

## Hillary Clinton Helps Save Wo/Men's Center

### Wo/Men's Center Opens for Fourth Year Under 'Skeleton Crew'

By MARC NEWMAN  
Statesman Editor

At the end of June every year, the budget for all organizations at Stony Brook goes under review. The Wo/Men's Center, located on the second floor of the Union Building, was entering its fourth year as a counseling center on campus. By June, at the end of an academic year administrators have dubbed a 'budget crisis', Laura Williams, The Wo/Men's Center Director, doubted whether the Wo/Men's Center would exist at all this coming academic year.

On June 23, when Williams was granted an interview with University President Shirley Strum Kenny, Williams asked Kenny if the Wo/men's Center would be around next year. Kenny reportedly answered back that the budget crises is worse than Administrators feared, and that she had found herself saying 'no' to everyone.

"I owe some credit to Fred Preston,"

Williams said. "I had asked him how I could save the center that has helped so many over the years?" Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, reportedly told her to find a strong political base of women. It was at that moment Williams looked up at a picture of Fred Preston shaking hands with New York Senator Hillary Clinton, and realized that she may have found just what she was looking for.

Wo/Men's Center volunteers worked to collect a total of 999 signatures from on-campus students and faculty who wanted the center to continue its work into a fourth year. Angie Cotton, Women's Studies Professor at SBU, helped organize the petition to keep the Wo/Men's Center open. "With this administration, it was one broken



Courtesy of Wo/Men's Center  
Dr. Laura Williams (left) was happy to learn that Shirley Strum Kenny had good news about the Wo/Men's Center in late August. Full funding had been restored.

promise after another. In June, this place was going to get shut down," Cotton said.

Williams was determined to keep the center open. Along with the petition, she planned to meet Hillary Clinton at a local Long Island book signing. "I thought that it would be the kind of political statement we needed, to go to Hillary's book

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### Faulty Student ID 'Smart Chip' Leads to \$27,000 FSA loss

By MAURY HIRSCHKORN  
Statesman Staff

In its year end audit, the faculty student association noticed that the Coca-Cola Company overcharged them \$27,000. The cause of the discrepancy was either a technical problem or students misusing their college ID cards to get free bottles of Coca-Cola.

Last year, the FSA got new student ID cards that had a chip in them. With that chip, students could go to cash-to-chip machines located throughout campus. They could swipe the card and put cash into the cash-to-chip machine together, and the chip would register the student as having that money in their account. The students could swipe that card in machines to pay for items across campus, and the money would be deducted from their accounts.

The chip could be used for the resident apartment facilities, the photocopier machines at Cardozo Computing Center, the O'Neil Computing Center and the Melville Library. The chip could also be used to pay library fines, to use the printers at the Health Science Center Library and to make purchases at the Seawolves

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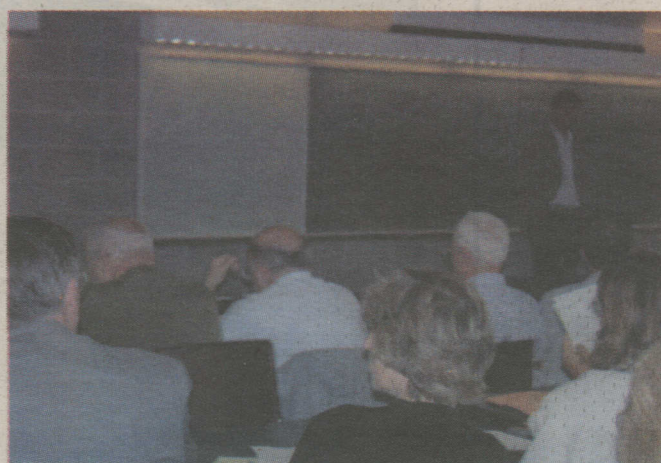
## Senate Meeting: Budget Dim But Future Bright

By MARC NEWMAN  
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In the first Senate meeting since May, scattered students and approximately 100 faculty members, including the University President, gathered in SAC 302. A number of prevalent campus issues were discussed, including the University bylaws, the future of students on campus, and the prevailing effects of the 2003 Budget crisis that raised tuition for this semester.

"Many professors are in violation of the Senate's policies on textbooks," noted the convention's speaker. Professors are required, according to University bylaws, to provide a list of all the books they require for their courses to the University Bookstore. "This rule is constantly violated." The speaker noted that disabled students are often interested in one-stop shopping and are left at a disadvantage by professors who constantly violate this rule.

