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# What is Bob Jones University?

In the presidential race, there's a quick, three-word code for racial and religious intolerance: Bob Jones University.

But what is this institution? Who was Bob Jones? And why all the fuss?

The fundamentalist Christian school of 3,500 students in this Appalachian foothills city entered the spotlight when Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush visited a month ago to bolster his then-sagging campaign. Bush quickly came under fire for failing to criticize the university's racial policies and the anti-Catholic statements on its Web site.

As for BJU itself, it did what it has always done when its views cause controversy: It firmly restated its beliefs, retreated to its fenced 200 acre campus and went about its business.

"Go find something worthwhile to report," spokesman Jonathan Pait said last week before announcing that school leaders, tiring of all the questions, were closing the campus to reporters.

He referred the curious to the school's Web site, which says, "The University's refusal to compromise and contemporize makes it the object of ridicule and hatred by those on the other side of the Cross."

That same site likens Catholicism and Mormonism to cults and says the university is the work of God and "exists against all human odds."

"We don't accept federal money,

so nobody can give government the credit. There are no denominational ties, so no organization gets the credit. There are no foundations or large regular donors, so no man gets the credit."

By week's end, the president of BJU, Bob Jones III, apparently felt some additional explanation was needed. He bought full-page ads Friday in USA Today and the three largest South Carolina papers, in Columbia, Charleston and Greenville, defending the school's beliefs.

This week on the campus - where students observe a strict dress code of khakis and ties for men and long skirts for women - Bob Jones security guards stood watching as a reporter talked with a man marching outside the fence near a school entrance, carrying a sign that read, "Debate issues not BJU."

Charles Mosteller, 36, did not attend the school but felt compelled to come to its defense. "There are a lot of people locally who don't like Bob Jones. But for the presidential candidates to single out this school to be their political whipping boy is wrong," he said.

The school has long established itself as a bastion of fundamentalism.

Jones III, president since 1971, and his father, Bob Jones Jr., who died in 1997, have been sharp-tongued about those they believe have abandoned the strict teachings of the Bible, including Billy Graham and the pope. Graham should not

have reached out across denominations for his crusades, Jones III says. And rather than meet Pope John Paul II when he visited Columbia in 1987, Bob Jones Jr. said he would "speak to the devil himself."

Since Republicans began courting the Christian right, candidates Ronald Reagan, Bob Dole, Dan Quayle and Phil Gramm all have appeared here. So did GOP hopeful Alan Keyes, 12 days after Bush, though in his speech he challenged the university not to "let any sectarian bigotry, any racial prejudice stand in the way of the unity that Christ represents for all Christian people."

Bush appeared at BJU shortly after he lost to Sen. John McCain in the New Hampshire primary. The South Carolina primary was looming at the time, and he went on to win in the conservative state.

After losing South Carolina, McCain's campaign made "Catholic Voter Alert" calls in the next states, Michigan and Washington, to tell them of Bush's visit to Bob Jones. McCain also attacked religious right leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell as "agents of intolerance."

Bush, who said he came to Bob Jones to pitch his message of compassionate conservatism, now says he should have spoken more forcefully about religious intolerance.

In a letter last week to Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, a state which holds its primary March 7,



Courtesy of Bob Jones University web site  
**Bob Jones III**

Bush said: "On reflection, I should have been more clear in disassociating myself from anti-Catholic sentiments and racial prejudice. It was a missed opportunity causing needless offense, which I deeply regret."

South Carolina House Speaker Pro Tempore Terry Haskins, a Bob Jones alumnus, quit as McCain's state campaign co chairman this week saying he could not abide by the "national media vendetta" against the school. And Gary Bauer, a conservative activist and former presidential rival who now supports McCain, said McCain should apologize.

A resolution introduced in the US House and Senate by democrats this week also seeks to condemn BJU.

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**A Thought From Rabbi Adam**

Purim (the Tuesday 3/21 of Spring Break) is quite a peculiar holiday. The account of how the Jews of Persia were saved from a Hitler type named Haman is found in the Book of Esther. Yet, this part of scripture tells of a victory without miracles. Instead, the Jews were saved through a myriad of "coincidences". There was no splitting of the Red Sea. No ten plagues. No 8-day-lasting oil. Instead everything was by natural "coincidence". The king of Persia was convinced to deny the holocaust plans of his minister Haman by his wife, Esther, who just "happened" to be secretly Jewish. Now Esther was "coincidentally" the niece of the chief Rabbi of Persia, Mordechai, and she won the Jews' favor in the king's eye by informing the king of a plot to kill him - a plot that Mordechai had just "happened" to have overheard. Thus the Persian holocaust to kill the Jews was thwarted by mere natural "coincidences". So what kind of Biblical holiday is this? But yet, that's it! On Purim we celebrate the fact that natural coincidences are of supernatural order. That nature and coincidences are reflections of the G-Dly realm. Not G-D as expressed spiritually. But rather, G-D as expressed physically. For G-D is beyond limitations. As such, G-D isn't to be limited to the spiritual, but is found even within the physical, within "coincidences-known as "personal Divine Providence".

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# Discussing Breast Cancer

## Republicans Visit USB While Campaigning

By ERIN ROSENKING  
Statesman Editor

Presidential hopeful George W. Bush took his campaign trail to Stony Brook's Health Sciences Center on Friday in order to pledge his support for breast cancer research.

Bush, a Republican, attended the panel discussion with Gov. George Pataki and New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, the weekend before New York's primary. The three took part in a panel discussion on breast cancer and promised their support for continued research to cure the disease.

Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny introduced the panel discussion by calling attention to what she called Stony Brook's "record of greatness in medicine," citing for the invitation-only crowd a Johns Hopkins University study that placed Stony Brook as tied for second place among the nation's best public research universities. The panel also included the dean of the medical school Norman Edelman, other cancer specialists and Geri Barish, a breast cancer survivor who has supported the Bush campaign. Barish, president of the breast cancer advocacy group One in Nine, stressed the importance of research in finding a cure for breast cancer, saying she was willing to fight in order to find one. "Without research we can't find answers," she told the crowd.

She also implored Pataki to continue funding for research programs. "We need more money in Long Island and in New York," she said.

Pataki mentioned the strong backing that New York has shown for the institute, including support for early detection, treatment and reconstructive surgery. He said that the issue deserves attention because the breast cancer rate on Long Island is higher than the national average.

Expressing confidence in being elected to the White House, Bush promised to match Pataki's efforts as president and put federal dollars into breast cancer research. He said that he was confident the United States will find a cure for the dreaded disease, and soon. "It is not a matter of if but a matter of when," said Bush. He said that this can partially be accomplished by "fueling the genius" at Stony Brook.

