

## Stony Brook Remembers 9/11

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Stony Brook University marked the six-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks with a Memorial Commemoration Ceremony on Tuesday, sponsored by the Interfaith Center.

Rabbi Joseph S. Topek, director and Jewish chaplain from the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life, opened the ceremony with a call for the Stony Brook community to remember this day when "our nation was attacked and fellow Americans perished," and to "grieve and mourn our losses together."

The crowd present joined Emily Logan in singing the National Anthem after the University Po-

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## Lauterbur's Legacy: Symposium Honors MRI Pioneer

By TEJAS GAWADE  
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Paul Lauterbur, one of the leading pioneers of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), was honored last Friday, Sept. 7 in a symposium titled "Lauterbur's Legacy: Looking at Life." At the symposium, both traditional and innovative technologies in health-care, environment and energy were explored through talks by some of the leading scientists and professors at Stony Brook University.

The plenary speaker was Richard Ernst, an Emeritus Professor from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Ernst is a 1991 Nobel laureate in Chemistry and had known Lauterbur on both a personal and professional level.

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## Police suspect all were drinking

Authorities are tracking where the victims had been before Saturday's fatal crash

Byline By Tom Murphy — Staff Writer

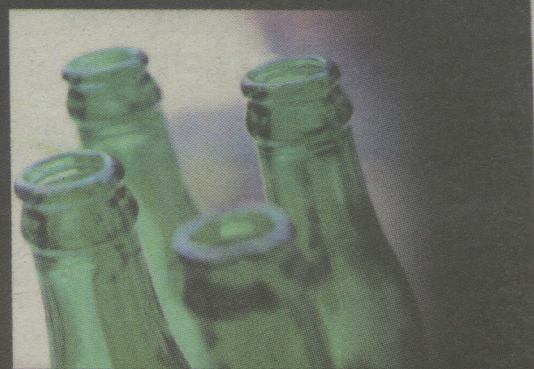
State police suspect that everyone involved in Saturday's fatal one-car accident on the Colgate University campus might have been drinking before the crash.

Witness interviews have investigators leaning that way, state police Capt. Roger Sykes said

Monday. But he noted that blood tests, which would indicate a person's blood-alcohol count, have not been completed.

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"I still can't believe it. Three girls and my best friend are dead... I was the only one that got out. Everyone else was supposed to be there."

Above, a photo of the information presented at the "Friends" Exhibition at the SAC Gallery.

Aisha Akhtar / Statesman

## Students Suffer Housing Crisis More Tripling for Freshmen

By AISHA AKHTAR  
Staff Writer

Once again, Stony Brook University residences have been forced to triple freshmen around the campus quads. This year, over 9,000 students have requested on-campus housing, a 13% increase since 2003.

"There are two reasons that have made students want to stay on campus," said Daniel Melucci, associate vice president for Strategy, Planning and Analysis. "One is because the \$120 million investment in residences has really made a difference and has attracted students to stay on campus. Another is because the economy has been good and people have ready access to credit and therefore students want the full college experience."

"There has been more tripling than the demand we

had originally projected for housing," said Melucci, who is also the chair of the Housing Planning Advising Committee (HPAC).

HPAC is a committee of faculty, administrators, undergraduates, and east campus representatives who make recommendations on planning issues related to residential construction and facilities. This year, some of the transfer students are being tripled along with the freshmen.

The housing assignments for the triples are distributed evenly among all quads. "Some of the lounges in Roosevelt are being used to accommodate students," said Dallas Bauman, assistant vice president of Campus Residences, "we show students the tripled rooms at orientation so they know what to expect when they arrive."

"The New York State Build-

ing Code states that there should be 150 square feet of living space for three people, and we triple up students where the criteria is met," Bauman continued.

Tripling has been the common solution to meet increased demands for housing ever since the late 1990s. "Campuses across the country triple new students," Bauman said, "the alternative would be no housing and people don't do any worse academically because of it."

Statistics show that students who live on campus have greater chances of graduating, are more active alumni, and get a better feeling for the institution they are attending," Melucci said. "A long time ago, there was a rule where students whose homes were

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## "Friends" Exhibit Educates SB

By NATALIE CRNOSIJA  
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Seven years ago at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, three students, Robert R. Koester, Kevin King and Christopher Rea left drunk from a fraternity party. In the car with them were three other undergraduate students, Katherine Almeter, Emily Collins and Rachel Nargiso. The lives of all six of the students changed dramatically that night when their car swerved on a slick road and crashed into two trees while on their way home.

Almeter, Collins, Nargiso and King were killed instantly, leaving driver Koester and passenger Rea injured. Koester, who had been drinking during the hours preceding the accident, was expelled and charged with criminally negligent homicide, four counts of second-degree manslaughter and DWI. This was the first fatal car accident in Colgate's history -- a tragedy

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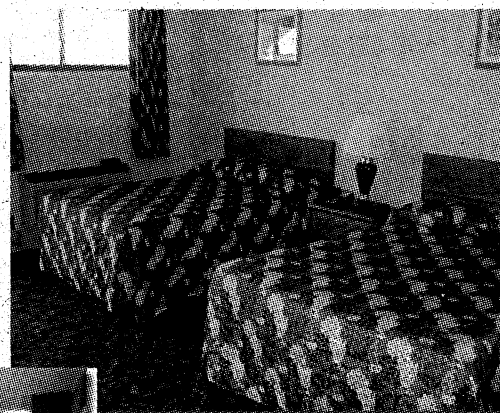
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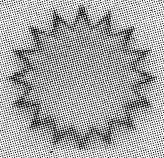
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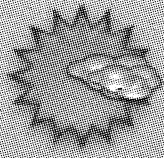


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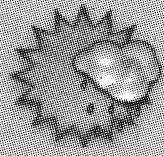
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# Nobel Laureate Richard Ernst Speaks to SBU

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Speaking in layman's terms, Ernst charted almost 70 years of Lauterbur's life from his birth in Sidney, Ohio to his rise to fame at SBU and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he once published 24 papers in one year and finally, the long-awaited Nobel Prize.

Ernst began with this quote: "It is easy to make new friends when you've just won a prize." This was followed by several such light-hearted, yet profound quips. He described Lauterbur's early school years at the Holy Angels Catholic School in Ohio, quoting Lauterbur: "I remember little of it except that the nuns who taught there seemed to value order and discipline above all else." He then talked about the chemistry set that Lauterbur's aunt, Anne Lauterbur (his "favorite aunt") had given. Ernst chuckled, concluding that Lauterbur had probably "learned more from her than the nuns."

Lauterbur's scientific background strengthened at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, OH, where he majored in chemical engineering although his interests lay in biology, organosilicon chemistry and magnetism. In fact, he skipped a course on unit operations and instead opted to study quantum mechanics, which prevented him from becoming an engineer.

Before Lauterbur arrived at SBU, he had already published a paper in the army. The paper, titled "NMR Spectra of Phosphorous Composition," at the Army Chemical Center in Maryland, was written with Norbert Muller and Jerome Goldenson. NMR stands for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, an imaging technique essential to MRI. At this point, he had become a "world expert on Carbon-13 NMR," according to Ernst.

Lauterbur's research experiences at the army foreshadowed his work on MRI. However, he hit a lull when he first arrived at SBU, taking 11 years to complete his Ph.D. and becoming a professor in 1962. Here he studied isotope effects, chemical shifts, anisotropies and continued to work on C-13 NMR. He was quoted as saying, "By that time having gotten over my distaste of professors, becoming one myself." At this time, he published few papers.