In the second order of business, Deputy Provost Mark Aronoff spoke on behalf of the Provost and Executive



Statesman/Marc Newman

The University Senate met for the first time this semester.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Robert L. McGrath. "For the past four years we've been very encouraged by the increase in the quality of students," Aronoff said. Aronoff cited Institutional Research reports: the freshman class as of August 29<sup>th</sup> had an average SAT score of 1209, excluding athletes and EOP students. The mean high school average for this years incoming class was 90.1. Last year, the average grade

point average for high school admits was 89.9 with an average SAT score 1176. "The increase in freshman quality is due to the smaller enrollment and the expanded scholarship program," McGrath said in a statement to the University Senate.

President Shirley Strum Kenny offered her outlook on Stony Brook's future as bright, but disagreed with McGrath's statement. "I do not agree with the Provost's report that the SAT is up because we took fewer students," said Kenny. "The SAT scores will continue to run-up as we welcome a different mix of students here at Stony Brook." Kenny noted that there was an increase in the proportion of New York

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# SBU Hospital Organizes Softball Charity Event

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Stony Brook University Hospital recently organized a charity softball match that pitted members of the Brookhaven fire squad up against a team of several well known stars.

The celebrities that par-

ticipated at the game included many Hollywood stars including Chris Klein from "American Pie," Justin Long from "Ed," and many others.

The event was held on Saturday, August 23 at the Suffolk County PAL Stadium. Over 3,000 people attended the game, marking the success of the

atmosphere that made the event really something special."

The proceeds raised from the event, totaled over \$30,000, a sum which was met with enthusiasm by event organizers.

"We were delighted to be a part of this special event and to be one of the

beneficiaries of the money that was raised," said Calabria. "It was a really great event." The proceeds were divided between the Burn Center at the Stony Brook University Hospital and the Brookhaven Volunteer Firefighter's Museum.

The Brookhaven Firemen's Museum was established in 1991, and is dedicated to the volunteers who risk their lives fighting fires in the Suffolk County Area. The museum features several interesting pieces, including antique fire trucks, clothing, and other fire fighting equipment.

The museum is also part of a national organization called The Fire Museum Network, whose goal is to network fire museums through meetings and the Internet, educate fire museum professionals through a nationally held Fire Museum seminar, and promote the history of fire fighting and fire fighting museums throughout the country.

Ultimately, the Hospital decided that donating money to the

museum seemed like an excellent way to give something back to those who risk their lives every day for the safety of the general public.

"We really appreciate the efforts of all the dedicated firefighters throughout the Town of Brookhaven," said Bruce Schroff, Director and CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital. "They take good care of the people in Brookhaven and, when called upon, we want to continue to take good care of them."

The Stony Brook Burn Center is also a very significant institution both locally and nationally. Not only is it the only burn care facility for Suffolk County residents, but it also serves as a resource for nearby community hospitals, and also coordinates burn care services throughout the country.

The Center is equipped with burn care equipment, and acknowledges the differing types of care needed for adult and pediatric burn patients. Along with physicians and nurses, the Center features a diverse faculty that includes social workers, psychiatric counselors, and management experts. Obviously, the Burn Center's main goal is to completely address all the needs of their patients, a task which now becomes a bit easier, thanks to the proceeds from the event.

Although the TV and film stars outscored the All-Star Volunteer Firemen 23-22, both squads emerged victorious in this particular contest.



Courtesy of google.com

Chris Klein was one of the celebrities at the softball event.

event.

"It was great to have so many people at the game," said Patrick Calabria, Director of Communications at the Health and Sciences Center. "Along with the guys on the field, the crowd created an

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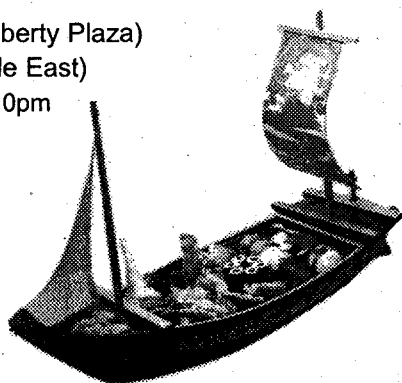
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# Animal Cruelty Increasing Around College

