

## Senate Proposes Budget Amid Controversy

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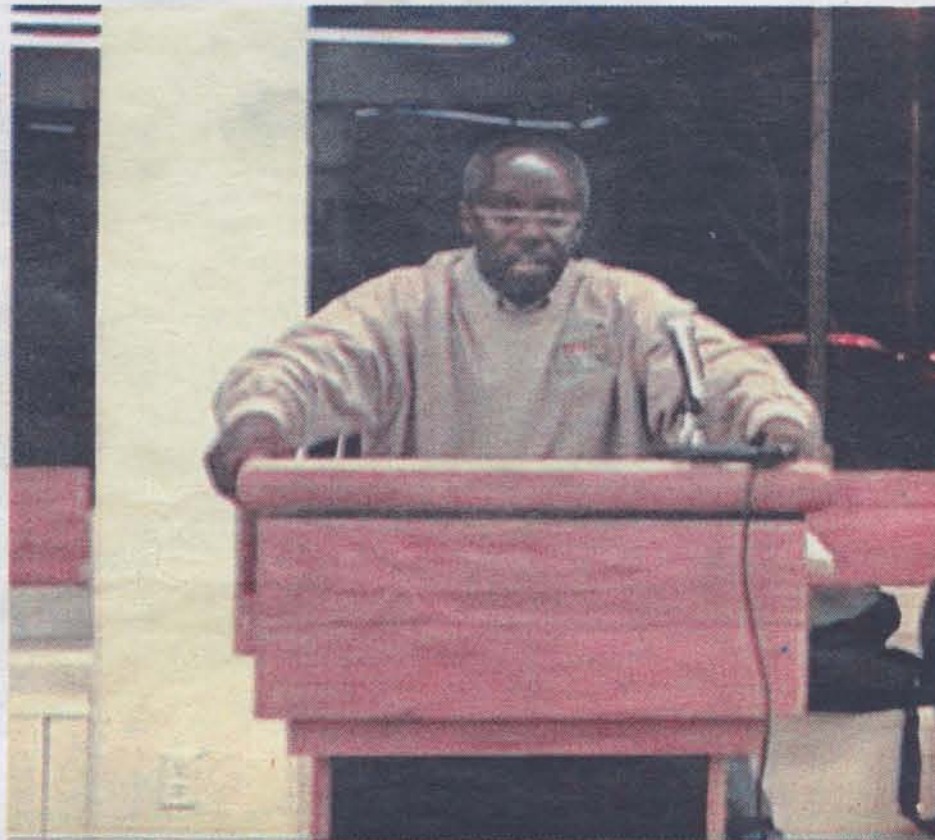
Full budgets for the Commuter Student Association (CSA), LEG residence halls and upcoming student council elections were passed at Wednesday night's Polity Senate meeting.

The budget proposals still have to be approved by Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston, however. Preston has rejected budget proposals before, and that has many senators worried that Wednesday's effort will be blocked as well.

Preston spoke bluntly before the gathering of senators and representatives from clubs and organizations. He stressed the need to pass a single, complete budget following proper Polity guidelines, and the importance of unity within Polity.

"Last year, and I can't say it's been totally untypical of other years, a lot of this body's time has been spent with...immature infighting," he said. "It's your responsibility to conduct yourself in a fashion that serves in the best interest of the student body."

All non-athletic clubs and organizations have been operating on a



Courtesy of SBU-TV

Dr. Fred Preston, VP of Student Affairs, spoke before senators and council members.

25 percent budget since the start of the semester. Preston was pessimistic when senator Adam Zimmerman asked if the budgets would be increased by another 25 percent if Polity approved such a

measure. "It would be irresponsible of me to give you another 25 percent," he said. "Technically, I should not have given you a budget at all."

Preston cited last year's problems of budget misallocations and improper voting procedures as reasons for concern.

"One of the problems with Polity Senate...is when it lets a few people...on two to three sides of the political spectrum wield too much power," he said.

Despite Preston's harsh words, Polity agreed to increase funds by \$200 to every residence hall but the largest, Benedict, which received a \$400 raise. The Commuter College funding budget was also increased to \$28,000, a \$3,000 hike from last year. Finally, \$10,000 was set aside for the student council election campaigns scheduled to begin in two weeks.

Though no more money was given to clubs and organizations, they still have the option of borrowing from residence halls or co-sponsoring events with them.

Zimmerman encouraged other senators to send emails, phone calls and letters to Preston, in hopes of persuading him to approve their proposal. The senator turned to attending club representatives, and pleaded for their support.

"It's a very simple question - would  
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## SBU Responds to WTC Tragedy



Statesman/Mike Cortez

Stephanie Tarantino, in the Advancement Office, has been heavily involved in promoting SBU Responds.

By KELLY BROWN  
Statesman Editor

The September 11th attacks left the Stony Brook community with many questions. But perhaps the most burning question has been what students can do to help.

Stony Brook Responds is the university's effort to support the New York State relief fund to aid victims of the terrorist attack in Manhattan. The donations collected will be presented on behalf of the community to the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund.

The money will benefit the families of anyone injured or killed in the tragedy, including civilians, firefighters, policemen, Port Authority officers, Emergency Medical Personnel and relief workers.

The university's Office for Advancement, which heads off most

fundraising efforts on campus, is also coordinating this program.

"Being new here myself, I'm kind of overwhelmed by the response," said Advancement Vice President Bill Simmons.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the general public have come together to support this effort. The list of contributors is posted online at the university website and is updated daily.

As of mid-day Tuesday, Stony Brook Responds raised over \$13,000 dollars.

Simmons said that does not include the \$12,500 raised in a single day by the Health Sciences community on campus to benefit members of the Health Sciences whose families were directly impacted by the terror attacks.

One of the big challenges for any university, according to Simmons, is

to "develop a philanthropic culture" among students. The relief effort has helped move the student body in this direction. "This is a springboard to students doing great things for the university," he said.

Advancement Office staff member Stephanie Tarantino has been heavily involved in the promotion of Stony Brook Responds.

"The response has been  
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# Honors College Profile

By REETI CHAWLA  
Statesman Contributor

Many students on campus associate the Honors College with students who live in Cardozo College and get priority registration. Others are not even aware of the program.

Many have no idea that it is a dynamic institution that encourages not only academic excellence, but also leadership and personal achievements in a variety of different activities on campus.

The Honors College was established nearly 12 years ago with the desire to provide promising student scholars with an intellectually challenging, multi-disciplinary educational program. Dr. Ruth Cowan, Professor of History, is the chairman of the Honors College and Ms. Laurie Fiegel is the Director of the Honors College. However for this academic year, while Dr. Cowan is on sabbatical, Dr. Richard Gerrig from the Psychology Department is the acting chair. Additionally, a number of distinguished faculty teach Honors College students. According to Ms. Fiegel, HC is a very highly regarded organization on campus. Faculty enjoy working with HC students and there is a great deal of support from the administration as well. HC students benefit from extensive scholarship support, an individualized program of study, numerous opportunities to participate in cultural activities, and personal contact with distinguished faculty members.

Traditionally, resident Honors College students are given priority housing in Cardozo College in Roth

Quad. Many HC students choose to live in Cardozo because of its many benefits, which include some HC classes being held in the building's lounge. According to the HC sophomore Catherine Brenner, living in Cardozo is very convenient. "Not only have I made great friends in the building, but because we're in the same honors classes it is also easier for us to meet for group projects and discussion groups," she said.

The Honors College has seen many changes and improvements since

its foundations. Several years ago, the incoming freshman class in the Honors College was composed of only 30 students whose average SAT scores were about 1300. Compare this to HC incoming class of fall 2001, which includes 60 students with average scores around 1360, many of whom have won national awards and participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. Ms. Laurie Fiegel hopes to see more growth with the HC in the future. "We're hoping at some point to see an incoming class of about 100 promising students, but we still want to maintain small classes and one on one attention," Fiegel said. "It's a fundamental aspect of the Honors College and we don't want to lose

that idea. We want to continue with the enriching environment that we've offered students in the past." More and more promising students are choosing to enter the Honors College, demonstrating how the HC is growing into a competitive program. Freshman HC student Emy KuriaKose, said "the Honors College provides us with academically challenging environment." "I was afraid of attending a university where the professor would just consider me just another number, but students in the HC benefit from individual attention," she said.

Consequently, the Honors College is constantly expanding and engaging in innovative activities. Last year, a parents' council was organized to help

support students' academic progress and to encourage their pursuit of various goals. This fall, the parents committee will address new parents at Stony Brook Parents Day and will provide information regarding their upcoming fund raising activities. Furthermore, for the upcoming academic year, the Honors College is planning on organizing an HC alumni association along with an alumni newsletter.

Additionally, Honors College students engage in a creative, seminar-based curriculum as opposed to fulfilling the usual DEC requirements. According to Dr. Gerrig, the Honors College is able to provide a number of classes in which students have focused interactions on

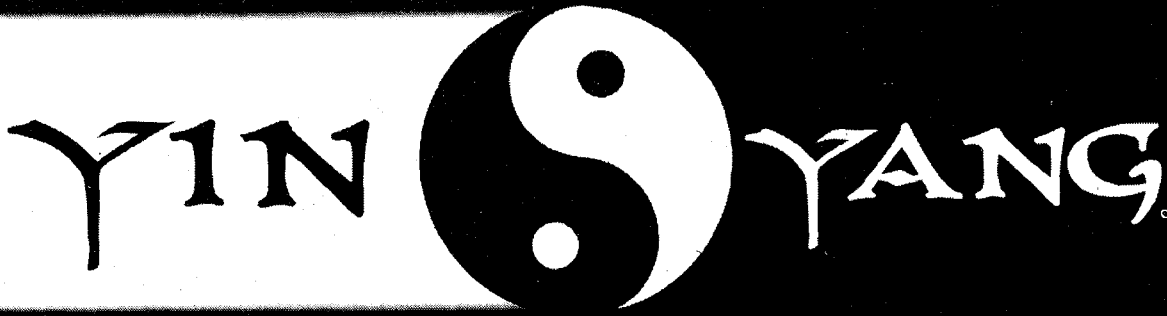
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Students in the Honors 301 class participate in a discussion with Professor Les Paldy.

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# SBVAC Strives to Set New Standards

By MICHELLE PIRRAGLIA AND JUSTIN SEYTI  
Statesman Staff and Contributor

This semester has offered new rewards and challenges for the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SBVAC).

In addition to buying a new ambulance this summer, the organization placed highly in EMS competitions, and is striving to reach higher.

"We want to provide the best patient care we can," said Josh Moskovitz, SBVAC chief of operations.

Moskovitz himself garnered awards for the organization this summer. He won first place in the REMSCO (Regional Emergency Medical Services Council) Leadership of the Year Award. SBVAC, a New York State certified organization, was voted runner-up for the REMSCO EMS Agency of the Year Award.

