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FSA Exec Attributes Elevated Food Prices to Organization's Lack of 'Buying Power'

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Students have been disgruntled about campus food prices for quite some time. With the protests of last semester and the ever-growing cost of campus food, there has been considerable controversy surrounding the issue of campus dining and meal plans.

Stony Brook's Faculty Student Association (FSA) is responsible for a number of important campus organizations, including Computer Corner, the bookstore, Seawolves Marketplace and most notably, Campus Dining Services.

The FSA, which is a nonprofit organization, is responsible for food prices, meal plan structure, and dining facilities throughout the university. *Statesman* received a copy of the FSA's budget plan for the 2003 fiscal year.

The projected net revenue for West Campus Dining Services this year is \$522,269, the highest of all FSA operations. Compare this to facilities like Seawolves Marketplace, Computer Corner, and the amusement arcade, whose losses are projected at \$110,110, \$118,714 and \$29,975, respectively.

"It looks to me like we pay more for food so that the FSA can pay for all of its other services," said junior Nathan Pangburn. "I don't think that's fair."

"Fairness is ultimately a debatable

point," said Kevin Kelly, the Executive Director of the FSA. "We consider if anything is a legitimate expense. Students will always somehow benefit from other campus services." Kelly argues that all facilities of the FSA are a necessary part of fulfilling students' needs at Stony Brook.

"You have to consider that when the economy is bad some things just aren't absolutely necessary," sophomore Paul Conrad said. "We need to eat, but we don't need to play games in the arcade."

In the fiscal year of 2001, the FSA took in \$130,775 from unused declining balance, money that students lost from their meal plans because they did not make their resident point deadlines.

"I think that it's unnecessary for students to just lose that much money," Pangburn said. "The FSA should get rid of the unused declining balance."

But Kelly said the FSA is working to ensure that the leftover funds are put toward student programs.

"We try to get that money back to the students by funding programs like Midnight Breakfast," Kelly explained. "It is better than other universities on a traditional meal plan system, where the missed meal factor is up to over 50 percent."

Many universities operate on a meals-per-week plan, where students have a certain number of all-you-can-eat meals each week.

If a student does not consume all 10 or 14 meals allotted by the end of a certain period, he or she loses them for good.

"I could definitely see [missing half of the meals]," said Aazaz Haq, a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "Here in Michigan, a lot of people often have six or seven out of their thirteen meals left over at the end of the week, and these meals go to waste."

Many students also feel that food prices on campus are unnecessarily high. "Everything is so much more expensive than at a grocery store like Waldbaums," said Stony Brook freshman Amil Bachan.

"It's a different service," Kelly responded. "Price Club is less expensive than Waldbaums, and Waldbaums is less expensive than campus. We don't have the buying power that supermarkets do."

The FSA meal plan committee, comprised mostly of Stony Brook



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

Many students complain that the FSA's food prices far exceed what local supermarkets charge for the same items.

students, sets prices of new foods being offered on campus.

"We look at demand and the supplier's prices, and try to strike a fair price," said freshman Brandon Gray, a member of the committee. "Places like Waldbaums sell products like milk at a loss, but they make it up on other products. We can't afford that."

The price of the meal plan increased in 2003 as well, with \$30 additional campus

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Unsafe Speeds and Broken Road Rules Plague Campus

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

Walking around Stony Brook University might seem more like a stroll through the autobahn than a walk through a friendly neighborhood campus. Cars roll through stop signs, move at double the speed limit, and whip around turns while failing to yield the right of way.

"Just the other day I saw a car right in front of Roosevelt Quad go right through a stop sign going at least thirty miles per hour, while I was making a turn," junior Rares Saftoiu said. "He could have caused a huge accident, like many of the drivers on campus that just pretend stop signs don't apply to them on campus."

Saftoiu is not alone in his concerns. Doug Little, Deputy Chief of Police and Chief of Community Relations and Patrol

is asking that drivers apply their smarts not only in the classroom, but on the roads as well.

"[People] speed, speed, speed, and it's causing a lot of accidents," Little said.

Nineteen motor-vehicle accidents have been reported since January. While Little conceded that weather has been a factor, he said that it cannot account for the nearly 50 percent increase in moving violation tickets issued from 2001 to 2002.

"Some people talk on their cell phones



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A car tries to overtake a slow-moving taxi in front of the Union.

and drive in the left lane eating popcorn like they were in their own living rooms," Little said.

He noted that using handheld phones is illegal, and that a fresh New York State law prohibit drivers from even moving when a pedestrian on a curb approaches

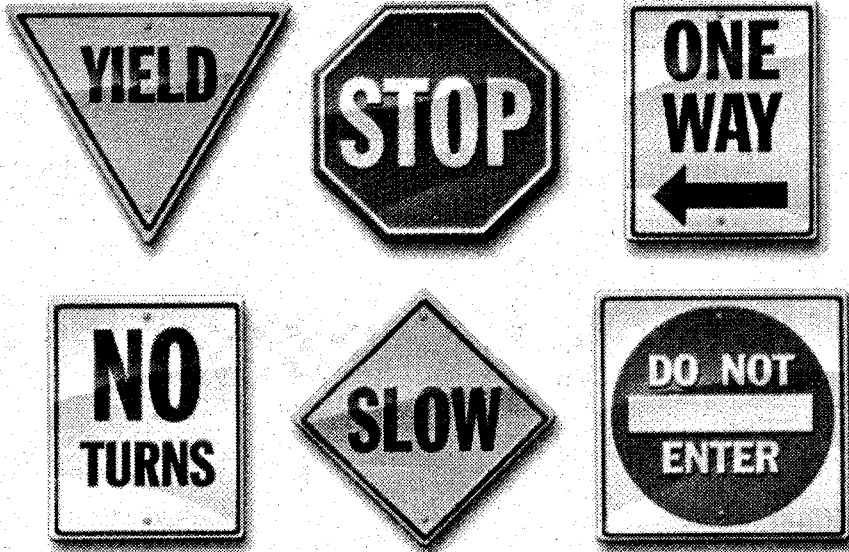
a crosswalk.

