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## Guyanese Club Holds Interracial Dating Forum

By ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

The Guyanese United Youth Club (GUY) hosted a forum entitled "Interracial Dating in 2001" at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 7 in the SAC room 302. The forum, which was well-attended, represented a meeting of people from a wide variety of backgrounds.

GUY had been planning this event since early September.

"Events like this are really important in today's world, especially on a campus as diverse as Stony Brook's," said GUY president Romona Kumar. "Just about everyone on campus knows someone who is in an interracial relationship, and everyone has an opinion on it."

Along with the open invitation to the entire campus, the group also sent special invitations to the executive board members of various other cultural interest groups and Stony Brook University staff members. These individuals served on the panel for the discussion,

which was run in a question and answer format.

Kumar acted as the mediator and posed questions that were submitted by members of GUY. Each question was answered by each member of the panel and then was opened to audience discussion.

The panel was composed of counselors Karina Kim and Jaya Save-Mundra, Professor of Africana Studies Joy Mahabir, as well as Junior Dorsainvil, the president of the Caribbean Students' Organization, and Antonio Ferrantino, the president of the Latin American Students' Organization. The President and Secretary of the South Asian Students' Association, Yahya Farooqshah and Jaslene Kaur, respectively, also served on the panel.

"We're lucky to go to a school with such high levels of diversity, and the interracial dating that is evident on campus shows that the students here are not afraid to embrace their differences," said freshman Urvi Gandhi. "I'm glad



Statesman/Christopher Latham

The Guyanese Club held a forum on interracial dating, Wednesday.

we have events like this one to help educate each other and learn about each other's views."

According to Kumar, the prevalence of interracial dating on campus was one of the driving forces behind the production of this event.

Students discussed their views on topics ranging from race and religion, to family and culture. Issues surrounding marriage and parents, as well as how all of these topics are related to interracial

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## Japanese Vice-Consul Speaks at SBU Pledges Japan's Support Of U.S. War Effort



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Vice-consul Takehiko Wajima, above.

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM  
Statesman Editor

Vice-consul Takehiko Wajima assured SBU students of Japan's support for the U.S. war against terrorism, at the latest

meeting in the International Focus Lecture Series on Tuesday.

"For Japan it is not a question of 'if', but of 'how' we can best perform as an ally of the United States," he said before a room of more than 60 students.

The lecture, entitled "Japanese-U.S. Relations: 50 Years in Perspective", detailed interactions between the two countries from the end of World War II until the present day.

Wajima spoke of the political, economic and social damage Japan experienced as a result of WWII, and of how the United States alleviated much of the burden by quickly instituting an agreement of financial assistance in exchange for military occupation of the country.

"Politically, it was a win-win situation for both our nations," Wajima said, referring to Japan's rapid economic expansion and the strong military presence

the U.S. has been able to maintain in Asia.

That relationship remained mutually beneficial during the Cold War. Japan never pursued Communism and developed a capitalist system, sending many of its exports to the U.S. Towards the end of the Cold War, however, Japan and the U.S. became economic competitors. But due to political instability in other Asian countries, such as China and South Korea, the partnership remained a key asset to the U.S.

According to Wajima, Japanese-U.S. relations have entered yet another phase as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Due to a new anti-terrorism special measurement law passed in October, Japan now has the ability to dispatch its self-defense forces abroad. It was a historic move. Though these troops cannot participate in combat missions (in accordance with long-standing WWII agreements), they can provide assistance

in the forms of logistical support and medical relief.

In terms of financial support, Japan gave \$22 million to Tajikistan to care for defecting Afghan refugees and \$14 million in emergency aid for Pakistan, as part of a total \$55 million to be given to the country.

"We must work harder to maintain our alliance," Wajima said. "It cannot be taken for granted. Sept. 2001 should not only be remembered for this tragedy. I hope Sept.

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# Bird Song: Composition Eight

BY KROSTOPHER LEE  
Statesman Staff

He looked like a bum. Oddly enough, his clothes didn't smell... at all. His face wasn't rough, yet it wasn't angelic. He was the kind of person you really wanted to meet. The kind of person you knew was innocent, yet has seen and been apart of some very interesting things. His eyes seemed to encompass the world yet at the same time focused on me. I wanted to see His smile, I knew some how it would make my day, it would wash away any worries, anything that was wrong. But He wore a scarf.

"Life is rough. Isn't it?"

What could I do? At the time of course what else could I say? "Yeah it is." It seemed like I opened my whole life to Him in that one sentence. I felt He knew everything about me, everything that I had experienced, and all my worries.

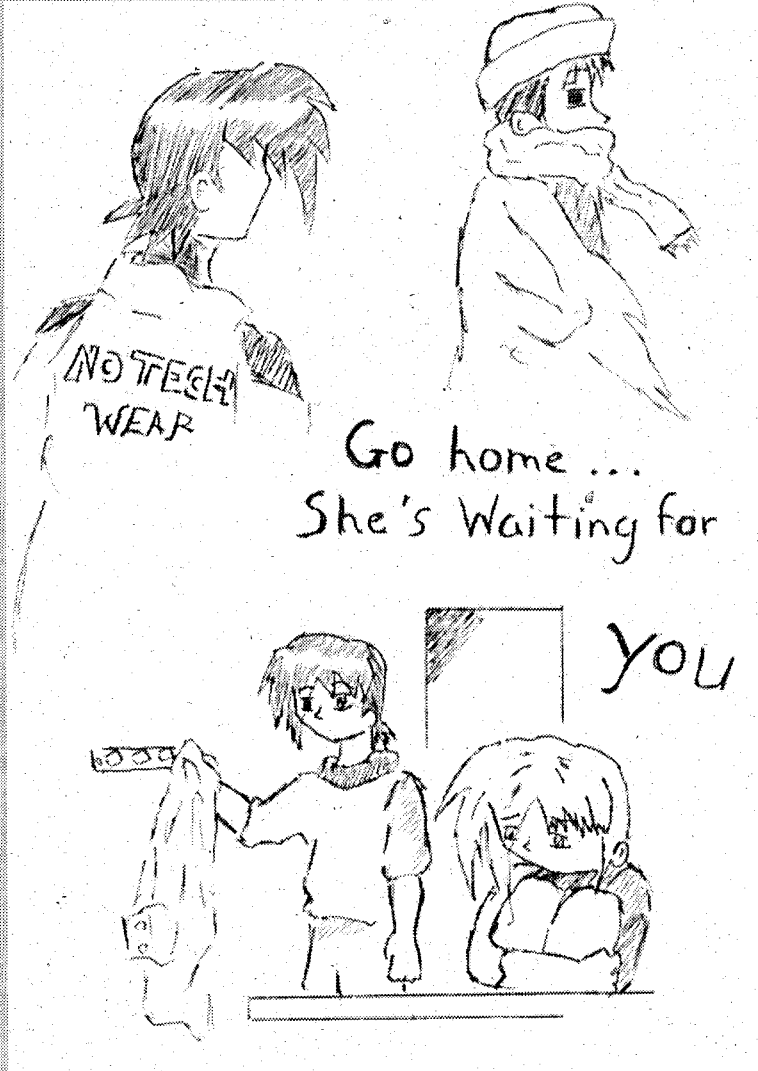
"Enjoy the moments that you have. You never know what may happen to you. Look at me, I was once successful. People worshiped me like crazy. I explained everything under the sun, and they looked to me for answers.

Now all I do is watch and listen. You should go home now. Forget about what happened here today. Just move on with your life and be happy."

I opened my mouth, anger rising within me. How could I just pretend nothing happened? How could I pretend that everything was fine, that I didn't need to know anything about Crista?

But looking into his face I lost it all. All anger seemed to drain from me, my blood quelled. I could tell He was smiling at me from underneath His scarf.

"But you can't do that can you. You wouldn't be out here sitting with me if you could. It's eating you up inside, that you don't know anything about her past.



I suggest that if she doesn't tell you then you shouldn't try to find out. But then again you're probably not going to listen to me either."

He rose with a grace that was only His. I was about to stop Him but something told me I wouldn't be able to. He turned and said, "Don't worry about what I've said, just the ramblings of some old man wandering around. Don't waste the little time you have left. Go to her, she's waiting for you."

Just another thing to question, right? But for some odd reason the moment He left I felt a little at ease. My legs carried me home to Crista. She was up sitting in the kitchen, the only light in the room bore down on her stealing away the smile I had always enjoyed. Eyes burning from a restless and tear-filled sleep stared at me with a hope.

I knew exactly what she wanted before she even asked. The desperate hope one holds when they know the end is near. The struggling actions of a headless soul, as it uses its last bit of life to jerk.

She even knew that it was a slim hope, that it was just a script we were following when awkward things like this happen. She gave a fake little smile, as if everything that had happened was a joke.

"I don't suppose you want to forget what happened today, do you?"

I don't know why, but my body felt so tired at that moment. The words coming out of my mouth seemed forced, and not mine. But it was sensible, "If that's what you want. I'm really tired right now. I'm gonna go to sleep. Talk to me when you're ready."

Was I really saying this, was I really moving towards the loveseat? My legs gave out from under me and my face hit the pillow. I didn't know it then, but that was the first indication that I was dying.

