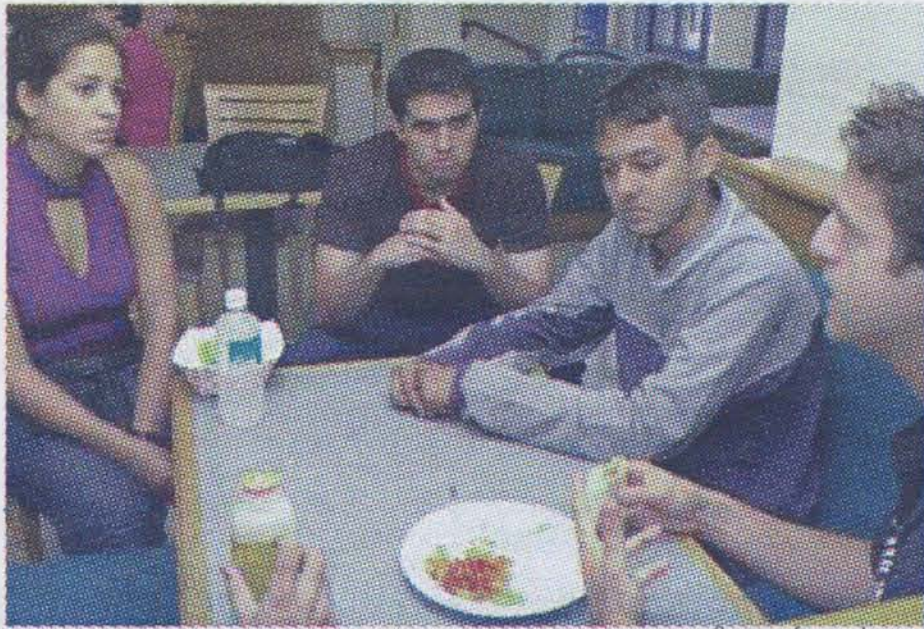


Muslims Cope with Bias on Campus in Wake of Terrorist Attacks



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Muslim students gathered to discuss how the terrorist attacks have increased biases against them, both on and off campus.

By KELLY BROWN
Statesman Contributor

Students, faculty, and staff of Arab descent and those of the Muslim faith comprise a substantial percentage of the Stony Brook campus. After last Tuesday's terrorist attack, there has been a backlash across the country against Muslims, Sikhs, and others who appear to be of Middle Eastern background.

In at least six states, mosques were damaged. A Pakistani in Dallas and a Sikh man in Arizona were killed, and a number other attacks have been reported.

At Stony Brook University, rumors of hate crimes committed against Muslims, Sikhs and others who appear to be Middle Eastern, have run rampant. Deputy Chief Douglas Little, spokesman

for the University Police, condemns this phenomenon.

"We have to dispel the rumors," Little said. Proliferating these false stories, he added, is "inappropriate, unjust, and unlawful."

But he acknowledges that there is an element, however minute, that threatens the campus community. According to the police, there was a single instance of phone harassment reported by a female Muslim student.

There was also anti-Muslim graffiti at several sites around campus, photographed and removed by officers on patrol. And there may be incidents that go unrecorded.

Dr. Kamal Sridhar, a professor in the Linguistics and India Studies departments, believes that fear of retribution may prevent students from reporting incidents to the police.

"Several Arab women came and said they had been harassed on campus," she said. "They were afraid. They were confused. They don't know where to go."

Women of the Muslim faith are at particular risk for discrimination because they commonly don hijab, a head covering worn for religious purposes,

before leaving their homes. Their clothing makes them targets. Sikhs dressed in turbans face the same difficulty. Dr. Sridhar illuminates the expanse of the problem, citing recent instances in which Indian students have been singled out and harassed because of their traditional garb.

"My friends are upset," said one Muslim student. "The girls don't want to go out alone, and I don't blame them."

But around campus, many Arab and Muslim students say they feel buffered by the college community. Faculty and classmates have reached out in prayer, in conversation, and in gestures as simple as a smile

The apprehension that does exist among Muslims, Arab, and others on campus is fueled principally by isolated reports that are revisited tirelessly by media sources.

Dr. Sridhar, after speaking with many students of varied backgrounds, says there is not a "great deal of paranoia" at Stony Brook. She admires the student body for "doing their share" to be supportive of one another in a time of upheaval.

Sister Sanaa Nadim, Islamic
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SBU M.D. Develops New Lyme Disease Test

By PATRICK CALABRIA
Director of Media Relations

A new, rapid diagnostic test for Lyme Disease that reduces the result time from about a week to only 20 to 30 minutes has been developed at Stony Brook University Hospital. Raymond J. Dattwyler, M.D., Chief of the Division of Allergy and Immunology in the Department of Medicine, and a team of researchers published their findings in the September 10 issue of the prestigious medical journal, Archives of Internal Medicine.

"This new test will save patients and their physicians time, money, anxiety, and uncertainty because it is so accurate. It is ideal for physicians to administer in their offices. Results are available within 20 to 30 minutes," Dattwyler said, who is also Professor of Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine.

Lyme Disease is a major public health concern, and is the most common tick-borne disease in the country. Standard testing for Lyme Disease has been a lengthy two-step process. First, a blood test has been done in a laboratory, with results about a week later. If



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Borrelia burgdorferi, the bacteria that cause Lyme disease, seen at 400x magnification.

these findings are positive or uncertain, the patient would then be referred for a second, confirmatory blood exam, called a Western blot test. Again, the results become available in about one week.

The use of this rapid assay in the office streamlines the two-step diagnostic process by allowing the doctor to determine if a Western blot is indicated at the time

of the initial office visit.

"By decreasing the turnaround time for definitive results, patients can begin treatment with antibiotics faster and have their anxiety lessened as well. It is certainly an advance in patient care," Dattwyler said.

In addition, cost savings to the health care system may be reduced by the new test because fewer laboratory and other related diagnostic tests will have to be performed to make the correct diagnosis.

"The earlier we can begin treatment, the more effective that treatment may be, saving weeks or

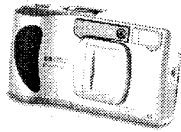
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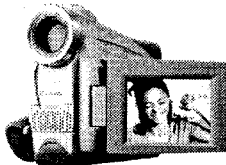
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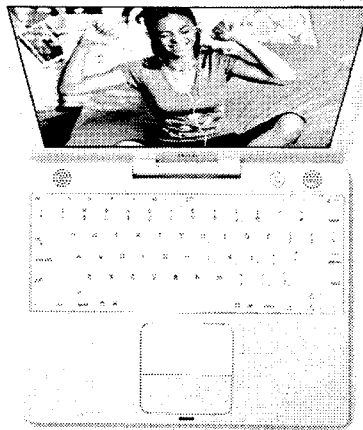
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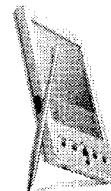
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Local Surgeons Study New Breast Implants

By GENE TULMAN
Statesman Editor

Two local plastic surgeons, Dr. Robert A. Jacobs and Dr. Hillard Warm, have been selected to participate in a national study on new silicone breast implants.

The innovative cohesive gel implants offer a significant alternative to other breast implants that are presently available in the United States.

Dr. Jacobs did his undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and received a medical degree from the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University.

He completed both his general and plastic surgery training in the state of Pennsylvania. Jacobs is currently the Chief of both Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery at Saint Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson, New York.

Dr. Warm received an undergraduate degree from the University of Buffalo and completed his medical degree at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara. He received surgical training in the states of New York and South Carolina. Warm is currently the Chief of Plastic Surgery at Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson, New York.

Jacobs and Warm are both involved with the cosmetic



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Dr. Robert A. Jacobs and Dr. Hillard Warm (not shown) are participating in a national study on cohesive gel breast implants.

component of plastic surgery, and have been working together in private practice since 1988.

"The nice thing about plastic surgery is that [plastic surgeons] are not restricted," Warm pointed out, while reflecting on his interest in the field. "There are a lot of options to choose from, such as re-constructive and cosmetic [procedures]. I find it rewarding."

Drs. Jacobs and Warm are the only two cosmetic specialists in the state of New York chosen to conduct clinical research on the new cohesive gel implants.

The pair will join a group of about

forty-four plastic surgeons who will be conducting a national study of the long-term effectiveness of the silicon gel implants. Overall, these implants will be tested on approximately 500 patients. The subjects will be followed for 10 years following the experimental implantation.

Drs. Jacobs and Warm will personally be performing 10 new augmentations, using cohesive silicone breast implants, as well as redoing 5 old augmentations.

These seemingly novel implants are not novel on the global scale. Cohesive silicone breast implants have been surgically implanted in

Europe for nearly a decade. In the United States, however, such implants are currently only in clinical investigation. Thus, cohesive gel implants will not be available to the American public any earlier than the year 2005.

According to Dr. Jacobs, American women may benefit from these implants. "I think that once the [cohesive silicone] implants are approved by the FDA, they may give women better options than are currently available," Jacobs noted, while commenting on the quality of these novel implants.

Cohesive silicone breast implants may not only be safer than other types, but also more aesthetically pleasant. These gel implants eliminate the possibility of leakage, and maintain their shape even when pricked by a needle or cut with a knife. Also, cohesive implants do not wrinkle, as do other currently FDA approved breast implants.

Until the silicone gel implants are available in the United States, Drs. Jacobs and Warm hope to continue performing breast augmentations and other cosmetic procedures.

"Patients are often looking to improve themselves," Jacobs mentioned. "We are going to continue trying to provide the best possible service at an affordable price."

SBU Researchers Awarded Nearly \$4M from Department of Energy



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James Glimm, a SciDAC researcher, is the Chair of the Applied Mathematics and Statistics Department.

