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SBU Prof. Examines Crisis in Afghanistan

BY TED LAI
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With the public still fixated on the images of planes crashing into the World Trade Center, talks on issues regarding terrorism, U.S. retaliation, and the Middle East run rampant in the classes at Stony Brook University.

One such discussion took place last Friday in the HON 301 class entitled "Science, Values, and Society: The Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction."

Taught by Professor Les Paldy, an international affairs expert, he offered his extensive knowledge of the past and present circumstances around the world and led a talk regarding the events that recently transpired.

According to Paldy, Osama bin Laden turned against the United States during the Gulf War because he thought that the United States, led by the elder Bush, was meddling in Arab

affairs.

"However, we are not to blame, but they feel used," commented Paldy. "They are jealous of the U.S. because of its wealth and system. And our support of Israel exacerbates the situation."

President Bush recently named bin Laden as the "prime suspect" behind the terrorist acts. He is believed to be hiding in Afghanistan.

"Bin Laden is hard to catch because he doesn't sleep in the same place every night," explained Paldy. "He uses encrypted emails and has access to advanced technology."

Adding to the difficulty in catching bin Laden is the wealth that he accumulated through his family's construction business and his involvement in the illicit trade of the drug heroin.

Paldy also explained that it was the United States that provided some of the weapons and most of the training that the Afghans and bin Laden now

use. The "Mujaheddin" were an Islamic, militant organization trained by the United States to get the Russians out of Afghanistan. The United States never anticipated that they would use their training and weapons against it.

According to Paldy, Afghanistan hardly has a government. The Mujaheddin became the Taliban, which is now, the group controlling Afghanistan.

The British and Russians learned the hard way that Afghanistan is a difficult place to fight a war. The landscape is barren and covered with rocky mountains and deserts, and



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According to Professor Les Paldy, Osama bin Laden will be difficult to catch.

there are parts of the country that are not controlled by the government. Thus, adding to the difficulty of finding bin Laden.

Paldy also commented on Afghanistan's neighbor Pakistan.

"General Pervez Musharraf is the leader of Pakistan," said

Paldy. "He is worried that the fundamentalist will gain power [by winning popular sentiment] if the US demands the Pakistani government to help in the retaliation efforts against Afghanistan or bin Laden because of the large Muslim population in Pakistan."

Paldy also shared an email from a high-ranking Pakistan official expressing his deepest sympathies regarding the tragic events.

According to Paldy, it is important for the United States and the international community to stand together and get the secular forces within the Islamic states to band together. The primary purpose of a terrorist act is to paralyze a nation, weakening the ability of a government.

"There is strong political pressure on the President to act quickly because the people want some retribution," commented Paldy.

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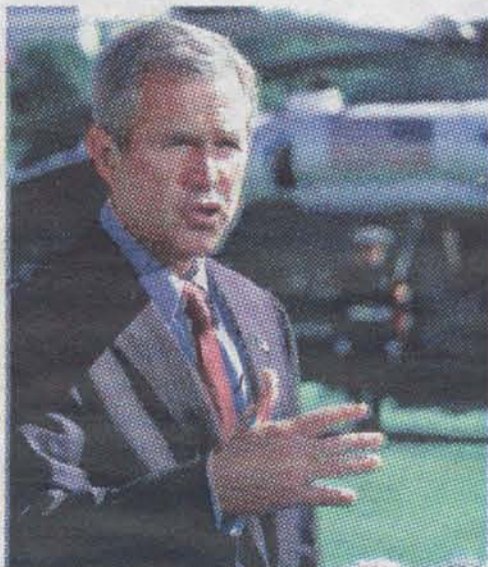
UN Ambassadors Discuss U.S. Action

BY CHRISTOPHER LATHAM
Statesman Editor

United Nations ambassadors from Pakistan and New Zealand spoke via videoconference Thursday with the students of Sociology 401 about the global consequences of last week's terrorist attack.

Ahmad Kamal, from Pakistan, noted several issues that will complicate the American effort to protect itself from further attacks:

The sense of security bred from lack of warfare on U.S. soil has been shaken. Whoever executed the attack is well-organized, highly financed, and might have the backing of a powerful government. Though most precautions against terrorism have focused on



AP photo/Doug Mills

President Bush assures US that justice will be served for the terrorist attacks.

nuclear and biological attacks, simple tools like knives and box cutters may have been used in

the recent incident. "We are at the beginning of a crisis similar to that at the beginning of WWI and WWII," Kamal said. "It might have to be fought with the same level of intensity."

In order to muster that kind of support, the ambassadors hold, the U.N. must take an active role. According to Kamal, however, the organization has been noticeably absent in three major regional conflicts (Israel-Palestine, India-Pakistan, and North-

South Korea), which puts its effectiveness into question.

Ambassador McKay, from New Zealand, warned of the dangers the United States and the U.N. could face in the coming months.

"One of the difficulties that the United Nations has had is dealing with warlords...who do not recognize [traditional boundaries]," he said. "Particularly when dealing with terrorism, there is a network of agreements, and we are all dependent on cooperation between states."

Turning the conversation to finding those responsible for the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, the ambassadors focused on Osama bin Laden and his supposed

protection by the Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

"Very soon the United States intelligence services will know who did this, and right now the signs point to bin Laden," McKay said.

Kamal predicted that Pakistan would agree to most American requests, including

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World Class Violinist to Play at Staller Center

By ALICE LEE
Statesman Staff

Midori Goto, the world-class violinist appearing at the Staller Center September 22, achieved fame as a musician at age 11, when she performed at the New York Philharmonic's New Year's Eve concert.

But whether as a musical prodigy, an education activist or a student, Midori has always been more than her famous violin.

Born in Osaka, Japan in 1971, Midori and her mother immigrated to the United States when Midori was 15 years old. "I came to [the] United States to study music at Juilliard," she said.

Midori's mother, Setsu Goto, taught her to play the violin at a young age. "My mother was my first and main teacher," she recollected.

After five years, Midori abandoned her Juilliard studies.

"I needed time to study other things," she explained. "And, I was already performing at that time, so I was ready to leave."

Midori signed an exclusive record contract with Sony Classical at the age of 17. Her musical career has brought her to perform all over the world, and with many renowned musicians.

In 1992, Midori started a nonprofit organization titled Midori & Friends. Back in the 1980s and nineties, due to the budget cuts, the city suffered a disappearance of music classes," explained Midori. "And I really believe it is important to keep music alive in schools."

Midori and Friends is a comprehensive program, performing and teaching not only classical, but a wide range from jazz, hip hop, to African and Latin music.

