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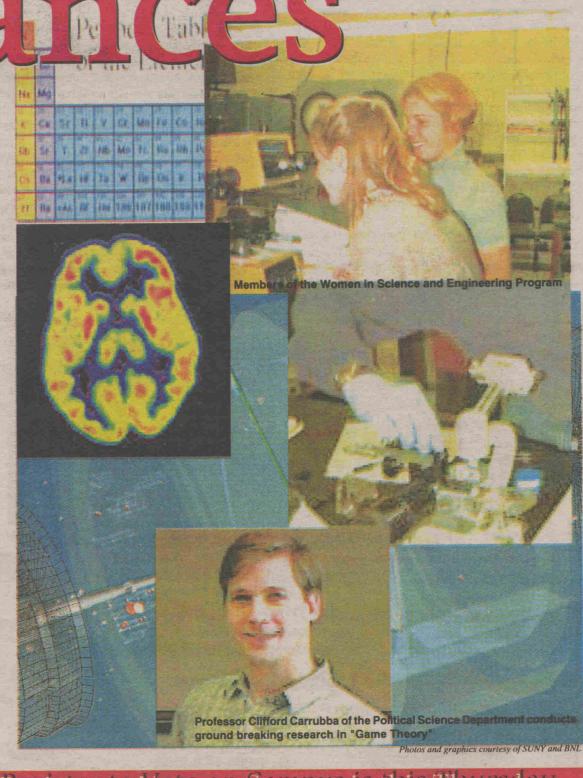
A Special Issue Dedicated to the University's Research Successes

ast weekend, Congressman Michael Forbes (R-Suffolk County) and Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) came to the campus to announce a new \$2 million in funding creating the Cancer Institute of Long Island, a joint venture between Stony Brook and Brookhaven National Laboratories to develop new treatments and cures for many forms of cancer. The new center will rival the renowned Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan.

On a daily basis, from the Philosophy Department to the University Medical Center, breakthrough research is being accomplished that has made Stony Brook a focus of media not only on Long Island, but throughout the nation as well. In this issue, we are dedicating our space to just some of this research, highlighting studies being done in the liberal arts as well as in the natural sciences. We will continue to feature this work in a continuing column in upcoming issues. But first we will look at some of the reasons why Stony Brook has ascended to become a major research institution:

 Besides the new Cancer Institute, which D'Amato promised would offer "cutting edge

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Philosophy Alumnus Gives Talk

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

In what Professor Edward Casey, chairman of the Philosophy Department, called an area of philosophical research too often marginalized in his own graduate department, Irene Klaver, herself an alumnus of Stony Brook doctoral program in philosophy, delivered a lecture last Tuesday evening based on her work involving environmental issues in her home country of the Netherlands.

Casey said, in remarks at an after-lecture cheese and wine reception, that Klaver's work was important because it was interdisciplinary in nature. "Philosophers have a responsibility," he said, "to approach other field of inquiry."

Klaver centered her remarks around a movement over the last 15 years by the Dutch government to bring back large plains of grassland to the Netherlands that existed prior to the industrialization and landscaping of the country that began just over 200 years ago. Although the Dutch have one of the highest population densities in the world, the government was afforded the opportunity to rejuvenate the grass lands after the abandonment of many farms after Europe's agricultural collapse during the 1980's.

The creation of these new, vast wildlife preserves, for Klaver, present a number of interesting philosophical and political questions: What is the "authentic" grasslands that these preserves should look like? The steppelands of the period prior to the 1700's? The landscaped areas of the 1800's? Or even the extensive woodlands envisioned in old European fairy tales but which never really existed? Whatever vision that the Dutch government would finally use was of no small consequence; by the year 2020, the Netherlands is expected to have 20% of its lands taken up by these preserves. The parsing out of this notion of what philosophers call authenticity, then, does not belong to merely abstract academic considerations. The notion will have practical day-to-day effects on the Dutch people.

Further questions revolved around the studies of which animals should be introduced into these preserves. The kind of cattle found in Holland prior to industrialization has long been extinct, and without

cattle, it would be difficult to ecologically produce new grasslands. Animal rights activists voiced their concern that ordinary cows not be introduced into the wild, because they would be unable to defend themselves against the elements. Although a hardier type of cattle, including *heck* cows and horses from Eastern Europe, were found as suitable replacements for the extinct animals, animal rights activists were concerned about

Irene Klaver Begins
Colloquium Series
With Lecture on
Relations Between
her work in
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the new cattle's ability to defend themselves as well. The new cows and horses would, in a sense, have to be de-domesticated in order to the let them fend off the truly wild animals that they would encounter.

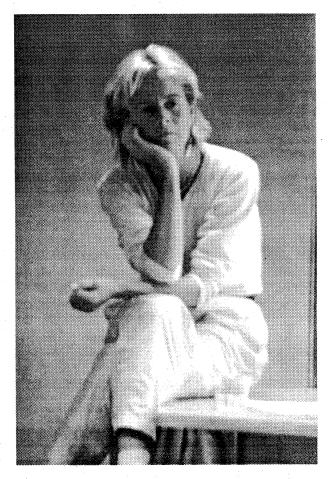
In this atmosphere, groups working under different political and ethical theories, including ecologists, whose foremost interest was in the development of the new grasslands, animal rights activists, who wanted to protect the health of the animals being introduced into the wild, and reserve rangers and the Dutch public who would have to deal with the land along the preserves on a daily basis.

For all of these groups, though, the survival of the new cattle was important. The ecologists needed the heck cows to clear the land through their herding and eating, and to feed the preserve's bio-diversity. The animal rights activists cheered for their survival, and the Dutch public grew attached to the animals as well.

"These animals are the boundary objects," Klaver said with a hint of irony, "that cross different ethical theories."