By PATRICK CALABRIA
Director of Media Relations

Stony Brook University has won \$3.85 million in two separate grants awarded by the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

One award, for \$2.6 million, is for a project

designed to develop standardized software for the solution of mathematical equations in the fields of physics, engineering, and biology. The second award, for \$1.25 million, is the second largest award ever given to fund a theoretical

astrophysics research in the nation's history.

The awards are among the first made by the DOE's Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing (SciDAC) program. Fifty-one projects will receive a total of \$57 million this fiscal year to advance fundamental research in areas, such as climate modeling, fusion energy sciences, chemical sciences, nuclear astrophysics, high-energy physics, and high performance computing.

James Glimm, a Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, and Xiaolin LI, an Associate Professor in the department, are the chief researchers of the project entitled "Terascale Simulation: Tools and Technology," which won the \$2.6 million award.

The project will establish a center to create software that will allow for special levels of accuracy in studying climate predictions, ocean dynamics, supernovas, and biomedical

applications.

The project also includes researchers from Brookhaven National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Douglas Swesty, James Lattimer, and Madappa Prakash, professors in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, are Stony Brook's researchers on a team that also includes representatives from Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Illinois.

The \$1.25 million award is for the project, "Shedding Light on New Stars: TeraScale Simulations of Neutrino-Driven Supernovas and their Nucleosynthesis," which will enable the creation of software to develop models for core-collapse supernova, the massive explosions that accompany the death of massive stars and the birth of

neutron stars and black holes

SciDAC is an integrated program that will help create a new generation of scientific simulation codes. The codes will take full advantage of the extraordinary computing capabilities of terascale computers (computers capable of doing trillions of calculations per second) to address ever larger, more complex problems. The program also includes research on improved mathematical and computing systems software that will allow these codes to use modern parallel computers effectively and efficiently.

Additionally, the program will develop "collaboratory" software to enable geographically separated scientists to effectively work together as a team, to control scientific instruments remotely and to share data more readily.

"This innovative program will help us to find new energy sources for the future, understand the effect of

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The goal of the 2001 Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat is to act as a spark to stimulate not only discussion but also action on the Stony Brook campus. Discussion topics will be centered on multiculturalism, leadership, and global citizenry. The Retreat is designed to be a learning experience that enriches all who participate.

The Planning committee invites essays from students who would like to be considered to participate in the year's event. Authors of the selected essays will be invited to attend the Retreat to share their ideas with a larger audience.

Applications are due by 5pm on October 10. Forms are available from the Department of Student Union and Activities, 266 Stony Brook Union; Student Activities Office, 219 Student Activities Center; Student Polity, 202 Student Activities Center, and the Graduate Student Organization, 227 Student Activities Center. If you have any questions, please call Marcia Wiener 632-6820 or send e-mail Marcia.Wiener@sunysb.edu

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Academies Build Taliban Support

By TINA SUSMAN
Courtesy of Newsday

Principal, teachers, and students of Markaz Uloom Islamia, one of hundreds of Islamic academies in the city near the Afghan border, most graduates embrace the strict version of Islam, and are devout Taliban supporters.

But the Bush administration is threatening to attack the Taliban if the group does not hand over Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect in last week's terrorist strikes.

While the Islamic academies around Peshawar say they conduct no military training, there is little doubt that they are prime recruiting grounds for the Taliban and associated Islamic militant forces.

The academies - called medrasas - have grown in the 22 years since the Soviet

Union invaded Afghanistan. After the Soviets retreated, in 1989, many hard-line Islamic institutions continued to flourish here. It is estimated that 5,000 medrasas dot Pakistan.

Funding for the schools comes from donations. Osama bin Laden is a major benefactor of such institutions.

"People think that Taliban are monsters who eat people, but look at us!" said 21-year-old Kifayat Ullah, who left Afghanistan a year ago and says his goal, upon finishing his studies, is "to try to sow Islam."

Students and school officials said anti-American rhetoric plays no part in their education. But it takes little discussion before they begin dark talk of a Jewish-Western conspiracy against Islam and of their willingness to take up

arms should the United States strike Afghanistan.

"We understand the Westerners, but they don't understand us, because the media are in the hands of the Jews, and the Jews want to use the media against the Muslim world," Arifeen said. He declared that last week's airliner attacks in the United States must have been done by Israel to provoke a U.S. attack against the Taliban.

As for U.S. allegations that Osama bin Laden, who is harbored by the Taliban, sponsored the attacks, the men of the medrasa echoed the Taliban's insistence that neither he nor the Taliban are responsible.

Nobody here claimed to be happy over the deaths in the United States, and most were quick to express sympathy to

the victims and their families. But they agreed that the attacks were God's way of punishing a country they said has defended Israel while repeatedly attacking Muslims.

Military training is claimed to play no part in medrasas' curriculum, foreign diplomats say it is common for schools to take students into Afghanistan or remote areas of Pakistan for military training, making them prime recruits for the Taliban.

For the men of the medrasas, though, training or its lack is not seen as relevant in a war whose outcome they see as clear. "We're not fighting for our lives or land, property or any material things.

"We're fighting for Islam," said Tahir, the teacher. If the United States attacks Afghanistan, "it means America is going to fight Allah, and nobody has the power to defeat Allah."

National

Attacks Shift Power, Alliances of Interest Groups

By THOMAS B. EDSALL
The Washington Post

The terrorist attacks on the United States have forced the creation of new and unexpected political alliances and major shifts in the balance of power among special interest groups.

The post-Sept. 11 agenda has prompted a détente between business and labor. It has strengthened the hand of the energy industry and weakened, at least momentarily, the environmental movement. And it has forced civil libertarians on both the left and the right into a united defensive posture in the face of calls for the expansion of government surveillance, search and arrest powers.

"For the moment, at least, the electorate is on a war footing and

everything else about politics flows from that fact," said Democratic pollster Geoff Garin.

Earlier this week, John Sweeney and Thomas Donohue, presidents of the AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, respectively, and bitter political adversaries in recent years, together announced their support for major public and private investment in rebuilding the nation's economy and fighting foreign enemies.

The Chamber has opposed much domestic spending as a waste of taxpayer money to benefit special interests. But given the precariousness of the economy and the severity of the blow to New York, a commercial and financial center, Chamber leadership has shifted.

"We will support the thoughtful expenditure of new dollars from the

Congress and the private sector to make available a stimulus that this economy needs to create jobs and expand the work force," Donohue said.

The calls for an expansion of government surveillance and search powers have united elements of the left and right in opposition.

The Senate already has passed legislation making warrants for electronic computer searches easier to obtain, and the administration is preparing a package of proposals that could include encryption restrictions, extended use of facial recognition technology, and facilitated search warrants in terrorism investigations.

The environmental movement is now facing an uphill legislative struggle, as support for domestic energy exploration is expected to grow because

of anxiety over the U.S. dependence on the Middle East for oil.

The issue that has environmentalists most concerned is the pending Bush administration legislation calling for the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling. Environmentalists, who had some confidence they could defeat the drilling plan in the Senate, are now concerned that wavering senators will back the development of domestic energy sources.

"The vote count [before Sept. 11] was close, but we felt we could have won on the floor," said Debra Callahan, president of the League of Conservation Voters. Now, "if it moves, it is hard in the face of an argument about national security to vote against additional resource extraction."

Metro

Officials Offer Plan to Rebuild New York

By CURTIS L. TAYLOR AND NICK CHILES
Courtesy of Newsday

City officials released an ambitious proposal for rebuilding lower Manhattan Tuesday as the city sorrowfully acknowledged the one-week anniversary of the World Trade Center attack and the slim likelihood of finding more survivors.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone released a plan to establish an unprecedented commission with "broad and sweeping powers" to corral the city's vast resources and rebuild the area around the World Trade Center.

The passion to help the city move past the tragedy was also evidenced in Washington and Albany. President Bush issued an order Tuesday increasing the

federal funds available to pay for cleanup of the collapsed buildings in lower Manhattan. The federal government will now pay the entire cost. The president also signed a bill providing \$40 billion to help New York City recover.

In Albany, state lawmakers proposed various efforts to provide help, including free college tuition in the State and City University of New York systems to victims.

After viewing the disaster site with U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan, Giuliani said any rebuilding effort should include a memorial "for the massive numbers of people who were lost."

"There should be a memorial here to the spirit of the Americans that rebuilt it," the mayor said.

Annan said he would like for officials from other nations to view the carnage as a nudge to persuade them to join the fight against terrorism.

"We are all shocked, but to see it close up gives you a completely different dimension," Annan said.

As the bewilderment begins to fade, city residents are starting to realize that the inconveniences that come with increased security, traffic and paranoia might be around for a while. According to the estimates of one city official, the cleanup will take a year.

The statements of workers and officials around the site are becoming increasingly hopeless.

One Fire Department captain near Ground Zero conceded that "FEMA is pretty much taking over. They're moving

in the cranes. It will be a miracle if they find anyone."

But another firefighter said: "At some point, you've got to move in the heavy machinery. We're not going to sacrifice more guys at this point. You can't. But it's hard. Guys don't want to give that up."

Even Giuliani, sounded pessimistic about the hope for survivors.

"The chances of recovering any live human beings are very, very small given the amount of time and the condition of the site," he said.

"We will still conduct ourselves as a rescue effort, as well as a recovery effort. But we don't have any substantial amount of hope that we can offer to anyone that we're going to be able to find anyone alive," he added.

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Editorial

Finding a Balance

The Statesman has offered constant coverage of the terrorist attacks and their consequences since last Tuesday's tragedy occurred. Some have questioned if it is within the responsibility and capability of a college newspaper to reliably report a topic of such magnitude.

After all, our resources are clearly dwarfed by those of professional periodicals. Indeed, the controversy has even been debated in our very newsroom.

Thankfully, a consensus has been reached. The following is an explanation of that accord.

