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USG Vice President Impeached

By Meagan O'Connell
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate Student Government Senate voted 19-1 with two abstentions to impeach Ralph Thomas, the vice president of Clubs and Organizations on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

According to the impeachment resolution passed by the senate, Thomas failed to perform certain responsibilities required of him as an officer. He is accused of not serving the minimum of fifteen office hours a week. The resolution also alleges that he failed to organize an event called Leadership Day in the fall of 2006, and had limited participation in organizing the same event last week.

He was also impeached for allegedly failing to follow the Council of Representatives Act; a new law that gives the VP of clubs and organizations a number of new responsibilities.

"I think the senate did the right thing," Esam Al-Shareffi, the USG senate recording secretary said.

Thomas, a junior, has been in office since 2005, according to the USG website. He is a health science major with a minor in business administration.

Thomas was given a chance to speak in his defense, but only spoke briefly. He argued that he only found out about these charges against him on Monday. Thomas said he had no comment on the accusations.

USG President Romual Jean-Baptiste said Thomas might have

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A 1998 aerial view of Stony Brook's academic mall. Courtesy of Arcadia Publishing

FEATURE:

Stony Brook Celebrates its 50th

By Aisha Akhtar
Staff Writer

After renovations, recognitions, and curricular developments, Stony Brook University (SBU) celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

SBU's first campus was at Planting Fields in Oyster Bay. The 350 acre field in Oyster Bay was formerly an arboretum-estate that belonged to William Robertson Coe, chairman and president for a marine insurance brokerage and adjustment firm. Coe donated his estate to the SUNY university system in 1949. In 1955, the board of trustees for SUNY decided to start a university in historic Stony Brook, and so they issued the Oyster Bay estate as an interim campus until the construction work was complete.

In 1957, the Oyster Bay campus, called the State University College on Long Island, opened up to 148 students. At the time, this college was tuition-free and aimed for those preparing to be teachers in the fields of science and math at the secondary or community college levels. Eventually, SUNY decided to add on degree programs for science, math, and engineering.

"Originally, Stony Brook was meant to be a four year college, but then SUNY changed its mind to make Stony Brook a research university," said distinguished professor of history, Joel Rosenthal. "With all the war, and the launching of Sputnik, science and research had become a priority." Rosenthal has been teaching at Stony Brook for 46 years.

In 1960, SUNY trustees officially changed Stony Brook from a college into a university. The Oyster Bay campus became the State University of New York, Long Island Center. As a university, the school would now offer liberal arts and science programs, and a graduate school.

"The students who came here [Oyster Bay] didn't know what to expect," said Robert Schneider, distinguished assistant professor of Chemistry. Schneider has been a part of Stony Brook for 47 years, and started his career at Oyster Bay. "We had a hodge-podge of students of all varieties that had hopes for their futures."

"A reason many of us joined the institution back then was because we saw [Stony Brook]

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Water Leak Floods Bursar

By Tejas Gawade
Managing Editor

On Jan. 29, Stony Brook University's Bursar office faced a water leakage at approximately 4:00 AM. Services at the Bursar and Check Disbursement windows, which are located in the Admissions building, were temporarily relocated to the Student Accounts office in the same location. Services were permanently restored at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

According to University Media Relations Officer, Patrick Calabria, "the leak began when a pipe elbow burst." File cabinets were placed in the lobby and the area surrounding them was barricaded. According to Calabria, "there was no loss."

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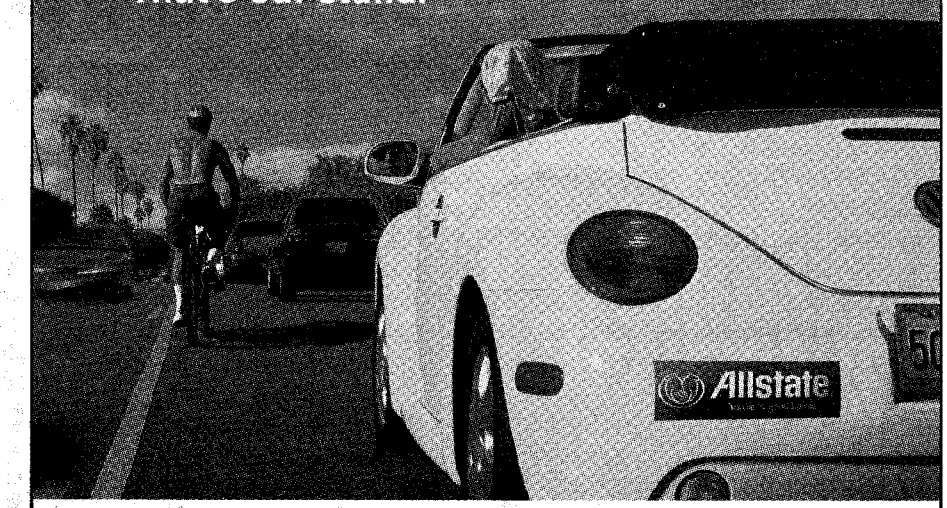

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Student Forecast:

Feb. 8 - Feb. 14

by Jamie Waller

weekend

Thursday:
High 29/Low 14
Mostly sunny. Still chilly and windy.

Friday:
High 31/Low 16
Mostly clear, windy.

Saturday:
High 36/Low 17
Sunny and pleasant.

Sunday:
High 33/Low 21
More great sunshine.

Monday:
High 30/Low 19
Mostly sunny.

Tuesday:
High 30/Low 19
P. cloudy, Becoming m. cloudy by early PM.

Wednesday:
High 33/Low 18
30% chance of snow, ending by PM.

Behind the Numbers

As the end of the week nears, the weather couldn't be nicer, except for the cold. Currently, a dome of high pressure is situated over the region, with mostly sunny skies. With the jet stream located just to our south, temperatures have been unable to climb above the upper 20's. Fortunately, this pleasant weather will only improve over the next four days. Winds will decrease, and highs will slowly make their way into the low to mid 30's. Thursday through at least Monday should be mostly clear, although highs are still below average. Overnight lows will be in the upper teens. Currently, Valentine's Day is not looking to be the same as the weather we have been experiencing. Models are indicating the entrance of clouds in our area by the afternoon on Tuesday. As an area of low pressure will track up the Atlantic Coast. Currently, there is a 20% chance of snow, but check back on Monday for a better outlook.

The Bursar and the Check Disbursement windows relocated to the Student Accounts as a water leak flooded the Administration building. Tejas Gawade/Statesman

Flood in Bursar's Office

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The leakage led to a prolonged waiting time in lines due to fewer serving windows. As of 12:45 PM on Feb. 6, Bursar was still in the process of moving. According to an employee in the Student Accounts office, "phones to Bursar are being redirected to Student Accounts."

For the most part, students were not inconvenienced because of the administration's swift response.

"It is not a big deal because you can always make payments and things online," said William Shum, a sophomore at SBU.

The extremely cold temperature has caused more than one burst pipe, as most recently seen in the water shortage in Tabler.

"These occurrences most often cannot be foreseen, and are a fact of life in any home, business, or institution," said Calabria.

Ralph Thomas Impeached for Negligence

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had more of a defense if he had more time to prepare. The senate had an "unfair advantage," he said.

According to Senator Nathan Shapiro, who co-authored the resolution with Senator Joseph Antonelli, the senate gave Thomas fair warning about the potential impeachment two weeks ago. Had he fulfilled his duties for Leadership Day 2007, the senate would have dropped the charges.

"It was more important for him to do his work than to punish him," Shapiro said. However, the senate claims that Thomas played a small role in organizing the event and showed up late.

Thomas' office hour sign-in and sign-out sheets were a main source of evidence provided at the meeting. The sheets, dating back to last fall, show an incomplete record of the times he was there, which leaves the senate to question whether he worked at all.

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Police Blotter

Feb. 2 - Feb. 7

Broken Lights

Around 12:30AM of February 3rd, a criminal misdemeanor occurred when lights were broken around the walkways of Building D of West Apartments.

Broken Bus Shelter

Another criminal misdemeanor occurrence happened around 12:00PM of the 3rd when the North P parking lot bus shelter glass was shattered.

Stolen Items

There were two accounts of grand larceny when two lamps and a chair were taken from the Ambulatory Surgery Unit early in the afternoon of the 3rd.

Car Accident

A motor vehicle accident occurred in the University Hospital parking garage around 2:00PM.

More Broken Glass

Another criminal misdemeanor occurred when a rock was thrown through a window of Eisenhower College around 7:00PM of the 5th.

Power Plant Crisis

A crisis occurred at the West Apartments power plant on the morning of February 7th. There were no following occurrences.

Water Main Breaks

Around 1:00PM of the 6th there was another water main break in the Health Sciences Center. The water main was fixed shortly after.

Compiled By Ben Hayashi

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Student Activism Reaches Epic Heights at City College

BY TEJAS GAWADE, LYNN HSIEH
Managing Editor and News Editor

What began as a controversial letter from a City College of New York (CCNY) student in early December, has now culminated into a rally and a lawsuit against the school's administration. CCNY faces the possibility of incurring a temporary injunction order for forcibly taking down a sign honoring controversial activists. Reminiscent of the 1989 student activism at CCNY, the issue has grown into epic proportions to include academic rights and freedoms.

