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Coming together is a beginning, staying together is a progress, working together is a success

FAMED ANTHROPOLOGIST RICHARD LEAKEY JOINS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

STONY BROOK, NY (October 25, 2002) - Richard Leakey, famous anthropologist, activist and politician, is bringing his global stature to Stony Brook University as a visiting professor of anthropology. Dr. Leakey will conduct lectures for undergraduate and graduate students and develop major international conferences on world issues such as global warming, biodiversity conservation, AIDS, sustainable development, and inequities of wealth.

"We will tackle some of the bigger problems, and see if we can shake loose some new ways of thinking," said Dr. Leakey. The first such symposium, to be held in Spring 2004, will focus on biodiversity conservation through the prism of climactic change. I've met with President Shirley Strum Kenny, and with Stony Brook faculty over the past few years, and we simply clicked. I decided that this would be the right kind of place to be associated with. I'm having fun at Stony Brook."

"Richard Leakey is one of the world's foremost anthropologists and conservationists," said university President Shirley Strum Kenny. "Through the planned conferences, Richard will address issues that reflect the past and the future of humanity. He is a significant and fitting addition to Stony Brook's faculty."

Richard Leakey first lectured at Stony Brook University six years ago and received an honorary doctorate from the university in 1998.

"The planned symposia will address important

issues in a non-political way," said Provost Robert McGrath. "We hope to bring together national and international experts with a variety of backgrounds to talk about issues that will shape out future."

"Stony Brook University already has the foremost



recognized anthropology program in the United States," said Professor Frederick Grine, the head of the anthropology department. "Richard Leakey's presence will further build upon our strengths in

this area. His contribution to human evolution is immeasurable."

Dr. Leakey is most famous for his work in paleoanthropology, having revolutionized the understanding of human evolution with a steady stream of hominid fossils finds that dazzled the scientific world. Most spectacular were a Homo habilis skull found in 1972, and a Homo erectus skull found in 1975. In 1984 his team found the most impressive fossil of his career. Nicknamed the Turkana Boy, it is the nearly complete skeleton of a Homo erectus boy. The following year supplied another major find, the first skull of the species Australopithecus aethiopicus.

From 1968 to 1989, Richard Leakey served as Director of the National Museums of Kenya. He took up conservation issues and, from 1989 to 1994, directed the Kenya Wildlife Service, where he was successful in combating elephant and rhino poaching and overhauling Kenya's troubled park system. Political opposition caused him to resign from that position, and he started up a wildlife consultancy agency. Since then he has become involved in Kenyan politics, and was founder and Secretary General of the Kenyan opposition party Safina.

Richard Leakey and the university also hope to raise money for fellowships for graduate students from Kenya and Tanzania to study at Stony Brook. "This is a great opportunity to further educational opportunities for African students," said Dr. Leakey.

Polity 2002 Prevented Athletic Fee for Undergrads

Undergraduate students are not paying an additional \$60 or more this year for their athletic fee because Polity elected representatives did their jobs last year. In the Spring of 2002, the Dean of Athletics asked for the student government's support for about a \$60 per year increase in the athletic fee (about \$30 per semester). With over 10,000 undergrads, this would amount to well over \$500,000. Last year's Polity senators raised tough issues and asked: "How many people in this room have \$30 in their pocket?" Few did.

"Of the people who attend the games what percentage are students?"

Sometimes less than half.

"Are poor and middle class college students subsidizing entertainment

for a relatively affluent surrounding community - a community that may not always make us feel welcome?" No answer.

These students did not make friends in administration that day, but they did something more important - their jobs. They proved the importance of undergraduate student government. Yet, the undergraduate papers did not report regarding this, nor acknowledge the undergraduate Senators standing up for the students. Why?..

Are the undergraduate campus papers supported by money that is Administration-controlled? They are now.

If "the fourth branch of government is a free press", then democracy around here is in dire trouble because someone took away any

autonomy the student papers may have held.

It is surprising, sad, and downright irresponsible not to have this issue researched with fine-toothed combs.

Whatever the reasons why this has gone without commentary or large scale "acknowledgement," such apathetic laziness cannot be justified.

Decertification is not dissolution, nor should it be accepted without avid questioning. The U.S. Constitution's authors were viewed as illegitimate rebels initially.

Polity Senate Minutes From Spring 2002 are available on 2nd floor of SAC in the Polity office. Student paper archives from Spring, 2002 are available on the media wing in the Union basement.

Holiday Choral Concert

The Stony Brook Chorale and Camerata Singers will perform a Christmas program on Friday, 12/13 at 8pm at the Staller Center. Each choir will sing an Advent "Magnificant." The Camerata Singers will also perform "Four Christmas Motets" and conclude the concert with 7 of the classic Robert Shaw/Alice Parker carol arrangements. Tickets are \$8 (general), \$4 (students, seniors). Call 632 ARTS for the tickets, call 632 7329 for more info.

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A Note from the Editor



Halloween Party 2002!!!

Lounge Committee Members (Masha, Shawn; Jin, Jasmina)

To help out with gso parties email:

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Finally, we are nearing the end of the semester, and end of Classes! Phew!!! For most of my International Student friends, this might be the first sight of snow, white fields, chilling weather, hope you are all getting used to your first winter in the United States and liking it!!! Of course there is the downside to it, with exams round the corner, you wouldn't want to be getting out of your cozy beds, and lifting your feet off eight inches of snow, having to drag the weight of all your winter gear and finally realize you've slipped!

