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Mukhi to Head the Still-Closed Wang Center

By MANSOOR KHAN
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Sunita Mukhi, Ph.D., was recently appointed the new head of the Charles B. Wang Asian American Center. The Center, which had its grand opening in October and is presently closed for further construction, was a gift from the former chairman of Computer Associates, Inc. and will be used for a variety of purposes.

"It's a very exciting and challenging opportunity," said Mukhi, who received a doctorate from NYU in performance studies with a focus in Asian American culture. "I'm greatly looking forward to being involved in the Wang Center when it is active."

Mukhi said she believes she was selected because of her sympathy toward and understanding of Asian issues.

"I appreciate how people from different value systems and cultures come together," said Mukhi, who is of South Asian descent.

Mukhi has an extensive theatrical background, and has previously worked on programming for the Asia Society in New York City. She has coordinated a number of

events, producing different multidisciplinary projects and Asian American programs.

"I want to make sure the Wang Center is a vibrant, viable venue where Asian-



The Charles B. Wang Center, which had its ribbon-cutting ceremony in October, will be headed by Sunita Mukhi, Ph.D.

American cultures can [engage in] dialogue [on] issues that are pertinent," Mukhi said. She has high hopes for the new center, and wants to establish it as a place where

people can "discuss and express what it means to be Asian."

Some Stony Brook University students feel that the Wang Center's Asian-American

focus might alienate the rest of the campus population, however.

"Are there only going to be Asian American events and functions going on there?" asked junior Jason Dobrovski.

But Mukhi emphasized the Center's status as a University facility. "It's not just for Asian Americans," Mukhi said. "I would prefer it to be as diverse as the campus."

But one of the Wang Center's central purposes is to serve as a facility for Asian-American cultural expression through the arts.

"I really want the Wang Center to

be a hub of arts and culture for the University as well as the surrounding community, hopefully nationally and internationally," Mukhi said.

The Center will be a location for lectures, workshops, and other University events. It will also include a book store, a food court serving South Asian and East Asian food, and possibly a study lounge for students.

"There are many spaces in the building to fill," said Mukhi.

Mukhi has some specific ideas in mind, including a film festival, lecture series, open mic, and various musical programs. Other departments and colleges within the University will have the opportunity to use the Wang Center as a venue for their own purposes.

"There's so many ways you can use the space," said Mukhi. "There's a good amount of flexibility."

But as the opening date of the Center remains undisclosed, all Mukhi can do for now is wait. "We are hoping that by March it will be open," she said.

CHOICE Program Seeks to Stomp Out Smoking

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

In coordination with The American Cancer Society's National Smoke-Out Week, a number of campus organizations came together and set up informational tables on how to quit smoking from Nov. 19 to Nov. 21. The tables, which were set up by the CHOICE Center, Students Putting an End to Cancer (SPEC) and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), contained information about the health effects associated with tobacco and smoking of tobacco in addition to possible quitting techniques.

"Our goal was to help those students who seriously want to quit," said Brad Jerson, SPEC President. "We wanted to reach out and help them take the first step and begin the sometimes difficult process of quitting. We thought the most appropriate way to help those who smoke would be to help them quit. Nearly everyone knows the dangers of smoking, people just

need help quitting."

The tables, which were manned by students who were trained by the CHOICE Center to help people quit smoking, were located in the Student Activities Center, Union, Benedict College, Health Sciences Center and the Melville Library.

Volunteers distributed "Quit Kits" containing tips for those trying to quit smoking and various items meant to help smokers deal with cravings, including gum, hard candies, rubber bands and lollipops.

According to studies conducted by the CHOICE Center, 23 percent of Stony Brook students smoke, but only three percent of those students said they want to stay smokers.

The CHOICE Center has run tables such as those set up last week for the past few years, but the number of stations on campus and students involved was far greater this year than it has been in the past. The

CHOICE Center Health Educators Peter Mastroianni, who is also the Center's Director, and Kathleen Flynn-Bisson were the primary event-coordinators. This was the first year that SPEC and SADD were involved in the endeavor. Both of these organizations are relatively new to the campus canvas.

"In the past we have modeled out annual program on the Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out, asking students to quit for a day," Mastroianni said. "We do not feel that is very effective, in that a

lot of students actually smoke more the next day and were not really ready to quit. We are now emphasizing preparing to quit and getting support which we expect will be much more helpful in the long run."

Mastroianni also said almost 50 students have committed to quit and he thinks student response to the week's efforts was good. Those who made the commitment to quit will receive follow-up support from the CHOICE Center.

