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Academic Advising Holds First-Ever Interdepartmental Fair

By Emy Kuriakose
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Students gathered in the SAC Ballrooms Nov. 20 to meet faculty, staff and administrators at the Primetime Academic Fair, Stony Brook's first-ever interdepartmental student advising session. Students from different academic backgrounds were given the opportunity to explore Stony Brook's many programs and department majors and minors.



At the first ever Primetime Academic Fair, faculty advisors helped students learn more about SBU's various academic programs.

"In the past, each department had individual advising groups," said Sandra Trapani, Academic Advisor and head coordinator of the event. "Now we have everyone in one place, so the students can interact with many departments in one arena."

The Academic Advising Center (AAC) is responsible for advising students on general education requirements as well as academic rules and regulations. The staff helps students prepare for their careers and keeps them informed about scheduling and programs.

Students who have accumulated 45 credits at the University are called to declare a major to fulfill their graduation requirements. "Students who haven't declared majors and are at 45 credits should do so," said Richard Gatteau, Director of Academic Advising. "This year,

we'll be contacting those students individually to discuss their potential majors."

Academic advisors, peer advisors, and department heads were on hand to help students map out their career paths. Students collected information about Study Abroad Opportunities and Living/Learning Communities, and had the option of signing up for majors and minors on-site.

"The goal is to have a high student turnout," Gatteau said. "Here, students with more than one major can speak to their respective department heads. The faculty here has more curriculum-based advising experience. They know how to help students get through their major."

In fact, individuals from some departments said they did benefit from the multifaceted environment.

"I think it's much better to do it this way," said Marilyn Cushing, Advisor in



Richard Gatteau and Sandra Trapani coordinated the Academic Advising event.

Undergraduate Biology. "I can send students to other departments that are readily available to go to. In the Biology department, we're connected to other programs and it's helpful to have them all right here."

Other departments were more critical of the atmosphere, citing the lack of concentrated resources at the site.

"This is a good way to

distribute material to students, but at our own Primetime, students can talk directly to the entire faculty in the department, [which] is more effective," said Andreas Koenig, Assistant Professor of Anthropology.

Trapani said, however, that departmental advising does not end at the general Primetime session. "This was directed toward the entire student population," she said. "Now we have everyone in one place. Each department can still hold its own Primetime."

Students said they generally found the event worthwhile. "I found the event really helpful," sophomore Joici Job said. "I was surprised to see how many professors, administrators, and students came from all around the university."

Students who missed the Academic Advising event may contact Academic Advising for any information at 2-7082, or email advising@notes.cc.sunysb.edu for an appointment.

Administration Responds to Student Meal Plan Concerns

By Ian Cook
Statesman Staff

A meal plan protest took an unexpected turn Nov. 20 when it merged with an anti-war rally on the academic mall. The protests marked the National Day of Student/Youth Action.

A small group of meal plan protestors marched across campus, led by SBU student Mendel Julien, who led a similar march to Kelly Dining Hall in October. The 15 or so students made their way through the SAC dining facility and then toward Administration, chanting, "FSA go away, the food sucks anyway."

Near the fountain on the academic mall, the meal plan complainants ran into a group of students lying on the ground beside signs that read "Sanctions keep Hussein strong" and "War: not by our will and not in our name." The

anti-war rally was organized by the Coalition Against War, a group whose members oppose military action in Iraq.

The demonstrators rose to join the meal plan march, and the groups traveled together to President Shirley Strum Kenny's office.

"We had plans of our own, but we wanted to build solidarity between coalitions," one anti-war protestor said.

Chanting, the students entered Kenny's office. Kenny and Faculty-Student Association (FSA) President Daniel Melucci emerged and held a brief, private meeting with Julien. The group of 30 protestors waited in the reception area of the President's office, chanting and giving short speeches.

The protestors criticized FSA's management of the student meal plans, with complaints ranging from price increases to

the \$155 activation fee. One student accused FSA of using "diversionary tactics" like the "points" terminology, which, he said, confuses the dollar amounts spent on food. Many protestors claimed to be completely out of meal points.

Students also complained of point sweeping, a practice which requires that students spend a minimum number of meal points every two weeks. Melucci said that the practice affects only 380 of the 6000 students with meal plans. For these 380 students, he said, the average amount lost is 21 dollars.

The spontaneous union of the anti-war and meal plan movements made for an unusual protest, with chants of "more food, less war!" The student wearing the President Bush mask said, "I feel your pain, but unfortunately, I need to divest the money from your meal plan

and spend it on bombs." One student wore a sign reading, "1/4 of children in Iraq under 5 are malnourished."

Conversation focused mainly on the meal plan, however. Melucci encouraged students to become involved with the FSA Meal Plan Resolution Committee, which is a student-faculty group responsible for making some campus dining decisions. The committee is chaired by undergraduate student Melanie Luk. Minutes from committee meetings are available from Ken Johnson at the FSA business office on the second floor of the Union.

Melucci recommended that the committee be used to provide feedback to administration. But student protestors countered that the committee is not representative of the student body, calling it a "secret society."

Kenny emerged from the

meeting with Julien and said that the protest's leaders had made some valid arguments and presented their gripes "convincingly."

"Your voices are heard," Kenny told the group. "But we have to work out the details."

In a later meeting with Statesman, Melucci said as of Wednesday, only 26 of the 6000 students with meal plans have a balance of zero. Melucci, who

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Students Protest, Demand Changes to Meal Plans

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said he has been deeply involved in constructing the meal plan at Stony Brook for the past six years, said that the problems today aren't as serious as they have been in the past. FSA is considering hiring a professional polling company to obtain meaningful data from a larger sample of students, he said.

