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Another Perspective on the Presidential Election

Student Representatives Debate for their Candidates

By ASHLEY MACOMB
Statesman Contributor

If you didn't already know, the deadline to register to vote in New York State was October 8, 2004. Registering was the easy part. Now comes the hard part. Who will you vote for?

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, a "Clash of the Parties" student debate was held in the SAC auditorium to help students make their choice. The student debate gave supporters of both candidates the chance to explain the views of their chosen political party more clearly to other students.

The Undergraduate Student Government and NYPIRG presented the debate, in which eight students from the various parties were situated on stage. They each took their turn at the podium to answer the pre-selected questions presented by a representative from the student media and a student commentator on behalf of various student organizations. Toward the conclusion of the debate, students in the audience were able to turn in questions for the representatives.

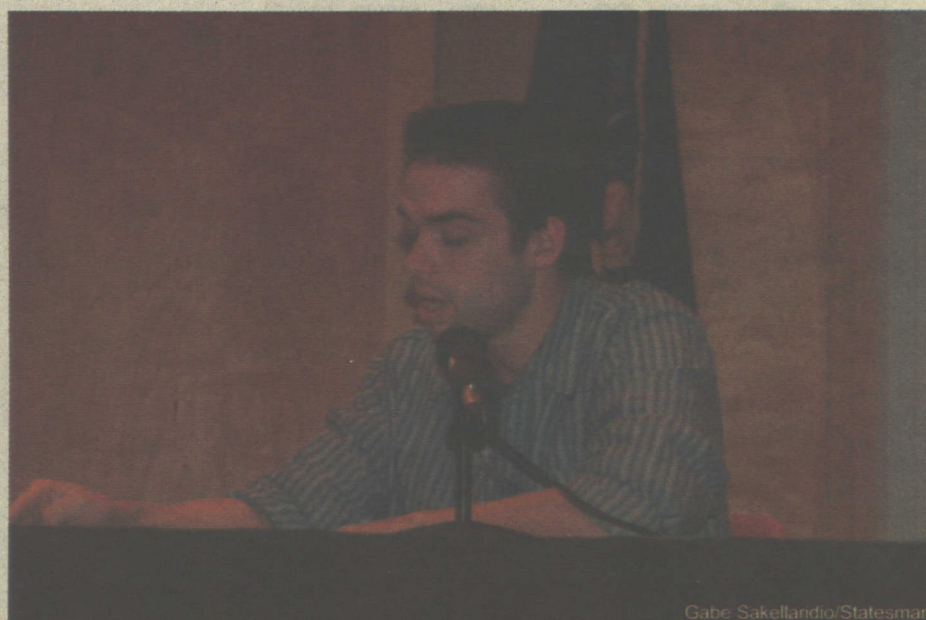
USG President Jared Wong was

pleased with the students' performances. "It really shows how important this election is," Wong said, "and how much the students are really getting involved whereas before they may have been apathetic."

Before the debate, Jeffrey Kruszyna, the President of the Stony Brook University College Republicans, spoke with the republican representatives, Robert Romano, Alex Borodkin and Erica Smith. The group had a large selection of supporters, who identified themselves with republican elephant stickers, seated front and center.

Kruszyna did not help to organize the debate and was not pleased with the communication efforts of the organizers. "I think it was set up fairly last minute," he said. "We got our updates at three in the morning, so it was very mismanaged." But he did believe that despite the last minute adjustments, "overall, every student did well."

Third party representatives took a more relaxed prep session. Matthew Willemain, representing the Peace and Justice party, whose candidate is Ralph Nader, posed for a photo in his Boston Red Sox hat.



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David K. Ginn, News Editor for *The Stony Brook Press*, was one of the moderators of the debate.

The democrats were represented by Jeff Lecitria, Robert Reinertsen and Qais Ghafary.

The opening comments were limited to five minutes per party. "This election is very, very important to all of our futures," Romano said in his opening. "We need to uphold and preserve your

rights under the constitution."

Next to speak was Republican representative Smith, who stated "President Bush has overcome huge obstacles in this economy." She went on to say that "home ownership [is the]

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Getting Your Foot in the Proverbial Door

SBU Career Fair Offers Students a Chance for Internships & Jobs

By PETER SUNWOO
Statesman Editor

Students reaching their junior or senior year typically scramble for internships and job opportunities to prepare for the real world. This year's Fall 2004 Career Fair, held by the Career Center, helped facilitate that experience.

"Our purpose is to give a chance for students to get a hands on experience with employers," said Marianna Savoca, director of the Career Center, "and some exposure to a diverse group of corporations, informing students that there are companies other than popular economic powerhouses."

Over 80 companies and 30 graduate schools were present to offer students full-time/part-time jobs, internships, volunteer positions and future opportunities. The Sports Complex Gymnasium was bustling with eager students looking

for jobs, and hundreds of informative representatives of various companies and schools.

Matthew Brown, a recruiter for Bloomberg L.P., hired six Stony Brook students as full time employees and four interns this year through the Career Fair. "We look for people of all academic backgrounds," he said. "Enthusiasm is most important, we need people with ideas [who are] willing to shake things up."

Some lines for businesses like Cablevision had up to a half-hour wait, just to speak to a representative. Most representatives were extremely patient and understanding of the concerns that students had for their future, causing these slow moving lines. "Students don't realize the lack of time employers have and students normally wouldn't have this opportunity to go out there and sell yourself as an applicant," Savoca said.

Many representatives were Stony Brook Alumni that found their current job through previous SBU Job Expos and Career Fairs. Tara Anand, an employee of the Human Resources Department at Newsday is an example. "I started out at this fair in Spring 2003, met my boss and spoke about my experience," she said. "Three months later I get a call and now here I am."

Newsday alone offered 33 internship positions to Stony Brook applicants just last year. Evan Hsieh, a student at Stony Brook was hired as an intern for Newsday through the summer Job Expo. "I met with Tara, emailed my resume, called afterwards," he said. "A week after the job expo, I was interviewed, and within three weeks I became an intern."

"This is a great opportunity for students to be exposed to a vast job market," Anand said. All kinds of companies were present, ranging from

small businesses like the Three Village Inn, to enormous enterprises like Nikon, Inc, to government organizations like the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The job fair was a great learning experience for many students that are now aware of what is available for their field of study, which would never have crossed their minds.

"The USDA is hiring mathematics, statistics and computer science majors. How can a student majoring in math even imagine being able to work for the USDA if they never had been exposed," Savoca said.

"I'm really glad I came to the fair," said David Vainchenker, a business major at Stony Brook. "I'm looking forward to sending in my resume to the handful of companies I found appealing. I hope other students got the same positive feedback that I received."

