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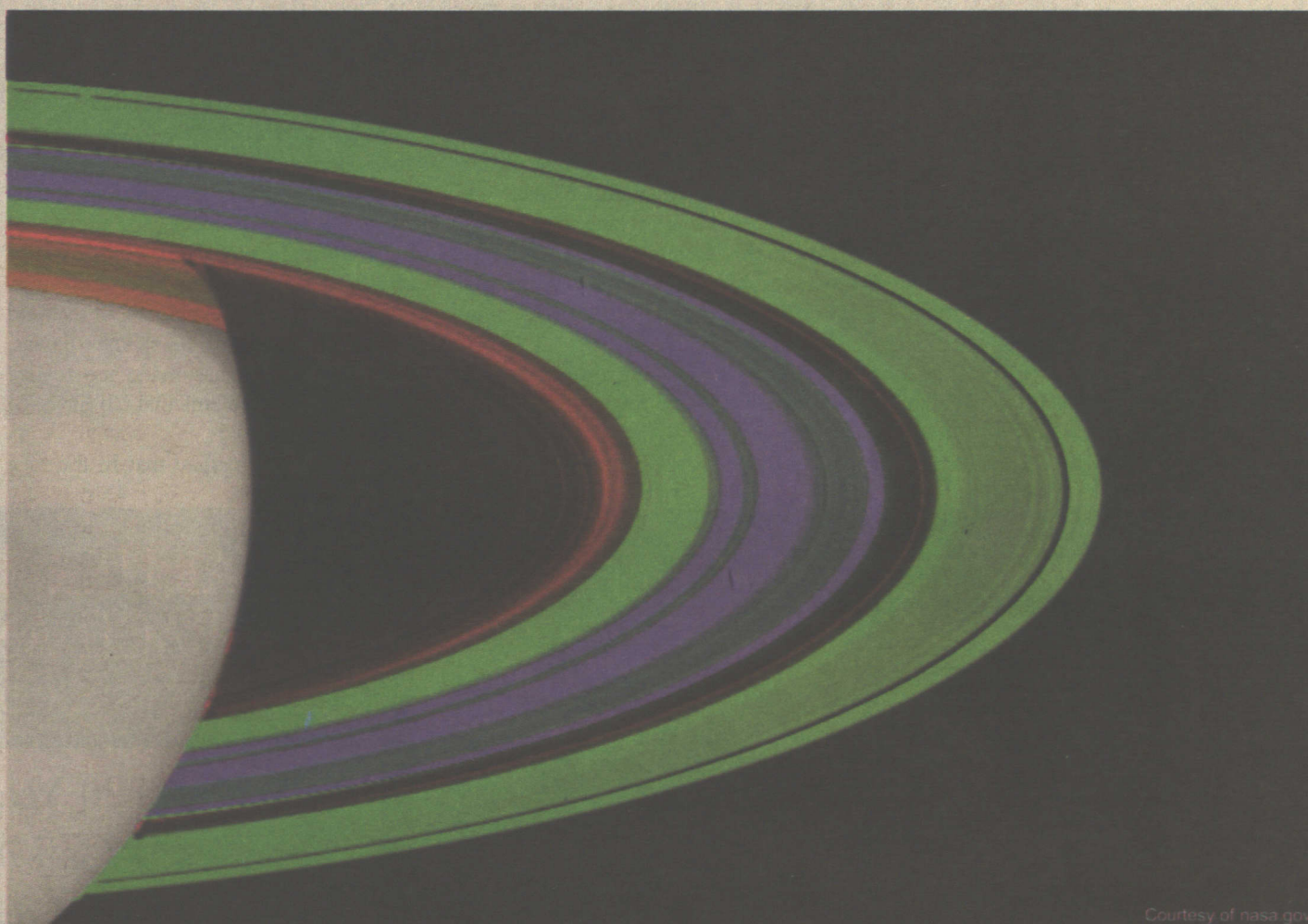
By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

The depths of the explored universe are expanding. With the recent images of Saturn's rings and discoveries on the surface of Mars, scientists and citizens are excited over the prospects of what space exploration is offering. Knowing more about the outer reaches of our galaxy may one day lead to astonishing breakthroughs in science and technology, and scientists like Carolyn C. Porco are the brains behind the brawn, the thinkers leading rocket ships at breakneck speeds through the mysterious star-filled vacuum surrounding our tiny planet.

Porco, a graduate of Stony Brook University, is the leader of NASA's Imaging Science team for the Cassini spacecraft, a shuttle bound for the second largest planet in the universe—Saturn. On Friday, October 1st, Porco will be visiting her alma mater as part of the Provost's Lecture Series at the Charles Wang Center Theatre.

The NASA scientist's lecture, entitled "In Orbit! The Voyage of Cassini to Saturn," will highlight the marvels that have been discovered so far in the exploration of the ringed planet. Named after the division between the bright A and B rings of Saturn, the Cassini spacecraft has been coasting the solar system for seven years, having spent seven years in the design room. Cassini entered Saturn's orbit in June and officially became the farthest robotic outpost that has ever been established around the sun.

Cassini is now continuing its orbital journey around Saturn and observing the planet, especially its largest moon, Titan, an organic-rich body the size of Mercury. The exploration hopes to reveal important information relevant to the study of Earth's origins and the beginning of life on our planet.



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Saturn Picture: Data taken by the Cassini Spacecraft while entering Saturn's orbit show the cool and relatively warm regions of the rings.

Porco has made a number of national television and radio appearances and is the creator and editor of the CICLOPS website ([www.ciclops.org](http://www.ciclops.org)), where you can find the images of Cassini posted as well. In addition to her widely published popular scientific writings, Porco was a consultant on the movie "Contact" and has worked with the American Film Institute, advising Hollywood on science and technology themes in the movies as well. Her contributions to the exploration of the outer solar system were recently recognized with the naming of Asteroid 7231 as Asteroid Porco.

After receiving her B.S. in Earth and

Space Sciences from Stony Brook in 1974, Porco went on to earn her Masters and Ph.D. in Geological and Planetary Sciences from California Institute of Technology, one of the world's premiere schools for science and engineering. Porco was part of the Voyager Imaging Science Team that originally planned imaging sequences for the Saturn missions in 1981, Uranus in 1986 and Neptune in 1989.

Her research specialty is the study of the ring systems, which surround all four giant planets in the outer solar system, Neptune, Uranus, Jupiter, and Saturn. Porco has made major scientific

contributions to the understanding of the structure and phenomenology of planetary rings and the gravitational interactions between ring particles and the natural satellites that orbit the outer planets. Her doctoral work on the rings of Saturn includes the discovery of the connection between Saturn's ring spokes and its magnetic field.