With so many dining facilities and no one central kitchen, dining operations on campus are very expensive to run, Melucci said. Canceling the \$155 activation fee would mean a loss of nearly \$1 million from a \$14 million operation, he said.

"The folks who are upset now are looking for major structural change, but that just can't be done quickly," he said. "If you make mistakes, it

takes a long time to fix them. The bottom line here is that we want students to be happy with the meal plan."

The Coalition Against War meets Fridays at 3 p.m. in SAC 309.

The FSA Meal Plan Resolution Committee meets Wednesdays at 1 p.m. during Campus Lifetime in the Kelly Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

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DSS Strives to Accommodate Student Needs

By GENE TULMAN
Statesman Editor

Joanna Harris, Director for the Disability Support Services (DSS), supervises an effort to meet the needs of some 550 Stony Brook University students who need special accommodations. In an effort to offer all students equal opportunities at the University, DSS provides assisted test administrations, tutoring services and temporary psychological counseling.

According to a DSS publication, the office hopes to "advocate for a campus environment that meets the needs of students and employees with disabilities."

Harris explained that most SBU professors cooperate with the DSS office, allowing those students who need extra support to be successful in their courses.

"The biggest percentages of [SBU] professors are great," Harris said. "When they get a letter from us, they respond right away."

Commenting on the range of services provided by the DSS office, Harris mentioned that SBU is unique in its attempt to accommodate students with special psychological needs.

"Four years ago, [SBU employees] started to see an increase in students with psychological disabilities," Harris said. "When I started [working as director of DSS], I created a program for students with

psychological disabilities."

DSS staff includes a learning disability specialist, an individual whose function it is to address the needs of students with various types of learning disorders. The office also works closely with the University Counseling Center, at times referring students to the Center as well as to the University hospital.

"The biggest innovation in the last few of years has been the program for students with psychological disabilities," Harris said. "We do supportive [programs], group [therapies], and also we make referrals to the Counseling Center."

Harris said DSS holds a special orientation prior to the start of classes for which the students arrive several days before everyone else. The orientation serves as an introduction to the University environment, informing those with individualized needs of the numerous resources offered to them by the DSS office. Thus, these students are assured that they will be provided with specialized accommodations in order to facilitate their intellectual development.

"My experiences with the DSS office have always been positive," said SBU graduate Daniel Fudge. "The testing accommodation service offered by the office is especially helpful for those with physical or psychological disabilities."

Harris noted that the SBU administration collaborates with DSS to ensure that every disabled student's experience at the University is similar to that of anyone else. As an example of the University's willingness to help those with special needs, she pointed out that there are more than enough handicapped parking spots on campus designated to minimize the transportation hardships of the disabled students.

"We have more [handicapped] parking spaces than the law requires," Harris said.

As Harris pointed out, DSS expects students with disabilities to actively request the necessary accommodations, whether they need extended test taking time, note takers, or tutors.

"One of the main services that we provide is the examination accommodation," Harris said. "If someone just needs extra time, the professors do that. But if they need a distraction free environment, we do it [at the DSS office]."

Referring to the main goals of the DSS office, Harris suggested that, above all, she and her staff are dedicated to ensuring that each and every student receives equal opportunities to succeed at the University.

"Basically what we do is try to level the playing field," Harris said. "[We m]ake it so that [students with disabilities] have as much of a chance of making it at Stony Brook as someone else."

Mary Baker Eddy Honored at Melville Library

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

The Special Collections Department hosted a reception for an exhibit on the life of Mary Baker Eddy entitled "This is Woman's Hour..." at the First Floor Library Galleria from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 18.

The reception for the exhibit, which came to Stony Brook Nov. 1 and will remain until Dec. 31, began with a half-hour touring period during which guests were free to explore the exhibit. The traveling exhibit has been seen by more than 1.5 million people at public libraries, state capital buildings and university libraries around the nation.

Designed by *The Writings of Mary Baker Eddy* and the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, this multimedia exhibit includes videos, interactive listening stations, news clippings and photographs of the life and work of Mary Baker Eddy. The original exhibit is on permanent display at the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the one at SBU is one of two touring replicas.

"Response to the national tour has been extraordinary," said Virginia S. Harris, publisher of *The*

Writings of Mary Baker Eddy and chairwoman of the Christian Science Board of Directors. "It confirms today's increasing public interest in the untold stories of America's women of accomplishment."

In 1908, Eddy, an author, activist and teacher who was noted for her progressive ideas about women's rights, spirituality and health, launched *The Christian Science Monitor*, a critically acclaimed international newspaper that has received seven Pulitzer Prizes.

Acting Head of SBU Special Collections & Archives, Kristen J. Nyitray, welcomed guests to the reception for the exhibit highlighting Eddy's achievements.

"Stony Brook University is honored to host 'This is Woman's Hour...' an exhibit which is an extraordinary testament to Mary Baker Eddy's determination, spirit, and vision," Nyitray said.

Nyitray introduced Dean and Director of Libraries, E. Christian Filstrup, who officially opened the event and provided an introduction to the evening's keynote speaker, Joni Overton-Jung. Jung, an international speaker on Eddy presented a speech entitled "Mary Baker Eddy: A Life of Controversy & Achievement." Jung discussed Eddy's life, the criticism she faced and

her accomplishments.

Jung's presentation was followed by that of Nancy Tomes of the History Department. Tomes spoke of Eddy's role in the Christian Science community in her speech entitled "The Role of Women in Alternative Healing."

