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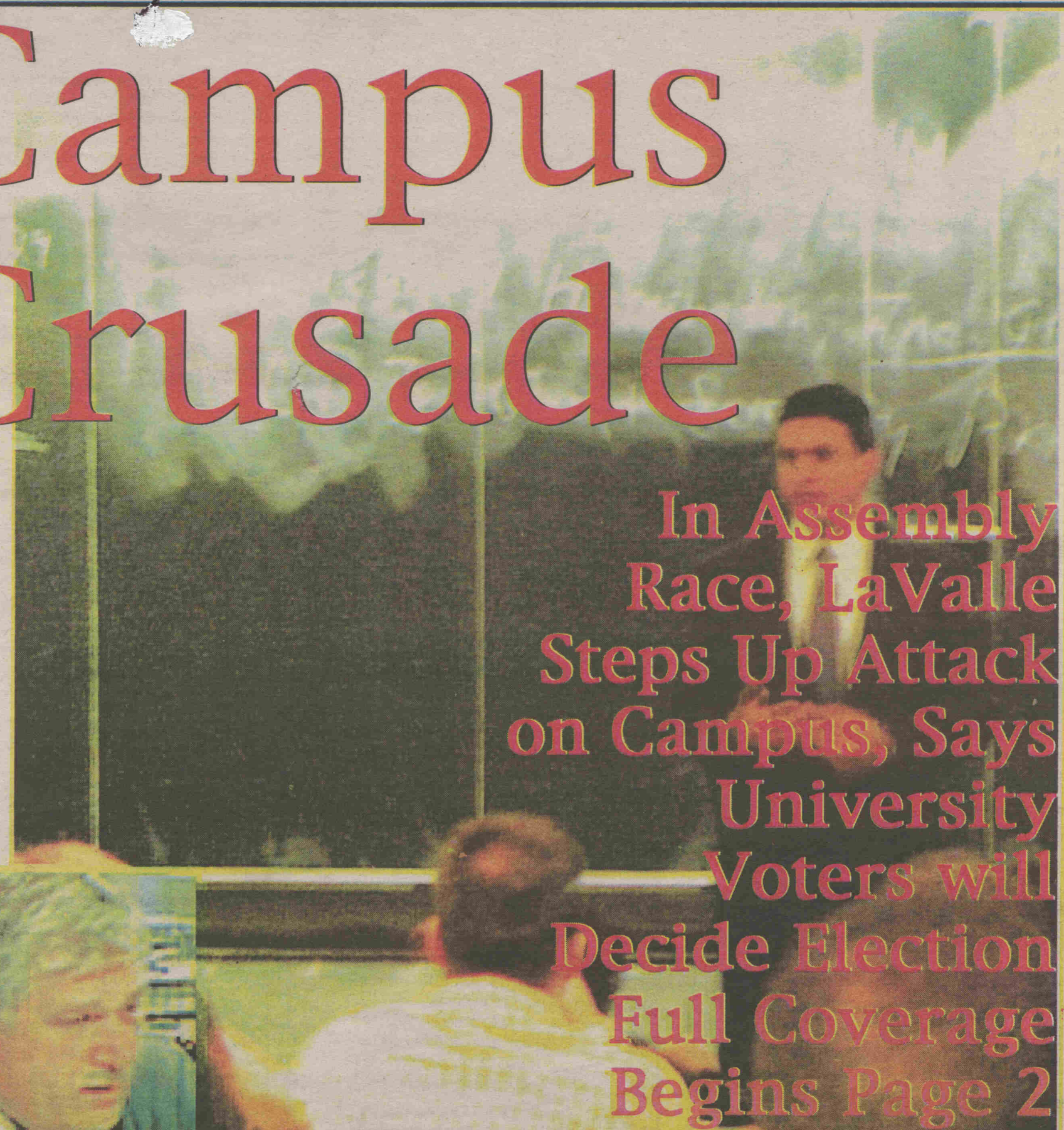
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Above, Brookhaven Town Councilman John LaValle talks to students Tuesday night in Javitz Lecture Hall about his candidacy against Assemblyman Steve Englebright, left..

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Taking Him on Home Turf

Town Councilman Challenges Englebright on Campus Issues

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

In a campaign which both candidates have admitted has gotten "ugly," a final battleground was set this week in the election war for the 4th Assembly District: the Stony Brook campus.

With a polling site in the Union and new voters registered in just the last year, the University may become, as the challenger to Democratic incumbent Stephen Englebright, Republican and Independent candidate John LaValle, said in an interview this week where the "margin of victory" in Tuesday's election will be.

LaValle has made a concerted effort in the election campaign's final week to solicit the votes of University students and faculty living in the area. "I find it ironic that Stephen Englebright has enjoyed a lot of support out of the University, it's been his margin of victory [in the past]," LaValle said, adding that "I think if students looked at his record, they wouldn't vote for him."

Tuesday's election pits the professorial Englebright against the young hungry LaValle

LaValle's moves in stepping up his campaign here is particularly gutsy. Englebright is a professor of geology at the University who has made a name for himself in the State Assembly on education and environmental issues, which both find resonance for a largely liberal student body.



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Assemblyman Stephen Englebright being interviewed in the Statesman offices last night.

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John LaValle has been called by Englebright "the Governor's lackey" for his role as Pataki's Long Island Liason that began in 1995.

But LaValle continues to hit his opponent at his base by reiterating Englebright's yes vote on the 1995 state budget, which included a \$750 tuition increase and cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program. "If you are truly representing your district, especially with the support of the students at this University, he should have voted no on these budgets," LaValle said, "When your tuition bill went up, he voted for it." In addition, LaValle said that Englebright has been too cozy with the administration because of his teaching position. "He's not standing up against the administration in this race because he's on its payroll," LaValle said.

Englebright countered, however, that because of his longevity at the University, he has no reason to fear retaliation from the administration because of a position he takes. "I'm tenured, and like any tenured individual on campus, I am shielded from retribution should I speak out," he said. Englebright said that LaValle's characterization of his 1995 budget vote is "unethical," and that he voted for the increased

tuition only as part of a larger budget proposal and after five months of frosty negotiations with the Governor over the fate of SUNY.

The Governor had initially proposed doubling student tuition and doing away with a number of so-called student access programs, including TAP and EOP, Englebright said.

Englebright also took LaValle to task for what he sees as only a recent conversion to speaking up for student interests. "He represents students now, theoretically, as a member of the Brookhaven town board," Englebright said, "and has never talked about students before."

Englebright said that he believes that LaValle is running two campaigns, one for the campus, and one for the surrounding community. "Here

against any tuition increases should he be elected.

Englebright said that he believes there a number of issues common to both the University and the surrounding community, including the environment and safety from crime. He said that LaValle's promises are not to be trusted. "The things I have done for SUNY are not theoretical, they are real."

Both candidates, in addition, have spoken at length about University student concerns over the current meal plan provider, Chartwell's, which has a contract with the University for the next ten years. LaValle proposed this week a new state law that would require that all campus food services be held to the same requirements as other restaurants in the county. "Students pay good money for their meal plans, and they are entitled to food that is edible," LaValle said.

Englebright, for his part, said that he has spoken to the University presidents office about the matter and said that he was among those "looking forward to [Chartwell's] being replaced."

"The contract is likely to be examined," he said.

Despite their common beginnings in county government, the two candidates are as personally different as they are politically. Their personalities also belie their appearances. The 51 year-old Englebright, with hands nicked from his hobby as a carpenter, and in his usual campus attire of casual clothes, carefully measures each of his words, weighing their impact for the audience he is speaking to. Englebright is also married, with two children, and has lived in Setauket since 1973.

