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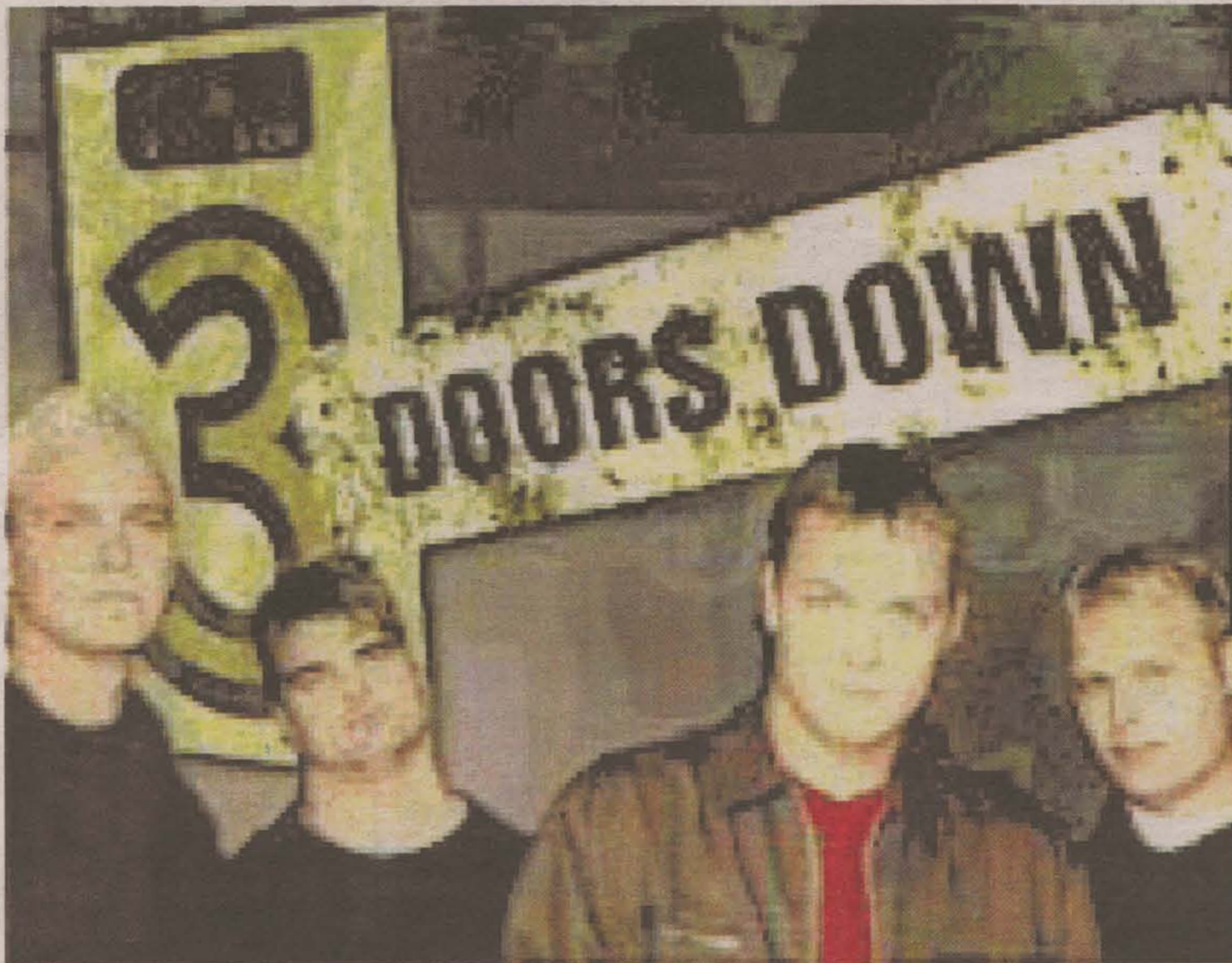
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## Rock On



