

TV Cameras Watching: NYPIRG Looks to Get Out the Vote

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

Nightfall arrives on Oct. 1 and a coach bus complete with flashing lights and an impressive big screen rolls into the SAC plaza at the center of campus. This isn't an impending rock concert, but an attempt by the Stony Brook's New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) chapter to get out the vote. This campaign will be part of a documentary broadcasted on PBS Oct. 30 at 4:30pm.

"This is a voter registration event," said Helen Ho, NYPIRG Event Coordinator. Politicians in recent years have hinted at raising tuition, and NYPIRG along with Speak Up NY (a DCTV television group) hoped to raise political awareness among the 18 to 24-year-old demographic, as less than 20 percent of the constituents of this group are registered to vote, by traveling the state in this flashy coach bus. "We're expecting a lot of success upstate," said NYPIRG leader Jeremie Dufault. The tour itself began in New York City a week ago, will be traveling as far north as Buffalo, wrapping up in mid October in Westchester.

By 8 p.m., Steve Englebright and Nick Klissas arrived, Democratic and Republican candidates for the State Assembly's 4th District. Everyone was asked to present questions for these candidates who will potentially represent Stony Brook in January.

Steve Englebright began the process by going over his service on the assembly for the past ten years. He said he is a geologist and leader that helped transform Stony Brook's campus by tearing down the old Biology building and getting the necessary funding to put up the SAC in its place.

"Our parents, grandparents and forefathers all gave their lives to vote, it's important that you do too," said Klissas, the challenger to the incumbent.

Klissas noted that it was up to the voters to make that clear while Englebright spoke of his opposition to raising tuition and lowering funding to the New York Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

Questions from students soon followed. SBU graduate student, Poram Field asked, "How will you keep scientific researchers that come out of the SUNY system in the U.S., given that stem cell research and other programs aren't carried out

here but in Europe?"

"I'm very disappointed that there isn't more fundamental research going on here. Stem cell research is an important ethical question and we need to take care of human lives," Klissas said, while Englebright said how he was offended by pro-life forces.

"We need diversity of scientific research here and to avert dreaded diseases," Englebright said.

Perhaps the most fiery moment of

the night came when the last student questioner asked Klissas; "What kind of work did you do in the Reagan administration?" Klissas explained his work with President Reagan and the National Security Council that followed the Soviet Union and its collapse. Quickly, the student exclaimed, "You're a murderer! You're just another greedy corporate guy!"

"As a Greek whose millions of ancestors died in WWI, and author of a number of human rights reports, I am deeply offended by those comments," Klissas said. He offered to speak to this particular student after the question and answer session as well.

Students appeared to respond well to the event. A long line quickly emerged to ask the candidates questions, and the crowd of observers grew in numbers as well.

"We want to get youth views out in the open," said Conner Bambrick, NYPIRG higher education associate. Chris Bascot, a freshman and late-goer to the event noted, "This is great. It gives people an opportunity to express their opinions, and there isn't enough of that."

Students interested in this and other events can visit www.nypirg.org and www.speakupny.org.



Courtesy of www.engagebright.org
Steve Englebright is the Democratic incumbent running for State Assembly in New York's 4th District.

Humanities Not Homeless: Now in Life Sciences Library

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK
Statesman Editor

As a result of the renovations on the Humanities Building, the Writing and English Departments were recently relocated to the Life Sciences Library. The two-story building has been transformed to hold the many offices belonging to directors, professors, and lecturers from both departments.

"We have offices fitted with new furniture," said Writing Program Lecturer Ronald DePeter about the accommodations. "Each faculty member who previously shared a computer now has his or her own. The accommodations have been advantageous."

The building is equipped with the English Department Office, the Writing Program Main Office, an English Department Faculty Lounge, a Writing Center, Electronic Computer Labs for classes, and a Poetry Center, along with student lounges.

The Writing Center, a Service of the

Program in Writing and Rhetoric, provides tutorials for individuals and small groups of students. It serves as an "on-campus resource and reference center for composition." The center is located in room L79, and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

Some professors noted the



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Fences cordon off the old Humanities center, now a construction site.

inconveniences of the new offices. "My students can't ever find me. The cubicles and the location of the building all donate to that," said Susan Pilewski, adjunct instructor for the Writing Program. "The most negative aspect would have to be the location of classes. I have five sections in five different buildings. One class is in the gym."

Some students had similar concerns. "All my classes are on the main part of campus," said freshman Peter Quach. "I had to go to the Life Sciences Library for a meeting with my writing professor, and it required going in a direction I have never been before."

Other freshmen disagreed. "I just got here, so finding the Life Sciences Library was as difficult as finding the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) building," said Gaurav Verma. "It really doesn't matter. We just have to be patient."

However, Pilewski looked to the brighter side of the renovations. Referring to the construction on

Humanities, she said, "I am pleased that they were able to get everything together and that they are going to get this done."