Everything changed after his 1969 visit to ETH Zurich, where he met Ernst. Ernst quoted Lauterbur capturing what was on his mind at the time: "Two interests led towards imaging -- computer-aided acquisition and processing, and biological applications." After this he went on a sabbatical for two years to Stanford, Baldeschwieler. This was followed by what Ernst called Lauterbur's "miraculous year." On Sept. 1, 1971, a seminal gradient idea struck him during dinner with G. Donal Vickers. Ernst showed pages from Lauterbur's diary at this point.

This idea came to a culmination when Lauterbur presented a NMR image of a calf heart at the 15th Experimental NMR Conference. His passion ignited, Lauterbur continued to work after this on different ideas, such as gas phase zeumatography and Fluorine-19 NMR, publishing a total of 17 papers in a year at SBU.

In 1984, Lauterbur won the Lasker award, and in 1987 he won a medal from President Ronald Reagan. He was quoted as saying, "It is often impossible to predict the hidden to be revealed at the end of a research journey." And in 2003, he finally won the Nobel Prize in Medicine along with Sir Peter Mansfield. Ernst ended the talk with a quote from Lauterbur, "All

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# Memorial Commemorates Anniversary

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lice Color Guard and members of the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp. posted the colors.

A memorial candle was lit by students who represented six major religions found on SBU campus - Daniel Hanson of the Hillel Foundation, Munza-reen Padela from the Muslim Students Association, Michael Chang of the Baptist Church Ministries, Jason Shank from the Catholic Church Ministries, Dipti Sharma of the Hindu Students Association and Sharmaine Cole of the Protestant Church Ministries.

Prayers from the various chaplains comprising the Interfaith Center were offered. Rabbi Topek prayed for lost loved ones; Sister Margaret Ann Landry of the Catholic Chaplain offered a prayer on behalf of the grieving families of the lost; Ambassador Harish Basim for the Hindu community read a prayer for rescue and recover workers; Reverend David Chen of the Baptist Chaplain prayed for world leaders; Brother Yasser Rad of MSA offered a prayer for world peace; a reverend from the Protestant Chaplain offered a prayer for the future of humanity.

"Stony Brook is a haven from evil. Here we know others for who they are and understand culture and deal with prejudice. Here we depend on each other and can only succeed by working together," President Kenny said. "We owe it to lost ones, their family and future generations to say 'enough madness and cruelty,'" she implored the audience.

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# Police Blotter

Sept. 7 - Sept. 10

## Noise Complaint

On Sept. 8th, at 12:51AM, a noise complaint was received at James College. All appeared in order when police arrived on the scene.

## Car Windows Broken

On Sept. 9th, at 9:57 PM and 10:13 PM, two different cars were found with their rear windows broken in the P parking lot by Toscanini College.

## Suspicious People

At the main gate, 11 suspicious males who were not students attempted to enter the campus at 12:28 AM on Sept 10.

## Smoke Detector Malfunction

On Sept 10 at 4:36AM, a smoke detector malfunctioned in Room 1081A of the Chapin E building. The problem was resolved later in the morning.

## Alarm Sounded at University Bookstore

On Sept. 10 at 6:33AM, an intrusion alarm sounded at the University Bookstore (Melville Library). However, while the alarm sounded at the Bookstore, the signal was not received at Police Headquarters. The area was patrolled and the cause of the alarm to activate was unknown.

## Benches Pulled Off Ground

On Sept. 10 at 6:37AM, two benches between the SAC and Melville library were found pulled out of the ground.

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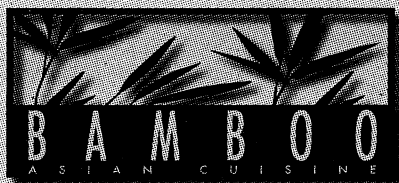
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# "Friends" Exhibition Teaches Lesson

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that forced the university to begin a substance abuse program and reevaluate the threat of drunk driving.

The senseless deaths of these students had a far-reaching effect prompting the Louis Henry Morgan Institute of SUNYIT in coordination with the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation and Union College to educate college students and the general public on the dangers of DWI.

Their efforts have yielded the "Friends" exhibition, now being displayed in the SAC Gallery. The exhibit features a visual timeline of the lives of the students that preceded and followed the collision. "We say collision now, not accident, because an accident implies that no one is to blame," said James Pearsol, the managing curator of the SAC Gallery. The goal of this exhibit, according to its founders, is to educate students on the dangers and cost of drunk driving, an avoidable criminal gamble with huge consequences.

Stony Brook teams and many Long Island high schools have visited the exhibit in an effort to learn and prevent other such incidents of drunk driving. The response from these groups has been positive with the intended message being taken in by students and adults alike. Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy recently visited the exhibit, saying "two decades ago, no one would have thought of drunk driving as an important issue."

The exhibit itself consists of pictures of the students who were killed, private possessions such as one of the girls' prom dresses, students' artwork, audio and visual recordings, photos of the aftermath including the mangled car and Koester on trial.

The exhibit runs from Aug. 13 to Sept. 21, Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A "Friends" Facebook page has been posted for those who would like more information or assistance in drunk driving prevention.

## Paul Lauterbur Remembered

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science is interdisciplinary, from magnetic moments to molecules to men."

The speech was followed by a luncheon and a reception, which was later followed by talks on their research by Joan Dawson, Associate Professor of Molecular & Integrative Physiology, Biophysics, and Neuroscience at U. Illinois, Joanna Fowler, Senior Chemist at Brookhaven National Laboratory and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at SBU, Clare Grey, Professor of Chemistry and Associate Director of Center for Environmental Molecular Science at SBU.

The plenary speech was followed by a champagne reception and a banquet at the Charles B. Wang Center. The symposium was organized by Francis T. Bonner, who acted as the Committee Chair, along with the help of several SBU faculty to create what was undoubtedly, a legacy for Lauterbur.

## Students Stuck in Crowded Dorms

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within a certain radius from the school were unable to dorm but we have disclosed that mile limit," Melucci continued. "The reason we do not do that now is because the HPAC, particularly faculty and the student affairs administration, believe that residential experience is vital and all students, regardless of where there home is, deserve that opportunity."

Instead of the radius limitations, the eight semester rule was implemented, where students can not dorm for more than eight semesters on campus unless space is available. One reason for allowing triples is because a significant number of people do not show up for the semester after paying their deposit.

There are a lot of 'no shows' where anticipated people do not show up," Bauman said. Because of "no shows," many of the students in the fall get de-tripled early in the semester. By

spring time, there are increased numbers of vacancies, and so many of the triples become de-tripled. Tripling ensures that there will be no vacancies at any time, since the budget relies on room fees.

The revenue comes from the rent students pay. It covers things like maintenance, utilities, furniture and the debt services for building projects," Melucci said. "We plan on adding 600 beds by fall 2009 to take care of the demand," Bauman said, "there will be additional capacity in Roosevelt and Kelly and another building in West will be opening in the spring." The building in West will provide 173 new beds.

Until more housing is available, freshmen will continue to be tripled. If a student opts to permanently remain tripled, the fees are \$2,764 for a double room, whereas a normal double would cost \$2,826. "Sometimes people get along so well that they don't want to be de-tripled," Melucci said.

