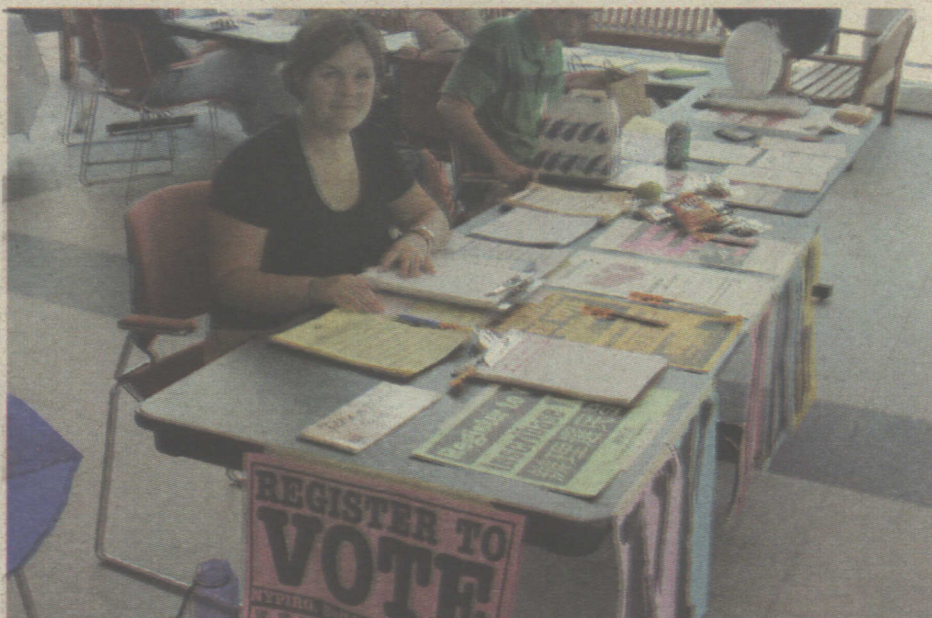


The Heat is On: SBU Gets Out the Vote



NYPIRG's Melissa Morahan helped set up a booth to encourage students to register to vote.

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

With elections approaching, voter registration is an issue of primary concern for students and community members alike. Campus administrators, the student government and other Stony Brook organizations are actively encouraging students to voice their choice and vote, but stress that they

must register first.

"Sometimes the challenge for students is that they say 'it doesn't affect me,'" said Ronnie Paschkes, associate dean of students at Stony Brook University. "But it does. It's your future."

The university administration has placed information displays in the Student Activity Center lobby to give students easy access to the candidates'

views on various issues.

"For a lot of our students, it's the first time they're in a voting booth," Paschkes said. "They don't know what to expect."

New York Public Interest Research Group is also organizing a "meet and greet" event for the general elections in November. On Wednesday, Oct. 8, students can go to the Union Ballroom between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to hear the candidates speak about their political activity and stands on current issues. NYPIRG set up a voter registration table during Monday's volunteer fair.

"This year, we're doing a bigger campaign than we normally do, because there is a presidential primary in March," Morahan said. NYPIRG has been visiting residence halls and knocking on students' doors to encourage them to vote, and has spoken at several club meetings and classrooms.

The University Student Government is also organizing efforts to raise awareness around campus about voting and voter registration. Rosario Minier, the sophomore representative of USG, said, "This year, we are sending out

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Hispanic Heritage Month Opens with Fiesta

Students, Faculty and Staff Celebrate Hispanic Culture

By MARIA BROCK
Statesman Contributor

The beats of salsa and merengue emanated from the speakers, while vendors selling everything from donated bicycles to dishware catered to the lively crowd. The bustle of activity that filled this year's opening ceremony for Hispanic Heritage Month filled the SAC Plaza with dancers and curious onlookers.

Students, faculty and staff came together last Wednesday to take part in the festivities and celebrate the kick-off for the month-long celebration.

"There was a little bit for everyone," said Norma Porras, this year's chairperson for the committee and organizer and coordinator of the events.

The University is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month for its 14th year through a series of events organized by over twelve volunteers comprised of faculty, staff and students. "This was started in 1989, when I was still a student," Porras said.