Dean Edelman commented on the advanced technology Stony Brook to which

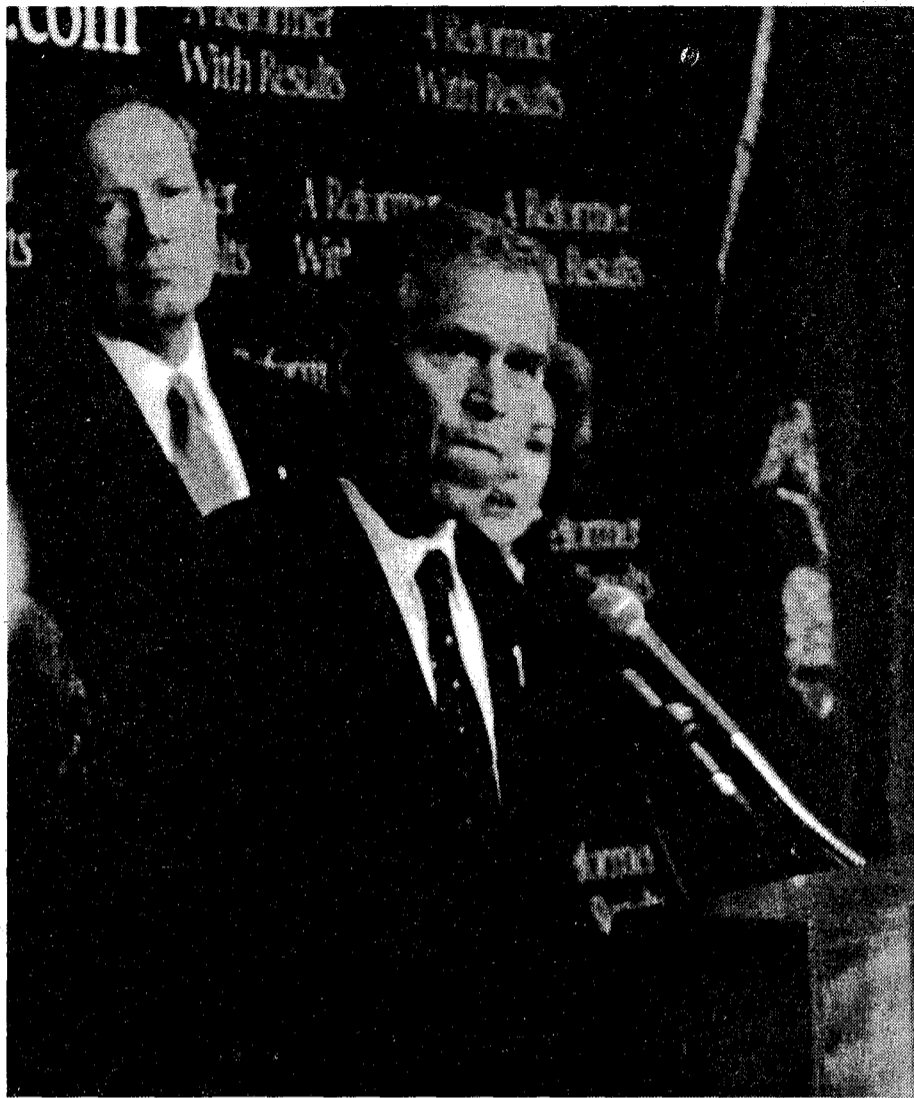
it has access, thanks in part to the University's recent win to become co-manager of Brookhaven National Lab (BNL). "All good science is big science," he said, "and we are approaching the problem [of cancer] with the sophistication we need." The partnership with BNL now gives Stony Brook two locations that house facilities for special radiation treatment and imaging technology.

Bush also addressed the issue of cancer mapping as one of the innovations that will allow a cure to be found. With \$4 million in funding from the state, maps are being computer generated which allow researchers to detect "hot spots" where cancer incidences are highest. The areas are broken down according to zip code and color coded and they allow researchers to more easily identify possible causes. Although the specific reasons of high cancer rates on Long Island have yet to be recognized, some possibilities are genetics or environmental concerns, experts on the panel said. Bush praised the mapping for allowing taxpayers to see that their money was being properly used.

After the panel, a press conference followed where all three politicians fielded questions focusing more on campaign specifics than on cancer research.

Although he was not officially invited, Polity president Andrez Carberry managed to get into the conference. He said he supported moves to fund research, but expressed concern that the interests of other sectors of Stony Brook may get ignored. "I wanted to pose questions to Pataki regarding education," Carberry said. He was not able to approach the microphone to voice his concerns but he was able to get the governor's attention outside the conference. He called out to Pataki and asked him to prioritize education. Pataki answered positively and he shook Carberry's hand. "It is great to have a commitment to research," Carberry said, "but it is often forgotten that these researchers are undergraduates first. They have to be supported too so they can move on to research after."

But Bush contended that giving to research was a responsibility of everyone. "We all need to give something back into the system," he said. "An inherent part of being an American is supporting these facilities."



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New York Gov. George Pataki (left) and Texas Gov. George W. Bush attended the panel discussion.

## McCain Camp Responds to Cancer Criticisms

By PETER GRATTON  
Editor Emeritus

Less than one week after airing ads in the New York area chastising John McCain's record on breast cancer research, the McCain camp shot back this weekend, with the candidate himself calling Bush's tactics "a new low in campaign politics," in an interview on yesterday's NBC show Meet the Press.

The campaign pointed to the March 2000 issue of MAMM, a magazine that bills itself for "women, cancer, and community, which called Bush's positions on women's health care issues "vague" while noting his "cozy" relationship with the tobacco industry.

"Despite public outcry for attention to health care policy, no candidate has been as vague as George W. Bush about what, if anything, he would do [regarding women's health care concerns]," the magazine stated in an article titled "The Makings of a President: MAMM Reviews the Front Runners."

In addition, the McCain camp brought out its own version of Geri Barish, the breast cancer survivor who has led the Bush campaign's attack on McCain's record on

the issue.

Bill Wilson, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Westchester County, defended McCain's record, pointing to the fact that McCain's sister is herself a breast cancer survivor. "I lost my fiancée, Kitty, to metastatic breast cancer in January," Wilson said. "I am an independent voter and have never been involved in politics. I can honestly say that Kitty would be appalled at the actions of the Bush campaign in running negative ads that use breast cancer for political gain. Unfortunately, she can no longer speak out. However, the cancer community in New York can and will."

Others have already spoken out against Bush. "It is unconscionable for Governor Bush to try and scare women who may have been diagnosed with this terrible cancer or are in a high risk group for it for pure political gain," said New York Congressman Peter King, a key McCain supporter. "It is particularly wrong of him to attack John McCain - who has consistently been a champion for breast cancer research - when his own record is so terribly lacking. This is ugly, ugly politics. The presidency is not worth frightening women like this."