Anne Beaufort, the Associate Director of the Writing Program, stated what many seemed to think of the renovations and relocation process.

"They did the best they could under the circumstances," Beaufort said.

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Eating Healthy: Campus Dining Launches New Initiative

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Statesman Editor

Last semester, Campus Dining Services (CDS) decided to embark upon a formidable journey: attempting to institute healthy eating into the college student's diet of burgers, fries, and pizza. According to CDS Marketing Director Lisa Ospitale, while the plans haven't yet flourished completely, the nutritional initiative is still making great progress.

CDS had intended to make it much easier for students who "want to eat healthy, but might not know how exactly," said Ospitale, who is only one of the many people who makes the healthy initiative possible.

Last semester, Stony Brook's own certified nutritionist was made available for student counseling. While CDS currently is rehiring a new nutritionist after the previous one had to leave, Ospitale hopes to continue the service. "It's the nutritionist's job to set concrete guidelines for our program. She can work with students on a personal basis."

The lack of a nutritionist also contributed to a slight delay in the onset of CDS's plans. While it was intended for the initiative to have been instituted completely this

semester, things have had to be pushed back. "By January, we should have sticker nutrition labels on everything that we can put it on," said Ospitale of the CDS' time goal.



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Nutritious foods available at the Kelly Deli.

As far as what they've accomplished thus far, Ospitale is optimistic. Last semester, the CDS tested their with "Wellness Wednesdays." Every Wednesday of April, in each dining unit offered a different menu item that focused on healthy eating options. The response? "Well, there was great feedback from students who thought it was a really good idea, but the actual percentage of students buying the product was minimal."

Ospitale admits that, while most students do indeed think the healthy eating initiative is a beneficial option, they won't take advantage of it. The large campus population does not eat healthy, nor does it want to. However, CDS cannot simply disregard those few who are willing

to embrace a nutritional alternative. According to Ospitale for example, "Vegetarians and vegans are a huge voice on this campus, even though they are only 2-3 percent of the students."

According to Ospitale, for the CDS, "Our next phase is to sell [the healthy eating design] to them." Indeed, they have been trying to do just that. CDS made a showing during freshman orientation, with banners and posters advertising its new Healthy Eating Initiative. Additionally, freshmen were offered a choice of four boxed lunches, each a certified "healthy eating option," complete with nutritional label. To supplement, nutritional selections sponsored by CDS's healthy eating

His celebrity quote: "Get the Skinny on Fat." To supplement the famous plug-ins, CDS will offer a brochure highlighting a different aspect of health and nutrition each month.

"This semester is a test semester. Next semester, we will be full-fledged," said Ospitale. CDS intends to have healthy options offered in every dining center, as well as a particular "healthy meal of the day," complete with full profile including nutritional content. Ospitale also asserted that the healthy eating campaign will be advertised adequately, with banners and posters displayed prominently around campus. "We'll make sure people know about it."

"When I came to campus, I was

"The large campus population does not eat healthy, nor does it want to."

campaign will carry a sticker displaying a unique logo.

CDS will also display "Wellness Boards" in each of the campus dining centers. These feature a different celebrity each month, with their healthy eating opinions and a topic of focus. October's Wellness Board will show Scott Adams, the creator of the Dilbert comic strip.

surprised they had healthy choices like the lunchboxes," said freshman Gaurav Verma. "It was only for Orientation, though. I hope they continue it."

If students have any suggestions, comments or feedback regarding the healthy eating initiative or anything about campus dining, they can go to CDS' website, www.campusdining.org, or contact Lisa Ospitale directly at 632-6529.

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Threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction Lingers ³

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
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With the United States on the brink of war with Iraq, there are students and faculty members who are trying to educate others about the situation in the Middle East and the existing alternatives to war.

Distinguished Service Professor Lester Paldy from the department of Technology and Society is an expert on weapons of mass destruction. Last year, in the wake of Sept. 11 he presented a talk entitled, "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Tools of Terrorist?"

The Social Justice Alliance originally sponsored the presentation, but given the recent turmoil in the Middle East, many on campus feel that this issue needs future discussion.

His presentation was similar to the one he gave last week in the Student Activities Center. Paldy examined the probability that a terrorist organization might use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons to inflict mass casualties to achieve their objective. He methodically explained Iraq's capabilities within each category, offered his feelings as to what might take place, and presented peaceful solutions to the crisis.

He explained that it is still relatively easy to obtain the raw materials and facilities needed to construct a crude biological weapon.

"Bioterrorism is here to stay," Paldy said. "It is likely that the threat will continue...because every person with a modest biology background could develop a program."

Although it has grown harder to obtain such materials in the wake of Sept. 11, Paldy believes that Iraq continues to develop a program and has done so since the end of the Gulf War. Paldy cited migrating Soviet stocks of biological weapons left over from a huge Cold War program as evidence of his assertion.



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Professor Lester Paldy spoke of the threats posed by weapons of mass destruction, noting the ease with which the components of these weapons can be obtained.