"A lot of people stopped at the tables," said SPEC member Shani Brignolle.



An enthusiastic participant in the smoke-out program.

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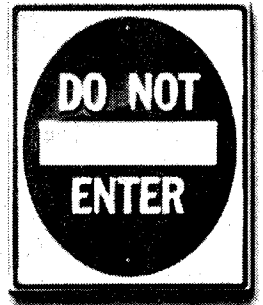
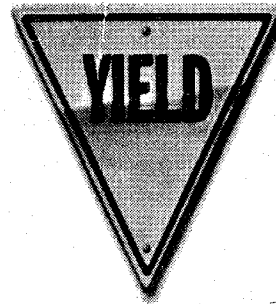
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Alumni Association Honors Accomplished Graduates

By KELLY BROWN
Statesman Editor

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association held its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner Nov. 21, 2002. The black-tie reception was held at the Long Island Vanderbilt and featured a silent auction fundraiser.

Alumnus Joseph Campolo, chairman of the dinner, welcomed the crowd of over 250 and was followed by Jane Knapp, Alumni Association President, who offered her congratulations to the evening's award recipients.

"These seven accomplished individuals exemplify how far you can go with the good foundation of an education from Stony Brook University," Knapp said.

University President Shirley Strum Kenny also had a few words for the alumni, whom she described as Stony Brook's



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Alumni discuss their past experiences at Stony Brook University.

"ambassadors to the world."

"We are deeply grateful for the recognition that your talent and dedication has brought us," Kenny said.

Stony Brook Staff Addresses Student Eating Issues

By STEPHANIE DI BIASE
Statesman Contributor

Studies have shown that college undergraduates have extremely poor dietary habits, and that health suffers as a result. Too often, students do not have access to adequate information about how to keep themselves well-fed and healthy.

Ilena Key, an instructor of a course entitled "Introduction to Wellness," teaches her students about the benefits of eating properly while in college.

"A high fat diet builds a greater risk for cancer, stroke, and cardiovascular disease," Key said, adding that illnesses like type-II diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes, may stem from bad eating habits.

Key brainstormed some ways in which the university can help students balance their diet. She suggested that Campus Dining place a white board in the front of the food line at each on-campus dining facility with color-coded health facts.

"If we color-coded healthy meals on the board, it would be analogous to a heart symbol next to a healthy entree on a Chili's dinner menu," Key said. "It makes the consumers aware."

Heather Bianchini, a former Stony Brook student who is currently a sophomore at the University of Delaware, considers

"We hope that the ties of affection and loyalty between you and Stony Brook will only strengthen over the years."

Director of the Alumni Association Tim Kenney, Vice President for Advancement William Simmons and Alumni Association Board members managed the presentation of awards to the seven honorees as a five-course meal was served to guests.

Scott Higham graduated from Stony Brook in 1982 and gave up his dream of becoming an FBI agent to pursue journalism, writing for both the New York Times and Newsday. He attended Columbia where he completed graduate study in journalism with high honors. He is currently a reporter for the Washington Post, but has also worked at the Allentown Morning Call, the Baltimore Sun, and the Miami Herald. Higham was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for a story about the lives of a group of teenagers who murdered their friend.

Jeffrey Sachs, DDS, received both his Bachelor's ('74) and Doctorate ('78) from Stony Brook University. He has dedicated extensive time and effort to developing public policy and organizing not-for-profit groups, including service as senior health and human services advisor to the Governor and as Executive Coordinator of the Presidential Transition Team for President Clinton. Currently, Sachs heads Sachs Consulting, a business-consulting firm in New York City.

Dario Gonzalez attended Stony Brook

Medical School after completing an undergraduate program in mathematics at Columbia College of New York, receiving his MD in 1979. Emergency medicine became his chosen field, with an emphasis on disaster preparedness, and worked for seven nights as part of the rescue effort in Oklahoma city after the 1995 bombing. He practices clinical Emergency Medicine at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and continues disaster management activities in New York City and at the federal level.

John Perry received his undergraduate degree from Stony Brook in 1985 and a law degree from NYU four years later. A police officer for eight years, he was filling out retirement papers on Sept. 11, 2001, when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. He ran into the building, badge in hand, and was killed in the collapse. Perry had joined the NYPD in 1993 after practicing immigration law, and had planned to pursue medical malpractice law after his retirement from the police department.

Larry Roher, 1979 Stony Brook graduate, is President and CEO of Expedite VCS, Inc., a business specializing in videoconferencing innovations for government and business. The company has enjoyed worldwide success, particularly within the legal community. Roher serves on the Alumni Association

Group at Stony Brook and is the President of the Seawolves Club Board of Directors.