The History Department's Judith Wishnia, who discussed Eddy's achievements in the context of the sexist society of early twentieth century America, gave the final speech of the evening. Her talk, entitled "Women Who Dared: What Women Have Achieved," included a discussion of how Eddy challenged the limitations placed on women during her time.

A question and answer session followed the speeches. The evening's festivities concluded with the presentation of a proclamation honoring Mary Baker Eddy by representatives for New York State Assemblyman Steve Englebright and Town Supervisor John LaValle.

"This is a great exhibit and I'm glad they brought it to campus," sophomore Yan Ling Ruan said. "The speakers were interesting and it was nice to learn about women who have made such great accomplishments."

Douglass RHD Leads Discussion About Social Class

By REGINA GLICK
Statesman Staff

A single black and white photograph of a man on a porch squinting in the sunlight was projected onto the wall of the Douglass College Classroom Nov. 21, as part of a program entitled, "Class, Family and the American Experience."

Amy M. Fonder, Residence Hall Director of Douglass in Tabler Quad, asked a small group of students and faculty members what they thought they could tell about the man just from looking at his picture.

"What's his name?" Fonder asked.

Several suggestions were made, but only a nickname, Sal, could be agreed upon.

"What's his race?" she asked.

A consensus was reached that Fonder really was asking for Sal's nationality. No one could agree on a heritage.

"Where does he live?" Fonder asked.

Somewhere in America.

As the group laughed and speculated about Sal's

possible arthritis and kids who never call, Fonder asked about Sal's social class. But it became immediately apparent that each person had a slightly different notion about what class is.

"Class in America is a very slippery topic," said Tanfer Emin of the Women's Studies department.

Social class is related to the way people present themselves, but that doesn't preclude "blue collar" individuals from presenting themselves in the same way someone with a so-called "white collar" job would.

Social class is related to economics status, but not everyone who has money has "class," several students said.

Social class is related to education but, as Emin said, even people with Ph.D.s are renting apartments and driving jalopies.

Social class eluded definition.

"Class is by far the most confounding aspect because you can't look at race, gender or economics without it," student Addai Brown said.

As the discussion returned to Sal, students talked about various stereotypes that contributed to their

opinions, including the "wife-beater" undershirt he wore, which made some think he was poor.

"The stereotyping exercise is to get people to realize what they think about when they see someone of a given race or culture," Fonder said.

Fonder also asked the group to estimate the percentages of the American population that belong to different ethnic groups.

The students and faculty members overestimated, sometimes greatly, the actual percentages of African-Americans, 12.2 percent, Asian-Americans, 3.8 percent, Hispanic-Americans, 11.8 percent, and Native-Americans, .7 percent.

The group was unable to come to a consensus on the man's ethnicity, which was never revealed.

Many students said they emerged from the event thinking about the stereotypes they use to distinguish one person or group from another.

"The majority of people don't think about social class or stereotypes or even know about them," student Nicole McAllister said.

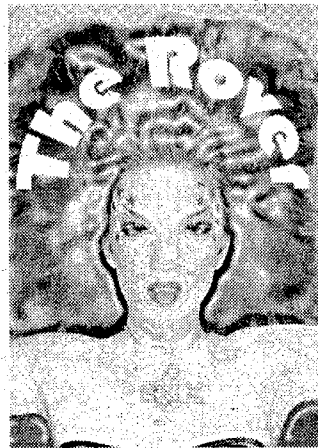
Now Playing at Stony Brook: *The Rover*

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Sex, lies, betrayal, and mistaken identity. Stony Brook's new theatrical production, a contemporary adaptation of Aphra Behn's *The Rover*, is enchanting, yet often perplexing. Directed by Paul Kassel, *The Rover*

adapts a 17th century storyline, which takes place at a carnival in Italy, to a 21st century setting of Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

The Rover is fast-paced and at times a bit confusing. The subplots keep the audience guessing, and give the play many dimensions. But by the



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The Rover opened on Nov. 21 and will play four more times at the Staller Center. Merchant Marine (the Rover) played by SBU junior Jonathan Edwards. Edwards gives a stunning performance, cleverly portraying Wilmore's facetious and witty character.

Much of the fast-paced plot progresses with the use of masks and mistaken identities, often leaving the audience to wonder, "What's going on?" This was playwright Aphra Behn's intent, however. *The Rover* illustrates the complexities of love and sex, deceit and betrayal, through the use of disguise. It provides commentary on the nature of human beings and the way we go about pursuing relationships.

Kassel did an impressive job of preserving the essence of *The Rover* while pandering to a college audience. Students can sympathize with the

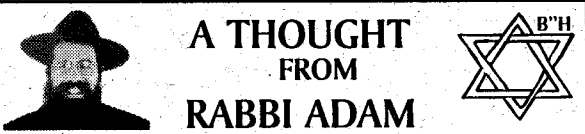
end of the performance, the seemingly separate stories fit together. Most of the main action is centered on Willmore, a sweet-talking Merchant

plight of the actors. Hellena, a Catholic schoolgirl whose family expects her to commit to a convent and become a nun, breaks free of the bonds and seeks out a lover, Willmore, only to find that he is a dishonest, cheating ladies man. Rather than falling victim to jealousy and bitterness, she seeks to teach him a lesson through a match of wits.

A number of other plots run alongside this one that centered on a traumatized Frat Boy (who seems to really like the word "dude") whose clothes and money are stolen by a prostitute, and a love-struck young woman named Florinda who wants to break free of the marriage expectations placed upon her. There is plenty of action and swordplay, as Florinda's lover battles with her brother for her hand in marriage.