"Yield at crosswalks and take our 15 or 30 mile per hour road signs seriously," pleaded Little. He noted that many of the tickets issued on campus had drivers moving at fifty to sixty miles per hour, speeds more suited for highways than for a 35,000-person campus.

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Is The FSA 'Bad'?—Debate Rages On On-Campus Clients Weigh in on the Services It Provides

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

The Faculty Student Association (FSA) is one of the largest student employers on campus. Annually, between 400 and 500 students work for the organization, most of them in Campus Dining Services. FSA is also one of the largest sources of student complaints, and this often revolves around its dining services. Interestingly enough, these complaints are something that its marketing department seeks out.

FSA subcontracts the campus bookstore to Barnes and Noble and West Campus Dining Services to Chartwell's. Kevin Kelly, the Executive Director of the FSA, said that these companies' expertise, large size and ability to buy in bulk actually drive down costs.

"It keeps students from paying for employees all year round," Kelly said. "Chartwell's can move managers to other locations during the



Statesman/Jeffrey Javidfar

The arcade located in the basement of the Union is no longer a popular hangout spot for students. Over the past two years, it has lost more than \$60,000, and there has been speculation about its future.

Costs Being Passed Along to Students?

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points and a \$10 increase on the activation fee. According to the budget plan, these results reflect an overall increase of two percent. Nationwide, there has been an inflationary increase of three percent in the cost of food, labor and supplies.

The FSA is also investing money into new projects for dining facility renovations. "The next big one is Roth cafeteria," Kelly said. "We will probably start next academic year and it should be completed during the summer of 2004."

In addition, the former food service offered by the Humanities building is being replaced by an increase in the number of Food Carts around campus. The FSA also proposes to build a new "mini-cyber cafe" in the Kelly Deli area for the influx of residents in the Undergraduate Apartments.

A new service is being offered on Campus Dining's website, www.campusdining.org, for students to check their meal plan balance online. Kelly hopes that it will relieve students' angst about the uncertainty of their meal plan points.

"I think students don't think about what the dining service does for the community," Kelly said. "We are going to pay more attention to special events and bring students together with programs like the Halloween party and Latino Night."

But some students still have trouble swallowing what, at times, they feel are astronomically inflated food prices.

"What really got me was the \$20 box of Jelly Belly jelly beans," sophomore Daniel Galecki said. "I bought an identical box at the supermarket for seven bucks."

slower summer months where usually the Student Activities Center is the only dining facility open."

However, many faculty members insist that the off-campus bookstore, Stony Books, provides better prices and service. Some go as far as giving book lists exclusively to that store, located on Rte. 25A.

"I've had certain professors who say that things are available only at Stony Books, because the bookstore [on campus] was charging a lot more," student Ruchi Dharia said. "They didn't want students to pay that much."

Dharia, a senior in the Honors College, went on to attribute the higher prices to a lack of competition.

"I think the cause of the [high prices] is that there is no other place on campus for students to go and get books," she said. "The only other option is to order your texts online and then you have to wait a couple of weeks."

There is a pervasive feeling among students that high costs and shortcomings in customer relations are the norm, a sentiment that sparked a student protest march in the administration building this past fall.

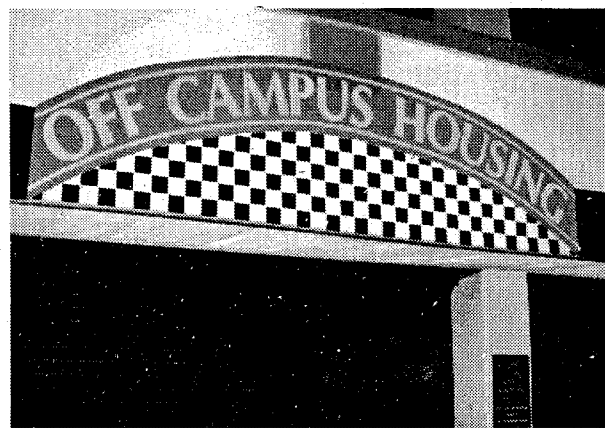
"The food on this campus sucks, and it's way too expensive," said Joshua, a student only willing to give his first name. "I can buy a gallon of milk at Waldbaums for what I pay for a half-gallon on campus."

Computer Corner also falls under the auspices of the FSA and is the sole retailer of computer products on campus. Although there is an educational discount provided to consumers, there have been several complaints about poor business practices.

"The Computer Corner has provided substandard services since I've been here," sophomore Eric Chan said. "Not only are its services slow, unpredictable, and unreliable, but they also overcharge students."

Others however, are satisfied and feel its central location is convenient.

According to the FSA's annual budget charts, The Spot, the Off Campus Housing Office and the Union Arcade usually lose money and are not heavily used by students. However, the profits made from West Campus Dining Services, and laundry and vending services are more than sufficient to offset such losses.



Statesman/Jeffrey Javidfar

Although the Off Campus Housing Office amassed \$20,800 in revenue, its operating and administrative expenses caused it to lose \$32,361 over the past year.