Porco currently works as a Research Scientist at the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colorado and is an adjunct professor in the dept. of Planetary Sciences at the University of Arizona, as well as in the University of Colorado in Boulder.

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# The Doctor's Order: One Dose of Dissatisfaction

By ROHIT DAS  
Statesman Editor

When you walk out of the doctor's office after an appointment, how happy do you feel? Was the communication between you and your doctor adequate and clear? How confident are you with your doctor's diagnosis? Was it lucid and decisive, or so ambiguous that you might end up having to get another medical opinion? Amidst the glaring technological and economic changes occurring in health care today, the simple interpersonal, patient-physician interaction issues delineated above are often left unattended.

As an inauguration to a series of lectures dedicated to highlighting the changing nature of our national health care system, Dr. David Mechanic, a renowned academic figure in the field of health care policy, conducted a talk entitled the "Changing Medical Scene and Sources of Physician Dissatisfaction." Mechanic's lecture focused on the ramifications of the altered patient-physician relationship, and particularly how it has led to an increase in physician displeasure.

In the past, the approach to medicine was much more individualistic. Physicians expected their time and efforts

spent on patient care to be uninterrupted by external economic and political influences. In today's health care system, however, such influences are felt in almost every facet of medicine. For example, the strong economic presence of modern health insurance companies and drug companies has led to the redistribution of physician reimbursements. In the past, a physician's revenue was basically independent of such economic factors.

"Our health care system is changing from individual interaction to dealing with an overall system," said Mechanic. "Doctors hate many aspects of this change, including reimbursement redistribution by large companies. This of course has led to a great deal of physician dissatisfaction."

Ironically, technology, the hallmark of the American health care system, has also been shown to be a source of discontent among physicians. Consumers' belief in technology, which is the result of a more technologically oriented American culture, has led to a demand for health care that physicians cannot currently meet.

"There is an ever-growing gap between the possibilities of medicine and the increasing demand for health care by consumers," said Mechanic.

In light of these changes, it seems that the best adjustment should be made through a higher level of community commitment. Current views on the state of our health care system are becoming more polarized by the day, and the only way to overcome such polarization is to focus on communal, not individual, needs.

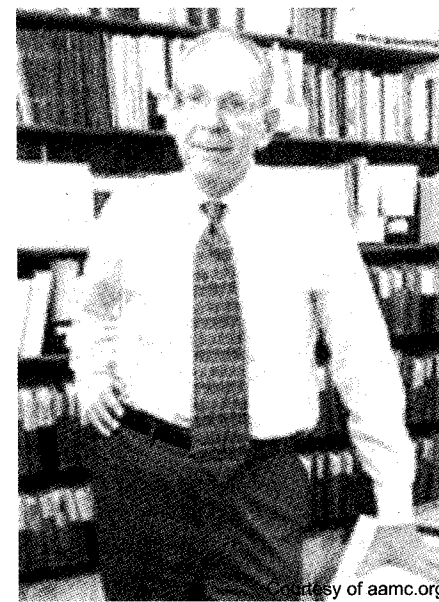
"The challenge is not a lack of understanding, but of building trust and commitment to change beyond individual interests and preferences," said Mechanic.

Overall, the lecture was a perfect starting point for the series sponsored by the Health Sciences Center. "It was a brilliant analysis of physician dissatisfaction, and I see no better way to have inaugurated these lectures," said Dr. Norm Edelman, Vice President of the University Medical Center and Dean of the School of Medicine.

From a student's perspective, this lecture indeed shows that the life of an established physician is not as easy as it is made out to be. "As a pre-med student, I wanted to know about the field of medicine," said Senior Anas Sawas, "and this lecture has made me realize that there are problems that I'll have if I become a doctor."

We must all realize that in the face

of technological process, methodologies and occupational approaches of the past may no longer be as efficient as they used to be—medicine serves as one of many examples. Nevertheless, change should not be seen as an annoying disturbance to the status quo, but rather as a beneficial challenge worth our efforts to overcome.



Dr. David Mechanic inaugurated a series of lectures concerning health care and policy hosted by the Health Science Center.

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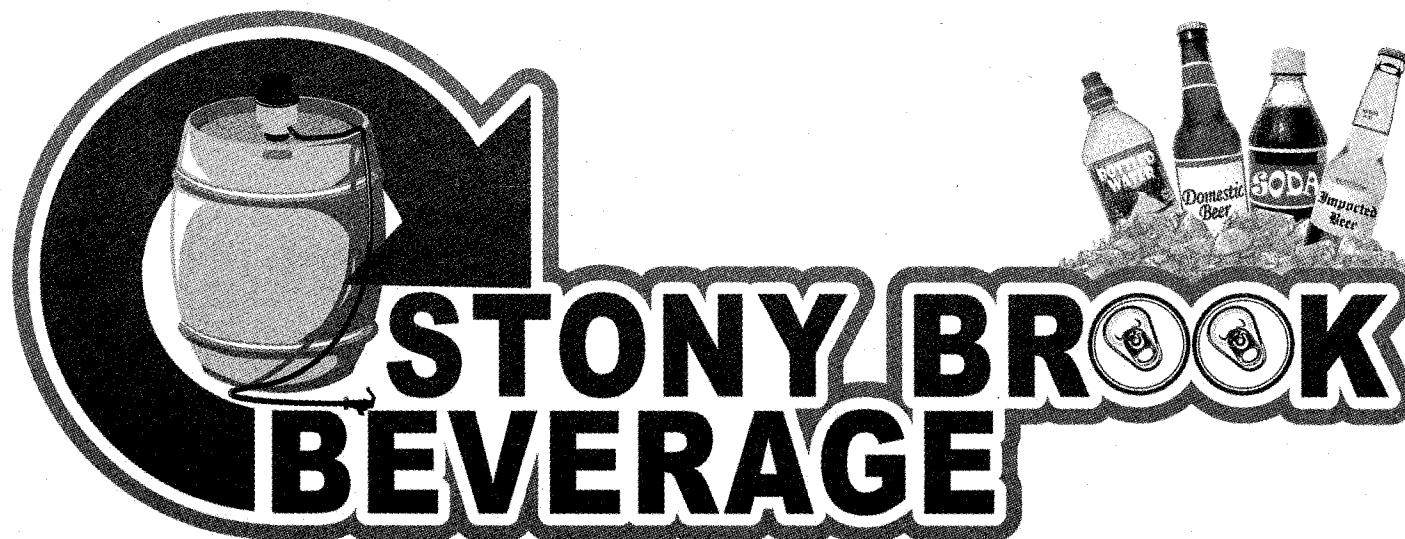
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# Hitting the European Runway Jessica Landress:

By JESSICA LANDRESS  
Statesman Staff

It's that time of the year again! Open up your closet, take everything out, and get prepared to donate a lot of last year's looks, because this fall season it's all about the European trends. Sure, some things will stick around, such as ponchos, the skinny pant, and the stiletto heel...but be prepared to add a ton of hip accessories and a few new key items that are guaranteed to transform your wardrobe.