Lynda Perdono-Ayala earned her Master's degree in Social Work from Stony Brook in 1996. She is the Department Administrator for Pharmacological Sciences in the Health Sciences Center at Stony Brook and has been the advisor to the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) on campus for 15 years. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (VIBS) and was recently appointed to the Suffolk county Human Rights Commission.

herself a healthy eater.

"I like to pick something that looks fresh and healthy, although I think in general both schools do not always serve the freshest foods," Bianchini said. She said she usually enhances the taste of as vegetables and other foods with ketchup, a practice that many of her friends consider "weird."

On the other side of the spectrum is Laura Bradford, a five-foot-five, 125 pound freshman who said she is a very unhealthy eater. She said that much of her dietary intake is comprised of fried foods and sweets.

"If it tastes good, I eat it," Bradford said. "This may sound funny, but I want to gain weight. Basically, I eat whatever if it tastes good."

Stony Brook students can find nutritional help and counseling by contacting Ellen Driscoll, who counsels students with eating issues and disorders. Her nutrition counseling office is inside the infirmary.

One of Driscoll's main concerns is for the students who are trying to overcome an eating disorder. She said she is concerned that that the vegetarian dishes offered are usually unhealthy.

"The choices of food are sometimes beans sitting in a pile of grease, which does not appeal to those who are trying to keep their calorie intake low," Driscoll said.

Driscoll, like Bradford, said she thinks it would be beneficial to post the nutritional values close to the food at the various dining halls on campus.

"It is essential to offer healthy choices such as vegetables, lean meats and tuna to students because these are healthy choices that health-conscious students look for," Driscoll said.

Students with eating disorders seek a daily balance of food groups, she noted, and usually avoid sugars, on which they tend to binge. They look for rice and vegetables to fulfill their need for carbohydrates.

From private sessions with those worried about their nutrition, Driscoll has gathered enough information to conclude that those who seek a nutritious diet usually do a lot of their own cooking.

"Although there are some good choices in campus dining areas, students with eating disorders feel they need to be in control and often buy groceries off-campus," Driscoll said.

Teri Tiso, associate professor of physical education, has studied the nutritional outlook of students from a physical aspect. Tiso emphasized the fact that active students eat 300 to 500 more calories per day than inactive students do. Inactive students sometimes eat only 1500 to 1600 calories per day, which is average for what their activity level demands.

Nutritional supplements such as power bars, power fruit drinks and pills usually add another 300 to 500 more calories on top of the foods active students consume.

"Students who use these supplements usually need them because their lifestyle is fast," Tiso said. "They are active, on the move and need calories rather quickly."



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Award recipient Scott Highen (left) and guests during cocktail hour.

While taking supplements, if a balance of nutrients is not present in the student's diet, an intake of empty calories may result. This is a poor habit to get into, Tiso said, if the individual relies on these supplements to get through the day.

"Students must have a basic knowledge of protein, fat, minerals, vitamins, and water and the proper balance of each," Tiso said. "They must also know how to prepare their own food, as well as, how to choose food portions so that they will get enough of the right calories, and can then avoid excess fat, simple sugars, and salt in their diets."

In Tiso's opinion, the University should offer more wellness classes like the one taught by Key.

"I personally believe this course should be a requirement, but that is difficult to incorporate on a campus," she said. "Most of the students declare that the information they learn is beneficial for life."

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Freshmen Adjust to College Socially, Struggle Academically

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The freshman year brings many changes in the behavior and attitudes of students: Many drink more, study a little harder, and spend far less time on volunteer work and exercise than they did in high school. Those were some of the findings of a new survey of nearly 25,000 freshmen at 109 four-year colleges.

The survey, called "Your First College Year," was given in April to the same students who participated in an earlier survey, given during their first week on campus last fall, and it provides perhaps the largest longitudinal sample of the attitudes of freshmen. Both surveys were conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The results indicate that while freshmen seem to adjust well socially to college life, many struggle academically, said Linda J. Sax, head of the Higher Education Research Institute.

By the end of freshman year, the number of students surveyed who said they were "frequently overwhelmed" by all they had to do had grown to 37.8 percent, up from 29.9 as they entered college. And while students reported studying more than they did in high school, most got lower grades in college than they had expected. Nearly all of them — 97 percent — had guessed they had "some chance" or a "very good chance" of getting a B average their freshman year, but only 77 percent did.

"Students' self-confidence is declining academically," Sax said. "The real challenge of the first year at this point is to help students adjust academically."