LaValle, 30, is single. The candidate, the youngest to ever run for the Assembly position from this district, despite his more formal suits, has a looser speaking style, mixing in jokes and gibes about his opponent, calling Englebright a "knucklehead" while giving his own views on election issues. Unlike Englebright, whose background is in geology and environmental science, LaValle is a recent graduate of Touro law school raised in a family with a deep political heritage. His cousin, Ken LaValle, is a member of the New York Senate.

Both Have Pledged To Vote Against Any Tuition Increases for SUNY students

we are on the shadow of election eve, and he presents himself as the Independent candidate at the University when off campus he says that he is the Right to Life, Republican candidate... it's contrived, it's disingenuous, and it's offensive," he said.

LaValle admits that he is emphasizing different facets of his campaign for the campus, but that is because issues relating to students are in some cases different from the concerns of off-campus voters. "In the general campaign we're talking about taxes, my record as town councilman versus his record," he said. He added, though, that what does not change is his commitment to higher education, because he said that he is only a few years removed from college himself. "I want to make education more accessible by making it more affordable," LaValle said as he pledged, like Englebright, to vote

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Never Lost An Election But Lacks Charisma

THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER: CHARLES SCHUMER

After 22 years on Capitol Hill and the state Assembly, you'd think a guy would get a little cynical about politics.

Not Charles Schumer, the Democratic congressman from Brooklyn who's running for Senate against the Republican incumbent, Alfonse D'Amato.

"I have devoted my life to government service," Schumer told supporters at a recent breakfast with the first lady. "I believe in it with every fiber of my being."

In fact, Schumer's adult life has largely been spent in public service.

He has been an elected official ever since graduating from Harvard Law School. At age 23, he went straight to the state Assembly and from there, at 29, to Congress.

He has never lost an election, still lives in the middle-class Brooklyn district where he grew up, and says he finds nothing more exciting than the prospect of improving public policy.

"I love to legislate," he has said.

Schumer is liberal on some issues, he opposed welfare reform and supports abortion rights, and conservative on others, he supports the death penalty and voted against gay marriage. He is highly rated by the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters for pro-environmental positions, and one of his campaign pledges is to produce an Environmental Crimes Act to snare the nation's worst polluters.

"You can't underestimate the leadership role your congressman plays," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency head Carol Browner told Long Islanders at a recent campaign stop where she endorsed Schumer.

The congressman is also known as a crusader for gun control. He authored the Brady Bill, sponsored the assault weapons ban and pushed through funding for 100,000 more cops nationwide.

"We have the lowest crime rate in 25 years, and no congressman in America is more responsible for that than Chuck Schumer," President Clinton said at a fund-raiser for him earlier this month.

Schumer is so well-known for his gun control stance that the National Rifle Association sent a letter to its members appealing for help in defeating him.

Schumer voted against an impeachment inquiry of the president, saying: "It is my view that the president should be punished and that Congress should quickly reach consensus on a suitable and significant punishment. Then we should move on."

Schumer, 48, is from a humble background. His father, Abe, worked for 30 years as an exterminator. "We always associated the smell of triple-X roach spray with love," his sister Fran told *The Washington Post*.

He was valedictorian of his Brooklyn high school, then went to Harvard, where he supported himself by selling rings. He is married to Iris Weinshall, a city government official. And he is one of the few public officials from New York City who really does send his children, Alison, 9, and Jessica, 14, to public school.

Schumer comes across as a nerdy do-gooder, earnest but awkward in his speeches and interactions with the public. His anecdotes, like telling an all-black church in Queens how "I got into my share of fights as a young man" to make a point about gun control often seem forced.

His gestures, like trying to teach children at the

Columbus Day Parade in Manhattan to say good luck in Italian ("Repeat after me: Buona fortuna") often seem staged. His efforts to connect with voters from outside the city, like holding a news conference outside a house in Utica where his father once lived, can seem silly.

But while Schumer jokes about his lack of charisma, he has learned over the years how to get attention. Bob Dole once said the most dangerous place in Washington was the space between Schumer and a TV camera. In the two years before he ran for Senate, a weekend in the city without a Schumer news conference was like brunch without bagels and the Sunday paper.

Running a dogged campaign backed by a ton of campaign cash raised over the years in anticipation of a statewide race, Schumer beat out both Geraldine Ferraro and New York City Public Advocate Mark Green in the Democratic Senate primary. The campaign against D'Amato has become the tightest, toughest and most expensive in the country.

Schumer has called his opponent a "liar," "bully" and "sleazy." D'Amato has used a Yiddish vulgarism to describe Schumer, and derided the congressman as a "New York City liberal" who won't care about upstate New York.

The congressman has also found himself defending his work ethic. Although Schumer has a 92 percent attendance record during his 18 years in Congress, he missed 110 votes this year, mostly because of the campaign. D'Amato has accused him of getting "full-time pay for part-time work."

Standing in Schumer's way is the Republican they call "Senator Pothole" for his bureaucrat-busting ways that deliver for constituents.

But Clinton, stumping in New York City for Schumer two weeks ago, said the

congressman won't have a problem matching that. "Given his energy, his intensity, his aggressiveness," the president said, "he will make Senator D'Amato look laid-back when it comes to filling potholes." (AP)

D'Amato Attacks Schumer in Ugly Campaign

For the past three weeks on a near-daily basis, U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato has attacked his opponent, Rep. Charles Schumer, for missing 110 votes in Congress this year while campaigning.

But on Tuesday, the Schumer campaign turned the tables, accusing D'Amato of missing more than 900 votes on a county board while he was running for Senate in 1980.

A Marist College poll today found Schumer and D'Amato still locked in a statistical dead heat, with Schumer preferred by 48 percent of likely voters and D'Amato by 44 percent. The poll's margin of error was 6 percentage points.

On the absenteeism front, D'Amato missed five out of the six Nassau County Board of Supervisors' meetings in the three months leading up to the Nov. 4, 1980, election that sent him to Washington, according to copies of board minutes supplied by the Schumer camp. At the time, D'Amato was supervisor for the Town of Hempstead on Long Island.

The records showed D'Amato also failed to show up at five sessions that followed his election, missing votes on a total of 966 proposed ordinances and resolutions.

"It's further proof that New Yorkers cannot trust Al D'Amato," Schumer spokesman Cathie Levine said Tuesday.

The missed votes were first reported in the *Village Voice*.

D'Amato has repeatedly attacked Schumer's absenteeism in television advertisements and in last weekend's two debates.

Schumer and D'Amato are neck-and-neck in the polls. D'Amato, on a campaign tour with Gov. George Pataki Tuesday, called the latest charge "pretty weak, pretty desperate and it's lame." He also said

"I never abdicated my responsibility" by missing the votes in 1980. "For 18 years I've delivered for the people of New York," D'Amato said.

In other developments Tuesday, the National Abortion Rights Action League released an anti-

D'Amato commercial featuring a woman who was maimed in a clinic bombing.

The ad was coincidentally completed Friday just hours before a Buffalo abortion doctor was murdered by a sniper, NARAL officials said at a news conference in Manhattan.

It features Emily Lyons, who was severely injured in the January bombing of an Alabama clinic. "When a bomb ripped through my clinic, I almost lost my life. I will never be the same," she says in the ad. "When Al D'Amato had a chance, he voted against protecting women's health clinics from anti-choice violence. How could D'Amato vote against a law that protects women from tragedies like mine?"

D'Amato opposes abortion on demand and voted against the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances law, which provides federal protection for abortion clinics. The law was authored by Schumer.

