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## First Undergrad Apartment Opens



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Building B, the first undergrad apartment to open, still needs renovations.

By MARC NEWMAN  
Statesman Staff

The scramble for undergraduate housing began this semester when the new apartments on campus planned to house a number of undergraduate students living on campus didn't open as planned in late August.

For some students, at least, that ordeal is reaching its end. Building B of the new apartments will accept tenants for the first time today, though it still requires minor finishes.

As of press time the building had no telephone connections, no ethernet and no television jacks. Though reactions have been mixed, many students said they were glad to be able to move in.

"I was really happy that they're opening Oct. 22 as opposed to next semester, but I'm disgruntled that [the administration] was withholding information about the building not being complete," said senior Chateen Carbonara.

Carbonara said she made arrangements to move out of her residence hall last Tuesday, but received notification that some services were not ready on Thursday.

"I've had to reschedule moving in all of my stuff until a later date since the building's not finished."

The origins of the construction fiasco began when a dispute between the New York Dorm Authority and the building contractor, JM Dennis, led to a break in their contract, and forced the Dorm Authority to search for a new contractor. Since then, a new contractor has been found, and an end is in sight in the ongoing undergraduate apartment fiasco.

The final spackling and laying down of carpeting was taking place as of press time. Running water and electricity are in place.

"The finishing touches should be in place by

Monday, but unfortunately, the apartment complex is without complete services," according to Darlynn Bachman, director of administrative services here at Stony Brook.

Bachman explained that the Stony Brook residences had, "sent emails and made phone calls to students explaining the apartment situation, offering cell phones to those looking for telephone service."

As of press time, two-thirds of those students eligible to move into the apartments were contacted, with only one-third of those students electing to move in when the apartment complex opens, Monday, October 22 at 10a.m.

The contractor expected to install telecommunication services has been selected, and the people at Stony Brook Residences expect those services to be up and running in three weeks, capping the final chapter in this controversy.

Already, according to Bachman, as many upperclassmen residents living in other Quads move into the apartment complex, all freshmen living in triples are expected to be in doubles.

President Kenny and Fred Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs, were on site Friday and said that they were "very impressed [with the apartment construction] and expect students to be pleased with the spectacular accommodations."

## Peace Rally Goes on Peacefully

By RYAN SOBEL  
Statesman Editor

More than 200 students convened in front of the academic mall for a peace rally, last Wednesday, as a direct response to the war declared on Afghanistan last month.

Peace rally organizers were pleasantly surprised about the turnout, since their cause is currently not a very popular one. In compliance with the concern that some groups might try to disrupt the meeting, a section was cordoned off to allow those in favor of military action to speak.

With more than a dozen speakers, including students, a few faculty members, and assorted social activists, the peace rally remained controlled and nonconfrontational.

Chad Kautzer, President of the SBU Social Justice Alliance and one of the many sponsors of the rally, said he was pleased with the outcome. He initially anticipated the worst.

"We were allowed, with a few exceptions of hecklers, to offer an

alternative perspective."

There was also minimal administrative objection to the peace rally.

"Universities are a place where students [are afforded] a free exchange of ideas and points of view," university spokesman Pat Calabria told Newsday, last week. "That's what makes America strong."

Graduate student and speaker Jasmina Sinanovic, who is originally from war-stricken Bosnia, urged the crowd not to be deceived into believing that war was right. She advised that exposure to government propaganda can easily sway one's convictions.

"Make no mistake about it, bombing Afghanistan is an act of terror," freshman and rally co-founder Virginia Rodriguez declared. "If the United States is really interested in ending terrorism maybe it's time to take good long look at U.S. foreign policy."

The rally did not entirely stress



Statesman/Marie Huchton

More than 200 anti-war demonstrators gathered around the fountain near the Administration Building, last week.

that war was wrong. Some speakers affirmed that the actions of Sept. 11 should not go unnoticed. In turn, they proclaimed that the people responsible should be tried in an international court.

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# On Truth: Finding Meaning in the Self

By **FREDDY DAVIS**  
Statesman Staff

Amidst the exploration of the world with an introspection of reality as a duality that keeps an open mind on perspectives from various extremes.

This duality will be infused in our outlook and this will develop a sense of worthiness as to what is important as we go about life.

With this worthiness we arrive upon a sense of meaning in the flux of reality around us though this meaning in itself arises as from a subjective stance and so remains a subjective meaning on accepting universal languages.

Within the world one enters they enter it from a unique perspective of space and time that is only further complicated and perhaps complimented if we chose to appreciate it by culture and region of one's birth.

These unique perspectives are very vital in the development of the individual and while we all share primarily the same biological and chemical makeup and come to ask primarily the same questions about their actions and the point to their existence.

Their approach to these similar questions are so varied in a multiple of ways from the different and solely unique position they are coming from based on the time, place, and from what cultural background they come to answer these questions.

It is because of this unique approach to the same questions we all come to as to one's purpose here and what they were meant to do and to find significance in this instead of the world devoid of such values in a spinning sphere of generated organic structure that evolves according to a believed process of natural law that in itself is presumed.



Meaning develops from one's unique perspective.

Faced with the same endeavors in our lives no matter what the history that lies behind us to develop us as we now are we are still faced with coming to conclusion to these basic wonderings of our existence that we call life and in such we develop, not find mind you, a meaning to all this processes that categorize our life.

These questions of personal existence we can lay no claims to universal truth because of our slanted one-sided view of our unique perspective and for truth to exist it must be obtained through action so that the approach of our perspective no matter from what angle and abiding by natural boundaries as life as the right to life so as to not interfere with one to do the same in action and approach, then truth through meaning will eventually be arrived at through some course of action bumpy, windy, and misdirected as it may be.

## Applying to Medical School: The Interview

By **GENE TULMAN**  
Statesman Editor

One of the absolute requirements for admission into U.S. medical schools is the interview. After several initial screening processes where the Grade Point Average (GPA) and the Medical School Admission Test (MCAT) are usually used to rule out unsatisfactory applicants, the interview serves as the final check of motivation and personal character that are in line with the medical spirit.

A medical school applicant's character is analyzed in part from the personal statement and probably to a greater extent from the

recommendation letters that were written on his or her behalf.

Extra-curricular activities such as volunteer work and community service serve well to annotate positive features of an applicant's personality, as well as his or her motivation for medicine.

Interviews are usually conducted by professors, but may also include medical students in addition to faculty. Thus, the interview day may be anywhere from an hour to an eight-hour experience.

A business-style outfit is generally regarded as part of the proper interview attire. An appearance that is both professional and respectable is an absolute must.

A confident appearance is crucial because of the fact that this first impression will be a significant factor in the psychological proceedings of the decision-making process at hand.