Simply put, there was no precedent for the destruction of the World Trade Center and the damage rendered to the Pentagon. Forget unexpected. It was unfathomable. America was forced to undergo a traumatic, history-altering experience that has already begun to impact the rest of the world.

These past few days are only the lull

before the storm. As President Bush has so earnestly declared, we will soon be at war. It may be a war of an unknown nature, but it will be war nonetheless.

Now is the time to understand the issues. Now is the time to voice our concerns. Now is the time to address the fallacies that will get overlooked once the conflict truly unfolds. Knowledge is the strongest catalyst for progress. And though it is rarely attained, the elusive advantage of foresight far outstrips the bitter luxury of hindsight.

But why attempt such lofty goals in a college newspaper?

Because most college students don't read professional newspapers. Because MTV is infinitely more appealing than C-SPAN. Because while the Statesman is at best little more than a 24-page rag, it is easily the most accessible rag on campus.

But why offer so much sympathy to Muslims? Aren't they the ones who attacked us?

Because Muslims didn't attack us — fanatical terrorists posing as Muslims attacked

us. Because the guttural instinct to condemn an entire religion and its followers is an insult to common sense. Because at least one Muslim girl has already reported being attacked here at Stony Brook.

But why be so biased in the approach? Why are Muslims always portrayed positively?

Because that's not the case. Because we cover the news as it occurs, not as we think it should occur. Because the international article in this very issue captures the ignorance and violence that runs unchecked in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

And yes, the Statesman would be remiss to omit alternative perspectives. Even perspectives few of us in the newsroom share. Such a perspective is featured on page seven of this very issue.

America has a problem with hypocrisy. It is an aspect of our culture that should be shunned and reviled, not embraced and justified. So long as the Statesman remains a voice of the public, we will strive to fulfill that goal.

Op-Ed

In Truth She Wrote

BY EISHA BASIT
Statesman Contributor

If I close my eyes I can almost pretend that none of this ever happened. I can pretend that it is the day before, the hour before, even the second before it happened. I can pretend this because, in those moments before the world changed, I was a girl fresh into college with all the hopes and dreams that entail the much-anticipated future. I am still that girl, but like many of you, my future is not so anticipated anymore. It hangs over me dark and ominous because of the very uncertainty and fear it holds.

I will tell you the truth: I wanted to write this piece because I wished to understand you, wished for you to understand me. But, as I sit here and write this, I wonder if you even know me, know who I am?

Well, for starters I am human. I know how to laugh and cry and feel pain. I know how to dream and I know what it is to have ones' dream shattered. I know, I can understand, I can feel what it is to lose a loved one, because I have lost before. I can feel the sharp dread that passes through me when a plane of passengers explodes through a building. I know you feel it too, because I sense the terror in your eyes, and I am positive that if I looked into a mirror, I would see the same terror in mine. What I'm trying to say is that whether it's you or it's me, we're in the same position right now. We're both sharing the same pain.

Oh, and one more thing, I am Muslim. What? Are you shocked? Disgusted? You've been reading all this time, and now I tell you I am Muslim? So reading my words must defile you, right?

Don't you see how absurd this is? I am still the same person I was at the start of the piece as I am this far into it. So will you throw this paper away and disregard all I

have said? Or will you, in the humanity I see in you, continue to read on and see what else I feel? For the sake of our very civilization, I hope you will have the courage to go on. For where your emotions end at your loss, I am trembling at the greater loss to come.

I am scared. Not for myself, but for mankind.

I am afraid you misunderstand the true meaning of the terrorism that has occurred. The terror was not the building that was destroyed or the lives that were lost. No, that was the bond that joined us together in our time of pain. The terror is what they, those who did this horrendous act, hope you will do now that they have pushed you in the right direction.

Your impulse perhaps, because I am Muslim, is to destroy me. To ruin me and degrade me because that is the only way the loss can be compensated, right? By attacking me or attacking others like me who had nothing to do with this heinous act, who are innocent, you will be avenged, right?

Will you, like the terrorists, seek to avenge yourselves by wiping out innocents? Truly, two wrongs will never make a right, and maybe their deaths won't be enough to ease the pain of those lost, so you'll have to go further. Wipe out the whole race, and while at it, why not destroy the whole world? Surely then, vengeance will be yours. But sadly, you will be the only ones left.

So tell me, how far does it go? Because, honestly, I don't know. You kill me, I kill you, and we kill some others. Great plan...so, then what?

I am Muslim. I believe in the religion of Islam, a religion of peace. One that denounces acts of terrorism and abhors persecution. Most importantly, one that understands what it is to be persecuted. Just as there were Christians and Jews in the World Trade Center, so were

there Muslims and peoples of other religions. Is one of your faith more dead than one of mine, though they were both killed by the same act of hate?

Am I wrong to wonder and question at these things? Am I in error to wonder whether your children will grow up to hate my children, or whether the honest smile you once gave me is now shadowed by revulsion?

I'm sorry, I have never been very good at playing games of distrust. I cannot stand the thought of having to look at you and wonder whether you will attack my fellows or myself, or whether the hand you extend towards me is one of friendship or one intended to rip my arm out. I want to be free to smile at you and laugh at our wills, free to know that you are, as you've always been, my friend. I want to be free...free of the terror.

I understand your pains. I ask you to understand mine. Do not run from your fears, let them out, as I have let mine out today before your very eyes.

I have written this piece with the very being of my soul. I regret I can give you no more. It's your turn now to allow me to share your hurt. For the very bond of our humanity, the very being of our creation makes us common to each other in our pain. I cannot help but realize that Langston Hughes' words are so appropriate here, for truly you are "a part of me, as I am a part of you. That's American."

We will inevitably be faced with each other again. Us, people of all races and religions, we will see each other in hallways, or classrooms, or in dining halls. I will be there among the many in the crowds, hoping you will not ridicule or abuse my kind, praying that you will steadily meet my eyes and nod your head in acceptance. I believe in truth, in justice, and in you. I leave it up to you now: will you remove the veil of hatred and lies, and believe in me?

On Truth: Truth Beyond Sight

By **FREDDY DAVIS**
Statesman Staff

With truth then being something beyond sight and relative to reality what presumable nature of truth do we have then to invest in it?

Truth needs to have the property of being able to be replicated with the same results such that the apple falls down from the tree and not a coincide of a place or time when such an event occurred but some claimed absolute that all apples will fall down from a tree under the same circumstances. It is this property that separates the nature truth and makes it such as opposed to a mere coincidence of time or place.

In this search for the nature we find that truth has been claimed to be under many establishments. Truth has been labeled and falsely at times, custom, tradition, laws, or common practice or policy. For each of these have been shown to have falsities at their core, and the only truth they have had was that others have done it for years, and so what can be wrong with it, a sort of pragmatic approach.

Yet there is one aspect of truth that does seem to come out of these establishments as they try to pin down truth in their practices, that of truth as being dynamic. For each point in time can be noted how truth in being synonymous with fact, which at times is perhaps wrongly accused in that, has changed. The world once seen as flat or as the center of the universe, the now accepted view is the heliocentric model with a spherical earth.

These are things I cannot give you direct answers, for there are no words to fully explain such connections to truth and you will have to find such truth on your own. For truth in hindsight appears to always be beyond our current perception and knowledge. The way to such truth then comes by asking such



Truth is dynamic. Go find it.

questions of our reality, or perceptions of it. For, if you were blind or deaf would this perceived existence of the statement or fact be any less true?

In this process, though, you will find one thing: truth is fleeting because it is dynamic.

With all this, what are we left with? Perhaps with less truth than what we started. For truth is dynamic as can be displayed in the shift from a time to believing other than a geocentric view of the universe was hearsay to now holding that it can only logically be a heliocentric model that must be so. Truth does change with time.

So go out there, inspect, tear down the old walls of traditional truth. It is truth that is so because it has been done so many times over by others. And become your own experimenter with this notion of truth in your very own lives, for there is truth for you and you must find it yourself. No one else will show you to its door. For as they say, the truth is out there.

Administrative Spotlight: Deputy Chief Doug Little

By **GREGORY KHANHAI**
Statesman Staff

Doug Little is a very charismatic guy. My supposed half-hour interview flew past the two and a half hour mark without notice. Doug is very enthusiastic about Stony Brook and this country for reasons he shared with me in our interview. Here's what he had to say:

Greg: Describe your job.

Doug: In the capacity of Deputy Chief of campus police, I am in charge of the neighborhood watch, patrol and Crime-Stoppers. I am also the public relations officer for the police department. That is why I don't wear my uniform. Although I am very proud of it, I wear plain clothes to make the people I meet more comfortable.

Greg: What is your educational background?

Doug: I have an Associates degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in political science. As a matter of fact, a bachelor's degree is required for a Stony Brook officer.

Greg: What is a typical negative scenario with a student and officer?

Doug: The most frequent infractions are alcohol related bad behavior. Another scenario that you have brought up is the closing of the library. There are people who have been very rude to the officer because they have to get their three hours of studying done and there is this cop telling them they have to leave the building and he says, "Look, you gotta leave, we're closing the building." He hasn't said anything terrible, but there are cops that will say, "Look guys we have to close the building and we have



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Deputy Police Chief Doug Little.

to leave." Sometimes the approach is because of what they encounter daily. You may say, "Hey, I am regular guy, ask me like a gentleman." The cop will say, "I've done that 15 times, and now I just say the building has to close because I have to do my job." We make our officers accountable for their actions.

Greg: Are there walls that police are trained to erect between themselves and students?

Doug: No. There shouldn't be a wall between students and police. The majority of this campus is made up of good people. One of the things that have been a success is that we have gotten out there and talked to students. We are at orientations because we have fought to be acquainted with the student body. It is what we are working for - a closer relationship.

Greg: What did you want to become while growing up?

