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Cops: Brawl and Stabbings After Midnight Madness Not A Bias Crime

BY ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook University and Suffolk County police departments are working closely in the investigation of the violent altercation that broke out shortly after Midnight Madness, Friday Oct. 12th.

The brawl, which took place in a parking lot just outside the sports complex and is believed to have involved 15 to 20 men, left four seriously injured, two of whom were stabbed, police and medical officials said.

Although the clash was originally considered racially charged, it is no longer being investigated as a bias crime, according to SBU Deputy Police Chief Doug Little.

SBU police officers were dispatched to the scene at 2:10 a.m. Most of those involved in the scuffle fled upon their arrival.

The four who remained were taken to the SBU Medical Center for treatment. One of the three men was hospitalized as a result of the injuries. The others were quickly released. At least two people were stabbed.

"There will be a thorough investigation

into the incident. We're looking into some very serious crimes that were committed on our campus," Little said.

The exact details of the fight remain obscured, because many of the participants have remained silent, but it has been speculated that the fight was backlash against the middle-eastern community as a result of the Sept. 11th attacks.

Initially, investigators had considered the fracas to be a bias crime, but found insufficient evidence to substantiate the possibility.

"I can't quite say how it happened," Sixth Squad Det. Sgt. Charles Christ told Newsday. "In these types of situations one sudden move by anybody and the whole thing goes down. I can't attribute anything to any group definitively at this point," he added. "This is one of the reasons the hate-crime investigation was dropped."

This melee marks the second time this semester that a fight occurred at a campus event. The first brawl, which took place after an Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity party. Police showed up there as well.

"It's scary to think that we can't have events on campus without a fight breaking



Courtesy of SBU-TV

Most of those in attendance at the pep rally known as Midnight Madness left the Sports Complex, last Friday, before the fight that left two people stabbed broke out.

out," said freshman Joici Job.

Campus police stated repeatedly that none of the people involved in the Midnight Madness fight were members of the SBU community.

"We want people to enjoy what goes on here, however we want people to respect each other and respect their diversity and their background," Little said.

Action Star Jet Li Speaks to Statesman



Courtesy of www.jetli.com

Jet Li will star in "The One" next month.

BY CYNTHIA MBU-ETONGA
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Martial arts flicks like "Rush Hour" and "Romeo Must Die" have been pulling in the big bucks at the box office. Along with Jackie Chan, Jet Li is the next biggest name for this genre.

Jet Li has been an international

star for years and has produced and starred in over 40 films.

Most American audiences discovered him when he played the villain in "Lethal Weapon 4". Since then he has gained fame on the Western side of the world with movies such as "Black Mask", "Kiss of the Dragon" and of course "Romeo Must Die", which co-starred the beautiful and talented late singer/actress Aaliyah.

Hitting theatres this fall is "The One", a project Li chose over the Matrix sequel. The trailer shows it to be a movie that is jam-packed with all the action and special effects movie buffs crave.

This reporter, along with a few other college representatives, was fortunate enough to do a short online interview with this megastar. His answers reveal a simple man with simple ways. He showed pride in the project and had a lot to say about the business. Li also spoke kindly of

people he had been able to work with and even opened up about how he felt about the passing of singer/actress Aaliyah.

Here are excerpts of parts of the interview:

Hubert_SanDiegoState: What is it that drew you to do *The One*?

Jet Li: I thought the story was very interesting. I play a good guy and a bad guy in the same film, and I can fight myself.

Cynthia_SBU: You once dabbled with directing on *Born to Defend*, a movie I really enjoyed. Do you think you will try going behind the camera again?

Jet Li: I think I am not a very good director, but I like producing movies. I have produced nine movies in Hong Kong, so I will try to produce a movie in the States.

Cynthia_SBU: When did you realize that acting was something you wanted to do for a living?

Jet Li: When I finished my first movie, because when I was young I always did a lot of Kung Fu demonstrations around the world, but only a few hundred or thousand people watched it, but when you are making a movie the audience is much larger.

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WISE Program Profile

Calendar of Events



Shown above, a small group of WISE women at Whitman College.

By REETI CHAWLA
Statesman Staff

Nearly eight years ago, the National Science Foundation gave Stony Brook University a grant to create a program called Women in Science and Engineering (WISE). The program has opened up numerous opportunities for young women interested in pursuing careers traditionally dominated by men.

"The program was established to increase the number of women pursuing careers in science, math, and engineering," said WISE college coordinator Meredith Knight. "An emphasis was placed on women pursuing careers in the physical sciences where they have traditionally been underrepresented. However, numerous WISE scholars also choose to study the life sciences."

Since its establishment, applications to the WISE program have grown, making it an increasingly competitive process. The WISE program began in 1993 with 35 young women. This fall, the incoming class grew to 50 students.

The program is constantly changing to accommodate its higher demand. WISE has traditionally been a two-year program, but, beginning this fall, has developed into a four-year program.

In addition to offering numerous scholastic opportunities, the WISE program offers its students priority housing in Whitman College in Roth Quad. According to Aleri Tirsch, director of Whitman College, "The majority of first year WISE women live here. It's a nice camaraderie for them."

In fact, camaraderie is a defining aspect of the program. WISE students meet weekly to study and participate in social activities. The student mentoring program is an integral aspect of WISE and professes to offer its young women a positive, nurturing community.

WISE scholar Iram Zaidi said she greatly benefited from the program. "The mentoring group experience gave me a strong foundation at the university," Zaidi said. "My peer group was, and continues to be, an important part of my academic and social experience"

In addition to priority registration,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
Homecoming Parade, Center Drive, 9 p.m.

Neurobiology and Behavior Seminar, "Role of Sensory Processing in the Generation or Stepping and Standing. Room 140 BST Level 5, 1:30 p.m.-2:30p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
Homecoming Pep Rally, front of Sports Complex, 10:30 p.m.-midnight

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
Homecoming Football Game: Seawolves vs. Monmouth Hawks, SB Football Field, 12:30 p.m.
Video Dance Party, Fine Arts Plaza—Staller Center, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Seawolves Women's Volleyball vs. Maine, Sports Complex, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
Concert featuring the Neville Brothers, Staller Main Stage, 7 p.m.
Seawolves Women's Volleyball vs. New Hampshire, Sports Complex, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22
Breast and GYN Cancer Screening Lecture, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook Road, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Seawolves Women's Soccer vs. Columbia, Sports Complex, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
Lecture, "The Struggle Over Vieques' Juan Figueroa," BSB N-320, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
Seawolves Men's Soccer vs. Hofstra, Sports Complex, 3 p.m.
Seawolves Women's Soccer vs. Drexel, Sports Complex, 12 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
Seawolves Football vs. Jacksonville, Sports Complex, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
Seawolves Men's Soccer vs. Drexel, Sports Complex, 12 p.m.

WISE scholars also get the opportunity to enroll in classes geared towards the WISE program. First year students enroll in a special USB course called "On Becoming a Scientist," which introduces students to numerous research opportunities.

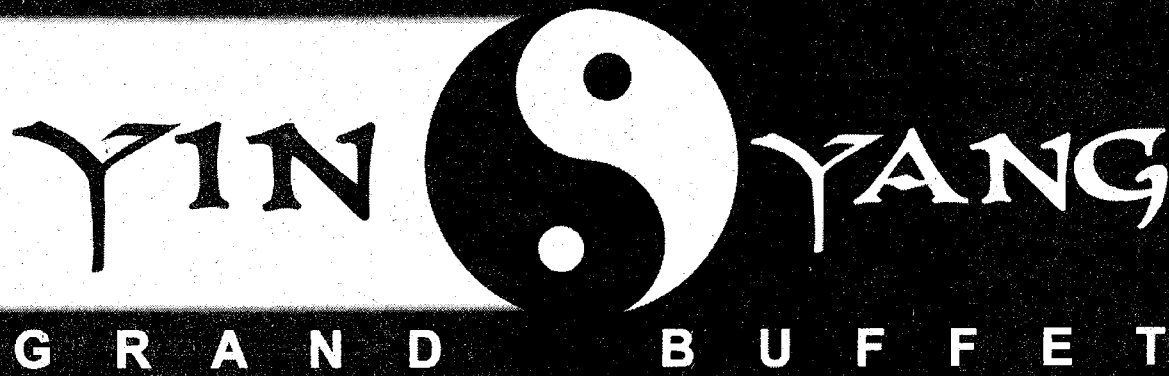
During their second year, WISE students enroll in a course entitled "The Social Dimensions of Science," in which students team up with scientists at

Brookhaven National Laboratory. The students and scientists discuss issues pertinent to science and society.