Your favorite color this season should become teal. You can find it in almost every clothing store and on almost every model. The jewel tones, (think purples, pinks, reds, greens, and blues) are hotter than ever! Find a colorful handbag, belt, even a pair of earrings, and watch as every fashionably informed person turns their head to check you out.

The same colors are also being shown in cosmetics. Linda Moon, a make-up artist for Clinique, says that, "The hottest colors this season are pinks, purples, teal, and berries. The face should look natural, the lips neutral."

On Friday, September 10, Macy's in the Smithhaven Mall held a fashion show with Seventeen Magazine. The

show featured a multitude of skirts, buckles, chiffon materials, scarves (used as belts, in hair, or around the neck), tweed jackets, ribbons, pearls, corduroy, faux furs and an array of jeweled tones, especially teal.

The coordinator of the fashion show, Marc O'Connor, was very pleased. "This is a great event," he said, "The customers can all view the latest trends in fall fashion."

An employee at Macy's said that, "This fashion show is filled with a ton of energy. The models look great, and it really shows off some of Macy's top designers." He later continued to say, "Not only does Macy's keep up with the latest trends, but they really focus on back to school looks."

Some of the newest trends are being pulled back from past decades, and some from overseas. After spending the past month in Europe, I noticed that they were already making use of the fall season with their pleated skirts, chandelier earrings and cropped jackets. The Europeans looked great. After four pitchers of Sangria, they looked even better.

When I returned home I could not wait to see how Americans were embracing the season, and I was pleas-

antly surprised to learn that almost every store at the local mall is keeping up with the best and most beautiful looks.

Just as important as the items you place on your body is how you decide to place them. There are a few guidelines that us fashion savvy individuals must keep in mind. We're seeing a lot of layering, especially on you men out there! Pair your khaki pants with a stiff collared button down shirt, and then an argyle vest on top. Finish the look off with a baseball hat and a clean pair of nice shoes. Oh and by the way, yes, I did say Argyle.

Ladies, lets take a long look in the mirror and face reality. We all have a spot (or two) where we could use a little improvement, but instead of dwelling on the one little part of your body that isn't perfect, lets work with all the other parts that are! Have great legs? Work that skirt girl! Have an athletic build? Invest in a great pair of jeans. Blessed with a bootylicious backside? Then try out one of those cool new belts. Yet please keep the basic rule of thumb in mind: pick one place to flaunt a little, and then maintain your class and beauty by leaving the rest to the imagination. Nothing is worse than overdoing the look.

"These fall trends look great," said

a spectator of the fashion show, Melissa Michaels, "The colors are fun, the make-up looks clean, and the knee-length skirts worn with the stiletto heels are just plain hot!"

Before I leave you until next week, I have just one more thing to say, remember those UGG boots that we were all going crazy about last fall? Well, now they are out, but the new UGG bags are in...

For any fashion and/or beauty questions or comments please e-mail Jessica at Curlyqq1@aol.com.



Pleated skirts are exploding in Europe, and it's looking the same way here in the States



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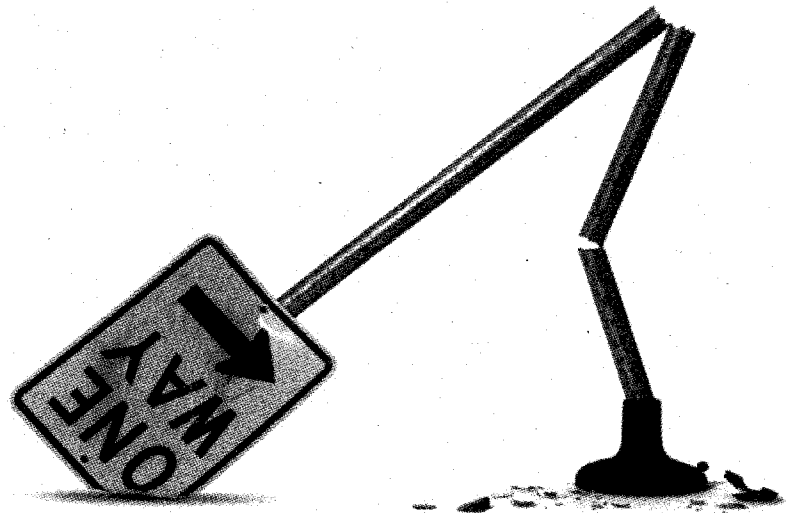
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# Sorry Ms. Jackson, But Your Kid Don't Vote

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS  
Statesman Staff

Despite the best efforts of such youth-obsessed celebrities as the refreshing Outkast, the emperor-like Puff Daddy, and the middle-aged Beastie Boyz, this upcoming election, like any in the past, will not come down to the youth vote. No president has ever turned to the tired, the pierced, the drugged up masses as their base. Even when the hipster himself, Prez Bill J. Clinton, unleashed his Arsenio Hall saxophone solo, he knew the youth that helped pushed his way through the media wasn't punching his Oval Office ballots.

Science is about understanding mysteries, so I consulted my political expert, Stacey Zannettis, the smartest and best looking of the Zannettis siblings, as to why young people don't vote. She said: "Young people don't vote because they're not in the habit of voting. That's what voting is, a routine, and young people haven't started yet." I asked Stacey why, then, we don't get students to begin voting habitually in elementary school, using fake ballots in their classrooms. To this Stacey replied: "I'm watching tennis."

The young may whine that they don't vote because their vote doesn't make a difference, but why should it, bucko? Who died and made you king? This is a democracy! Everyone's equal! Do you want to be the only person deciding the future of the free world?

The vote is a privilege earned with the blood of millions – the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, World War II – and the sacrifice of generations – the Lost Generation,

the Greatest Generation...you saw the movies (even the ones based on books): All Quiet on the Western Front, Band of Brothers, Saving Private Ryan, Glory, Gettysburg. And we buy CD's (or once did) using money with these people's faces on them: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant. So start voting – early and often!

I went back to my expert. "But Stacey," I persisted: "Don't old people have nothing better to do than vote?" Stacey looked at me like the time I drove down our block in reverse to get around a red light: "You vote Tuesday mornings, like when you get up? What, is there a beer pong tournament you're missing?" Good point. College kids have lives, but mostly at night, after the polls close. "Besides," Stacey added, "old people feel like they've done their part, because they understand 'sponsibility.' Old people know they have power and they wield it like an iron fist. Those bastards. That's the reason our tuition goes up. Politicians don't care. Young people don't vote."

