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Happy Valentine's Day

People around the world say "I Love You" in many different ways:
Te amo (Spanish), Ani Ohev Otakh (Hebrew), Wo ai ni (Chinese),
Main tumse pyaar karta hoon (Hindi), M'bi ye mo (Sango).



Here's how Stony Brook students say "I Love You."

To Tim:
I don't know what happened between us but I do know that I miss you very much. Believe or not, you are still very special to me. I really hope we can restore what we had. Please call me.

Bunny

"To my Teddybear,
I love you hun and will forever be yours. You are the sunshine of my life and have made me happier than I could ever imagine. Thank you.

Happy Valentine's Day sweetie.

Your "Princess"

To my fiancée Brienne:
I love you more with every passing day.

—ami—

We just wanted to wish all the lovely ladies of the former "New Cardozo Crew" a special and happy Valentine's Day.

With Deepest sincerity,
Jeffrey, Ryan, and Ali.

Dearest BriGuy,

You are the love of my life and since I have been dating you my life has changed for the better. You are a dream come true and I look forward to spending the next 100 more years of my life with you. I love you so much.

Love, Mireille

Tea,

With the passing of each day, I feel our love growing stronger. Whenever thoughts of you come to mind, my heart swells with joy and I'm moved to laughter and tears all at once. You are my one true love

and my best friend. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love Always, U

Hey boo,

Just wanna wish you a happy valentine's day and thanks for being my babe =) I'm happy to have you in my life.

I love you,
Your baby =)

K-

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

-Jigglypuff

To My Valentine:

Thank you for making me the happiest girl in the world!
Happy Valentine's Day!

Love Always, Jennifer

KD,

Despite everything, I need to let you know that my feelings are beyond the mere definitions of words, but in confession I have to profess that I still love you truly and deeply. I have to tell you that nothing and no one can erase what we have shared and that you do and will continue to hold the key to my heart because of all the things you represent for me. Happy Valentine's.

Love Always,
KD

P.S. I respect the fact that you are human. We are all entitled to our mistakes, you and I included.

You,
You are all my reasons. I love you.
Always,
Me

Dearest Kelly,
To love is to admire with the heart; to admire is to love with the mind.
Love, Jeff

To all my people on campus:

Just wanted to wish everyone I know a happy Valentine's day. Hope you all have a good one. You know the name...

TRAXX HOLLA <>

S,

I aim to turn your luck around for the better this Valentine's day. I don't think you will mind! Happy valentine's day, sexy.

Kisses,
J

To all the Sexy B's at Stony Brook,

Have a Happy Valentine's Day. But if your man don't treat you right, holla at me!

-G

Dear Ernie, I love you very much, Happy Valentines day -
Love Jeanette

Dear Anthony, I love you,
Happy Valentines - Jennie

Dear Kim,
Happy Valentine's Day!!!
From,
Greg

Dear Jeff,
Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction. (Not that I don't enjoy gazing at you...) Thanks for being my Valentine.

Love,
Kelly

Jerit, my love,
If I had a rose for every time I thought of you, I'd walk through a garden forever.
Happy Valentines Day Sweetheart!! October 27, 2001

Love always,
Urvi

To my dearest Peter Grijalvo,
'twas not my lips you kissed, but my soul.

Be My Valentine!!
Love always,
Cora

Adnan,
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you, Boo.
Rubina

Love is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. Love never fails!

1 Corinthians 13:4 - 8



Dear Kuv,
Someone once said, "As soon as you cannot keep anything from a woman, you love her." With that said, I really had four milkshakes at the diner that night.

All my love, Ryan

Peaches,
Girl, you make me crazy. All I need is you and a gallon of cream. Be my Valentine now and forever, and I can promise you that you won't ever regret it. Kisses and licks...

D.J.

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Undergrad Apartments: A Work in Progress

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM
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It has been nearly two months since all four of the undergraduate apartment buildings opened, and students have begun to compare their new surroundings to the older residence halls.

Most agree that the apartments are a vast improvement beyond the dormitories, but are quick to point out that many final touches were left undone in the hasty construction.

"I moved in during finals and the paint was still wet in some places," said Evelyn Shah, president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). "A lot of my friends were angry when they moved in, but they are happy with their rooms now."

The RHA serves as a governing council for students living in residence halls on campus. It is a sounding board for students to express concerns about hall living, and helps to keep lines of communication open between students and Campus Residences.

Students complained bitterly to the RHA when they received notice that the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) dismissed the original contractor last August. The situation



Students living in the undergraduate apartments pointed to several oversights from the hasty construction.

worsened when expectant apartment residents were forced to triple up in dorms and have their move-in further delayed.