The program hopes to increase the connection between WISE and Whitman College. Program coordinators also seek to further intensify faculty interactions with WISE scholars.

For more information about WISE, the web site is at "<http://www.wise.sunysb.edu>"

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SBU First to be Elected to Institute of Medicine

BY ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Staff

M. Cristina Leske, M.D., M.P.H., was recently announced as one of the 60 newly elected members of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in an announcement made at the IOM headquarters in Washington D.C.

Leske is a Stony Brook University professor and chairs departments at the School of Medicine and the University Hospital. Election to the IOM is one of the most prestigious national honors that a physician or academician in the healthcare profession can receive.

The professor who is the Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine in the School of Medicine and University Hospital is the fourth person from the State University of New York system and the first from SBU to receive this honor.

"Dr. Leske is an outstanding physician and scientist who has achieved international recognition for her worldwide epidemiological research," Norman H. Edelman, M.D., Vice President/Health Sciences Center at Stony Brook University, said. "We are exceedingly proud of her many achievements and her recognition by the Institute of Medicine, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a physician," he added.

Leske has served on the



Courtesy of www.rfsuny.org

Cristina Leske, M.D., above.

National Advisory Eye Council and the National Institutes of Health that provides advice to the National Eye Institute on the allocation of research funds. She is the first woman to have been appointed chairperson in the School of Medicine at Stony Brook.

The doctor studied at the University of Chile School of Medicine and the Harvard University School of Public Health, and was the first woman to be appointed as chairperson of a department in the School of Medicine at Stony Brook.

She is also one of the few Hispanic women in the nation to head a large medical school department.

Leske's pioneering 15-year long study to measure the incidence and prevalence of blinding diseases in people of

African descent is the largest of its kind. Her research is at the forefront of epidemiological methods and investigating risk factors for eye diseases and breast cancer. She is a national leader in the conduction and maintenance of epidemiological studies and clinical trials, and has authored over 270 publications.

"I am deeply honored and pleased by the Institute of Medicine's recognition of the research conducted at Stony Brook," Leske said. "This work represents a team effort with collaborators from the Department of Preventive Medicine, and I appreciate their contributions."

The members of the IOM select the new members from a list of candidates who are chosen based on their contributions to health, medicine, or related fields. There are currently 632 members in the IOM.

Some of the projects the group works on include studies on improving palliative and end-of-life care for children and their families, how best to assure the health of the public in the 21st century, as well as the safety and efficacy of the anthrax vaccine for the U.S. military.

The members of the group which now includes Leske are both honored and obligated to work on behalf of the organization in its governance and studies.

BNL Scientists Discover How Virus Attacks Cells



Courtesy of www.bnl.gov

Viruses bond and take over cells.

BY CHRISTOPHER LATHAM
Statesman Editor

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) have deciphered the molecular interaction of how some viruses take over cells.

Published in the October issue of Nature Structural Biology, the research could lead to improved protections against viral infections, and may help scientists design virus-based vehicles for gene therapy.

The study reveals that the receptor protein for coxsackievirus — which infects the heart, brain, pancreas, and other organs forms pairs on the surface of human cells.

"This arrangement is advantageous for the virus," said Brookhaven biologist Paul Freimuth, one of the study's authors. "The binding becomes almost

irreversible, because both bonds would have to reverse simultaneously to release the virus. That increases the likelihood that the virus will infect the cell."

The studies also reveal that the binding sites on the virus are hidden from the body's immune system, which produces antibodies to fight infections.

"If you think of the virus as a golf ball, the binding sites that recognize the receptor are inside the dimples," Freimuth said. "Antibodies can't fit into the indentations, but the receptor is a slender molecule that can fit in."

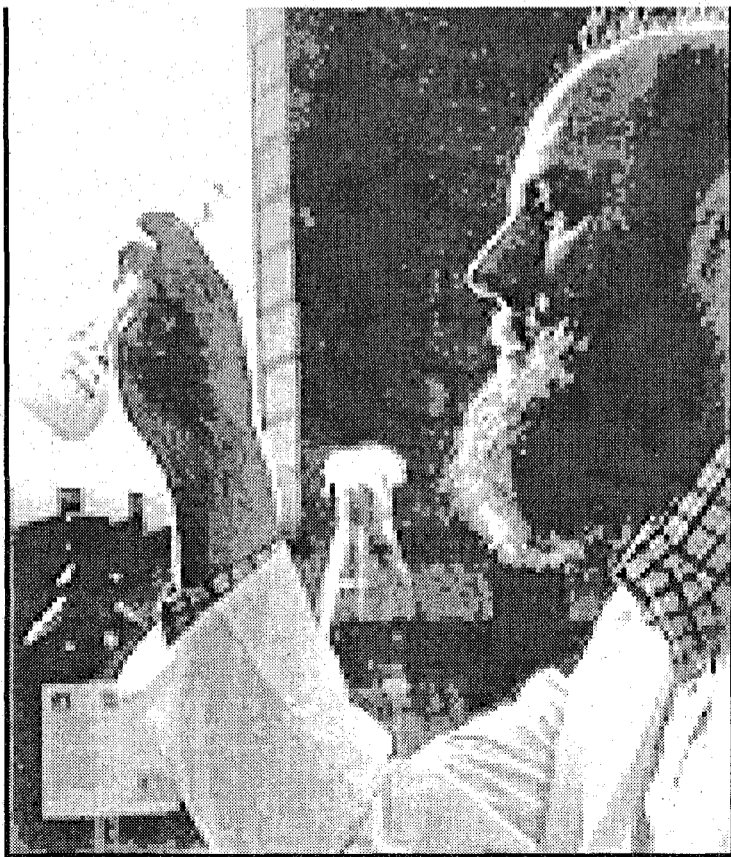
Both of features — hidden binding sites and simultaneous binding to multiple receptors — are shared by other viruses in the same family, including the virus that causes polio, the common cold and other respiratory and gastrointestinal infections.

"It's a very clever arrangement that these viruses have worked out and very hard to defeat," Freimuth said.

Scientists have tried administering single receptor-like molecules designed to tie up binding sites on a virus and block its ability to attach to cells. These haven't worked because the virus bond has been too strong. The new research could help find a way to break that bond.

The new findings might also help scientists interested in developing viruses used in gene therapy.

Scientist to Speak at BNL on Aging Process



Courtesy of www.bnl.gov

Caleb Finch will speak about aging at BNL next month.

BY GENE TULMAN
Statesman Editor

Caleb Finch will give a talk on the "Puzzles and Paradoxes of the Aging Process" at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), on Wednesday, November 14, at 4 p.m. in Berkner Hall. Anyone may attend the lecture, but valid photo identifications will be necessary for those entering the Laboratory site.

Finch received his undergraduate degree in biophysics from Yale University in 1961. He earned a Ph.D. from Rockefeller University in 1969. Finch is currently a Professor of Gerontology and Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California (USC).

Finch has received several major awards in biomedical gerontology. The list includes the 1985 Robert W. Kleemeier Award of the Gerontological Society of America, the 1995 Sandoz Premier Prize of the International Geriatric Association, and the 1999 American Aging Association's Research Award.

He has written over 350 scientific articles. In 1990, Finch published an internationally acclaimed reference book on aging, titled "Longevity, Senescence and the Genome" (University of Chicago Press). His last book, "Chance, Development and Aging" (Oxford Press, 1999), was co-authored with Thomas Kirkwood.

His lecture will include a discussion of the basis for the wide variations in life spans of different species. According to

Finch, genetics play a somewhat modest role in controlling life span and aging.

A demonstration of such a claim is fairly evident for nematode worms. Even though they have identical nature and nurture conditions, the individual life spans for nematode worms differ up to threefold.

Finch will explain similar dynamics for identical human twins, stressing the chronological differences in both longevity and onset of such phenomena as menopause and Alzheimer's disease.

Call (631) 344 2345 for more information about the lecture. The Laboratory is located on William Floyd Parkway (County Road 46), one-and-a-half miles north of Exit 68 of the Long Island Expressway (LIE).

