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Winter Graduation Concerns Left Unresolved

By KELLY BROWN
Statesman Editor

Every December, hundreds of students receive diplomas and begin their lives as Stony Brook alumni. The ceremony confers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees for summer and mid-year graduates.

Since University President Kenny implemented the mid-year commencement four years ago, there has been controversy surrounding the scheduling of the event.

Winter graduation will take place this year on Sunday, December 16, 2001, the Sunday preceding the final week of midterms. After the 1 p.m. ceremony, some students said that their families wanted to plan celebratory gatherings. But, some students have exams scheduled for Monday morning.

"I'm not even going to be able to enjoy my day because I'm going to be locked away studying somewhere," said senior Holly Disbrow.

Her words were echoed by seniors across campus, and expanded by some into a general sense of frustration over the entire setup of the winter ceremonies.

"I'm thinking about not going to the whole ceremony," said classmate Arandia Valles

The ceremony in December is notoriously accompanied by less fanfare than the larger, longer May program. Several seniors said they felt that the administration placed less importance

on winter graduation.

"There's no walk in December. It's basically rushed. I hope to have the administration change the ceremony to be as elaborate as the one in May," said senior Trina Scannapieco.

Scannapieco has been a major player in the organized protest against the scheduling of graduation, working closely with senior class representative Fredric Samuel.

"It's pretty much common sense that you wouldn't do this," said Scannapieco.

Petitions circulated in residence halls and among student clubs last week, and concerned seniors met with Deputy Provost Mark Aronoff on Monday to discuss the matter.

Aronoff heads the committee that prepares the academic calendar each year, and said that there is a myriad of complaints lodged each year about the schedule.

Winter graduation is currently the principle focus of student dissatisfaction, but is not the sole cause of criticism. Aronoff cited the long-standing protests against beginning fall classes before Labor Day.

The provost was uncertain whether or not those students who expressed discontent with the date of



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Samuel Fredric and Trina Scannapieco have been working to reschedule the winter graduation for the Class of 2001.

commencement were representative of the graduating population at large.

He believes that there would be a degree of dissatisfaction with any commencement date set forth by his committee.

"You have to look toward the greatest good for the greatest number of people," Aronoff said.

Many seniors, he explained, do not have final

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SBU Prof. Speaks on Biological/Chemical Terrorism

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

Amidst the ever growing number of documented anthrax cases, Professor Les Paldy presented a talk entitled "Weapons of Mass Destruction: An Assessment of the Terrorist Threat" on Monday October 22 in Javits 105.

Paldy who of late has made several appearances on Channel 12 Long Island News, as a technical expert, has negotiated international treaties to limit the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction while serving on United States arms control delegations in Geneva, Switzerland and the United Nations.

The event was the second in a series of lectures sponsored by the Social Justice Alliance (SJA). According to the SJA, "This series is an effort to promote public dialogue on issues surrounding the terrorist attacks of September 11."

Paldy addressed the probability that terrorist might use biological, chemical, or even nuclear weapons to exact devastating casualties in order to



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Two members of the 2nd Marine Division wear their chemical suits during a mock chemical/biological incident response.

accomplish their objectives.

"I found the discussion to be most informative," said Kavita Tanguturi, an undergraduate biochemistry major who attended the talk. "Professor Paldy cleared

up a lot of misconceptions that were brought about through television coverage of the recent scares. I certainly have a little more peace of mind now."

Citing the recent anthrax scares, Paldy focused the first part of his presentation on the effects of biological weapons, the treatment options

that were available and specifically how terrorist organizations could use them.

According to Paldy, it is difficult to use anthrax as a weapon. The anthrax granules have to be milled down, so that they are small

enough to become lodged in the alveoli of the lungs, and then each granule has to be coated with particles that cause electrostatic repulsion, thus, preventing the individual anthrax spores from aggregating.

"It's not easy to distribute anthrax in a way that the public health system can't handle," said Paldy. "Anthrax is not highly contagious."

He went on to explain that terrorists will have difficulty distributing anthrax on a large scale because they will need to purchase a

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Bird Song: Composition Four

By KRISTOPHER LEE
Statesman Staff

Humans are the only creatures on this planet that "Love." Most people stay with one mate. Humans also treat females with the highest regard. Women are put on pedestals, treated with respect and delicacy. They have a psychological power over men. With any other creature, the male is considered the beautiful one. The male peacock has feathers that are more exquisite than those of the female. The females seek out the best male. In the end, even for animals, the female controls the procreation of the species. What's my point? Love hurts when you're a human male.

Of course, when animals fail to get the one they want, they just move on. Humans, however, have the amazing ability to love, even after the object of their affection is gone ... or with someone else. For humans, the emotion of Love can hurt. This "feeling," this idea that replaces the more blunt term of "sexual desire" can actually cause physical pain. Love hurts.

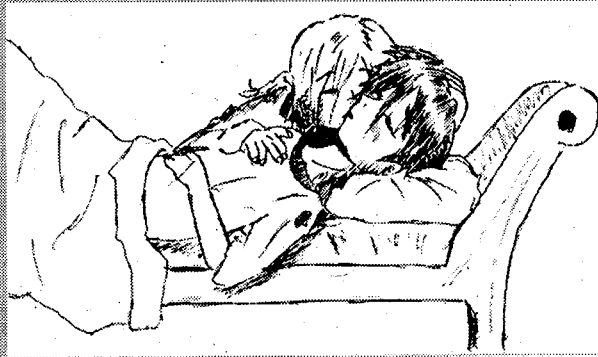
I started thinking about Crista all the time. How could I make her happy? What presents would surprise her? What we could do together? What would let her know how I feel about her?

