

Symposium Encourages Morality in Higher Ed

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

The State of Americans: This Generation and the Next states that 58.3% of high school students let someone else copy their work in 1969, and 97.5% did so in 1989.

"The ultimate lesson of the 90s is that living life and developing institutions based on the short-term profit goal doesn't work in the long run," said Norman Edelman, vice president for health sciences, at the 2004 Annual Leadership Symposium. "A moral frame-work is absolutely necessary." Ethical behavior in any profession, Edelman said, is extremely important. "Unethical behavior in healthcare, for example, kills people."

The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the School of Social Welfare hosted the event, entitled "Value-Centered Leadership in Higher Education," last week in the SAC. Leaders in higher education spoke candidly about the issue of morality within college campuses.

The symposium took the form of a panel discussion, including Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President of the George Washington University, Thomas J. Schwartz, Esq., President of Purchase College State University of New York, Barbara White, Dean of the School of Social Work, Texas University-Austin, and Fred Preston.



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"As leaders in higher education," Schwartz said, "we must imbue our students with values...to serve in an ethical manner." According to Schwartz, college presidents have an obligation to lead and be role models,

and it falls upon the leadership of the institution to encourage ethics and morality.

There is a standard of testing when examining moral guidelines, White explained. "These values must stand the test of time," she said. "If the circumstances changed and penalized us for having this core value,

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Officials Investigate Suspected Tuberculosis Case at SBU

By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS
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A few months after a member of the SBU community was diagnosed with meningitis, another member of the campus community is being examined for a possible case of tuberculosis. In an e-mail sent out last week by University President Shirley Strum Kenny, students and faculty were informed of this case, and were reassured that there exists no imminent danger and no risk of infection at this time.

"We have a patient who is being evaluated," said Patrick Calabria, director of media relations. "Because it was a member of the campus community, there was a feeling that we should tell people what we know, and at the same time, doing what we could to reasonably allay their fears. The president [Kenny] supported that decision. She felt very strongly that we had to inform the campus community of the appropriate things when we can."

The Suffolk County Department of Health and Safety has already visited campus, Calabria said, and has begun testing individuals who may have recently been near the potentially infected patient. Gary Kaczmarczyk, assistant director of Environmental Health and Safety and emergency management coordinator, assured the thoroughness of the measures being taken on campus.

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LASO Dancing in Memory of Jarelyn Lopez



The Diversity School of Dance Beginner Tap team showed off their talents for the LASO scholarship in memory of Jarelyn Lopez, who passed away in a car accident.

By JENNY WANG
Statesman Staff

They were no more than four feet tall, but they held the audience in their little hands. All of SAC Ballroom A was transfixed by the performances that youths aged five through 20 made last Saturday during the Latin American Student Organization's

third annual Winter Spectacular. Shaking to the rhythms of American and Latin music, little tap dancers, teenage cultural dancers and on-campus clubs performed in honor of the Jarelyn Lopez Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"This event is dedicated to the memory of Jarelyn Lopez, who lost her life in 2001 in a car accident," said Marc Rodriguez,

SBU senior and president of LASO. "She was dedicated to LASO and the university as a whole. Jarelyn was near and dear to all of us at LASO."

Although there was a slight glitch in the program due to technical difficulties, LASO was able to go on with the show after a few minutes, during which LASO members cracked jokes and made sure everyone knew that Starbucks had donated the coffee. The program began with the LASO Dance Troop, which heated up the stage with 15 scheduled afternoon performances. The Diversity School of Dance Beginner Tap was on fire, with their tiny rhythmic feet tapping away to a "Rock Around the Clock" remix.

After intermission, the Diversity School of Dance Break Dance Performers wowed the crowd with flips, cartwheels and more, while the Bolivian Magica Caporales Nueva York Grupo Folklorico came out for the second time and enchanted the crowd with their traditional Bolivian dance. The mood changed slightly with an Indian/Hip-hop segment performed by the South Asian Students Alliance Dance Troupe, and the Diversity School of Dance Intermediate/Advance Street Jazz closed the event in

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Red Cross Visits Saddam in Iraqi Prison, Violence in Haiti May Erupt into Civil War

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

SADDAM HUSSEIN

The Red Cross visited Saddam Hussein in jail at an undisclosed location in Iraq for the first time Saturday. The former Iraqi leader wrote a letter to his family during that time, and U.S. intelligence will deliver it once it is analyzed for secret codes or hidden messages. A representative of the Red Cross said that the visit was made to assure that the prisoner was being treated well, with food and adequate living conditions. Hussein is entitled to these visits under the Geneva Conventions' protocol for POW rights, which include check ups, and freedom from coercion during interrogations. Hussein is among the nearly 100 POWs declared by the United States. The Red Cross has visited more than 10,000 other prisoners there since March.

FOREIGN AID

The U.S. will increase its foreign aid to developing countries drastically through 2008, and has pledged grants of \$5 billion per year. If fully financed, the new "Mil-

lennium Challenge Account" will mark a nearly nine percent increase in outside aid. The Bush administration is calling on developing countries to prove their need for the money. However, critics cite that conditions posed in the new plan exclude several Latin American countries, as their per capita income falls above the range for aid. Budget analysts say that war-torn nations such as Sudan and Somalia will not benefit from the plan, while countries that pay heed to civil liberties, like Senegal and Ghana, will be helped. The new account will compete with Bush's five-year \$15 billion plan to fight HIV/AIDS and other constrained budgets geared towards rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan. Advocates of foreign development and aid are protesting the strategy of awarding the "top-performing" countries while "poorer, weaker countries" are left to become failed states.