**3 Doors Down Will Be the First in 10 Years  
to Perform in a Major Concert at USB**

# A Member of the Senate Speaks Out about Impeachment Trial

By CHRIS EFTHYMIU  
Special to the Statesman

The reason senators left was not out of arrogance, but because of fear of reprisal, or riot if the impeachment vote was reconfirmed. This I unequivocally state was a certainty. Not all of the senators stated this fear, but the CSA president and the majority of senators I spoke to seemed genuinely distressed and fearful of the crowds potential for violence. I received calls to confirm if I got home safely, for example. When I spoke to the gallery, I told them, (the crowd,) you came here with your minds made up, and you will leave with your mind made up, and I ask you, what kind of jurist would you make if you were on the judiciary hearing this trial. The crowd seemingly forgot that not only did we have a right to act, but by that very action we might have convictions similar to theirs regarding the matter. Concerning the facts, we had an infinitely broader scope. There were no sheep on that committee, though the notion of shepherds and sheep as an analogy of the crowd, would be quite fitting.


I told Andrew Murray, (CSA President) just let Jonnel speak, they're here to see him not us, give them what they want and it should disband. I could not foresee the flooring of a vote for reconsideration and the chaos that would ensue. I'd like to think the VP, (acting President of Senate) would have been more cognizant of the situation at hand, and that the ambiguity of the rules of the senate that were in play should not lend themselves to convenient interpretations that to me appeared

biased. I have grave concerns about her ability to preside over the senate as long as the trial is in play, I believe that whatever good intentions one could assume she has, there is a potential for conflict of interest, and even manipulation. She almost single-handedly pirated our session, without there even being any consensus about the proper protocols, this can not happen again. At a minimum I feel this was poor discretion and lack of leadership in a crisis. These traits; leadership and discretion, should not always be expected, but at a minimum hoped for. There was no apparent hope for this latest Senate session, very early on I might add.

You will notice that the committee's recommendation for impeachment was unanimous, and the vote (before which the facts were clearly layed out to the Senate) ,resulted in a 48-0-4, vote, and that the senators who wanted to reconsider were a minority of less than 10 people. I believe they were played like puppets and that their lack of understanding of the situations true intention was manipulated by the crowd and Jonnel. I would also like to think that the crowd was staged and manipulated as well. It was race baiting in the tradition of Al Sharpton, and Jesse Jackson, I somehow think that even they, (the gallery) were not cognizant of this. I don't know about Jonel though, this was a meaningless rally whose sole intention was polarization, not enlightenment. When the facts are finally articulated, those who participated may well be embarrassed, and I do not mean the Senate.

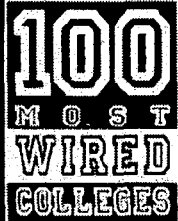
At the end, instead of leaving, I wanted to confront the people who had

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**A Thought From Rabbi Adam**



Sometimes there are obstacles separating a person from a goal. Such a person has but one of two options. Either one could invest their energies in the physical realm and try to manipulate every detail of every obstacle as it presents itself. Or, one could ignore the physical reality, ignore all the obstacles, and by placing all their energies in the spiritual realm, continue to the desired goal with a trust in G-d that things will work themselves out. Take the Biblical Book of Esther as an example. King Achashverosh's minister, Haman, made a decree to kill all the Jews. Now Esther, the king's forced into marriage bride-queen, was secretly Jewish. She had to somehow convince the king to nullify Haman's decree. However, one was not allowed to approach the king without invitation or it was "off with your head" - wives included. Now what was Esther to do? In a few days the decree would be carried out with much bloodshed! She decided to approach the king's sanctuary without invitation, hoping for the best. Now, according to the laws of logic, in order to escape the guillotine, the best way to find favor in the king's eyes would have been to look very attractive. But instead, Esther fasted and prayed for 3 days straight. She looked like a wreck! So how was she to find favor in such a king's eyes? Well, she had a choice. She could invest her efforts in the physical realm, play according to the laws of nature, and try to look pretty to impress the king. Yet she chose to ignore the physical reality, and, instead, invest all her efforts in the spiritual realm- trusting that the merit of her prayers would go farther than the merit of her beauty. And this is exactly what happened. She fasted and prayed, and, the king received her and nullified the decree. Hence, the Jewish holiday of Purim (this Thurs./Fri.) celebrates the fact that one doesn't have to be governed by the laws of reality. For just like the concept of "mind over matter", so too is the spiritual over the physical.