SBVAC, which is funded mostly by Polity and receives a small sponsorship from New York State through the University, is an on-campus 80-member volunteer organization currently comprised of two paramedics, approximately 50 EMT's and 23 volunteers in training. SBVAC responds to between 400 and 600 calls annually and has an average response time of six minutes.

Volunteers must be ready to respond to a broad range of emergencies, including automobile

accidents, drug overdoses and heart attacks.

"Our primary area is on campus," said Christina Mannino, a 22-year-old graduate student and SBVAC president. "But we do get calls from Mutual Aid from time to time, and they can send us anywhere."

In fact, the organization was recently alerted to be on standby in the event that additional EMS services were needed to assist in the tragedy of the World Trade Center.

SBVAC recently purchased a new ambulance, which replaced one which had been in service since 1991. Moskovitz said of the new vehicle, "It's a big improvement from our previous vehicles."

Five volunteers, including Moskovitz and Mannino, will soon be completing certification to become EMT Critical Care Technicians, which is just one step below being a paramedic.

In the future, SBVAC also hopes to purchase a first-responder, a vehicle that allows the team to coordinate their actions at the site of an emergency where many people need care. There is a question, however, of whether they will be able to afford these purchases, because Polity has yet to enact a budget this semester for any organization on campus.

Moskovitz said that makes it difficult for SBVAC to purchase new equipment in advance.



Statesman/Sarah Raleigh-Halsing

Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps has trained paramedics and EMTs that provide emergency medical assistance to the Stony Brook population.

"This is people's lives we're dealing with," Moskovitz said. "We have no credit and companies don't want to ship to us until we pre-pay. We can't order advanced life support equipment because we had to pre-pay."

Both Moskovitz and Mannino stressed that they have met with Polity and other officials to reach a workable agreement.

SBVAC members said they are excited to be hosting the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF) conference on Feb. 8-10, 2002 at the Marriott Hotel in Islandia. Several prominent lecturers have already

volunteered to speak on developing policies for collegiate EMS corporations and general patient care. The conference may have as many as 500 participants.

"Minutes [response times] count and we have a responsibility to at least meet the county average," Moskovitz said. "The county is our basis for a minimum expectation and we strive to be the best we can be."

He stressed that the group currently beats the county average, and that they aim to keep that record.

"I know we could do better. I also know we're very professional. Our by-laws cover all the bases. I think we're just as good, if not better than other companies around us."

# SBU-TV Replaces 3-TV

By LOUIS LAM  
Statesman Contributor

After suffering two years of static on channel three, Stony Brook students will soon be able to view new programming made by a student-run television station, SBU-TV.

Leonid Borovskiy, 19, news director of the station, and David Seader, 23, program director at SBU-TV, have aspired to the restoration of campus visual medium for quite some time.

"We want to help out the community," said Borovskiy "by injecting new life and interests into our campus."

They said that their programming would be more than just entertaining but also educational and informative. "SBU-TV will rival any station in the nation," Seader said. But the shortage of capital and human resources may require them to take longer time to pursue their goals.

"The station is not fully staffed yet," Borovskiy said. "We need reporters, camera people, crews in lighting and

**"SBU-TV will rival any station in the nation," said Seader.**

audio, editors and performers."

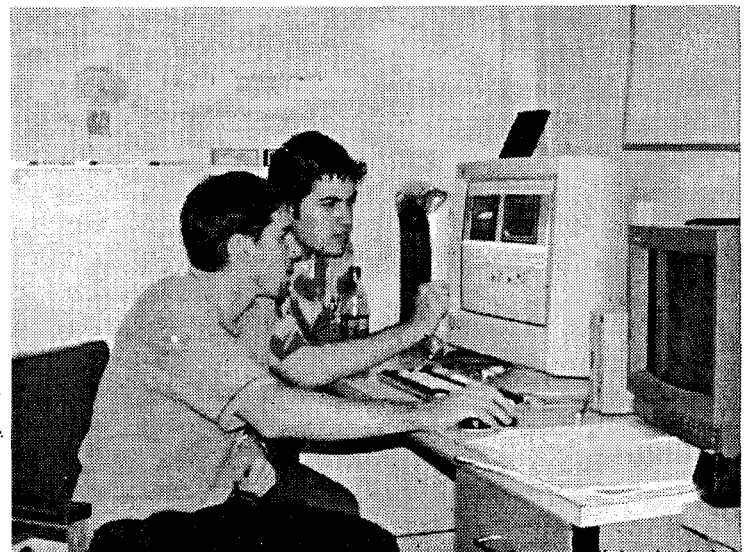
Steve Kreitzer, the newly hired-Manager of the TV Operation, said that to

operate a fully functional station like this one would require as many as 50 people to work with and \$50,000-75000 in budget to buy the equipment and the maintenance that they need.

Kreitzer is the Supervisor of the Air Operation in Viacom and has worked there for 18 years. He was also a student here and graduated in 1983. "I want to give something back," Kreitzer said.

The station is launching the campus announcements and broadcasting some outside programs like UK Today, occasionally. "Just to let students know that we are out there," Kreitzer said.

Before SBU-TV, 3TV was the station that ran the programming on channel three. But Polity and administrators decided to shut it down two years ago because of the staff's lack of professionalism, legal



Leonid Borovskiy and David Seader are heading up SBU-TV this year.

arrangements and questions about whether the students were receiving appropriate supervision from their station manager, according to the Statesman Archives in 1999. The station had operated successfully for nearly six years before the suspension.

When Kreitzer and other

students took over the office, they found that most of the apparatus was gone. "People probably just walked off with it," he said.

Most student associations will have their predecessors to pass their wisdom to new staff. "We started from scratch and have been building it up," said Seader. "That's my baby."

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## International

# U.S. and Britain Turn Up Pressure on Taliban

By MATT KELLEY  
Associated Press Writer

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is visiting officials from four key Muslim supporters of the war against terrorism as the United States prepares for possible military strikes.

President George W. Bush dispatched Rumsfeld on Tuesday to Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt and Uzbekistan — all pivotal nations in the fight against Osama bin Laden, his al-Qaida terrorist network and the Taliban regime that shelters them in Afghanistan.

Uzbekistan, once a Central Asian republic of the Soviet Union, has offered to let the United States use its territory to stage strikes on al-Qaida.

Before leaving, Rumsfeld ordered 1,000 troops from the Army's 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, to Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, two former Soviet republics that border Afghanistan, The

Washington Post reported. Pentagon officials refused to discuss the report.

Bush warned the Taliban "there will be a consequence" if they fail to hand over bin Laden and his followers. The Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan repeated his regime's refusal to do so without conclusive evidence bin Laden was behind the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

"The relationships among terrorists and terrorist networks are abundantly clear. There is no need for additional evidence," Rumsfeld said before leaving for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the first stop on his tour.

Building a case for war, U.S. envoys met with allies across the globe to share confidential evidence against bin Laden's al-Qaida network. America's 18 NATO partners said the information was conclusive and formally declared the Sept. 11 attacks an assault against the alliance.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said

information was sent out Monday to a large number of nations that "powerfully made the case" against the al-Qaida organization for the terrorist attacks three weeks ago.

"We traced the history of this organization, its recent activities and events around the 11<sup>th</sup>—before and after. I think it's a persuasive case," he said Tuesday.

Bush sought to shore up his support among the Arabs, saying for the first time that the idea of a Palestinian state is part of the Middle East peace process. British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in step with Bush, planned a trip to Pakistan to solidify the U.S.-led campaign against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

But first, in a speech, the prime minister threatened Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers: "Surrender the terrorists or surrender power."

"The prime minister was echoing exactly what I said" to Congress, Bush told reporters

who accompanied him Tuesday night to a downtown restaurant, where he and first lady Laura Bush dined with Washington Mayor Anthony Williams.

Still, Blair's comment went further, predicting an overthrow of the Taliban. Senior White House officials said privately they were briefed in advance about Blair's remarks.

The administration's rhetoric against the Taliban has intensified recently, with aides beginning to say only late last week that the United States would help forces that oppose the regime. Though he has threatened military action, Bush has stopped just short of calling for the Taliban's overthrow.

"The Taliban must turn over al-Qaida (terrorists) living within Afghanistan, and must destroy the terrorist camps," Bush said. "And they must do so; otherwise, there will be a consequence. There are no negotiations. There's no calendar. We'll act on our time."

## National

# Giuliani & Pataki's Approval Ratings Soar

By MARC HUMBERT  
AP Political Writer

Approval ratings have soared for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki, but the state's voters are split on whether a term limits law should be repealed so the New York City mayor could serve a third term, a statewide poll reported Tuesday.

The poll from the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute found Giuliani's job approval rating had reached 90 percent in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center while Pataki's had risen to 81 percent.

But state voters were split, 48 percent to 45 percent, on whether the city's term limits law should be repealed, a move that would allow the Republican mayor to seek a third term.

New York City voters opposed

repealing term limits, 55 percent to 39 percent. Voters outside the city generally favored repealing the term limits law.

President Bush's job approval rating hit 82 percent in the latest poll while approval ratings for New York's two Democratic senators, Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, hit 69 percent and 59 percent, respectively. Those are the highest approval ratings for all five elected officials ever in the Quinnipiac poll.

"It's rally-'round-the-flag time," said Maurice Carroll, director of the polling institute. "Just look at George Bush—he lost overwhelmingly in New York" in last year's presidential race.

While there has been no recent statewide polling on Giuliani's job performance, a July 25 Quinnipiac poll of just New York City voters had it at 50 percent. City voters in the new statewide

poll put his approval rating at 83 percent. A statewide poll released June 26 by Quinnipiac had Pataki's approval rating at 56 percent.

Giuliani's popularity has soared in the wake of the terrorist attacks as he sought to console the relatives and friends of victims and restore calm in the city. The mayor has said he would like to extend his term, which ends Dec. 31, for at least three months or even possibly run for a third term.

A city term limits law adopted by voters in 1993 bars Giuliani from serving a third consecutive term. The Democratic-controlled City Council and state Assembly have, thus far, refused to repeal the voter-approved term limits law or go along with a term extension for the mayor.

In recent days, as it appeared less and less likely that the state's political

powers would allow him to remain in office or run again, the mayor has declined to talk about his political future.

Mayoral spokeswoman Sunny Mindel had no immediate comment Tuesday on the poll.

Carroll, an expert on New York politics, said it appeared very unlikely Giuliani would be able to win a term extension or a repeal of term limits.

Pataki is expected to seek a third term next year and while advisers were expressing private pleasure in the new poll numbers, Pataki spokesman Michael McKeon declined to comment in the results.

"Governor Pataki is going to continue to focus on the recovery and rebuilding effort and the many other difficult challenges that lie ahead," the Pataki aide said.

## Metro

# Insurance Help on the Way for Suffolk County

By MICHELLE M. PIRAGLIA  
Courtesy of Suffolk Life Newspaper

The New York State Insurance Department opened a satellite office in Hauppauge on Sept. 22 in order to help those families who lost loved ones during the recent terrorist attacks.