As the fall semester draws to a close, most of you must be doing your last minute crammin' up for the finals, while the rest of you are looking forward to graduating, atlaaa.....st! One bit of advice to all my graduate friends, TAKE IT EASY! Take things, one chunk at a time, prioritize, split tasks, and don't get overwhelmed. Things have a way of working out, when you don't get too hyped about it. And jobs, well, you'll learn one lesson from the million who tried hard and never gave up, that failures are not final, use them to climb higher, and you'll reach your goals.

So, keep it going and end this year on a nice note, renew your vigor and take on new challenges for the year ahead.

Look up to a grand New Year ahead! On behalf of my friends, and editors of News and Blues, here's wishing you a Happy Holidayss and a Happier New Year!

Smitha

Assistant Editor,
News and Blues.

GSO Holiday Party

**Friday December 13, 2002 starting at 7 pm
at the Spot (Roosevelt Quad)
free food and beverages**

Schedule of Activities:

7pm-Commedia Christmas at the Fannie Brice

8pm-food served

9pm-Raindeer Games with Mrs. Clause

10pm-1am Live Music

Must be 21+ to enter the Spot! Bring your ID...

Cabaret at the Spot Eyents

December 12-14 at 7pm:

Fannie Brice Theater, Roosevelt Quad

Pantalone King Presents: The Commedia Christmas by Frank Cardillo

Set in the style of Commedia Dell'Arte this piece combines well-loved stock characters such as Pantelone and Smereldina with the history of Christmas traditions. Regardless of your beliefs, you will enjoy this hilarious look into Christmas culture.

Directed by Frank Cardillo Run time: 1hr. 3\$ suggested donation.

December 14 at 8:30 pm:

The Spot, Roosevelt Quad

Gossip by Jasmina Sinanovic

Due to popular demand an additional performance is added. This is your last chance to catch The Giant Pussy, Phallus and the Girls. Don't miss it!

Directed by Jasmina Sinanovic

Run time: 1hr. 3\$ suggested donation.



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Meet The Dean,

Dr. Lawrence Martin, Dean of Stony Brook's Graduate School

Interviewed by Pegine Walrad

He's a guy who impacts every graduate's life that few people seem to know much if anything about... Dr. Lawrence Martin is Dean of the Graduate School here at SBU, and we thought you should know a bit about him.

PW: Hello, Dean Martin. Thank-you so much for meeting with me today! I thought we'd start out with some personal stats. To begin with, where are you from?

LM: Where was I born, or where am I from? You see, I was born in Essex, England, but grew up in various places including Brentwood. [England]

PW: How long have you been here at Stony Brook?

LM: In 1985, I left the University College of London and accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Anthropology here.

PW: What attracted you to SBU?

LM: Stony Brook's superb research programming is world renown. Its exciting, productive faculty are in the top competitive group in the country. Its location is ideally located between Cold Spring Harbor and Brookhaven, which secures the best of research opportunities for its graduate students. SBU has extraordinary intellectual strength, close proximity to NYC, and, of course, the best Anthropology Department in the world.

PW: How long have you served as Dean of the Graduate School?

LM: Since Fall of 1993, so it'll be 10 years next Fall.

PW: What would you say is the number one problem currently facing graduate students here at SBU?

LM: Ideal timing for the question since I just met with the departmental directors this past weekend! It's housing; the quality of housing available and the cost to graduate students makes it a tremendous problem along with the surrounding area that can be inhospitable and expensive. Unfortunately, this year we cannot give on-campus housing preference to graduates based upon their relative difficulty in finding off-campus housing. For example, Caucasian or Asian women, or Caucasian men have little difficulty finding off-campus housing, yet for everyone else it is extremely difficult. For an

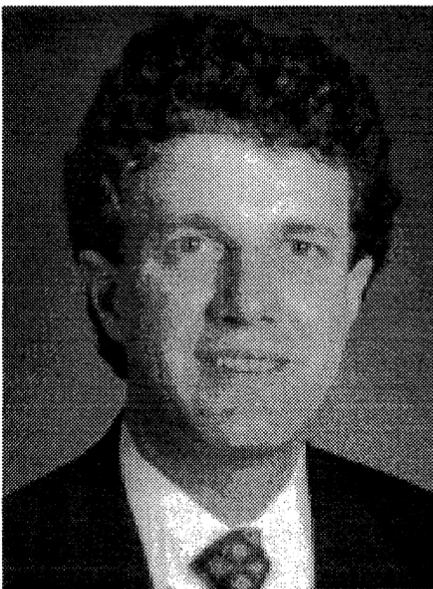
International family with children it can be very difficult, nearly impossible.

PW: Agreed. What would you say is the next biggest priority facing the graduate school?

LM: Making our University's stipends competitive is extremely important to ensure the quality of graduate students who attend Stony Brook. All SUNY schools are funded according to the same budget, yet whom we compete with is very different. Stony Brook has 10 of the 11 SUNY graduate programs ranked "excellent" so we're competing to draw students of a higher caliber than most other SUNY schools.

PW: In light of the housing and stipend problems, is there still an initiative to increase the size of the graduate entrance class?

LM: The goal is to maintain the amount of graduate students. Many programs have room for more. It's important to give our graduate programs room to grow; we can still expand the number of students per faculty member. Still, it is important not to lower the standards of the intellectual resources, physical resources, space or money available to the programs in order to facilitate growth. We strive to enable programs to recruit the people they want. Self-supporting Master's programs within the Arts and Sciences are one way to realize this.



PW: With so many graduates living on campus, what is being done to improve their quality of life once here?

LM: Campus life is better than it was even five years ago. Fridays and weekends are busy around here and that's a marked change from before. It's a balance between programming and need. Graduate students are an older population, many of whom have children. Their needs are distinct from those of our undergraduates. Perhaps a Rocketship Park playground on campus would meet the needs of many graduates with children who have limited room to play. It's necessary to gauge needs in order to best allocate the given resources.