Building B, the first undergraduate apartment to be completed, opened in October. The other three opened on Dec. 17.

Clearly, the apartments have advantages the dormitories lack. Each suite consists of two

bathrooms, a kitchen, four bedrooms, and a living room. In addition to a sink, stove, and cabinets, the kitchen comes with a full refrigerator and a microwave. Two of the bedrooms are doubles and two are singles.

Even so, students have noticed room for improvement.

"I like this much better than my old dorm, but the place still needs some

work," said Shanee Graham, a senior in Building B. "For one thing there's no phone outside near the front door. It can be dangerous for girls at night."

Graham also mentioned radiator leaks, faulty cable jacks and peeling paint. Her suitemate, Christina Dangervil, voiced a more serious concern.

"Construction workers seem to see the apartments as community space," Dangervil said. "They come in the suite whenever they want, without warning. Most of the time they check equipment or make repairs, but sometimes they just use our bathrooms."

According to Dallas Bauman, the assistant vice president of Campus Residences, many of these issues have been taken into account and will be addressed in the coming months. The major concern of the administration was to allow students who were tripled and delayed to move in as soon as possible.

"The exterior work that still needs to be done is mostly detail stuff," Bauman said. "It shouldn't take too long to clean up. The new contractor is as eager to get out of here as everyone else is to see the building completed."

SBU Students Explore Native Roots During African Pride Week

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Staff

African American students are celebrating Black History Month at Stony Brook with their first official African Pride Week. This week features several African cultural exhibitions including art shows, films, dances, and poetry readings. Melville Library is also hosting lectures on Civil Rights movements and African politics.

Within these seven days, African students like Ada Emerenini, the vice president of the African Student Union (ASU), hope "that people learn something new and different about the African heritage."

African Pride Week kicked off this past Sunday at a Catholic Mass in the Stony Brook Union Ballroom. Parts of the Mass were said in different African languages, and the dinner that followed included spicy cultural delicacies. The Mass also included a performance by the Stony Brook Gospel Choir. "The choir was so powerful, it gave me goosebumps," said Joici Job, a parishioner.

On Monday, an African Dance Troop presented a free dance class in the SAC for



Stony Brook University students celebrating African pride.

Stony Brook students. According to the ASU, students have expressed an increased interest in learning native African dance. Curious onlookers joined the class as Congo drummers beat out the native rhythms and songs of Africa.

Edith Ashamole, president of the ASU,

remarked that "a lack of promotion and poor weather reduced their expected student turnout for the dance classes." However, students who attended the session gave the two hours high acclaim.

"I was able to interact with an interesting part of African culture. I wouldn't have done

something like this anywhere else," said Tracy Joseph.

Pride Week continued as African students displayed their traditional garments on Tuesday through "African Threads". Women showcased native attire, including colorful head wraps and dresses. The men adorned different styles of pants with knee length tops. "It's an expression of who we are. Students are proud of their heritage," Ashamole said.

On Thursday, Valentine's Day, the ASU

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New Faces Show Themselves at Polity

By RICHARD MERTZ
Statesman Contributor

With nearly full attendance at last Wednesday's meeting, Polity got down to business: orienting the many newly elected Senators, ratifying appointments to the Polity Judiciary, adding new members to Bylaw subcommittees, splitting up into Budget subcommittees and attending to other items on the agenda.

The recent budget and election debacles have kept Polity from accomplishing some of its most basic functions, such as screening and appointing a judiciary. Frustration levels have been high. Debate over the merits of voting the nominees in as a bloc or as individuals threatened to take over the entire session.

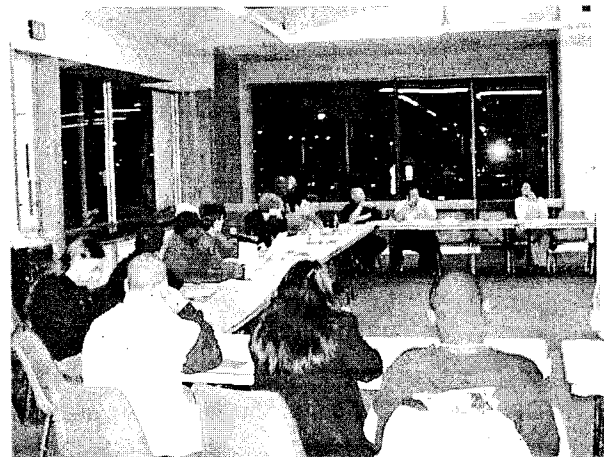
When the issue was finally resolved, Senator Mike Bernardin declared, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to announce that we now have a fully functional government!"