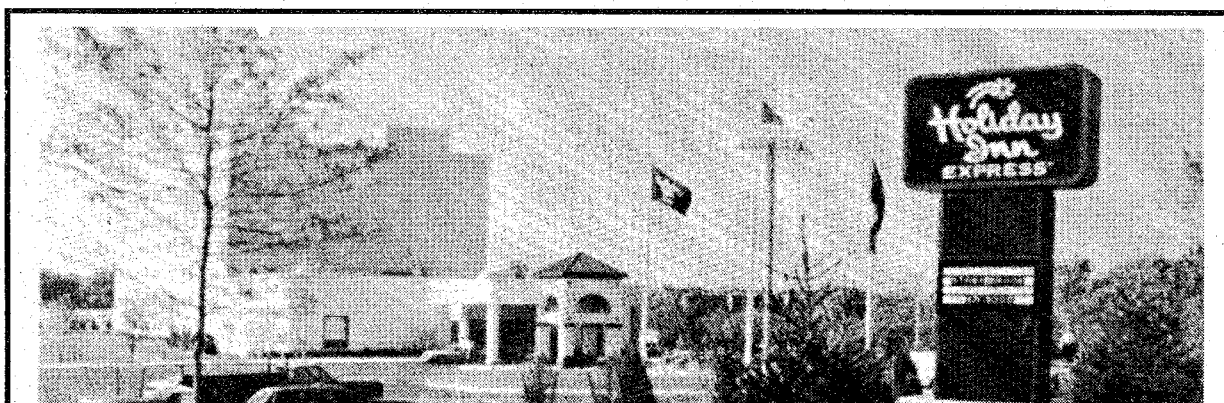
An applicant must conduct himself or herself in a professional manner, conveying a sense of maturity and empathy, while projecting superior interpersonal skills. A two-way conversation is necessary, including such popular discussion topics as bio-ethics, biomedical research, and the future of medicine.

The following selected list of actual interview questions that were asked of medical school applicants

in the past is quoted from "The Best Medical Schools," a 1999 edition of a medical school guide written by Malaika Stoll and Paula Bilstein.

- \* Why do you want to be a doctor?
- \* The future of medicine looks bleak. Why do you want to go into it?
- \* Why should we accept you?
- \* Why on earth did they give you an interview?
- \* Would you give up a body part to gain entrance to medical school?
- \* When you don't get into medical school, what will you do?
- \* Doctors have the power to give or take life. How do you feel about "playing God?"

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**A Thought  
From  
Rabbi Adam**



In the past few weeks, many have expressed a desire to join the armed forces. Many have fantasized about putting their college degrees to the side in order to do something more immediately meaningful with their lives and join the struggle against terrorism. In the meantime, we sit, feeling helpless and unproductive. In an Oct. 13th radio broadcast to the nation, President Bush acknowledged our concerns by pointing out that, "Our nation is grateful to so many Americans... who defend us so far away. [And] many others are asking: What can I do?" The President's answer was "to show the best of America, by directly helping the children of Afghanistan" by sending a dollar to "America's Fund for Afghan Children" (White House, 1600 Penn. Ave., Wash. D.C.). "[For] we will oppose their evil... [and] their hatred with compassion." Meaning, there are two fronts to this war. One is being fought with the physical capabilities of the armed forces. And the other is to be fought with one's spiritual resolve to be good. For in an Oct. 16th radio address, President Bush pointed out, "there's a lot of focus on our soldiers...but there are other ways to be in the army. And one way is to show the goodness of America. One way to fight evil is to fight it with kindness and love and compassion. [For] we can overcome evil. We're good. We're good-hearted people... So I want to thank... [those] who have heard the call to love a neighbor just like you would like to be loved yourself". And now it is a matter of national policy that just like darkness cannot exist where there is light, evil cannot exist where there is good. It all depends on us.

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# Drug Busts Endangering College Aide

By TIMOTHY SOSTRIN  
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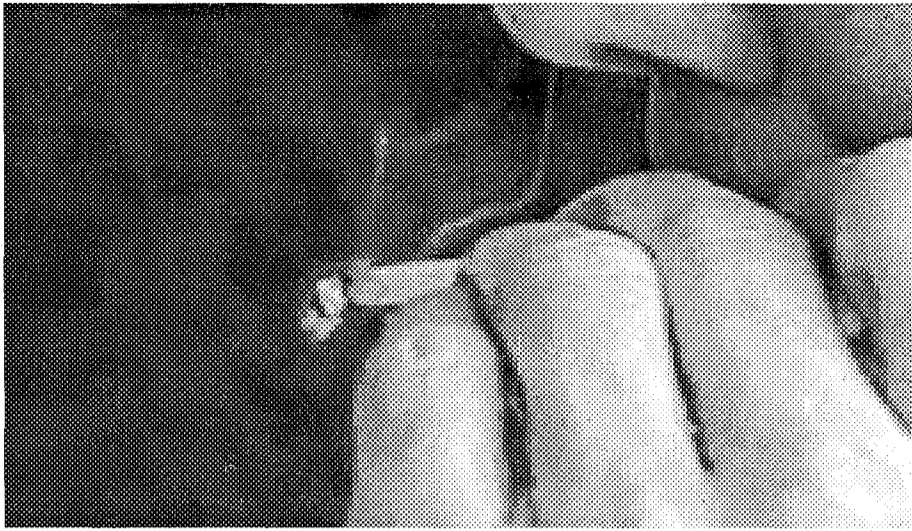
The Higher Education Act (HEA), created three decades ago, authorizes many federal financial aid programs. However, a 1998 revision to the act has closed college opportunities to many potential students.

On July 1, 2000, the drug clause of the HEA took effect, and in its first year cut aid to over 8,600 students. What the drug clause states is simple: A student who has been convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance.

Basically, students caught with drugs will not be able to receive financial aid.

However, the clause makes no distinction between major felonies resulting from distribution and misdemeanors for simple possession. Indeed, upon close inspection, it is evident that this provision of the HEA is not nearly as simple as it appears to be.

An argument can be made that what this clause actually does is to further immobilize those at risk of marginalization in our society. First, this clause hurts working families and those of less economic means and not those



Courtesy of www.google.com

**One drug bust with enough marijuana can ruin a student's financial aid chances.**

who could afford college without financial aid. According to the Coalition for HEA Reform, denying financial aid to students hurts only those students who need the aid.

Another major problem with the clause is that it has a discriminatory impact on minorities. In New York State, almost 95 percent of those in prison for drug offenses are people of color, but studies show that the majority of drug use and sales occur among whites.

According to the U.S. Department of

Justice, African Americans, who comprise approximately 13 percent of the population, and 13 percent of all drug users account for more than 55 percent of those convicted for drug offenses. These disparities in our drug laws may set up a system in which the drug clause has a disproportionate impact on people of color.

