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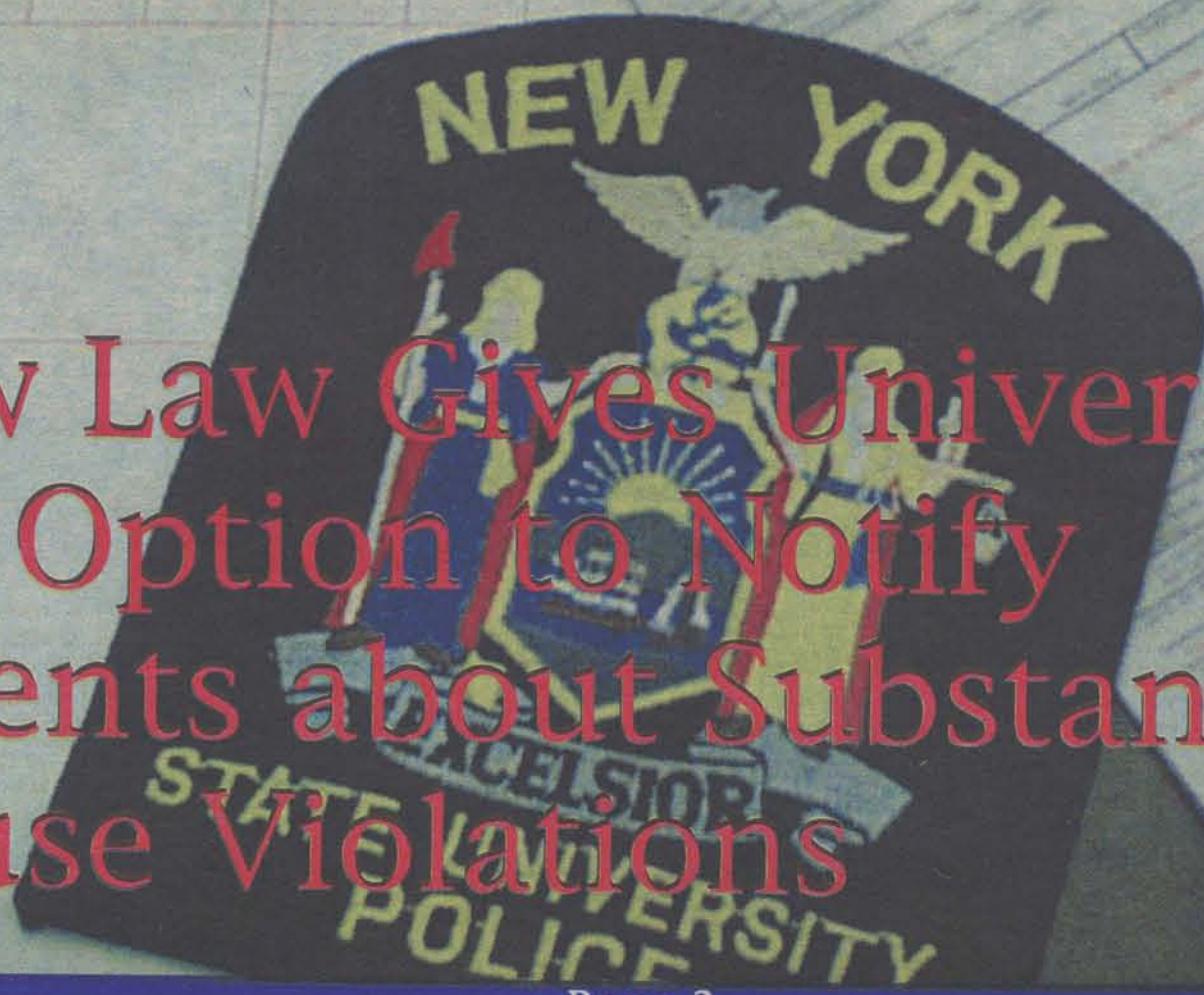
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# The Parent Trap

New Law Gives Universities  
the Option to Notify  
Parents about Substance  
Abuse Violations





**Monday, November 8, 1999**

**12:00 p.m.** An upright piano was taken from Humanities.

**12:45 p.m.** A parking permit was lost in Greely College

**1:33 p.m.** The smell of marijuana was observed in Gray College. It was unfounded.

**1:55 p.m.** A Langmuir College resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

**2:20 p.m.** A wallet with credit cards was lost in 16 North of the University Hospital.

**6:29 p.m.** Three males were reported to be fighting in the South P Lot. Officers arriving on the scene saw one person fleeing into the woods, however, the report was unfounded.

**6:45 p.m.** A book bag containing three books and planner and credit cards was lost in North P Lot.

**10:13 p.m.** A person was arrested for breaking a car window and criminal possession of stolen property in the North P Lot.

**Tuesday, November 9, 1999**

**12:18 p.m.** A computer chip valued at \$2000 was taken from the University Hospital.

**1:59 p.m.** A parking permit was stolen from the Stadium parking lot.

**3:02 p.m.** The rear passenger side window of a vehicle was broken by Heavy Engineering.

**4:37 p.m.** A person in Life Sciences reported receiving harassing phone calls and e-mail.

**4:40 p.m.** There was a report of a male and female fighting in the University Hospital.

**Wednesday, November 10, 1999**

**1:22 a.m.** A spouse violated an Order of Protection by calling his wife at work. Suffolk County Police was notified.

**2:16 a.m.** Four to five suspicious males were seen in the Kelly Parking Lot.

**6:26 a.m.** A male was banging on a door outside of Stimson College. It was a custodian.

**9:06 p.m.** Individuals illegally dumped refuse in the Heavy Engineering Loading Zone.

**9:49 p.m.** A purse with credit cards was stolen from the University Hospital.

**2:19 p.m.** A cell phone was stolen from the

Health Sciences Center.

**5:24 p.m.** A watch was lost in Engineering.

**5:29 p.m.** A cell phone was stolen from the shoulder bag of a person in the Library.

**7:04 p.m.** An Irving College resident received harassing phone calls.

**8:05 p.m.** A wallet containing a New York State Driver's License, credit cards, and an employee ID card was found in the University Hospital.

**8:06 p.m.** A keychain/wallet containing Buick keys was found in the University Hospital.

**Blotter of the Week**

**Tuesday, November 9, 1999**

**2:52 am** There was a report of a suspicious person in James College. Upon police arrival an individual was found hiding in the closet. The individual was escorted back to his room and has been referred to Residential Life.

**11:43 p.m.** A parking permit was stole from a vehicle in Roosevelt College.

**Thursday, November 11, 1999**

**12:39 p.m.** The latch from a Mount College door was removed.

**3:17 a.m.** There was a report of five to six individuals congregating in the Benedict Parking Lot. They were gone upon police arrival.

**8:13 a.m.** An individual was stealing food from the SAC loading zone. The individual was taken into custody and taken in for processing.

**8:23 a.m.** A wallet was found in the University Hospital.

**8:43 a.m.** A suspicious person was spotted in Hendrix College.

**8:58 p.m.** A microphone was stolen from Humanities.

**9:34 p.m.** A cell phone antenna was stolen

from a car in the Health Sciences Center Parking Garage.

