



Students are encouraged to support SB in RecycleMania, a competition between 201 other universities running from Jan. 28 to Apr. 7.

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Provost Lecture: Challenging the Norms of Islamic Religion

By EROL RUZEHAJI
Staff Writer

Does god exist? Are men born good or evil? Do we as human beings have free will? Is there chance?

Wednesday night's lecture, "Knowing as Practical in al-Ghazali: Faith and Trust in One God," was an intellectual voyage into Islamic theology and philosophy. The lecture, by Notre Dame's emeritus professor, David Burrell, was enlightening and heart felt. Burrell discussed the works of one of Islamic Civilization's most revered philosophers, Abu Hamid Muhammad ibn Muhammad al-Ghazali, or simply Al-Ghazali.

Al-Ghazali's best known work, is "Tah'fut al-Fal'sifa" or in, Eng-

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Stony Brook Joins RecycleMania Craze

By LAWRENCE WAN
Contributing Writer

RecycleMania, now in its seventh year, is becoming a large part of colleges nationwide, including Stony Brook University (SBU). It began in Feb. 2001 between Ohio University and Miami University to see which university could recycle the most. In 2004, RecycleMania teamed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), expanding to include

different category contests. SBU will be the only school in Long Island to enter.

SBU has enhanced its mission statement beyond RecycleMania by promoting its own event called Getting Caught GREEN Handed, where officials canvass college and write "tickets" to students who are caught recycling.

"For the first time, Stony Brook will campaign and inform students because it's hard to make it a habit of recycling," said

Russ Cannova, the Recycling Center's Superintendent.

Schools can choose to participate in the Per Capita Classic or Waste Minimization. SBU has chosen to compete in the Grand Champion, Waste Minimization and the Per Capita Classic, among others.

Per Capita Classic is the accustomed contest where schools attempt to collect the most recyclables. Collections can include the entire campus or a specific area.

The Waste Minimization contest speaks for itself, because it teaches the fundamentals of reducing and reusing. Participation in the Per Capita and the Waste Minimization competitions qualifies schools to become the RecycleMania Grand Champion, which means the champion has the highest recycling rate by the larger part of the RecycleMania admissible materials derived.

Bad Weather, Classes Cancelled

Due to the harsh weather, classes were cancelled for SBU students after 2 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007.

Statesman photographer David Stevens braved the frigid weather to capture the scenery. Turn to page 15 for more photos.

As seen on the right, a lone student looks upon the barren academic mall late Wednesday afternoon.



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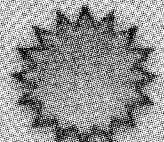
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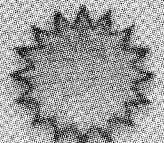
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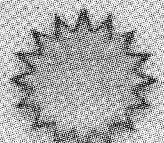
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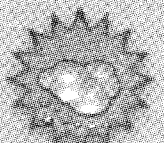
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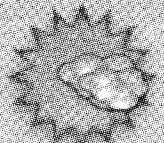
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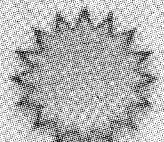
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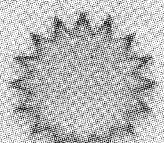
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Tuesday:
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Wednesday:
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Pleasantly Sunny

Behind the Numbers

Our first winter storm has finally dumped measurable amounts of snow, slush, and freezing rain to the area. Forecasted snowfall amounts dropped as the storm approached the region, with 1-3 inches of wet snow and slush falling in total. This made for icy conditions and dangerous roads. Now that the worst is behind, high pressure will build into the area, and skies will be clearing, bringing with it abundant sunshine for the next 24 hours.

Our next chance of snow will come on Sunday, when a weaker Low, arriving from the Midwest and Great Lakes will enter our area on Sunday morning. This one should not cause as much trouble, since it will be coming in from the West, as opposed to going up the East Coast. The cold front associated with this will greatly lower overnight lows, well into the single digits, with wind chill values approaching sub-zero. Besides Sunday, sunshine will dominate the rest of the week. Check back on Monday for an update on the week ahead.

SB Pulse: Craft Center, Darwin Day, & Black His- tory Month Lectures

By JESSICA JONES
Staff Writer

Craft Night Brings out Student Creativity

Craft Night was held on Feb. 13 from 7-10 PM in the Union Ballroom. Approximately 17 tables were set up for students to make their own crafts, each table having the materials for making a different piece of artwork. "They [the students] can hop table to table, meet people and do their own thing," said Janice Costanzo, craft center coordinator. Costanzo encouraged all students to attend.

Students were able to make crafts including painting wind chimes, sun catchers and magnets. Colorful beads were made into key chains and necklaces. For many students, homemade Valentine's Day cards were a tempting option for the day prior to Valentine's day. Sample boards were also made and displayed to illustrate creative options. Many of the crafts were also aimed at helping students decorate their dorm rooms.

Members of the recently formed Craft Club were on hand to assist everyone. It was a free event and snacks were provided for students.

Darwin Day to Educate Public on Evolution

Darwin Day will take place Feb. 15 in the SAC. The purpose of Darwin Day is "to improve the public understanding of the evolutionary sciences and the life

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Learned Islamic Scholar's Works Discussed in Provost Lecture

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lish, "Incoherence of the Philosopher." In philosophical terms, the book is a deconstructive polemic, meaning it uses philosophy to challenge philosophy.

The evening's lecture started with a brief background of al-Ghazali. Al-Ghazali was a learned Islamic scholar who was born in the year 1058 and died in 1111. He was born in Iran, and he lectured in Baghdad, Iraq for a large part of his life. In Baghdad, al-Ghazali philosophized, while teaching Islam.

At a certain point in his life, al-Ghazali was disillusioned and plagued by some philosophical dilemmas and he couldn't see himself teaching Islam with this dissonance. So began al-Ghazali's religious and reclusive journey throughout the middle-east. It was at this time that Al-Ghazali made his efforts to settle his troubles and purify his faith.

Burrell said that Al-Ghazali is a "talisman for Muslims," making him a celebrity, or one that is open to criticism. Burrell also contended that after the passing of al-Ghazali, Islamic science began to fade away.

After the background, Burrell began the lecture and went into al-Ghazali's work, "Incoherence of the Philosopher." Al-Ghazali produced this book in order to refute philosophers and their intentions, not reason itself. It irritated Al-Ghazali that philosophers had convictions such as explaining the universe without recourse to the Qu'ran (the holy book of Islam) or God. This was considered heresy by Al-Ghazali.

Burrell said Al-Ghazali was "Skeptical in the intention of philosophy but not the practices of human inquiry." This was perhaps the most important point Burrell made about Al-Ghazali's work. Burrell highlighted his

point by reading an excerpt about a critique of Al-Ghazali's ideas by the Nobel physicist Steven Weinberg.

Coincidentally, there were other participants at the lecture who shared the same view or confusion that Weinberg expressed in his critique. Weinberg said Al-Ghazali "argued in 'The Incoherence of the Philosophers' against the very idea of laws of nature." It was this confusion which Burrell sought to clarify.

