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OPINION

The Statesman Endorses Sen. Barack Obama for President

It has not escaped the attention of the Statesman editorial staff that all the presidential candidates have policies that deserve merit and discussion. Nevertheless, we have decided that our next president needs to offer more than just a likable platform. Sen. Barack Obama represents what we hope will be the future of American politics. Both Obama and Sen. John McCain have policies which we like and dislike, but only Obama comes out as the "statesman" who will be able to represent the interests of the American people both here and abroad.

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Sarah Payless

Sarah Palin, the new "up and coming maverick" of the Republican Party, has made her foray into politics by flaunting her conservative budgetary skills by purchasing up to \$150,000 dollars on numerous business attires and outfits for her campaign flare. When appearing on stage during her rallies, she is always well dressed, so it was no surprise when I discovered that she had enjoyed a huge spending spree when purchasing her outfits.

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FEATURES

Greek Life Debate Explains Where Candidates Stand

Suffolk County Legislators Vivian Fisher and Ed Romaine debated over issues like the economy, health care and the war in Iraq. Fisher, a support of Sen. Barack Obama, and Romaine, a supporter of Sen. John McCain discussed how the new presidential candidate will handle the current \$700 billion bailout package.

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Political Clubs On Campus Gear Up For Election

By GARY TROISI
Contributing Writer

With the election one day away, members of political clubs at Stony Brook University can soon unwind after a busy semester mounting grassroots campaigns on and off campus.

This semester the College Democrats on campus worked the phones, knocked on thousands of doors and even crossed state lines to drum up votes for national and local politicians.

They also carried out a successful voter registration campaign on campus, registering 1,524 students -- the most student voters of all 63 College Democrat chapters in New York, according to Adam Peck, secretary of the College Democrats.

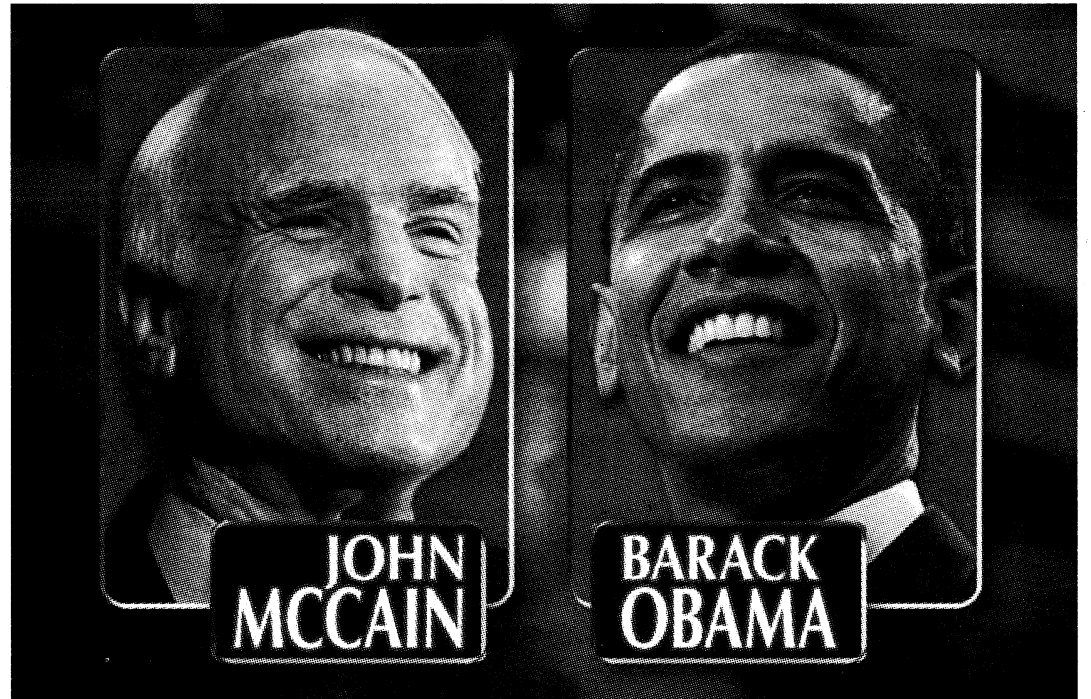
The College Democrats registered most of the students at tables near the Student Activities Center, including 700 at the Involvement Fair held on Sept. 17. They registered an additional 500 student voters by knocking on student's doors during a five-week dorm storming campaign, Peck said.

The Stony Brook College Republicans drafted a different political blueprint this election season, and the group chose not to hold voter registration drives.

"With the many registration drives on campus, our club opted to not focus on this activity and to rather devote our resources to local campaigns," said Jonathan Pu, vice president of the College Republicans.

The group's strategy called for supporting Lee Zeldin, the 28-year-old Army veteran and lawyer who is challenging incumbent Rep. Tim Bishop in New York's 1st congressional district.

Voter demographics and state politics shaped both of these club's activities. In a recent Harvard poll, Sen. Barack Obama held a 23-point lead over Sen. John McCain among 18 to 24-year-old voters. This lopsided support, coupled with Obama's 30-point lead in New



Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain will compete for votes on Tuesday.

Courtesy of politics.mynyc.com

York as reported by a recent Yahoo.com poll, galvanized the College Democrats this semester, while forcing the College Republicans out of the presidential race.

"It is unwise and a poor allocation of our resources to attempt to elect McCain in this state," Pu said. "It is a far better plan to tackle the Congressional election since we have an inherent advantage there."

But this semester, the College Republicans faced an uphill battle. While Republican voters outnumber Democratic ones in Bishop's district, political analysts call Zeldin an underdog. Though no district polls have been conducted, the Cook Political Report, a non-partisan online newsletter, ranks the race as solidly Democratic.

Still, the College Republicans worked closely with the Zeldin campaign, devoting hours during weekends and some weekdays to make phone calls, send out mailings and put out flyers, Pu said.

The College Democrats supported Bishop this semester by handing out educational flyers and talking to students at Campus Lifetime events, Peck said.

Often, the Brookhaven Town Democratic Committee buttressed these efforts.

"They do a really good job of sending supporters from the community on campus to help us out with all of our events," Peck said. "They bring a lot of those infor-

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Hospital Steps Up Environmental Protection Efforts

By TARA DILLON
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University Medical Center's quest to protect the environment started about a year ago. Some of the "Go Green" initiatives sprouting up throughout the hospital include recycling more and using reusable water bottles.

"Stony Brook was great to work with and they exceeded the minimum requirements," Lin Hill said, one of the employees who reviewed Stony Brook's application. The hospitals also have to include what they pledge to do over the next couple of years and their goals for the future.

One of the things that Stony Brook is looking to do over the next few years is reduce of Blue Wrap, a product used to wrap and store sterilized instruments. The medical center would like to switch to plastic containers in an effort to reduce even more waste.

Another item on the medical center's list is disposing of even more hazardous waste and paper records by switching

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Extent of Youth Vote Too Unpredictable to Call

By APRIL WARREN
News Editor

With the Democratic and Republican parties scrambling to sway voters as Election Day inches closer, some of the buzz is stirring around the youth vote and how decisive it could be in determining the next president of the United States.

Throughout history candidates have tried to energize the youth vote, only to fall short on Election Day. If Sen. Barack Obama can bring the 18 to 24 age group to the polls, the election of an African-American to the highest seat in the country will not be the only historic event unfolding on Tuesday.

Some experts, however, are skeptical. "Voting is a habit typically acquired over time," said Albert Cover, a political science professor at Stony Brook University. "If young voters do in fact turn out in large numbers that would truly be a very impressive achievement by the Obama campaign."

The Youth Survey on Politics and Public Service by Harvard University's Institute of

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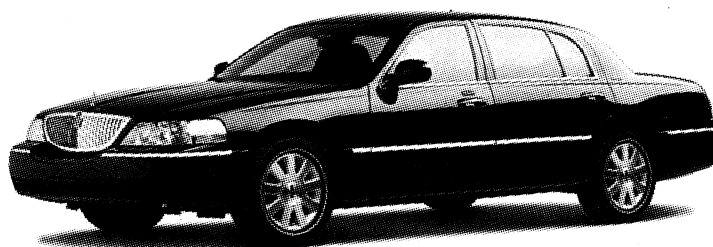
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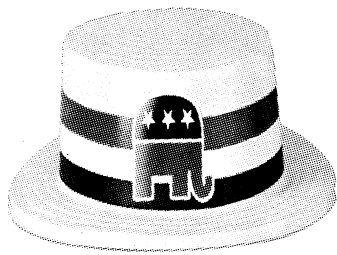
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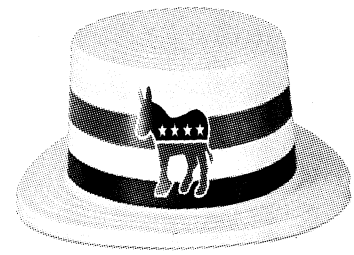
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County Legislators Field Questions About Presidential Issues



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By ANNIE FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Theta Phi Alpha, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta hosted "Does It Make a Difference?" -- a program where Suffolk County legislators, Vivian Fisher and Ed Romaine, debated over the nation's top political issues.

Fisher, a support of Sen. Barack Obama, and Romaine, a supporter of Sen. John McCain, answered questions about the economy, health care, education and the war in Iraq.

How the new presidential candidate will handle the current \$700 billion bailout, is on many people's minds this upcoming election.

Romaine said the answer to

getting out of our current economic situation is to not create new taxes, but to do things to stimulate our economy by encouraging people to invest.

"We need to encourage people to take risks and go into business," Romaine said. "If we tax too much, we'll hurt small businesses that run 80 percent of the jobs in the United States."

Fisher said that Obama, if elected, plans to jump start job creation through the development of job tax credit, helping small businesses and ultimately put Americans back to work.

"Obama will appoint people to the Supreme Court who will support equal pay for everyone, including women," Fisher said. "Everyone will be paid the same wage for the same job."

Those who were curious

about McCain and Obama's positions on it consistently raised questions concerning education throughout the program.

Fisher said Obama feels everyone should have the right to go to college, regardless of any circumstances they face. Obama also plans to create an American opportunity tax credit, which would give students \$4,000 towards public education costs, as long as they complete 100 hours of community service.

Romaine said McCain believes schools are best served with diversity, and that each individual school should determine the diversity for their particular institution. Both candidates agreed that education should be an "open door for all."

Health care was another im-

portant issue raised during the debate. Romaine said McCain plans to make healthcare accessible, portable and affordable.

"If I moved to California, they wouldn't accept my health insurance," Romaine said. "McCain plans to make health care portable so people don't have to change health care providers if they relocate."

After hearing Obama speak at the 2004 Democratic Campaign, Fisher knew she wanted to get involved in his presidential campaign.

"Obama spoke about hope and optimism, which was something refreshing to hear after 9/11," Fisher said. "After 9/11, we became a nation living in fear and when you live in fear, you let your rights slip away."

The debate aimed to open

students' eyes to the candidate's beliefs and plans.

"I hope this debate helped the audience members begin to demand debates that are more focused on issues instead of on personal attacks," Fisher said.

Before the program began, audience members were able to vote for either McCain or Obama, to see if they feel differently after the program ended, and were also able to ask questions after the legislators were done debating.

"A program like this is important because it helps people understand who they're voting for," said Stephanie Pierre, vice president for Delta Sigma Theta. "People can always read what a candidate says but to hear what they're saying helps bring their words to life."

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mational flyers on Obama, and also [Brian] Foley and Tim Bishop."