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The panel discussion was held in the Health Sciences Center.

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SAC, room 306, 8PM

# NYPIRG in Action

## General Body Meeting Encourages Student Support

By SULAIMAN BEG  
Statesman Contributor

In an effort to encourage students to support Stony Brook's chapter of the New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) and its various projects, a member of its legislative council spoke about the "rewarding work" the group accomplishes, at a general body meeting held Wednesday night.

Russ Haven, an attorney for NYPIRG in Albany since 1986, addressed students and spoke on his up close view of politics. "The closer you look the uglier it gets," he said. "It only works if people participate. It's like muscles in a body, you need to exercise for them to work."

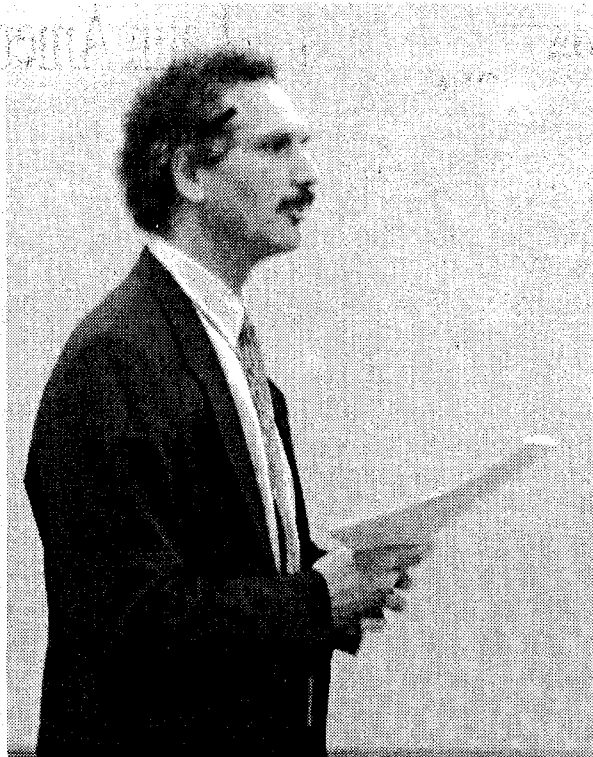
Haven told USB students that they were "phenomenally fortunate" to graduate with an "...elite degree from a prominent university."

NYPIRG is a not-for-profit, non-partisan consumer rights organization, and is New York State's largest group dedicated to the advocacy of higher education, environmental and consumer issues. The group was established to produce policy reforms while teaching students and other New Yorkers to be advocates. Students at NYPIRG's 19 college campus chapters work on projects that support NYPIRG's statewide program and center on local issues.

A general body meeting such as this is held once a semester, according to George Koutsouvas, a junior that has been working for NYPIRG for three years.

Liz Kelly, one of the two NYPIRG representatives appointed to the board of directors from SUNY Stony Brook, said that the meetings are held to "tell everyone about our different projects."

"We have the meetings to get people interested in pertinent issues," she said.



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Russ Haven, an attorney for NYPIRG.

Haven urged students to, "...join with like minded individuals with a common goal." Major companies and corporations don't always do the right thing but at least they know NYPIRG is there, he said.

Haven cited various acts of protest by college students who used what they learned in their classes and applied those ideas to real world situations to create change; from students protesting the Vietnam War, to leading the movement in Tiananmen Square, to the recent rally that organized nearly 50,000 students against sweatshops in Seattle, Washington.

"That's your legacy," Haven said. "There's

an obligation on your part to get involved. Just being good in and of yourself isn't good enough."

"There are ways you can get involved," said Todd Stebbins, the project coordinator of the Stony Brook chapter of NYPIRG. "It's up to you guys to get involved." Anyone interested is encouraged to stop by the NYPIRG office, located in 079 of the Student Union, he said.

NYPIRG has had many victories since it's founding by Ralph Nader in the early-seventies. Triumphs such as leading the fight to get rid of garbage incinerators in New York State, and the effort to halt the increase of ATM surcharges and other bank fees have given NYPIRG a political edge.

According to Haven, students should join NYPIRG because of their own self-interest as well as the opportunity to, "...get real world skills and exposure," he said. "NYPIRG can help develop those skills."

Haven later blasted the political system as "completely out of whack." He cited that major corporations make contributions to presidential political campaigns so that if the candidate is elected president, "he's going to owe a lot of favors." Haven also mentioned how Philip-Morris, the nations largest tobacco producer, continually bribes New York officials with sports tickets and expensive dinners to obtain support.

"That's what we're up against," he said.

Haven applauded the work of NYPIRG project leaders in their battles to end sweatshops, to persuade legislatures to invest more money to higher education, to aid the homeless and to register as many students to vote as possible.

"NYPIRG has had great success with the Homeless Empowerment Project in the last six months," Stebbins said.

"I feel it's [homeless empowerment] the most rewarding," said Nechy Marte, a project leader. "You can feel the direct impact in your own life." There are currently over 30,000 homeless people in Suffolk County.

Amanda Nagy, a sophomore, said that she was, "...very motivated to help," after hearing about the causes NYPIRG fought for.

In closing, Haven said, "It's better to be the steamroller than the pavement."

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## Editorials

# Leaving Out the Students

The troubles associated with getting a message out to this entire campus are recognized and well recorded, and with good reason. With 18,000 people at Stony Brook obviously, getting information out to everyone on campus is quite the daunting task to undertake. It involves mass production of flyers, phonemail messages, and the like. University administrators (since there are so few of them) cannot be expected to waste all their precious time making a concerted effort to inform the campus community of every little thing that is going on. Especially if the message in question is controversial information regarding political visits to campus grounds.

On Friday, Republican Gov. George Pataki, senatorial candidate Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and presidential candidate George W. Bush attended a conference at the Health Sciences Center, during which time Pataki announced a state pledge of \$4 million to breast cancer mapping research at the University Hospital. University President Shirley Stum Kenny was in attendance, as was former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and numerous members of Congress. Norman Edelman, dean of the University medical school, was there also. All in all, a pretty big deal event. Guess who was missing? The entire student body. Guess

why? Because no one bothered to tell the students that three high-profile New York politicians were speaking on campus.

How often do big-time politicians show up on campus a week and a half before the New York primary? How often does your average New Yorker come into contact with people that have such a direct effect upon their life? Will we ever get the chance to see these people speak again? Doesn't paying tuition entitle us to know what's going on right on school grounds? Apparently not, since no move was made to publicize, advertise, or announce the event.