Senator Godfrey Palia also reiterated his call for the hiring of a Parliamentarian, which Polity has done without for the past year-and-a-half, citing the less than smooth judiciary ratifications as an example. The

Parliamentarian helps determine the correct application of parliamentary rules. This lack of guidance is a major factor in the political and procedural confusion that besets Polity each semester. Polity is also missing a formal training program for new members. As a result, many senators rely on informal Q & A sessions hosted by their more knowledgeable peers, to make sense of how things are done.

Polity has a great deal of work ahead of it. The Bylaw subcommittees will be addressing the inconsistencies between the Polity Bylaws, Constitution and the Chancellor's Guidelines — inconsistencies that have in some regards led Polity to its current situation.

Budget Subcommittees covering the College LEGs (including CSA's), Programming, Athletics, Academics, Media, Services and Cultural & Advocacy will be convening. Each will look at the finances of the related clubs, services and events that fall under their jurisdictions. Many senators have voiced a desire for greater scrutiny and oversight, as well as changes in allocations in order to better serve the campus community.



Statesman/Gene Tulman

Polity Senators met last Wednesday to revise their Bylaws and Constitution.

This though, is just a beginning. An initiative to revamp Polity's voting system using the internet is underway. Polity means to change things. At least, that's what they're saying.

SBU Celebrates African Pride Week

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will host "Colors of Love", an Open Mic poetry reading and Dance night for all students. "Through celebrations between cultures, we will achieve unity," asserted Emerenini. The Health Sciences Center will host Friday's events, which are sponsored by the combined efforts of many organizations and cultural groups.

The program entitled "Divided by Water, United by Culture" includes a lecture, an exhibition of African sculpture and painting, African and Latin American cuisine and several other performances. That evening, the ASU and the Committee for Cinematic Arts (COCA) will show African movies in the SBU Union.

The student associations sponsoring African Pride Week expect an increased turnout as more students become aware of upcoming events. The schedules are posted on red "Black History Month Calendar" posters around campus. "Everyone is welcome to join these events; the doors are open," Emerenini said.



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Fraternity brothers step-danced at the opening ceremony of the African Pride Week on Monday.

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ACLU Eyes Civil Liberties During the War



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Nanci Webber, executive director of the Suffolk County chapter of the ACLU, spoke on the war on terror and civil liberties.

BY JONATHAN VAILLANCOURT
Statesman Contributor

The Sept. 11 attacks have aggravated social tensions across the United States. Racial profiling has been on the rise since then, and Civil Libertarian organizations have begun to step in.

Cherry Glaser, secretary of the Graduate Student Organization, set up the "War on Terrorism" seminar in the Alliance room, in which the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) presented facts on Civil Liberties.

Nanci Webber, Executive Director of the Suffolk Chapter ACLU, spoke alongside her friend Peter Davis.

Davis opened telling students that SBU and Touro Law School contained the largest vocal Civil Libertarian groups.

With Stony Brook's size it was suggested that, following in Touro's

voice all its own.

If such a sub-chapter was formed SBU would be joining under the NYCLU (New York State Libertarian Union), with the ACLU. The ACLU is fighting against numerous laws that have been passed since 9/11.

"[The most] lasting and devastating effects of Sept. 11 are if we don't safeguard our civil liberties," Webber said.

One such law passed since Sept. 11 is House Bill 3162, "The Patriot Act," which directly affects the rights of University Students. This law gives law enforcement officials more access to student records.

The Patriot Act was placed into action by the House only after a few hours of deliberation, void of any public insight or influence.

Webber urged students to contact their representatives in Washington, DC

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footsteps, there should be a sub-chapter designated for SBU. This would allow students to form their own organization, with a representational

against such Acts. "Let's make our voices heard... and know your rights," said Webber.

The ACLU is involved with

many issues, and works to ensure that Civil Liberties are not infringed. The Suffolk Chapter is one of many Civil Libertarian organizations, New York State contains a total of 175,000 members.

Membership is annually \$20, however, for low income members (i.e. Students) member ship could be as low as \$5. The Suffoc Chapter ACLU publishes a local newsletter for members twice a year.

All members to the NYCLU get a newsletter directly from the state, and on occasion urgent issues are spread by e-mail.

"We need an ACLU chapter here on campus," said first year philosophy graduate student Chad Kautzeer.

Most recently the NYCLU is involved in a court cases, NYCLU v. Pataki.

The court case deals with failing school districts that lack recourses for their students.

A failing school district is defined as one that does not and can not provide an adequate or safe environment and education. The 20 or so named schools have found to be related with ethnicity, which the NYCLU is looking into.

The NYCLU has argued that the court should step in, much like how the NYC educational system was reformed, and redistribute wealth throughout NYS schools.