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State Spending on Colleges Threatened

By PETER SCHMIDT
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

Public colleges throughout the nation are facing new reductions in their state support as a result of the continued deterioration of the economy and the financial aftershocks of the events of September 11.

Governors of at least nine states, including Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, and Nebraska, have either ordered, or told public colleges to prepare for, midyear rescissions in their state appropriations, ranging from 1 percent to 7 percent.

In many other states, including Illinois and Mississippi, governors or state fiscal analysts have signaled that cuts may be coming.

The fiscal outlook appears especially dire for public colleges in New York, where officials are still assessing the economic impact of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

The federal government and insurers are expected to pay for much of the physical damage, including the destruction of a \$280-million building belonging to the Borough of Manhattan Community College that was in the way when a section of the World Trade Center

complex collapsed.

However, both the state and New York City governments may be on their own in dealing with the loss of billions in tax revenues from the attack.

In Colorado lawmakers agreed this month to halt more than \$340-million worth of campus construction projects, and Washington State officials also have put a long list of such projects on hold.

The latest softening of the nation's economy has been under way for well over a year. The stock market began its nose dive in the spring of 2000, and the manufacturing sector, which dominates the economies of many Midwestern states, slowed down substantially that summer.

The economic effects of the attacks are still being measured, but they seem to have hastened the nation's economic slowdown and dealt a blow to state economies that depend heavily on tourism or the airline industry.

Washington State's fiscal outlook became a lot worse, however, after the attacks brought a huge decline in air travel, and the Boeing Company announced plans to lay off 30,000 workers.

In Florida, Gov. Jeb Bush has warned that the state

faces a shortfall of more than \$1-billion in its \$48-billion budget for the current fiscal year. He and legislative leaders have asked state agencies, including public colleges, to find ways to trim 5 percent of their spending in anticipation of a special session of the Legislature dealing with Florida's budget.

There is at least some good news for public colleges among the budget proposals being discussed by Governor Bush and by his counterpart in Hawaii, Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano.

While other states are talking about cutting back on campus construction, both Mr. Bush, a Republican, and Mr. Cayetano, a Democrat, have seized on the idea of pumping money into new higher-education facilities to try to stimulate their states' economies.

Mr. Cayetano's plan is currently further along than Bush's, and calls for spending \$300-million on buildings within the University of Hawaii System — including a new, \$150-million campus on West Oahu — as part of a \$1-billion stimulus package that he intends to submit to the state Legislature for approval.

"The alternative is to do nothing, and then we will have a real meltdown in the economy," Cayetano said.

UNC and Nike Agree on \$28-M Deal

By GOLDIE BLUMENSTYK
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has signed an eight-year contract with Nike worth more than \$28-million in cash and athletic shoes, apparel, and equipment.

Under the agreement, signed this week, all merchandise carrying the university's logo — including, for the first time, team uniforms — will be manufactured under anti-sweatshop labor codes set out by the university and the Fair Labor Association, an organization backed by apparel makers and major universities.

Rutledge Tufts Jr., a licensing official at Chapel Hill, said it is rare for universities to include team uniforms. UNC was able to persuade Nike to go along with the requirement in the deal for team uniforms by agreeing to abide by the fair-labor rules for all of its apparel purchases, Mr. Tufts said.

The Worker Rights Consortium's executive director, Scott J. Nova, also praised the deal. "It's a

significant precedent. We'll all have to see where it leads."

A Nike spokesman referred questions about fair-labor aspects of the contract to a corporate-communications official, who could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Steve Kirschner, spokesman for the Chapel Hill athletics department, said it was pleased that a standard for good labor conditions and provides "long-term financial stability for the athletics department."

The deal, which runs three years longer and is worth substantially more than Chapel Hill's previous two agreements with Nike, calls for the Beaverton, Ore., company to provide the university with more than \$18-million worth of uniforms, shoes, and equipment for eight years.

The university received an average of \$539,000 a year from such sales over the past three years. The university uses 75 percent of its apparel-licensing revenue for general scholarships for students, and gives the rest to the athletics department.

The deal also calls for Nike to pay a total of

\$920,000 a year to eight coaches, in varying amounts, for personal contracts.

In addition, the company will pay \$100,000 a year to the athletics department for general use, and an additional \$100,000 a year to the department for an incentive program designed to reward coaches or programs for such achievements as winning championships or having a number of team members do well academically.

Nike is also providing \$100,000 a year to an academic-enhancement fund controlled by the chancellor, who plans to spend that money on undergraduate education.

Should Chapel Hill change its policy and allow corporate sponsorship in its basketball arena or football stadium, Nike would have the right to advertise there under the new contract at no additional cost.

Nike said the contract is "among the largest" of its kind between the company and a university, but would not confirm that it is the largest. The new deal will go into effect in July, when the existing \$11.6-million agreement expires.

Purdue Grapples With Neo-Nazi Student

By ERIC HOOVER
Courtesy of Chronicle of Higher Education

Paul Fallavollita seems like a typical graduate student. He teaches a discussion section, "Introduction to International Relations." He is pursuing a Ph.D. in political science, and he generally strikes professors in his department, at Purdue University at West Lafayette, as bright and mild-mannered.

However, Mr. Fallavollita has openly written that Jews are inferior to the "Aryan race" and that "whites will win and recover a land and future for themselves."

The unusual situation has sparked a conflict between faculty members' respect for students' political beliefs and the sudden realization that one of their students is a member of what the Anti-Defamation League calls "the single most dangerous organized hate group" in the United States: the West Virginia-based National Alliance.

Last month, a faculty member at Purdue came across numerous writings by Mr. Fallavollita that

were posted on the Internet, including "Why We Will Win," the winning entry in an essay contest sponsored by the National Alliance, a neo-Nazi group with more than 1,500 members and 35 "cells" across the country.

"The race which best aligns itself with the will of Nature is the race that inherits the earth," Mr. Fallavollita wrote in the essay. "The Aryan race has a decisive edge in this cosmic competition. Our Asian competitors are merely imitative rather than creative, Africans are oriented toward superstition, and even the Jews occasionally bend the knee and shake the odd shekel for Yahweh."

After copies of Mr. Fallavollita's essay were circulated among numerous members of the political-science department in September, many faculty members became upset and concerned about their safety, according to several professors who declined to

Sources said that Alysa C. Rollock, Purdue's vice president for human relations, met with

members of the department on September 28 and urged them not to do anything that might infringe on Mr. Fallavollita's right to get an education.

For now, members of the department are privately grappling with how to balance Mr. Fallavollita's civil liberties with Purdue's mission to foster diversity, his writings with the fact that the department has black and Jewish members.

In his posting on the Vanguard News Network, Mr. Fallavollita defended his right to his beliefs:

"My position on the issue is that my political beliefs are my business, and what I do on the Internet is my business as well. The purposes toward which I seek to put my education are not for anyone to judge; the university provides a service and I am a customer. I treat the people I meet each day with respect, regardless of my political beliefs."

He concluded: "I am an Internet columnist, and a White American nationalist. I am a Ph.D. student, and a professor-to-be. Stand aside."

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Editorial

Veteran's Day, Every Day

The bombs have been "bursting in air" over Afghanistan for almost two weeks now. We have seen round-the-clock raids on a nation whose government protects the likes of bin Laden instead of its own innocent, law-abiding citizens.

There are those on campus and in our nation who feel that two weeks of air strikes is two weeks too many.

"Another senseless war" and "An eye for an eye leaves the world blind" were examples of the many protest signs carried by angry students yesterday, some of whom feel that our military campaign is an act of terror itself.

Of course, if the whole world *were* to become blind, at least the *real* terrorists couldn't locate our tall buildings for destructive purposes. But that is for another debate. The fact of the matter is that the current military campaign is here to stay.

President Bush has asserted that this will

be a long, arduous campaign to rid the globe of terrorism.

"You mark my words, people are going to tire of the war on terrorism," he said Tuesday. "And, by the way, it may take longer than two years...there's a variety of theaters."

Strong words from a determined man. No doubt this will upset more people than it already has.

But there's one thing we all must remember, irrespective of our support or opposition to the president's position:

Our soldiers will bear the brunt of the campaign, and they deserve our steadfast salute.

There hasn't been a military draft since Vietnam. All the men and women who wear our uniform, therefore, are *volunteers*. They have offered to put their lives on the line for us to fight the new battles of the 21st century.