Doug: Believe it or not, when I was a child my parents would laugh at me because I told everyone I wanted

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We Are All Israelis Now

By **ROBERT TRACINSKI**
Courtesy of the Ayn Rand Institute

The day after last Tuesday's bombings, the headline of the French newspaper *Le Monde* declared: "We are all Americans now." It was an extraordinary gesture, especially from the French and especially from *Le Monde*.

But the more appropriate headline, both in Europe and in America, would be: "We are all Israelis now."

Israel has never been the victim of a terrorist attack of the same size as the bombings in New York and Washington. But in the past year—since Yasser Arafat initiated his new war against Israel—terrorists have killed or wounded more than 1,000 Israeli civilians. Compared to Israel's population—less than 6 million people—that's the equivalent of 44,000 civilians casualties in the United States.

The terror we experienced last week is what Israelis have lived with for decades, and the motive of the terrorists is the same. Their motive is not solely a hatred for Jews, though that is an

important component.

Their motive is a wider hatred for the West—for the free, secular society that allows us to flout Islamic law—for the industry, technology, and economic freedom that makes us wealthy—for the military might that makes us invulnerable to conventional attack.

The terrorists grasp this commonality, and they hate America, not only because we support Israel, but because Israel shares and represents our values.

As a Palestinian cleric declared last year in a sermon at a Gaza mosque—a sermon broadcast on Arafat-controlled television—"Wherever you are, kill the Jews, [and] the Americans, who are like them." This is the enemy against whom we have urged the Israelis to exercise restraint.

It is conceivable that, for many people, the plight of the Israelis was not fully real until we faced the same kind of attack here in America. Now they have no excuse.

The most contemptible cowards, however, are those university leftists

who are now urging Americans, not to sympathize with the Israelis, but to sacrifice them. These are the people who tell us we should respond to terrorism, not by liquidating the terrorist organizations and their backers, but by "looking at the reasons why we are hated in the Islamic world."

The reason they usually single out is our support for Israel. So, to mollify the friends of Osama bin Laden, we are supposed to abandon 5 million Jews to a new holocaust.

The accomplices of these intellectuals are the myopic pragmatists at the State Department who are trying to force further concessions on Israel.

By supporting the Palestinian cause, they hope to convince more Arab nations to sign on to our anti-terrorist coalition. The nation's compromiser-in-chief, Colin Powell, is even entertaining overtures from Syria and Iran. The idea, apparently, is to launch a war against terrorism by cozying up to terrorists.

This is just a continuation of the real cause of the terrorist threat against the United States. That cause is not our

support for Israel, but the principles behind the disastrous "peace process" we have foisted on Israel.

we were to follow the advice we have given Israel for the past decade, we would respond to last week's terror attacks by opening up negotiations with Osama bin Laden.

We would invite him to Camp David for peace talks, where we would agree to install him as dictator of his own quasi-government, supported with American foreign aid. After every new bombing and every new slaughter of American citizens, we would have to declare our renewed dedication to this "peace process" and invite bin Laden back for more negotiations. We would have to smile and believe his lies every time he tells us that he just can't control the suicide bombers who keep laying waste to our cities.

If this sounds utterly repugnant—if it sounds like a prescription for suicide—remember that this has been our officially sanctioned Middle East policy for the past eight years.

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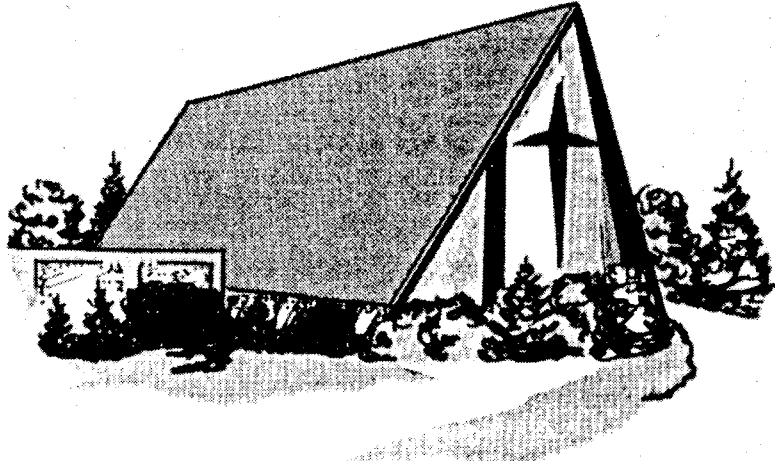
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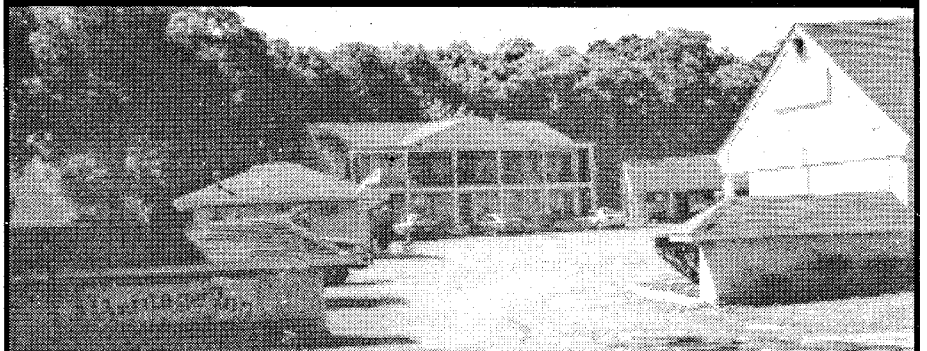
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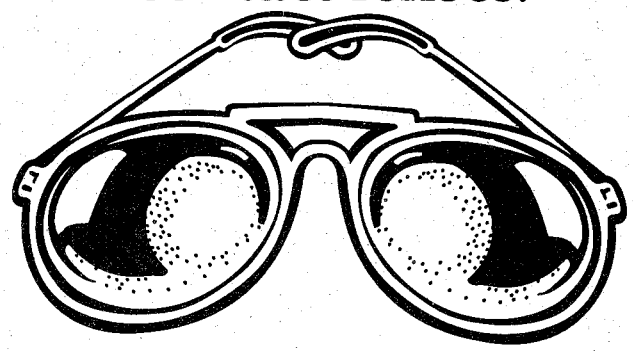
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Spotlight: Deputy Chief Doug Little

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to be an actor. Later, I wanted a life in politics. I think that in public service, I have found the good side of politics without the bad. I still honor men and women who go into politics. I mean, look, I have Roosevelt on my wall. I have three favorite presidents - Roosevelt, I love him, he was a NYC police commissioner, he was a legislator and he was a governor. Ronald Reagan, even with Alzheimer's, coming out public with it shows his integrity. Dr. Alan Keyes is another political figure that I admire.

Greg: What sports do you like?

Doug: I am not a big sports fan. I like baseball. Another activity I enjoy

is being with my family. Also I am an active member of the Free Masons. It is like any other fraternity, there is one requirement - you must believe in a supreme being. The only secret things in the Free Masonry Society are the passwords.

Greg: What do you like about your job at SBU?

Doug: I am a people person. Stony Brook has given me a lot of opportunities to meet people who make important contributions to the world. I know professors and speak to intelligent and knowledgeable people who reflect the diversity of the world. I also met my wife here. That is one of the best things SBU has given to me. I have been here 24 years

of my life and I love Stony Brook.

Greg: Where would you spend your dream vacation?

Doug: I have probably been to about 20 of the United States and would like to see all of it. I would like to go to some places out West. If I was to go to a foreign country, I would like to go to the countries of my roots - Germany and Britain.

Greg: What is your favorite music genre?

Doug: My wife is a big Yes! fan. She drags me to their concerts all the time. I am a big Mellencamp and Barry White fan. I like [the] blues. Fred Preston is a wonderful singer and he's also a blues fan. You should go interview him too.

Greg: Favorite book and movie?

Doug: My favorite book is "The Man In the Arena" by Roosevelt. I am a big Godfather fan. I like The O'Reilly Factor and I like John Edwards' "Crossing Over". It gives me hope.

Greg: What is your philosophy on life?

Doug: It is from a quote of Teddy Roosevelt - "A man is not finished when he is defeated. He's finished when he quits." Also, I believe in the golden rule. "Treat others the way you want to be treated." That's partly why I have no secretary. When you call my number 632-7786, you're calling the phone on my desk.

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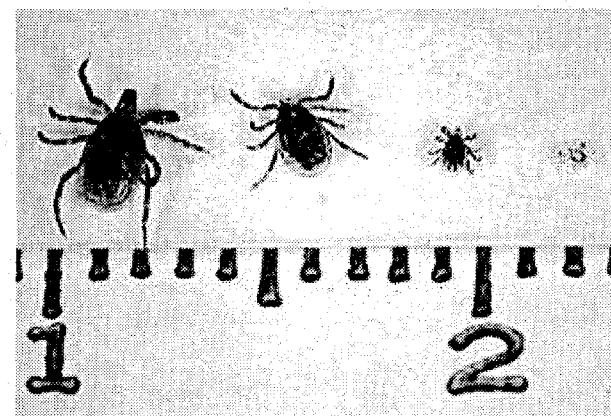
Muslim Bias on Campus

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Chaplain of the Interfaith Center, agrees. She expresses gratitude toward University President Kinney, colleagues at the Interfaith Center, and many others for being instrumental sources of support for the Islamic community. "We need to show each other we care," she said. The obstacle to complete solidarity is the failure to realize "the difference between madmen and law-abiding citizens of Muslim faith and background."

The University Police force encourages anyone who has been victimized to report the occurrence without fear of retaliation. Extra security measures have been effected on the campus in the last week to ensure that "no one is a victim of any crime."

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months of discomfort, pain, fear and anxiety," Dattwyler said.