Lastly, there is no similar provision in the HEA that would deny financial aid to offenders of any other crimes, including rapes and murder. Does this mean that congress

views these crimes as less offensive than drug possession?

The drug clause may mask increasing restrictions on access to higher education behind a controversial drug issue. Federal representatives may consider passing laws to make it easier, not more difficult, for all people to obtain a good education. Further marginalizing young offenders as they are making steps towards positive personal advancement may be counterproductive to both the individual and society as this may set the offender on a downward spiral and actually increase the abuse and sale of illicit drugs.

NYPIRG, along with many organizations nation wide, including the NAACP, Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, the American Civil Liberties Union, NORML, and others are all doing work to get the drug clause repealed from the HEA.

Many student governments from across the nation have also taken formal stances to repeal the drug clause, including the United States Student Association, and the Student Association of SUNY.

Here on SBU, people can help by signing a petition to repeal the clause. The petition is available at the NYPIRG office in room 079 of the student union.

## Jordanian Student Accused of Terror

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
AP Writer

A college student from Jordan accused of lying about his association with suspected hijackers in last month's attacks "promoted terrorism" through his deception, a prosecutor said Friday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robin Baker made the assertion as she argued against bail for Osama Awadallah, 21, a student at Grossmont College in La Mesa, Calif., who was charged with two counts of perjury.

"By lying to the grand jury, the defendant's acts promoted terrorism," Baker told Gabriel W. Gornstein, a federal magistrate judge in Manhattan, who denied bail.

Defense lawyer Jesse Berman said the government was wrong to accuse his client of lying about his association with two men suspected of hijacking the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. Two other planes toppled the World Trade Center.

"He has nothing to do with the terrible things that happened on Sept. 11," he said.

Baker tried to draw links to the attacks, saying the FBI in a search of Awadallah's car found a "razor-blade attached to a handle," notable since the hijackers allegedly overpowered plane crews with box cutters.

She said Awadallah's phone number was found on a slip of paper in the glove compartment of a car left at a Washington airport by one of the suspected hijackers with whom he had associated.

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White used the case to warn scores of current and future

witnesses facing the scrutiny of the grand jury looking into the terrorist attacks.

A day after four men — including one initially arrested only on perjury charges — were sentenced to life in prison for terrorist attacks on two U.S. embassies in Africa, White vowed to severely punish anyone "who assists terrorists through lies and deception."

"This prosecution demonstrates that we will not allow perjury to impede the pursuit of justice for the victims of these attacks," White said.

The charges in a criminal complaint gave the first public glimpse of the work of prosecutors trying to learn what they can from a nationwide roundup of material witnesses after the attacks.

Awadallah, a student of English as a second language, was charged with two counts of making false statements for allegedly falsely describing his association with suspected hijackers Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar. He faces up to 10 years in prison.

The criminal complaint did not accuse Awadallah of knowing anything about the hijacking or the terrorist attacks. Awadallah was arrested Sept. 21 as a material witness in the case.

The charges were at least the second major perjury case to result from the worldwide investigation. Faisal M. Al Salmi was accused in an indictment unsealed Oct. 12 in Arizona with giving false statements to the FBI about his association with Hani Hanjour, who is suspected of piloting the plane that crashed into the Pentagon.

## U.S. and Russia Working Together

By RALPH D'AMBROSIO  
Statesman Staff

Since President George Bush took office, he and President Vladimir V. Putin, of Russia have disagreed on several important issues. These issues have included Bush's plan to build a missile defense system and Russia's troubled relations with an expanding NATO alliance. These disagreements have cumulated in Bush calling the Anti-ballistic Missile treaty "out-dated."

This, however, may no longer be the case. After a meeting between Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Foreign Minister Igor S. Ivanov, it was indicated that a breakthrough on several key strategic issues that had divided the United States and Russia was near.

Ironically, as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, an opportunity for greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Russia has occurred.

The momentum in the strategic arms negotiations had been stalemated for months since the discussions earlier this summer at meetings in Slovenia and Genoa, Italy.

Putin has agreed to open Russian air space to American airlifts of military and relief cargoes to Central Asian republics. The United States wants to deploy the cargo on Afghanistan's northern frontier, and because of Russia's cooperation, many points of contention between the two nations may be close to being settled.

The attempts to reach this end are

further aided by Putin's decision to help decrease Americas need for Middle Eastern oil by offering its oil fields. In his negotiations with the United States, Putin has faced criticism from Russians who are unhappy that Russian security may be being compromised by the concessions he is making with the U.S.

The increased cooperation with the United States regarding the current military offensive has allowed Putin to overcome these objections. Putin's support has enabled Bush to provide Russia with a greater role in Western security.

The possible deal between the United States and Russia may involve the United States having to make deep cuts in its nuclear arsenal. Russia, therefore, may accept amending the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty as well as not objecting to an American testing program for missile defenses.

The missile defense shield has been the major source of contention between the United States and Russia. The recent actions of Putin may signify an important change in the relationship between the two countries.

In addition to this breakthrough, Russia has also chosen to abandon a Soviet-era electronic eavesdropping base in Cuba. It also gave up its lease on the Cam Ranh Bay naval base in Vietnam.

Powell has said that not only is the cold war over, the post-cold war may be over as well. Russian support in the war against Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden marks a significant shift in post cold war relations between the United States and Russia.

# POLITY - YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Student Polity Election Results

### President

Laura Dreher	195
Malika Granville	240
**Natalie Hodgson	424

### Vice President

Gina Fiore	340
** Akelia Lawrence	495

### Secretary

Kevin Quan	386
**Shaniqua Williams	461

### Treasurer

Nicholas Kilb	335
Sasha White	110

### Freshman Representative

Sandy Curtis	82
Vlad Frantz	69
**Lucy Kim	164

### Junior Representative

Dara Coleman	65
** Jannet Mey	84

### Sophomore Representative

Michael Bernstein	44
**Sophia Moore	92
Kimberly Chin	71

### Senior Representative

Heather Wilber	56
Julius Shapiro	49
**Samuel Fredric	76

# THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM: An Educational Forum

## SPEAKERS:

**Imam Siraj Wahhaj**- *Imam of Al Taqwa Mosque, Brooklyn.*

**Topic:** *Islam as an Abrahamic Faith. Islamic Civilization throughout the ages.*

**Ghazi Khankan**- *Executive Director of  
Council on American Islamic Relations, N.Y.*

**Topic:** *The media's portrayal of Islam as a religion of terror.*

**Location:** Union Ballroom

**Time:** Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 6:30-10:00pm

The lectures will be followed by a Question and Answer series.

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED**

# Freshman Goes All Out in Campaign

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
Statesman Editor

The office of Freshman Representative was probably the least prestigious of the polity positions that were up for grabs in this past election, and ironically it may have been the most heavily contested. In the end, it was the most controversial race in the student government elections that took place a week ago.