Author Lectures on Recolonizing Philippines

BY SUGANYA RAJAMANICKAM
Statesman Contributor

Students had the opportunity to listen to Stephen Shalom, author of "The U.S. and the Philippines: A Study of Neocolonialism", at the SAC on Monday Feb. 11.

Shalom is also co-editor of "The Philippines Reader," and a contributor of the Z Magazine "Re-colonizing Philippines".

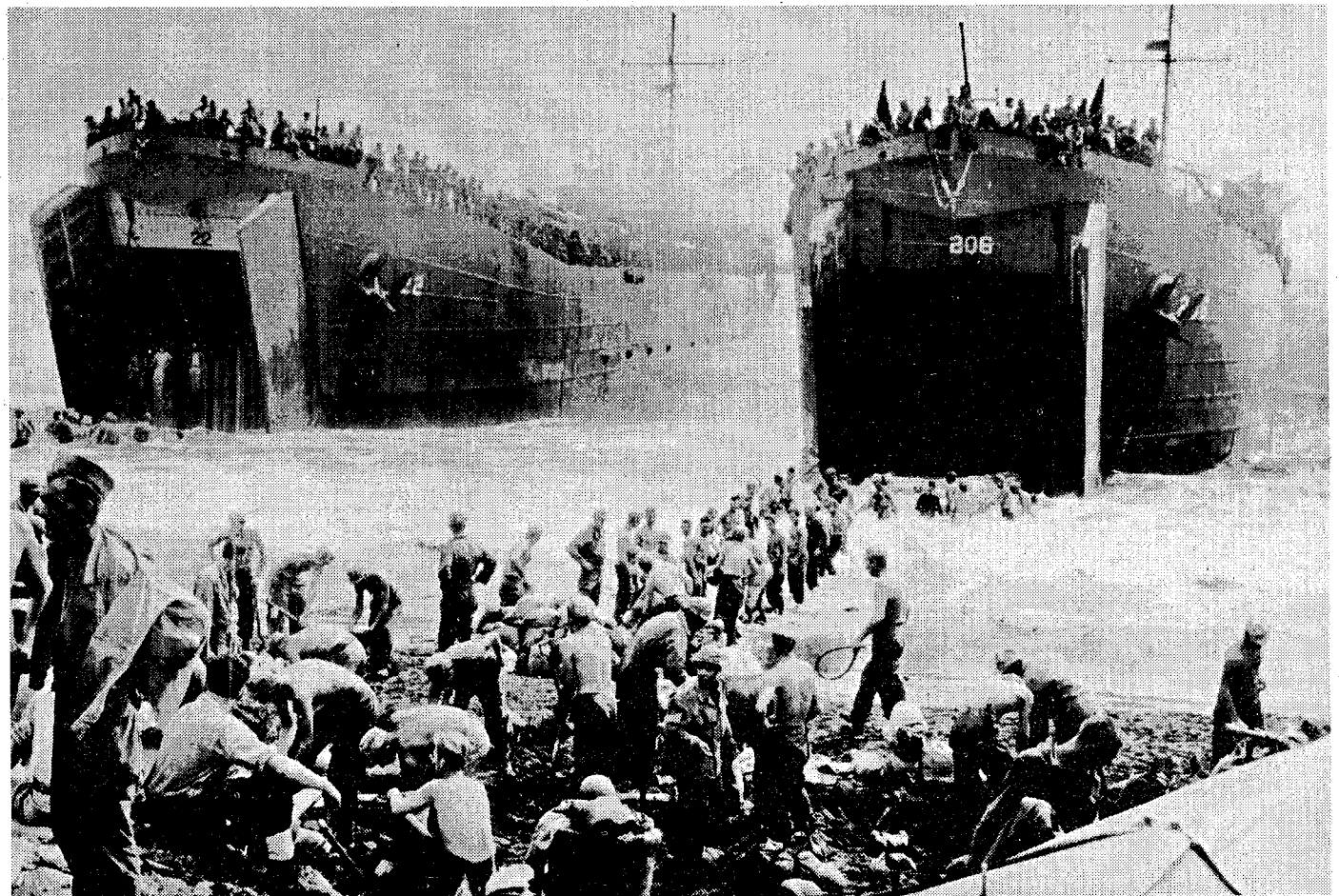
The views of the Republicans and the Democrats were discussed. Republicans wanted to keep the Philippines. Democrats wanted the Philippines to be free, or as free as Cuba. The Communist island cannot borrow money without the U.S. president's approval and the United States has the right to intervene whenever it wants.

In 1933, the United States passed a law providing for Philippine independence, giving up the territory voluntarily.