The Rover is saturated with storyline and also does a respectable job of amusing the audience through its sheer comedic value. Packed with insinuations and humorous lines, *The Rover* is as funny as it is long: two and a half hours of theatre. Fortunately, the time passes quickly and enjoyably.

The Rover is scheduled for four more performances: Dec. 5-7 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. On Dec. 5 there will be a "talkback" session with the director, actors, and dramaturges following the show. Tickets are \$10/ general admission; \$8/faculty and staff; and \$6/students and seniors, and can be purchased through the Staller Center Box Office at 632-ARTS.



A THOUGHT FROM RABBI ADAM

Chanukah

Spiritually speaking, the world is divided between the holy and the profane. The profane is all that is of this physical world. And holy is all that is within the realm of the spiritual, the realm of G-dliness. Now most Jewish holidays are readily recognized by their holiness and existing within the realm of G-dliness. The 25 hour fast of Yom Kippur is definitely holy. The 48 hours of prayer service during Rosh Hashana is a pretty holy thing to do. And the Passover Seder recounting the miracles of the ten plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea is totally holy. But now that it is Chanukah, what's so holy about lighting a bunch of candles? Well, it all stems from the first day of creation as described in the Book of Genesis (1:4) "and G-d divided between the light and between the darkness". Now, to say that light needed to be divided from darkness seems illogical. For, by definition, light and darkness are opposites. Either you have light, and thus, no darkness. Or darkness, thereby being no light. Therefore, Rabbinical commentaries explain that G-d set the light aside for the world-to-come. For the light wasn't physical in nature, but spiritual. However, a revelation of this light of the world-to-come was manifest in the holy Temple in Jerusalem through the lighting of the Temple Menorah. The lighting was a most holy act carried out by none other than the high priest himself. Indeed, the Sages describe the light of the Menorah as being a sign of the presence of G-d that was manifest in the Temple. However, once the Temple was destroyed, the spiritual light of the Menorah was transferred to the light of the Chanukah Menorah. For by making a bracha (a blessing) and lighting the Chanukah Menorah, one transforms oneself into a high priest (of sorts) and mere candles into a Menorah on par with the Temple's Menorah that literally illuminates with the light of the world-to-come—a most holy act indeed.

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Students Arrested for High-Tech Cheating on GRE

By DAN CARNEVALE
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Two Columbia University undergraduate students were arrested Monday for allegedly using high-tech transmitters and walkie-talkies to cheat on the Graduate Record Examination.

Bryan Laulich and Sasha Bakhru, both seniors, were arrested after an administrator at a Sylvan Learning Center in Garden City, N.Y., found one of the students acting suspiciously in a room where the test was offered. That Sylvan administrator then called the police.

According to police officials in Nassau County, N.Y., one student was taking the test and used a device to transmit questions to the other student. That student was looking up answers while sitting in a van parked nearby and then relaying the information to the student inside.

The Associated Press reported that Laulich had taken the GRE on November 11 and had transmitted images of the questions to Bakhru, who was sitting in the van with a laptop computer. The two switched roles on Monday, but they began having trouble with their transmitting devices and aroused the suspicion of the Sylvan employee.

The two students were arraigned

Tuesday and charged with third-degree burglary and unlawful duplication of computer material, according to the Associated Press. They were released without bail, and are scheduled to appear in court today.

Officials at the Sylvan Learning Center declined to comment, and the students could not be reached. The police provided a one-page news release but would not confirm further details.

Thomas Ewing, a spokesman for the Educational Testing Service, which develops and administers the GRE, said it appeared that the two students did not share the information from the tests with anyone else. If they had, the testing service would have had to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to readminister tests.

"They were obviously trying to subvert the testing process and get an edge on the test," Ewing said. "It's a serious thing that they did."

Ewing said he did not know of any other instance in which students had used high-tech gadgets to cheat on a test. He said it was no surprise that the two students were caught, given the amount of equipment they allegedly had with them.

"That's why people noticed that they were doing everything except taking the test," he said.

Long-Lost Ancient Greek Poems Discovered

By SCOTT MCLEMEE
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Until recently, Posidippus, a Greek poet who worked in Egypt during the third century BC, was scarcely anyone's idea of an important writer. To be sure, he did, however, enjoy a measure of success during his lifetime as writer in Alexandria, the cultural capital of the Greek-speaking world.

But the last 2,200 years have been hard on Posidippus's reputation. Only 20 of his poems survived, all of them short. In reference books, his name merited only a brief entry, when it was listed at all.

Posidippus's fortunes are improving, however. After all, Posidippus has done something few ancient authors ever manage. After more than two millennia of neglect, he has a new book out.

Last year, a scholarly press in Milan published an annotated edition of more than 100 epigrams attributed to Posidippus, all but two of them previously unknown, from a papyrus discovered inside a mummy casing in 1992. It is clear that the scroll was not entombed to provide reading material for the afterlife; on the contrary, it had been cut up to make a kind of papier-mâché mask for the body.

The new material covers a wide array of topics: horse racing, bird omens, and sculpture, among others. The poetic miscellany offers "a slice of life from

upper-crust society in the third century BC," said Dirk Obbink, a lecturer in papyrology and Greek literature at the University of Oxford. "But there is also a whole series of epitaphs for common people — slaves, old women, people from ordinary life. There is a degree of fictionalization in the poems, a kind of novelistic or storytelling quality, with some dedicated to people who lived centuries before," which Obbink said allowed Posidippus to insinuate himself into their historical contexts.