The candidates—Sandy Curtis, Vlad Frants, and Lucille Kim—came from completely different backgrounds and employed equally distinct campaign strategies, all with the goal of fighting voter apathy and tilting the scales in their favor.

Curtis and Kim made do with the support of EOP and Asian Student Association, respectively, while the independent Frants used an aggressive and extensive, grass-roots style campaign.

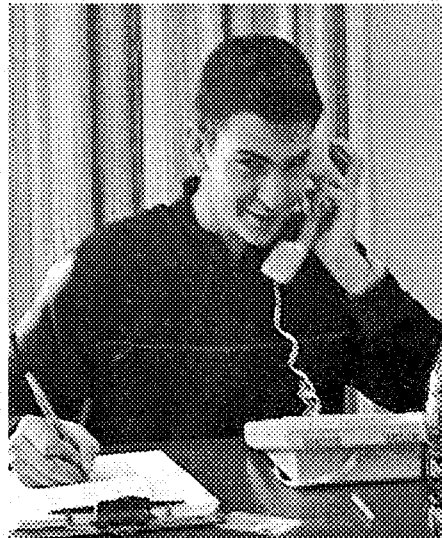
In fact, so thorough and unique was Frants' campaign strategy, that in the eyes of many independent observers he was the favorite heading into the two-day elections.

Frants littered the campus with scores of 8 1/2 by 11 inch flyers that came in ten different styles each containing a catchy or outrageous saying, such as "Vlad Frants: Most likely to wear a Fedora", "Vlad Frants: Endorsed by puppies everywhere," and "Vlad Frants: Inventor of Double-Sided Tape," along with an appropriate picture of the candidate.

Freshman Mira Kinariwala echoed the general opinion of many freshmen, when asked to comment on Frants' flyers. "He gets your attention. I found them very amusing."

Frants also put up, what some freshmen dubbed "very informative" full size posters containing some of his slogans opposite his platform.

At the bottom of every advertisement for his campaign, Frants' included the address to his personal website, [www.VladFrants.com](http://www.VladFrants.com), which was designed to give a more introspective view of the candidate, his leadership experiences, and his positions on the issues most



Courtesy of [www.VladFrants.com](http://www.VladFrants.com)

**Freshman candidate Vlad Frants was first exposed to politics in the office of Congressman Anthony D. Weiner.**

pertinent to freshmen.

As far as it is known, Frants was the first polity candidate to put up flyers and the only candidate to have a website dedicated solely to the polity elections. In addition to the money provided by polity for every candidate, Frants acknowledged the fact that he put up \$65 of his own money to fund his campaign advertisements.

"It borders on too much, but at least it's better than doing too little," said freshman Mansoor Khan after viewing the advertisements and the website.

Though Frants said that two other students assisted him, he admitted to doing the majority of the work. "I spent a month preparing for this campaign," he said. "I would wake up at four or five [in the morning] to type and put up flyers...I'd say I spent at least three to five hours a day on the campaign during the last two weeks."

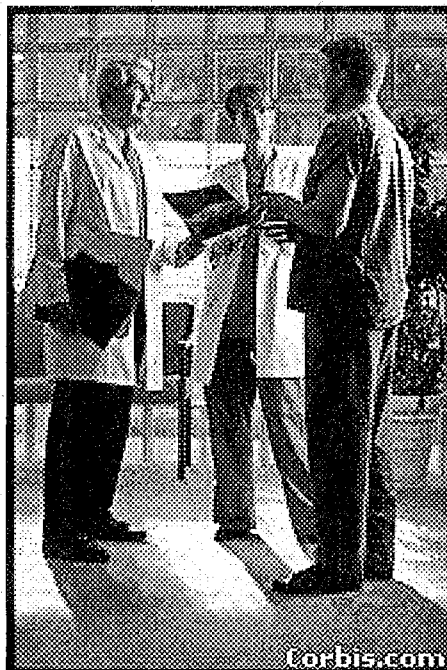
After the ballots were counted, however, Polity deemed that Frants lost the election by nearly 100 votes to Lucille Kim. Yet, the results, though mired in controversy, do not seem to deter the orchestrator of the largest Freshmen Rep campaign in years at SBU.

"I am not totally discouraged about the results of the election," posted Frants on his website. "I still consider myself to be a leader in that I have never and will never define a leader based on the results of a single election."

## Conquering the Medical School Interview

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- \* Do you realize that your MCAT scores aren't anything special?
- \* What is the greatest problem facing medicine today?
- \* What are your views on euthanasia?
- \* What do you think about condoms being distributed in high schools?
- \* Discuss the health care system of Australia.
- \* Should people have the right to sell their own organs?
- \* Pretend to tell me a loved one of mine has died.
- \* How do you justify being a Catholic and going to an institution that allows abortions?
- \* How do you feel about affirmative action?
- \* Do you believe in drug legalization?
- \* Is altruism ever pure, without some kind of motive?
- \* Do you believe in life after death?
- \* What is your opinion about natural law ethics?
- \* Explain the mind-body problem.
- \* If you could be any cell in the human body, what would you be?
- \* If you were to build a human being, what would you include and exclude?
- \* If you could go back in history and meet anyone, who would it be and why?
- \* What was the last book you read, and how did it influence your life?
- \* Why aren't you married?



**The key to a successful medical school interview is honesty and self-confidence.**

- \* Do you expect to have a family? If so, why are you applying to medical school?
- \* What would you do if I dropped unconscious right now?
- \* Why didn't you bring me a doughnut?

It might be wise to practice answering such questions in order to be better prepared for the actual interview. One must consider that medical school interviewers often see hundreds of applicants each year. Thus, it might be beneficial to be ready to give some honest yet original responses to some questions that may be described as eccentric.

## Court Rules Against Charter Schools in Nassau County

By JOEL STASHENKO  
AP Writer

A state court returned a charter school application to the State University of New York's trustees Thursday, ruling that all the legal requirements were not met when the board approved the bid in 2000.

The board failed to explicitly declare that the school proposed by the Roosevelt Children's Academy Charter School Inc. was likely to "improve student learning and achievement" in the Roosevelt district in Nassau County, the Appellate Division of state Supreme Court ruled.

The law under which charter schools can be established stipulates that the trustees make that finding before validating applications.

The court said in a 5-0 ruling it was "unpersuaded" by two other contentions made by the charter school's opponents: that SUNY trustees failed to consider the fiscal impact of the school on the Roosevelt public school district and that the charter was approved without adequate evidence of community support.

Still, a lawyer for the Roosevelt public school district said he thought it was a "very good decision" for opponents of the charter school.

"We have always felt that the charter school is going to have a detrimental effect on the students who are attending the Roosevelt public schools and on the district itself because of the financial impact it would have on the district," lawyer Stanley Camhi said.