The College Democrats looked at the big picture by supporting Foley, who is running for a district outside of the university's.

Statewide Senate races are tense, and a Foley victory could help upend 40 years of Republican control in the New York state Senate. Senate Republicans currently hold a slim two-vote majority, and a victory by Foley could shake Albany's power structure.

The College Democrats are a part of the swarm of students energized by Obama's campaign.

Groups comprising young voters, like Students for Obama, have held thousands of events supporting the Democratic nominee this election season, according to MyBarackObama.com, an online community for grassroots organizations.

On Oct. 3 and 4, the College Democrats took a bus to northwest Philadelphia to make phone calls and knock on doors, and on Oct. 11 it went to Bloomsburg, Penn., to knock on over 2,000 doors for the Obama campaign, according to Peck.

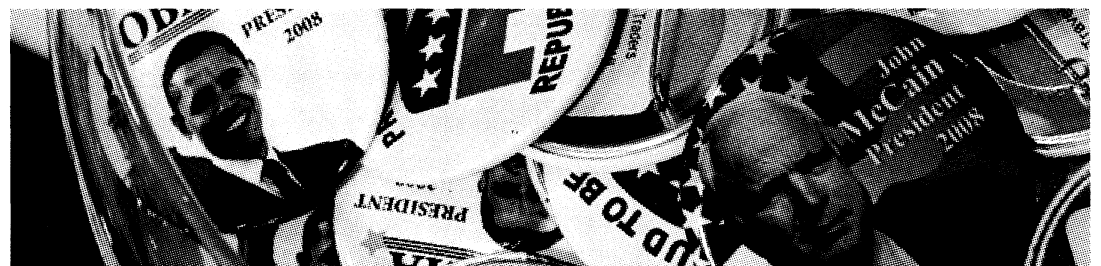
Since Jun. 1, grassroots campaigns have made over 3 million phone calls and knocked on over 1.5 million doors in this battleground state, said Ellen Mellody, Obama's northeastern Pennsylvania spokeswoman on the website Politickerpa.com.

During the final week of the election, both political clubs remained active. The College Republicans stepped up their campaigning for Zeldin with more mailing and phone calls.

"We are currently bringing out more people and putting in more hours since this is the last big push and the amount of campaigning you do in the last weeks before the election can make or break the election," said Pu, before the final week of campaigning.

The College Democrats have a dorm storm planned for Election night. With the help of 15 members from the Obama 4 Long Island group, the College Democrats will disperse 50 knockers throughout the campus to remind students to vote. They hope this final push will guarantee Obama's victory at the university.

"We would love to see Obama win by a huge margin here at Stony Brook," Peck said.



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Extent Of Youth Vote Too Unpredictable To Call

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Politics, which surveyed 2,452 18 to 24-year-olds, only saw a three percent rise in youth voters planning on participating in the general elections over a six month period.

In the last two presidential elections, the youth vote stayed well below 50 percent -- a stark contrast to the 65-75 age group which has an estimated voter turnout of 70 percent, according to a poll by Pollster.com

Obama is not the first candidate to tackle the youth vote. Sen. George McGovern's 1972 campaign attempts to energize the youth vote proved unsuccessful. In 2004 Sen. John Kerry also tried to capture the youth vote in hopes of winning the White House.

Still, some students believe this year will be different. "The youth of America has a candidate they can actually connect with, as the candidate has taken the time to connect with them," Alex Nagler, president of the Stony Brook University College Democrats, said about Obama. The club has registered a combined 3,476 voters

this year.

"Many states have seen an outpouring of new voters, some as high as 30 percent of new 18-30 year old voters in states like the Virginia's, which are now swing states thanks in part to this fact," Nagler said.

If younger voters do cast their ballots on Election Day, they are more likely to vote for Obama over Sen. John McCain. The Washington Post predicts Sen. Barack Obama has a 31 percent lead over rival Sen. John McCain among all 18 to 29-year-olds in a recent poll.

There is no guarantee young Americans could sway entire states if they do vote. "Red states tend to create youth that are also red," said Allison Goldberg, president of Stony Brook University College Republicans.

"In the really conservative states, it's the conservative or Republican clubs that are the dominating political clubs on college campuses," she said.

Regardless of age, votes in swing states could still change the election's outcome. For the first time in decades, Republican states

such as Virginia are predicted to be swinging towards Obama, according to Electoral-vote.com. The poll shows Obama leading with 51 percent.

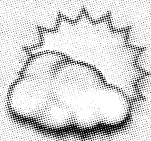
Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida could also play a role in the election. "No one has been elected President since 1960 without taking two of these three largest swing states in the Electoral College," according to a Quinnipiac University article. Obama is leading by a small margin in all three of these states.

A recent poll conducted by CBS News, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and UWIRE, a wire service consisting of student journalists from over 800 colleges, surveyed 25,000 students across four college campuses in the swing states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina and Colorado. According to the poll, six in 10 students support Obama.

But experts say the youth vote is too temperamental to call. When asked what can be expected from the youth vote, Stony Brook University political science professor Helmut Norpoth said, "Best to consult the Oracle of Delphi."

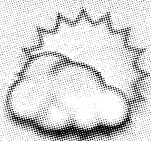
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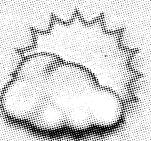
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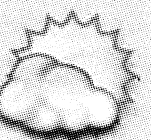
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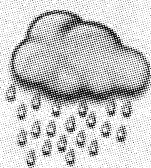
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Partly cloudy.



Thursday:

High: Upper-50s to Lower-60s
Low: Lower-50s
Partly Cloudy.



Friday:

High: Lower-60s
Low: Upper-40s
Cloudy with a chance of showers.

By Katie Caliendo

NEWS

Hospital Steps Up Environmental Protection Efforts

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over to electronic records.

In an effort to mobilize employees, Stony Brook is also holding contests for employees.

"You Got Caught Being Safe" is a monthly contest for all Stony Brook employees. The idea is to be "caught" being safe or environmentally responsible and be rewarded with a refillable coffee mug. This mug gets the employee a cheaper refill price at the cafeteria.

"The King and Queen of Green" is another employee contest. Employees can participate by emailing the Department of Environmental Health and Safety all the ideas about helping the environment they can think of. In January, the department will announce one queen and one king who came up with the best ideas.

In order to make sure that the medical center is doing everything they can to go green, they formed a committee to look at green initiatives. This is called the Go Green pillar, which contains goals for the hospital to complete through 2011.

"The community should be proud to have a hospital that is so forward looking, it's very difficult for hospitals to continue to grow and have new programs and Stony Brook has showed that it is very capable of doing that," Hill said.

The hospital's efforts earned the Partner for Change award, a prize won by only a handful of over 120 applicants.

Every application submitted for an award is reviewed by an independent observer, which can include another hospital or associated business, and one Practice Green Health employee.

"The Partner for Change award recognizes health care facilities that continuously improve and expand upon their

mercury elimination, waste reduction, and pollution prevention programs," the Practice for Green Health website said.

Practice for Green Health is the non-profit organization that distributed the awards. "At minimum, facilities applying for this award must be recycling 10 percent of their total waste, have a mercury elimination program in place with a plan for total elimination, and have developed other successful pollution prevention programs."

The medical center had a lot of waste before coming up with the Go Green Pillar. It consisted of solid waste, such as regular trash and paper, hazardous waste, such as chemicals and chemotherapy drugs, and finally, regulated medical waste, which consists of contaminated items, blood, and sharps. To make sure that everything gets thrown away where it's

supposed to, the medical center put clearly labeled containers on every floor with pictures of what is supposed to go in it.

The medical center is also looking to recycle the alkaline batteries that can be found in beepers and glucose monitors, to name a few. Alkaline batteries are considered a solid waste and by recycling them, Stony Brook would reduce its waste even more.

Stony Brook now has signs on their storm water drains at the Ambulatory Care Pavilion and the Ambulatory Surgery Center, as well as on the medical center itself. These signs simply say "No Dumping -- Drains To Sound" and the medical center makes sure that nothing gets put in there that

doesn't belong.

The medical center also has a hazardous materials and waste subcommittee that meets every two months to discuss hazardous waste issues as well as environmental issues. This subcommittee has representation from the laboratories, pharmacy, offsites, materials management, nursing, hospital custodial services, ambulatory surgery center, and purchasing and food center.

In another effort to reduce its waste, the medical center now allows medical devices to be ordered in reduced packaging. Once these items have arrived at the hospital, they can also be sent back to the company. Although employees are not required to buy the reduced packaging, they are strongly encouraged to do so.

Not all that is happening in the medical center has to do with the upper floors. On the same level as the lobby, the Market Place Cafe is also looking at different ways to go green. Not only are they recycling more but they also have hormone-free milk, environmentally friendly food containers, silverware instead of plastic forks and knives, and refillable coffee mugs.

The coffee mugs, as mentioned before, have a cheaper refill price than the paper cups. In addition, in part to reduce its waste, the cafeteria is now recycling #1 and #2 plastic bottles and beverage cans and is starting to look at the recycling #10 cans.

If anybody has been to the hospital in recent months, they may have noticed that there is a lot of construction going on. These renovations, such as the

new lobby and the Ambulatory Care Pavilion, have all been rebuilt at green standards, such as wood and energy efficient light bulbs. This helps the medical center be much more energy efficient than before.

One of the biggest "Go Green" initiatives the medical center has done happened in 2006. This is when the hospital went mercury-free. For this step in environment and patient safety, Stony Brook received the highest award from the EPA called the Environmental Quality Award.

Mercury is a dangerous and toxic substance that is more harmful than lead and arsenic. By getting rid of mercury, the hospital is not only helping the environment but also protecting the patients' health.

The medical center took the green initiatives outside and made the hospital grounds pesticide free. "In Long Island, our drinking water comes from the ground water. In addition to protecting our drinking water, we don't want patients and staff to be exposed to pesticides as they walk around the hospital grounds," said Carol Malley.

In an effort to conserve water, the medical center now allows the patients to decide when to wash their linens, of course, if it is soiled in any way, then the hospital will wash it. The nursing staff is in charge with making sure each patient and his or her family understands this.

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety wants to make sure that all employees were notified on the green initiatives and created a newsletter called SafeWatch.

It is posted on the Hospital Intranet website and the Department of Environmental Health and Safety website. It is also emailed to nursing, hospital department heads, medical staff and hospital offsite practices.



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Young Voters Stick to Issues Not Parties

By LAUREN CIOFFI
Contributing Writer

A survey by the Harvard Institute of Politics on politics and public service shows that there have been "dramatic changes in the way young Americans think about relate to and engage in politics."

Studies have shown a record turn out for young people in the

2008 presidential election, citing a 31 percent increase in the number of young voters in the 2008 primaries when compared with the number in 2004.

The 2008 presidential election has slightly begun to shatter the stereotype that younger voters tend to be liberals and older ones tend to be conservatives. Though New York is a Democratic state, many young voters

are exploring their options.

In an interview, Mayor Pontieri of Patchogue, N.Y. spoke about young voters' impartiality. "I think the economy plays very much into that," Pontieri said. "The economic conditions and the reality of being in the war changes the dynamics of 'if you're a conservative at 40 or a liberal at 20.'"

The voting tendency of the youth is not, in fact, highly liberal. The Harvard Institute of Politics found 25 percent were registered republicans, 35 percent were registered independents and 40 percent democrats. It is the same study that found more people within that demographic are voting outside their political party,

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The Pitfalls of Electronic Voting

By CHARLES COSTA
Contributing Writer

"You'll just have to take a chance," said Pamela Smith, president of verifiedvoting.org in a recent NetworkWorld article. Smith isn't referring to petty gambles, but rather whether every citizen's vote will be counted properly by new computerized voting machines in the upcoming presidential election.