Asked for comment, D'Amato said: "All violence is wrong, whether it's at a clinic or at a person's home." He added that he believes the Buffalo sniper should face the death penalty.

On Sunday, he said he opposed the clinic-access law because it does not contain enough safeguards for free speech by peaceful protesters.

Mrs. Lyons, who appeared in Manhattan on Tuesday to unveil the ad, said the D'Amato-Schumer contest is the only election in which she has become involved. "I'm not a political activist by nature or even by choice," she said.

Also Tuesday, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigned for Schumer at a senior center in New Rochelle and at a luncheon for the congressman's gay supporters at Tavern on the Green.

Mrs. Clinton urged her audience to mount an old-fashioned get-out-the-vote effort. "Use your network, talk to everybody you can reach, tell them why you are supporting Chuck Schumer," she said. "Talk to people you don't know- ask the cab driver, ask the waitress. ... Don't keep it to yourself."

D'Amato last week won the endorsement of a large gay organization, the Human Rights Campaign. (AP)

Senator Pothole in Race of Life

THE REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT: ALFONSE D'AMATO

As a child, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato wore thick glasses and was so cross-eyed he was nearly blind. He was dumped in the "dummy" reading group and teased by a bigger kid who called him "four-eyes."

One day, he ambushed his tormenter with a stick. The big guy went down. "He never picked on me again," D'Amato writes in his autobiograp "Power, Pasta and Politics."

D'Amato had corrective eye surgery at age 8, learned to read, went on to Syracuse University and Law School, and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1980 after almost two decades working on Long Island in various appointed and elected positions, largely courtesy of Nassau County's vaunted Republican machine.

But that chip- his self-image as underdog vanquishing an ogre- remains squarely on his shoulder. "If you placate a bully," he wrote, "he will take advantage of you forever."

D'Amato is in a different kind of contest now. U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer, a Brooklyn Democrat, is trying to unseat him. Neck-and-neck in the polls, they

are in a slugfest of negative ads, accusations and name-calling that rivals anything from D'Amato's youth.

Schumer calls D'Amato a liar, bully and sleaze. D'Amato calls Schumer a "phantom" for missing votes in Congress and a "putzhead," a Yiddish insult meaning "fool" but also deriving from the slang for penis.

The two men differ on many issues. Schumer is pro-gun control; D'Amato has support from the National Rifle Association. Schumer supports the right to abortion; D'Amato is endorsed by the Right to Life Party.

Yet D'Amato is far from a cookie-cutter Republican. He is supported by a gay group for opposing the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy and for chastising fellow Republicans over what he believes are homophobic attitudes. He won the blessing of a black pastor and former Democratic congressman from Queens, Floyd Flake, for securing construction of two federal buildings in Flake's district, among other things.

A strong supporter of Israel, D'Amato is also backed by many Jews because he took a lead role in forcing Swiss banks to restore the lost assets of Nazi victims. But he's taken some heat for accusing Schumer of not caring about the Holocaust because the congressman missed a vote on a Holocaust-related issue. Schumer is Jewish and lost relatives in the Holocaust.

D'Amato has also been criticized for mocking O.J. Simpson's judge, Lance Ito, with a Japanese accent. He once told Betsy McCaughey Ross, George Pataki's running mate in 1994, that there was a sure-fire way to get New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on board for the campaign: "You'll make him an offer he can't refuse." And just last week, as he was referring to Schumer as "putzhead," D'Amato also called the overweight U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler "Congressman Waddler."

Still, D'Amato has earned the devotion of constituents by solving their problems, sometimes with millions in federal aid, sometimes by having a staffer call an insurer or immigration official. On any day, the computers in D'Amato's offices- in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany and Manhattan - show 6,800 open cases, each representing a letter or call for help.

"This senator is the people's senator," said Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Lafferty. "He's willing to get into the trenches with us."

Lafferty drove D'Amato around icy roads in the Watertown area in January after a devastating storm. The senator responded with federal aid for farmers and homeowners.

Eight years ago, Long Island women asked D'Amato for help fighting breast cancer. He got \$900 million for research, and has pledged to secure \$1 billion more if re-elected.

In 1992, D'Amato staged a 14-hour filibuster to save 875 jobs at a Smith-Corona factory in Cortland. When the Long Island Rail Road proposed shuttling trains through Glen Ridge, "we got in contact with Al, he came right down to the community and he said, 'No way.' He's there for you and he produces," Marguerite Adams said.

An intense man with a Bugs Bunny voice and an owl face, D'Amato, 61, grew up in Island Park on Long Island. He and his ex-wife have four children and six grandchildren.

D'Amato's father was active in local politics: "I was 12 before I realized that everyone's life didn't revolve around day-to-day canvassing, schmoozing, handing out buttons ... and other campaign paraphernalia. ...

The deal-making and politicking I witnessed in my own backyard equalled anything I have done in the Senate."

D'Amato has faced questions about his ethics because of corruption in Nassau County, helping a cousin obtain federal housing and profiting from a questionable stock transaction. He never faced criminal charges in those matters, but they tainted him. In 1991, D'Amato was rebuked by the Senate Ethics Committee because his brother Armand, an attorney, used the senator's stationery and signature for letters seeking favors for defense contractors.

D'Amato was first elected to the Senate after beating four-term incumbent Jacob Javits in a GOP primary. D'Amato portrayed Javits as too liberal and too sickly for the job. In 1986, D'Amato walloped liberal Mark Green. In 1992, he eked out a victory, 49 percent to 48 percent, over then-state Attorney General Robert Abrams.

D'Amato then busied himself with GOP politics. He helped Bob Dole run for president, engineered Pataki's defeat of Gov. Mario Cuomo and conducted Whitewater hearings. When polls showed his ratings down as a result of the Whitewater probe, he quickly dropped it and went back to filling potholes and courting moderate voters.

"I'm the biggest fighter of bureaucrats," D'Amato told a crowd of supporters in Albany. "I'm proud of being Senator Pothole. ... You just really give me the impetus to say, 'It's worthwhile taking on the odds and making a difference.'"

Pataki Returns Favor, Runs With D'Amato

With huge warships from an earlier era as the backdrop, Gov. George Pataki pleaded for voters to allow Sen. Alfonse D'Amato to remain on the battlefield for another six years.

"There's one week to go," Pataki told about 50 loyal Republicans gathered Tuesday at Buffalo's Inner Harbor, a waterfront area rebuilt with state and federal assistance provided in part through D'Amato's efforts. "Help us keep this team in place."

Two old Navy surface ships and a submarine stood sentinel behind the two Republicans as they completed an upstate swing on the first day of a four-day tour aimed at boosting D'Amato's chances against Democratic challenger Charles Schumer.

Recent polls have shown D'Amato and the Brooklyn congressman in a statistical dead heat while Pataki has a 2-1 or better lead over his Democratic challenger, New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone.

The GOP's brain trust is hoping some of Pataki's luster will rub off on the three-term senator. In a very real sense, it is the "coattails tour," representing a chance for Pataki to repay favors.

In 1994, Pataki was a little-known state senator planning to take on Democratic icon Mario Cuomo for the governor's job. D'Amato assigned his campaign strategists and fund-raising team to Pataki's effort and Cuomo was defeated.

Pataki said the important thing was keeping the Republican senator from New York in Congress given the GOP's control of the Senate and D'Amato's seniority.

D'Amato is chairman of the powerful Senate Banking Committee and sits on the budget committee. The posts put him in a position to help New York in terms of federal aid and protecting the state's important financial industry. Those jobs would likely go to Texas Sen. Phil Gramm should D'Amato lose.