## Students Pay Tribute to 9/11

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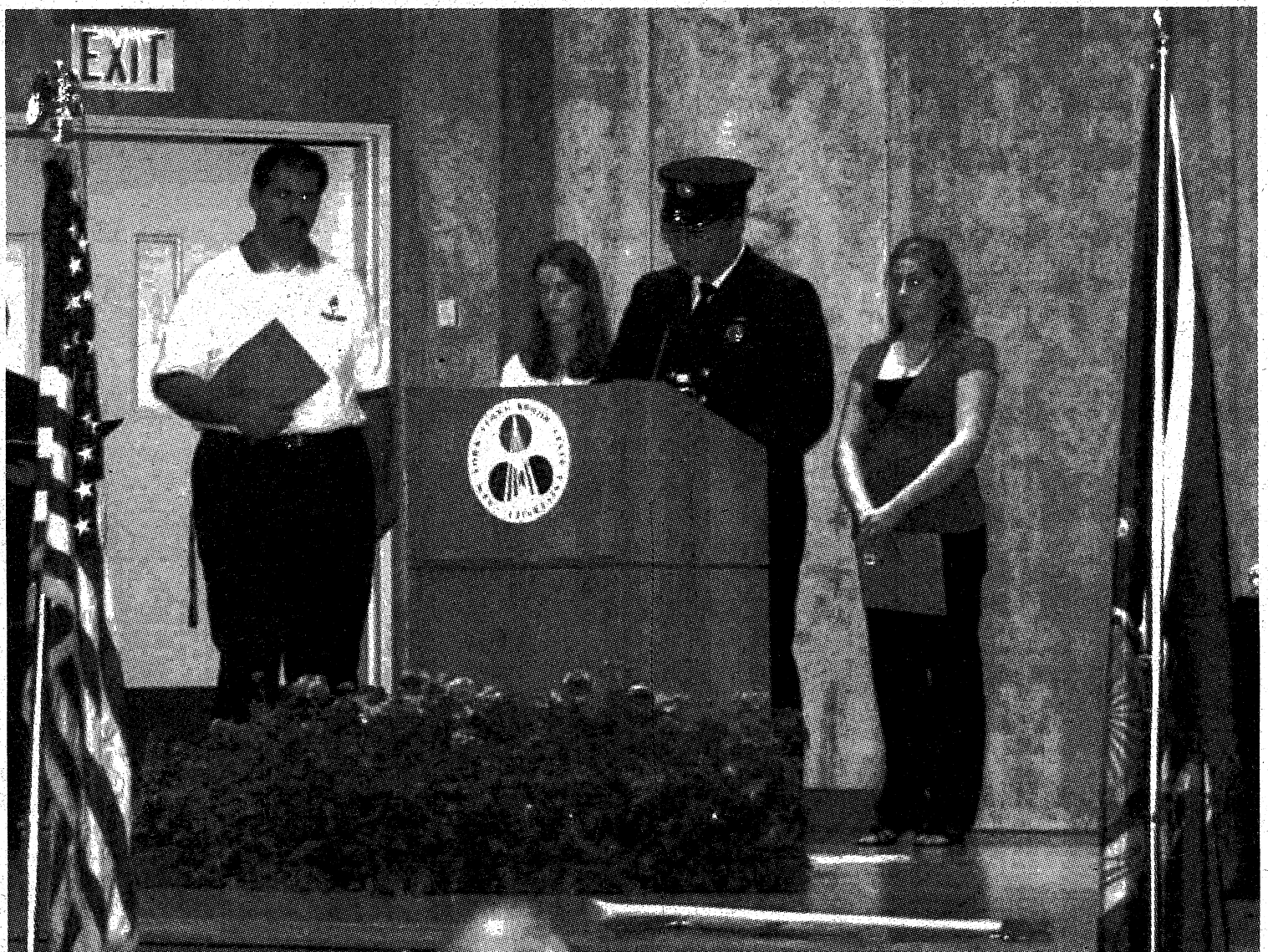
A memorial bell dedicated by the Undergraduate Student Government was tolled individually as the names of the 21 alumni lost during the 9/11 attacks were read aloud. Student ambassadors placed a small bouquet of white flowers on the stage edge for each of the 21 alumni lost.

The names of faculty, staff, family members and rescue workers from the Stony Brook community who were lost were also read as the bell was tolled in their remembrance.

To close the convocation, faculty and staff members presented a memorial wreath dedicated the lives of those lost.

"It's very inspirational that so much of the Stony Brook community wanted to remember this time even after six years," Sister Margaret Ann Landry said after the memorial. "We keep alive the theme of 'We shall never forget!'"

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Members of the SB community who were lost on Sept. 11, 2001 were remembered at the 6-year memorial ceremony.

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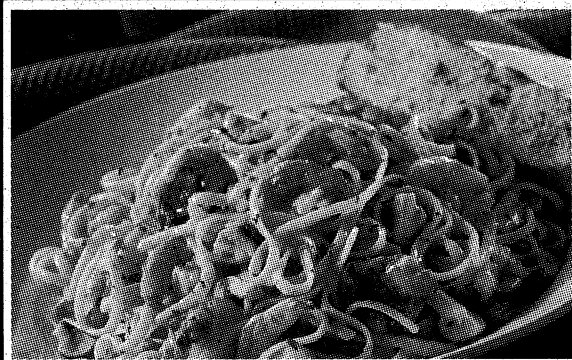
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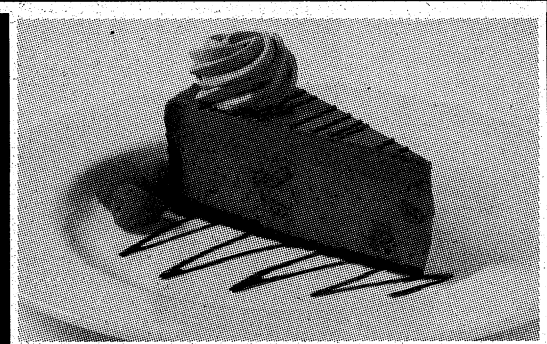
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## RE: "A Patriot by Any Other Name"

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rible that so many of Americas families have been devastated and broken up. But the truth of the matter is Al-Quada and all the other fanatical terrorist groups are being destroyed left and right due to our mighty military. Aren't we supposed to fight at home and abroad? Aren't we supposed to deliver justice for the little guys? Shouldn't we free nations and thwart evil? I like to think so. When we send mixed messages to our troops it doesn't do anything but lower their morale.

This brings me to my third point; you seem to have this belief that all conservatives are bigots and wackos. That may be true, but if ALL Americans were to look deep inside our hearts and push aside all the greed, envy, and strife, I think we'd all find a part of ourselves that are disgusting and dirty. No one is perfect; he that is without sin cast the first stone. Would you like to be the first to throw? I know I wouldn't.

It's amazing that you invoked the names of our forefathers Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin but have the audacity to criticize the very values they installed in the constitution. You said that we are a nation under Jesus Christ but isn't that the beliefs of our forefathers?

To end this letter I would like to say one more thing. If someone were to ask me if I thought President Bush was a good President I would have to honestly say I don't know. He may have a bit of a drawl and may not sound like he knows which way is up, but nevertheless, whether I like him or not is irrelevant. He is my President and I will respect his title. That's more than I can say for the millions of Americans who choose to call him "Bush" or "Dubya" with so much blatant disrespect that it makes me cringe.

I hope this article has helped some of you see the other side of the lawn. If it hasn't, I can assure you that I won't miscount my sheep tonight.

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# Climate Change: How it Affects Us All



Courtesy of AP

By MAUREEN HINE  
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I felt the last strands of the summer sun beat down my back as I quickly hustled my way through the crowded city streets overflowing with savvy business men and women. My swollen feet, delicately shoved into three inch heels, and I hobbled into a small room on 1st and 42nd Street where my press badge sat waiting patiently for my arrival. I picked up the badge and admired it. It was my first real press badge, even if it was only temporary.