For years state and local governments have been on a quest to implement new voting technologies to improve the efficiency and integrity of elections. With advances in computing technology, one would think computers hold the answer. Since their introduction, however, computerized voting machines have been plagued with controversy due to their security vulnerabilities.

Diebold (presently known as Premier Election Solutions), a major manufacturer of electronic voting machines, is perhaps the best example of why e-voting is not ready for prime time. According to the 2006 HBO documentary "Hacking Democracy," it was discovered in 2003 that Diebold published the code for their voting machines on a public server.

This discovery led to audits of the code by numerous computer experts, with the results showing that the Diebold software known as GEMS, which serves as the central counter of votes for machines scattered throughout election districts, could be hacked by anyone with a basic knowledge of computers.

The hack, shown on the Aug.

8, 2004 episode of "Topic [A] With Tina Brown" is as simple as navigating to the GEMS program files folder in Windows, opening the vote database with Microsoft Access (a popular database application, which is included with some sets of Microsoft Office), opening the vote table, and then simply changing the vote numbers to any number of your choice.

On a similar note, a research paper, "Security Analysis of the Diebold AccuVote-TS Voting Machine," written by Ariel J. Feldman, J. Alex Halderman, and Edward W. Felten of Princeton University, said right in the abstract that "...an attacker who gets physical access to a [Diebold voting] machine or its removable memory card for as little as one minute could install malicious code..."

"Hacking Democracy" mentioned another Princeton University study from 2006 which discovered that Diebold voting machines could be broken into in as little as 10 seconds, by only using keys from mini bars.

Although the previously mentioned incidents are from prior years, an article in The New York Times Magazine published on Jan. 6, titled "Can You Count on Voting Machines?" said the issue is still prevalent today.

"The federal testing [of digital voting machines] is not, strictly speaking, mandatory," the article said. "The vast majority of states 'certify' their machines as roadworthy. But since testing is extremely expensive, many states, particularly

smaller ones, simply accept whatever passes through a federal lab."

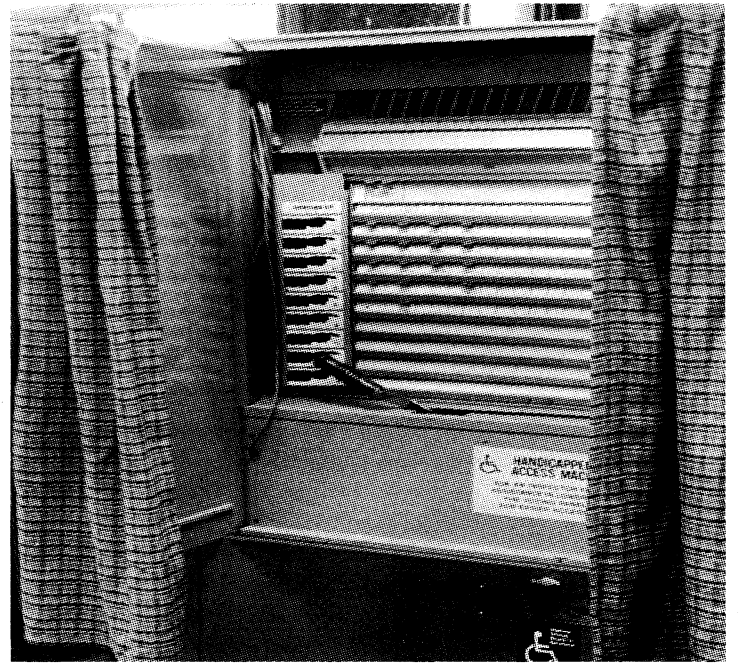
A more recent article written by Grant Gross, "E-voting Report: Several States Still Vulnerable," published on Oct. 16 on the website NetworkWorld, shows that even today there are major issues with computerized voting devices.

The article mentioned a joint study published by Common Cause, Verified Voting, and the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. It pointed out that "Eighteen states including... New York do not have adequate requirements in place for paper-record backups to e-voting or other nonpaper voting methods."

Paper is ideally used with digital voting machines because they provide at least one vote count where voters can confirm their choices. Without paper systems, there is no definite answer as to which choices voters made because the computer can make invisible errors in recording votes.

"Hacking Democracy" mentioned that Ohio law requires that a random sample of three percent of all votes be checked after an election to see if the paper records are the same as the digital ones. If they don't match up, then a recount of all paper records must be counted by hand.

Despite the reliability of hand recounts, as the documentary showed, election workers -- or anyone with access to ballots -- can withhold paper votes or pre-sort them before an audit, to prevent a recount. This, however, is a whole different topic which is not within the scope of this



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Suffolk County voting machines.

article.

The NetworkWorld article also quoted Pamela Smith as saying that while "State protections against voting fraud and e-voting machine failure have improved greatly [since past years]...several states still refuse to take basic precautions to protect the integrity of voting systems."

Despite their flaws, the research paper mentioned earlier said, "In the November 2006 general election [Diebold voting machines] are scheduled to be used in 357 counties representing nearly 10% of registered voters."

While many other regions are switching to vulnerable e-voting machines, and it is unlikely that a perfect computerized voting solution will ever exist, for people voting in Suffolk County, there is some hope for the time being.

According to an article from The East Hampton Star, titled No New Voting Machines This Year, published on Oct. 2, 2008, points

out that despite a federal court order from 2002 which was supposed to mandate that New York State modernize their voting machines, Suffolk County is sticking with their existing lever machines because New York State has not certified any digital voting machines to be used in the coming election.

The reason for the lack of certification is that the majority of computerized voting machines are not up to par with New York's strict election policies, which are tougher than federal standards.

Despite the disapproval of computerized voting machines, New York State has a law which prohibits the use of lever machines after 2007, so while lever machines will be used in Suffolk County for the coming elections, it is unclear whether they will be used or replaced in 2009.

If no new machines are chosen in the near future, paper ballots will be used in place of voting machines.

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with Obama leading by 21 points among young voters.

"You can't get what you want if you don't vote," says political science major Conor Harrigan, a senior and member of the College of Republicans. But because the numbers are growing, it gives young voters a chance to be acknowledged by the political power.

"Historically the turn out percentage-wise has been low," Harrigan said. "We never come out in full force. Everyone says this is a different election for kids our age, 18 to 24."

Adam Peck, a junior and a member on the board for the College Democrats, said he believed the election is changing the face of

politics.

"I defiantly believe Stony Brook University is heavily democratic," Peck said. "We are finding a lot of support for Barack Obama on campus."

Harrigan agreed. "Young people tend to be more liberal," he said.

Jeffrey Akita, the president of Stony Brook University Student Government, is a registered Democrat, but like many college students, may be voting outside of his political party lines.

"I go with who's going to help me tomorrow, not just today," Akita said. "You can fix the problems of today but it's only a good president that can fix the problems of today and tomorrow."

Where They Stand On Higher Education

compiled by Tara Dillon

JOHN MCCAIN

- Encourage the government to support innovative approaches to education, removing regulatory barriers that prevent us from moving forward with new ideas
- Make families across the country aware of the factors of each college so they can be able to make informed choices about which college to attend
- Ensure that a greater number of families have a lower tax burden when they are helping to

send their children to college.

- Wants to consolidate the Federal Financial Aid programs, simplify the application process and help more students have a better understanding of their eligibility for aid
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BARACK OBAMA

- Create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. This will make college affordable for all Americans; The Tax Credit is a universal and fully refundable credit ensures that the first \$4,000 of a college education is completely free for most Americans. It will cover two-thirds of the cost of tuition at the average public college or university and make community college tuition completely free for most students. Students who receive

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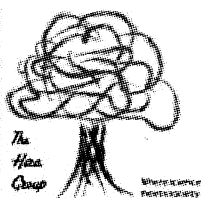
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The Statesman Endorses Sen. Barack Obama

It has not escaped the attention of the Statesman editorial board that all the presidential candidates have policies that deserve merit and discussion. Nevertheless, we have decided that our next president needs to offer more than just a likable platform.

Sen. Barack Obama represents what we hope will be the future of American politics. Both Obama and Sen. John McCain have policies which we like and dislike, but only Obama comes out as the "statesman" who will be able to represent the interests of the American people both here and abroad.

In an era of increasing globalization, America's ability to play a lead role in world affairs is of utmost importance. We need a leader who will aggressively pursue democratic principles abroad, but who will pick and choose our battles wisely. We need a leader who can take an active role in promoting world ecological sustainability by taking part in global initiatives to

cut greenhouse gas emissions. Obama's relatively non-aggressive foreign policy will also allow us to save money by bringing more of our troops home.

The past eight years of the Bush administration have been quite revealing about the current nature of our government and country. Facing two wars, an uncertain economy in recession and a nation whose reputation has been tarnished and damaged, the next president will have to choose his actions carefully. They will be of utmost importance. We have been traveling down a road of self-destruction, but now we have the opportunity to steer ourselves off of that path, to change the direction in which we are headed.

While it would not be fair to blame all the problems of the recession on the Bush administration, the economic policies encouraged and pursued by the Bush administration have not proved effective. Instead, the current administration has rewarded the few in power while

neglecting the backbone of the American people -- the middle class. For most Americans, McCain's policies will exacerbate the very real recession we are facing as he will be making Bush's tax cuts permanent.

Obama's tax plans will allow this country to pursue health care policy that will provide more coverage to more people. By giving tax relief to the middle and lower classes, money will be injected into the economy during this economic downturn. McCain has been hypocritical in renouncing a progressive tax plan during his current campaign -- a plan he supported in his bid for president in 2000. We cannot fully trust him to ensure the health and safety of Americans.

With the world facing an international crisis, Americans have watched helplessly over \$1 trillion of our nation's wealth disappear. The subprime mortgage crisis and the systematic collapse of the investment banking sector have exposed critical problems in the American economy, problems

that need to be tackled.

During times of economic uncertainty, it is especially important to consider how the next president's policies will affect our pocketbooks. Barack Obama's Democratic party has proven itself, in the past, willing and able to pass a balanced budget.

Although many Americans balk when the words "tax increase" and "universal coverage" are thrown around -- because of our unwillingness to have more government in our lives -- it has become painfully clear that many of our current policies are not working.

Obama's plan is not perfect, but we believe that an Obama administration will create further acceptance of ideas that bring more help to America's needy.

Barack Obama conducted himself phenomenally during his campaign, and we believe that this performance will continue into his administration as president. We urge all Stony Brook students to consider voting for Obama as well.

OPINION

War Isn't as Fun as it Sounds

A Case Study of Good Diplomacy

By DAVE COOPER
Contributing Writer

I find it interesting the way many people view American foreign policy. I often hear intense discussions about how America should "crush" its enemies. I hear disdainful accusations toward politicians who would rather "talk to our enemies" than make war with them.

I hear claims that this type of diplomacy will ruin America's reputation in the world, that we'll be viewed as cowards who don't stand up for what we believe. I mean, there's definitely a place and time for war, but what about giving peace a chance? That's all I'm saying.

Not to be off topic, but Richard Nixon was a smart guy. I firmly believe that if it hadn't been for Watergate, he would have gone down in history as one of the best presidents we've ever had. For those of you who weren't around back then, look him up online.

Among other things, Nixon understood foreign policy.