While Pataki, during stops in Schenectady,

Rochester, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, boasted of what D'Amato had done for the state, the senator continued to hammer at Schumer for missing hundreds of congressional votes while campaigning this year and last.

The Schumer campaign fired back by releasing minutes of the Nassau County board of supervisors' meetings in 1980, when the then-Town of Hempstead Supervisor D'Amato was running for the Senate for the first time. They indicate that D'Amato missed more than 900 votes of the board that year.

At the Super Steel manufacturing facility near Schenectady, D'Amato sought to project the air of a winner and heartily embraced the once dismissive nickname, "Senator Pothole," given to him by critics.

"I'm going to be there for six more years, working and fighting and seeing that the potholes and the needs of this city and this state are filled," he said.

Not all of the 300 in attendance seemed convinced.

Geoff Forster, one of the workers watching the event, said the tour was simply a "ploy" to help D'Amato. Forster said that while he planned to vote for Pataki, and praised the governor's work, he would not vote for D'Amato.

"I don't really care for his ethics," Forster said.

In Rochester, D'Amato and Pataki and Republican lieutenant governor candidate Mary Donohue visited the under-construction Medical Research Building at Strong Memorial Hospital.

"We must work hard to see that this partnership with George Pataki continues," Donohue said as D'Amato beamed by her side. About 150 people, including hard hat-wearing construction workers and Republican supporters, turned out for the senator and the governor.

After later stops in Niagara Falls and Buffalo, the tour headed for New York City where Pataki and D'Amato attended a Conservative Party fund raiser at a Manhattan hotel before heading to a Republican rally on Long Island. (AP)

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Our Endorsements for the Upcoming Elections

Between flyers in your mailbox, campaign commercials on television and headlines in every newspaper, it becomes somewhat difficult to decipher between the candidates come Election Day. It often seems that there is little you can tell about the candidates and their political agendas other than that they claim to be the "better" choice.

As students in the SUNY system, we provide a large percentage of voters and it is important that we make our voices heard. All too often though, people are not aware of who is running and on what political agenda. To help you decipher through the hype and make an educated choice on November 3, we have compiled some information on the candidates that seem to be the most in tune with the needs of college students. Please bear in mind that this is only a partial list and should in no way provide you with all the necessary facts on who is running. Remember that the right to vote is also a privilege and we owe it to ourselves to make educated choices. Only you can decide what will be the best for you.

The Race for Governor

Tom Golisano- A very important issue to SUNY students is that of tuition hikes. With the constant attempts by Governor George Pataki to raise SUNY tuition by greater and greater amounts during his four year term, isn't it important that we finally get a break?

We think so. Golisano appears to be the only candidate in the race that is taking this issue seriously. Sure Vallone and Pataki are on the campaign trail, but do they really care?

Again, we have to remember that Pataki is definitely not SUNY friendly, with SUNY tuition increasing by 160 percent in the last seven years, much of that during Pataki's term in office, and Vallone has shown very little enthusiasm in his attempt to win the election, and in his attempt to sway students to his

platform.

Running under the Independence Party, Golisano has promised to freeze SUNY tuition. He has said, "I think we should maintain the current levels for some time, without increases."

We also feel that it is the time for new leadership in Albany. Pataki has had an abysmal record, especially when it comes to the state budget and SUNY. Sure he has done some good, but as one student put it, "We have a governor who won't listen to us unless we drive a Mercedes."

"As students in the SUNY system, we provide a large percentage of voters and it is important that we make our voices heard."

The Senate Race

Charles Schumer- Senator Alfonse D'Amato's attacks on Schumer have been a childish attempt to distract voters from the real issues. His campaign said that he is an ineffective legislator, and has repeatedly said that Schumer has missed over 400 votes in the House, but neglects to elaborate on why he missed them. Continuing the typical D'Amato stance he and his campaign has accused Schumer of purposely skipping votes on issues that affect Schumer's constituency. Why is D'Amato doing this?

Because he doesn't have anything better to do. He hasn't argued the issues at all, and has resorted to petty name calling. We all remember the incident where he called his opponent a part of the male anatomy which we wouldn't care to repeat.

All of this leads one to wonder, why has D'Amato been in office for twelve years? Because he has continually dodged the real issues, while attacking his opponents. And winning the races while doing it. Chuck Schumer, on the other hand has taken a stand on environmental issues, and

kept away from this petty name calling.

He has promised to insure that older power plants be required to meet the same emissions standards as newer plants. And he has said that he will push the Kyoto Protocol through Congress if elected. This plan is supposed to reduce greenhouse emissions to a level that is below 7% of the levels in 1990.

The Race for Assembly

Steven Englebright- Englebright has SUNY on mind. He works here, he knows what it's like to be here. He has also fought for the SUNY system in the past. Working to curb the tuition hikes proposed by Governor Pataki, he has limited the amount of tuition increases during Pataki's term in office.

John LaValle has attacked Englebright repeatedly about the tuition increases while Englebright has been office, but those increases were part of a larger story. However, all of the proposed hikes were much larger, such as Pataki's plan to double SUNY tuition in 1995.

He has also demanded that programs like TAP, SEEK and EOP be restored, and has kept SUNY tuition from being increased since 1996, and pushed for a roll back in tuition.

LaValle, on the other hand, has recently come to the Stony Brook, searching for votes. And saying that he cares. But where has he been in the past? Not here.

His only reason for even mentioning anything about the SUNY system is the voting block. A voting block that can either make or break his campaign. Other than that, he has ignored Stony Brook.

At a recent visit to campus, LaValle related his own life to the lives of SUNY students. But can he really understand what we face? He was born with a political and economic silver spoon in his mouth.

LaValle has also worked with George Pataki in the past, a fact that he has conveniently left out of his press releases to SUNY Students.

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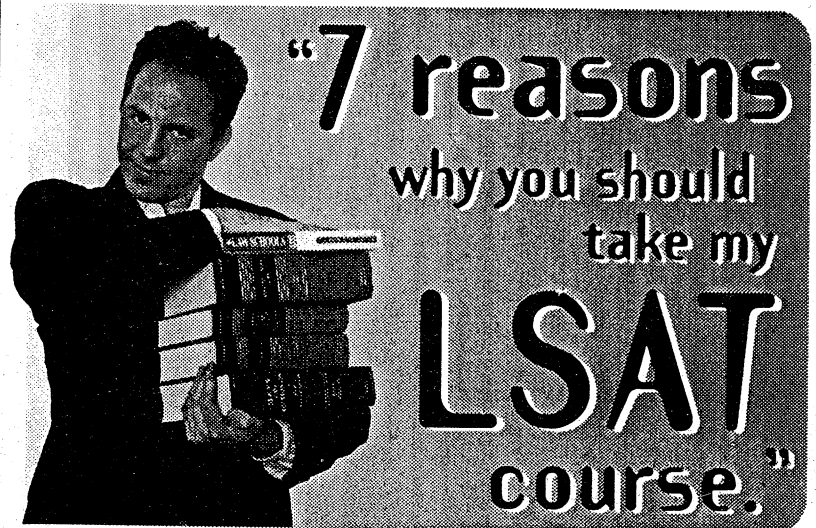
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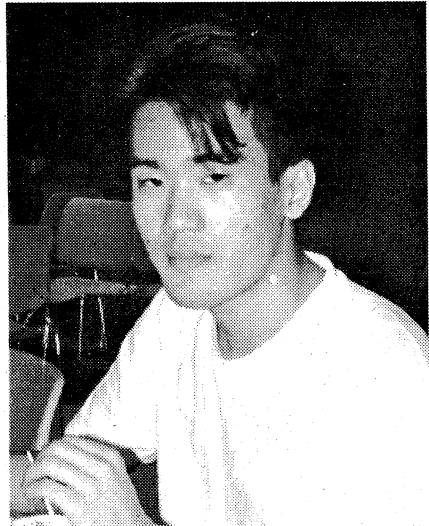


