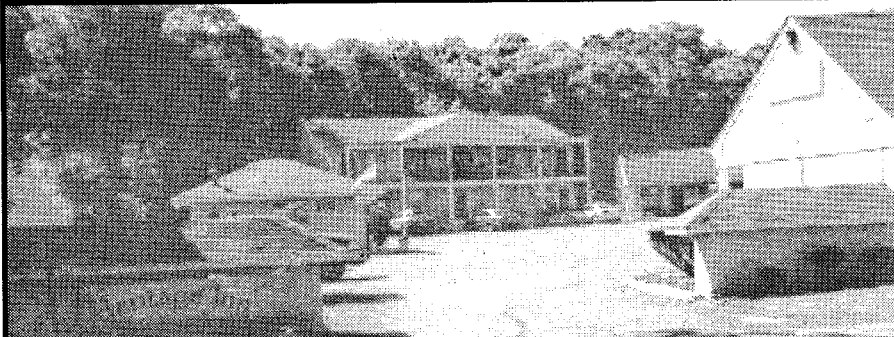
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Middle East Politics

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Israeli lobby while failing to demonstrate some of that "moralism" the general public incorrectly associates him with.

Friedman, albeit a man who spent much of his life studying about and working in the Middle East, ignores that the basic goal of the Palestinians is to end the occupation of their homeland and live in a state, in which they can truly regard as their own.

While many in Congress have proposed legislation punishing the Palestinians, none have proposed any sort of penalization of Israel, whose occupation of Palestinian territories violates international law and serves as the source of Palestinian bitterness. Further, the deaths of over 150 Israelis is horrible and shocking, but even more gruesome is the fact that over 500 Palestinians, mostly innocent civilians, have been killed.

And while it is bad that now the average Israeli is at risk when going on a bus or sitting in a restaurant, we must recall that Palestinians have suffered illegal detention, torture, and even murder under the Israeli occupation. Most Palestinians have a family member or close friend who has been abused, jailed, tortured, or killed by Israeli security forces in the past 30 some-odd years.

The psychological impacts of the Israeli occupation are intense and provide the framework for the collective Palestinian psyche. Their support of suicide bombings reflects a sense of desperation after failing through academic and political means of obtaining their freedom.

These facts may sound new to you, and that demonstrates that the success of a resumed peace process is dependent simply not on US involvement, but on a United States that gets the facts right.

In short, the US will have to stop blaming the victims.

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to hurt the students," Reeve noted.

Stebbinis believes that Pataki's re-election campaign will be affected if the governor does pass his proposed cuts.

"It all depends on how much the governor really believes in higher education and EOP and SEEK and an increase in faculty lines as well," Stebbinis said, while commenting on the governor's proposed financial cuts. "If he thinks it's more important to cut that, then I think there's going to be a lot of students not supporting him in the next elections."

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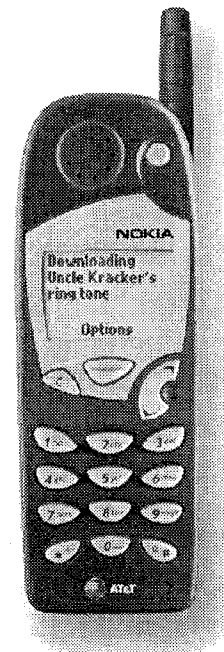
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Pop Music Takes a Rock and Roll Twist

By RYAN SOBEL
Statesman Editor

Raise your hand if you are completely fed up with bubble gum pop princesses Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera taking over the radio waves.

True, everyone agrees that they are not bad to look at, but isn't the world ready for something refreshing and new? After all, it is all about the music. Well, brace yourselves, folks, for rising pop/rock star Michelle Branch.

Fresh off the release of her first studio release, *The Spirit Room*, the talented brunette is a young woman on a mission to be heard. Oh relax, fellas. She doesn't have to be blonde, and no, she's not that bad to look at either.

But wait! She is only seventeen. So, while the grown men of the world wait another year for her to be of legal age (oh c'mon, you know the same thing happened with Britney Spears), the rest of us can seize the opportunity and enjoy the present.

With her first single "Everywhere" already climbing the charts, singer/songwriter Branch has already grabbed the attention of people all over the nation.

Branch offers a distinctive sound that

seems to have long been forgotten in the midst of the pop revolution. Flanked with a traditional acoustic sound and her somewhat soothing teen angst, the music creates a vibe reminiscent of Lisa Loeb and Sheryl Crow.

Though she is being marketed as a younger version of Jewel, the similarities actually end with their similar jeans and tank-

top look. Branch's voice retains a much more confident, rockier edge, which stems from her deep influence by 70's classic rock. Now doesn't that sound better already?

In "Everywhere," the first track and single off *The Spirit Room*, audiences imagine Branch wielding her acoustic guitar strumming away and just having fun. After

all, her music does always seem to borrow the positive, uplifting themes from modern pop music. However, the more rebellious sound promises not to make the occasional hard rock fan embarrassed to say, "Hey, this is a great song!"