Each week, there are about 130-140 classes given by our organization," Midori said. "We only work in public schools, whether it is strings, bands, or vocal classes."

Despite her current successes, Midori still grapples with one major challenge. She is recovering from anorexia. "Many people tell me that my eating disorder is a result of my demanding career since a young age, but I don't think so," she said.

Midori's anorexia was detected in 1994. She underwent comprehensive treatment, including hospitalization and doctor



Courtesy of Kathryn King Media

Midori plays at the Staller Center on September 22 and 23.

visits. Still, she said that she has no regrets in her life.

"After time passes, everything just becomes neutralized," Midori said. "I want to continue sharing myself. I cannot imagine myself as someone I never was. I just accept it."

Attempting to pinpoint her biggest weakness, Midori said that she is too serious. "Sometimes [my seriousness] prevents me from seeing other perspectives," Midori said.

Currently a graduate student at New York University, she is pursuing a master degree in interdisciplinary liberal arts.

Her many interests when not performing or in class include dog-walking, reading and spending time alone.

"I love my job, but I need balance to breathe," she said.

As for her advice to young people who aspire to follow a musical career, Midori suggests the following: "You have to really love the art and music, because it will be the basis of your career."

Academic Judiciary

The Academic Judiciary of the College of Arts & Sciences reports on selected cases in which students have been charged with academic dishonesty. The report is prepared by the Executive Officer of the Arts & Sciences Academic Judiciary in the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

The following cases occurred in Spring 2001 and Summer 2001.

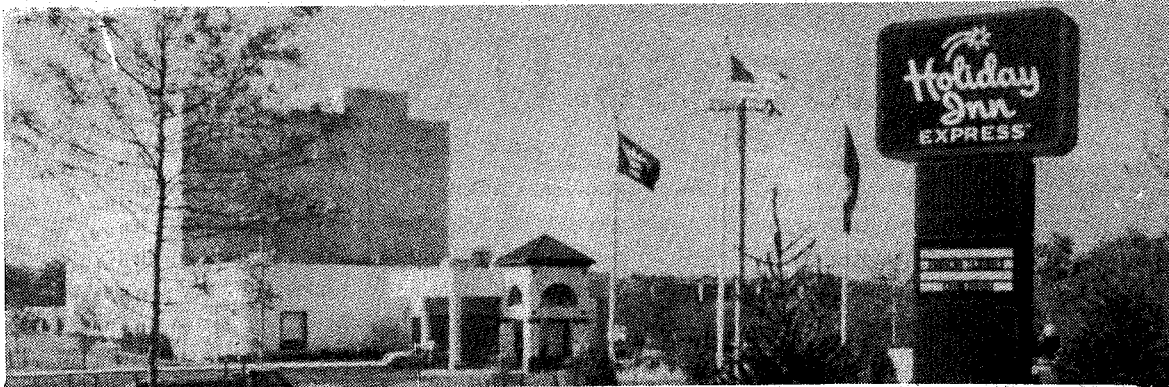
Five students, in five different courses, were reported to the academic judiciary for having submitted plagiarized assignments. In all cases, the instructors found the student's paper, or fragments of the paper, on-line at one or more Web sites. In one case, the paper was copied in its entirety from a single Web site. In another case, the assignment had been entirely optional, offered to students who wanted an opportunity to raise their course grade. In another case, the student had apparently tried to impede the instructor's ability to discover the cheating by footnoting an incorrect reference to the plagiarized text. All students received a Q* grade for their course and a notation of academic dishonesty on their transcript.

Two students were reported by their instructor for having submitted the same paper. The students had apparently collaborated in the writing of the paper, but such collaboration was prohibited by the instructor. Neither student appealed the accusation, and both were found guilty, receiving Q grades and transcript notations.

Six students were accused by their instructor of having fabricated data for a course assignment that required making personal observations of naturally occurring phenomena. Although the students were accused independently of each other and the precise details of the accusations against them differed, all six were found guilty of having falsified data for the assignment. All received a Q grade for the course and a notation of academic dishonesty on their transcript.

*The Q grade denotes a failure in a course by reason of academic dishonesty and is accompanied by a notation on the transcript indicating academic dishonesty. The Q is calculated into a student's grade point average as an F.

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SBU Students Unite at Candlelight Vigil to Grieve for Terrorist Victims

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK
Statesman Contributor

About 4,000 somber, heavy-hearted members of the Stony Brook community came together on Thursday night, candles and hymns in hand.

The occasion was a vigil in memory of those who were affected by the tragic attacks that occurred two days before.

By 8:30 pm, the podium set up outside the Student Activities Center was barely visible. The huge turnout was a good representation of Stony Brook's diverse student population.

The atmosphere was grave. As friends put their arms around one another in solemn remembrance, boxes of tissues floated through the crowd.

The speakers ranged from President Shirley Strum Kenny to members of the Interfaith Center, spanning several different religious backgrounds.

President Kenny expressed how deeply moving it was to see all the different student groups unite for a common cause. "Being together, we have a kind of strength, a kind of power, that is what this country is all about."

Osama Bin Laden, who is one of the people thought to be responsible for the terrorist attacks, is suspected to be hiding in the shadows of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

"Terrorists want to bring about change by instilling fear in everyday citizens like us," asserted Rabbi Topaik during his speech.

"The hope shown tonight must not diminish."

As delicate as the conditions were, a portion of the discussion was devoted to with whom the blame lies. Speaker John Liu pointed out that "the blame is being put on groups of different races and religions because of media and public frenzy."

The discussion most likely stemmed from the events of the night before, where the South Parking Lot was defaced by anti-Islamic graffiti.