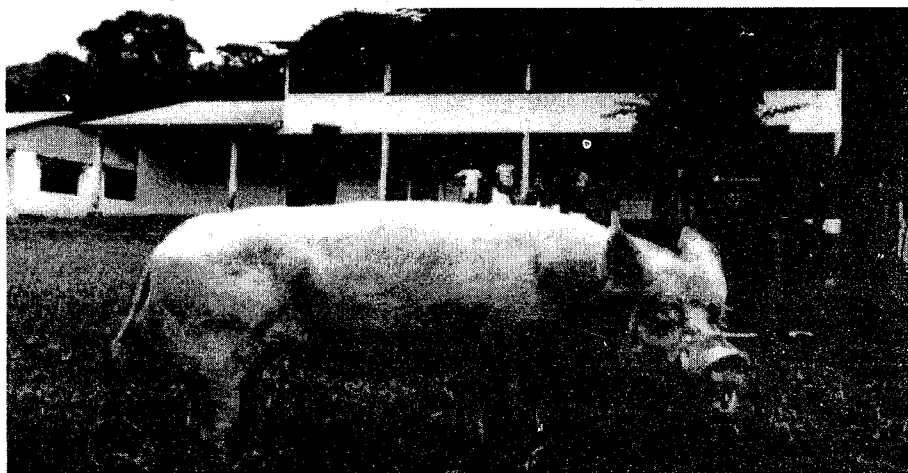
By ERIC HOOVER  
Chronicle of Higher Education

Nearly a dozen cases of animal cruelty have been reported on college campuses in the past year, most of them involving Greek organizations. Fraternity and college officials say the cases were isolated incidents, but animal-rights leaders contend that they point to a larger problem on campuses.

Last fall Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers at Wake Forest University admitted their responsibility for burning a pig with heat lamps, severing its tail, and leaving the animal in a park. The students avoided criminal convictions.

In February, members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity at Davidson College beat a domestic goose to death with a golf club, apparently as part of a hazing ritual, and were later required to perform community service.

Ann Chynoweth, legal counsel to the investigative-services division of the Humane Society of the United States, says the organization has seen an increase in the number of cruelty



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Pigs and other animals have been victims of animal cruelty in college campuses.

cases involving college students over the last year.

Mitchell B. Wilson, executive director of Kappa Sigma, says his organization does not have any programming that explicitly deals with animal cruelty, and he believes there is no need to adopt it.

"We talk a lot about the importance of being a gentleman," Wilson says, "and gentlemen don't go around showing

cruelty, whether it's to a human, an animal, or any part of nature. I think we cover those expectations very well."

Davidson officials say their own response to the goose killing was strong. The college immediately revoked the house's charter and disciplined individual students.

"We condemned the act," says Margaret B. Kimmel, a spokeswoman for the college. "But there was not any

sense here that there's a wholesale lack of understanding or appreciation for the value of being kind to our fellow creatures, so it was not something that required any kind of education to our students."

Nonetheless, animal violence among young people is of growing interest to scholars who believe that it is often a predictor of other violent behavior. Frank R. Ascione, a professor of psychology and an adjunct professor of family and human development at Utah State University, has examined the connections between animal abuse and violence against people.

"If a person were by themselves, they would probably never do something like that," says Ascione, one of the editors of *Cruelty to Animals and Interpersonal Violence* (Purdue University Press, 1998).

"Some of it is a demonstration of power -- to kill a living thing, to torture something that's alive, is different than vandalizing property because a person has to be able to suppress their empathy. That is what's troubling."

## Students Sued for Online Music Sharing

By ANDREA L. FOSTER  
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Record companies filed 261 lawsuits on Monday against people the companies accuse of sharing large amounts of music over the Internet in violation of copyright law, the Recording Industry Association of America announced.

"When your product is being regularly stolen, there comes a time when you have to take appropriate action," Cary Sherman, president of the RIAA, said at a news conference. "We simply cannot allow online piracy to continue destroying the livelihoods of artists, musicians, songwriters, retailers, and everyone in the music industry."

At the same time he announced the lawsuits, Sherman said the record compa-

nies would promise not to sue individuals for swapping music if they stepped forward voluntarily, admitted that they had traded music online, and promised not to do so again.

Sherman said Monday's lawsuits were filed in federal courts scattered throughout the country, and sought damages and injunctive relief under the 1976 Copyright Act. The defendants have each made available, on average, more than 1,000 music files, the RIAA said in statement released on Monday.

Under the law, copyright holders can sue violators for damages ranging from \$750 to \$150,000 for each work illegally copied or distributed. The recording companies will leave it up to judges to decide the amount of any damages awarded, said

Mr. Sherman.

Joseph W. Singleton, a Beverly Hills lawyer, recommended that college students band together to present a coordinated defense against the recording industry. Such a group might be able to garner public sympathy and also save on legal fees, he said. An individual who contests a record-company lawsuit could face legal fees of between \$30,000 and \$100,000, he estimated.

"I would suspect that your average college student is going to pretty much be defenseless, not necessarily because of the facts or the law, but because of the power of the RIAA," Singleton said. "It's going to be able to hold their feet to the fire."

A student who has been sued might also choose to declare bankruptcy, Single-

ton said. It's unknown whether a copyright-infringement judgment can be discharged in bankruptcy court, he said.