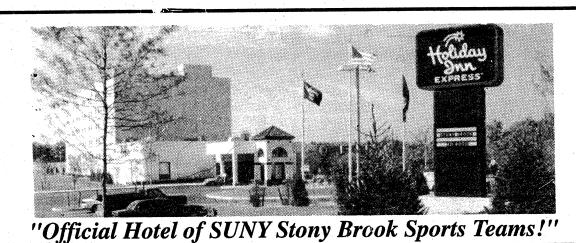
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Irene Klaver at last week's colloquium

In this way, Klaver said the program, which has been a large and continuing success in the Netherlands, represents a pushing forward of the philosophical notions of community. Each of the interest groups involved in the project was able to hold onto their ethical theories and still find a consensus on environmental issues. Old political theories that suggest that one side would have to give into another would not apply. Klaver called this notion of community a "being in common" where different groups address ethical (and environmental) issues from different angles meet at a consensus to solve practical concerns. "Within this framework," she said, "new standards are made."



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A Prestigious Grant For Biology Department to Use Money to Improve Undergraduate Studies

By Vijay Govindan Statesman Staff

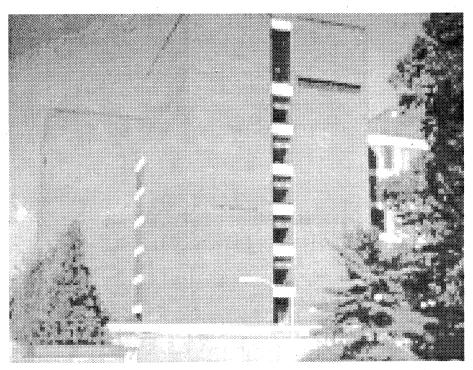
Excitement is permeating through students and faculty alike in the Biology Department, as they recently procured a 1.8 million dollar research grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). This is the second time in five years that Stony Brook's Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology has received the award, with each research award providing funding for the next four years. The grant received from this prestigious institution has almost doubled in amount compared to the previous time Stony Brook was presented with the grant in 1994.

The Biology Department plans to use the money available to improve the Undergraduate Biology experience at Stony Brook University. Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Dr. David Bynum, helped write the award proposal and is a key participant in the implementation and use of the HHMI award money. Dr. Bynum is proposing to remodel labs in the basement of the Life Sciences building with state of the art equipment, so that the Biology Department is better able to serve Introductory Biology students. These Introductory Biology courses will also make more use of computers and molecular biology than has been done in the past.

Biology 311, or Techniques in Molecular and Cellular Biology, is a hands-on laboratory which will directly reap benefits from the award money. The class has been very successful in the past and is highly ranked by biology majors. Currently, two hundred people take the lab per year, but the award money will allow the Biology Department to expand lab facilities and thereby offer the lab to more

The ambitious changes do not stop here, as Dr. Bynum's goal is to eventually have half of the undergraduate population at Stony Brook take one Molecular Biology and Bio-Engineering course during their college career. According to Bynum, this course will expose nonbiology majors to the basics and fundamentals of molecular biology and bioengineering. This course will also allow students to learn the skills and procedures necessary to understand how these subjects work and why they are important. Dr. Bynum feels everyone should experience this course because the manipulation of DNA directly effects everyone's lives in the future. Rather than have a select few make the decisions concerning the use of DNA, a well educated public on these matters lets them have a stronger voice in ethical issues and in deciding which activities should be continued.

The award money not only provides structural and physical changes in the Biology program, but also permits students to conduct research and receive fellowship support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. This grant contains a stipend of \$2000 and \$500 for obtaining laboratory supplies. The award money also gives the Biology Department the opportunity to bring in distinguished scientists and speakers to talk with Biology students and faculty. The grant allows students the ability to attend



The Life Sciences Building

national meetings and present their research to respected institutions and innovators. The research grant also gives Stony Brook's faculty the chance to reach out to Long Island schools. The faculty can use their considerable expertise to improve biology courses in public schools and show teachers how to more effectively demonstrate the principles of Biology.

The criteria for acquiring the HHMI award are very stringent. Five criteria must be met: (1) There must be support at the highest levels of the administration to proceed with the program. (2) The Principal Investigator (the person writing the proposal, in this case Dr. Bynum and others) must have a good record of accomplishments in the past. (3) The Howard Hughes Medical Institute evaluates the objectives and goals of the grant proposal. (4) Having the ability to carry out the goals stated in the proposal. (5) The academic reputation of the Institution is very important.

"Since the University and the Biology Department have received the grant, it means that both are doing a very good job in executing their duties," said Dr. Bynum. The HHMI award would not have been possible without the support and help of many individuals and organizations, such as President Kenny, who has attended the Biology Department's award ceremony for the last four years and supports the Biology Department and Dr. Wendy Katkin, associate provost. Having this support makes the difference in implementing such a large and diverse project.



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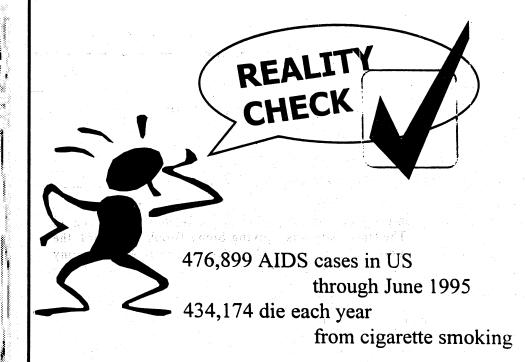
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Now in its 14th year, the Retreat brings together a diverse mix of 60 Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and administrators who will focus their attention on this year's theme: "In Search of Community." The Retreat will be held on Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st.