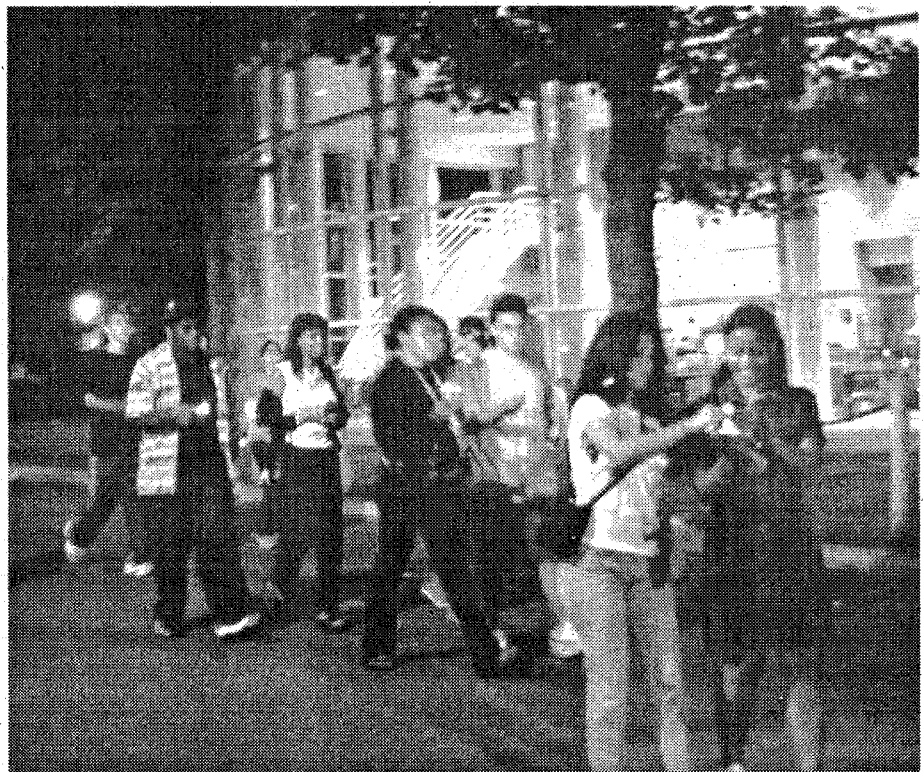
Throughout the United States, there have been reports that Americans harboring an anti-Islamic sentiment are harassing people of Islamic faith and dress, even though they have no connection to the incident.

Fred Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs, offered possible tangible solutions for the anti-Islamic backlash.

"Take a risk and show love and caring to someone you don't know, someone who is not a friend, someone who is not of your race," he said. "Do not give in to negative energy."

Preston continued, "In the upcoming days, the pain will increase because numbers will become names, and names will become faces...we have to maintain balance and make time for rest and play. Hopefully you will do a lot better than my generation did."

An hour later, candles were lit. During ensuing the moment of silence, all heads were



Marie Huchton/Statesman Editor

Students lit candles during the vigil to remember the tragedy of the WTC and the Pentagon terrorist attacks.

bowed and still in remembrance and reflection of Tuesday's events.

The group of onlookers slowly marched toward the fountain, humming *Amazing Grace*. Then, in a moment of inspiration, they gazed at the American flag, singing *America the Beautiful*, the *Star-Spangled Banner*, and reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

On Thursday night, the academic mall

glowed with the hope-filled light of hundreds of candles being lifted by students united in peace.

As one Stony Brook student offered, "There is not enough darkness in the entire world, to extinguish the light from one candle."

Pratichi Kothari and Sarika Shirsat contributed to this article.

Next Generation of Keycard Access Systems Debut in Residence Halls Throughout Campus

By REETI CHAWLA
Statesman Contributor

When most students living in Roth Quad checked in this semester they expected to sign occupation forms, and receive their keys and keycard.

However, this semester returning residents were surprised to find out that they would not be issued a keycard until several weeks into the semester.

In all residence halls across the Roth Quad, students are using their actual keys to gain entrance into their respective buildings as they anxiously await their new keycards.

Early this summer, campus residences made the decision to renovate the keycard building entry system in Roth Quad.

Several reasons were behind the decision to switch from the old Simplex system to the new Lenel system. Most importantly, the older system was considered to be quite outdated.

The manufacturers of the Simplex system have a monopoly on the system's parts. As a result, any replacement parts for the system

would have to be purchased from the manufacturer at a quite unreasonable price.

Thus, when the Simplex system started failing, campus residences decided to replace the system with one whose repair and maintenance would end up being more cost effective.

The new system also promises to be more effective than the older Simplex system.

According to the associate director of campus residences, Baycan Fideli, "the new system has better software, is more networked, and will lead to better accountability."

Students will not be able to tell the difference between the old and new systems because the mechanisms, themselves, are essentially the same.

The system will still operate on the basis of swiping a magnetic card along a pad near the main entrances of the building.

However, the Lenel system will be able to recognize the specific card that the student will use to enter the building and this will be reported to RSP directly. This, though, will not

replace RSP individuals stationed at the entrance of each building.

Currently, the new system is in place in H Quad because it was part of the renovations for that area of the campus. The system's effectiveness in H-Quad encouraged campus residences to extend the system across campus.

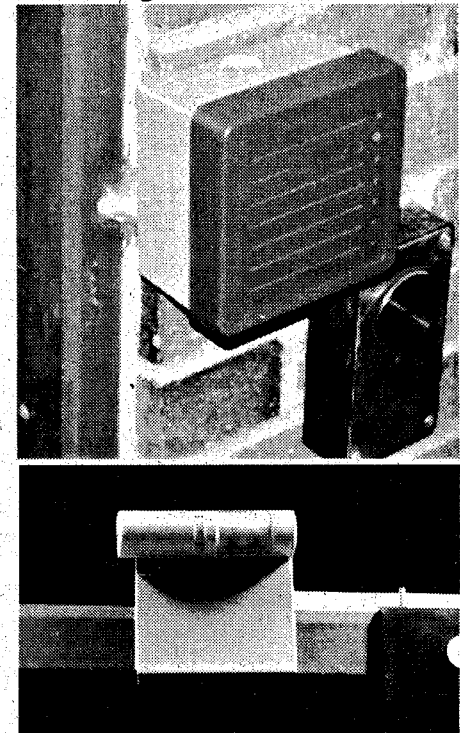
Installation of the new system is hoped to be completed within another two weeks, taking a total of 1 month for completion. When the installation is finished in Roth Quad, the new system will also replace the older systems in Roosevelt, Kelly, Tabler, and then Mendelson Quads.

Fideli maintains that instead of issuing keycards, students will soon be able to use their ID cards to enter and exit their respective buildings. This is a fundamental benefit of the new system, as the older system would not be compatible with student ID cards.

Fideli also believes that within the next few years the ID cards will be programmed to access multiple buildings. For instance, an individual in SBVAC will be able to gain access to not only his or her building, but also SBVAC

headquarters.

Ultimately, though, the new keycard building entry system will not only be cheaper to maintain and repair, but promises to be more convenient for the residing students.



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Security upgrades, using new swipe-card technology, have been taking place across campus.