Just under half — 47.9 percent — of those surveyed said they felt fairly successful or completely successful in getting to know their professors, although 31 percent said they frequently or occasionally felt

intimidated by them.

One thing college students say they do well in the freshman year is to develop close friendships: Eighty-four percent said they were completely successful or fairly successful at this.

Many also became adept at working a keg: The percentage of students who drank beer frequently or occasionally grew from 45.8 percent at the beginning of freshman year to 58.5 by the end of freshman year. The number of students who said they party six or more hours per week rose to 26.5 percent from 21.4 percent.

"At the same time, they're spending less time on exercise, less time on volunteer work, less time on religion, and less time reading for pleasure," Sax said.

She added that she is particularly troubled by a decline in volunteer work among freshmen. At the beginning of freshman year, 88.5 percent said they "frequently or occasionally" performed volunteer

service, but that number dropped to 62.9 by year's end.

"This is a significant decline at a time when colleges are really trying to promote service learning," she said.

Nearly 53 percent of entering students spent six or more hours per week exercising or playing sports, but that number dropped to 34 percent by the end of the first college year.

Sax said the most surprising finding was that the amount of time students spent discussing politics also dropped, to 13.4 percent from 20.5 percent. Sax said she had expected that there would have been more political discussion after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The survey was also supported by the Policy Center on the First Year of College at Brevard College, and the Pew Charitable Trusts. A report on the survey is expected to be published this week on the higher-education institute's website.

Settlement in Discrimination Suit Against St. Cloud State

By MEGAN ROONEY
The Chronicle of Higher Education

St. Cloud State University agreed to create a Jewish-studies center, change its procedures for considering discrimination complaints, and pay more than \$300,000 to faculty and staff members in a settlement announced Tuesday with a group of professors who accused the university of anti-Semitism. In total, the settlement will cost the university and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System more than \$1 million.

"This is a moral victory," said Arie S. Zmora, an Israeli immigrant and former faculty member in the history department, who was one of the named plaintiffs in the federal class-action lawsuit.

Judy Schermer, a lawyer for the professors, also praised the agreement. "This was never about money," she said. "This was about bringing about real change. There were complaints for decades about discrimination at this university."

Zmora, two other professors, and a student sued the Minnesota university in federal court in Minneapolis in October 2001. In the lawsuit, Zmora described numerous indignities that he says he

endured from fellow professors, including hearing colleagues voicing support of Nazi Germany and describing the history department as a "Christian department."

Eventually, Zmora lost his job when the university converted the temporary post to a tenure-track one. He claimed that he was removed from consideration for the tenure-track post after he delivered a speech on his mother's experience in the Holocaust.

Under the terms of the settlement, Zmora will receive \$165,000.

Laurinda Stryker, a scholar of the Holocaust who taught in the history department, will receive \$80,000 and a paid one-year leave. Geoffrey Tabakin, who teaches in the education department, will receive \$20,000. Both faculty members said they had been targeted for retaliation after speaking out on Zmora's behalf.

The suit was settled as a class action on behalf of all Jewish faculty and staff members at St. Cloud. The university is setting aside \$50,000 for any additional complaints from faculty or staff members who say they have endured discrimination or retaliation for



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St. Cloud University President Roy H. Saigo

opposing anti-Semitism. The university will also pay \$265,000 for the fees of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

The student who was named in the lawsuit, Robbi Hoy, reached a separate settlement with the university. Hoy, then a junior, had joined the suit after seeing her grade in a course change from A to incomplete after organizing a public event in support of Stryker.

In addition to the Jewish-studies center, which will be financed for at least five years at a cost of \$125,000 a year, the university agreed to hire a coordinator for the center who also will teach classes, and to begin mandatory diversity training for faculty and staff members, which will

include a segment on anti-Semitism.

In settling this lawsuit, neither St. Cloud State nor the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System admitted any wrongdoing. In a statement quoted by the Associated Press, the university's president, Roy H. Saigo, said, "St. Cloud State University deeply regrets any acts of anti-Semitism that have occurred on the university campus or in the community." University officials could not be reached for additional comment on Tuesday.

The settlement follows a report, released three weeks ago by Nichols and Associates, a behavioral-science firm based in Washington, D.C., that details anti-Semitic sentiments it found among some St. Cloud faculty and staff members. According to the study, which was commissioned by the university, about one in five faculty and staff members believe there are too many Jewish people involved in higher education, while one in four believe that the problem with hiring Jewish professors is that Christian values are being displaced.

"At a public university, that is pretty upsetting," Schermer said.