Paldy pointed out that the great problem with curbing a biological weapons program is that much of the required materials can be obtained for legitimate work because of the dual-use nature of the equipment. According to Paldy, the establishment of front companies in Europe that are not only hard to regulate, but also succeed in providing a ready supply of materials to Iraq, has exacerbated this problem.

He did, however, hint at a silver lining: it is difficult to distribute certain biological weapons on a large scale.

"It is not easy to distribute anthrax in a way that the public health system can't handle," Paldy said.

Citing the reality of a smallpox outbreak, he stated that it is still essential to strengthen the public health systems in the United States. His suggestions included having a public health

specialist on duty seven days a week, 24 hours a day in every major city, and equipping the public health system with information and educating doctors.

Although he then shifted gears to chemical weapons, he pointed out similar difficulties of distributing the toxins on a large enough scale to cause massive casualties.

"It is difficult to envision a chemical attack that would kill tens of thousands of people by a terrorist organization," he said.

This is because one would need to use one ton of a chemical agent per square mile to heavily contaminate a region. Paldy noted that it is unlikely that a terrorist organization will have access to such quantities along with a means of distributing a lethal toxin.

Paldy finished his discussion on weapons of mass destruction by focusing on the most unlikely and yet, most potent threat, nuclear weapons.

According to Paldy, it is impossible for a terrorist group to make a nuclear bomb from raw fissile materials because it is a massive investment that can only be incurred by a nation-state. He did point out, however, that it would be much easier for a terrorist to steal a nuclear weapon or the fissile material. He stated that there were six cases in which there was an attempt to smuggle known pieces of highly enriched uranium or plutonium.

He pointed to the possibility of a radiological attack, in which an aircraft or suicide bomber would crash into the reactor dome, as the most likely event. He suggested even higher levels of security on airplanes and distributing iodine pills as the best means of combating this threat.

"There is no way to prevent a [biological or chemical attack], but most are manageable," Paldy said. "The only way to deal with terrorist is through knowledge and understanding."

Campus Receives Collection on Chinese Culture

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook University recently received more than 2,600 English-language Chinese cookbooks. This donation of one of the largest English-language Chinese cookbook collections came from Queens College professor and lifetime Chinese cookbook collector, Jacqueline M. Newman. Her collection is believed to be a valuable record of the Chinese Diaspora that has taken the rich cuisine of this region to many places around the world.

"I hope that this collection does more than just produce interest in Chinese cuisine,"

Newman said. "Food is a lot more than cooking. I'm looking to broaden the conceptualization of food because it has anthropologic, sociologic, cultural and historic significance, and more."

Newman has donated collections of haute cuisine magazines, archival materials, videos, CD-ROMs, more than 4,000 slides and a large set of herbal medicine books in addition to the 2,626 cookbooks. This donation, which includes 12 extensive sets of leading cooking magazines, 125 Chinese herbal medicine books, 175 books on Asian foods, and contains more than 7,000 items. This collection is valued at \$400,000.

"I looked at several places for my collection

and chose Stony Brook for a variety of reasons," Newman said. "Of course, I've known President Kenny for several years from Queens College, but the building of the new Charles B. Wang Center celebrating Asian and American cultures and the University's desire to build a major Asian studies program really convinced me. The fact that Stony Brook has a special collections area means that the books will be preserved in perpetuity and in the proper fashion."

Newman has collected Chinese cookbooks ever since she received her first cookbook as a wedding gift about 50 years ago. Chinese cooking has become an area of research and special interest for the professor.

Fundraiser Stars Children Recovering From Cancer

By CHRIS FECAROTTA
Statesman Staff

A fashion show was held earlier this month to raise money for children who are recovering from cancer. Overall, the charity event raised nearly \$70,000. Fashion show participants were exclusively patients at Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) at one time or another and ranged in age from one-year-olds to teenagers.

The program "Little Miracles: For Children With Cancer" benefits the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University, which supports research and programs in pediatric oncology. Approximately 600 people attended the event, which was held on Sept. 19 at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook.

The annual event is designed to provide parents and children with an opportunity to

celebrate their recovery and to be recognized for their courage. Long Island Cancer Center, which conducts cancer research and provides advanced clinical services to children and adults, is located in SBU. This is the first year the children's fashion show was added to the program.

"We are amazed at the tremendous response the fashion show received as a first time event," said Dr. Robert Parker, Director of Pediatric and Hematology and Oncology at SBUH. "The support says a lot, not only about how the patients feel about the treatment they received, but also about the courage these children show every day."