Despite the element of disgruntled students, Kelly is proud of the organization's recent successes that include self-operating the laundry services and making the Seawolves Marketplace more profitable.

"We were still able to get some returns [from the laundry machines] and more importantly we now have a full time person that goes around and fixes the machines," he said.

The future initiative that Kelly said he is most excited about is the opening of a coffee shop on the first floor of the Kelly Quad Dining Facility scheduled to open next fall. The impetus for the plan was a study that revealed that a great deal of high school seniors on Long Island spend their leisure time at coffee shops. Possible vendors are still being considered.

"I think it's a great idea. Realistically, I think it's somewhere I would go to do reading and work, or maybe even play some chess with my friends," said Jen Skirkanic, a resident of the Undergraduate Apartments. "I think it would greatly improve the quality of life on campus, especially for those in the undergraduate apartments."

Kelly said that the FSA fulfills its mission of providing eclectic services that otherwise would not be available to those at the university. He asserted that he was eager to continually reexamine the organization's goals and operations.

"As time has gone on we've look at each operation and asked what the advantages, are, what the primary mission is, and what the outside can [help us with]," he said.

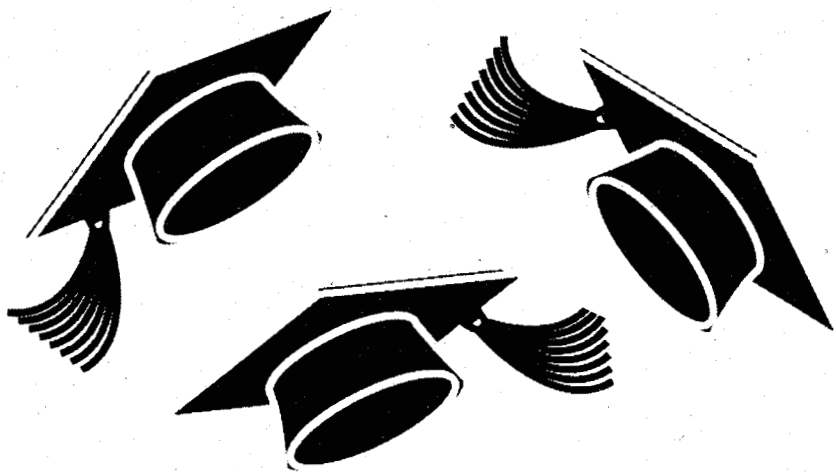
Price Comparisons

Below are prices for food commonly purchased on campus. Listed are the prices set by FSA, as compared with the current prices of the same or similar items available at Waldbaums and Stop and Shop.

| Type of Food | Campus Price | Waldbaums | Stop & Shop |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| Salad Bar | 5.60 | 3.99 | 3.99 |
| Raisin Bran | 3.99 | 3.29 | 3.79 |
| Turkey per lb. (lowest price) | 8.70 | 6.99 | 7.99 |
| Coke/Sprite (20 oz) | 1.39 | 1.09 | 1.19 |
| Fruitopia/Nestea (20 oz) | 1.45 | 1.09 | 1.19 |
| Gourmet Sandwiches | 3.85-4.60 | 2.99 | 3.79 |
| Colombo Yogurt | 1.45 | .89 | .89 |
| Yoplait Yogurt | 1.19 | .79 | .79 |
| Candy per pound | 6.49 | 1.98 | — |
| Clif Bars | 2.25 | 1.89 | 1.25 |
| Snackwells Crème Sandwich | 3.25 | 2.79 | 2.69 |
| Fig Newtons | 3.89 | 3.79 | 3.49 |
| Can of Tuna | 1.49 | .99 | .89 |
| Milk- Quart | 1.85 | .72 | .70 |
| Milk- Half Gallon | 2.75 | 1.39 | 1.34 |

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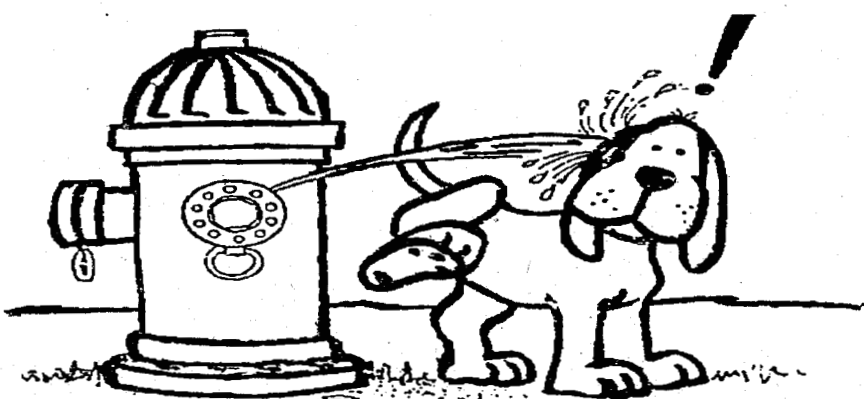


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Troubled Roads

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Little recalled a story of one of his patrol officers who clocked a driver going 81 miles per hour on the North Loop in front of the LIRR station. Since then, the police department, in conjunction with the Transportation and Parking Services, installed a new stop sign. A new light was also installed on the South Loop Road entrance to West Campus.

"The new light at the [South Loop] intersection has been really helpful," sophomore Matthew Gershen said. "I don't feel stressed out going through that area anymore."

There are, however, limitations on how many steps Stony Brook can take to control the driving problems on campus. Additional speed bumps often cannot be installed because of laws that prohibit them on public roadways. The main entrance is undergoing major construction since the building of the Wang Center, and most of the signs there are in limbo.