Excitement pulsed through my body as I walked through a small white tent towards the visitors' entrance, where both my bag and I were searched. The doors glided smoothly open and I was hit with a blast of fresh cool air just as the director of the student journalism program, Judy Kuriansky walked up to me. Judy, who was wearing a bright blue Chinese style suit, grabbed my arm wildly as she congratulated me on being accepted into the program. Together, we walked towards a nervous group of well dressed students huddled against the wall. Orientation had begun. Within minutes we were

talking to one another in rapid succession about our journeys here from Kenya, Paris, New Zealand and New York.

It was Wednesday morning, the first day of the 60th Annual DPI/NGO Conference on Climate Change: How it Impacts Us All, and I was already running late. I hurried towards the United Nations with Starbucks coffee spilling wildly in all directions, when

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention, began by explaining the emotional affects that natural disasters, as a result of global warming, has on its victims. Kalayjian explained that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder has the greatest psychological affect on survivors, along with survivor's guilt, which will only continue to grow as global warming progresses.

**"We cannot go on this way for long, the time has come for a decisive action on a global scale"**

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I arrived just in time to catch the group. We ascended up a short flight of stairs towards the General Assembly where Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon was waiting to give his welcoming speech to a group of over 2,000 journalists and Non-Governmental Organization groups.

"We cannot go on this way for long," Ban Ki-moon said. "The time has come for decisive action on a global scale."

The rest of the speakers including, Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa,

Next, Elizabeth Arman, Atam Jaya University in Indonesia, shared heart breaking experiences of helping victims in Pakistan after the 2006 earthquake and the recent tsunami in Indonesia. She explained how one young girl was traumatized after losing her mother and father in the tsunami, to the point where she was too scared to go to the beach and no one wanted to play with her because they thought she was strange. Arman also explained how survivors become insecure,

introverted and developed a negative self concept which generates to their overall perception of life.

"One mother was so overwhelmed with grief," Arman said. "That she said to her only son left, 'I wish you died and your brother survived.'"

Anie Kalayjian ended the workshop with a list of steps to follow for a better, healthier environment. She stressed the importance of working together to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by eating organic foods, walking to work, wearing hemp and planting trees.

"When we work together," Anie said. "We can help Mother Nature to heal from all the abuse."

I left the room feeling a surge of inspiration as I walked to the first roundtable, Climate Change: the Scientific Evidence. At this conference, and the rest that followed over the next two days, the panelists spoke of how climate change is real and the result of ignorance is that Carbon Dioxide emissions are causing hazardous changes to our environment everyday. The panelists, including New York Times journalist Andrew Revkin, listed the evidence of climate change including; rising sea level, change in precipitation patterns, rise in temperature,

agriculture decline in Africa and an increase in natural disasters. Lastly, the panelists explained that industrialized countries must make the first step towards preventing global warming because underdeveloped countries are the least responsible but the most effected.

The next couple of days followed in a similar pattern. We

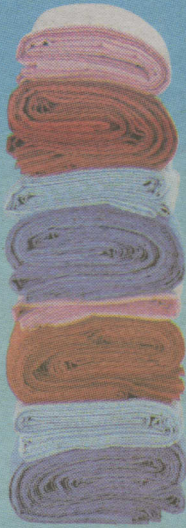
all attended conferences and workshops to broaden our knowledge on climate change. On Friday afternoon, as we said our goodbyes, we were urged to share what we learned with our friends, family members, peers and communities in order to start making a difference. As I walked towards Grand Central, the words of Chairman Richard Jordan echoed in my head.

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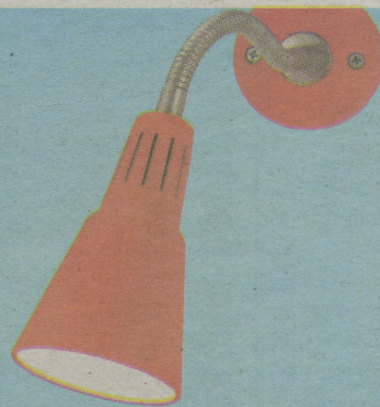
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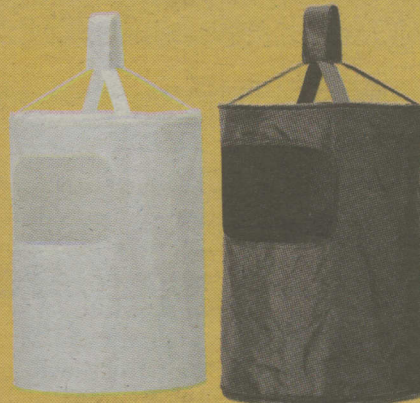
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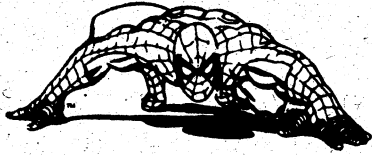
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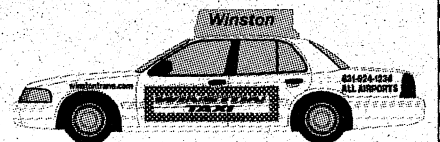
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## 3:10 to Yuma

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Courtesy of Lionsgate

By AMANDA SHAPIRO  
Staff Writer

The American Western film genre goes back over fifty years. Its height was almost that long ago too. Today most movies are of the horror, sex-comedy, and drama genres. "3:10 To Yuma" may have come at the right time to give us a break from this year's formulas; taking us back to the formula of yester-year, with a 21st century style. This movie also marks the arrival of the predominantly mature film season that will last until Oscar voting is closed.

Christian Bale has a reputation for versatility and excellent performance. His filmography ranges from "Newsies" of 1992 to 2005's hit "Batman Begins." His latest character, Dan Evans is a moral farmer pressured to give up his property to the South Pacific Rail Road Company. Bale's talent is proven once again by making Dan an unlikely optimist even while facing hardship. Russell Crowe has also played an array of characters, most notably his roles in "Gladiator" and "A Beautiful Mind." Ben Wade is considered the product of his environment. A boy that read his Bible but was too soon forced to learn survival skills. Crowe gave