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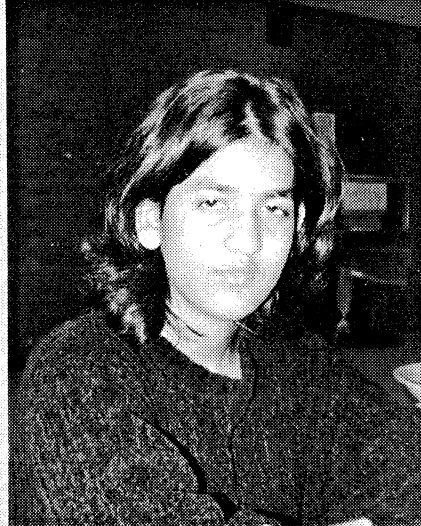
Ben Yun
Sophomore, Business major

"No. I'm just too lazy."



Ruth Chung
Freshman, Psychology major

"I would vote, but I never got a chance to register on campus."



Susan Bacchus
Freshman, Undeclared major

"I can't vote because I'm not a citizen [of the United States]."



Tzipora Kuba
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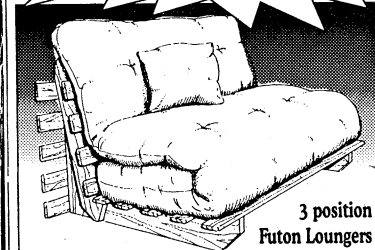
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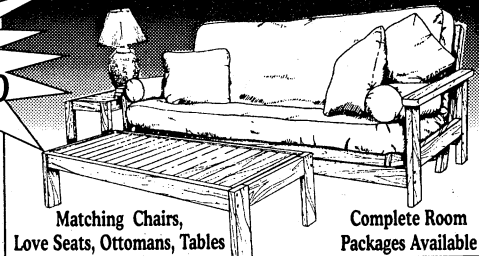
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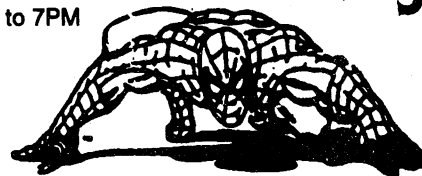
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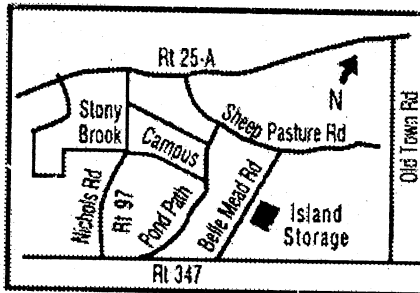
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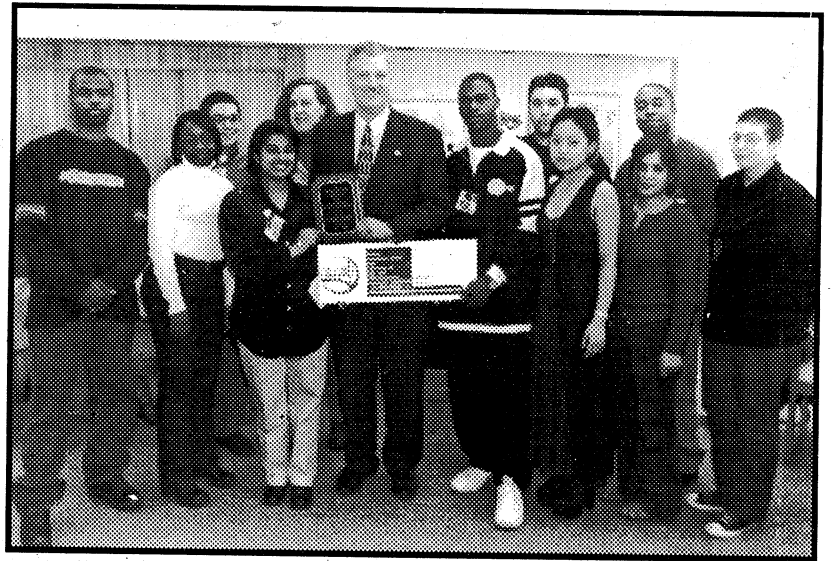


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- Forced Gov. Pataki to restore student access programs including TAP, SEEK, and EOP.
- Stopped Gov. Pataki's attempts to increase tuition since 1996.
- Pushed for a \$1000 tuition rollback in a SUNY education.

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AFRICAN TRIBAL ART

Yesterday Classics : West African Art from the Collection of Charles D. Miller III, opened at the Union Art Gallery. The show features works produced by tribes in various countries in Western Africa.

The exhibition will run from now through Wednesday, November 11, 1998. There will be a reception on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Afterwards a Senegalese dance and music performance will be presented in the Fireside Lounge, in the Student Union.

Kerri O'Connor, an Intern working at the gallery said, "I like the intergration of photography with the objects in the gallery. It stimulates my imagination to understand how the displayed objects were used. My favourite pieces are the Sande mask and costume, and the photo of the Sande women's society masked performance."

Paul Shen, a senior volunteering at the exhibition said, "I like the pieces in the exhibit. They show a broad range of art work each with their own specific meaning such as the gameboards, clothing, and ritual masks. I feel the one unfortunate aspect of the the exhibit is its particular location in the Union. Few students are aware of the Gallery which does the exhibit a great disservice. Consequently only a small majority of the student body get to see many great pieces, such as the Sande initiate costume and the Golden Stool."

For more information call: (516) 632-6822.

Sande women's society mask (sowei) and costume Mende, Sierra Leone (below)

The Sowei is the highest ranking woman in the Sande society. The mask and costume, which cover the whole body of the masquerader, represent the power of the Sande medicine, *hale*, and the Sande spirit, *ngafa*. This costume is used in the initiation of young girls, and other special events in the village, such as receiving a special visitor.

The costume is made by men but is only worn by women, whose identity is kept in secrecy, because of the belief that the wearer becomes the spirit which the costume embodies.

-Melanie Swift



Mask with appliqué costume Idoma/northern Igbo, Nigeria (above)

This Idoma mask and costume was probably worn in an ancestral masquerade, which is part of a cult that is the basis of all Idoma groups. Within the Idoma political system, the chief is considered to be the person who owns the land (father of the dead). Young men join associations and have their physical strength and endurance tested, with some becoming warriors in the end. Some of these men then join cults. Women tend to be excluded from most phases of the mask and ancestral affair.

The masquerade, and the mask in particular, is symbolic of death. A mask and costume, which may appear during a funeral, may represent the reincarnated form of a dead ancestor who is manifesting him or her self in bodily form. The death of a King can lead to the resurrection of past Kings in their mask forms. The symbolic importance is that it is thought that their appearance removes evil from the town as the ancestor acts as a watchdog over the living.

The mask and costume, also known as a tall ghost, portray a resurrected ancestor in the spirit world. A person is needed to tailor the costume of an ancestor in his spiritual structure. This person is chosen through a revealed dream. The tall ghost is covered in a burial shroud of various designs and colors, whose meanings are not easily determined. Only a cult member is capable of deciphering its true meaning.