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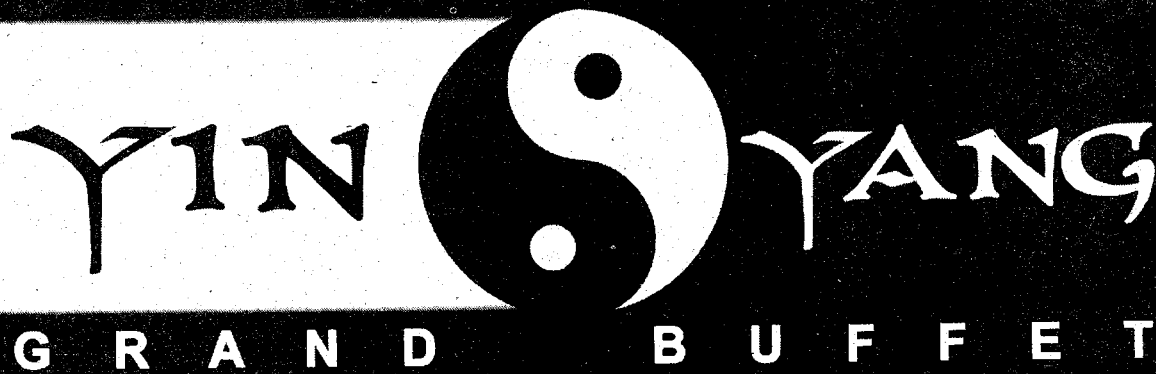
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# Pakistani Leader Offers His Nation's Perspective on U.S. War Effort

BY SHIRLEY GOH  
Statesman Contributor

Group Captain Khalid Banuri of Pakistan spoke at SBU Monday concerning U.S. relations in the Middle East. Before commencing the discussion, he emphasized that he would be his own views, which would not necessarily be that of the Pakistani government.

He stressed that the United States should stop bombing Afghanistan to reassure Pakistan of their friendship.

"When I arrived in the U.S. about a month ago, I thought there was a lack of security and intelligence," Banuri said. "On further thought, it was a need to understand grievances on both sides."

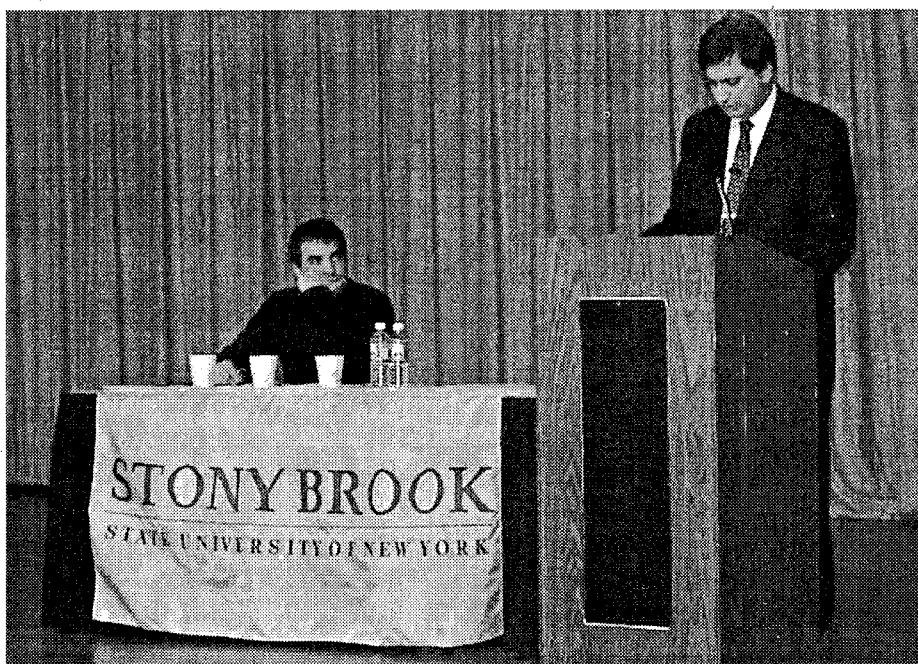
Some anti-American sentiment does exist in Pakistan, and the vast number of dialects makes it difficult to inform Pakistanis that the U.S. goal is eliminating terrorism. "It needs to be said that this is not a war against Islam," stressed Banuri.

The United States has refused requests to stop bombing during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which has further angered Pakistanis.

Banuri asserted that the majority of his people do not side with bin Laden. Pakistanis have been frequent victims of domestic terrorism for over ten years.

"Our government has chosen to dissociate from the Taliban, which is a major policy shift," he said.

But elements of the population agree



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Group Captain Khalid Banuri, of Pakistan, shown above.

with the ideologies of the terrorists. According to a fact sheet distributed at the talk, over 5,000 Pakistanis entered Afghanistan on Oct. 27, vowing to defend the Taliban against the U.S.

One of Banuri's main concerns is that the United States will abandon Pakistan once bin Laden is caught and U.S. national security interests are served.

An audience member responded that Pakistan helped build up Al Qaeda and that the bombing would stop if Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence helped track down bin Laden. He asked

Banuri why Pakistan is not more forthcoming with help if it seeks a rapid end to the war.

Banuri explained that Pakistan does not necessarily possess this information, and that bin Laden's training and support from the CIA makes it difficult to discover his location. Ironically, bin Laden was trained by U.S. forces during the Afghan Mujahideen resistance to Soviet occupation of Pakistan during the 1970's and 1980's.

Moving toward more pointed discussion of military strategy, Stony Brook professor Les Paldy pointed out

that Pakistan has F-16s that were purchased from the United States years ago, but that were not delivered until recently because of sanctions.

Banuri subsequently addressed the question of nuclear weapons in Pakistan, which was a predominant concern among many of those who attended the talk.

Banuri said that the Pakistan Strategic Plans Division, of which he is the Deputy Director of Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs, is reliable. "Pakistan has said it will not transfer nuclear weapons to other states, and it has an impeccable record in nuclear safety."

According to Banuri, Part of the problem of U.S.-Pakistan affairs is the increased pressure on the U.S. to maintain the tentative balance between India and Pakistan. Three wars have been fought following the division of the two countries in 1947.

"If India decreased pressure, it would help Pakistan," Banuri said.

Banuri is a Visiting Fellow in Washington D.C. at the Henry L. Stimson Center, which is staffed by analysts who offer solutions to problems of national and international security. He is also an experienced fighter pilot.

Chad Kautzer was pleased with the discourse created by the program. "[This] event was an effort to promote critical public discourse and complete the picture that the media have supplied," he said.

## U.S.-Japanese Relations

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2001 can be remembered as a time for the United States and Japan to renew their relationship."

He did admit that the Japanese media has repeatedly criticized the United States war effort because of intense bombing, however.

The vice-consul also explained what effects the World Trade Center collapse has had on Japan's domestic concerns.

He said that although Japan has yet to experience any terrorist attacks related to the U.S. bombings, government facilities and international airports have already tightened security. And, as with many countries, flights

from Japan to the United States have been very low.

"Trips from Tokyo to the United States are now amazingly cheap," Wajima said. "The flights over here are nearly empty."

But slumps in tourism are only part of the overall impact. Much more relevant is the fact that nearly 30 Japanese companies were located in the WTC, which is bound to hurt the country's economy.

The vice-consul said that the financial setbacks caused by the collapse could take more than five years to recover.

"Yes, the situation is very serious," Wajima said.

## Interracial Dating Forum

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dating, were sources of great debate and discussion at the forum.

"It was interesting to learn about the views of others regarding some very important issues related to

"The prevalence of interracial dating on campus was one of the driving forces behind the production of this event."

interracial dating," Gandhi added. Most students who attended the event felt it was successful in educating people about the different views people have on certain issues

and why.

Kumar was pleased with the turnout and said GUY was so enthused by the success of this event that they might hold it annually, and will continue to explore the issue of interracial dating in the future.

"People left the forum with a clearer understanding about other cultures and the views of others as well as why people would or would not date interracially," Kumar said.

## Calendar of Events

### "Coming Over/Over Coming"

11/8, 11/9, and 11/10, 8 PM: The Spot

This unique theatre production presents a broad view of the experiences people have trying to adjust to life in America.

### "The United Nations in East Timor"

11/12, 4 PM: Javits Room, Library

Professor of Anthropology and Assistant Provost David Hicks discusses the role of the U.N. in responding to similar events in East Timor.

### "New Slavery in the Global Economy"

11/13, 4:30 PM: SAC Room 301

Kevin Bales, expert on slavery in contemporary times presents the facts about slavery occurring around us and how consumerism and the global economy is both supporting and slowly transforming it.

### "Healing, Reconciliation, World Peace"

11/15, 7 PM: SAC Auditorium

World-renowned Chan (Zen) Master Sheng-yen lectures on Buddhist philosophy in the

time of turmoil. Master Sheng-yen was keynote speaker at the Millennium World Peace Summit of the U.N. To be preceded by multi faith prayers and followed by multi faith dialogue.

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11/28, Time and Place: TBA

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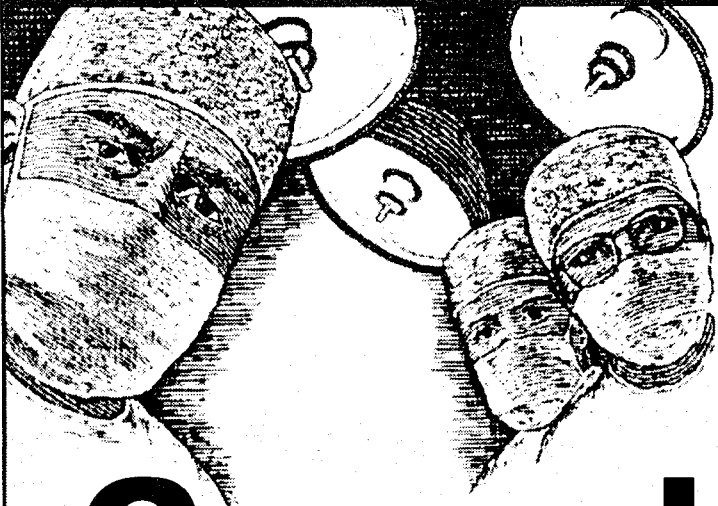
### Planet of the Apes

11/30, 9:30 PM: Staller Center

Tim Burton reinvents Pierre Boulle's classic novel in this remake of the 1968 cult classic film.