It's been such a shock, but now it's wearing off a bit and claims are beginning to come in," said Terri Marchon, spokesperson for the NYS Insurance Department. "In the coming weeks, it's important that our offices are open."

The Insurance Department in Suffolk County, as well as in several other surrounding areas in New York, feels it is important to provide guidance and aid to those who are faced with filing insurance claims on their

loved ones.

"We're here to help," Marchon said of the offices. "We're manned and ready for questions. We will look over policies and fill out claims."

Insurance Department Superintendent, Gregory V. Serio, issued a statement further explaining the functions of the satellite offices. "The new satellite offices of the Insurance Department Consumer Services Bureau will assist New Yorkers in filing claims and receiving timely payment for their losses in this time of need," Serio said.

The Insurance Department believes there should be no problems with filing and collecting on these claims.

"We want to assure insurance consumers that we will continue to assist them with their

claims and we will continue to encourage the industry to respond in good faith by making timely claims payments," Serio commented.

"I think this should be a smooth process," Marchon said. "For people who haven't submitted claims before, we'll be here to assist them in any way we can, anything to ease the burden of what these people have to go through."

In an attempt to prevent problems in insurance claims, New York State Governor, George Pataki, recently announced that state licensed insurers will accept affidavits from next of kin of victims of the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania disasters when a death certificate is unavailable.

Many of this nation's families have

undergone immense personal losses," Pataki said in a recent statement. "As families of victims begin to go through the painful process of filing life insurance claims, we will continue to do everything we can to prevent additional hardships on those who have lost loved ones."

The new Insurance Department satellite office is located in Hauppauge on the first floor of the Suffolk State Office Building 250 on Veterans Memorial Highway. The office will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Other satellite offices are located in Nassau County, Westchester County and Manhattan. There is also a toll-free disaster hotline at 1-800-339-1759 for those who have disaster-related questions.



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## Editorial

# Taking Action Against Apathy

We've all felt it at one time or another—the sense of frustration, often sudden in its onset, about the lack of student activities on campus. It's a weekday afternoon. Classes are over. It would be nice if there were something on campus to do, a club meeting, an open forum, a karaoke marathon. Anything.

There probably is. You just don't know about it.

The Stony Brook University community is known almost as well for its student apathy as for its prowess in scientific research. Lectures, discussion groups and even social events put on by campus clubs are invariably poorly attended.

There are a couple of factors that facilitate this infectious indifference. We are a campus largely comprised of commuters. It is difficult

for programming to reach students who often spend only a few hours on campus each day.

The Commuter Student Association does a wonderful job of providing for its own, but there is a definite lack of cohesion between the commuting and non-commuting elements of our community.

But, the principal burden lies on the administration. We are in need of a centralized organization to gather and distribute information about club meeting times and events. Activities need to be more accessible to students—and the administration needs to address this problem.

This does not mean we should sit back and wait for the university to drop fliers in our laps. We, the students, need to battle campus apathy actively.

Go out, scour bulletin boards, talk to people and get information. There are things happening on campus all of the time. We can improve the quality of life for ourselves immensely if we put in a little extra effort.

Certainly, we could all use a place to start. A new campus program with the aim of heightening student involvement and interpersonal communication was launched yesterday. The SBU forum, held in the SAC, is an opportunity for all of us to make constructive use of Campus Life Time every Wednesday.

It is in our own best interest to participate, and it is also our responsibility as a university to give back to the community that has provided us with so much. And in difficult times like these, replacing apathy with action can help us rise above tragedy and unite.

## Op-Eds

# Wide Awake and Working Hard in the Senate Chamber

BY ADAM ZIMMERMAN  
Statesman Editor

Amid little fanfare and a collective heavy heart, Polity Senate began its new term on September 20th, a full 24 days since the Fall semester began. I need not remind anyone just how long this short semester has been.

The heavy heart was the result of the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Our campus' close proximity to downtown Manhattan sent all university facets scrambling, including student government. Our first Wednesday meeting, planned for September 12th, was obviously canceled. The next Wednesday was Rosh Hashanah, so our Thursday meeting the next evening was considered an emergency one.

New government terms generally start slowly, but we were forced to hit the ground running. Last semester's term had ended with the proposed Senate budget being rejected by the Student Affairs office and Polity elections thrown out by our supreme court. Both issues had thus carried over to the Fall, and were awaiting Senate action.

Senate recognized this, and stepped up to the plate. Regarding the budget, Interim Treasurer Sasha White submitted a revamped proposal for our approval. Unfortunately, there was disagreement over whether the new figures were accurate due to questions concerning student enrollment and whether we were facing a surplus or deficit.

After much discussion, it was decided that the Senate's proper recourse was to wait until accurate numbers were presented, so all clubs and organizations would get their fair slice of the multi-million dollar pie. To that end, we decided to devote last

night's meeting, October 3rd, exclusively to hammering out the budget, and a formal invitation request was extended to Dr. Fred Preston and Dr. Peter Baigent, both of whom give final budget approval in Student Affairs.

Happily, we made significant progress on the election issue. Working with proposals submitted by members of the interim Council, Senate approved an election schedule which meets the needs of the students.

A Council proposal to outsource the elections to an independent organization was accepted, as was a proposal to simplify greatly the petitioning process for each candidate. Last semester, candidates needed hundreds of signatures and social security numbers to get on the ballot. Thanks to Senate and Council working together and temporarily suspending Election Board bylaws, the highest minimum signature requirement is now 20, and phone numbers will be replacing social security numbers as means of verification.

Confidentiality will be monitored much more closely this time around.

Moreover, election dates will be Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th. Originally scheduled for a Thursday and Friday, Senate voted to change the election dates in the hopes of increasing voter turnout, since many students here are not available for voting at the end of the week. By utilizing the middle of the week, especially Campus Lifetime on Wednesday afternoon, we maximized available time for students to go to the polls. We all hope for a tremendous turnout in a few weeks.

Nary does a Senate session go by, however, without a dose of criticism, and this meeting was no exception. This time around, Statesman cartoonist Albert Scott has depicted members of the chamber sleeping through what was indeed a long meeting. According to Mr. Scott, after three hours of debating, snoozing was something upon which we all finally agreed.

However, the content of our meeting unquestionably reflects otherwise. Moreover, this was an emergency meeting, one for which we didn't get to plan very long. Several new senators were sitting around the tables for the first time, many of whom were understandably unaccustomed to the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Much of the first hour, in which we elected a Senate co-chair and corresponding secretary, was spent trying to explain the basics of Robert's Rules of Order to our new members as we went along. Interim Polity President Natalie Hodgson was also chairing a Senate meeting for the first time, and under the circumstances performed admirably.

So while this wasn't the quickest meeting, it was definitely productive and worthwhile. And while it is understood and expected that our meetings will be met with criticism, any future grievances should be based in fact, not in blatant untruths.

To put it simply, we in student government are hoping to regain your trust and confidence after a difficult year. This process, like some of our meetings, will take some time. But in the end, it will be worth it. We will make you proud.



# On Truth: Faith As The Grounding

By **FREDDY DAVIS**  
Statesman Staff

With faith being static amidst such dynamic truth this flux of time the foundations of each life as in civilization lies in this grounding of one universal claim. This faith though is one that cannot be put into words for it is not mere logic or a representation of nature as it should be. Man has developed this faith as a mode of survival, for the chance of greater advancement.

Despite what faith you follow, or even if you come to mistakenly claim none, there is an underlying definition that comes to ground the life you live, without which night and day would be but indistinguishable.

Faith is the basis of how we choose to live in the flux of these changing times that in this technological age has done more to bring others together to face that which originally separated us and in which, we shall come to realize, faith is of the utmost importance.

This faith lies as the grounding to the state of our lives and without which we cannot even begin to formulate goals or expectations in such. It is faith that begins the society and the state of civilized man but not the traditional faith of an organized approach. This faith is one of a more personal nature that we tend to hold the closest to our being and constitutes our essence, though it may not be fully acknowledged in its true extent.

This personal faith I speak of is not the prophecies or delusions of imposition but more of a trust in the principles of the natural phenomena in hopes of a metaphysical justice over the physical inadequacies. The process of history has been the promotion of security from the one over the many with hopes that it would also be such to also secure the many over the one in which a set of how to act morally has developed out of this security.



**Beyond words, beyond symbols, you find faith.**

In this faith has developed, fostered out of an effort to secure the individual and deny the fleeting of such limited time existence has given us. For in faith we hold that the sun will rise tomorrow or that there is another day we will see that person again.

But there is no scientific way we can truly prove either. For even in such an attempt in science we are dependent upon a faith in the certain grounding principles that we cannot replicate but must take on face vale for our belief in what benefit it can offer.

All life we currently live in our day to day affairs is based upon a hypothesis or, in some cases, upon a hypothesis of a hypothesis, under which we come to develop a trust in a certain essence that remains unseen and unproven by modern conventions.

This essence we hold on to more tightly than intellect alone. This belief that we hold so closely and allows us to continue the very struggle to sustain our existence is that of faith.

# Administrative Spotlight: Shirley Strum Kenny

By **GREGORY KHANHAI**  
Statesman Staff

Last semester I wrote Dr. Kenny a letter and was surprised to get a personal response from her. What was more surprising is that the president of this university is a very affable person who sees herself more as a teacher than an administrator.

Greg: Tell me about your daily duties as President of the university.

Shirley: Presidential duties vary day to day. I do a lot of fundraising, going to Albany, going to Washington, doing a lot of speeches and letting people know about the wonders of Stony Brook.

Greg: Did you start the five-year plan?

Shirley: Yes, I started the five-year plan when I came here. It gives us a way to know where we are going, gives us a way to measure our progress and allow the faculty, students, staff and community to have input. There are other things such as Brookhaven National Lab which was not in it because we did not anticipate its management. The five-year plan was not developed by myself alone. I believe the president has to have the vision and be the strategic planner. So, a committee of 200 people developed the five-year plan. We have redone most of the resident dorms, and we have started the academic buildings. We have a whole five-year construction plan. The first things were to improve the undergraduate life on campus. The undergraduate dorms were horrible.

Greg: I've noticed that the university is being referred to as SBU and no longer USB. What is the reason?

Shirley: A number of the SUNY campuses have done that. It is to become



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**Shirley Strum Kenny has been SBU President since 1994.**

more unique rather than autonomous, more individual.

Greg: Why do you believe that students on the campus describe the administration as apathetic or out to get them and what have you done or plan to undertake to eradicate this sentiment?

Shirley: I think that is not an unusual sentiment with students. I have tried various ways to get greater communication with the students that I would not ordinarily meet. So for example, I will have a series of lunch meetings where these students will have a chance to meet me. I wanted it to be weekly so people can come up to me and ask me questions.