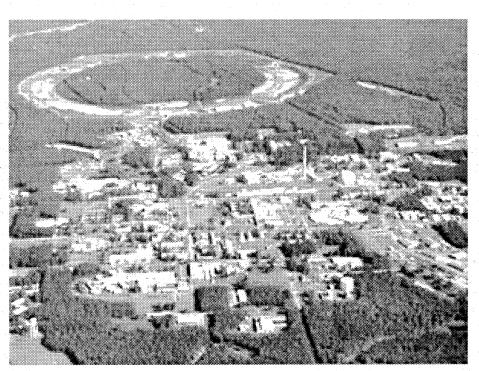
The Planning committee welcomes applications from students who would like to become more active in areas of campus life. As the application process is competitive, please make sure that you answer all questions fully and that the completed application is returned by October 9th, 2998. Applications can be obtained from and submitted to Colette A. Reid, the SFS Retreat Graduate Student Co-Chair, SAC Room, 219. If you have any questions regarding the application or the Retreat, please call 632-9906 and ask for Colette.

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technology in the fight against all types of cancer," the University also received a major \$1.8 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to support its biological science education programs for the next four years. The University was the only public university in New York to receive the award. The new funds will help develop a new biology curriculum, including a research focus and laboratory courses for non biochemistry and cell biology majors.

- Researchers at Brookhaven National Laboratory, which has been headed by officials from the University for almost a year, have made great gains in studies on the effects of drug abuse in shaping the human brain. Now researchers at BNL have found that the drug Ritalin, which is prescribed for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, is not addictive, offering reassurance to thousands of parents whose children suffer the syndrome.
- In 1997, The Rise of American Research Universities, by Hugh Graham and Nancy Diamond, ranked Stony Brook as second, tied with the University of California at Santa Barbara, among the top public research universities in the country.

- Last spring, Stony Brook was selected as one of ten research intensive universities in the nation to receive the National Science Foundation's first ever Recognition Award for the Integration of Research and Education in the sciences, math, and engineering. In giving Stony Brook the award, the NSF cited the nearly 40% of Stony Brook's 10,000 students that are involved in research.
- During the summer, New York's Governor George Pataki announced a new public-private initiative on the campus, establishing a new Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) in sensors. "This new CAT," Pataki said at the time, "and the ongoing incubator activity at SUNY Stony Brook helps Long Island remain a region of innovation and creativity."
- This year, the campus spent over \$111 million dollars in research, a 12 fold increase from 25 years ago.
- The liberal arts have not suffered from lack of recognition in the mean time. Philosophy professor Hugh Silverman, whose work in postmodernism has, like many in his department, brought him into contact with the most well known philosophers of our time, spent his summer teaching at prestigious universities from Austria to Australia. Ruth Cowan, a professor in history, received a Fullbright fellowship this year. Richard Larson, from Linguistics, has been awarded the 1998 Educom Medal "for his creative applications"



The University, in a consortium with Batelle Industries, won a contract to head Brookhaven National Laboratories, in Upton, Long Island, last fall.

of technology in teaching and research." Helmut Norpoth, from Political Science, has been elected an honorary fellow of the Foreign Policy Association. Barbara Weinstein from the History Department, was awarded a fellowship from the Simon Guggenheim Foundation. In this issue, and others to follow, we will highlight other professors just as deserving of recognition.

In the spring, the Boyer

Commission, headed by University President Shirley Strum Kenny, released its report on ways to advance research in university settings. The report drew an analogy between students doing research and an ecosystem, where students could not ignore the needs of the society around them. These students, the report said, "must undergird their engagement in research with the strong 'general' education that creates a unity with their peers, their professors, and the rest of society."

- Peter Gratton, Statesman Editor



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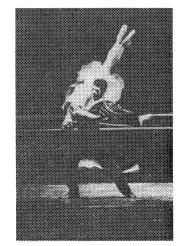
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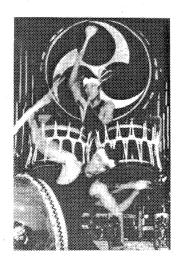
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Editorials

Emerging as a Leader

Research on Campus Gives Stony Brook Recognition

that has been circulating around our campus this past year in the form of bad food, rifts between commuters and residents and misappropriation of Polity funds, we at Stony Brook finally see a light at the end of the. All too often, people want to focus on the bad while ignoring anything good, but we should not let a couple of isolated incidences spoil our name or make us swallow our pride.

Stony Brook is a leader, not only within the SUNY system, but in the nation, with all the impressive research taking place in departments as diverse as theater and biology.

One of the most outstanding aspects of this surge in research taking place on our campus is the \$2 million granted for a joint venture between Stony Brook and Brookhaven National Lab for a Long Island Cancer Institute, which will feature a Women's Cancer Care Center.

It is well-known that breast cancer is afflicting an inordinate

In the midst of all the bad press amount of women on Long Island, and we should be proud that our university will be on the front lines in defending particularly those who reside in our own community but also those outside of it.

> Our biology department is also making us proud the recent award from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which will be used to improve the undergraduate biology department. Technology is helping to make advances in the fields of genetics and molecular biology, and with the continued hard work and brilliant minds that make up the Biology Department, combined with this generous grant, we can expect Stony Brook to continue its rise to the top where it will make a big name for itself in the science world.

> Maybe we will be the site of the first cloned human.

> Rounding off the mix we have the theater department which is not only making a name for Stony Brook as a university but also for its home, Long Island. Through performances that include dancing, music and texts, the department is seeking to

draw attention to the unique environmental aspects of Long Island and its rich heritage, such as the importance of the shell fishing industry and the people who make their livelihoods from it on the Great South Bay. Once again, we can see how strides made within our campus can extend to help the community around it as well.

These success stories could not come at a better time. The news that has come off our campus lately has been filled with negativity. We started the semester off with news of violent attacks, food poisonings and embarrassingly low ranks in national polls. Perhaps this darkness can now pass for us. As a student at Stony Brook, we each have an obligation to sing the praises that are taking place right next to us as we each go on with our own studies.