According to Burrell, Al-Ghazali was a proponent of reason, but repugnant of philosophical intentions. The difference here lay in the application of scientific and philosophical knowledge. For example, the scientific method is absolutely necessary for the advancement of technology, and without this method of reason, almost no technological development could come about. Burrell contended that Al-Ghazali in fact appreciated reason because of this.

However, Burrell said Al-Ghazali was critical of unnecessary reason that leads to no ends. An example of this would be a question such as "Is there free-will?" This question ties so closely to the question of whether God exists, that contradictions brought about by reasoning are bound to rise.

Constant questioning will lead to constant reasoning, and ultimately reasons run out. This is why Al-Ghazali challenged philosophy: he sought to deconstruct it because it was not practical. Al-Ghazali's approach was one that advocated practicality, and very importantly faith.

Thus criticism of faith arises. An intense philosopher may view faith as a coping-out of the debate. Al-Ghazali contended the contrary. Burrell had said "The test of faith is not how much one knows but how much one trusts." It takes an effort to trust.

Recycle- Mania Craze Hits Campus

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All schools are required to submit measurements on a weekly basis, through an online reporting form, which is due every Wednesday during the period of the competition.

SBU has joined RecycleMania along with only 201 colleges throughout the nation that spans over a 10-week period from January 28 to April 7, 2007.

"We're spreading the word by telling people to donate the ink jet and toner cartridges and to use mugs instead of disposable cups," said Jen Myatt, Outreach Coordinator at Central Services.

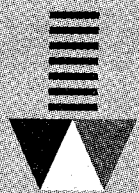
Recycled paper produces less trash and lowers taxes and disposal costs. Recycling paper uses about 55% less water, which conserves valuable forests, reduces water pollution by 35% and air pollution by 74%.

RecycleMania's success can be seen by the increase in student involvement on campus, aiming for waste reduction. In this way, students from across the country successfully maintain waste management. Furthermore, student awareness is strengthened and victors earn prestigious awards, trophies and certificates, not to mention bragging rights.

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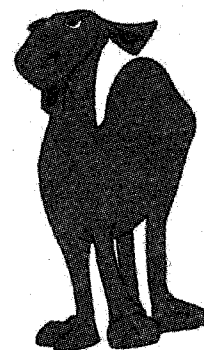


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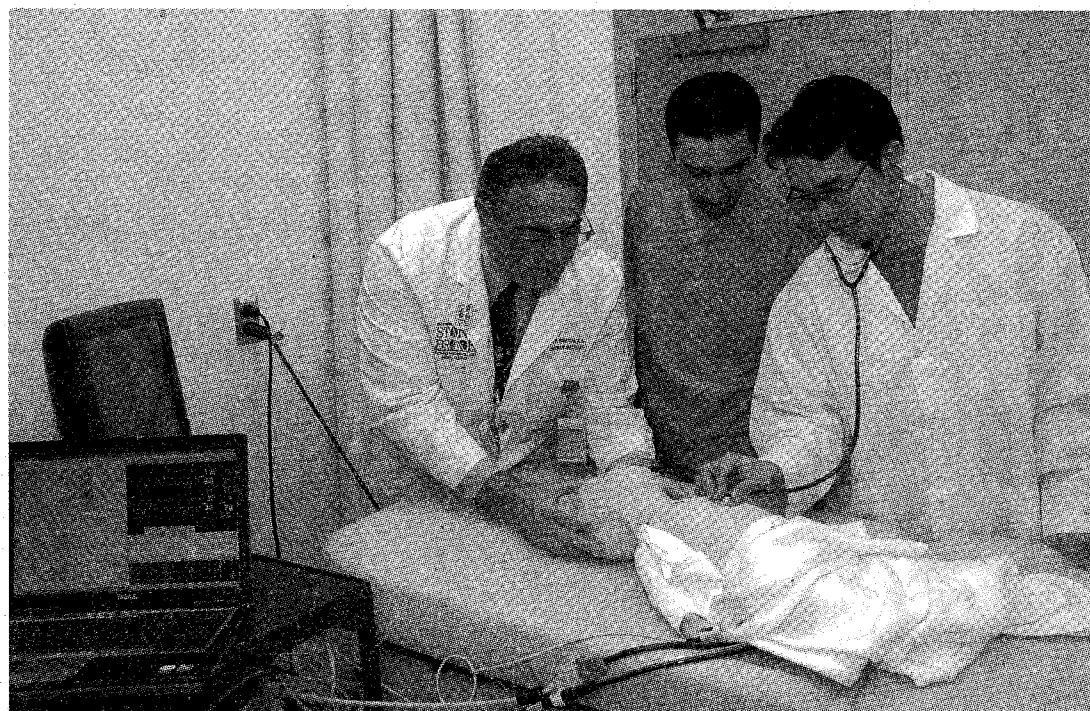
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Dr. Schiavone On Resident Doctors and their Future



Dr. Frederick Schiavone oversees residency training at Stony Brook Hospital.

Courtesy of Media Relations

By **JESSE COZZETTI**
Contributing Writer

Dr. Frederick Schiavone is a composed singer and an avid fan of the movie, "The Incredibles." But most importantly, he is faculty at Stony Brook University and the Medical Center.

Schiavone is a Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at SBU; he is currently the Residency Program Director and Director of Medical Education in the Department of Emergency Medicine, and the Associate Dean for Medical Education.

As Director of the Residency Program at Stony Brook Hospital, Schiavone assesses doctors at training level and beyond on a one-to-one basis in Emergency Medicine. He evaluates a resident's interpersonal skills and clarity of thinking, or whether the resident demonstrates a reasonable treatment plan and if he/she understands the process. Those in training can learn from their senior residents, who must be efficient and have more responsibilities.

Soon residents will learn more than medical treatment when the Clinical Skills Center opens in the Health Sciences Center. Built

in the design of an actual clinic, it houses 10 patient exam rooms, each equipped with a computer station which the patient, a paid actor, uses to critique a students performance, and an audio/visual monitoring system for post-exam review. Although it has not fully evolved, Schiavone said, "It will demonstrate how residents truly care about their patients."

And since most people might have had past altercations with doctors, residents will also be

"Interpersonal communication is not well assessed with most doctors, but now the Clinical Skills Center will allow this."

- Dr. Frederick Schiavone

advised to perform a "last touch phrase" with patients in a negative scenario. It advises residents to end a visit with a patient on a positive note in all circumstances. Schiavone stated, "Interpersonal communication is not well assessed with most doctors, but now the Clinical Skills Center will allow this."

As many as 538 residents and

fellows in training every year accomplish their studies through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education approved rotations in 48 programs for general and specialty practice. Residents learn most of their skills as they rotate to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northport and the Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola.