Officers Find Bombs and Grenades at Colombian University

By MICHAEL EASTERBROOK
The Chronicle of Higher Education

State security agents in Colombia discovered bombs, grenades, and other weapons at Colombia's largest public university on Friday, a week after suspected leftist rebels launched a mortar attack from the campus.

The three mortars fired on November 22 from National University of Colombia, in Bogotá, landed near the nation's attorney general's office and the U.S. Embassy, but caused no damage or injuries. Law-enforcement authorities blamed the attack on the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of

Colombia, or FARC.

University officials closed the 20,000-student campus last Thursday for a week. The officials did not give a reason for the closing, but it coincides with a two-day visit to Colombia by the U.S. secretary of state, Colin Powell, who was expected to arrive late Tuesday.

The weapons were found during a search that began before dawn on Friday. More than 2,700 police officers and investigators from the attorney general's office scoured the 271-acre campus and found 2 grenades, 108 homemade bombs, and more than 6 pounds of

ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, an explosive mixture known as ANFO, said Anibal García, a federal prosecutor who helped coordinate the search.

Mr. García said that investigators also found FARC pamphlets and flags, but no evidence that members of the university had participated in the November 22 attack. In the past, leftist rebel groups fighting in the nation's 38-year civil conflict have used the campus as a recruiting ground.

Mr. García added that the weapons seized on Friday were found buried in a grass field at the edge of the campus that is easily accessible to the public. A

statement signed by National University's rector, Víctor Manuel Moncayo Cruz, denied that people on the campus were involved in the mortar attack.

"The university's professors, students, and employees recommend, support, and practice conditions that guarantee the dignity and fundamental rights of everyone," the statement said.

In August, mortars fired at the presidential palace during the inauguration of the country's president crashed into a nearby neighborhood, killing 21 people and injuring dozens of others. Authorities also blamed that attack on the FARC.

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Op-Ed

Feminist Rant: 'Tis the Season...

By MARIE HUCHTON
Statesman Staff

'Tis the season to be merry, falalala... and we all know how the rest of it goes in this season of shopping, cooking, and metallic tinsel, in this whirlwind time of unbridled consumerism and childish demands. 'Tis the season of plastic toys and electronic games wrapped under trees groaning with ornaments. It's a season of roast goose, fig pudding and soup kitchens at homeless shelters; of families drinking cocoa in front of a warm fire and homeless people clustering around burning barrels; of upper-class kids begging for Playstation and welfare kids vainly wishing for Nike sneakers.

'Tis the season to appreciate the material possessions in life and to recognize how many people (especially women and children) lack even the most basic necessities. It may come as a surprise that our super-rich, super-powerful country has the highest child poverty rate of any industrialized nation.

The American nation is spending billions on defense, yet we can't keep our children from starving to death. And what is Uncle Sam doing for these destitute kids and their parents?

There are no bills in congress pushing for immediate action against the terror of being poor. There is no committee investigating the causes of urban malnutrition. The entire "economically challenged" population has been quietly swept under the rug and forgotten about, left to slowly vanish from public sight behind political speeches on urban re-development and marketing campaigns for the heartland.

There is no way to categorize who is poor. Economic deprivation cuts across all borders of race, gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation and geographical location. From the farmer in a mid-western town having to mortgage the house, to the eastern factory worker laid off at the plant. From the middle-aged worker at McDonalds to the woman cleaning toilets at the Hilton. There is no single face to poverty, but some populations are more at risk than others are.

A single mother in an urban area, especially if she is young and from a minority racial background, is considerably more likely to eke out an existence below the survival threshold. Why are women at greater risk? Because women still earn only \$.75 for every \$1.00 a man makes and they work in typically lower paying, unskilled jobs which have little room for promotion. Why are single mothers more at risk? Because they have children to support as well as themselves. Because they must pay for childcare while they work. Why are minorities more at risk? Because discrimination is still alive and well in the workplace.

Each of these risk factors on its own is enough to plunge a family into poverty, but all of them combined seem like an inescapable void that sucks in the disenfranchised and invisible. The distance between financial security and tragedy is smaller than you would like to think, and poverty does not banish an individual from the human race.

So go out and buy your Christmas turkey or new pair of Nike's, but never let the panhandler remain faceless or the cleaning lady nameless.

What Should We Protest This Week?