But surprisingly, Little said that most of the problems on campus occur where there are plenty of signs put up. Well-demarcated crosswalks at Tabler and Roosevelt have been the sites of the most accidents in past years. It is the driver's responsibility

to yield to pedestrians and follow the rules of the road.

"No one cares about pedestrians," senior Pratchi Kothari said. "I've been in the middle of a crosswalk and had someone step on the gas and pass within a foot of my body."

Additionally, Little asks that everyone on campus make sure his or her car is inspected and registered on time. "A lot of students with their parents' cars leave the car on campus for long periods of time, and don't remember to keep-up their vehicle," Ralph Stears, Jr., Head of the Police Department Record Office said. The police department distributes tickets for expired registration and inspection.

Little asks that anyone who notices particular driving problem areas on campus to make that information available to University Police.

Motor Vehicle Statistics for SBU

| | 2001 | 2002 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Hit and Runs: | 100 | 96 |
| Accidents: | 305 | 296 |
| Tickets: | | |
| Moving Violations | 1596 | 2087 |
| Warnings | 677 | 1087 |
| Parking Violations | 540 | 382 |
| Campus Parking | 10,553 | 10,287 |

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Students Allege Professor Asked Them to Pose in Swimsuits

By ERIC HOOVER
The Chronicle for Higher Education

Howard University is investigating allegations of sexual harassment made by several students who claim that a professor asked them to pose in bathing suits for a magazine that he edits.

Howard's student newspaper, *The Hilltop*, first reported last week that Nikongo BaNikongo, a professor of African-American studies, had been accused of inappropriate behavior by one of his former students. The student, Stephanie Holland, a sophomore, said in an interview on Tuesday that BaNikongo had asked her to pose seminude in the magazine *Caribbean Pride* last summer, and that the professor gave her a grade of an "incomplete D" after she declined.

BaNikongo, who is the magazine's editor, denies the allegations that Holland and other students have made against him.

The *Hilltop* article quoted a second student, whom it did not identify, who said that she had posed, in underwear and a T-shirt, for a photograph that apparently ran in last year's spring-summer issue of the magazine.

Two other women, both 2002 graduates of Howard, have since complained to the university about the professor, according to officials at Howard who asked not to be identified. One of the women, a former student of

BaNikongo's, has filed a sexual-harassment complaint with the university, alleging that the professor repeatedly took her dinner, asked her to help him produce a documentary, and asked her to pose for the magazine, according to *The Hilltop*.

The other graduate told the newspaper that the professor had asked her to appear in the magazine in a bikini and refused to pay her when she provided photographs taken by a third party.

Caribbean Pride is a quarterly magazine that deals with Caribbean culture and politics. The four-year-old publication has regularly included a page called "Tropical Heat" that features "fashionable" photographs of models, according to BaNikongo.

However, he has never asked one of his students to pose for the magazine, the professor told *The Chronicle* on Tuesday.

"I categorically deny the accusations," said BaNikongo, who has taught at Howard for 10 years. "I think my records will substantiate my refutation of the allegations."

BaNikongo said that he could not comment further. In a letter published in *The Hilltop* last week, he responded to some of the allegations raised by the students.

In response to Holland's accusations, for instance, BaNikongo wrote that he had "never" asked her to pose for

the magazine, but only to provide a photograph for an article that she had agreed to write for the publication. Regarding Holland's "incomplete D," BaNikongo wrote: "It ought to be known that such a grade was granted because by the time a grade had to be submitted, I was not in possession of the student's final exam which was a 'take-home.' I apprised her in person of that fact and attempted to inform her of the deadline by phone to no avail."

Holland says that she submitted her work on time and disputes that BaNikongo made attempts to contact her about her final exam.

Following a judicial hearing on the matter, Holland resubmitted her work to another professor and her final grade in the class was changed to a B, she said.

Several Howard officials declined to comment on the allegations against BaNikongo.

"The university is aware of the allegations and will handle them in a manner consistent with the university's faculty handbook and rules and regulations," said Alvin Thornton, associate dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

According to the faculty handbook, sexual harassment may be defined as "suggestions that submissions or rejection of sexual advances will affect decisions regarding such matters as an individual's employment, academic standing and/or grades."

On the Web, It's Easy to Earn Straight A's

Colleges face uphill battle in fight against sites selling fraudulent transcripts

By ANDREA L. FOSTER
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Want a Harvard diploma? How about a University of Virginia transcript?

For a few hundred dollars you can have either one — or any other phony college document you fancy. All you have to do is go to a Web site called BackAlleyPress.com, whose office is in China.

The site asks you to pick the college you want "authentic looking" credentials from, along with the desired degree, campus address, major, and grade-point average. Sending a MoneyGram is fine; you can also pay via bank transfer to an account at Hansabank, in Estonia.

The forgery of academic records is nothing new, but the explosion of Web sites selling fake degrees has made the problem markedly worse. As a result, at least two states, Illinois and North Dakota, are considering legislation that would make it a misdemeanor to peddle false academic credentials to secure a job or promotion, or to gain admission to college.

Meanwhile, college administrators are working to reduce the trafficking in phony documents by helping institutions send transcripts from one campus to another electronically, rather than through the mail. That way, the colleges are all but guaranteed that the student records they receive are genuine.

About 600 institutions are already using a server at the

University of Texas at Austin to send and receive transcripts nationwide, says Scott Burgy, lead systems analyst at California State University at Bakersfield. He is chairman of a group at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Business Officers that is working to standardize the electronic transmission of student documents.