CCNY student, Sergey Kadinsky, who was unavailable to comment on the issue, wrote a letter to the conservative newspaper, The Campus, on Dec. 11. The letter, which questioned the name of the community student center, was published by the Daily News. The Center is named after the Puerto Rican freedom fighter, Guillermo Morales, claimed to be a "cop killer" and former Black Panther, Assata Shakur, who has been has been called a "domestic terrorist." The Daily News investigated the story

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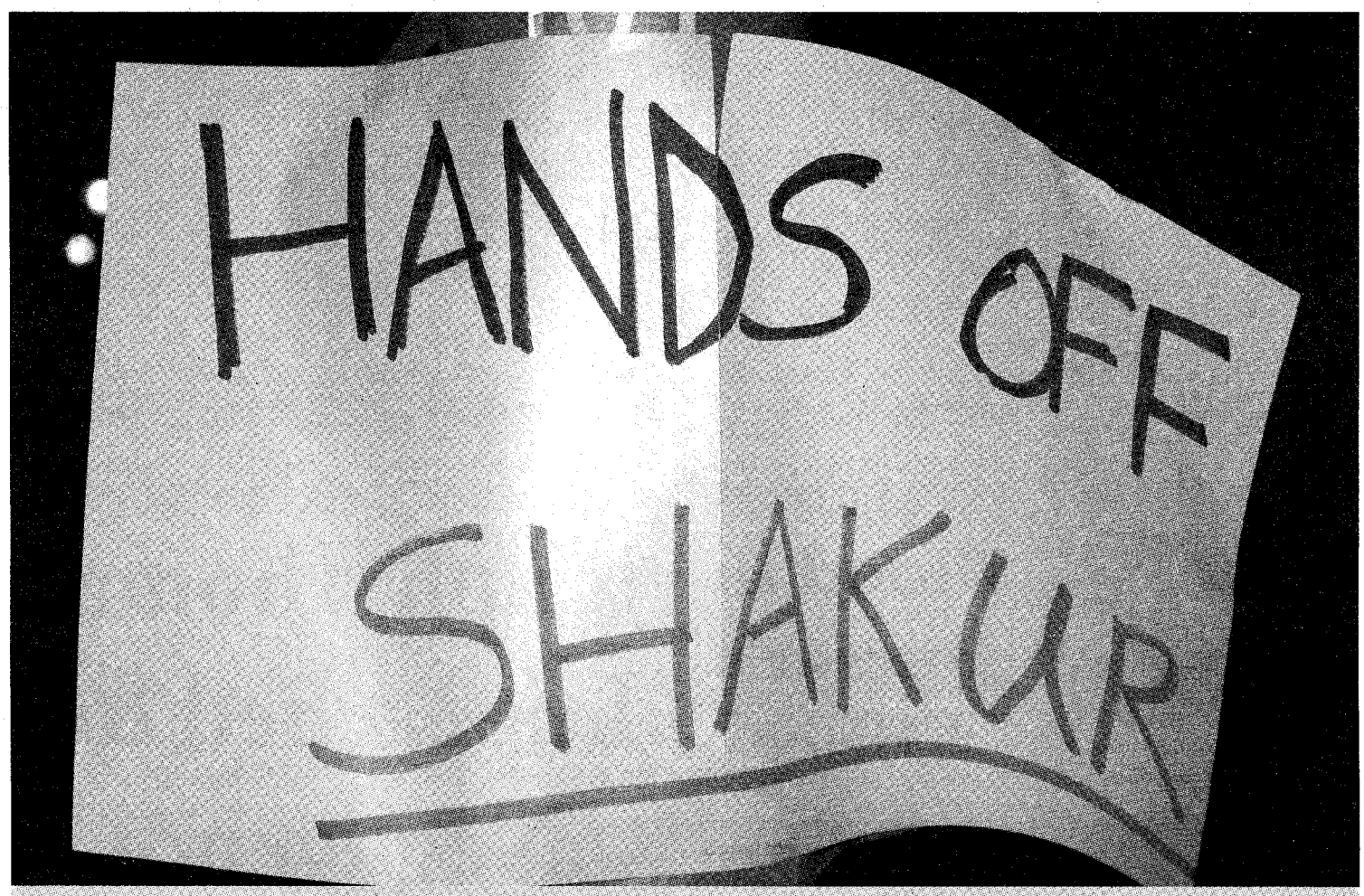

Signs similar to this adorned CCNY's campus to protest against actions of the administration. Suraj Rambhia/Statesman

MCAT Blunder Hinders Students

BY LYNN HSIEH
News Editor

Many hopeful medical students took the first computerized version of the MCAT, last weekend. For most, this was a stressful but necessary requirement to attend medical school. Unfortunately, these students may be at a disadvantage. This is because an error appeared in the verbal reasoning part of the exam that resulted in questions that were not related to the passage.

The AAMC announced the changes to the MCAT exam in July 2005 from a pencil and paper based exam to a computerized format. Many benefits were associated with this change including a shortened version of the exam from the previous lengthy eight hours to five hours, and more test sessions in the year to provide more flexibility to students. In addition, tests will be grades more quickly and scoring rates will change from the two to three month wait to only one month.

"I was completely distraught," Daniel Sonshine from Brown University said to the New York Times. "I was struggling to stay focused, but I was not focusing." Roughly 30 percent of test takers, or 800 students, out of the 2,500 students who took the test, encountered this mistake.

In addition, another problem surfaced with the College Board's SAT exams, also given last weekend. According to the Educational Testing Service, students in South Korea are reported to having a part of the test before it was taken by 326,000 other students.

Robert F. Jones, who is a senior vice president of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), which oversees the MCAT exam, said to the Times, that the error on the test was "something we regret."

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UNITI Hosts Rosa Park's Poetry Night

BY RASHAD EMANUEL
Contributing Writer

On Feb. 4, the UNITI Cultural Center Student Organization hosted a read-in for African-American poetry in the Kelly classroom, located on the top floor of the Kelly Dining Hall. The event was open to the entire Stony Brook community. Everyone who attended was encouraged to bring and share a poem, short story, or another piece of literature that was written by an African-American author.

The event, a Black History Month function, was put together to raise awareness about African-American writers who are frequently overlooked and eclipsed by their literary counterparts of other ethnicities. All who attended the Rosa Park's Day Read-In left with a better understanding of the rich literary heritage of people of color. Even though the Read-In was held on the same day as the Super Bowl XLI, there was still a good turn-out of young men and women.

Among the selections read were Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise," a very powerful excerpt from Alice Walker's seminal novel, The Color Purple, excerpts from Pablo Neruda, some pieces from Langston Hughes, and several other pieces from other notable people of color. Everybone who attended agreed that it was certainly an issue of quality over quantity when it came to the works that were presented. It was also a general consensus that this event and similar ones are important, not only during Black History Month, but all year around.

One young man, Francisco Narvaez, said the Rosa Parks Day Read-In and events like it are very important because they can serve as a time of reflection on the state of minorities, both in the past and present. Another said that before the Civil War, African slaves were kept illiterate, but after they got the opportunity to read and write, they jumped at it and the Read-In was just a celebration of that.

Another commented that this event was necessary to bring more attention to Rosa Parks Day, a holiday in New York State, but not recognized federally, since it is not that well known. Perhaps with more events like this one, in the future it could be made into a national holiday.

Even though some of the people there may have missed out on pre-Super Bowl parties, they undoubtedly gained something much more important. They learned about their past and the untapped potential of young African-Americans and all people of color, which at the end of the day is much more valuable than beer and hot wings.

Fifty and Better than Ever

1957 - 2007

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becoming a major school." Schneider said. "The people that came here for sciences thought it was going to become a place for respectable research."

While classes were going on in Oyster Bay, the current day Stony Brook was being built on a 480 acre land donation from the local millionaire, Ward Melville. The $150 million construction work began in 1959, and the building of the original campus was completed in 1962, when the first day of classes commenced. Classes at Oyster Bay ended in 1962, 5 years after its opening.

The original Stony Brook campus consisted of the G and H dorms (current day Mendelsohn and H quads), Humanities, Old Biology (current day SAC), Old Physics (current day Harriman Hall), Old Chemistry, Old Engineering, and the Old Library.

"I call these the red brick rectangle buildings," said Rosenthal. "You can see them [red brick buildings] at all the SUNY campuses."

Later expansions of the library and the construction of other buildings were carried out to accommodate the growing enrollment. In 1967, the campus expansion plan included the building of the Earth and Space Sciences and another engineering building with a computing center.

"The aesthetics were never a big deal," said Rosenthal. "The job would go to the lowest bid and so the construction work was never the greatest."

"President Toll (in office from 1964-1977) was a builder, he just wanted to get everything up and running. Marburger (in office from 1979-1993) was the one who got the campus on key," said Rosenthal.

The 1990s was a time when the campus was revitalized, mostly under President Shirley Strum Kenny. Landscaping and current campus size has nearly doubled since the original land given by Ward Melville.

Aside from the construction of the campus, student life has dramatically changed.

SBU was referred to as "The Berkeley of the East" for activism in the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War. There were several demonstrations at the time where the students would protest against campus war research and for those students who were being drafted.

"Times were very political, where there were armed forces and CIA recruiters," said Rosenthal. "The students would barricade the buildings so recruiters could not get out."

The growth of the student population has increased manyfold since Oyster Bay. Currently, there are over 20,000 undergraduates, and sports have risen to the Division I level.

"The student body is much more diverse, probably because we are in the metropolitan area," said Dean Susan DiMonda.

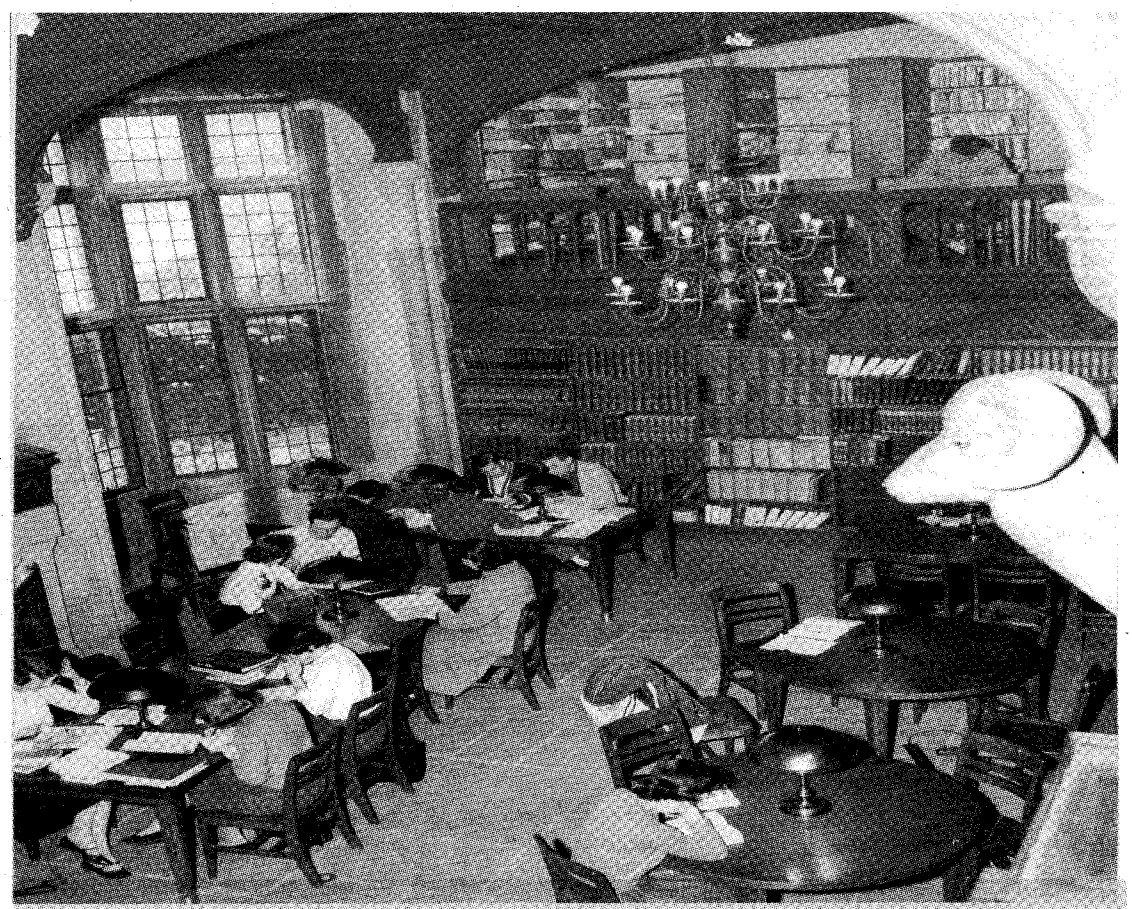
At first, sport teams were referred to as the "Patriots" but after climbing from division III to Division I, Wolfie became the new mascot.