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 18th

Ballroom Dance Class
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Stony Brook Union Ballroom

Tuesday, October 19th

Karaoke Night
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Kelly Coffee and Tea House

Undergraduate Student Government
Meeting
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Student Activities Center, Ballroom B

Lecture: "Bridging the Gap between Genetics and Paleontology"

7:30 p.m.
Javits Room, Second Floor, Melville Library
Speaker: Dr. Michael Bell from SBU

Wednesday, October 20th

Commuter Fall Festival
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Student Activities Center Main Lobby

Lecture: Susan Scheckel: "Body Parts and Bodies Politic: Reading Walt Whitman with the Army Medical Museum"
4:30 p.m.
Humanities Institute, Room E-4340, Melville Library

Men's Soccer vs. New Hampshire
5 p.m.

LaValle Stadium

Thursday, October 21st

Octoberfest at Kelly Dining Center
5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

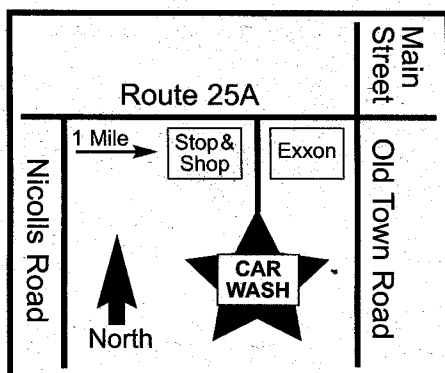
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7 p.m.
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Play: Romeo and Juliet
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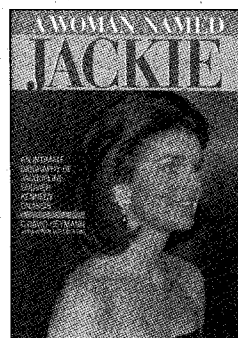
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Tuesday, October 26, 2004 • 7:00 p.m.

Charles B. Wang Center, Stony Brook University



Pulitzer Prize-nominated author C. David Heymann will be the featured guest at the First Annual Friends of the Library Lecture on Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Charles B. Wang Center on the campus of Stony Brook University.

Heymann, who studied English at Stony Brook, is also the author of *Liz: An Intimate Biography of Elizabeth Taylor*; *Poor Little Rich Girl: The Life and Legend of Barbara Hutton*; and *Ezra Pound, The Last Rower: A Political Profile*. Three of his biographies have been made into award-winning NBC miniseries and he has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize three times. His manuscripts and research collections are housed in the Special Collections

Department of Stony Brook University's Libraries.

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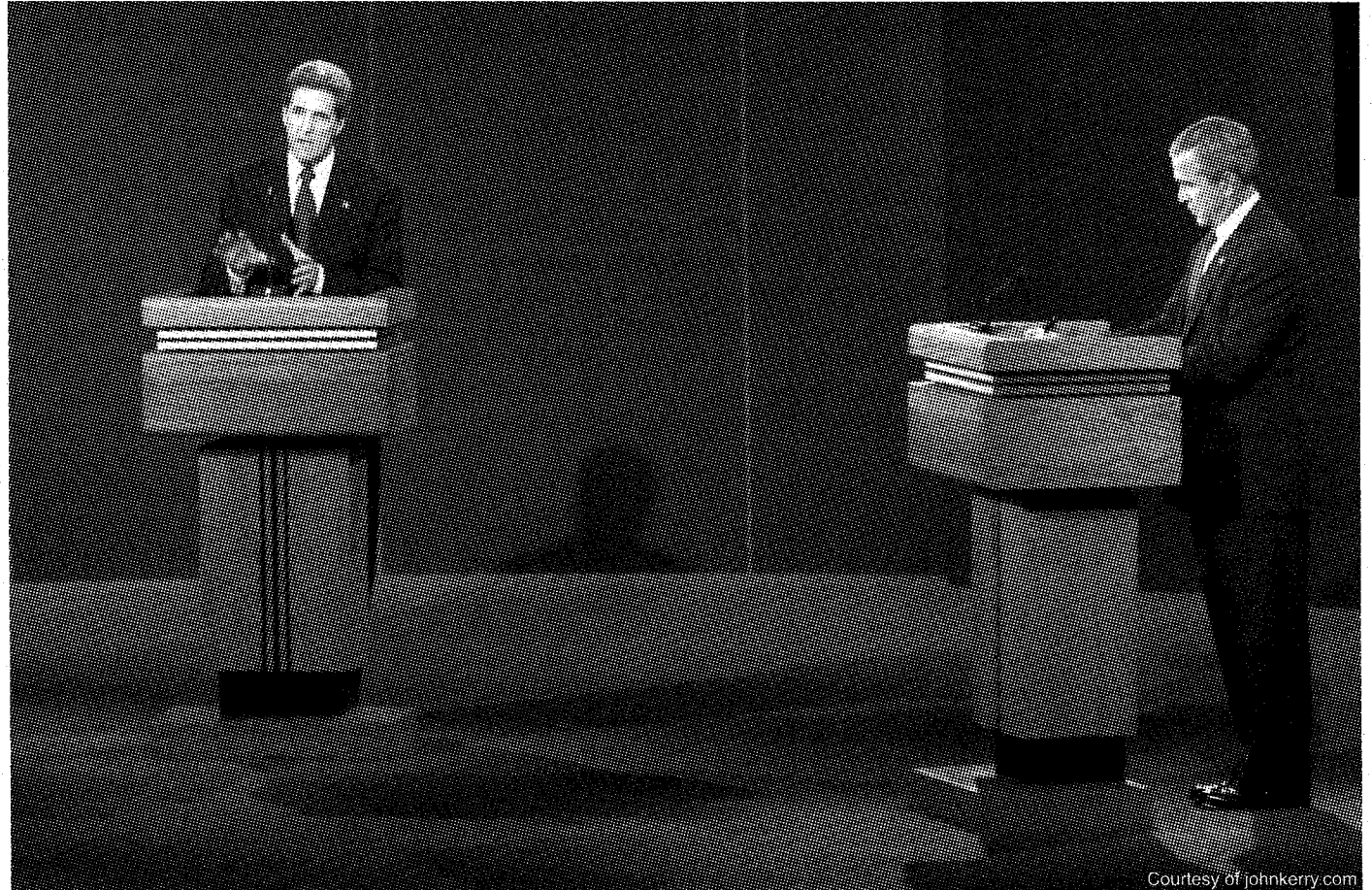
By LAUREN MUTZ
Statesman Contributor

The two primary presidential candidates, President Bush and Senator Kerry, strained not to grimace or scowl while the other spoke this past Wednesday at the third and final Presidential debate. Bush and Kerry forcibly criticized each other's stance on the topics of health care, social security, abortion, jobs and tax cuts. "There's a mainstream of American politics and you sit right on the far left bank," President Bush told Senator John Kerry.