The addictive and catchy "All You Wanted" is quite possibly the best song on the album. The track serves as a superior showcase for her yearning, yet melodic vocal style. The best part of this song and the others on the album, though, is the refreshing fact that Branch wrote and performed multiple instruments on all the songs. This means no more spoon-fed songs and music videos with choreographed dance sequences!

Yet another potential single on the CD, the moody "You Get Me" maintains an almost blues-type vibe. Its poetic rhythms contrast perfectly with the synthesizer and keyboard laden track, "Sweet Misery," in which Branch's vocal range is showcased to perfection.

With lyrics that are anywhere from positive to inspiring, rising star Michelle Branch proves that she has original and important insights on the trials and tribulations of growing up. With a sound headed for success, her rock sound enables people of all musical tastes to just sit back and enjoy.



Courtesy of www.michellebranch.com

Rising rock star Michelle Branch is currently on tour with the band Lifehouse.

Hollywood Strikes Back With New Fall Flicks

By CYNTHIA MBU-ETONGA
Statesman Contributor

It's that time of year again. Summer is over and all the things we love about it are slowly fading away. In turn, many of the things we dread are back to haunt us. For one, school is back in session, and our days at the beach are numbered.

One of our more popular pastimes has been shelling out lots of dough for summer movies. Hollywood normally stops serving up big budget movies as fall nears. Well, have no fear, movie buffs. There are an awful lot of movies heading into theatres this before you know it. Let's just hope the multiplex can also keep us warm.

The fall traditionally has the reputation of being the time of year when movie studios release much of their Oscar-worthy material. However, the general public is not always enticed by these so-called "artsy" movies.

Even though I am certain that everyone loves style and substance, we crave variety.

So, in the spirit of this, I have compiled a list of must-see movies of all genres. Fortunately for us, there is always a little something for every moviegoer.

First off, let's take care of the slightly more softhearted crowd. Coming October 19th is the drama *Riding with Boys*, starring Drew Barrymore. Based on a true story, this

flick is sweet and funny, at least on the surface. It tells of the dramatic events in a young woman's life. Critics have already hailed Barrymore's performance as "superb."

A bit later in the year, audiences all over the country will witness the return of Tom Cruise as a romantic lead in the movie *Vanilla Sky*. The film costars Cameron Diaz and Cruise's real life girlfriend, Penelope Cruz.

For those who are drawn to comedies,

there's always Ben Stiller. On September 28th, he will be known to the world as *Zoolander*, a male model turned secret agent. If you like mysteries or thrillers then look forward to *From Hell*, starring Johnny Depp as an investigator trying to stop the notorious serial killer, Jack the Ripper.

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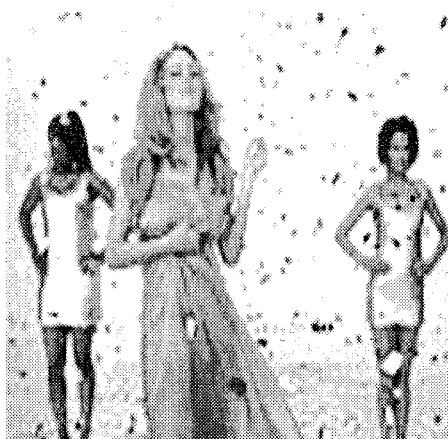
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Harry Potter books? Well, the long awaited movie Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone will hit theatres November 16th.

While Mariah plays a struggling pop princess in Glitter (September 21), Snoop Dogg does double duty. First, he is in The Wash with rap partner Dr. Dre which, also includes a cameo by Eminem. Later on in the year, he stars in Bones with the original Foxy Brown also known as Pam Grier in Bones.

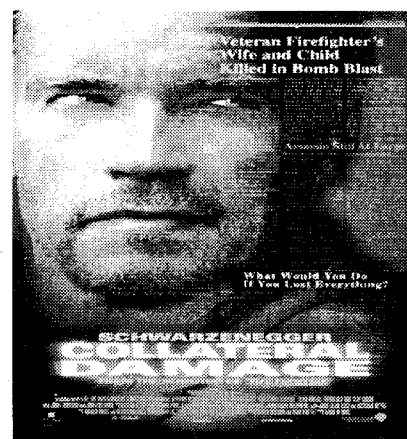
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more action flicks to look forward to, brace yourselves for Collateral Damage, coming out October 5, with Arnold Schwarzenegger (who really needs a hit at this point in his career). There's also the man of the summer, Fast and the Furious star Vin Diesel, who returns in Knockaround Guys, co-starring Seth Green.

There really is so much to look forward to. Fortunately, there will always be many more movies to discuss, so keep your eyes and your ears open for the next movie you will call "the movie I have seen 10 million times."



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Former SBU President Appointed To Bush Administration



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John H. Marburger III, former SBU head and BNL director.

PAULO' FLAHERTY
Statesman Editor

President George W. Bush nominated John H. Marburger III, the former president of Stony Brook University, as

Director of the Office of Science and Technology on June 25.

Marburger served as Stony Brook president from 1980-1994 before the arrival of the current president Shirley Strum Kenny. He was the director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Marburger must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The process is expected to begin this month. As is customary, he has declined interviews with the media until after the confirmation hearings and was unable to be reached as of press time.