"Once we came into Division I sports, we needed to get a Mascot like the other Division I teams; that's where we got Wolfie," said DiMonda.

"Our enrollment has increased," said Schneider. "I miss the fact that at one time you could always give the students what they wanted but now the enrollment surpasses the facilities; that disappoints me." Currently, many of the classes are closed out to students after filling up to the maximum capacity.

Stony Brook has also branched out to the new Manhattan and Southampton campuses. Both places offer additional space for classes, and Southampton features marine biology courses with its prime location near the shore.

To celebrate 50 years, various events will be held, and the theme for many other things like homecoming will be SBU throughout the years. "We could take this not only as an opportunity to look back 50 years, but to see where we will be in the next 50 years," said Dean of students, Jerrold Stein.



The library is Coe Hall at Oyster Bay adorned with bookcases, desk lamps, and chandeliers.
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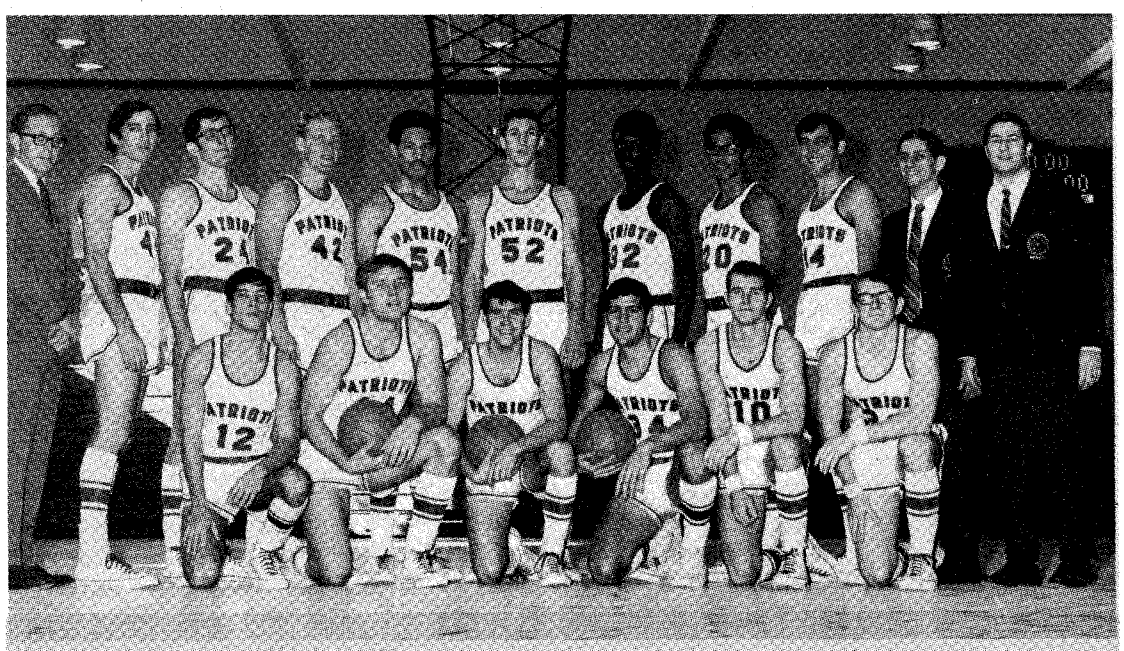

A men's basketball team, playing as the original Stony Brook Patriots.
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Student Profile of The Week

Jessica Constant

By Jessica Jones
Staff Writer

"Be a student first and everything else after," is the best advice Jessica Constant, junior, has ever received and is a guideline she uses to keep her focus. Constant is a double major in Business Management and Economics. She is also president of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Inc. - Stony Brook University Student Chapter, and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Student Association. After Stony Brook, she intends to get her master's degree in accounting, become a CPA and eventually teach accounting at a university.

Juggling two majors as well as two organizations, her education is always the top priority. However, having an active role in campus life is important to her also. "Taking leadership roles is very important to me. It allows me to not only implement new ideas but also gives me a chance to meet other students and work on my soft skills like public speaking," said Constant.

Constant demonstrates her desire to take on leadership roles in the groups she runs. NABA is an organization dedicated to minorities entering the fields of accounting, finance, economics or other business. She has been president of NABA since April 2006. This group, in an effort with the Career Center, will be sponsoring a Business Etiquette dinner on Feb. 27. In March, the group will be a hosting an event called "Women in Corporate America." Constant would like the group to become more visible and prominent on campus. Anyone interested in joining NABA can contact Constant at the group's email address, sbunaba@yahoo.com.

More recently, Constant became president of EOP in Aug. 2006. This group, which is the student branch of the Equal Opportunity Program, is open only to EOP students. The group will have a pageant this semester called "Rep Ya Borough" which will raise money for the James A. Nobles Memorial Scholarship. Constant believes advocacy will be the focus of EOP this semester, "We are advocating for current EOP students as well as high school students that may be admitted into the program."

Constant views participation in campus activities as a vital part of the college experience. She believes the best thing about Stony Brook University is the campus clubs. "There are so many clubs and organization and if there is one in particular that you are interested in and it doesn't exist on campus you can always start one."

Beyond campus, Constant likes to spend time with her family and friends in her hometown of Brooklyn. Constant sees her mother as one of many strong personal influences, "She has instilled in me the importance of education and has helped develop my strength, courage and wisdom to accomplish all things." Constant is also passionate about singing, an interest she has had since she was 5 years old.

Constant keeps everything focused on her goals. All of her extracurricular activities take a backseat to her studies to become an accountant. She said, "if there is something that is going to hinder me from being the best student I can possibly be, I don't need it."

Courtesy of Jessica Constant

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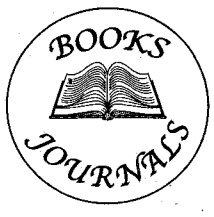

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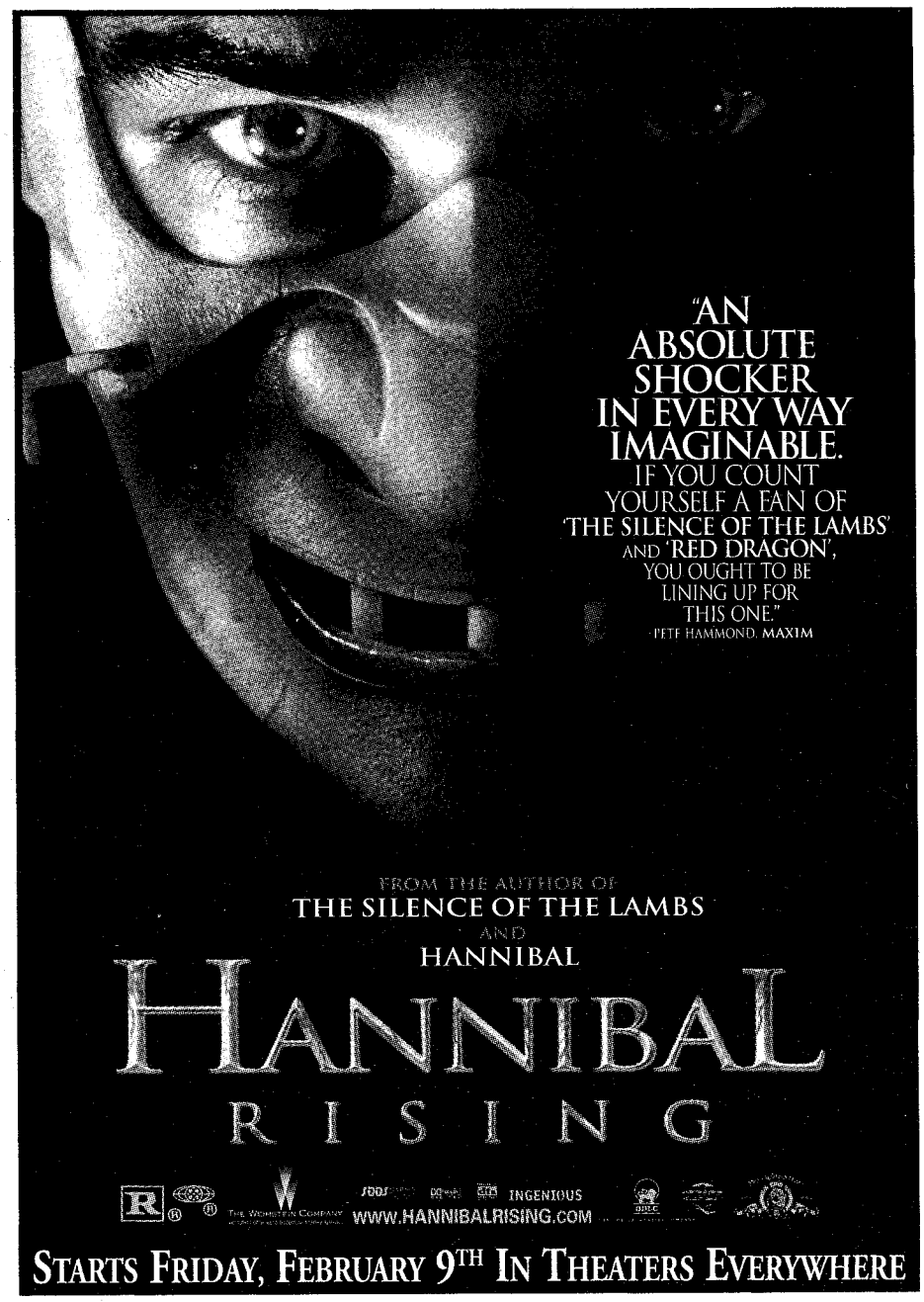

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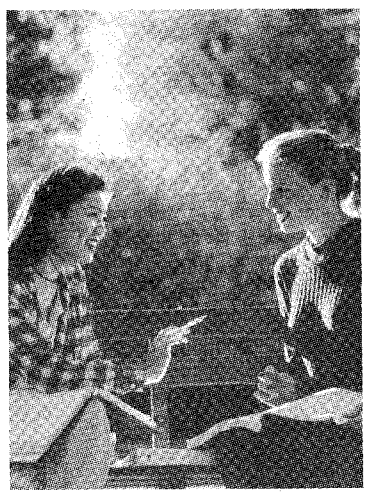

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A GOOD 50 YEARS?