PW: Anything I haven't asked that you'd care to mention?

LM: The graduate school is here to facilitate graduate education primarily. We advocate fairness. When things are not working well in our system, the graduate school is the place to turn to for the graduate population. Before, the graduate education was largely de-centralized. We need to ensure that Master's Degrees and PhDs meet International Standards no matter what degree or program which one graduates.

PW: Regarding your mention of children and family life, you've a large family of your own haven't you?

LM: Yes, I have. My wife, Wendy, and I have 3 children: Azalea is 9, Quillian is 5 and Rowan is 4.

PW: Any pets?

LM: Oh yes... a zooful.

PW: Approximately how many?

LM: Cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, a canary, finches, parakeets...

PW: Oh My! Sounds like a full house.

LM: Yes, it is.

PW: Well, I think that's enough to give everyone a brief glance at their Dean. I'll leave it up to them to meet you in person! Thank-you again for participating in this interview.

LM: You're welcome. My door is always open to graduate concerns, needs and questions.

SOUTH FORK BREAST HEALTH COALITION AND LONG ISLAND CANCER CENTER ARE PARTNERS IN PROGRAM

DOH's Wadsworth Center Awards \$50,000 for Web-based Education

STONY BROOK, NY, November 4, 2002?The New York State Department of Health (DOH) has awarded a \$50,000 grant for the development and evaluation of a culturally sensitive web-based breast education program to be administered by the South Fork Breast Health Coalition and the Long Island Cancer Center at Stony Brook University. The grant awarded by the DOH's Wadsworth Center, the most comprehensive state health laboratory in the country?will fund the implementation of the effort, which will be conducted in partnership with civic and community organizations.

The web education program developed by Elinor Schoenfeld, Ph.D., and colleagues from the Department of Preventive Medicine at Stony Brook University provides information specifically tailored to the individual visiting

the website with regard to age, family history, and ethnicity. Visitors to the website will be able to receive information about breast health and the early detection of breast cancer provided through a "decision tree." The current system will be expanded to include modules for the Latina population; other modules for additional ethnic groups may be added in the future.

"The bottom line is, we will provide important information to the public on breast health, in a new way, making it relevant to the particular individual," said Dr. Schoenfeld, Research Associate Professor. "This will enable us to address a variety of objectives people have in seeking information, and then to furnish the right answers for the right circumstances."

"As a community-based organization

dedicated to issues related to breast cancer on the South Fork of Long Island, we are ideally situated to assist New York State's mission to educate the community about breast cancer and breast health," said Susan Barry Roden, chair and co-founder of the South Fork Breast Health Coalition and a breast cancer survivor.

The first phase of the program will involve establishing a community advisory committee and conducting focus groups to hear about the breast education needs of the distinct South Fork communities. The project investigators will then work closely with the Long Island Cancer Center at Stony Brook, Southampton Hospital, and community groups to undertake an awareness campaign to educate the community about the project, provide training for use of

the website, and evaluate the effectiveness of this pilot program to improve the obtainment of mammograms in a timely manner by women in the region.

The Long Island Cancer Center (www.stonybrookhospital.com) provides quality clinical care, including the latest treatments and therapies, and conducts cutting edge research into the causes and prevention of breast cancer, prostate cancer, and many other forms of cancer. The Wadsworth Center (www.wadsworth.org) conducts programs in comprehensive, clinical and environmental laboratory evaluation and accreditation. Its mission is to protect the health of New Yorkers through analysis, research, and education.

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Visiting Artist Lecture

Time: Friday, December 13, 2002, 2pm

Place: Staller Room 3218

Open to the Public

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The Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Art Department
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A Summer in Heaven,

part 5
by Smitha

Agnes remembers the struggles of Anne and Georgi, as they fight for justice in an academic life filled with injustices of a different sort, as Cline holds up a rag doll that might be a clue that could lead them to Anne's murderer. Now read on.....

Malcolm fiddled with the rag doll. It wore a bright red scarf on its head. A puny little brooch lay on one side. It seemed funny. He tossed the doll around and checked to see if there was anything else to it. "Interesting!" he declared. Malcolm now turned it over to Remon, "Have you seen this before?" "Don't remember having seen anything like it." Then, wrapping it in a piece of white cloth, he handed it back to Cline. "Well, Remon, what would you know of Stanton and the gang?" "They are famous all over campus. He's a genius in Math. But that's the only

credit I can give him. His gang, they are a bunch of worshippers. All like him; they are very powerful here. " "How did Georgi get along with them? Maybe you could give us a lead as to how it all started." "Georgi and Stanton were friends once. Since last year though, I've never seen them exchanging anything but curses." "Was it three weeks ago?" wondered Remon, recalling the events of that Spring; that Georgi and Jack Stanton had had a bitter argument. Jack had snubbed a senior at school, calling him a moron, "Hell, man! You had better go back to high school, freshen up your Math. You don't deserve to be here!" The kids Reiner, stood silent beside Jack - following him. He was three years younger, with a pale face and gray, blank eyes. He had gone through severe episodes of depression recently. He hung

his head, yet avidly followed every word that Jack said. "Tell me, Jack! What does it take to be someone like you? I'd always dreamed of being an Acer. Everyone says you're a genius. I wished I had some of it at least!" "Look here, kid, Math is tough, and I don't see the likes of you surviving," and he went on with the ribbing; Georgi, who had been sitting two benches away in the cafeteria, broke in, "Hey! Give him a break, will ya!" "Who're you man? Body guard! Swell, muscles you've got- why don't you have bumper stickers on your ASS?.." Georgi grabbed him by the collar and threw him to the ground. A scrimmage followed. Reiner stood up confused. The two had seemed determined to fight. Reiner called up Remon; Remon, the big man, let loose the two wringing bodies, "Hey! Guys, be civilized for