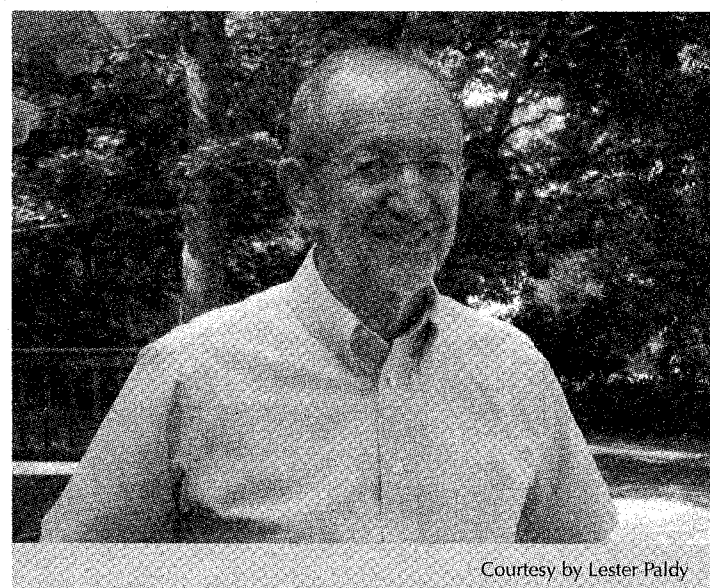
Residents also complete rounds at community hospitals, including St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, and Huntington Hospital in Huntington. Schiavone stated that all of the 48 programs are "each areas of excellence," but the obstetrical-gynecological fundamentals make it unique from the others. "The OB takes care of high risk surgical interventions of the highest caliber." He also stated the residency programs are

unique by teaching interaction of computers with medicine.

Although Stony Brook Hospital has received negative publicity for its pediatric cardiac surgery program in the previous months, Schiavone said that the Pediatric residency "has great assessment models." Schiavone hails the SBU residents and waits in "great anticipation" for the future.

Faculty Profile

Lester Paldy On Fifty Years at Stony Brook



Courtesy by Lester Paldy

By **JESSICA LAFOREST**
Contributing Writer

Before entering Stony Brook University as an undergraduate student in 1958, Distinguished Service Professor Les Paldy served as a marine officer in Korea. He is a faculty member in the Department of Technology and Society and often teaches courses in the Honors College.

An innovative man, Paldy has received several national awards for teaching and editing scientific journals. He was appointed Distinguished Service Professor of Technology and Society in 1990, and served on the U.S. Delegation to the Nuclear Testing Talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva, Switzerland, and as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations for the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review. He currently serves as the editor of the Journal of College Science Teaching.

Some of the significant changes Professor Paldy has been fortunate enough to witness during his years of teaching at SBU were "the expanded diversity of the faculty and student body." During the past 40 years, the University has developed a vibrant population.

He has discovered a rich variety of people, both in the student body and faculty. This change has made for an enriched educational environment. Paldy also stated that there are more international students in his undergraduate classes now. He felt that this significant change has greatly added to the dynamic of the University and to the campus as well.

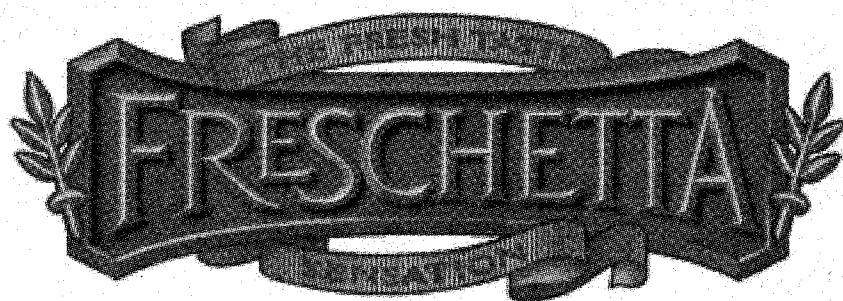
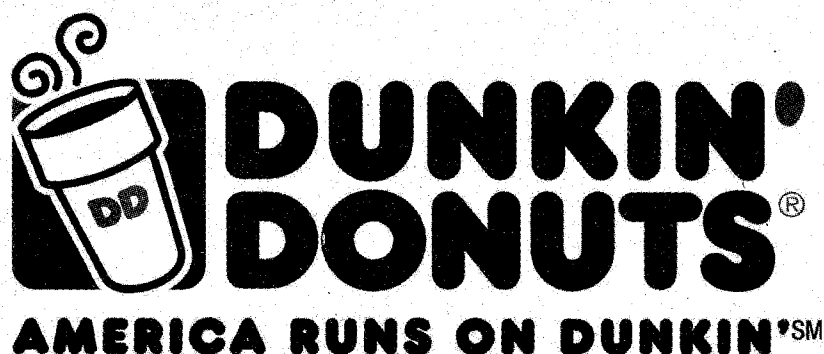
"There is more of a mix, and research and teaching have been enhanced because of that," said Paldy. He also pointed out that more undergraduates have become interested in getting involved in research.

He advises students to take advantage of the opportunity to engage in research. "You have to get involved; you can't be a shrinking violet, simply waiting for something to come your way. You have to make your own opportunities. Sometimes they may fall into your lap, but usually you have to look for them. That may include knocking on a professor's door and asking about research opportunities."

We appreciate professor Paldy's contributions to the life of the University. Its dedicated professors, like Les Paldy, make SBU a pioneering institution of higher learning.

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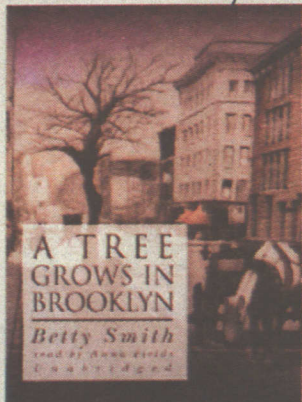
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Editor's Picks: Books

Fiction, sci-fi, horror, poetry...
Statesman editors share their favorite literary works.

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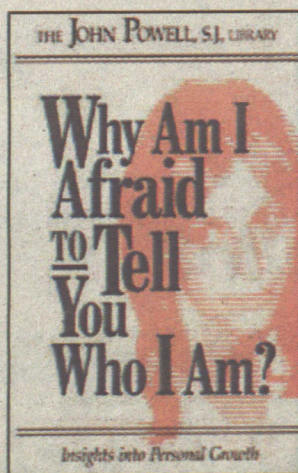
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
 by Betty Smith



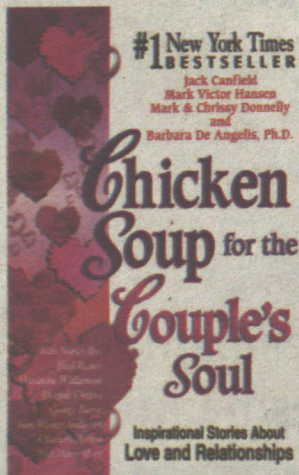
It has always been my favorite book. It was one of the only required readings books that I just couldn't put down as a kid. It's about a girl growing up in the 1920's, dealing with school, family, and later on in the novel, first love. I think what drew me into it was her determined and steadfast personality, which I could see in myself.

Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?
 by John Powell

I would strongly recommend this book. It does focus a lot on God and religion, but it hits on a lot of other topics, including love, friendship, and trust. It gives you an entirely different way of looking at the world and teaches you how to delve deeper into things we just take at surface value. You don't need to be devotedly religious to read it. I'm not, and I loved the book.