Animals don't fear rejection. They see what they want, and if they get it, they're happy. If not, they move on. Humans, the wonderful creatures that they are, can



"reason." Thus, they tend to over-analyze and think before they take action. Suffice it to say, I was hesitant about admitting my feelings to Crista.

Time flowed easier as I thought about her. However, I missed seeing her, or



worried when she would come home late. I would get such an itch to get home at the end of the day that I practically flew to meet her. Catching my breath by the steps, I would fix my hair, smooth out my slumped demeanor and walk in smooth and cool.

It's a big disappointment to find out that after all that she's not there. When this would happen, I would look out the apartment window until she came down the street, quickly jump into the loveseat, and pretend to be asleep. I held my breath as she would walk in and prayed that she would visit me first. She always did, running her fingers through my hair. I could sense her soft gaze watching me pretend to sleep.

That day, would be different. Like I said humans fear rejection. I had no idea whether Crista liked me or it was our living together that made us close. I decided to give her a thoughtful gift to find out for sure before I admitted my feelings to her. If she showed mild joy, I would stay in the background and admire her from afar. Sometimes its better to watch your favorite bird than to creep closer and scare it away.

She had come in silently watching me for a while, and then moved on to her bedroom. I tried to hide my enthusiasm, I bit down on my lip and held in the "Surprise" I wanted to scream. All I could hear was a gasp as paper gave way and Red found a neatly wrapped artist kit filled with all of the basic tools. As she neared me, I thought she was going to wake me up and thank me. Instead I felt the moistness of her lips touch my cool cheek, instantly turning my flesh hot and red.

She told me later that she knew that I was pretending to sleep. I decided then that I wanted Crista to be my first love.

Academic Judiciary

The Academic Judiciary of the Stony Brook University College of Arts & Sciences reports on selected academic dishonesty cases. 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 documents exclude identifying information such as name, gender, course, and department. In some cases, details that could be used to identify people are altered to protect their privacy.

Two students were accused of inventing data in a course that required personal observations of naturally occurring phenomena. When the professor noticed reported observations that were physically impossible, the cases were referred to the Academic Judiciary. Neither student appealed the accusation and both were found guilty of academic dishonesty. Each received a Q* for the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on his transcript.

A student was referred to the Academic Judiciary for having used a "ringer" to take an exam. Such an action is considered to be a particularly egregious form of cheating. The student failed to appeal the accusation and was therefore found guilty. A penalty board convened to discuss appropriate penalties and recommended that the student be suspended from the university and a permanent notation attesting to this act be placed on his transcript.

An instructor noticed that two students' papers for a course were largely identical, and upon discussing this with the students, determined that one of them had given the other a copy of a legitimately written paper without realizing that the second student would copy large portions of it verbatim. The latter, but not the former, student was accused of academic dishonesty. After failing to appeal, the student was found guilty of plagiarism and received a Q and a notation of academic dishonesty.

The hearing board found that the student was guilty of violating university plagiarism policies. The student was given a Q and a notation of academic dishonesty. As is the case for most students who are found guilty of academic dishonesty, the student was required to take the university's Q course which includes a component on the proper citation of sources. One purpose of the course is to equip the student with skills in citing sources to prevent the problem from recurring.

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Islam Forum: Finding Common Ground

By EISHA BASIT
Statesman Staff

Before a packed audience Tuesday night, "The Truth About Islam: An Educational Forum" took place in the Student Union Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

The program, sponsored by Campus Residence, MSA, and RHA, was widely advertised on campus. Not only was a large number of Muslim students present, but students and faculty of other religions and ethnic backgrounds were attracted as well.

The primary catalyst for the creation of this forum was to correct the misconceived linkage of Islam with terrorism, especially in the face of recent affairs. The event was also prompted to educate Stony Brook and its surrounding community about the real meaning of the religion of Islam and the ideals it upholds.

"We want to enlighten you on this religion. We want to raise the level of tolerance. We want to open the doors to communication," proclaimed Vice President of the MSA Sarhan Sarhan.

The program featured three distinguished speakers on the subject of Islam, each presenting a different aspect of the religion.

The first of the three, Dr. Mudhafir, is an outgoing member of the Muslim American Society. He primarily focused on answering questions about Islam that arose from the

many non-Muslims in the audience.

In addition, Dr. Mudhafir gave a basic survey of the religion. He included information about the monotheistic belief in God, the five pillars of Islam, and the requirements that need to be fulfilled to stay a Muslim.

Mudhafir also cleared up a misconception stemming from the media. "Is it true like the media says: you have to be violent to remain a Muslim? No. You have to be good to your neighbor, to be helpful whenever you can, to be smiling to the faces of those who come towards you and say 'peace.'"

Ghazi Khankan, the Executive Director of Council on American Islamic Relations, also took the podium, stressing the importance of learning about Islam and its historical past.

After a 15-minute video that revealed how several different cultures evolved from various aspects of the Islamic culture, Khankan continued to describe how ignorance about Islam has led to over 1000 hate crimes in the United States.