So vote! Take back the world from old people. Demand funding for college! But you have to vote. Vote for fun in class. Vote for fun on the Internet. Vote for no good reason. Go back and vote in kindergarten! And tell your friends in New Hampshire to vote for Kerry.

Michael Zannettis always votes, but he's been doing it since he was six, so it doesn't count. Once he voted for a Republican judge, cause his father did, but now he regrets it. He made up for it by tallying for Nader in 2000 and watching Fahrenheit 9-11...twice.

## Of Mushroom Clouds and Men...

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
Statesman Editor

A massive mushroom cloud of soot and dirt, spanning an entire mile, was seen in North Korea close to the Chinese border, just weeks after the North expressed its anger at the South's own secret nuclear operations. The North Korean government was slow to provide information about its origins, leaving the world to believe that an atomic weapon could have been the cause.

Days after the incident, the North Korean government said it was a controlled conventional explosion to demolish a mountain, making way

for a hydroelectric plant. Radiation levels seem normal in neighboring countries, and international inspectors will be allowed to review the area. This all comes to the great comfort of the world, but what if events didn't unfold so smoothly? What if they did detonate a nuclear weapon?

North Korea, under the unstable leadership of Kim Jong-il, could have detonated an atomic bomb and there would be nothing the world could do about it. Washington could make statements until it turns blue, to no avail. The Bush Administra

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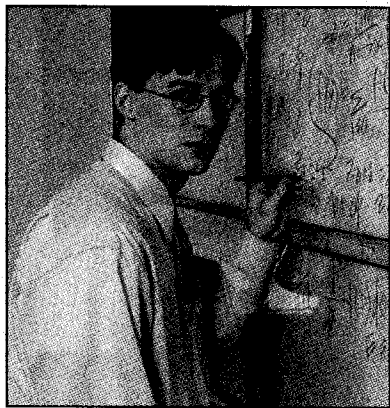
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## College Math Club President Dumps Supermodel

*He crunched the numbers, then crushed her heart*



College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.

By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good  $(9-\sqrt{3})^2$  percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with long-time supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds. "I loved her like a

quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at [wamu.com](http://wamu.com)—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or [wamu.com](http://wamu.com)," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

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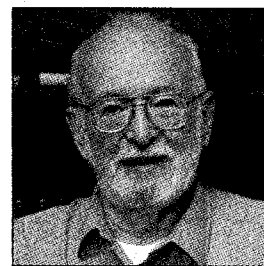
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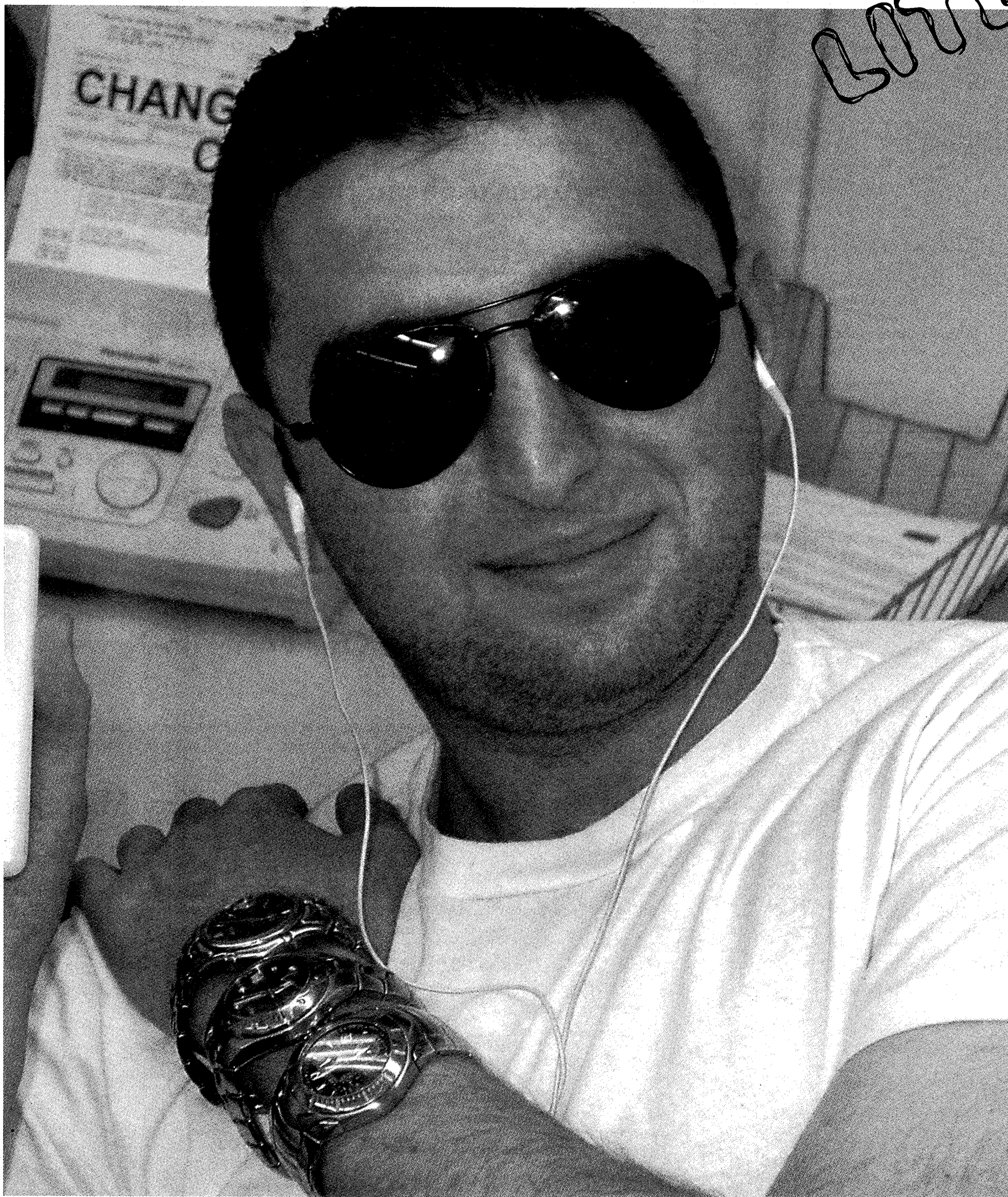
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## A Way With Words: A Response

By MANSOOR KHAN  
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Listen, James. The way it works here at the Statesman, an AMERICAN newspaper, is as follows: we spell words the AMERICAN way, not the British way. If you want to spell defenSe as defence, then you can take a concord over and do just that...in the United Kingdom.