**4:18 p.m.** A small fire was started in the Windows Cafeteria of the University Hospital.

**6:53 p.m.** The lug nuts were stolen from a car in Irving College's parking lot.

**Friday, November 12, 1999**

**11:22 a.m.** A bathroom was vandalized at the University Hospital.

**12:54 p.m.** A wallet containing credit cards and cash was stolen from the Javits Lecture Hall.

**8:11 p.m.** A door in Mount College that had been recently damaged and repaired was damaged again.

**10:18 p.m.** A female was harassed in the Student Union.

**Saturday, November 13, 1999**

**12:35 a.m.** A group of suspicious persons were seen at the rear of Keller College. The individuals were students.

**1:53 a.m.** A fire alarm pull box was ripped from the wall at The Spot.

**2:49 a.m.** A Chapin Apartments resident received threatening phone calls.

**2:34 p.m.** A bus driver reported individuals drinking and jumping in front of buses in North P-Lot.

**10:17 p.m.** A male appeared to be breaking into a vehicle in the Kelly Quad Parking Lot. The subject fled the scene upon police arrival. A dent puller was confiscated.

**Sunday, November 14, 1999**

**1:27 a.m.** There was a complaint of noise coming from the inner quad in Kelly Quad. Officers dispersed the individuals.

**1:43 a.m.** A suspicious person was seen wandering in the Greely College Parking Lot. The subject was gone upon police arrival.

**5:13 p.m.** The window of a vehicle was broken in the Kelly Quad Parking Lot.

**7:10 p.m.** An ID card was reported to be lost.



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# Remember to Call Home

## New Law Allows Schools to Notify Parents When Students Get in Trouble

By JULIE MINGIONE  
Statesman Editor

Recent changes in federal law have made it easier for colleges and universities to contact parents about student alcohol and drug abuse.

Under the new legislation, universities and colleges are now allowed, but not required, to alert parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 who violate any codes concerning alcohol or controlled substances.

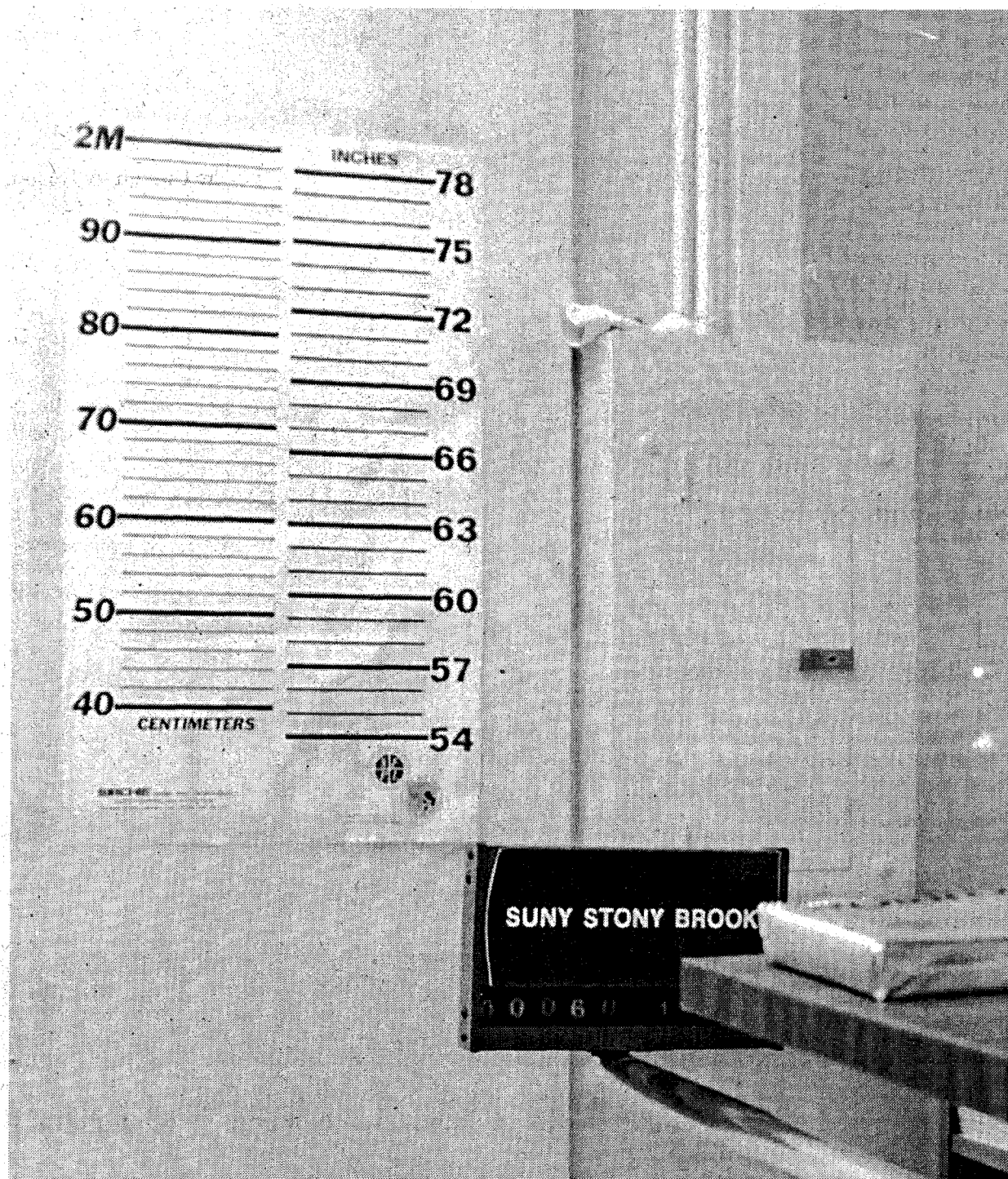
These changes in the law may affect Stony Brook students as well, since the question of parental notification is under debate and discussion by university groups nationwide.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act was a law originally understood by many universities and colleges as disallowing them from notifying parents about their child's drug and alcohol violations. In October, 1998, an amendment to the act was passed, stating clearly that universities have the authority to inform parents or guardians if their dependent is caught with alcohol or drugs.

Right now, however, Stony Brook does not mandate parental notification when their child is caught violating the University's alcohol and drug policies. According to the Director of Judicial Affairs, Gary Mis, the question of parental notification, "...is under discussion and is being proposed as one of the topics for the upcoming tri-annual Rules Revision Committee meetings designed to review the University Student Conduct Code." Represented on that committee are the Student Polity Association and the Graduate Student Organization. The group is being headed by Gerianne Sands of the Associate University Council to discuss these modifications in law. Said Mis, "Student input is certainly welcome, and will be represented on the Rules Revision Committee."

Some schools have already adopted stricter notification policies. And some have strengthened their already stern stance on the issue. In 1997, prior to the amendment, the University of Delaware had their policy on drugs and alcohol read that an, "automatic letter of notification is sent to the parents of any student under 21 who is found guilty of violating the alcohol regulations."