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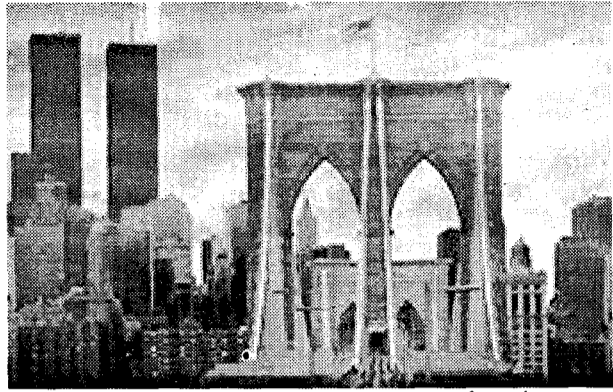
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Life Imitates Art with Terrorist Flicks

By CYNTHIA MBU-ETONGA
Statesman Staff



Courtesy of www.thesiege.com

"The Siege", which originally called for the WTC to be blown up, depicted New York being tormented by terrorists, and Arab-Muslims being placed in concentration camps.

At a time like this, due to the recent tragic events, it seems rather inconsiderate to write a column on movies or any kind of entertainment.

Life, unlike the movie "Independence Day", however, does not roll credits at the end of two hours, and we do not yet know the end of this story. Like "Independence Day", however, people have come together through the ashes of tragedy.

It is ironic how the situations of the day are so clearly reflected by movies of the past and future. Did art imitate life once again, or did life imitate art? Although many feel that the terrorist attack was unforeseeable, this is not completely true. There have been many movies about

terrorist bombings but none parallel the events of the day more than "The Siege" starring Denzel Washington and Bruce Willis released in the fall of 1998. It was not a box office success but the similarities between the two are staggering.

In the movie, Arab-Muslim terrorists bomb several locations in America killing several Americans and causing so much panic that a war is declared. Also interesting is how the act of one crazy terrorist stirs up fear and apprehension of innocent Arabs and Muslims. Although the movie paints a worse-case scenario, which includes a state of martial law being declared in the country and Arabs and Muslims being put in camps, it would have been more daunting if the movie had stuck to its original script, which had called for them to show the bombing of the World Trade Center. The idea was dropped later on due to budget and time.

Many people have said that we cannot let terrorists change the American way of life. It is understandable that the country stopped for a few days; out of respect to lives lost and to those working hard to keep the country together. However, some changes cannot be avoided. The events of September 11 have shaken the entertainment industry as well as every other.

Movies like "Collateral Damage", in which Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a firefighter who sees his family killed in the terrorist bombing of a skyscraper, will probably be postponed.

Disney's Tim Allen comedy "Big Trouble", which involves the smuggling of a nuclear bomb in a suitcase aboard a plane, has been pushed back from September 21 to sometime next spring, and the trailer for the Spiderman movie just happens to have shots of the two towers and Sony plans on reshooting not just the trailer but major parts of the movie.

Already, on Friday Fox replaced an episode of the "The X-Files", with its apparent terrorist bombing of a government skyscraper, with the comedy "Nine Months." And Sunday's scheduled broadcast of "Independence Day", with its famous images of Manhattan's destruction, was replaced by "There's Something About Mary".

The entire fall television schedule has also been pushed back for a week and most shows are reducing violent content.



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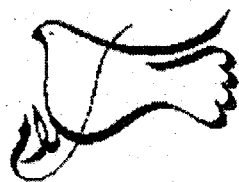
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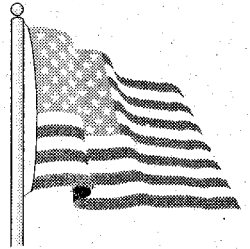
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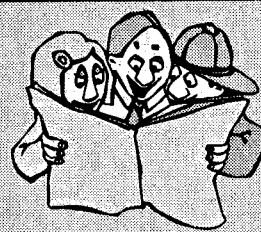
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India's Chiefs of State Express Remorse at U.S. Terrorist Attacks

By S.N. SRIDHAR
Special to the Statesman

The following letters, provided by S.N. Sridhar, Director for the Center for India Studies, contain statements from several of India's highest government officials.

New Delhi
September 12, 2001

President Narayanan expresses his condolence and sympathy for the immense tragedy that has resulted from the

barbaric terrorist attacks on the United States

Following is the text of a message from the President of India, Shri K.R. Narayanan to H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America:

"It is with a sense of grief and great indignation that I convey my condolence and sympathy for the immense tragedy that has resulted from the barbaric terrorist attack on the United States. This reprehensible act is a crime not just against the United States, but against all humanity.

The images of the horror perpetrated in New York and Washington D.C will remain etched on our collective consciousness of the world as a signal that terrorism has

become the greatest threat of our times. It is not constrained by distance and resources, restricted by boundaries or bound by any civilised norms in wreaking devastation. The world community must rise as one to respond decisively to this collective challenge to the peace, security and progress of the entire mankind.

I am sure that your Government and the people will address this grave assault on the United States with sagacity, courage and firm resolve. We stand united with the American people in this hour of grief."

New Delhi
September 11, 2001

Prime Minister Vajpayee expresses his deep sadness over enormous tragedy of terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, in letter to President Bush. The text of Prime Minister's letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. President,

"I am shocked and appalled by terrorist attacks in New York and Washington today and deeply saddened by this enormous tragedy. The people of India and my Government share the sense of outrage with the American people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the United States and with the bereaved families. We condemn this heinous crime in the strongest terms.

This dark hour is a stark and terrible reminder of the power and the reach of the terrorists to destroy innocent lives and challenge the civilised order in this world. It sends a strong message to democracies to redouble our efforts to defeat this great threat to our people, our values and our way of life.

Mr. President, I am confident that you and the American people will find the strength and resilience to overcome this tragedy. We stand ready to cooperate with you in the investigations into this crime and to strengthen our partnership in leading international efforts to ensure that terrorism never succeeds again."

New Delhi
September 11, 2001

India expresses shock over terrorist attacks in the United States. Shri Jaswant Singh, India's Minister of External Affairs and Defence made the following statement today:

"News from the US, of the events of the last couple of hours are shocking beyond words.

As details are yet coming in I do not wish to speculate about casualty figures.

The present is the moment for all mankind to condemn, in unequivocal terms, this dastardly crime, for the victims are all innocents, and this crime of terrorism is against all humanity.

India offers to the United States its deepest sympathy. We stand with the United States, and the rest of the international community in our commitment to defeat terrorism.

I have personally been in touch with our Mission in Washington, Permanent Mission in New York and also Consulate General in New York. All the members of our Mission are safe and no injuries have been caused either to any person or to any of our Mission's establishment. I have also been in touch with New York to establish any additional detail that I could about the strikes against the twin towers.

As you know the World Trade Center is where most of the investment banks and such offices are. Unless I have more details about the casualties from the World Trade Center, I do not wish to speculate in this regard. The Prime Minister has convened a special meeting of the Cabinet Committee of Security which is to start in about half an hour's time at Race Course Road and I will be going to that and after the conclusion of that meeting, I will meet the press again there."



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Stuyvesant Sports on Hold

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The cancellation of the entire season could all but wipe out the possibility of the top Stuyvesant players being noticed and recruited. New York City is hardly a breeding ground for the national football talent pool, often being looked over by the major colleges in their talent search.

The city kids depend on their senior seasons even more than high school football players in outside the city. They rely on the latest game highlights, PSAL awards, and newspaper clippings to advertise their talents to college coaches. The lack of a season eliminates such means of self-promotion for the Stuyvesant players, and dashes any hope they might have had of playing college football.

The team still might have a chance at a season. Efforts are under way to allow the Stuyvesant players to practice at Brooklyn Tech in the mornings, and then attend school a block away in the afternoons.

Coach Velkas has requested the assistance of the NYC Fire Department in removing the team's equipment from the school's basement near the crash site. "They told me they would help me," Velkas said. "If we can do that, we should be all right."

For the Stuyvesant football players in their final year, a salvaged season would bring back some normalcy to their bizarre senior year.

Returning to football, and sports in general, would be a small step towards restoring America's spirit of living and loving life. It is these little things in life, which will help to eventually heal this wounded nation, provides relief and sustenance for the heroes working in Manhattan.

NFL to Play 16 Games

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off because of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

One reason is financial. If the league played 15 games, 15 teams would have played seven home games instead of eight, missing out on one lucrative gate. And the league would owe the networks \$40 million-\$60 million for the wild card games that would not be played if the alternate scenarios don't work out.

Another was practical. San Diego was scheduled off last week. So the Chargers would have ended the season having played 16 games, while the others would have played 15.

And a third seemed to be that most players and coaches wanted a full schedule. But the players and coaches also want a full playoff schedule.

"If they can keep the 16-game schedule and the six wild cards, then everybody's happy," Green Bay coach Mike Sherman said. "It's just back to business."

All Jewish Now

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What America owes Israel now is a long, abject apology—and carte blanche to do whatever is necessary to fight Palestinian terrorism. That includes arresting Arafat, shutting down his Palestinian Authority, and then going after the primary state sponsor of Palestinian terrorism: the dictatorship of Syria.

It is being said that this crisis will show us who are friends are. But we need no crisis to know who our best friend is, and always has been, in the Middle East. Our best friend is Israel, and we should begin by vowing to support that friend as loyally as she has supported us.