Greg: Do you consider yourself a role model for females on campus and the community and do you believe that you have broken through the proverbial glass

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# Heroes Turned Oppressors: The Story of the Taliban

By **ARIF RAFIQ**  
Statesman Editor

Last year, when then presidential candidate George W. Bush was asked what he thought of the Taliban, he stated after a long pause, "Oh, I thought you were referring to a music band. The Taliban? Yes, absolutely repressive. I think they are absolutely repressive."

His puzzled, then simplistic response reflected the general lack of depth of knowledge of American public of these 'iconoclasts from Kandahar'.

Through the efforts of organizations such as Feminist Majority, documentaries on CNN and MSNBC, and an episode on the WB's "7th Heaven", we became a bit more aware of the Taliban's brutal, and un-Islamic, oppression of women. The Taliban's self-destructive PR campaign continued on with the 'Buddhas of Bamiyan' incident, which shed light upon their violent iconoclastic tendencies. They sought to destroy, and successful they were, the gigantic statues of Buddha, which previous, more learned generations of Muslim communities chose to preserve.

The book, 'Taliban' is a product of Ahmed Rashid's years of experience

covering Central and South Asia, a correspondent for the Far Eastern Economic Review and the Daily Telegraph (UK.). Rashid provides a glimpse of the Taliban perhaps few others could provide. Banning television and photography has helped give the Taliban a veil of secrecy behind their affairs. A picture of their leader Mullah Omar was only recently just last month, after seven years of being a figure in the news. Thus, the combination of the recent terrorist attacks, along with the dearth of information about the Taliban, a book like Rashid's gains an increased level of importance. Rashid had trouble selling his book prior to the September 11th tragedy, but now extra copies are being published as it has become a New York Times and Amazon.com bestseller.

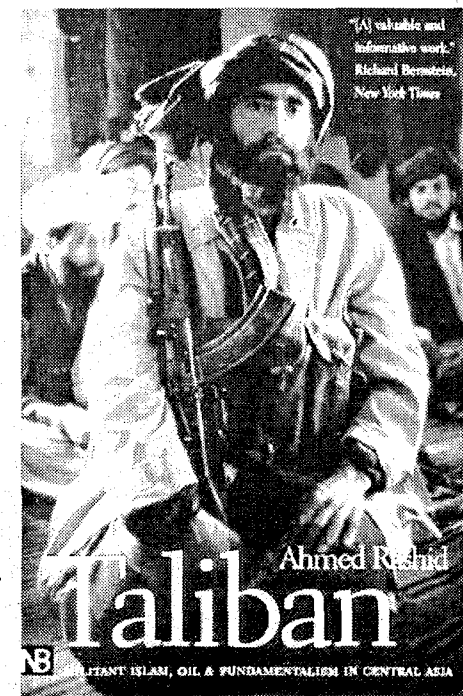
Rashid's tale flows well and will leave you running for a highlighter or pen to note amazing facts and details unavailable elsewhere. If you've got questions, you'll get almost all the answers here. Rashid provides crucial info on how the Taliban came about - most importantly, that they were initially the 'good guys'.

The Afghan civil war commenced once the Soviet invasion of their land

ended in 1989. Warlord fought warlord, leaving civilian populations as either victims of the chaotic crossfire of guns, mortars, and missiles, or of the mass kidnapping and raping of young women and children (both boys and girls) that went on.

This is the context in which the Taliban got their start. Mullah Omar, then a fairly apolitical, religious instructor in the impoverished city of Kandahar, was told of two young girls who were kidnapped by some commanders and were taken to a military camp where their heads were shaved and they were being repeatedly raped. Omar gathered 30 young students along with 16 rifles and attacked the camp and freed the girls. They hung the commanders and took their arms and ammunition. Later Omar would say, "We were fighting against Muslims who had gone wrong. How could we remain quiet when we could see crimes being committed against women and the poor?"

Soon, this band of men, who would call themselves the Taliban (meaning 'The Students'), would be asked to free other kidnapped and tortured women and children in many other places. Rashid



**Ahmed Rashid's "Taliban" provides an informative perspective of Afghanistan's ruling tribe.**

states that Mullah Omar's "prestige grew because he asked for no reward or credit

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# Gabreski Airport Receives \$19 Million in Federal Funds

By PAUL CONRAD  
Statesman Staff

Whether for a boater lost at sea or a region-wide disaster, the 106th Rescue Wing is ready to set out from Gabreski Airport to search for and rescue victims. The passage of the Military Construction Appropriations Bill on September 26th granted the West Hampton airport a substantial increase in funding.

"The funding symbolizes our commitment to Gabreski," New York Senator Charles E. Schumer

said. His combined effort with Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton secured \$19 million dollars for a new support complex at Gabreski Airport.

Suffolk County acquired Gabreski Airport from the Air Force in 1970. With a 9000-foot runway it is a general aviation airport with strategic potential. However, sufficient funding for maintenance has not always been available.

"A lot of our facilities are pretty old and in need of upgrading," Lt. Col. Jim MacDougall, wing executive officer of the 106th Rescue Wing,

said. Based at Gabreski Airport, this wing of the Air National Guard operates and maintains the only rescue aircraft in the Northeast.

While engaging in sea rescue missions and disaster relief, the wing also supports the NASA shuttle program.

In May of this year, Governor Pataki named the airport one of three sites selected for the Rebuild Now-NY program. The sites selected were identified as having great potential for success despite currently being ecologically and financially troubled.

The Rebuild Now-NY program works with local communities to discuss economically feasible ways of cleaning up environmental hazards. Because Gabreski is located near farming and residential areas, the program will work to increase community involvement in airport development decisions.

Now that it has secured \$19 million in funding, the airport will receive state-of-the-art facilities for vehicle maintenance, a refueling vehicle shop, and a new vehicle operation shed. By consolidating the airport's training, operations, and dining services into a single facility, the new support complex will centralize the civil engineering offices, base supply, air traffic control, and disaster preparedness.

"Whenever we watch a space shuttle rise into the sky," Senator Clinton said, "we should remember that people at Gabreski are working hard to make sure everything goes well. Senator Schumer and I will continue to work to provide the airport and its personnel with the resources they need."

## SBU Honors College

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important scholarly and real-world issues. The students have an opportunity to test their ideas with a group of students that they get to know throughout their years in the HC. First and second year Honors College students also take part in one credit minicourses each semester. These nontraditional courses cover a variety of subjects. This semester, Dr. Egon Neuberger, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, is teaching a course based on the idea of an Honors College student. Dr. Neuberger's course is an experimental intergenerational course with participants from the Honors College and The Round Table (the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Stony Brook). Students and members of the Round Table meet biweekly to discuss their views on Jared Diamond's Guns, Germs, and Steel. The underlying goal of minicourses is to stretch students understanding of their options at USB and to allow them to participate in active learning experiences.

The Honors College is not simply a static academic organization, but rather one that values diversity and community involvement. Honors College students are continuously engaging in a variety of activities on campus. The HC is closely associated with Sigma Beta Honor Society, a group that encourages students to get involved in volunteer and community activities. Numerous other HC students participate in sports teams and other student organizations on campus ranging from NYPIRG to the French Club. There is no doubt that the HC students will continue to actively participate in campus organizations while engaging in challenging academic programs.

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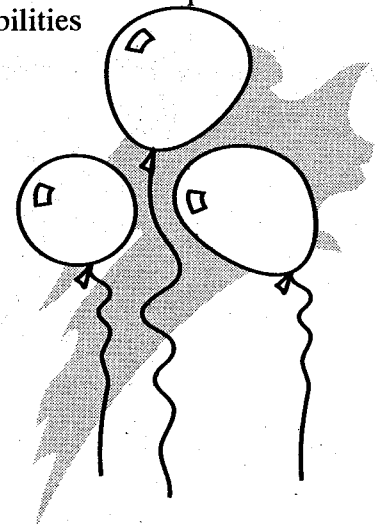
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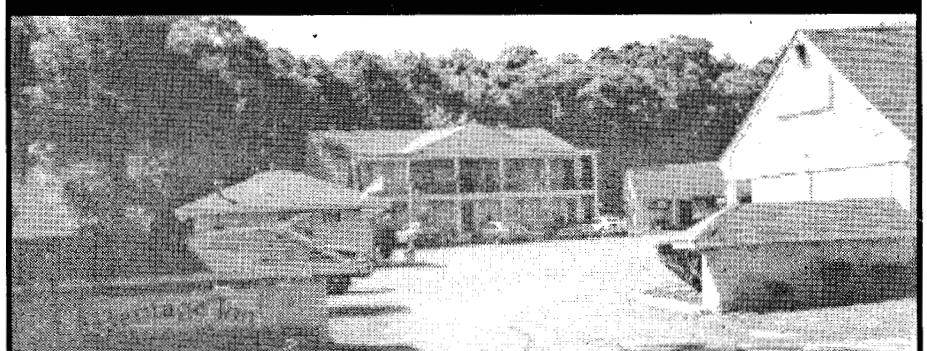
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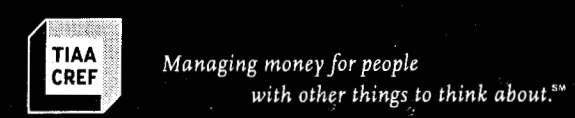
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# Club Spotlight: Capoeira

By BHUMIKA BALGOBIN  
Statesman Staff

The following interview was conducted with Trevor Roberts, the president of the Capoeira Club.

1. What is the Capoeira Club all about?

The purpose of the Capoeira Club is to provide instruction in the Afro-Brazilian art of Capoeira and to promote Brazilian culture at USB.

2. When was this club founded and why?

This club was founded last fall by Eugene Siterman and some of his friends. As far as he knew, Capoeira instruction was not available on Long Island, and he wanted to make it available to his fellow Stony Brook students.

3. What are some of the events that the Capoeira Club sponsors?

Last Spring, our club invited some of the Capoeira teachers and performers from NYC to come out to Stony Brook and perform at Strawberry Fest. Thanks to much support from Polity and the Unity Cultural Center, we were able to make this event a reality. We even had Mestre Joao Grande, a skilled Capoeira Master with over 50 years' experience. It was a very significant event for those who appreciate Capoeira, and it has made us more visible on campus.

4. What are some new events that you have planned for the 2001-2002 academic year?

We plan to have more demonstrations like the one from last year's Strawberry Fest. Also, we plan to have special workshops with



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Capoeira is a Brazilian martial art that incorporates dance.

our teacher once a month where he will bring some of his students up to USB and provide intense training.

5. How is the Capoeira Club different from other clubs at Stony Brook?

There is much more to Capoeira than fighting. There are the artistic influences such as singing, dance, and the playing of instruments. Capoeira is a martial art that was disguised as a dance so that the Portuguese masters in Brazil would not be able to recognize that the slaves were continuing to train their fighting techniques. The artistic influences have remained to remind modern-day practitioners of the history of our martial art and of the struggle that was endured to create it.