Daniel N. Ballard, a Sacramento lawyer, said students who have been sued should seek legal advice. If they admit to liability and settle with the recording companies, he said, they might be opening themselves to subsequent criminal charges and lawsuits by music publishers, because record companies claim copyrights only to the sound recordings. The recording-industry group has been pressuring the U.S. Department of Justice to begin criminal prosecutions against file sharers, he said.

"It's a very tricky situation," said Ballard. "There are land mines they could step on."

## A Once-Privileged University Fears the Future

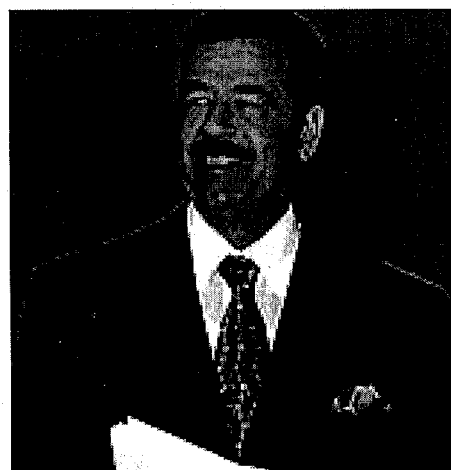
By DANIEL DEL CASTILLO  
Chronicle of Higher Education

On a stone gate marking the entrance to the University of the Two Rivers is an elaborately carved, now defaced, bas-relief of Saddam Hussein sporting a mortarboard. It is the only remaining image of him on the campus that was once named in his honor.

Until the fall of Baghdad, the University of the Two Rivers was known as Saddam University, with none other than the "great leader" himself as its ceremonial president. Ironically, it was the only higher-education institution in the country that was not crippled by party favoritism.

Rather, it was Iraq's premier university. Students, who were admitted strictly on merit, were given special perquisites, such as free meals. The institution's budget, in a system starved for resources, was relatively lavish.

That is all about to change. Under the



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Saddam will no longer be favoring certain Iraqi universities over others.

American plan to strip some universities of the privileges they enjoyed under the previous regime, all universities in Iraq will be treated equally. For many, that represents good news, but scholars at the University of the Two Rivers worry that, as their budget shrinks, so will the quality

of their academic programs.

"We're trying our best to keep this university the way it was, but the final say will be with the ministry," says Fa'yek al-Azzawi, the university's vice president and a professor of electrical engineering. "We feel it would be a setback if this university becomes like the others."

Established in 1993 under a special presidential order, Saddam University with its 2,500 students was administered directly by Saddam Hussein's office rather than by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and it received special attention.

"We had an extraordinary budget of about \$2.5-million per year, which was quite significant for a small Iraqi university," says Mahmoud Hamash, the university's new president and a former professor of medicine.

The institution was the only university based on an American model, with credit hours and an American academic

calendar. Students were taught in English and received stipends, internships, transportation and housing.

"I went to Saddam University because it represented the best in everything: standards, equipment, facilities - everything," says Yussur al-Chokhdar, a student working toward a master's degree in architecture who earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Baghdad.

Whatever the university's budget, scholars here say they will continue to play a special role in postwar Iraq, one that will help heal the divisions that were created by the university's former name.

"We are encouraging students to unify and remain distant from politics since at this stage they don't have an understanding of democratic practices," says Wisal Najeeb al-Azzawi, dean of political science. "What we endured was like a cancer that couldn't be eradicated but now needs to be healed."

# 311 Delivers Quality Compilation with *Evolver*

By IAN RICE  
Statesman Staff

311 enjoyed major commercial success in late '95 upon the release of their self-titled third album, which spawned such radio hits as "Down" and "All Mixed Up." A nice piece of straightforward rock that allowed the band to ride the top of the charts through most of the following year, the album was ultimately misrepresented in the eyes of the general public, which was unaware that the band was also

very adept at stretching out into a healthy jam.

Their 1997 follow-up release *Transistor* proved just that, as the band turned in a double album's worth of magical soundscapes that were sadly lost to those music fans who were looking for "Down, Part II."


The band fired back with two albums after that (1999's *SoundSystem* and 2001's *From Chaos*), each attempting to merge the dead-ahead approach of 311 and the Deadhead approach of *Transistor* into

one definitive entity. While both albums featured some truly phenomenal songs, neither were able to fully reach the goal that the band seemed to be shooting for.


Enter the band's latest release, the aptly titled *Evolver*. This album finally achieves the full realization of the notion behind its two predecessors, and ultimately comes up a winner. Here, radio-friendly tunes like the lead-off single "Creatures (For A While)" blend easily into exercises in stretching out like "Beyond the Gray Sky." The album

seems to create somewhat of a musical journey that satisfies every pace the band has showcased in its past. And, on rare occasions, the two extremes of full-on and laid-back merge in the same song, giving you beautifully dynamic tunes like "Still Dreaming."