At the fiscal level, Kerry emphasized Bush's neglect of "the typical American family" and his bias toward "the top 1 percent of America." Kerry asserted that, under President Bush, it is the members of the Middle Class, and those struggling toward it, who are being set aside in favor of the "wealthiest...top 1 percent" of American citizens.

In retort, President Bush repetitively referred to Kerry as an out-of-the-loop liberal and twice compared Kerry to his fellow Democratic Senator from Massachusetts, Ted Kennedy. According to Bush, Kennedy was the more "conservative" of the two. The President attacked Kerry's inconsistencies at the fiscal level, claiming that Kerry's "...record in the United States Senate does not match his rhetoric."

Continuing in his own defense, President Bush went on to say: "People



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The third debate raged on with both candidates suppressing a distinct hatred of the other. Domestic Policy dominated the night.

need to remember, six months prior to my arrival the stock market started to go down, and it was one of the largest declines in our history," he said. "And then we had a recession, and we got attacked, which cost

us one million jobs. But we acted. I led the Congress. We passed tax relief. And now this economy is growing."

Another focal topic for discussion and debate was that of Social Security and

health care. John Kerry assertively and deliberately told the American people: "This president has turned his back on the

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Commentary Finding Cures, Saving Children

By SAMEER KHANLJO
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There is nothing sweeter than the sound of children laughing, the innocent smile on a child's face, or the knowledge that you can make the life of a sick child better. These three goals encompass the mission of Up 'til Dawn.

Up 'til Dawn is a student-led fundraising program hosted by colleges and universities nationwide. It unites faculty, students, community and sponsors in a goal to help the children at St. Jude. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is devoted to helping children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases get the treatment that they need. The hospital takes in patients, insurance or not, and covers all treatment costs as well as helps the families. This means everyone gets the support and help they need.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is kept open solely on the kindness of donations. The cost of care for the children is paid for by the fundraising profits of groups like Up 'til Dawn. The success of this internationally-recognized charity is only possible through the help of its dedicated fundraising volunteers.

Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, star of late 1950's television, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is located in Memphis, Tennessee. St. Jude's is world renown as one of the premier centers for research and treatment of diseases in children. Since opening, St. Jude has developed protocols that have brought survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20% to better than 70% overall. In short, St. Jude makes a difference.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Romual Jean-Baptiste and I am running for Freshman Representative for the Undergraduate Student Government. I have always been active in extracurricular activities throughout high school while graduating at the top of my class. One of my greatest achievements was being President of the student body during my senior year. Coming to Stony Brook is a way for me to continue serving my peers, which has humbled me as a person.

I have three plans that I hope will decrease the intimidation and disengagement that is present in the freshman class. The first is a Peer-Mentoring Program, which will be like a Big Brother, Big Sister program. An upper classman would mentor a freshman to help ease the transition from high school to college academically and socially. I have written the proposal for this program and the university plans to implement

it by next semester. Second, is a Freshman Forum, which will bring freshmen together in a formal setting to encourage interaction among the freshman class through the sharing of information, and thoughts of how to improve our first year experience. Last but not least, is "Freshest Fest," a week long of programming that will be designed by the freshman committee, and at the end there will be a party, opened to all undergraduate students. This is to promote class identity, which is very important in building class pride. When the class of 2008 graduates from Stony Brook University, I want us to be remembered as one of the best classes that ever set foot on this campus, not only academically, but in being very active in our campus community. With your help, I want to ensure that. Elected your Freshman Rep. I will serve you with grace and humility.

Sincerely,

Romual Jean-Baptiste

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Samuel Darguin and I am a freshman running for one of the six open positions in the senate. I have always been active in my community. In high school, I was the President of my Student Body, along with being very involved in activities outside of school, such as volunteering at my local hospital. These include being a peer-mentor and having served in the Chancellor Student Advisory Committee to discuss issues facing New York City high school students. Being very involved in terms of extracurricular activities, I also graduated at the top of my class.

As now a member of the Undergraduate

student body at Stony Brook, I want to continue to be involved in my community. As a senator, I will continue to be an activist in behalf of my peers. I will ensure that your activity fee is responsibly spent and is being used in a manner, which will appeal to as many students as possible, including you. A full college education is one that is comprised of both academic excellence and social enhancement through the involvement in campus life. With a shared vision, I believe this can become a reality. **Remember: stand for Sam and Sam will stand for you.**

Sincerely,

Samuel Darguin

Corrections-

In the article entitled "USG Conclave Ushers in Student Organizations," printed by the *Statesman* on Oct. 11, 2004, Club Om, a student organization on campus, was misrepresented as a religious group. It is, in fact, a cultural group. Shafeyat Raja, the treasurer of Club Om, actually meant that religious organizations should receive as much funding as cultural organizations, not that Club Om was receiving insufficient funding.