In a few years, who is going to remember poisoned pot peas when their mother, grandmother or sister is being successfully treated for breast cancer? Now that we finally have something to brag about, we should all be sure to do it.

Don't Forget Pataki's Cuts

Dear Editor:

Regarding your Monday, September 28th cover story which attempted to examine Governor Pataki's policies towards the SUNY system, I must point out an oversight or two. How short our collective memories must be! Remember Pataki's first budget proposal, a mere three years ago, when he attempted to gut our Tuition Assistance Program funding as well as opportunity programs such as SEEK and EOP? That same year, Governor Pataki tried to cut SUNY's operating budget baseline support by 30%. Adding insult to injury, he mercilessly proposed the doubling of SUNY tuition to \$4,650!

That same year, when Governor Pataki was faced with thousands of peaceful student protesters, he posted half-a-dozen armed State Troopers at every across the state (SASU, NYPIRG, USS, NYSSA, etc.) to discuss his callous attacks on SUNY.

Now that it's an election year, the Governor would like students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni to forget his animosity towards SUNY.

appointment of SUNY trustees who are so adverse to the needs of the State University that they refused to recommend (in this \$1 billion surplus year) that a single dollar beyond last year's allocation be spent on SUNY? How can we forget their proposal to privatize all the SUNY hospitals, or their siphoning of

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millions from the University Hospital at Stony Brook to backfill the gapping holes Pataki created in the overall SUNY budget? How can we entrance of the State Capitol. forget the Governor's veto this year Pataki left Albany and refused to of \$15 million that the Legislature meet with student leaders from had allocated to restore SUNY faculty lines?

In contrast, the New York State Assembly, particularly its committee on Higher Education of which I am a member, has led the effort to vigorously resist Governor Pataki's adverse actions towards SUNY. We were forced by the Governor to hold But how can we forget the up the entire State Budget in 1995,

until the Governor backed away from his proposal to double tuition, gut financial aid, and cripple SUNY's operating budget. if re-elected, I will continue to fight for budgetary and program restorations, new faculty positions, and tuition rollbacks for SUNY students.

Don't be fooled by the Governor's minions at SUNY Central attempting to put a smiley face on his sardonic grin: It's nice to have new buildings, but where does Pataki hope to get the students to fill them, or the faculty and staff to operate within those buildings?

Your support is essential in helping me continue to work on behalf of our common objective of preserving the mission and goals of the State University system. You can assist this endeavor by helping get students registered to vote by Thursday, October 8.

This is the first statewide election where there is an on-campus polling site in the Student Union Bi-Level; please spread the word to your fellow classmates, faculty, and staff that their votes make a difference. Remember to send a message to Governor Pataki that a SUNY education matters to you: Vote on Tuesday, November 3.

Steve Englebright State Assembly, 4th District **SBU Geosciences Department**

Commentary

Leaving Students Queasy

Good Food Service Comes Hard For Stony Brook

By Frank Santangelo SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN

Many students that use the current food service have tasted similar conditions in the past except perhaps Fall 97/Spring 98. Last year the former food provider, ARAMARK, was challenged with losing their position at Stony Brook. Indeed, they lost it to those now providing services—Compass/Chartwells. Well, somewhat.

Dennis Lestrange, Director of Dining Services, arguably the man responsible for the daily running of our dining services was terminated by ARAMARK. You might recall that horrid period (96/97) when students complained about filthy dining halls, price gouging, lack of stock, failure to provide proper foods (like advertised Boars Head substituted with another brand), failure to label foods and, among others, poor staffing. Interestingly, this all went away within a reasonable amount of time ensuing the firing of Mr. Lestrange. ARAMARK brought in Bruce Incontro whom, among other things, instituted a complete customer first program by taking the neglect head on. ARAMARK and Incontro are gone, and the problems have returned. Has your dining experience been a reasonable one thus

Notably, many of the former lower management has stayed on to work with Chartwells. Yet, without proper support these middle-management figures simply are reduced to a working body. Surely these same people that had provided fine dining services during Fall 97/ Spring 98 cannot be held responsible for conditions that presently plague our student body. Whom do we look at then?

By most reports the—newly formed— Campus Dining Services (CDS) has received unfavorable reviews. The CDS is a working partnership that includes members of administration, Student Affairs, Compass/ Chartwells and the Faculty Student Association (FSA). It is the latter, a bureaucratic machine, however, that warrants attention. And it is this bureaucracy that has taken the student for granted for the sake of propelling the formers' own interests.

Yet, before we look into this let us visit the "other" associates. Dr. Richard Mann, Vice President for Administration, was reasonably present in the bidding process; however, he remained simply an observer at that time. And it seems that he remains an observer presently. Indeed, can one honestly conclude that the administration would permit such horrors to exist? It must be noted, however, that ensuing a major complaint from me—and admittedly the first time that I had phoned his office—Dr. Mann has agreed to hear my concerns through an associate of his, Mr. Peter Baigent, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs on or about October 6.

Mr. Baigent was actively involved in the bidding process (and from my perspective) had always favored Chartwells. And with good reason. Indeed, they had made a sound

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presentation and arguably had the potential to make a fine stake here at SBU. It is noteworthy though to indicate the final bidding results: all undergrad students had voted for ARAMARK. And with sound reason, too. Those students had seen ARAMARK take great strides and had observed a failing food program become a successful one (always noting, though, that the FSA introduced "Advantage Plan" would have to be changed). However, then why might the vote go otherwise? For the sake of brevity and importance I shall answer in a nutshell.