The genre of the epigram, a short poem written for a monument, emerged in Greece during the eighth century BC. By Posidippus's day, writers composed them to be read aloud, without public inscription in mind. Scholars prepared volumes of their favorite epigrams by various authors — a process culminating in *The Greek Anthology*, a massive volume from the 10th century AD.

A few classicists point out that the scroll nowhere bears the author's name, and contains only two epigrams by Posidippus found in other sources. But most scholars believe the others are by the same poet. They point out that the collection lacks any editorial markings to indicate that the scroll has been assembled from works by several authors. And some who have studied the poems closely believe that they overlap in style with the works previously attributed to Posidippus.

Vaccine Protects Against Virus Linked to Cervical Cancer

By LILA GUTERMAN
The Chronicle of Higher Education

In tests involving nearly 2,400 college-age women, an experimental vaccine prevented infection with a virus linked to cervical cancer, researchers report in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

The vaccine protects against human papillomavirus type 16 (HPV-16). Approximately 20 percent of adults become infected with that sexually transmitted virus, which is present in half of all cervical cancers. Four other types of human papillomavirus are thought to be responsible for most of the rest. According to Christopher P. Crum, director of women's and perinatal pathology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston, more than 450,000 cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed every year, and almost 250,000 women die of it yearly.

Most women who become infected with any strain of human papillomavirus do not get cancer or even experience abnormal Pap smears. That's because the body's immune system normally attacks and clears the virus.

Scientists led by Laura A. Koutsky, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Washington at Seattle, recruited 16-to-23-year-old female volunteers at 16 sites, most of them universities. Of the women, 1,533 were not already infected and were the primary subjects of the study. Half of the women received a vaccine consisting of particles that mimic the shape of the virus, while the other half received a placebo. (The

women who were already infected also received either the vaccine or the placebo, but the journal paper did not report on them. Koutsky said the vaccine is not intended to treat already-infected women.)

During semi-annual testing of the women over a year and a half, the researchers discovered that 41 women had repeated infections with HPV-16, including nine who had precancerous spots. All of those women received the placebo. Seventy four women tested positive for infection only once; those infections presumably cleared up. That group included six women who received the vaccine.

Christine M. Peterson, director of gynecology at the University of Virginia's student-health center and an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, cited a study that found that 15 to 20 percent of college women are infected with some form of human papillomavirus. "About 10 percent of Pap smears that we perform here have an abnormality due to human-papillomavirus infection," Peterson said.

Further trials are required before the vaccine can gain approval for public use. Koutsky is running trials of another Merck vaccine that is intended to protect against HPV-16 as well as three other virus types, HPV-6, HPV-11, and HPV-18.

In his journal commentary, Crum estimated that a vaccine covering just HPV-16 and HPV-18, given to girls before they become sexually active, could reduce death from cervical cancer by 95 percent.

Tough Job Market Awaits 2003 Graduates, Few Fields Expect Increased Hiring

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Joel Haist, a senior at Michigan State University, knows that he is going to have to "work it from all angles" to land a job when he graduates in May, and he said some of his friends are applying to graduate schools as a backup in case no job prospects pan out.

The class of 2003 faces a bleak labor market, though one that is slightly improved over last year's, according to a national survey conducted by the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State.

While the survey indicates that overall hiring will be down by 1 percent from last year, the job market shows many signs of having stabilized and of improving soon, says Philip D. Gardner, the institute's director. Of the 390 companies that responded, the majority reported that they expect hiring to pick up by the end of the first quarter of next year.

"This year's going to be better

than last year," Gardner said. "I've seen employers a little more positive than last year. With 9/11, it was just really, really bad."

The market will also be uneven, he said, with fields like engineering and computer science continuing to face slowdowns, while retail and some liberal-arts fields improve.

Gardner advises graduates to work hard to find a job that is the ideal fit, and to work hard to sell themselves to companies.

"Graduates are going to have to know who they are," Gardner said. "They're going to have to take some time and know what they want."

Haist, a communications major who is now applying for jobs, said he is taking that advice to heart.

He recently interviewed for a job at Dow Chemical, and he has since followed up with an e-mail thank-you note. He also asked a friend who works for the company to put in a good word for him.

He said he is "anxiously optimistic" that he will have a job lined up by the time he dons his cap and gown.

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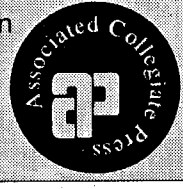
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Editorial

Please Tell Us When We're Wrong

It's about that time again. There's another bone to pick. We haven't run a real board editorial in quite a while. Perhaps we've been happy with the progress of things and couldn't find anything worth lamenting. Perhaps we sort of threw in the towel for a while and focused our energies elsewhere. Perhaps we were just being sneaky, lying in wait, watching for the next misstep so we could write this article.

The real reason is probably a mix of these things, although the lapse really is irrelevant to what we would like to say. The author of this board was just having a little fun.

Statesman has been getting its fair share of love lately. This is one of the best semesters the paper has seen in a long time, if we do say so ourselves. And that is a great thing.

However, we are not perfect. We are students, after all, not experts in Department X or Subject Y. We are occasionally misinformed (sometimes our fault, sometimes not), we might not cover what some people view as a major event, we may come off looking like we support Side A because we didn't give Side B enough of a voice.