As Director of the Office of Science and Technology, he would also serve as Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. His primary role would be advising the president on science policy issues.

Marburger was the final choice after several potential nominees took themselves out of contention, according to Dr. D. Allan Bromley, who was science adviser to President Bush's father, and was involved in the current search for

candidates. Earlier candidates withdrew when told they would not report directly to Bush but would be filtered through White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card Jr, said Mike Lubell, public affairs director for the American Physical Society.

As science advisor, Marburger would be joining an administration under criticism for its stance on some science policies, including global warming, energy and research involving embryonic stem cells.

Many scientists have criticized the administration for waiting five months to name a science adviser, saying that its statements on issues like global warming and missile defense betray a lack of technical sophistication. The lateness of the nomination could minimize Marburger's influence on key issues.

Marburger's tenure at Stony Brook was a time of rapid development for the relatively young university. Among the major events during Marburger's presidency: the University Hospital opened, biological sciences became one

of the university's strengths, federally sponsored scientific research at SBU grew to the largest amount among public universities in the northeast. The university acquired the house of artists Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner, the Long Island State Veterans Nursing Home opened, the Long Island Technology Incubator opened, and the campus sewage plant and cogeneration plant was created.

At Brookhaven National laboratory, he was respected for his handling of controversial issues centering around pollution problems, some of them decades old. When Brookhaven announced in January 1997 that radioactive tritium had been leaking into the groundwater for years, the Energy Department fired the management team that was running the lab and hired a new group with Marburger as director.

"As an adviser to the president he is absolutely perfect," said Dr. Robert McGrath SBU's provost, executive vice president for academic affairs, and vice president for Brookhaven affairs. "I just am in awe of what he's been able to do with this laboratory."

New Biomedical Engineering Program Offered to Undergrads

BY PETER GRATTON
Editor Emeritus

Just six months after becoming a full-fledged University department, the University at Stony Brook announced in May that it would be the first SUNY campus, and the largest university in the nation, to provide an undergraduate major in biomedical engineering.

The announcement followed final approval in May by the Department of Education of New York to allow SBU to award bachelor of engineering degrees in bioengineering. Undergraduates may register as biomedical engineering majors as of fall, 2001.

The University has offered masters and doctoral degrees in biomedical engineering since 1996, but the new major should mark a significant increase in the size of the department, which is jointly administered by the School of Medicine and the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The department has joint research programs with Cold Spring Harbor Labs, the Long Island-based medical research and education center, and Brookhaven National Laboratories, which is co-managed by the University. The department is made up of 10 full-time faculty members, with recruitment for new professors underway.

The goal of the new major is to not only prepare students for the burgeoning biosciences here in Long Island and New York," said Clinton

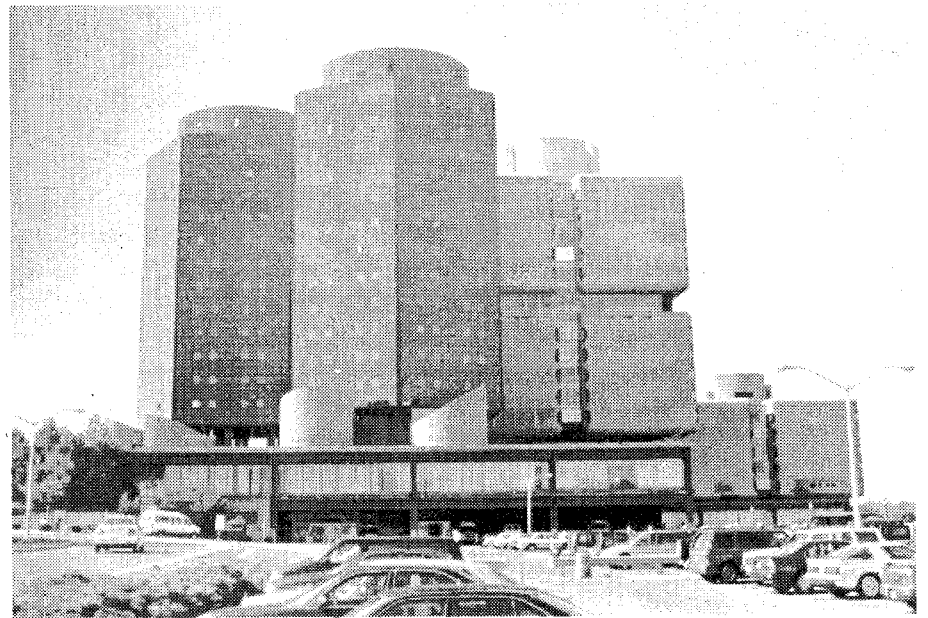
Rubin, chair of the department, "but to prepare students to become leaders in areas such as medicine, law, and business."

Although the department has already begun recruiting incoming freshman and undergraduates after the Department of Education's approval, initial goals for student registration are relatively modest.

Ultimately, we hope to have a class size of 20 students and our plan is to be extremely selective in who is able to enroll," Rubin said. Undergraduate majors will be chosen, he said, based upon their grade point average and SAT scores, as well as their ability to take part in research opportunities at the University.