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Physician Assistant Program Aims to Increase Awareness of Profession

By JOSEPH CRIMI
Statesman Contributor

Regardless of the discipline, any new profession is faced with a great deal of questions and concerns regarding not only its utility, but even its definition. This challenge is especially relevant to healthcare, as the general public demands (and with good reason) that their practitioners not only be thoroughly trained, but competent as well.

Although the physician assistant (PA) profession has addressed these concerns since its inception in 1967, a great deal more can be done to propagate awareness of its role in healthcare.

In light of National Physician Assistant

Day on October 6, Stony Brook's own Physician Assistant program would like to take this opportunity to assist in raising awareness of a profession that is inextricably related to the healthcare dynamic of our community.

Physician assistants are health care professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. The specific role of a physician assistant varies depending on her/his training (as well as the supervising physician's scope of practice).

Their responsibilities usually include, but are not limited to: conducting physical exams, diagnosing and treating illnesses, ordering and interpreting tests, assisting in surgery,

promoting mental, public, and social health, and, in 47 of the 50 states, writing prescriptions.

Physician assistants are found in hospitals (including the University hospital), clinics, private offices, and the research arena. Although the majority of PAs work in primary care fields such as Internal and Family Medicine, they are found in all specialty and subspecialty areas.

Stony Brook's PA program has been graduating some of the most competent and distinguished PA graduates within the field since 1973. The program, itself, is two years in length and culminates in both a Bachelor of Science degree and the school's Certificate of Professional Achievement for Physician Assistants.

With a faculty/student ratio of one instructor to ten students, the program ensures an environment conducive to maximal academic and clinical success.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants after which they attach a "C" to their Registered Physician Assistant title.

To maintain that certification, a physician assistant must log 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years and be re-certified every six years.

As the Physician Assistant profession continues to provide key healthcare services to a broad patient base, it is important that they become more well known to both their patients and the communities in which they practice. Public awareness about the education of PAs is a priority of the profession.

Since the first PA program began at Duke in 1965, PA students have been rigorously trained in the medical model, and that training continues for an average of 111 weeks (compared with 155 weeks for medical school.)

A physician assistant's education stresses a cooperative approach to medicine, asserting teamwork as the most productive way to treat their patients.

PA students are taught to diagnose, treat, and prevent serious medical problems, while valuing the cooperative relationship they have with physicians. It is the supportive dynamic between the professions that facilitates a more efficient and productive approach to meeting their patients' healthcare needs.

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sky. This includes implementing the "Sky Marshals" program, where federal marshals fly on flights that take off and increasing existing security measures at airports.

"However, this is a complicated problem are there are no clear solutions," explained Paldy. "We don't want the US to become a police state because then the terrorists will have succeeded in changing the American life style."

Talking about the terrorist acts and stories stemming from it is not only a

way of coping with the anguish created from the tragedy, but it also educates many on issues that would have probably gone untouched.

"I felt the discussion was very informative and appropriate," commented junior, Reeti Chawla, on the class discussion. "After class I had a better understanding of the motives of terrorists and the entire situation as a whole...hearing about the email Professor Paldy received was also reassuring because it showed that not all Muslims were celebrating as a result of this tragedy."

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use of their airspace, should the United States decide to bomb Afghanistan (according to recent news reports, that prediction has apparently come true).

Finally, the ambassadors addressed the possibility of nuclear and chemical warfare, and how it would affect American notions of safety, and reliance upon technology to protect them from foreign threats.

"A vial of biological weapons is easy to conceal and hard to detect," Kamal said. "It may be the next form of terrorism."

McKay pointed to the suspicion that Tuesday's terrorists used simple weapons, which often go undetected, to suggest that U.S. security methods

would have to be upgraded.

"When the dust has cleared from southern Manhattan and people can reflect a bit more, [I think there could be] a lack of faith in modern technology," McKay said. "Technology does have its limits. If technology is not infallible, it does not make sense to base your defense on a technological system."

In closing, Kamal noted that while precautions must be made to prevent more terrorist strikes from occurring, due to their unpredictable nature, they are extremely difficult to stop.

"It is important and even desirable for the U.S. to build up its defense system," he said. "But more defense probably would not have stopped Tuesday's attack."

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International

Osama bin Laden's History of Terrorist Acts

By RALPH D'AMBROSIO
Statesman Staff

After the terrorist attack on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, most people, after they recovered from the shock of what happened, gave some thought as to who could have done this heinous act.

Many of these people thought of one person, Osama bin Laden, a Saudi Arabian whose self-proclaimed jihad against the United States has achieved a great deal of notoriety in contemporary world news.

Hundreds of deaths have already been attributed to this man. If the theories of our national

government are true, and Osama bin Laden orchestrated Tuesday's terrorist attacks, the blame for thousands of people killed and injured can be laid on his shoulders.

Officially, Osama bin Laden has denied organizing the terrorist acts but has nonetheless praised the act. He has openly congratulated the people who are responsible.

While many people know about bin Laden, not everyone knows about the man himself. Bin Laden is the son of a Yemeni-born Saudi construction magnate and has enjoyed a very comfortable lifestyle. Once his father died, bin Laden inherited \$300 million

dollars (much of which, it has been alleged, is used to fund terrorist acts against the United States).

After joining the Afghanistan resistance against the Soviet Union, bin Laden was influenced by the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a group widely held to have helped assassinate President Anwar el-Sadat in 1981. From there, bin Laden would expand the jihad against all governments who had Muslim populations.

Though America actually backed bin Laden against the Soviets, bin Laden turned against the United States during Desert Shield and Desert Storm when

American forces landed on Saudi Arabia. This act enraged bin Laden and over time he began to attribute all of the problems of the Muslims to the United States.

Osama bin Laden has already been linked to several bloody terrorist acts. His name was linked to the people who bombed the World Trade Center in 1993 and killed six people and injured another thousand.

In addition, bin Laden was blamed for the killing of 224 people at Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. He was also accused of the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole that resulted in the death of 17 sailors

and injuring another 39.

After the destruction of the World Trade Center Buildings, Osama bin Laden moved to an unidentified location in Afghanistan, obviously fearing an impending military strike by United States forces.

The United States, in the meanwhile, is continuing its investigations in the terrorist attack on US soil. Once the people who organized Tuesday's events have been identified, United States made it public that it will track the people responsible and bring them to justice.

National

New Powers Sought for Surveillance

By WALTER PINCUS AND DAN EGGEN
The Washington Post

Bush administration officials said Sunday that they are considering lifting a 25-year-old ban on U.S. involvement in foreign assassinations and loosening restrictions on FBI surveillance, part of an escalating war on terrorism in the wake of Tuesday's attacks on Washington and New York.