Most of those voting members that had gone with Chartwells thought that the company (and rightfully so) had the strength to cater to a growing university. Moreover, Chartwells had the presentation (at least on paper) to further enhance the ambiance of Stony Brook, and to make SBU a healthy place for one to master studies. Overall the company was as qualified as ARAMARK. FSA Executive Director, Kevin Kelly, and FSA Board President, Judy Lum cast their votes for Chartwells. Both votes are questionable. However, for this writing we shall only examine Lum's vote.

Judy Lum was a staunch ARAMARK supporter until the very final vote. She ostensibly claimed that Chartwells had supplied a better response the Committee's Best and Final Offer. In short, I'd argue that her reasoning was misguided and possessed a questionable level of bias—she is indeed the president of the FSA board. Why such a bold statement? Enter: Dennis Lestrange and the ongoing marriage to FSA. It seems that during the bidding process FSA had hired John Rainey, whom, along with Lestrange was terminated by ARAMARK, was hired as a consultant and paid a hefty fee. The intimation

that Lestrange had been in contact with Rainey is present. Notably after his termination from ARAMARK Lestrange jumped to Whitsons and finally to Chartwells (right around the crucial bidding times). And then the focus (I'd argue) shifted very favorably toward Chartwells. Is there a relationship? I'd argue, yes.

Most recently, Dawn Villacci, FSA Dining Services Manager, and I were discussing the ongoing problems regarding food services. When I had challenged her with Lestrange's poor performance she flatly said "Bruce Incontro wasn't suitable for [running dining services]." I'd argue otherwise. And what I will continue to argue is that Mr. Incontro had successfully broke through the bureaucracy. FSA could no longer bully ARAMARK into breaking the playing rules. And FSA was miffed. After, it is all about taking in money to support, among other things, their administrative costs. But what of this Lestrange-FSA relationship?

In short, FSA realizes that the organization—as it stands—is a dinosaur. The organization no longer serves the best interests of faculty and students and certainly is a burden upon the administration. One might argue that FSA anticipates its demise. Indeed, what better way is there to be needed (and kept a consideration), but to be seen ostensibly fixing problems—the very ones that the organization permits through its negligence to be created! It is quite obvious at this point. You see, Dennis Lestrange and FSA rely upon each other. Will Chartwells and the administration permit this endless fiasco? The Polity Senate will not tolerate this continued abuse. There is a method to this madness . . . (next issue we continue and peek into some documented affairs).

Get Out the Vote!

Voter registration forms are Tuesday, November 3. available in the NYPIRG office, the Office of the Dean of Students, Polity Office, and the Commuter Students Association Office.

Completed registration forms can be dropped off at the Polity Office, 202 Student Activities Center, or NYPIRG Office, Student Union 079.

All registration forms are due Thursday, October 8.

To volunteer, and register others. contact Todd Stebbins, NYPIRG Project Coordinator, 632-6457, or your Polity leadership.

Residents have the opportunity to vote at the convenient on-campus polling site at the SB Union bi-level,

All commuter students vote at their home polling site, but can still submit completed registration forms to Polity. They will be delivered to the Board of Elections.

You must register in order to vote.

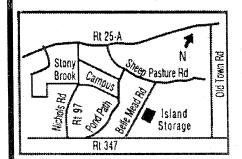
If resident students are registered at home, or moved rooms on campus, they must re-register with their residence hall to vote on campus.

For further information, contact Roni Paschkes, Associate Dean of Students, 632-7353, 131 Student Activities Center, or Todd Stebbins, NYPIRG Project Coordinator, 632-6457.

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Professors in the Political Science Department at Stony Brook are venturing out on individual and corroborative projects, with funding from places like the National Science Foundation, as well as the University.

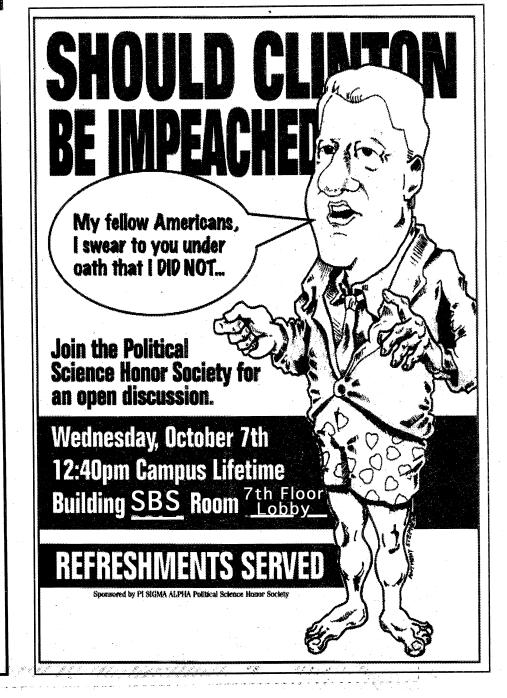
Assistant Professor, Clifford Carrubba, is in the process of investigating various facets of political phenomenon, with a focus on economics. Employing a method called the "game theory," one of Carrubba's goals is to understand "why an institutional change occurs". Carrubba explained, "I use economic theory to mathematically model political systems." This approach has led to varied information gathering techniques. For example, Carrubba reads political journals, and also has spent time in Europe speaking to commission representatives to gather data for his models, which assign preferences to different parties to chart paths and arrive at eventual conclusions. One chief area of investigation on the part of Carrubba is the European Union. "The European Union is a structure that oversees economic and other policies," he said. It is one of the important "actors" in the game theory scenarios that he is using to explain European economic integration, which includes Europe's goal of common

currency, and France's surrendering of it's authority over economic competition policy to the European

Another research project that Carrubba is working on deals with the understanding of institutional change, with a focus on democratic institutions and the tendency of attempts to instill democratic institutions to succeed under different conditions. Carrubba cited the example of Poland's success, versus the complex problems of Russia.