"Within the profession we all recognize that even ... the most conscientious of us have been fooled at one time or another," said Peggy C. Askins, director of academic records and registrar at Oklahoma Baptist University. "About all we can do is fight it as hard as we can, but recognize that occasionally we're going to get blindsided."

Bob D. Lucas, owner of BoxFreeConcepts.com, calls it "strictly a humor site." But Lucas, who lives in Richmond, Va., acknowledges that some customers may try to use his documents to get a job or apply to graduate school. "We can't control everything," he said. Jeffrey Tabler, service manager of Cooldegree.com, says his site does not sell documents from real colleges: "Our products are purely for novelty and entertainment purposes only." Efforts to get comments from the operators of the other Web sites mentioned in this article were to no avail.

But these products are obviously being used to fake out colleges, and the wide availability of desktop publishing, scanning technology, and color printers has made it easy for any savvy computer user to create authentic-

looking transcripts. "You don't cut and paste with scissors. You cut and paste electronically," said Joe E. Orndorff, president of Scrip-Safe, a company in Loveland, Ohio, that manufactures paper for college transcripts. A swindler can scan a registrar's signature onto paper and make it look like a transcript, he notes. A color ink-jet printer can be used to mimic the lettering of a legitimate institution.

Scrip-Safe treats its paper, he adds, so that when a document is photocopied, the name of the college and the words "copy" or "void" blanket the copy, to prevent its being altered into a forgery.

Orndorff surveyed about 50 colleges in 1999 to find out how often employers who called colleges to verify someone's credentials discovered that they were phony. He estimates that at least half a million people a year lie to employers about having graduated from or attended college.

Finding Web-site operators in order to prosecute them or file civil charges can be difficult precisely because many of them are located overseas, says Martin Michaelson, a Washington lawyer. Few, if any, of the sites provide contact names, addresses, or telephone numbers.

The Chronicle spent \$505 to receive a fake Harvard diploma and transcript from BackAlleyPress.com that was sent from Thailand. The Web site says the printing is done by the Shun Luen Company Ltd., of Shenzhen, China. Payment was deposited in the Estonian bank.

International Students Flocking to British Schools

By KATE GALBRAITH
The Chronicle of Higher Education

British undergraduate programs accepted nearly 20 percent more international students last year than in 2001, according to figures released on Tuesday by the British Council.

The data, taken from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, show that 24,398 foreign students were accepted by British higher-education institutions last year. The total enrollment of foreign students in Britain was 232,760 for the 2001-2 academic year, according to the council, a government-sponsored organization that promotes British culture and education worldwide.

While that number is smaller than the 582,996 foreign students studying in the United States, the latest increase in British acceptances lends credence to Americans who worry

about foreign competition eating into the United States' share of the international-education market.

Many Americans are among the potential newcomers to Britain: According to the admissions service figures, the number of American students accepted to British undergraduate programs rose by 17 percent. For students from China and India, the increases were 67 percent and 31 percent, respectively.

Enrollment figures at Britain's top universities corroborate the findings of a rise in international interest. At the London School of Economics and Political Science, the number of students from outside the European Union rose to 4,047 in 2002, up from 3,270 in 2000. International enrollment at the University of Oxford is up nearly seven percent since 1999, rising to 4799 last year. The number of Americans at the University

of Cambridge has jumped 30 percent since 2000.

Tim Rogers, head of recruitment and admissions at the London School of Economics, attributed the rise there to the growing attraction of a one-year master's program. "International students are perhaps more willing to consider a year abroad rather than a longer program," he said.

JoAnn Bernhard, of the international-programs office at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, said that "study abroad is expanding, and has been expanding for years."

"Britain has always been the top place for students to go, partly because of English-language issues," said Bernhard, who oversees UMass's study-abroad programs in Britain. British universities have also made it easier than some other foreign universities to go for a semester rather than a whole year, she added. And, she said, "With the current climate right now, Britain seems to be a more secure place."



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Letter to the Editor

Stony Brook Is an Economic Engine for LI

Dear Editor,

We all know these are not rosy days for the New York State budget, or for the budgets of most other states.

Yet, we have an asset that is a powerful stimulant for economic recovery: the State University of New York. On Long Island we have Stony Brook University, by several measures the premier SUNY research university, which dramatically enriches living and the economy on Long Island.

In spite of New York's need to reduce spending, cuts to SUNY's research institutions - which drive regional economies - would in the long run cost the state more than it would save.

In pure economic terms, the direct payback on the state's investment in Stony Brook is spectacular. Lee Koppelman, director of the university's Center for Regional Policy Studies, made a very thorough analysis of Stony Brook as a "business" four years ago. In fiscal 1998, Albany invested about \$270 million in Stony Brook.

That's a lot of money, but according to Koppelman's report the total business revenues associated with the university that year topped \$1 billion. The extra revenue came from research sponsored by the federal government and corporations, university hospital and clinical practice, student tuition, expenditures for campus residences, and food and other services.

Furthermore, using economic multipliers established by the Long Island Regional Planning Board, this translated into more than \$2.5 billion worth of economic activity on Long Island that would not have existed without the university. The state and local tax revenue on this economic activity far exceeded state taxpayer expenditures. A true money machine.

The case for continued strong support for a public research university such as Stony Brook gets more compelling as one takes into account more of the good things that follow from having the intellectual and technical capability that is part and parcel of a university. The research discoveries, the R&D support and stimulus coming through partnerships with many of the hundreds of Long Island's new high technology companies, and university incubator facilities and support services for start-up companies together create hundreds of millions more in added revenue for businesses. Koppelman's survey put added business revenue at more than \$180 million a year.