Porras, a SBU alum and assistant to the director of the Program in Writing and Rhetoric, has headed the committee several times. The chairperson of the committee is a rotating position and has also been held by Dominica Tafuro,

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Crafts Center Highlights New Fall Programs

By PATRICIA McCABE
Statesman Contributor

Registration has begun for Fall 2003 Arts, Crafts, and Leisure Programs at Stony Brook University. Classes include photography, watercolor, ceramics, pottery, weaving, knitting, bartending and defensive driving. Classes in scrap booking and jewelry making may soon be available as well.

The Arts, Crafts, and Leisure Center was founded over 30 years ago not only to promote art on the campus, but also to offer students an opportunity to learn new skills, socialize and relax.

"Being creative touches a different part of your brain and spirit," said Janice Costanza, Interim Coordinator of the Craft Center. "People say that they can't [create art], but when they try it, they see that they really can learn. Anyone can do it."

Registration is open to students, members of the community, alumni, faculty and staff members. Between 150 and 200 students register every semester.

Senior Joan Gumbs, who volunteers at many of the free events sponsored by the Crafts and Leisure Center, feels that craft events and classes compliment campus life by "offering another way for students to get involved, socialize, and bond with other people, especially if they are new to the campus."



Leslie Chong makes a clay pot in a Leisure Program at the Union.

Mei Yan, a Ph. D student in electrical engineering said, "The center was important to me as an international student because it

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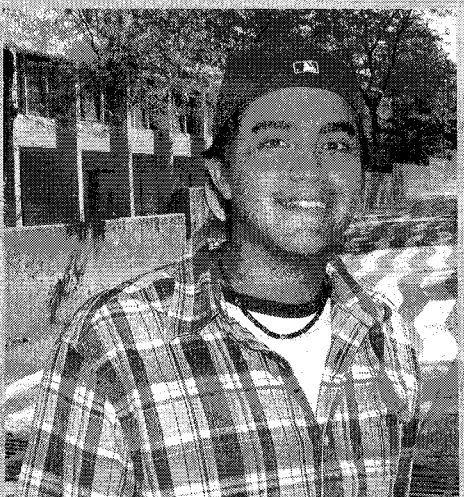
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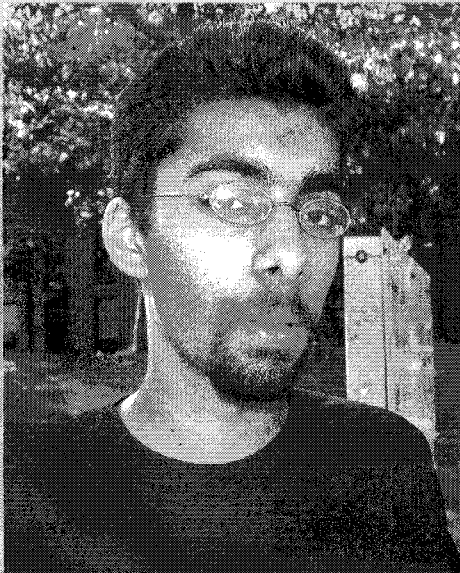
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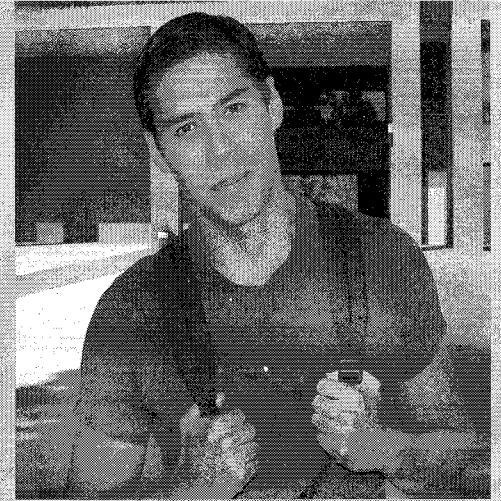
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Annie Sakhno, Freshman



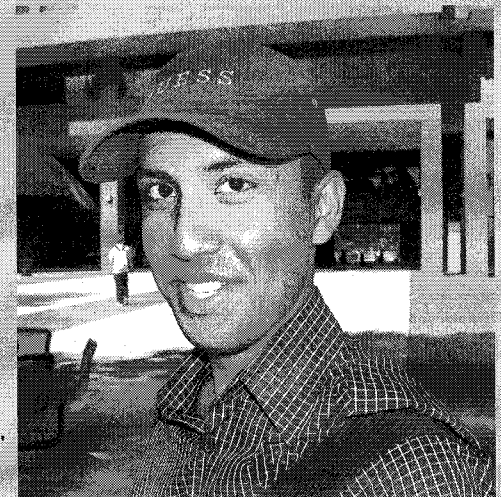
"Smoke and drink."
Henrick Casanova, Freshman



"Go home, see my family and play basketball."
Sachin Chandoki, Freshman



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Eric Lorenzo, Senior



"I study and play tennis."
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University Police Blotter: Sept. 24 - Sept. 27

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Sept. 24, 2003

8:32 a.m. - Grand larceny, Flax Pond, fluidized sand filters taken.