In addition, Carruba focuses his attention on political psychology, in a project he is working on with Professor John Schultz, that is being funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. A different model is used, but the same general techniques are helping to explain behavior of special interest groups, with a focus on environmental interest groups. According to Carrubba, groups can sometimes corroborate with industries to formulate policies on a local lever. "The implicit rule of thumb is that the law exists a fallback, and local agreements can supplant that law," Carruba said. The research is concentrated upon figuring out when "we will see these policies instituted

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from above," he added.

Additional research is being done by Associate Professor Leonie Huddy, who is in the process of examining feminist identity. Her research involves the media's ability to influence whether or not people refer to themselves as feminists. Concerning the issue of feminism, Huddy has proposed several questions, including the issue of whether or not feminists should form their own political party. Huddy, who received her Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles, has run experiments with articles on feminism with test subjects who fill out a survey and then respond to the article. Findings include the tendency of the pictures presented to the subjects (which are changed) to influence the view of the subject. Huddy explained further that the subjects were more likely to identify with the articles when they identified with the pictures. For example, whether or not the subjects or pictures are career women.

Professor Stanley Feldman is currently working on a long-running project that is examining the roots of prejudice and political intolerance. Feldman, who earned his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, said, "basically, I'm trying to understand why it is that certain people come to dislike, and why people come to disapprove of groups that they see outside of the political and social mainstream, and why they want the government to restrict these groups." Feldman is planning on writing a book on his research, along with several articles on his topic of research. To collect data, the professor is using surveys and questionnaires, asking people questions regarding their willingness to tolerate different groups. In reference to his results, Feldman said, "my findings to this point illustrate why some people seem to be frightened by threats that groups make to society, the differences among people and how sensitive they are to differences." Feldman explained that these differences, and a lack of toleration leads to the desire to have the government create legislation that "does something about it." The research, as Feldman declared, "is not an explanation as much as it is an examination of certain conditions that can lead to intolerance."

All of the distinct research is advancing findings in the area of political psychology and ideology. Research on campus is often considered to have the greatest value if it deals with the natural sciences. The Political Science Department's dedication and numerous ventures, prove that research is taking place in its purest form.



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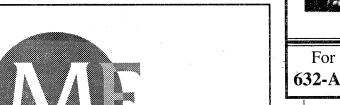
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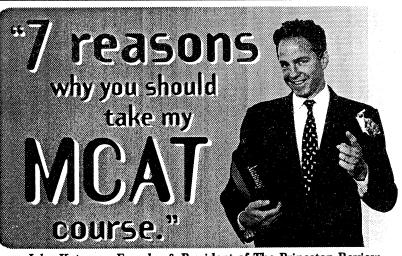
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Sullivan Project Part of Research In Theatre Dept.

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a summer camp, which will provide underprivileged children with the opportunity to study Sullivan's particular style of theater. While at the camp, the children will study dance, theater, the visual arts, music, and language skills. The camp will end with a performance by

the children in the camp, making use of the skills which they have learned.

Sullivan's latest subject, titled "This Woman Stands on the Ground that is Shifting," will focus on the experiences of women and men, who have worked on the Great South Bay and Long Island Sound in the shell fishing industry.

The story will center around one woman, who is one of

the primary sources of Sullivan's research. However, it will not be a biographical tale. Although the story's primary character will be based upon this woman, "It also begins to research a community of 'bay people,' who are the people who've lived off the Bay for generations," said Sullivan. The final product will be a composite of the stories of the people who have worked in the shell fishing industry.

In the course of the research for this subject, some of which will be shared with the Marine Sciences Research Center, Sullivan has touched upon environmental issues, the history of Long Island, women's history, marine sciences, and the impact of erosion on the Great South Bay, and its ecosystem.

Through its subject matter, the Sullivan Dance Project has brought people who aren't necessarily supporters of the arts, but of other issues, such as environmental concerns and women's history, adding each person's unique point of view, skills, and strengths to Sullivan's own work, in exploring the human experience through the theater.

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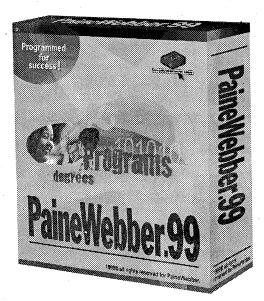
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Bulletin Board Contest

Commuters and Residents are encouraged to enter the Bulletin Board Contest. Applications are due Monday, October 12; boards must be on display by Campus Lifetime, Wednesday, October 14. Applications are available at the Commuter Student Affairs office and for Residents at your college office.

Seawolves MANIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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"Swallow This," 7 p.m., Stony Brook Union Auditorium. This show is a theatrical performance written, created, and performed by USB students, featuring hilarious yet sensitive student choices and their ramifications, which are explored through vignettes.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

SAB Tokyo Joe's Dance Party, Stony Brook Union Ballroom, 10:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Building Homecoming Parade Floats throughout Friday and Saturday in assigned locations. For more information, call the Office of Student Activities at 632-9392.

5th Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series/Award Presentation and Luncheon, The School of Health Technology and Management, Health Sciences Center, Lecture Hall 2, Level 2, East Campus, 12:00 noon -2:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Homecoming '98 Football Game, on the Football Field, Stony Brook Seawolves vs. Albany Great Danes. Kickoff, 1:00 p.m. Halftime show featuring the Brentwood High School "Green Machine" Marching Band, pictures with the Seawolves mascot, and the crowning of Homecoming King, Queen, and Court. Come cheer our mighty Seawolves on to victory!

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Homecoming Street Festival. Student Activities Center Drive and Plaza, 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Featuring a carnival with games, rides, magicians, jugglers, photo buttons, sand art, washable tattoos, and DJ's playing music. Grucci Fireworks will light up the skies at 10:45 p.m. Parade float, banners, and bulletin board winners will be announced at midnight.