They are the best America has to offer. Stand by them during these hard times.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Paul B. Wiener,

This is a response to the questions you posed in your Oct. 11th Letter to the Editor regarding Islam, the Taliban, and extremism.

The treatment of women by the Taliban violates over 1,400 years of Islamic legal tradition. Women in Islam are regarded as equals of their male counterparts. Both women and men were commanded by the Prophet Muhammad to pursue an education. Islam gave women the right to divorce, to inheritance, to their own sexuality, and to vote hundreds of years before Western civilization.

In addition, women are afforded a special status because their role as mothers and caretakers are regarded as a great duty. However, childbirth is not regarded as a punishment upon women for the "original sin". Islam holds both Adam and Eve equally accountable for their shortcomings - and only them.

In fact, the Prophet Muhammad stated that "Paradise lies at the feet of your mother", meaning the respect of one's mother and in extension, all women, is a prerequisite for entering Paradise.

In regards to pursuing a career, Khadjia, the first wife of the Prophet Muhammad, owned her own business. Following the death of Khadjia, Muhammad married Aisha,

who eventually became a Muslim jurist and philanthropist.

Furthermore, the pages of Islamic history are ripe with stories of the great Muslim women of the past. One of the greatest Sufi Muslim mystic was a woman named Rabia al-Basri. Among the treasures left the world included:

"I won't serve God like a laborer expecting wages."

and

"My heart brimming with Your hope is the rarest of riches."

My tongue tasting Your Name is the sweetest of flavors.

Moments passed with you transcends time.

I am a lonesome stranger in Your world.

This is why I am complaining."

Muslim women have assumed the highest positions of office in medieval times:

Sitt al-Mulk (Fatimid Empire), Shajarat al-Durr (Mamluk Dynasty), Razia Sultana (Mughal Empire), and in modern times: Benazir Bhutto (Pakistan), Tansu Ciller (Turkey), Sheikh Hasina (Bangladesh), and Khaleda Zia (Bangladesh).

In regards to the Taliban, their treatment of women stems from:

1) The confusion of their pre-modern tribal code, *Pashtunwali*, with the egalitarian precepts of Islam.

2) The fact that most of the *Talibs* (students), whom compose their grassroots, have spent much

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Op-Ed

This Time It's a Just War

By RABBI JOSEPH S. TOPEK
Special to the Statesman

Each day many of us pray for world peace, but we know that the chances are this prayer will not be answered any time soon. In this century alone, we have witnessed some of the greatest evils perpetrated by humankind and the resulting barbarism of their implementation. The bloodletting of World War I, the murderous purges of Stalin, the aggressive war mongering of the Axis powers, and of course, Nazism.

We Americans have played a role in these affairs as well. Ostensibly to stop the spread of persecution, aggression, and oppressive regimes, yet often our own tactics have been questionable. Sometimes we have

supported political regimes that are as brutal as those we seek to stop. There have been times when our military tactics have resulted in unnecessary civilian deaths, and we have tried to cover up that fact.

Perhaps we have hesitated to act out of a sense of doubt in our moral position, or maybe it's just that most American politicians are gun shy when it comes to putting American lives on the line.

Now we are engaged in a war against a somewhat elusive enemy. We have called this enemy "terrorism," but in fact it is groups, organizations, and networks of people who have a particular goal and method of achieving it. They have an ideology, sometimes fueled by radicalized religious beliefs,

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Feminist Rants:

Let There Be Light!

BY MARIE HUCHTON
Statesman Editor

I've spent the last two weeks writing about language and abstract feminist principles, so, not wanting to bore anyone too much, I'll now completely switch my focus. Instead of criticizing culture, I'll criticize Stony Brook.

Everyone loves stories, so here's another personal narrative: I was walking back to my dorm around 9:30 p.m. last night from the Union (and I live in Tabler so that's quite a hike across the campus), and I noticed (again) how incredibly dark our campus is. Huge stretches of darkness are illuminated by a few sporadically working streetlights. The campus is desolate and if you pass more than five people it's a miracle.

Walking anywhere at 9:30 is not that bad, but walking alone across campus at three in the morning is enough to make anyone paranoid. I'm not just speaking to women when I'm talking about walking alone at night (although women are generally targets of sexual violence whereas men are more targets of physical violence).

On this campus, it's actually more likely that a guy will get jumped or mugged while walking alone at night than a girl. Despite this reassuring statistic, most of the female students I know are unwilling to go anywhere alone after dark.

Any reader who has walked around this campus after the sun has gone down (and during the winter, that's any time after 5 p.m.) knows how poorly lit anything off the academic mall is. Even the zebra path and the Staller pit lack adequate lighting, not to

mention Engineering, the path between Javits and Roth, and anything by Life Sciences or Kelly.

Many of these highly traveled sidewalks lack streetlights, and the fact that the few streetlights present don't work is ludicrous. Many of the lights are permanently burned out, but the ones that annoy me even more are those that stay on until I come within 20 feet of them, turn off as I walk under them, and then turn back on after I'm 10 feet past.

I'm not really sure if this is an intentional reverse motion sensor light, or if the wiring is just poorly done, but these occurrences certainly don't add to my feeling of safety on campus.

Since this is my forum to criticize, I also want to address the emergency call boxes on campus. I'm glad we have them, but they are few and far between, and there is no guarantee that if something were to happen the nearest call box would not be ensconced in tape with an "Out of Order" sign hanging from it.

The policies at most college campuses require a blue phone to be visible from any point on campus, but at Stony Brook, unless I squint and mentally remove some buildings, this does not apply.

The campus is gradually working towards a higher level of security, but it's taking too long and too many bad things have already happened (like the stabbing last weekend).

I doubt any readers will petition the administration after this article, but if people just start to notice how dark and unsafe the campus is at night, then I haven't wasted my time in writing this.

Club Spotlight: VSA

BY BHUMIKA BALGOBIN
Statesman Staff

An interview with Huong-Vy Le, President, and Minh Tran, Secretary

Q: What is the VSA all about?

A: As a cultural club, the Vietnamese Students Association is primarily about presenting the Vietnamese culture to the public. VSA would like to give the general public a better understanding of the Vietnamese culture, traditions, and customs through the festivals and cultural shows that we will participate in. VSA is also about creating and maintaining friendships among members and other groups on campus.

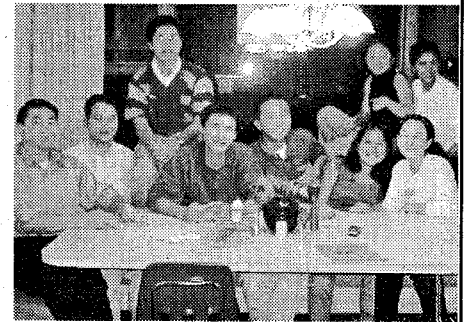
Q: When was this club founded and why?

A: VSA was founded several years ago but it was considered "non-existent" for the last two years. This year a new patch of dedicated and committed students would like to continue VSA history at Stony Brook University.

Q: What are some of the events that the VSA sponsors?

A: Since it's a "new" club, VSA was honored and proud to participate in the Harvest Festival in early October, which was sponsored by CASB [Chinese Association at Stony Brook University].

Q: What are some new events that you have planned for the 2001-



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The VSA hopes to create a better public understanding of Vietnamese culture.

2002 academic year?

A: Fall Semester Movie Nights showing "Three Seasons," "Letters to Thien," and "Sweet Scent of Papaya." Also, Thanksgiving Dinner-Vietnamese cuisine and karaoke in Vietnamese and English.

Q: How is the VSA different from other clubs at Stony Brook?

The main difference between VSA and other clubs is the name and the culture that we represent. We're also focusing on giving back to the community by initiating fun and cultural events for the public.

We're also participating in community and volunteering services with other groups and programs on campus. For instance, we're doing FAST for World Harvest Drive and Hunger Banquet with CCM and OXFAM America, and

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Sugar Ray a Success Despite Several Problems

BY RYAN SOBEL
Statesman Editor

Popular pop/rock band Sugar Ray invaded the Sports Complex at SBU Tuesday night, knocking the roof right off of the building. The concert is the first to be held in Stony Brook since 3 Doors Down performed last semester.

The Student Polity Activities Board (SPAB) and local Long Island radio station WBLI both sponsored and promoted the show, which opened its doors to the public at 7:00 p.m., a half hour later than the scheduled time.