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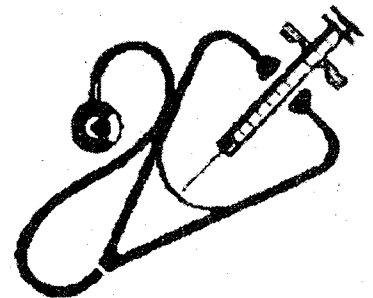
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# For Many Muslim Students, College Is a Balancing Act

By BETH MCMURTHRIE  
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

Amina Fahmy grew up in Egypt, in a devout Muslim family, accustomed to a society in which single men and women do not hug, let alone date. When she arrived at George Washington University, she discovered she had been placed in a coed dormitory reputed to be one of the most promiscuous in the country.

Samia Mohiuddin's mother did not want her to wear a hijab, or head scarf, fearing her daughter would be subject to the kind of discrimination she had faced as a young Indian doctor.

Islam is often portrayed as monolithic, insular, and extremely conservative — a view reinforced since the Sept. 11 attacks. But the truth is as complex as the lives of the people it enfolds.

Less than 1 percent of American college students today are Muslim. About half of those are from predominantly Muslim countries like Pakistan and Egypt — some the children of wealthy businessmen, others political refugees. The rest are American, often the children of immigrants.

Although Muslims are the most visible religious minority on college campuses, their conflicts — with society, their faith, and each other — are rarely noticed by outsiders.

For many, Islam requires modest dress, a ban on alcohol, prayer five times a day, and limits on dealings with the opposite sex. Even handshakes and eye contact can be off-limits. Such

constraints turn daily life into an obstacle course. Meanwhile, those who do not abide by religious laws often feel pressure from Muslim peers to conform to orthodox teachings.

States with large Muslim populations, such as California and Texas, tend to attract the most Muslim students. The District of Columbia is no exception: George Washington University draws about 900 Muslims from the United States and abroad. They are comfortable in this metropolitan area, which is home to 150,000 Muslims and more than a dozen major mosques. "You can't walk the streets and not see women wearing head scarves," says Anisah Bagasra, a senior from New Jersey.

Each Friday afternoon, a Presbyterian church on the campus's edge opens its basement for Jumma, a weekly communal prayer service that draws about 300 people.

The student union houses a Muslim prayer room, allowing students to stop by between classes for any one of five prayers required daily. Nearby markets cater to students who eat food prepared according to Islamic law. And during Ramadan, a holy month in which people fast between sunrise and sunset, the Muslim Students Association holds a group dinner several times a week.

Yet even on a campus with so many accommodations to Muslim life, challenges abound. When Ms. Fahmy discovered where she had been assigned to live, she almost refused to move in. But her father reassured her that she could handle it.

Now happily ensconced in Thurston



Muslim college students in prayer.

Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

Hall, Ms. Fahmy says her adjustment was easier than she expected. She credits her multid denominational roommates — one Greek Orthodox, one Jewish, and one not religious — who aren't bothered by her dawn prayers, or her refusal to date or drink. But they don't hesitate to tease her about her sheltered upbringing.

"We like to shock her all the time," jokes a roommate, Lauren Bacalis. "We watch *Sex and the City*."

"Oh God! I still can't believe that!" Ms. Fahmy says, jumping up from the couch in her dormitory room. A collection of videotapes of the graphic HBO series, which depicts the sex lives of four single women, sits on the bookshelf behind her.

She admits to watching the show. But when it gets too racy, she says, "I make little excuses to go into the closet."

Ms. Fahmy has adapted in other ways. She downloaded a program onto her laptop computer that issues the call to prayer several times a day. She is used to seeing men visit her roommates, although she's not quite comfortable with the idea.

If anything, her faith has deepened. In a predominantly Muslim country like Egypt, she says, religious devotion is taken for granted. Here, she must be deliberate.

"A lot of people here are really put off by religion or God, whether it be Islam or Christianity or Judaism, and that really surprised me," she says.

Their notion is that "religion and being an intellectual, or someone who actually thinks rationally, don't go together. I was like, no, I don't want to become [like] that."

## Auburn U. Frats Who Partied With Mock Lynching and Blackface Face Expulsion



Courtesy of The Chronicle of Higher Education

these Auburn University students conducted a mock lynching and used blackface.

By ALEX P. KELLOGG  
Courtesy of the Chronicle of Higher Education

Auburn University has temporarily suspended and may expel two fraternities — Delta Sigma Phi and Beta Theta Pi — for throwing parties in late October at which members dressed in Ku Klux Klan robes or wore blackface while mocking a black fraternity on the

campus.

University officials say the parties — photographs of which became public this week — are an apparent violation of the university's written policy on harassment and discrimination, and that serious action is likely, including the possible suspension or expulsion of fraternity members themselves once a three-day investigation concludes. The

university's interim president, William F. Walker, announced the investigation on Monday.

"These images are shocking and outrageous, and they are unacceptable," Mr. Walker said. "On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, I apologize deeply for the hurt that has been caused for so many by the insensitive acts of a few students."

The university was alerted to the pictures by a number of black students on the campus, including members of Omega Psi Phi, a historically black fraternity mocked in many of the photos.

In some of the pictures, students in blackface can be seen wearing copies of Omega Psi Phi's T-shirts — as well as fake Afros — while mimicking gang signs. In other shots, several students carrying rifles or wearing Ku Klux Klan robes hold a noose around the neck of a colleague in blackface and a baseball cap. Some of the photos are posed in front of a Confederate battle flag.

"We've made a lot of improvements in minority recruitment and minority enrollment, and we don't want to see it undone by this," said Bob Lowry, a

spokesman for the university. Mr. Lowry noted that minority enrollment was up 24 percent this fall, and said the increase was part of a broad effort to diversify the campus. According to Mr. Lowry, this was the first racial incident involving a fraternity on campus in recent memory.

The national offices of both fraternities are probing the two incidents and say that disassociation of the local chapters is a strong possibility.

"We're taking this extremely seriously, and we will act," said Jon C. Hockman, executive director of Delta Sigma Phi.

Calls made to the fraternity houses were not answered.

The parties, which took place in late October, were photographed by a local Web company hired to post them online. The photos have since been removed.

Officials say that neither fraternity will be allowed to participate in any social activities until the university's investigation is completed. Any of the 185 fraternity members who live in the two houses will be allowed to remain on campus for now.

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## Editorial

# Breaking Boundaries Together

This past weekend, SBU held its 17th annual Student-Faculty-Staff Retreat at the Harrison Conference Center. The Retreat brought together Stony Brook members from all different school-wide disciplines.

From undergraduates to graduates, staff executives to school administrators, roughly 70 members of the campus community joined for an in-depth exploration of how Stony Brook could foster and encourage leadership in a multicultural environment.

By breaking into small groups and discussing ideas in large forums as well, ideas were explored in all aspects of leadership, diversity, and multiculturalism. Principles were identified for our campus community, which is known to be one of the most diverse in the nation.

The major themes of the sessions included: being a good world citizen, the role of the academic environment in promoting good citizenship, developing leadership skills in a multicultural environment, embracing diversity and finding commonalities, and embracing truth and pursuing reconciliation in a global environment.

We recognize that these statements are broad and open-

ended, but it's a vision worth sharing. Moreover, action plans were presented by all groups to foster the development of these themes here at Stony Brook. One of the potential plans that arose was implementing a cultural focus within our Study Abroad program.

Incentives would be added that would encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity and immerse themselves in a new culture. Other possible plans were creating more focused elements of multiculturalism within the D.E.C. courses and establishing diversity and multicultural training for faculty and staff.

While it remains to be seen whether these thoughts on paper will translate into reality on campus, we are excited at the possibility of these new proposals taking shape. In light of all that has recently happened, there is an increased urgency to study, understand, and learn from cultures different from our own. It is our charge as a diverse campus to be a model for all others to aspire to.

As Margaret Mead so accurately said: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

## Op-Eds

# The Naiveté of Our Sophistication

By EISHA BASIT  
 Statesman Staff

The other day, my English teacher brought up a very unusual topic that, strangely enough, had been on my mind for some time. He said the era we live in is much like the era of the 1920's, because we have this air of sophistication surrounding us. By this, he meant that we have been revealed to so many aspects of life - be it technology at its extreme, love at its highest, or hate at its worst.

We have the opportunity, like no other age before us, to take a good look back at history and realize that we are not the innocent babes they were. We have the power of knowledge that they didn't have. If once they thought the world was flat, we now know that not only is it round but also the size of an atom compared to the universe.

If once they thought that seeing the ankle of a woman was shocking, we know that its nothing compared to the bikini-clad women that appear in rated-G movies. Oh, yes, we are very sophisticated; truly, we have seen everything.

There is no doubt that the standards have been raised from the past. Standards are everything, from how many extracurricular activities one lists in their college application, to how many work hours one should put in before one becomes a manager. There is such a mad rush to be an

intellectual, to find our own little niche in this fast-paced world.