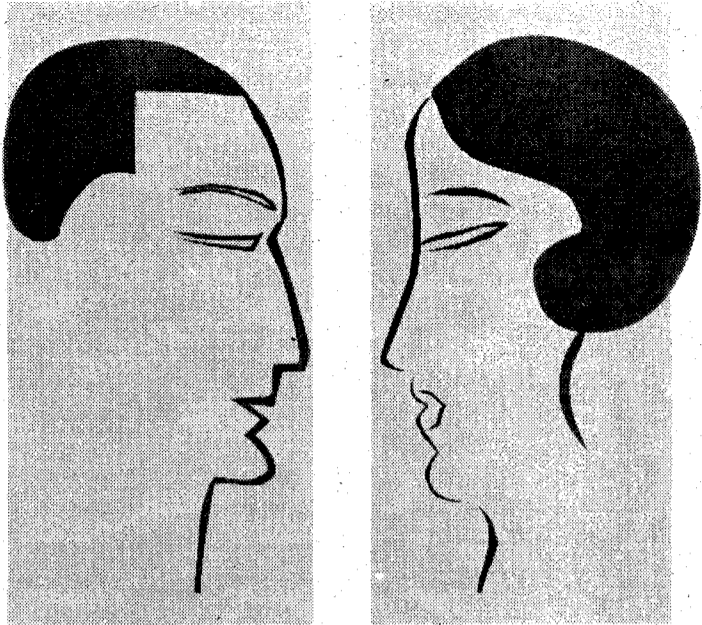
The Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook was established to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to raise funds for specific projects including a respite center, a playroom, extended support services, facilities and programs that meet

our families growing needs, and vital research on the causes and treatment of childhood cancers. The Fund supports a number of special initiatives at SBUH and it's Pediatric Oncology Program. SBUH's Pediatric Oncology program is the only pediatric oncology program on Long Island that is tied directly to a major research university.

Additionally, the Sunrise Fund helps create facilities and programs to meet the growing needs of families across Long Island. One such facility is a comprehensive cancer center named the Long Island Cancer Center.

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Plaintiffs in Michigan Case Ask for Speedy Review

By PETER SCHMIDT
The Chronicle for Higher Education

The U.S. Supreme Court was asked Tuesday to take up a lawsuit challenging the use of a race-conscious undergraduate admissions policy at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, even though a lower federal court is still in the process of deciding the case.

The lawyers for the plaintiffs in the suit, two white former applicants to the university, petitioned the Supreme Court to take up the case, *Gratz v. Bollinger*, without waiting for a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. More than 19 months have passed since the lawyers asked the Sixth Circuit court to overturn a U.S. district court decision in Michigan's favor in the case, and the Sixth Circuit, which initially had promised to hear the case on an "expedited" basis, has offered no explanation for its delay.

The same team of lawyers has already asked the Supreme Court to take up a separate but similar lawsuit, involving the use of a race-conscious admissions policy by the University of Michigan Law School, in response to a May 14 ruling by the Sixth Circuit court in the university's favor. The Supreme Court is expected to decide whether to hear the law-school case, *Grutter v. Bollinger*, sometime after it begins its

new term next week.

In their petition to the Supreme Court, filed on Tuesday, the plaintiffs' lawyers argue that the two cases, considered together, would provide the court with a "more substantial record within which to consider and rule upon the common principles" than if the cases were heard separately.

The petition also argues that the undergraduate case "presents issues of fundamental national importance," and that white applicants to Michigan will continue to suffer harm, in the form of racial discrimination, so long as the university's admissions policy is left intact.

The Center for Individual Rights, a Washington-based legal advocacy group that is part of the plaintiffs' legal teams in both cases, noted in a statement issued Tuesday that its request for the Supreme Court to hear a case before a circuit court has ruled on it is "extraordinary." The move is not unprecedented, however; in the landmark school-desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, which actually involved lawsuits against several school districts around the nation, the Supreme Court took up a case involving the District of Columbia that had not been decided by an appeals court.

The Supreme Court's internal rules provide that the justices can take up a case prior to a circuit-court ruling "only upon a showing that the case is of such

imperative public importance as to justify the deviation from normal appellate practice and to require immediate settlement in this court."

Curt A. Levey, director of legal and public affairs for the Center for Individual Rights, said that waiting for the Sixth Circuit court to rule in the undergraduate case would almost certainly force the Supreme Court to hear the Michigan cases separately or to put off consideration of the law-school case until next year, with a decision unlikely to come before the spring of 2004. "The nation is looking to this case to clarify the status of race-based admissions, and it shouldn't have to wait another two years for finality and certainty," he said.

Marvin Krislov, the University of Michigan's general counsel, said the university is still weighing how to respond to the plaintiffs' latest move in the undergraduate case. The university has said it plans to oppose Supreme Court review of the Sixth Circuit court's ruling in the law-school case, but its lawyers also believe that "if the court decides to hear one case, it should hear both at the same time," Mr. Krislov said.

Several students have intervened as defendants in each of the Michigan cases, primarily for the sake of making the argument that the university needs affirmative action in admissions to remedy continuing racially

discriminatory practices. One of the chief lawyers for the undergraduate intervenors, Theodore M. Shaw, associate director and counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said Tuesday that "the Supreme Court ought to hear both of these cases."