Campus organizations were given no prior warning about the event. Pat Calabria, director of media relations, explained that the conference went unpublicized because it was the responsibility of Bush campaign to issue invitations. But how about notifying the students? Stony Brook is quick to boast when people like the David Satcher, the U.S. surgeon general and Mike Jarvis, coach of the St. John's University men's basketball team come to campus. Yet, for some reason administrators believe that speakers such as Bush are not of interest to the student body. This incident is reminiscent of when D'Amato visited campus two years ago, where again students were not informed.

And since when do politicians shun free publicity? Aren't the majority of USB students of legal voting age? Do thousands of votes mean nothing anymore?

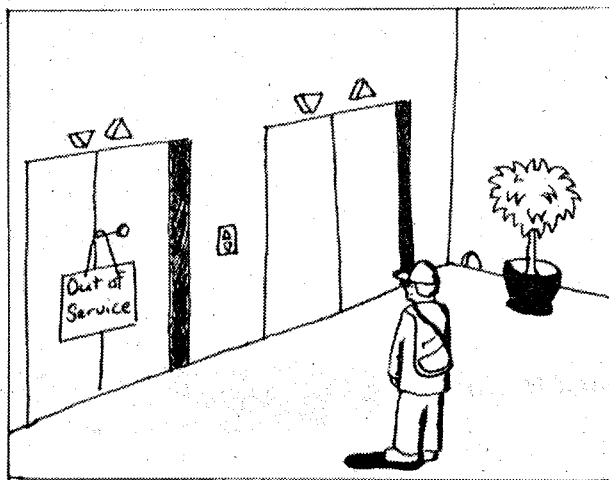
These unanswered questions lead to one conclusion. A student presence was not wanted at the conference. It is obvious that measures were taken to ensure that their students were not to be invited or even informed of the event.

This might be because Pataki has been the driving force in cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program, and the higher-ups did not want to deal with the embarrassment of a student protest. Or maybe no one wanted us there because there is a large faction of Giuliani-haters on this campus, who would have been more than eager to show up with signs blasting his policies.

Polity President Andrez Carberry, a man who proved last semester that he can speak for the students, was given problems when attempting to enter. "Why is he [Pataki] hiding from the students when the private sector can always get a meeting?" asked Carberry.

The University's completely inappropriate, biased, and unfair actions (or inactions) regarding this situation have sent a pretty clear message to the student body. That message is a reverberating cry of "You don't count." The most frustrating thing about all this, though, is the Lilliputian nightmare of a blame game that the administration is playing. Nothing can be remedied at this point, but evidently and apology is way too much to ask for.

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# Snubbed

## Student Leaders Not Notified of Bush Visit

By ERIN ROSENKING  
Statesman Editor

Patrick Calabria came within inches of making Stony Brook look inept, apathetic and plain ridiculous. On Friday, our campus received a visit from some of the most prominent figures in national politics and the government of New York State and not one student organization, media related or otherwise, was notified.

Presidential hopeful George W. Bush, Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudy Guiliani convened in the Health Sciences Center where the three figures all espoused their support for continued research on breast cancer, including the financial backing of Stony Brook's Breast Cancer Institute. They sat on a panel accompanied by breast cancer survivor Geri Barrish and cancer doctors, including Norman Edelman, dean of the medical school, and USB President Shirley Strum Kenny.

With an event of this magnitude it is hard to imagine why Calabria, director of media relations, would not notify anyone. He cleared up the matter simply by saying it was not his responsibility.

If the director of media relations

claims that notifying the media is not his responsibility, perhaps Mr. Calabria is in the wrong position.

But with his finger wagging, double talk and condescending attitude, Calabria proved that indeed he is qualified for the job of a Stony Brook administrator. When asked how he could commit such a gross oversight, he claimed that because it was a "Bush event," it was not up to him to let anyone know. How is it just a "Bush event" with USB's president in attendance, in a USB building discussing a USB facility?

Calabria could not answer these questions but he was able to say that he did not appreciate the "accusations" being leveled against him and he also denounced "words being put in his mouth." Since when does being held accountable for your responsibilities amount to accusations? Only when you know you are wrong.

Calabria was also content to pass the buck on to someone else and wipe his hands clean of the whole matter. He felt confident in sending one person down to the event to represent the entire student

body, but only after this person specifically requested to be allowed access.

There is a lot to be said for being at the right place at the right time. Rumors floating through the hallways of various buildings on campus were enough to prompt some students to run over to the HSC with minutes to spare before the event began. Polity president Andrez Carberry was tipped off by "a little birdie," but it tweeted the wrong time. Intuition told him to go immediately and when he arrived, it took about 45 minutes for him to win his way inside to the conference. He said that ultimately it was Bush's campaign people who allowed him access into the room filled only with invited guests and the media. Even Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs offered no help in getting him in, Carberry said.

Carberry called the situation very disheartening and he was frustrated that constant attempts to work with administration are "stonewalled," a sentiment echoed by students across campus. He was also frustrated that the

people who basically control everything that goes on in the SUNY system are acting secretly on a very campus under their control. "I would have liked to have students there to get the opportunity to hear and see what is going on."

Carberry was also made painfully aware of what the administration thinks of its students. "Our not being notified speaks to how they value us," he said.

It would have been a perfect opportunity for us to voice our concerns: it is not every day that the governor, the mayor and a presidential candidate come to campus.

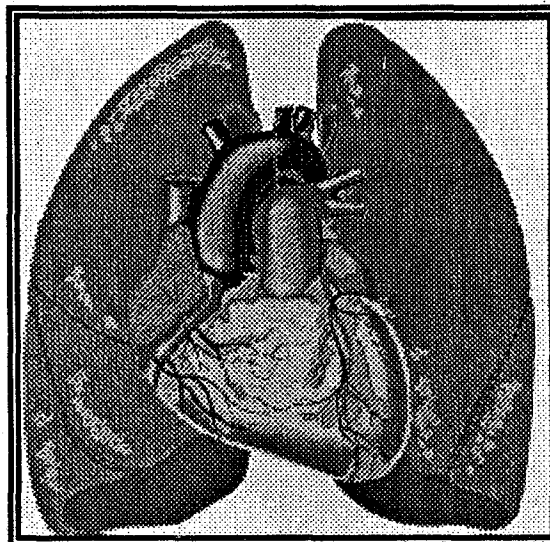
But one of the saddest aspects of this whole situation is that Stony Brook blew an opportunity to look good. This would have been particularly pertinent time considering the latest news coming from campus is the fact that a car was stolen from out of a parking lot in the middle of the day. Here we are getting national attention for something good and we came this close to missing it.

If there is one thing we should all learn about this is that we better start tracking McCain's campaign trail.

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# Informing the Campus

## New Club Campaigns Students to Vote in Primary Elections

By JENNIFER KESTER  
Statesman Editor

In an effort to encourage students to vote in tomorrow's primary elections, the Political Science Club at the University at Stony Brook launched a voter awareness campaign on campus.