6. Why did you join the Capoeira Club? When did you join?

I joined the club because I wanted to learn Capoeira ever since watching the 1993 movie, "Only the Strong". It wasn't a box office smash. However, it showed

me a martial art I had never seen before, and it intrigued me. I never had an opportunity to learn it before. So, when Eugene and the other original officers of the club started advertising, I came to the first workout in Fall 2000.

7. What does the Capoeira Club mean to you?

The Capoeira Club is composed of a group of students who love the art of Capoeira and want to see our club become more successful. It's an activity that has allowed me to make some good friends in my last year of college. It has also given me the opportunity to research my roots since I am part Portuguese.

9. When are your regular meetings? What is the contact information of the Capoeira Club?

Our regular meetings are from 4-6pm and 7-9pm in the basement of the Union Bi-Level. Our e-mail address is [capoeira@ic.sunysb.edu](mailto:capoeira@ic.sunysb.edu).

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# SBU Live Opens with Ambassador Bhasin

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK  
Statesman Staff

Stony Brook Live, a new panel discussion group, hosted its first outside the SAC, Wednesday afternoon. The forum, entitled "The Aftermath: How to Avoid a Future Tragedy," featured guest speaker Ambassador Harsh Bhasin.

Bhasin, who served as the ambassador from India to South Africa, is currently a Visiting Professor of International Relations at Stony Brook University.

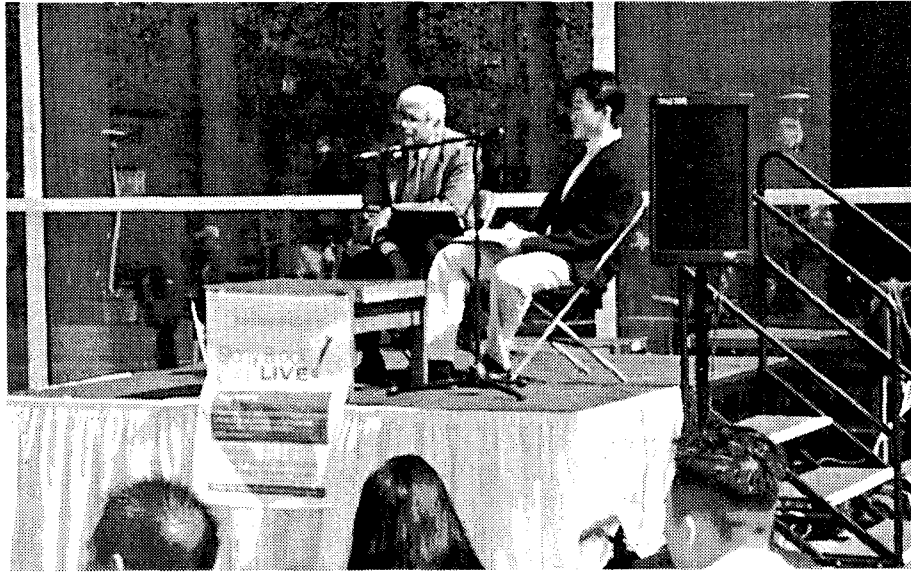
"What makes America a target?" interviewer and Stony Brook Live co-president James Lee asked Bhasin, to begin the discussion.

Bhasin responded that he believed jealousy, a sense of deprivation, and economic discrimination to be reasons America is singled out.

He said that citizens of the United States are often viewed as overly wealthy, whereas the people of many African and Asian nations believe that the wealth of the world is not shared with them. Bhasin said this causes resentment toward America.

According to Lee, Stony Brook Live has the goal of being one of the few places on campus where students can voice opinions to pressing topics. An issue brought up repeatedly throughout the first forum was that of an intrusion upon civil liberties.

One student in the audience feared that citizens would be stripped of our privacy.



Statesman/Mike Cortez

**Ambassador Harsh Bhasin discussed the consequences of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.**

Bhasin explained that during national crises, certain rights have to be so that public welfare can be protected. He said there are enough checks and balances in the U.S. to redress the problem if invasions get out of line.

The forum went on to question how accountable the United States can be held for the recent events. America has played the role of global police to Afghanistan and sovereignties in the Middle East repeatedly.

According to Bhasin, when Iraq invaded Kuwait, its freedom was at stake and the international community mandated that the United States not let the incident pass. This eventually led to the Gulf War.

He then summed up how he believes Afghanistan got where it is today.

When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan during the Cold War, America attempted to bolster different groups to fight back. After ten years of fighting, the U.S.S.R. went home. However, they left behind their weaponry which Afghani citizens then used to fight one another. This led to the formation of different groups such as the Northern Alliance and the Taliban.

"Terrorism can only be eliminated when we get into the hearts and minds of the people," Bhasin pointed out when Lee questioned the feasibility of the campaign the United States appears to have launched against terrorism.

Bhasin said capturing Osama bin Laden will do no good unless the West can understand the mind of the suicide bomber who is willing to lose his life for an ideology. To battle terrorism, he proposed that every member of the United Nations as well as international organizations such as the Arab League form a universal coalition.

"Ground troops do not belong in Afghanistan because no country has ever subdued Afghanistan due to its climate and rough terrain," Bhasin said. Because of this, he said the United States should facilitate the use of satellites to track down terrorist camps, destroy the Taliban and support the Northern Alliance.

Within the United States, he recommended the government create an Afghan Peace Corp comprised of all Afghani citizens in the United States. This would allow troops to engage enemies across the world and show support for the restoration of the 86-year old king in Afghanistan.

"[The forum] is definitely a great way for the students to get involved, display their leadership, and share their opinions on any current day issue that affects us," commeted freshman spectator Rana Bhattacharya.

Bhasin closed the discussion by imparting to the audience that Stony Brook's strength rests in its diversity. "We have a very rich exchange of ideas and thoughts, and it is an asset we should take advantage of and enjoy," he said.

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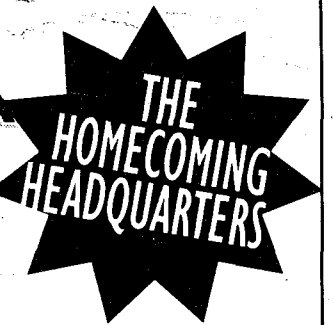
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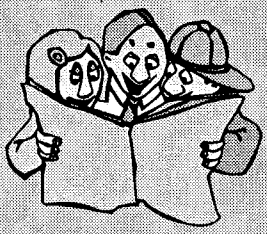
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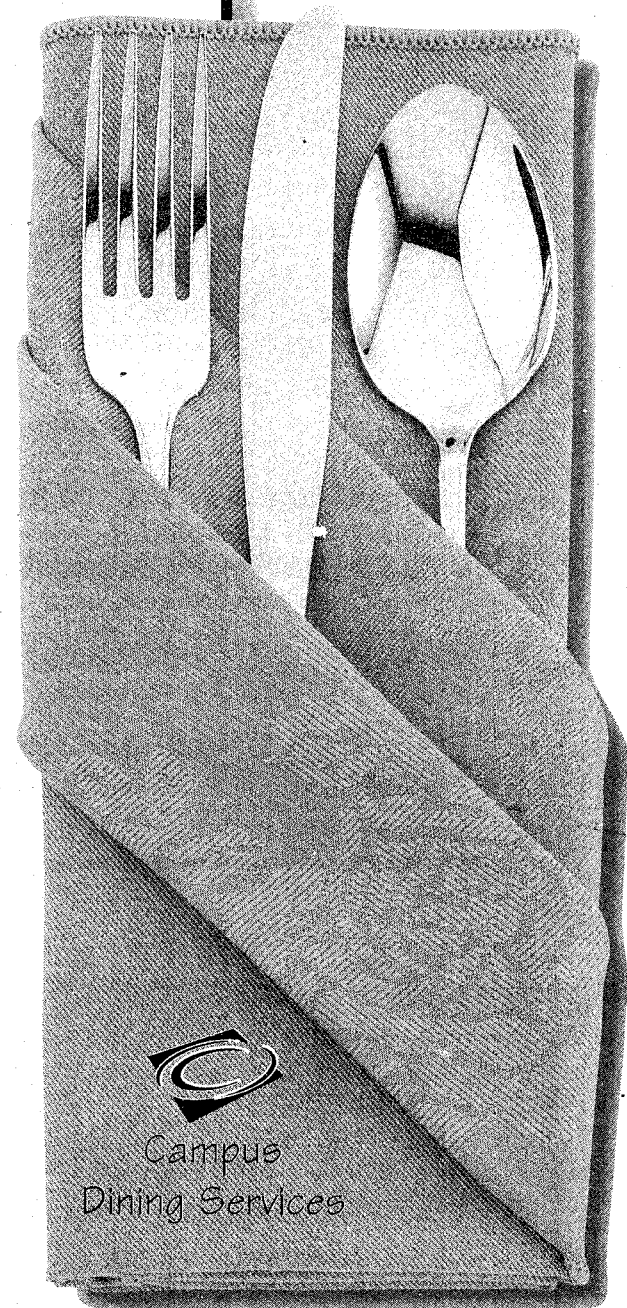
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# Fraternities and Sororities at Stony Brook

By MEGAN LANGILLE  
Statesman Staff

Stony Brook's 28 fraternities and sororities set up tables in front of the SAC, Wednesday, Sept. 26, to answer the questions of potential pledges. Tables overflowed with pictures of their members, ribbons representing their colors and brochures with information on the organization's history.

"There is nothing to do here if you're not in a frat," one pledge said. This was a sentiment repeated by many students who plan to go Greek. But what do frats and sororities do?

Many men and women participate in fraternities and sororities on the Stony Brook campus. In order to join, a student must have a GPA of 2.0 or better and have earned 24 credits. All of the 28 sororities and fraternities on campus have a strong commitment to academics, leadership and service.

Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity Inc., a groundbreaking African fraternity that has endured for more than two decades, was also at the fair. It was founded on May 13, 1977 at C.W. Post College of Long Island University by 15 black and latino men. The fraternity continues to

be a major catalyst for activities at SBU.

Glenda Fernandez of Sigma Lambda Gamma, a diverse sorority including members of Indian, Mexican, and Latino heritage, talked about the importance of community service. Each fall they sponsor Gamma Week, which includes programs such as "Cultures around the World" and "Heart-Break Hotel" about relationship abuse. In the spring the sorority sponsors a fashion show.

One sister from Alpha Sigma Alpha, a multicultural sorority, said that they "learn from each other's differences."

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## "Taliban" by Ahmed Rashid

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from those he helped, only demanding that they follow him to set up a just Islamic system."