But we cannot bear the responsibility for these

shortcomings alone. If it happens once, it may be our fault. But when no one speaks up to put us in our place, and we make the same oversight again, we cannot take complete responsibility. If there are individuals or groups on campus who feel that they have been inaccurately portrayed on campus, we urge them to come forward! We do not want to mislead the public. We exist to provide this community with raw information, so that you can make your own decisions about an issue. If you or your department feel slighted or misrepresented, there is nothing we can do about it unless you approach us.

Too often we have to hear it through the grapevine. "So-and-so spoke to me yesterday and said that John Q. was upset because there were incorrect statements made in such-and-such article," Jane Doe says to us.

We promise we do not bite. We are friendly and open individuals. The last thing we want to do is make the people and organizations on our campus look bad with false or bad information. We are students here and we like this university. We will print retractions, write new articles, and publish your letters to the editor, but we have to KNOW that we've made a mistake. So please, tell us!

Op-Ed

Tim Bishop and Scurrilous Politics

By JEFF KRUSZYNA
 Statesman Contributor

With the concession of Congressman Felix Grucci (R) to political newcomer Tim Bishop (D), many citizens of the first congressional district are left to wonder exactly how this feat was accomplished.

Just how did a rather far-left liberal, like Tim Bishop, win a seat in Congress from an area that has typically been a Republican stronghold? Well, one key answer to that question would have to be in the approximately \$2.5 million of unregulated soft-money that was given for a negative ad campaign against Felix Grucci on the behalf of the Democratic Party. It is really simple - money buys votes.

If one were to take a look at some of Bishop's big campaign contributors it would be more than obvious that he tapped the pocketbooks of those wealthy "Hamptonites" who own large estates and oceanfront properties in and around Bishop's hometown of Southampton. Frankly, their interests are not the same as those of the true residents of Long Island.

True residents do not want to see their taxes go up when the economy is in a recession or witness abortion clinics pop up right down the road from where their children go to school. But, sadly, the interests that the "Hamptonites" paid

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JAMES COLLEGE GETS A BIG LAUGH FOR A GREAT CAUSE.

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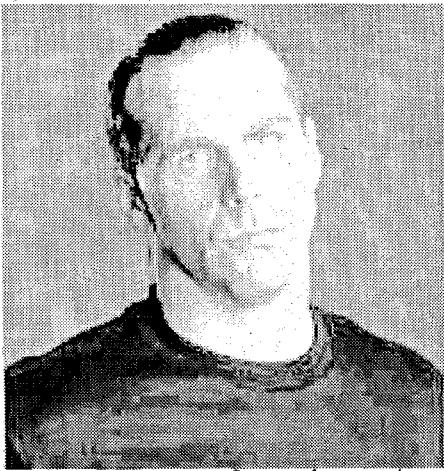
Mike on the Mat: Survivor Series, a Week Later⁷

By MICHAEL ADLER
Statesman Staff

It's a week later, and unfortunately Big Show is still WWE Champion. What's up with that? Furthermore, in another intelligent move, Shawn Michaels won the Elimination Chamber to grab the World Heavyweight Title on the Raw side. No one knows if his injury is healed enough to defend the title regularly. Perhaps if RVD doesn't kill him on Raw, we'll have our answer.

Big Show winning the title is just absurd and twisted. Here's my main problem. The Big Show breaks Brock Lesnar's rib so that he has to take a week off from wrestling. As a reward, he gets the title. What the hell? Shawn Michaels went a week without wrestling! Why couldn't Brock go a week without wrestling as the champion? By that logic, RVD should have won the Elimination Chamber because he crushed Triple H's larynx.

Instead he was immediately pinned.



Courtesy of www.google.com

Is Shawn Michaels fit to be champion?

While being a professional in the business does not require injuring your opponent, since it was Triple H that was injured, I'm going to have to say that RVD did a good thing. What a thrill it was watching him lay crippled in the middle of the ring while no one noticed him so that it could be HHH vs. Shawn Michaels at the end.

Obviously, Booker T should have won the title at Survivor Series. The ovation for the man whenever he enters an arena is off the charts, but that would have been a logical, fresh move on the part of the WWE, which is incapable of such acts. Instead he was the second man eliminated from the match. I thought there was going to be a race riot in the section I was sitting in. I can't help but think that the WWE is racist. That's the only logical explanation for Booker T not being champion.

And, of course, Jericho didn't win, although he was pro wrestling perfection in the ring. I was shocked to see that he was the third from last to be eliminated. I was sure he would have gone first. I guess anything can happen in the WWE. Oh, and Kane was really, really, really, really boring and slow.

The true upside of the night was the Guerreros winning the Smackdown! brand tag belts in an excellent triple elimination tag match. They're the best

tag team the WWE has seen in years, and the only team in existence today in the WWE that has any reason to be together. Everyone else is just tag team randomized.

Shame on the moronic jackasses on the train who said it's a sad day when the Guerreros are tag champions. You know who you are, and if the WWE didn't need the ratings, I'd ban you from ever watching wrestling again. In other tag news we saw the Dudley Boys reunited as the WWE realized half a year too late that D-Von's religious gimmick sucked.

Oh, and the women's cham....wait, no one cares about women's wrestling.

Remember to watch out for the next episode of the Curb starring Mike on the Mat.

Trivia Question of the week: Cite legal precedent for Brock not seeing the "no rematch" clause in his Survivor Series match contract with Big Show.

Email Mike at mantis_bog@hotmail.com.

SBU Hockey Still #1 in Northeast

By CHARLES CLIFFORD
Statesman Staff

A little over a week ago, the second rankings for the American Collegiate Hockey Conference (ACHA) came out and the Seawolves hockey team remained ranked first in the northeast region.