a change!" And then, with a growl, Stanton had left, "I'll see the rest of this done with, asshole!" "And that's how things kept going from bad to worse, until all this happened." And Remon looked at the rag doll. "Seems very much out of place; who could it have been?" "Well, we'll find out soon enough," said Malcolm. One murder and another close call, both in a span of 24 hours. They had much work to do. It was an issue of restoring normalcy to the campus and this meant that they must act fast. The motive was apparently rivalry between the two groups. It was obvious. Malcolm looked around then called over to Remon to accompany him to Anne's apartment and gave instructions to Agnes that she be around at 4:30pm the next day. "And I take it that everything in the room will remain untouched..."

"I wouldn't be able to sleep here tonight anyway, after what has happened; I will be staying over at Marie's place for the night." "Sounds fine! And don't you get worked up. We'll get to the bottom of this. Did you say, that Stanton was away for the week?" "Well, he goes over to the Bronx every weekend, and is usually back by Monday. But this week, I had heard from Georgi, that they had been planning a trek somewhere North." At this, he gave a reassuring smile to Agnes and said, "Alright, we'll take leave of you now, young lady! And be sure to let us know if anything interesting turns up round here; we'll be in and out, anyway!" He gave a smile that was engaging and his eyes rested for a second on her swelling bosom. Malcolm followed closely behind, making sure every detail was recorded. ...to be continued...

Proverb of the Month

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."
- Robert Frost

In the woods we walked

My breath swirls about my face
in the wind so chilly as I stand
with a smile on my face
a song in my heart
and the arm of my beloved in my hand.

a chirp above a rustle below
a disappearing trail of imprints
twisting through the snow
silences filled with smiles and glances
following in the wind the leafy dances

dream I do and beautifully too
sharing those inner fables
but with a few
because the blades of grass
many may view

but few find and fewer admire
the sunlight that glistens
off the one dipped in dew

Sankalp Suryanarayana Kallakuri

Making Career Dreams Come True

Tips for Job Fairs - Part I

As you leave school for the holiday break, prepare yourself regarding a vital aspect of your life & the reason you are here: your career!

There are many types of job and career fairs - from ones scheduled during Spring Break for college students to the industry-specific ones for professionals. As some of you are ready to graduate, these snippets might be valuable as you take on the mammoth task of job hunting. Will these strategies guarantee you success? Of course not. But by following these strategies, you will be in a position to strategically place yourself above many of the other job-seekers who are attending the fair.

Keep in mind that career fairs should be just one small part of your entire job search process; however, they can be a successful part!

1. Pre-register. Some career fairs allow job-seekers to pre-register for the event, which usually includes submitting a resume or summary resume. Pre-registration will most likely become even more common with more fairs going to the Web. Employers get a chance to prescreen applicants and possibly make note of applicants they want to meet at the fair.

2. Research. Many of us at school go to fairs unprepared to interview. You can get a huge jump on the competition by getting a list of the companies attending the fair and doing some research on each of the companies you want to interview with. While all of the recruiters will have company literature at their booths at the fair, you often can't access those until after the interview. Just hit Google and the information is right there!

3. Resumes. Bringing lots of resumes to the fair is a great idea - at least two for each company for which you have an interest. If you have multiple interests or job objectives, make sure you bring enough of each version of your resume. Scannable versions of your resumes is a good bet today as more and more recruiters have started scanning them into their databases.

4. Portfolios. More and more career experts are emphasizing the importance of career portfolios. These portfolios should include copies of your resumes, a list of references, and samples of your best work. While most career fair interviews are fairly short, there may be opportunities for discussing your portfolio with a recruiter - either over a short break or meal or during a second interview on-site. It is best to always be prepared no matter what happens.

5. Attire. Conservative business attire is essential, even for those Spring Break career fairs held on Campus because image and first impressions are critical. Know what is the expected attire of your profession and dress accordingly. It is always better to be overdressed than underdressed.

6. Strategy. You need to devise a strategy or plan of attack for the fair. Start by researching the companies you are interested in. Check to see if any new companies have registered when you arrive at the fair. Survey the layout of the fair and determine an order of interviewing. It would be a good idea to meet with your top choices first, interviewing with your other choices in the middle of the day, and returning to your top choices at the end of the day to thank them again for their time.

7. Interviewing. You may only have two to five minutes to market yourself and protect yourself from being screened out, thus you need to make the most of your time. Start with the basics: make eye contact, offer a firm handshake, and show enthusiasm. Prepare answers to interview questions just as you would any employment interview. The most common question you will face is something along the lines of "what are you here for today?" Tailor your answer to your interests and the company's interests, thereby marketing yourself. Make sure you also have some questions ready to ask the interviewer. A great follow-up question for you to ask is, "What do I need to do to obtain a second interview with your firm?"

To be continued...

PUZZELTIME?!@#



As the world's first passenger train makes its debut to England, our travelers are busy,

F S E T S C L A I K

"-----"

Did Ya Know??!

Q. Which is the State with the World's wettest place?

A. Mount Waialele, on the island of Kauai, in Hawai receives about 460 inches (1,168 cm) of rain each year. Waialele is located on Alakai swamp- a plateau on the side of an extinct volcanic depression. Waialele set an all time world record when it received 666 inches (1,692 cms) of rain in 1982.

Q. Which is the planet with the hottest surface?

A. Venus has a surface temperature that can reach upto 8700F (4600C), about 19 times hotter than the average temperature on the Earth.