By KEVIN QUAN
Editor Asian American E-zine

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the world as we know it has changed dramatically. Government activity has been on the rise to combat international and domestic threats, and we are in the shadows of what to some seems like an imminent war. New types of legislation have been introduced, including safety regulations, such as those for air travel. However, amidst all these changes there is a segment of the public who feel that the current Bush Administration is simply misusing this wave of public support following the tragedies of 9-11 for other purposes that infringe on civil liberties while the attention of the public is diverted. It can also be argued that there is another group of society

that is using this wave of support for their own goal: liberal political activists.

In recent weeks, there have been calls to action and protests by organizations all over the country, especially on college campuses. Protests have ranged greatly, from canceling foreign debt to nuclear safety, but focus has been greatly centered on anti-war efforts. But what is a beleaguered member of society to do when there are just so many protests taking place at the same time, attacking one for not sharing the same social conscience? One is left to wonder, "Is it possible for me to be antiwar, know how each piece of clothing I wear is manufactured, hate nuclear power, be a vegetarian and

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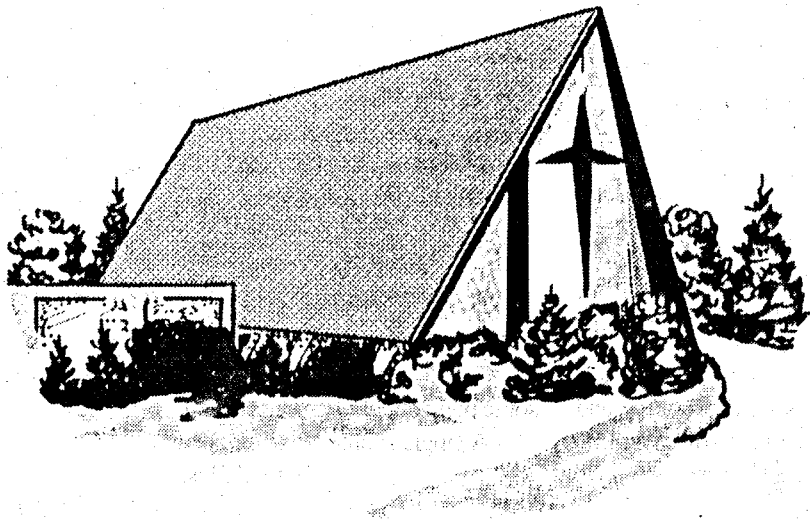
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Offering Legal Insight to Polity Decertification

To the Editor:

I thought it would be useful, as the attorney for the Student Polity Association to write this open letter for publication in the Statesman by way of an informal report to the undergraduate student body on current developments concerning the Student Polity Association.

As most students know, among its duties and responsibilities, the primary function of the Student Polity Association has been the custodianship of the student funds and the disbursal of the same in accordance with Chancellor's Guidelines and campus policy for the needs of the students and the student life in general. Despite its long history of proper administration, demonstrating an orderly and appropriate guardianship and expenditure of such funds and of function in accordance with the above standards, a recent improper program of obstreperous interference by certain members of the Senate unfortunately resulted in an impasse, an interference with normal, proper functioning of Polity.

Such interference with the normal functioning of the Student Polity, ultimately led, as predictably

expected, to the decertification of the Student Polity Association by President Kenny and the creation of a study group tasked with proposing a new model for the student government.

It is expected that when the [Polity] study group has completed its mission, the resultant proposals will be put to a general student referendum.

The task group (consisting of faculty and students) has been selected by Dr. Frederick Preston, chaired by Prof. Norman Goodman is to research and propose a new and improved structure for the student government at Stony Brook. It is expected that when the study group has completed its mission, the resultant proposals will be put to a general student referendum. The most significant task to be accomplished is the creation of a

suitable Constitution, which will serve to clarify matters of principle definitively and in such a way that is referable as a procedural guide but not so specific that "loopholes" can be engineered. Among the matters needed is a definitive statement of the respective roles and responsibilities as well as the perimeters of authority of each branch and its constituents.

In the interim, the responsibly relating to the custodianship of student funds by the now decertified Student Polity Association, including the need to assure fiscal accountability and integrity, as well as the continuation of student life had created the need for the interim placement of all student fees under campus receivership with the campus Faculty Student Association. The FSA has traditionally acted as fiscal agent for the disbursement of graduate student fees and has been selected and agreed, as I am advised, to establish a similar escrow account for the receipt and safekeeping, as well as the disbursal of such undergraduate student fees, as the direction of the Student Polity Association. This arrangement is thought to be in the best interest of the undergraduate student body during the interim period and until the study group has re-established the proper

Constitution procedure and organization.