Chicken Soup for the Couple's Soul
 by Jack Canfield

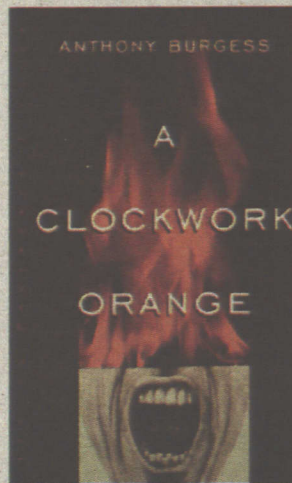


Well, who doesn't love the Chicken Soup books? If you're one of those chick-flick, tear-jerker girly girls who loves reading about "how they met," "the proposal," or true love, like me, then this book is a must. What I like most about it is that it's about real people and real stories, not some cheesy fiction romance. It makes you have hope that Prince Charmings and roses still exist in the real world.

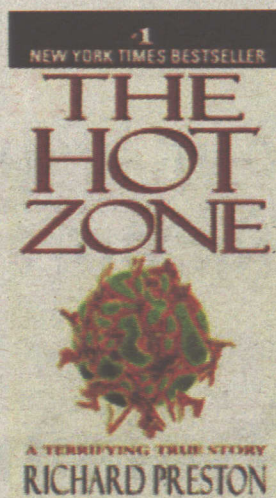
Tejas Gawade
 Managing Editor

A Clockwork Orange
 by Anthony Burgess

There was me, that is Alex, and my three droogs, that is Pete, Georgie, and Dim ... Reading this book is like learning a whole new language while being scared half to death. Alex, who is into "ultraviolence" is forced to recondition his sociopathic criminal personality when he is sent to jail. While the theme of free will is delivered expertly by Burgess, what's cooler is his self-made language.



The Hot Zone
 by Richard Preston



If you haven't yet been disturbed by A Clockwork Orange, I'd recommend The Hot Zone. This book is really not for the faint-hearted. Of all non-fiction works out there, Preston's chilling account of the origin and penetration of the Ebola and Marburg viruses will even make hardcore medical enthusiasts put it away to take a breather. Whether you hate science or love it, you'll fall for this book.

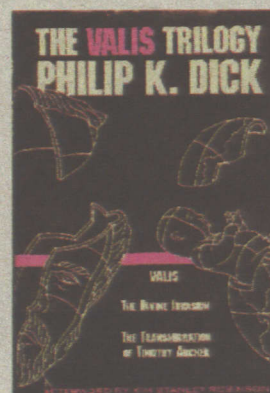
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
 by J. K. Rowling

I'm not just into the horrifying, especially when the happy kid in me springs up now and then. HP3 brings Sirius back to life among a matured Harry and the gang. It is also the first time we see death through Dementors and life through humor at its highest point. Word of caution: this book will make you want to read the others in the series, but I'd stop myself. Savoring just this one is probably for the best.



James Bouklas
 Editor Emeritus

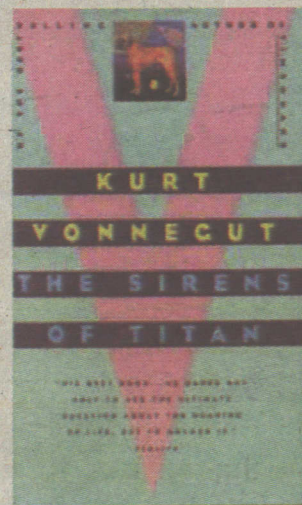
Valis Trilogy
 by Philip K. Dick



Being a straight-laced man myself, I must admit that reading the VALIS trilogy is as close to having a drug-induced paranoid delusion as I will ever get. Its three books cover everything from divine satellites to transcendental preachers to God rediscovering himself. Along the way, he redefines faith with some of the most absurd prose imaginable.

The Sirens of Titan
 by Kurt Vonnegut

Despite the fact that this Vonnegut novel was first published in 1959, it is only slightly dated in the year 2007. Again riffing on the theme of the absurd, this work makes light the darkest aspects of humanity and calls upon us to embrace them if we are ever to evolve. Vonnegut manages all this while completely avoiding the tone of a preacher, making it a timeless classic.



The Dubliners
 by James Joyce



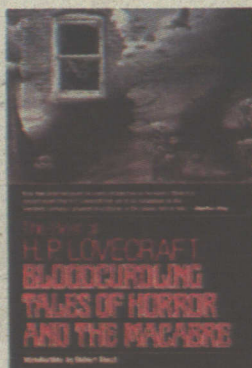
Whenever I am in a good mood for too long, I pick up the Dubliners, confident in its ability to bring me down to earth with stories of lost love, shattered ambitions, and abused psyches. Each story is a gem, highlighting Joyce's genius in his ability to describe a person's situation and thought process with crystal clarity. Becoming acquainted with this collection of short stories is a right of passage for all English majors, and anybody who would like to make the claim that they "just get it."

Will James, A&E Editor



The Dark Tower Series by Stephen King

I'm going to count eight books as one. Mr. King considers this the pinnacle of his career - so do I. The characters will crush you with their realness and their appeal. The story is a masterpiece of the imagination. I've always thought he was better at fantasy than horror.



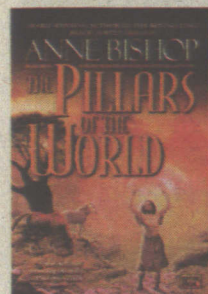
The Best of H.P. Lovecraft: Bloodcurdling Tales of Horror and the Macabre by H.P. Lovecraft

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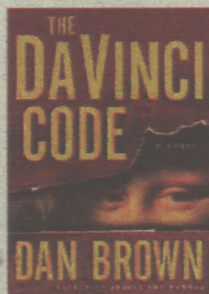
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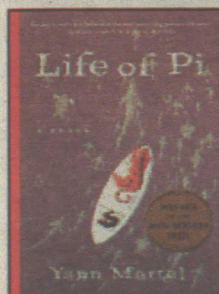
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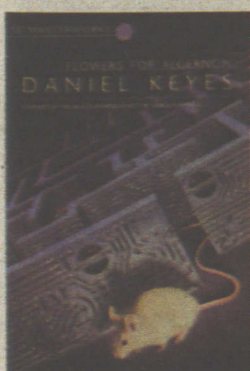
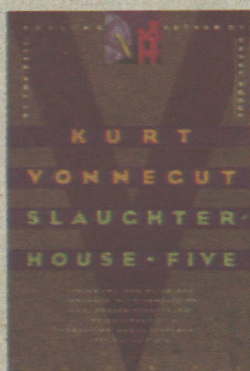


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The Book of James

Revelation IV:

Once you are aware that actions are the result of disposition and are not situational, regret loses all utility.