Though the turnout for the concert was a bit more impressive than last year's, the many empty bleachers confirmed that the event could have greatly benefited from more advertising and promotion.

It is also possible, however, that some people did not consider it a bargain to spend \$20 on a single famous band and two relatively unknowns.

SPAB's choice to hire local bands was purely experimental. They rejected the notion of having a signed band play in an attempt to help some of the prominent local talent get discovered. In principle, this seemed like a good idea. In practice, it was an entirely different story.

The first round of the local

opening band experiment began harmlessly enough with Halfmanwonder churning out the first few of its pop/rock-tinged chords. In fact, the crowd almost seemed to like it. Well, almost. Halfway through the set, the band's songs drastically changed in style to a Blink 182-esque punk sound.

If this wasn't confusing enough, Halfmanwonder was playing musical chairs with its frontmen. Lead vocal duties were seemingly split evenly among the three lead guitarists, each with his own singing style.

On the bright side, Halfmanwonder did manage to get the crowd on its feet for a while. As was proven in the next act, this feat is much more impressive than it sounds.

The other opening band, Iridesense, showed little promise from the get-go, playing a fairly un-catchy six-song set. The band managed to jar four or five spectators out of their seats. The dancers all sported Sugar Ray posters, however.

Near the end of the set, the band psyched up the audience for "Obvious," its feature pseudo-emotional tune about getting out of a relationship. In the long run, though, (about 25 minutes on stage), Iridesense

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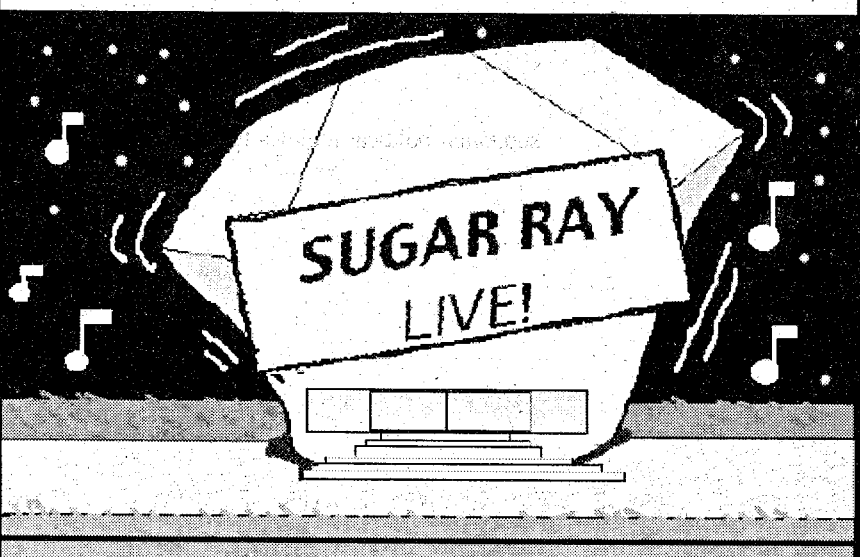
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Statesman Staff

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WHEN THIS PLACE IS AH
ROCKIN,
THE PEOPLE COME AH
KNOCKIN!



VSA Interview Sugar Ray Concert Review

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we're part of the Green Team memorial garden.

Q: What does the VSA mean to you?

Vietnamese Students Association signifies friendship and unity. We're united for the same causes and we're maintaining a homely environment for every one at Stony Brook community.

Q: What are some of the things that you would like prospective members to know about the VSA?

First of all, we would like any prospective member to know that we greatly appreciate their interest, and that we hope they will decide to become a member. We would also like the public to know that even though we carry the name Vietnamese Students Association, it does not indicate, in any way, that the club is exclusive to Vietnamese students. VSA welcomes any and all members, and we value their commitment to us.

Furthermore, it is important for us that all prospective members know that the club is meant to offer as much enjoyment to our members as possible. Therefore we take into consideration any and all ideas and proposals that our members put forward. We wish for our members to have as much fun as possible while gaining an in-depth understanding of our culture.

Q: Please include anything else here that you would like us to know about the VSA.

A: We have a relatively small population of Vietnamese students, around 30, at Stony Brook University, but we have at least 10 dedicated and committed members at every meeting. VSA members are leaders and members of a variety of organizations on campus.

Q: When are your regular meetings? What is the contact information of the VSA?

A: We have bi-weekly meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and we have informal meeting every other Wednesday during Campus Lifetime.

[Contact Information: E-mail: vsa@ic.sunysb.edu. Or President: Huong-Vy Le at 216-3054 or 632-6636 Also visit us online at <http://www.sinc.sunysb.edu/clubs/vsa>.]

Letter to the Editor

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of their lives in *madrasahs* (schools) that have no women. By the way, these institutions are a joke compared to real Islamic schools which taught Islamic jurisprudence, philosophy, and theology, in addition to history and mathematics.

The leader of the Taliban, Mullah Omar, has only left his hometown Kandahar on a handful of occasions. Not only are his worldviews narrow and his Islamic education deficient, his policies also make life hell for men.

I urge you to read an article entitled "Afghanistan's Taliban: Not a valid interpretation of Islam", written by Dr. Laila Al-Marayati, the former president of the Muslim Women's League, and a former member of the State Department's Committee on International Religious Freedom. The article can be obtained on the web at http://www.mwusa.org/news_afghan2.html.

Hope this has been helpful.

Sincerely,
Arif Rafiq

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impressed only the silent minority. At least the band seemed like it was having fun.

At 9:15 p.m., Sugar Ray took the stage in an undramatic fashion. The duration of their 12-song set, however, was anything but.

Using their time wisely, Sugar Ray churned out all of its radio hits to massive public hysteria and approval. The set included such chart-toppers as "When It's Over," "Someday," "Falls Apart," as well as an emotional, extended version of "Fly," played in tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11 attack.

The show, which coincidentally was the band's first since the attack, was filled with lead singer

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and they are well organized and well funded.

Most are also sheltered, protected, and even directly supported by governments who share their ideology but who cannot engage in their tactics or risk political isolation or retaliation. Some of these governments are even countries that the United States likes to call friends or whom we openly court economically or diplomatically.

For the past several days, many of these governments and organizations have been engaged in a frenzied round of media diplomacy intended to justify Middle Eastern anger at the United States. This diplomacy is meant to "explain" why we were attacked on Sept. 11.

Some of these efforts are very subtle, such as the Saudi prince who delivered a \$10 million check for the victims of the World Trade Center attack. He donated these funds with one hand, while with the other he distributed a press release saying that the United States should rethink its Middle Eastern policies so that such things may not happen in the future. Mayor Giuliani wisely returned the check.

Other efforts are not so subtle. Al Qaeda, Osama bin Ladin's organization, openly blames the U.S. policy of support for Israel as the justification for its acts of terror, with concurrence from the Taliban and other radical regimes.

Let us remember that Saddam Hussein also claimed in 1990 that his invasion of Kuwait was for the purpose of helping the Palestinians in their plight. Most Palestinians, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (now known as the Palestinian Authority), supported Saddam Hussein and paid a heavy price for it, even in the Arab world.

Now Osama bin Ladin lays claim to the same cause, and a chorus of nodding heads throughout the Middle East seem to agree with his linkage. All except, ironically, Mr. Arafat, the Palestinian leader and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Arafat is as threatened by bin Ladin as anyone else on the Al Qaeda enemy list.

Palestinian radical factions, like Hamas and Islamic Jihad embrace bin Ladin and his hatred of America, Israel, and the Jews. Arafat knows that the acts of Sept. 11 had nothing to do with the Palestinians. Sept. 11 was being planned while he was still at Camp David with Bill Clinton and Ehud Barak, seemingly on the brink of a settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Sept. 11 would have happened anyway, settlement or no settlement. This is not about the Palestinians any more than Kuwait was about the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, we Americans do not have to resort to our failed old tactic of "making the world safe for democracy," but we do have an obligation to make the world safe from terrorism. We have this obligation as much as we had the obligation to stop Nazism from taking over all of Europe and eventually dominating much of the world.

Certain political ideologies are not morally relative or just seem bad because we think ours is better. Nazism was evil and needed to be eradicated. Terrorism is evil and it needs to be eradicated as well. The Nazis were masterful at propaganda, and some of the terror organizations are pretty good at it too.