Khankan referred to the Sept. 11 attack as, "not only a hijacking of the planes, but a hijacking of Islam as well. The media," he continued, "is increasing the false impressions of Islam by relating knowledge of the religion through such words as 'jihad,' which it improperly refers to as 'holy war,' when it is actually a

defensive act.

The last of the speakers was Arshad Majid, JD MBA Attorney at Law and Stony Brook alumnus, who spoke on the difficulties of being a Muslim American. He discussed the necessity for communication, so that misinformation and rumors will not have time to offshoot and spread.

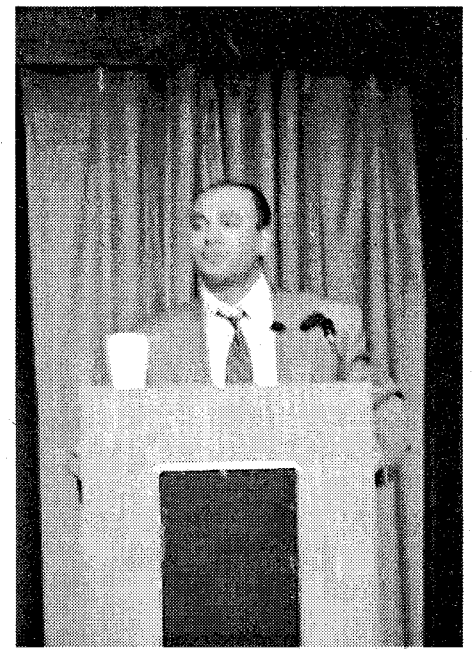
Majid stated that the reason so many people believe Islam is a violent religion is because they gain their information from outside and second-hand sources.

"I see Osama bin Laden as the new spokesperson for Islam," Majid remarked. "Who elected him? He doesn't represent me. He doesn't represent Islam. The Islam that I practice, that was taught to me by my parents, is a religion of love, peace, tolerance...and a way of life."

The program ended with a question and answer session, in which the audience was allowed to comment and voice their concerns.

Immediately after, free dinner was served in the Union Ballroom, where all who attended were given the opportunity to mingle and express their views.

President of CSA, Rod Hamilton, primarily attended the event to learn about the true religion of Islam, not how it was portrayed through the media. In the end, he commented that



Statesman/Eisha Basit

Local Muslim leaders spoke at the event sponsored by Campus Residence, MSA, and RHA.

the forum revealed a lot of things people would have remained unaware of, had they not been told.

"I loved it," Hamilton stated. "It's the best thing I've been to thus far this year. People had a lot of misconceptions about Islam, and they walked away with all their misconceptions answered... We should do it again."

Polity Election Results Arrive, with Controversy

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK AND PAUL CONRAD
Statesman Staff

The 2001 Student Polity Association (SPA) election results are in. Interim president, junior Natalie Hodgson, has been chosen by the Stony Brook University student body to fill the post of president full-time. Juniors Akelia Lawrence and Nicholas Kilb won the positions of vice-president and treasurer, respectively. Senior Shaniqua Williams has been elected as secretary.

In addition, the student representatives of each class are senior Samuel Frederic, junior Jannet Mey, sophomore Sophia Moore, and freshman Lucille Kim.

"Everyone is eager to learn what Polity does and they want to enhance Polity all together," commented Hodgson on the current cabinet. She pointed out the greater diversity of this year's cabinet. It now includes a commuter, and students from a variety of backgrounds.

These results have not come without controversy. Recently, assertions of coalition voting by certain student organizations have been brought to the attention of the SBU student body. Sources state that in an attempt to diversify Polity, groups joined together to support certain candidates. No official action has been taken against any suspected groups due to a lack of evidence.

"The Asian Student Alliance



Statesman/Marie Hutchon

Winners of the most recent Student Polity Association Board Elections.

never officially supported a candidate," the vice-president of the Asian Student Alliance, Chiyon Yu, said. She indicated that although Lucille Kim, the current freshman representative, may have been supported by friends, her candidacy was never brought up at ASA meetings.

Janet Lee, president of Korean Students Association, encouraged members to vote in general, and mentioned that it is up to each individual to decide whom they vote for.

The student body appears to be optimistic about the success of the current Polity. This year's candidates for freshman representative, Vlad Frants and

Sandy Curtis, are very supportive of the newly elected board.

"I feel at this point in time, it is our patriotic duty to stand behind the newly elected Polity and to support all of our elected leaders," Frants said. Curtis encouraged students to become involved in Polity activities, and says she plans to remain a leader in the Stony Brook community.

Several changes are taking place within Polity. On October 24th, 2001, Dr. Frederick R. Preston, the Vice-President of Student Affairs, approved this year's budget, passed by the previous Senate last Wednesday.

According to Hodgson, greater communication between council and senate led to a fair allocation of

funds to campus organizations. This year's Polity is seeking to bridge the communication gaps on campus. Meetings between Polity and club officers will be held to increase the exchange of ideas.

In an attempt to better serve the student body, Polity is holding Senate sessions to improve time management, and offering club officers training to ensure proper completion of paperwork. Additionally, students have the opportunity to get involved in activities such as Polity Pride Weekend, Cultural Week, Senior Week, and class banquets.

Polity is also planning to increase student involvement regarding security issues. Previously, SPA and outside security companies were paid by clubs to provide security at parties and events. By replacing them with paid, certified student officers, Polity will eliminate the need for outside help, and provide job opportunities for Stony Brook students.