One interesting example of this is his relationship with China. Throughout the 1960s and '70s, China and Russia had

been undergoing the so-called "Sino-Soviet split," in which China began to distance itself from the USSR to the point of nearly hostile relations.

If the so-called "Brezhnev Doctrine" meant anything, it would mean that the Soviets would do whatever they could (including war) to compel China to do what Czechoslovakia had done the year before -- succumb to Soviet control and wear big fuzzy hats because that's what Lenin and Stalin would have wanted.

At the same time as all this stuff, the United States was fighting a war against communism in South East Asia or, more specifically, Vietnam. When Nixon visited China in 1972, this obviously irritated the Soviets. It's almost like when a kid whose parents are divorced runs to the dad in order to complain about how mean the mother is. China is the kid, the United States is the dad and the USSR is the mother who says to China, "Your dad will say anything to irritate me! This is why we got divorced at the end of World War II."

The result, however, is that the USSR invites America over for lunch in order to talk the whole

thing over because the last thing the Soviets want is to lose custody over their child. Remember, this child has a population of almost a billion people (at the time). For a while, oddly enough, it almost looked as if the USSR and China were competing for America's friendship because both nations had come to the realization that they were a lot closer to each other, had a much more inevitable conflict brewing between them and thus had a lot to gain from befriending the United States. Out of this environment came two unprecedented treaties between the U.S. and the USSR -- the first SALT treaty as well as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

The other side of this is that North Vietnam (remember them?) was in a lot of ways dependent on the support of their communist counterparts worldwide, especially in China, but Russia as well. To suddenly see both of these nations happily shaking hands with the president of the United States was, as you might expect, a bit disheartening.

Soon, both China and the USSR were advising the North Vietnamese to agree to a diplomatic end to the war, which is

exactly what Vietnam did shortly thereafter (it wasn't the diplomatic end that the U.S. would have wanted, but it was certainly something). Keep in mind that all of this happened in under a year after more than 10 years of armed conflict in Vietnam.

You can picture people back here in the United States looking at this situation and saying, "What?! Nixon is talking with Communists! Communists are the enemy! And now we're surrendering in Vietnam? We need to crush our enemies!" Not too many people were actually saying these things because first of all, that war had a draft, and secondly, the enemies had nuclear bombs, both of which succeeded in putting the ugly consequences of war on the doorstep of the average American. Nowadays, it's a lot easier to advocate war.

My point, however, was not to show how great Richard Nixon was. My point is to show how powerful good diplomacy can be. War is expensive. It is the number one thing that the federal government spends our tax money on -- more than health care for the elderly, more than education

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A LUKEWARM SNL GREETSS THE ELECTION

BY TEJAS GAWADE
Editor Emeritus

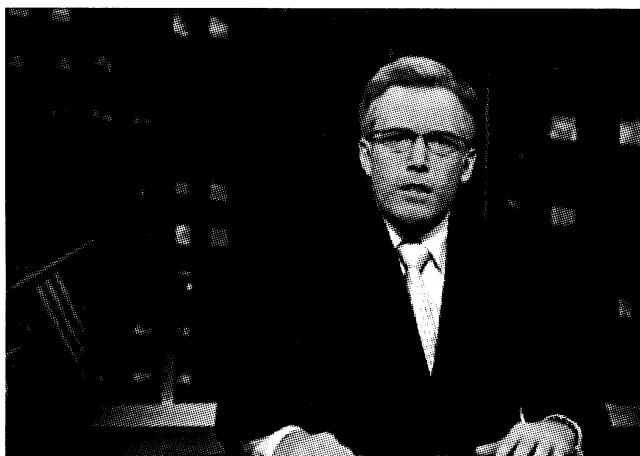
The pre-election "Saturday Night Live" coverage, as expected, was a shoddy attempt to exploit Senator John McCain's presence. McCain, who seemed uneasy with the camera, began the show with Tina Fey as her usual Sarah Palin in an infomercial that tanked a little too quickly. The show caught on as Ben Affleck surprisingly saved it, although pitifully with content that was not even drawn from the election.

McCain proved to be an occasional sport with lines, such as, "I'm a true maverick – a Republican without money." In fact, in a later segment of "Weekend Update" with Seth Meyers, he defined himself as "The Reverse Maverick," where he would do everything blindly, "The Double Maverick" where he would just go berserk, "The Sad Grandpa" where he should be given the presidency for having been around so long and even "The Rocky IV," which would not do much for his presidency.

Although Amy Poehler was missed, Meyers managed to entertain by bringing in Kristen Wiig as her aunt and TV reviewer. The reviews were not as funny as her delivery or the two voting experts vocalizing to a catchy wordless song

about what would happen if the voting machines failed.

The one brilliant bit on the part of the writers was Affleck donning Keith Olber-



mann, a sly stab at MSNBC by NBC. Although he didn't sound much like him, he managed to capture most of Olbermann's mannerisms fairly well with the extreme analogies describing the "Worst Person in the World." Taking quotes out of context and shutting down his guests were a nice touch to a pretty long, drawn out segment that got funnier as it went on.

This was followed by an often overdone stereotyping sketch that brought out a few laughs simply for the genius of Kristen Wiig. Affleck, as a flirtatious UPS delivery man who liked to be called "Sir Cumference", was not the worst thing on

the show, although it was nowhere as enjoyable as the Olbermann bit. Maybe SNL needs to come up with better placement for the order of their sketches because it's obviously hard to follow up a good act with a bad one.

Parts of SNL really soured the night's mood. Andy Samberg's giraffe rap video from the Staten Island Zoo seemed out of place, juvenile, and just plain bad. The fact that I am from Staten Island does very little for my opinion on this, because the video and all of Samberg's former ones are just not funny.

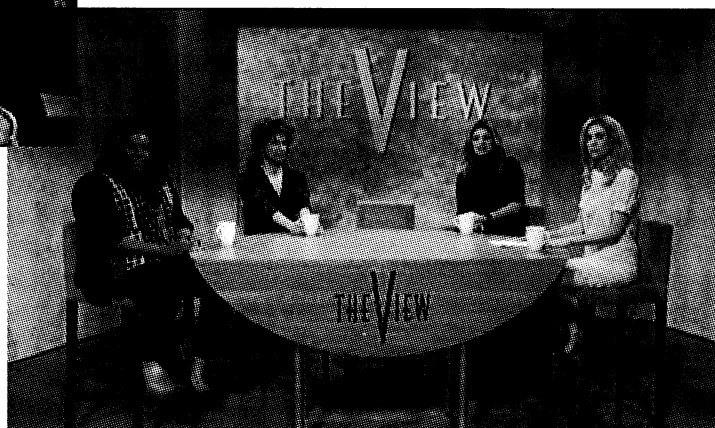
too hard and the audience just seemed unresponsive. The Night School Musical sketch on middle-aged people getting their GEDs was amusing, but managed to offend more than entertain.

Some sketches were just mediocre. Thompson's Grady Wilson: Put the Fire Back in Your Marriage bit illustrated ludicrous sex positions that would only appeal to a small demographic. The Suleski Brothers pitching a movie relied too much on making fun of weird, awkward people. The slightly funnier version was the ending sketch featuring the Bierhoff Brothers advertising Times

Square coats with the tag line "our coats are no nonsense and that is the only thing that makes sense to us."

Overall, had it not been for Affleck's Olbermann sketch, the bulk of the show would have been a bland collection of average, slightly funny bits, and I probably would have turned the show off within the first ten minutes. Maybe the writers are saving the best writing for Monday's pre-election

bash, but if they are not going to put their best content forward for the regular Saturday show, then they should save their audience an hour and consider changing the name of the show to "Monday Night Live."



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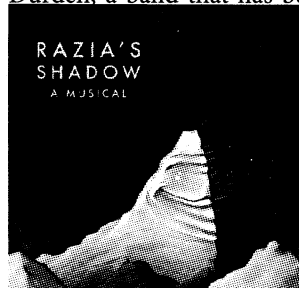
Ben Affleck as Keith Olbermann (top left). The parody of "The View", above, with Kenan Thompson, far left, and Kristen Wiig, far right.

Like Samberg, the parody of "The View" seemed unnecessary and only managed to generate guffaws. To be fair, Kenan Thompson as Whoopi Goldberg and Wiig as Elizabeth Hasselback were very good, but it seemed that the cast was trying

FORGIVE DURDEN'S SUCCESSFUL SOPHOMORE ACT

BY ANTHONY DOBRINI
Contributing Writer

In a scene compiled of pop-rock bands, it's almost too confusing to keep up with each act, and more specifically, find a band worthy of becoming "famous." It's easy to be overlooked on Fueled By Ramen's pop-fueled roster featuring Fall Out Boy, Paramore, and Panic at the Disco. However, Forgive Durden, a band that has been on the label for some time now, is hoping to finally break out with their new disc, "Razia's Shadow: A Musical."



Courtesy of Amazon.com

Thomas Dutton, the group's only founding member, joined forces with his brother Paul to create an album that follows a storyline – complete with narration and conversation within the lyrics. Dutton gathered some of his closest friends to appear on the disc to play specific characters to which he created. Casey Crescenzo of The Dear Hunter, Max Bemis of Say Anything, Chris Conley of Saves the Day, and Brendon Urie of Panic at the Disco are just some of the all-star artists that ap-

pear on the disc.

The disc opens up with epic instrumentation complete with a string orchestra and Gatsby's American Dream's Rudy Gajadhar behind the drum set. Aaron Weiss of me-withoutyou begins his narration with "This is the beginning and the end. The rise and the fall."

The storyline flows through each track flawlessly. The lyrics, at times, are cheesy – "So you're Ahrima/Nice to finally meet ya." Other times, though, the lyrics are filled with memorable quotes worthy of away messages on AIM or a Facebook status update – "It seems to me



Courtesy of Myspace.com

Forgive Durden's Thomas Dutton

star agreed to meet right over our heads tonight, to flex their bright."

Overall, the album is exciting and makes a bigger impact each time you listen all the

way through. It is recommended to listen to it several times over to officially understand the storyline, which will not be explained here. It is up to a person's own interpretation and discovery to fully get it.

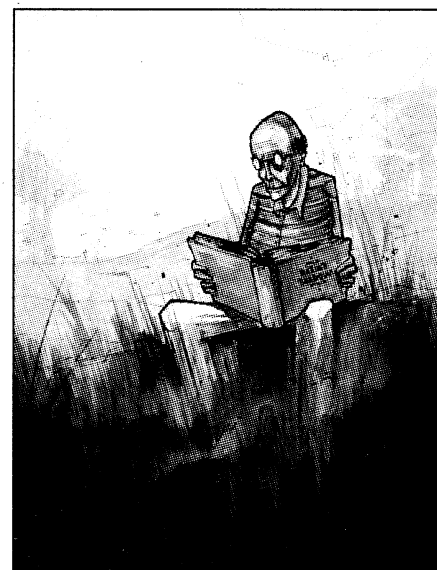
The real gems are the fourth and fifth tracks, featuring Bemis and Conley, respectively. Both tracks feature two amazing vocalists in the genre, and Dutton sings along with both characters as he turns to evil. They also feature powerful non-traditional choruses in which Dutton gets to sing along with the characters. Greta Salpeter of The Hush Sound plays Princess Anhura, the love interest of Dutton's Adakias. Their beautiful duet glows on "It's True Love." The two characters sing as they quickly

fall in love, but both have their own dark secrets.

Dutton was inspired by viral marketing and used it to his advantage. He created a website for the disc nearly two months ago but placed small cards with dates on them and nothing more. Each week he would

release two to three characters with a small clip of their track and album art. Those interested exploded on the message boards to figure out which character was played by which vocalist since Dutton creatively didn't match anyone up until the last week.