Mark McGrath's typical antics. At one point, he jumped off the stage and trekked through the audience, using his crotch a, well, let's call it a "microphone holder."

In the night's most humorous occurrence, McGrath pulled two fans onstage for an unsuccessful karaoke competition (neither of the two competitors knew the words to Limp Bizkit's "Rollin'" or Crazytown's "Butterfly").

All in all, the concert was, indeed, a success. Even though SPAB turned the two opening bands into guinea pigs for its futile experiment, Sugar Ray's set alone was well worth the price of admission.

They have tried to use the unfortunate situation of the Palestinians to deflect responsibility for their actions. Now they will invariably use civilian casualties from U.S. and British bombing raids on military targets and training camps to gain sympathy. Let us remember, however, with whom we are dealing.

These are organizations that plot the murder of innocent civilians and destruction of property on a massive scale with the belief that somehow it will result in political gain for them. They are supported by governments that routinely oppress and kill their own citizens by the thousands. These are places where there is no freedom of expression, no civil rights, and where no elections are held.

There is no moral equivalence between their acts of terror and repression and our putting a stop to them. Perhaps worst of all, many of them have distorted and abused one of the world's truly great religious traditions and turned it into a tool of repression and control. Our own Muslim neighbors here in the U.S. have been working mightily to dispel the myths about their religion and the distortions that have been portrayed in the media.

We must be exceedingly careful to not allow those who have hijacked airplanes to also hijack Islam. Terrorists are terrorists because they are committed to using violence to intimidate civilians and to achieve a political goal, not because they claim to be members of a particular religion.

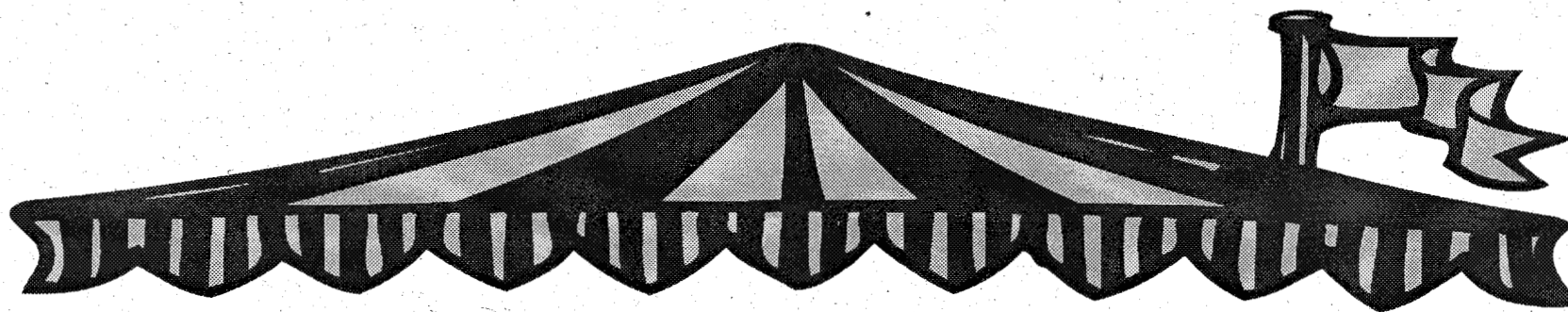
Ideally, war is a last resort when all other efforts at negotiation and diplomacy have failed. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pointed out, in less than diplomatic terms, that we should not repeat the mistake made in the 1930's of appeasing the Nazis in hopes that they would be satisfied.

In my tradition G-d made His revelation to us (humankind) and then placed it in our hands, giving us the responsibility to build a world based on His teachings. These teachings include defending ourselves and other innocents against murder and violence. These teachings include liberating those who suffer from oppression and establishing societies based on justice.

These teachings include eliminating persecution of people because of their race, religion, gender, or anything else that makes them different or unique, for we all, each and every one of us, were created in the image of G-d. It also means acknowledging that there is evil in the world, and some of our fellow humans are its perpetrators. It does not have some independent source outside of our control.

In the book of Deuteronomy (30:19) G-d says to us, "I have set before you this day life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life that you may live." This is the choice we face today. It is our sacred duty to choose life and blessing, and eliminate its antithesis. Those of us who pray each day for world peace must rededicate ourselves to that charge and hope that this grim task will bring us that much closer to its realization.

Rabbi Joseph S. Topek is the Director of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life and Jewish Chaplain in the Interfaith Center.



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On-Line Interview With Jet Li

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Cynthia_SBU: Superman, Batman or Spiderman?

Jet Li: Superman.

Cynthia_SBU: What is the best part about producing your own movies?

Jet Li: You can come up with the idea on your own and find a good director and put them together to make the things you really want to do.

Cynthia_SBU: What do you never leave home without?

Jet Li: I never leave home without my prayer beads.

Stefanie_NArizonaU: What happened when you heard of Aaliyah's untimely death?

Jet Li: When I heard of her death, I felt very upset. When we were working on *Romeo Must Die*, she was like my younger sister. She is very sweet and charming.

I told her I had another story I wanted her to work with me on, and she promised to work with me on it. It



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Action star Jet Li will star in "The One" next month.

would only happen in my dream now.

Cynthia_SBU: One sentence to convince me to go see *The One*.

Jet Li: Jet Li kicks Jet Li's _____. Go see *The One*!

The movie hits theatres nationwide Nov. 2. Check back with The Statesman next month for the movie's review.

"Hey Baby, What's Your Sign?"

By WANDA CALAMIA
Statesman Contributor

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)
Your time has come for self-renewal. Embrace this time in your life. Many positive changes will take place if you let them.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)
How many chances does one get? Second chances are vital for you today - make a move!

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)
You have a itch for travel. Start looking into trips, it could mean career opportunities.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Start organizing your priorities - it will make your studies a lot easier. Try a planner if you don't already have one.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)
As a water sign, you reflect many sides. Spend some time with a good friend to get to know his or her side of things.

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20)
Reevaluate your financial status. Start budgeting your money in order to save up for future expenditures.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You will find that many of your friends are preoccupied with other things in their lives. Try to stay focused on one thing at a time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Current events have made you realize what's important in life. Never underestimate the power of forgiveness.

Gemini (May 21- June 21)
There are a couple of important issues on your mind. When it comes to making hard decisions, just play it cool.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Times are changing and so is your family. Call them just to say "I love you." It will make you feel better.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Relationships are on the rocks. Stop being so judgmental, life is way too short!

Virgo (August 23-Sept 22)
Love is the air, and unfortunately you'll have to be faced with a tough romantic decision. Is it really all worth it?

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determined not to let that happen again.", said Senior Captain Jesse Muro.

Drexel jumped out to an early lead when they scored off a scramble in front of SBU goaltender Dan Diprima, five minutes into the first period.

For the first and only time this season the Seawolves trailed their opponent, however this would not last long.

Eight minutes later senior forward Brad Thomas took a pass from Jesse Muro and timed it past the Drexel goaltender to tie the game at one.

It would take Stony Brook a period and a half to pull away but forward #17 Vinny Kelly (2 goals) scored on a breakaway with

eight minutes remaining in the second period to give SBU the lead for good.

Leading the way for the Seawolves was #7 James Sedoruk (2 goals), #8 Anthony DeMichele (2 goals), and #29 Doug Hoffman (3 assists). Goaltender Dan Diprima stopped 39 of 43 shots to earn his second victory of the season.

The Seawolves are on the road this weekend with games against NYU and Rider. The NYU game will be one of the toughest games for SBU this season. NYU is ranked 9th in the nation just behind Stony Brook.

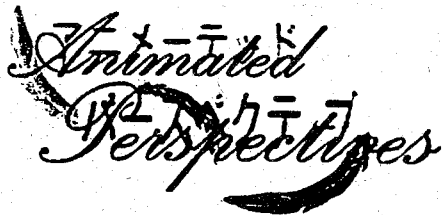
Also, they snapped the longest winning streak in Seawolves' history two seasons ago at 20 games, but SBU had the last laugh defeating them for the MCHC championship that year.