The Justice Department plans to send a wide-ranging set of proposals to Capitol Hill this week that would include more power to conduct wiretaps, detain foreigners and track money-laundering cases, administration officials said.

"There are areas of our laws and procedures which give us better tools against organized crime, against illegal gambling, for example, than we have against terrorists," said Attorney General John Ashcroft, who briefed top lawmakers Sunday on the proposals. "We need to make sure that we provide the maximum capacity against terrorists in the United States."

Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday that CIA field officers may be allowed to recruit and pay overseas agents

linked to terrorist groups and human rights abuses, saying it was necessary to infiltrate suspected terrorist cells.

"If you're only going to work with officially approved, certified good guys, you are not going to find out what the bad guys are doing," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "It is a mean, nasty, dangerous, dirty business out there, and we have to operate in that arena."

In addition, Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he would introduce a counterterrorism package next week that would create a counterterrorism czar inside the White House, establish authority for the CIA to recruit unsavory agents and expand the intelligence community's ability to translate intercepted messages in Arabic, Farsi and other languages used within suspected terrorist circles.

The flurry of proposals marks a dramatic expansion of the Bush administration's efforts to track down those who helped plot Tuesday's deadly assaults, in which more than 5,000 were believed killed after hijacked jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But the

proposals could also significantly weaken protections of privacy and civil liberties, advocates of civil liberties said Sunday.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the administration was reviewing an executive order issued by President Gerald Ford in 1976 which bans U.S. personnel from engaging in, or conspiring to engage in, assassinations. Some intelligence and terrorism experts have advocated assassinating Osama bin Laden, the exiled Saudi millionaire who lives in hiding in Afghanistan and has been named the prime suspect in last week's attacks.

Powell said on CNN that "we are examining everything: how the CIA does its work, how the FBI and Justice Department does its work, are there laws that need to be changed and new laws brought into effect to give us more ability to deal with this kind of threat? ... Everything is under review."

Ashcroft said one of the Justice Department's proposals would allow the department to seek authority to eavesdrop on any phone used by a suspect in a foreign intelligence case, rather than getting wiretap orders for each individual telephone number. In an era of cell phones, Ashcroft said, "it simply doesn't make sense to have the surveillance authority associated with the hardware or with the phone instead of with the person or the terrorist."

The proposals provoked immediate criticism Sunday from civil liberties advocates, who accused the administration of using Tuesday's tragedy to erode constitutional protections.

David Cole, a law professor at Georgetown University, said there is no evidence that legal restrictions on the FBI, CIA or other federal agencies helped the hijackers evade detection. Two of the hijackers were on an FBI "watch list" for two weeks before the attacks, and most of the 19 men reportedly purchased their tickets in their own names through the Internet.

"We have to be careful about giving the FBI or INS or anyone else greater powers unless they can show they really need those powers," Cole said.

Several lawmakers vowed to be measured in their response. "We will give the government the tools it needs to deal with the guilty," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Tex. "But we will also always ... preserve the rights of the innocent, and that will be as paramount as can be."

Graham's bill creating a White House counterterrorism czar imitates what was established for the war on drugs, providing budget authority and oversight to an individual who would be named by the president and approved by the Senate. "We need to have someone who has the ability to establish a national program, allocate resources and be held accountable for our response against terrorism," Graham said.

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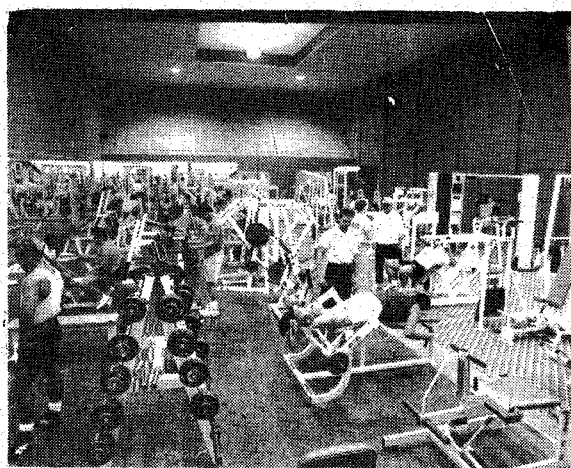
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Editorial

Unity...But at What Cost?

American patriotism is riding strong. Old Glory has been brandished in homes, offices, schools and car windows across the nation. Neighbors gather at candlelight vigils with a stirring frequency. And little children trot down the streets singing everything from the "Star Spangled Banner" to "America the Beautiful." It is truly an inspiring sight.

Still, there is something disheartening about the fact that it took the worst terrorist attack in our history to bring us together.

Just weeks ago partisanship tore at the integrity of our political system. Just months ago racial tensions were nearly out of control. But those things have been pushed to the periphery now that we face a powerful foe.

Truly, nothing brings unity like a common enemy. And yet therein lies the problem. Catastrophe should not be our

impetus. Too often our divides leave us vulnerable. The threat should never come from within.

Perhaps now America will learn to move as one. Then again, perhaps not.

For, before we can act in unison we must live in unison. And unfortunately that is simply not the case. We need only look to that same inspiring scene of patriotism to find blatant hypocrisy, hypocrisy that reveals our togetherness to be a sham.

Muslims, or rather those who possess Arab features, have now become "the other." They are seen as foreign, alien, of a different way of life. To the quick, they are not American.

But why?

Because for all our talk of truth, justice and equality Americans are no better at acceptance than anyone else. Because terrorism is frightening, and people allow

bigotry to prevail when they are afraid.

Granted, to do otherwise goes against human nature. Nevertheless, we're going to have to try. This pattern of division and unity through hatred has got to stop. This vicious cycle will not allow us to live up to our ideals, and it will ensure that we remain vulnerable.

Obviously, the vast majority of Muslims in the United States have no terrorist inclinations. Certainly, they are just as repulsed by the destruction in New York and Washington D.C. as any other American.

To treat or view Muslims as somehow different than "the average American citizen" is prejudice, and to call it anything else is a lie.

We have a long and difficult battle ahead of us. It can only be won if we work as a whole. Basically, the cliché is true.

"United we stand. Divided we fall."

Op-Ed

What Must the U.S. Do Next?

By the Editors of The Washington Post

This battle will take time and resolve." Those words from President Bush, spoken on the day following the onset of America's first 21st-century war and echoed again Saturday, may encapsulate the greatest challenge the country now faces. Since the end of the Cold War, patience for sustained conflicts has not been part of the American political character; and since Vietnam, there has been a reluctance to persevere when foreign military engagements led to casualties and setbacks. Both American commanders and their adversaries have come to assume that this country will not stick with its missions at the cost of human casualties or a prolonged commitment. Such calculations have dominated U.S. strategy and tactics in the past few years, both in the Persian Gulf and in the Balkans.