"The army base that was originally excited about the base in Philippines later felt that the base was too far away and hard to defend." Shalom said. "There was also more competition for jobs, which led to racial tension."

Shalom then went on to say that "when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the next thing they did was to overtake the Philippines."

During 1944-1945, the United States reconquered the Philippines, but with great costs. July 4 1946 marked the ceremony when the U.S. flag was pulled down, and the independent Philippines flag was hoisted up.



Courtesy of www.nara.gov

U.S. troops loaded their equipment and military force onto the Philippines during WWII. The occupation had long lasting effects.

"Economically, Philippines were told that they had to amend their constitution to include the U.S. Economically and militarily, Philippines were more tied to the U.S. than they were before independence. The U.S. still dominated the Philippines."

Then came 1991, when the United States military base expired.

For the first time in 92 years, the United States forces were told that they had to leave the Philippines. The Philippines said that they would be

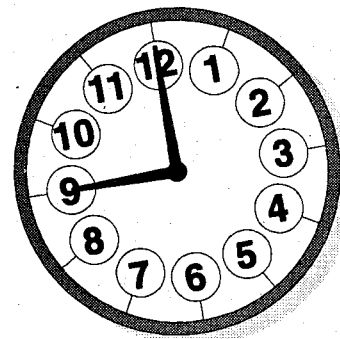
"nuclear-free."

The war continued for another century after 1902 in the South Philippines, where seven percent of the population are Muslims. For at least 30 years, Muslims have been trying to get rights.

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| Monday- Come Home, Behold Africa w/ MEΨ Inc. | SAC Lobby 12-3pm |
| Tuesday- African Threads | Campus wide All day! |
| Wednesday- Our Roots w/ AFS Dept. and MEΨ Inc | SAC Lobby @Black Expo 12pm |
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Black Career Development Expo

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK
Statesman Staff

The annual Black Career Development Expo featured 30 different companies this year.

The purpose of the five year-old event is "to provide an opportunity for minority students to meet with representatives so they can be exposed to the skills necessary to enter the job market," said Graduate Coordinator and President of the planning committee, Jonnel Doris.

Due to time and the market, there was a decrease in the number of groups that could show up. However, many companies came to offer their part-time, full-time, and internship positions to the SBU students.

One of the many groups to crowd the SAC lobby from noon to 4 p.m. was the United Parcel Service. Although many students were looking for full-time positions, the company offered several part-time openings with pay beginning at \$8.50 an hour. College students also qualify for up to a \$5,250 per year tuition reimbursement. Representative David Viskewich reported that there was a response from about 30 to 40 students and it was not limited to minorities only.

"This is a central area to hold this event. We got a lot of traffic," he said.

The United States Army Healthcare Recruiter, First Lieutenant Stephen K. Trynosky, received many questions from pre-medical students.

The Long Island Head Injury Association was looking for students to fill part-time, full-time, evening, overnight, and weekend positions. By closing time, they had 24 students set up for interviews the next day. "This event is definitely beneficial for us. The huge response will help us fill very important positions," commented the group's representative, Lori Sondersted.

In their third year at the Expo, the Developmental Disabilities Institute received about the same number of interested students as usual. The company has seen many SBU students work their way up in DDI.

"We have quite a few supervisory positions held by Stony Brook students," said representative Jean Austin.

Organizations from within SBU such as Career Center, FSA, Polity, Human Resources, and the Blood Drive were also at the Expo. The Career Center usually hosts the large job fair in the Sports Complex, but received many questions from students getting ready to graduate.

Doris described some behind-the-scene programs sponsored by Administration for minority groups. One event brings high school students from Central Moriches, Brentwood, South Country School District, and the New York Public School System to SBU for a tour and a keynote address.

Willie Edlo, President of United Way Long Island, gave an inspirational speech on career opportunities and goals during this year's program. The event receives support from the Student Union Activities, Polity, Career Center, FSA, and the Office of the Vice-President for Administration.

"We received a good response from the minority population and we definitely support the program," added representative Mark Pugliese.

Sorority Sigma Gamma Rho was set up at the Expo to sell "Sigma Sweets", their own version of Valentine's chocolates to raise funds for their group. Sister Tiffany Birdsall commented, "Sigma Gamma Rho promotes greater service for a greater progress."

Doris expressed joy in coordinating this year's Expo.

"I was just happy to do this. It embodies what the student government wants, it displays student activism, and it allows us to do good for one another. There are many minority initiatives in the job market today, and this program is here to educate minority students."



Statesman/Debolina Kowshik

Students spoke to corporate representatives at the Black Career Development Exposition yesterday.

Career Center Spotlight

By KAREN RICE
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook students interested in beginning a job or internship search can find an array of helpful people and job search tools at the Stony Brook Career Center.