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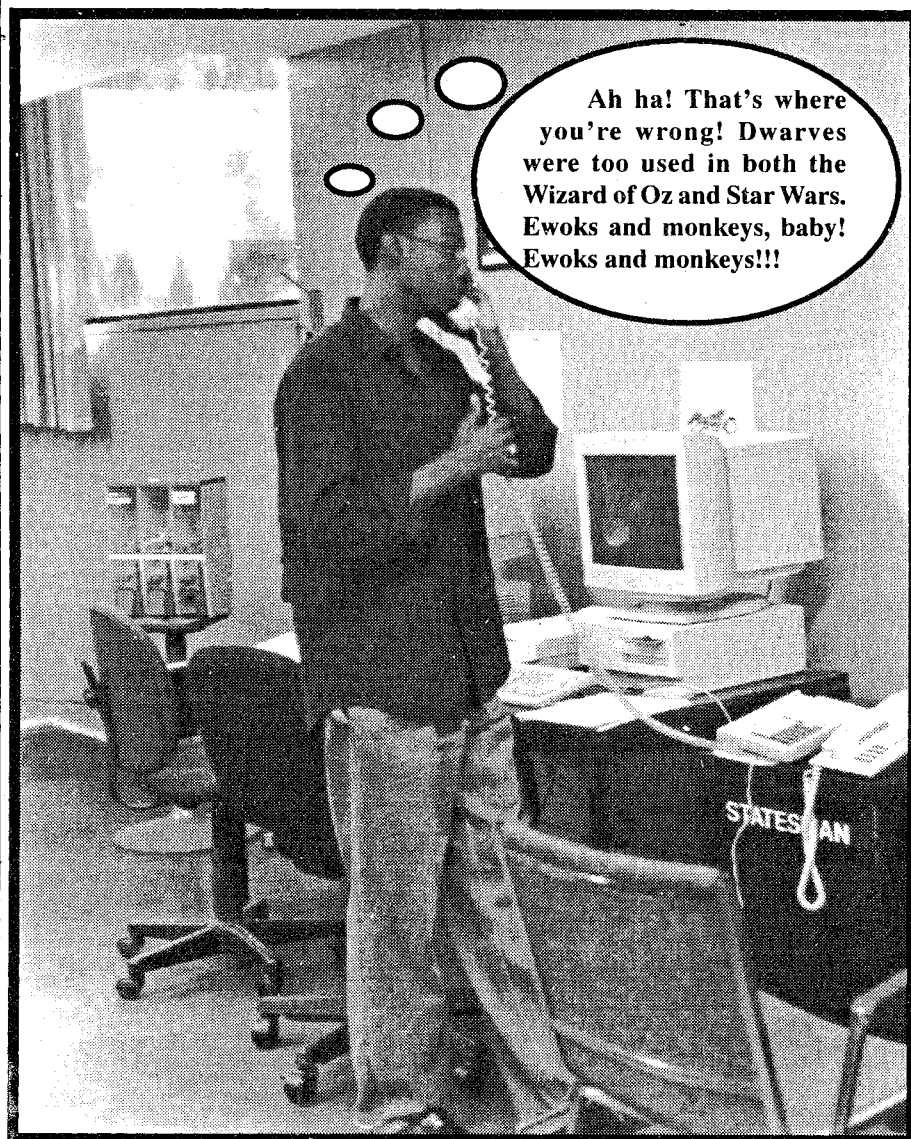
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Colleges End the Ivy Lock on Fellowships

By ANDREW BROWNSTEIN
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

For Blaine Greteman, the road to Oxford began on old Route 66, the shoulderless, two-lane highway of Woody Guthrie folk songs and Tom Joad's travels.

The ribbon of road passed Mr. Greteman's house in Hydro, a town of 970 dominated by an abandoned, Depression-era filling station. He walked the route to school, where he was valedictorian of a class of 17.

Mr. Greteman told his story in the essay that won him a Rhodes scholarship in 1998 to study at the University of Oxford. By all accounts, the selection committee ate it up. So, too, did his alma mater, Oklahoma State University, which began touting its first Rhodes scholar in recruitment brochures and viewbooks.

Colleges are quickly learning that successful fellowship programs lure top students and big donors. Stories like Mr. Greteman's have also helped puncture the perception that big-time scholarships are the exclusive domain of the Ivy League.

That view is at least partly based in fact. An analysis of the Rhodes shows that from 1947 to 1996, students from the eight Ivy colleges made up 36 percent of the winners. The past five years have seen a leveling of the field. Since 1997, Ivy students have won only 21 percent of the scholarships. Harvard and Yale still dominate, to be sure, but their share of the overall pie has dwindled as institutions like Pennsylvania State University and Wheaton College in Massachusetts became first-time winners.

With the idea of bringing home

more awards, the University of Louisville, Pomona College, and Villanova University are among more than a dozen institutions to create fellowship offices in the last two years. In the same period, membership in the nascent National Association of Fellowship Advisers grew from 21 to 66.

Some colleges are recruiting potential scholars as early as high school. Many more are sharing information on everything from handling rejection to the care and feeding of faculty mentors.

It is easy, perhaps, to be cynical about what one professor likens to playing Pygmalion.

"This process clearly produces results. I'm not disputing that," says Hew Joiner, director of the Bell Honors Program at Georgia Southern University and president of the National Collegiate Honors Council, a coalition of honors-program directors at more than 800 colleges. "But I think it's artificial, and not necessarily honest."

The fellowship-advising association was created largely in response to such concerns. Many of its members, aware of the horse-race mentality that dominates college admissions, are determined to keep their focus on helping students. They talk candidly about the pressures they face to produce winners, and the often fine line they tread between coaching and packaging. At the association's conference in Tulsa, Okla., this summer, an entire panel was devoted to ethics.

"The purpose of NAFA was to get the best possible information about scholarships out there and to keep things from spinning out of control," says Robert Graalman, director of scholar development at Oklahoma State and the association's first president.

U.S. Urged to Finance More Stem-Cell Lines

By RON SOUTHWICK
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

A National Academy of Sciences panel released a report last week urging the government to finance the creation of more colonies of embryonic stem cells. The report came one week after officials in the Bush administration reaffirmed that studies of only a select group of stem-cell colonies would be eligible for federally sponsored research.

The 59-page report notes that existing colonies, or lines, of stem cells offer remarkable research potential. However, the possibility that those lines could mutate or deteriorate is significant, the panel said.

The creation of new colonies of stem cells will be needed for research, as well as eventual therapeutic uses, the committee of scientists and ethicists concluded. "New embryonic-stem-cell lines will need to be developed in the long run to replace existing lines that become compromised by age," Bert Vogelstein, a professor of oncology and pathology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the panel's chairman, said in a news release.

The report of the academy, which advises Congress on scientific issues, should intensify the debate over the government's role in the field. President Bush said last month that 64 stem-cell colonies developed at 10 laboratories could be studied with federal funds. Many scientists and patient advocates say that more cell lines are needed for research.

The seven-member committee suggested that a broad government role in the field is needed, since private companies are often unwilling to invest in basic research. Officials in the Bush administration have defended the president's plan partly by noting that biotechnology companies can create their own stem-cell colonies for research.

Stem cells from human embryos have

the ability to develop into every type of individual cell. Scientists believe they could be used to repair damaged tissue, and potentially lead to cures for Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, and heart disease.

However, many opponents of abortion find research on embryonic stem cells to be immoral, because the embryo must be destroyed to obtain the cells. President Bush cited those concerns when he said that he would allow federal funds to be used for embryonic-stem-cell research but that he would limit the use of taxpayer money to studies of 64 existing colonies.

Some members of Congress think the president's plan is a good start. However, many Democrats, and some Republicans, complain that Mr. Bush's restrictions could hinder progress in using the cells to develop treatments for diseases.

The panel clearly stated that new stem-cell colonies would be needed for research. "Over time all cell lines in tissue culture change, typically accumulating harmful genetic mutations," the report states. "There is no reason to expect stem-cell lines to behave differently."

Although the panel noted the potential of stem-cell research, the scientists wrote that tissue rejection could be a problem, particularly in using cells created with animal material. The scientists said the best method could be creating stem cells that are a genetic match to a patient. Researchers could do that by harvesting cloned embryos created from the patient's own cells, the panel noted.

While acknowledging that the process, often called "therapeutic cloning," is controversial, the panel said that it should not be confused with cloning for reproductive purposes. Nonetheless, many in Congress oppose cloning no matter what the purpose. The House of Representatives passed a measure in July making any form of human cloning a criminal offense.

College Athletics Security Concerns

By WELCH SUGGS
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

College officials are reassessing security measures and trying to reschedule sporting events in the aftermath of last week's terrorist attacks. The process has caused hard feelings at some institutions, and others could lose money from games that will be delayed or not made up at all.

Most college football games and other sporting events were called off last weekend, out of respect for victims and rescue-and-recovery efforts at the crash sites in New York, Pennsylvania, and northern Virginia, and also because of concerns about the reliability and safety of team travel. Many contests were canceled outright, especially those involving non-revenue sports.

The sport most affected is the one that many colleges rely on for game-day income and television coverage: football. Games involving 107 of the 117 institutions in Division I-A of the National Collegiate Athletic Association are being

rescheduled, though a few have been canceled.

Northwestern University was supposed to be host to the U.S. Naval Academy last Saturday, but the game was called off because the Wildcats and Midshipmen have no open weekends in common this season. Northwestern officials are now trying to find a new opponent to avoid a heavy financial loss.

"If you lose a home game, and you're unable to replace it, it's at least \$500,000," said Charles F. (Rick) Taylor, Northwestern's athletics director. And that's just income from ticket sales, concessions, and so forth. The big money comes from television contracts.

Many of last week's games will be made up on December 1, including highly anticipated games between Florida State University and Georgia Tech and between the University of Florida and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

The Southeastern Conference decided to move its championship game from

December 1 to December 8, freeing that weekend for the Florida-Tennessee game and other conference contests.