District officials have contended that

the more than \$1 million a year that the Roosevelt charter school is entitled to in public funding is money the Roosevelt public schools desperately need to get better.

Charter schools are publicly funded institutions set up to offer parents and students a choice in places where public schools are struggling.

It was not clear Thursday when the SUNY trustees would take up the Roosevelt school charter again. Their next scheduled meeting is Tuesday in Albany.

The charter school began its second academic year this fall. It has about 150 students enrolled in grades 1-3. The school is operated by Victory Schools, Inc., of New York City.

The Roosevelt public schools are recognized as among the most troubled in the state. They have been under state supervision for more than four years but still show signs of serious problems. The Roosevelt Junior and Senior High School had to be closed for a time in April to allow school officials to regain control from unruly students.

The president of the Charter Schools Institute, Robert Bellafiore, said the ruling was a victory for the Roosevelt charter school.

"We are gratified that the court found that the trustees acted appropriately and lawfully on the matters of fiscal impact and community support," Bellafiore said. "The court seems to be seeking clarification on the issue of student achievement and we will bring that matter back to the board at a meeting in the near future."

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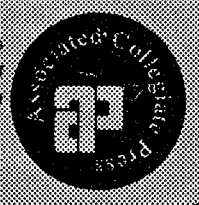
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## Editorial

# America at War With Itself

Despite its dramatic recovery from the September 11 attacks and a stalwart return to normalcy, America is still in a genuinely disturbing state. It is, in effect, at war with itself.

Whether Americans are taking out their anger and aggressions on Middle Eastern or Pakistani American citizens, or starting fake biological weapons scares, the United States will never win a war against terrorism if it is harboring its own terrorists.

Fortunately, the misdirected, jingoistic, white backlash had died down in recent weeks. However, there are still individuals who continue to derive a sick, mocking pleasure in taking advantage of healing citizens through anthrax pranks.

Amidst the recent biological warfare hysteria, the twisted nature of certain individuals has apparently risen to the surface. All over the country, there have been reports of anthrax scares, most of which stem from practical jokes intended to take advantage of

unsuspecting citizens in healing.

In a recent example of these heinous actions, a Statesman editor was taking the train home from the city last Saturday evening, when he noticed that his train was stopped unusually long in Jamaica, and the doors remained unopened.

After several minutes, the conductor announced that the train had to be evacuated and that it would no longer be used that evening.

After the hundreds of commuters got off the train, they remained on the Jamaica platform for an additional ten minutes, not knowing what was going on. The editor began walking down the platform towards the front of the train, where he saw ten police officers running in and out of a particular train car and another five surrounding a man in handcuffs.

Soon, a huge crowd formed and people began to get unnerved. When he asked one of the conductors what had happened, he was told that the man in handcuffs took a bag filled with white powder, spilled it all over a few of the

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## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

As I was leaving my office last Wednesday to go the Peace Rally on campus, the professor across the hall asked me what peace means. He had protested the American war in Vietnam, but back then, peace had a clear meaning: the withdrawal of American troops from Southeast Asia.

What does peace mean, in a globalized world, now that America has been wounded? Answering that question requires us to understand what the causes of violence and terrorism are. Injured and angry, Americans want a quick, simple solution, easily explained in a five-minute segment on the television news.

Mr. Bush would have us believe that the road to peace runs through war: that by toppling a far-off foreign government and by capturing or killing selected evil individuals, America may eventually find peace. But the end of the Taliban and the end of Osama bin Laden will not bring peace.

The root cause of anti-Americanism, hatred, and violence in the world is not some inexplicable evil, nor is it a single group of vicious men. The source of all this hatred is the gross inequality of wealth in the world. It's the willingness of the world's richest country to conduct a ruthless and aggressive foreign policy in order to protect

its wealth, especially of its richest citizens.

They do not hate us because we are free. They hate us because we are rich (\$4 frappachinos that are a day's wage for factory work in the Middle East). And because our leaders hypocritically preach freedom while supporting undemocratic regimes abroad, regimes that protect the wealth of the few, while cooperating with the American-led global elite.

American foreign policy ought to promote American interests, but our leaders have been short-sighted and greedy. Our policies have protected the accumulation of wealth for American millionaires and multinationals everywhere, while breaking down the ability of the poor to resist.

This has created hatred, envy, and resentment against the undemocratic regimes we support and against America because we support them. Until Sept. 11, this seemed to be in the American interest.

But now we realize that in a globalized world, the resentment and violence created by poverty and injustice abroad cannot be safely localized in someone else's backyard. Violence has gone global.

Peace, then, requires a more farsighted approach to American foreign and trade policy. We must aim to reduce the inequality between rich and poor, both in the world

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## Op-Ed

# Seeking Justice for September 11

By CHRIS FECAROTTA  
Statesman Staff

While watching a recent anti-war protest on television, I felt compelled to express my opinions about our recent actions in Afghanistan. Critics claim that we are taking an immoral type of revenge. I claim that justice, in fact, is the more appropriate label.

Often these anti-war liberals are the same people who use words or phrases like "vengeance" or "brutality" to defend ridiculous positions on war or the death penalty. They are also the same people who criticize George W. Bush for trying cocaine while they did numerous drugs themselves.

They take a hard-line stance against animal testing, but won't hesitate to use the medicines derived from it. And they condemn genetic engineering, when they really don't know anything about it.

Often, they support ideas that agree with both classical liberalism (leniency, liberty of the individual and laissez-faire government) and reform liberalism (mainly welfare).

They support such ideas because they have a skewed view of reality, a poor definition of "hard work," and a flawed view of humanity as a whole.

This is what you might hear: "Fight violence with peace." It is an absurd idea rarely heard from victims of attacks or their families.

Peace cannot fight violent fanaticism or evil. There have been successful nonviolent struggles (Ghandi, of course), but these are few and far between. Not to mention, this is not a situation where that kind of position would apply.

The notion that we should sit and quietly accept 6000 deaths is preposterous. Should we send the message that anyone can attack America without military repercussions?

Might it be better to take the stance of "we're not going to retaliate because we're better than you?" Maybe. But is it truly wrong to defend what we believe to be the best way of life? Our retaliation shouldn't make you question the practicality of the peace process, the attacks on the world

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## America Is Terrorizing Itself

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seats in the train, and then ran out of the car.

Though this was most likely a sick practical joke, as the bag was probably filled with either sugar or baby powder, many people sincerely felt as though their lives were in danger. After all, how is one to know whether or not this man was, indeed, a terrorist.

A joke is usually funny. That, on the other hand, was not a laughing matter.

The question remains, what sort of person would do such a terrible thing? Well, the first question people usually ask about this story is "What did the pseudo-terrorist look like?" Well, to be honest, it shouldn't matter.