Mr. Shaw said that his side had submitted evidence of university discrimination in connection with the undergraduate case, and that "we want that record there" if and when the Supreme Court rules.

The judges of the Sixth Circuit, which encompasses Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee, could issue a ruling in the undergraduate case any day, but most of the lawyers involved in the case predict that they won't.

The court heard both Michigan cases on the same day, but, in its subsequent decision in the law-school case, the court was deeply divided, 5 to 4, and one member of the minority, Judge Danny J. Boggs, issued a dissenting opinion in which he suggested that members of the majority may have manipulated the court's scheduling and procedures to ensure a ruling in the law school's favor. His complaint has prompted U.S. Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., a Wisconsin Republican and chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, to undertake a review of the court's handling of the case.

Lawmakers at Hearing on College-Accreditation System Call for More Accountability

By RICHARD MORGAN
The Chronicle of Higher Education

A House of Representatives education subcommittee met Tuesday to assess the role of accreditation in higher education. Lawmakers largely criticized the country's 50-year-old accreditation process, claiming that it fails to ensure academic quality, lacks accountability, and drives up college costs for administrators and students.

Rep. Howard P. (Buck) McKeon, a California Republican and chairman of the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, which held the hearing, set the tone early on by saying, "If [a college] and its programs are accredited, the assumption by most is that it provides a quality education. The purpose of this hearing is to determine if that assumption is accurate." Leaning on Republican themes of accountability, Mr. McKeon said, "I am extremely concerned that accreditation agencies are imposing standards on institutions that have little or nothing to do with academic quality."

Describing what she perceives to be the fallibility of the current system, Laura Palmer Noone, president of the University of Phoenix, discussed the "somewhat onerous" process of having multiple accrediting associations deal with a single institution. The for-profit

university, the largest private university in the country, has 125,000 students enrolled at 38 campuses spread across 25 states, British Columbia, and Puerto Rico. More than 45,000 of its students earn degrees wholly online.

Ms. Noone criticized the "system of overlap" between federal, regional, and state accrediting agencies, saying, "It is obvious to us as an institution that we have taxed the abilities of the regional bodies to cooperate." The variety of standards among regional accrediting agencies is problematic, she said, because "compliance with these differences is not a question of simply meeting the highest level of standards, since the standards are somewhat inconsistent and at worst dissonant."

While the University of Phoenix has accepted the accreditation challenges as "a cost of doing business," she said, state-based "educational bureaucracies" are an unwelcome obstacle for a geographically diverse institution because "every state acts as if it invented education." The state-based difficulties, she said, create "a structural impediment to any real national initiatives" in accreditation.

The strongest critic of the status quo was Hank Brown, a former member of both chambers of Congress and a former president of the University of Northern Colorado. Mr. Brown echoed many

of the findings of a report released this week by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, which he said provided an "excellent overview" and "excellent suggestions" for accreditation.

He also described his "bizarre experience" with accreditors at Northern Colorado, saying they were often vague in their goals and criteria. "Colleges and universities that were allowing academic standards to slide and the curriculum to deteriorate with a hodgepodge of quirky, academically dubious courses nevertheless sailed through their reaccreditation visits," Mr. Brown said, moving the discussion then to "scandalous" grade inflation at Harvard University and other prestigious institutions.

Largely defending the current system was Judith S. Eaton, president of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, who called accreditation "an extraordinary example of a successful public-private partnership." Ms. Eaton conceded that the process is "decentralized and complex," but added that "accrediting organizations, institutions, and programs can and should vary considerably in the manner in which they address student-learning outcomes. A liberal-arts student cannot be expected to demonstrate the same learning

outcomes as a dental hygienist. ... I have a great deal of concern with efforts to standardize."

Some legislators appeared unswayed. Rep. Thomas E. Petri, a Wisconsin Republican, said that the dependence on accreditation for a college's federal student-aid eligibility puts "too much on a one-switch decision," and that political agendas have "strayed" the accreditation process from its original purpose.

Mr. Petri noted that he has introduced a bill, HR 5501, which would remove the need for colleges to be accredited in order to receive federal student aid. Mr. McKeon asked with visible frustration: "Do [accreditors] do any interviewing of students? Do they do any interviewing of employees? Of people who employ students when they graduate? Anybody?"

After some silence from the panel of witnesses, Mr. Brown, the former lawmaker and university president, responded: "The time [accreditors] spend in the classroom is minimal, if it exists at all."

Rep. John F. Tierney, a Massachusetts Democrat, was the lone Congressman at the hearing to caution against swift condemnation of accreditation. While noting the "considerable latitude" of the process, he warned that he had "some concern about rushing to conclusions."

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Wanted: Department of Homeland Security

ADAM ZIMMERMAN
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There was a call for one almost immediately after Sept. 11, and for months afterwards. Then, the president asked for one in the summer. Then, it was supposed to be here the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Now, they're hoping to have it done by this month. Or maybe by the end of the calendar year. Or perhaps at the start of 2003. It's all talk and little action. It has been 387 days since the towers fell, and we still do not have a Department of Homeland Security.