The field of bioengineering combines the physical, chemical and biological sciences with engineering approaches. Bioengineers design medical devices and other biological materials to help diagnose and treat a variety of diseases.

Courses in this new major range from computer programming courses during the sophomore year to upper-division classes in such topics as heat and mass transfer and genetic engineering. Each undergraduate student major in biomedical engineering is required to complete an upper division writing requirement and take 30 credits of coursework in one of three areas of specialization: biomechanics, biomaterials or bioelectricity. In addition, each senior in the major is required to take a two-sequence course in bioengineering



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The lecture halls in the HSC will now be used for the new undergrad BME curriculum.

design.

Several key University faculty worked to create a unique and challenging curriculum to prepare students for a career in science, academia, the medical device and biotech industries, as well as government," Rubin said.

Financial support for the program is being provided, in part, by a \$1 million grant from the Whitaker Foundation, a Virginia-based organization that supports bioengineering research. The grant will be used to hire new faculty members and to develop lab spaces for undergraduate students. The department also receives grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration and the American Heart Institute. Additionally, in February, department faculty members were awarded two grants from the National Space Biomedical Research Institute totaling approximately \$1.5 million over three years.

The announcement of the new major comes on the heel of a \$15.7 million award by New York State in May to create a new Strategically Targeted Academic Research Center in Biomolecular Diagnostics and Therapeutics. In May, Gov. George Pataki attended a ceremony marking the award, with several state legislators and University at Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny in attendance.

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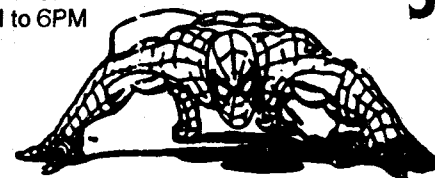
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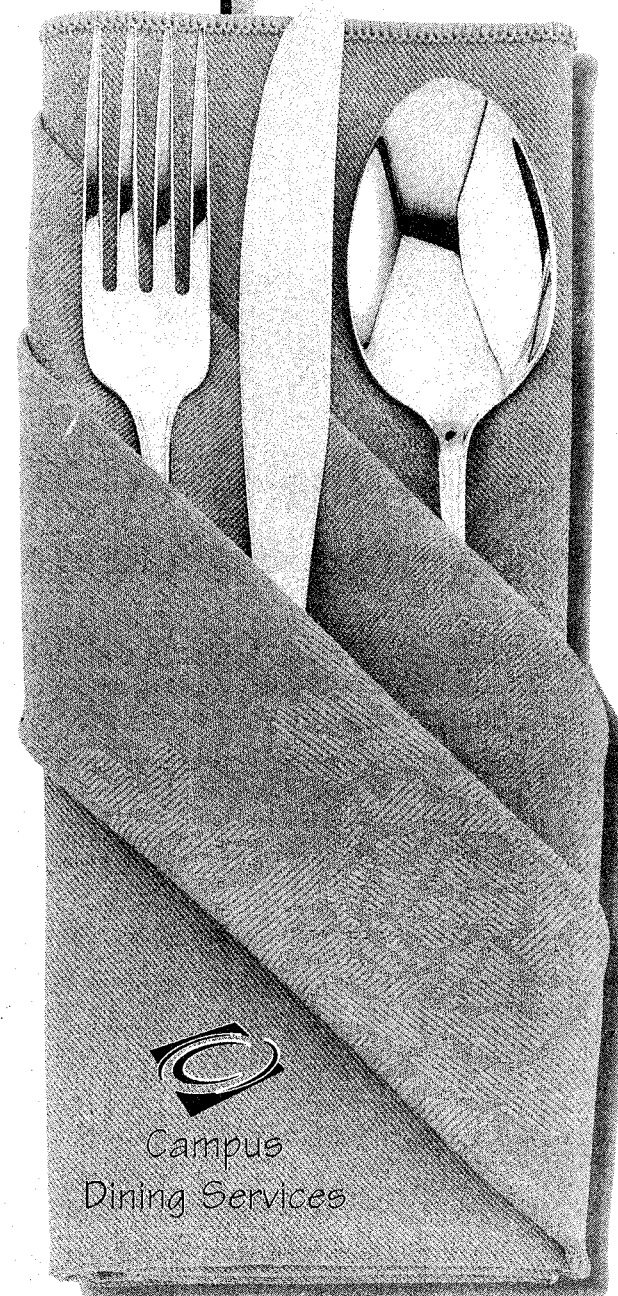
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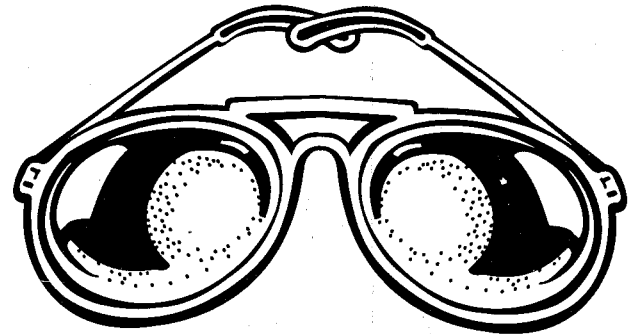
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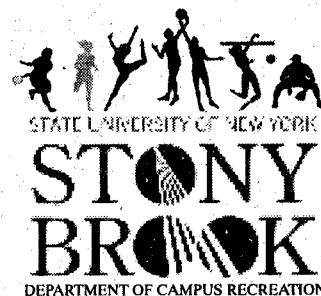
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SBU Medical School Professor Advocates Novel Drug Policy