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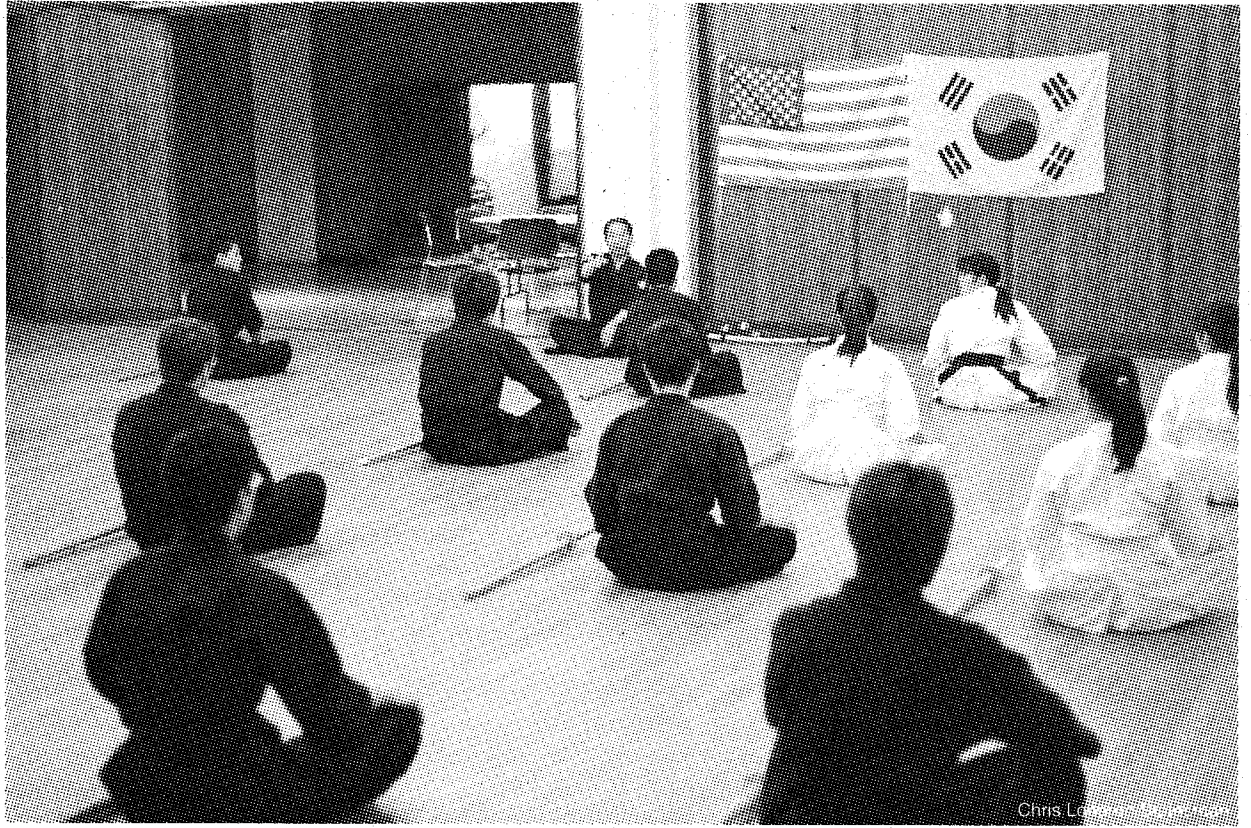
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SBU Kumdo Club Offers Recreation, Fun

By SARAH NASIR
Statesman Contributor

At the start of every new school year, many students look for some interesting extracurricular activities to become involved with, mainly in order to take a break from the grueling schedule of classes and studying. This year is probably not any different. However, instead of only gravitating towards the traditional academic or activist oriented organizations that have become the mainstream of any college, students can consider a lesser known but equally engaging and interesting club that practices one of the ancient martial art forms in existence today, Kumdo.

The Kumdo Club, which was formed about 6 years ago at Stony Brook by founder Hyungjin Lin (now a former graduate), is an organization dedicated to practicing and perfecting one's ability to learn Kumdo, which is the Korean version of Japanese Kendo. Kumdo, traditionally known as "The Way of The Sword" is a rigorous martial arts discipline that encourages character development and spiritual refinement. It was historically developed through extensive martial art heritage reaching back more than three thousand years ago, at the time of the Bronze Age. Over the years, the fighting style has gone through many stages, the most important becoming less violent and dangerous by adopting and utilizing a practice weapon made of bamboo and lightweight armor. This change therefore makes it more conducive to first timers, who want to learn and appreciate the art form, without dealing with the threat of significant bodily injuries.



Members of the Kumdo club at Stony Brook spar every week in the Union Ballroom.

The Kumdo Club at Stony Brook currently consists of about 50-60 members and welcomes any new participants who are willing to explore an engaging form of martial arts. The President of the Kumdo Club, Hyojin Claudia Lim, said "There is no prior experience in Kumdo needed for joining our club. We teach all interested beginners who want

to learn this form of fighting from scratch." Lim, a senior at SBU, has been practicing Kumdo for almost fifteen years and explains that the "purpose of the club is to teach and practice regularly. We want more people to be aware of this opportunity." Aside from

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National Scholarships and Fellowships

A Competitive Option for Stony Brook Students

By UCHE ABANOBI
Statesman Contributor

Does the cost of graduate school make you cringe? Is financial aid just not enough? Then maybe you should consider applying for a scholarship.

Stony Brook has several national competitive scholarships and fellowships for students who would like to further their education after college. This includes but is not limited to the Rhodes Scholarship, Winston Churchill Scholarship, British Marshall Scholarship and the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

For instance there is the Rhodes Scholarship which finances two years of graduate study at Oxford University in England. In order to apply, one has to be between the ages of 18-23, and a U.S. citizen.

Applicants are required to submit a completed application form, a short personal statement, 1000 words or less describing academic and other interests, a concise one-page list of principal activities and honors in college, 5-8 letters of recommenda-

tion, and a current transcript.

The complete list of scholarships and fellowships, plus their requirements, is available online at Stony Brook's Undergraduate Academic Affairs website.

In order to be eligible for the majority of these scholarships one must have a GPA of at least 3.5. One must also be involved in some club or organization as well. However, it is not just enough to be apart of an organization, one must also play an active role in it.

The requirements for each scholarship and fellowship vary, but for the most part they all require between 3-8 letters of recommendation. According to Rosemary Effiom, the Director of Prestigious National Scholarships, "strong letters of recommendation are crucial," she said, "it hurts you if your recommendations are not strong." The best advice she offered was to "get to know faculty."

Another prerequisite for applying for these scholarships is to write a personal statement about oneself. The scholarship officials like to get a

sense of the person who is applying. According to Senior Rita Kalra, a scholarship applicant, they want to "know who you are and hear your voice."

She said, "It is not as easy as it sounds." She found that she had to "psychoanalyze" herself. This forced her to write and rewrite her personal statement several times. In the end she said, she spent "over sixty hours of essay writing."

Sixty hours might seem alarming, but according to scholarship officials it is normal, and necessary in order to ensure the best possible essay.

Kalra, who is 20 years old, had to think about her life, why she was perusing her majors of physics and math, and what she wanted to get out of it.

She said, "You have to soul search." Kalra summed up her scholarship process as a learning experience. She said, she "learned punctuality, why she was doing what she was doing, and got to know herself better."

The same can also be said for Vlad Frants. He described his scholarship

experience as "a way of self-reflection." Frants said he had to "stop and think about himself." Frantz, 19 and a Senior, expressed no regrets with his scholarship process. He said, "If a student is eligible, it is an amazing opportunity."

He was also proud to be adding to the school's reputation, and also insisted on thanking Ms. Effiom for all her hard work and dedication. Frants said, "People don't realize how valuable and critical Rosemary's position is."

Diane West, administrator at the Undergraduate Academic Affairs office, described the scholarship process as "very rigorous." She said, "Students have to be willing to put in the time an effort. It's not just as simple as filling out an application."

Effiom summed up the scholarship process best when she said, "At the end of the day, there are no guarantees."