All the recent talk about Iraq and Saddam Hussein has overshadowed the status of the homeland bill for weeks. But the fact remains that legislation creating the new Department, which passed the House of Representatives back in July, has been stalled in the Senate for months.

The major point of contention between the Senate Democrats and the White House is Bush's power and control over the estimated 170,000 employees who are to serve in the new cabinet branch. The president has made clear that he will veto any bill which does not give him broad authority over the hiring, firing and deployment of the department's personnel. More specifically, he wants authority to exempt them from union bargaining agreements for national security purposes.

Republicans argue that this authority is crucial for the Administration to quickly respond to terrorist threats. However, many Democrats have countered that such proposals would damage longstanding civil service protections and collective bargaining rights. To be sure, this is an important matter that must be resolved, but it certainly does not appear that it will be the death knell for the homeland security bill. There is far more agreement than contention over

the entire proposal, and all signs point towards a Rose Garden signing ceremony sometime in the near future. Yet that didn't stop President Bush from having his frustrations boil over somewhat when he told *The Washington Post* last week that the Democratic-controlled Senate is not interested in the security of the American people.

The comment was nothing less than audacious. It prompted the normally mild-mannered Tom Daschle to furiously (and rightly) rip into the president for his senseless and outrageous accusation. That speech caused the White House to timidly respond that Bush's comments were taken "out of context." No, they were not. Any political junkie worth his salt knows that you never take a politician's statements at face value: the true meaning will only be found if you read between the lines. It is clear that President Bush was implicitly suggesting that anyone who disagrees with his national security plans or ideas, especially Democrats, just does not care about the safety of Americans.

The president ought to remember that it was he who for months opposed, resisted, and frequently argued against the "unnecessary" creation of a cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security. He only acquiesced this past summer due to political pressures from both sides of the aisle. Had President Bush acted on this matter a year ago, the Department would be fully up and running by now. Instead, we are still waiting for its arrival.

The bottom line is this: while the president may be the national spokesman for the American people, we are not all beholden to blind agreement with each and every one of his policies. The best legislation, and the best homeland security, are only reached by compromise.

Letter to the Editor

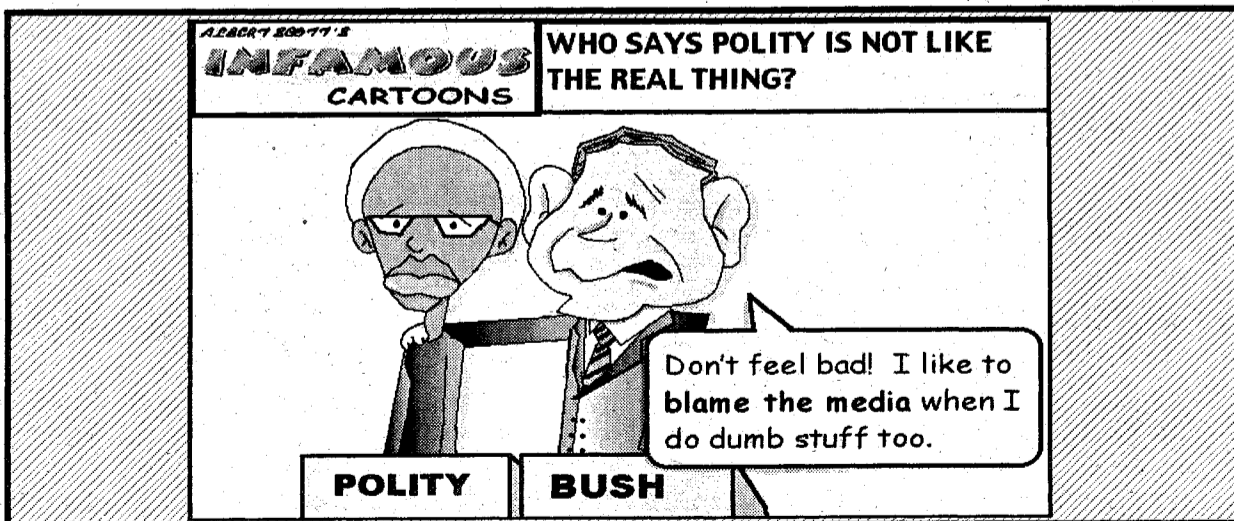
Campus Dining Theft: Food for Thought

Dear Editor:

In the Thursday, Sept. 26 issue of *Statesman*, the lead article was "Theft in Dining Centers: How Big is the Problem?" The thing that stood out most to me was the interview with "Clayton." The writer stated he saw Clayton nonchalantly pick up a protein bar from a box by the cashier and place it in his back pocket. When the writer questioned Clayton about the incident Clayton was unapologetic, gloating, "That was so easy," his "free" protein bar in hand. Yes, theft in the dining halls

leads to higher prices, but what about Clayton? What kind of person is Clayton? Does Clayton feel there is anything wrong with what he did? Some, including Clayton, might say "it was only a protein bar!" But honesty and personal integrity are not placed on a scale governed by the enormity of the deed! Honesty and personal integrity are the sum of all we do, "even when no one is looking!" Food for thought!