That will have to change if the United States is to win this new war. A sporadic battle with terrorism has already been under way for many years in many parts of the world; from it we know that real success will require an open-ended and

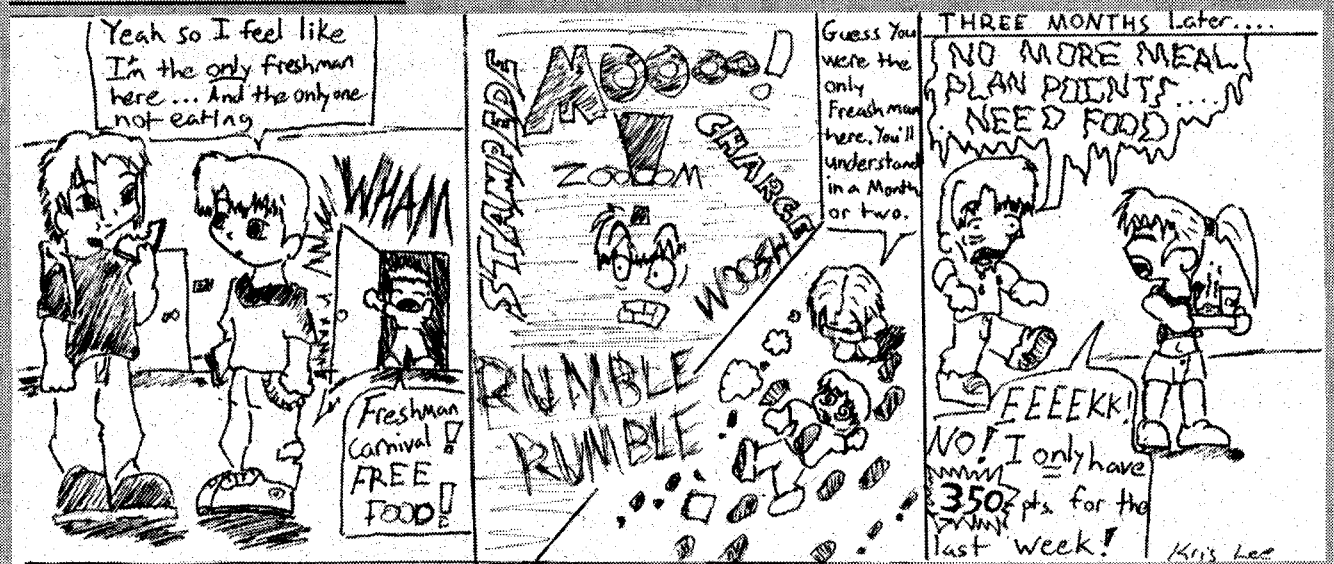
incremental struggle. It will cost many more lives and the willingness to endure bitter setbacks. Other nations that now appear eager to join the cause will soon tire of it, especially if it involves military action. And many Americans will eventually grow impatient with long lines at airports, extended call-ups of reservés or heavy spending on the military and the tradeoffs in social services or taxes it will force.

All this will happen in part because it will be hard to know when we have won the war or even if we are winning or losing. The fog of battle will be thick. We will often not know how many of the enemy we have liquidated or how many are left. The United States may be driven to take action against one or more foreign governments that have sponsored or harbored terrorists, and may defeat or destroy those governments; but in the larger war, there will be no moment when the flag of victory is raised above the last enemy bunker or an unconditional surrender is signed aboard a battleship, and we can pour out into the streets to celebrate. As a result, there will be an inclination to declare the war

over before it really is as has happened more than once in the past several years during the fight against the terror network of Osama bin Laden. Total victory will be elusive, because a world that continues to have great social and economic inequalities, oppressive governments and preachers of intolerance will continue to produce terrorists, even if all of those now active and all the governments that sponsor them are wiped out.

What we can hope to achieve, over time, is not total victory, but far-greater mastery over the threat of terrorism. It will take a relentless pursuit of known terrorist networks; a strict insistence on holding every country accountable for its support or tolerance of violent extremists; and a strengthening and redesign of intelligence and security systems. Within several years, the chance that Americans will be murdered en masse could be decisively reduced. But apply those standards to the world of today, with half a dozen or more anti-American terrorist organizations openly at work and as many governments that support or host them and themagnitude of the task is clear.

By KRISTOPHER LEE
Statesman Staff



Freshman Follies: The Meal Plan

The Best Songs You've Never Heard, vol. 1

By RYAN SOBEL
Statesman Editor

Perhaps it is fitting that at the start of a new school year, several of our favorite artists schedule the release of their newest musical efforts. The hottest tracks from the CDs are released as singles and within weeks, they are endlessly channeled through our heads by countless radio stations across the country.

Yes, it is indeed true that these days our primary source of new music is the radio, mainly because MTV (for some reason) does not play music anymore. That, however, is a different story.

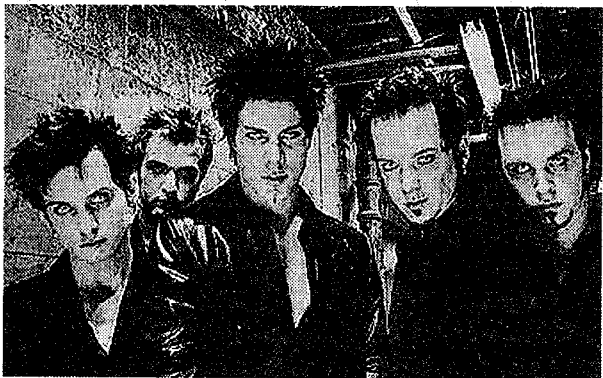
It seems unfair, in a way, that out of the hundreds of new records released each month in the US, all we get to hear are the big, popular artists that are already mainstream. After all, there is definitely more to the music scene than "Oops, I Did It Again."

What about the many struggling artists that still produce great music, but have yet to gain the intense exposure of Limp Bizkit or Jay Z? They deserve a shot too!

So, in the spirit of enhancing our musical experience in a new direction, one different from our popular radio stations, brace yourselves...for some of the best songs that you have never heard.

Neve - "It's Over Now"

It truly is a pity to miss out on Neve's emotionally driven power ballad "It's Over Now." The song managed to gain some recognition from



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Many people have missed out on Virgos Merlot's impressive ballad "Kiss My Disease," as it did not get much airplay and recognition when it was released.