Other universities have since jumped on the parental notification bandwagon, including the



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Under new legislation, colleges and universities will be able to notify the parents of students who are charged with crimes including underage drinking and drug abuse.

University of Virginia. Before the new legislation, parents were notified of alcohol or drug abuse only in the most extreme of cases, according to Associate Dean of Students Shamin Sisson. In a letter sent to parents this August, University of Virginia President John Casteen wrote, "In the past, our policy has been to address alcohol abuse by working with students to solve problems," Casteen wrote. "We will continue this policy, but we also will use the clarified authority in the new law when the deans see good reason to do so."

This new legislation has many Stony Brook students worried. Said Gayle Laing, a junior, "Underage drinking is a staple of residential college life. It doesn't always signify a problem, so parents shouldn't always be called. That seems ridiculous."

Peter Mastroianni, a substance abuse counselor at Stony Brook, feels that one policy concerning parental notification is not sufficient for every student on campus. "I think decisions about getting parents involved need to be made on an individual basis," he said. When asked if he thought the new legislation would provide for any radical changes at the University, Mastroianni replied, "Although it is still being debated, I don't

think there are going to be any major changes."

In cases that are in violation of the penal code, such as DWI, an arrest is always made. According to Deputy Police Chief Doug Little, "In an arrest situation and violation of the penal law, it [parental notification] is a disciplinary decision in which the student judiciary is contacted. The responsibility of the police department is to comply with state and federal law."

Sara Finnerty, a sophomore at Stony Brook, is not nervous about the new legislation. "My parents pretty much understand that I drink. They know I'm not stupid enough to drink and drive, and they know I'm responsible about it."

Basically, the changes in the law will mean that "A parent could have three children attending three different universities and the parental notification policy could vary for each institution," said Mis.

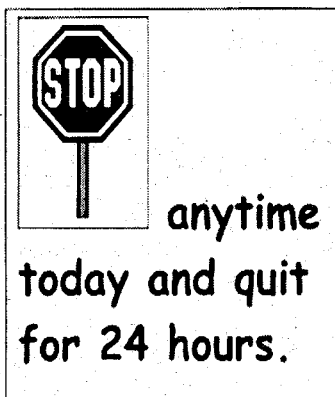
It is important to note, however, that the issue of notification of parents for alcohol and other drug infractions on the Stony Brook campus is still being debated, and that no final decision has been reached.

Echoing the sentiments of many concerned students, Peter Mastroianni's response to parental notification is simple. "Students should be treated like adults."

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# Linking Campuses

## New SUNY Telecommunications Network Proposed

By ANN X.L. ZHU  
Statesman Staff

An elected advisory board for the State of New York has proposed a plan which would tie all 64 campuses in the state into a single telecommunications network.

The plan, first developed six months ago, was based on one of two other plans to strengthen the state's research infrastructure within the University and improve training programs to meet industry standards. The advisory board plans to carry out those plans through the development of the telecommunications network system.

By linking each campus to every other SUNY campus, communications would improve with the availability of up-to-date information. As a result of providing campuses with information that would be continuously updated and easy to access, research facilities in fields, such as the sciences, would be better utilized and training programs would be built to aid economic development.

"Research in [fields like the] biological sciences could lead to a major drug and that drug could have a tremendous impact, not only on curing people, but as a business where people would be employed," said Yacov Shamash, a member of the advisory board, and dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at

Stony Brook. "The primary purpose here is to try to create high technology jobs in the state."

The advisory group has forecasted huge savings in costs, because of the more efficient communications systems. Part of the estimated savings is \$10 to \$20 million, because the plan was consolidated so that a single contractor could implement it. A single contractor would cost less than the current system where each campus has its own contractor for information services, and would produce a smoother flow of information from campus to campus.

Although the University does not currently have any contractors in mind, University officials hope bids and proposals for the contract would be attained soon so that the implementation of the plan would be within the estimated one year's time. The proposal would not need to change most of the University's current equipment, but would most likely require changing the telecommunications media, such as the cable lines, to a higher speed.

With the improvements and increases in job training programs, the University hopes to get more funds through an initiative, approved by the State Legislature, called Jobs 2000. This initiative would provide up to \$550 million for state organizations that invest in research and training programs in science and technology. Jobs 2000's goal is to help create new jobs, and by joining University's research infrastructure



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Yacov Shamash is a member of the advisory board, and is the dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at SBU.

and training programs together, the University anticipates greater probability of obtaining some of those funds.

In a recent press release the advisory board said, "[The University] has the potential of becoming the state's primary workforce development engine because one of the most critical issues in growing the state's economy is the need for skilled workers."

# Residents Not Served Here

## SAC Cafeteria Not Available to Residents During Lunch

By TINE CHADHA  
Statesman Staff

You get out of a stressful test and you have 10 minutes before your next class, so you rush to the SAC, grab a quick bite before the rest of your busy day. You hand your meal card to the cashier, who looks at you in annoyance.

"We stopped accepting meal cards at 11:30," she says. "Are you going to pay for that?"

This scenario is familiar to students attending SUNY Stony Brook. "Either it's freshman year and you don't know about the SAC not accepting meal cards, or once in a while you forget," said senior Ellen Heckelman. "It's happened to all of us and it's the worst."

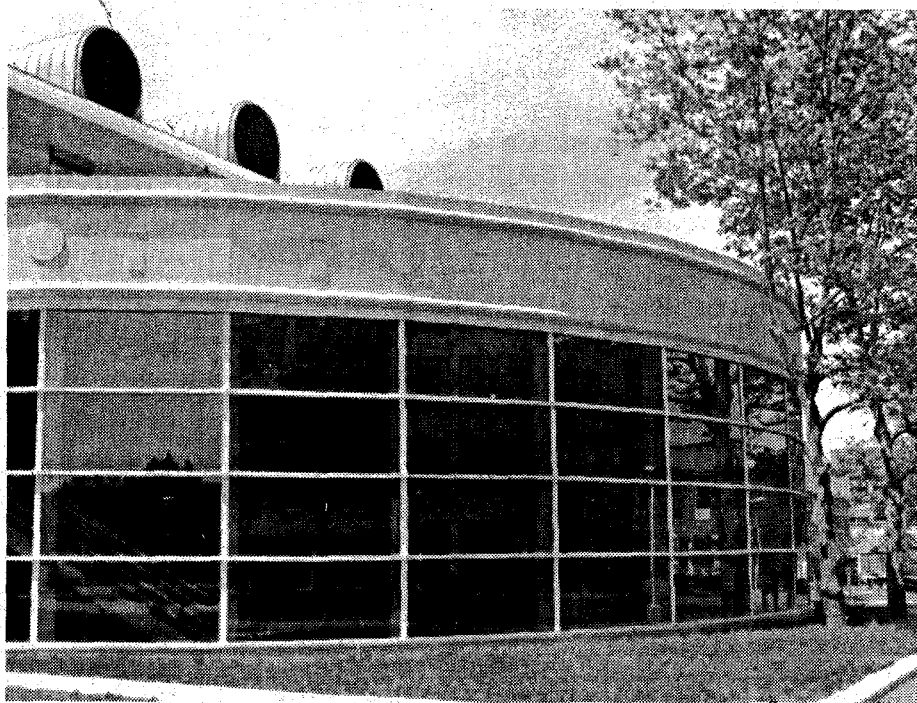
The Student Activity Center, located at the center of SUNY Stony Brook, is one of the newest and busiest buildings on campus. "The SAC was opened three years ago," says Manny Cortez, the building manager at the SAC. It houses student organizations such as Polity, Student Activity Board, and Commuter Student Association. There are constantly meetings and

events going on in the SAC, so it is filled with students. These activities, along with the SAC's close proximity to classrooms, draw a lot of students to come use the dining facilities.