# 2001 American Music Award Winners, 3 Doors Down, Set To Perform At USB

By JENNIFER KESTER  
Editor Emeritus

Rock band 3 Doors Down will take the stage in the Sports Complex Tuesday in what will be the biggest concert the University at Stony Brook has seen in 10 years.

Popular from its No. 1 hit "Kryptonite," Stony Brook is the next stop on the band's national tour with groups Fuel and Oleander. The band will be the first in 10 years to play in the Sports Complex in a major concert. Bob Dylan was the last big-name artist to perform in the arena in 1991.

"I think it's great," said Liz Kelley, a graduate student who sits on the USB concert committee. "It's the first time in a long time that a genre of music appealing to all students is coming to Stony Brook."

Started by Fred Preston, vice president of Student Affairs, about two years ago, the concert committee brings together representatives from all over campus, including Polity, Student Union and Activities, Staller Center, Faculty Student Association, University Police and Sports Complex, to bring large-scale concerts to campus. Together with the Student Polity Activities Board, the concert committee began planning the concert mid-January. Metropolitan Entertainment Group, a concert promotion and booking company handling 3 Doors Down, approached Alan Inkles, director of the Staller Center, and offered him the chance to have the band come to campus. Inkles then brought the proposition to the Student Polity Activities Board, which agreed to bring the band to campus. The general admission show, which will accommodate 3,500, still has tickets available for purchase at the Student Activities Center box office and through Ticketmaster.

Kelley said that the reason USB has had a lack of big-name artist come to campus is twofold. The acoustics in the Sports Complex arena proved to be a problem, she said, since previously there were no sound-absorbing devices. This made the noises echo. The problem is being corrected for this concert with special sound-absorbing devices that will be hung on the ceiling.

The second reason is that much of the effort to create this concert was put forth by the Metropolitan

Entertainment Group. "Metropolitan is looking for a new venue on Long Island," Kelley said. "On Long Island you don't have many venues, only Nassau Collesium and the Vanderbilt in Plainview. This compilation of bands is appealing to the market in Suffolk and Nassau counties." Kelley pointed out that many of the Long Island-based radio stations frequently play 3 Doors Down's music, such as WBAB and WBLI.

The band, which won favorite new artist in the pop/rock category at this year's American Music Awards, skyrocketed to fame by creating a fan-base at small, local radio stations. Based in Escatawpa, Miss., 3 Doors Down got a break when fans flooded Missouri radio station WCPR requesting "Kryptonite." The five-piece rock band started out performing cover songs of Bush, Metallica and Stone Temple Pilots at small venues and at friends' parties, but its original single "Kryptonite" landed the band a performance in 1997 at Manhattan's legendary CBGB's, where it got signed under the Republic/Universal record label.

The band went on to sell more than 3.89 million copies of its debut album, *The Better Life*. Now it is on the road for its tour, and will play a sold-out concert at Manhattan's Roseland Theater the day after its stop at USB.

"There is great excitement on campus about this upcoming show, given the popularity of these artists. We're looking for a successful first concert so that planning can proceed for future events," said Norm Prusslin, a member of the USB concert committee and the general manager for the campus radio station WUSB-FM.