As long as there is someone living in the United States who would do such a thing, all of our aggressions should be directed toward him. However, in order to satiate curiosity, the man was a balding, black-haired, middle-aged Caucasian. Surprised?

Though this man may have felt as though he was the funniest person alive, only he got the joke. In a way, he was a terrorist, an American terrorist. Sure, no one died, but this man used terrifying, irrational means to accomplish his goal, much like Osama bin Laden would.

The fact remains that as long as Americans are unable to unify behind a common enemy and they continue to torture and torment each other with vicious pranks and pseudo-terrorist acts, we are losing the war.

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and in our own communities. In a globalized world, this is no longer idealist prattle, it is a strategy for survival.

The current war, waged by the world's richest country on one of the world's poorest, is not a step in the right direction. Of course, many Americans have ignorantly believed that American foreign policy has always promoted democracy, opportunity, and justice. Many Americans expect this from their leaders. It is time for America's leaders to live up to these expectations.

Unfortunately, our current leadership represents wealthy corporate interests, arms manufacturers, and the intelligence organizations that thrive on war and have little respect for democratic concerns, at home or abroad (see my October 15 letter to the Statesman). Peace does not seem close at hand.

But perhaps it is too idealist to think that America could ever use its enormous military and economic power abroad for the good of everyone. Short-sighted greed and well-meaning meddling can lead too easily to the kind of American imperialism that has provoked so much hatred.

A more moderate solution would be for America to conduct a long-term strategy of gradual withdrawal from its role as the world's military and economic bully. America should slowly cease the support that keeps undemocratic and unequal regimes in power.

Such an American de-colonization of the world would remove the source of resentment and hatred against America, and would allow the world's people the right that we say we believe in: self-determination.

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## The Search for Justice

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trade center should.

The peace process only gets so far because the UN is not an international law-making body. Its opinions do not stick, and they only carry the weight of world opinion. Yes, it's true that we screwed up in the Middle East. But that's no justification for the WTC bombing.

In regards to the Palestinians and the Israelis, and any society that lives in a perpetual state of warfare, I believe that any country or group that expresses intolerance deserves the problems their society has.

Warfare should not be a continual state, liberty should. We must defend our ideals to the fullest. That we should stand for something better is a legitimate reason to defend ourselves and our way of life.

I do agree, to some extent, with those who argue that bombing isn't accomplishing much. So far we have destroyed numerous Al-Qaeda bases and Taliban government buildings. In addition, we've utterly annihilated the Taliban's ability to use its air force.

This is the first stage of a long campaign and we cannot expect the government to get results within a few weeks.

We've even dropped food and supplies on the innocent Afghan civilians to show them our war is not against them, muting the humanitarian argument about the blatant killing of innocent Afghans.

I believe we need to teach the Taliban a lesson. I believe that force is necessary. I do not agree with liberals in general, and many may not agree with me. But that's what makes this country great. We have the right to disagree with each other, and that is why we should take every precaution to make sure it stays that way.

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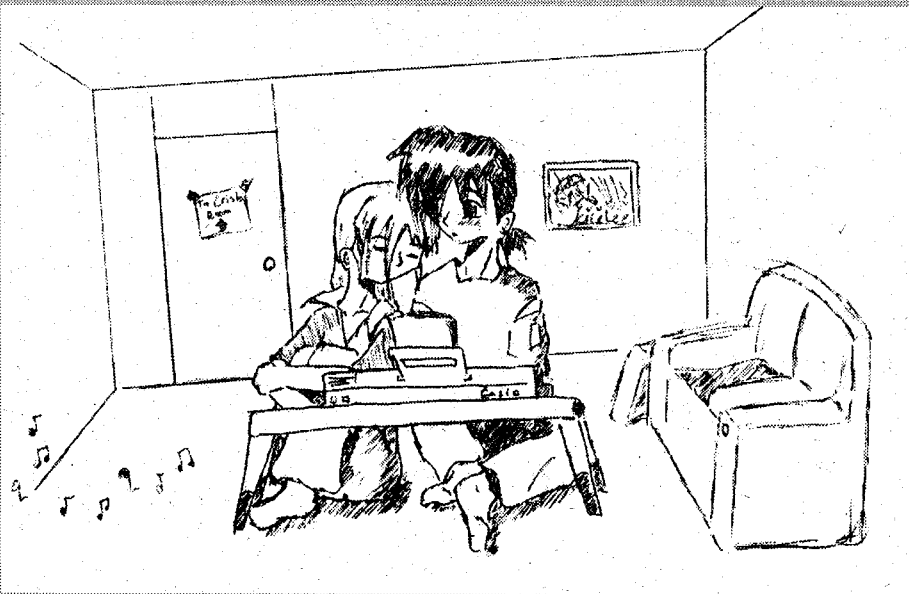
# Bird Song: Composition Three

BY KRISTOPHER LEE  
Statesman Staff

Crista quickly found a job as a waitress, but refused to move out. I was too happy to reason why she'd want to stay with me. My cooking is horrible and I'm not very social. I probably wouldn't have found an answer anyway. But something about her situation made it easy for me to talk to her.

I learned her likes and dislikes in no time. Warm summer days, coffee flavored ice cream with sprinkles, sun showers, and drawing. I felt lacking when I replied that I liked everything. Being alive, walking around was enough for me. It took two days after she asked my likes before I finally narrowed it down. The two things I liked most in the world were bread and composing songs.

It took a while for me to finally touch the Casio after Crista moved in. I knew she had seen it, she would always touch the keys and look at it as if it were going to start playing by itself. I felt ashamed as I watched her unknowingly tempt me to play. I hid the score sheets under the seat pillow of the loveseat, but I have a feeling that even if she found them she would not have asked me about it.



I had gotten home early from my job at the bird sanctuary off of Main Street and decided to play again. Red would be at work till nine so that left me with an hour and a half to play. Something so simple yet it would have embarrassed me if she heard me. Was it modesty or something more? No one knew that I composed, no one ever even heard me play. I suppose I was waiting for the right person to hear it. Someone who would know that it was just for them. Birds are like that, they sing to attract the one they are interested in.

Crashing into the apartment I

rushed the loveseat and withdrew my score sheets. I didn't want to lose a minute of playtime. I put my heart into an original work I had made up after listening to some birds in the park. One of them seemed sad, although it was chirping. I could hear and feel its grief, piercing my heart as it sang throughout the evening. I borrowed some notes from it and shifted it to the low C notes of the piano.

I had a pretty moving piece, at least it was moving for me. And as I finished it moved Crista too; right out of bed where she was taking a nap. Her eyes were watery as she

rose from the floor. She sniffed before complementing, "That was so wonderful. How come you never played before?"

I couldn't answer. Instead I just sat their mouth gaped, staring at the one person who shouldn't have been there. Fate stepped in and kept Crista home that morning, I should have noticed that she looked a little feverish then. I was blushing red, tomato red, I had to have been. She sat down on the floor next to me, touching my hand to snap me out of my trance.