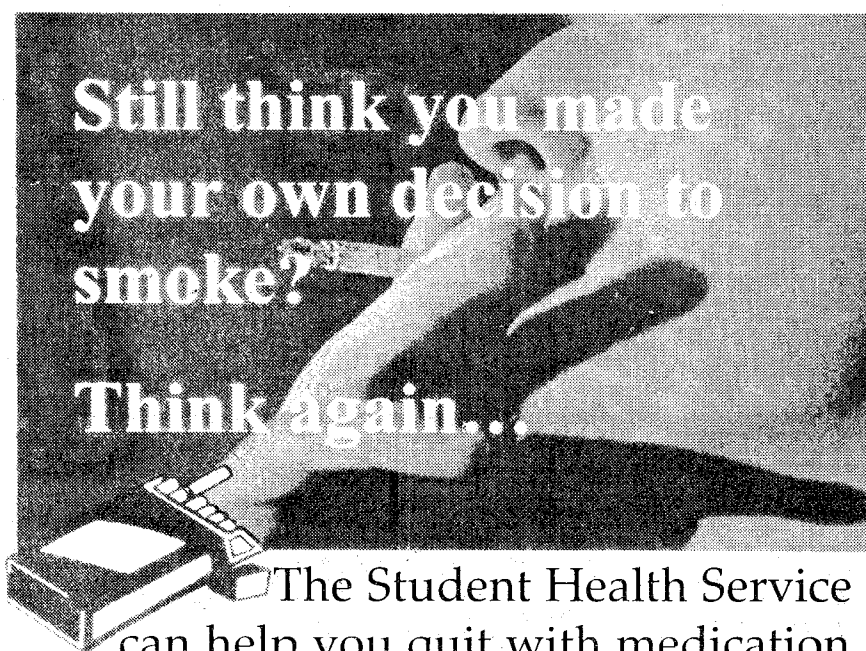
The undersigned has been designated as a consulate to the new task group, particularly with reference to the creation of a more useful Constitution and as to questions of governance.

As most students know, The Shapiro Firm has conducted a legal clinic (Wednesdays, 4:00PM - 7:30PM) when school is in session, in addition to representing the student government by rendering services in its behalf from its offices in Manhattan. We invite all students with questions, ideas or suggestions to contact the undersigned. The success of the present task as well as that of the reorganized student government depends on undergraduate student participation. This means the free exchange of ideas and the full exercise of the voting franchise as appropriate in any respective democracy, student or otherwise.

Sincerely Yours,
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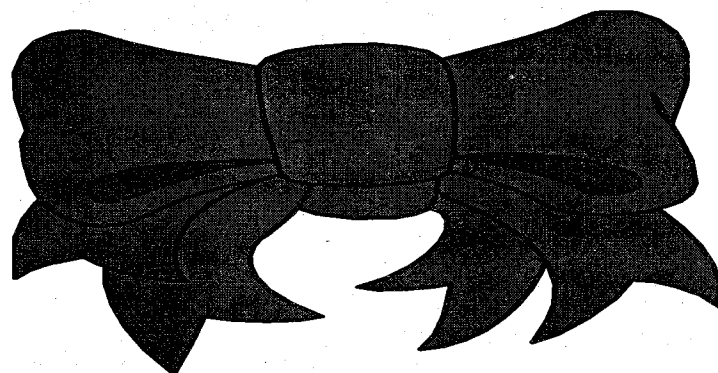
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Grassroots: Power to the People

By NECTARIA KROKIDIS
Statesman Contributor

There has been a mounting grassroots movement against any military action in Iraq brewing in universities and cities throughout the country and the world, yet there has been little mention of it in the mainstream press. Rallies and protests last month in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco were large compared to anti-Vietnam War protests thirty years ago. More protests have been scheduled for January yet the Bush administration continues to aggressively push towards war in Iraq.

The grassroots movement for peace is growing rapidly despite the lack of coverage in the mainstream media. An anti-war demonstration in Central Park on October 6, 2002 drew a crowd of about 20,000. On Nov. 21, 2002, there was a local protest against war at Hofstra University with a turnout of about 150 students and faculty members. Also, there was a rally here at Stony Brook on Oct. 16, 2002 that included 350 of your peers and faculty members.

Oct. 26, 2002 was a day of simultaneous international protests in

D.C. and San Francisco as well as in Rome, Berlin, Copenhagen, Tokyo and Mexico City. The U.S. rallies, which were organized by ANSWER, a non-profit organization composed of a coalition of several anti-war organizations, drew an estimated 100,000 people in San Francisco

Anti-war groups are reporting that membership is on the rise as never before.

while 200,000 protesters marched for peace on the Capitol.