## In Defense of Defence

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
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To clarify, the British did colonize us, and are generally better mannered. In fact, "defence" is a quite right spelling.

## Call for Hope: A Few Words

By MANSOOR KHAN  
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That doesn't necessarily make them better than us. So what if they're better mannered. Don't you feel that somewhere, in your heart of hearts, Americans may actually have a fighting chance in their seventh grade spelling bees. .

## Accusations in the Way: A Reply

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
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Outrage! Good sir, you do make a mockery of the Queen's language!

## Getting Defensive: Or Defensive

By MANSOOR KHAN  
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This is slander. If you think that I actually believe what you are saying for a second, you can't be serious. If you take a good, hard look at what you're saying, you'll realize that it is nothing more than a pathetic bout of plagiarism. For lack of a better word, you're getting defensive. Touche!

## Let My People Go! Use of Big Words

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
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Slander? You pusilanimous swine! I have never been accused of slander, nor will I ever!

## Let's Not Lose Our Focus on News

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

It's plain and simple to see. Actually, never mind this banter. I don't think that campus community is benefitting from hearing our debate about infantile prospects. In fact, the rest of my words will regard Stony Brook. Do you think the British benefit us as a University?

## Blatant Misrepresentation: A Tiny Mistake

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
Statesman Editor

Who ever mentioned the British? The Statesman simply mislabeled my headline, that's all. I promised myself I wouldn't invoke the War of 1812, but you leave me no choice: America is still in its infancy!

## Yet Another Example of Idiocy

By MANSOOR KHAN  
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# Making a Change, the Emo Way

By ROBERT DOOLEY  
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"So your telling me I have to wash my own crusted underwear!?"

"Nobody ever mentioned having to share that paltry bathroom where I saw my wasted roommate piddle in the sink!?"

"Let me get this straight, class is *optional*???"

Those of us who have left the confines of our parents' luxurious homes, where we lay nestled away from self-reliance and the majority of choices are left to those who call us dependants, we find ourselves in a midway world. Caught between the padded life that our parents or guardians provided for us, and that of a harsh, bill infested life beyond our academic experiences, it is necessary to value that which we take for granted most - our utter lack of responsibility.

It has come to a point where students can choose

between participation and isolation. Stony Brook has provided a chance for you to find yourself amongst 13,000 other undergraduate resident and commuter students who may be similar, or just as distinctly individual as you.

This is what champions are made of. Decision-making, choices, direction, are all essential in defining our perceptions of individuals like you and me. Anyone can claim to be a clean person, but ultimately the difficult times, the most filthy times or situations that are out of the ordinary, type in **bold** whether you have distinguished yourself from the crowd or will float out with the tide.

As comedy and laughter fill our bright minds and hearts with every passing day, diligently pursue the individuality that so many people are so insecure of being confident about. Each passing decision, like whether to wash your underwear or not, could ultimately scare away the person of your dreams.

# Police Name Suspect in SBU Thefts

By ROHIT DAS  
Statesman Editor

SBU Police has reported several iPod thefts on campus, all of which are apparently the doing of a mysterious Russian, Eugene Kozlovsky. Numerous students have told accounts of their iPod suddenly disappearing out of their pockets as they walked through campus, claiming to have been wronged by a deceitful-looking man shrouded by incredibly large sunglasses.

After extensive investigation, Kozlovsky has been discovered to be part of a huge Russian crime syndicate on campus, consisting of over 5,000 students. After a period of relative latency, the syndicate has erupted, with Kozlovsky leading the charge. Additionally, the syndicate has been blamed for various illegal activities around other campuses in the New York City area.

"I don't know what these students are up to, but rest assured, they shall pay," said University President Shirley Strumm Denny. "I personally don't take kindly to the random pillaging of iPods."

The police feel confident that they will find Kozlovsky and his goons and put them where they belong, behind bars. "The best way to take these guys down is to start right at the top, and that's this Kozlovsky hooligan," said SBU Police Chief Doug O'Little. "I never liked that Kozlovsky kid anyway."



# A New Way of Thinking: SBU Installs New Undergrad Cults

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

In light of the recent successes of the Undergraduate Colleges, administrators at Stony Brook University have decided to install a new system of unification for new and dewey-eyed freshman: Cults.

"This is a revolutionary decision," said Dean of Arts and Sciences Jim Stayros. "In the past, we have routinely discouraged cult activity at this university, but it is only now that we have realized the gamut of benefit that can be derived from encouraging mass assemblages of students under common, dictatorial beliefs."

Stayros approved of the concept last Monday in a meeting attended by Shirley Strumm Denny, who was initially repelled by the idea. "I know that we are trying to up the effort on student unification, and we are trying to promote a sense of community," Denny said, "but isn't this going a little far? The posters with the golden chalices with blood spilling over are a little much, no?"

Nonetheless, Denny eventually acquiesced to the idea, claiming that no price is too high for student

participation in campus life. The new cult system will place incoming students into one of a number of cults, including: computer hacking cults, bow-hunting cults, numchuck cults, drawing cults and Britney Spears cults. Students fill out a questionnaire regarding their interests and are placed into one of the above groups. Those individuals not interested in joining cults are asked again, and then blacklisted within the Stony Brook Community.

"We really want this to work," said Dean of Students Harry Stein. "We think that if students feel the cultural and spiritual obligation to be a part of a loving and nurturing community, then they will participate in student life. We want students to join clubs and go to campus events, and if their Overlord tells them they have to do so, I think they just might do it."

Johann Lee, a senior at Ward Melville high school, is ambivalent of the university's new plans. "Are they serious?" Lee said. "It is one thing to round students up in a herd and put them in an undergraduate college, but a cult is going a little far, don't you think?"

Lee has not yet received a response to his Stony Brook admissions application.

# Disney Characters Gone Wild: A Fresh Look

By PETER SUNWOO  
Statesman Editor

Disney has seen our generation grow. The multi-million dollar company has provided children with educational and inspirational videos that are aimed at sending positive messages to the adolescent audience. Messages like sex, drugs and full frontal nudity come to mind when viewing their blockbuster hits.

That's right; don't be fooled by their shiny colorful covers and high tech 3-D animation that mask the truth beneath the evil ploy that has been poisoning our minds since the start of their malevolent videos. We must stop putting the blame on gangsta rappers and explicit entertainment. The root of our problems come from the subliminal messaging Disney has exploited to corrupt our youth.