As a longtime fan of this band, it's great to see them once again put out an album that consistently delights as much as their earlier work always did. If 311 keeps this up, they'll certainly be enthralling listeners for years to come.



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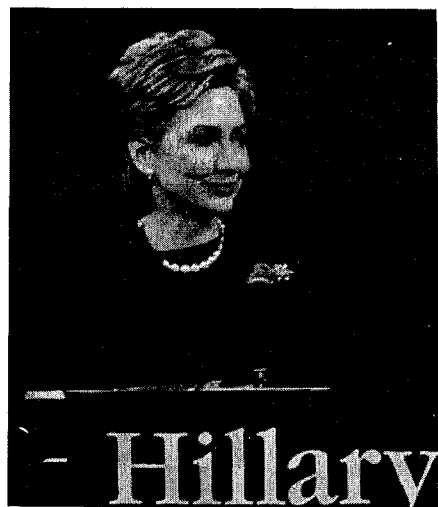
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signing in Huntington [Long Island] this July and have her as our one-thousandth signature," Williams said.

Williams didn't ultimately get that signature from Hillary, but did meet her and get her book signed in what Williams called a "moment of connection." A few days later, an intern at Clinton's office called Williams asking for information on the Center's work.

The Wo/Men's Center has worked for years providing counseling to rape and child abuse victims. It was often touted during orientation at Stony Brook as one of the important new programs for men and women alike on campus. Whether straight, gay, bisexual or transgender, the Wo/Men's Center was a place where staff and students at Stony Brook University could go for help. "It would have been a shame if they shut this place down. Even the most Conservative schools, such as Bob Jones University, where interracial dating is prohibited, had a place for women to go. If this place shut down, it would have put SUNY 50 years behind every other major national university," said Cotten.



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**Clinton helped save the Wo/Men's Center.**

One hundred students at Stony Brook went to the Wo/Men's Center last year for counseling.

Williams had heard nothing from Kenny's Office by early August, and had presumed the worse. One of the Wo/Men's center externs, Dale Freda, whose job depended on the future of the Wo/Men's Center, said "I felt like I was in limbo. The University offered me another opportunity at the Counseling Center, but that wasn't the work I wanted to do." Other employees

at the University found work elsewhere. "It was a struggle for me as a therapist when a big part of my job involved providing and maintaining a sense of safety and continuity to students who came to the center," said Motoni Hodges, post-doctoral student at the Wo/Men's Center.

It was at a Political fundraiser in Brookhaven that Williams had hoped to find Senator Hillary Clinton and ask her what she thought the future might hold for the Center. "I walk into this thing, and who would be sitting right beside Hillary Clinton other than President Shirley Strum Kenny," Williams said. Kenny reportedly told Williams at the fundraiser that things were looking up.

On July 29, an intern at Senator Hillary Clinton's Office called Williams, asking "Have you heard from the President?" Answering a "No" at the time, Williams learned on August 4 that last years' funding had be returned to the Wo/Men's Center. "If it wasn't for Hillary, this Center wouldn't be around," said Cotten.

The Wo/Men's Center has lost two post-doctoral counselors and what was to be this coming year a director assistant.

"I am still very saddened that I had to leave Stony Brook...at the same time, I am glad the Wo/Men's Center got the funding it deserves," said Hodges.

"Unfortunately, we are working as a skeleton crew right now, as I conduct a national search for qualified counselors, after my previous post-docs all left because they weren't offered jobs here anymore," said Williams. Despite being hired here at Stony Brook three years ago to help people with Wo/Men's Center issues, Williams would ultimately have lose her position at the Center, and be offered to do clinical work somewhere else at the University. "That wasn't why I came here," Williams said.

The Wo/Men's Center hopes to return to full operation by November, with two post-doctoral counselors working forty hour shifts; accommodating peoples seeking counseling throughout the day. Currently, counseling is more sporadic. "My hope is that we can soon have an assistant director, another certified therapist at the Center who can help people needing that kind of attention when I'm not there," Williams said. Currently the Wo/Men's Center is open five days a week.

## Coca-Cola Collects \$25,000 from FSA After ID Card Error

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MarketPlace.

The chip was also used to buy bottles of Coca-Cola at Coke machines located throughout the college. On June 30, the Coca-Cola Company sent the FSA an invoice stating that they had to pay \$27,000 more than the association collected from students.

"When we looked at the bill from Coca-Cola, it was too high," said Kevin Kelly, executive director of the FSA. "There was a deficit. It didn't match the money students gave us for their accounts."