The state investment has other payoffs. For example, Stony Brook's assets made it natural to become a partner in the management of

Brookhaven National Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy. Brookhaven, one of the premier multi-purpose national labs, with an annual budget in excess of \$450 million, has its own technology and business support activities for the region and state, has enormous impact on the regional and state economies, and its scientists and staff create science and technology advances that benefit all of us.

Finally, let's add the extra earning power and improved quality of life created by all the education that goes on. At Stony Brook, about 4,500 graduates receive bachelors, masters,

doctorate and professional degrees each year. Using standard studies, the added earning power for all these degree recipients each year is more than \$100 million and, of course, this earning power lasts over the course of their working careers.

In the last year, New York State has made important new investments that build on the many capabilities of the state's universities and are designed to stimulate economic development directly. Gov. George Pataki's Centers of Excellence and the NYSTAR programs are examples. Considering these initiatives, and considering the tough budget times, one might ask why not cut back on core

support - the sum of state budget appropriations and student tuition. Why not expect even more leverage on investment?

The answer is that dependable support of the core activities of the public university seeds and sustains the tree that miraculously bears all this fruit. This core support is the basis for attracting and keeping the faculty, students and staff that define an institution. Some of the research and learning at universities is of a very general nature; it improves our understanding of the universe and ourselves within the universe. While the payoffs often are harder to measure, it is this "basic" research that often yields far and away the biggest payoffs down the road.

Some research and learning has more direct application to immediate economic development. The areas of the nation that are famous for nurturing forward-looking economic development, for example Triangle Park in North Carolina and California's Bay area, have great research universities at their centers. At a university, as the word suggests, it is the totality of the intellectual enterprise that ultimately spins all this up. Especially now, with a large state deficit, it is important to preserve the return on state investment in SUNY and particularly of Long Island's research campus.

Provost Robert L. McGrath

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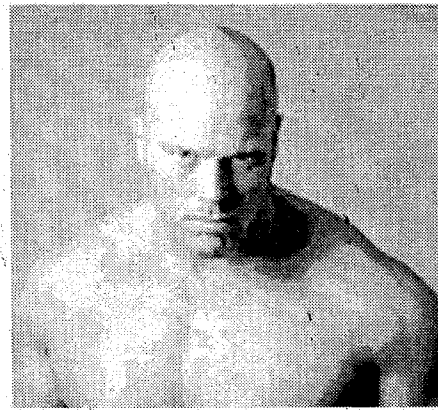
BY MICHAEL ADLER
Statesman Staff

G'day, mate. Many of you probably know by now that Nathan Jones is coming to the WWE. He's been presented as a dangerous convict who's spent ten years of his life in an Australian Prison for armed robbery. He's had a lot of time to himself, and he's ready to come to the WWE to kick butt.

And at first I was looking forward to his coming. The little vignettes that have aired of him in a prison cell, talking about his time behind bars, impressed me. He seems like a dark, scary individual, maybe even someone who can improve the sagging ratings. But recent events have soured my view of Nathan Jones.

In last week's Smackdown rant on www.themarks.com, it was revealed that Nathan Jones had to have surgery in the eighties. Why? Well, it seems as though he had taken so many steroids that he grew a mammary gland in his chest and started lactating uncontrollably. He needed the surgery to get it taken out. This was the biggest laugh I had all semester. I knew if a guy took enough steroids he could grow a breast, but had no idea it would be in working order. Not only is Nathan Jones a WWE superstar, he's also a hulking lesson in biochemistry. If there were more people like Nathan Jones, willing to take so many steroids, world hunger would be a thing of the past.

The bigger problem is with his wrestling abilities. His character thus far is great, but his in-ring ability is



Courtesy of www.mone.com

Nathan Jones, an ex-convict from an Australian prison, is joining the WWE.

proving to be dismal. At six feet ten inches tall, Nathan Jones is another classic example of a big man that cannot wrestle. Smackdown certainly needs more of them, with Hulk Hogan and A-Train there to stink up the ring. I suppose

I can't pass a final judgment on the guy because I haven't seen him wrestle, but the initial outlook isn't good. In a house show last weekend, he injured Matt Hardy's ankle, which is terrible. Well, the WWE doesn't really care, I'm sure, because Jones is eight inches taller and more muscular than Hardy is. Matt Hardy also lacks the ability to breast feed. A true in-ring professional does not injure their opponent.

Only time will tell what his impact on the WWE is. My prediction is that he will leave a trail of injured and broken cruiserweights to eventually have a really bad match with Brock Lesnar. But hey, the Australian accent is really cool.

Email Mike on the Mat at mantis_bog@hotmail.com with your harrowing tales of male breastfeeding.

Stony Brook Seawolves Cream New Hampshire

BY DANA GOMI
Statesman Staff

In a season riddled with disappointment and injuries, the Stony Brook women's basketball team is now having its most positive stretch. With a 5-13 record, a week that includes both a win and an individual honor has to be pretty good.

The Seawolves played an impressive game against New Hampshire on Sunday, winning 90-72 and snapping a two-game losing streak. The team also got some good news when forward Sherry Jordan was named American East Player of the Week. She received this same honor two weeks ago.

From the beginning of the game the Seawolves fought hard, but they trailed 38-31 with half-time approaching.



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Coach Trish Roberts has dealt with a lot of adversity this season.

SBU then scored seven points in a row with the help of a Jordan three-pointer to tie the contest at 38-38. There were a total of eight ties over the course of the game.