IRAN and JAPAN

Defying U.S. allegations of Iranian nuclear development, Japan signed a

contract with Iran for access to develop an oil field project worth \$2 billion. The deal is Iran's largest international contract since an Islamic revolution in 1979, and marks a giant leap towards efforts to promote internal growth through foreign capital. The U.S. has voiced its disappointment with Japan's decisions, saying that it is supporting a country that may be aiding and abetting nuclear energy production.

PAKISTAN

Intelligence reports that nuclear weapons technology leaks from Pakistan can be traced to sources in European countries. Records show that industry scientists had known about the information flow for several decades, despite national efforts to curb its availability. Urenco, or Uranium Enrichment Company, which was developed in the 1970s in the Netherlands, was the focus of the investigation. Sources said that security at the facility was lax, and that information was allowed to move through the hands of scientists from several countries. Engineers across Europe and the Middle East had easy access to designs for nuclear energy production. Abdul Qadeer Khan, who admitted to transferring nuclear technology to several countries, is said to have acquired most of his plans and designs from Urenco's network of suppliers in Europe.

IRAN

Elections results were disputed Saturday, as early polls showed religious conservatives leading the race. Reformists in the country protested that the elections had been rigged, as more than 2,000 candidates were not allowed to run. The

Guardian Council, which is appointed by Iran's supreme leader, made the decision to cut many of the candidates, saying that its actions had been "guided by spirituality." The United States and the European nations decried the elections, saying that the meager 20 percent voter turnout and massive control over candidates "did not represent free and fair elections." Complete elections results will be tallied over the weekend. Public opinion polls showed that many people abstained from casting votes because neither side showed promise, or solid potential.

HAITI

Top American diplomats left Haiti Sunday after negotiations between the political opposition and President Aristide failed to reach a compromise. The U.S. officials proposed a plan in which the current government would be replaced with a multiparty cabinet, while Aristide could remain in power to complete his full term by February 2006. The opposition did not budge, saying that peace would only be reached once Aristide resigned. Tensions between both fronts have escalated over the last two weeks, during which armed protestors clashed with Aristide's outnumbered police force and forcefully took over several parts of the country. The president has retaliated with his own armed gangs in confrontations that have now claimed more than 60 lives. The recently failed negotiations are early indicators that the violence may erupt to a full-blown civil war. Diplomats are eager to prevent such a state, as it would create a humanitarian crisis that could only be diffused with external military intervention. All Americans and foreigners have been urged to leave the country.



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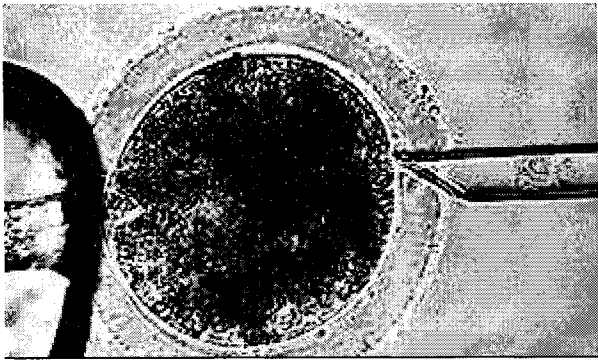
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Korean Investigators Harvest First Stem Cells From Cloned Human Embryo



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To create a clone, a cell's nucleus is fused with an empty egg. This method was used to clone a human embryo.

By RICHARD MONASTERSKY
Chronicle of Higher Education

Scientists in South Korea have for the first time cloned a human embryo and harvested stem cells from it, a long-awaited achievement expected to usher in a brave new world of powerful medical treatments and -- some worry -- the chilling possibility of cloning people.

Experts have spent years talking, writing, and hand-wringing about the day when human embryos would be successfully cloned, but the news still caught many off guard.

"It's literally a breathtaking moment, in both the negative and positive sense of that term," said Laurie Zoloth, a professor of medical humanities and bioethics at Northwestern University.

The South Korean team, headed by Woo Suk Hwang at Seoul National University, reported its results last week in *Science* and at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Seattle. Stem-cell scientists not involved in the work said the report offered convincing evidence that the South Koreans had succeeded in producing so-called pluripotent stem cells, which can develop into any of the tissue types in the human body.

That kind of potential is important because the cells could be used to grow tissues that could lead to treatments for juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's disease, spinal-cord injuries, and even cancer. Unlike stem cells derived from fertilized embryos or adults, those coming from cloned embryos could be tailor-made with a patient's own DNA. In theory, the advance would allow patients to accept tissues or organ donations without having to take immunosuppressant drugs for the rest of their lives.

"Some people have called this the future of medicine," said Jose B. Cibelli, a professor of animal biotechnology at Michigan State University, who collaborated with Dr. Hwang's team. Dr. Cibelli warned, however, that treatments lie far in the future. "We have to be cautious," he said, "because we have to prove safety and efficacy, and

that will take years and a lot of funding."