Homecoming Parade, 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., starting at Roosevelt Quad and continuing along Student Activities Center Drive to Old H lot then back to SAC Plaza. Come cheer on your clubs, sororities, fraternities, athletes, performers, and more. This year's parade will feature Homecoming Grand Marshals, Bill Knapp '78 and Jane Knapp '78, the Homecoming Court, and spectacular floats.

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For the latest information regarding Homecoming, call the Voice of Student Activities, a 24-hour services, 632-6821; the Department of Student Union Activities, 632-9392; the Office of Alumni Relations, 632-6330. Information is also aired on WUSB-1630 AM Radio. Visit us on the Web at www.sunysb.edu for the latest updates. If you need a disability related accommodation, please call 632-9392. The State University at Stony Brook is an AA/EO educator and employer.



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When questioned about the role of undergraduates in cutting edge research, Kao was empathetic. "We have to introduce young people to science as early in their prospective careers as possible, I think probably in High School would be the best time, but undergrads probably have the best opportunities ever at Stony Brook, because of all the diverse types of research that go on here."

Associate Dean of Engineering, Velio Marsocci, looks at the big picture. "The College has expanded incredibly in the past three years, were doing all sorts of exciting projects, from Long Island industrial resurgence initiatives, to having two of the ten main Centers For Advanced Technology (CAT) in New York State in this building (Main Engineering). So we have all sorts of ambitions and plans for the future.'

Pointing to a pile of student published engineering magazines, Marsocci said, "I Think that students should foster their written and communication skills, and they should be active in research activities in general." He briefly mentions student projects that he feels are important, like mini-baha (a student designed race-car), the

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Finding Excitement in the Engineering Quad

By AHMED KHAN Statesman Staff

Walk around the engineering quad these days, if you're like most undergraduates, all you'll probably see is a rather bland looking group of red brick lecture and laboratory buildings, classrooms and offices. All in all, probably the most arcane and little understood (if not the most boring of departments in the whole school), that's the perception, at least, of many non science majors. After all how excited can someone get, when discussing multi-variable calculus and finite element analysis?

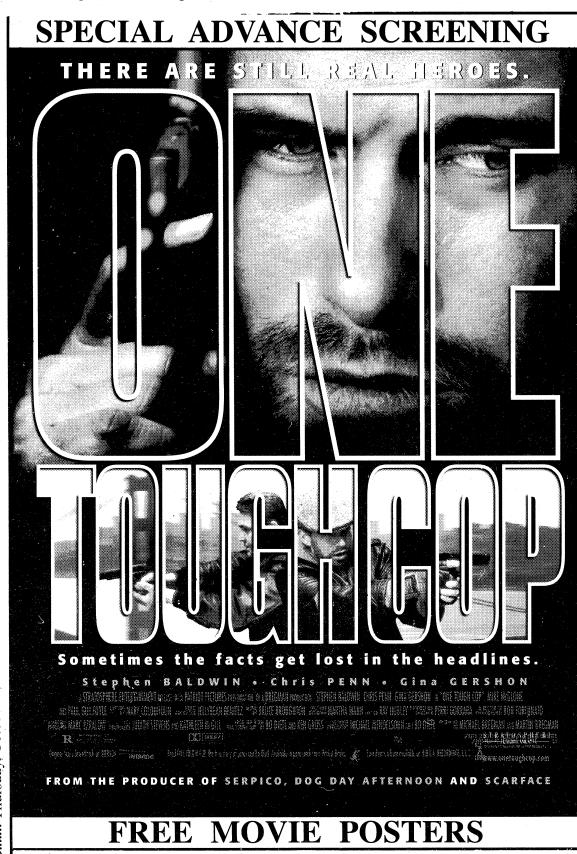
Yet, according to Fu-Pen Chiang, a Professor and

Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS) is probably the most exciting and innovative places to be on campus. He is presently consulting with colleague Dr. Peisen S. Huang, another active researcher in mechanical engineering. "Many people think that mechanical engineering is only about automobiles and factories, the fact is however, that mechanical engineering is one of the most diverse fields of science in existence. We do all sorts of exciting things, from medical innovation to nanotechnology," said Chiang. "One program, that I feel, would be very exciting for lay-people, is our collaboration with the

University Medical School on Open Heart imaging, one that promises to significantly help heart disease patients who need heart surgery."

Similarly, Dr. Huang mentions his research in Digital Fringe Projection, a new method to help patients with lung problems determine their lung capacity. "We take patients with lung problems, shine a special type of light on their bodies, measure the patterns created on their chests, and from that we can determine their complete lung capacity. This way we can help those patients without sticking probes and other uncomfortable instruments into their bodies," Huang said

In Professor Imin Kao's office, lie piles of silicon wafers and microchips. He excitedly points to them as he discusses the future of new mechanical technology and its related applications. "It is really a very amazing time for science these days, " he begins referring to scientific research in general. "We are heading more and more, towards unifying the fundamental branches of the physical sciences, for example electronics, mechanics and biology in nanotech. This union is leading to all sort of new inventions and processes, from nanotechnology (the science of microscopic machines), to all sorts of very promising consumer products, like self-adjusting furniture that conforms to the shape of its occupant," Kao said. Professor Kao is also involved in the development of advanced comfort chairs for a long island company. The mechanisms he designed were part of the invention of a 'smart' chair, one that uses computer-controlled air bags to modify its shape for the comfort of its occupant. This company later used See Engineering Research on page 13