When do we ever get time to take a breath? When do we get the time to absorb what exactly it is that we are learning? Most of us don't. We grab, swallow and run. We inhale vast amounts of knowledge in such little time, and we suppose that this knowledge equals wisdom.

Then the foolishness comes in. Every person thinks that because he has that tiny bit of knowledge, he is right. It all finally comes down to ego, and how much credit one will be given by his extensive resume.

We have so much ignorance in the world today because everyone thinks they are in the right, that their cause is the worthy cause.

Each nation, each organization, each individual looks to their own specific pasts to grab their knowledge. They cannot accept the ideologies of others because they believe that they have seen everything, and that what they have is truly the best.

They cannot look past their own views, for in their open-mindedness to review history, they have become narrow-minded enough to believe that they are the finest to have sprouted from it. They believe that they are "sophisticated."

It may sound cynical, but I am not without hope.

The message I was trying to convey from beginning to end is that we, none of us, know everything. We cannot assume that we are the betters of anyone or that our way is the right way, or indeed the only way. The greatest fools are those that think that they have seen and done all there is. Trust me, we haven't done it all.

I will not argue that we are sophisticated, or at least that we have been introduced to many notions. But it is naiveté that makes us believe that we are the creators of those notions.

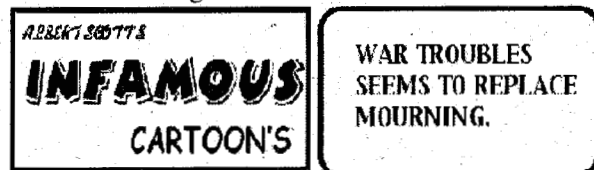
There is still so much to learn about life, about love, and most of all, about each other. There is so much to learn about acceptance, and about being selfless enough to look past our own blind egos. It's the same old story, the same old things to learn. Yet, it's precisely what we have never been able to achieve, despite our supposed cleverness.

I'm talking about humility.

The chance is clearly there, but it is an effort on the part of every individual. Only then can we become as learned as we aspire to be, only then can we boast that we aren't submerging to the Times of Ignorance.

I remember a saying my mother used to repeat to me when I was little. She said "Don't walk so loudly, you don't have the power to break the ground. Don't stand with your head raised so proudly, it will never touch the skies. But Learn. Learn. Learn."

It was a lesson about ignorant pride. It was a warning about being too sophisticated.



# Feminist Rants: Proposal 1

By MARIE HUCHTON  
Statesman Editor

I know I said I would get back to my series on sexual violence, but something else came up that I want to talk about, so once again I am postponing the topic of rape.

I'm sure every single reader went to the polls on Tuesday to vote in the local elections for Suffolk County, and voted "Yes" on Ballot Proposal 1. Just in case no one remembers what Ballot Proposal 1 was, I will elaborate.

Ballot Proposal 1 was a bill introduced by a bi-partisan team of female Assemblywomen in 2000 that called for the changing of gendered terms in the New York State Constitution to gender-neutral phrasing.

If that still is a rather vague explanation, I'll be more specific. The Proposal stipulated that all 170 gendered references, such as "mankind" and "fireman", be altered to non-gendered terms, such as "humankind" and "firefighter".

Words like "he" and "him" would also be changed to reflect a population that is not exclusively masculine. This may seem like a relatively minor detail to change, but the actual impact of changing these words is enormous.

It wasn't until the 15th amendment to the U.S. Constitution that blacks were expressly given the right to vote and it wasn't until the 19th amendment that women were allowed to vote.

Despite previous references to "mankind" and "men", these disparities show the bias inherent in such wording, creating white, middle-class men as the norm and excluding other races, ethnicities and genders.

By changing the wording of the constitution, there is no longer any exclusion, all people are expressly and undeniably guaranteed the same rights.

Besides all this, the linguistic impact of using "man" to refer to all humankind just perpetuates the belief that men are the foundation of society and its only citizens. "Men" is rarely read as humanity and reinforces the androcentric (male-centered) bias of our slowly evolving (at least in regards to gender equality) society.

This bill was unanimously approved by the New York Assembly in 2000 and was passed by the people on Tuesday's election. In a relatively close count, 56 percent of New Yorkers voted for the amendment and 44 percent opposed. This majority ruling has demonstrated the willingness of New Yorkers to move into the modern era where gender does not define a person's abilities.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver applauded the bill as "sending a strong message of equality and promoting greater respect for and recognition of women throughout New York State."

New York has now joined five other states in adopting gender-neutral constitutions. The other states are California, Hawaii, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont, with Florida altering its constitution by 2003.

Needless to say, I am thrilled by the passage of this bill and what it means for women across the country.

Women's equality is one of the things I believe in most strongly, and I couldn't forgo this opportunity to point out an area where positive change is taking place in an obvious manner. Thanks for reading.

# Club Spotlight: The Society for Theoretical Sciences

By BHUMIKA BALGOBIN  
Statesman Staff

The Society for Theoretical Sciences is a club on campus that relatively few students know about. It is a club that upholds high expectations of science and envisions great progression from its advancement. Hazeem L Okunola, from the Physiology & Biophysics Department, shared his knowledge of the club and his hopes of recruiting potential members.

Q: What is the Society for Theoretical Sciences all about?

A: The Society for Theoretical Sciences is about people coming together to discuss or propose scientific theories in hopes that some of these theories we proposed and discussed may one day lead to the advancement of science and betterment of mankind.

Q: When was this club founded and why?

A: The club was founded in the later part of the Fall 2000 semester, but was not officially registered with the student activities until the Spring of 2001 semester.

Q: What are some of the events that the Society for Theoretical Sciences sponsors?

A: This is one of the problems we are facing, we do not have enough students to get budget. The student activities require 150 student signatures in order to get budget. So, we have been unable to sponsor any event. Hopefully, this article will attract more members.

Q: What are some new events that you have planned for the 2001-



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Hazeem Okunola, shown above.

2002 academic year?

A: Since we do not have budget, we will continue to discuss theories and hope that when we have budget we can start designing experiments to test some of the theories we have successively analyzed.

Q: How is the Society for Theoretical Sciences different from other clubs at Stony Brook?

A: This is a science club that is designed to stimulate knowledge and promote better understanding of science in our community. For example, if the attached essay is published, I am sure it will make certain concepts clearer to some people, especially students who have had problems understanding the twin paradox and time dilation in Einstein general theory of relativity.

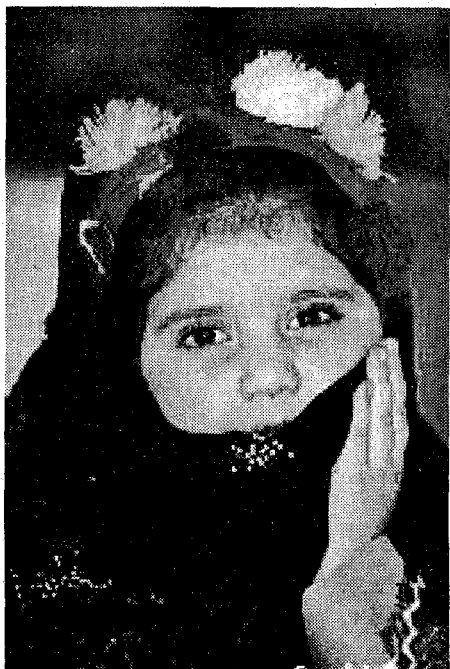
Q: Why did you join the Society for Theoretical Sciences? When did you join?

A: I did not join the club, I founded the club.

Q: What does the Society for

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# Women in Islam: A Muslim Perspective



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A muslim girl with hijab, above.

By SALEEM NIAZI  
Statesman Staff

One aspect of Islam that is often misrepresented in the media and educational centers is the status of women in Islam. Here, we will discuss issues related to women in society, especially in

areas where they have been neglected or treated unfairly in either the religious or the secular world.

In Islam, God is above gender. In the Qur'an, God is "He", but as an Islamic scholar at Cambridge University, England, stated, "grammarians and exegetes concur that this is not even allegoric: Arabic has no neuter, and the use of the masculine is normal in Arabic for genderless nouns." He also makes a comparison to other religious traditions, "A theology which reveals the divine through incarnation in a body also locates it in a gender, and inescapably passes judgment on the other sex."

For example, in the Judeo-Christian tradition, Eve is responsible for "the fall of Man," thus setting the archetype of all women in an intensely negative light. In the Islamic tradition, Adam and Eve are both held equally responsible for the act, and the pain of pregnancy and childbirth are not thought to be the woman's punishment for it.

The Prophet Muhammad said, "Seeking knowledge is an obligation incumbent upon every male and female Muslim." The search for knowledge, in Islam, as illustrated in the above tradition,

is extremely important. Teachers are held in the highest esteem in the Islamic ethos. If we study history, we will find that throughout Islamic civilization, there have been thousands of Muslim women scholars. Many of them taught Sacred Knowledge to some of the most well known male scholars.

Comparatively, centuries later, women like Susan B. Anthony were ostracized by their societies because they dared to think for themselves. In addition, the first college in the United States to admit women, the University of Iowa, did not do so until 1855, while there were already great women scholars in the Islamic world at least 1400 years prior to this. For example, the wife of the Prophet, Ayesha who lived in the seventh century was, and still is, considered to be one of the greatest Islamic teachers.

Along with educational equality, Islam also offers women economic equality. Muslim women have the right to earn and manage their own money.