Though there has been some controversy surrounding the election, Polity leaders are stressing unity and have optimism for the year ahead. Through more diverse representation, new opportunities for student involvement, and increased efficiency and communication, the newly elected Polity is presenting itself as a fresh voice of SBU.

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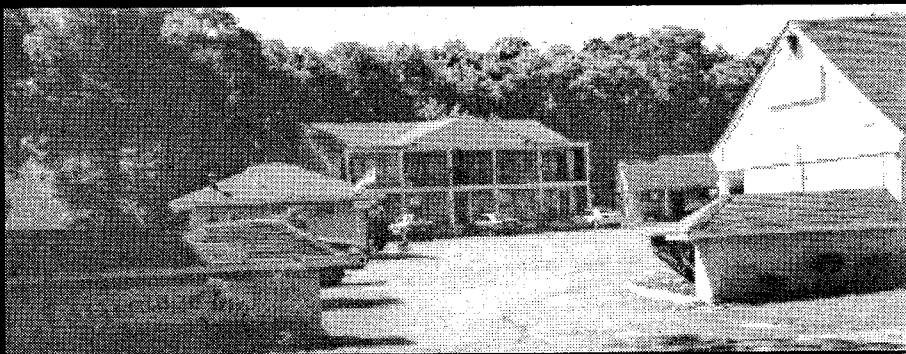
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SBU Students Get a Taste of Wall Street

By KAREN RICE
Statesman Staff

Many Stony Brook students pulled themselves from Wednesday, October 24's unusually warm weather to attend Stony Brook's Second Annual Wall Street Day in the SAC. The event, sponsored by JP. Morgan/Chase, Renaissance Technologies, Merrill Lynch, Symbol Technologies, Inc. and Stony Brook Alumni, was held in order to allow undergraduates to hear Stony Brook alumni speak about the importance of internships and what students should do to prepare for a job on Wall Street.

The event began at 12:40 p.m. and continued until 7:00 p.m. with various presentations and networking sessions. William Simmons, VP Advancement, opened the program in the SAC auditorium with a short speech, in which he stressed the importance of undergraduates becoming involved in the Stony Brook Alumni Association. He said students can meet contacts for future jobs and receive valuable advice from people in their fields. "The Alumni Association can be called a bridge for really meaningful relationships. It is important for students to pay attention to the Alumni Association."

Steven I. Traum, Managing Director of TIAA-CREF Investment Management, Inc., spoke next explaining how the event came about with efforts by SB alumni, and the day's sponsors. He



Opening ceremonies for Wall Street Day were held in the SAC Auditorium.

explained that the alumni wanted to give back to undergraduates and provide them with a day that would familiarize them with Wall Street and enable them to be more successful. The alumni in the program realized the importance of undergraduate guidance because they did not have it themselves.

Tram also acknowledged the great loss Stony Brook's "alumni family" suffered in the recent attacks, in which 13 alumni died. Tram showed great reverence for the fallen, who died helping others try to escape the World Trade Center and who were passengers on the plane to Washington D.C., "These thirteen fallen heroes, are our heroes." Tram had

the audience stand and give a moment of silence for the "heroes."

Jim Simons, President of Renaissance Technologies Corp., gave the program's keynote address. He described his experiences as a young mathematician and investor. He explained how he used mathematical formulas to make money on the stock market and how his investments in soy beans made him a great deal of money. He described himself as "the beneficiary of just a remarkable piece of good luck."

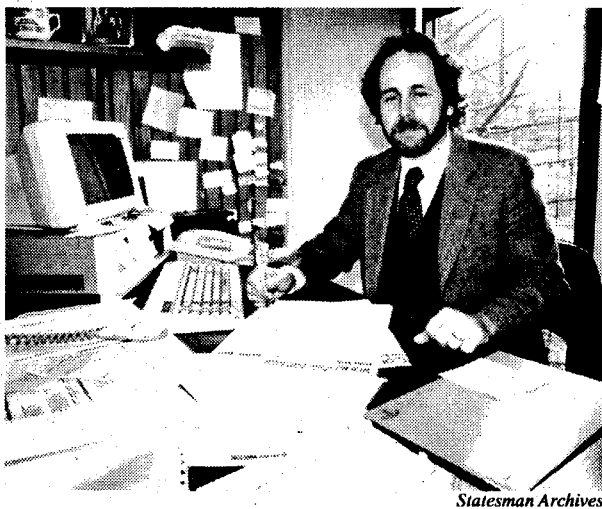
Simons also went into great detail about his experiences with hedge funds, which according to him are like investments, but with better leverage, and his predictions for the future of finance.

"I was quite negative before nine eleven," he said, "but if something like that doesn't happen again, I don't think nine eleven will have a lasting affect."

The day continued with four student sessions and a final networking reception. The student sessions took place on the third floor of the SAC and allowed students to interact with the alumni on topics ranging from being an investment manager to the importance of internships.

The closing networking reception was from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the SAC auditorium and included closing remarks from Patrice Fitzpatrick, Co-Chair of Wall Street Day Executive Committee.

James College Media Arts Living Learning Center Debuts



Norman Prusslin is the Director of the Media Arts Living Learning Center that is located in James College.

By REETI CHAWLA
Statesman Staff

Although the newest Living Learning Center (LLC) was approved late in the summer, its arrival was greeted with enthusiasm and excitement by faculty and staff alike.

The Media Arts Living Learning Center, housed in James College in H Quad, will offer students academic and programmatic opportunities. The goal of the LLC is to give students an experience that integrates their academic programs into a residence hall experience.