"Could you play for me, please?"

I would have given her anything then. I played for her. I played all night until my fingers ached. I played without even looking or paying attention. I just watched her close her eyes and lean against my shoulder listening to me play, gently humming whatever I was playing. Before she went to bed Crista squeezed my hand once again and thanked me.

"I wish I could draw as well as you play. Remind me to draw a picture for you when I get some supplies."

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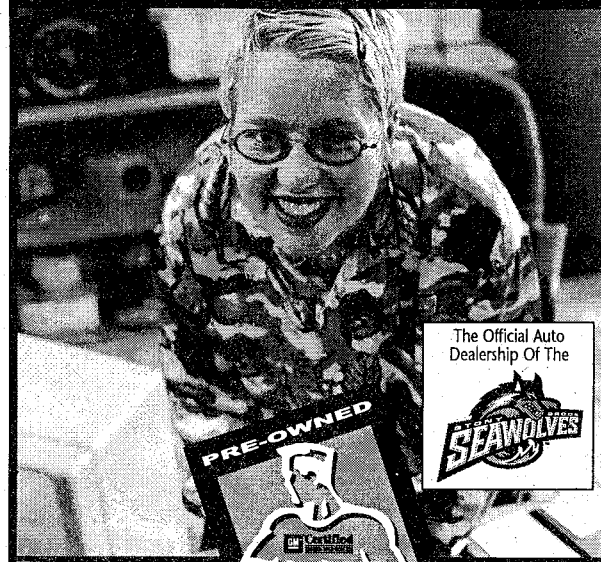
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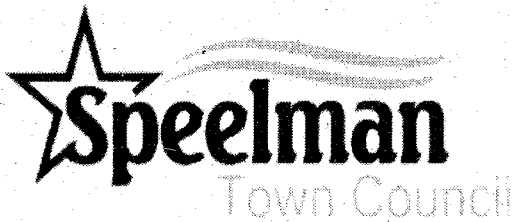
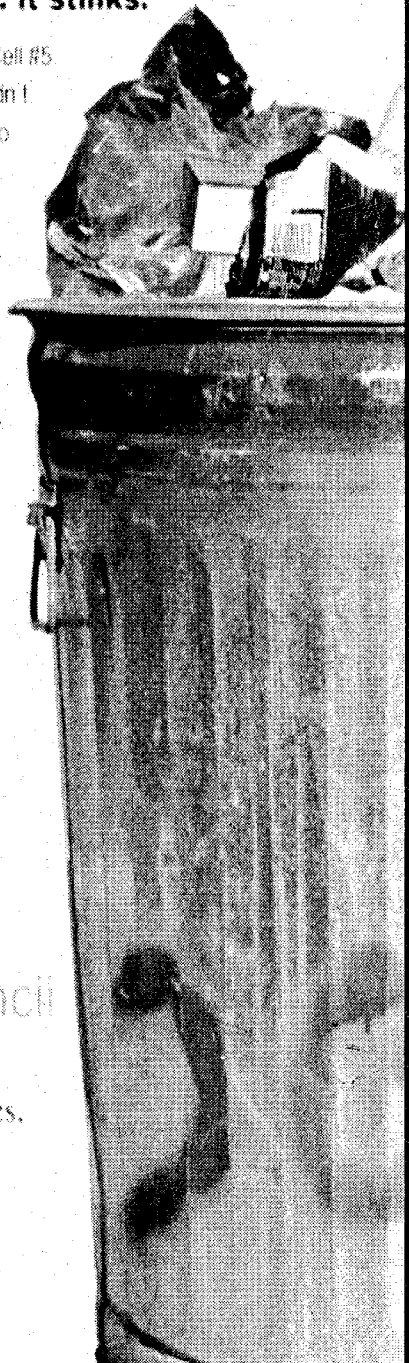
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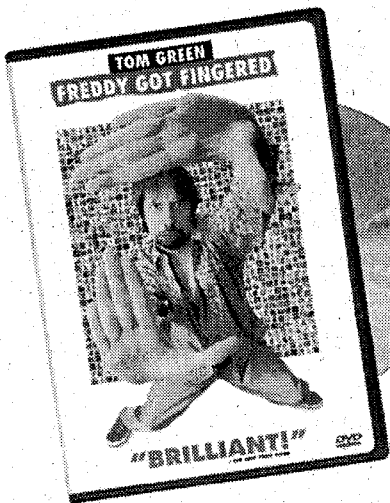
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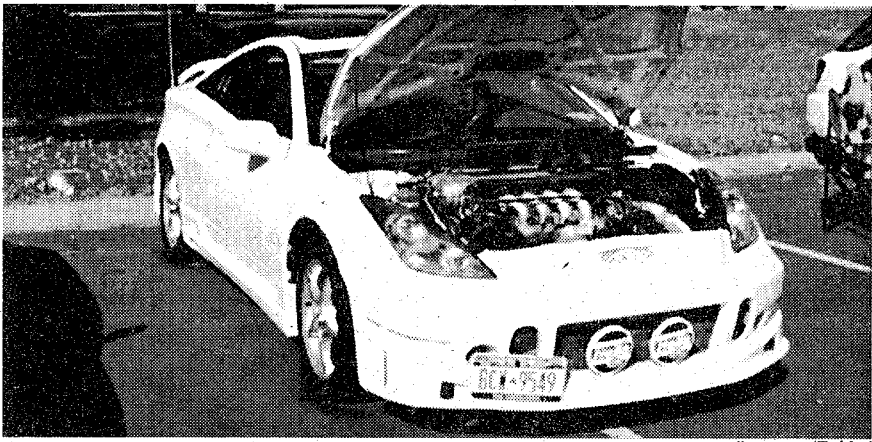
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# SBU Auto Show



Statesman/Ted Lai

Car enthusiasts showed off their hot rods at Sunday's auto show.

By TED LAI  
Statesman Staff

Yesterday I went to the South P Parking lot, and I looked at the cars displayed at the Stony Brook Auto Show. After seeing several cars, I asked myself, "Why do they supe up some of these cars?"

This question of mine extends beyond the auto show because I constantly find myself asking it over and over again. I admit that some of the cars I saw yesterday and that I see on the road with xenon lights and 18-inch rims look awesome, but others do not. I mean some of them just look down right stupid.

I saw a 1988 Toyota Camry on the road the other day, with chrome rims and bubble lights. I heard a sub-woofer that probably took up the entire trunk of the car. Why?

Do they actually think their car looks better than the other 1988 Camry in the junkyard? The rims to their car probably cost more than the car itself.

Rather than trying to look cool in a car that has over ten years in it and an engine

that will die before the next oil change, they should have spent all their money on buying themselves a brand new KIA.