Over the past 50 years, SBU has come a long way in many respects. We won't go into the details of our past because we have already taken the time to recognize and respect the progress that has been made, especially the progress over the past decade under the leadership of President Shirley Strum Kenny.

Kenny, in a recent student media press conference, was asked by a Statesman reporter to evaluate what our university has achieved over the past 50 years and project what might be in the next half century. She admitted that she couldn't fully project what might be but did offer a wide overarching assessment that brought together the implementation of SB Manhattan, the university's new role in overseeing Brookhaven National Laboratory management, and acquiring of the former Long Island University Southampton campus.

There are certain goals set for the campus for each five year plan. While the university has repeatedly applauded its own efforts, rightfully so in making sure that progress is made, and while the University makes sure that the students, staff, and faculty know about every "good thing" that happens on campus, we feel that this self-praise is highly overrated for a number of reasons.

First, we know the campus has made progress over the past 50 years. The entire world has made progress. Other universities have made progress. People have made progress in the way they think, the way they work. The fact that SBU has made positive changes is not a surprise and should not be used to falsely goad students, staff, and faculty into thinking that we go to such a great institution.

President Kenny acknowledged at the recent press conference that local residents on Long Island don't always think very highly of SBU, whereas people outside of Long Island, across the nation and internationally, look at our institution more highly.

Are we now supposed to pat ourselves on the back? Have we actually achieved anything by spewing these warm and fuzzy compliments? I guess so. All the students who came to SBU because they didn't do well on their SATs give thanks to the endless fountain of flattery that gushes from the administrative and media relations offices. Thank you, President Kenny.

SBU does provide quality education at an affordable price. And while the lower tuition does appeal to students, the administration as routinely compared SBU to other private universities on the basis of educational value. While private universities charge much more money for tuition, they do provide much more financial aid, and in the process, are able to provide an education that no one person or institution can refute as mediocre.

At institutions like Yale, Stanford, the University of Chicago, Johns Hopkins University, even places like NYU and Drexel, the students are highly motivated, capable individuals who make it through four years of competition with other students who are equally goal oriented.

Here at Stony Brook, the administration boasts rising SAT scores with each subsequent freshman class, yet there still is no required essay on the SBU application. What kind of message does that send to high school seniors applying to college?

No essay? That must be a great university!

The fact of the matter is that many professors, not all, but many, are reluctant to take undergraduates into their laboratories. One of the organic chemistry professors last semester admitted during a lecture in front of about 500 students that many of us won't make it to the health professions. As many people know, doing well in organic chemistry is a necessity if a student wishes to be admitted to medical or dental school.

The fact that President Kenny admitted the difficulty in changing the minds of local Long Island residents does say something about our university. Long Island, as many people know, has many of the best public schools in the nation. School districts such as Jericho, Syosset, Ward Melville, and many others, which are very highly ranked have the good students that SBU needs to thrive. Yet year after year, these students are shunned away from SBU by teachers and guidance counselors with common perceptions that we aren't all that great.

The bottom line is, our 50th anniversary is a matter of school pride. Let it stay that way. Many more improvements need to be made before the undergraduate campus, at least, can really compete with the top universities of our nation.

NEWS CONTINUATIONS

CCNY Admin Under Student Attack

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and published the letter along with a "special report."

Charlene Obernauer, an organizer of the Social Justice Alliance (SJA) group at Stony Brook University (SBU), said that "as an individual who organizes with radical activist organizations and as a core organizer for SJA, I can say that both Shakur and Morales must unquestionably be honored as the true freedom fighters that they were ... Shakur was accused of murdering a police officer, when in actuality, she was unarmed, pulled over due to racist profiling, and was shot and wounded. Sean Bell was killed just a few months ago, also unarmed, and also Black. Are the two cases unrelated, or are they both results of racism against Black individuals in the United States?"

The article quoted New York Patrolmen's Benevolent Association President, Patrick Lynch, on how "disgusting it was to honor a person whose life's goal was to kill people." Shakur, who is currently in Cuba in political exile, escaped from a New Jersey prison in 1979 after being found guilty of murdering a NJ state trooper in 1973. Morales, who has also been granted political exile in Cuba, was a member of the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Puerto Rico (FALN).

On the other hand, Ydanis Rodriguez, who played a significant role in the 1989 student strike was quoted by Fightbacknews: "The center has been doing a tremendous job in the last 17 years, organizing the students against tuition increases and budget cuts, organizing different forums against police brutality, against gentrification in Harlem and Washington Heights, and also the center is a space not only for students but also community organizations to have meetings."

Some feel that the Shakur/Morales issue has come into limelight after the unwarranted murder of Bell.

"I believe that the only reason why the Shakur/Morales Center has become an issue is become the NY Police Force is making a drastic and ineffective attempt to regain some merit after the 'mistaken' murder of Sean Bell. Actions have been held around the country in solidarity with Sean Bell, and actions have also been held in support of maintaining the Shakur/Morales Center," said Obernauer.

The Daily News' doctored photograph of Shakur, which said "Disgrace!" led to the issue being consequentially flagged by several media outlets.

"The media has masters, owners, that need to be satisfied. Most are very unfair or propagate semi-racist, or very racist, agendas. For the most part, there is nothing covered on what the FBI did to the Black Panthers or the CIA to Puerto Rico. There are some good reporting on independent [sources] but not often. The media is very sensational and nothing on our center's work has been highlighted such as providing service in book exchanges or ... history of CCNY and the struggles we faced since the 1960s," said Center Director, Rodolfo Leyton in response to the negative media attention.

Amidst the controversy, the 17-year-old sign honoring Morales and Shakur with their photographs

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to a printing error in the Feb. 5, 2007 issue, the articles titled "Student Activism Reaches Epic Heights at City College" and "MCAT Blunders Hinder Students" were not completely printed. The articles have been reprinted here on pgs. 4 and 19.

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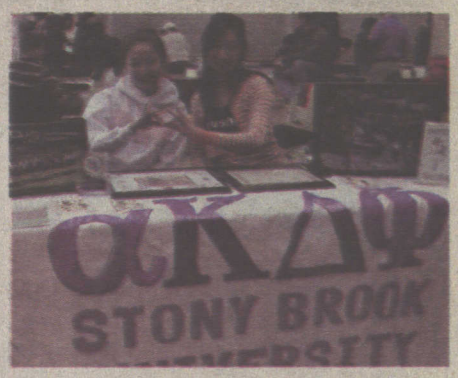

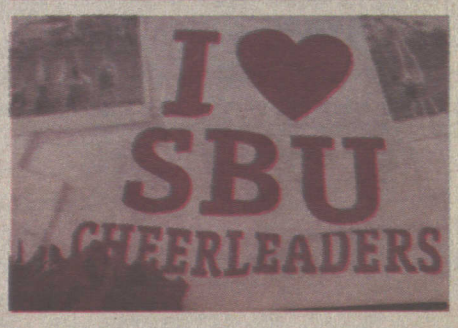

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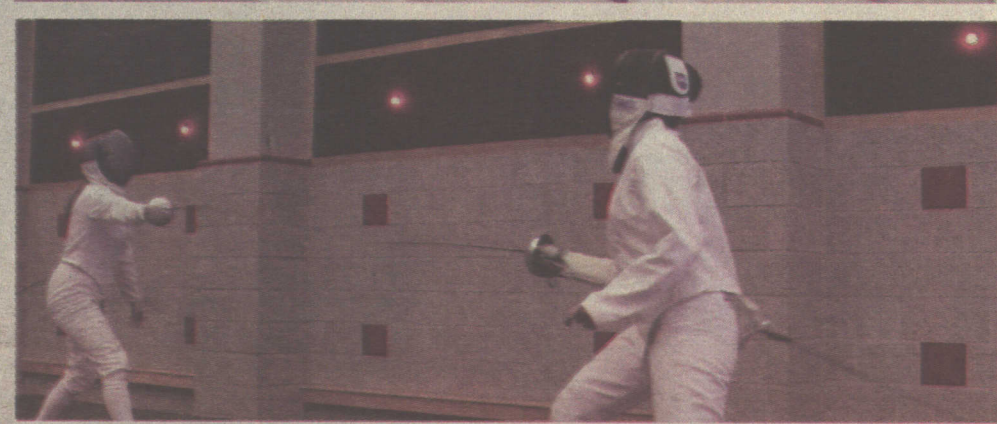

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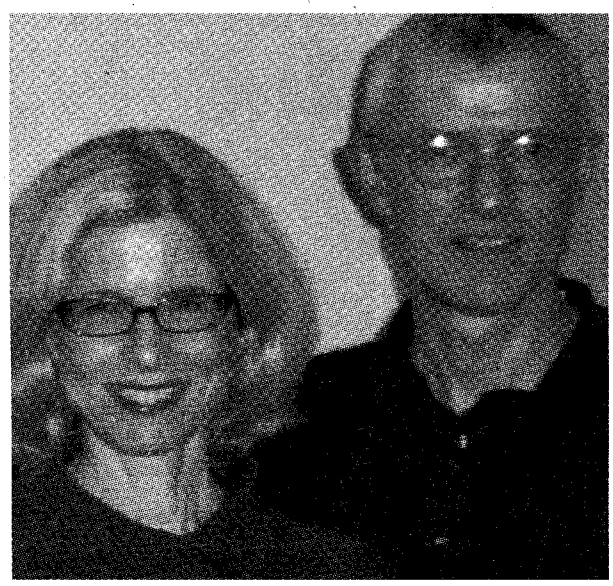
I met my lovely wife, Donna, in 1994 (I was 29, she was 23). Now I know I am old, so this was before the days of online dating - believe it or not, Donna had placed an ad in the Yankee Trader that I answered. So I met my wife from a personal ad! It really wasn't love at first sight, although obviously we liked each other. She was in the legal profession, and that was fine with me - I have enough science on a daily basis!

Anyway, after much consumption of alcohol and dating for years, I proposed to her on a beach in the Bahamas and we were married in 1999. We now have a beautiful daughter, Emma, who just turned 3. So go for those personal ads!