According to Kelley, if the concert is successful Metropolitan might agree to bring two to three big acts to the Sports Complex each semester from all genres of music. Kelley also said that with the construction of the stadium underway in the summer, there could be the possibility of having big concerts outdoors. For now, the committee has other plans. "The next big thing on the horizon is to have a big act come in for homecoming," Kelley said. "We are a little limited in what we can offer, but the more we do these concerts, the more they (Metropolitan) will want to bring them here."



www.3doorsdown.com

Rockband 3 Doors Down won favorite new artist in the pop/rock category at this year's American Music Awards.

## The Profile: 3 Doors Down

By JENNIFER KESTER  
Editor Emeritus

The album: *The Better Life*

The hits: "Kryptonite," "Loser"

The members: Brad Arnold, vocals, 21, previous day job: electric motor repairman; Todd Harrell, bassist, 28, previous day job: electrician; Matt Roberts, guitarist, 22, previous day job: student; Chris Henderson, guitarist, 29, previous day job: manifold technician; Richard Liles, drummer, 27, previous day job: waiter.

The genre: rock 'n' roll

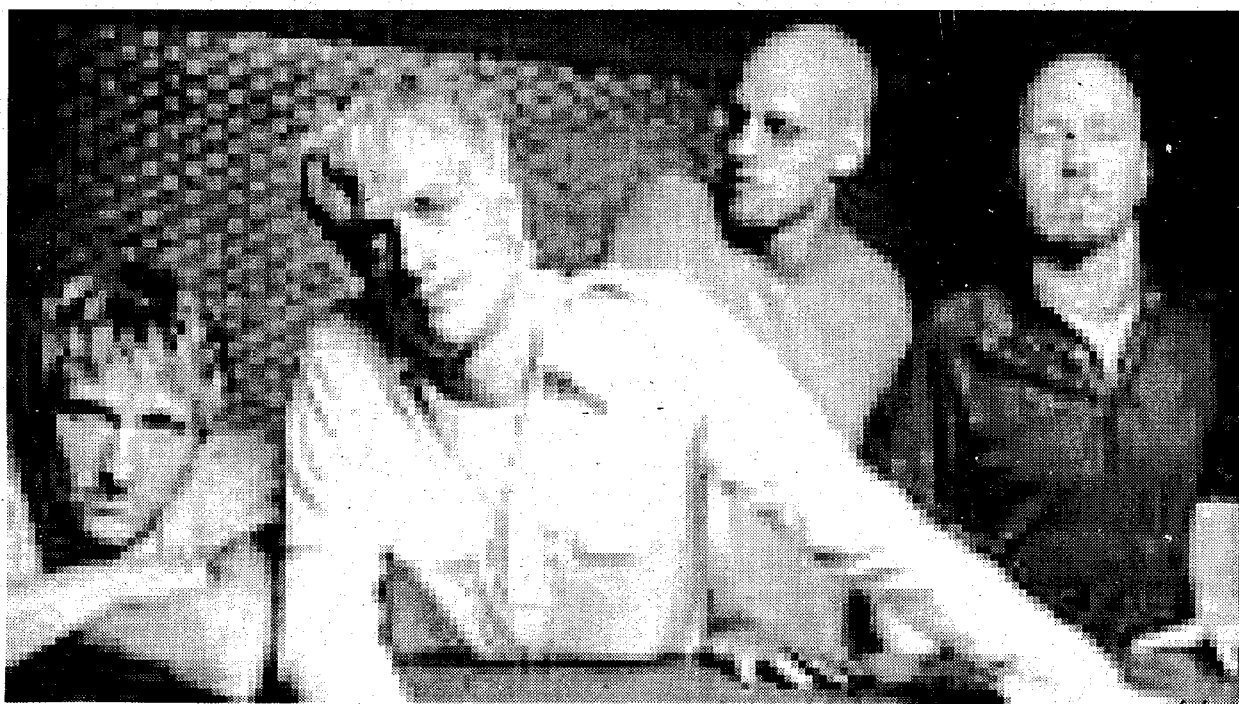
The base: The band is from Escatawpa, Miss.