9:22 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, South Dr. near South parking lot, victim transported to University Hospital, four summonses issued.

2:47 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, "M" & "H" Quad/O'Neill College parking lot.

Sept. 25, 2003

10:04 a.m. - Graffiti, "M" & "H" Quad/O'Neill College "G" wing basement.

11:38 a.m. - Grand larceny, "H" Quad/Langmuir College, computer taken from room.

Sept. 26, 2003

9:12 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, LIRR parking lot.

9:42 a.m. - Graffiti-Kelly Quad/Hamilton College mailroom.



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12:36 p.m. - Graffiti, Hendrix College, inner quad exterior door, blue paint.

11:00 p.m. - Petit larceny, Whitman College parking lot, theft of stereo.

Sept. 27, 2003

11:03 a.m. - Graffiti, West Apartments, derogatory remarks above fire panel.

5:15 p.m. - Petit larceny, Benedict College, bicycle theft.

10:55 p.m. - Grand larceny, Old Engineering, theft of computer.

Sept. 28, 2003

3:10 a.m. - Aggravating harassment/criminal mischief, Benedict (caused by earlier harassing telephone calls and led to harassing graffiti.)

8:27 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, "H" Quad Cafe.

10:26 p.m. - Suspicious person, Benedict College dumpster, subject wrapped a male in toilet paper and attempted to light him on fire, all parties gone on arrival.

10:39 p.m. - Order Maintenance, confiscated keg from underage students.

Sept. 29, 2003

1:34 a.m. - Investigation, possible stolen bicycle in trunk.

2:27 p.m. - Petit larceny, Benedict College, telephone taken.

5:00 p.m. - Petit larceny, LaValle Stadium, cooler and eyeglasses taken.

Security Guard Caught Sleeping

BY JEFF M. KRUSZYNA
Statesman Contributor

Drivers returning to campus after midnight must come through the Main Entrance off of Nicholls Road and present proper identification to the guard on duty before they pass into campus.

This security measure restricts unauthorized entrance into campus grounds during these early hours.

However, there was a flaw in the system early morning on Sept. 11, 2003. The guard on duty was asleep in the booth, leaving the entrance unguarded.

"I am most concerned about anything that could threaten the students' safety," said President Shirley Strum Kenny.

Employee and Labor Relations has initiated an investigation into the case. "I cannot go into any details or share the information that is learned as a result of the investigation, nor can I share the outcome of the investigation," said Barbara Affelt of Employee and Labor Relations. "However, I can assure you that appropriate action is being taken."

"I have come through the entrance past midnight many times and



Statesman/Jeff Kruszyna

This university security guard was found sleeping at the main entrance to campus.

have never seen the guard on duty asleep," said senior Rachael Addy. "[The incident] is very disturbing, especially since it happened on the anniversary of the Sept. 11th attacks. I would have thought that security

on campus would have been even tighter, given the significance of the date. Hopefully, this was an isolated incident."

The guard is an employee of University Police, but he is a security

service assistant and not a police officer. It is not known how long the guard was asleep.

"We will follow up with a thorough investigation of the incident and look into all the facts," said Deputy Police Chief Doug Little. "It doesn't matter what day it is. It should not have happened."

Late night workers are constantly under pressure to stay awake. Incidents similar to this case have been recorded around the world.

According to a 2001 study conducted in Finland, researchers note that adaptation to nightshifts interferes with the light/dark cycle and the circadian timing system in the human body. Thus, people who work nightshifts often find it difficult to stay awake because their mind and body is telling them to sleep.

"I thought security on campus was not an issue before, but this incident shows an obvious problem because [the guards] are supposed to be protecting us," said senior Alex Borress. "We don't know how long he was asleep and if he or others routinely sleep on the job. I think we are very fortunate that nothing tragic happened as a result of this security lapse on Sept. 11."