Despite its late approval, Norman Prusslin, Director of the Media Minor and the Media Arts LLC, along with Jeff Barnett, RHD of James College, have initiated the program with moderate success.

According to Prusslin, the Media Arts LLC serves to link residence halls with the media council and the 10 media organizations on campus. In fact, all LLC's are unique in that each allows for an environment that fosters both academic and individual interests.

Conveniently, James College is in close proximity to the Student Union, the headquarters for many media

groups on campus.

The new LLC activities range from running media related programs to sponsoring academic course offerings from the Media Minor along with other academic programs on campus that emphasize media studies.

Currently, THR 298 Student Media Leadership is being offered through the newest LLC program. This course is geared towards providing students a global perspective of media, while focusing in on the impact of media on daily life.

Additionally, the LLC program has already sponsored a number of different programs. Soon after the September attacks, for instance, the LLC sponsored a 40-student forum in which students were able to discuss the manner in which the media covered the events.

Also, the LLC has linked with the Martin Buskin Committee on Campus Journalism. Members of the committee are alumni who work in various fields pertaining to the media.

The Media Arts LLC has more programs scheduled for this semester. For example, it is planning on collaborating with the Career Center in order to provide students with information regarding summer job and internship opportunities in the media arts.

Furthermore, the newest LLC is connected to a variety of student media organizations including the Statesman, Blackworld, and SBU TV. SBU TV has recently been reconstructed and is looking to James College for the facilities and space in which to tape some of their programs.

Prusslin and others involved in the LLC are looking forward to seeing the Media Arts LLC reach its full potential in upcoming semesters. Next semester, the new LLC is planning on offering a number of more academic courses.

Prusslin said he is excited about the program, and the potential benefits and opportunities students involved in the LLC will be looking to gain.

Weapons of Mass Destruction Expert Speaks at Stony Brook

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crop duster and modify its nozzle, which is traditionally used to disseminate liquids, to spray microscopic, solid spores of anthrax. Paldy assured the audience that given the present climate, crop dusters will be very hard to acquire.

Paldy then shifted his discussion to the realm of chemical weapons. He said after the use of the nerve agent Serin in a subway by a cult in Japan, leaders in New York City quickly responded by establishing a protocol to deal with a similar attack.

"It is difficult to envision a chemical attack by a terrorist organization that would kill tens of thousands of people," insisted Paldy.

He went on to explain that to contaminate a region to the extent that substantial casualties are inflicted, the perpetrator must use at least one ton of chemical agents per square mile. Paldy said that it was unlikely that a terrorist organization will have access to such a large quantity along with the means of disseminating the agents. Instead he suggested that a small attack in a confined space with hand sprayers was more probable.

Towards the end of the discussion Paldy provided several solutions regarding what actions individuals and the government should take. He warned the audience against taking antibiotics unnecessarily and purchasing gas masks.

Rather he insisted that a strengthened public health system in conjunction with improved lines of communication between physicians, first responders and public health officials would go a long way toward lessening the threat.

"There is no way to [completely] prevent [a chemical or biological attack], but most are manageable," said Paldy. "The only real way to deal with terrorism is through knowledge and understanding."

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Editorial

Polity Helping Afghan Kids

Amid the inundation of reports on bombing raids, Anthrax scares and recession worries, it is sometimes easy to forget the few positive world developments which have arisen since September 11th. Nevertheless, the above headline is one such silver lining to which we should immediately call our attention.

At the conclusion of his prime-time news conference back on October 11, President Bush appealed to all American schoolchildren to aid the government in the humanitarian efforts which have coincided with military strikes.

Specifically, he asked each American student to send in one dollar to the White House to help the suffering children of Afghanistan.

The brutal Taliban regime has reserved its harshest treatment for its most innocent civilians. According to the White House, one in three Afghan children is an orphan, and one in four Afghan children will not make it to their fifth birthday. In addition, almost half suffer from chronic malnutrition.

Response thus far has been overwhelming.

Over 90,000 pieces of mail were received by the White House in the first five days of the announcement, and each dollar sent in will help to ameliorate these conditions.

Such philanthropy is wonderful to see, especially, in mass quantities, and that's where our student government has stepped in.

At their meeting on October 17th, the Polity Senate pledged to raise money for the fund. For the rest of the month, each Senator will be collecting donations from his/her constituents. The money will then be collected, and sent to the White House as a school-wide donation.

We applaud the Senate for taking such strong leadership. It is not often when a student government can work hand-in-hand with our national government for a common cause. But this is indeed one such instance, and the Senate has admirably seized the initiative.

We encourage everyone who is able to please donate to this worthy endeavor. In providing assistance to our peers across the world, we are representing the qualities for which a compassionate America stands.

Letter to the Editor

Car Show Story in Poor Form

Dear Statesman,

I have just read the article about the SB Auto Show in the last issue of the Statesman and am deeply disappointed in the content of the article. I felt that the article was titled wrong and was full of ignorant and opinionated statements,

First off, it was titled "SB Auto Show" but yet, was mostly about a 1988 Camry he saw the other day. It was then followed up by opinionated statements that had no context. There was only a brief description about the [auto] show.

There was no mention that it was a campus wide RA program and about 90 people attended with 24 cars entering the show. There was no mention that a little over \$27 was raised for Red Cross. There was no mention that the

organizers of the show spent a lot time to make the event possible.