The name: 3 Doors Down got its name when in 1995, Roberts, Harrell and Arnold formed a trio. The three (hence the "3") saw a dilapidated sign in Foley, Ala. that said, "Doors Down."

The start: The trio became a foursome after being signed to Republic/Universal Records and Henderson joined the band. Liles joined later, relieving Arnold of the drums so that Arnold could concentrate on being the group's frontman. Aside from building up a base at local radio stations, 3 Doors Down played at CBGB's in Manhattan, where it got signed to Republic/Universal Records. It has opened shows for Creed, Sister Hazel and Jonny Lang.

The lyrics: Arnold has written 20 original songs for the band, including "Kryptonite," during his algebra class while a senior in high school. Arnold cites Rush, Bush and Def Leppard as his influences.

The show: 3 Doors Down will play at the Sports Complex at the University at Stony Brook Tuesday. Doors open at 7 p.m. Fuel and Oleander will open for the headliners. For tickets, which cost \$25 for USB students and \$27.50 for nonstudents, call the Student Activities Center box office at 632-6464 or Ticketmaster at 888-9000.



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# Sparks Fly

## Senate Meeting Filled with Anger as Students Voice Concern Over Impeachments

By PAUL O'FLAHERTY  
Statesman Staff

More than 140 spectators attended a raucous Polity Senate meeting last Wednesday. Senate discussed its Feb. 22 vote to impeach Jonnel Doris, Polity president, Renee Johnson, Polity treasurer and Andy Auguste, Student Polity Activities Board chairperson. The spectators quickly became the most prominent feature of the meeting.

Most in the gallery were against the impeachment, cheering at anti-impeachment statements, many of which were expressed by sophomore rep Natalie Hodgson and jeering at those pro-impeachment. Kaedrea Jackson, Polity vice president and meeting chairperson, repeatedly asked the spectators to remain silent. The commotion began when, 15 minutes into the meeting, two members of SPAB began chanting "No justice no peace," from the back of the room. From the podium, Jackson said, "Victor [Escorbares] and Jemell [Cole], can you please leave the room?" The two remained.

During the two-hour meeting, one motion was made and never voted on. A senator moved to "reconsider the vote to impeach." For the remainder of the meeting, the senate and spectators discussed and argued, this motion. The meeting ended when a group of senators walked out. At this point, there were no longer enough senators present to maintain quorum. The Senate's quorum rule requires the presence of a majority of senators for the meeting to continue.

Immediately after the meeting, Chris Efthymiou, the most controversial member of the investigative committee, heatedly

disputed with some spectators and members of Polity. Dennis Lozanne, SPAB's comedy and lectures chair, apparently concerned tension was increasing, put his arm over Efthymiou's shoulder to separate him from the crowd. Andrez Carberry, former Polity president, tried to control the situation. "There is no need to escort any student anywhere. No one is going to attack anyone," said Carberry.

The impeachment process has been postponed until the motion to reconsider is voted on. Talia A. Paul, the Polity Judiciary Chief Justice, said in a memo, "[Last Thursday's] Pre-Trial Conference has been postponed pending an action of the Senate. As you may remember, a motion to reconsider the motion to impeach the three officers was on the floor at last night's Senate meeting. Due to a severe lack of order and decorum, that motion was never dealt with. It will be dealt with at the next Senate meeting. Because there is a possibility that the Senate's decision to impeach may change, I would like to await that final decision before I proceed with a trial."

Paul said the judiciary's ability to decide the impeachment issue would not be affected by the disruption at the meeting. "This won't stop a fair trial at all. None of my justices were there," said Paul.

Most senators supported the attendance of the spectators, but were disappointed by the conduct of many of them.

"I liked the fact that students showed up to give support but I didn't like the way they handled themselves. They didn't let

the other side get their say. I saw a [spectator] try to go after a senator. But they were stopped before they could get to them," said a resident senator, who wished to remain anonymous.