As a result, the Bowl Championship Series moved its selection meeting from December 2 to December 9, which will force many other bowl games to delay their own selection processes. That means fans will have even less notice to plan trips with their teams over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The Big 12 Conference decided not to move its conference championship, which will take place on December 1 at Texas Stadium in Irving, Tex. The Dallas Cowboys have a home game scheduled for the stadium on December 8, and the conference has thousands of hotel rooms booked and several planes reserved to carry teams, bands, and fans. As a result, some conference teams could be playing regular-season games while the championship game is going on.

Games will resume Thursday in Starkville, Miss., when Mississippi State

University will be host to the University of South Carolina at Columbia. Fans can expect stronger security measures when they arrive at stadiums. Mississippi State has already banned fans from bringing backpacks, coolers, or even cowbells (a Bulldog fan staple) to Davis Wade Stadium, and has gotten a temporary flight restriction (TFR) from the Federal Aviation Administration, which forbids all aircraft except those flown by military or law-enforcement personnel from the airspace over the venue.

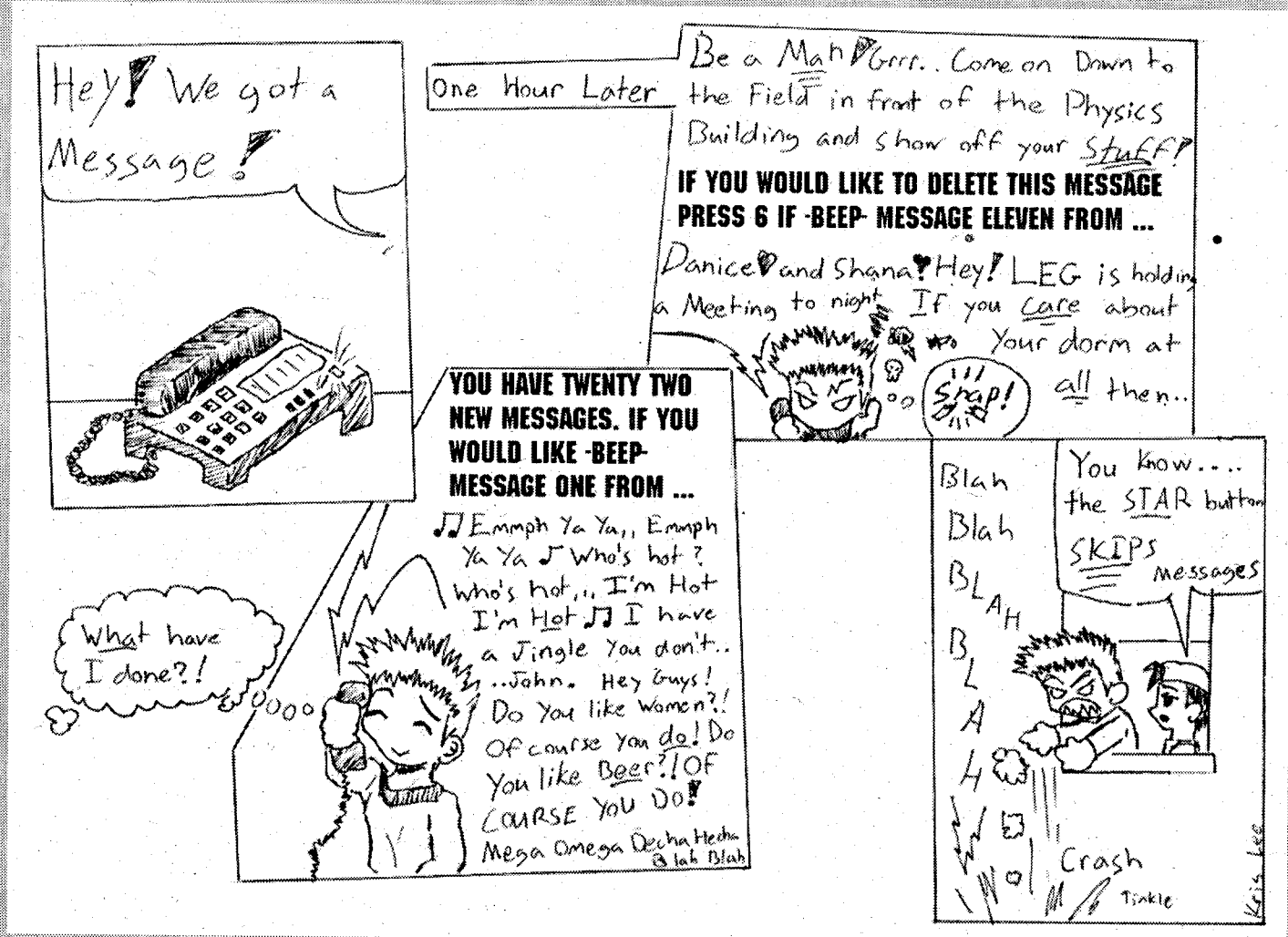
"We're going to approve TFRs more liberally than in the past," said Christopher White, a spokesman for the FAA's regional office in Atlanta. "So there's a good chance that if a college or conference asks for one, we're going to grant it."

Privately, athletics administrators say there's a danger of promoting fear and feelings of danger by going overboard on security measures. However, none of them wants to give any impression that they're taking last week's events casually.

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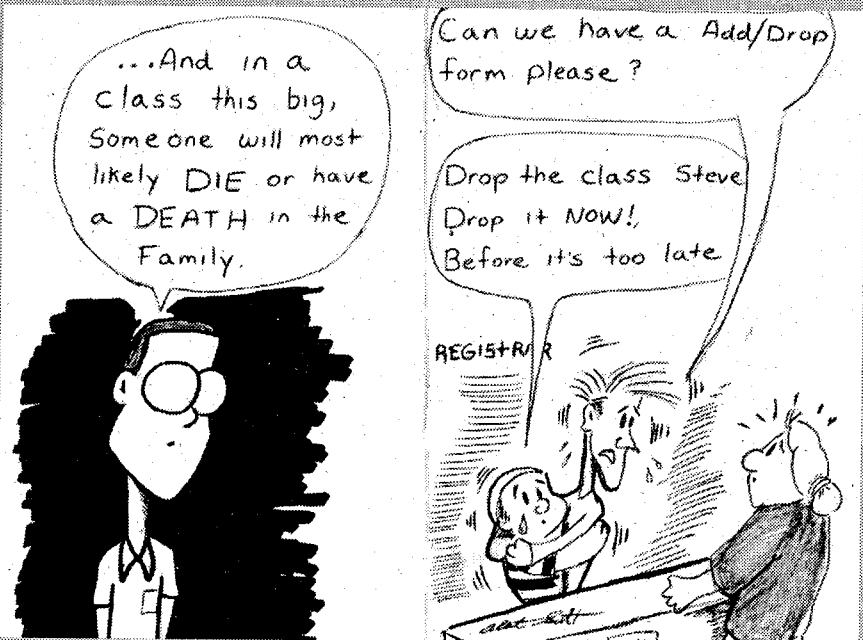
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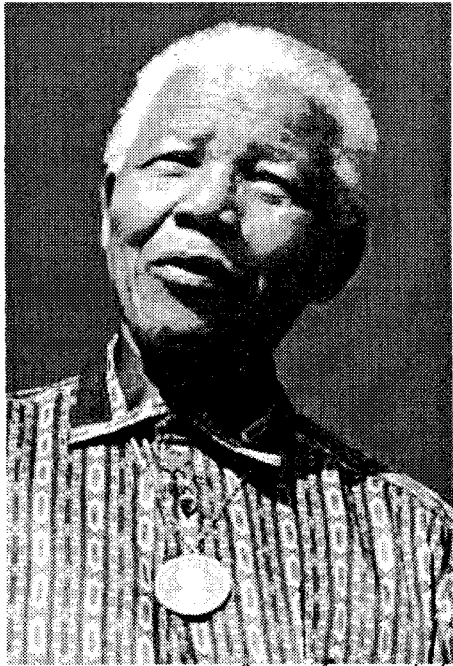
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Mandela Visit Off, Messages From President Kenny



Nelson Mandela's visit to SBU has been postponed indefinitely.

By SHIRLEY STRUM KENNY
Special to the Statesman

We learned this morning that the United Nations Conference on World Children will not be held next week, due to the tragic events in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Nelson Mandela was scheduled to attend this conference and come to Stony Brook to be presented his Honorary Doctoral Degree on Saturday, September 22.

This event has now been postponed indefinitely. Please check the Twin Tower Tragedy link at the top of the Stony Brook Home page for frequent updates.

The tragic events of the last week have touched all of us. There is a profound sadness for the victims of this terrible event and their families.

At the same time, we should be inspired by the response of the campus community.

Over 1,000 students of all races and religions attended a candlelight vigil on the Academic Mall. So many hospital and HSC staff members volunteered to donate blood, that we eventually had to require people to sign up in advance in order to handle the volume.

Our Counseling Center and Psychiatric Department provided services for the campus and the community. Stony Brook people have given their time, offered emotional support, made financial and material contributions to relief agencies, and demonstrated their unity.

It is also important to emphasize that harassment of Muslim students will not be tolerated. Such acts are reprehensible and misguided.

I am also grateful to the staff at the Interfaith Center for organizing the prayer services that have helped to ease any tensions and make Stony Brook a place of reflection during this difficult time.

Acute Stress Disorder: A Normal Response to Abnormal Events

By TATYANA BIYANOVA
Special to the Statesman

This article is prompted by the recent tragedy at the World Trade Center, and by our concern for how it may have affected you. The Wo/Men's Center helps survivors of interpersonal violence, among other things. The WTC disaster was an act of extreme interpersonal violence that has changed us all. It left us with feelings of loss, grief, sadness, and apprehension. In a way, we are all survivors of this trauma.

What is Acute Stress Response?

Acute Stress Response is a sum of several symptoms people or you might experience after exposure to an extreme traumatic stressor, such as the WTC disaster.

What is an extreme traumatic stressor?