Once again, Jordan had a great game, getting her third double-double of the season with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

She also had four steals. But Jordan wasn't the only player to lead the team to victory. Three other Seawolves reached double figures. Stephanie Barlett scored 22 points, equaling her career high and hit four out of seven from beyond the three-point arc. Danyelle Ingram scored 16 points and collected five assists. Forward Danielle DeGiorgio finished with 17 points.

The win, which brings SBU's record to 5-13, helped them draw closer to .500 in conference play improving them to 3-4 in American East Standings. The win put the Seawolves past three teams.

Some players felt it was the team's best game of the season. It included SBU making its last ten shots as the game was winding down.

"Because it was tied, we had to go out there even stronger, go at it and shut them up," DeGiorgio said. She hit her

first three-pointer of the season in the closing minutes of the contest.

"The hype of the game kept me up," she added. "I haven't been shooting well in practice. I have been practicing and practicing. It wasn't feeling good."

The team has been held back by injuries and currently has only six players available. The Seawolves were playing without Meghan Barrett, plagued by sore ankles, Malica Jibowu, out with a foot injury, and Kelly McManus, who will be inactive for a while due to an injury in her left knee. Theresa LoParrino just came back from stress fractures.

"There is no getting around that we have six players. It's a long season," DiGiorgio said. "We have to deal with it. The best way to do it is come out, get hyped and win. We have to get on a winning track again."

Campus Voices: What Do You Think of Campus Dining?

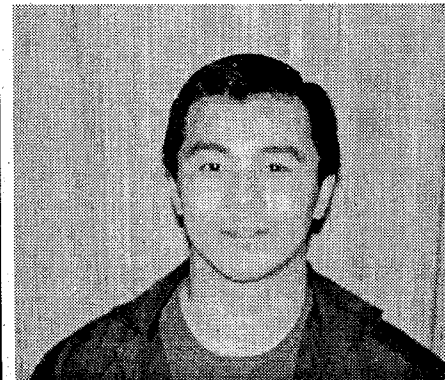
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I like that we can eat meals whenever we want without set hours or time restrictions. There's also a great variety of food. However, I do feel that it is overpriced.
-Adrienne Krone, sophomore (right)

The cafeteria at the hospital is dirty and overpriced. Their menu is not diverse enough and I have trouble finding something appetizing enough to eat, except sushi. The coffee is lousy, too. Here at the lab, we call it the puke-a-teria. I think West Campus dining is good, though. They have better variety all together.

-Valentina Schmidt, Ph.D.
Department of Medicine (left)

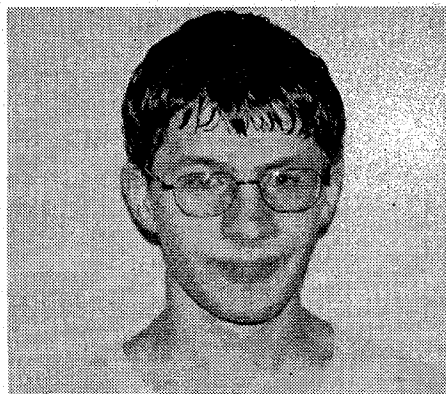


Campus Dining can be good at times. However, it's overpriced and the service leaves much to be desired. They need more nutritional food with less junk and more efficient employees.
-Phillip Aubrey, junior (right)

Food on campus is getting better, but the prices aren't competitive enough. The dining facilities are also too crowded during class time. The problem is that I have no choice because I have to eat.

-Paigee Chou, senior (left)

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The food on campus is somewhat overpriced, but it's of fairly good quality. It just bothers me that they use nonrecyclable containers, and I also think that the TVs in the cafeterias are irritating.
-Eric Rus, sophomore (left)



Campus Dining needs more quality control. Some of the food is way too greasy and oily, and there is no consistency in quality. Also, the SAC gets way too crowded. They need to open more registers and maybe an express lane.
-Swagata Biswas, sophomore (left)

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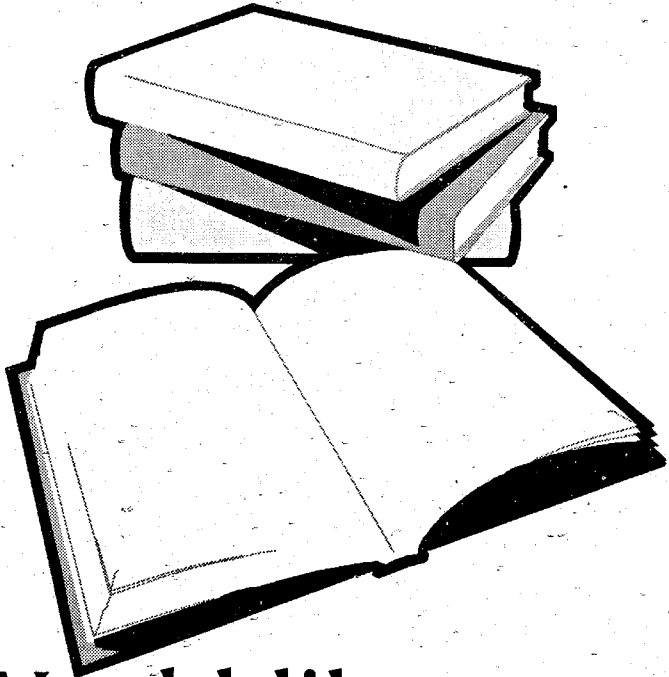
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| Sunday, 2/2 | Tanger Outlet Trip | | 11:00 am |
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2:17 p.m. - Petit Larceny in Indoor Sports Complex locker room, athletic equipment taken
9:33 p.m. - Unlawful possession of marijuana in Toscanini 214C. RA requested assistance. Smell of marijuana
10:22 p.m. - Suspicious persons in Kelly Inner Quad, Dewey. 4 males with masks and bats destroying computer (Suspects own property)
11:08 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident by hospital emergency room parking lot
11:14 p.m. - Grand and Petit larceny ISC. 2 separate wallets stolen