Michele H. Bogart
Professor and Director of Graduate Studies
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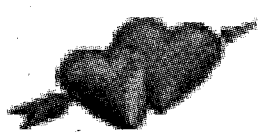
I met my husband, Professor Philip Pauly (History Department, Rutgers University), 30 years ago at a cocktail party for new Pre-doctoral Fellows at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. We were both in residence in different museums there, working on our Ph.D. dissertations - his in the History of Science, mine in the History of Art - but the Mall brought us together.

The Smithsonian Institution is justly renowned for its outstanding collections and scholars' programs, but it's also a great place for young singles. Who knew?



John J. Shea
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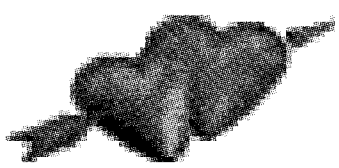
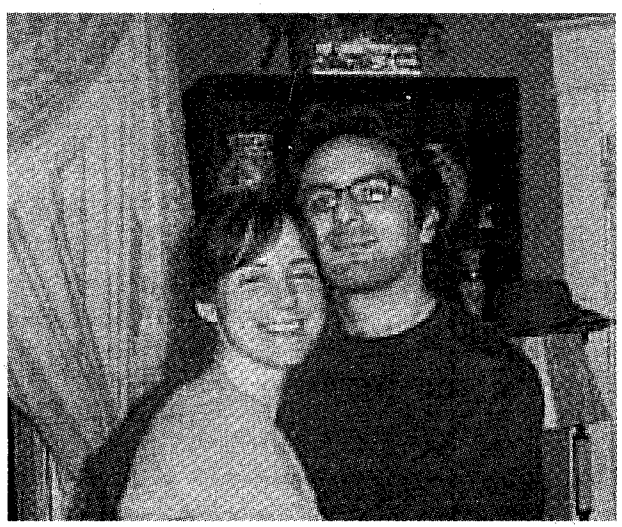
I met my future wife, Prof. Pat Crawford, when we were both at MIT taking an archaeology course, ironically enough, on prehistoric stone tools. I had a class that met across the Charles River at Boston University shortly after our MIT class, and I usually had to race there on foot across the Mass. Ave bridge. One day, Pat offered to drive me back to BU with a car her best friend had loaned her for the day. Several years later, her friend gave us that car, and several more years later (1992) we drove it together here to Stony Brook.

Our most memorable meet-up was in Egypt. I was doing my doctoral research in Jerusalem, and missed her. She was digging in the Egyptian desert at the time. We had agreed to meet in Cairo, but I was missing her, so I hopped a bus to Cairo, got out at a crossroad in the desert near her site. I hitched a ride with some farmers hauling goats, and popped out of the car in the middle of her excavation just in time for cocktail hour.

Krin Gabbard
Professor of Comparative Literature and English

I met my wife in 1973 when we were students at Indiana University. I couldn't decide if her face was beautiful or ugly or some strange combination of the two. But I loved her smile. After talking to her for a few hours, I decided that she was totally beautiful. We were married eleven weeks after our first date.





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Alexis and I met in karate class while we were both students at the University of Virginia. I remember that we sparred together after class one day and it I felt like I couldn't stop smiling. In order to spend more time with her, I sent an email inviting everyone in the class to a movie. Alexis enthusiastically replied that she would come, which made me very happy. Later I found that she thought the email had come from someone else in the class. Nevertheless, we ended up going to a restaurant together after the movie with a couple of friends. Soon after we had our first real date - we saw "Enemy at the Gates" and went to an all-night pancake house. As we left the pancake house I put my arm around her, and when she responded by quickly throwing her arm around me, I knew things were looking good. We married in the summer of 2005.

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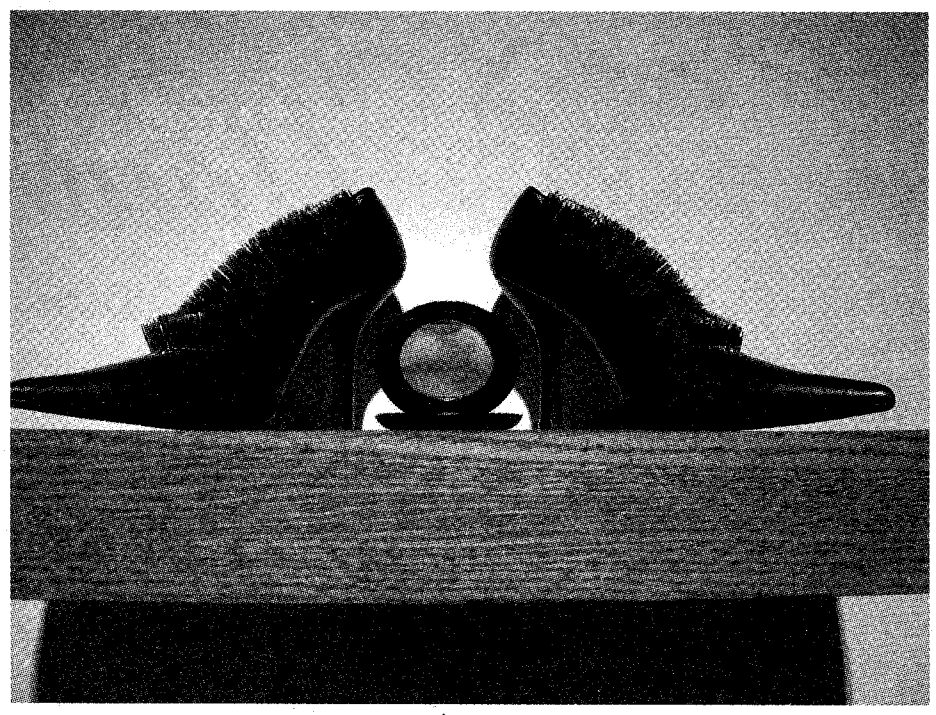

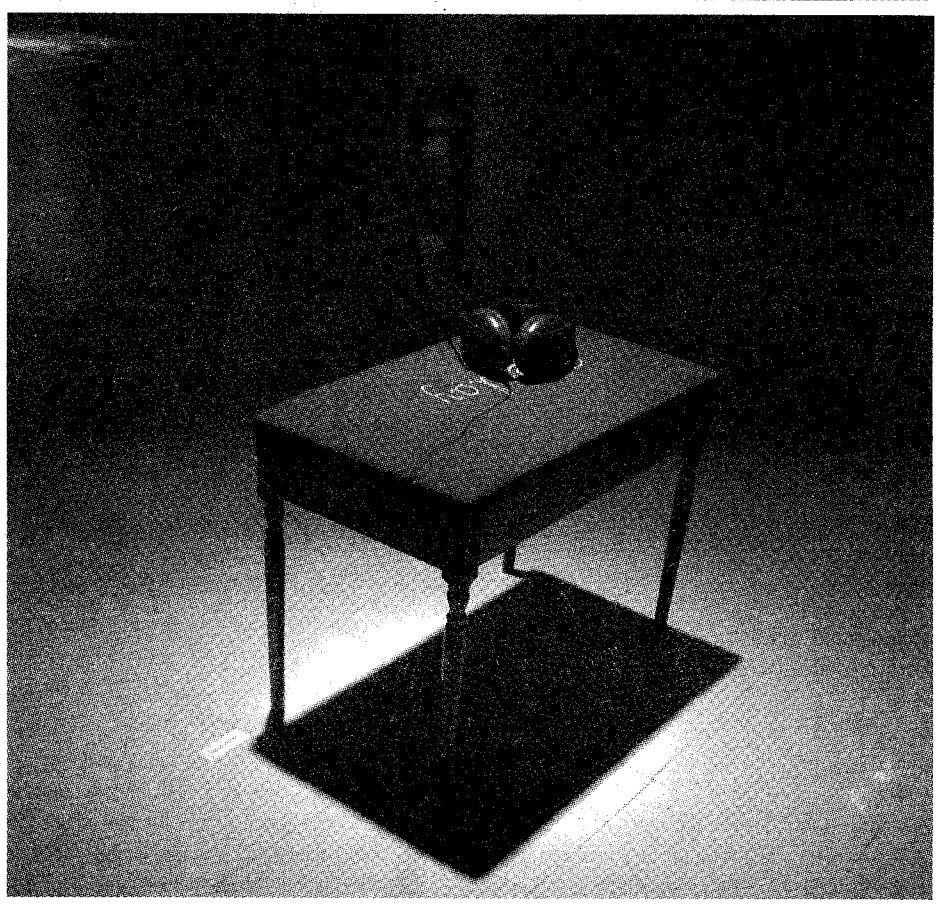

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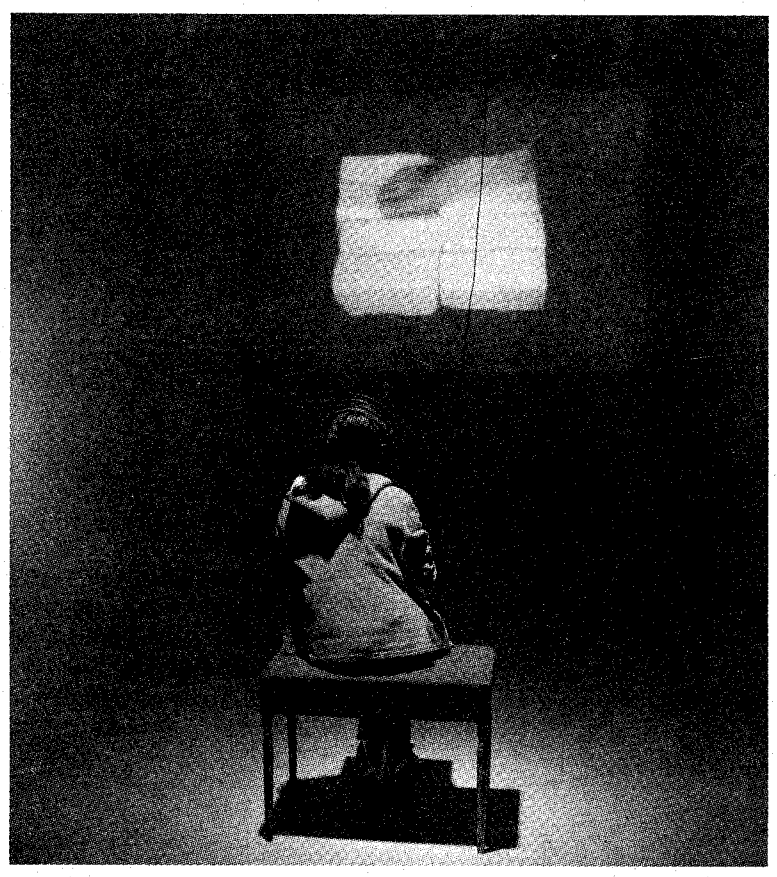