BY JAMES BOUKLAS
Senior Columnist

It is my belief that people act consistently across situations, drawing from their disposition. We can only be expected to perform in ways that are congruent with preexisting constructs that define who we are. This makes sense to many of us and, perhaps naively, the field of psychology believes this to be inappropriate, and has even labeled such a line of thinking the Fundamental Attribution Error. The field is wrong on this one - people act within their emotional and behavioral repertoires, period. Once you adopt this, any sense of moral fervor you may experience will be inevitably muted, for people are not always capable of engaging in a wide array of actions. It is therefore not a worthwhile endeavor to say, "If you had only said x, y, and z, then everything would be different."

If only life were so easy that simply saying the right thing or changing one action would ensure a favorable outcome! Life is all about momentum and nuance. There are literally thousands of small communications being made by people in every conversation, from body language to small inflectional changes in speech. All these things are borne from your personality. When you amass the sum of your actions and communications over a long period of time, only to think, "Had I only said the right thing at the time everything would have changed," you must realize what an absurd statement that is.

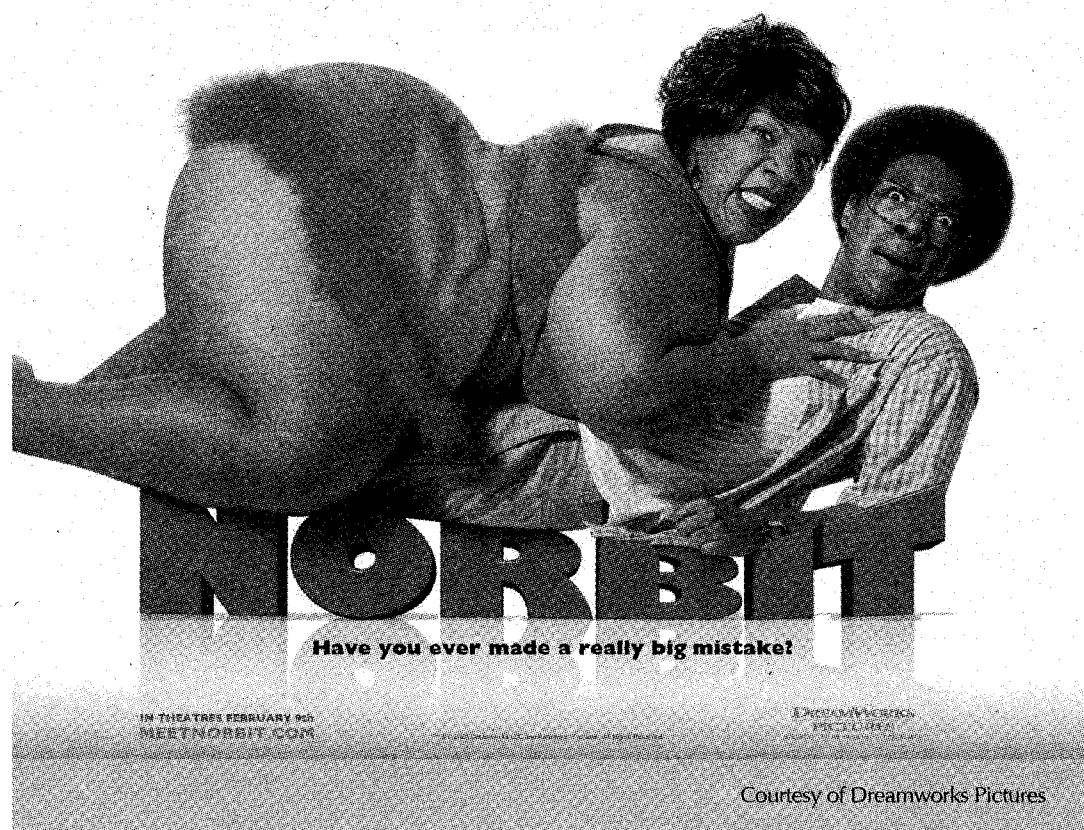
You have been building momentum, refining and shaping who you are across situations,

since you were born. The idea that you can simply make a snap change in your behavior and have any real impact is meaningless. Here is a popular example: a couple fights and then both people regret saying things. That only makes sense if you take a heated exchange out of context. The truth of the matter is that there has been momentum in this relationship that has led you to this point, only to culminate in open warfare in the end. Keeping your mouth shut would not have eliminated the momentum that was building - when it comes to the situations that matter most, past experiences and communications have already provided you with determined outcomes by the very virtue that they brought you to this in the first place.

How can you regret one action, or even a series of actions, if you are simply doing the best you can within the confines of your persona? Using present knowledge and maturity as a benchmark for your past actions is foolish - the point of living is to evolve, and that means a constant process of growth. If you must indulge in regret and self-loathing, then by all means, do not let me stop you. But do acknowledge that any rationalization for regret flies in the face of logic and is purely an emotional exercise. Not that that's a bad thing.

The Book of James is the musings of columnist and former Editor-in-Chief of Statesman, James Bouklas. This column appears weekly in Statesman. To send in your feedback for the Book of James, feel free to email us at the-bookoffjames@sbstatesman.org.

REEL DEAL



Better Luck Next Time, Eddie

BY AMANDA SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

It is just not a good time for movies. I had to choose between this, Hannibal Rising, and The Messengers. So why Norbit? Eddie Murphy. Because I respect his career I will look past this project and wait patiently for Shrek The Third.

In the style of The Nutty Professor, Eddie Murphy plays the key characters. As an infant, Norbit was abandoned at a Chinese restaurant/orphanage owned by Mr. Wong and grew up in an unusual environment. As a child he lost his only true friend, Kate, when she was adopted. Some years later he met Rasputia and, due to his insecurities and desperation for a family, he let Rasputia and her intimidating brothers rule his life. Now, as Rasputia and Norbit's marriage is falling apart, Kate moves back to town with her fiancé to buy

the orphanage/restaurant. Both Norbit and Kate seem to suffer from the same emotional needs for stability and difficulty trusting those who they've chosen to keep in their lives.

The ensemble was an odd mix of characters. Norbit is a friendly, good-hearted and weak man. He's too pathetic. Mr. Wong is a racist, foul-mouthed father-figure who nearly killed the children with his 'whaling' hobby. Rasputia is a grotesque monstrosity that played on fat jokes, manipulation, and possessive tactics. Her attempts at getting into her car were total cliché. Kate, played by Thandie Newton, was exactly as she was supposed to be: skinny, pretty, and the naive girl who hadn't changed since her days at the orphanage. Her fiancé, played by Cuba Gooding Jr., was the lying, superficial player. Eddie Griffin and Katt Williams played legit business pimps. They had

no reason to be in the movie. Other secondary characters were stereotypical senior citizens.

Norbit is not the quality work Eddie Murphy is known for. However, what is lost has been regained somewhat by the very impressive makeup and prosthetics teams. The script easily could have been written as an animation film but Eddie's characters were too close to realistic. They earned their money well.

The humor is geared more for shock value than for real laughs. Norbit was done in poor taste with unclear intentions.

Since his brother is credited as co-writer it should be a lesson that from now on Eddie should keep a separate career; don't agree to any further collaborations with family. Future projects should be on the same level as Coming to America and his time on SNL. Better luck next time.

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Al Franken: Another Celebrity Politician?