So, if you're a student looking to alleviate your future debts and expenditures, Stony Brook is a good place to be – the opportunities are there, its up to you to go out and get them.

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Finding Cures, Saving Kids

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The Stony Brook Up 'til Dawn Executive Board has a big year planned behind the leadership of its co-Executive Directors Vanessa Dumont and Clairee Bessell. Parts of this year's campaigns are fundraising events, activities and collaborations with other student organizations.

Students are the key to success of the program. Not only do they lead Up 'til Dawn on the Stony Brook campus, but they also educate the community about St. Jude and they raise the funds through a variety of activities. The main events lined up so far for this year's Up 'til Dawn team are the annual letter writing campaign in late October or early November, and partnership for various events with the Lambda Upsilon Lambda fraternity.

This year's goals for Up 'til Dawn are to raise funds for the children of St.

Jude Hospital that will help St. Jude continue its life-saving research and treatment. The Executive Board has set an objective of creating 50 teams and topping last year's donation total. In addition, Up 'til Dawn aims to promote the value of service learning to all students through involvement and the reward that these efforts produce.

If you are interested in helping make a difference in the lives of children with catastrophic diseases you can join the Up 'til Dawn team. All you need to do is form a team of 6 friends to participate in our many fundraising events. You can contact Clairee Bessell at 6-4528 or Vanessa Dumont at 6-4891 to get team registration forms or more information.

With the devotion and endless enthusiasm of the Stony Brook community, Up 'til Dawn will know no limits! **No child deserves to face cancer alone.**

Students Join Kumdo Club

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just practicing Kumdo, being involved in a small community environment also enables one to make new friends and bond with others through the appreciation of this particular form of martial arts.

The Kumdo Club not only gets together to practice regularly here at SBU, but they also compete in several intercollegiate tournaments nationwide.

For the past three years, Kumdo Club has successfully competed in the Shoryuhai Tournament run by Harvard University, receiving third, second and third place honors each year respectively.

This spring will be their fourth entry in the tournament, which is a national event in which teams from colleges across the nation get together to vie for the title of First Place.

Aside from tournament style competitions, in which teams compete, individual members of the Kumdo Club have also gone on to compete in singles events.

So, why would a typical SBU student, bogged down by classes and studying most of the time, and relaxing and partying in their remaining spare time, bother to consider this opportunity?

According to its president, the

Kumdo Club enhances and cultivates one's ability to focus. "The practice itself gives you more mental strength than you had before." Success in Kumdo, as well as in real life, is achieved through physical effort, mental discipline, and honest self-examination or spiritual awakening. "There are the obvious physical benefits of becoming involved in Kumdo, but it is also fun and a good place to meet new and interesting people," Lim said.

However, interested individuals should note that becoming involved requires a high level of dedication, and that learning Kumdo for the first time is not easy for everyone.

The equipment for the sport is not provided by the club, so new members do have to purchase it for themselves, along with the traditional uniform. While the cost is somewhat expensive, most of the equipment does last a considerably long period of time, particularly the body armor that can last indefinitely.

If anyone is interested in joining the club, meetings are held once a week on Sunday nights from 8:30-10:30pm at the Stony Brook Union Ballroom.

For additional information about the club and or contact information for some of the members, please refer to the club's website, located at www.sinc.sunysb.edu/clubs/kumdo.

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Indians Celebrate a Night of Holiday

Navatri Celebration Fills Sports Complex with Dance



Event participants help prepare a shrine dedicated to Durga, also known as Ambaji, a symbol of power who in Hindu lore is believed to be an incarnation of the deity Vishnu.

By SUMERA AKRAM
Statesman Contributor

Indian students and members of the Indian community danced the night away and reflected among prayers offered to Indian deities in the 24th annual Indian culture night held Saturday at the sports complex gymnasium. It was a night full of colors and festivities. A large number of people were participating in this festival of celebrations called the Navratri. The gym floor was packed with dancers wearing bright and colorful dresses.

Navratri stands for nine nights. And the historical significance is that: "this was a celebration for the god Ram, when he came back after defeating the devil,"

said Joyti Shah, one of the event coordinators. "People celebrated and danced for nine nights. And the tradition continues today."

The holiday is astrology based, and happens once every year. A huge number of people show up for this festival. "We are expecting more than 200 people to show up tonight," said Poonam Parekh, another event coordinator. "It is a big event." Navratri is celebrated mostly in northern India, in the state of Gujarat.

A small temple was erected in the center of the gym, and dancers went around the temple in a circle. The night was started with prayers in honor of the gods, and then a small group of ladies started a dance called Garba. Members of

the audience jumped off of the bleachers and in no time a huge crowd was on the floor dancing away.

Garba is a series of claps and twirls, and it is conducted in a circle. After the Garba, the "light" was offered to the gods, and the Dandia Raas was started. This dance is done with a pair of sticks called Dandia, and in this the steps are basically the same but the claps are replaced with Dandia strikes. The music is slow in the beginning of the songs, and it gets more intense towards the end.

"People respond highly to my songs," said Kirti Dave, the lead singer in the celebration. "They just loose themselves in the music."

The event was not just for adults,

however. It was a family night. People of all age groups were present, and even little children were participating in the dance.

"It's a religious and family event; people dance as a group" said Rupali, a dancer on the floor.

"A lot of Stony Brook students are here tonight to celebrate," said junior Snehal Katri, one of the many Indian students at the celebration.

There was a huge turnout of people despite the rain, and they showed the spirit of celebration by dancing throughout the night. The dance floor was never deserted.

"I'm having a lot of fun, said Unnati Shah, another Stony Brook student. "I'm so happy to be here."

Our Military Didn't Fight for Nothing

Potential for WMD Development Brings New Light to US Action

By ROBERT J. ROMANO
Statesman Staff

Charles Duelfer, in delivering testimony on the Comprehensive Report of the Special Advisor to the DCI on Iraq's WMDs on Wednesday, October 6th, found that while no militarily significant weapons of mass destruction stockpiles have been found in Iraq, Hussein was nevertheless prepared to immediately begin developing programs meant to create WMDs.

From the report's key findings: "[Hussein] wanted to end sanctions while preserving the capability to reconstitute his weapons of mass destruction (WMD) when sanctions were lifted..." Since the regime's overreaching goal was the removal of the sanctions, it did not overtly develop weapons of mass destruction, and the programs remained stagnant until international pressure would not be as significant a barrier to their destructive goals.