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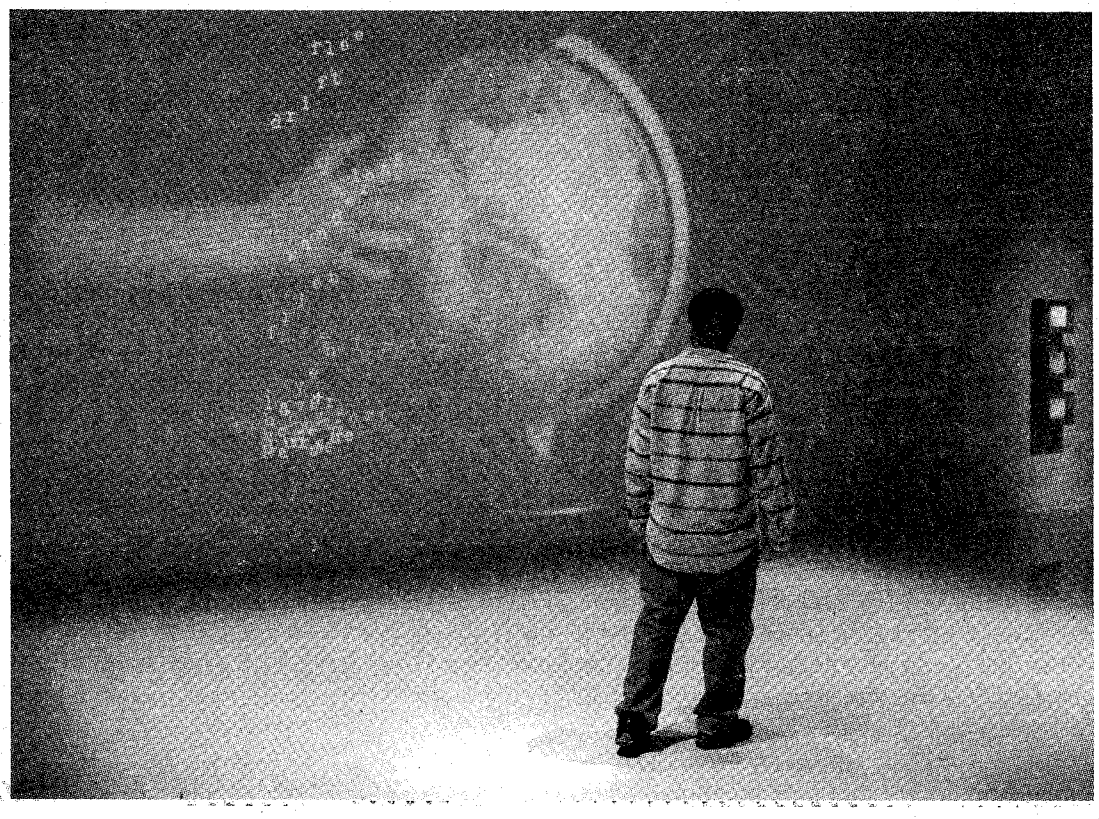

BY NANDITHA DAS
Staff Writer

Can science be art? Science is thought to be tedious and technical, catering to the intellect, whereas art is considered more imaginative and provides for the passionate and emotional sides of the brain. However, despite the dissimilarities, there exists common ground. Science can be an alternative mode of artistic expression. Nature, for example, is studied as part of science, and the inherent beauty in nature is expressed in many art forms.

Recently, there has been a movement in the art area that utilizes computers and other technologies for artistic presentation. "Prosthetic Memory," an art exhibit currently being presented in the University Art Gallery at Staller Center for the Arts, demonstrates the interrelationships between science and art.

"Prosthetic Memory" is an examination of communications, technology, and human interactions, and how all of these together create memories, both in the philosophical sense and the physical domain. This exhibit will be open until Feb. 24, and features the artwork of Christa Erickson.

Erickson is an Associate Professor of Art at Stony Brook University (SBU), the Director of the Digital Arts Studios and Co-Director of the Collaborative Laboratory for Technology Arts. Previously, she was an Assistant Professor in Fine Arts at Indiana University in Bloomington, and also taught at the University of California, San Diego. Her specialty is electronic media arts[i], the integration of non-conventional methods of artistic expression into the areas of art, music and theater arts, including the use of video, sound and computers[ii].

The most striking characteristic of the exhibit is its use of "hi-tech" gadgets to tackle commonly explored subjects, like societal expectations of women, displaying them in a unique and refreshing manner. "Femme" shows high heels stuck with pins to depict the painful and arduous task of walking in high heels, but can also be a metaphor - what is it like to walk in a woman's shoes?

Another remarkable feature of the exhibit was that each piece was interactive, allowing the viewer to control what they see. "Search" examined global migration, for example, and consisted of a motion tracking device. As a viewer walks, they leave a trail of words that deal with migration, like 'drift' or 'wander,' and if they stood still, words describing why people move come up, like 'stability.'

In "Learning Distance," live stills of highways, airports and waterways from five continents 15 seconds apart are projected across the floor in the form of hopscotch. Just like in "Search," it shows that boundaries and borders can cease to exist, especially in the technological age. And with the Internet and Jet Age, it isn't a novel revelation, although it still shocks many.

Apart from the technological dimension, imple human aspects are also combined: memory and nostalgia. For example, "Whirl" consists of an archival film connected to a pinwheel, where its speed controls the playback of the film, which shows wild play, characteristic of childhood. "Mnemonic Devices: Seesaw" takes a common playground structure, and uses it to control the playback of video depicting interactions between people, like thumb wrestling.

As you stand in the gallery, the pure genius behind each piece hits you. The hodgepodge of media installations aptly illustrates depth you can't help but appreciate. Erickson proves that science can be an art form. She explores the stock market, disease and medicine, scientific and miscellaneous data, and everything is metaphorical on some level.

The exhibit questions memory, and whether or not it is increasingly influenced by technology. Extremely thought-provoking, it looks at issues such as how data and personal experience, cultures in history, and territorial borders can blend together. It even examines identity. The artwork is definitely worth a look, because no matter where your interests lie, you can definitely relate.

MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

REEL DEAL

Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

BY AMANDA SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

This film is a classic. Rarely has any collaboration between director and actor been as valuable and significant as that between Frank Capra and Jimmy Stewart. Their three films, "You Can't Take It With You" (1938), "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" (1939), and "It's A Wonderful Life" (1946) hold special places in film history. However, "Mr. Smith" is a sure sign of the times it which it was produced. Today's audiences may find themes that are reminders of what this country has tried so hard to overcome - and what still remains.

Capra addresses the corruption in American government through Smith, an idealistic young man that is the hero of boys and a nuisance to men. It is not specified which state he hails from, but it must be somewhere in the Midwest, which is a typical place for the pure of heart to be bred. Smith is selected as Senator at the intense suggestion of the puppet governor's sons, who are members of Smith's Boy Rangers.

Later it is revealed that Smith's father and the current Senator, Paine, had been friends and fighters for lost causes. Paine must face his past self and his sacrifices as Smith's colleague. Smith had but one goal while in office: to set up a 200 acre summer camp for boys across the country to learn and live together. The problem is that Smith's ideal 200 acres are the exact location of where Senator Paine and Jim Taylor, the corrupt political machine of the State, plan to build a personally profitable dam. Paine frames Smith for already owning the land and cheating the boys of their money. Smith fights back by using the rules of Congress against its members until Paine wears down and comes clean.

It is during this climax that the corruption really shows what it can do. Jim Taylor's connections and influence manage to rally the people of Smith's state against Smith by using all the newspapers, radio stations, and billboards of the region. It is very uneasy to watch. Meanwhile, Smith is doing all he can to stay standing and speaking for over 23 hours.

Racism, sexism, politics, control over information and American ideals are all included, but show great negativity. Not until the end is one theme resolved.

African-Americans appear only in servant-like roles, whether carriers of heavy luggage at the train station or waiters in a bar. And they have very few lines.

There are a variety of women in the story, but again given stereotypical characteristics. Clarissa Saunders is Smith's secretary who knows more about Congress and the process of voting on a bill than Smith does, who considers himself a history buff. She is fast-talking, quick-witted, and disillusioned. Her competitor, Susan Paine, is the beautiful one and only supposed to keep Smith distracted. It is a war of brains and beauty. But brains won over beauty because it is Saunders' mind and help that attracts him at the end.

Even though there is a fight between the women, there is no contest between girls and boys because the former are not once mentioned. For all Mr. Smith believes in, equality between girls and boys is not included. When he speaks of the camp he'd like to set up it is only for boys and does not suggest an alternative for the girls of America. Despite Saunders' working very well at her job, the future's American women are still supposed to stay at home and raise the children.

When Smith first arrives in Washington, he is hypnotized by the Capital dome and later finds himself at Lincoln's feet in complete admiration. In the end he returns to the memorial to say good-bye. No longer is he the naive boy-man, but a wiser politician that has learned what makes the country run and decided he will not give in to the corruption. He still believes in the American government but now understands that it takes work to keep it good.

Nearly 70 years after the release of "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington," America is a different place, and mostly for the better. However, there is an even greater distrust in government. Do we need a modern Jefferson Smith?

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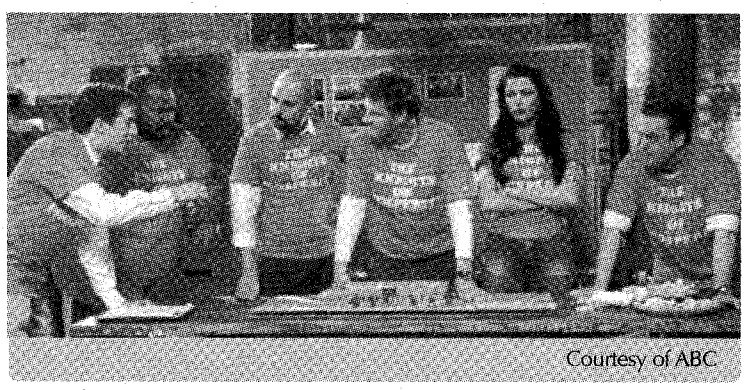

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THE KNIGHTS OF PROSPERITY

BY PRIYA MADHAVAN
Staff Writer

"The Knights of Prosperity" is a comical tale about a group of average Joes set out to rob the famous rock icon Mick Jagger. The television series plays every Wednesday at 8:30 PM on ABC. The show, starring Donal Logue as the leader of the group, sets out to depict the work of the so-called "Robin Hoods of the 21st Century." Six affable individuals who have never shoplifted now yearn to make their dreams come true.