-Krys Lipinski



DISPLAYED IN UNION

Egungun Headdresses Yoruba, Nigeria (right)

The Engungun masquerade is a colorful, theatrical and musical event among the Yoruba, attended by a large crowd of onlookers. It regulates relations with the dead, because according to the Yoruba, ancestors take an active interest in their descendants.

Egungun dancers wear a variety of costumes, ranging from long trailing rags, to panels of fine cloth and leather. They also carry masks of amorphous clay and carved wood headdresses. The headdresses are recognized by their egg shaped, protruding eyes, cylindrical necks and oval faces.

It has been suggested that a tradition of wearing carved headdresses comes from an ancient cult of the skull, and an early custom of erecting a pole with a skull over the grave. Later a carved head replaces the skull. This custom has survived as a vital part of Egungun costume.

-Krys Lipinski



Kente Cloth Akan-Ewe, Ghana (background)

The cloth of the Ewe is one of the many textiles produced in West Africa. It is made by joining four inch strips of material with their own patterns. Only males make this cloth, due to the method which the clothes are sewn. They are sewn in a horizontal position, starting at the waist, making it uncomfortable for pregnant women. The joining of smaller pieces to a larger one represents things such as history, philosophy, ethics, oral literature, moral values, social codes of conduct, religious beliefs, political thought, and aesthetic principles. The pattern formed determines the pieces' meaning.

The textiles are produced in three regions, by sub-tribes near the Keta lagoon, Adangbe-Ewes, in the Kpotoe area and the central Ewe near the Kpandu. Often, the cloth is associated with that of the Asante, which has

had contact with the Ewe for centuries. The styles were developed separately, but were derivations of each other. Ewe cloths have had a more liberal usage than that of the Asante, who limit who gets to use the cloths. Asante cloths, such as the *Nsaduaso* and *Asasia*, were worn exclusively by those of high sociopolitical standing. Ewe cloths hold no such restrictions and can be worn by anyone.

Traditionally the cloths are worn as a wrap, with the left shoulder exposed, as a sign of respect to a chief and to show that one did not have a weapon concealed in the cloth.

-Paul Shen

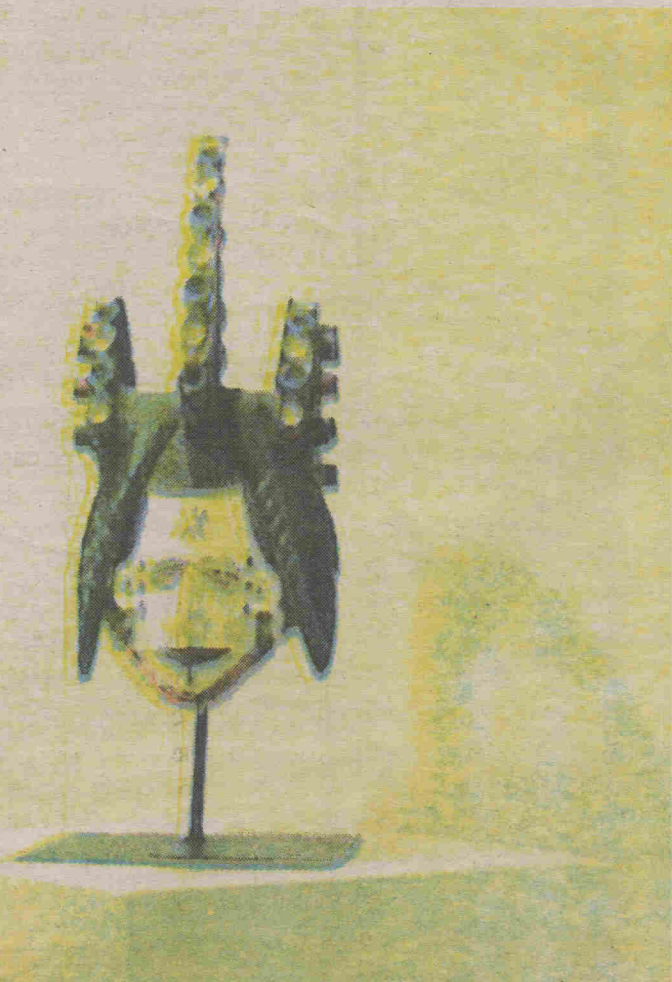
Maiden Spirit mask Igbo, Nigeria (left)

This Maiden Spirit mask, from the Northern Igbo area, depicts the duality of the Igbo universe. White masks, called a *mmwo*, depict female spirits, who represent the incarnate dead. While dark masks, called a *mgedike*, depict powerful male spirits.

They are used as instruments of social regulation, make allegations about men and women, take action in rectifying breaches of accepted social and spiritual conduct, appear at important festivals and are called for at burials of prominent people.