If they are married, Muslim women do not have to share any of their property with their husbands, while the husband must share his property with his wife. Women are also not required to change

their last names after marriage.

People often think that the role of a "traditional" woman, especially in religion, is to stay at home, cook and clean. But in Islam, the woman is allowed to work if she needs to or wants to, and it is obligatory for the husband to hire someone to do house work if he can afford it. This is not, however, to belittle the role of the woman as a mother.

Child rearing is considered of utmost importance, as it is the children who form the next generation. The honor given to mothers in Islam is illustrated in a tradition of the Prophet Muhammad. When a man came to him and asked him whom he should honor the most, the Prophet replied, "Your mother." The man repeated this question twice more only to receive the same answer. It was not until the fourth time that the man asked the question that the Prophet replied "Your father."

The Qur'an clearly states that divorce is allowed, but it also states that it is to be used as an absolute last resort, as God strongly dislikes it. Nevertheless, a woman in Islam is allowed to obtain a divorce from her husband.

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# Club Spotlight: Theoretical Sciences

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Theoretical Sciences mean to you?

A: A way to open people's eyes to infinite possibilities in this finite universe.

Q: What are some of the things that you would like prospective members to know about the Society for Theoretical Sciences?

A: This is a club for science-loving people. If you do

not love science, you most likely get bored by some of the theories we will discourse. Therefore, love of science is a prerequisite. It was originally intended for graduate students, but serious undergraduate students and teachers and post-docs are welcome to join us.

Q: When are your regular meetings? What is the contact information of the Society for Theoretical Sciences?

A: Since we do not have a lot of members right now,

we meet on any day that will maximize attendance, i.e. the day that is convenient to most members.

Q: Is there anything else that you would like us to know about the Society for Theoretical Sciences.

A: We are currently building our web page, but you can still check us out on the student's clubs main page.

*\*Hazeem included one of his theories, which has been reprinted as the article below.*

## Quantum Space and Time - A Step Toward Quantum Gravity

By HAZEEM OKUNOLA  
Special to the Statesman

### Introduction

This theory started with the explanation of certain concepts of Einstein's general theory of relativity. Even though I believe that the general theory of relativity itself is incomplete, it does serve as an excellent template for the theory presented in this essay. Nevertheless, if you at any point have taken a general physics course and have been introduced to the general theory of relativity, you probably have asked the same question I tried to explain, leading to the discovery of the theory discoursed in this essay.

### Background

For a long time theoreticians, cosmologists, mathematicians, and physicists of all kind have been searching for a single equation that will explain creation. This equation is called the Equation of Everything, also known as Theory of Everything (TOE) or the Unified Field Theory. This equation will allow you to predict precisely the outcome of any event.

The idea behind this theory began shortly after Werner Heisenberg postulated his Uncertainty Principle in 1927, saying that values of particular pairs of observables can not be determined simultaneously with high precision in quantum mechanics. Examples of such complementary pairs are momentum and position, and energy and time:

$$\Delta x (\Delta p_x) \geq \frac{h}{2}; \quad \Delta E (\Delta t) \geq \frac{h}{2} \quad [\text{Silbey, 1992 \#2}].$$

Before this, Einstein had already seen this element of chance in a paper he wrote in 1917 on the photoelectric effect, postulating that light behaves like particle [Layzer, 1990 \#1].

"Let us consider the emission [of light by a molecule]

from the point of view of classical electrodynamics. If a body emits the energy  $E$ , it receives a recoil (momentum)  $E/c$  if all the radiation is emitted in the same direction. If, however, the emission takes place isotropically—for instance, in the form of spherical waves—no recoil at all occurs," Einstein said [Layzer, 1990 \#1].

This concept was later demonstrated by Louis de Broglie in 1924, when he postulated the dual properties of matter that the light behave like particles and particles behave like waves in which he calculated the wavelength of particle to be:

$$h/p = h/mv$$

$h$  = plank's constant,  $m$  = mass,  $v$  = velocity, and  $p$  = momentum =  $mv$ .

The element of chance Einstein observed was in the absorption and emission of light by an electron, which is primarily governed by chance.

"The weakness of the [present] theory lies, on the one hand, in the fact that it does not bring any nearer the connection with the wave theory [of light] and, on the other hand, in the fact that it leaves the moment of occurrence and the spatial direction of the elementary processes [of absorption and emission] to chance; all the same, I have complete confidence in the reliability of the method used here," Einstein explained [Layzer, 1990 \#1].

In order to eliminate this element of chance, we must find a condition in which the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle will fail to apply. It is believed that such condition only existed during the big bag, when all four fundamental forces were still united.

In other words, we have to create, at least theoretically, a condition in which all these fundamental forces will unite. One major ingredient is to find a way to quantize gravity, since gravity is the only force that has until now been

theoretically impossible to unite with the other three fundamental forces that have already been united theoretically under the "Grand Unified Theories (GUTs)."

### The Theory

Until now, when people spoke about quantum mechanics, they would automatically think of energy. Right now, in order to explain certain things clearly, or to arrive at an explanation of certain concepts like quantum gravity, for example, I believe space and time have to be quantized.

I will begin to explain this concept by trying to answer a question that a friend proposed to me one day. This friend asked me to explain to her Einstein's time dilation from general theory of relativity, or at least Lorentz's interpretation of it. "How is it possible for twins to age differently?" she asked. I told her that one of them is traveling in space with a speed that is close to the speed of light, while the other is on Earth, in a relatively stationary state.

"How could such a speed make that big of a difference?" she asked again. I tried to explain, saying that when you accelerate to such high velocity, the universe will try to maintain the local relative equilibrium by balancing that speed in a way that accelerates time in the opposite direction.

Therefore, time tends to slow down for the twin traveling in space, so the greater the speed, the greater the acceleration of time in opposite direction or the greater the deceleration of time in the same direction as the traveling twin. I could see by the look on her face that this concept was far from being understood, so I knew that I had to come up with a better explanation. This is how I got into the theory of quantum space and time.

Remember your remedial mathematics class. You probably learned that there are sets of numbers, and that within these sets there are also sub-sets. In that same class, you may also have learned about space and sub-spaces. Therefore, in this opus, we will be dealing with sub-spaces, which are spaces within space.

When an object or particle is moving with certain velocity, it will appear shorter in length. For example, when we stand on a sub-way platform looking at a train that is moving on the opposite platform track, the length of each car of this train appears shorter to us. Most of us will say that it appears shorter because our eyes cannot compensate for the speed and spatial distance of the train, while others of us will simply dismiss the observation.

Well, what if our eyes are much more efficient that we gave them credit for. What if our eyes can actually compensate for the speed and spatial distance of this train and yet see it as shorter than when it is not moving. Lorentz tried to explain this in Einstein's general theory of relativity by using transformation of length dilation.

In my theory, I believe that any object traveling at a certain speed will occupy a number of sub-spaces, which is less than that it will occupy when it is not moving. That is, the velocity will be inversely proportional to the number of sub-spaces occupied by the moving object, i.e. the greater the velocity ( $V$ ), the smaller the number of quantum sub-spaces ( $n$ ) it will occupy. That is:  $V \propto 1/n$  where  $V$  is the velocity and  $n$  is the number of quantum sub-spaces occupied while traveling with that velocity.

This is why a moving object appears shorter in length in the direction of motion than it actually is when it is not moving.

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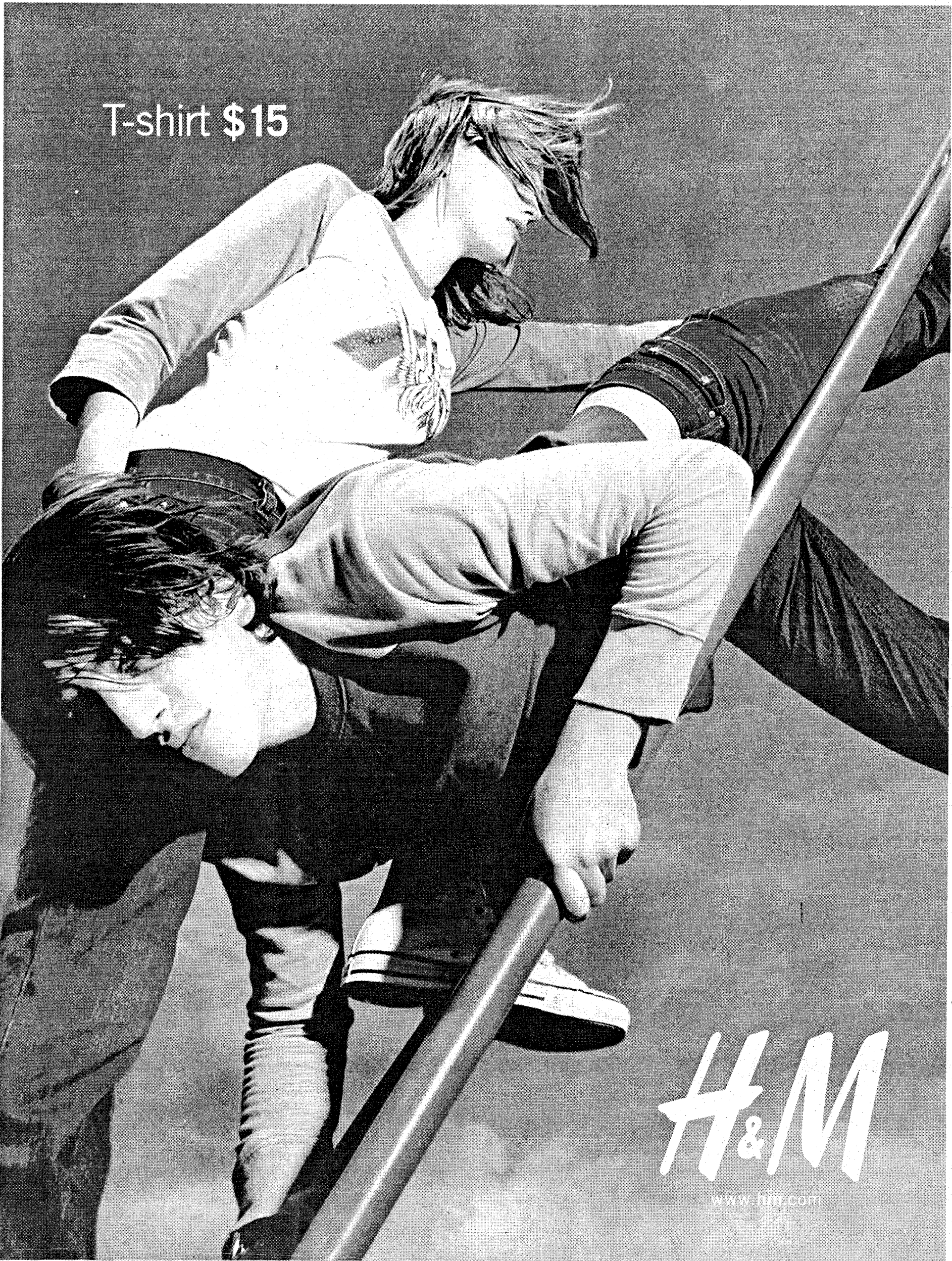
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# DMB Releases New Live CD