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North Carolina natives Collapsis caught the attention of many record companies with their first single "October."

its inclusion on the soundtrack to the 1998 movie *The Faculty*. However, it was completely overshadowed by The Offspring's "The Kids Aren't Alright" and the Class of 99's remake of the Pink Floyd hit "Another Brick on the Wall."

"It's Over Now," which is also featured on the band's 2000, self-titled, debut album, is a perfectly balanced rock track. Though it occasionally gets hard, more often than not it sounds like a very good Third Eye Blind song.

Collapsis - "October"

The song "October" by the band Collapsis is the track they put on the demo tape that initially got them noticed. It is a particularly powerful roller coaster ride of emotions that is bound to engulf the listener.

Lead singer Mike Garrison's vocals lend perfectly to the overall anger of the song, while the music maintains a more upbeat vibe.

The track was the first single off their 2000 debut album, *Dirty Wake*. Unfortunately, the band got little exposure and had to settle for local television concert broadcasts in their hometowns of Chapel Hill, NC and on Long Island.

Virgos Merlot - "Kiss My Disease"

Virgos Merlot is big on image. They are a quintet of black leather-wearing, dark rockers. For instance, if you were to see them on stage, several things would pop out at you. First, they are dressed

in black leather and are all wearing reptile-like contact lenses and, second, they have a hard 3-tier guitar rock sound.

Their 1999 debut CD, *Signs of a Vacant Soul*, is no different in sound with one surprising and refreshing exception. The ninth track on the disc, "Kiss My Disease," is a musical gem virtually hidden amidst all of the hard rock tracks.

Sadly, the modest airplay that the song received after it was released as a single prevented it from achieving its potential success.

It is a dramatic ballad that highlights the band's true strengths. It has a catchy beat, softly sequenced guitars, and effective lyrics. The yearning, mournful vocals of lead singer Brett Hestla add to the mature, gentle melodic handling of a relatively unheard classic in its own right.

Now is the time to get out there and use those lightning-fast Internet connections for something useful for a change. Start searching your latest Napster replacement for some of these great tracks that are detrimental to any complete music collection.

Who knows, maybe one day you can sit back and revel at how you followed these bands from relative obscurity to the musical limelight.



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Neve's alt-rock ballad "It's Over Now" was included on the soundtrack to the 1998 movie *The Faculty*.

Soul Searching Through Art

By ANA MARIA RAMIREZ
Statesman Staff

At the Union Art Gallery, Rebecca M. Schulz has captured her passion for botanical life in her solo-show: *In to the Open*. Schulz uses clay to portray the relationship between plants and flowers and their own relationship between their proportions and scale.

"Large petal shapes and small intimate areas create a contrast that enhances the sense of delicacy and reference to a flower," stated Schulz in her

"For Schulz, colors in a work of art, just like those in a flower, attract people to the central part of their existence."

artist's statement. "Tapering down to a thin undulating line, reinforces the fragile quality of the piece."

Schulz, who graduated from Maine College of Art, first entered college with the desire to study medicine. Her interests took a drastic turn toward

her eventual major, studio art. Ultimately, she received a B.F.A. in clay.

This decision became prevalent to Schulz after she took a glass blowing class. "When I took a glass blowing class, I knew that I needed to work with my hands," said Schulz.

Later on, Schulz became attracted to clay in an elective class. "The malleability of the clay made me look at figures with lines and forms," said Schulz. "Clay makes it easier to capture these forms."

After Schulz graduated from Maine College of Art, she moved to Stony Brook, becoming an artist in residence.

Now, she assists in running the Stony Brook Union Craft Center and firing up the student's clay works.

Schulz's passion for plants and flowers blossomed when she began working as a landscapist during the summer, where she indulged in her landscapes and became obsessed with the forms and color of flowers and plants.

For Schulz, colors in a work of art, just like those in a flower, attract people to the central part of their existence. "The colors accentuate the forms you're trying to make," said Schulz.

Nature is not the only source of inspiration and

enjoyment for Schulz. She has also been inspired by other artists like Peter Masters, Dale Chihuly, and Georgia O'Keefe, with their own experimentations with linear and undulating forms.

"Producing work that reflects my experience in nature has provided me with a clearer understanding between the inside and outside," said Schulz. "Flowers aren't arbitrary and random; its purpose is to attract and draw attention to the inside. I try to recreate that relation and attraction by placing intimate moments within the larger forms."



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Rebecca M. Schulz's sculpture "Deep Orchid" is on display at the Union Art Gallery.

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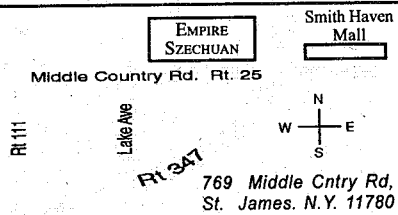
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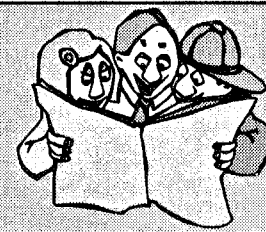
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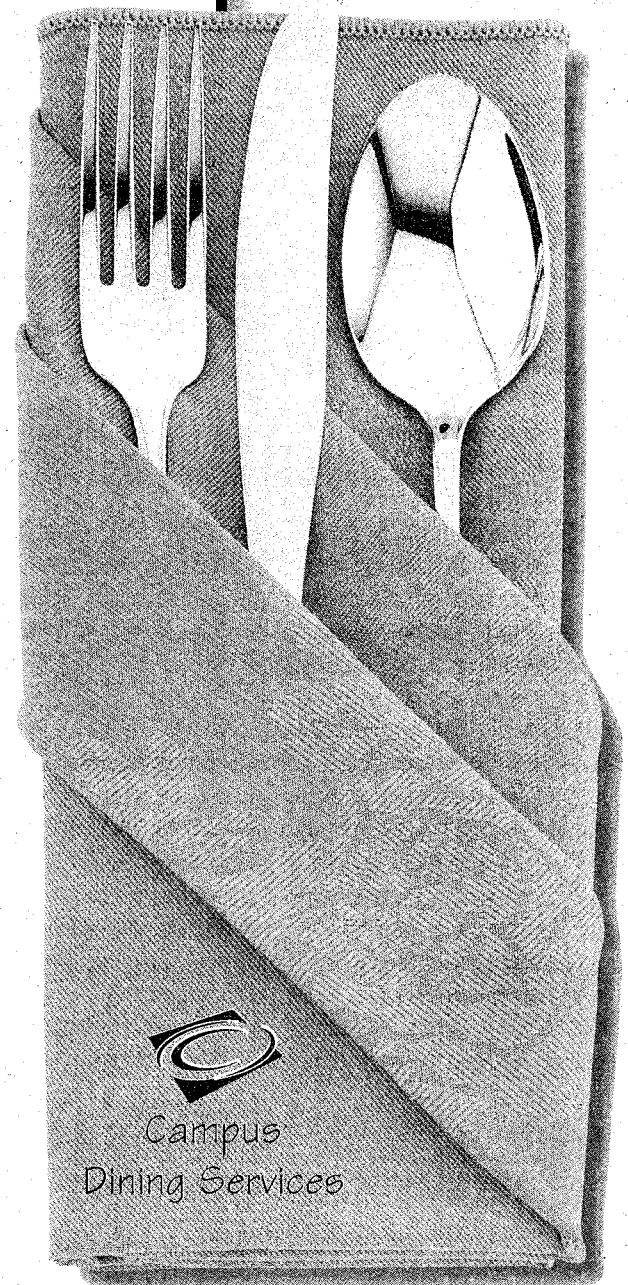
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Men's Soccer Wins in Wake of Tragedy