In addition to these findings, Mr. Duelfer also testified that the investigation "also makes quite clear how Baghdad exploited the mechanism for executing the Oil-for-Food [OFF] program to give individuals and countries an economic stake in ending sanctions. The Regime, following a pattern that Saddam has applied throughout his career, offered rewards and a rationale for accepting them. They successfully convinced the people that the sanctions were harming the innocent, and that the moral choice was to elude and diminish them."

We now know that some of this money was being used by the regime to develop long-range missiles in violation of the UN Security Council resolutions. The development of delivery systems continued after the first Gulf War and increased after Iraq's decision to accept the Oil-for-Food program in 1996. The United Nations and the United States Congress are also investigating the extent of this activity.

Though the Iraq Survey Group has judged that the bulk of Iraq's weapons were in fact destroyed, it does not rule out the possibility that materials were transported out of the country. Duelfer stated, "A variety of questions about Iraqi WMD capabilities and intentions remain unanswered, even after extensive investigation by ISG. For example, we cannot yet definitively say

whether or not WMD materials were transferred out of Iraq before the war. Neither can we definitively answer some questions about possible retained stocks..."

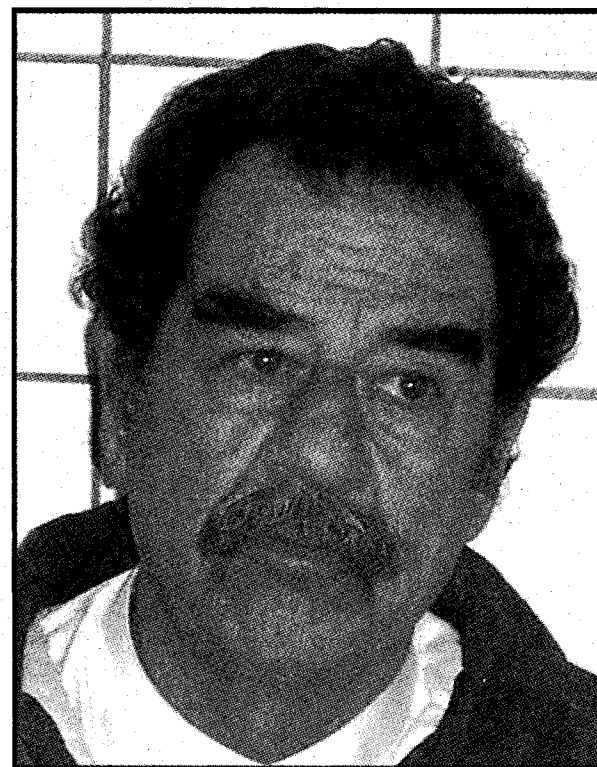
Iraq's activities that were concealed from the United Nations when Iraq made its declaration of WMD-related activities were also ambiguous. It is reasonable to assume that noncompliance by Iraq to UN Security Council resolutions meant that the country still retained stocks from prior declarations. However, since such stockpiles were a risk, sanctions would continue so they were apparently destroyed following the Gulf War.

Instead, even during the inspections of 2002-3, there were laboratories operated by the security services for biological research that were not declared to the UN, but should have been. Iraq retained chemical and biological weapons experts from the former programs, the knowledge base for future production, and obviously had the intention to reconstitute these efforts when sanctions might be lifted.

Iraq leaned on the United Nations Security Council to have sanctions lifted through diplomacy. According to the report's findings, Hussein "wanted to divide the five permanent members and foment international public support of Iraq at the UN and throughout the world by a savvy public relations campaign and an extensive diplomatic effort."

With successful agreements in place, "continued oil smuggling efforts, and the manipulation of UN OFF contracts emboldened Saddam to pursue military reconstitution efforts starting in 1997 and peaking in 2001. These efforts covered conventional arms, dual-use goods acquisition, and some WMD-related programs." The regime was able to finance these activities through \$11 billion in illicit revenues amassed from the early-1990's to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Iraq received \$2 billion in kickbacks from the OFF: "\$990 million from oil 'cash-sales' or smuggling; and another \$230 million from other surcharge impositions."

The activities that occurred in violation of the Security Council resolutions were contrary to the law of nations. The president was authorized by the U.S. Congress to enforce the resolutions through military force. The Security Council also authorized a multina-



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tional force under unified command in resolution 1511 to take all necessary measures to maintain security and stability in Iraq. Resolution 1546 recognized the transfer of sovereignty to the interim government of Iraq, and on June 28th of this year, they took sovereignty. Due to our military action, the sanctions against Iraq were lifted and the Iraqi people are consequently benefiting from the country's oil wealth, and the noncompliant regime is in custody. Free elections are to take place in January, and the country is currently rebuilding both her economic, political, and security institutions so that they may ensure a better future for her people. Prime Minister Allawi of Iraq has thanked the American people for sacrificing on their behalf. The rogue regime is no longer in power, and the leadership of President Bush and the coalition is responsible for helping the Iraqis gain their freedom.



A THOUGHT
FROM
RABBI ADAM



When one thinks about the Israeli-Palestinian situation, one can't help but let out a sigh of hopelessness. It seems like a never-ending cycle that has no solution. The currently failing peace strategies are based on the notion of "land for peace." "Land" refers to the Arab populated lands conquered by Israel during the Six-Day War in 1967. "Peace" refers to the deal that would be made if Israel would agree to a gradual handing over of these lands to a Palestinian autonomy. Simple right? Well, not exactly. For the first thing, even with a "land for peace" deal, neither the Palestinians, nor the Israelis are happy. Why? Well, the Palestinians are still upset about the Jewish victory in the 1948 war that led to the establishment of a Jewish entity in the Arab Middle-East. Simple put, they still have not recognized the state of Israel. Their maps do not demarcate a nation called "Israel" and their school's textbooks talk of cities in Israel as being part of Palestine. Therefore, "land for peace" means accepting that Israel exists-something in which Palestinians do not want to recognize. And, the Israelis are also not too keen on a "land for peace" deal. For giving back the lands would be militarily suicidal, for the West Bank and Gaza Strip are buffer zones between Israel and their Arab neighbors. Tel Aviv would be 9 miles from a Palestinian autonomy. Other major cities wouldn't even be a mile from the border. And should a Palestinian autonomy have an army and conduct a sneak attack- defense would be impossible. Therefore, both the Israelis and the Palestinians have been dragging their feet, looking for pretenses in order to blame the other side for a failed peace process so that neither would have to seriously commit themselves to "land for peace." So where does that put us? Do we give up on peace? Is war the only option? No, only "land for peace" doesn't work. But another type of peace proposal could.