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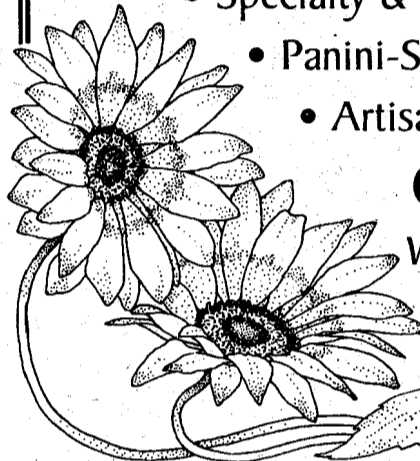
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Senate Shenanigans

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

The constitutional committee, which consisted of council members and senators, got together over the summer and proposed a series of changes that they felt would strengthen the document, such as the institution of a full-time student policy.

Then the Senate got ahold of the document. Five meetings and a countless number of inane motions later, the students are no better off. The shenanigans at Senate this year have become as commonplace as the large crowds at Seawolves Stadium.

The Senate can't decide who will chair its meetings or to what degree they should follow parliamentary procedure (the latter most likely because no one knows it). Senators have come very close to physical confrontations with council members and in one instance, two individuals needed to be separated. They spent the majority of one meeting debating whether or not they should vote on a blind constitution. Most appalling was the instance when one of the more senior members at the table decided to show up to the meeting dressed in a toga made of American Flags. His partner in crime wore a lime green blanket. Together they made a laughing stock of the body, and provided us in the gallery with much needed levity.

This is the same government that aspires to be more like the one in Washington D.C. The one

[Polity Senators] fail to see the big picture, fail to realize that that when the dust clears from the debauchery there won't be anything to carve up.

that has on several occasions alluded to the founding fathers, and with the next breath has ended up disgracing itself. Every time a Senator has the moxy to make the comparison, let us be the ones to remind the person that those men were individuals endowed with superior intelligence and foresight, and that the drafters of Polity's constitution have trouble with subject-verb agreement and redundancy. The American Constitution has lasted for over 200 years, and if the trends continue Polity's won't last until the end of this semester.

Now this isn't unwarranted rhetoric. I challenge you to spend a night observing your Senate in action and examining its work on paper.

Each draft of the constitution has grown more convoluted and incoherent as the treacherous claws of politics dig themselves deeper into this document. The authors are always positioning and maneuvering. They busy themselves adulterating the language of the text, just to see who gets more power, whose ego goes home a little bigger, who gets the big piece of the pie.

They fail to see the big picture, fail to realize that that when the dust clears from the debauchery there won't be anything to carve up. No naive residential Senators to pick on. No puppeteers lurking in the shadows of the gallery. No Student Polity Association to speak off.

So members of the Senate continue to dig their own graves. This one you can't blame on Akelia.

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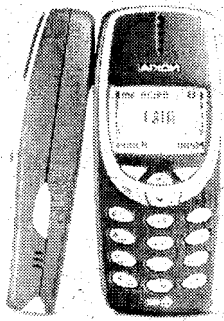
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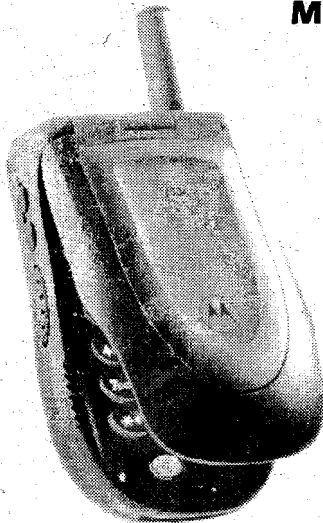
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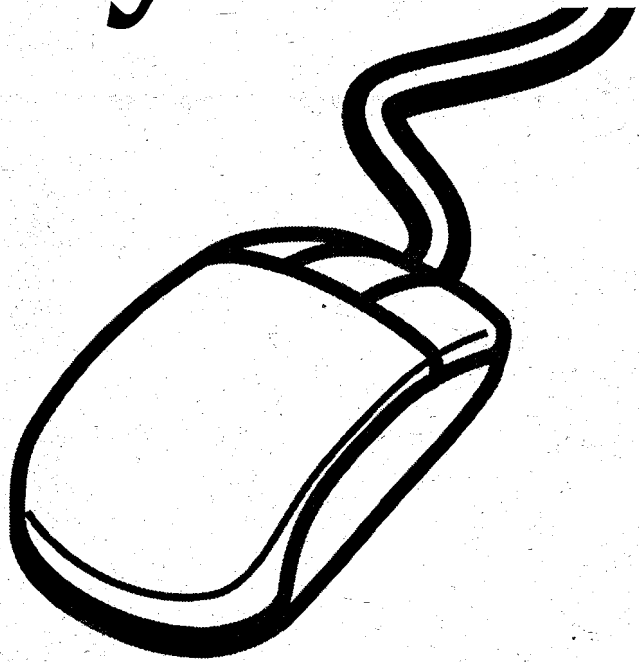
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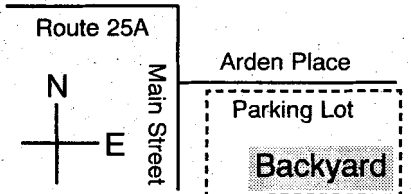
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Stony Brook Football Is All Grown Up