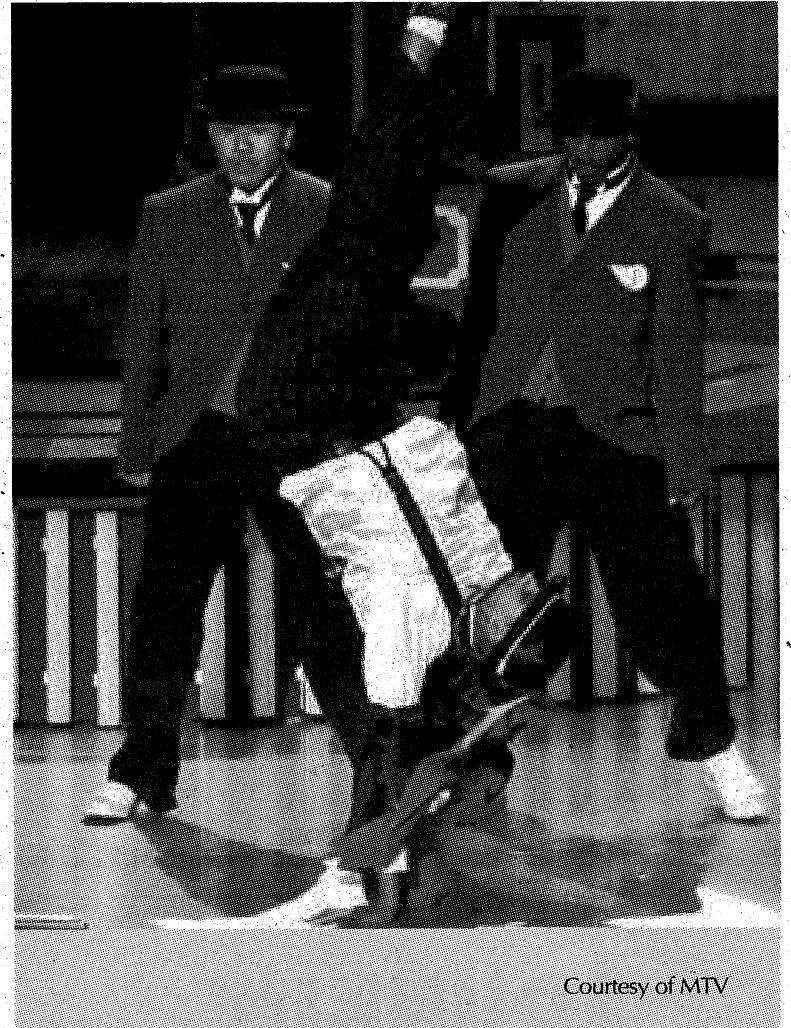
Ben a charming sympathy with bad boy edge.

As Dan and his two sons try to round up their cattle, fate intervenes and sets him up for what could save his farm. Dan witnesses from a distance the notorious Ben Wade and his animalistic crew successfully capture a railroad company payroll carriage. Ben's lack of mercy is set in this scene so the audience remembers he is not to be trusted. To ensure keeping his land, Dan volunteers to go along with four other men who must escort him to Contention, where he will take a train to Yuma for sentencing. But Ben's followers will do what they must to save their boss from death.

Second in command of Ben's group is Charlie Prince, a man who proves to be more dangerous and damaged than Ben ever could simply for having shown no emotion. Having been tricked with a gullible red herring, his mission to save Ben becomes that more compulsory. Ben Foster is an ex-child actor who never had to shake off a stigma: he too having taken different roles. And now, what could be more grown up than a loyal gun? He's always had talent and it is just now being redirected to better roles. Age can be a good thing for a career.

As Ben Wade is matched against Dan, Charlie is matched against Dan's eldest son Will. Will is a somewhat resentful young man because he is not yet in the position to prove his worth. Ben's entrance into Will's life provides this awaited opportunity. When one man is unable to continue escorting Ben, Will steps in and stays true to the end. Played by Logan Lerman, he has already worked with Mel Gibson twice and had his own WB series, "Jack and Bobby." Peter Fonda, Luke Wilson, Gretchen Mol, and Alan Tudyk portray other supporting characters with utmost professionalism.

"3:10 To Yuma" is a real good movie and may just be one of the best remakes to exist. I assure you that many people will enjoy this film. Old West society is presented with the complexity of law and order versus specific circumstance, and a slight modern interpretation of what language, behavior, and sights may have existed. The movie even acknowledges America's current transportation problems; a little nod and smile to its audience. Stony Brook station patrons would find it especially entertaining. It would be ideal to finish this film by 6 pm so that you too can walk into the sunset.

MTV's VMA:  
A Sore Dissappointment

Courtesy of MTV

By MAUREEN HINE  
Asst. Arts and Entertainment Editor

MTV took the Palms hotel in Las Vegas by storm this past Sunday. Celebrities crammed into \$25,000 suites all throughout the hotel, where artists including Kanye West, Foo Fighters, Fall Out Boy and Gym Class Heroes performed private concerts. The Video Music Awards' also held the most anticipated performance of the year, which has now become the most talked about; Britney Spears' comeback.

Spears appeared on stage as the opening act for the VMA's wearing a tiny, black sequence two piece, fish nets, mid calf length stiletto boots and a blank expression. Her performance should have been mind blowing, after all she put her fans through these past couple of months. But unfortunately, she has only made herself a more feasible target for the tabloids.

Although Spears bombed her comeback performance, it was not the only thing that ruined the VMA's this year. Instead of having the artists' performance on stage, MTV held private parties in different suites throughout the hotel and only showed small segments of the performances before commencing

cial breaks in the show. MTV took away from the magic of bringing all artists together for one night by segregating them. The stars began the after party a little early, taking away from the focus of the actual award show.

Chris Brown's astounding dance to Michael Jackson's Billie Jean may have been the only part of the show that made the VMA's bearable. Brown began his performance with a Charlie Chaplin imitation before moving onto his own song "Wall to Wall." Rihanna also made a guest appearance singing her hit single "Umbrella," wearing a black body suit and top hat. However, it was Brown's sleek step by step movements to Billie Jean that made the crowd rise in a standing ovation.

The show ended with a performance by the triple threat trio; Timbaland, Justin Timberlake and Nelly Furtado. Nelly opened the act with her latest single "Do It." After a few minutes, green strobe lights filled the stage and the song faded to Timbaland singing the "Way I Are." Finally, the lights changed once more to a blinding white color and Justin walked out of a small hallway singing "Love Stoned." The trio concluded their performance by singing their hit summer single, "Give It to Me."