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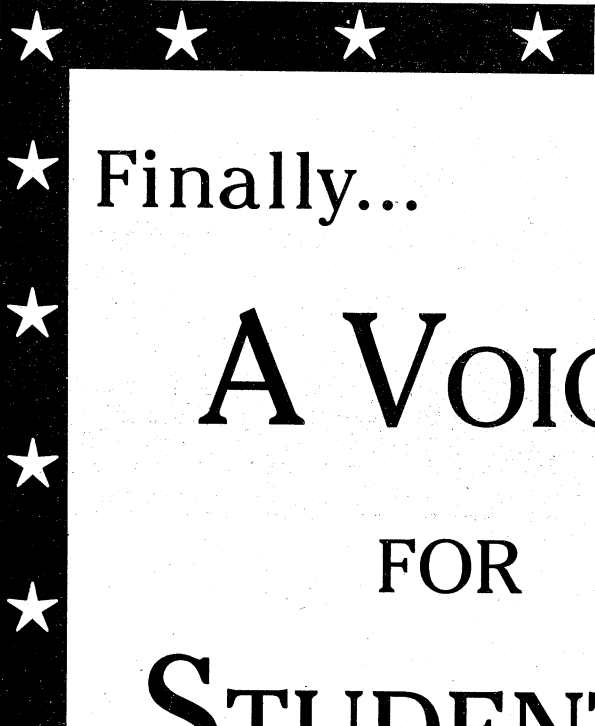
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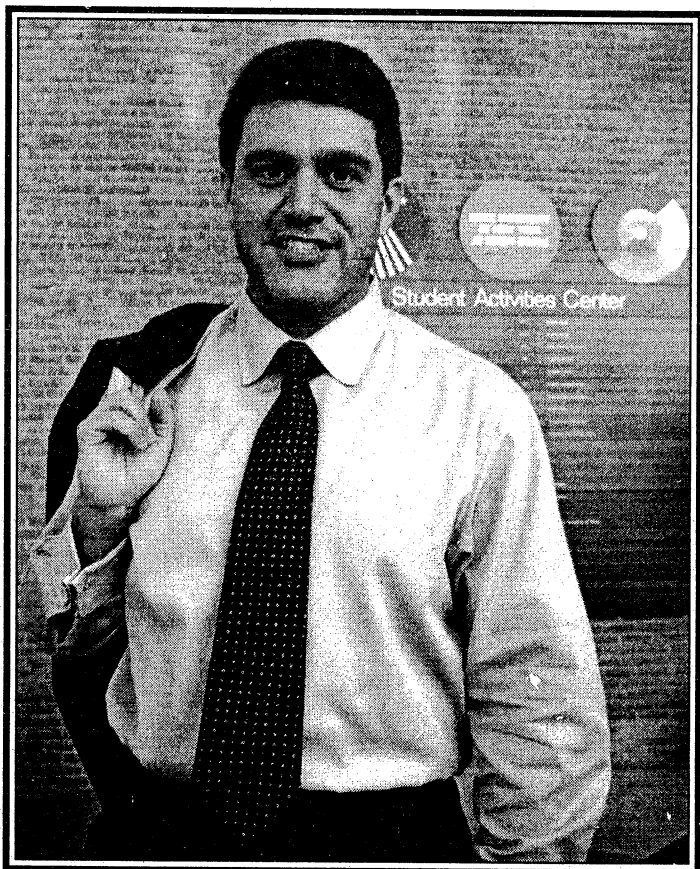
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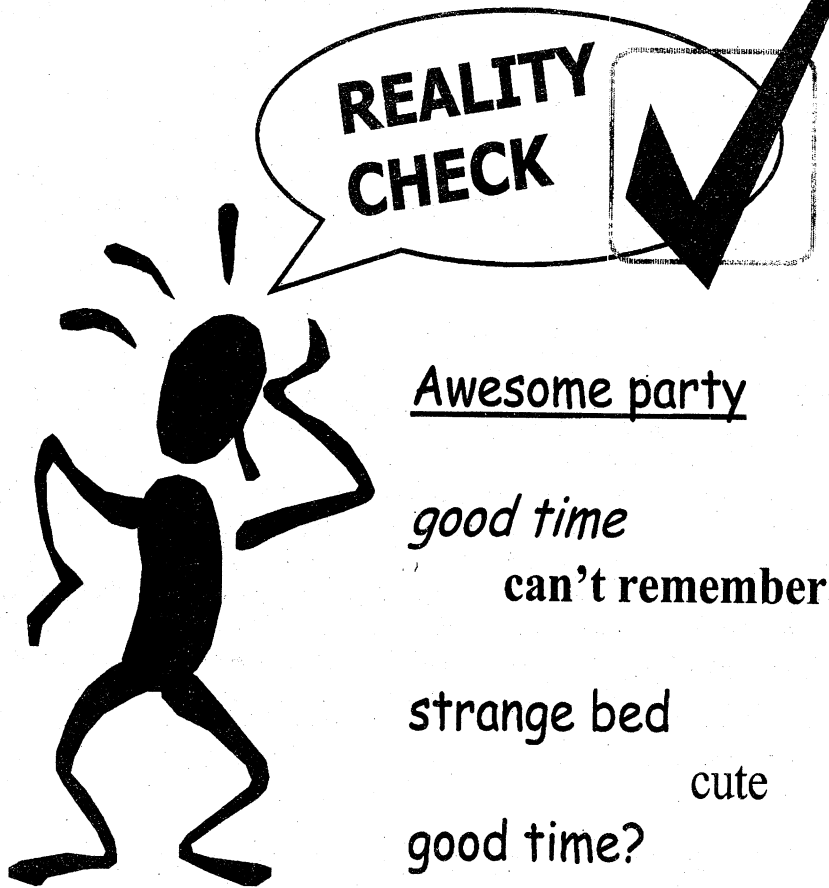
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Harvard professor Dr. Cornel West, noted African American scholar, and author, will deliver the keynote address at State University of New York at Stony Brook's 1998 Annual Diversity Conference to be held here on Friday, October 30. This year's conference will focus on *Forward Ever, Backward Never? - Toward the Millennium: A Retrospective of Affirmative Action*. All sessions will take place in Stony Brook's Student Activities Center.

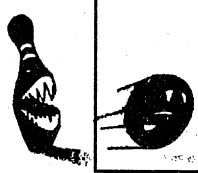
The conference opens at 9:00 a.m. with introductory remarks by Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny and Robert Gaffney, Suffolk County Executive. At 9:30, Dr. West will deliver the keynote address.

Following his remarks, he will answer questions from the audience.

Several concurrent workshops are planned before lunch. The "Diversity and Democracy" panel will feature Dr. West, as well as Angela Oh, President's Race Initiative; Carlos Cortes, University of California at Riverside; John Fry, Office of Civil Rights; Renee Redwood, executive director, Americans for a Fair Chance; and Raymond A Paredes, associate vice chancellor, UCLA.

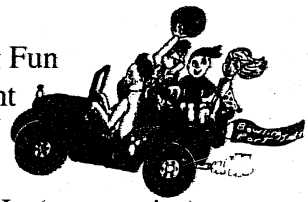
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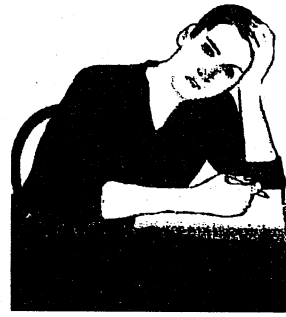
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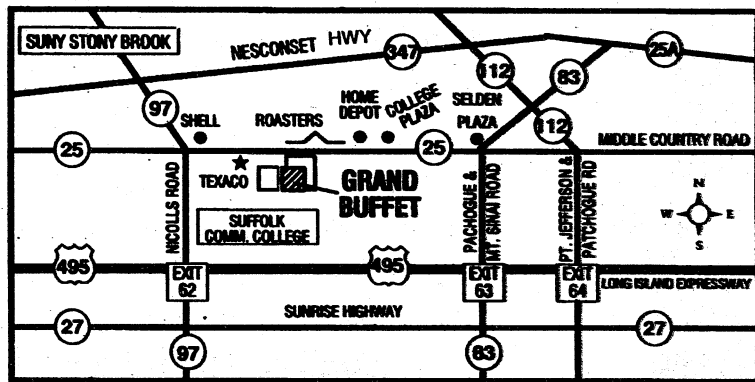
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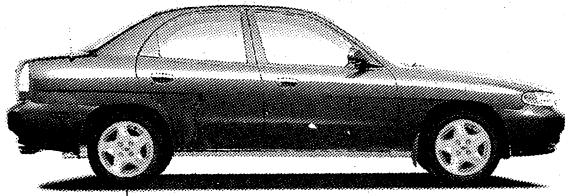
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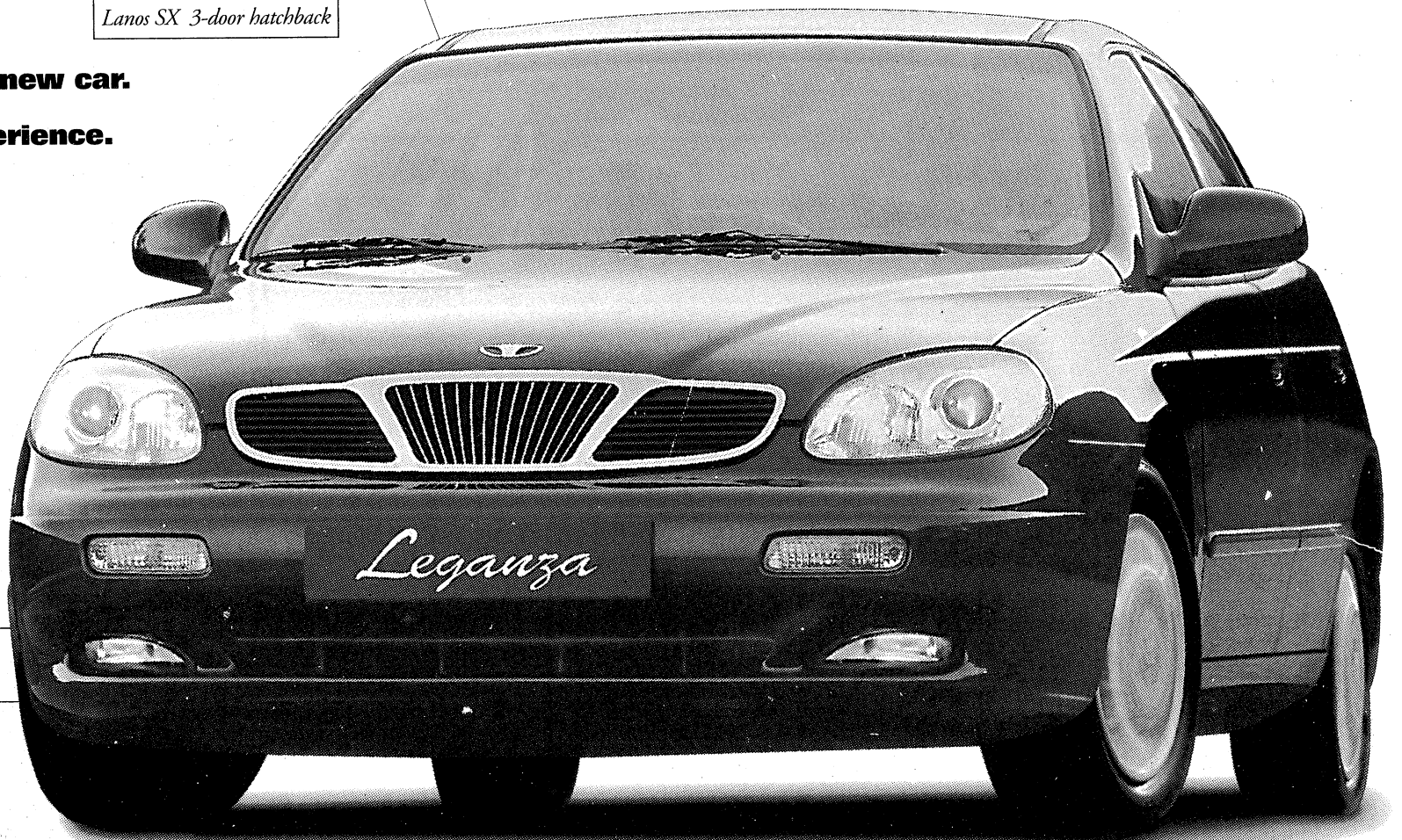
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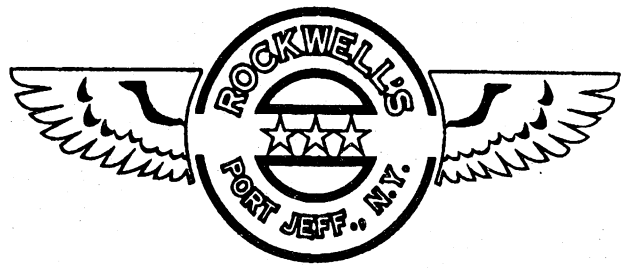
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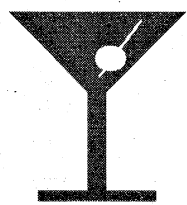
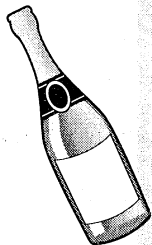
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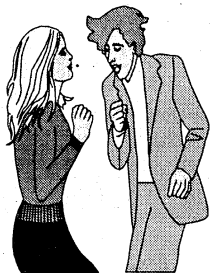