Characters like Dumbo, The Little Mermaid, Alice,

Peter Pan, Lion King and Pinocchio are all culprits of their scheme. Disney has been following a pattern using cute little characters with squeaky voices to stray the viewer away from the real moral of the story. Let us start with drug abuse.

Ahh, Peter Pan, now that's a character every kid wants to be like. He has dashing good looks, a great sense of fashion, is light on his feet, charismatic, Caucasian, and most importantly, has the ability to fly. While all of us aren't fortunate enough to have all of these ideal qualities, we too can fly like Peter Pan, or at least feel a false sense of flying. Peter Pan wasn't born with superhuman powers like Clark Kent, but instead he has a little trick up his sleeve called Tinker Bell. A little hot momma fairy that looks like an angel, that sprinkles people with angel dust, I mean fairy dust, which allows anyone to fly.

People caught on really quick after the evil film was

released in '53; the drug angel dust had become extremely popular amongst the Peter Pan fans. PCP (phencyclidine) was developed in the 1950s (not a coincidence) as an intravenous anesthetic. It was found that patients often became agitated, delusional, and irrational while recovering from its anesthetic effects. PCP is illegally manufactured in laboratories, and sold on the street under various names such as angel dust, ozone, wack, and rocket. And guess what? Many people thought they could fly and jumped out of multiple storied buildings. Unfortunately, Disney did not inform us of the safety hazards of doing dust.

Alice in Wonderland - now that's a sweet innocent girl that made some bad decisions in her life. I'm sorry, but Alice was a %^\$^ing drug addict. She didn't accidentally find herself in Wonderland; she was wasted on numerous hallu-

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# The Other Side of the Disney Empire

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cinogens. The real story of Alice is that she went to a wicked party with pot, shrooms, acid, and various narcotics. She tripped so hard that while smoking out of a gigantoid bong, she thought her obese friend Daniel was a talking oversized caterpillar. Her Chinese friend Cat gave her some biscuits

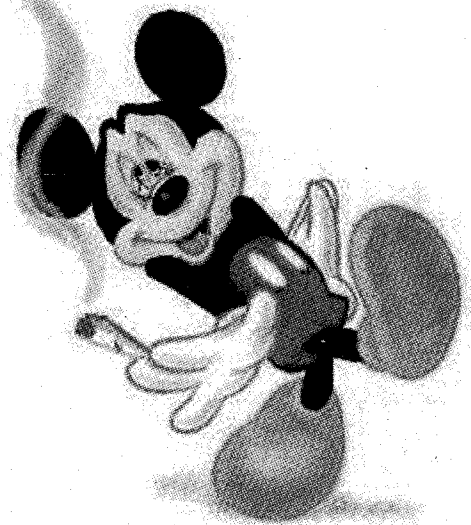
with fungus (aka shrooms) to make her feel like she was as big as King Kong, or as small as Mighty Mouse.

Disney does not always portray these degenerate messages in a subtle manner. For alcohol abuse, they just went all out. Why? Because its legal. Pinocchio and Dumbo get trashed in their movies, and a have a ball doing it. I remember myself as a kid saying, "When I grow up I

want to be an alcoholic and party like Pinocchio." Viewers have been catching on to Disney's devious schemes, so Disney became extremely careful. At this point, Disney has taught everything one needs to know on how to become a loser, except for sex.

The exposé of sex is so subtle that most viewers do not catch the message being instilled in our minds. Let me give you some examples. The cover of the Little Mermaid has a golden penis that is cunningly situated within a palace. I kid you not, it is there. There is a scene in Lion King where wildebeests trample down Mufasa, and dust is thrown into the air that spells out the word sex. In Aladdin, the scene when the tiger walks out onto the balcony to accompany Princess Jasmine, a gust of wind blows and whispers, "All good boys take off their clothes." Sick, but true.

I can go on and on about the issue, but unfortunately the article cannot go over 800 words. We need to do something immediately to stop these horrific actions deployed by the evil, evil, evil Disney Corporation. But for now, I plan to get a beer and meet Alice in Wonderland.



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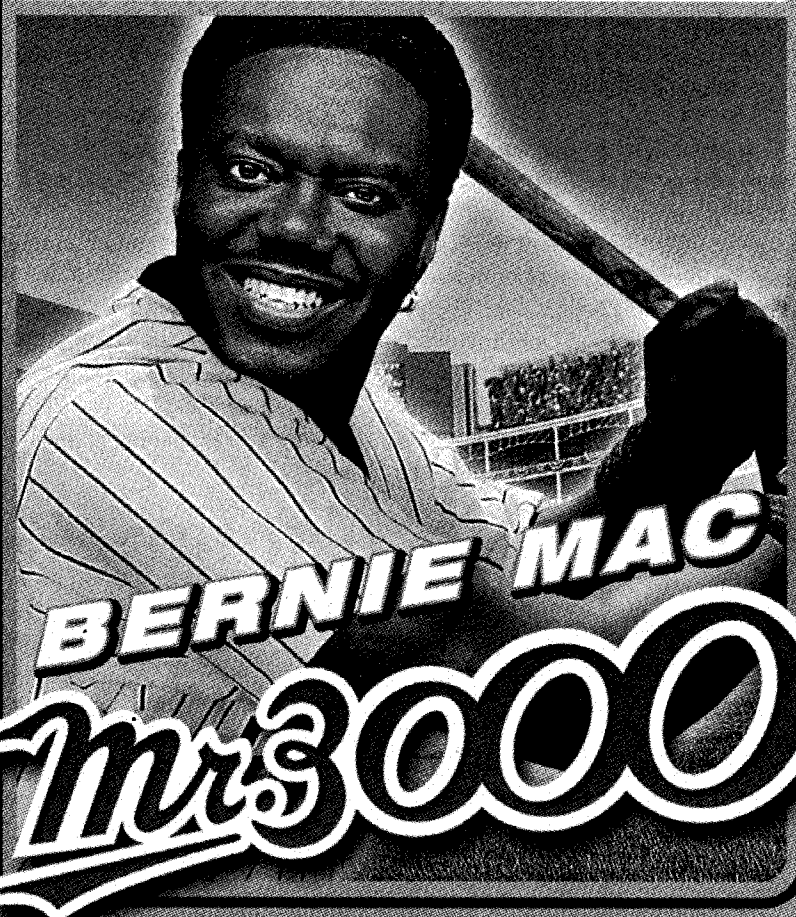
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# Stuck Between a Rock and Korea: What to do?

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tion simply does not have the resources with which to back up its words. Our forces are concentrated in Iraq and Afghanistan, and are being recalled from bases all over Europe to deal with these Middle Eastern wars. More pertinently, American troops in South Korea on the border to the hostile North are being moved further south in an effort to "reorganize" the military.