By SARIKA SHIRSAT  
Statesman Contributor

Dave Matthews Band's (DMB) live album releases have all served to display the popular band's incredible talent. The group's newest release is certainly no exception.

Live in Chicago 12.19.98 features a concert characterized by intense enthusiasm, both by the audience and the artists. Filled with passionate instrumental interludes and powerful vocals, this two-disc collection provides listeners with over two hours of classic DMB tunes.

Matthews begins the concert by revving up the audience with the symbolic song "The Last Stop." This indicated that Chicago was, in fact, the band's last stop on the tour. Using his soulful voice Matthews begins by passionately crying out, "Fire! The sun is well asleep. Moon is high above. Fire grows from the east."

Leroi Moore complements Matthews performance by splendidly displaying his saxophone skills.

Following an exciting outro, DMB teases the listener with thirty-seven seconds of their much-loved song, "#40." Next, the band goes into the radio favorite "Don't Drink the Water," which is highlighted by Tim Reynolds' electric guitar accents.

The band's rendition of "#41"



Dave Matthews, shown above.

follows "Don't Drink the Water." Vic Wooten of Bela Fleck and the Fleckstones joined the band on bass guitar in this piece. Wooten's gifted bass playing is featured in the tune and graces DMB's performance for the rest of the CD.

Maceo Parker, a member of the opening band for this concert, joined DMB on the saxophone for a lively performance of the ever-popular "What Would You Say."

The band's instrumental talent was once again exhibited in a sparkling intro into "Pantala Naga Pampa." The

piece was accented by long, melodious solos from both Moore and Reynolds. The first disc ends with the long, lulling tunes of "Stay (Wasting Time)." The band jams with what seems like a never-ending finish in this piece.

The second CD starts off with "Maker," which seems to be the climax of the entire concert. This beautiful rarely-played piece features Matthews' mellow voice, complemented by Mitch Rutman on guitar. Then, the listener hears the audience's enthusiasm as DMB breaks in an old favorite, "Crash Into Me."

Moore's magical sax is heard, once again, in an energetic rendition of "Jimi Thing." The listener is kept afloat for nearly fifteen minutes while the DMB presents the audience with an intricate of this piece.

A mellow "So Much To Say" was followed by a driven version of "Too Much." Matthews' enthusiasm is apparent in this piece as his voice resonates with energy.

Appropriate with the time the concert was performed, Dave Matthews goes into the "Christmas Song." Matthews tells the beautiful Christmas story of "love, love, love." DMB ends the concert with "All Along the Watchtower."

Beginning with a suspenseful intro, the song features Steffan Lessard going crazy on the bass guitar.

Bursting with flavor, the listener gets a treat Tinsley plucking away on the violin, Reynolds working it up on a innng wsolo, Carter Beauford bringing out the percussion and Matthews, as alwinning ways, singing for the crowd.

Instrumentally, DMB is phenomenal and this is certainly evident in this CD set. Matthews' vocal talent is musically expressed though the versatility of his pieces. For the avid DMB fan, this CD set is a special mixtilli of some of the band's most prized songs.

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# "Spike Heels" Oozes Sultry Charisma

By KELLY BROWN  
Statesman Editor

"Spike Heels", Theresa Rebeck's dark comedy, takes the audience member on an intense journey through the complicated and powerful interactions among four very different people. Saturday night's performance was poorly attended, but the actors' energy was palpable as they plowed through the comedic dialogue.

Georgie is a spike heels-wearing secretary for Edward, the lawyer who has been trying to seduce her since her first day on the job. She is in love with her mentor—Edward's best friend—a dumpy college instructor named Andrew. This triangle is transformed into a quadrilateral mess with the addition of Lydia, Andrew's straight-edged fiancée and Edward's ex-girlfriend.

Whew. It makes for an interesting, and entertaining, night of theatre.

The piece opens with a heated discussion between Georgie, played by Samantha van Ostrand, and Andrew, played by David Rasmussen. Both actors handled the comedic timing and delivery aptly, and the dynamic relationship they create between Georgie and Andrew is a pleasure to watch.

Von Ostrand portrays the angsty



Georgie adroitly, giving the character both a spunk and a vulnerability which immediately endear her to the audience. The actress plays actively and intently against the forces that work to drive Georgie down. Her performance is honest and strong, particularly in her scenes with Rasmussen.

Andrew, the absent-minded, somewhat sheltered professor, is presented convincingly by David Rasmussen. The senior theatre major brings depth and sincerity to the character, allowing the audience to feel, and share in, Andrew's transition to a stronger man.

Edward's entrance into the play

makes for strained relations on all sides, as Georgie becomes increasingly conflicted about what she truly wants.

Jonathan Pryor, a junior, gives a stellar debut performance. He has an ease of playing that makes him a pleasure to watch as the shrewd Edward. We love to hate his character at first, but Pryor, through a variety of acting choices, allows us to see the softer side of the lawyer's often calculating demeanor.

Lydia arrives in Act II to further shake things up. The role is performed by Carrie Hutnick, whose makeup and costume give her the aspect of the pallid, no-nonsense

"vampire" for which Edward labels her. Hutnick eased into the part a tad slowly, taking a few minutes to warm to the task, but her presence on stage was powerful and engaging.

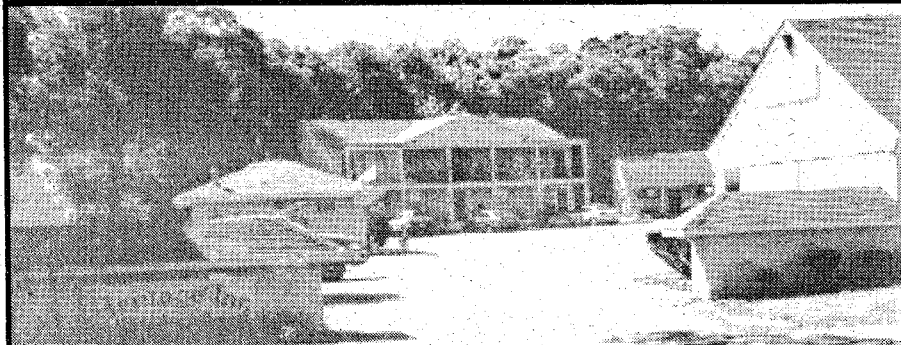
Under the skillful direction of Professor Valerie Lance-Gefroh, the comedic timing and delivery throughout the play is impressive. The play moved rapidly and smoothly from moment to moment, seldom causing a restless spectator to glance at his watch.

Scenic designer Maragaret Morin and technical director David Barnett masterfully orchestrated set design and changes.

Author Theresa Rebeck's language and philosophy is profound, and lends itself to an exploration of self. But for those who simply want to kick back and enjoy, do not fear—there is plenty of room for sheer release, right up through the conclusion of this humorous whirlwind journey.

The show will continue its run this week, from Nov. 8 through Nov. 10 at 8 p.m., and on Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. Tonight's performance will feature "Talkbacks," an opportunity to meet the director and actors after the play for an interactive discussion. Tickets can be purchased at the Staller Box Office or at the door, and cost \$6 with a USB student ID and \$8 for faculty.

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By JOANNE YOUNG  
Statesman Contributor

Asian Night 2001 will present the best of Asia and Asian America, from traditional dances and clothes to a modern evening wear fashion show surrounding ancient wedding scenes to comedy club skits and hip hop routines. Put on by ASA, the Asian Student Alliance, it will include acts from most of the campus Asian American organizations and is co-sponsored by the Pre-Med Society. It is coming for two shows this Friday, Nov. 9, SAC Auditorium, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.. Tickets range from \$4 to \$6. with USB ID and \$5 to \$7 without, available at the Polity ticket office.

On Sunday, Nov. 11 the second annual Indian Mass and Dinner, sponsored by CCM, Catholic Campus Ministries; Sigma Beta Rho; CIS, Center for India Studies; and SASA, the South Asian Student Association, will be held in the Union Ballroom at 5pm.