To clone the human embryos, Dr. Hwang and his colleagues modified the technique used in 1996 to produce the sheep named Dolly, the first cloned mammal. The Korean researchers initially harvested 242 egg cells from 16 women, who had given written consent and were offered

no money for their eggs. The biologists cut small slits in 176 of the eggs and gently squeezed them, forcing out their genetic material. Then they injected DNA from adult cells from the same women back into each empty egg and stimulated them to start dividing. The technique is called nuclear transfer.

Normally, as an embryo develops, the DNA in almost all cells becomes specialized. Some genes are turned on and a range of others switched off. That allows kidney cells, for example, to perform differently from cells in the retina. But through nuclear transfer, Dr. Hwang and his colleagues tricked the DNA from the adult cells into regressing to an unspecialized state. The embryos then started dividing until they reached the blastocyst stage of about 50 to 100 cells, packed into a ball.

Scientists expressed awe at how many blastocysts were produced in the experiment. Using one procedure, the team was able to coax 30 percent of the treated eggs to divide to the blastocyst stage. "That's really good, beside the fact that everyone else didn't get it to work" at all, said Hans Robert Scholer, a professor of reproductive medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

After the embryos divided into blastocysts, Dr. Hwang's group pulled the balls of cells apart and picked out interior cells that they tried to grow into lines of stem cells. They produced only one line. "The problem we have right now is that we're lacking knowledge in the best way to make the transition from blastocyst to embryonic stem cell," said Dr. Cibelli.

The team tested the stem cells by injecting them under the skin of mice, where over 10 weeks the cells grew into various types of human tissue, including muscle, bone, cartilage, and even neurons. "That's the ultimate test for pluripotency," said Dr. Cibelli. The stem cells passed the exam.

While the Korean experiment is the first report of stem cells from a cloned human embryo, it is not the first time that scientists have claimed to have cloned human cells. In 2001, Dr. Cibelli and researchers with the company Advanced Cell Technology reported that they had made three

human embryos through cloning, but those embryos died after just a few cell divisions. The longest-lived one reached

only the six-cell stage, far from the point at which stem cells could be harvested. Mr. Scholer said scientists largely disre-

garded the 2001 report because the company team did not offer enough convincing evidence of their achievement, and because the cells had died so quickly.

The Korean report carried no such uncertainty. "We are sure this is the first case of cloning a human embryo," said Shin Yong Moon, a member of the research team and a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Seoul National University.



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Judge Says Sophomore Must Be Allowed to Enter NFL Draft

By DAN CARNEVALE
Chronicle of Higher Education

A federal judge ruled this month that the National Football League must allow an Ohio State University sophomore to enter the league's draft this year so that he can compete to play professional football.

The NFL plans to appeal the decision, and officials of both the NFL and the National Collegiate Athletic Association condemned it for its likely effect on college players.

Jeff Pash, the NFL's executive vice president, said that young players would be hurt by not taking the time to develop their skills at the college level. "Players who complete their college eligibility have longer careers, have more lucrative careers, have more successful careers than players who don't," he said.

Wally Renfro, senior adviser to the president of the NCAA, said allowing students to jump into the NFL at an earlier age would result in more college athletes failing to complete their degrees.

The Ohio State player, Maurice Clarett, sought to enter the NFL draft after the university suspended him from playing college football last year for accepting improper benefits and for lying

about it to investigators. He had already established himself as a star running back during his freshman year, in 2002, and led the Buckeyes to the national championship that season.

But an NFL rule bars players from entering the draft until three years after they graduate from high school. Mr. Clarett, now 20, would not be eligible until the 2005 draft. So he sued the NFL, arguing that the league's rule violated the Sherman Antitrust Act.

Lawyers for the NFL defended the eligibility rule, saying that it was exempt from antitrust laws because it was reasonable and was devised in a collective-bargaining agreement with the players' union.

But Judge Shira A. Scheindlin, of U.S. District Court in New York, said in her 70-page ruling that the rule is not exempt because it affects nonplayers only. In addition, she noted that the NFL first adopted a version of the rule in 1925. The union that represents NFL players was not formed until 1956 and did not become the players' exclusive bargaining agent until 1968.

Unless a higher court stays or reverses the ruling, Mr. Clarett will be able to enter the NFL draft, which will be held in April.