Q. Who is the man with the most Grammy awards?

A. Sir Georg Solti earned 31 Grammy awards during his distinguished music career. Debuting as Concert Pianist of the Budapest Orchestra, he served as Musical Director of the Bavarian State Opera, the Frankfurt City Opera and the Royal Opera House. He has also won many awards, including Germany's Knight Commander's Cross, and Great Britain's Gold Medal of the Royal Philharmonic.

Q. Which is the country with the most bicycles?

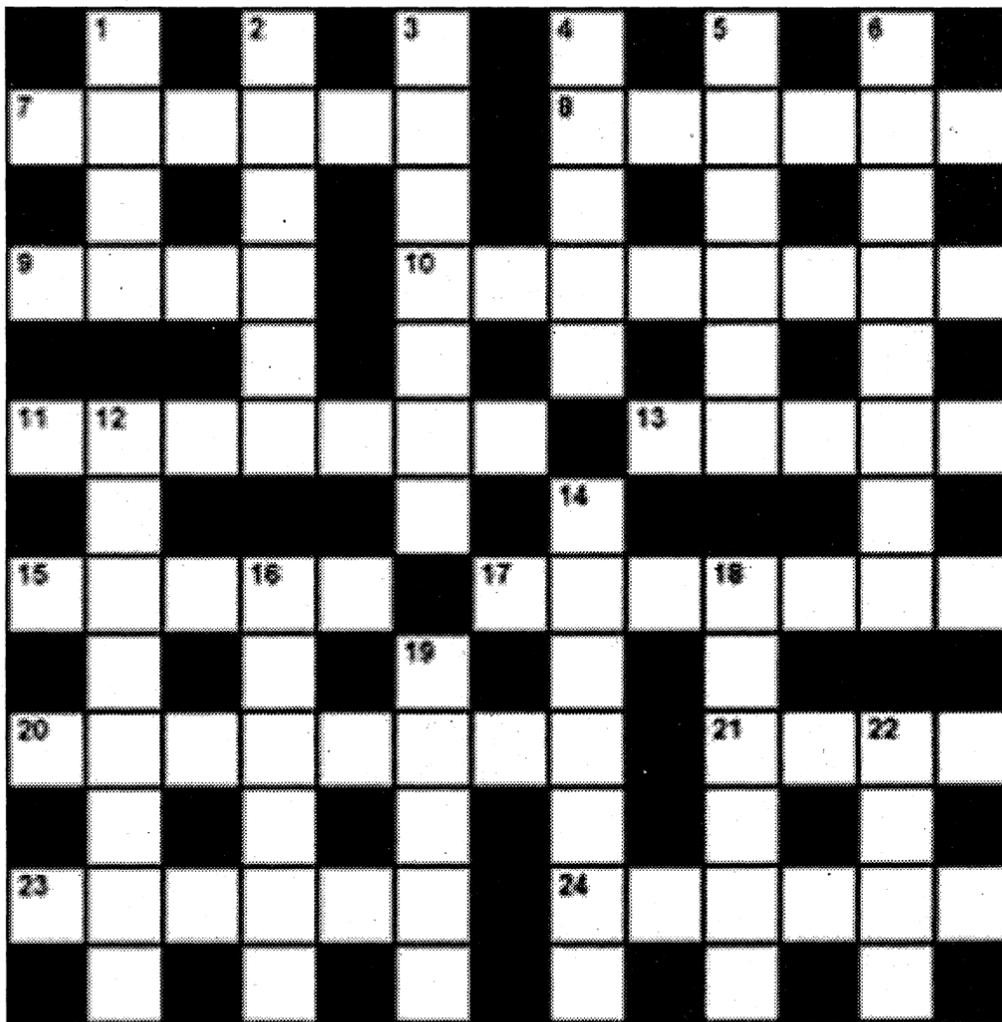
A. Netherlands has more bicycles than any other country including China. With an estimated 16 million bicycles in Netherlands, it averages out to one bike per person in the country.

Q. Which is the World's highest dam?

A. Nurek Dam in Tajikistan towers 984 feet (300 m) above the Earth ! That's more than three times taller than the Statue of Liberty. This giant dam is located on the Vaksh river near the border of Afghanistan and was completed in 1980. The dam irrigates about 1.6 million acres of farmland and is able to produce 2,700 Mega Watts of electricity.

Courtesy: Scholastic Book of World Records, 2002

Crossword Treat



Across:

7. Packed mass (6)
8. Class (6)
9. Swelter (4)
10. Access (8)
11. Gauze (7)
13. Goal (5)
15. Risk (5)
17. Reprimand (7)
20. Greek Hero (8)
21. Scrape (4)
23. Contrasting quality (6)
24. Inspect (6)

Down

1. Repose (4)
2. Veered (6)
3. Unusual (7)
4. Curtain (5)
5. In error (6)
6. American Nobel Prize Winner (8)
14. Limit (7)
16. Arch of the foot (6)
18. Endeavor (6)
19. Troublesome (5)
22. Ship (4)

Please send your answer for 12 DOWN. First one to send the answer to nusnblus@ic.sunysb.edu gets a free \$10/- Coupon. So enjoy your crossword and grab a treat!

Solutions to last Week's Crossword Puzzle:

Across:

9. Spaghetti, 10. Reach, 11. Captain, 12. Chateau, 13. Swish, 14. Emaciated, 15. ERNEST HEMINGWAY, 18.

Pensioner, 20. Stand, 21. Praised, 22. Largess, 24. Fille, 25. Represent

Down:

ASIC, 2. Campaign, 3. Sheath, 4. Stun, 5. Disclaimer, 6. Creation, 7. Parent, 8. Thou, 14. Echinoderm, 16. Spinster, 17. Whatever, 19. Nearly, 20. Sorrel, 21. Puff, 22. Lope, 23. Site

Solution to Last Week's Scrambler Puzzle: FABRIC SOFTENER

Fun Things to do at the Mall

Ride mechanical horses with coins fished out of the reflecting pond.