It is very possible that Forgive Durden are about to step out into the spotlight after the release of this record. They will no longer be "that other band" on the label. "Razia's Shadow" is truly a work of art, and as long as people are responsive, Dutton has successfully marketed the Internet generation and the band will have a bright future.



Courtesy of Raziasshadow.com

One of the characters in "Razia's Shadow: A Musical", the narrator.

puppets put on power-packed performance

By EMILY GOVER
Copy Editor

The Last Shadow Puppets, a highly underrated musical mish-mash marvel, graced the stage on the seventh floor of the Manhattan Center on 34th Street this past Thursday to a sold out audience in the Grand Ballroom.

Though The Last Shadow Puppets contains a 12-piece orchestra, the two leading men are the musical masterminds credited with its creation. Alex Turner and Miles Kane, both 22, are two of England's youngest and most talented musicians today. Turner heads overnight sensation Arctic Monkeys, while Kane is the frontman for The Rascals. Last August the duo hid away in the French countryside for two weeks, where they recorded the tracks for their debut album "The Age Of The Understatement" (Domino Records).

Orchestral sounds and ambient acous-

tic guitar complement Turner's lyrical genius throughout the 35-minute LP, creating tunes of epic proportion as well as soft, mellow ballads. Rolling Stone compares the music to "the moody symphonic sound of early David Bowie," and the '60s-inspired melodies of Scott Walker - a heavy influence for both Turner and Kane - are undeniable.

With a capacity of 1,200, the Grand Ball-

Stephen Fretwell was the hopeless opening act, performing acoustic songs to a raucous crowd. His songs did not have titles; rather, he gave a brief and vague syn-

which resulted in the audience singing louder than the frontmen.

There was a brief slip-up during the brazen "Separate And Ever Deadly." After a moment of silence between chorus and verse, Kane stumbled over his words as the band and orchestra struggled to synchronize. Kane brought the song to a halt, apologized for his mistake - "I f-ked it up, man" - and wrapped up the song with an impressive finish, fully equipped with Turner rocking out in seizure-like movements, his fluffy mop of hair flailing everywhere.

The set list included covers as well. The Last Shadow Puppets performed David Bowie's "In The Heat Of The Morning" and Burt Bacharach's "Little Red Book," which can be found on the EP version of "The Age Of The Understatement" and as a b-side for the "My Mistakes Were Made For You" single, respectively.

But the third cover from the night was undoubtedly the most spectacular, and sadly not available on any recording. Their rendition of The Beatles' "I Want You (She's So Heavy)" was nothing short of incredible, with funky beats, trippy keyboards and jagged instrumental breaks.

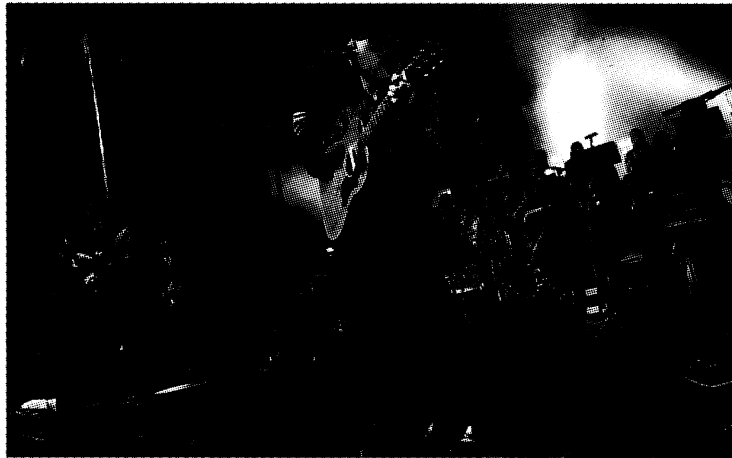
After an hour of orchestral pop perfection, Turner and Kane finished the concert with the serene "Meeting Place." Much crowd encouragement brought the duo back out for an encore, which consisted of Leonard Cohen's "Memories" and their second single "Standing Next To Me," which closed up the show. The stage lights turned on and the mob of concertgoers shuffled into cramped elevators, dazed in a state of auditory euphoria.

Listen to The Last Shadow Puppets on their MySpace page at www.myspace.com/thelastshadowpuppets. Their records are available at www.thelastshadowpuppets.com or on the iTunes Music Store.



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Alex Turner, front, and Miles Kane of The Last Shadow Puppets.



Courtesy of nytimes.com / Nicholas Roberts

Kane and Turner (l-r) performed at the Grand Ballroom this past Thursday.

room was a perfectly intimate venue for The Last Shadow Puppets to host their only New York tour date. The crowd was surprisingly varied; there were Alex-adoring teenagers, midlife crisis moms, 20-somethings, even an elderly couple. Unlike the post-punk sounds of Arctic Monkeys that connects primarily with angst-ridden youth, The Last Shadow Puppets has a unique sound the clearly appeals to everyone, given the diversity in the audience.

opsis of the tunes. "This song is about..." he said before he began to strum. Fretwell is the bassist for the backup band, so it seemed that they threw him on stage with little preparation.

Finally, after waiting what seemed like an infinite amount of time, the string section began playing the frantic sounds of "In My Room" as Turner and Kane came out on stage, waving and greeting the crowd with their English inflections - "We're The Last Shadow Puppets!" Kane yelled - before giving a performance Spin magazine called "explosive and haunting." Next came the epic "The Age Of The Understatement,"

Who's Touring? Who's In Concert?

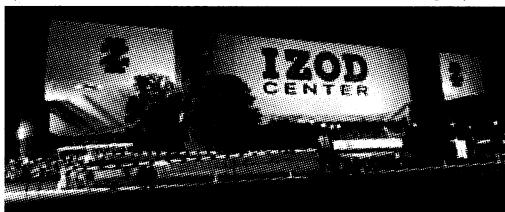
By ANTHONY DOBRINI
Contributing Writer

Reunion tours have made a comeback over the past few years - The Police were touring (and stopped again), the Rolling Stones, and now The Who are back in full swing.

The Who's 2008 tour came by the Izod Center in East Rutherford, New

very middle of the set list, an unconventional thing to do.

The band - consisting of Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend, both in their 60s, played vig-



Courtesy of Meadowlands.com

Jersey through their upbeat songs, interacting with the almost sold-out crowd of all ages. The majority of the arena featured people in their 40s to 50s, however, kids as young as six or seven could be spotted singing along to some of the memorable lyrics.

Daltrey didn't seem to speak as often in between songs, as he had to conserve his voice, so Townshend took over the microphone duties. Townshend brought up the current state of the economy to the crowd. "These are hard times," he said arrogantly, "well for you, not for me," and laughed. The crowd knew he was joking, but maybe there was a slight message hinting to the audience to purchase their overpriced t-shirts and other merchandise.

Politics came up a couple of times during the set as well, as Townshend lightly called both presidential candidates "alright guys." He then mentioned that the election didn't matter to them, since they are from overseas.

The band continued to play through fan favorites with Daltrey's astonishing vocals filling the arena and Townshend's famous windmill guitar-playing style taking over the stage. The band finished the night off with two encores. The ending encore, though, was the more emotional one for fans and the band. Daltrey and Townshend played "Tea and Theatre," featuring the only two original living members on the big stage, representing all

that is left of The Who. It was a sad reminder of the passing of John Entwistle and Keith Moon, two lives cut short by rock-star addictions.

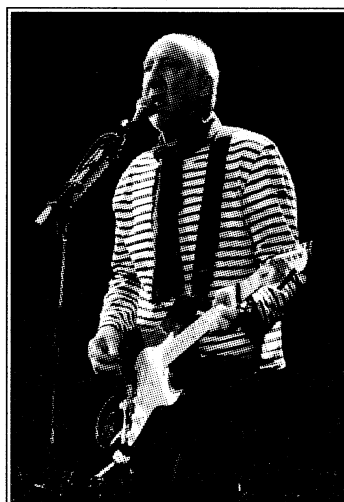
The two hugged each other and waved to the audience.

"Thank you. This is why we love coming here," Townshend said, "We love you."



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The Who's Roger Daltrey (above) on vocals and Pete Townshend (right) on guitar.



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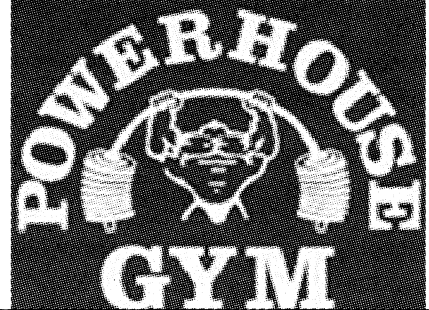
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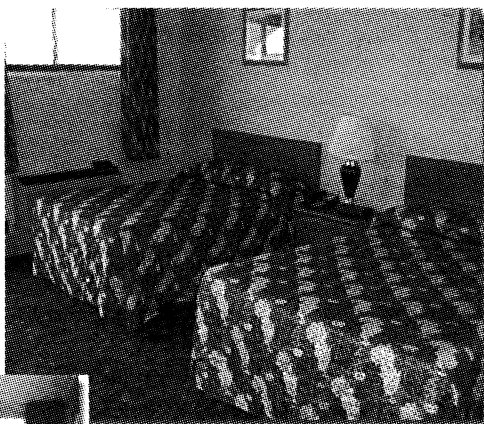
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Congressman Tim Bishop Fighting Hard for Long Island

BY AMY ELIS
Contributing Writer

In the battle for Long Island's First Congressional district, the two candidates, Lee Zeldin (Republican) and incumbent Tim Bishop (Democrat) are butting heads on their different values and ideologies. In my recent interview with Congressman Tim Bishop, I learned that this fourth term running Congressman has plans that not only benefit the citizens of Long Island, but our nation as well.

Tim Bishop has many accomplishments in preserving and maintaining our environmentally sound landscape here on Long Island. He has helped pass several laws and has been a strong advocate in preserving our shore waters. This work includes blocking the Broadwater Energy plan, the Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act, and many other initiatives that you can find listed on his website at bishopforcongress.com.

The Broadwater Energy Plan, according to their website at www.broadwaterenergy.com, was a joint plan that Shell and TransCanada had promoted in order to build a floating facility in the middle of Long Island Sound to receive imports of liquefied natural gas. (This past April, Governor Paterson issued a resounding "no" to Broadwater, denying the necessary New York State approval for this project.) Tim Bishop does support limited off-shore drilling, but knows that there is "no way that we can possibly drill our way out of this [energy] problem." He believes that the only way that we can get out of this crisis is

by increasing our dependency on alternative sources of energy and strongly supports the creation of alternative energy businesses and green jobs for Long Island.

His opponent, Lee Zeldin, is a strong supporter of off-shore drilling and plans to drill as close as three miles off shore. While Zeldin complains about fuel costs, he seems to be more committed to environmentally unfriendly off-shore drilling, including oil exploration on Alaska's North Slope and other places, than to explore other viable energy alternatives that

Bishop supports innovative ways to lower the price of college tuition, including helping to increase financial aid and scholarship opportunities among college students.

One such act that Congressman Bishop supported was the College Cost Reduction Act. This act was established to increase scholarships, loans and financial aid to college students. Another act, Ensuring Continued Access to Students, helps families have access to loans that they need for college payments.

As our Congressman, Tim Bishop has been a consistent fighter for all of the citizens on many issues in our home district. He is a leader that has helped Long Islanders and has promoted our interests in many ways, including helping to lower taxes, decreasing college costs, protecting our environment, fighting against rising gas prices, protecting social security, and promoting affordable health insurance.