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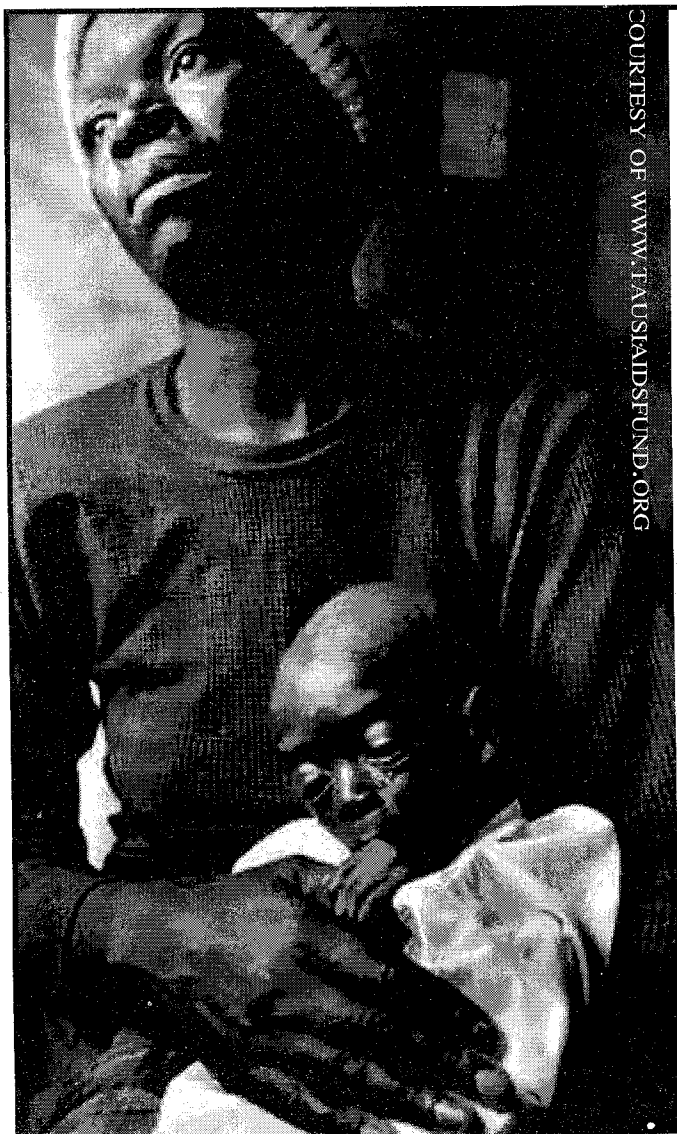
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From left: Tim Cole, Jeff Kruszyna, Virginia Morgan and George Nicholas at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Arlington Virginia. Students had the opportunity to take a moment and relax for a group picture.

Students Learn to Take Action at CPAC

By GREG LUBICICH
Statesman Staff

This past January, a group of SBU students attended the 2004 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Arlington, VA. "Important issues... were discussed and I felt the need to bring that discussion back here to Stony Brook," said SBU junior Virginia Morgan, who attended CPAC. Partly as a result of her efforts, two SBU clubs, the College Republicans and the Enduring Freedom Alliance (EFA), will send members to Albany on Feb. 24, Stony Brook Day in Albany. The College Republicans agreed to host Wayne L. Cushman from the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action. He will speak on Tuesday, March 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. in SAC 311. He also spoke at the Feb. 19 EFA meeting.

Were SBU students energized to action by CPAC speaker Vice-President Dick Cheney? Perhaps they were inspired by the other notable guests,

including Senate Majority Leader Sen. Bill Frist, R-TN, Dick Arme (Citizens for Sound Economy and Former House Majority Leader), Ann Coulter (syndicated columnist & author of *Treason*), and Sen. Zell Miller, D-GA. Or perhaps they were inspired by the fact that CPAC is not a Republican Party front, as evidenced by more serious, well-thought and harsh criticism of administration policy than any corporate media outlet would allow. For example, the American Conservative Union, a group critical of the administration's so-called "Patriot" Act, was represented by panelists Richard Lessner, Ph.D., David Keene, and former Congressman Bob Barr (R). Panelist David Keating of the Club for Growth spoke about their now famous borrow-and-spend RINO Watch (Republican in Name Only). Panelists Phyllis Schlafly and Lori Waters of the Eagle Forum are longtime critics of the subversion of conservative ideals and patriotism by corporate dollars in the Republican Party.

Wayne LaPierre and Kayne Robinson from the NRA unified CPAC in their criticism of the McCain-Feingold-sponsored Campaign Finance "Reform." A libertarian of note was Daniel Griswold of the Cato Institute. Academic guests included John Berthoud, Ph.D., Donald Devine, Ph.D., S. Fred Singer, Ph.D., and more. Dr. Gary Scott of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute mentioned fellowships that might be of interest to SBU students and professors.

SBU's CPAC attendees strengthened their desire to pursue the truth, and while there may be certain administrators who don't like that outcome, the fact is that it will be good for the university on Stony Brook Day in Albany and beyond.

"CPAC is definitely a great place to learn what's at the heart of conservative ideology," said Jeff Kruszyna. "On a whole CPAC 2004 has motivated me to try and lead this campus back in the 'right' direction."



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Community Leadership Forum

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would we change them?" If the answer is yes, White suggests that we reevaluate whether that guideline really is moral.

Trachtenberg insists that forces outside of an individual can have an effect on the ethics of that individual, and that is why higher education leaders must carefully consider the morality of their decisions. What they choose may reflect back in the students who see them as figures of authority.

"The Torah, for Jews, is a systematic manual for behavior, and that is what ethics is," Trachtenberg said. "But the problem is that we don't follow the ethics of our religions day after day. We live in a secular society...so institutions can and must play a role in the ethical development of the not-so-young."

The idea of requiring courses in ethics

has been thrown around George Washington University. "But I am skeptical. Students learn of ethics from authority and other students around them," Trachtenberg insisted.

Some students at Stony Brook disagree with Trachtenberg's generalization. "I've actually taken a medical ethics course here at Stony Brook," said Thomas Caggiano, a senior who plans to attend medical school in the fall semester. "The course really offered some insight that I wouldn't normally be able to find on my own."

Even so, administrators and higher education leaders have the distinct responsibility to make their decisions reflect the moral and ethical responsibilities that they would have the students follow. "After all, 95 percent of the decisions you make can be done by an intelligent high school sophomore," White said. "But it's that five percent that you get paid for."