During the hours of 11:30am and 2:00pm the SAC stops accepting meal cards. Most students are forced to eat at other dining halls and do not understand the rationale for this refusal. The dining manager says it is to prevent the SAC from being overcrowded and other eating places from being empty.

"Most of my classes are around this time period and I work here, so it's a hassle for me to go to the Union," says Glorysel Perez, an Operations Assistant at the SAC and a junior. "It's out of the way and it makes me late for class"

Another student, Shivani Shah says, "It's horrible because we all have to go to the Bleacher Club and I don't like the food there. It's bland and always tastes the same." She is also a vegetarian and says, "Everything they cook in other places on campus are cooked in the meat grill and the SAC is the only place they have a separate vegetarian grill."



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Students aren't allowed to spend their campus points in the SAC Cafeteria between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Resident District Manager of Dining Service, Dennis LeStrange, says, "This is done for the purpose of keeping the SAC functional at that time. It would be beyond overcrowded with all the commuters and residents eating together." This is also a way to "balance out the campus," LeStrange says. "Places like the Bleacher Club and Kelly Dining Hall would be empty, the managers and workers would not be working and the campus

would be lopsided." He also says, "People would be miserable if we allowed meal cards at all times. They would have to wait to get served, wait to pay, and there would not be enough seats. The whole experience would be miserable."

"It's still unfair," says Aheesha Jones, a junior, "because we pay a lot for our meal plan and we should be able to use it at our convenience."



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## Editorials

# You Must Be Skidding Skidmore College Pulls Newspaper Off Stands Due to "Offensive" Material

There's a frightening trend sweeping across the nation where administrators at colleges and universities are using an iron fist in regards to campus publications. First, we had the school in Kentucky that had their yearbooks confiscated by school officials because the editor allowed criticism of the school to be included in the publication. We now move easterly, where in Saratoga Springs at Skidmore College, a similar move was made.

As reported in Statesman's National College News section, the admissions director at the school was caught by an ATM camera stealing 1000 copies of the student newspaper and literally throwing them out in the garbage. Apparently, the director, May Lou Bates, had her delicate sensibilities offended by the cover story. The paper reported how a truck parked outside a house reserved for homosexual students was smeared with human excrement and then victoriously flagged with a piece of used toilet paper. In what is possibly an administrator's worst

nightmare, the story ran the same week of the school's open house, which attracted prospective students and their parents.

Bates did apologize for her trip to the trash. She claimed to fear that the school's visitors would be offended by the story because of its graphic language and photos. Bates defended herself by claiming that she "reacted as a mother and not as a director of admissions." Yeah right. While it was clever of her to plead "the mommy excuse," (after all, who wants to hurt a mommy), it won't work this time.

We would venture to say it is the exact other way around. Sure, Mommy may very well have wanted to shield the virgin eyes and ears of the visitors, the potential turn-off this incident could pose to prospective students (i.e. tuition payers) was primary on her priority list.

There is no controversy over this. There isn't any second gunman theory suggesting that Bates did not act alone. She was not backed up by the administration, however, now is the time to step in and let it ring clear that any censorship can

not and will not be tolerated.

In addition, shouldn't this irresponsible woman be reprimanded for false advertising or misleading the public? Forget small classes and top rate professors. If there's one thing a prospective student needs to know about a potential school, it its incidence of crimes, biased or otherwise.

Besides feeling sympathetic towards our fellow comrades in the constant battle that is student journalism, we at the Statesman feel especially close ties to this case. Just this past month alone, we ran two articles pertaining to our own campus gay organization and the harassment they suffered at the homophobic hands of Army recruiters. Imagine President Kenny, or any other administrator, took it upon themselves to remove those issues from the public? That would be a severe infringement on your right to know, not to mention a further affront to the gay organization.

It is imperative that we send a message throughout Stony Brook, one that will hopefully spread across the nation, that our right to report and your right to know will not be impeded, no matter how delicate the stories may be.





# In Defense of Southworth

## Students Respond to the Student Activity Fee Issue

### To the Editor:

There comes a time when an individual's relationship to a greater community needs to be examined. A time when a distinction between the needs of the community, and the rights of the individual; rights which are the very essence of freedom. Obviously, the author of the *Statesman's* article on the student activity fee has found this a difficult issue to comprehend.

Reduced to its most basic terms, the issue becomes a question of who has the right to decide where one's money goes. Before one goes into the deep philosophical arguments on behalf of either side, one should first look at the relevance of such a debate to our democracy. The Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that money can be classified as speech. It has ruled that donations to candidates, organizations, and causes, are an exercise of one's 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights. In the case *Hoffman v. Maryland* (1990), the Court's decision recognized that if one is guaranteed the ability to exercise a right, than accordingly one is guaranteed the right not to exercise that same right. The result of this and the importance of it to our subject is that when an institution does not let an individual not fund something, the individual's 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights (freedom of speech) are being violated.

The author of the *Statesman* article would lead one to believe that this is a political issue, one that exemplifies the power struggle between the left and right fringes of our society. However, one can dismiss that claim quite easily. Almost immediately, the author begins classifying all those who disagree as conservatives, right wing fanatics, misogynists and homophobes. As the reader looks upon this list of derogatory labels, he/she should ask him/herself two important questions. First, are these labels accurate? Next, the reader should ask – "why is the author so quick to label opponents when instead he/she should be reinforcing the argument." The answer to the first question is no, the labels are not accurate. How can the group questioning the status quo be described as conservative right wing fanatics? Isn't the criticism of conservatives usually that they are upholding the status quo, unable to move forward? Here is a group of students that are challenging the establishment, attempting to increase the autonomy of the individual, and provide students with a greater ability to impact the community in which they live. However, the reader would never get that from the article because they are truths which the author finds dangerous. The answer to the second question is that the anonymous author uses derogatory labels because

he/she is trying to scare people away from the opposing position. He is saying "Don't you dare think differently! If you do, you are a bad, bad person!"

The author of the article claims that the money individuals would save by not endorsing and funding certain clubs is not beneficial because we are parts of a tolerant, diverse, democratic society. I challenge the author to point out the undemocratic nature of choice. The author will not be able to do so because the very nature of democracy is choice. The greater the choice, the greater the democracy. Furthermore, how is it a democratic society if someone is telling you that they know how to spend your money better than you do. In essence the author is saying, "Don't you



dare think for yourself, let us do it – you may make the wrong choice. We know how to better spend money than you do."