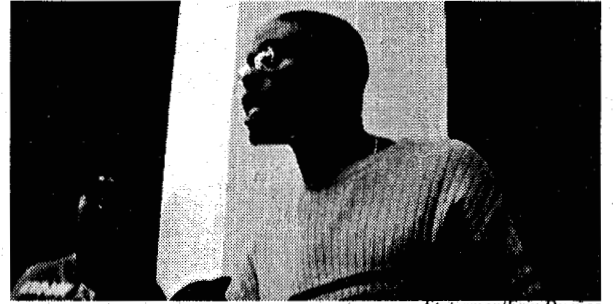
Another resident senator said, "Basically every time the trial [pro-impeachment] was brought up there were boos and you heard slurs directed at senators, and when someone brought up things in support of their friends [anti-impeachment] they let them speak."

Even some senators who agreed with the opinion of the spectators objected to how they expressed it.

Raeha Kim of James College criticized the senators who left at the end of the meeting, causing attendance to fall below quorum. "To see senators just walk out looked very unprofessional," said Kim. Kim supported reconsidering the vote to impeach. "There was a lack of evidence. We shouldn't have voted to impeach with that little evidence," said Kim.

Although she shared their concerns, Kim criticized those who caused a disruption. "Some people felt they couldn't say what they had to say because they were afraid of the outcome from the crowd," Kim said. "Towards the end it looked like a riot was about to break out."

Isaac Pflaum, a commuter senator, also supported the spectators' attendance. "People do have the right to go to senate. A lot of people in the crowd had the right idea. It shows well that they cared enough to



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Andy Auguste, SPAB chair, is one of the three impeached. The majority of the gallery supported him and the others facing impeachment.

come," said Pflaum. But he disliked the behavior of many spectators. "There was no violence but they took over our meeting," said Pflaum. "They didn't come with the intention of solving the problem. They came with the intention of throwing a wrench in the machinery."

After the meeting, a few senators suggested that the appearance of so many people, most with the same opinion on the issue, might have been part of a highly organized effort.

"It was obviously very organized. The people there were enticed to come," said Pflaum. A resident senator said, "It seemed like some people just invited their friends to support them."

There was an apparent understanding among some spectators to not discuss the matter. When asked what club they were from, many flatly declined to comment. In one instance, a spectator was asked who had told him about the meeting. His friend intervened and said "He'll have to get back to you on that."

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# Editorials

## Journalism 101

The recent events coming out of Polity Senate have turned the campus into a tizzy. Critics of our student government have long accused it of being a body that gets little to nothing done aside from arguing, but the events at the last meeting were truly monumental and for some probably a little scary. In response to the move to impeach the Polity president, treasurer and the Student Polity Activities Board chair, a record number of spectators entered into the gallery to watch the meeting progress. Inevitably, the impeachment came up and members of the gallery promptly began yelling their support for those getting impeached by chanting "No justice, no peace." Although not many joined in the chant, it was clear that the majority of the audience sided with the chanters and those they chanted for. Order never really was restored after that and a screaming match between senators, spectators and anyone else that spoke ensued.

The impeachment has gotten so many people hot under the collar that Statesman has noticed that people are taking their aggressions out on us. We have received phone calls from senators who are concerned and angry with us, claiming that we are featuring this huge campus news in a

fashion that is too sympathetic to those being impeached. Proving that everyone is indeed a critic, the other side has expressed concern over the very same thing.

It took a lot of time but we have finally secured a writer to do the "Polity beat." This reporter has impressive skills for such a new writer and he is dedicated enough to face the weekly headaches that are Senate meetings. But he has already come under fire for being the perpetrator of the one sidedness. Statesman would like to

*"...we reserve the right to voice those opinions, regardless of who might be upset by it."*

point out that it is the same writer who is being accused of favoring both sides. He simply reports on what he sees, you people do the rest. The editorial page is the only place where you will read opinions. And of course, we reserve the right to voice those opinions, regardless of who might be upset by it.