Try pants on backwards at the Gap. Ask the salesperson if they make your butt look big.

Sneeze on the sample tray at Hickory Farms and helpfully volunteer to consume its now unwanted contents.

Teach pet store parrots new vocabulary that makes them unsellable.

Ask mall cops for stories of World War I.

Ask a salesman why a particular TV is labeled

black and white and insist that it's a color set.

When he disagrees, give him a strange look and say, "You mean you really can't see it?"

Wear pancake makeup and new clothes and pose as a fashion dummy in clothes departments, occasionally screaming without warning.

Test mattresses in your pajamas.

Sprint up the down escalator.

Stare at static on a display TV and challenge other shoppers whether they, too, can see the, "hidden picture".

Make unusual requests at the Piercing Pagoda.

Ask a salesperson in the hardware department how well a particular saw cuts through bone.

Sneak up on saleswomen at the perfume counter and spray them with your own bottle of Eau de Swank.

In the changing rooms, announce in a singsong voice, "I see London, I see France..."

Record belches on electronic sampling keyboards, and perform gastric versions of Jingle Bells for admiring onlookers.

WORLD NEWS

*****US TREASURY SECRETARY O'NEILL RESIGNS :** The news of the US Treasury Secretary's unexpected resignation is likely to unnerve investors in the troubled US economy. In his resignation letter to President Bush, Mr. O'Neill said it had been a "privilege to serve the Nation during these challenging times".

*****OPEC PLAYER PARALYZED BY STRIKE:** Anti-government protests brought Venezuela's oil industry - the fifth largest in the world - to a virtual halt. President Hugo Chavez has ordered the military to secure refineries and tankers in an attempt to maintain the flow of oil, which brings in most of the country's revenues.

*****PROTEST AGAINST GAZA:** Gaza killings prompted Palestinian rage as 10 people were killed in overnight fighting with Israeli troops. Thousands of

angry Palestinians have taken to the streets of the al-Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

*****INDIA ALERT FOR AYODHYA ANNIVERSARY:** The Indian authorities started enforcing tight security measures nationwide on the 10th anniversary of the destruction of a mosque by Hindu mobs. The demolition in the northern city of Ayodhya on December 6, 1992 had triggered bloody riots nationwide. The authorities say elaborate security arrangements are in place in the temple city itself, where 1,500 armed police are on a round the clock vigil guarding the disputed religious site.

*****MARTIAN WATER DISAPPEARS** Bad News for the prospects of life on the planet Mars, as studies indicate no presence of water on the planet. Asteroid impacts during Mars's early years may have led to brief

warm and wet periods when torrential rain carved out the planet's ancient network of valleys. The impacts would have melted subsurface ice and thrown water vapor into the atmosphere that would have caused rivers, floods and landslides all over the planet, according to new research.

*****WHY FLU CAN KILL** Scientists believe they are close to understanding why the common flu can turn into a killer virus. Researchers in Hong Kong have found that the reaction of the body's immune system may be a key factor. They believe that the deaths associated with so-called killer strains of flu may in fact have been caused by the immune system itself.

*****WORLD'S 'OLDEST' VOLCANIC ROCKS** The oldest volcanic rocks in the world dating back almost four billion years have been discovered by geologists in northern Quebec,

Canada. By studying the rocks the scientists hope to find out more about how life began on Earth.

*****THE AIRSPACE-CYBERSPACE CONNECTION** Aircraft maker Boeing is staging trials of technology that will give passengers high-speed net access during their flight. The service will let passengers on long-haul flights browse the web with their own hand-helds and laptops or let business travellers stay in touch with the office. Already three airlines, including British Airways, have signed up for the trials.

*****BRITAIN HOSTS MISS WORLD MARRED BY NIGERIA DEATHS:** LONDON - Ninety-two beauty queens will compete on Saturday in a Miss World contest hurriedly shunted to Britain from Nigeria after a newspaper story there on the pageant sparked riots that killed

more than 200 people. "It is going to be a beautiful show. Our conscience is clear," Miss World organizer Julia Morley told Reuters ahead of the gala event at London's Alexandra Palace. The show is already a sell-out and will be beamed to more than two billion people in 142 nations, but enthusiasm had been dampened by last month's bloody sectarian violence in Nigeria.

*****RUSSIA MAKES COMEBACK PARIS (AP) —** Russia won its first Davis Cup title Sunday by rallying to beat defending champion France 3-2 with the greatest comeback in a final in 38 years. Substitute Mikhail Youzhny — a ball boy the last time Russia played in a Davis Cup final — won the last match in the best-of-five series. He came back from a two-set deficit to stun Paul-Henri Mathieu 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

SJA Calendar of Events for December

DECEMBER 12, 2002

University Lecture on Globalization:

"THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD"

Thursday, December 12, 2002
2:00 p.m.

SAC Ballroom B

Speaker: Ahmad Kamal, President of the Ambassador's Club at the United Nations; Senior Fellow at the United Nations Institute of Training and Research; and former United Nations Ambassador from Pakistan.