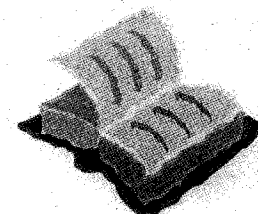
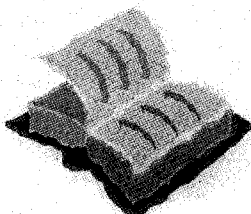
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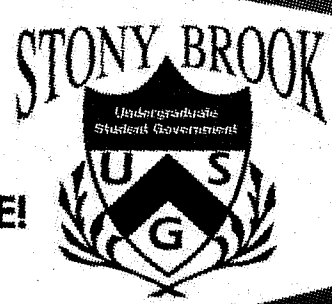
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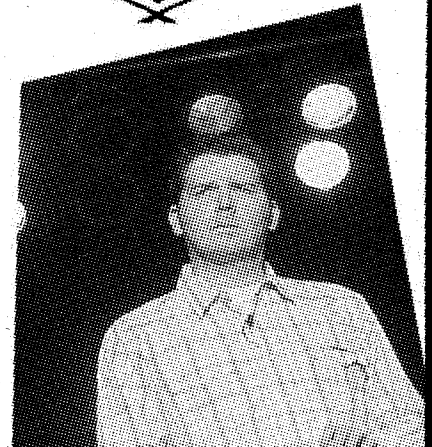
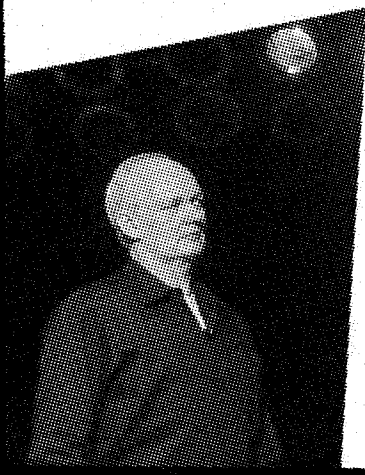
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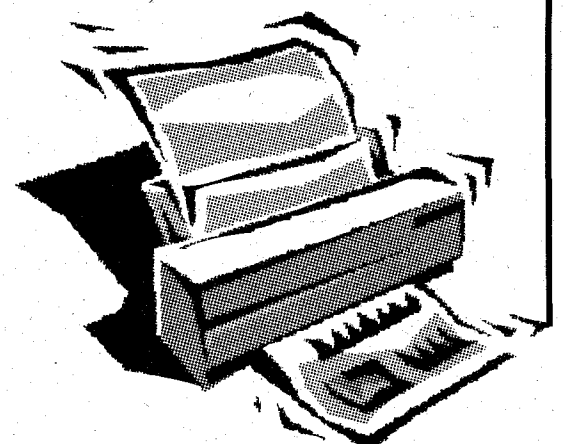
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highest it's ever been."

The democrats had the chance to speak next. Jeff Licitra of the democrats took the microphone out of its stand and got closer to the audience; his button-down shirt sleeves rolled up, and said "today we are here to talk about the truth."

Licitra believes that our president leaves out the truth. He said that we have been led to believe that Bush is giving everyone tax cuts, but in actuality it has been only the upper one percent of America. Licitra said that Kerry will justify these cuts if he is elected this November. "He's going to do this by repealing the tax cuts for the wealthy" Licitra said. Licitra also said that Kerry supports a woman's right to choose while he fears that if Bush is to remain president, that right will be taken away.

Willemain was next to speak in support of Nader. "All of these politicians are a wash," he said, explaining that Nader is in opposition of Iraq and the Patriot Act. Third party candidate Ralph Nader believes that the American public needs to pursue corporations that get tax breaks.

Finally, Adam Martin was given his

chance to speak on the seldom talked about candidate Michael Badnarik. Martin said that Badnarik is "not pleased with" the administration and the current mainstream candidates. Martin advocated that if you are not pleased with either of the two dominate parties, to vote for a third party candidate such as Badnarik or Nader. This will, if anything, send a message to the other parties that people are not pleased with what is going on. The Libertarian Party believes strongly that "your life is yours," Martin said.

John Mascher, a Board Representative from NYPIRG, was happy with the way the debate went. "I was especially pleased with all the parties that came out today," he said. "I was impressed with the responses and how they managed to address each other on issues. I think we heard a more substantial discussion then we often do on TV."

"I think [the debate] was charged. I think the viewers really got a chance to hear what's at stake in this election, in any direction it goes," Reinertsen said. "Either way, whether it goes Bush, whether it goes Kerry; the idea is that our future really depends on things like oil, healthcare, tax revenue. There's no way around this stuff."

Taxi A Great Guy Movie

BY PETER SUNWOO
Statesman Editor

Driving in the city could be the most painstaking experience when hitting standstill traffic that extends longer than the eyes can see, or it could be the most thrilling experience for those with fast cars and in seek of a challenging racetrack. There are plenty of obstacles in Manhattan that only the outstanding drivers can take on. Taxicabs, roadblocks, double-parked vehicles, buses, garbage trucks, potholes, jaywalkers and New Jersey drivers; you name it, the city's got it. For those enthused by racing culture, the comedy "Taxi" is the movie to see.

"Fast and the Furious" has your conventional straight away racing with souped-up Japanese Cars equipped with nitrous oxide and LCD lighting. Fast, yes; tacky, a bit; skillful no. "Taxi" brings racing to a whole new level where anything you can spin four wheels on is a racetrack. New York City racing isn't about money or pride; it's about getting from point A to point B, in a fraction of the time that it would normally take. But if you want to compete in NYC, you need a car with remarkable handling.

The dazzling group of Portuguese female bank robbers, lead by the super-model Giselle Bundchen, could not have chosen a better arsenal of cars to take on the Big Apple's obstructions, Bimmers. The weapons of choice included a fully equipped BMW 760LI with body modifications, giving it the sportier muscle look, and my personal favorite, the BMW M3 Convertible. This compacted monster of a car packs a big punch with its 333-horsepower engine and extreme handling to get between the tightest of merges.

The infamous robbers could not be

stopped by the Crown Victorian police cars, so who better to stop the models gone bad than an insane NYC taxi driver. Of the thousands of yellow cabs in the city, there is one that can transform into a speedy demon. Belle, played by Queen Latifah, takes on the task after inadvertently meeting Andy Washburn, a reckless police officer, played by Jimmy Fallon, that is known for his terrible driving and costing the city thousands of dollars in damages.

Washburn's Lieutenant/ex-girlfriend takes his driver's license away after he smashes an undercover car into a bodega, killing an officer's pet parrot. He is forced to walk the streets during his assignments and accidentally stumbles upon the bank robbery. He decides to take on the beauties by forcing Belle to take him. The crime-fighting duo starts on a bad foot, but later they find themselves in personal messes, and the only solution is to work together and catch the robbers. They collaborate to break the patterns of the multiple bank robberies and at the end, the modified super-cab comes out victorious (was that so hard to predict)?