On Nov. 16, they took to the ice against Robert Morris College and defeated them 5-2. The Seawolves controlled every aspect of the game and, had it not been for the outstanding play of the Robert Morris goaltender, the score would have been much higher.

James Sedoruk opened the scoring for the Seawolves when he streaked down the right side and slipped a shot through the goaltender's pads.

Forward Gregg Dietrich returned from a shoulder injury, which he suffered

in the second game of the season, to score three goals. Anthony DeMichele also added a goal for Stony Brook as he ripped a shot over the RMC goaltender's shoulder.

Bobby Morotta got the start in goal, making 26 saves en route to his fourth victory of the season.

The fourth line of Danny O'Shea, Chuck Clifford, and John Santini continued to be impressive, creating numerous scoring opportunities while keeping Robert Morris pinned in their own zone.

The Seawolves will finish out the semester with six games on the road against some of the best teams in the northeast. This past weekend they traveled to Pennsylvania to take on Penn State, Liberty, and Dayton.

Campus Voices: What do you think of the new Wellness Center?



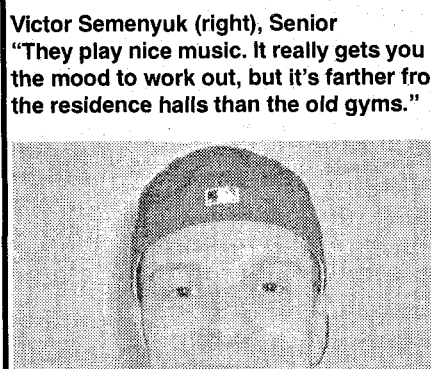
Brent Rogers (left), Junior
"There's a plethora of new equipment there. No matter what muscle I want worked, my needs are tended to."



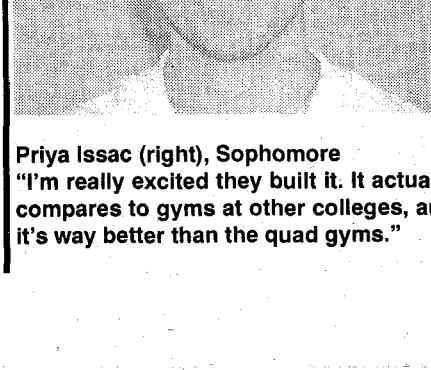
Linda Chesney (right), Senior
"They have a lot of great new equipment there, but a lot of people come in, so it's always full and busy."



Agnes Lesicka (left), Freshman
"The Wellness Center inspires me to exercise because it's just such an improvement from the other campus gyms. It's different; it's cleaner."



Victor Semenyuk (right), Senior
"They play nice music. It really gets you in the mood to work out, but it's farther from the residence halls than the old gyms."



Steve Naymagon (left), Junior
"The Wellness Center puts the Sports Complex to shame. It's so much cleaner. Finally, I can bench press without catching three diseases at once."



Priya Issac (right), Sophomore
"I'm really excited they built it. It actually compares to gyms at other colleges, and it's way better than the quad gyms."

A Liberal in the 1st Congressional District

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to see addressed in Congress are those that will be pushed along by Tim Bishop for the next two years.

Yet another obstacle that Bishop faces in his upcoming term as our representative is that his party is the minority. Even if he did want to try and pass some sort of legislation, it will most likely be shut down by the Republican majority in Congress.

So, what do all of us have to look forward to in the next two years? Sadly, we will have to put up with the antics of a far more

liberal leader than we have ever seen the likes of here in the 1st Congressional District. I just hope that, whoever Bishop's next opponent is, Newsday will not find a new way to use the word scurrilous. I know I got my fill of the word each and every day leading up to this past Nov. 5.

"Tim Bishop has about the same chance of getting re-elected in 2004 as Brian Galgano did against Caesar Trunzo in this past election," said sophomore Tim Cole, "I mean he [Galgano] did get a third of the vote, which is just about as many people as vote on party lines!"

I sure hope that Tim is right, for all of our sakes!

BREAST CANCER — ABORTION LINK

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- A 1989 New York State Department of Health study of 1,451 upstate and Long Island women who developed breast cancer between 1976 and 1980 before age 40 showed a significant 90% increase among women who had ever had any abortions and a significant 300% risk increase among women with two consecutive abortions.
- 13 out of 14 studies since 1957 show more breast cancer among American women who chose abortion (27 of 33 studies worldwide)
- A Los Angeles study (1981) found a significant 2-4 times higher incidence of breast cancer among women under 33 years of age who aborted their first baby.
- A Howard University study (1993) showed that African-American women over age 50 were 4.7 times more likely to get breast cancer if they had an abortion compared to women who had not had an abortion.

Breast Cancer and Abortion—The Biology

The type of female sex hormone called estrogen is the most potent stimulator of breast cell growth. In fact, the actions of most known risk factors for breast cancer are attributable to some form of estrogen overexposure. Abortion interrupts the natural process of breast development, leaving the breast with more cells that can become cancerous. Extra estrogen of pregnancy causes cells to proliferate. Third trimester hormones of a full-term pregnancy turn cells into milk-producing cells and turn off their growth (and cancer-forming) potential.