It is a threat to the person's physical integrity, which may result in death or serious injury. However, it is not necessary to personally experience a traumatic event to develop symptoms of psychological trauma. Witnessing death or injury to others, or even learning about it, can often be enough to lead to vicarious (or secondary) trauma. We all saw the WTC crumble with thousands of people trapped inside. We all imagined how it would feel like to be in their place. We all empathize with those who lost their loved ones.

Are we all bound to experience the symptoms of trauma?

Such an extreme traumatic event as WTC disaster shatters our perception of the world as a safe place. The symptoms of acute stress response are the ways in which our mind tries to make sense out of the traumatic event, and create a new picture of the world. Most of us will have at least some traumatic reactions, some will have more, and some fewer, the intensity of the symptoms will also vary. You might just become sensitive to certain triggers of the event. I observed, for example, that people began to look up, alarmed by the sound of passing plane. Others

may start having nightmares, become depressed or anxious, or have physical problems.

You are more likely to respond to the recent traumatic event with distress if:

- 1) you were at the WTC at the time of the attack.
- 2) your loved one, a close relative, or a friend died or was injured in the WTC disaster.
- 3) you were previously traumatized, i.e., were sexually/physically mistreated as a child; are a survivor of physical violence or sexual assault; were in a serious car accident; were in a war zone; were tortured; or had or have a life-threatening illness.
- 4) you have heightened anxiety, had panic attacks in the past, tend to become depressed, or currently are under a great amount of stress
- 5) you are lonely and don't have someone close to you to openly confide in.
- 6) you prefer to keep your feelings to yourself.
- 7) you are a very sensitive and empathic person.

What are the symptoms of Acute Stress Disorder?

- 1) Re-experiencing: You might have repeated intrusive images, or thoughts of the traumatic event, often triggered by certain reminders associated with it. For example, a thunderstorm might bring up memories of the WTC disaster.
- 2) Physiological arousal: You might feel restless, easy to startle, have difficulty sleeping and concentrating, anxious, fearful, and overly attentive to whatever is happening around.
- 3) Emotional numbing: On the other hand, you might feel detached from reality, as though whatever is going around is unreal, as if it were a dream, or, as though it is happening to someone else; it might be difficult for you to remember parts of the traumatic experience.
- 4) Avoidance: You might begin avoiding

everything that might remind you of the distress he/she felt during the traumatic event. For example, you may stop watching news or reading newspapers, and try to avoid conversations about the event. You might also attempt to distract yourself from painful recollections by excessive drug/alcohol use, Internet surfing, computer games.

Among other symptoms are: survivor guilt, anger at or fear of foreigners, violent fantasies, feelings of helplessness and hopelessness, sense of foreshortened future, fatigue, physical pain, and digestive problems.

People are different and individual reactions will vary. Some may become emotionally numb, or try to avoid thinking about the event. Others will keep re-experiencing it and try to seek situations that will remind them of the event. There is no telling which and how many of these symptoms you would have, but whatever they are, they are normal reactions to the extreme trauma, and are to be expected.

What can we do to prevent Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?

The most important thing is to let yourself to experience the sadness, and the grief, and the fear. Talking about your feelings with others as many times as it takes for the emotional pain to diminish is very helpful. In general, try to express your feelings and images in any way you can, i.e., talk about them, draw them, write poetry, write in your journal, compose music.

If you feel very distressed, or if you continue having symptoms for more than a month, your stress becomes chronic, and you might have PTSD. Seek professional help. Remember that those who deny being affected by the traumatic event immediately are more likely to develop a delayed response in the future.

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Rabbis See New Year Inspiration

By RACHEL ZOLL
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A week after terrorists struck New York and Washington, Jews nationwide observed Rosh Hashana on Tuesday with patriotic songs and sermons about the heroism of firefighters.

The holiday, which officially began Monday night, marks the Jewish New Year and the start of the High Holy Days, a 10-day period of reflection. The season ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when Jews communally admit their sins and reconcile with God.

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, leading services at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Manhattan, said the more than 300 firefighters who died trying to save others from the crumbling World Trade Center should serve as a model during this time of self-examination.

In the past week, the tough, individualistic city of New York has become a caring and compassionate community, he said. He urged congregants to maintain those values in the year ahead.

"Our city changed. It is no longer just about ourselves and our achievements," Bronstein said.

Temple Shalom in Chicago added to the holiday's many rituals by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"There's been a stronger reminder of patriotism, which is very welcome in the services — a reminder that we are Jews and Americans and human beings, not one or the other," said Brad Cole, as he left the services hand-in-hand with his 8-year-old daughter.

Security was heightened at many synagogues. Monday night services at B'nai Jeshurun started 30 minutes late to give guards time to search every bag.

Yet few saw any imminent threat and attendance was higher than usual in many places.

"I don't spend a lot of time in a synagogue, but this is a good time to be here," said Janet Kean, at Temple B'Nai Israel in Toledo, Ohio, where uniformed police officers guarded the standing-room-only crowd.

Stephen Finkelman, president of Beth David Reform Congregation in Gladwyne, Pa., said he saw more people at two early services Tuesday than he had on previous holidays.

"The one that just ended filled the place up," he said.

Some could not put aside their anger over the slaughter of thousands, even as rabbis led quiet meditation on the holiday and its meaning.

"I pray for them to stop the murderers," said David Foster, 68, outside the Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles.

Noah Goldstein, a graduate student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Calif., said it was easy to pray for a good year, despite the grief of last week.

"The one thing we need is hope," he said.



Sports

A Season and Futures May Be Lost



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Stuyvesant High School provides relief and sustenance for the heroes working in Manhattan.

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The recent World Trade Center tragedy affected many facets of life in New York. While relatively trivial compared to the horrific loss of

life at the two crash sites, the cancelled season at Stuyvesant high school provides an example of how New Yorkers of all ages have been affected.

The school lies only three blocks from the site of the crash. The students were sent scurrying for their lives, as they ran up the West Side Highway after the two towers crashed last week. The building has been cordoned off for the semester. Students are now forced to attend split sessions in the evenings at Brooklyn Technical High School.

The Stuyvesant football team was ready to open its season when the tragedy occurred and their school was shut down. For the past week the team has been in limbo. They have no central meeting place, no practice field, and their equipment is trapped in the basement of the closed school building.

The PSAL, the governing body of New York City sports, temporarily decided to cancel

Stuyvesant's football season. The unknown status of the head coach, Dave Velkas compounded the problem. The coach works during the day at Seward Park High School, and is free to hold practice only during the afternoons. The students however, will attend class till 7:30 every night at Brooklyn Tech.

A cancelled football season pales in comparison to the loss of thousands of lives, but it has immediate ramifications nonetheless. The football season is the time for seniors to showcase their talents and skills to prospective colleges. Scouts attend games and make their evaluations from the latest game films.

Coaches then recruit players, often offering them lucrative scholarships. In many cases, these awards allow poor or middle class students to attend some of the finest universities in the nation.

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NFL to Play 16 Games, Mulling Changes

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Imagine a doubleheader at the New Orleans Superdome on what was supposed to be Super Bowl Sunday—both conference championships in one stadium in one day.

Or imagine the regular season ending Jan. 6 and playoffs beginning Jan. 9, with some teams potentially playing three games in eight days.

Those are two scenarios put forth by the NFL when it announced Tuesday that it will play a full 16-game schedule while still trying to cram the usual 12 teams into the playoffs instead of reducing the field to eight teams.

"Hopefully, they can find a way to get all the games in," said New Orleans general manager Randy Mueller, whose team is one of many contenders that could miss an eight-team playoff.

"It would not come without some hardships. It might require playing the games in 14 days or 10 days.

It's hard, but the Canadian league does it. I don't know if the players would support that, but I know our players want to go to the playoffs."

"I'll be curious to see what follows after this," added Andy Reid of Philadelphia, another team that might be affected. "I'd hate to disrupt the playoffs in that situation...I'm sure they'll come up with an answer for it. They understand the importance of the playoffs."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league's competition committee voted unanimously to keep the 16-game format, switching the games called off last weekend to the weekend of Jan. 5-7, when wild card games had been scheduled.

But he said the committee is still looking at ways to keep three division winners and three wild card teams in each conference rather than the three winners and just one wild card.

When the teams return, they are likely to have the regular officials back.

NFL sources, speaking

on condition of anonymity, said the executive committee of the NFL Referees Association was taking an e-mail ballot on a proposal by the league that would end the lockout. The work stoppage lasted through the final game of preseason and the first game of the regular season.

If the proposal is approved by noon Wednesday, the regular officials will be back for Sunday's games.

As for the playoffs, Tagliabue said, "We continue to work on keeping six division winners, six wild cards and our entire postseason format intact. Several options have been presented to us in recent days that would help us accomplish that. If we cannot resolve our entire postseason lineup in a satisfactory fashion, we then will go to a system of six division winners and two wild card teams for this one season only."

One option would be to move the Super Bowl, to be played in New Orleans, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3. There is only a one-week break this



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Giants Stadium was empty on September 16, 2001 as the game between the Giants and the Green Bay Packers was cancelled due to the World Trade Center tragedies.

year after the championship games.

One way to do that would be to switch the Super Bowl and the National Auto Dealers Convention, scheduled for the next week. The Pro Bowl, scheduled for Feb. 4, would either be moved back a week or played without players from Super Bowl teams.

Another option would be to schedule most of the potential playoff teams for Saturday, Jan. 5, then play the wild card games on Wednesday Jan. 9. The next round would be played Jan.

13-14 with the championship games as scheduled on Jan. 20—most likely with four exhausted teams.

A third would be to play the conference title games on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 27, as a doubleheader at the Superdome. The Super Bowl would be played the next week at another site, with New Orleans promised another game in the future.

The 16-game season appeared to be a certainty soon after Tagliabue announced last Thursday that last week's games were

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