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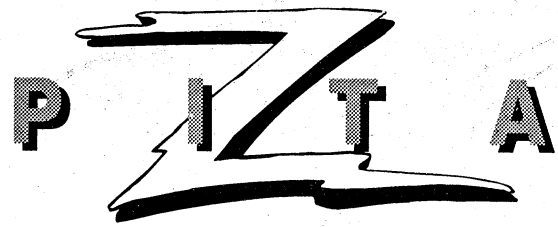
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Undergrad Research Honored

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Stony Brook University is well-known for its phenomenal research. Last Wednesday the Research Symposium, held at the Student Activities Center, proved why Stony Brook has such a reputation.

Funded by the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Program (URECA), coordinated by Christine M. Bentley, the Summer Research Program provides small grants to students who wish to undertake projects and studies in a variety of fields. Most of those participating collaborated with Stony Brook's faculty. Students who participated in the symposium presented findings and information on their chosen projects. The fields studied included, among others, anthropology, radiation oncology, pathology, geosciences, material sciences, lasers and optics, music, sociology, and meteorology.

Eliot Klein used the summer to continue his project studying glacial sediments on Long Island. Noticing a strange formation in the hills of Long Island's Heather Hills State Park, Klein deduced that prehistoric ice "played an integral role in causing hill formations." He explained that glaciers caused folds in the hills that pushed their orientation northeast and southwest. The student was prompted to study Long Island after realizing that little research had been done on geological formations on the island. Klein maintained that his work is far from being completed. His work has been published in the abstract, and he is planning a similar presentation for Long Island geologists in April of next year.

Undergraduate Stacy Mosel studied the string quartets of Ludwig Van Beethoven. In recognizing that Beethoven's music was the turning point between classical and romantic music, Mosel opted to delve into the differences between Beethoven's compositions of his early, middle, and late periods. After melodically and harmonically analyzing pieces of Beethoven's music, her findings showed that his works were



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The Undergraduate Research Symposium was held in the Student Activities Center last Wednesday.

increasingly complex as time went on. Taking into account that Beethoven lost his hearing early in his career, Mosel surmises that the subsequent elaboration of the pieces is due to the fact that "Beethoven was probably trying to find a more personal way of expressing himself". She added that "it is interesting he didn't even hear most of the music he wrote, except for in his head". Mosel's study took place over the summer, in which she worked from June to August.

Susan Paruldear traveled to India to investigate her chosen study. By focusing on patterns in dowry-related violence in Middle class Maharashtra, India, Paruldear came to several conclusions about the cause of the violence. She explained that the dowry is a "tradition mandated by religion," in which the families of a woman give money to a prospective husband. In cases where the male feels the dowry is not large enough, women are maltreated and set on fire. Paruldear said that while there is legislation opposing such violence, a party elected in April of 1998 has had detrimental effects on any attempts to decrease the violence. "Deaths have skyrocketed since the BJP came into power," Paruldear explained how the government changed school textbooks to state that "Sati, or the ritual burning of widows, is a positive thing, even though it has been outlawed since 1914." Also adding to the increasing of deaths, is Paruldear's hypothesis that there is an, "Increased middle class desire for consumer

goods". By tracking the history of Maharashtra's economy, Paruldear realized since the economy was opened up to imports in 1992, "there is more room for companies to market products." This increased exposure to products has bred a greedy desire to obtain material goods, and the "dowry becomes a way to get these things." Paruldear is using her research as her honors thesis in anthropology, and plans to pursue a Ph.D.

Meteorology student Michele Balcom focused her project on the Madden-Julian Oscillation, which deals with cloud formations in the tropics. The patterns that Balcom studied influence monsoons, El Nino, and other mid-latitude weather. The oscillation "causes westerly winds", which affect weather patterns in a variety of ways. The summer research was conducted at a marine science research center, and Balcom employed computer readings to help in analyzing the weather patterns and the areas affected in order to discover the "Favored Longitudes for the Development and Decay of the Tropical Madden-Julian Oscillation".

The numerous studies presented at the symposium were excellent examples of undergraduate research ventures at Stony Brook. Spectator Julie Mingione expressed her belief that, "They are all dedicated to their projects." Maria Shields an attendant said, "These are really intelligent students, and I am amazed at their fluency".



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Undergraduates presented projects in fields from anthropology to music.

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