"We are trying to get more people voting in the primaries," said Benjamin Benner, vice president of the Political Science Club.

The club, just formed this semester with political science Professor Howard Scarrow acting as the group's advisor, the club sent out voter guides to the Social and Behavioral Sciences building, the Student Union and political science classes. The pamphlet-sized guide explains the various platforms of the candidates: George Bush, John McCain and Alan Keyes, who are running for the Republican nomination for president in next November's elections; and Al Gore and Bill Bradley who are competing for the Democratic presidential ticket. The guide breaks down the candidates' stances on the issues of abortion, affirmative action, foreign policy, abortion, education and health care.

The group wanted to table in the Student Activities Center tomorrow, but was not granted permission since they are not yet an official club on campus. However, Julius Shapiro, president of the club, said that members might just hand out fliers outside instead.

Several members of the club will work as voter checkers at voting stations on Tuesday, taking the money they earn and donating it to the club, said Benner, who will be working at the Setauket Elementary School site.

The club is working in conjunction with other campus organizations to encourage students to get out and vote. According to Todd Stebbins, project coordinator of the Stony Brook chapter of the New York Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), his organization is working with the Political Science Club, Polity and Ronnie Paschkes, associate dean of students, to distribute fliers about the elections in all the resident mailboxes. "It's great that the Political Science club is really taking off," said Stebbins. "They really formulated platforms on what is important to students."

Alan deVries, assistant director of Housing Administration is also contributing to the effort and sending out a mass phonemail to all students living on campus, reminding them of Tuesday's primaries.

Working with other campus groups on projects is exactly what the club will strive to do, Benner said. "As a young club we want to organize general awareness but we also want to organize the political spectrum better on campus."

"We are trying to get more people involved," Benner said. "We feel that there's a lot of apathy and it is a really exciting campaign."

After the primaries, the group will start organizing for November's elections and will invite the presidential candidates, as well as the senatorial candidates Rudy Giuliani and Hillary Clinton, to come to campus, Benner said.

After the elections, the club plans to tackle local political issues, including those in Suffolk County and USB. Benner said that some of the issues that students are interested in participating in include the rising costs of higher education and the rights of students. The group is also organizing a trip to Washington D.C.

Although Benner and Shapiro are political science majors, with Shapiro running for Polity vice president in April, both said that is not a necessary factor for joining the club. "We want to make it more accessible to the average student.



Statesman/Ruth Chung

Members of the Political Science Club hold three of 3,000 of the voter registration guides the club has put out.

Whether you are majoring in history or another major, it is open to anyone who is interested," Benner said.

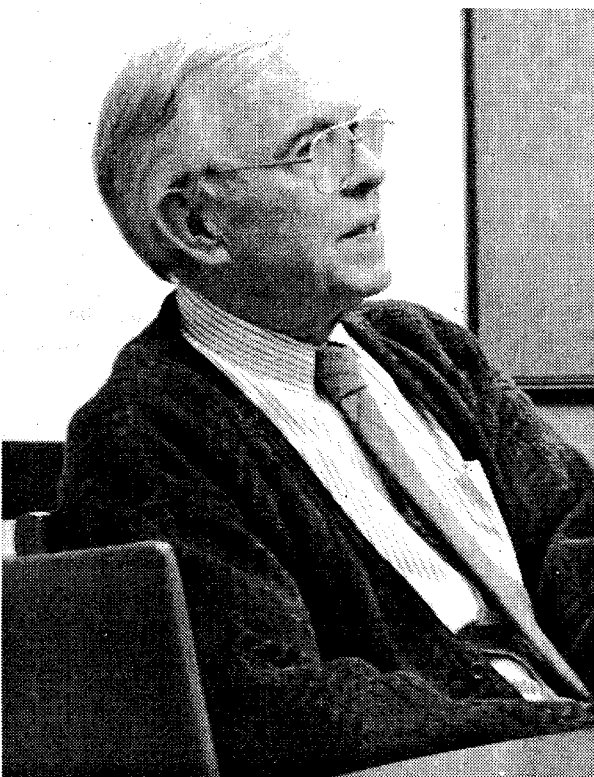
Shapiro, however, pointed out that the club is especially beneficial to political science majors and minors. "You should be involved in some extracurricular activity outside of school so why don't invest some time in something that is related to your major?"

Shapiro stressed that the club, which is trying to secure funding from Polity, will not take the place of other student governmental organizations. "The club is a forum to get ideas

of what is troubling the students on campus and bringing them to the Polity Senate, which is an organization that can get these things done," said Shapiro, a member of the Polity Senate, Stony Brook at Law and the Faculty Student Association board of directors.

The club's meetings, which are held in SBS S738 on Wednesdays during campus lifetime, are open to all. Turnout for the meetings has been good, ranging from 10 to 30 students, according to Benner.

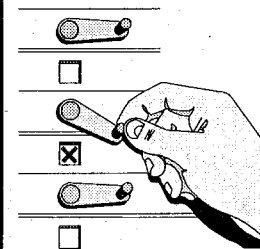
"Back in the 70s, Stony Brook was cutting edge and now people don't have anything they want to fight for," Benner said. "I know that was a different time back then, but the students have to get onto the same page with the issues that are affecting them."



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Professor Howard Scarrow, from the political science department, advises the club.

### Getting Out the Vote



Resident students can cast their votes tomorrow, Tuesday, March 7 in the Union Bi-level from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and commuters can vote at their local voting sites.

The Stony Brook Statesman Monday, March 6, 2000



# On the Candidates

A Look at the Nominees on the Primary Ballots

## On the Republican Ticket



Former U.N. Ambassador  
Alan Keyes

- On Education:**
- Supports closing the Education Department
- On Gun Control:**
- Against gun control legislation
  - Supports enforcement of the current gun laws
- On Abortion:**
- Pro-life
  - Supports abortion only when necessary to save the mother's life
  - Favors nominating only Supreme Court Justice who oppose abortion



Arizona Sen. John McCain

- On Education:**
- Favors tax-free saving accounts for children's education expenses such as tutoring, computers and private school tuition
- On Gun Control:**
- Supports criminal background checks on firearm purchasers
  - Supports instant background checks for all commercial firearms sales, including gun shows and pawnshops
  - Opposes federally mandated waiting periods
  - Supports use of trigger locks

- On Abortion:**
- Pro-life
  - Supports exceptions in rape, incest or when a woman's life is endangered.