On a personal note, I found Congressman Bishop to be personable and was surprised at his easy accessibility (to a college student, no less) especially in light of the close proximity to Election Day. He has a genuine concern for the academic and financial issues that confront college students that surpasses his concern for winning the election. He was willing to set aside time to devote to answering my questions and his open and honest mannerism is certainly a welcome trait in an elected official.

You can contact Congressman Bishop's campaign at bishopforcongress.com or visit his Congressional website at <http://timbishop.house.gov/>.



Tim Bishop, Courtesy of Wikipedia

will help to reduce energy costs for future years to come.

In addition to his numerous environmental laws he has supported, Tim Bishop promotes many other issues that confront Long Islanders on a daily basis. He wants to help the middle class families by lowering taxes and is a strong advocate for federal income tax reform, he is a supporter of women's rights, and most importantly, he is a leading advocate for student welfare. As a former college administrator, Congressman

No Room For Lee Zeldin

BY JOE LABRIOLA
Columnist

When I heard that one of my fellow writers would be writing an article about Tim Bishop, my initial reaction was to wonder who is going to write about his Republican opponent, Lee Zeldin. Apparently the task has fallen to me. This was good. After all, what does anyone know about Mr. Zeldin aside from the proclamations of the signs along Middle Country Road that say, "Selden for Zeldin!"? It was time to find out.

I contacted the Zeldin campaign last week, but despite my requests they never returned my message. Nonetheless, I was able to glean information about his platform from his own homepage, Zeldin08.com

It seems as if he walks a fairly standard Republican Party line, so for ease and convenience, I have condensed his views for The Statesman readers:

Zeldin claims he wants to reduce the high cost of living on Long Island by reducing high taxes, energy, and school costs. He would do this by permanently extending the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003. He would also push congress to pass a moratorium on all earmarks.

He is a proponent of the conservative initiate of strengthening national defense, advocating for "victory" in Iraq. His website doesn't specify how or when this victory would be achieved, however. He is more specific about providing better assistance to military veterans; he would make sure disasters such as what happened in Walter Reed Hospital would never be repeated, by supporting veteran's physical and psychological needs.

On immigration, Zeldin says that we must close our borders and deport all illegal aliens who commit crimes. Zeldin wants to use government initiative to reduce health care costs, particularly for the elderly and uninsured. The cost of Medicare and Medicaid must be reduced by weeding out corruption. Furthermore, prescription drugs must be made more affordable.

Zeldin would drill in Alaska

and off shore and would put a moratorium on federal and state gas tax. He would also investigate market manipulation, make Iraqis spend their budget surplus to build their own infrastructure, and continue to develop alternate energy technologies.

Zeldin considers himself pro-life. He is against public financing of abortions, partial birth abortions, and he's for promoting adoption and foster care.

This is Lee Zeldin's main platform. Again, it's a fairly conservative ideology with some moderate mindset sprinkled throughout. He makes some good points, I find his views on health care and immigration fairly agreeable and he has some other strong, bipartisan sounding arguments when it comes to reducing energy costs and helping veterans.

There are, however, other items I find less satisfying. He talks about increasing aid for veterans, reforming our border security and immigration policy and strengthening our armed forces and national defense. These are all nice proposals, but is Mr. Zeldin really serious about passing these kinds

of measures without increasing taxes?

In fact, he wants to permanently extend the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts. Hasn't the problem with our government over the last eight years been the fact that we have not been able to fund programs because of the spiraling \$10 trillion deficit? How does Zeldin plan on increasing funding for such proposals while maintaining a tax policy that has gotten us into such financial debt?

He is walking a fine line here, and although some of his plans are well intentioned, I have my doubts as to whether his pseudo-moderate stances will be convincing enough to beat Tim Bishop's reelection run. At the end of the day, I think he has a long political career ahead of him, but in this election that is all about "change," my prediction is that Lee Zeldin is going to be left out of what could very well end up becoming a democratic majority run congress.



Lee Zeldin, Courtesy of Wikipedia

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Pick Your Third Party Candidate

By ZACHARY KURTZ
Opinions Editor

It seems silly that in a country where well over 100 million people will be voting Tuesday, the vast majority will be pulling the lever for either Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain, members of two different mainstream political parties.

In a nation of diverse backgrounds and ideas, how is it possible that, year after year, we are able to package all these ideas into only two different people?

Surely, the variety that exists in the ideas of the populace should be reflected in the politician's party platforms. Yet during every election we continue to vote in politicians who tread the party line, and refuse to determine policy from outside the box.

Historically, the only man elected president not associated with a mainstream political party was none other than our first president, George Washington. Since then, usually there have been two political parties at a time, eagerly associating themselves with candidates in order to increase their own political power and influence. The only independent candidate in modern times to have attracted large scale attention was Ross Perot in 1992, who, at his peak, was polling at 40 percent on a strong economics platform.

His candidacy suffered when he temporarily withdrew from the race, but still managed to capture 19 percent of the popular vote, but no electoral college votes.

This year, I challenge read-

ers, especially independent ones -- but even unaffiliated voters -- to carefully examine third party and independent candidates. This year, vote for a candidate that best represents your actual beliefs, no matter what they are, rather than voting for a candidate that you consider the "lesser of two evils."

The only reason some party's candidates are considered mainstream, and have a better chance of winning, is because most voters conform their opinions around what politicians are telling them. In a representative democracy, we should be thinking the other way around: What candidate best represents me? Here is a short guide to less mainstream candidates, but I recommend doing more research on all of them before casting your vote.

Former Republican Congressman Bob Barr is running on the Libertarian party ticket this year, with businessman running mate Wayne Allyn Root. Although he will only be appearing on the ballots of 45 states, you will be seeing his name on New York ballots this Tuesday.

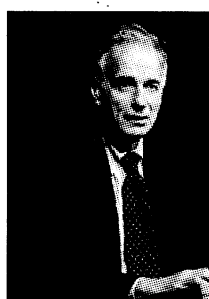
The Libertarian platform, in general, advocates a return to small government policies, in terms of foreign intervention and domestic programs. Barr has particularly expounded on his disagreement with widespread government policy of federal bailouts for mortgage companies and investment banks, due to the use of taxpayer funds for "corporate welfare."

A vote for Barr, according to his followers, will increase in liberty for Americans and the world



and protect the freedoms granted in the constitution. Some internal Libertarian Party, however, opposition accuses Barr of being a Republican in Libertarian clothing, owing to past policy not in line with Libertarian dogma, while a congressman.

Ralph Nader is a familiar face for voters. He ran under the Green Party's banner in 1996 and 2000, but ran as an independent candidate in 2004 and again this year. Nader is the champion of humani-



tarianism, consumer protectionism and environmentalism, most of his support probably coming from disaffected liberal Democrats.

Although his political campaigns have never attracted overwhelming votes, he has hundreds of dedicated followers campaigning for his causes. There is also some debate about his possible role as a spoiler for the Democratic candidate this year, as some Democrats still blame him for attracting votes away from Bob Dole during the 2000 election's Florida controversy.

Nader is currently on the ballot in 45 states and is running with

Matt Gonzalez. Nader is considered to be the third party candidate with the greatest chance of success; he is polling between 4-8 percent in national polls, higher than any other non-mainstream candidate.

With a conservative spin on Libertarianism, Chuck Baldwin, of the Constitution Party, may appeal to small government Republicans who feel their party has lost its way, in terms of the preservation of liberty and an aggressive foreign policy. Endorsed by con-



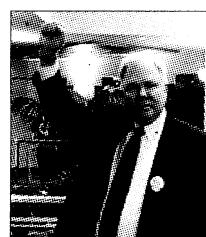
gressman Ron Paul (R.-Texas), this candidate could be surprising a few pundits in the election outcome this Tuesday. However, some sticking points with other small government supporters are the Constitution Party's proposal to restrict illegal and legal immigration and its opposition to euthanasia and abortion, but support of the death penalty.

The Green Party is running the former Democrat and six-term congresswoman, Cynthia McKinney, for president. McKinney favors a non-interventionist foreign policy and, in particular, a quick withdrawal of troops from Iraq.



On domestic issues, the Greens favor social welfare, with no limit to the beneficiaries of entitlement programs, universal health care and an environmental policy which favors government funding for alternative, nonpolluting sources. McKinney will be on the ballot in 31 states this Tuesday, including in New York.

Calling yourself a socialist in American is controversial, but the Socialist Party USA has been fielding presidential candidates since 1976. This year, their candidate is Brian Moore, who's also running under the Liberty Union Party. If you're for troop withdrawal from Iraq, the democratic public control of the economy



and society, direct participatory democracy, socialized medicine, guaranteed employment, and government provided housing for all citizens, then the Socialist Party candidate may be for you.

Of course, there are a couple of other parties fielding candidates that I haven't mentioned, including the Libertarian-minded, recently formed "Boston Tea Party" and others.

Before casting your vote this Tuesday, make sure you know all the candidates that are running and see if their platforms appeal to you more than the candidates on the mainstream Republican and Democrat tickets.

Why Teens Should Vote

By YENTL GARCIA
Contributing Writer

If you are currently 18 years of age, you are probably wondering, as well as questioning, why it's important to vote. While the answers are many, the most common argument pertains to the fact that by voting you make sure your voice is being heard, enabling yourself to get involved in what's happening around you.

First and foremost I must speak of the many courageous people who died to give us right to vote. Amongst these people stand very famous reform leaders that we all know -- Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Booker T. Washington and John F. Kennedy are just some of the

people who went through hell to see minorities speak their minds and in all, just to have a voice. They fought for various years so that one day, we could have a say in what happens in our society. These rights should not be taken for granted.

This generation needs to vote now in order to make the world a better place for the next. If you are thinking "the next generation has nothing to do with me," then you have no idea how wrong you are. The next generation has everything to do with you. There are many issues going on right now that will affect our futures. These include social security, health care, immigration and federal funding for social programs. Our country will not survive if we

don't pick a leader with a plan to deal with these things.

It is critical for young girls to get out and vote, to protect abortion rights, because we're voting for the person that is going to share our beliefs. Don't vote for someone who is pro-life when you aren't for it. You will have to live with the consequences of having to comply with rules you don't agree with. Get up and choose your president, make your representative a person who share similar beliefs as you. And in the end, you will be killing two birds with the same stone -- making your voice be heard, and eliminating the stereotypes that certain people have of young adults being lazy.

For some reason, elderly peo-

ple seem to be have a misconception that young people don't vote because they are lazy. You can prove them right by not voting, but you are only hurting the image of our generation. On the contrary, if you don't want anybody categorizing your group, why not prove them wrong? Do some research and see which candidate best reaches your "presidential standards." You're the boss, and what you say goes.

Last but not least, I know that people my age love complaining. Well, voting certifies and gives you the right to brag and complain about anything you want. You gain that right once you check off the person you want to represent your generation, your neighborhood, and your lifestyle in

general. If you don't vote, you've thrown away your method to complain about the government in a constructive way, that will make positive changes. On the other hand, if you do vote, you can become involved and have opinions on whatever you like.

Voting is a right, but it's also a privilege. Many people, old and young alike, would and have died for such privileges. As a young adult you should know what to expect from the person who is going to make decisions for you, for the next four -- or even eight -- years of your life. This government is meant for the people, by the people," go ahead and begin to start participating in shaping your government.