It was their 'version' of a 'just Islamic system' that would get them into trouble and bring their people into an increased state of turmoil. The problem is rooted in the fact that the Taliban come from the least developed, least educated, and most conservative area of Afghanistan. The leaders of Taliban, along with their grassroots members, are fairly ignorant of the complexities of Islamic law, and have confused Islamic law with their backwards tribal code, Pashtunwali. In addition, by engaging in wholesale slaughter, preventing from female students and teachers from attending school and working, and by implementing bizarre laws upon the Muslim populace and driving some to renounce their faith, the regime continues to defy three of Islamic law's five 'maqasid', or objectives: protection of life, faith, and intellect.

Furthermore, the Taliban are ethnic Pashtuns, whom only make of 40% of the population. The other 60% include Hazaras, Uzbeks, Tajiks. They have imposed their tribal code and backwards way of life on a culturally diverse Afghanistan, a way of life alien to that of the other moderate and educated groups in the country – especially those in cities such as Herat and Kabul.

Rashid goes into detail on the Taliban's realpolitik relationships with opium farmers, drug dealers, smuggling mafias, oil corporations, intelligence agencies, and of course, the infamous Osama bin Laden. He shows that the Taliban have not only caused much distress for their already brutalized population, but they have caused hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars of damage to the economies of Pakistan, and to a lesser extent, Iran. It is no wonder why the Taliban have few supporters today, as they truly epitomize the term 'pariah'.

This is a story of a group of initial heroes turned oppressors. Sadly that is a reoccurring story in modern Afghanistan. The mujahiddeen, or freedom fighters, who defeated the Soviet invaders and now form the fabled 'Northern Alliance', raped and pillaged the nation during the civil war. The Taliban helped bring peace and security, and then, as a result of ignorance and the yearn for power, embodied the same evils that their predecessors had.

The victims of this situation are the Afghan people – of whom, millions are refugees, and millions are on the brink of starvation. These people deserve better, and this book will hopefully inspire something in your heart to help bring these people out of this state of misery.

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# Broadway's Hopes to Bounce Back

BY ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Staff

The eerily appropriate chorus of "New York, New York" echoed throughout Duffy's Square from 11:30 AM to 2 PM on September 28, 2001. Broadway stars and celebrities sang a spirited rendition of the song in an attempt to inspire increased ticket sales.

The gathering at Duffy's Square was a carefully orchestrated publicity move to invite the public back to Broadway and help New York theater endure the lean time that is upon it.

Immediately following the devastating World Trade Center attacks, theaters provided ticket holders with refunds for canceled shows, and after performances resumed, many people requested tickets for later dates.

The compounded financial losses from having to refund tickets, cancel performances—not to mention the poor ticket sales due largely to the sharp decrease in tourism—have put dozens of Broadway shows on the brink of financial ruin.

Although ticket sales have nearly doubled since the low they had reached the week of the crash, the crowds at most shows are still only between 30



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Many Broadway plays like Rent are closing in the wake of the lack of tourism caused by the WTC tragedy.

and 40 percent of capacity. The considerable overhead that musicals, in particular, incur cannot be met if the crowds remain this small for an extended period of time.

"Stones in His Pockets", "A Thousand Clowns," "If You Ever Leave Me, I'm Going With You," and "The Rocky Horror Show," have already become casualties of the attacks, and it appears that the list will continue to grow unless a dramatic turnaround in ticket sales occurs soon.

"More than half of our audience are tourists," Rent producer, Jeffrey Seller told Newsday. With the city's tourism coming to a virtual standstill, it is no wonder that Broadway icons such as "Rent," "Kiss Me, Kate," "Les Miserables," "Phantom of the Opera," "Chicago," and "The Full Monty" are currently in danger of closing.

However, according to the actions of the cast and crew of these shows, the sentiment of the show needing to go on is truly taken to heart. Everyone

connected with the productions has taken a 25 percent pay cut to keep them running.

Though this is certainly a noble effort, the pay cut is like putting a band-aid on a severely hemorrhaging wound. In fact, the cast and crew of "Kiss Me, Kate" not only took a 25 percent pay cut, but is donating an additional 25 percent of their salaries to the purchase of tickets to the musical. The mayor is also trying to help Broadway get back on its feet.

"I encourage people from all over the country who want to help, I have a great way of helping: Come here and spend money," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said in a statement to the NYC & Company tourism agency. Giuliani is also preparing a short-term aid package for the theater industry.

An air of hope permeated Duffy Square last Friday afternoon—hope that Giuliani's assistance in concert with publicity stunts like the "New York, New York" recording and reduced overhead via pay cuts will be the magic elixir this ailing institution needs to survive. People believe that the population can make the words of the song a reality:

"We'll make a brand new start of it in old New York, come on, come through New York, New York," Giuliani said.

## Senate Budget Problems

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you like that money?" he asked. The audience answered with cheers and applause.

One major stumbling block to the budget arose when a typo in the Stony Brook Press referendum resulted in its losing nearly \$20,000 in funds. In order to correct the error, senators and council members debated withdrawing some funds from other organizations.

Many CSA senators criticized the meeting afterwards, however, pointing to two apparent improprieties in Polity guidelines. But neither accusation could be verified by Preston or interim Polity president Natalie Hodgson on Wednesday night.

According to CSA Vice President Michael Bernardin, the Polity accountant told him Preston approved stipends for the interim council. That is a controversial issue because interim council members were not elected by

students, but appointed by Preston.

"Clubs don't have budgets and people who weren't elected are getting paid," said CSA senator Vedang Parikh. "I don't think that's a good idea."

The other issue surrounds a difference in referenda budgets for athletic clubs and non-athletic groups. The referenda are based on the total number of students, but some athletic clubs—like men's rugby, the crew team and ice hockey—seem to be set at a higher scale than other groups.

"The proposed budget estimated the number of registered students to be 12,500 in regard to athletic clubs with referenda budgets," said CSA senator Nicholas Kilb, who is also the co-chair of the media budget subcommittee. "And yet the estimated number of registered students is 11,650 in regard to all other clubs with referenda budgets. This discrepancy clearly shows bias or gross error in excess of \$50,000."

## SBU Responds

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appropriate for the time that we started our effort," she said, acknowledging that many people have given donations through other organizations and charities.

"The students have been responding with everything from e-mails to coordinating auctions in the Student Activity Center which is likely to start soon. I was extremely impressed with the students of Health Technology and Management, who raised \$3,583 alone. The Computer Science Graduate Student Council also pooled together and contributed to the cause."

Tarantino and others plan to increase publicity through posters with tear off forms this week to encourage even further participation by students.

Stony Brook Responds will continue to collect donations until the second week in December, at which

point any donations will be channeled to a general fund administered through the United Way. Anyone who wants to donate specifically to the World Trade Center Fund in the spring can contact the Advancement Office.

President Shirley Strum Kenny, in her written address to the University, encouraged the community in its relief efforts, and stressed that there are many ways to help.

"All of us contribute in our own way, all of us want to help," she wrote. "I hope that along with volunteering work and donating blood, we will contribute understanding and compassion for all who are suffering and for every member of our Stony Brook family."

To donate now, visit [www.stonybrook.edu/stonybrookresponds](http://www.stonybrook.edu/stonybrookresponds), or contact Stephanie Tarantino at 632-4733 or <mailto:stephanie.tarantino@stonybrook.edu>.

## Frats Prepare for New School Year

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The 22 members have already sponsored a food drive this semester, and planned to participate in "Walk for Beauty," last Sunday, a breast cancer fundraising effort created by Stony Brook University Hospital.

Delta Chi, originally founded 110 years ago as a law fraternity,

now has a more multicultural focus, and has been on campus since 1999.

According to their mission statement, the 17 members strive for "excellence in the fields of academics, service and brotherhood." David Genersosa, a member, said that the fraternity emphasizes community service.

Last year members contributed

to the blood drive.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, another multicultural fraternity, participated in Toy for Tots last Christmas, and plans to take part in the "Walk for Beauty" breast cancer walk this year.

An Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council meeting will be held this Saturday, to promote cooperation between organizations on campus.