By contrast, North Korea has a

million-man army and missiles that could possibly reach California. Coupled with nuclear weapons, we may find ourselves with a formidable adversary and without the resources to deal with it. This is quite a predicament for the current administration. Rest assured, though. Bush has a definite plan on how to deal with North Korea, one that he's been following since day one: blame Iraq.

When things are going wrong in the world, turn attention over to the Middle

East. Whenever people talk about the threat in Asia, the White House mentions the infamous Sadaam Hussein and his nuclear program. Of course, Sadaam Hussein didn't have a nuclear program. Oops. Must've been another one of those "intelligence failures" they talk so much about. The Silent Killer, don't you know.

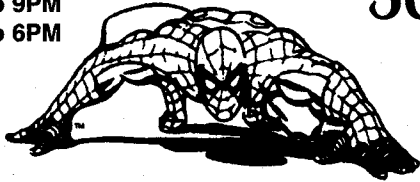
America may have a way out, however: China. To avert total war, we are forced to ally with the lesser of two evils: a large and brutal Communist

country that continues to abuse its citizens with wanton disregard for human life.

How did we end up with this potentially explosive situation? A series of political and intelligence failures? Perhaps. Simple fate? Just as likely. The question now is how will the president handle it? I can only hope that he steps up and begins to act like the leader of the Free World rather than just ignore certain problems, hoping that one day they might go away.

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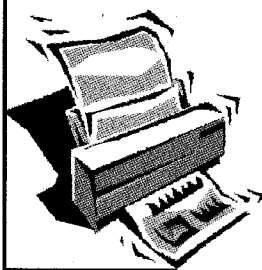
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By **ROBERT ROMANO**  
Statesman Staff

In Monday's Statesman, Jeff Licitra accused me of making an utterly baseless claim that "John Kerry is America's Enemy..." in a piece I wrote in the Thursday, September 9th issue that was entitled "Is Kerry America's Enemy?" However, Mr. Licitra's claim happens to be false, though is not utterly baseless. When I originally wrote the opinion piece, it was entitled "Politicizing War Crimes," and without my knowledge, the Statesman changed the title to "Is Kerry America's Enemy?" which happens to

be the paper's discretion for reasons of grammatical or stylistic clarity. I take full responsibility for the content of the piece itself, though, and I stand by it.

Mr. Licitra happens to be right about one thing. Senator John Kerry is not America's enemy, and it was not my intention to make the claim that he was. I would like to take the opportunity to apologize to Mr. Licitra, and anybody else who may have been offended by the title of the piece. Senator Kerry has served America for the better part of his life, and my disagreement with him in my piece had to do with the Senator's judgment as it pertained to politicizing war crimes

in the past and present. If you read my piece, you will note that I state that "...statements made by Senator Kerry, in a sense, aided the enemy in a war that America was fighting..." This does not mean he is America's enemy. I limited my criticism in this regard, and my intent was to focus on the lack of prudence contained in Mr. Kerry's statements.

Mr. Licitra also happens to be wrong about a few things. Firstly, he attributes the following quote from my piece to former Defense Secretary, James Schlesinger, "But what is missing from these [the Schlesinger and Fay] reports [referring to the crimes committed at Abu

Ghraib] is accountability from the senior civilian leaders in the Pentagon and in the White House."

However, Schlesinger did not make this quote. Kerry did, and in the same press release he called for Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation. Schlesinger stated that Rumsfeld's resignation "would be a boon to all of America's enemies..." My point was that Kerry, after having seen the work of the Schlesinger and Fay reports, and knowing full well of Schlesinger's views on the possibility of Rumsfeld's resignation, called for that

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## Politics At SBU: Another Response

By **JEFF LICITRA**  
Statesman Staff

While I thank Mr. Romano for, in many ways, extending his hand across the aisle -especially by admitting it is wrong to characterize an American Presidential candidate as an enemy of the American people - that does not change the fact that the central tenet of his article was to claim that he [John Kerry] has no problem with encouraging actions that would help the enemy win the war on terror. Those are Mr. Romano's words, not the words of the

Schlesinger or Fay reports, and it is this statement that I found to be slanderous.

What's worse is that while Mr. Romano discusses the value of the First Amendment on this page, he is accusing John Kerry of making statements that in his words "aided the enemy." Again, this is a complete contradiction. You cannot value the freedom of expression under the First Amendment and then turn around and say that very constitutionally protected freedom of speech in our own country is aiding our enemies. Yet Mr. Romano does exactly that, and using his words from this page:

"...statements made by Senator Kerry, in a sense, aided the enemy in a war that America was fighting..."

In what sense, exactly? In any democracy, an open dialogue about the issues which affect citizens is crucial to their senior civilian leaders being held accountable. This dialogue cannot happen if First Amendment rights are twisted to the point where dissent is viewed as helping America's enemy. Political dissent throughout America's history has been a patriotic exercise in constitutional rights. To somehow claim that our First Amendment rights

at home could be aiding our enemies overseas is a "false and malicious report" and therefore, slanderous.

Finally, the *Statesman* can print whatever it wants, and Mr. Romano, you can write whatever you like. But just be aware if what you write in print looks like a rat and smells like a rat - then regardless of whether you have a right to publish it or not (you do) - it's still a rat. Taking free speech at home and saying it aids the overseas enemy makes it a rat. I don't care if it concerns

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# Setting the Record

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resignation anyway. I wrote, "Despite being warned that the resignation of Secretary Rumsfeld would be a boon for the enemy, he thinks it should happen anyway."

Secondly, Mr. Licitra implicitly accuses me of passing myself off as a journalist. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am a partisan, and I make no bones about my opinions, which is why my piece happens to appear in the commentary section. It is reserved for the opinions of the student body, and the Statesman staff, as well as for other purposes, such as giving the USG a voice to communicate with the students. This is a healthy, necessary, and proper function for a school newspaper, and I will defend our collective right to freedom of speech and of the press by continuing to write. Thirdly, Mr. Licitra nearly accused me of plagiarism. His idea of this apparently has to do with quoting Kerry and Schlesinger in my piece. This is not plagiarism, which is the use of ideas and writings and the act of passing it off as one's own. Since I was merely quoting these honorable gentlemen, it cannot, by definition, be considered plagiarism.

But I think I understand. When Mr. Kerry's past and present record, indeed, his own words, are printed, the writer (in this case me) is accused of instilling fear, nearly plagiarizing, and nearly slandering the Democratic presidential nominee.