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Obama to the Bank

By NAJEE SIMMONS
Contributing Writer

The Obama campaign amassed more than \$66 million in funds during the month of September. It appears that there is a group of people who want Obama to win the presidency and are willing to spend to insure his victory.

It goes without saying that presidential campaigns are fueled by their wealthy benefactors, but too often the identities and motives of these providers go uncovered by voters.

Sen. Obama, seen by many as the candidate of the "average joe" worker, may very well be financially supported by corporate giants and Fortune 500 companies. Prospective voters must carefully consider which constituency their candidate will act in favor once in the White House. What will Obama owe his benefactors if elected? What do they expect of him in exchange for their overwhelming support?

Obama continues to raise tremendous funds vastly superior to those of Sen. McCain and appears to be the increasingly likely successor to Bush. His potential voters, while understandably

excited, must not neglect to make certain that the candidate who they chose months ago, is still a representative of their group. Without constant pressure from the public, any political figure can become overwhelmingly influenced by their corporate supporters.

Ironically, the candidate labeled as the poster boy for change has the fund raising advantage. In a traditional sense, conservatives should receive an outpouring of financial support from those who wish tax and other laws to stay the same.

Perhaps Obama genuinely appeals to common men and the upper class alike. If the candidate truly embodies such mass appeal, he could be the great force needed to unify this nation. An argument against such a belief is Obama's known general tax scheme, which aids the poor at the expense of the middle and upper classes. Why, at this point, would the rich have a sudden change of heart and submit to paying higher taxes to support the poor?

Again, all of this may reflect a growing nation and a large scale shift of the upper class to more liberal ideology, but I have not seen such

a change evidenced in any other areas of American society. Citizens who vote must research their candidate and discover what constituencies stand to gain advantages due to the election of which candidates. The GOP has given the its members every reason to jump ship and hop on the left wing bandwagon. Citizens must ask why.

In age where conservatism struggles, why would the Republican Party nominate an inexperienced governor for vice president? Surely the GOP leaders must realize that many voters considering McCain have withdrawn their support due to the nomination of Gov. Sarah Palin. In times like these, in the midst of political change, we must ask who is pulling the strings. Is the playing board of this election so horribly skewed to the left by chance?

The answers are largely unknown, but do not have to remain that way. As an Obama supporter, I find the uncertainty of the existing circumstances to be unnerving. Only active inquiry and research can cure such an uncomfortable state.

Do not vote blind. Seek information and make an educated choice.

Sex Education Reform

By NICOLE ROACH
Contributing Writer

Imagine entering a classroom, having a seat, your professor takes to the lectern and tells you: "There is an equation, its successful completion results in a separate entity. You will need to know how to do it for the test, but you also cannot do it before the test." Excuse me? "Oh right, and based on some of your personal preferences or identities, some of you may not be able to take the test at all."

This, albeit oversimplified, is the United States stance on sex education. The federal government only provides grant money to states that uphold the stipulations of abstinence only education listed in Title V of the Welfare Reform package. However, funding for such programs began as far back as the Reagan administration in 1981. It is important to note that eight states have decided to no longer participate in the program -- California never accepted any funding for the program.

There are several problems with the suggested curricula for this program.

It contains medically inaccurate (read: wrong, incorrect, false) information regarding AIDS, condom efficacy, and pregnancy. It promotes gender stereotypes, spreading claims such as men like sex for physical fulfillment and women like the financial security. It is indirectly discriminate against gays and lesbians.

The main point of this program is to promote abstinence until marriage. While a few states have recently given same-sex couples the opportunity to get married, the federal stance is that marriage is reserved for a man and a woman. This means, according to the program, gay and lesbians shouldn't have sex.

The alternative we should be pursuing is comprehensive sex education.

Comprehensive sex education does not advocate morals, religious views, or use fear tactics. Despite what some extreme right wings might think, it does not promote or encourage sex. Nor has it been found that students exposed to comprehensive sex education are any more likely than students of the

abstinence only programs. In fact, they have been found to put off their first sexual encounter and report more positively on it than their abstinence-only counterparts.

Comprehensive programs provide only factual information regarding sexual behavior and ideas. It also encourages students to wait for sexual activity in non-biased language.

Providing anything other than factual, non-biased information regarding health is a violation of students' rights. Continuing to use the program after several studies have proven it to be ineffectual is a waste of tax payer dollars. Insisting that it also be used in countries that we are providing financial support to is culturally chauvinistic and ineffectual.

Sex education based on primarily Judeo-Christian religious views in schools violates the separation of church and state. With all of the problems on Wall Street and the world economy, isn't it time the United States stopped wasting funding on ineffectual, propaganda programs?

Sarah Payless

By AMY ELLIS
Contributing Writer

Sarah Palin, the new "up and coming maverick" of the Republican Party, has made her foray into politics by flaunting her conservative budgetary skills by purchasing up to \$150,000 dollars on numerous business attires and outfits for her campaign flare.

When appearing on stage during her rallies, she is always well dressed, so it was no surprise when I discovered that she had enjoyed a huge spending spree when purchasing her outfits.

In comparing photos of Palin before she was nominated for vice president with ones she of her now, there is a remarkable difference in the quality of the clothes and her style. Recently, however, she has been seen wearing high-end attire and looking her best with outfits such as the red leather suit jacket she wore

to her campaign in Colorado, and her many other garbs she has worn in cities like St. Louis, Mo., and Reno, Nev.

I cannot help but to wonder where the heart of this Republican campaign lies...at the feet of the people or at the entrance of high-end designer clothing stores like Saks Fifth Avenue and Banana Republic? Is this the kind of fiscal responsibility that the Republicans have been touting?

The GOP reportedly spent a whopping \$150,000 to make this governor from Alaska look the best that she possibly could when appearing in front of her supporters, according to an article by Jeanne Cummings on Politico.com.

From her numerous trips to Saks in St. Louis and New York, she has reportedly spent \$49,425.74. At a few other shopping stores in Minneapolis, she

dropped \$75,062.63. For her hair and make-up she has added an additional \$4,716.49 to the tab. It seems evident that she cares more about how she looks than the issues at hand with our country.

With the rising hardships that many American families now face -- with the stock market plummeting every day, and many workers getting laid-off -- it is hard to imagine that Palin would have spent this much money on items that are not that important to her everyday needs of living. The average annual income for working families in the United States was about \$50,233.00 in 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, three times less than the amount of money Palin spent on her clothes.

I think this is a horrible thing that Palin has done, particularly since the unemployment rate has grown so significantly in past

months, and we now are seeing more people having to foreclose on their homes. If she really cared, then why not donate that \$150,000 to a bunch of ailing families about to lose their houses?

Because the Alaskan governor clearly has no problem wasting her money on frivolities, I believe that she should donate her clothes to the Dress to Success donation program. This not-for-profit organization has been developed in order to give disadvantaged women business attires to help them succeed in the work field. This program will arrange specific attires that are suitable to the women who are in need of help, according to DressforSuccess.org.

I feel like this would make Palin look better in the public eye, and more importantly to her supporters and potential voters for this coming election.

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or getting good food on college campuses, more than research for alternative energy sources, more than anything else. And that's besides the fact that your friends and family die. Diplomacy is cheap and if you do it right, it works. But yes, it takes smart people and a lot of thought on how to best approach a sensitive situation, rather than solving your problems with big guns and stuff. I feel your pain. I like guns too. But that's what they make video games for.

As you can guess, foreign policy matters a lot to me. And when I go to the polls on Nov. 4 to vote for federal offices like congressmen and the president, I'm going to put a lot of thought into deciding which candidates would rather "talk to our enemies" and which candidates would prefer to make more.

Missed Extra Point Dooms Seawolves

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five of six passes on the 42-yard drive, eventually finding Dobson Collins in the end zone after a 13-yard strike.

Stony Brook's lead had vanished in less than five minutes.

The Seawolves converted a fourth-and-two on its next drive, but could not move the ball any further.

The Bulldogs got the ball back with 6:02 remaining and were able to grind five minutes off the clock, forcing the Seawolves to use its final two time outs.

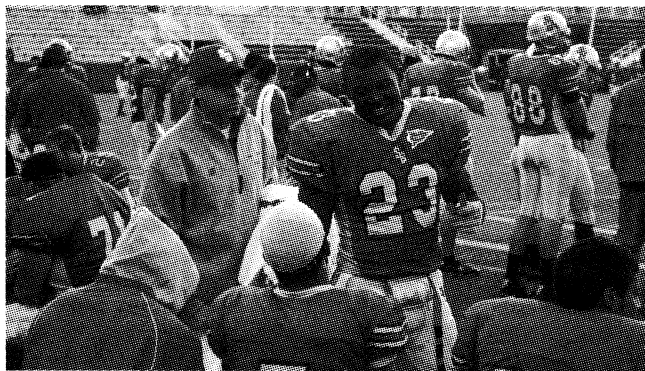
With 1:04 left and 80 yards to go to the opposite end zone, Dayne Hoffman completed his first two passes of the drive, but gained only 12 yards.

With no timeouts left and chaos reigning on the field, Hoffman was able to snap the ball with under one second left on the game clock.

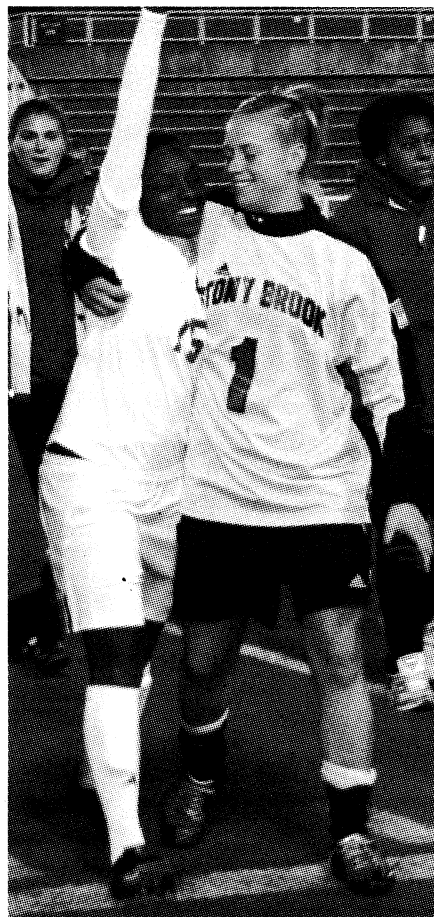
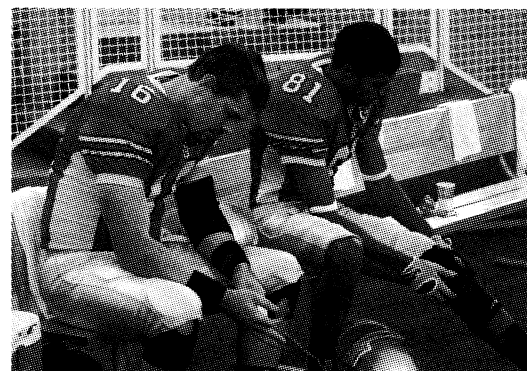
He rolled to his left and waved all his receivers down field.

He launched the ball into the air; hopeful a Stony Brook receiver would haul it in and bring it to the end zone.

But the ball and the Seawolves' Big South championship hopes were swatted away.



The Seawolves key offensive players on the sideline Saturday afternoon. Gene Morris/ SB Statesman



Shawn Brown/ SB Statesman

Alexis Lindo and Marisa Viola celebrate after the win.

Women's Soccer Headed to Boston

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Rookie of the Year, who booted the ball just out of her reach and scored her ninth goal of the season.