Their first order of business is to obtain a copy of the key to Mick Jagger's $52 million apartment. They soon find themselves in a sea of confusion, not knowing how to go about the deed. In the following episodes, after getting the key, they go to the apartment and plan to rob the place. Upon getting there, they find that not only is there the conventional lock on the door, but also a security code, a thumb print sensor and burly armed guards at the end of the journey.

The group decides to send in Rockefeller (Kevin Michael Richardson), a guard at a warehouse, to apply for a job as a security guard for Mick Jagger. By setting up an inside man and contacting all of the individuals who work for Mick Jagger, the gang gets closer day by day to robbing the rich rock star.

The main character, Eugene Gurkin, played by Donal Logue, is a janitor whose dreams have always exceeded his means. After being fed up with his dead end job, he is ignited with passion to rob this celebrity and make his dream of opening a bar come true.

Other characters such as Gourishankar (Maz Jorani), a taxi driver, and Esperanza Villalobos (Sofia Vergara), a diner waitress in Queens, all want something more that will either make them winners or allow them to take control of their own lives. Every character has his or her story to tell. For example, Francis "Squatch" Squacieri (Lenny Venito) is a janitor alongside Eugene who wants to provide a better life for his wife and children.

"The Knights of Prosperity" can be viewed by individuals of all ages. It is a comical series whose purpose is purely to entertain. The dialogue, filled with humorous insults and jokes between the characters, adds to the enjoyment of the episode. It is analogous to watching an "Ocean's Eleven" sequel filled with disaster and utter chaos. Their scheme to steal from the rich and give to the poor, in this case to themselves, seems impossible because of their lack of experience. However, at the end of the day, the viewer sees their progress and wonders if this could ever happen.

The different characters that come from diverse backgrounds come together as a family as the series progresses. Through their plan, the characters learn to mingle with and understand each other. This illustrates how there is something bigger waiting for them that they don't realize. By being part of this so-called "gang," the characters are able to find hope, gain self-esteem and self-confidence.

This show is appealing to the audience not only because of its storyline, but also because the viewer wants to know more at the end of an episode. One thing that is on everyone's mind is when (and if) they will be able to rob the Mick Jagger's tightly secured luxury apartment. For that we will just have to wait until the next episode airs on ABC.

The Book of James

Revelation III:

The Mechanisms of Behavior Change and Attitude Change Are One and the Same

BY JAMES BOUKLAS
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One of the most fundamental questions regarding psychotherapy today is one that has plagued the field for decades: do we, as individuals, have the capacity to better our behavior through shifting our attitudes, or do we need to build the behavioral skills in order to change our demeanor? Starting with Freud, many therapists for many years believed the former, working on the thoughts, attitudes, and feelings of patients in order to affect behavioral changes. They follow the Disease Model of mental illness - by fixing the underlying problem a patient has, his behavior will change for the better. This was the paradigm of therapy, until Behaviorism.

Men like Skinner argued that in order to correct problem behavior, the therapist needs to work on problem behavior. Period. The brain is a black box, Skinner said on many occasions. As the years progressed and more accessible behaviorists began to take the podium, they explained that by changing a patient's behavior, you are affecting his attitudes and belief structures as well. This is akin to the current medical model of mental illness - you control ADHD by regulating the levels of certain chemicals in the brain. Changes in attitude will then follow changes in behavior.

It always interested me how both sides could be so correct. As a student, I have had the opportunity on numerous occasions to watch professors attempt and fail at effectively educating students. I imagined what it would take to help these professors. We could do an item analysis of good education, objectively defining it and breaking it down into its component parts. We could compile a list of the behaviors and actions that the professor would need to engage in to teach effectively. By 1- knowing what good education looks like, 2- creating a list of behavioral changes that the professor needs to adapt to, and 3- monitoring and adjusting as necessary, we could transform a lousy professor into a teaching celebrity. This method works incredibly well - there are many thousands of people who have made it their careers to do just this, and with wild success.

Despite the fact that this technique works, I am also of the belief that we can achieve the same goal by completely different means. If we really looked at the interaction between a lousy professor and his students, we might be able to see some communications between the two groups that are purely emotional in nature. A professor who routinely fails students in an introductory course out of principle is likely operating out of an insecure base. Professors who do not have the confidence, security, and calm to teach effectively often do not. By putting these people at ease, by changing certain things about the environment that would facilitate a stronger feeling of confidence for an educator, we can change his behavior. We can change a poor professor into a stellar professor by simply focusing on his attitudes and feelings. This presupposes that people know, on some level, which behaviors are appropriate and which behaviors are not.

The behavioral viewpoint suggests that people will utilize those behaviors that produce the greatest rewards, and that people who do not engage in productive behaviors either do not know how to or are not sure that they will reap benefits. A more nuanced approach recognizes that people already have all the skills they need to accomplish a task effectively, but insecurity and conflict prevent them from operating at their full potential.

So which way is better to deal with poor performance? Either one will do. If you focus only on fixing a person's maladaptive behaviors, then he will experience greater confidence and have good feelings about performing well, which will lead to long term attitude changes. If you focus only on his feelings and comfort, then this will allow him to grow as an individual and engage in adaptive behaviors as a consequence. The fact that two entirely different treatments can have the same effect only illustrates that they are both tackling the same fundamental process. Consider this food for thought.

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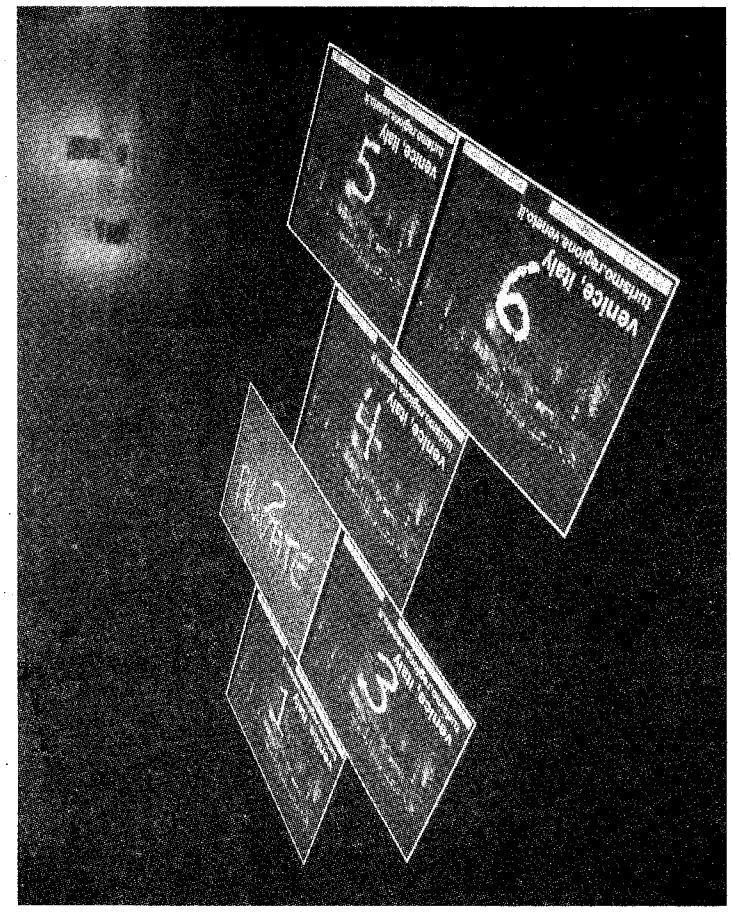

Flashes of Prosthetic Memory

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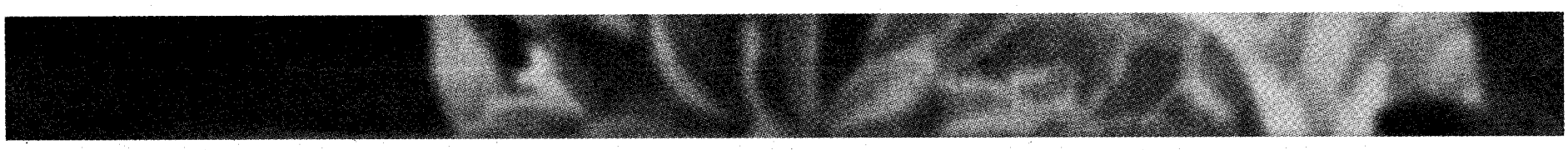

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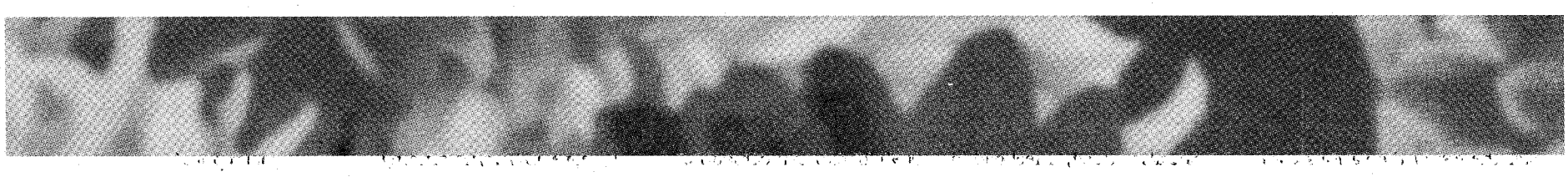

CCNY Admin Under Student Attack

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was taken down despite its original approval by a former City College President.

For some students the issue is not simply contained in the City.

"[The Center Controversy] also seems to be following the crackdown that the Bush Administration has implemented regarding political prisoners seeking asylum in Cuba. If the U.S. can grant asylum to political prisoners escaping Cuba, why can't Cuba grant asylum to political prisoners escaping the U.S.?" said Obernauer.

"[The Center] received this space after we protested against the tuition hikes ... [the administrators] didn't mind the name before." The name, Guillermo Morales/Assata Shakur Student and Community Center, was picked after the 1989 sit-ins over tuition increases," said Leyton.

Following the Daily News' negative portrayal of Shakur, the Student Liberation Action Movement's (SLAM!) President, Igwe Williams, and Students for Educational Rights (SER) President Leyton issued a press release. Their statement claimed Shakur's innocence, calling her a "hero." It also asserted the students' cry for academic freedom and their right to organize on campus.

Center members then met on Dec. 15 for a scheduled community meeting. The meeting was attended by SLAM! President Williams and Leyton, as well as, Attorney Ronald B. McGuire and Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Ramona Brown. However, the meeting did not actually take place because the CCNY Administration had objections to the presence of a lawyer and tape recording of the meeting.