Texas Gov. George W. Bush

- On Education:**
- Supports expanding education savings accounts for parents to increase their annual contributions from \$500 per student to \$5,000 and withdraw funds tax free to pay for education expenses from Kindergarten to college
- On Gun Control:**
- Supports stronger enforcement of existing gun laws, would provide more funding for aggressive gun law

enforcement programs such as Project Exile in Richmond, Virginia

- Supports automatic detention for kids who commit crimes with guns
  - Supports requiring instant background checks at gun shows by allowing gun show promoters to access the instant check system on behalf of vendors
  - Supports law-abiding American's constitutional right to own guns to protect their families and home
  - Supports the current ban on automatic weapons
  - Supports banning juveniles from possession of semi-automatic "assault" weapons
  - Supports increasing the minimum age for possession of a handgun from 18 to 21
  - Bush supports voluntary efforts to equip all handguns with child safety locks
- On Abortion**
- Pro-life with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother
  - Supports parental notification, banning use of taxpayer funds for abortion, and banning partial birth abortion

## On the Democratic

## Ticket



Vice President Al Gore

- On Education:**
- Supports a program to reward college students who choose to teach in schools that need their help
  - Tough standards for licensing or tenure, with evaluations by teams of accomplished teachers and administrators
  - National Tuition Savings program tying together state tuition programs in more than 30 states with a goal of all states participating in a program that would allow parents to save for college tax free and use those savings in participating states

• New 401-J accounts where employers help employees save tax free for lifelong learning for the employee and his or her spouse, or a child's college education

- On Gun Control:**
- Supports zero tolerance for guns
- On Abortion:**
- Pro-choice
  - Supports Medicaid abortion



Former N.J. Sen. Bill Bradley

- On Education:**
- Offer loan forgiveness to

students who are enrolled in universities that offer rigorous teacher training and who commit to teaching in urban and rural districts.

- Encourage partnerships between universities and local schools to provide professional development for teachers already in the classroom.
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- On Abortion:**
- Pro-choice
  - Supports federal financing of abortions for women on Medicaid.

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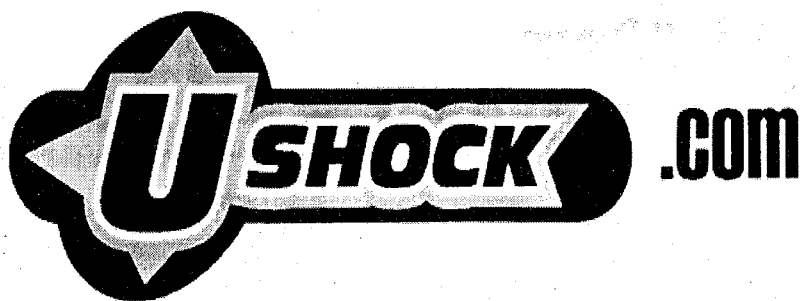
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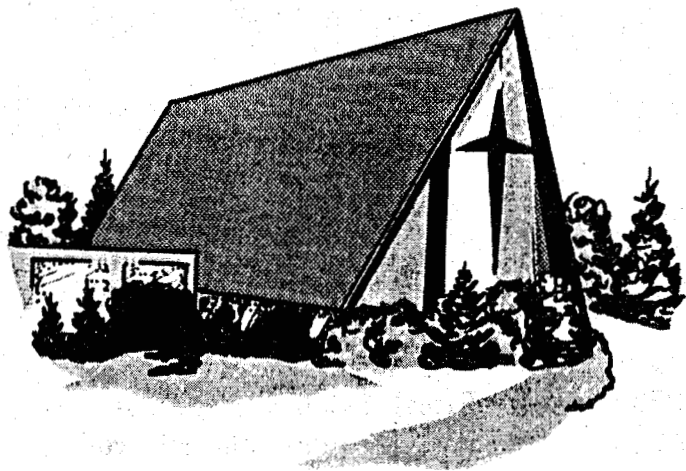
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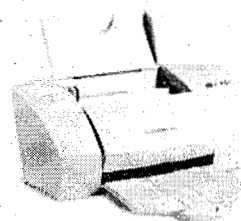
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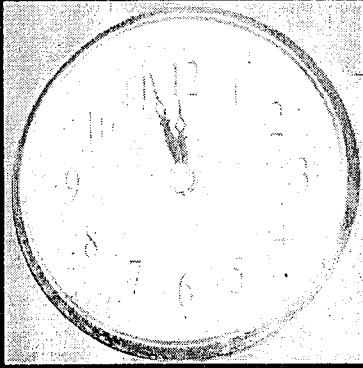
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The school lost its tax exemption in 1983 after a 13 year battle with the Internal Revenue Service that cited the school's discrimination. BJU now admits blacks but keeps the ban on interracial dating based on a biblical interpretation that God created people differently for a majors, from electrical engineering and aviation management to Bible teaching, and 55 graduate degrees, most of those religious or musically oriented.

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is a metro area of 350,000, a place where Germany's BMW makes cars, France's Michelin makes tires and the Chamber of Commerce flies the flags of 15 nations that have offices or plants here.

Linda Bravo, manager of a bakery store across the busy six-lane street from campus, said, "I have total respect for Bob Jones," but she worries about its control of students. Noting the school's activism against some rock bands appearing at a local arena and against video gambling, she says, "It's the Bible Belt, not Bob Jones Land."

The school tires to be self-sufficient, making its own electricity, doing its own laundry, building its buildings and getting its beef and dairy products from a school farm 15 miles away. It also operates its own elementary, middle and high schools.

"If you really get to know the students, faculty and staff, you'd see their actions speak louder than words," said the Rev. Alexander McCormick of Heritage Bible Church in nearby Greer, who praises the community contributions the school makes. "They don't hate blacks and they don't hate Catholics." AP

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By Carolyn Hax

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—Kate

That a 3.9 GPA makes you smart, not wise. That's the deal. I have no doubt you can get a fine education at your boyfriend's school, and, why not, we'll stipulate that it would've been on your list without him. But you're setting off all the adult alarms with that line about its being your first choice with or without him. I'm sorry, there's no way you're selling this decision as an objective one. Consider the odds:

Of all the colleges in all the world, the best one for you is his? What acowinkydink! Please. You'd have far more credibility with the Old People if you simply admitted—to yourself first, then to them—that your boyfriend's a factor, if only because his being there allowed you to see more of this school than others. Then at least you can argue with them on the merits, which are ... um ... I know: You won't be leaving school every weekend to visit him. That's a good one. Plus, if you break up, surely the school will be big enough for the both of you.

The adults can then argue that there might be better schools that you simply know less about, and that tailing your boyfriend will make it hard for you to put any distance between the high school you and the someday-adult you—which is what about 80 percent of your tuition is supposed to buy. Right now, you're a dependent kid. Eventually, your parents want an independent adult. College offers a semi-controlled environment to learn semi-independence: adulthood with training wheels. (And you thought it was to expand your mind

and improve your job prospects. Silly you.)

My guess is, they don't want you to use your new wheels just to ride around in your old circles. Remember, too, that you're a talented kid with a high GPA. The more promise you show, the harder it gets to watch you make mistakes.