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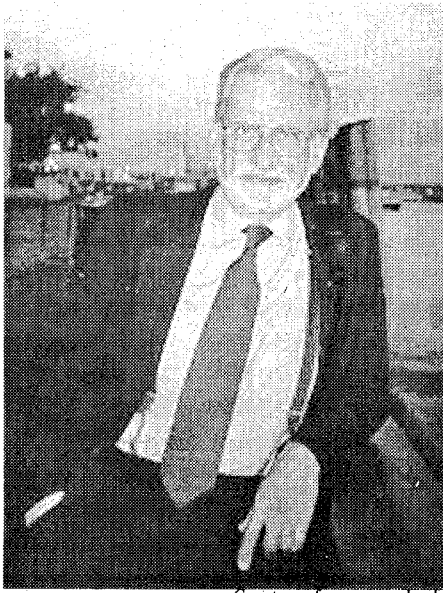
A professor at Stony Brook University's School of Medicine released findings on June 29 that suggest the United States' current drug policy does not correlate with new evidence regarding drug abuse.

Dr. Steven Jonas, a professor of Preventive Medicine and a drug policy expert presented the paper, along with a novel approach aimed at curtailing drug use, during a conference hosted by Harvard Medical School.

Headlining his plan is the legalization of all drugs, including opiates and marijuana, which would then only be distributed in licensed "drug stores." The age at which individuals would be able to purchase substance from such stores would be subject to debate.

"We must put tobacco and alcohol in the same boat as more powerful drugs," argued Dr. Jonas. "They are all harmful." He went on to say that if people don't begin using lesser drugs, then their use of more potent drugs wouldn't be an issue.

There are statistics which support Dr. Jonas's position, the most prevalent of these being a: 40 percent reduction, per capita, in cigarette use since 1965 – when the Surgeon General began placing warnings on cigarette



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Dr. Steven Jonas views drug legalization as a solution to the nation's narcotic problem.

packs. This decrease took place in spite of heavy promotion, infinite supply and the relatively low cost of tobacco products.

Nevertheless, his proposal will face heavy opposition and not just from average Americans who undoubtedly will have a hard time swallowing his argument that legalizing drugs will, in the long run, decrease their usage.

"We must look at the nation's drug

problem as being a multifaceted problem," said Dr. Jonas. "Not just one involving illicit drugs or the illegal use of prescription psychoactive pharmaceuticals, such as valium, because then we are forgetting that tobacco and alcohol are responsible for 95 percent of the deaths due to substance abuse."

He also said that the exclusion of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages from the definition of "the drug problem" has had an enormous impact on national substance abuse policy.

The conference – "Health Care, East and West, Moving into the 21st Century" – attracted delegates from the U.S. and China and focused on healthcare systems and approaches in the two countries.

"Most people do not start using drugs by beginning with heroin or cocaine," Dr. Jonas pointed out. "They begin with tobacco products and alcoholic beverages. If a person is going to abuse a drug, he or she will lay those foundations during adolescence."

Basing his conclusions on his own research, as well as reports from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Jonas argues that problem abusers begin using drugs before they are 18 years old, and that tobacco and alcohol abuse is responsible for more than one-quarter of all deaths in the U.S., while the use of illicit drugs account for less than 3

percent of that total.

Dr. Jonas proposes what some would label as "a very radical solution." He says that policy makers must deal with a national culture, which encourages drug use through marketing and advertisements, by first ending the advertisement of every type of drug.

To his own admission the most intimidating barrier comes in the form of "every politician that makes their political career on the war against drugs."

Other opponents of Dr. Jonas' plan would include the tobacco, alcohol and pharmaceutical industries who all stand to suffer significant drops in sales. Even drug lords would oppose such a plan because they would stand to lose billions from the dismantling of their cartel.

Dr. Jonas is not the first to advocate the legalization of drugs. The drug policy reform movement has been doing it for some time now. However, the distinction between the two is that Dr. Jonas advocates that restrictions be placed on the sale of drugs.

Dr. Jonas has published many papers on health policy and wellness, and is the author of 11 books. He holds a M.D. from Harvard Medical School (1962) and a M.P.H. from the Yale School of Medicine (1967). Dr. Jonas has been a member of the Stony Brook faculty in the School of Medicine since 1971.

BME Major Links Long Island Labs

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We are making an investment in today and we are making an investment in the future," Pataki said at the time. "We have the ability to make exciting part of the 21st century happen right here on Long Island."