Jan. 28, 2003

12:07 a.m. - Smell of marijuana at Hamilton College. 2 subjects referred

10:38 a.m. - Lost property. University hospital key
11:32 a.m. - Lost property. Main campus-wallet with contents lost
4:04 p.m. - Found property. University grounds key
4:10 p.m. - Suspicious person in Westchester Hall. Letter from Iraq with brown sticky substance
7:43 p.m. - Found property. HSC garage-stethoscope

Jan. 29, 2003

3:48 p.m. - Grand larceny. Gray C205 wallet
5:14 p.m. - Arrest
5:57 p.m. - Grand larceny. Old chemistry 105 (computer)
6:15 p.m. - Petit larceny. Kelly Quad - 4 street signs

Jan. 30, 2003

8:50 a.m. - Found property. Forest Dr. and South Dr., Backpack with contents found
1:44 p.m. - Grand larceny. Mount College room C-224, laptop computer stolen
5:48 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident. South Dr., Minor injuries sustained, victims transported

Jan. 31, 2003

8:06 a.m. - Petit larceny. License plate taken off van
12:27 p.m. - HQ male subject arrested on prior reference
1:50 p.m. - Making graffiti in O'Neill College basement hallway. Threats written in pencil
2:26 p.m. - Major fire in Stimson 129. Fire in garbage can, entire wing filled with smoke
4:14 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident. VH Garage rear surface lot. Minor damage

Feb. 1, 2003

2:21 a.m. - Fires set to papers on door of O'Neil College
9:23 a.m. - Found property. ER P-lot wallet

Feb. 3, 2003

2:10 p.m. - Petit larceny, LI State Veterans Home. \$70-\$80 taken
4:29 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Hit and Run at LI State Veterans Home

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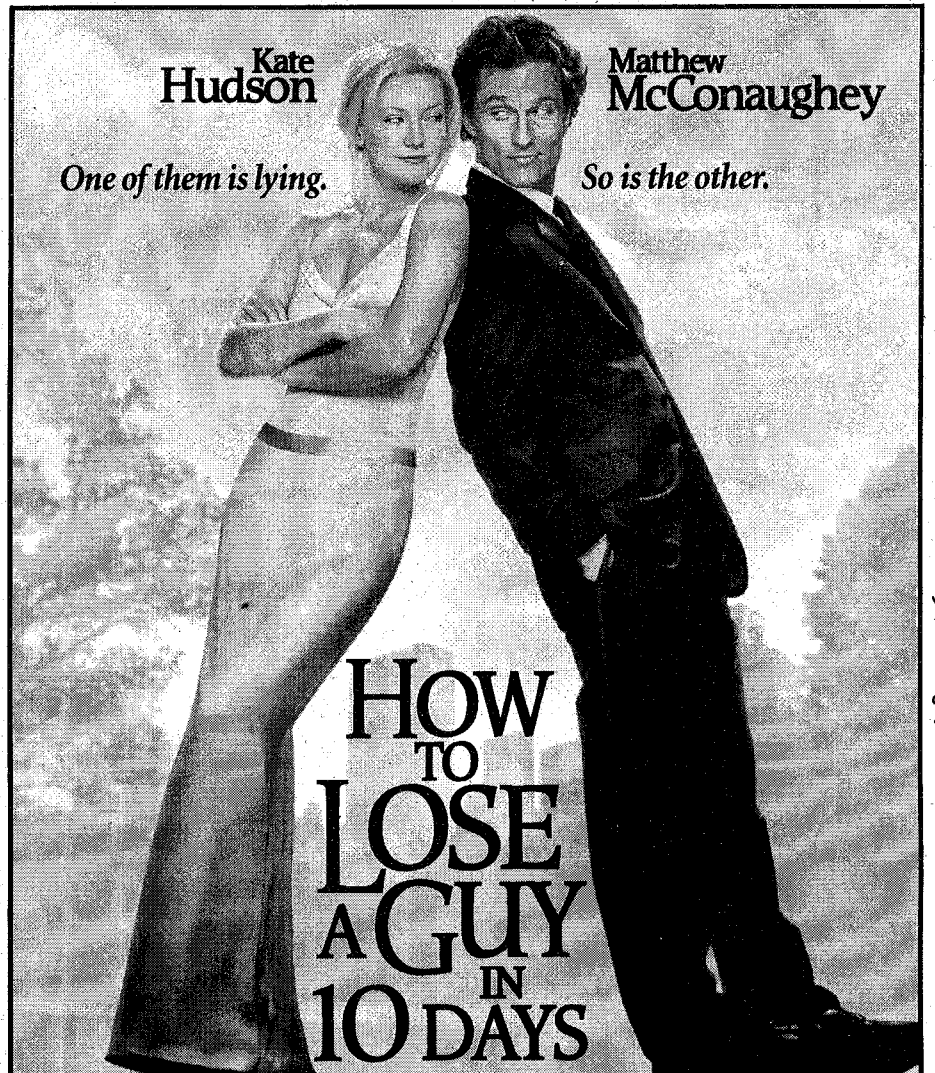
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