The center works to help students from every major and minor find a job or internship that interests them, according to Marianna Savoca, director of the Center.

The center has eight professional staff members, which include career and internship counselors, and four administrative staff members who direct phone calls and assist students with making appointments to see counselors.

Tools that are available to students range from job-posting binders to free literature on jobs from a wide variety of career fields, career seminars and workshops that allow students to

meet with possible employers and perfect their job search strategies, and a drop-in service where career counselors individually help students perfect their resumes and cover letters.

Another tool available to students is Monstertrak.com, which, according to Savoca, is "a highly sophisticated piece of technology that we use to manage the on-campus recruiting process."

Monstertrak.com, which used to be known as Jobtrak.com until it merged with Monster.com, is available to all students and allows them to post their resume, find out about available jobs that may interest them, be contacted by possible employers, send out emails and take part in virtual

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Editorial

The Price of Love

"Nothing says 'I love you' like a diamond." Perhaps now that we have entered the easily marketable palindrome year, men have officially lost the ability to say "I love you" without spending at least a couple hundred dollars on a nice piece of jewelry. What exactly is the real point of the current holiday during which a cute little bubbly guy flies around butt naked hitting people with arrows? Let's examine this supposedly religious holiday.

In nursery school, we all made Valentine's Day gifts for our parents, possibly the only two people we really loved at that time. We tried hard to put together some semblance of a card to bring home. That was, without a doubt, a good quality gift of which we could definitely be proud. The cutting, pasting, drawing, and glittering was heavy manual labor.

Although our moms probably never saw this labor of love again until we were cleaning out the garage more than 10 years later for college storage, the gift was one from the heart. The idea of "coming from the heart" squashed beneath the commercialization of this day intended for love and lovers has been visibly absent from the meaning of the day for a long time now.

Why is Valentine's Day such a marketable holiday? Helen Keller is famous for saying, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart." How can an item of jewelry truly "be felt within the heart." Go ahead, buy the piece of jewelry (ladies, get him that leather jacket or fancy cologne and shaving cream set) but make sure that there is more to the exchange than that.

Valentine's Day, originally marketed to us in preschool as a way to show those closest to us how much we care, becomes a materialsitic haze of chocolate truffles and red roses as we become adults. There's nothing wrong with gifts, but the best gift one person can give to someone on Valentine's Day, or any other day, is love.

Most importantly, this someone doesn't necessarily have to be a specific significant other. Let Valentine's Day be an occasion when we remind certain people how much they mean to us. Make Valentine's Day activities a habit. Look for sales on construction paper, crayons, glue sticks, doilies and glitter. You would be shocked to see how much a little homemade card can really make someone smile.

Op-Ed

Dick Cheney's Got a Secret

By ARIF RAFIQ
Statesman Editor

It is becoming increasingly evident that Iraq will become the next target in President Bush's "war on terror". The President will seek to complete the business his father failed to take care of 10 years ago, ousting Saddam Hussein. First comes the rhetoric, then the "diplomatic" maneuvering to get your allies on board, and then the bombs start to fall.

We got the rhetoric on Jan. 29th when Bush snubbed Libya, Sudan, and Syria by including only Iran, Iraq, and North Korea in the "axis of terror". Now why include these three nations as being part of an axis?

Was Bush reading Huntington's "Clash of Civilizations" while eating pretzels (think Islamic-Confucian axis)? Has he become a fan of foreign policy affirmative action (i.e. the bad guy's not only Habib and Mohammed, but it's also Mr. Kim)? Is this supposed to be an "inclusive" axis of terror? No, in reality this, in the words of President Bush, is pure "strategy".

There is no real axis. Iraq is a predominantly Shi'ia Muslim country, but Saddam, a Sunni, can only stay in power

via the usage of sheer force. An alliance with Iran would certainly be tough to create since the two nations did fight an eight year war costing millions of lives.