Still, this is your mistake to make. If you insist on making it, you won't get any adults off your back with the "I was going to go there anyway!" defense. That's not a thoughtful argument; that's the whopper you're telling yourself.

**Dear Carolyn:**

My domestic partner lived with his parents until he and I moved in together. They have been very generous in giving us loans when we needed a little more to scrape by (school and all that). He was on their car insurance policy until recently, when they bought him his own policy.

However, now they seem to feel that our monetary situation (mine as well as his) is their eternal business. I intensely dislike someone telling me how to spend my money. What

should I do?

—*Seriously Peeved*

Short answer? Stop taking their money, or start taking orders. Ideally, his parents would understand that you're both adults despite your financial dependence. Accepting their money, however, means "ideally" goes out the window, along with your right to complain. Here's one thing you can try—or, I should say, your partner can try (you can stay out of it): Suggest that he go on a regular, fixed payment plan to replace the money he borrowed, and ask in return that his parents give him some air.

**Dear Carolyn:**

My best friend and college roommate is getting married next year and is already stressing out trying to plan it. Her biggest problem is with the bridal party: She was friends with two separate groups growing up, but she's now only close to one person from each of those groups. She wants to keep her wedding small with just me and those two other people as

bridesmaids, but she feels that if she asks these two people to be in the wedding, then she has to ask everyone else in the groups as well (meaning 8-plus bridesmaids). How can she politely tell them she doesn't want them in the wedding without hurting their feelings?

—C.W.

You could start by explaining to her that this is a wedding, not inoperable cancer.

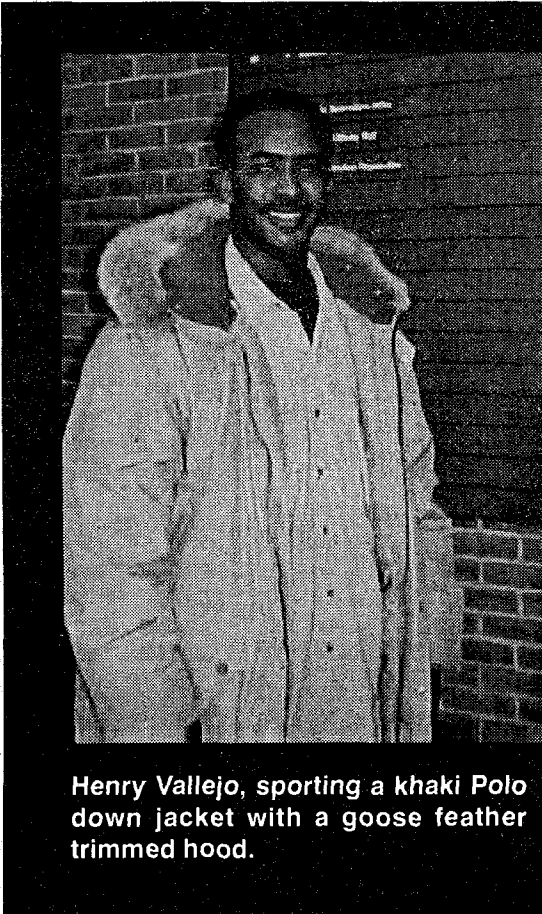
Her three-bridesmaid plan is fine, and she doesn't need to tell the also-rans anything, politely or otherwise, because there's nothing to tell. Truly. If any of them indicates she'd like to be included, your friend can explain, gently, that she's keeping things small. I doubt she'll need to—grown women can accept this without rioting in the pews.

Got a question for Carolyn Hax? Send her an e-mail in care of the Statesman at [statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu](mailto:statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu).



# Stony Brook Trendsetters

By Tina Chadha, Statesman Editor



Henry Vallejo, sporting a khaki Polo down jacket with a goose feather trimmed hood.



Gina Kowalczyk, wearing a black Steve Madden suede jacket with faux fur trimming.



Andrea Ciccotelli buttons her knee length black Guess velvet coat.

Photos by Ruth Chung

Standing apart from the sea of uniform black peacoats and bubble jackets seen every winter, these Stony Brook students braved the winter in coats that are original and in vogue. Here's a peek at some of our favorite looks of this winter.

*Spotting New Jackets Around Campus*

*Places To Go...People To See... is a new monthly column about things to do in the Metropolitan area.*

## Places To Go...

### Upcoming Shows in NYC

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| 3/11 The Disco Biscuits, Lake Trout at Wetlands                   | 3/23 Viperhouse, Ray's Music Exchange at The Lion's Den      | <b>April</b>  |
| 3/14 Type O Negative, Coal Chamber, Full Devil Jacket at Roseland | 3/23 Illuminati, Fat Mama at Wetlands                        | 4/3 Third Eye Blind, Tonic at Hammerstein Ballroom                        |
| 3/15,16,17,18 Pat Metheny Trio at Knitting Factory                | 3/23,24,25 Joan Baez at Bowery Ballroom                      | 4/3 and 4 Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young at Madison Square Garden           |
| 3/16 Al & The Trans Americans, Steakhouse at Wetlands             | 3/24 Grant Lee Phillips at Knitting Factory                  | 4/4 Tracy Chapman at Roseland   |
| 3/16 The Saw Doctors, BR5-49 at Irving Plaza                      | 3/24 John Scofield's Bump Band, Soulive, Ulu at Irving Plaza | 4/6 Rollins Band at Irving Plaza  |
| 3/16 Arto Lindsay at Tonic  | 3/24 Perfecto w/ Paul Oakenfold & Dave Ralph at The Roxy     | 4/6 No Doubt, Suicide Machines at Roseland                                |
| 3/16 D'Angelo, Mos Def at Radio City Music Hall                   | 3/25 Derek Trucks Band at Wetlands                           | 4/7,8 The Radiators, Merl Saunders & The Rainforest Band at Irving Plaza  |
| 3/17 Conehead Buddha at The Lion's Den                            | 3/25 Matthew Sweet at Irving Plaza                           | 4/10 Moe. at Wetlands   |
| 3/20 Ani DiFranco at Avery Fisher Hall                            | 3/27 Fu Manchu, The Step Kings at Wetlands                   | 4/13 They Might Be Giants at Bowery Ballroom \$20                         |
|   | 3/29 Stereo MC's at The Cooler                               | 4/14 Bela Fleck & The Flecktones, David Grisman Quartet at Beacon Theatre |
|   |  | 4/15 Percy Hill at Wetlands   |

### Venue Information

- Beacon Theatre (212) 496-7070
- Bowery Ballroom (212) 533-2111
- The Cooler (212) 229-0785
- Hammerstein Ballroom (212) 564-4882
- Irving Plaza (212) 777-6800
- Knitting Factory (212) 219-3055
- The Lions Den (212) 477-2782
- Mercury Lounge (212) 260-4700
- Roseland (212) 245-5761
- Roxy (212) 777-1224 515
- Tonic (212) 358-7503 107
- Wetlands (212) 386-3600

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## Features

# Prepare Thyself

## *Dogma Descends Upon Staller Center*

By KAT FULGIERI  
Statesman Editor

At 9 p.m. on March 10th, the Staller Center doors will open up like the proverbial gates of heaven and let patrons inside for a showing of *Dogma*.