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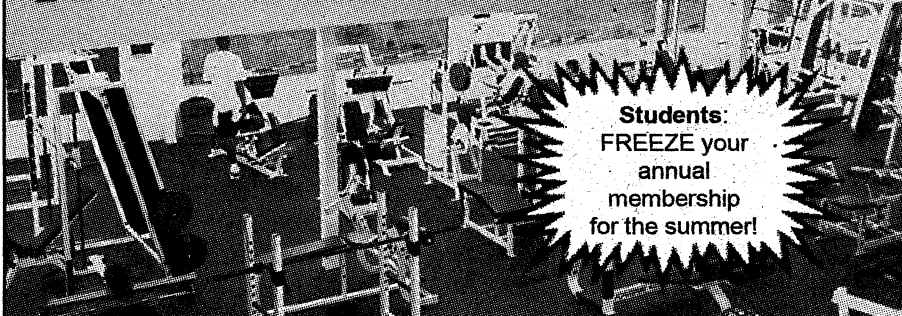
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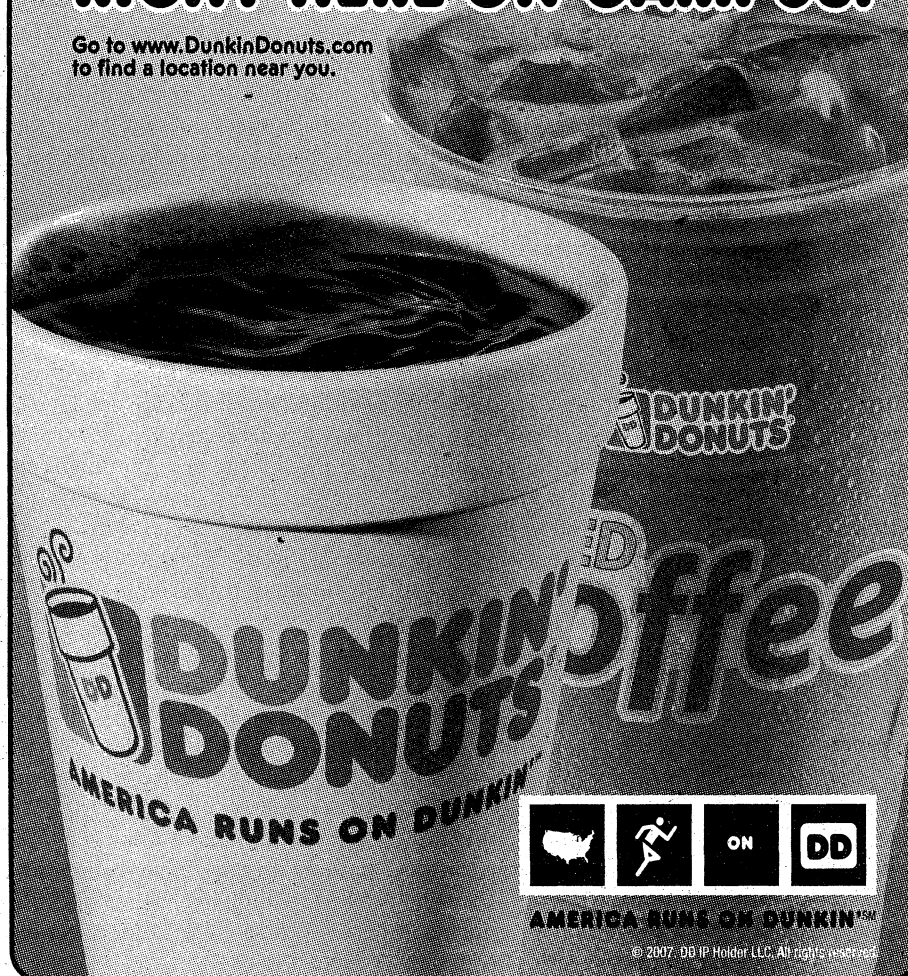
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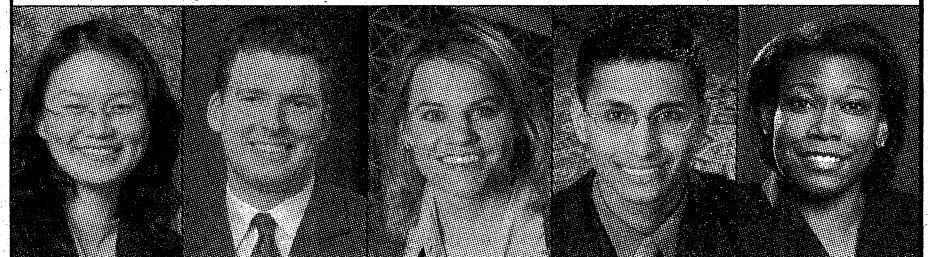
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# Ignorance Is Bliss

BY GABE FARACI  
University Police Officer #567

I like to think that there was a time in history when people cared about other people. When the words selfless and compassion meant something. When we put other people's needs over our own, when we turned our cheeks and allowed our shoulders to be used as pillows. Sounds funny I know, but in all seriousness, how many of us can say that we really care about the burdened and lonely? How about the down trodden and broken hearted? I may be speaking to forty thousand of you, but I'm really preaching to myself because I certainly don't deserve any awards. There seems to be such a lack of kindness in this world that it eats away my soul and drives me to write articles for you to read. I can't help it; it's been ingrained in me to be a voice for the hopeless, a guardian for the speechless, and an advocate for the homeless.

I find it disgusting that the richest country in the world can't afford to get people off the streets and into warm homes. It's a shame we could pay people like Lindsay Lohan and David Beckham millions of dollars to sing and kick a ball but allow Americas children to sleep under the protection of trees. It's morally reprehensible and irresponsible of our government to allow this nonsense to go on and on with no signs of stopping.

Some of us may say to ourselves, "Well I work my butt off for what I have why can't he or she do the same?" It's a valid point and to be totally honest with you I've asked myself that question many times. Maybe that crying man on the corner had a good life at one point. You know, a nice house, couple of kids, a beautiful wife, then through a variety of circumstances found himself in debt up to his eyeballs, so he started to drink and do drugs to ease the pain and when his wife found out she packed up and left him to wither away into a shell of depravity. How about the young girl just out of high school who got pregnant and against her parent's wishes, decided to keep the baby. They didn't like that idea and gave her the old heave-ho out to the streets. Far fetched? Impossible? I don't think so and I don't think you do either.

Then there are others who were born into poverty without hope and a prayer. They wander

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# SILENCING THE SUBVERSIVE

BY KHALIL ROBINSON  
Contributing Writer

Revolutionary, activist, author, and former professor, Ward Churchill has been the center of controversy in American academia and journalism. The University of Colorado claimed they had fired Churchill for "serious research misconduct," and failing to "comply with established standards regarding author names on publications." However, the tenured professor had never been accused of these claims while he was being reviewed for tenure, or when he was later accepted for tenure.

These issues were raised when rightwing Fox News pundits discovered an essay Churchill had written after Sept. 11. The article titled, "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens," created an uproar about four years after it was written.

Churchill began the article by quoting Malcolm X's "chickens coming home to roost" comment, which was about the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Churchill used the phrase with regards to 9/11. He stated that, "On the morning of September 11, 2001, a few more chickens -- along with some half-million dead Iraqi children -- came home to roost in a very big way at the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center. Well, actually, a few of them seem to have nestled in at the Pentagon as well."

He then began to discuss the U.S. sanctions campaign against Iraq during the 1990s, which killed an estimated 500,000 children. In the section titled "The Politics of a Perpetrator Population," he wrote that Americans, left and right, are and were too concerned with their own superficial lives and their "comfort zones" to even attempt to prevent the atrocities their state has committed. Churchill stated that "the answer" to American crimes were "plain enough to anyone unblinded by the kind of delusions engendered by sheer vanity and self-absorption."

In regards to U.S. military action in the Middle East, he wrote their "performance" was similar to "the Nazis during the early months of their drive into Russia. And it should be borne in mind that Good Germans gleefully cheered that butchery, too."

He reminds us that "that it

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# RE: "SBVAC Cringes as USG Cuts Budget"

To the Stony Brook Statesman —

Re: SBVAC Cringes as USG Cuts Budget

I write this response not as an official of the Undergraduate Student Government, but as a journalism major. The article "SBVAC Cringes as USG Cuts Budget" represents, in my opinion, one of the shoddiest pieces of journalism I have ever read on campus. As a student of the journalism school I am embarrassed that the same university that has the premier journalism program in the SUNY system also hosts a paper so lacking in journalistic integrity.

One of the very first things I learned in my high school journalism class was that when you are reporting on something you must give the subjects of your article, at the very least, the opportunity to comment, and should include comments when the subject takes you up on the offer. You owe that to your readers, to the truth and to yourself as a basic tenet of journalism.

In this article, however, you decided that basic journalist precept wasn't worth your effort. As a journalist, you are supposed investigate a topic thoroughly before you published, not uncover half the story and go to print. You did only half the work, but ran the article anyway. It was lazy and unprofessional.

You have certainly lost this reader's faith in the veracity of your future reports by undermining my respect for your methods.

Respectfully,  
Nathan Shapiro

# RE: "A Patriot by Any Other Name"

Dear Mr. Adam Peck,

I would like to comment on your article entitled "A patriot by any other name" but before I begin I would like to commend you. I thought it was very well written and I think you're a great writer. I can only hope to be as good as you one day. Unfortunately I have a few qualms that I would like to share with yourself and the general public.

Due to the fact that I think both Democrats and Republicans are, for lack of a better term hypocritical ATM machines, I consider myself an Independent. Although my views tend to be more conservative, I still like to think of myself as an Independent American.