Ok, if the writer wanted to talk about old cars getting hooked up and how it is a waste of time, he should have tilted it just that. The oldest car that entered the show was from 1995. He made it seem like the only cars that entered were Civics and Accords. Did he miss the Camaro, Mustang, Jetta and the Maxima's that were there?

He then goes on to ask the reader why anyone would want to try to turn a Honda Civic into a Formula 1 racing car. Obviously he had no idea what he was talking about. Not one car there was trying to imitate a Formula 1 racing car. These were "show" cars. He also asks the reader why the students just don't save their money to buy a faster car like a Porche Boxster (spelled with an 's').

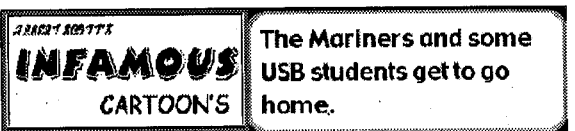
That is like me asking why the editors of the Statesman don't work for the New York Times or the Daily News? Obviously you need the experience. As well as the owners of these cars and trucks. He then tops off the ignorant article by this statement, "Some people think this is a hobby, but I think it's just a waste of time..."

It's like me saying the same thing about the Statesman. Now don't get me wrong, I like the Statesman and I am in favor of it because I think there are articles in there that are worthwhile to read and it is also very informative, but this article no only made the write look like he did not know what he was talking about, but also the Statesman.

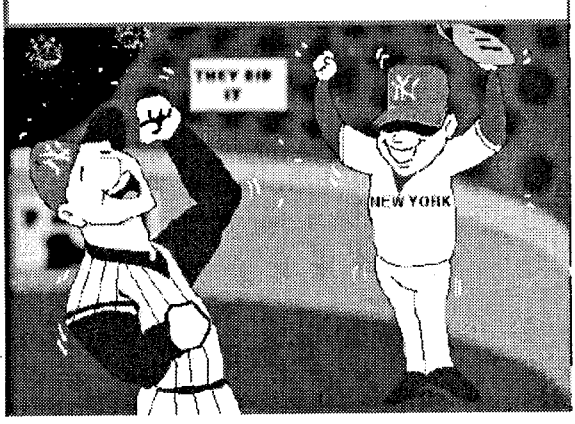
Now, I know everyone is entitled to their opinion, but do no come to an even and pretend like you are going to do a summary and just end up bashing the idea of it.

Yours Truly,

Jian Lee



This was the scene Monday when the word got out that the first Undergrad Apartment will finally be open.



Feminist Rants: "From Hell": the Ripper Returns

Defining Sexual Assault

By MARIE HUCHTON
Statesman Editor

I enjoyed last week's digression into mundane materialism, but will now return to more culturally situated feminist concerns. Rather than continue my discussion about the exceedingly poor lighting and security on campus, I am going to shift gears entirely and discuss something which is a crusade amongst feminists and reformers alike, sexual assault and rape.

The issue of sexual assault is so enormous that I am only going to deal with a single facet this week. There will be other columns dealing with who, where, when, why and how, but this introduction will deal largely with what.

The easiest way to shock someone is to recite statistics:

One in four females are sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

One in two rape victims is under age 18; one in six is under 12.

About 89 percent of rape victims are female, 11percent are male.

Approximately 28 percent of victims are raped by husbands or boyfriends, 35 percent by acquaintances, and 5 percent by other relatives.

If these statistics have not been enough to engender several sleepless nights than just know that "less than 1/3 of rapes and sexual assaults are reported to law enforcement officials," and "1/3 of college men said they would have sex with an unwilling partner if they thought they could get away with it," (all statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice).

These statistics are especially traumatizing because America as a society does not talk about the more than 500,000 women who are raped or sexually assaulted each year. Even less does America address the nature of rape, and its prevalence among all socio-economic classes.

When someone says the word rape, Americans instantly think of the man in the dark alley attacking the unsuspecting woman. We think that rape is something that only takes place at gun-point in urban areas.

The truth about rape and sexual abuse is far more frightening. According to a 1999 National Crime Victimization survey, 69% of rape victims new their assailants. Both date rape and acquaintance rape fall into this 69% but are largely unnoticed or forgotten when the topic of rape is discussed. The definition of date rape is the act of forcing sex on a date.

Acquaintance rape is defined as sexual assault by someone known to the victim. The lack of knowledge about date rape is incredibly disturbing considering that college girls have the highest incidence rates.

Many Americans assume that it is only rape if the victim is being threatened with physical violence. This is utterly untrue; date rape is often perpetrated using psychological pressure or physical strength. There is no single script for rape, and any unwanted sexual contact is a violation- be it rape, sexual assault, or sexual harassment.

I'm not going to get into the many complex layers of date rape and acquaintance rape or the social ideologies that foster masculine aggression today, but I hope this first step in raising awareness has been both a traumatizing and galvanizing experience.

By ALI KHAN
Statesman Staff

The skies are black with ash from the chimneys. The streets narrow and dark, laden with prostitutes and murky puddles. Such is the scene portrayed by the Hughes twins (Albert and Allen) in their latest movie "From Hell", of late 19th century London.

The movie, based on the graphic novel by Allan Moore, intricately deals with the gruesome serial killings of prostitutes that preoccupied the streets of Whitechapel, London in the year 1888.

This version of the tale, however, presents a fictional account of what has been offered previously as theory.