We have also recently received letters to the editor from people who are not related in any way to the Polity circus but who have witnessed the three rings in action. These students need to be

credited for taking the initiative to attend these meetings and they deserve even more for wanting to express their concern over what they witnessed. But each one that we have received has requested that the name be left off of the piece upon being printed in our paper. Besides the fact that it is against our policy to print anything that is under a pseudonym or without a name at all, we wonder why these students would go so far as to be upset enough to write and then too weak to face whatever consequences voicing their opinions might be. If you are not brave enough to stand behind your views, why should we be? When we have responded that anonymity is not our policy, the writers responded in anger. Without fail, they all mention that they have seen articles printed without a name. This piece is one such article.

What you are reading is known in the journalism world as the board editorial. This means that the "authors" are the members of the board, although we might not all necessarily agree, and if you are looking for names, simply look to your left at the gray box and you will see who "wrote" this. If you are interested in the specific person who actually typed it, please come down and we will be glad to provide you with a name.

In the meantime, we would like to thank all the members of our student government for giving us plenty to write about.

By ALBERT SCOTT  
Statesman Contributor

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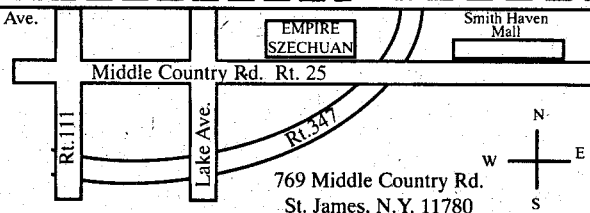
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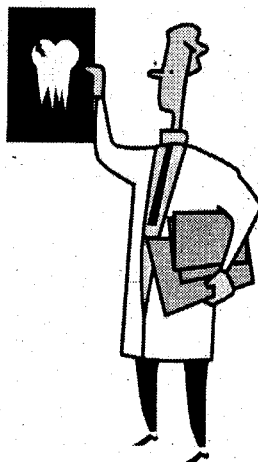
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## Reaction to The Senate Meeting

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been misled about my statement on the SPAB's composition, and the accusation that I was a racist. First, that was a peripheral observation that I noticed during the committee hearings. It was only after we were called biased by the SPAB, did I notice, and question the composition of that group, the SPAB. I then first pointed this out to my fellow committee members as an underlying problem with corruption in the SPAB and executive Polity. They immediately distanced themselves from the statement, and I took it upon myself to point this out to the Senate. It wasn't their "blackness" as the Treasurer, Renee Johnson accused me of, (like an angry fan when the home team is losing) it was their singularity. The crowd obviously fell for the polarizing notion, and not being equipped with the facts, drew unfounded and biased conclusions. I wonder if it was only my white skin they were concerned with, and not my words. Was it possibly the pot calling the kettle black? This was outright manipulation as far as I am concerned, and the people who were involved with organizing that group, who I might add were predominately minorities, are showing the student body by their very presence, the lack of diversity that currently exists in the Executive branch, and the SPAB. That, "rally" went directly to the heart of my concerns, and only strengthened my position and resolve. That was not the vision of inclusion that long lost ideas, like a Rainbow Coalition envisioned. Look at the lack of participation in Polity elections; I mean less than 1500 out of 13 or 14 thousand people voted are evidence that as long as this goes un-reformed, any special interest could dominate that body. That means any group, race, or ethnicity. I could care less what anyone's race is, and the more this is examined, the more people will realize my goal is diversity and inclusion. These are creeds of this university, as well as its affirmative action policies. After the trial, I plan to address the issues connected to the deterioration of Polity participation by the student body as well. I believe the university has a responsibility to pro-actively address this situation, and that the current mess, and level of participation in Polity elections is all the proof they should need.