By ZUBARIA IRAM
Contributing Writer

Politics is an old trend that seems to have gained tremendous popularity within the past decade in the world of famous Hollywood celebrities who, after achieving fame, wealth, and success, turn to the unconquered arena of politics. The trend began with Ronald Reagan, and continues till today with names like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jesse Ventura added to the list of celebrity-turned-politicians.

Now, another famous entity, familiar to all of us, Al Franken, as a comedian, political satirist, and actor, is striving to enter this very field. He performed in the TV show Saturday Night Live and wrote several books, including "Rush Limbaugh is a Big, Fat Idiot" and "Other Observations and Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right," which reveal his leftist political affiliation. Al Franken has recently decided to run for the U.S. Senate in Minnesota in the 2008.

The state of Minnesota has prior experience with a celebrity-turned-politician, when they elected ex-professional wrestler,

Jesse Ventura, as their governor. Ventura's initial success and election victory was mostly made possible by the population of young voters' who supported him almost entirely due to his past professional wrestling career. These same star struck youth later encountered hostility and antagonism courtesy of their Governor, who refused to provide more funds for education because in his opinion "if you're smart enough to go to college you should be smart and creative enough to pay for it."

It would be a mistake to repeat what happened in the past by electing celebrities like Al Franken into the Senate. One of the most important assets of a successful politician is his experience in that particular field. When Franken's experiences are evaluated, he falls short of all the necessary elements needed in a politician's resume. Being a political satirist, criticizing the current Republican administration's flaws, and hosting a program on Air America Radio is certainly not sufficient experience for a candidate running for U.S. Senate.

One needs to have served on local legislatures and other government bodies before running

for Senate. Past great politicians in this nation's history have been men of many talents and exemplars of intellectualism. Today, celebrity politicians are far from intellectual. Granted that, Franken has an exceptional educational record. But he is nevertheless, lacking in the experience needed to do a senator's job, posing relentless challenges and requiring serious decision-making skills.

Although celebrities have been surprisingly victorious in the past in attaining political positions, Franken's chances look grim. His decision to run for Senate has been met with a mixed response but the immense criticism cannot be ignored. Firstly, Franken was born and has lived in New York for most of his latter life; he only grew up in Minneapolis. This raises the question of whether he is fit to be a senator for a state he hasn't lived in for a long time.

Of course, this issue can be disregarded since Hillary Clinton became the senator of our very own state without ever having lived here. Slightly discomfoting, isn't it? Secondly, Franken's books have been known to contain statements which are less than credible. Statements such as, "Saddam's regime

and al Qaeda weren't working together at all" and "Clinton put the government on high alert and stopped a deadly attack. Bush did nothing," are just some of many that have incited harsh responses and inflamed arguments from the public.

Those who support him are people who are ignorant of the importance of their vote and are only looking for some fun and humor during the campaign season.

Franken's political views are a little vague. It is commonly known that he is a leftist but other than that there are no details about his standpoint on different issues. Basically, he supports gun control laws, abortion rights, same sex marriage, and environmental protection. Vague, but that's all there is to it. I guess we will have to wait and see when the campaigning begins.

Celebrity politicians have always won the support of the younger age group because of their glamorous personas. Once elected into office, those same celebrities don't live up to our expectations. I say it's time to stop this cycle and focus on the political views, campaign issues, and the credibility of our celebrity politicians.

THE END OF IMPUNITY

By KHALIL ROBINSON
Contributing Writer

When asked about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X stated, that it was simply a case of "chickens coming home to roost." On September 11, 2001, quite a few more chickens paid the United States a little visit.

Today, America is solidifying the return of many more chickens. However, next time these chickens may not be as charitable as they previously were. Instead of attacking major military centers and financial centers they may choose shopping malls, subways, or any other place they see fit. One may call this a form of blowback, the unintended consequences of military actions, but I prefer to call it common sense.

While the U.S. is currently engulfed in its imperial crusade around the world some interesting developments are occurring which may lead to severe "blow-back." It is almost five years since

the United States invaded and occupied Iraq. America has already suffered 26,540 casualties from hostile military actions and has killed an estimated 655,000 Iraqi civilians. This figure does not include the 500,000 Iraqi children who died as result of the sanctions imposed on the country or the consistent bombing campaign throughout the 1990s.

The Iraqi resistance has effectively ruined the United States' credibility overseas. The U.S. has no real options left in Iraq, at least from an imperialist perspective. The current national debate focuses on pulling the soldiers out of Iraq, pulling them back to a defensive position, or initiating a form of blitzkrieg on the capitol. All of these options are avoiding the core problem. What has changed and is not understood is that people are no longer afraid. They can be bombed, shot, invaded, humiliated, and occupied, but they can no longer be intimidated. Terror only works

when people allow themselves to be terrorized.

This damage of credibility is evident in places other than Iraq. In Afghanistan, the Taliban has risen up and may effectively expel the Western occupiers. In Palestine, the people made the mistake of practicing democracy and they voted against the Western backed, corrupt Fatah government, placing the Hamas movement in power. The Hezbollah movement in Lebanon has defeated Israel in its latest invasion and may become the primary powerbroker in that country. Iran has growing influence and has risen to international prominence. The main Algerian Islamist group, the Salafist Group of Preaching and Combat, has recently joined the Al Qaeda movement. In Somalia, the Islamic Courts are also waging war against a Western-backed Ethiopian invasion.

American citizens and other Westerners must realize that these developments are leading to an

imminent catastrophe. The majority of the world is now refusing to be attacked, threatened, and occupied. September 11, Madrid, and the London bombings should show Americans - and the West - that their privilege is over and they are no longer immune to the violent acts they commit all over the world.

Westerns should also refrain from asking arrogant questions like, "Why do they hate us?" The answer to that question has always been clear. American policy and their tax money is bringing that heroic revolutionary, Ernesto "Che" Guevara's dream to fruition, "We could look into a bright future should two, three, or many Vietnams flourish throughout the world with their share of deaths and their immense tragedies, their everyday heroism and their repeated blows against imperialism, impelled to disperse its forces under the sudden attack and the increasing hatred of all peoples of the world!"

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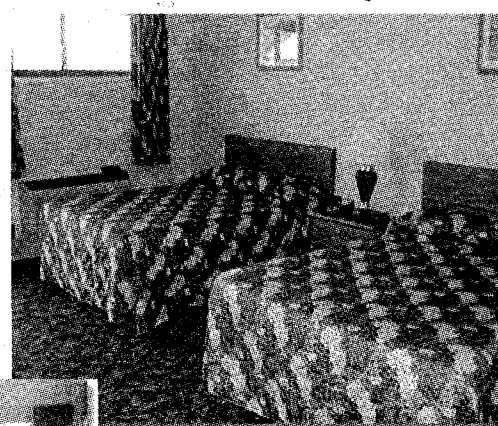
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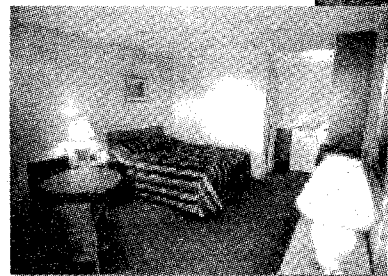
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Interesting Times for the USG

By ESAM AL-SHAREFFI
USG Senate Recording Secretary

Dear Editor,

A variety of interesting proposals passed through the Senate during its last meeting, so without further delay I would like to share what went on with the student body.