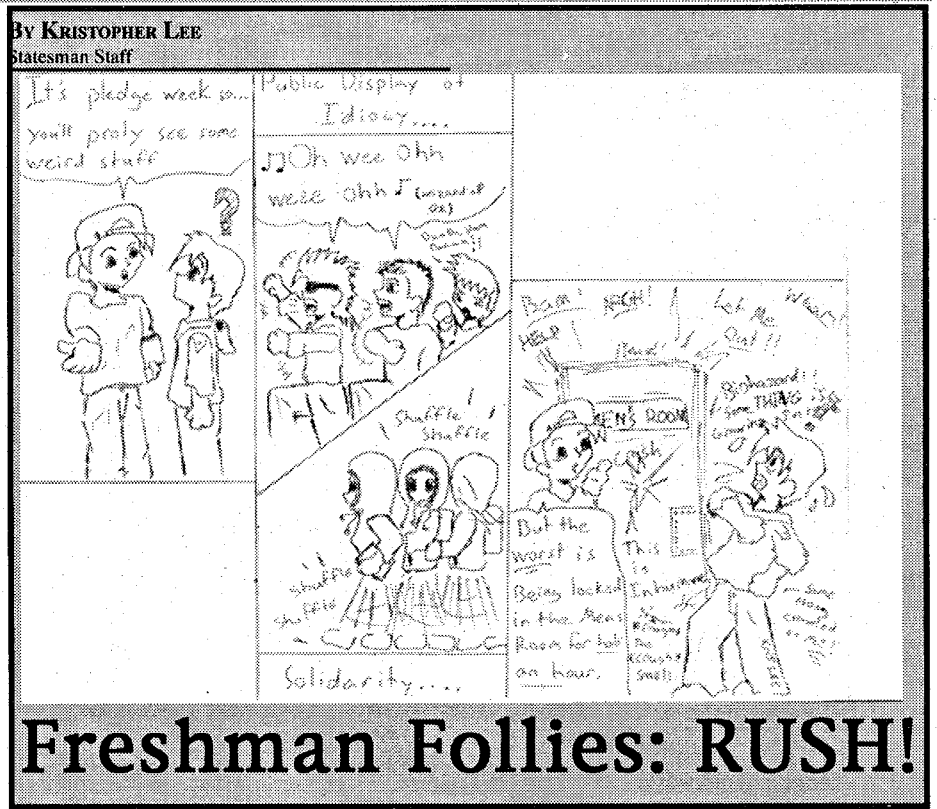
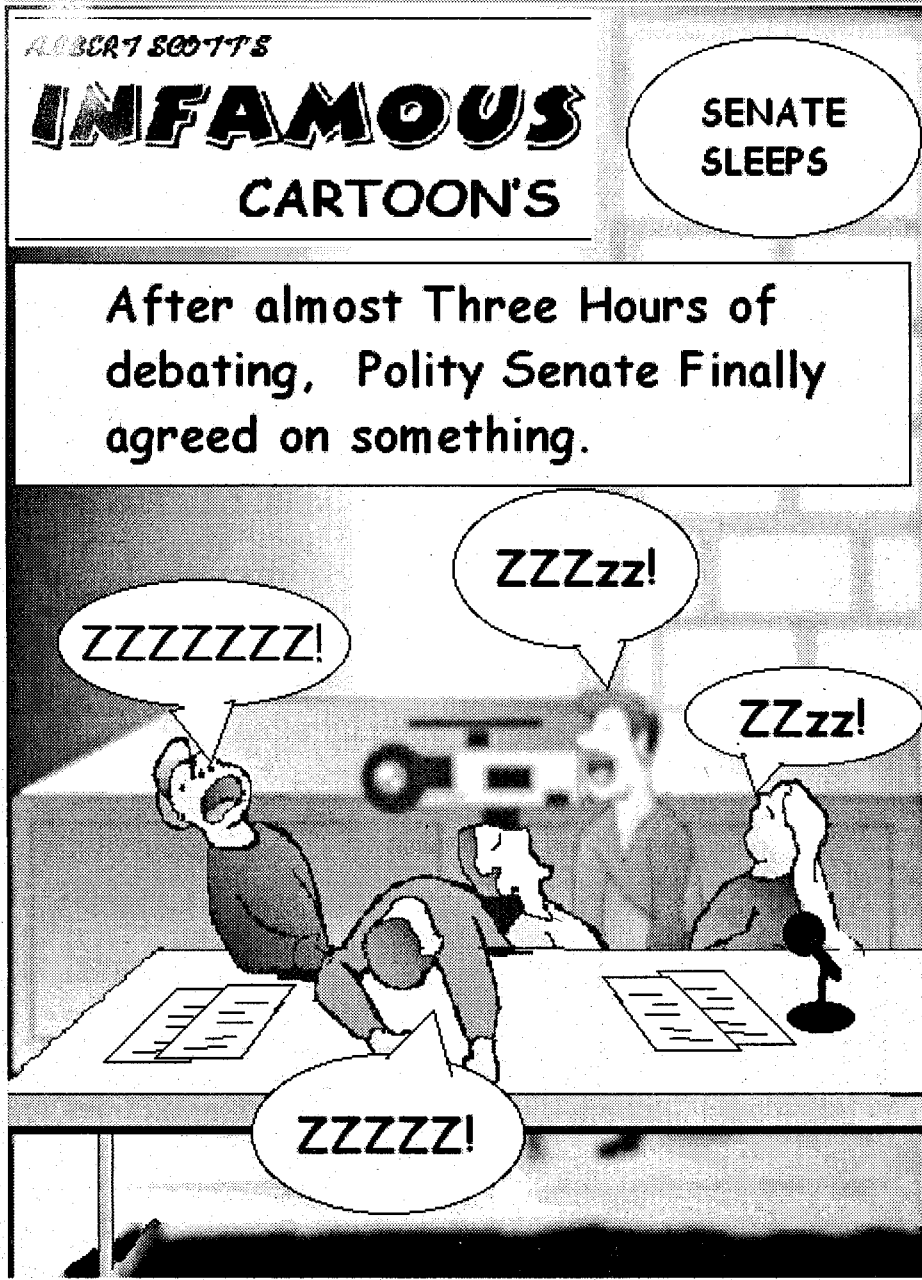


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Members of Malik Sigma Psi.

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# The Qualms of My Stomach

By TED LAI  
Statesman Staff

One of the most common things every college student complains about is the food found on campus. This is no different here at Stony Brook especially after students visit the Roth Food Court.

Before we even get into the food, I think it is a good idea to talk about the facility itself. Out of all the dining facilities, I think Roth has the worst atmosphere.

Once you open the doors to the dining hall, your stomach is greeted with a not so appetizing stench that has always lurked on the ground floor. What the odor is stemming from or why nothing has been done to rectify the smells are questions left unanswered.

"It's damp and it smells like crap. It makes me want to vomit," commented Sophomore Annamaria Iakovou.

The actual eating area doesn't even parallel your average restaurant. Many of the tables are uneven, and the rug is just disgusting. And why are the napkins dispensed like toilet tissue?

Food at Roth is bearable at best. Often, looking at the prepared dishes at Deng Lee's just turns students off from eating there.

Every time I see the eggplant dish they make, I feel sick and walk right out. Granted some dishes are good,



Statesman/Christopher Lathan

In addition to serving food many students find distasteful, Roth has major dilapidations.

such as the General Tsao's Chicken, but other dishes I see make me wonder if this Chinese restaurant could survive one week in the real world.

"On several occasions, I have felt sick and nauseous after eating at Deng Lee's," comments Sophomore Steve Naymagon.

The only reliable food at Deng Lee's that you know will always taste good is the fortune cookie, and that's because they are shipped in from off campus.

The middle food court has to be the best of all the options available to students at Roth. The grilled cheese they often offer is just saturated with fat and oil, and the chicken and turkey they usually serve are drier than beef jerky.

It's hard to mess up a burger at Burger King or a pizza at Pizza Hut, mainly, because these are pre-packaged foods that come directly from a supplier, however, it still happens. I recently ordered a Whopper without

mayonnaise at Burger King.

When I took my first bite, I realized there was no mayonnaise, but they also forgot an intricate part of a Whopper: the meat. Mistakes are bound to happen, but how can someone forget to put the meat on the burger?

Also, I don't think Burger King and Pizza Hut are good to have on campus because they are clearly not healthy for students. I think healthier options should be made available for students to promote good nutrition.

To encourage healthier eating habits at Roth Food Court, I think a Stir-Fry should take the place of Deng Lee's. A deli would also be better than Burger King, and an Italian mart that offered pizza and pasta could replace Pizza Hut.

These changes would make Roth a better place, and it would allow students in Roth to find foods they normally would have to trek to Kelly or the SAC for. Hopefully, these suggestions will be taken into consideration when Roth is renovated next year.

The main purpose of a dining hall is to feed students. I'm not asking for five star establishments that would make it into Zagat's Top Ten Restaurants List, but I want a dining hall that offers students good nutritional meals everyday and not the scrap they sometimes try to pass off as food.

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# The Verve Pipe Goes Pop

By RYAN SOBEL  
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Can you name any hard rock song by the Goo Goo Dolls? How about one by Sugar Ray? Unless you have all of their earlier albums, you probably can't respond to those questions.

Barring one or two light tracks, the fact of the matter is that each of those two bands had debut albums with mostly hard, punk rock songs on them.

In their more recent albums, however, Sugar Ray and the Goo Goo Dolls completely abandoned their edgy rock sound for a softer, more radio-friendly image.

The main reason for this drastic switch is because radio stations will only play lighter rock with pop overtures. So, in order to gain exposure (and a few Top 40 singles), bands are taking a more economical approach to the music industry. More radio play equals more exposure equals more money.

Since the release of their fourth album, *Underneath*, last Tuesday, the Verve Pipe are the latest band to go soft. It seems like only weeks ago that the band's biggest hit off the album *Villains*, "The Freshman," was played so much it was virtually inescapable. Back



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The Verve Pipe's latest album *Underneath* hit the stands last Tuesday.

then, the band had little difficulty being heard.

Then, in 1999, it released its self-titled follow-up that failed to produce even one Top 40 single. Now, in 2001, the band had no choice but to swallow its pride and succumb to the pop music forum in order to raise their album sales. After all, no respectable artist wants to be characterized as having "gone pop."

The album is laced primarily with lite

alternative, foot-tapping radio pop. The lyrical quality has become clichéd and trivial, with the choruses overly repeated. All of this is done simply to regain the attention of an audience that is too busy "shaking their bon bons" to crave anything with depth.

The only solace left for Verve Pipe fans is that they happen to be good at writing more pop-oriented songs.

The first single off *Underneath*,

"Never Let You Down," is the irresistibly catchy and upbeat number about regaining the courage to love again. Though the subject is stereotypically pop, the music shows a band desperately trying to recapture the magic it once had. Fortunately, the song is addictive enough to have the masses crawling back for more.

The album also features "Colorful," a track that was used in the 2001 Mark Wahlberg flick *Rock Star*, a film that also has a guest appearance from lead singer Brian Vander Ark. "Colorful" is an emotional ballad that is all too obviously a revival of "The Freshman." But, it successfully showcases Vander Ark's unique vocals above a poignant beat.

Another potential hit single is the acoustic rocker "I Want All Of You." Vander Ark sings, even yearns, over a strong, catchy drum beat by percussionist Donny Brown.

With the release of their new album, *Underneath*, the Verve Pipe had to abandon their edge and construct an album that blended into the pop music scene. Fortunately, the band managed to prove that regardless of the style, they are still able to churn out hit after hit.

## Applying to Medical School: The Overview

By GENE TULMAN  
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So you want to be a doctor? If you are still not sure, then maybe it is not the right career choice for you. On the other hand, if you have been aspiring to become a physician since before you can remember, then medicine might be just right for you.

The process of becoming a medical professional is not only arduous, but requires a lifelong commitment. Having the correct information to aid in your medical journey is invaluable if you are to attain success.

It is important to know the basic medical school requirements, which vary slightly from one school to the next.

The latest admission information for both the allopathic (offering MDs) and osteopathic (offering an alternative approach to traditional medicine) schools can be found in the "Medical School Admission Requirements, 2002-2003, United States and Canada," an annual publication by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

This official guide is commonly known in the pre-medical realm as "the bible."

Common medical school admission requirements include two years of chemistry (general and organic), one year of biology (mammalian is often preferred), and

one year of physics. All of these natural science sequences must usually be accompanied by the appropriate laboratory experiences.

Many medical schools also require one year of English, which can usually be fulfilled by literature or expository writing courses.

Some institutions such as the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine also require significant course work in the humanities and social and behavioral sciences. Few medical schools even require a year of calculus or statistics.

If the urge to proceed with the traditional medical plan is still persistent after completing a yearlong sequence of organic chemistry, then it might be wise to see your pre-medical advisor.

Most universities have a health professions committee that will write a biographical evaluation on your behalf, assuming you have already submitted the required number of recommendation letters from professors, research supervisors, and advisor. At least one letter of recommendation should be written by a natural science professor.

Obviously, recommendation letters alone will not get you into an accredited medical school in the United States. In fact, U.S. medical school admission committees often

rank recommendation letters as the third most important component in the hierarchy of admission criteria, grade point average (GPA) and the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) being the two most important, respectively.

As far as GPA is concerned, the most recent national average of students admitted to allopathic medical schools is approximately 3.64. Thus, having a GPA of about 3.5 or higher would be highly beneficial.

As for the MCAT, the general consensus in the United States is that a score of about 30 out of a possible 43-45 is needed to get into an allopathic medical school. However, the range of MCAT scores of successful medical school applicants has varied significantly in the past.

Certainly, health care experiences such as volunteer work in a clinical setting would not only decorate your medical school application, but would also offer you the chance to find out if medicine is truly for you. A valuable alternative to volunteering is participating in community service.