Don't go off spending your summer's earning trying to make a Honda Civic into a Formula One racecar because it's not worth it. Sure it might go fast, but do you honestly think it can compare to a real sports car like a Mercedes SLK?

Trust me, my neighbor has a SLK and it not only looks better, but it's also definitely faster than a 2000 Honda Civic with rims, ground effects, spoiler, and an AEM intake under the hood.

If you want to drive a fast flashy car, then save your money and buy a Porsche Boxer or Mercedes S 500. It's not hard to realize that you can't take a clunker and turn it into a hot rod, or buy an economy car and turn it into a luxury sedan. It just doesn't happen.


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# Sports

## Football Loses at Homecoming

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
Statesman Editor

Matt Merklinger scored two touchdowns, and totaled 169 all-purpose yards as Monmouth spoiled Stony Brook's homecoming in front of a crowd of 3,676 with a 33-14 win over the Seawolves, in Northeast Conference action Saturday afternoon at Seawolves Field.

The win improved Monmouth's record to 5-1 on the year, 4-0 in NEC action, while Stony Brook fell to 1-4 overall, having played only conference games thus far this season.

Monmouth took advantage of sloppy tackling and five SBU turnovers, sending the Seawolves to their fourth defeat of the season. The first of three blocked punts came midway through the first quarter and staked MU to a 7-0 lead. With the Seawolves pinned deep in their own territory, a bad snap allowed the Hawks' Aaron Edwards to sneak in and block the punt, which was recovered by Kevin

Hutchinson in the end zone.

Stony Brook evened the score less than three minutes later, at seven a piece when runningback Ken Lockhart turned a shovel pass from quarterback Scott Bard into a 37-yard touchdown scamper.

On the ensuing drive, the Hawks went 44 yards on 11 plays to set up the first of Ryan Peterson's two field goals on the afternoon, which gave MU a 10-7 lead after one quarter of play. Peterson added a 30-yard field goal with 8:38 remaining before halftime, to give MU a 13-7 lead at the break.

After halftime, Monmouth broke the game wide open. Quarterback Bill Rankin hit Merklinger on a 65-yard touchdown strike, but Stony Brook quickly responded with a seven-play 70-yard drive that ended when Bard sneaked in from two yards cutting MU's lead to 20-14.

SBU couldn't get any closer as Tyhquan Walker added a 38-yard touchdown run later



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Aden Smith has 15 tackles in the loss to Northeastern.

in the third and Merklinger notched his second touchdown of the afternoon on a one-yard run. Merklinger totaled 88 yards on the ground and 81 through the air to pace the Monmouth offense.

For the Seawolves, Bard threw for 230 yards on 22-38 passing and Chris McGovern had six catches for 62 yards in a losing effort. Aden Smith had a game-high 15 tackles for the Seawolves.

## Women's Soccer Rolls Over Northeastern

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
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Stony Brook's offense came to life as the Seawolves routed Northeastern, 4-0 in Brookline, Mass., thanks to goals scored by Beth Arikian, Kerri McCabe, Emily Snyder and Kristin Lynch.

After opening the season without a win in their first 12 contests, SBU notched its second win in as many chances. Surprisingly enough, both of the Seawolves' wins have come away from home and in the tough America East conference.

Arikian began the scoring 14 minutes in the first half when she took the rebound off a Krish Zagura shot and fired a laser from 25 yards out that found the bottom right corner of the net.



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Beth Arikian was only part of the story in SBU's 4-0 thumping of Northeastern.

Senior captain McCabe tallied her second goal of the season in the 32nd minute, taking a feed from sophomore Sarah Greenberg to give Stony Brook a 2-0 lead.

Snyder got into the act less than six minutes later, giving the visitors a commanding 3-0 going into the break with a blistering shot from 35 yards out that rippled the top right corner of the net.

The action died down in the second half, as both teams' offensive buildup stalled in the midfield. However, the Seawolves added an insurance goal by way of a Kristin Lynch header off Leanna Yust's pass to seal the match at 4-0.

SBU has experienced an offensive resurgence, scoring eight goals in its last four games. The four goals in one game marked the first time in 20 games the Seawolves have scored more than three times.

## Now He's Really Back

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Michael Jordan gave the New Jersey Nets and the entire NBA 41 reasons as why his age and ability shouldn't be doubted.

Jordan torched the Nets for 41 points Saturday night, in a 102-95 loss that made the Washington Wizards seem like they would be a one-man show this season.

He looked like he never left the game and showed that he came take over a contest whenever he feels the inclination. Unfortunately, Jordan seemed alone on the court.

The Wizards outscored the Nets by 16 points when Jordan was in the game and were trampled by 23 points with him on the bench.

Jordan started his highlight reel in the third quarter. He scored 16 points in about six minutes. Two of those points came when his tongue started wagging as he drove baseline and finished with a dunk that brought flashbacks to the fans and the crowd to their feet.

From the start of the third quarter Jordan was on fire. With the Wizards down by 18 points, he scored 16 of the team's next 20 points to pull within two. Jordan found the NBA game intensity that he said he didn't have before the opening of training camp.

Jumpers rained down on the Nets in the Wizards first home preseason game. Jordan shot jump shots over and over again and



Courtesy of www.yahoo.com/sports  
Michael Jordan dropped 41 points on Jason Kidd, Keith Van Horn and the rest of the Nets.

destroyed Nets rookie Richard Jefferson, but not without some words in between walks up the court.

But he would silence the talking with a three-point play on a falling jumper deep in the corner.

During the stretch in the third, Jordan shot 6-6 from the field including two three-pointers. He made the second three-pointer at the end of the run where Jordan looked like he impressed himself as he trotted backward downcourt.

Jordan removed himself from the game and that's when the real Wizards showed up. The two-point lead that New Jersey was holding onto soon

became a 17-point lead.

When Jordan came back in the game, one minute into the fourth quarter, the Wizards again picked up their intensity and went on another run.

They crawled within two points again but the Wizards couldn't get over the hump. Jordan's inspiring game wasn't enough to encourage the rest of his team to take over the lead and not let Jordan's efforts fall by the wayside.

"I'm feeling good, that's a good sign," Jordan said. "The bad sign is that the team's going to have to elevate to stay in tune with what's happening with me."

Jordan shot 15-for-24 in 33 minutes. Wizards coach Doug Collins wanted Jordan to play 30 minutes, but he didn't want the rest of the team to watch Jordan like the fans that bought tickets to watch.

"He was the only thing that gave us any kind of stability the entire game," Collins said. "Is it scary? Yes, it is. And we've got to change it."

Jordan didn't look fatigued after the game, instead he exuberated the same confidence he had in Chicago.

"It's the confidence that I had when I committed to come back to play," Jordan said. "I knew that I could play at that level. I know I could get into that type of rhythm. It took a lot of work to get back to this point."

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