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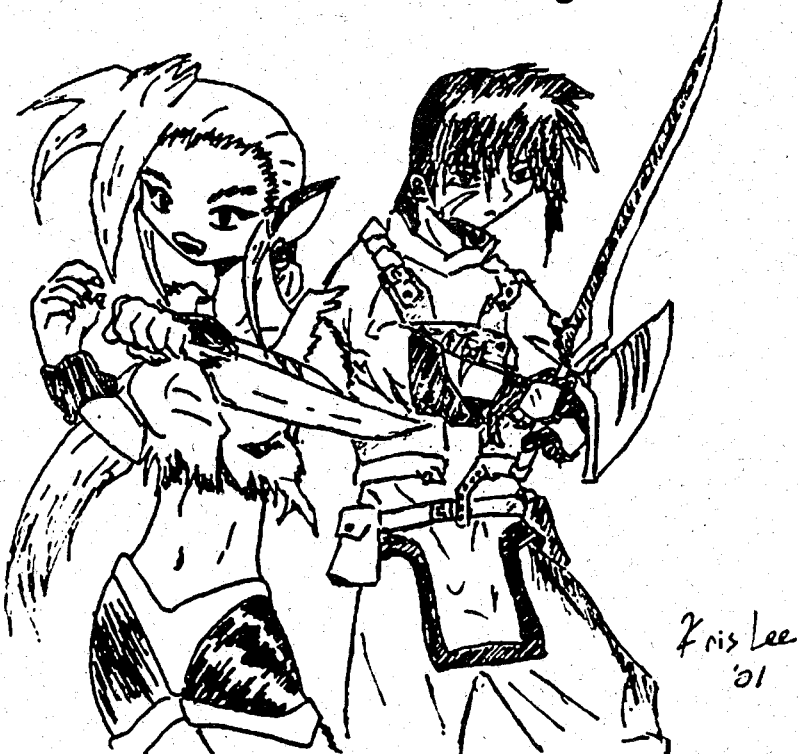
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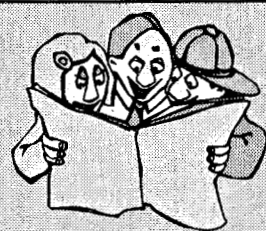
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Bird Song: Composition Two



By KRISTOPHER LEE
Statesman Staff

Her name was Crista Parks. "Was." It sounds right but it's not as if she's dead or that this happened ages ago, but grammatically it sounds right. I miss her. Sometimes she would let me call her "Red," after the dress that I found her in. I like how it fit so well with my last name: Blue. John J. Blue.

My apartment was never really big. Just right for me, so when Jessica became a resident I had to make a few changes for her. The bedroom-slash-kitchen became hers and I took the little room adjacent to it as my sleeping quarters. This is where I relocated the keyboard and songs I was working on.

And as a bachelor I had to learn a few things: You learn that

changing in the bathroom is more ... polite. Use of the bathroom in the mornings is timed and for the first time the toilet seat becomes an "issue."

Food apparently tastes better when eaten over a plate instead of the sink. You make more friends if your laundry is clean. And even closet space

is not exempt. Men are men, so they don't need much closet space.

But each sex is looked at with a set of expectations. Men, for example, are supposed to make sacrifices, be gentle and kind towards women. It's no small wonder that I let her have the bed. She tried to refuse and switch places with me. She would even go to sleep first in the loveseat. But it always ended with me carrying her back to the bed, placing her under the sheets, and watching her for a while. Even then I had a feeling that as I cradled her to the bed she was awake, enjoying my chivalry. She slept with a smile after I did this.

Life changes dramatically when you live with a woman. As time goes on and eccentricities become routine,

you forget what was annoying in the beginning. The funny thing is that in one day Crista had become my first guest, the first woman in my apartment, and roommate. It was a fast relationship but it seemed to flow and work out. The change wasn't as bad as I thought it would be.

I've come to realize how empty my life was before meeting her. How lonely and quiet the apartment was without her softly humming a tune or gently walking by. The scuffing sounds of her socks on the wood floor gave me a homely feeling I never had before. I would listen to her singing in the shower sitting up against the door, pretending to be waiting to use the bathroom. The littlest things, from making breakfast to dressing, become an adventure with two. The



definition of living changes when you have someone else to care for.

Pretty soon you don't care how or why you got together. You just try to stay living together as long as possible. But nothing lasts forever.

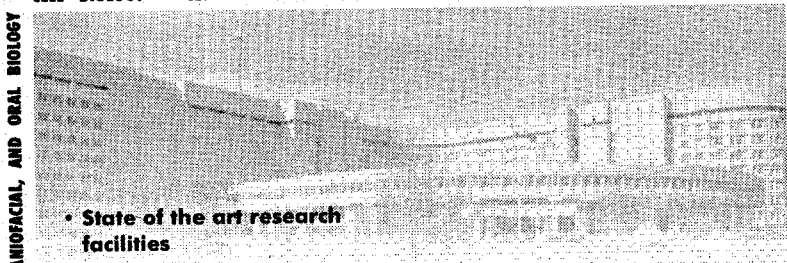


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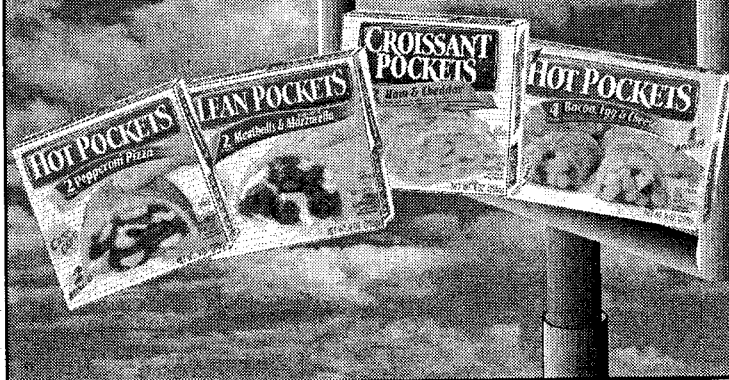
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Rock of Ages: Dylan, Hiatt and Parker

By MICHAEL KIMMEL
Statesman Contributor

It's hard to imagine elderly pop musicians. Geriatric rock is an oxymoron. The 60's are supposed to be an era, not a stage of life.

Yet new albums by some of pop music's most durable stars disprove all predictions. Bob Dylan, John Hiatt and Graham Parker began their careers 35 years ago - hell, they're

even older than I am! Dylan, who embodied the 60's as a decade is now 60 years old! But their new records are as fresh and strong as anything by their children (including Jakob Dylan).

Much of Dylan's power comes from his amazing ability to reinvent himself over and over again within the same musical genre. I'm not talking about the Beach Boys here, who pretend that it's still 1962 - even though by now they've

become a caricature of themselves - singing the exact same tunes with the same harmonies for 35 years, and now sounding (and looking) more like Beached Whales than Beach Boys. Instead, Dylan stays close to the musical styles that defined his career, exploring them for new and still-powerful sounds and images.

The first thing you'll notice about Dylan's new album *Love and Theft* (Columbia) - his 43rd! - is the music. It's a virtual tour through the musical styles of the past century, a crash-course in Americana, taught by the master professor himself. There are references to rockabilly, swing, ragtime, blues, folk, rock, and country music, a Dylan staple since Nashville Skyline. The album's title itself comes from historian Eric Lott's study of blackface minstrel shows in the 19th century - a recognition of the ways in which all popular musical forms both adore and plagiarize.

Yet as stylistically diverse as this album is, the lyrics always return to his major preoccupations in the futility and fragility of love, the vainglory of political poseurs, the terrifying meaninglessness of striving, and the absolute existential necessity to keep on keeping on. And, as usual, it's delivered with that familiar aching twangy voice, now more gruff, and even less melodic, than ever.

Dylan's lyrics were always his forte; his work is the subject of countless college poetry courses. And while much of this album centers around love and its discontents, there is an ominous prescience about the political crisis in which we find ourselves. (The album was released on September 11th.)

Sure, some songs seem too self-referential, too-egocentric, bordering on self-parody. *Po Boy* is more borscht belt comedian than king of folk rock; he even tosses in a dumb knock-knock joke!

Graham Parker has also used biting sarcasm to drive home their music points. Once the bad boy of British rock, and billed as the next best thing, Parker's career has ambled over a pop terrain that he's had to invent as he went along. Beginning in British pub rock, he's now a certified soulful popster, with an urgency that has never wavered throughout his career. For Parker's biting sarcasm never drifted into trendy cynicism; he's actually a true believer who is constantly disappointed.