There is no universal recipe to becoming a doctor, a notion that is reinforced whenever you meet one. All doctors are unique in their personalities, reflecting the wide spectrum of possible pathways to reaching that goal of becoming an M.D.

## Mental Illnesses Up at Colleges

By ANDREW BROWNSTEIN  
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Many students are reacting to the stresses of college life. "The pressures are great to get into college, to find themselves, and to find useful work when they leave," Mr. Gallagher said. But, anecdotally at least, most counselors report that most of the students who come to them brought their conditions with them to college.

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# Terrorist Attacks Put Academic Freedom to the Test

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They've held blood drives, staged unity vigils, and offered scholarships to the children of the victims. Clearly, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, colleges — along with the rest of the nation — have shown an unparalleled generosity. They've also exhibited stunning intolerance.

Assaults on foreign students are by far the most notorious offenses. But a more subtle form of attack has also emerged, as professors across the country have found their freedom to speak out hemmed in by incensed students, alumni, and university officials. The death of thousands and the worldwide crisis of conscience that followed have left emotions so raw that people are struggling to think critically about what happened — and some administrators would prefer that professors not even try. Academics have been shouted down by voices on the left and the right. Now simply isn't the time, critics maintain, to say anything that might offend others.

At California State University at Chico, students heckled a professor who criticized U.S. foreign policy during a campus vigil. News

coverage of the professor's speech unleashed an e-mail barrage of hate messages from around the United States.

At the University of New Mexico, the president has said he will "vigorously pursue" disciplinary action against a professor who made a joke in class about the Pentagon attack.

"There is real pressure during times of national duress for conformity, for unity, and for patriotism," says Paul K. McMasters, who is the First Amendment ombudsman at the Freedom Forum, a foundation that supports free speech. "At a time when the country could most benefit from the diverse perspective that we depend on academe to provide, there will be immense pressure on those in the academic community to repress their views."

The notion of the "marketplace of ideas" notwithstanding, unpopular opinions have never gone down with perfect ease on campuses. National crises only exaggerate the American impulse toward anti-intellectualism. During the Red Scare of the 1950s and during the Vietnam War, tenured professors were dismissed and even jailed for espousing views many considered anti-American.

For now, no one has been fired or locked up

for joking about bombs or criticizing President Bush. But as the country faces the greatest one-day loss of American lives since Antietam, and as the world prepares for an entirely new kind of war, the boundaries for what constitutes acceptable speech on campus have tightened.

The current test of academic freedom emerges in what some have called a culture formed around the notion that no one should have to listen to ideas or even facts that upset them. If anything, some universities have acquiesced in the view that objectionable speech should be restricted. Critics of so-called political correctness cite speech codes and stringent sexual-harassment policies as proof of that. Others see it in the legal challenges mounted against the use of student-activity fees by partisan groups.

It's no wonder then, say free-speech advocates, that people are now appealing to officials to shut up faculty members whose ideas are controversial.

Civil libertarians are watching those cases closely, worried that they might turn into witch hunts on a par with those of the McCarthy era. Says Professor Kors: "At moments of crisis, freedom is always in peril. If we worry about who is offended by lawful free speech, then we're all going to be silent."

## NCAA Penalizes U. of Wisconsin for Athletes' Shoe-Store Discounts

By DANA MULHAUSER  
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The National Collegiate Athletic Association placed the University of Wisconsin at Madison on five years' probation after determining that more than 150 of the university's athletes had received special discounts at a local shoe store. The association concluded that the university, which has been punished three times for rules violations in eight years, had failed to adequately monitor its sports program.

The NCAA's Division I Committee on Infractions reduced the number of scholarships the university can offer in football and men's basketball, and placed limits on recruiting. The committee considered but rejected harsher penalties, including vacating the university's record in the 2000 men's basketball tournament and other games involving ineligible students.

John Wiley, Wisconsin's chancellor, said the university would not appeal the ruling, although he found the penalties overly harsh. "I am very

disappointed by the NCAA's additional reductions in the number of athletic scholarships, especially for our football program," he said.

More than 150 athletes in 14 sports had accepted unadvertised discounts at the Shoe Box in Black Earth, Wis. The majority of students involved were football and basketball players, so the penalties fell most heavily on those two sports.

The committee charged the university with a "serious lack of monitoring," saying that university officials had ignored obvious indicators of rules violations. "There was widespread notice, at least on the coaching level ... that students were shopping there," said Thomas E. Yeager, the committee's chairman and commissioner of the Colonial Athletic Association.

The committee also faulted the university for giving impermissible summer housing to football and basketball recruits. The recruits were supposedly working in exchange for their

housing. "Some did work, many did not," Mr. Yeager said. "Virtually all of them did less work than the value of housing they received."

The finding of violations was the university's third in eight years, and the repeated offenses were a "key factor" in assigning penalties, Mr. Yeager said.

"Given the institution's recent history of major violations of NCAA legislation, the committee believed that the university should have had a heightened sense of vigilance with respect to strict adherence to NCAA legislation," the report said.

Responding in April to the most recent violations, the university placed itself on three years' probation and reduced the number of scholarships it offered in basketball and football. The NCAA's sanctions were harsher: a loss of five football scholarships and one basketball scholarship during the 2002-3 and 2003-4 school years, and an additional two years and eight months of probation.

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More colleges are hiring mental-health counselors than were a decade ago, and many institutions offer a wider array of treatments. According to the report, 62 percent of campuses offer psychiatric services, including the ability to prescribe medication, and 76 percent provide on-call crisis services for students.

Still, many counselors and administrators

complain that they do not have the training or the staff to handle the growing number of students seeking care. Out-of-state students are often prohibited from taking advantage of community mental-health services, which adds to the campus burden.

"Since the demands on colleges are quite heavy, most can't afford long-term care," said Mr. Gallagher.

The study merely reports recent trends without offering solutions. Yet, if more students are seeking help at campus counseling centers, then it is likely that many who need help are slipping through the cracks.

Thirty percent of the colleges responding reported a student suicide last year — a total of 80 students, according to the report. Among students who go to campus counseling, the proportion was smaller: Ten percent of centers reported a suicide by a client.



## Sports

## No Help and No Effort Hurts Seawolves

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT  
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A complete lack of effort and lapse in mental toughness relegated SBU to a 6-0 loss to Albany and the second consecutive shutout suffered by the Seawolves.

The Great Danes scored all six goals in the second half. "It was heart, focus, pride," head coach Scott Dean said. "Any of the typical cliches you could think of, we didn't have any of them."

Dean said he could see his team just going through the motions in the first half. He saw opportunities for the Seawolves to strike, but

they were not playing well on either side of the field. Despite the lack of effort, they got through the first half unharmed.

"We had their keeper looking in the sun. We had a slight wind at our back, and we took zero advantage of it," Dean said. "We have certain players that need to step it up."

After Ashtian Holmes of Albany scored the second goal in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute, the Seawolves confidence was visibly shaken. "We didn't have any one on the field who was willing to try to get the guys together and say 'We're not letting this one

get away,'" Dean said.

Now shunned, SBU was floored when freshman forward Jude Osei Bonsu was red carded in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute and the Seawolves had to continue the game one man short. The Great Danes ran off two more goals in the following ten minutes. When goalkeeper Dan Ferrin was subsequently pulled for sophomore Matt Thibdeau, Albany added something else to talk about on the ride home with two more goals.

Not only did SBU lack effort and a player in the second half, but they also lacked two of their best

players, Shane Arikian and Jermaine Wright. Wright had been a team leader and headed the defense last year, but has yet to play this season because of eligibility problems. "A guy like Jermaine is a big miss because that's someone that we count on," Dean said.

The Seawolves' two-game scoring drought personifies how much Arikian's offensive efficiency is missed. His season was potentially ended early when he dislocated his right ankle.

"Really as a group they didn't come out and just put it on the line," Dean said. "They weren't willing to



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Since Shane Arikian dislocated his ankle the Seawolves' offense has grown stagnant.

sacrifice everything it took to win."

## NFL Reaches Agreement for Super Bowl

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
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The Super Bowl will be pushed back a week and played Feb. 3 in New Orleans, a move caused by the terrorist attacks.

The change will allow the National Football League to complete its season without altering its playoff format, but puts the big game in the Big Easy during the crowded opening weekend of Mardi Gras.

The NFL switched its original date of Jan. 27 with the National Automobile Dealers Association and paid the group \$7.5 million to cover the costs of rescheduling its convention.

The need to swap dates was caused when the NFL postponed its second week of games after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The agreement means that the NFL's regular season will end Jan. 5-6 with the games that should have been played in week two, Sept. 16-17.

The wild-card round will be played Jan. 12-13, the divisional playoffs Jan. 19-20, and the conference championships Jan. 27.

After it put off the second week of the season, the NFL presented several scenarios for the playoffs.

One was to condense the field from



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The NFL managed to work out an agreement that would allow it to hold the Super Bowl in New Orleans on Feb. 3.

12 teams to eight and skip a week of playoff games. But that would have forced the NFL to repay the networks for the games — and the networks wanted as much as \$80 million.

Another was to condense the playoffs, with teams playing as many as three games in 10 days.

The third was to switch dates with the auto dealers, an agreement that took nearly two weeks of negotiations. The major problem was logistics — especially switching hotel rooms.

"We deeply appreciate the willingness of Phil Brady and America's new car dealers to work with us,"

commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "Thanks to their leadership, our fans and teams can look forward to a full complement of playoffs and to a great Super Bowl weekend in New Orleans. We trust that the NADA will enjoy a super convention as well."

Tagliabue also praised Tom Benson, the New Orleans Saints' owner, for his help.

Benson, a former auto dealer, said he talked

to a lot of friends in the business in recent days and wasn't sure a switch could be made.

"Everybody had to cooperate on this in all the little things that were involved," he said. "At first everybody said it couldn't be done."

Benson called it a good move for the city.

"There were a lot of problems, things going on," he said. "And you can see it cost a little money, too, but it was worth it. It was worth it to the team and this community to get it done."

In addition to the \$7.5 million payment, the NFL agreed to match

NADA payments up to \$500,000 for Sept. 11 relief efforts.

One problem yet to be determined is how New Orleans will cope with the later date, which puts the game into the first weekend of Mardi Gras. Sixteen parades are scheduled to roll through New Orleans streets on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the two days before the game and the day of the contest.

Last year, when the game was in Tampa, that city's Gasparilla festival snarled traffic Saturday afternoon and evening.

Parade organizers met with members of the hotel industry, city leaders and police officials to discuss logistical problems the Super Bowl would create.

Along with the parades, they need to work out arrangements for the carnival balls that accompany them, and for large blocks of rooms.

Police Superintendent Richard Pennington said his biggest concern would be two Sunday parades in New Orleans, and those can be rescheduled. Arthur Hardy, publisher of an annual Mardi Gras guide and an authority on the celebration, said there is some discussion of pushing all the parades back to the previous weekend.