First off you mention that all conservatives want to close our borders from illegal immigrants. If you mean securing our country from illegal CRIMINALS trying to escape justice then yes I'm all for it, I don't know about you sir but I want my family living in a safe environment. There is nothing wrong with people who want to

come in to this country LEGALLY! Besides, my great-grandparents came over from Italy decades earlier but the only difference is they did it the right way, the legal way. They stood before the overwhelming presence of the Statue of Liberty on Ellis Island and waited patiently to be allowed into this country. They took the oath and were determined to learn English, which by the way doesn't seem like an important issue to the left. Are we not the great melting pot? Do we not have millions of legal immigrants from hundreds of different countries living among us? Now we're considering giving illegal immigrants Social Security. Isn't that a little strange sir?

Secondly, you say "Patriots" who are pro-war are in reality saying pro-President Bush and do not care about the well being of the men and women in uniform. This Mr. Peck couldn't be any further from the truth. I'm saddened by the deaths resulting from this war just like the next guy and it's hor-

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## CORRECTION

Regarding the cover story from our 9-10-07 issue, "SBVAC Cringes as USG Cuts Budget," the word "Ng" refers to the President of SBVAC Patricia Ng. We apologize for not mentioning Patricia Ng's full name and title.



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# Silencing the Subversive

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was pious Americans who led the way in assigning the onus of collective guilt to the German people as a whole, not for things they as individuals had done, but for what they had allowed -- nay, empowered -- their leaders and their soldiers to do in their name." And "if the principle was valid then, it remains so now, as applicable to Good Americans as it was the Good Germans."

He wrote that the 9/11 hijackers did not "initiate" a war with the U.S., rather the war has been going on since the "Christian West" -- now proudly emblemized by the United States -- has been at war against the "Islamic East" since the time of the First Crusade. "The people of the Middle East 'finally' responded in kind to some of what this country has dispensed to their people as a matter of course."

The comment that elicited the most outrage was in regards to the corporate personnel at the World Trade Center. He stated "True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But innocent? Gimme a break. They formed a technocratic corps at the very heart of America's global financial empire... If there was a better, more effective, or in fact any other way of visiting some penalty befitting their participation upon the little Eichmanns inhabiting the sterile sanctuary of the twin towers, I'd really be interested in hearing about it."

This exceptionally fierce critique elicited vast outrage from the conservative and liberal elite in the media. However, the crux of his argument was never challenged. The statements were called appalling, hateful, demented, and so on. But the actual argument was never addressed. America's treatment in the Middle East is well documented. If an individual were to attempt to calculate the death toll directly attributed to U.S. actions in the region it would surpass a few million people, even in the last 20 years.

Furthermore, when the United States has attacked other nations and they bomb civilians the United States disregards the deaths as merely "collateral damage." Churchill reiterated this point in a later interview, stating that if we were "following U.S. military doctrine, as announced in briefing after briefing, those who did not work for the CIA [in the World Trade Center] but were nonetheless killed in the attack amounted to no more than 'collateral damage.' If the U.S. public is prepared to accept these 'standards'

when they are routinely applied to other people, they should not be surprised when the same standards are applied to them."

It is a rather clear argument, even with regards to the Nazi comment. The German citizenry was viciously assaulted in World War II for not halting its countries crimes. The statement about Adolf Eichmann was clear as well. Eichmann made sure the genocide functioned efficiently. He was in charge of the logistics of Jewish deportation. He may have never physically killed anyone himself and he claimed he was "just following orders." With regard to some of the individuals in the Trade Center, they were also enabling business to function as usual.

These remarks are definitely controversial. They are explicitly subversive and defiant, which is what makes them important. Would Ward Churchill have been fired if he had never written this article? It doesn't seem likely. The university's accusations of Churchill's "serious research misconduct," were all related to work that he had written prior to his receiving of tenure; work that was already investigated. If one were to review Churchill's work it is immediately clear that it was always subversive. The only thing that has really changed was the climate of the country.

The real issue here is the unwarranted silencing of an important dissident. Churchill's essay is open to debate and it should be debated. But to attempt to strip and silence an academic based on his views is a dangerous and familiar precedent. He was attempting to clarify an issue many people have seen clearly for quite some time.

In the beginning of the 20th Century a different Churchill had remarked, "I do not agree that the dog in a manger has the final right to the manger even though he may have lain there for a very long time. I do not admit that right. I do not admit for instance, that a great wrong has been done to the Red Indians of America or the black people of Australia. I do not admit that a wrong has been done to these people by the fact that a stronger race, a higher-grade race, a more worldly wise race to put it that way, has come in and taken their place."

That man is Winston Churchill whom is adored by many Westerners and was never silenced. This form of speech and the centuries of slaughter resulting from this kind of thought are just one reason why we need a Ward Churchill.

# College Football Showdown

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following their loss to Oregon, but his assurance seems hard to believe. Though the game is at Michigan, where home-field advantage has seemed to disappear, the game's location won't really be an advantage. The deciding factor will be the battle between two highly recruited freshman quarterbacks; with a slight advantage in playing time, Jimmy Clausen should win the game for Notre Dame.

Due to their disappointing starts, both Charlie Weiss (Notre Dame head coach) and Lloyd Carr (Michigan head coach) have seen their jobs become less secure. Even before the season started, Les Miles (coach of LSU) was speculated to replace Lloyd Carr as Michigan's head coach. With Michigan's abysmal start, his name has been brought up once again. Miles, a Michigan alum, leads a LSU team that is currently ranked second in the country, and primed to play for the national championship. The

Wolverines would love to steal Miles from LSU after the season. He wouldn't come cheap, however. If Miles were to leave the Tigers for Michigan, there will be a penalty worth over \$1 million due to a clause in his contract that only applies if he were to go to Michigan. Therefore, if Miles were to replace Carr, Miles should and will only leave if Michigan pays the fee.

As far as Charlie Weiss, he has more room for error than Carr, but his team still must show promise in order to keep the pressure off him. Notre Dame brought Weiss to South Bend expecting him to lead the Fighting Irish to their first bowl game victory after losing each their previous 8 tries. However, despite their respectable record 10-2 in the regular season, Notre Dame lost to LSU in the Sugar Bowl and continuing their bowl-game-losing-streak to nine. Unless Notre Dame turns their season around now, they won't have a shot to end this losing streak, which is why this game is so important.

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# Ignorance Is Bliss

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among us with broken dreams and search for someone willing to intervene on their behalfs. They sadly watch on as we erect monuments and sports arenas, mansions and movie theaters. They watch as we pass over them like garbage and lift our noses in the air.

It's a true American tragedy folks that in this day and age there are people eating out of garbage cans and stealing to survive. We care more about movie stars and politicians then we do about the poor and needy. It's funny because I can bet my life that these so-called Icons don't give a crap about us. That's the plain old truth whether we like it or not.

Many of you are probably wondering why I've taken such a hostile approach to this subject and I'll tell you why. There was a

time and a place when I found myself sleeping on park benches and underneath the banner of heaven. There was a time when I begged for change on the sidewalks and watched as people passed by me with no affection. Fortunately I'm no longer in that horrible predicament but there are thousands of other people still carrying that burden and struggling to survive in this great nation without out a pot to pee in or a window to throw it out of. Thank God for food pantries and churches that are willing to help, and thank places like Teen Challenge, Hope House Ministries and the Salvation Army for doing there part in the fight against this ruthless atrocity. If you or someone you know is in need of shelter and food please contact one of the numbers I've provided. They may save someone's life, heck they saved mine once.