The problem was a defect in the chip, according to Kelly. "We suspected students were taking advantage of that

defect," he said.

"When they swiped the card really fast, Coca-Cola billed us for soda that wasn't bought. Also, on an account, there were several indications of students buying sodas, but on our invoice, they were only billed for one. So we had to pay the difference. There are video machines at some of the soda machines, and when we saw a student rapidly swiping his card, we suspected that's what happened."

Angela Agnello, director of marketing and communications at FSA said there was evidence that students were misusing the defect in the chip to get free sodas from the machine without it registering on their accounts. She also stated that records from Coca-

Cola confirmed this.

Students can no longer use their ID cards to get Coca-Cola, and the FSA paid the Coca-Cola Company the extra money they requested, according to Kelly. "We got rid of the chip, and the faculty association made a claim with Coca-Cola to try to recover that money," he said. "The problem only occurred for a year when we got the card with the chip."

On Aug. 14, a report about the situation was filed with the university police, but Joseph Verfenstein, deputy chief of the university police in charge of investigations, said he doesn't believe it's a criminal case. "We're not looking for a particular person," he said. "I think it's a technical problem with the card rather than someone bilking us out

of all that money. That's a lot of money to steal."

Currently, vandalism and stealing from soda machines is handled through the campus judicial process, and the person or persons responsible pay the damages, according to Dawn Villacci, customer advocate on campus.

Gary Mis, director of judicial affairs on campus, said a remedy for this situation might be having the students responsible pay the money lost or getting the money from the company responsible for the chip defect.

The FSA administers different services on campus, including the bookstores, dining services, the Seawolves MarketPlace and vending services.

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## Commentary

# 9/11: New Yorkers Abroad

By PHILIP CLEARY  
Statesman Contributor

I remember sitting in the Arab barber shop and thinking "Why I am in Canada?"

To be a New Yorker, but not to have been in New York during 9/11, makes you almost feel less of a New Yorker. Montréal is only forty miles away from the border, as the hundreds of American students at McGill University know very well.

Before 9/11, my American friends used to joke that they were studying "abroad".. Aside from the dominating French language (some people don't even know English up here), the liberal drug and drinking laws, and the weird Québécois-Canadian political situation, most of us dismissed Canada as, in the words of my economics professor, "the future thirteen Federal Reserve Bank."

Right after the attacks, many Americans here felt out of place. I suddenly wanted to only read American news sources. While Americans discussed war and draft possibilities, the Canadians focused on how many planes had been diverted to Canada by the FAA, or how many Canadians were in the twin towers.

At McGill, some professors ignored the events altogether, while students held midnight vigils and remained just as glued to the television as Americans. It's funny how so many of the Canadian and foreign students hold New York in some romanticized esteem. Many had been there once or twice on family vacations, and would try to offer a disappointed tourist's consolation.

Canada was not immune to anger, however. The President of the medical students' society, an Arab, had his car vandalized on campus.

For a while, Canadians felt a real solidarity with America. "Yea, I don't know when it will be politically

acceptable to make fun of you guys again," a friend jokingly said to me one day.

American fighter jets could be heard swooping past the Montréal skyline, living up to a 1980s agreement, which obliges the United States to defend Canada - as if they were our very own citizens. There was at once renewed talk of joining the Union to their south; meanwhile medical students and doctors organized carpools and rushed to ground zero. The Canadian government commissioned television advertisements, actually urging tourists to travel to New York.

By the first snowfall in November 2001, you could detect a change in sentiment and sympathy. Canadians sent troops to Afghanistan, but opposition to American militarism grew tremendously. An Islamic student from my Stony Brook summer course in Manhattan once said, "I'm sick of being a suspect for terrorism, but you don't achieve anything by talking about it."

In Canada, there seemed to be no need to exhibit any extraordinary loyalty to the States. Arab immigrants gathered for ten-thousand strong marches, abruptly blocking traffic on Rue St. Catherine, a main avenue in Montréal noted for its eccentric strip clubs and cosmopolitan edifices.

As an American, it was awkward for me to walk along the protestors, screaming incomprehensible Arabic and French. I followed them to the General Consulate of the United States, tucked away in a back alley in midtown Montréal. I had been walking alongside the party-like protestors, but not *with* them. Then, an American security detail blocked the sidewalk and asked me, with a Texan twang, to either move onto the street with the demonstrators, or turn back.

*You're either with us or you're against us.* Except, up in the "Great North", neither my American nor my Canadian friends knew who exactly the 'us' was.