Parker's new album, *Deepcut to Nowhere* (Razor and Tie) is his best musical effort in years - strong, vibrant, catchy melodies by his hard-working backup band, The Figgs. Sure, he's still fed up with the banalities of modern culture (*Syphilis and Religion Tough on Clothes* and the wonderfully titled *It Takes a Village Idiot*), but here he also has a good sense about how to musically deliver the message. He's older and wiser now, but not in the least jaded and cynical.

John Hiatt has also toiled at the margins of mainstream celebrity for a couple of decades. Mining the vein that runs between country and pop, Hiatt is a brilliant songsmith, best known for the *Thing Called Love* as covered by Bonnie Raitt and everyone else; his lyrics biting and his musical flourishes pointed and relentlessly tasteful. While many popsters constantly find musical refuge in adolescent lust, Hiatt wrestles with grown-up demons like monogamy, long-term love, and the thorny problems of marriage and children. Not for the squeamish.



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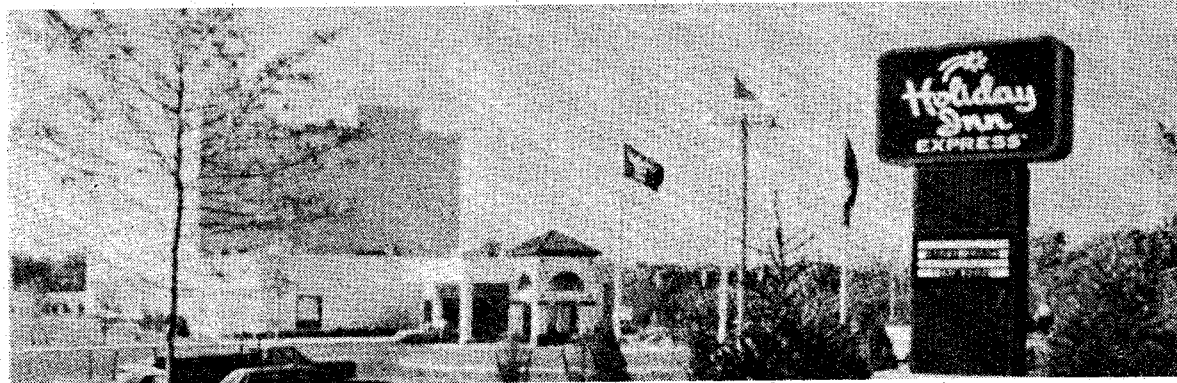
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Sports

Building a Pack of Wolves

BY EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Contributor

Each semester, every Stony Brook University student pays a \$150 activity fee. Part of this fee goes toward providing students with free admission to all sporting events.

Along with tickets to games, students also receive free membership in The Pack, a student fan club that grants participants rewards for their attendance at sporting events.

"We have your money, here's the opportunity to take it back," Assistant Director of Sports Promotion and Campus Relations and Coordinator of The Pack, Norman Berhannan, said. "All students pay the activity fee, but most aren't aware of the benefits of that fee."

Last year, 46 Pack members received prizes from the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Richard Laskowski. The top prize, a \$1,700 tuition waiver, was split

between two students who recorded the highest attendance with 22 games each. Smaller prizes include boom boxes, CD players, and VCRs.

Application cards for The Pack are available at the Sports Complex, outside the SAC during campus lifetime, and are distributed during campus-wide activities. Members are given Pack ID cards, and a point is recorded on the card each time a student attends a game.

Three points give members a free T-shirt. Other Pack benefits include pizza parties, barbecues, VIP seating at games and bus trips to away games.

In this, its second academic year, The Pack has 1,400 members. Since its inception, it has slowly gained strength. As it has done so, privileges for members have expanded. Students in The Pack co-plan half time shows, coordinate special events, and help organize pre-homecoming rallies, including Midnight



Courtesy of The Pack

Stacy Lassi and Joel Damf, who split a Pack-sponsored tuition waiver prize of \$1,700, attended 22 sports games each.

Madness.

Each member gets weekly email updates on upcoming events and games, and enjoys priority for tickets to these events. For example, the Harlem Globetrotters are scheduled to play here on Nov. 12, and members of The Pack will be given preference for the first 1000 tickets. With the

added incentives, Berhannan expects to double membership by the close of the year.

Despite these perks, membership in The Pack and attendance at games remains relatively low. Of the 19,000 students who attend this university, very few attend sporting events. The majority of spectators come from the surrounding community.

With such meager turnouts, an indoor sports complex that seats 5,000 spectators and a forthcoming stadium built for 7,500 seem excessive. Berhannan remarks that it is difficult for the athletic department to justify the cost of its investments.

Student have had a mixed response to The Pack. "I think it's a good think because it helps increase attendance at the games," sophomore Richard Wong said.

However, not all students are for the fan club. "It's commercializing games to increase attendance and that's a bad thing," freshman Anita Cheruvanky said.

Cross Country: First to Represent

BY CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

October 27 marks the first time Stony Brook University will be representing itself in an America East Conference championship.

SBU men's and women's cross-country will be the lucky few to make history at the track meet at Maine University.

No one on the team, however, seems to be feeling any pressure for the university to perform well. The pressure is mostly internal.

"There's always a certain amount of pressure, probably more from your own expectations though," said Jenny Payne, the team's top female distance runner. "There's definitely more personal pressure than pressure coming from anybody else."

SBU has entered a deep conference with many established cross-country programs. For instance, Boston University has won 10 of the 13 men's conference championships and 10 of the previous 12 women's championships.

"I think on the day, it's going to be the team that maximizes the effort of the top five [runners]," Coach Andy Ronan said.

He is fairly confident that the men's team will place between third and fifth place overall.

Senior Dave deWolfe led the men's team all season and ran one of his best races last week at the St. John's Invite with a time of

25:23 over 8K.

"If he does his own race and runs to his full ability on the day," Ronan said, "he could place anywhere between forth and eighth."

However, DeWolfe doesn't have to carry the load of the success of the entire men's team. Senior Mike Thompson has been having a successful season along with Jonathan Brims, Dale Summerville and Andrew Gabrell.

"I'm hoping Jonathan and Dale are the backbone of the team, in terms of the top five," Ronan said. "Then hopefully Andrew, Bill [Cotter] or Jay [Strom] can put together a run to give us a high finishing fifth place."

DeWolfe's confidence has increased this year as his times have significantly decreased and he has had increasingly better performances each week.

"I definitely feel it I could get in the top five individually," DeWolfe commented. "There's definitely going to be great competition there."

On the woman's side, Payne will be looked to once again to carry the team as she has performed consistently well throughout her career at SBU.

"We're real excited because it's a new course and it's probably going to have snow all over it," Payne said.

She seems to have a lot of momentum, coming off of her best race this year with a win at the St. John's Invite in a time of 18:14 for 5K.

"If Jenny can crack the top seven as an individual, that would be a very good run for her," Ronan said. "If the team can back her up in at least the top five [as a team] that would be a very good performance for us starting out."

Freshman Laura Hixson surprised everyone, including Ronan, with her fast adjustment to a new program. She has been a key contributor to the women's team.

Hixson will also play a key role in backing up Payne to move the team up in the overall standings.

"On any even day a team can surprise you," Payne said, and we'd definitely like to make a name for ourselves."



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Dave deWolfe will lead the Seawolves in the school's first conference championship Oct.27.

LUCKY 7 FOR ICE HOCKEY

BY CHARLES CLIFFORD
Statesman Contributor

Seven turned out to be the Seawolves lucky number this past weekend as they earned a pair of 7-4 victories.

Also, players with the number seven in their jersey scored eight of the fourteen goals for SBU. The victories improved Stony Brook's record to 3-0 on the season.

On Saturday evening, the Seawolves faced off against Villanova, a tough Division I opponent.

Leading the way for Stony Brook were forwards #77 Billy Sullivan (2 goals, 1 assist) and #12 Anthony Fronzoni (1 goal, 2 assists). Also scoring for the Seawolves were #7 James Sedoruk and #72 Joe Savan.

Brian Andruszkiewicz made 19 saves for his first victory of the season

"This win would not have been possible without the outstanding play in front of me," said Andruszkiewicz after the game.

On Sunday afternoon SBU took to the ice against Drexel (ranked in the top 20 amongst ACHA Division I teams), haunted by memories of last season in which the Seawolves had a 6-1 lead heading into the third period and lost 7-6.

"Last year we should have easily beaten them but costly mistakes and momentary lapses prevented that. I am

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