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Johnny Depp and Heather Graham star in the powerful, fictional adaptation of the Jack The Ripper murders.

The movie stars Johnny Depp, who portrays a London police inspector and drug addict, first seen through an opium haze brought on by the puff of a pipe. Inspector Frank Abberline's (Depp's) drug usage plays an important role in the story, however, as his reputation for brilliant deductions is based, on his opium-induced visions.

Abberline, who believes the killings are ritual murders, is so well known for both opiates and uncanny CSI that there is a damaging rumor that "he dreams the answers." The inspector is in good company, however, as mystery-goers recall

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From Hell Movie Review

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Sherlock Holmes, after all, was addicted to cocaine ("The Seven Per Cent Solution").

The Hughes brothers ("Menace II Society") artfully portray both graphic detail and intricate characterizations in their first crack at the horror-mystery genre. They effectively inject a hair-raising fervor to the plot with their chilling scenes of murder and decadence.

Heather Graham, with her wide-set eyes and flaming hair, plays one of the "unfortunate women" who cross Abberline's path.

Part of the effectiveness of the script lies in the satirical application of the upper-class, Victorian notion that the murderer could not possibly be British. Grape-eating snobs are suspicious of the "socialists, Jews, and foreigners" and hold no inhibitions about saying so.

Significant folklore makes an impact and presents itself throughout the film. We learn that coins are used to cover the eyes of the dead "to pay the ferryman" across the Styx which serves as an interesting yet fitting side-note to the closure of the film.

Some audience members may find the discomfort level in "From Hell" too much to sit through. There are naked bodies stretched out both dead and alive. Barbarism extends to the medical theater, where new, admired medical treatments include a skull-puncturing technique (which serves as an interesting transition from the courtroom to the mental ward in a scene in the later stages of this film).

Overall, this film is highly successful in painting a dark and dreary picture. The filmmaking qualities at times far outweigh the story but the Hughes brothers have an effective means of adding the chill back into a horror film.

The film offers an interesting and somewhat surprising ending that can leave audience members hypothesizing. In my opinion the film merits 3 stars out of 4.

Hey Baby, What's Your Sign?

By WANDA CALAMIA
Statesman Contributor

Aries (March 21-April 19) You may find yourself thinking about some important issues in your relationships. Reflect on the past for answers.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Now is a good time for you to really jump ahead on the job front. The only two things holding you back are fear and procrastination.

Gemini (May 21- June 21) Think about what you have done in the past few days. If you have nothing to show for it, work harder in all aspects.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) If you have any unresolved family issues, now is a good time to approach them. Apply some of the lessons that you have learned recently.

Leo (July 23-August 22) Busy is a word to live by. You'll feel swamped by the high volume of work and calls that you'll receive.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Now is the time to focus your financial priorities. Owe a lot of money? Just plan out your spending and things will work out.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Try to steer clear of those who feel the need to compete with you. Working in groups brings success.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) If you are being faced with a few hard decisions right now,

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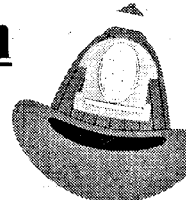
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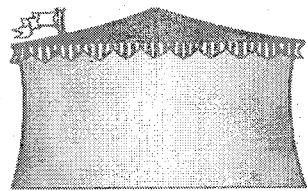
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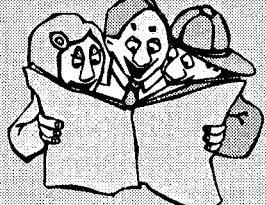
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December Graduation Weekly Horoscopes

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exams because they are enrolled in upper division courses. Additionally, it is difficult to find a date subsequent to exam week that will appease the masses.

"If we tried to hold graduation on December 23, all hell would break loose," he said.

Monday's meeting provided a forum for seniors to voice their sentiments, and

several students, including Trina Scannapieco, were invited to sit in on Provost Aronoff's committee to assist in planning future academic calendars.

But despite the efforts of Scannapieco, Fredric Samuel and others, there will be no change in the winter graduation date this year, or for the next several years. The academic calendar is set until 2004

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just give yourself a break and utilize all confidence.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) You'll probably find it flattering that people enjoy your company so much, but just be sure that some people don't try to take advantage of your generous spirit right now.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Still trying to get organized? A more important priority is organizing your

professional prospects.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Stay positive and alert this week. You'll need to accomplish many tasks.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) Don't use the past as an excuse. Work past any feeling of guilt or mistake. Count on the support of your partner this week.

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Sports

Swimming and Diving Team Loses Season Opener

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

The Stony Brook University women's swimming and diving team had their first meet of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. They lost to the Army team, 142-101, at West Point.

Despite the overall loss, the Seawolves had some strong dives and race times. Kristi Schubert and Erin Byrnes took the top two spots in the one- and three-meter diving boards, respectively. Both set meet records, Schubert with a score of 217.50 in the one-meter and Byrnes with a score of 225.20 in the three-meter dive.

The 400 medley relay team which consists of Jessica Claud, Alison Porteus,



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Kristi Schubert placed first in the one and three meter diving boards.

Michelle Miller, and Starlyn Rupinski had a first-place finish of 4:04.89. Rupinski clocked in a 2:00.73 winning time in the 200 free. Porteus won the 200 breaststroke with a 2:28.37 time, and Miller's time of 2:11.71 ensured her victory in the 200 fly.