Sponsored by the University Committee on Globalization & the College of Arts and Sciences

THE RISE & CHALLENGE OF HINDUTVA IN INDIA

A Talk by

Author Virendra Prakash

December 12

Harriman Hall 214

6PM

The rise of fundamentalist politics around the world and especially in South Asia has affected the fragile majority and minority relationships, casting a long, dark shadow on the future of the entire region. Lately, the rise of majoritarian militancy in India in the name of HINDUTVA has added a catastrophic new dimension to an already explosive situation. The minorities, dalits & women, in particular, find themselves the target of increasingly vicious attacks. Virendra Prakash, IAS (Ret.) is the Author of Hindutva Demystified, a book based on his intimate interactions with top Hindutva leadership and the study of relevant literature, history as well as contemporary develop-

ments right up to the tragic events of Godhra, Gujarat and Orissa. Mr. Virendra Prakash, retired as Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of

Home Affairs, having held senior positions both in India and abroad. As Deputy Commissioner Manipur and as Advisor to two Governors of J&K state, he dealt closely with fundamentalist militancy. Sponsored by the SJA and SPH

December 14, 2002

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Uptown Youth for Peace and Justice

ANTI-WAR MARCH AND RALLY

Rally begins at 12 noon @

157th St and Broadway

March at 1 PM to 125th St.

and Adam Clayton Powell

Bldv for a Rally @ 2:30 at the

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and social programs to fund

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The 2002 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony

by Pegine Walrad

On Thursday, November 21st the Alumni Association held its annual awards dinner at the Vanderbilt. It was a snazzy, gala event. This all-too-rare Black Tie affair was a remarkable step up from previous years' (which were traditionally held in the SAC auditorium.)

Thanks to Joseph Campolo for chairing the event, Jane Knapp for residing over the SB Alumni Association, and most importantly, Bill Simmons for inviting Christine Promin and myself as the new graduate representatives to the Alumni Association Board. Being that I rarely (if ever) have occasion to get truly "dolled-up" since my return to academia, I simply could not let this opportunity pass by. Particularly since one of the honorees was a former SBU graduate (obviously) who had recently received the Pulitzer for Excellence in Journalism. Though Scott Higham had been the editor for the Stony Brook Press, (rather than our News & Blues,) it was inspiring to see people post-Stony Brook succeed in life. Now that my graduate career is nearing its completion (oh please, let me not have jinxed it!) I am compelled to examine others who've broken through and hear their stories of the fabled land outside...

Below are brief snippets of those honored - they are each uniquely successful.

Dario Gonzalez graduated from Stony Brook Medical School in 1979 after serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He is the Medical Director for the New York City Urban Search and rescue task force. He has served in the recovery of victims from the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing in 1995 as well as the Twin Towers recovery effort last year.

Scott Higham graduated from SBU in 1982 with a B.A. in History. He's a reporter on the Washington Post's investigative staff and has worked at the Allentown Morning Call, the Miami Herald and the Baltimore Sun over the past 15 years.

Lynda Perdomo-Ayala graduated from SBU in 1996 with her M.S. in Social Work from the School of Social Welfare. She is currently the Department Administrator for Pharmacological Sciences, the advisor for the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) as well as the Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority. She was instrumental in the launching of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center here and has distinguished herself as a true leader amongst Long Island women, working for the prevention of domestic violence. She is on the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission as well as the Board of Directors for the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (VIBS.)

John Perry graduated from SBU in 1995 and received his law degree from NYU in 1989. He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild, the NYCLU, spoke 5 languages, had practiced immigration law and was retiring from his NYC police duty of 8 years the morning of September 11th, 2001. He witnessed the first plane's impact into the Twin Towers and rushed to the scene to aid the victims. He was last seen trying to help a woman unable to breathe in the second tower's lobby when the building went down around him. His parents accepted the award for him and acknowledged that he accomplished all his incredible feats despite a learning disability that would have discouraged most. His mother gave a plea to those in the audience to give extra encouragement and support those with disabilities throughout their academic careers, as their career possibilities are limitless. Larry Roher graduated from SBU in 1979. He is President and CEO of Expedite VCS, Inc. that specializes in videoconferencing for government and business communication. He has been very active at SBU; serving as Assistant Director of Operations of the FSA as an undergraduate and becoming Director of FSA operations upon his graduation. He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association and continues to support numerous programs and events here on campus.

Dr. Jeffrey Sachs graduated from SBU with both his B.A., 1974, and Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1978. Interestingly, his distinguished career spans everything from advising government officials regarding public policy, to corporate finance, providing homes for the homeless and environmental activism. **Stuart Sharoff** graduated from SBU in 1981 with his degree in Economics. Afterward, he received his MBA in finance from Hofstra Univ. He is currently the Director in the Institutional Sales and Trading Division at Merrill Lynch. He is a former Seawolves football team member, and remains tremendously active in his role as President of the Seawolves Club Board of Directors. Overall, I was tremendously impressed by the scope of accomplishment of those being honored. It might help lighten the stress load of those of you who are currently overwhelmed by finals, qualifiers, proposals, defenses or that conference you're attending next week, to be reminded of life beyond this campus. Might lend perspective to remember who you were before coming here, why you're here, and what you want out of your life once you leave.

Food for Grads

by Elizabeth Bojsza

The semester is almost over, fellow grads. Unfortunately for most of us, these last weeks of the semester are often the toughest and most time-consuming of them all. When can we find time to spread holiday cheer when we have hundreds of pages to write and final grades to calculate? Well, if you can find 15 minutes, you can make my Aunt Kathy's Microwave Fudge. All you need is a microwave and:

A deep MICROWAVE-SAFE container (preferably glass)
3 cups of white sugar
3/4 cup margerine
2/3 cup evaporated milk
12 oz. chocolate chips
7 oz. marshmallow creme
1 tsp. vanilla
a 13x9 (or thereabouts) pan greased with margerine

Make sure you coat the entire inside of the pan with margerine to avoid sticking. Put 3/4 cup margerine in the microwave-safe container and microwave on HIGH for 1 minute.