Rubin said that the new major was provoked by the changes in technology that Pataki discussed. "This is an exciting discipline for students to enter, especially considering all the tremendous opportunities at the convergence of engineering,

biology and the physical sciences," Rubin said.

The program in bioengineering began in the early 1990s as an area of interdisciplinary studies between

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several science departments at Stony Brook. In 1996, the University began offering two graduate degrees

in bioengineering. Last December, Stony Brook became the first SUNY campus, and one of less than 30 colleges or universities across the nation, to establish a department of biomedical engineering.

"It is truly gratifying to see the amazing growth of our biomedical engineering programs in terms of research productivity and the very active involvement of undergraduate and graduate students which has resulted in the department designation," said Yacov Shamash, dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, at the time.

Despite the new major and the recent change into a full-fledged department, Rubin said that he was hopeful that biomedical engineering students would continue their interdisciplinary work. "We are confident that [the department's] interdisciplinary programs, which tie the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences with the School of Medicine, with the College of Arts and Sciences and with Brookhaven and Cold Spring Harbor Labs, will continue to grow and continue to offer unique opportunities for the students."

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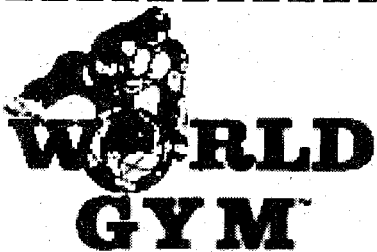


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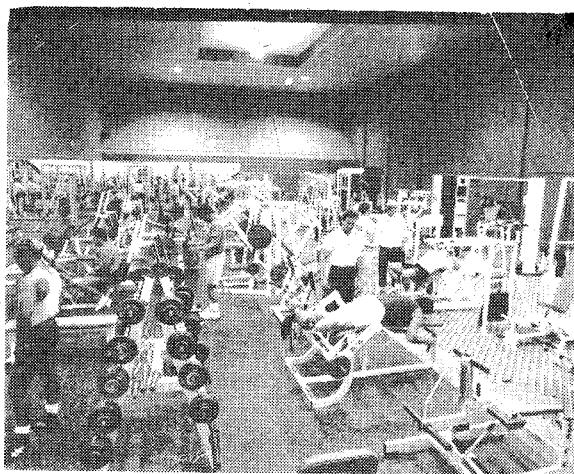
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Seawolves Women's Soccer Team Fights Valiantly in 2-1 Defeat

By ALI KHAN
Statesman Staff

Apparently the Stony Brook Women's Soccer team just didn't get the message. Ranked tenth in the Eastern Conference last year, the women's squad headed into their season opener Friday against defending America East Conference champs Boston University.

With five freshmen on the roster (three of whom were starting), it was apparent that the Lady Seawolves didn't stand a chance. Senior Kerri McCabe and company, however, had other plans.

Stony Brook held its own against BU for most of the game and put up quite a fight. The team lost, however, by a score of 2-1 on a goal by BU's Melissa Shulman with 2:36 remaining in the game.

McCabe, who accounted for Stony Brook's lone goal, made light of the tough loss, suggesting that the defeat was a good stepping-stone to work off of for the rest of the season.

"I think it just shows what we're capable of doing when we play a whole game. We lost, but the score doesn't show how hard we really played." McCabe went on to say, "Hopefully this loss delivers a message that this

team isn't ready to just roll over and die. When you come here, expect to come out and play."

Head Coach Susan Ryan felt the same. "This team definitely has better depth than the squad we had last season. It's a much faster and athletic team, and that just helps, cause we can always put the pressure on for a full

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60 minutes and there's no drop off in the level of play."

The game was played pretty tight for most of the first half until BU finally lit up the scoreboard. With seven minutes remaining in the first half, Stony Brook's Kristin Lynch deflected a crossing pass from teammate Lauren Ciccone into the right corner of her own net.

Despite the miscue, Stony Brook made sure not to give up, pouncing on

every loose ball and hustling to every corner of the field.

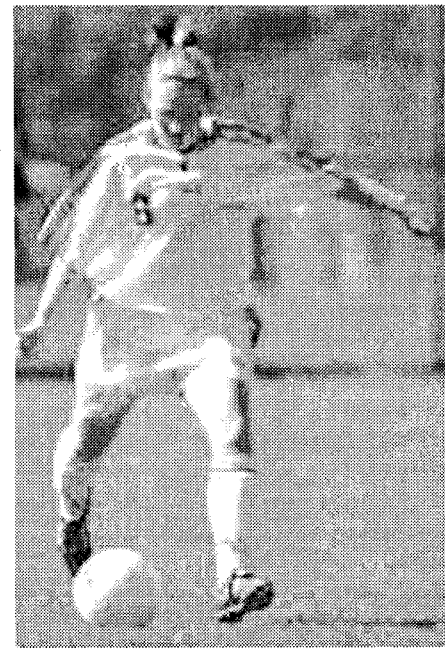
As a result of the heightened intensity of the Stony Brook midfield (mainly junior Beth Arikian, freshman Leanna Yust, and sophomore Sarah Greenberg), and excellent ball control and possession of the team as a whole, the Seawolves forwards had several scoring opportunities.