"You want your better players to do well in pressure situations because that's what good players do," head coach Sue Ryan said.

While the Seawolves midfielders gave the team a lead, it was up to the defense to protect that lead. The defense attacked the Bearcat offense, not giving them any room to breathe. The Bearcats were able to get two shots off in the final minutes of the game. The first shot was saved by Viola and the second was blocked and kicked down the field by the defense.

The Seawolves defeated the Binghamton for the second time this season, after beating the Bearcats (3-2) on Oct. 23rd.

"It was great because the last time we played them, they put in two goals on me," Viola said. "It was good that we were able

to hold on because we remembered what their strong points were and we definitely shut them down."

Viola, who was named the American East Goalkeeper of the Year, recorded her second shutout in the last two games. Viola had five saves in Sunday's game and has 14 saves in the last two games.

The (#2 seed) Seawolves win came just hours after the (#1 seed) Boston University Terriers won its semifinal match-up (1-0) over Maine. The top two teams going into the American East Tournament will now meet in Boston on Saturday, Nov 8 at 1:00pm. The teams met one time this season, two weeks ago, and the Terriers defeated the Seawolves (2-0) in Boston.

"B.U. is a formidable opponent, but I am very excited to be playing in the championship," coach Ryan said. "To beat that team we will need to win the battle at midfield and break their backline, which doesn't let up many goals."

By MIKE FODERA
Senior Writer

The Stony Brook Seawolves Cross Country team was awash with excitement on Saturday as the Women's team once again took home the Conference title for the second year in a row.

The women placed four runners in the top ten spots and five overall in the top fifteen.

The men's consistent and hard working efforts were finally paid off yesterday as they showed their mettle, placing one-two in the top spots and second overall.

Tim Hodge edged out fellow runner Alex Felce by a paltry two seconds in a race both men will never forget. This was the third consecutive year that the men's team placed second.

The Women's team fought through the pressure of defending their title with a performance that matched its domination last year.

Sophomore Holly Van Dalen, from Wanganui, New Zealand, led the way for the Seawolves, finishing with a time of 17:22.30, good enough for second place.

Continuing the theme of the day with back-to-back finishes, Laura Huet, a junior from Carricksmine, Ireland, took third with

a time of 17:30.05.

Five seconds later, sophomore Lucy Van Dalen crossed fifth with a time of 17:35.20 and right behind her, freshman Hayley Green from Wellington, New Zealand finished with a time of 17:37.80.

Rounding out the top fifteen, sophomore Carolina Cortes finished in thirteenth with a time of 18:13.90.

"The Women's performance yesterday was fantastic," Head Coach Andy Ronan said. "It is hard to win two Championships in a row, so the race this year carried more pressure. Combined with some injuries and sickness over the last two weeks, I feel the ladies responded great. When the gun went

they showed their competitive edge and desire to defend the title, so I am very proud of them."

On the Men's side, the sophomore and junior, Hodge and Felce, respectively, were the top story of the day.

From a distance, it would seem that these two runners were out competing against one another, trying to one up the other.

Yet Tim Hodge and Alex Felce have the greatest respect for one another, and both couldn't be happier for each other.

"Tim and Alex were the class of the field yesterday," Coach Ronan said. "They took over the race from the start, and then went man on man for the win. They are

great competitors, and respect each other and I know Alex would rather see Tim win the title rather than someone from another school.

"They will go onto the NCAA regionals with a lot of confidence; both of them have a chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships," he said.

The next top finisher for the Seawolves was Daire Birmingham, a junior from Carrickfergus, Ireland, crossed twelfth in a time of 26:08.10, while freshmen David Frankel from Woodbury, N.Y. and from Setauket, N.Y. finished 22nd and 27th, respectively, with times of 26:34.08 and 26:49.03.

Coach Ronan was not disappointed with his team's overall place. "Our men's team once again gave it a great effort in an attempt to win our first title," he said. "They came up short for the third year in a row, but that is nothing to be disappointed with, consistency leads to championships, and I believe this group will win a championship in the next year or two."

The Women's team will be in action in two weeks as they will try to qualify for a return to the Championships with a top finish in the NCAA Regionals in Van Cortlandt Park in New York. Tim Hodge and Alex Felce will be doing the same as individuals.

Women's Cross Country Wins America East Championship

Football Drops Heartbreaker to Gardner-Webb

By GENE MORRIS
Sports Editor

525 total yards of offense.

100 yard rushing days, plus two touchdowns a piece, from Conte Cuttino and Edwin Gowins.

And it all added up to a heartbreaking 34-33 loss to the Gardner-Webb Fightin' Bulldogs.

The game couldn't have started off any better for the Seawolves.

By the time the first quarter was halfway through, Stony Brook had a 14-0 lead. Gowins broke off a 49-yard TD run four minutes in, and Cuttino added a five yard score of his own less than three minutes later.

That was the furthest the Seawolves would be ahead. Gowins added another touchdown run late in the half after two Luke Gaddis field goals, and it looked like Stony Brook would go into the half up 27-14. But Gaddis could not convert the extra point, a play that would end up costing the Seawolves dearly in a one point loss.

On the day Gowins ran for 185 yards on 15 carries with a long of 57 yards, and scored twice.

Cuttino contributed another good outing, gaining 145 yards on 26 carries to go along with his two touchdowns.

"We're two different types of backs," Gowins said. "The defense can't set up for one, we mix them up."

But Gardner-Webb and quarterback Devin Campbell, who finished the day 32 of 44 for 394 yards and three touchdowns, put together a quick strike drive, highlighted by spectacular catch by Tyson Petty that brought the ball down to the one yard line. Philip Peoples punched the ball in and the Fightin' Bulldogs found themselves right back in the game before half time.

Late in the third quarter Gardner-Webb swiftly drove the ball down the field and it put them in prime position just outside the Stony Brook 20-yard line.

The Seawolves defense stood tall, and forced the Bulldogs back one yard on three consecutive plays.

That's when the craziness started.

Gardner-Webb ran its field goal unit out onto the field, but had a man positioned away from the line near the far sideline. The ball was snapped, and instead of putting the ball down for a field goal, the ball was thrown out wide to the open man, who scampered all the way down the field and tip-toed the line into the end zone.

"I used to run that play," Seawolves Head Coach Chuck Priore said after the game. "I used it until they put the rule in that you can't deceive."

The play was originally ruled legal, causing Priore and his coaching staff to go ballistic. After a lengthy argument, and a lengthy conference by the officials, the play was officially ruled an illegal substitution, and Gardner-Webb was docked 15 yards.

"We went over it with the officials before the game, determined it was probably legal," Gardner-Webb Head Coach Steve Patton said after the game. "Unfortunately I guess they forgot or the official on our side did, so none of them could really attest he went inside the numbers. But to me, you don't see it, you don't call it."

According to his interpretation of the rules, the play was obviously legal.

"Every play is an attempt to deceive," he said. "If I knew all the plays the other team was running, we would win all the games. Well, at least some of them," he added.

"When they're lining up and kicking our tails, sometimes deception is needed," he said.

The play seemed to spark the Seawolves. After the ball was punted and downed at the 1-yard line, the Seawolves put together an impressive drive consisting of a ground assault that covered all but 15 of the 99 yards.

Cuttino ran for an eight yard gain on the first play, and a personal foul on the Bulldogs pushed the Seawolves 15 yards further from its own end zone.

After a few more solid runs by Cuttino, Gowins ripped off his 57-yard run, beating everyone to the outside before finally being dragged down from behind.

Cuttino picked up the final seven yards on the ground, and Gaddis added the extra point to put Stony Brook up 33-21.

Campbell and Gardner-Webb then showed just how dangerous its offense is.

Campbell's arm and the legs of Philip Peoples combined to bring the Bulldogs 73-yards down the field on the ensuing drive, bringing the score to 33-27.

Donald Porter, looking to give Stony Brook a boost, returned the following kickoff 27 yards, but coughed it up and gave the Bulldogs prime field position.

Campbell wasted no time, completing

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Club Hockey Routs Lehigh 14-0

By GENE MORRIS
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In the last home game before perennial contender and conference rival Westchester comes to the Rinx, the Seawolves ice hockey team routed an overwhelmed Lehigh team 14-0.

Derek Stevens picked up his first shutout of the season in a game that was never in question, but got completely out of hand in the third period.

"We're starting to get there," Stevens said about the teams play. "We're starting to come around as a team. It looks like we're getting back on the right track, but I don't think we're there yet."

The Seawolves scored seven goals in the final frame, capped by an Angelo Serse goal with 5:59 remaining. Serse also scored the games opening goal five minutes in.

In between Stony Brook barraged the Lehigh goalie with 53 shots.

"We're really coming together," Assistant Coach Pete Hall said. "Early in the season it was one or two guy's scorings, now it's coming from all the lines."

Ryan Hodkinson was one of those players. He scored his first goal of the season during the third.

"It felt good after going eight games without scoring," he said. "Felt good to finally bury a goal."

He also spoke of how he though the

team was improving.

"We're working to it," he said. "Everybody's starting to work better together and everything is starting to mesh together."

The Seawolves special team play was impeccable. The power play was a perfect five for five, and the penalty killing unit was able to kill off the time every time the team went down a man.

Serse, Mauricio Torres, and Dan Capizzutto led the team with four points. John Wong and freshman Chris Ryan also contributed two goals each.

The game was not extremely physical except for a few skirmishes. Stevens got penalized two minutes for slashing after he hacked at a Lehigh player's leg who had fallen on top of him and took his time to get up.

Serse may have set the tone for his team early. After partially avoiding a flying hit, Serse gave the Lehigh player a few extra shots and stood over him, taunting.

General Manager Chris Garofalo was pleased with the team's performance today, as well as how the team has rebounded from its slow start.

"We got the first month out of our way," Garofalo said. "Playing teams like Liberty and in the showcase, it's hard. I'm really excited; the team is finally starting to click."



Gene Morris/ SB Statesman

The Seawolves salute the fans who stuck around to the final horn at the Rinx Sunday afternoon. The team travels to play Rutgers next Saturday night before hosting conference rival Westchester on Nov. 15



STATESMAN SPORTS



One More For AE Title

Shawn Brown/ SB Statesman

**Brooke Barbuto and the
Seawolves are just one
win away from being
America East Champs**

By SHAWN BROWN
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The Seawolves defeated the Binghamton Bearcats (2-0) in Sunday's semifinal game and advanced to the championship game in the American East Tournament.

Before the game the music was cranked up, the field illuminated and the bleachers were ice cold. The Seawolves had their largest attendance of the year, as 351 fans

carrying extra coats and blankets arrived ready to cheer the team on. The Seawolves and Bearcats took the field in their semifinal match-up, each knowing that there was only room in the championship game for one of them. Both teams played tough defense and the game remained scoreless for the first 25 minutes.

The Seawolves struck first, as senior Trine Allenberg faked out a defender and passed back to senior Brooke Barbuto. The

midfielder fired a shot into the back of the net, bringing frigid fans to their feet.

As the clock counted down to half time, players from both sides rushed from the cold field to the warm locker rooms.

"It was absolutely, ridiculously freezing," goalkeeper Marisa Viola said. "It was just something I had to put in the back of my mind. I just kept telling myself that it's not cold. I had to keep jumping around to keep warm."

The teams emerged from the tunnel and ran onto the field just a few minutes before the second half got underway.

The second half began with cheers, when freshman midfielder Colleen McKenna broke through the Bearcat defense and headed towards the goal in the 47th minute. The Bearcat goalkeeper moved her feet in place and stared down the recently named

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