Ashley Dellavalle of the Army team took first place in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races, and Shannon Kelley was the victor of the 500- and 1000-yard free style races. Stacey Kalota won the 200 IM and the 200 backstroke.

The Seawolves' Sarah Doret came in second place after Kelley in both the 500- and 1000- free styles with times of 5:34.08 and 11:24.80.

The team's next meet is scheduled for Nov. 7th when they will go head to head with the women of Wagner's.

Digging Out of the Hole

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook University's women's soccer team, winless in their first 12 games, reached the point where every game they could win was an upset.

SBU has now upset three teams in their last four games.

The women's soccer team defeated Columbia 2-1 on Tuesday, collecting their first home win of the season.

Senior Kristin Lynch made her presence felt in the game. She scored both goals for the Seawolves.

The first on a header from a corner kick by Kerri McCabe in the 15th minute. In the 31st minute, lightning struck again. But in the same place as Lynch headed in another corner kick from McCabe.

The Seawolves improved their record to 3-10-2 and seemed to have regained some of the confidence that dwindled in the midst of a season going nowhere.

"It's frustrating because knew we're

better than our record showed," junior midfielder Beth Arikian said.

They notched their first win of the year against Delaware. After losing a hard-fought 3-2 game against Yale, they hammered Northeastern in a 4-0 victory and then beat Columbia.

"After the first game we won we just gained confidence," Arikian said.

Arikian, sister of the men's team striker Shane Arkian, leads the team in scoring with three goals and one assist.

Head Coach Susan Ryan told the team to just relax and have fun with the game. After playing with a couple different formations they implemented a more offensive-oriented 3-4-3 set that brought new life into the team.

"We have nothing to lose," Arkian said.

SBU tallied nine goals in their last four games after posting only seven goals in their previous 11 games.

The Seawolves will look for their third consecutive win in an America East conference game against Drexel. And



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

The Seawolves' offense is clicking on all cylinders after scoring nine goals in their last four fixtures.

with every win the team's ambition seems to grow.

"We still have a chance to make it to the playoffs," Arikian said. "We get to start over and all this means nothing."

Yanks to Face Diamondbacks' in World Series

By JOSH DuBOW
AP Sports Writer

Mike Mussina didn't know it at the time, but all those matchups earlier this year with Pedro Martinez, Greg Maddux and David Cone had a purpose.

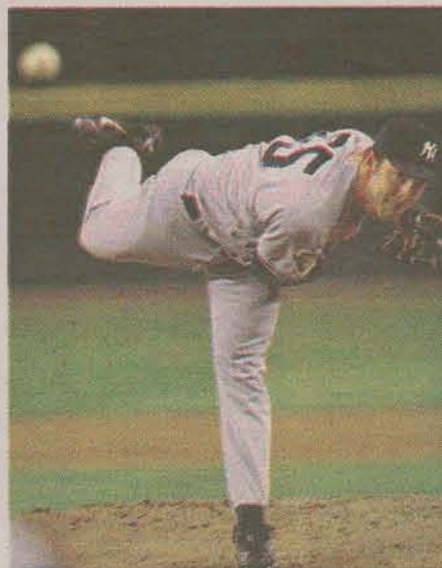
Mussina should be more than prepared for the type of low-scoring game everyone expects Saturday night when he faces 22-game winner Curt Schilling in the opener of the World Series for the New York Yankees against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"A lot of the games I've pitched the last couple of years have been like that," said Mussina, who received close to the lowest run support in the league this season. "Maybe that's the reason why."

Yankees manager Joe Torre countered Arizona's pair of aces with two of his own Wednesday, picking Mussina to start the opener of the World Series against Schilling and tabbing ALCS MVP Andy Pettitte for Game 2 against Randy Johnson.

In an era when home run records keep falling and offense dominates, the World Series will be decided by some of the game's most powerful pitchers. Schilling and Johnson get most of the headlines, but Torre's rotation of Mussina, Pettitte, Roger Clemens and Orlando Hernandez is as deep as any.

"We're going to have good pitchers



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Mike Mussina will duel with Curt Schilling in game one of the World Series.

going, too," Torre said. "It's going to be our job to match what they can do and keep the game close. "That's been our formula. It's worked well for us."

The Yankees have had uncanny success when facing the best. But no duo is as tough as Schilling and Johnson, who combined for 43 wins and 665 strikeouts, and formed the most lethal left-right combination since Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1960s.

Coincidentally enough, those Dodgers swept the Yankees in the 1963 World Series behind three complete-game wins from Koufax and Drysdale.

"It's a lot easier managing against those guys than hitting against them," said Torre, who played against the Dodgers aces early in his career. "Drysdale was intimidating from the right side like Randy is from the left side. Even though Koufax did not have the reputation of throwing under your chin like Drysdale, he still intimidated with his stuff like Curt Schilling."

The Yankees haven't faced Schilling or Johnson this year, but have had a lot of practice against comparable pitchers. They won five games started this season by Martinez, and also beat Mark Mulder, Tim Hudson, Barry Zito and Freddy Garcia.

They plan on using the same formula against Arizona's aces as they against the others: stay close long enough to get a break or hope the bullpen decides it.

"We'll try to stay with them as long as we can," pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre said. "Hopefully, they'll get tired before my guys get tired. Moose will have to have the same approach as against Pedro Martinez. There are not going to be a lot of runs. He's been training for this all year because we haven't scored him a lot of runs."