LASO Winter Spectacular

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perfect form.

Priya Issac, chair of the Jarelyn Lopez Scholarship Committee, explained that the scholarship is open to any undergraduate or graduate student attending SBU that is actively involved in the community. The goal of the scholarship is to encourage students to be involved in the community, and to have them take a more active role in cultural enrichment, as Jarelyn had done.

"She was always helping someone out, always smiling, always positive regardless of the obstructions in her way," said Jarelyn's friends Ruthy Rivas, 2002 School of Social Welfare alumna, and Ismenia Molina, management intern at the Office of Diversity and Affirmative

Action, which helped to organize the first show in February 2002 in her memory. Tony Ferrantino established the scholarship, worked with Rivas and Molina to start the Winter Spectacular, and initiated the scholarship committee.

"I think it's a good idea that they want to memorialize her this way," said Glenda Hopkins of Central Islip, "so she won't be forgotten."

"We are thankful for everyone coming out for this great cause" said Alexis Simeonidis, SBU senior and President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), who, along with Rodriguez, emceed the event.

If you missed the Winter Spectacular, watch Cablevision Channel 20 on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. to catch the performances.

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Commentary

Is America Overlooking Muslim Ballots?

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The current Democratic primaries have been anything but predictable. Just two months ago, Howard Dean was believed to be a shoe-in for the nomination. Polls showed his commanding lead over most of the other candidates. John Kerry, whose name was not even among the top three candidates, was so far behind in the polls that it was widely believed that he would leave the race after the Iowa caucus. Fourteen primaries later, Kerry is on top and Dean has been sent home without a single win.

The most ludicrous aspect of the nomination process has not been the outcome of the primaries, but the deterministic manner with which the media has predicted outcomes based on immaterial polls. Now, with more than 75% of the delegates chosen to determine who will be the Democratic nominee, the media continues to rely heavily on polls that consistently fail to accurately reflect the voting demographic.

The fact is that recent polls could never accurately gauge who would win state caucuses because of the many candidates presenting so many different issues (superficially I might add). Thus, individuals are never given a real chance to determine the best candidate. It is comparable to a child in the world's largest toy store being told to choose only one toy and after making a hasty selection, learning of another, more desired toy. The primary voters have been put in a similar position, but in this case, the toys that voters are choosing constitute a limited group of singing and dancing puppets that will do and say anything for the voters' amusement and approval. Additionally, as has been confirmed time and time again, polls do not accurately represent voter demographics or voter preferences. The last election adequately conveys this fact.

Prior to the 2000 election fiasco, George W. Bush was ahead of Al Gore by as many as six percentage points in some polls. When the election was over, it was clear that Gore had won the popular vote. On the day of the election, Gore campaigned heavily in South Florida, primarily courting voters in counties largely Democratic to begin with. The outcome of those efforts still landed Bush with 537 more votes than Gore giving him the necessary electoral votes to win.

Political pundits have mulled over the factors which contributed to Bush's win, but have fallen short of considering a significant demographic which, in the last election, undeniably proved to be a determining factor. Surprisingly, that factor is the sizable Muslim population, more specifically the young Muslim population. There are currently 7 million Muslims living in America. Among that population, somewhere between

26-40% are between the ages of 18-29. This would constitute roughly between 1.82 to 2.8 million votes nationwide. In Florida alone, there are 57 mosques. The average mosque in America touts a membership of roughly 1,625. So, assuming that 26% of the members of mosques in Florida were between the ages of 18-29, that would constitute 92,625 young Muslim votes in the state of Florida. This figure is based on an assumption. However, if this figure was to be adjusted to accurately reflect the demographic, the number would undoubtedly be greater than 537.

It is time for young American Muslims to realize their political influence in the upcoming Presidential election and for candidates to recognize these crucial members of American society (26% of Muslim-American households earn more than \$100K annually). The problem with Muslim Americans in the past has been their inability to agree upon and organize around key issues. Without a doubt, the single most influential issue for every Muslim, regardless of their ethnic background, has been the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

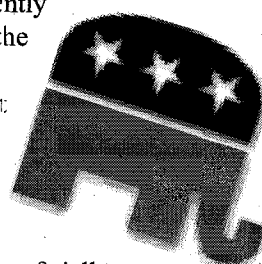
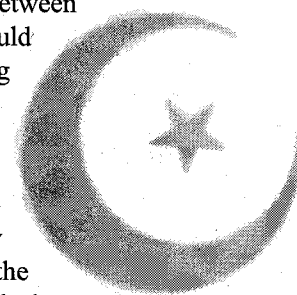
The selection of Joe Lieberman, a staunch supporter of Israel, as a running mate in the 2000 election did much to dissuade Muslim voters from supporting Gore. (Ironically, Bush was the only candidate in the last election that recognized the profiling of Muslim and Arab-Americans as a problem, which helped him earn the endorsement of major Muslim organizations.)

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However, for Muslims to continue organizing around this issue, albeit an important one, only subverts attempts at influencing policies that directly affect them as citizens of this country. This issue has also done much to stifle any attempts at dialogue between Jews (who have been instrumental at promoting minority rights in America) and Muslims.

Muslims have the opportunity to be heard in the upcoming primary between John Kerry and John Edwards. It is incumbent on young Muslims to choose the right singing and dancing puppet. After all, Bush's presidency has really made us realize what it feels like to choose the wrong toy.