Suspected Sexual Assault in Kelly Quad

Students have been spreading rumors about the assault that took place at 4:20 a.m. on Sept. 18. Some claim that a rape occurred in the Kelly Quad area, near the dining center.

As of press time, no further information could be gathered about the details of the assault.

Authorities refuse to release any information. "The University Police and Suffolk County Police are both involved in the case. The progress of the investigation will only progress with the cooperation of the victim," said Douglas Little, deputy chief of the University Police Department.

The Stony Brook Statesman will now have twice weekly staff meetings. Current editors, writers and prospective writers are all welcome to come down to the Statesman Office, Union Basement 057, on Wednesday or Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Writers are highly encouraged to attend at least one staff meeting per week.

Voice Your Choice and Vote

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forms and flyers to RAs in residence halls." USG is also posting flyers in commuter lounges around campus to encourage off-campus students as well.

"We're trying to announce it at all our events," said Sandy Curtis, president of the undergraduate student

to vote in the SAC lobby can register at several locations on campus. Commuters, however, must register at their home site.

Students can register online at www.rockthevote.com. Resident students can also pick up New York State voter registration forms at the office of the Undergraduate Student Government,

**"It's just so important for students.
It's a privilege that we can vote."**

Ronnie Paschkes

body. "You can't complain if you're not proactive."

In order to become "proactive," students must register to vote before Oct. 10. Resident students who wish

SAC 222, or the NYPIRG office in the Student Union, room 079.

"It's just so important for students," Paschkes said. "It's a privilege that we can vote."

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Craft Center Activities at SBU

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immediately allowed me to be a part of the campus, as well as the Stony Brook off-campus community." Yan has attended pottery and other classes since her first year at Stony Brook. "It is also very stress relieving, and allows you to do something different with your hands than typing on a computer," she said.

Community member Julia Pomeroy also said that the classes allowed her to get out and relax. "It's a passion and therapy at the same time," she said. "And I always learn something new."

These programs are taught by local craftspeople and artists, Stony Brook faculty and graduate students. Undergraduate students assist instruction as well. Instruction is also provided by Stony Brook's Artist-in-Residence, John Casper, whose sculptures and drawings will be displayed at the Student Activities Center Art Gallery from Nov. 5 to Dec. 3.

In addition to the Crafts and Leisure classes, the center also offers membership that allows additional use

of the ceramic studio or photography room. This membership includes access to equipment, supplies, and locker privileges.

The Stony Brook Union Craft Center is located in the lower level of the Student Union Building. Registration for Crafts and Leisure Programs will continue until classes are full. Costanza said the staff of the Craft Center is always open to suggestions and new ideas, and is eager to expand the number of existing classes and

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add new ones. For information or suggestions, you can reach the Craft Center at 631-632-6822 or visit their website, www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/sac/craftscenter.



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California's Recall Race Attracts Diverse Crowds

By WILL POTTER
Chronicle of Higher Education

Plenty of students and scholars are studying California's gubernatorial-recall campaign -- variously called a mockery of and a milestone in American politics -- and a few are even running. Because it took only 65 signatures and \$3,500 to secure a place on the ballot, 135 candidates are registered, and several have ties to higher education.

Unfortunately, the University of the Pacific does not offer courses on tackling a \$38-billion state-budget deficit. Bryan Quinn, a junior, would be the first to sign up.

"Being a business major hasn't helped out so much," says Quinn, 20, who would be two years past the minimum-age requirement if he won. He hopes his campaign will at least encourage his peers to register to vote.

A Republican, Quinn says California should be run more like a business, and he has the experience to do it. "I have sold cars as a summer job," he says. "It helped me and my understanding of bankruptcy, and it helped me get a good feeling for credit ratings."

Darrin Price thinks politicians are a lot like his chemistry students. "Students often come to me and say, 'I can't do this,'" says Price, a lecturer at Humboldt State University. "They say they have tried the problem five

times, but they did it five times the same way. I tell them there has to be another way."

To prove his point, Price, 40, has jumped into the campaign for governor. His chairman laughed at the thought of him in a gubernatorial race, but egged him on.



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Arnold Schwarzenegger tops polls in California Recall.

His students urged him to order campaign buttons and signs for them. And the university president told Price that he was proud of him.

He entered the race because he thought a resident

of Northern California should be on the ballot. "Up here, behind the redwood curtain, we comprise 10 percent of the state geographically," he says, "yet our issues are ignored by the rest of the state."