First, and perhaps most dramatically, Ralph Thomas, the Vice President for Clubs and Organizations, was impeached by a vote of 19-1-2 of the USG Senate. The previous Statesman quoted me as saying that the "Senate did the right thing," a sentiment I confirm. When presented with the four articles of impeachment and with Mr. Thomas' defense, the Senate had no choice, in my mind, but to recommend impeachment and forward the charges to the USG Supreme Court for further adjudication.

As to whether or not Mr. Thomas is guilty of the charges brought against him, or whether or not he deserves to be removed from office, I do not know. It will be the solemn duty of the USG Supreme Court to sort the evidence, investigate further, and then agree on a decision. I believe for the time being, however, that all students should consider Ralph Thomas to be innocent until and unless he is proven guilty, and to reserve judgment until all the evidence has been heard.

In addition, Senator Antonelli presented a lengthy document, the "USG SAB By-Laws Act," which intends to reform the Student Activities Board, responsible for the bulk of programming and running student events in order to add greater transparency and oversight.

While the document is quite impressive and represents an incredibly encouraging picture of the organization's

potential, the true test of this legislation will be whether or not the USG SAB brings forth better planned and advertised events, which draw greater student interest and attendance. The prospects look good and we shall see.

Finally, the Senate continued debate on the highly contentious "Clarification in Employment Act," which seeks to limit the number of hours that "aides" to Executive Council officers could work. While the President appeared to have convinced more Senators on the need to hire and keep a relatively high number of aides, no clear decision was taken and the meeting adjourned with the Senate still fragmented over where to go ahead.

My prediction is that unless the authors of the bill urgently meet with their fellow Senators and with the USG President to craft a compromise, the likely fate of the bill will be either a narrow defeat on the Senate floor or a narrow victory that will be quickly vetoed and give the same result.

The next few weeks will be very interesting for the USG. The Senate should be finishing up the remaining "housekeeping" issues on its plate, and then hopefully turn its attention to providing new programs and services for the student body, as well as beginning the arduous but all important budget deliberation process.

The USG Supreme Court will be busy with impeachment proceedings and its work will be closely watched because of the unprecedented nature of its work. Its work in the next few weeks has the potential to create long-lasting precedents and will give the court an opportunity to exert its influence as a co-equal branch of government. Stay tuned!

Respectfully yours,
Esam Al-Shareffi

Re: The Reverse Psyche of Library Mobs

By SHERRY CHANG
Associate Director of Univ. Libraries for Public Services

To: Stony Brook Statesman

This is a response to the article "The Reverse Psyche of Library Mobs" by Tejas Gawade, Feb. 1, 2007.

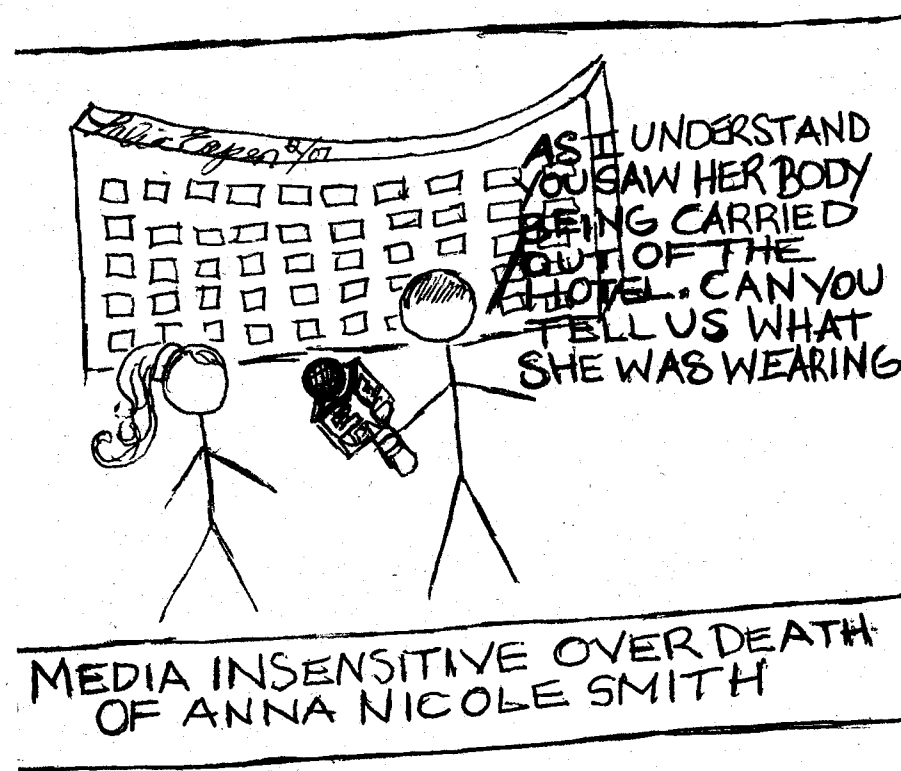
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By Talia Eapen



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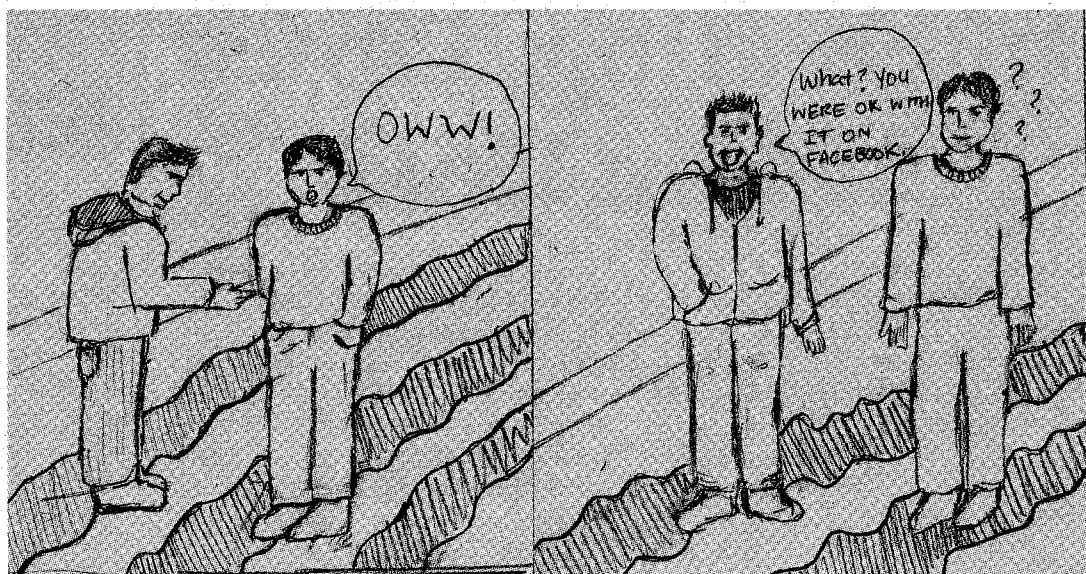
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There will be a panel discussion Feb. 16 to conclude events on the topic "Faith and Science: Is there an interface?" and that

Black History Month Lectures

"The Mothers of Revolution" lecture were held Feb. 13 from 8:30-11 PM in SAC 304. Topics included the role of black women in important political, cultural and social movements. It was sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and MALIK Fraternity, Inc.