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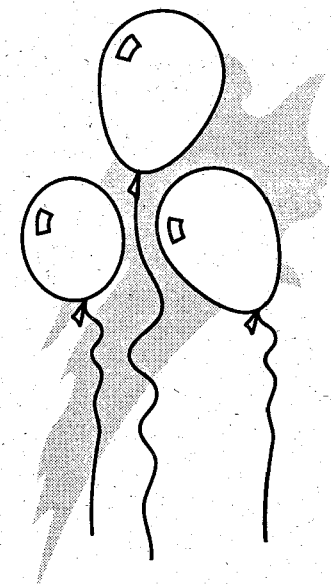
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## NY Styles

### Expanding Wardrobe for the Expanding Waist

By Erin Dueñas, Statesman Editor

Having a baby is by far the most amazing experience a woman will encounter in her lifetime. Feeling the little movements of a life growing inside is enough to make any woman believe in miracles.

But what some pregnant women might find even more miraculous than the kicks of their baby is the sight they see each time they look in the mirror. The pregnant body changes in every way imaginable. The growing belly is just one part of a whole series of changes that includes an expanding bust, the thickening of the legs, saggy arms and even a bigger behind. And that's before giving in to the cravings. As if raging hormones were not enough, putting away those size six jeans can be enough to bring the mommy to be to tears. Especially after she goes to replace them with a larger size.

Maternity clothes have traditionally been known as anything but fashionable. Manufacturers seem to believe that the pregnant woman suddenly loses her yen for looking fashionable as she gains baby-related weight. Polyester blends, sailor suits and shirts that tie in the back do not suddenly become cute.

So what is she to do? There are options to the butterfly and daisy covered shirts that are standard maternity fare at stores such as Sears. The Internet offers a few sites that can offer the pregnant woman some solace that there are alternatives to ugly clothes out there!

Motherhood Maternity offers a great selection of clothes at very affordable prices. The clothes are available on the Internet but the stores are also located throughout New York, including many Long Island malls such as Roosevelt Field, Green Acres and Smithhaven. Most items do not go over \$30, jeans stay at about \$25 and shirts can go as cheap as \$10. Who wants to spend money on a temporary situation? Here are some selections from their new Spring line.



This embroidered poplin sundress in a vibrant periwinkle is only \$29.90. It is 100% cotton, machine washable and appropriate for school, work and summer evening walks to the ice cream parlor.



Face it, Mom. There will be no escaping pants with the stretchable belly. They may look weird but they are comfortable and the elastic waist allows you to wear them throughout your pregnancy. These flare leg and sandblasted jeans allow you to grow in style. Only \$24.90.



This wrap front, tunic style sleeveless shirt will keep you feeling cool while you look cool. Long enough to hide the stretchable belly on your jeans, you can get one of these in every color at \$14.90. Also available in black, yellow, white and periwinkle.

A Pea in the Pod is another option for the mom who wants to stay in the fashion world as she approaches the baby world. Or, as their motto states, "For the Woman who Refuses to Wear Maternity Clothes." It boasts the patronage of such celebrity mothers as Catherine Zeta-Jones, Kelly Ripa and Kelly Preston. Keeping up with the famous moms will cost you: don't buy these clothes unless your wallet is as fat as your stomach. Is it really worth it to spend money on clothes you will only wear a few months? Here are some of their latest styles for the upcoming season.



This Anna Sui scarf print dress is sleeveless with a Johnny collar and made in 100% silk chiffon. Perfect for dinners out or for work but it will cost you a pretty penny to look this good: this knee length dress will run you \$189.00



This elbow length sleeved striped tee shirt has a nice V-neck to help you show off your newly acquired cleavage. But don't try it if you gained weight anywhere other than your belly. The cut is close to the body and likely to accentuate love handles and chunky upper arms. \$95.00



Because they are comfortable and versatile, leggings are a staple of every pregnant wardrobe. And most people forgive you for doing the 1980's look: leggings and big shirts. A Pea in the Pod offers a hip variation on the standard leggings with capri styles, available in black for \$58, and leggings with a cuff at the bottom, available in gray and black at \$68. At those prices, go to Target and buy them for \$10.