It is at this point that one should use simple logic and reasoning to see what the true issue is. This is an issue about oppression. This is the type of scenario that Madison and Tocqueville feared when acknowledging the "tyranny of the majority." This is not an oppression that is easily identifiable. It does not physically beat us into compliance. Rather it molds our decisions and opinions, guiding us without our knowledge. Every individual should be on guard for the larger society attempting to make up the individual's mind. If we allow it, we have relinquished our independence and become drones handing our money to society. Even worse, we become nothing more than mindless zombies, unable to

even recognize the fact that a higher power reaches its greedy hand into our pockets and takes at will. Every individual should be aware of these Marxist tendencies which sound nice and appeal to our desire for equality. In the end they only lead to destruction.

Suppose for a moment that there was an organization on campus that an individual found them self ideologically opposed to. The author says that we should all be forced to donate funds to organizations because no matter how unpopular an ideology is we are all enriched by its existence. If we don't, the author says they will fail. The author makes this claim because he/she feels that the groups which he/she obviously favors (those existing to the left of the political spectrum) will not receive funding. Now let us go back to the imaginary club. Suppose that it was the Ku Klux Klan. Should we all have a portion of our student activity fee go to them? Certainly not. The logic of the *Statesman* article would back the kkk because they possess viewpoints different from the norm, and are therefore enriching us as part of our diverse university culture. Common sense tells all of us that any logic which could easily lead to that is simply not acceptable. While the Constitution grants such detestable groups as the kkk the right to form, it also grant us (the individual) the right not to endorse such organizations.

In closing, the political philosopher J.S. Mills argued that freedom of speech is essential, and no one should ever be silenced. I concede that the existence of opposing views help us to refine our own ideas and define ourselves. No one is favoring the silencing of any club. Even if a club was to receive no funding through a system permitting students pick and choose which clubs to fund, nothing is to stop any club from raising funds themselves. Corporate sponsors and parent organizations will surely pick up most of the tab. Private fund raising by club members could also be an option, but it would require dedication and work. And how could a university better prepare students for the real world than to create an environment fostering the virtues of diligence, goal setting, and hard work? Lastly, if a club was to receive no funding, why then should the entire student population be forced to fund it? This idea that we all must pay for every club is a yoke of oppression that must be thrown off. While acceptance of different opinions is the responsibility of every educated person, not endorsing a different opinion is a right. May that essential light of liberty never be darkened.

William Murphy

### To the Editor:

In contrast to your editorial stance (*Southworth v. Everyone*), there are students out here who agree with the arguments that Southworth has made, even though we might not agree with his ideological views, and look forward to being persuaded, rather than forced, to engage in activities. We even believe that this would be better for the formerly funded organizations themselves.

Your main argument (aside from the fallacious attempt to denigrate the legal argument by associating it with your demonization of Southworth's beliefs), is that certain activities won't be supported under a voluntary system. You seem to think this justifies the use of

force to compel support. I'd argue that a voluntary system clearly demonstrates where the interests of the students lie. Should someone's pet project go unfunded due to a lack of interest, we are not only not justified in forcing support, but have also gained valuable insight into the nature of the student body. To call this system a 'popularity contest' disparages the will of the people and is undemocratic. You seem to presume that the student activity board can more wisely spend a student's money than they can, which is both false and elitist.

Your second argument is that the real world is more diverse than the classroom, and we need extracurricular activities to

introduce students to this diversity. There are multiple flaws in this line of reasoning. First, merely recognizing something as beneficial does not compel one to accept that it should be supported by taxation. Second, most students tend to join clubs that match interests already formed when they have entered college, so it is questionable to what extent people are being exposed to novelty through student groups. And finally, the experience of diversity of the real world involves competing for people's attention and money. As things stand, student groups are run through a taxation system, but few students will continue to work in such as system once they graduate. This means that students are not

obtaining the valuable entrepreneurial and organizational skills they will need when they begin life beyond college. Running student groups more like businesses will better prepare students for the business world they will most likely enter after graduation.

A voluntary payment system for activities would surely make more work for those run student groups, and might cause some to disappear. The benefits, though, are a more democratic and informative system of student politics that fosters the development of highly useful real-world skills.

James Polichak



## Campus Voices

School officials now have the right to contact parents if the student is charged with substance abuse violations. What are your feelings?



"From the perspective of society, it might be good, but on an individual basis, it's a violation of privacy."

Dawn Miller, First-year Pre-med

"That's degrading. If I'm old enough to purchase pornos, I'm old enough to be accountable for my own actions."

Johnathan Wiepert, Senior, Computer Science



"It depends on the severity, but it's making college so much like high school."

Laura Reilly, Freshman, Engineering

"We've already come of age, and given all our rights to do whatever we want, and pay for whatever consequences."

Kathy O'Neil, Freshman, Chemistry

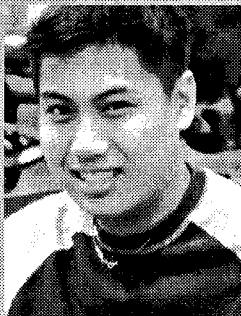


"If the student is under eighteen, I would agree with congress."

Rex Zulfekar, Junior, ISE

"If the parent is paying for the tuition, they should have the rights to know."