Richard R. Lane has studied and taught politics, but he says he has never seen anything like California's recall election. "I'm sure that when the dust settles, we'll have some Ph.D. dissertations written about this," he says. They may even have a chapter about Lane, a psychology professor at San Jose State University.

"I entered the race when I saw the Democratic Party was on the wrong track," he says. "They were putting their eggs in one basket and were trying to defeat the recall, but not putting a candidate forward."

His first action as governor would be to ask for emergency appropriations to restore the money that has been cut from higher education. "I have spent 17 years at San Jose State, and I have never seen morale among faculty so low, or pressure on students so great," he says. His next step, he asserts, would be to fire his boss -- the head of the California State University System.

Lane, 65, has taken a leave from the university this semester to work full time on his campaign. So how does running for governor compare to seeking tenure? "Both of them are chancy," he says.

Big Dreams: Planning Universal Fast Web Access

Researchers Will Rethink the Architecture of the Internet to Provide High-speed Access For All

By BROCK READ
Chronicle of Higher Education

What would it cost to bring superfast Internet access to almost every home and business in the United States? And how would it affect the flow of information to offer such access -- at 100 times the speed of most DSL connections?

A group of universities and research laboratories led by Carnegie Mellon University hopes to find out. The institutions are starting an ambitious five-year project that will examine what it would take to build and sustain a fiber-optic network that would reach 100 million locations throughout the nation. "We want to take a fresh look at the architecture of the Internet," said Hui Zhang, an associate professor of computer science at Carn-

egie Mellon who is the project's principal investigator.

The National Science Foundation pledged \$7.5-million over five years to the project, which is being called "100 Megabits for 100 Million Homes." It seeks to develop and test the feasibility of an all-new, high-speed glass-fiber telecommunications network that would improve the reliability and speed of Internet access.

"There has been a misconception that, with the success of the Internet, all the research into networking architecture has been done," says Zhang. "But we really need to make the network much more robust and dependable, and higher-speed."

To design a more efficient and man-

ageable communications network, project leaders must decide how best to use fiber-optic technology and how best to approach broader concerns, such as the economic and social impacts of a high-speed network, according to Zhang. The research will be conducted by an interdisciplinary team of computer scientists, engineers, and economists at Carnegie Mellon, Rice and Stanford Universities, the University of California at Berkeley, Internet2, and a collection of supercomputing laboratories and for-profit research centers.

The first two years of work on the project will be devoted to designing and modeling potential glass-fiber networks, according to Zhang. After that, researchers will test small-scale prototypes to determine whether telecommunications

providers could use the same blueprints to form a nationwide network. The workload will be divided among participating institutions, and the results will be analyzed at annual conferences.

The \$7.5-million grant is "not a lot of money," Zhang said. "We're very grateful for the support, but we have to view it as seed money because we need much more to sustain this effort, even with modest prototyping and deployment."

"Since we've used copper-based telecommunications networking for so long, this is the first time in 100 years of science that we've seriously re-evaluated network architecture," Zhang said. "The Internet has really showcased the potential for better communications, but it has a lot of limitations."

Arnold's English Tutor Tells All

By WILL POTTER
Chronicle of Higher Education

She taught English at Moorpark College for 28 years without telling students or colleagues about her six-year romance with Arnold Schwarzenegger. It just didn't seem relevant. When the former bodybuilder announced his bid to be governor of California, though, Barbara Outland Baker decided it was a great time to publish a book. Polls show Schwarzenegger, a Republican, in a dead heat with Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, a Democrat, to replace Gov. Gray Davis, also a Democrat, if he is recalled.

Despite her proposed book's title -- "Surviving Arnold" -- Baker says she has not written a scathing indictment of Schwarzenegger. In fact, she says, they are on good terms and he is "the most capable" candidate.

They split up in 1975 because Baker wanted marriage and children and Schwarzenegger wanted to focus on his career. Baker, now married but childless, never sought to be a "professional woman," she says, but he encouraged her to teach. Schwarzenegger paid for her education, and Baker helped the Austrian native improve his English. "Then he ascended into the stratosphere and I remained as a teacher," she says.

She has written other books, about speed reading and reading skills, but Baker, a tenured professor at the

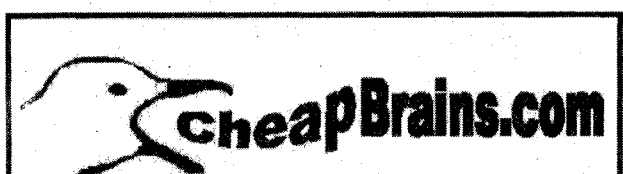
community college, would rather her students not read her latest project because it reveals too much personal information, she says.