Dr. David Ho, AIDS researcher and winner of the Presidential Medal in 2001 and Time Man of the Year in 1996, will be the featured speaker at the Sir Run Run Shaw Lecture Series presented by the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 4:15 p.m. in Harriman P-137, across from Harriman Café. Coffee and snacks will be provided beforehand.

On November 14, there are two events. At 7 p.m. in the SAC Lobby, VSA, Vietnamese Student Association, is a co-sponsor of the Hunger Banquet to benefit Oxfam America. It will be a free global meal



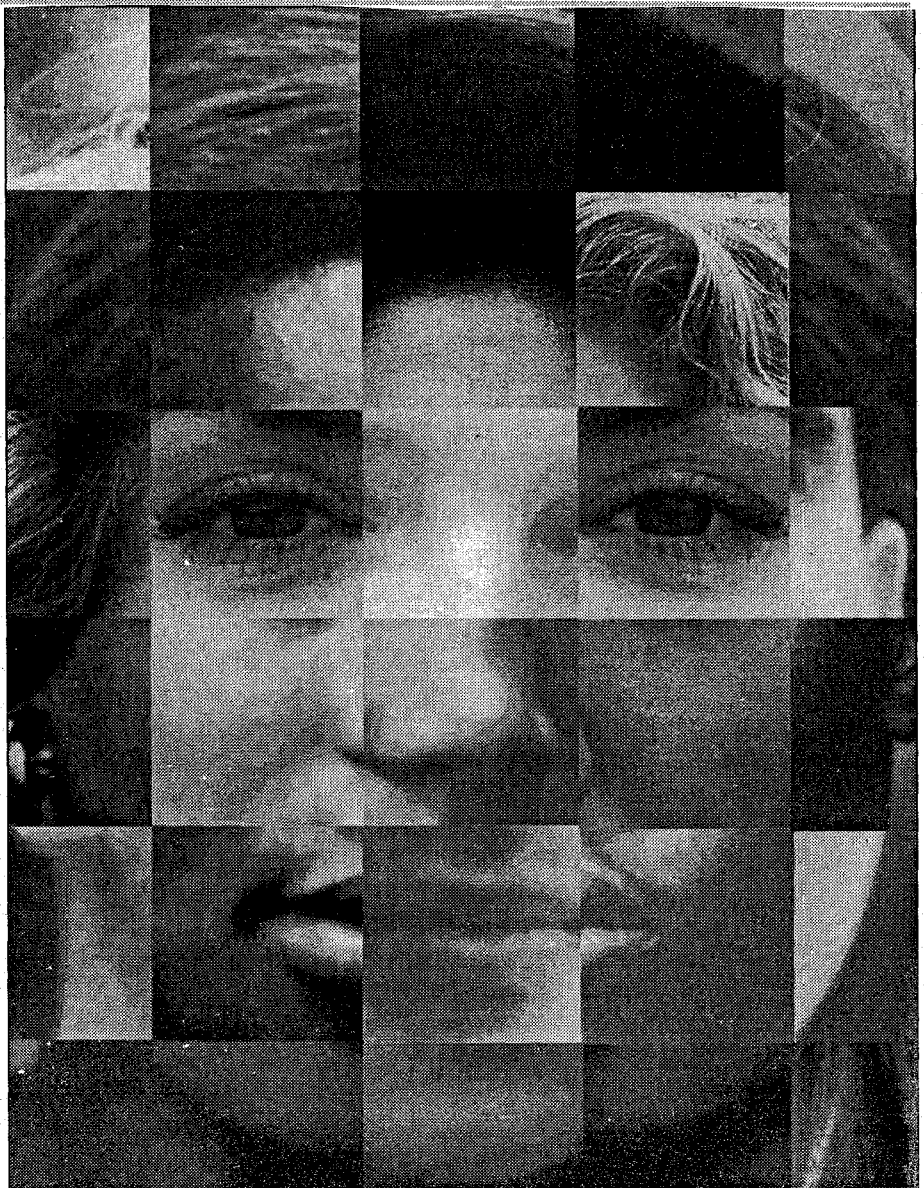
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An ASA member preparing for Asian Night.

that should be eye-opening and thought provoking. The banquet is being put on by CCM, Catholic Campus Ministries, and the other co-sponsors are Sigma Beta Honor Society, NYPIRG, and the ZBT, SIS, SLB, and SLG fraternities and sororities.

At 8 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Union Auditorium is CASB's Singing Contest. CASB, the Chinese Association at Stony Brook, holds auditions beforehand and the finalists are superb! Last year one performer later received a recording contract. Free with SBU ID and \$2 without.

*This column from EducAsians SBU is a new feature that Statesman will publish every Thursday as a public service. If you have an event or info you would like included, please send an email to board@educasians.edu or educasia@ic.sunysb.edu. www.EducAsians.org is an alliance of student clubs working together to improve communication and community at SBU.*



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Dialogues Across Differences is funded by a grant for Diversity and Internationalization made to Dr. Gary Mar from the Office of the President. The purpose of this grant is to support our transition from a community that honors diversity through cultural celebrations to one that also possesses a commitment to deeper understandings of our similarities and differences. Through sharing our stories and fostering dialogues across divisions on the critical issues of our times, we hope to accomplish this goal.

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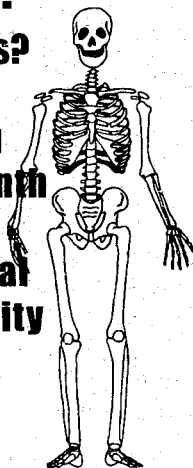
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# Quantum Theory

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To simplify things a little, I am going to assume that in each of the possible quantum sub-spaces,  $Q_s$ , there exists a quantum time,  $q$ , which is a constant in every possible quantum sub-space. So the time,  $T$ , a traveling object or particle experiences in this sub-space is equal to the summation of all the quantum time within each of the quantum sub-spaces present within that particular sub-space, i.e.  $T = \sum q$ .

In conclusion, as the speed of the traveling twin approaches the speed of light, the number of quantum sub-spaces occupied by the traveling twin becomes smaller so that the total time,  $T$ , this twin experiences becomes shorter, i.e.  $T = n(q)$ . Compared to the non-motive twin who occupies a much larger  $n$  quantum subspace, the traveling twin will age at a much slower pace.

So, an object that occupies a single quantum space must be traveling with a velocity equal to or greater than the speed of light, i.e., when  $n = 1$ ,  $V \geq c$ , and  $T = q$ ; and when  $V = 0$ , the object is in a relative resting state and occupies the maximum possible quantum sub-spaces, i.e.,  $n = \text{maximum}$ . In my rough calculation,  $n(\text{max})$  is approximated to be 300,000,000. This is explained by the equation I am still working on.

I chose not to include this equation at

the present time, making sure that all the parameters and dimensions check out perfectly. Nevertheless, I believe it may be possible to quantize gravity within one quantum sub-space.

What exactly is a quantum subspace? Well, a quantum subspace is a space occupied by any object moving with at least the speed of light. Also, the space within this quantum space can be described as infinite within finite dimensions. For example, if a car is moving at the speed of light, it will enter this single quantum subspace, as will a train moving with the speed of light. In fact, if the whole universe is moving at the speed of light, it will exist within the same quantum sub-space as the car and the train.

Note to STS Members

When I first introduced this concept to you, many of you had issues concerning this concept because it does not fall within the realm of common sense. Of course not, this is beyond common sense. That is why it is called a theory. Therefore, in order for you to understand what I am trying to convey, we have to go beyond sense and beyond all that is common. We have to begin to see dimensions beyond three dimensions or this so-called four-dimensional universe and we must begin to develop our senses beyond all common sense.



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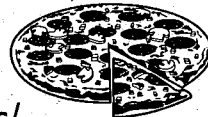
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# Women in Islam

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It is important to remember that these are not ideals that have not been or are not practiced. Women in Islam have exercised these rights throughout history. As time passed, aspects of other cultures foreign to Islam have disseminated into the lives of Muslims, taking the name of Islam.

One such example are the "honor killings" that take place in some south Asian countries. In some places, a woman may be killed by a family member for being seen socializing with a male who she is not related to. This practice is a polar opposite to the teachings of Islam and is in no way supported by the Qur'an or the traditions of the Prophet.

In small villages, where there may be no access to knowledge, practices such as the "honor killing" emerge.

Another example of practices which are often incorrectly associated with Islam are those of the Taliban. This group's promulgation of rules that forbid women from getting an education, harsh treatment of women who don't ascribe to wearing customary Islamic garb, and various other sexist practices do not represent the Islamic view of the role of women in society.

Today, with the spread of traditional Islamic institutes, understanding of the rights of women and general gender relationships in Islam is becoming more common.

The hijab is an aspect of Islam that many people still fail to comprehend. The hijab, a dress code required by the Qur'an and the traditions of the Prophet, includes covering

the head with a veil or scarf and the body with loose clothing, excluding the face and the hands. Most people would be surprised to discover that this is, in fact, not a form of oppression designed to "keep women in the shadows."

One of the main reasons for the Hijab is the inherent weakness of men. Men, as any woman or truthful man can testify, are often driven by sexual desire and have the detestable habit of objectifying women.

Anyone, who lives outside of a cave, i.e. interacts with other human beings or watches TV, knows this. It is no coincidence that sales of a product shoot sky high when the marketing division decides to attach an attractive young woman, often wearing very little, to that product.