Add 3 cups sugar and 2/3 cup evaporated milk. STIR. Microwave on HIGH for 3 minutes.

STIR. Microwave for 2 minutes.

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STIR. Microwave for 2 1/2 - 3 minutes.

STIR in 12 ounces of chocolate chips, 7 ounces of marshmallow creme, and 1 tea-spoon vanilla.

Mix ingredients until homogenous.

Pour the mixture into the greased pan and put it in the fridge overnight. In the morning, cut up the hardened fudge into little squares and share it with friends. Happy Holidays, Everyone!

If you have recipes you'd like to share email them to nusnblus@ic.sunysb.edu, Attn. Food for Grads

Stony Love

by JZ Bich

Q: Dear JZ,
I am 50 and desparate to charm my handsome 20 year old secretary. What do I do?

-The Old Beauty

A: Dear Beauty,

As with any charms you should consult the witchcraft library. I believe you are to mix a hair of a newt and some snake blood with a kiss of a spider and a bite of a bat. All of this is to be done during full moon and in nude. Now as for ethical side of you charming your subordinate you should consult Campus Code and I would get a lawyer in case you have a sexual harassment case. Or perhaps you should look for another handsome 20 year old who does not happen to working for you.

Q: Dear JZ,

I have a problem. My boyfriend always swallows when we kiss and makes these awful sounds. I asked him to stop but he keeps doing it. What should I do?

-Can't Take Swallowing

A: Dear CTS,

Did you talk to your boyfriend about swallowing different things? Maybe he can try to swallow just before or right after the kiss. And what exactly is he kissing while he is swallowing? I am rather puzzled by this case and would love to reaserch it more. For now, I would suggest playing loud music while you are kissing to avoid hearing the awful noises. And of course you always have that old cure available to you: Dump the Loser!

To contact JZ, email nusnblus@ic.sunysb.edu, Attn. Stony Love

**Happy and Wicked Winter Solstice
from JZ!!!**

Sex in the Brook

by C. Herbert

Dressed To Kill

My date with Tom was suppose to sweep me off my feet. Tom worked in television, he had a very glamorous job- he worked with major networks and film stars. I was excited about meeting the older gentleman (well like 35-45 years of age). I thought finally a date with an adult. I met Tom after a long day in the lab; I put on my new tight purple dress and even curled my hair. I arrived late thanks to my lab mate. I could pick out his car in the parking lot- his was definitely the convertible. Single, older, what else does he have to spend money on? He didn't look like his picture. But it was easy to pick him out in the crowd. He was the only single older man in the bar. As I introduced myself and sat on the bar stool, I noticed something. His jeans were dirty- not just dirty but had scattered paint stains on them. I had gone out of my way to get cleaned up and he couldn't put on a decent pair of pants. Granted we were at a local bar, but what kind of first impression does that leave you with? Yes he did drive all the way from the city to see his parents and he squeezed in time to see me. But it's not like he was helping his parents paint their house. As the evening continued, it was apparent that he was interested in only one thing. He was smooth enough to tell me about other "fuck buddies" and "one night stands". Buddy, if you think your going to score with me after two beers- your mistaken- it takes clean clothes to get me in the sack. So I hope all you fellow daters out there will take some consideration and manners with you as you journey into the dating world.

Dating is not the easiest thing to make time for, especially if you're a graduate student. So where can one find love? This writer turned to Internet dating to spice up her life. Each week you'll find a different adventure in dating some good, some dates make me cry, literally. But one can always laugh and say, it's not my melodrama. All names of dates have remained the same and everything should be used against them. If you'd like to try Internet dating try some of these sites: date.com nerve.com rightstuffdating.com udate.com We'd like to hear about your dating adventures write to: nusnblus@ic.sunysb.edu Attn: Sex in the Brook

THE ANTI WAR RESOLUTION



Several GSO Senators stayed around for several hours after the November Senate meeting to discuss if the GSO should or should not support the Anti-Iraq War Resolution.

Finally, a task force was created to discuss this further and present the issue to the Senate in December. The task force decided the question should be presented to the general body through a referendum. With the speediness of the voting system it might take a while for the referendum to happen.

Nevertheless, watch out for the referendum announcements, since if you don't vote you are agreeing with whatever others decide...which has proven to be a catastrophe in many instances in the past.

You have the right to have your voice heard!!!

Post your opinion about this on the gso website

www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/gso

The Rover

A 17th Century Classic Drama transformed into a Frat Party Snore

By News & Blues Reviews

Occasionally a play comes around and changes your view of college Theatre, Stony Brook Stage's presentation of The Rover has accomplished this task. The director, Paul Kassel, distorted the show into a low-brow comedy that could offend any woman on multiple levels. Its roles for women were limited to scheming adolescents and prostitutes who all apparently firmly believe their worth rests upon the men they marry. The humor of the play was devoted primarily if not entirely to the ridicule of its female characters. An offensive example: a male cast member recited the word

The sex scenes had cast members taking off almost all their clothing (sometimes without some much-needed guard) and groping each other. Not to mention that two rape scenes were supposed to be FUNNY in this production. Even the actors in these scenes seemed uncomfortable portraying them



tumes, and extraordinary set design.

Overall, the performance was in bad taste. While that can be a good thing if done intentionally and well, this was not. If Stony Brook Stages continues on this path of poor taste, many will not continue to support Stony Brook Theatre. That would be a tragedy indeed, given the department's already troubled status. The Rover, was truly an offensive piece to