Baker is negotiating with publishers and says no release date has been set. "The election will have to transpire first," she says, "then we can see how the marketing follows."



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Barbara Outland, Schwarzenegger's former lover and English tutor, wrote a new book that reveals all.



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Commentary

Discovering the Real Meaning of Leadership



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

I spent this past weekend in Washington, D.C. at a forum for leaders. What makes me a leader? Apparently, someone mentioned that I am the publisher of the *Statesman*. Does that necessarily mean anything? Does that make me a leader, or am I just someone who happens to hold a position of authority?

I learned the difference this weekend: that a leader isn't someone who guides and directs, gives orders and criticizes. A leader is someone who cares enough to make a difference in the world and in the people around them. Real leaders aren't just figures of authority. They are the ones that stand by when nothing goes right. They are the ones who will put themselves on the line before anyone else, the individuals that come up with new ideas and move things forward, instead of just doing what others have done before them.

The university sent Sandy Curtis, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and me to the National Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values. While there, we learned not only what a leader is, but what a leader does. We met people that exemplify compassion and graciousness, qualities that are important in real leaders.

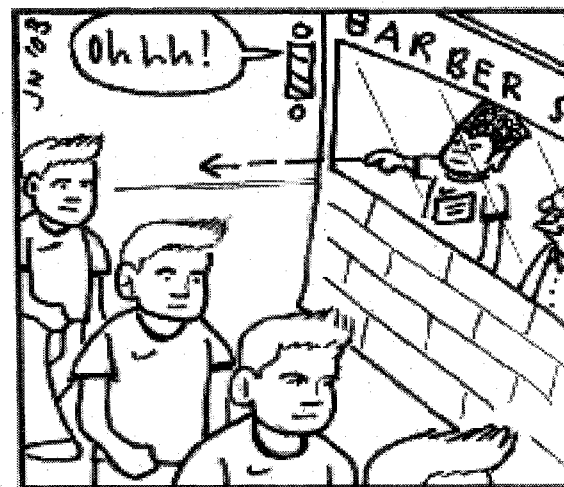
The emphasis was on service in leadership, and we practiced just that.

On Saturday, a group of about one hundred college students from around the nation went to one of D.C.'s poorest sections and completely revamped a recreation center for inner city youths. We painted bright shades of yellow, purple and blue over rusted white paint that was chipping away on metal doors. None of us thought that we were too important for

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this. None of us felt that we shouldn't have had to do this, because we went to Ivy League schools or had a 4.0 GPA. It wasn't about that. It was about making a difference in the community by giving back a part of yourself. We, student leaders around the nation, were able to put smiles on faces that we would probably never see, but it was still absolutely amazing and worth every bead of sweat.

Leaders from around the nation came to speak to us, telling stories of how faith and values have factored into their roles throughout life. Attorney General John Ashcroft put it best. He presented us with three questions that explore the meaning of life, and who we are: Am I a product of intelligent design, or just an accident? Am I free, or am I a slave?

When all is done, can I say that my life has been meaningful? Real leaders, he said, will answer these questions with flying colors.

In the nation's capitol, where some of the greatest men in history have walked, I learned what it is to be a real leader. I met some amazing people with whom I had some of the most insightful conversations I have had in a long time, and, best of all, I learned that compassion and service are two of the most important qualities that anyone can possess, leader or not. It just makes such a difference.

Now that I am back at Stony Brook, I hope to bring what I learned with me. I'd like to formally thank the Dean of Students Office and Catholic Campus Ministries for giving me the wonderful opportunity to explore the nation's capitol and learn from the nation's leaders.