The protesters were very diverse by age, gender, race, and ethnicity and represented a cross-section of Americans. Some were singles; others joined the protest with their families, or arrived with groups such as Peoples Organization for Progress, International Socialist Organization, Vietnam Veterans for Peace,

and New Yorkers Say No to War. Stony Brook University also was represented by a busload of students organized by the Social Justice Alliance and Students for Peace and Humanity.

Numerous mass protests against the planned war in Iraq and the stalling of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians have been conducted already for some time in several countries abroad, including those considered close U.S. allies, such as Great Britain, France, Spain and Germany. But the protest movement in the U.S. is now increasing, as well. People across the country are organizing themselves to form peace groups that will surely make themselves heard at the next peace rallies in D.C. in January 2003. In addition, anti-war groups are reporting that membership is on the rise as never before.

Stony Brook students interested in learning more about the "War on Terrorism", Iraq, and the role of the United Nations are invited to attend a student conference on "Globalization, Human Rights, and Terrorism" organized by CELT and the Federated Learning Community Program on Globalization on Wednesday, December 11 from 5-9 in the SAC auditorium.

CHOICE On Smoking

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"It seems like we were able to help many of them start the road to stopping smoking. Hopefully, they'll follow through with their commitments to quit."

The CHOICE Center is planning to continue the anti-smoking effort every week, Mastroianni said. The Center has an informational table set up in the lobby of the Union each week, and the push for smoking cessation, including "Quit Kits," will be a part of their regular table, he said.

"Having tables like these set up is so important because it helps students recognize that they have the power to quit," Jerson said. "It provides them with resources and support and maybe even the initiative. Smoking kills 400,000 people annually and is the most preventable cause of death. Programs like this are essential to helping those who truly want to quit and improve their lives."

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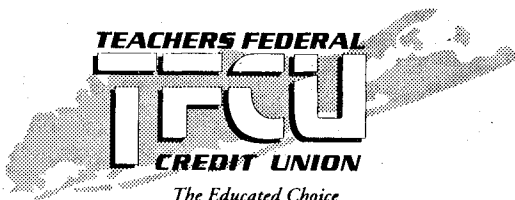
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No Jordan, No Wins

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
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The only thing harder to find than a solid play by the Seawolves Monday against St. John's was any sign of Sherry Jordan. Well, she made a cameo in the stands, but there was nothing she could do as a spectator while her team fell to the Red Storm, 68-57.

The story of the Seawolves season is not a question of why they have yet to win a game but if or when Jordan will return to lineup. Jordan last year's leading scorer is suspended indefinitely for violation of team rules and hasn't even practiced with the team for over a month. Coach Trish Roberts said that Jordan has kept close contact with the team, but was tired of talking about the situation and would offer no timetable as to when Jordan may return.

"What happens in the family stays in the family," she said. "Right now I'm concerned about this team and the players that are here."

The people that are on the team right now are still searching. They are searching for their first win, some team chemistry and a proven scorer. "We're looking for someone who can score and score consistently," Roberts said.

Their last game sophomore Stephanie Barlett, playing point guard this season for the first time in her life, took on the role. She played almost the entire game and finished with 22 points, shooting 3 for 6 from three-point range.

Barlett, like all the other starters aside from Danielle DeGiorgio, is new to playing significant minutes. "This year is more like a learning experience," Barlett said.

She dismissed the idea that the Jordan-saga has been a distraction to the team. "We miss Sherry but she's not here with us so we can't worry about that," she said.

St. John's head coach Kim Arico, a former SBU basketball player, told her team to take advantage of the Jordan-less Seawolves, a team that is also missing Theresa LoParrino. The sophomore point guard is still battling back from an ACL injury from last season.

St. John's had their top scorer, Danielle Rainey, who scored 23 points with six rebounds. Arico compared the Seawolves playing without Jordan to her team losing Rainey. "It must be tough for them," she said.

It was tough for them to find a basket in the first half. They shot 36.4% while St. John's opened a 41-25 lead by halftime. While Stony Brook struggled to find baskets and fluidity, they gave up easy shots on the other end. SJU shot 64.0% in the first half, the timeframe during which the game was decided.

The Red Storm coach discovered that her team had been placed in the same locker room she had as a player during the 1998-99 season. "I'd love to be sitting back there on those benches," Arico said. "I told them to take advantage of these opportunities [And they did]."

Coach Roberts flatly said her team just didn't play well and they are still searching for something that works.

A soft-spoken Barlett offered some ideas. "We need to get some more intensity," she said. "We're still looking for a leader."



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