Their efforts finally paid off when McCabe, on a great setup pass in traffic from sophomore Brittany Norwood, was able to juke around the goalie and finally send a shot to the back of the net.

Stony Brook goalkeeper Lori Nelson made sure to keep the Seawolves in the game with several key saves.

BU finally broke the tie with less than three minutes remaining in the second half on a heartbreaking goal when Teresa Petrucci was able to field a corner kick and send it into the box to teammate Melissa Shulman.

Shulman was able to slip through a couple of defenders and sent a shot just over an outstretched Nelson. The goal however, did not come with a little bit of controversy. Stony Brook contended that no whistle was blown signaling



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Kerri McCabe scored the team's long goal in a losing effort.

the start of play, and several SB players were caught off guard.

"There was a bit of a discrepancy in the last goal in that no whistle was blown, signaling that the ball was in play," said Coach Sue Ryan, "but we can't let a whistle decide whether we win or lose a game, we just have to make sure we play hard for a full 60 minutes."

All American Joins Gun Slinger in Leap for the MLB

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Pitcher Chris Flinn and catcher Alex Trezza are the first two Seawolves to be drafted into the professional ranks since Stony Brook became a Division I school almost three years ago.

Though Flinn was drafted in the third round and Trezza followed him 15 rounds later, they are representative of the great strides taken by Coach Matt Senk's baseball program over the last three years. Senk has managed three consecutive 30-win seasons and has a .727 winning percentage over the last 139 games. This past season the Seawolves won 35 games, including 26 of their last 33, against the toughest schedule SBU has every faced.

In 1999, Flinn and Trezza's freshman year, Stony Brook wasn't even playing Division I competition. Then as juniors, in 2001 they were excelling on the road against Top-30 baseball schools, such as Seton Hall and Winthrop.

Flinn, a right hander from Long Island, was the highest player ever drafted from the Seawolves' baseball program. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays, of the American League East, selected the SBU junior. He was the 79th overall pick in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Flinn, the staff ace since beginning Division I play, took the mound a team-high 13 times in 2001, going 6-3 with a 4.06 earned run average.

A prototypical power pitcher, Flinn's 121 strikeouts set a new single-season school

record.

Stony Brook's ace faced the Seawolves toughest competition; making starts in inhospitable ballparks against Campbell, Winthrop, St. John's, Seton Hall, Florida Atlantic and Connecticut. He fanned 10 or more batters on six different occasions, including 14 apiece against Columbia and Pace.

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Flinn's most impressive statistic of the 2001 season was his 12.28 strikeouts per nine innings, which ranks him sixth in the nation. Double digit Ks per nine innings is a statistic that is only seen among high quality relievers, and is almost unheard of for a starting pitcher. This was probably one of the overriding factors that contributed to Flinn's rather high selection in the draft, in spite of the fact that he did not come from a traditional baseball powerhouse.

During his three years at Stony Brook, Flinn proved very durable as he set or tied eight school records including victories, innings pitched, and strikeouts in a career, season and game. His 322 career strikeouts make him one of only 50 collegiate pitchers ever to eclipse 300 Ks.

In his stint with Stony Brook, Flinn went 22-7 with a 3.88 ERA and showed above-average command of the strike zone with a 2.5 strikeout to walk ratio.

The Tigers have been in the cellar of the AL Central for quite some time now and thus, they seem to always be eager to give a young player with some potential a legitimate chance. So that combined with the fact that a

left-handed catcher with some pop in his bat is a rarity makes Trezza's 18th round selection a little less disheartening.

That's not to say that the former Seawolf will be in the majors anytime soon, but he does have certain qualities that should hasten his ascent.

Earlier this month, Trezza learned he was the first All-American at Stony Brook since the athletics program went Division I. Both the American Baseball Coaches Association and the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper named Trezza a Third Team All-American.

As a junior, he hit .337 with a slugging percentage of .790 and drew a career-high 36 walks. Trezza led the Seawolves in nine offensive categories, including homeruns, RBI, slugging percentage, runs scored and

total bases. His 23 homeruns and 68 RBI were the most produced during a single season in the program's history. With those totals, he also became the University's all-time homeruns and RBI leader this past season.

Trezza's bat caught fire in late March and in the early stages of April. He finished March with at least one homerun in four consecutive games, including two against CW Post, and in the beginning of April, Trezza homered in five straight games.

At one point during the 2001 campaign he even led the nation in long-balls, but because Stony Brook didn't see much post season play he currently ranks fourth nationally in homeruns and ninth in RBI.

Trezza's hitting had him projected to go as high as in the 10th round of the draft so his selection at 537 overall was a bit disappointing, especially because in the two weeks preceding the draft he was asked to workout for several teams including the Devil Rays.

Shortly after they were drafted, Flinn and Trezza discovered that they were voted to the 2001 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division I All-Star Teams. Trezza, who was making his third straight appearance on the ECAC All-Star team was voted to the First Team for the first time in his career, while Flinn made his first appearance on the All-Star team with an Honorable Mention selection.

Flinn and Trezza became the third and fourth players, respectively, in the baseball program's history to be drafted.