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Security Compromising Privacy

By TODD THOMAS
Statesman Staff

It's late March or early April, and you and your friends are packed and ready to go on the vacation of your dreams. Picture it: Cancun or Negril, the perfect vacation. The sun, surf and sand are all in your reach for a relaxing week. We all know the feeling of yearning for a much-needed vacation. The workload and pressure of school can stress even the best of us. Upon arriving at the airport you realize that your passport has been accidentally left behind. Your flight leaves in another hour and you'll miss your plane if you go back home. Your friend then reminds you that it's okay because the airport can identify you by scanning the iris of your eye. You're home free and on your way to the vacation of your dreams.

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If something confused you in the opening statement, it was probably the mention of a passport iris-scanning device. This is something out of a Tom Cruise futuristic movie, right? It could, in fact, be our reality in the near future. The Scandinavian nation of Finland recently gave approval to a company to design biometric passports. Biometric what? Biometric passports. These passports enable officials to match a person's face to information digitally coded in their travel documents. The new technology isn't something based just in Europe. By this October, Uncle Sam will require that more than 27 European countries begin using the technology so that visitors from those

places can get American visas. If the new biometric seems a bit extreme, then a new German project will surely cause goosebumps. Germany is currently testing an iris-recognition technology at Frankfurt airport.

The measures of these new security breakthroughs are clearly a response to terror concerns. After all, it was through the gates of airports that terrorists were able to achieve the devastation of 9-11.

The United States government is constantly worried about the nation's security because of our long borders, bustling ports and busy urban centers. Airport security is one of the major areas of concern. Is it necessary, however, to compromise our privacy? If the government is able to track our movements when traveling abroad, then what privacy do we have? Even on our own campus, we are constantly being monitored every time we swipe our ID and meal plan cards. If you eat at Kelly at 1:07 A.M. or at the Union at 12:49 P.M., it is all recorded. Credit cards, ATM cards and cards of all types serve to pinpoint our whereabouts whenever we go shopping, withdraw money or deposit money.

When is it too much? Scanning cards and devices is one thing, because it is effective and allows us to progress with the times, but scanning our biological makeup is another story. I often scoff at crazy futuristic projections that portray implanted bio-chips and tracking devices, but unfortunately these ideas don't seem far-fetched anymore. If we give up any more privacy than we already have, then we are setting ourselves up for possible manipulation. The world is not filled with honest, trustworthy people, and believe it or not, people may use this technology with bad intentions. The more power someone is given, the more they may be able to abuse it.

Security in this day and age is as sensitive an issue as politics, race and religion. Indeed, we do need to protect ourselves. But the citizens of this nation, and the world at large, should not be subjected to tracking and having their whereabouts stored in a computer system. I'm not a member of the government and I'm not able to suggest a better solution on how to protect our homeland. But, what I do know is that we are a diverse nation bonded by our love for freedom. To give up any more of our privacy is to give up another piece of America's freedom. The question we must ask ourselves is how much longer can Big Brother watch us?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEB. 23

Dr. William McAdoo Memorial Health
Lecture Series: "Diabetes Among African
Americans: Risks and Prevention"

12-1 p.m.

HSC Level 2 School of Social Welfare Faculty
Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Celebrating Our Diversity as African Diasporic
People: A round table discussion

12:40-2 p.m.

Africana Studies Library

Women's Basketball vs. Boston

7 p.m.

Sports Complex Arena

Career Center Etiquette Dinner

6-10 p.m.

SAC Ballroom A and B

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Black Studies in the 21st Century: a Lecture
by V.P. Franklin, editor of Journal of African
American History

4:30 p.m.

Javits Room, Melville Library 2nd floor

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

Movies: Shattered Glass

7 p.m. & The Missing 9 p.m.

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A THOUGHT
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Some people feel an overwhelming pressure to perform and an intense fear of failure. This is true whether you are a student preparing for finals or a businessman trying to make a livelihood. However there is another way to view life. The Torah (Bible) writes that for there to be the Shabbat, the 7th day of rest, "Six days work shall be done" (Ex.35:2). The Rabbinical Sages point out that the Torah states, "Six days work shall be done" as opposed to "Six days you shall do work." For "you shall do work" implies an active involvement with work that follows the rules of cause and effect - the more you put in, the more you get back. However, "work shall be done" in the passive tense implies that work gets done by itself. Meaning that the work which one is compelled to do during the six weekdays should not be with engrossing preoccupation, but rather, as if it were happening by itself. For everything is predetermined and one's success has already been measured.

Sometimes one exerts much effort to accomplish very little. Other times one invests very little effort and achieves tremendous results. For the results are really not commensurate with the effort put in. For it all really depends on whatever blessing G-d has in store for you. However "G-d will bless you in all you do" (Deut.15:18). Meaning you have to "do" in order to realize G-d's blessing. For G-d doesn't want things to come by way of miracles. But rather, successes should come through the physical laws of nature. Through one's own effort. Therefore, G-d's blessing just needs some means in which it will be revealed in the world. One must "do" only so much as is necessary to establish the means to the blessing. In this way, a person's work can be done with a calmness of the heart and a peace of mind. As if it has already all been taken care of.