However, this is not slander either, which is a false and malicious report about someone. Since I accurately quoted Kerry, and gave my opinion about what he said, this cannot reasonably be considered slander, and as such is protected speech. My piece was not intended to instill fear, either, though I suspect that Mr. Licitra's call to "refrain from publishing such an article..." is. Nobody, regardless of political stripe, should be fearful for expressing their opinions, which is one of our natural rights that we all share by virtue of being born free. I will not be intimidated.

Let me close by stating that Mr. Licitra was right about another thing. I am a member of the College Republicans. In fact, I am the treasurer of the chapter here on campus. However, my opinion pieces do not necessarily represent the club, and are not completed in consultation with any of the club's membership, and therefore it could be considered inappropriate (by my club) to have their name on my work, since they are not responsible for what I write. It is not a club exercise to express my own personal political opinions in a forum such as the *Statesman*. While Mr. Licitra sees the need to officially express his club's opinion, and I respect that, my writings are not official College Republican literature, and are not directly related to the club. I have nothing to hide, and in the interests of full disclosure, I will include my email address in this piece. Good day.

# Politics At SBU

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Abu Ghraib or Vietnam. Free speech is free speech and it should be left at that; not manipulated for election year fear tactics. As far as I'm concerned, this back and forth does little to enhance a dialogue on the issues within the campus community.

So moreover, let's start talking about the issues. The Republicans would love to make personal attacks from here until eternity so they do not have to respond to the war in Iraq or the economy that has not created a single new job in four years. From now on, my contribution to this page will chiefly concern how this election affects those in the Stony Brook campus community. For example, if you're a recent college grad and have had trouble finding a job in this economy, we should be talking about the failure of tax cuts for American's millionaire and billionaire clubs to trickle down to working class and middle class Americans.

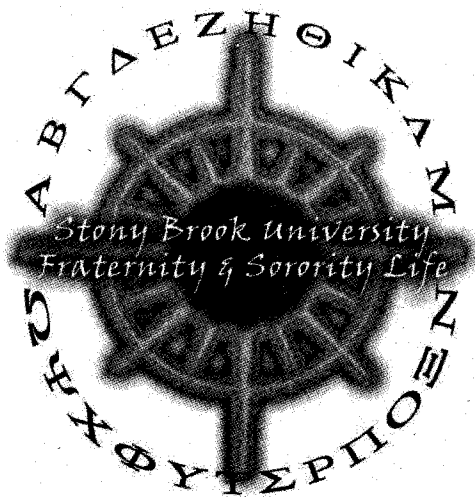
Last issue I mentioned that 541 of the 1000 people who have died in Iraq are between the ages of 18 and 24. Of all the things I wrote, Mr.

Romano touched on every one but this. When John Kerry testified to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relation in 1971, he was not much older than you or me, and he did it – not because he was a Republican or Democrat – but because he was a young citizen of the United States asked to make the ultimate sacrifice. Just like John Kerry did 30 years ago, we have a stake in making sure that those who have led us into Iraq are held accountable. If that means making war a political issue in this campaign – we have no other choice, because we are citizens and it is our constitutional right. Our statements should not be construed as undermining the war effort as those in power did back then and continue to do now.

Partisan banter about the candidates can only move the debate so far. I believe that George W. Bush's character flaws more than translate into failed policy. Therefore, I don't need to attack the person when I can attack the issue. I hope, Mr. Romano, that you as an individual adhere to the same standards, as well as the College Republicans. As I said last time: The College Democrats and I we'll be sticking to the issues.

If you can read this come to the Statesman this Sunday (Sept. 19) to claim your prize.\*

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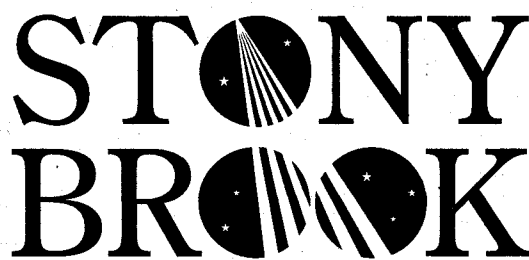
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# Statesman SPORTS

## Yankees vs. Red Sox: *A Rivalry to Revere*

By EUGENE KOSLOVSKY  
Statesman Editor

New York is known for having the biggest and the best. It's only fitting, then, that the greatest rivalry in baseball is right here in the Big Apple. If you don't know what I'm talking about, you're not a real New Yorker. It's the highly publicized, century-long Yankees-Red Sox rivalry that has Yankees fans glued to TV screens every time the two teams go head to head. They have no choice; tickets to these games are gone hours after going on sale.

Lets take a quick look at where it all started. From 1903 to 1918, Boston won five World Series while New York teams won none. So what was it that turned this powerhouse into a, for the lack of a better phrase, pathetic team. It all stems from the sale of Babe Ruth to, you guessed it, the Yankees. From 1919 to 1932, the Red Sox won 818 games while losing a whopping 1342; that's a winning percentage of .384. The sale of Ruth leading to the destruction of the Red Sox became known as the "Curse of the Bambino." Whenever things finally start looking up for the Sox, whenever they catch a glimpse of that silver lining or look up to see the light, the rain starts to pour.

Is there a reason? You bet there is; it's the Red Sox mentality. You take their fans for instance—there's nothing they won't blame on the Yankees. If Pedro Martinez got hit by a parked car, it would somehow get blamed on the Yankees. I recall a trip to Boston a few years ago when my brother and I made the mistake of driving by Fenway Park right after the Yankees beat the Red Sox. It took us over an hour to drive a few blocks because the Red Sox fans happened to catch the only New York license plate around and decided to use our car as a trampoline. A few paid for it by falling off an accelerating car, but that doesn't make up for their utter disregard for our moving vehicle. They didn't even know if we were Yankees fans. Can all the blame be laid on the fans? Of course not, they take their cue from the players. In mid-October, 2003, during a fight at the AL championship

series, their 32-year-old ace, "Pedro," threw the 72-year-old Yankees bench coach, Don Zimmer, to the ground—FACE FIRST! It's true that Zimmer approached him first, but the man is 72 years old! Martinez could have just moved out of the way or just pushed Zimm aside.

Red Sox fans hate the Yankees because they're jealous they don't have a team that can win like the Bronx Bombers. This season though, the Yanks are getting a run for their money. After being ten and a half games back, the Red Sox cut the Yankees lead in the division to four games, as of the day this article went to press. Can this be the year the Sox finally take the division away from their archrival? Yea... OK! Curses weren't made to be broken. It may come down to the wire, but with two series to go against each other, with these two clubs, there's nothing that can't happen on the field. In the standings however, it's the opinion of this Yankees fan that the Bosox will find a way to self-destruct. By the way, Yankees rule and Red Sox drool!



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