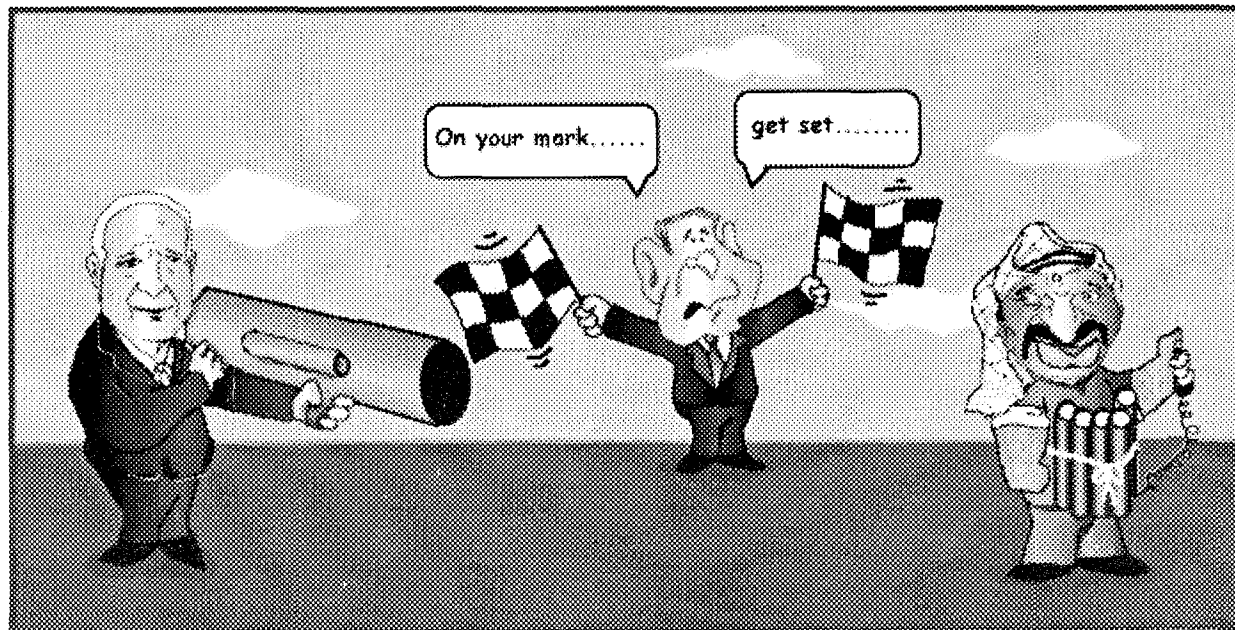
Furthermore, Iran and Iraq have been vying for regional dominance for quite some time. They harbor rebel groups seeking to overthrow one and other's governments, and you know what? Saddam is just not the type of guy who would be interested in cooperation or power sharing.

Even neo-conservatives are having a tough time explaining this whole "axis of terror" bit. It's beginning to sound like bin Laden's rants about the "Zionist-Crusader" axis or Fallwell's purported "Women-Homosexuals-Teletubbies" axis. But every politician uses rhetoric and here's one reason why perhaps Bush's advisers told him those three words in particular to memorize.

Once a regime change occurs in Iraq, either via a covert operation in concert with Kurdish and Shi'a opposition groups, or via a complete air and ground war by our armed forces, the absence of an Iraqi competitor may create the potential for Iranian ascendancy in the Persian Gulf and/or in southern

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Iraq.

So, this is merely Bush's way of telling Iran to think twice about taking steps to increase its influence in the region once Saddam's gone. He especially doesn't want them to increase their influence in the south along the Persian Gulf (where the oil is). If they attempt to do so, they're going to have to deal with an increasingly confident and pugnacious US President. He means business – even if he can't eat pretzels the right way.

And so Vice President Cheney will be

touring eleven Middle East nations next month, including Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Turkey – all of which neighbor Iraq – to compel these currently unwilling neighbors to go along with this plan. Reports are that he may not allow the media to come on board.

One can certainly imagine Queen Rania of Jordan singing the slightly altered words of Madonna, who for some years now has been under the impression she's British, "Mmm mmm, Dick Cheney's comin' over, mmm mmm, Dick Cheney's got a secret."

Career Center

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Gildersleeve said.

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"Definitely sign up for a summer internship and start sending out resumes at least two months before graduation,"

Gildersleeve was at the Career Center for an interview with Aventise Pharmaceuticals, which he had set up through Monstertrak.com.

The Career Center also has a staff of student employees who can help direct other students in the job search process.

Doris Martinez, 20, a junior studying psychology, has been working at the Career Center for about a year and a half. "I assist students as they come in, answer their questions and update them as to what's going on in the office," Martinez said.