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

A day after the most terrible terrorist act in U.S. history, Stony Brook's men's soccer team laced up its boots and took on SUNY rival, Binghamton.

Senior Jamie Gaither kept his composure long enough to give SBU the 1-0 victory over the Bearcats by netting his second game winning goal in three chances. The win improved the Seawolves' record to 2-0-1 for the year.

With SBU already having made the long journey to the upstate town, the Athletic Director at SUNY Binghamton decided that postponing the game by 24 hours was sufficient. Both teams took it one step further.

In an act of respect, immediately after the kickoff, they paused for a moment with their heads



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Senior Jaime Gaither's second game winning goal of the season helps the team to a 2-0-1 record.

bowed, their hearts heavy, and the game clock ticking away. The moment of silence was observed for the victims, their families, and the rescue workers involved in the World Trade Center and Washington, D.C. tragedies.

Though emotions were running high, the game

resumed.

After a slow start, coach Scott Dean's decision to move Gaither up front paid off. Substitute Jude Osei Bonsu found Gaither at the top left corner of the penalty box in the 21st minute.

Following a solid first touch, the senior midfielder turned striker sent a blistering shot to the top right hand corner of the Bearcat's goal, past a flailing Gianni DiCiollo.

That was all the support sophomore goalie Dan Ferrin needed. Continuing his good form, Ferrin recorded his first shutout of the season.

In a surprising change from the two earlier contests of the season, the Seawolves' back line stood strong, leaving Ferrin rarely tested. Of the Bearcats' ten shots, only two were on goal. One caromed off the crossbar, and with just a

minute remaining in the game, Ferrin came off his line and snatched the other shot to preserve the win for SBU.

SBU's restructured midfield prevented a sustained offensive buildup by the Bearcats and played better defensively than it had done in its previous two contests. This was linked to Kwame Richardson, who moved up from his centerback position to play defensive midfielder.

The Seawolves were forced to reposition, following forward Shane Arikian's horrific ankle injury in the last seconds of the game against Rider. In addition, the Seawolves were without midfielder Jermaine Wright, who is awaiting the NCAA's decision regarding his eligibility.

With the loss to an undermanned SBU side,

Binghamton dropped to 0-4 on the season, showing they still have a long way to go before they can compete with the class of the SUNY system.

SBU's Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Richard Laskowski, postponed all of the remaining athletic games until Tuesday, September 17.

"For the safety involving all of the athletes traveling to competition and out of respect for the terrible, terrible tragedies in our nation, we feel it would be best to leave this as a time for mourning," said Laskowski.

This included postponement of the men's soccer games at home versus Manhattan on Thursday, and away against a tough Adelphi team on Saturday. The Seawolves will be back in action on September 25, when they play host to Sacred Heart at 4pm on University Field.

He's Almost Ready...Maybe

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

For six months he's been toying with our emotions. He's hinted at it and he has all but said it. Even so, the entire basketball community is still waiting for Michael Jordan to put an end to the speculation and confirm his return to the NBA.

Jordan has been implying a return, even suggesting a return. He's held up the public and the media, waiting for an answer, searching for a hidden meaning.

Last Monday, Jordan teased us just a little bit more. He said that he would announce his plans in a formal news conference in Washington. However, Jordan wouldn't comment informally on what those plans might be.

Now Jordan has called off the conference. He said that it

would be inappropriate in light of the recent terrorism in New York City and Washington.

According to a report by ESPN.com, a source close to Jordan said that His Airness decided that he's going to fax the announcement, but he doesn't know when.

Six months ago, Jordan kick-started the speculation and the buzz around the sports world when he admitted that his training was more than just an attempt to lose weight. Jordan committed to getting back to playing shape for a return to the court and a continuance of his legacy.

Since then, Jordan has been tugging at our hearts. At first, he said he would make a decision sometime during the summer. Then broke two ribs in a collision with the Bulls'

Ron Artest, delaying the announcement.

Jordan knows what his decision is. He's known for a long time. Even if he's not 100 percent sure, the decision he's been harboring for some time is the same decision that he's going to fax to the proper people as soon as he's ready to let the secret out.

We do know one thing for sure. Jordan will make a decision before the start of training camp on Oct. 2.

Maybe he's building suspense. Maybe he's trying to make his return more dramatic, or maybe he's just trying to sell tickets.

Washington season ticket-holders put down a \$500 non-refundable deposit for their tickets. The Wizards-Knicks season-opener in

Madison Square Garden has been sold-out for some time. The Michael Jordan show would be the hottest ticket of the year and the ratings for NBA ball games would rise higher than Jordan himself.



Courtesy of www.yahoo.com

Michael Jordan is still contemplating whether or not to return to the NBA.

Jordan gives his own reason, though. He says he's playing simply for the love of game, but he implied that there are other reasons. He was talking about playing pickup games and helping younger players develop their games.

"Winning isn't always championships. What's wrong with helping kids find their way, teaching them the game," he told an ESPN.com reporter.

If or when Jordan comes back to the league brings nothing but positives. Jordan will not disgrace or taint his legend. In fact, his return is beneficial to the league and beneficial to sports.

Air Jordan is the greatest player to ever grace the court. His fans await his announcement with their hearts on their sleeves.