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The Hijab forces men to look beyond the exterior by keeping it from them. It directs their attention to the woman's personality and intellect rather than to her curves. As one Muslim woman put it, "By wearing hijab the woman is concealing her sexuality but allowing her femininity to shine."

We hope that this article has cleared any misconceptions you may have had about the above topics in Islam. If you have any more questions, or are interested in learning more about Islam, you can e-mail [learningislam@hotmail.com](mailto:learningislam@hotmail.com).

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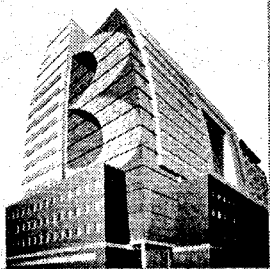
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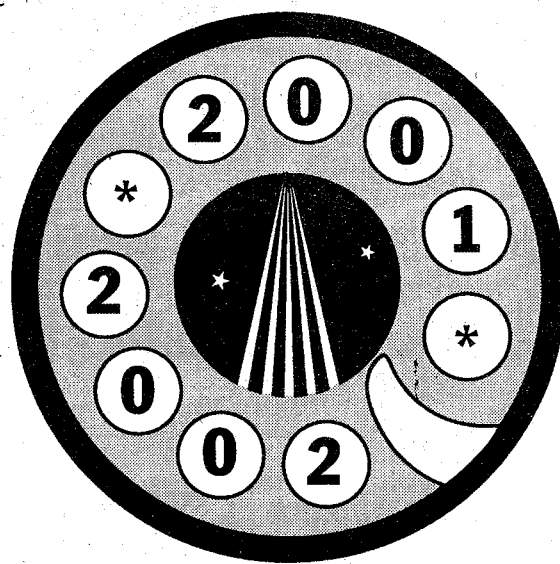
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## Women's B-Ball on Top: Seawolves Beat NY Gazelles

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minutes. It was the most significant time she has seen since she went down with a foot injury last season.

Midway into the second half, Jordan was visibly tired and sat down. She nearly played the entire game and did not play as though fatigued.

"It wasn't that hard," Jordan said of her extended minutes. "I pace myself, because I knew I was going to be playing a lot of the game."

She had surgery on both her feet during the off-season and just began working her way back in with the team. Although Jordan scored 26 points, she did not seem aggressive. She picked her points and waited for opportunities to present themselves.

"I was shocked that I [scored] that much," she said. "I was watching out for my feet cause they just kept stepping on it. It hurt a couple times but you just got to tolerate it."

Sophomore guard Teresa LoParrino also turned in an outstanding performance. She controlled the first half, pouring in 19 points in 18 minutes.

Toward the end of the half LoParrino stole the ball and turned to the basket. On the drive she was hit hard to the floor and lay there in pain

for about two minutes.

"I wanted to go right back in but I couldn't," she said. "I couldn't catch my breath. I wanted to shoot those free throws."

LoParrino just had the wind knocked out of her but she quickly came back into the game and knocked down two three-pointers to show that she was all right.

She finished the game with a game-high 33 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds along with four assists and three steals.

"I took it like it was regular game," LoParrino said. "We came out with a lot of intensity."

The Seawolves knew that with only eight players and no real inside presence they would have to compensate.

"We knew they were slower," Jordan said. "We knew we were much quicker than them so we ran the ball and boxed-out to out-rebound them."

The Seawolves are headed in the right direction and though the competition may not be equal to the level in the America East conference, the win serves as a confidence-builder.

"It's just a team that we can play other than ourselves," Head coach Trish Roberts said. "Even though we won the game, we got a long way to go."

## Ice Hockey Remains Triumphant

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the season back on October 20th.

Stony Brook held NYU scoreless through the first period but allowed three goals in the second, giving NYU a 3-1 lead heading into the third period.

Down but certainly not out the Seawolves picked up the pace in the third period and controlled virtually every aspect of rest of the game.

Then with eleven minutes remaining in the game Muro sent a pass to Fronzoni, who skated around a defender and slipped the puck past the helpless NYU goaltender, cutting their lead to one.

From that point on NYU took a defensive stance and looked like they might escape with a win, but forward Anthony Dimichele had other plans. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, Dimichele scored off a

scramble in front to tie the game at three, which is how it ended. Assisting Dimichele on the play were Thomas and Muro.

Diprima put forth a solid effort as he stopped 42 out of 45 shots for his fifth win of the season.

SBU Assistant Coach Chris Garofalo could not have been more pleased with his team's effort.

"We are finally starting to put things together, the guys are finally playing like a team," Garofalo said. "With a few new additions second semester this team should be unbeatable."

Stony Brook also enjoyed a large crowd this past weekend and would like to thank the SBU tennis and swimming teams for their support.

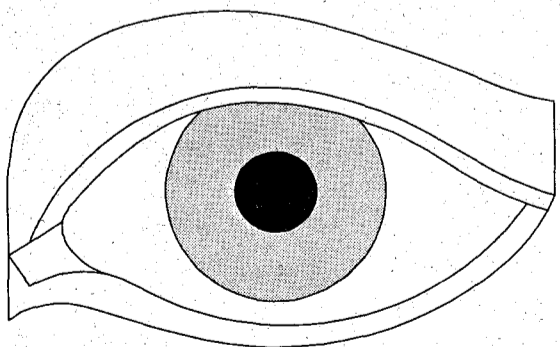
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By CHRISTOPHER HUNT  
Statesman Editor

The Harlem Globetrotters held 20,642 wins with a winning streak of 284 before their collegiate tour this fall. But, the numbers don't seem to strike fear into Stony Brook University's men's basketball team.

"On the Division I level there's no time to be intimidated," sophomore guard Lee Church said. "On this level being intimidated doesn't win games."

SBU is playing the Globetrotters in their only exhibition game on Nov.12 in the Sports Complex. The Globetrotters are comprised of college standouts and professional caliber players that embarrassed teams across the nation.

SBU won't be facing the team audiences are used to see play. They're not playing the team that talks to the crowd and slides on their knees while performing dribbling tricks and high-flying dunks.

"We're not playing the entertainers," Church said. "We're playing people that are going to try to beat us by 60."

Players from the team said that coach Nick Macarchuk continues to prepare the team like every other game. They said they intend to approach the game like any other regular season game but they know playing a higher level of competition.

"I'm going try to approach this game a little harder because these guys are a little tougher, a little faster, a little stronger," standout guard D.J. Munir said.

Church said that the team must approach every game the same even games against DII or DIII teams. "We're in a conference now so we should approach every game like it's our last," he said.

The team is without starting guard Larry Jennings who broke his foot. He's expected to be sidelined for about another seven weeks. The loss of Jennings deprives the team of his ball-handling skills and his ability to find open

players.

Without Jennings freshman shooting guard Mike Orfini gains the chance to move up and make an impact.

On Nov.17 SBU will play their first regular season at St. John's. The game against the Globetrotters can serve as prep for the Seawolves upcoming games.

Munir said the team is looking forward to their third consecutive year opening the season against the Red Storm and said the tough game against the Globetrotters will help the team get in the habit of playing hard early.

"It's good because guys are going to be a little nervous," he said. "It's going to get us ready for tougher teams."

The Globetrotters have already shown weakness during their collegiate tour. They lost to Western Kentucky in the first of the nine games they'll play on the tour. They play St. John's Nov.10.

"Nobody's invincible," Church said. "Everybody loses, even the Lakers."

## SBU Ice Hockey Undefeated Ranked Third in Northeast



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The SBU Ice Hockey Team remains undefeated.

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This past weekend was a good one for the Stony Brook University men's ice hockey team. On Friday the first set of rankings came out for the American Collegiate Hockey association and the Seawolves were ranked third in the Northeast. Then they went out and extended their unbeaten streak to five games as they easily defeated Marist University and tied NYU.

On Saturday the Seawolves faced off against Marist, a team that is ranked fifth in the Northeast, and easily defeated

them 7-1.

Forwards Anthony Fronzoni and Brad Thomas each scored two goals for SBU, while Gregg Burkhard, Jesse Muro, and Joe Savan scored one goal a piece.

Goaltender Dan Diprima only allowed one goal en route to his fourth victory of the season.

The Seawolves faced a true test on Sunday as they played a strong NYU team. NYU, which is ranked second in the Northeast just ahead of Stony Brook, handed the Seawolves their only loss of

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## LoParrino and Jordan Light Up NY Gazelles

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Maybe Stony Brook University's women's basketball team harnessed some built-up frustration from playing against themselves for the last two months and just decided to let it loose on the NY Gazelles.

A depleted SBU team beat up on the older Gazelles 90-70 last night, in the team's first exhibition game. Many of the players are former college players and now the team travels to play different colleges.

They never let the Gazelles get any closer than 16 as they shot 48.4 percent from the field.

The injury-riddled Seawolves only dressed eight players. Forward Malica Jibowu sat out with a knee injury. Freshman Danyelle Ingram was sidelined recovering from a dislocated shoulder.

Danielle Mosley is still rehabilitating from surgery on her on knee in the off-season. Sharpshooter Maggie Triggs has a stress fracture in her foot and team captain Jill George sat out with what Roberts called a "technical error."

Because of the lack of available players guard Sherry Jordan spent most of her time playing under the basket at



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LoParrino helped set the Gazelles on fire.

the forward position.

But the change in position did not change her effectiveness. She gathered 15 rebounds and scored 26 points. "I really hate playing down low," Jordan said. "But you got to do what you to get to do."

Jordan just joined in practice with the team for about a week but played 38

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