By SAMEER KHANLIJ
Statesman Contributor

After the big first game win, they were too confident and relaxed in practice. After the loss, captain Scott Bard said the team got down on themselves but got it together and practiced hard through the week. In a game against the NEC pre-season favorite, Stony Brook found the character of their team.

"We grew up today," coach Sam Kornhauser said in his 19th season.

The Seawolves beat the Albany Great Danes, 24-20, Saturday and improved their record to 2-1. It was their first win against Albany in six years. "It was the biggest I-AA win we have had" he said.

The Stony Brook offense was lead by senior quarterback Scott Bard who threw for 201 yards. He had two easy targets between junior wide receiver Jophiel "Jojo" Philips and senior Chris McGovern.

The first half looked like a game of catch between Bard and McGovern, who finished the game with a career-high nine receptions gaining

132 yards. But Philips may have had his coming out party in front of the 6,133 in attendance.

Philips, who was awarded the First Annual Raymond Downey Hero Classic MVP, caught four passes for 35 yards, with two touchdown receptions.

"I was fortunate to get two good passes in the end zone" said Philips. "The [offensive] line blocked well."

Early in the fourth quarter Albany's Gary Jones, the NEC Player of the Week, penetrated the Stony Brook defense to score a touchdown and give the Danes a 20-17 lead. But Kornhauser had already diagrammed what the Seawolves would have to do to secure the win.

"Stay focused, have composure, and run a kick back for a touchdown," he said.

The ensuing kickoff, aimed away from star kick returner Chad King, was fielded by freshman phenom Shon Brownlee at the 3-yard line. Brownlee first bobbled the ball, but after gaining control he ran up the right sideline.

A fake reverse to junior running back Ken Lockhart fooled the Albany defense and Brownlee ran, 97 yards untouched, to the end zone protected by an entourage of Seawolves sealing the game.

"Shon Brownlee ran [the kickoff] back and that was the clincher," Philips said.

The middle of the third quarter saw the Great Danes venture deep into Stony Brook territory. On the verge of allowing a costly touchdown, the Seawolves defense stepped up and caused a fumble on the 6-yard line.

This fumble recovery, with about four minutes left in the third quarter, swung the momentum back in favor of the Seawolves. The fans in attendance once again started to cheer, and the players were all stood up and bounced around.

"Our defense held the team," Philips said. "They

were the real MVPs."

Behind senior Aden Smith, the defense produced big stops, including one on fourth down late in the game. They pressured the quarterback and gang tackled Albany players.

Amid, the post-game celebration Kornhauser continued to talk about the team maturing and finishing plays. Bard agreed with the theme. "The whole team has a great relationship with one another," Bard said. "We have grown up together."

Seawolves Can't Weather Red Storm

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Dominica Reina scored two goals and Kaitlin Schmidt added as St. John's held off a furious Stony Brook rally and held on for a 3-2 win Tuesday afternoon at University Field. The win improves the Red Storm to 6-1-3 while Stony Brook drops to 2-7-2.

St. John's jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half. Reina took a through pass early in the game, cut it back past two defenders and slipped a shot past Stony Brook goalie Lauren Kohn (Port Washington, Wisc.) for a 1-0 lead at the 12:50 mark.

Kaitlin Schmidt made the score 2-0 in the 29th minute on a left-footed shot from 18 yards out and 2:22 later Reina upped the lead to 3-0 when she knocked in a cross from Schmidt at 30:32.

Kirsandra Seaton (Medford, N.Y.) ignited the Stony Brook rally late in the first half, pouncing on the rebound of a Jen Fontanetta shot that hit the crossbar and booting it home to slice the SJU lead to 3-1. The second half was all Stony Brook as the Seawolves outshot the Red Storm 14-1.

Jacqueline Anthony's (New Brighton, Minn.) sliding shot found its way past SJU keeper Tracey Rollings at 47:10 and the Seawolves were within one. The Seawolves created several chances down the stretch but came up empty. Beth Arikian's (West Islip, N.Y.) shot with two minutes remaining in the game found its way through a maze of players only to hit the post before Rollings fell on it on the goal line to preserve the win.

Rollings made eight saves to earn the win. Kohn recorded three stops in the loss. Stony Brook is back in action on Sunday when it travels to Albany for a 2:30 kick-off.

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