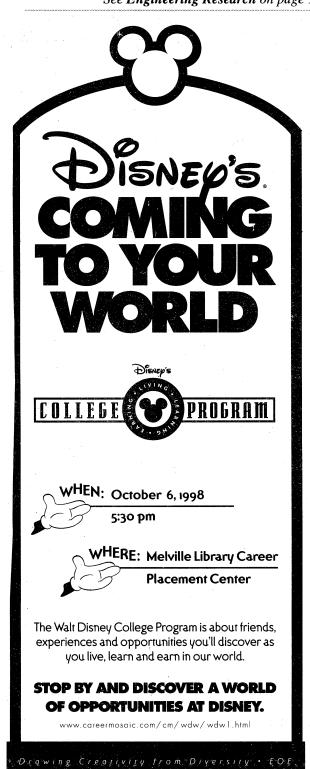


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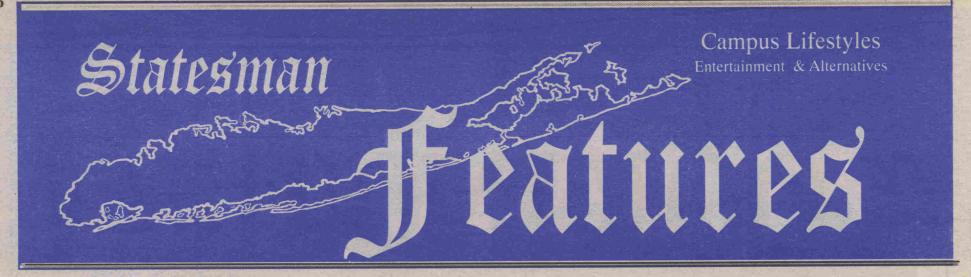
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Crimes to Kick Off Theatre Season

Shows to Begin this Thursday

By MIKE KWAN Statesman Staff

Balancing the dark side of human with comedic sensibility, Crimes of the Heart kicks off Stony Brook's student produced Theater Season. The play opens in Theater Two of the Staller Center for the Arts this Thursday, October 8 and continues trough October 18.

Crimes of the Heart, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Henley, follows a day in the life of three Mississippi sisters.

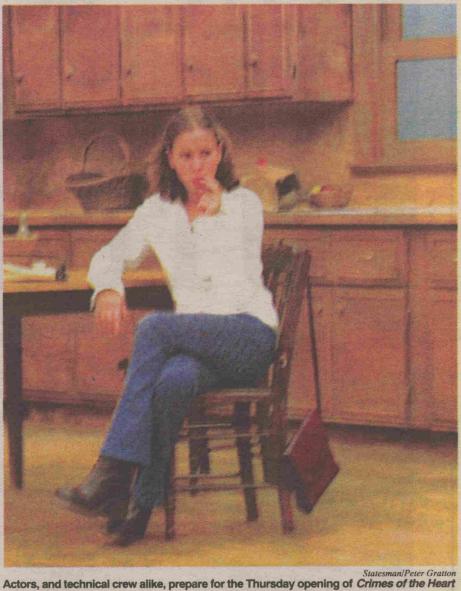
The MaGrath sisters, Lenny, Meg, and Babe are reunited when, Zachary Botrelle, the most powerful man in their community and Babe's husband is shot mysteriously. This episode in their lives force the women to face issues of loneliness and loss, and lead them to reassess their own lives, hopes and dreams.

The revelation of the "crimes" that various members of the family committed facilitate the healing and renewal process.

Sophomore Jennifer Guanieri, has appeared in Godspell, and Spare Change here at Stony Brook, and Brighton Beach Memiors, and Man of LaMancha during high school. 632-7300.

Drew White, also a sophomore, plays Doc Porter. He has performed in Girl, Interrupted the Louisiana State University. Michael Hartney, another sophomore, who has the role of Barnette Lloyd, has appeared as Henry Higgins in Pygmalion, Danforth in The Crucible and Thisbe in A Midsummer Night's Dream among his credits. Andi Anderson, a first year graduate who graduated from Messiah College with a BA in acting and directing, has the role of Chick Boyle, has had roles in Steel Magnolias, Charlotte's Web, Alice Through the Looking Glass, and Harvey. Angie M. Hughes, another first year graduate student, will appear as Lenny MaGrath, has appeared in other venues as Ophelia, in Fortingras, and Belinda in Noises Off. Debbie Mayo, director of the play, directed The Glass Menagerie in 1997, and is currently preparing new casts for Performance Workshop company.

Tickets are \$10 general who has the role of Babe MaGrath, admission, \$8 for faculty and staff, and \$6 for students and seniors. For more information please contact the Theater Arts Department at (516)



Balancing Dance & Performance Art

BY MIKE KWAN Statesman Staff

Something that many students might not know about the Theater Arts Department, is that there is active on-going research being done by many in the department, and it is not all about Shakespeare's life and times. Amy Yopp Sullivan, a professor of Dance in the Theater Department, is currently participating in some of this research in the course of the production of

Sullivan's goal is to "provide interdisciplinary research, that instead of becoming a publication, actually becomes a performance," which will provide an engaging experience that will draw the audience into the story, connecting them to Long Island's heritage. The culmination of her work is "a dance theater, that combines text, music, dance, theater, character development and a story line, so that we actually see a story from beginning to end," said Sullivan.

The Sullivan Dance Project, launched in July, 1997, involves three parts: a performance segment, education and community outreach program, and a

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summer camp.

The performance segment of her project, as well as the rest of her project, is based primarily in performance art, abstract theater, and dance. Sullivan's group, which includes both undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, faculty, and professional performers, has performed in several venues over the last year. They have had shows in such diverse locations as Port

Jefferson Harbor, the Teatro de la Danza in Mexico City, Guild Hall in East Hampton, the Festival Off d'Avignon in France, and here at Stony Brook. Sullivan plans to have future performances in schools, on beaches, and other non-traditional venues.

The education and outreach portion displays the interrelationships between language and physical expression, through the use of dance and performance art, to school-aged children. This portion makes use of both performances by participating artists, and through hands-on experience in workshops, in which the children learn some of the techniques that the artists displayed in their performance.

The last part of Sullivan's project, which, due to funding constraints, has not been implemented yet, is

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