# Fitness Tips

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up in a straight line and keep your body as close to the bar as possible.

3. To reduce momentum when pulling, keep your entire body tense. This will also generate extra power when pulling.

Next week, I will share some of the different variations of pull-ups that I have learned during my years of training.

For any questions or comments, shoot me an email at wiredog8604@hotmail.com.

# QB Arrested for Murder

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Rock Bandits, have plead not guilty to all charges. Hendricks prosecutor described him as "A person of good character... he is the son people want to have," according to Singonsandiego.com.

All five men, if found guilty, can each face a life-time prison sentence. With prosecutors treating this as a case of gang violence, the verdict will likely be harsher to stay in accord with California law.

In the end, a simple bar fight cost a young man his life, and likely five others their futures.

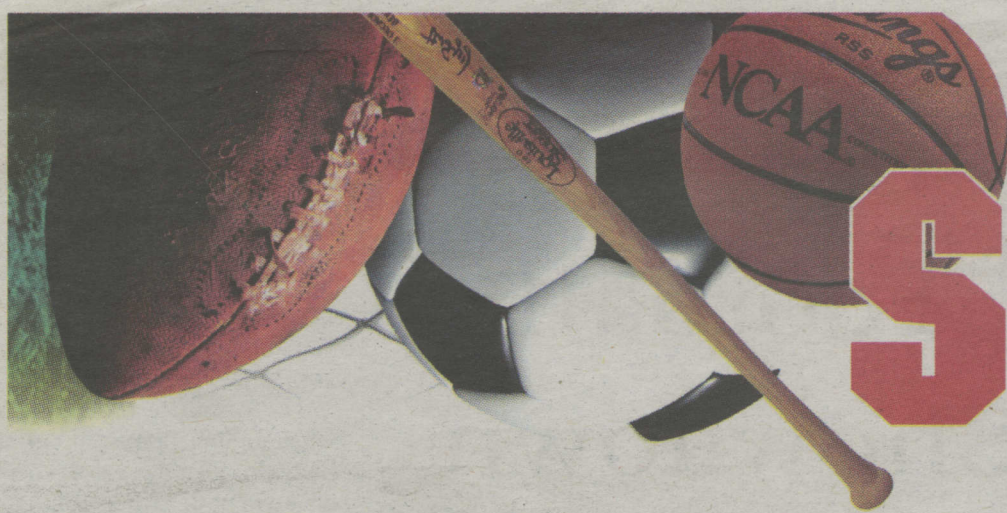
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# Sept. 11, Six Years Later

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Originally planned as an outdoor event to be held at the Alumni Memorial Arch between the Humanities and Psychology A buildings and at the SAC loop's memorial tree garden, the Commemoration Ceremony was moved indoors due to inclement weather conditions.





# Statesman SPORTS

## Michigan vs. Notre Dame Showdown

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On Saturday afternoon Michigan and Notre Dame, the two most successful schools' in college football history, showdown in Michigan. This weekend's game will decide whether Michigan or Notre Dame will come out with the 0-3 start-an incredible disappointment for either program. With both teams currently 0-2, goals of rescuing either season seem far from reach. To make things even more interesting, both will have different quarterbacks starting this game than who they began the season with.

Michigan's star quarterback Chad Henne injured his leg right before half-time in last week's embarrassing loss to Oregon. According to the Associated Press, Henne will not play this week and may not be available the following week. Starting in his place will be freshman Ryan Mallett, who finished last week's game 6-17, with 49 passing yards and an interception. Notre Dame will be starting Jimmy Clausen, who played his first full game last week. Clausen finished 17-31, with 144 yards passing and an interception in a losing effort (31-10) to a tough Penn State defense.

Michigan's star running back Mike Hart guaranteed a victory in the press conference

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## Men's Soccer Outplays Hofstra and Columbia Seawolves Bounce Back to .500

By GENE MORRIS  
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After starting the season 0-2, Men's soccer has rallied back to .500 with victories over two local rivals, Hofstra and Columbia.

The team picked up a decisive 3-1 victory over Hofstra at home on Friday night. The Seawolves attempted 23 shots on goal, with 14 of them hitting the target. Michael Palacio, the 2006 America East Midfielder of the Year led the team with four shots on goal, one of which found the back of the net. It was his first goal of the season. Palacio led the team last season with 51 shots and four assists. Two corners from Palacio led to the other goals scored by sophomore defenseman Collin Geoghegan. Those two goals were the first of Geoghegan's collegiate career. He started 13 of the 16 games he played in last season, but recorded only one assist and totaled three shots on goal.

Starting goaltender Dawid Ditrich, a six foot seven junior from Poland, only faced two

shots on goal, and was inline for a shutout until the 83rd minute.

The team picked up a tighter 2-1 road victory over Columbia on Monday night. Maurice Brown, a red shirt freshman from Clarendon, Jamaica, scored the games first goal in the 29th minute off an assist from Mihailo Pavlsin. This was for Pavlsin, a freshman from Serbia, only his fourth collegiate game. Mahamadou Simpara, a senior midfielder, added the goal that made the difference in the 47th minute. It came off a redirection of a free kick by Palacio. Dawid Ditrich made two saves to pick up the victory.

The team's season continues on Thursday when they face off against Adelphi at St. Johns University. The game is to start at 2:00 PM.

### Women's Soccer Rained Out

The Women's Soccer show down against Army was rained out Tuesday. The match, hosted in West Point, NY, will be rescheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.

## New Hampshire QB Accused of Murder

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It all started at the Brew House in San Diego, where a small bar altercation ended in the death of a young man, and five others left to answer some tough questions. On May 24th La Jolla, San Diego was the scene of a gang beating that took the life of professional surfer Emery Kauanui Jr.

The Bird Rock Bandits are a supposedly tight knit group that had five of its members, including University of New Hampshire back up quarterback Hank Hendricks, involved in the beating that took Kauanui's life. According to the prosecutor Sophia Roach, Hendricks held back Kauanui's girlfriend, who was the only person trying to stop the fight, while the beating took place. Roach also said that he had the opportunity to stop the fight himself, but chose not to.

On Monday September 10th Hendricks, was arraigned for his involvement in the murder, and a previous assault from a New Years Eve party that he was also involved in. Prosecutor Roach, as stated by 10news.com, declared that Hendricks and his group started a fight at the News Years Eve party when they were denied entrance. Hendricks later punched a coach trying to break up the fight, knocking him to the ground and fleeing the scene before authorities arrived.

Hendricks, along with the other four members of the Bird

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## Brandon's Fitness Corner

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Everyone knows that pull-ups are the undisputed king of upper body exercises. A wide upper back and shoulders plus great arm size are just some of the benefits of performing pull-ups on a regular basis. You will also gain a great deal of functional strength to boot.

To perform a proper pull-up, grasp a sturdy bar and allow your arms to fully extend (for clarification purposes, pull-ups are performed with a pronated grip or a supinated grip, where in the former your palms face away from you and the latter where they face towards you). This starting position is known as the dead-hang position. Once you have come to a dead-hang, begin the exercise by pulling your body up above the bar so that your chin clears it. Do not generate momentum using your legs or your midsection. This technique, known as kip-ping, will take the focus of the exercise away from the muscle groups intended to be trained. On the way down, lower your body under control, once again returning to the dead hang position, ensuring that your arms are not bent at the elbows. That is one repetition.

Some things to keep in mind when doing pull-ups:

1. Grip the bar as tightly as possible in order to generate maximum force throughout the muscles involved in pulling you up.

2. Strive to pull your body

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