Omar Gillego, sophomore, Business



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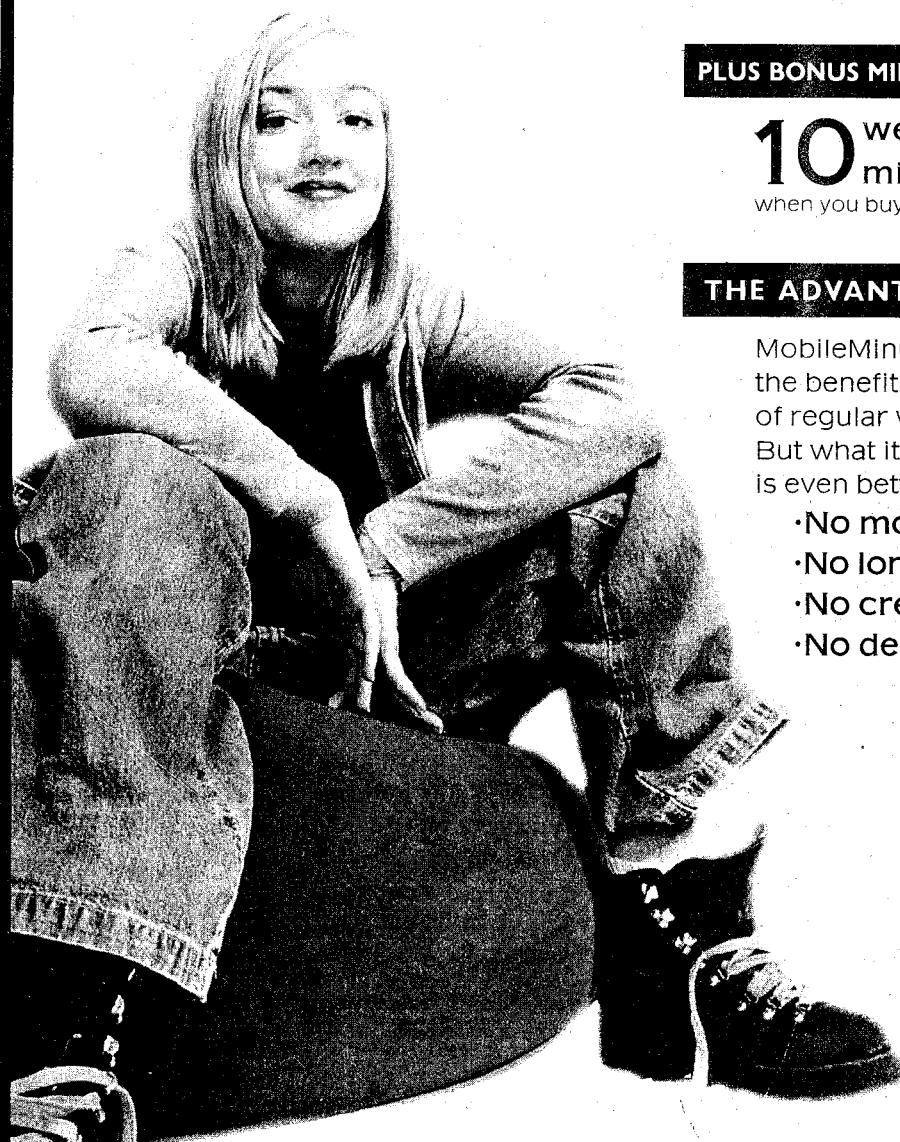
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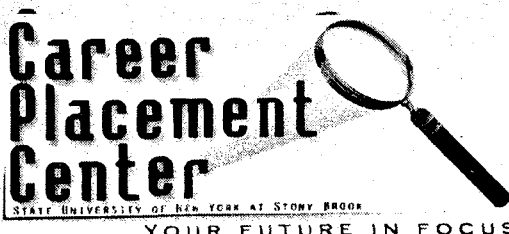
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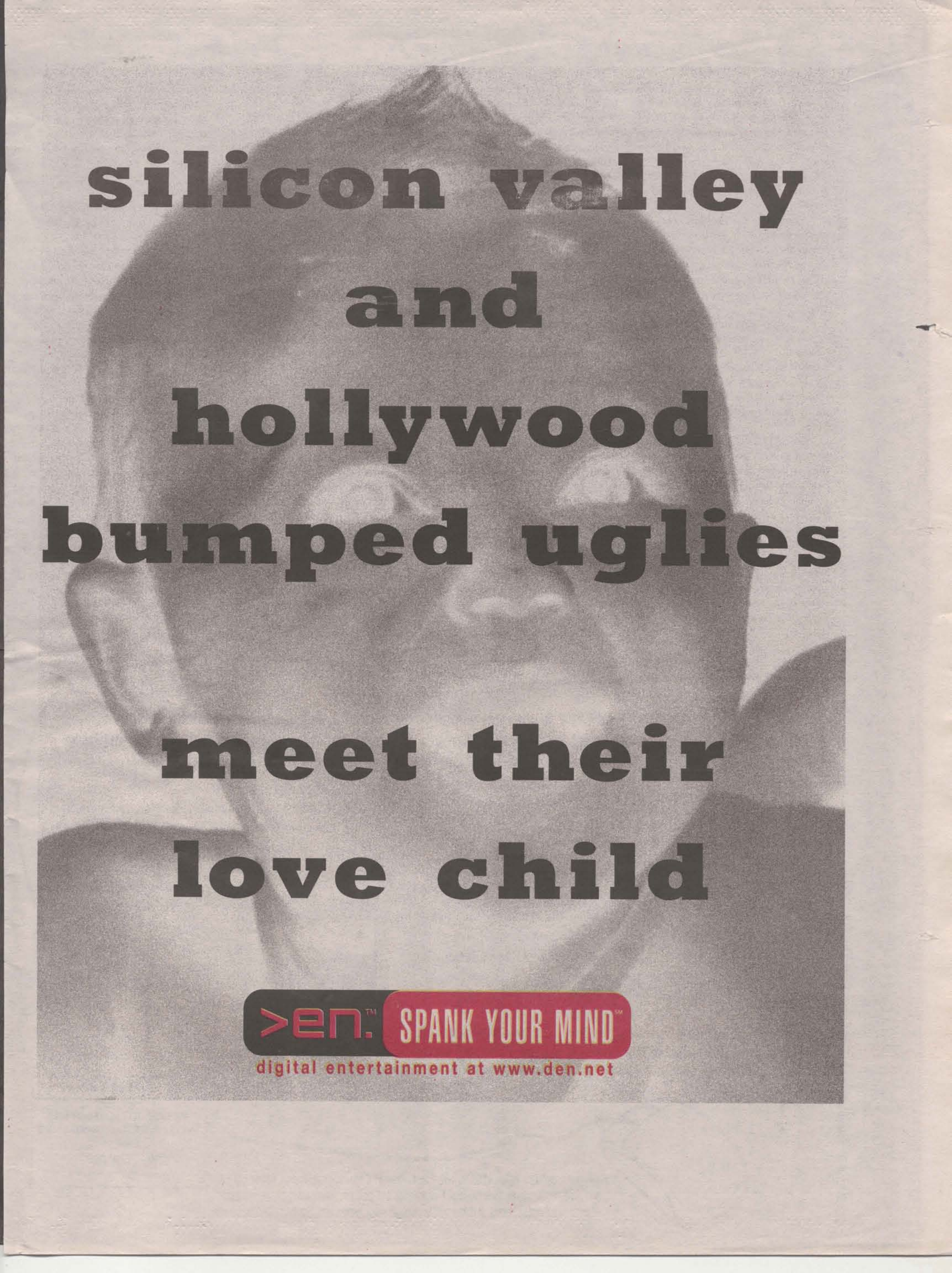
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# Tell Me About It

By Carolyn Hax

12 Hi!

*I am a 16-year-old strong Christian. I am pretty devastated about what I've been hearing at church. Some people were having a problem with the way others dressed, showing up in jeans (none have holes in them), T-shirts (clean), sweatshirts (clean). They think it is unholy and is showing God no respect.*

*I don't see the problem. They are missing the most important thing. Acceptance. We are supposed to love first and judge never. Please help people realize the first commandment Jesus gave us was, "Love everyone as I have loved you."*

—Reminding people of the message in Minnesota

So holey is unholy but unholy's OK? Having seen all the ballcaps in restaurants I ever care to see, I'm going to side with the church ladies here.

But only after I ridicule them for such shameless use of God. They howl through their hymnals on (allegedly) His behalf, and forget that if they were really feeling Christian, they'd just be happy the pews were full. You have a good eye for hypocrisy.

Remove God from the argument, though, and the hypocrisy goes, too. What's left is the point: The jeans-wearers are showing disrespect—to the cleric, to the church ladies, to you even. To people. To anyone who follows the rules.

Our society is generally free of dress codes, which is by and large a good thing, but it does leave the clothing question to people's best judgment, which is by and large a joke. When T-shirts tour Europe and jeans go to church and sweats come to dinner, good taste becomes a casualty of casual.