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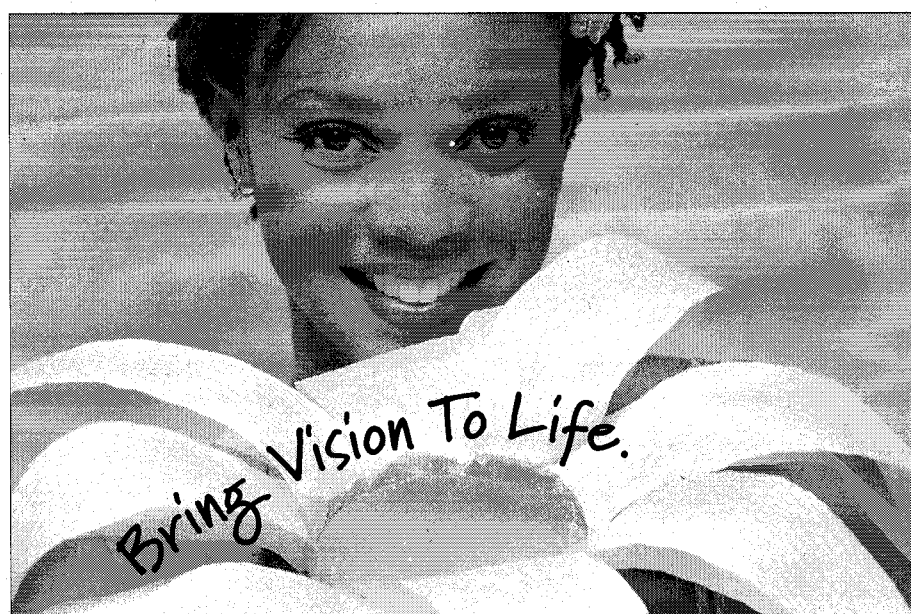
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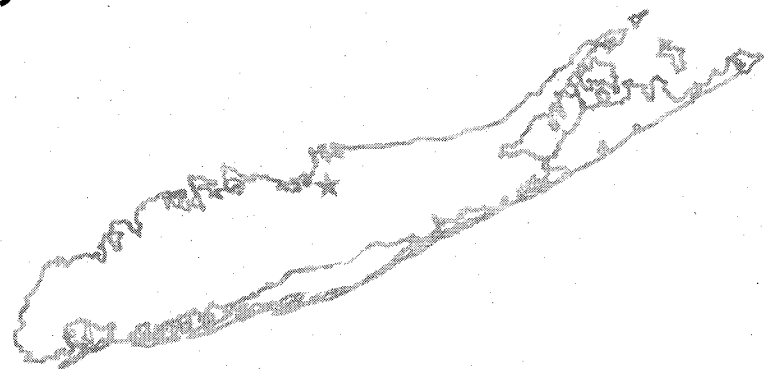
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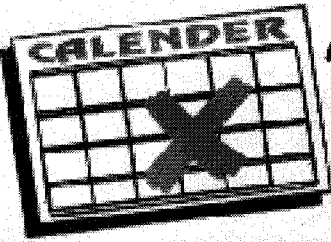
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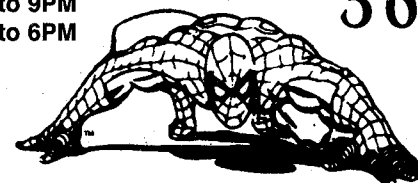


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administrator of the Latin America and Caribbean Studies center.

The ceremony, besides involving a cultural parade, free party favors, a piñata and a raffle, included speeches by Stony Brook Undergraduate President Sandy Curtis and guest speaker Angelina Martinez, President of the National Society of Puerto Rican Social Workers. As an opening to the ceremonies, Martinez read the proclamation, summarized plans, discussed upcoming events and encouraged attendees to participate.

She delivered a poignant and inspiring speech that was unfortunately overshadowed by the noise and activity of the festivities, participants in the ceremony said.

The theme of the event was "Bridging Our Community/ Extendiendo Nuestra Comunidad." "I think that the festivities were really great for anyone," said sophomore Robert Rodriguez. "I brought my friends with me, and they aren't Hispanic. They had a great time."

Porras emphasized that participants do not have to be Latino to increase awareness. Hispanic students are one of the smallest minorities on campus.

"We want to extend our community, but unite it as well," Porras said. She



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Angela Martinez gave a speech at last Wednesday's Hispanic Heritage ceremony.

hopes that Wednesday's event and those that will follow throughout the month of October will help to bring awareness to the Stony Brook Community.

Additional events this month include an art exhibit, guest lecturers and a celebration of the Mexican Holiday "Día de los muertos," or "Day of the Dead."

Those involved in planning upcoming programs include sororities, fraternities, faculty, staff and other student groups. This year's ceremony was the first to introduce "el vedindario," a festive garage sale with everything from puzzles to jewelry and records, all donated by faculty, staff and students.

"Many of us come from the city," Porras said. "This was part of growing up: vendors and music on the street."

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