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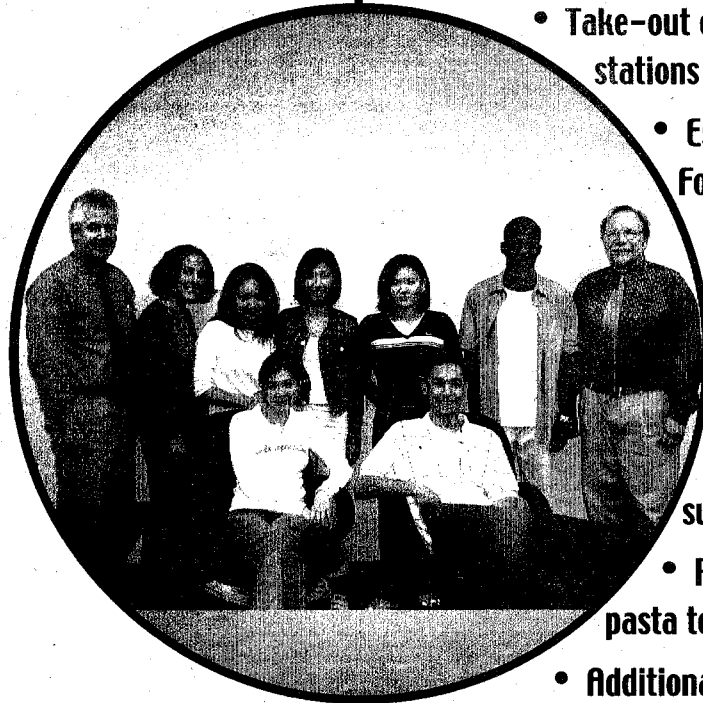
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DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

### How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period; **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding; and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

**Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy  
in the First Year of Continuous Use**

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
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Combined	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	19
Periodic abstinence	9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge	-	-
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet. Gynecol.* 1990;76:558-567.

\*From Norplant® package insert.

### Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients).

### What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

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### What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

### What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

**Irregular Menstrual Bleeding**  
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

### 2. Bone Mineral Changes

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

### 3. Cancer

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

### 4. Unexpected Pregnancy

Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

### 5. Allergic Reactions

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

### 6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

### What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

### What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

#### 1. Weight Gain

You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds; over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

#### 2. Other Side Effects

In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

### Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

#### 1. Missed Periods

During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

#### 2. Laboratory Test Interactions

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

#### 3. Drug Interactions

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#### 4. Nursing Mothers

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### How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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In the final order of business, Kenny discussed the future of the budget. "I can't tell you anything new," she said. The steady budget from the state, expected to be \$7 million for this coming year, had decreased to \$3.5 million.

"Because the budget isn't going up in terms of the state, we're looking at

other ways to raise money," said Kenny. The emphasis for this coming year will be on cash donations, and Kenny is looking into city-to-city, nationwide dinners and parties for Stony Brook alumni. "Our alumni database records are bad, but we're looking for ways to improve it," Kenny said.

Kenny said. In her closing remarks, Kenny said that cuts would not continue as they had this past year. "We got a cut this year, and it is not forever."