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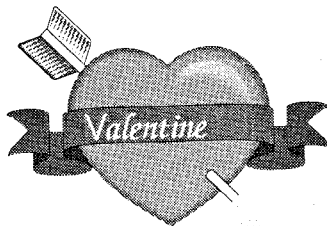
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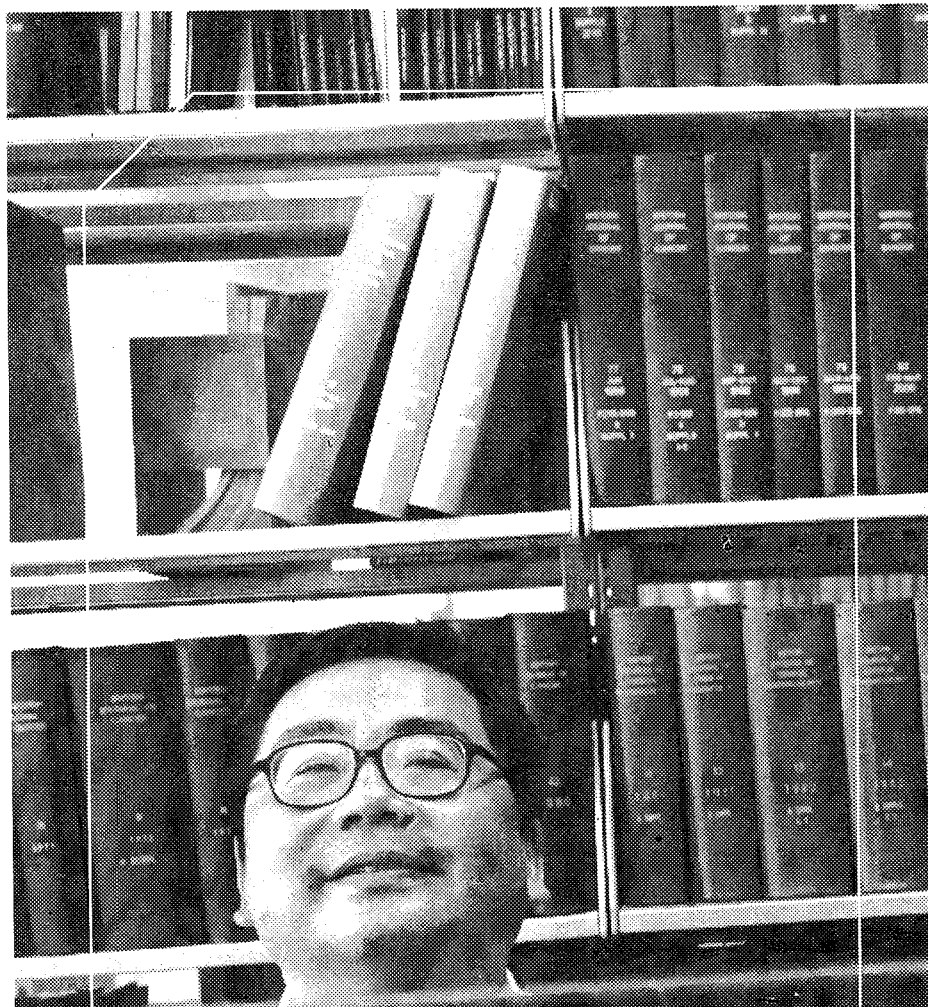
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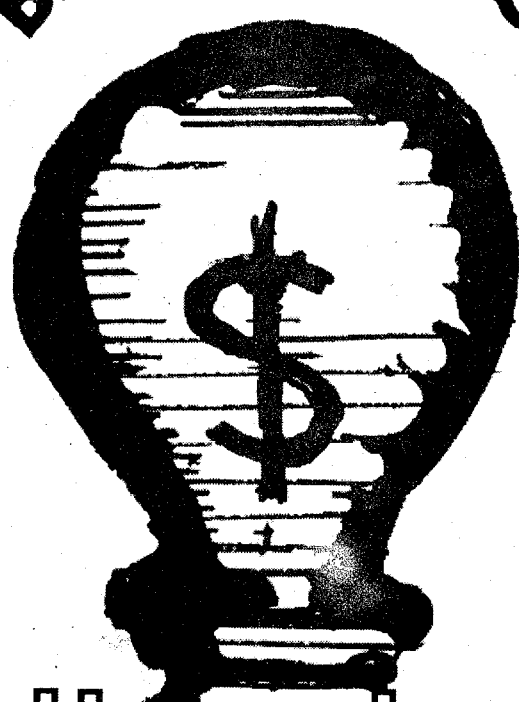
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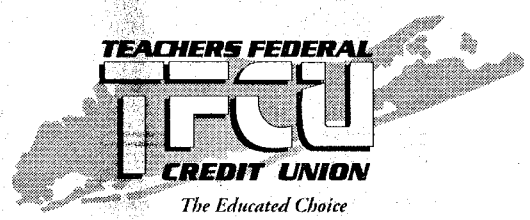
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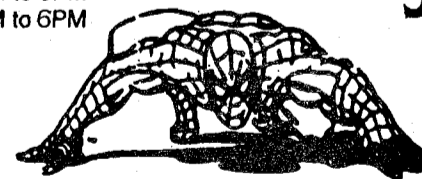
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