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Fashion: Dress for Success With *Jessica Landress*

BY JESSICA LANDRESS
Statesman Contributor

This year, the hottest fashion trends are also some of the most unconventional concepts we have yet to see. These items have been nicknamed, ridiculed and in some cases, even banned. Yet, why are we still paying so much money for them?

One word: Uggs. They are everywhere we look. From campus to campus across the country and back again, not only are students wearing these one hundred percent lamb's wool

boots, but so is all of Hollywood. Good luck finding these though, many stores are already out of stock, and if you happen to be one of the lucky ones to find a pair, be prepared to spend the big bucks. The average price paid for Uggs is about \$200! Nicknamed 'Ugglies', these boots originated from Australia, where people wore them in the privacy of their homes to perform their daily chores. In the United States, celebrities wear these boots behind the scenes to help their tired feet relax. Now all of the sudden they are considered the trendiest thing since

the stiletto.

As far as colors, this season is all about being bright and lively! Orange is the new black. You can find anything from hairclips to socks in all shades and tones. If it seems like too much color, then a simple accessory here and there will do just fine!

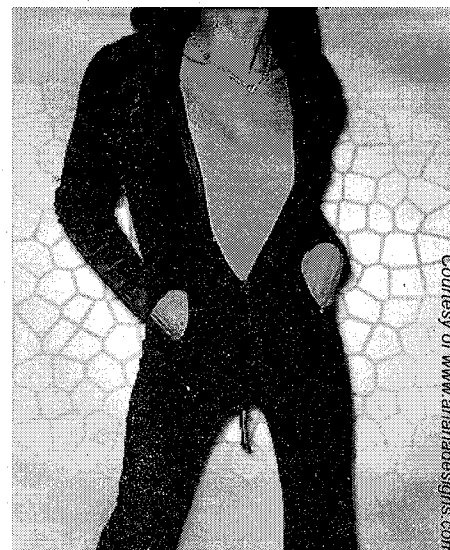
With the cold weather it is sometimes hard to feel fashionable, but here are a few suggestions that could spice up your wardrobe.

Layer your clothing! Try wearing a white button down blouse under your favorite sweater or summer tank top. Pair this look with a pair of jeans and sneakers and you will have a funky, carefree look in no time.

Want to show some skin? You can wear a mini skirt with a pair of opaque tights underneath; add a pair of knee-high boots for some extra warmth as well as rock star appeal.

Some valuable pieces for the winter also include corset tops, (think Janet Jackson at the Super Bowl before the striptease), skinny pants, velour leisure suits and a few great accessories such as big pendant jewelry.

Remember that you don't have to spend a ton of money to look trendy. There are a ton of stores that sell reduced-price designer clothing such as Off-Fifth Outlets and Marshall's.



Velour leisure suits are a stylish and casual way to dress this winter.

You can also rely on stores such as Express to recreate those sought-after runway looks at a price that won't demolish your summer savings.

Whether you opt for a velour sweat suit from The Gap, or a Dolce and Gabanna leather ensemble, as long as you feel good, I know you will look great!

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Symptoms of Tuberculosis Prompt Swift SBU Action

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Health and Safety has been on campus, has met with individuals from the areas that may have had the closest contact with the individual who may have tuberculosis," Kaczmarczyk said. "They have toured the site, and they assure us that there is no health risk to anyone."

Both Kaczmarczyk and Calabria stressed that this is not yet a confirmed case of tuberculosis, and that the patient's

condition has not yet proceeded to tuberculosis, though the person is currently being evaluated. Despite that, the identity of the patient remains withheld, for privacy and legal reasons.

"Because of privacy issues, and in some cases federal law, we're not identifying the patient, but we did want to be forthcoming with the campus community and answer any concerns that they may have," Calabria said.

There were only a few responses from

SBU students to the mass e-mail sent to the community, with "reasonable" concerns, Calabria said.

In the message sent to the campus community, university officials said that tuberculosis is "a disease that is not easily transmitted and is completely treatable." According to the Centers for Disease Control, tuberculosis is spread from one person to another through the air, and the bacteria can settle in the lungs or throat, where it can become infectious. Tuberculosis that settles in another part of the body is usually not infectious, and is considered latent. People most at risk are individuals who are exposed to the infected person on a daily basis.

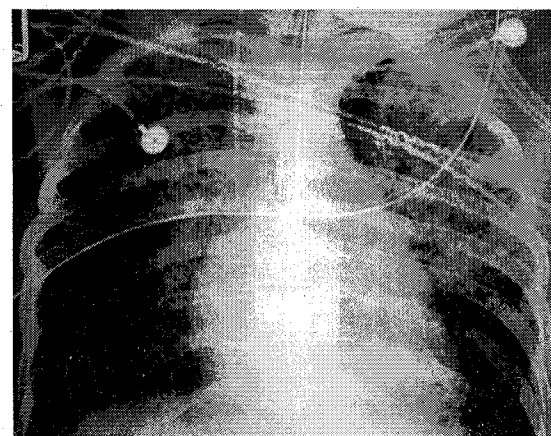
Students who were interviewed felt that they did not know enough about the disease, and many had not heard about the possible occurrence, despite the blanket e-mail that had been sent out to the entire campus community.

"I did not hear about it on this campus, but my friend from Ithaca said that there was an outbreak at his school," said Kelly Murray, a junior majoring in women's studies. "I

don't know too much about tuberculosis to be concerned."