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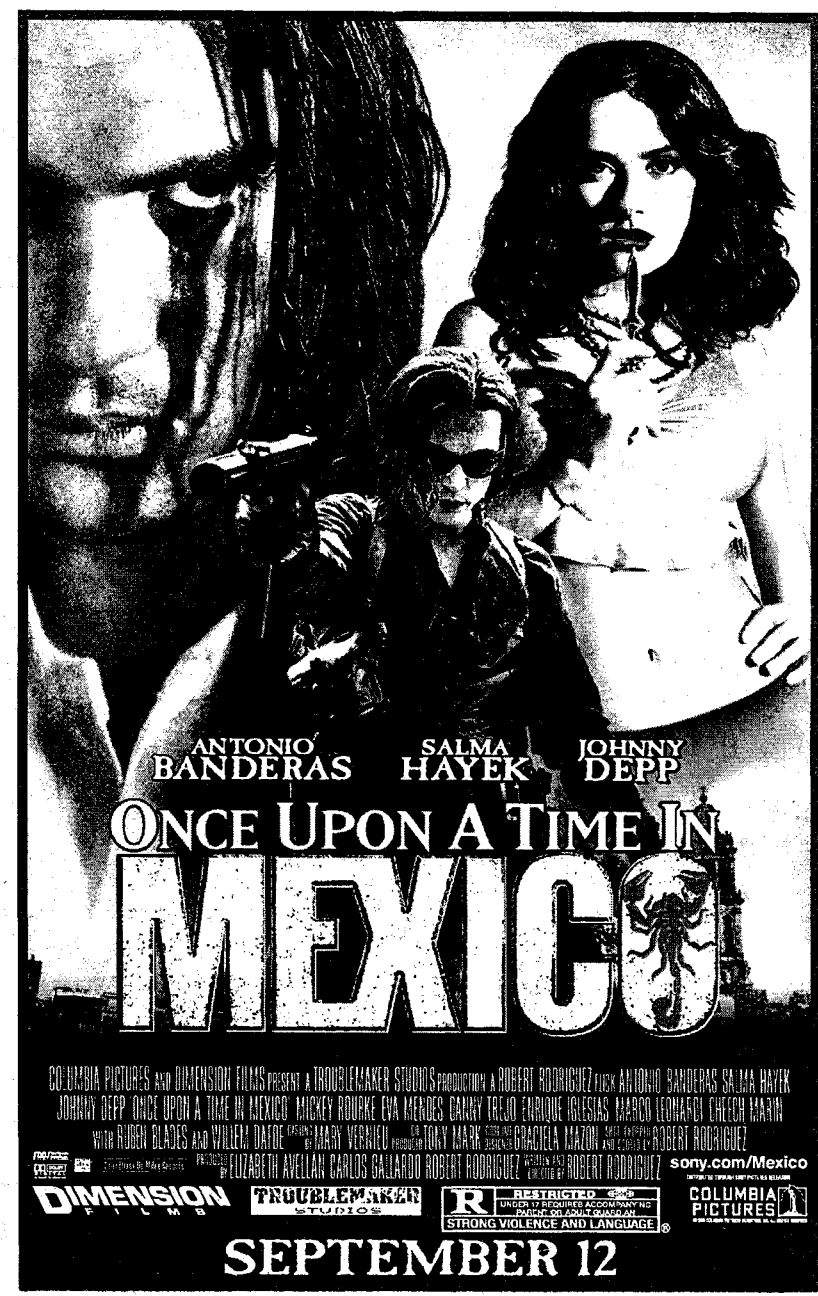
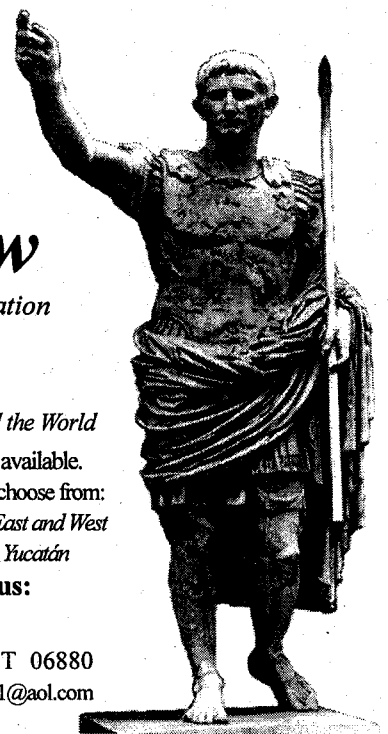
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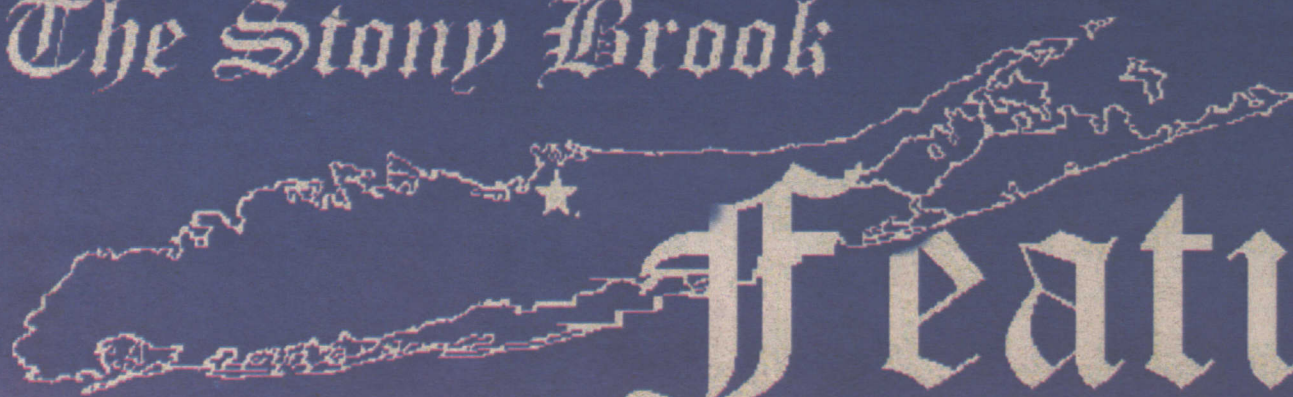
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