"Colored Amazons: Crime, Violence & Black Women in the City of Brotherly Love, 1880-1910," is a part of the Provost Lecture Series and was held on Feb. 14 from 4-6 PM in the SAC auditorium. Dr. Kali Nicole Gross, Drexel University, discussed her book *Colored Amazons*, which is an analysis of crimes, prosecution and imprisonment of Black women in Philadelphia. This event was sponsored by the Department of African Studies.



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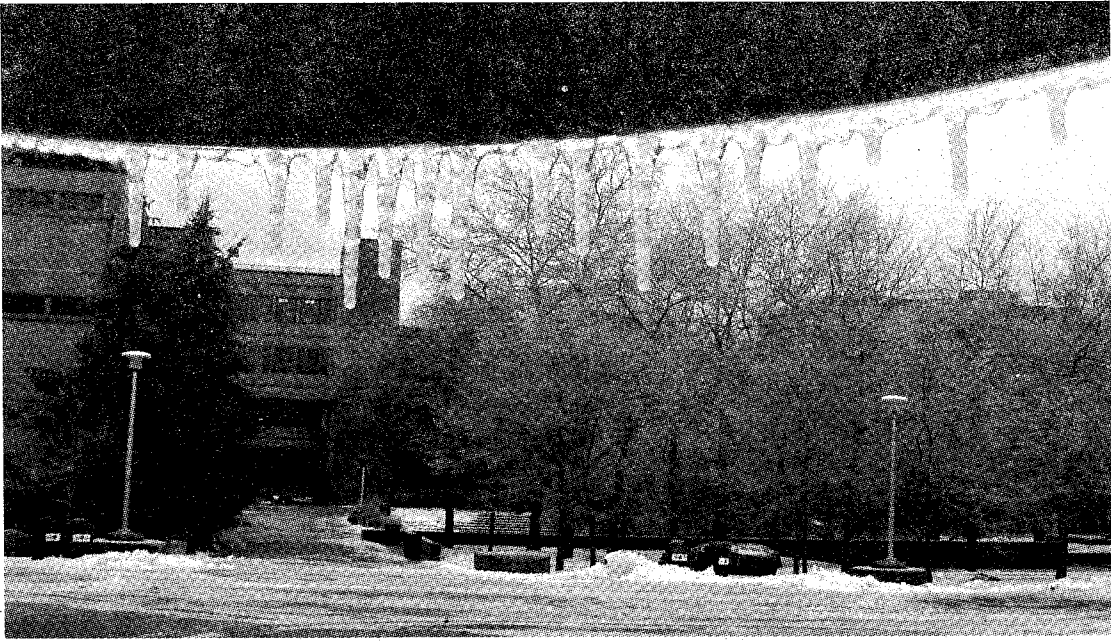
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Head Coach Maura McHugh strategizes with her team in their 68-53 win

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Women's Basketball Gets Back on Track, Drops UMBC

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Stony Brook, NY- Last Wednesday, Feb. 7, Stony Brook netted a double digit victory over UMBC, 68-53. Led by Kelly Watson's 29 points, SB took their 8th win in 9 games and extended their dominating play over the conference. Overall, their record moves up to 12-10, and 8-2 against conference opponents.

"Kelly provided a huge spark," assistant coach Michelle Cherry said, "and we were able to get a lot of easy shots. It wasn't the prettiest game, but we shot really well. It was a good win." UMBC's tendency to run the clock down on nearly every possession resulted

in a "strange tempo" according to coach Cherry, as "they tried to slow us down." UMBC's style resulted in fewer possessions and a slower game, but failed to control SB's high scoring offense, enough to leave with the win.

Aside from Watson's 29 points, Jessica Smith, Mykeema Ford, and Leah Getz all scored in double figures, with Getz also grabbing 13 rebounds and handing out 6 assists. SB only played 8 players in the game, but still had the energy to hit over 50% from the field. The first 2:55 of the game came to an 11-11 tie, off a 3 pointer by UMBC's Heather Luttrell. Until the end of the half, the Seawolves seized control, and managed to take a 36-26 lead going into the break.

After entering the second half with a 9-0 run, UMBC was countered by strong defense and good shooting by the home team, the Seawolves. After the two traded baskets over the next couple of minutes, SB put together a decisive run where they outscored UMBC 19-7. With only 4:04 remaining, the lead left SB with a 14 point cushion that essentially sealed the win.

UMBC's Amanda Robinson and Kristin Drabyn each scored 13 points in the team's final contest against SB. The Terriers record now stands at 10-13 overall and 2-7 in the conference. The Seawolves play against Binghamton next week on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Game time is at 7:00 PM.

Men's Basketball Outplayed by Hartford

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Stony Brook, NY- This Sunday, Feb. 11, the Seawolves played another solid first half, but ended up losing due to porous second half defense. They allowed Hartford to shoot over 58% after the intermission. Before losing the contest 59-44, SB was looking to build some momentum, after their win over UMBC earlier in the week, yet fell short to their 5th loss in 6 games.

Their record is now 8-16 overall and 3-9 in the conference. "We had a tough day from the floor," SB's head coach Steve Pikiell said. "Our defense was unable to bail out our offense." As SB's highest scorer was Mike Popoko with 10 points, the Sea-

wolves were unable to produce more than a few minor runs at Hartford.

The first half proved slow going for both teams as it ended with Hartford up only 21-18. Both teams shot under 32% from the field and combined for more turnovers (11) than points (7) in the first five minutes of the game. The slow play did not last long, however, as Hartford began a 20-4 run from the beginning of the second half, capped off by a layup by Bo Taylor who led all scorers, with 17 for Hartford.

The Hawks also received 8 rebounds and 6 points from Michael Turner in their win, which moves them to 11-15 and 5-8. SB next plays against New Hampshire on Sunday, Feb. 18. Game time is at 2:00 PM at the Sports Complex.

Women's Tennis Defeated by Army

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On Sunday, Feb. 12, SB Women's tennis took on West Point's Army squad, falling 4-3 overall. Paola Rodolfi, Erica Federgreen and Victoria Vovsha all registered wins for the Seawolves in singles play. Rodolfi defeated her opponent in back to back sets of 6-1 and 7-6, while Federgreen

and Vovsha won in their final third set.

For doubles play, Federgreen and Rodolfi registered the only win, defeating Army's Sarah Giles-Madden and Jessica Shurtz 8-5. In the final match of the day, Victoria Vovsha and Brooke Flanagan narrowly lost their match 9-8. The Seawolves play again when they travel to upstate New York to battle Lehigh on Feb. 23.