The film is cheesy, yet highly entertaining. It's geared for those that are fans of Bimmers, reckless driving, and gorgeous women, which are all, obviously, essential elements of a great film. The comedy is mixed with moments that are hilarious and just downright dumb, but don't get me wrong, dumb humor can be funny. If your looking for a film that's action packed with straightforward humor that doesn't require an ounce of mental energy, then this is the movie to see. Normally, I would give a comedy like this 2 out of 5 stars, but I'll add another since Giselle's acting was just so phenomenal.

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Bush, Kerry Standoff for Final Debate

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wellness of America." The U.S. health care system has gotten worse for "the American family" under President Bush's current policies, claimed Kerry.

Kerry's plan? Cover "every child in America" and provide greater options for people seeking health insurance, including the same insurance used by Senators and Congressman because, according to Kerry, "if it's good enough for us, it's good enough for every American." Additionally, Kerry proposed to allow 55 to 64 year olds the right to purchase Medicaid as well as give small businesses a tax credit of 50 percent.

President Bush attacked Senator Kerry's health care plan as "an empty promise," and an attempt at a "bait-and-switch." Additionally, Bush declared that Kerry would never be able to pay for such a plan.

Things got "hot and heavy" when the candidates got to talking about abortion and gay marriage. When asked by CBS Newsman Bob Schieffer, whether he felt sexuality was a choice, Bush responded with: "You know, Bob, I don't know. I just don't know."

In contrast, Senator Kerry claimed that "We're all God's children, Bob, and I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was."

However, both Bush and Kerry agreed that marriage should be preserved for the union of a man and a woman, but that all individuals, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual preference, should be treated with respect, dignity and "as equals."

It became quite apparent, however, that the candidates hold widely disparate opinions and policies toward abortion. Kerry claims that he would, indeed, require a "litmus test" for judges because he would never allow Roe v. Wade to be overridden. He continued by emphasizing President Bush's lack of assertion on his views and plans



John Kerry and George Bush shake hands at their final debate.

in regards to judge appointments.

When pushed to declare his stance, Bush claimed he would not impose a "litmus test" on judges but rather, select judges who "will interpret the Constitution..." Bush later went on to say he wants to "promote a culture of life" and that it would be "reasonable" for everyone to get together to put a "good law in place that will help reduce

the number of abortions." President Bush claims to favor "abstinence" above all else.

The topics of border control and protection, gun control and U.S. involvement in Iraq were also discussed.

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By NATHAN HOULD
Statesman Contributor

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been invited to the ACHA Div. II national championships where they have battled for the gold. At this tournament they face teams like, University Of Colorado, New York University, Pennsylvania State University, Michigan State University, and Oakland University. The last two years the team has been a top candidate for the best Div. II ACHA team in the nation. In 2003 they were finalists in the ACHA Div. II national championship where they were defeated by University of Colorado. 2004 was

another prosperous year for the team; they won the Super East College Hockey League (SECHL) Title for the first time in their history and were semi-finalists in the ACHA Div. II national championship where Oakland University, who went on to win gold, defeated them in a tooth clenching overtime.

The players, fans and coaching staff alike are very optimistic about the outcome of the 2004-2005 season. This optimism is not overshot, but based on heavy recruitment of promising players,

a strong returning lineup, and most importantly a more goal oriented team attitude. A season opener confirmed this when the Seawolves easily defeated opponent University of Scranton. They currently have a string of road games ending Saturday October 30th when they play Westfield State College (WSC) at the Rinx at 8:00pm. In the past years games with WSC have been highly entertaining and fiercely competitive. The team hopes to see you there. For directions to the Rinx call (631)232-3222.

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A Closer Look at the Yankees / Red Sox Rivalry

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It's October, and as usual, it's the Red Sox and Yankees highlighting all the local sports reels across the nation. Granted, this rivalry is undoubtedly one of the best in all of sports, and it certainly deserves all the attention it's currently getting. Nevertheless, one can't help find a certain redundancy to this post-season scenario. I consistently hear the same stories, the same faces and the same antagonism that supposedly exists between these teams. Pedro Martinez always seems to have something to say this time of year, and consistently has a superficial, journalistic leash on baseball writers around the country. I simply feel that baseball needs a story besides Boston and New York, as exciting as it may be.

Understandably, in a game where quality teams can easily be built purely through monetary expenditure, baseball basically has no choice but to cope with the same kind of October every year. The best teams are the rich teams, and as long as owners are willing to spend the money and fans are willing to buy tickets and materialistic merchandise, clubs like the Yankees and Red Sox will always show their stripes in October and will prevent talented, but less economically privileged, teams from showing theirs.

Adding to my disappointment is the fact that this rivalry tends to put other current sports stories in the background, hidden from the narrow eyes of most sports fans. Besides the MLB post-season, the fall also brings with it the start of the NFL. This year, New York is home to two teams that are playing absolutely great football. Although it is relatively early in the season, both the Giants and Jets have put themselves in good position to make the playoffs, and most importantly, both teams are showing signs of becoming teams to be reckoned with in the future. Yet, in the darkening glamour of Red Sox vs. Yankees, the success of these football teams

remains unseen.

Another story lost in the light of baseball's most infamous rivalry is the NHL lockout, something that has already been discussed in the *Statesman*. This strike represents all that is wrong about American sports. It shows how greed on the part of athletes, who make salaries that we can only comprehend in our dreams, can totally neglect the desires and sincerity of the most important and integral part of any professionally marketed sport – the fans. Yet, in the darkening glamour of Red Sox vs. Yankees, the apathy of these sports stars remains unseen.

One of the main reasons I have always watched sports is the element of surprise. Those game winning home runs, overtime goals, last second field goals – those are the moments where I find my passion as a sports fan. But in Boston vs. New York playoff series, as many exciting moments as I may witness, I always find myself facing the same inevitable outcome – the Yankees win, and the Red Sox lose. Don't get me wrong, I'm an avid Yankees fan, and I do enjoy watching my team thrive in euphoria of glorious victory. However, at the same time, I can't help but realize the redundancy of their triumph and how it consistently diminishes the value of the Yankees' constant success.

It is time for other teams to highlight the national showcase of the MLB playoffs. At some point, baseball executives have to ask themselves the following question – Are the short term profits due to Yankee success worth more than the longevity and quality of baseball overall? As an objective Yankees fan, I, along with a countless number of fans across the nation, support the latter.