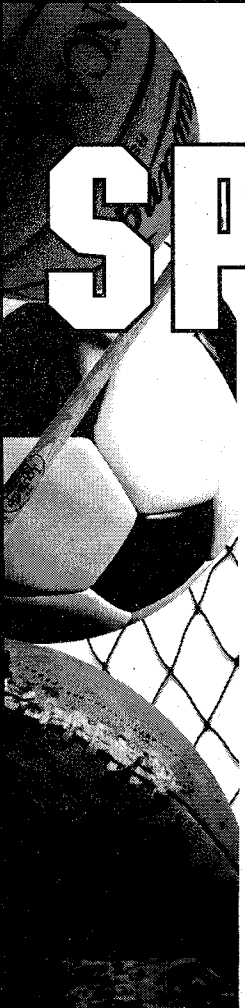
"I didn't hear about it. I'm a bit concerned, but not to the extent where I would be preoccupied with it," said Vanessa Lieu, a junior and applied math and business major.

Students are being encouraged by the university to visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov to obtain more information about tuberculosis and other infectious diseases.



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Sports

Albany Cuts Stony Brook's Winning Streak Short

By DANA GOMI
Statesman Editor

Two rivals went head to head on the court last Wednesday at the Sports Complex, but only one came out on top. In one of the most nail-biting games Stony Brook has seen in a while, the women's basketball team was beaten by Albany, one of their toughest opponents, on Wednesday night, 80-73. Stony Brook is now 6-16 overall, 5-8 in the America East, and Albany moves up to 9-13 overall and 6-7 in the conference.

Albany took the lead from the start, hitting three point shots like they were born doing it. Stony Brook was relentless however, always keeping within close scoring distance. Throughout the game, Stony Brook tied four times and had eight lead changes in first half. Albany held a six-point lead at 34-28 with one min left in the first half after Albany's Becky Ayres managed five 3-pointers in the period. After back-to-back turnovers by each team, Stony Brook's Mykeema Ford missed a driving lay-up with 10 seconds left to go. Danielle Hutcheson pulled down the rebound, but her outlet pass was picked off mid-court by Albany's Akia Booker, who sank a 30-footer at the buzzer to cut Albany's lead to 34-31 at the half.

As the second half began, both teams were fighting hard to take the evening's win. Stony Brook's Bojana Bogetic carried a lot of power in the half, when she came off the bench and sparked a 14-0 run and pushed a 57-50 lead over Albany. Still, Albany wasn't ready to give up yet, and responded with a 18-9 run, which was capped by two free throws from Ayers,

bringing the score to 68-66. Ford took the inbounds pass and dribbled the length of the court before hitting a 15-footer as time expired to force the game into overtime.

Overtime was caked with tension, as both teams tied at 73 until Albany's Maree Jones converted a three-point play to give them a 76-73 lead. But it didn't stop there. Albany connected on 4-of-6 free throws to put the game out of reach. Stony Brook missed their final four shot and turned the ball over twice in the final minute of the game, and Albany pulled away with the win.

Ford helped Stony Brook score 21 points. Jessica Smith added 14 points and 11 rebounds. Bogetic got 12 points and grabbed eight boards. Sherry Jordan came in with nine rebounds and seven assists.

On the Albany side, Ayers scored a game-high 26 points, while Hutcheson added 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Ford was a big help in the game, but she thought she could have done better for her team: "I thought I could have played better on defense," she said. "I don't think we played well as a team. We didn't play defense well."

Throughout the game, Stony Brook wasn't able to hit all their shots, and couldn't stop Albany from scoring. Albany seemed stronger at blocking players like Smith.

"In the first half we were slow

Bojana Bogetic led Stony Brook's brief comeback during the second half.



SBU's Makeema Ford battled Albany's Becky Ayers in a hard-fought game last Wednesday.

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paced, we tried to put it up at the end," Ford said.

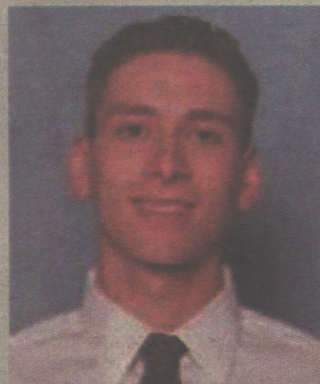
Albany's victory in the last minutes snapped Stony Brook's four-game winning streak. Both teams were fighting for the seventh spot in the American East standings.

Stony Brook is prepping for some

upcoming tough games against Maine and Boston University, the top two teams in the America East Division. The playoffs are scheduled run March 11-14.

The Stony Brook women's basketball team will play Boston University on Wednesday Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sports Complex. Don't miss this exciting match up.

Seawolf of the Week



Hendrik Feist earns Stony Brook Athlete of the Week honors after fueling the men's basketball team's 70-62 win over Hartford on Saturday. Feist drilled three three-pointers in the second half to rally the Seawolves from a 10-point halftime deficit.

Trailing 45-38 with 11:23 to play, Feist nailed his second three of the game to ignite a 12-4 run that he capped with another trey to give SB a 50-49 lead, its first lead since midway through the first half.

The sophomore finished the game 4-for-4 from downtown for a season-high 12 points. He averaged 10.0 points and 7.0 rebounds for the week.