The same members were unable to speak to CCNY President Gregory H. Williams, who was said to be out of office by his Deputy and Chief of Staff, Michael Rogovin. Members left their contact information. On Dec. 14, the sign was reported stolen, purportedly by Physical Plant Services. Brown sent a memo threatening suspension and expulsion to students who attempted to replace the sign. A stolen sign report was then filed with the Office of Public Safety, which found the sign the same day but only released it to Leyton. Upon retrieval, the sign was missing Shakur and Morales' photographs. A report was then filed with the Office for vandalism.

Until recently, the name or the sign did not face any objections. It was taken down when City University of New York (CUNY) Chancellor, Matthew Goldstein wrote to CCNY President Williams, to remove the "unauthorized and inappropriate" sign. According to Goldstein, however, only CUNY's trustees have the authority to name college facilities.

Speaking to an unnamed media source, the Center's attorney, Ronald B. McGuire said, "You can't allow students to hang signs at colleges all over this university saying 'Newman Center' (after Catholic Cardinal John Henry Newman) or 'Hillel Foundation' (after Rabbi Hillel) and then ban a sign saying 'Morales/Shakur Community Center ... CUNY can't ... prohibit other students from giving the same recognition to Black Panthers or Puerto Rican freedom fighters."

Even after the sign removal, the President failed to meet the students who found his office was locked and empty. At 1:00 PM on Dec. 15, City Council Representative Charles Barron held a press conference at City Hall. Because the sign was not allowed through City Hall security, the conference was moved outside of City Hall. At the same time, Brown sent another memo barring a rally in the space owned by City College.

In response to the lock down against students, Obernauer said, "City College was responding to pressure placed on them by a conservative media. Instead of listening to the students, the ones who should be defining their own educational experience, City College conformed to outside pressure."

On Dec. 15, the rally finally took place on Amsterdam Ave. and 137th St.

"We crossed Amsterdam Avenue onto a campus that seemed not to show any signs of an event. Blue police uniforms were scurrying about and the police carts seemed strategically placed in front of a building. A lone student stood in the dark as we neared the NAC building. There were no visible signs for directions, only a student wearing a SLAM button. Very quietly, the student told us the community and students were locked out of the room and they had to resort to Underground Railroad techniques to get the community to the meeting. Many community people were actually turned away by the police," wrote Agnes Johnson, International Action Center volunteer, to the Workers World Organization.

A community meeting was scheduled for 7:30 PM at the North Academic Center (NAC) of City College the same day. Instead, the meeting took place in a classroom offered by CCNY professor, Dr. Leonard Jefferies. At the meeting, Barron's spokesperson, Joy Simmons pledged his support to put the sign back. The meeting ended with an echoing chant of "Hands off Assata and Morales!" Five days later, on Dec. 20, a gathering took place at the NAC Plaza, directly across the Administration Building. A march was scheduled to deliver a demand statement to CCNY President Williams.

When asked about where all this has left students from the Center, Leyton said, "We are an autonomous space (student government permanently run), we function as watchdog and whistle blowers. Right now we are investigating the electrical transforming in library-city college has done horrendous things without public oversite. We have no help/no funding."

Currently, a lawsuit has been filed against CCNY in the U.S. District Court in NY, claiming that Shakur and Morales' photographs were confiscated by the school, and that students were threatened with disciplinary action. In response to the disciplinary action, Obernauer said that CCNY was not fair in threatening expulsion or suspension. "Students would be doing the only thing that they could do: rebel against an action that they found unjust," she added.

It also states that the school has tried to evict groups at the Center and deliberately disrupted activities by imposing a 20-person limit. Another complaint is that the Center is open only to those who possess a CCNY identification card. The lawsuit seeks a temporary injunction prohibiting the school from taking action against anyone who replaces the sign, or from evicting the groups that use the Community Center.

"We're defending our freedom of speech which has been violated. Part of that is security has done unprecedented things that are very repressive. We documented these ... [school administration] told visitors that the college is closed when we kept it open late to keep people from coming. Also, we did an investigation about fired codes. They also had a installed a hidden camera on us ... they were aware of us since the beginning," Leyton said in relation to the legal actions being taken. Attorneys McGuire and Kamau Franklin will be representing legal counsel.

In response to the success of activist groups, such as those at SBU and CCNY, Obernauer said, "Activist groups on campus have definitely been the result of many concrete changes. Look at NYPIRGs work with tuition hikes, USAS and the removal of Coca-Cola products from over thirty campuses nationwide and universities withdrawing from contracts with sweatshops, OXFAM and fair trade products being introduced to universities, the CIW/SFA and the "Boot the Bell Campaign" to remove Taco Bell from college campuses. And of course, movements working with university workers for a living wage, the GSEU on campus."

SJA, which according to Obernauer "used to be called the 'Berkely of the East' has been gaining that reputation back since 2001," is one such group. Its importance, like its counterparts, was probably best said by Obernauer: "Activist groups are essential to put the power back where it belongs, with the students, and out of the hands of the administrators."with a "special report."

Errors Found in the First Digital MCAT

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"No more than 800" test-takers of about 2,500 were affected. However, in a press release to Stony Brook's Academic & Pre-Professional Advising Center, Jones said, "We have not yet determined how the error happened, but are investigating. We learned of the error when it surfaced on Saturday morning. Prometric quickly, through its instant network, informed test center supervisors of the problem so that they could counsel students to continue through the test. We also took the opportunity to recheck Monday's forms, none of which had the problem. Test publishing errors have occurred before, although infrequently, and are not specific to computer delivery. The computer delivery, in this case, was helpful in identifying and communicating about the problem, and on getting the data to seek a quick resolution."

Thomson Prometric, who worked with the AAMC to administer the test at the various computer testing sites was unable to be contacted. However, to address student's concerns, the AAMC, announced two options for students who were impacted. One option is to allow the AAMC to score the exam, as they are confident that they can provide valid scores to the affected students without using the flawed questions. An alternative is to void the test and obtain a full refund. The voided test will not count towards the annual maximum of the three tests taken and the registration fee of $210 can be applied to a later test date.

In regards to how many Stony Brook students were affected, Pre-Professional Academic Advisor Joanie Maniaci of the Melville Library's Advising Center said, "A pretty small handful of Stony Brook students took the MCAT last weekend. Some of them were retakers, a few were people who missed the August 2006 test, and there were one or two early birds. Of those that I have spoken with they were either unaffected or decided to void the exam."

She also added, "I feel bad for the students who had something go wrong with this January MCAT. There is a lot of stress in preparing, and then to have something go wrong ... A student is bound to ask 'why me?' I know, however, that the dedicated students will move on and won't let a few problems derail them."

Most future MCAT testers were apprehensive about the mistakes found in the MCAT. Sophomore and Pre-Med student, Vicky Chen said, "I really feel insecure about this because what if this happens to me? The MCAT is so important to getting into Medical School ... I also worry about the students who are affected."

According to Matt Fidler, the MCAT Program Manager of Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, "It is something students will remember ... the reality of the situation is that to go to Medical school, people will have to take the exam."

Students who experienced the testing error are encouraged to contact the AAMC at (202)828-0690 for more information.

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SPORTS

The Seawolves get ready for their game against UMBC, which they won. David Stevens/Statesman

Men's Basketball Handles UMBC

By Shonto Olander
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, Feb. 3, the Seawolves snapped a 4 game losing streak on the road to UMBC, 56-39. After dropping their last several games due to poor defense in the second half, the Seawolves found a way to sustain a solid effort throughout. In most games this season, scoring 56 points would still give the Seawolves a loss, but the team managed to put together two good halves and leave with a 'W.'

Lead by Ricky Lucas (21 points and 3 steals) and Mitchell Beauford (12 points, 8 rebounds), Stony Brook started the game with an 11-2 run over the first couple minutes of play. After a 3 pointer by Mike Popoko that capped the run, UMBC would get the lead down to 6 points, but were unable to get any closer. By the end of the half, the Seawolves led 22-13.

"I'm very proud of our guys tonight," Seawolves' head coach Steve Pickiell said, "We came in prepared for tonight's game and our defense was able to contain a good basketball team."

The key coming into the second half was to avoid sleep walking on the defensive end, and Stony Brook instead made their presence felt, holding UMBC to only 35.7% shooting in the second half. Aside from Brian Hodges who scored 14 points, no player on UMBC reached double figures.

The low scoring victory avenged an earlier loss from last month when the two last faced off in Stony Brook. The win also doubled the team's win total from last season, bringing their overall record to 8-15 and 3-8 in the America East conference. UMBC's loss brings them to 9-15 and 5-6 in conference play.

Stony Brooks squares off against Vermont this Sunday, Feb. 11. Game time starts at 2:00 PM in the Sports Complex.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Women's Basketball Streak Ends at 7

On Sunday, the Women's Basketball team traveled to West Hartford, Connecticut, to face the Hartford Hawks, with whom they shared first place in the America East Conference. The Seawolves were defeated by a score of 65-47, ending their 7-game winning streak. The Seawolves' record fell to 11-10, and 7-2 in conference play. Hartford is now 15-7, 8-1.

Stony Brook got out to an early 18-9 lead, but Hartford then went on an 18-0 run, giving them a 27-18 lead. Stony Brook was able to close it up to 5 points, but got no further than that. Both teams suffered from poor shooting accuracy, and the Seawolves got into a lot of foul trouble, with two starters fouling out, and two more starters, plus another player, with 4 each.

Four Wins for SBU Track & Field at Rhode Island

The women's track team picked up three wins and the men's got one at the University of Rhode Island Invitational. In terms of points earned during the meet, the men's team was 5th, and the women's team was 9th.

Both teams won the mile, with the wins coming from Liz Carlson and Tim Hodge, in his Seawolves debut. Freshmen Lisa Voltaire and Laura Huet picked up Stony Brook's other two wins, in the 1000m, and 3000m, respectively. The women also recorded two second place finishes and a third.

Tennis Teams Start Season on a Sour Note

In their three meets last weekend, their first of the season, the men's and women's tennis teams came up empty handed.

The men's team lost all 3 doubles matches and all 6 singles matches on Saturday. All were against Dartmouth. All but one match was in straight sets. On Sunday, they took on Marist, and won only two singles matches. They return to action on Feb. 10, against Brown.

On Saturday, the women's tennis team fared little better against Dartmouth then the men did. Sandy Wijeratne and Claudia Sanua picked up the only win for the Seawolves, in a doubles match. All of Dartmouth's wins came in straight sets, with one game being a 6-0, 6-0 shutout.

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