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Sports

Last Year's Star Recruits Pay Dividends

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
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After playing 80 minutes of uninspiring soccer the Stony Brook men escaped with a 2-1 victory in their home opener against Division II New York



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Jaime Gaither sprinting en route to score the winning goal against NYIT.

Institute of Technology.

SBU won its second straight season opener by a one goal margin. For the second straight year midfielder Jamie Gaither played the role of the hero, and phoneme Dan Ferrin put on a goalie clinic.

"I think this year I'm going to be called upon to make a lot more saves," said the preseason, honorable mention All-American. "I have confidence in the system. We've done this before, now we just have to put it back together."

The Seawolves came into the season ranked sixth in the competitive America East Conference, but were able to engineer the comeback victory solely based on the talent and hustle of three players.

"I'm not sure. It might have been because this team [NYIT] was a local school or a Division II program," explained head coach Scott Dean. "But we didn't play with the desire and heart we had last year."

In a game that many predicted

would be a rout from the onset, SBU came out lackadaisical and failed to establish control of the midfield. In spite of not being able to sustain an offensive buildup, sophomore striker Shane Arikian worked the magic that SBU fans became all too accustomed to during his freshman campaign.

Ten minutes in, Arikian broke free of the NYIT defense with a dazzling run, but was pulled down just outside the penalty box. While sections of the crowd still demanded a red card, SBU nearly drew first blood with a masterfully orchestrated free kick. To the chagrin of the home side Arikian's shot just managed to clear the cross bar.

Still basking in glory of their well-executed set play, SBU was caught napping and NYIT's Adam Boissiere made the Seawolves pay at the 14:23 mark, giving the visitors a shocking 1-0 lead.

NYIT's counter attack caused the SBU back line to quickly give way leaving men unmarked and the cross into the penalty

box unchallenged. The crowd was silenced as Ferrin's valiant dive to stop Boissiere's redirect fell short.

Though the fans were left bewildered, Arikian wasn't flustered. Not more than 30 seconds had passed before the hardworking Gaither found Arikian in the right flat with a well-placed pass. Arikian drew SBU even with a blistering shot past a helpless Matt Burke.

Demonstrating a tireless work ethic, Gaither notched the game winner at the 19 minute mark. He sprung the off-side trap and sprinted half the length of the field before putting in his own rebound past the flailing NYIT keeper.

"This is my senior year," Gaither said. "I'm playing every game like it's my last."

SBU seemed satisfied with the 2-1 lead and Ferrin showed that he hadn't lost his record setting form, as he made the lead stand with a series of brilliant saves.

It's Not Over For The Knicks

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

Rest easy Knick fans. The trade that sent Glen Rice packing and brought in Howard Eisley and Shandon Anderson will prove to be one of the best moves the Knicks have made in recent memory, and certainly not the last.

When New York picked up Rice they acquired one of the greatest long distance shooters of all time. But, what they didn't count on was dealing with a defensive liability, with an injured foot that caused playing time conflicts.

The Knicks have been in dire need of a point guard for years and Eisley is the answer to their troubles and future of the New York offense.

Common sense and logic says that the Knicks will not start training camp on October 2nd with three point guards capable of starting, but with this team stranger things have happened. Charlie Ward is hard-worker who has always been loyal to the Knicks, but we all know that after the Patrick Ewing ordeal that loyalty means nothing.

Ward has always been a good backup

point guard and nothing more. The negative publicity that he received after his anti-Semitic remarks dropped his stock considerably.

New York believed that Mark Jackson's return to the Garden was the solution to the point guard woes last year. Jackson, after

"There are only 48 minutes in a game, only one basketball and not enough space in the locker room for all the egos."

tormenting the Knicks relentlessly in a Pacer uniform came to the Big Apple and did absolutely nothing. Jackson's performance last season was worded best as disappointing, and Jackson and Ward ended up playing as a two-headed point guard.

With the addition of Eisley, 28, New York gets a young guard that can compete with the best point guards in the league. He can drop in double-figures almost every night, if needed, and after spending the first half of his career behind John Stockton in Utah, he knows how to control an offense.

Shandon Anderson, 27, is another young player who can come in and help the Knicks

immediately. The biggest upside to Anderson's game is his defense. He will be one of the only players on the team playing the guard/forward position that will not need help four out of five times down the floor.

He can take the tough assignments like

guarding Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady. Anderson also has rebounding ability and is a solid offensive player. The problem with being in Anderson is the same as with Eisley, there are already two players in his position.

The Knicks have brought in two players that can obviously help their team. Maybe not immediately transform them into a championship contender, but the additions will help the team.

Keep one thing in mind while looking at this team. Aside from Marcus Camby, New York's formidable big men are supposed to be Luc Longley, Felton Spencer and Eric Chenowith.

But, all these overcrowded positions screams out one thing. Somebody is trade bait. There are only 48 minutes in a game, only one basketball and not enough space in the locker room for all the egos. Something has to be done and something will be done.

The Knicks have had a little noise this off-season, but stay tuned folks, there's more to come.



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Marc Jackson will be competing for a starting job at point guard.