A pseudo-religious spoof, *Dogma* chronicles the attempts of two fallen angels trying to return home. Numerous characters attempt to sabotage their efforts, because if the two succeed, life on Earth will cease to exist.

The premise of judgment day, the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, the foundations of modern faith, and real-life issues of relationships, longing, and immature men are all confronted and satirized during the 130 minute film. If nothing else, it makes for an amusing and well-researched delve into the Catholic tradition, with factors spun

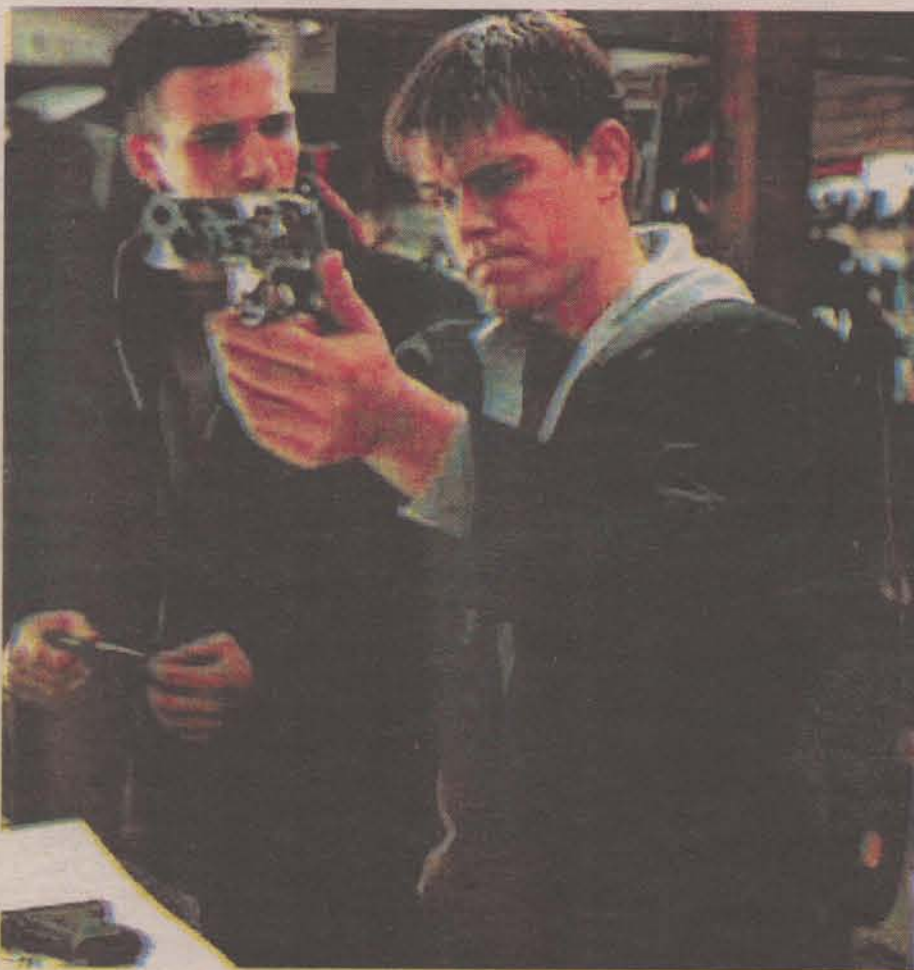
sinfully into comedic elements. While the story alone has value, the complicated story elements are woven into a coherent picture. This picture is a mirror of sorts, one that can be looked into only after making light of the blasphemy contained in the movie. The offensiveness is not for everyone, and though tolerable, it is fiercely evident in every scene. Prominent matters of affront include an iconization of Jesus as "Buddy Christ," a replacement for the crucifix, and the insistence of every character that God is a woman who loves skee-ball. Different scenes portray angels getting drunk, a muse (Selma Hayek) working as a stripper, and Satan's messengers as hockey-playing street punks.

There is an entire back story that goes along with *Dogma*, one of



Courtesy of [www.dogma-movie.com](http://www.dogma-movie.com)

Chris Rock, Kevin Smith, Jason Mewes and Linda Fiorentino are an unlikely heroes.



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Ben Affleck and Matt Damon are less than holy as two fallen angels in *Dogma*.

controversy and heated debate. Following its general theater release, the movie was decried by several religious groups and countless individuals, many of whom made suggestions and demands of extreme nature. Letter writing campaigns were directed at Disney. Offended parties asked for everything from a ban on the movie, to an apology, to the eternal damnation of writer Kevin Smith, and Miramax Films. Samplings of hate-mail sent to people affiliated with the movie are available at [www.viewaskew.com](http://www.viewaskew.com).

One letter from South Carolina implored the producers to "fire the actors, burn the scenery and scripts. Let the footage already made, everything, be destroyed." Another angry viewer, this one hailing from New York City, had this to say: "Since I am a devout Catholic, I find this kind of movie about the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ having sexual relations with the Apostles totally unfair to the Catholic Church. Not to mention the allegations attacking the Holy Sacrifice of the Catholic Mass."

Linda Fiorentino stars as Bethany, a conventional chick-next-door type who is working her way through a rough patch of life. Diminishing faith and unanswered prayers set the stage for a

visit from Metatron (Alan Rickman), a heralding angel sent from above to tell Bethany that she has to get out of bed and stop the two angels and save the world from destruction. Fiorentino does a great job with a role that lets her display theatrical versatility and comedic talent.

Chris Rock is also in *Dogma*, playing the forgotten 13th apostle, Rufus. He turns in a credible and lively performance. Ben Affleck and Matt Damon play the renegade angels, Bartleby and Loki, who have learned that the only way to return to heaven is the walk through a gate that absolves them of all sin. Their return to heaven, though, would render God fallible, and therefore must be stopped at all costs. Joining in to help are prophets Jay and Silent Bob, played by Jason Mewes and writer Kevin Smith, reprising their popular characters from "Clerks," and adding more low comedy, making the movie a true guilty pleasure.

Tickets for Staller Center movie showings are \$4 for adults, and \$3 for children and USB students. Tickets are available at the box office, online at [www.stallercenter.com](http://www.stallercenter.com), or by calling 632-ARTS.