This isn't the merits-of-purple-plaid kind of taste; I'm talking about having some functional clue what other people are wearing. Want jeans in church? Great! Hold an informal service.

The argument for jeans, of course, is the almighty Comfort—and it's almighty lame. Ever hear of khakis? Muumuus? Knits? Decorum doesn't need starch.

Meanwhile, if the theory is that God doesn't mind denim—and I find it hard to believe He cares—you could also argue He'd be fine if you worshipped at home. Attending church is a social construct, fabricated by humans just like the clothing itself.

So isn't the real hypocrisy in observing some cultural mores while self-righteously snubbing some others?

Dear Carolyn:

*A bright, charming, single co-worker and I clicked from the moment we first started working together, and became friends. I've always had a romantic affection for her.*

*One day, after describing some of my home-remodeling projects, she made a generous offer to help. I didn't want to lose such a unique opportunity, so I*

*began a frantic pace of detailed planning and purchasing of supplies, fixtures and extra tools.*

*As materials arrived and plans began to take shape, I confirmed a day we could begin the project. During the week before our day, I continued my frantic pace—picking up last-minute items, washing my vehicles, manicuring the yard, cleaning the house, picking up special groceries, etc. Twenty minutes before our agreed time, she called to apologize and say she could not make it, and dismissed any chance of rescheduling.*

*And to think I was willing to give my left arm for this woman!*

*What kind of friend would treat another in such an inconsiderate manner?*

—Fully Armed

The kind you scare the bejeezus out of. Ever heard of dinner?

You may have done your frenzied chores in the privacy of your home, but you can't tell me you kept your eagerness! eagerness! eagerness! locked in the garage. That's the kind of thing that leaks out of containers and busts through doors and chases you down at work and lights you up like a one-man doof parade. Oh, the joy of being human.

Another of those joys is the ability to sense "I want to mate with you" vibes from 50 paces. If she caught the wispiest whiff of your enthusiasm—I think we can stipulate she did—she probably realized she was picking up

renovation skills and you were picking out china. With such a yawning gap in expectations, her canceling wasn't rude so much as an abrupt dose of mercy. I know, that's not what you worked so hard to get. I'm sorry. But I bet the place looks great!

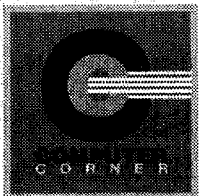
Dear Carolyn:

*I have been married since May, but I don't really think of myself as married. I use both my and my husband's name, still meet single men and think . . . hrm, would I date him? I resent a little having to check my spending with my husband, and can't really imagine that he plans to spend forever with me—though he is quite sure that's what he wants. Is this just a normal transition phase?*

—Way Out West

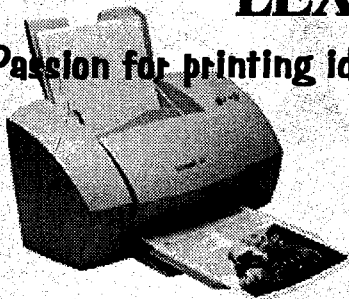
I'm going to venture a "no" here, but I'd really rather it came from a therapist. It's not that noticing men is a stopper—marriage doesn't shut down the senses (at least not so quickly). It's that a sign of past damage is often a present sense of detachment, and you sure do seem to have that. Please talk to a pro.

Write to "Tell Me About It," c/o The Washington Post, Style Plus, 1150 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20071 or e-mail: [tellme@washpost.com](mailto:tellme@washpost.com). Chat online with Carolyn each Friday at noon and Monday at 8:00 p.m. at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).



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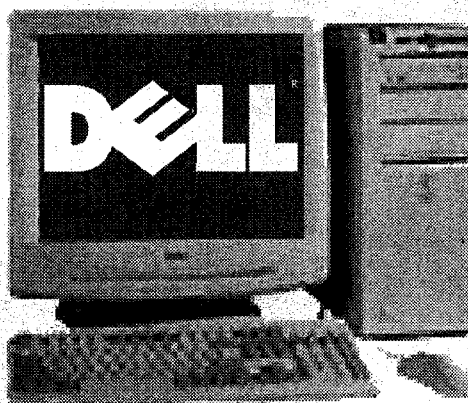
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# Ani Difrancu Releases *to the teeth*

By KAT FULGIERI  
Statesman Editor

Music is at its most powerful when it travels hand and hand with politics; and music is at its most enjoyable when it is performed with heart, soul, and technical expertise. Ani Difrancu's new release, entitled *to the teeth*, blends all of these elements to form Difrancu's most exquisite release to date.

Difrancu has proven herself to be among the most prolific artists of her time. To date, she has released sixteen albums (more than Led Zeppelin), and *to the teeth* is her third release this year. All of Difrancu's albums are released through her personal label, Righteous Babe Records. The album credits of the new release are filled with guest appearances by artists such as, the Artist Formerly Known as Prince, Maceo Parker, Corey Parker, Brian Wolf, Irvin Mayfield, and the Kingsway Clap and Stomp Corps. The songs feature the rest of Difrancu's band, including Jason Mercer on bass, Julie Wolf on vocals and playing everything from an accordion, to a clavinet, to a wurlitzer, and Daren Hahn on drums. Difrancu also demonstrates her versatility, by providing vocals, electric guitar, bass, acoustic guitar, and steel drums - all on one song. She also plays the piano, the organ, bells, a triangle, drums and the banjo. Emerging from this mishmash of instruments is a sound like nothing you have ever heard. *To the teeth* is a musical journey with soul, funk, jazz, spirit, and lyrics to match.

Over the course of the past ten years, Difrancu's albums have traveled from the folk section of your local music store to the rock section, but her primary tie is to folk music, and her ability to sing about issues relevant to all of society. The title track was inspired by the Columbine High School shootings, and laments the state of gun control in the country, while at the same time speaking against the corporate conglomerate that makes its own politics. "Hello Birmingham," which is a slow, lilting tune, is a powerful



Courtesy of Righteous Babe Records

Ani Difrancu with the members of her band.

and emotional comparison between a bombing at an Alabama abortion clinic, and the shooting death of an abortion doctor in Buffalo, New York. "Freakshow," which is slightly more esoteric, talks about the plight of people who travel with the circus.

The album is, though, less political than a usual Difrancu production, with specific attention being paid to the remarkable virtuosity of the instrumentalists. Maceo Parker, who used to play the saxophone for James Brown, rocks through an introduction on the track "Swing," which is nothing less than the most amazing musical arrangement ever produced. Maceo's son, Corey Parker, lends his rapping talents to the track, and the Kingsway clap and stomp corps keep the beat with the turntables. Difrancu is all over the place on this track, singing and playing four other instruments. It's funky and soulful, plus the lyrics are Difrancu's usual excellent poetry.