What you can do about the breast cancer-abortion link

- Prevention is the best cure—be informed before you “choose.”
- If you had an abortion, discuss this with your doctor for your breast health care.
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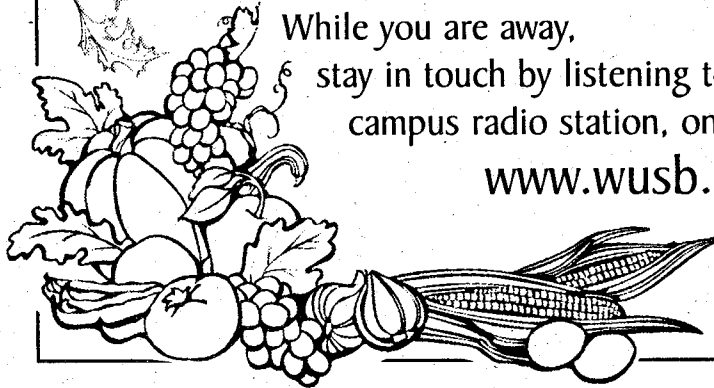
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Sports

Seawolves Make Late Game Comeback, Win Opener

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

Just check the scouting report. Jairus McCollum is known as an erratic player who doesn't play hard all the time. Well, a new McCollum showed up Saturday when the Seawolves beat the Sacred Heart Pioneers, 75-68, in overtime.

He announced his arrival with 21 points, 14 rebounds and five assists in Stony Brook's first win in a season opener since 1997.

"We've had our differences," coach Nick Macarchuk said as McCollum wrapped an arm around him. "But Jay

has been unbelievable for us. He's worked hard and he's keeping his mouth shut, and he's played great since the preseason."

McCollum's contribution is welcomed with what has become known as "The Cavalry" sitting on the bench. Last season's leading scorer, junior guard D.J. Munir, is academically ineligible for the first semester. Fordham transfer Tyrone Stallings and Cori Spencer, who will likely start, are also ineligible until Dec. 21.

So with a couple of dunks that nearly brought down the rim, McCollum showed that the Seawolves weren't going to roll over and just wait for The Cavalry to arrive.

"There's a lot of pressure on those of us who were here last year," he said. "We have to show that we're not the same guys that went six and whatever last season."

Last season the Seawolves lost 12 of their first 13 games and finished 6-20.

With Munir watching in street clothes the Seawolves looked a bit tight in the first half, shooting 31.3 percent from the field. "I think



Coach Macarchuk told his team they had to prove they could do well without star player D.J. Munir.

they were nervous early, but as the game went on they relaxed and played harder," Macarchuk said.

The Pioneers jumped to a 19-8 lead early in the first half. But McCollum showed his renewed work ethic after being called for a foul and a traveling violation by answering with a two-handed tomahawk dunk that capped a 12-0 run putting SBU ahead 20-19. Sacred Heart led at halftime 27-24.

Macarchuk said his team had plenty of opportunities to quit during the game but never gave in. "I told them, 'Go out there and don't play and we'll blame it

on D.J.," he said. "We have to prove to ourselves that we can win without D.J."

The void Munir left was filled by freshman Bobby Santiago in his debut. He finished with 16 points and four assists in 34 minutes. Santiago earned extra time for his hustle and starter Larry Jennings (four assists, six steals) was in foul trouble most of the game.

Santiago scored nine of the team's 13 points in the extra period, including a 19-foot jumper and forced a turnover that put his team ahead for good, 66-64, and ignited an 13-0 run to close the game.

With all the scoring, it was Stony Brook's defense that sealed the game. They forced 32 turnovers and 18 steals with a trapping, pressure defense that Macarchuk has preached since the first day of practice. And even when it broke down they were able to come up with plays like Mike Konopka's block with three seconds remaining that sent the game into OT.

"That in itself is the defense that wins the game," Macarchuk said.



Jairus McCollum led the Seawolves against Sacred Heart with a double-double (21 points, 14 rebounds).

Welcome to the SBU Seawolves, Freshman

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It's said that freshman are to be seen and not heard. So Seawolves guard Bobby Santiago quietly put his stamp on the game against Sacred Heart Saturday, scoring nine of his team's 13 points in overtime as Stony Brook beat Sacred Heart, 75-64.

Like most freshman, Santiago



Sacred Heart could only stand by and watch Santiago's resilient OT performance.

spent most of his energy trying to control his nerves as the team got ready for their season opener. He spent most of Friday night with teammates D.J. Munir and Larry Jennings, trying to keep his mind off of the game.

Jennings is the starter in place of Munir, who is academically ineligible for the first semester, and Santiago is the backup. Around midnight, Munir decided it was time for Santiago to go back to his room and get some sleep before the game.

"I got back to my room and I just got really excited," he said. "[But] I wished I could have slept until 1:30," just before the 2 o'clock tip-off.

Despite all the nervousness, Santiago, who had 16 points and four assists, managed to pull himself together and run the offense while starter Larry Jennings struggled with foul trouble. Santiago was able to put the jitters aside long enough to get a steal with under six minutes left in the



Starter Larry Jennings tried to help calm Santiago's nerves the night before the game.

game and throw an alley-oop pass to Jairus McCollum that erupted the gym and sparked a 8-2 run that put the Seawolves ahead 60-57 with under two minutes left in the game.

But as freshmen will, he made some mistakes. He fouled Pioneers' forward Mike Queenan as he scored a lay-up with 49.3 seconds left to play. The three-point play put Sacred Heart up 62-60.

The Seawolves tied the game on a 10-foot jumper by Mike Konopka

(12 points, two rebounds) with 32.5 seconds left and sent the game into overtime where Santiago redeemed himself. He nailed a jumper with his foot on the three-point line that put the Seawolves ahead 64-62 with three minutes left and hit 5 of 6 free-throws while the team closed the game with a 13-0 run.

"Bobby had nice poise for a freshman," coach Nick Macarchuk said. "Without him tonight we were in serious trouble."



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