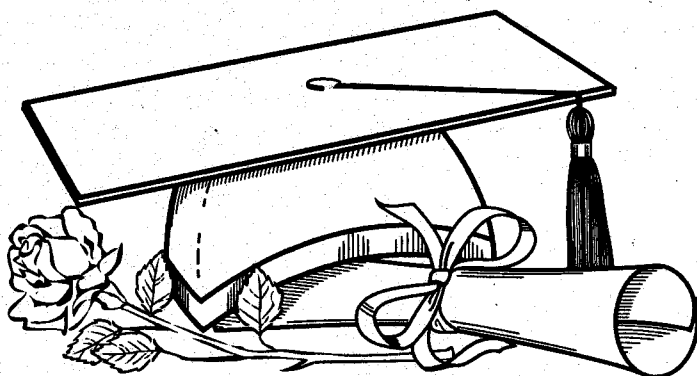
No Difrancu release would be complete without a relationship discourse, and *to the teeth* is not lacking. "Providence," which features the artist formerly known as Prince, is a hypnotizing ballad that will evoke memories of run-ins with lovers past for anyone who is listening. Similarly, "Cloud Blood," a track that displays the electric guitar talents of Kurt Swinghammer, is a probing and thought-provoking journey through the heart and mind of its composer. Finally, the solo piece, "Carry You Around," is a spectacularly scripted and performed track that will have you pining for a lost lover.

In a time where the empty tunes of N'Sync and Britney Spears permeate the music industry, it is refreshing and inspiring to find an artist who has refined her skills and demonstrated her ability to adapt to different styles. *To the Teeth* is a release that belongs in every collection.

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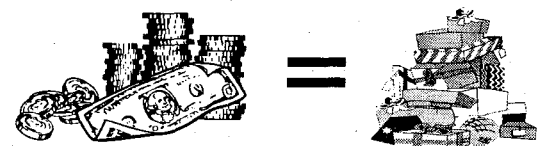
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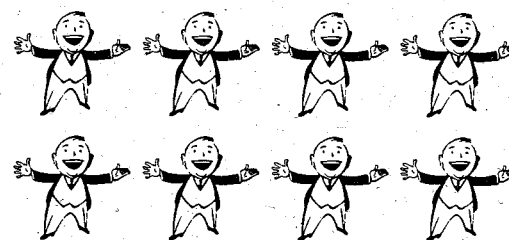




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# Around LI in 5 to 7 Days

## SBU Sophomore to Bike for Cancer Money

By ERIN ROSENKING  
Statesman Editor

Commuting from Merrick to Stony Brook three days a week is a breeze for Tal Azoulay.

The Stony Brook sophomore's long drive is nothing compared to the commute he will be doing for the second time next summer. On June 4, Azoulay will begin a five to seven day bike ride around the entire perimeter of Long Island, a distance that he has calculated to be approximately 400 miles, in order to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Just to make things exciting, as if they weren't already, Azoulay will be carrying his bike on his shoulders and running or walking the last five miles he will travel at the end of every day. When it gets dark, he will take his well deserved rest at a motel or he will have someone bring a car that he can sleep in.

As if this wasn't unusual enough, he is doing this out of the kindness of his heart.

Azoulay attributed his interest in raising money for cancer to a television program he saw about the disease. "Cancer is everybody's problem. Poor people get it, rich people get it," Azoulay said. "You can't find a group that isn't effected," he said.

Last summer, Azoulay put himself through a similar grueling feat, one that managed to raise \$4000 for the cancer society. At John F. Kennedy high school in Bellmore, Azoulay jogged and walked without sleeping for 24 hours. He was able to raise money for the fund through sponsors who wrote



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Tal Azoulay trains for his trip around the island by carrying a 25 pound bag of soil to simulate the weight of a bike.

checks to the organization or donated cash, which he then submitted to the Society.

But the political science major wanted to top himself this time around. "I understand that this may seem an absurd, if not impossible, feat considering that I am only 19," said Azoulay, "but rest assured. I will complete the journey and, most importantly I will raise a lot of money for the American Cancer Society."

To train for the event, Azoulay can be found carrying a 25 pound sack

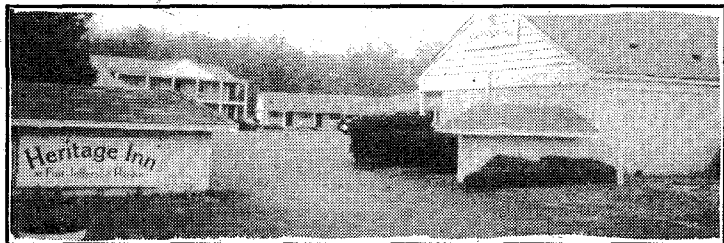
of soil on his shoulders. "My friends and family think I'm driven and determined," Azoulay said. Although he himself has not been personally affected by cancer, he still thinks finding a cure and helping those afflicted, should be a priority. "I want to raise money for more than just research," Azoulay said. "People need money for treatment and comfort. Even if they discover that there is no cure I still would want to help subsidize families that can't afford cancer-related problems."

Last summer's fund raising efforts garnered Azoulay the front page in the *Merrick Herald*, his area newspaper. He realized that publicity was the key to more donations and he is doing all of his own public relations work. "I can't write articles, I can bike and run," he said.

Donations are the key to Azoulay's attempt to help those with cancer. "I realized the money has to come from somewhere," he said. "Even if I only raised \$5 it would have been worth it."

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# Features

## Ghosts at Stony Brook

### Mysterious Exhibit Opens in the Library Art Gallery

By JESSICA LEFFLER  
Statesman Staff

Many who enter the library are solely in search of books, a place to compose and type term papers, or to meet study groups for an important exam. With the chaotic lifestyles of most Stony Brook students, many fail to see the mysterious masterpiece being featured in the library's art gallery.

Stony Brook University graduate student Suzanne Augugliaro's work "Ghosts" will be displayed now until November 23.

A sign displayed on the glass door of the exhibit reads, "I live with a constant fear of harm. It is the culturally ingrained notion that, as a woman, I am more susceptible to being a victim of violence. 'Ghosts'

is part of a series which explores that fear." This defines the essence of this work of art. Upon entering, one can witness the phenomenon of how simplicity can have a powerful impact on an individual. White "clothing" in various shapes and sizes hang in this room. Subtly noticeable in the midst of a yellow light, one can notice the meticulous arrangement of the "invisible" people. Organized to appear as if these "ghosts" are at a social gathering, this exhibit causes one to explore their own beliefs about the possibility of an afterlife and there is probability that apparitions may dwell among us.

Pursuing a masters in the fine arts, Augugliaro designed her creation from trash bags and wire,



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Suzanne Augugliaro wanted her spirits to appear as though they are "dancing spirits moving through space."

which creates volume and the effect of the darker side of beauty.

"I have always had a fear of violence and murder," Augugliaro said. Incorporating costume making and theater, both of which she has a background in, she delved into the issue of fear, more specifically, women's fears.

She said that when she hung up these ghosts, she wanted them to appear as though they are "dancing spirits moving through space." Augugliaro positioned these angelic formations so that in dimmer lighting, shadows appear in the wall. These

silhouettes of people being cast on the wall are supposed to portray real ghosts. She mentioned that the one figure in the back is "alone and lifeless." She continued, "I believe it is stuck in the real world and yearns to enter the joyful heaven."

"It gets you thinking," said junior Lori Hofmann about the exhibit. "It can be interpreted in many different ways, both religiously and as a piece of art."

The gallery doors will be open for viewers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. until November 23.



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