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Heroic Leader Nelson Mandela Comes to Stony Brook

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN Statesman Editor

In 1993, when civil rights giant Nelson Mandela was still imprisoned in South Africa, Stony Brook University conferred upon him an honorary degree. Almost nine years later, that official ceremony will finally come to fruition.

On Saturday, September 22, Mandela will speak at SBU as he formally accepts an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Humane Letters. The event is being billed as a Special University Convocation, and will take place at 10 a.m. in the Staller Center.

"This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity to hear one of the great leaders in world history," said SBU president Shirley Strum Kenny. "We are honored that Nelson Mandela, who was awarded the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, has accepted the invitation to come to our campus."

Mandela has dedicated his

life to the resistance of oppression and the struggle for freedom. He was born in on July 18, 1918, and as a young man began working towards a more equitable South Africa. He participated in students strikes and was eventually expelled from Fort Hare University in 1940. As a result, he was forced to complete his degree by correspondence from Johannesburg.

Upon receiving his degree, Mandela began working for the African National Congress (ANC), an organization which committed itself to ending the policy of apartheid (racial discrimination) in South Africa.

In 1944, Mandela founded the ANC Youth League and developed a Programme of Action which was formally adopted in 1949. In 1952, Mandela was elected to serve as the national volunteer-in-chief of the Defiance Campaign, helping to organize opposition to racist

the 1960s, even as he was continually brought up on various legal charges for his actions. In 1961, a few years after continuous litigation against him forced his resignation from the ANC, Mandela went underground to work for the Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's

military branch. After undergoing

military training in Algeria in

He continued his efforts into

1962, he was arrested for and convicted of illegally leaving the country and instigating worker strikes. In the midst of serving his five-year prison sentence, he was brought up on sabotage charges, and was given a new

> imprisonment. For the next 28 years, Mandela continued to serve his cause even as he served his time. He organized political education classes for his supporters and fellow prisoners. and repeatedly refused offers of freedom from the apartheid

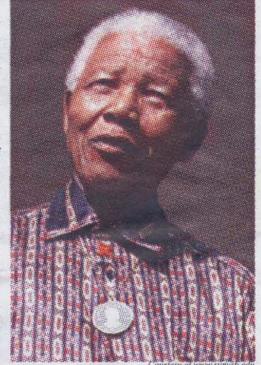
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punishment

Finally, he was released from prison on February 11, 1990. In 1994, a year after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for his heroic efforts, Mandela was sworn in as president of South Africa. His inauguration was the end result of the first democratic election ever held in his homeland, and the policy of apartheid was officially banned. Mandela served as president until retiring in June of 1999.

The highly touted occasion at SBU is open to all students, faculty,

staff, and members of the community. Due to limited seating capacity, however, there will be a limit of one ticket per person, to be



Nelson Mandela will speak at Staller.

given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Ticket distribution will begin at noon on Friday, September 14 at the Staller Center.

Power Plant Proposal Stirs Controversy

By MICHELLE PIRRAGLIA Statesman Staff

KeySpan's announcement of a planned power plant for the town of Melville has caused questions about both its necessity and effects on the surrounding environment.

"We believe this is the best site for power generation on Long Island," said Bonnie Habyan, a spokesperson for KeySpan, about the reasons for choosing the location of the site. "Melville is in close proximity to the electric grid and a natural gas line. They are also right on the hug of route 110."

The South Huntington Alliance for Responsible Development



The proposed plant in Melville, which will address LI power shortage, has elicited opposition from community and state leaders.

(SHARED), along with believe the location is too several inhabitants of the area, residential for a power plant.

"Huntington has a master plan and this area doesn't call for a power plant," said Mark Schwartz, Executive Director and General Council for SHARED. "We've spoken to several residents, and nobody wants it here. Is it a nimby situation, sure, but this is not a place to put a 250 megawatt power plant."

In response, Habyan stated that KeySpan, which owns all generation plants and provides power to the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), has owned the 31 acres of property since Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO) disbanded three years ago, and KeySpan is entitled to build on it.

"We inherited the land from LILCO after their fallout," Habyan noted, while describing the area.

The proposal, which is going through the New York State Article 10 procedure, has

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Cancer Patient Finds Strength in Zen

By Christopher Latham Statesman Editor

Philip Toshio Sudo had tapped his love of Zen years ago. His passion ran so deep he published four books on the subject. But it was only after being diagnosed with stomach cancer that he used the practice as a lifesustaining philosophy.

Zen, a hard-to-define method of selfrealization and meditation, arose from Buddhist teachings in India and China. It stresses calmness, dignity, truth and acceptance. Many Westerners have adapted Zen as a means to achieve a higher state of concentration when learning a new skill.

Sudo's works relate the ancient Zen philosophy to the everyday things in life, such as music and computers.

A Japanese-American who came to the United States as a child, Sudo had studied Zen since he was a youth. He also found time to learn the guitar and become a black belt martial artist.

He spent much of his professional career in journalism, however. After graduating from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, he worked as a financial reporter on Wall Street, then as managing editor at Scholastic Inc.

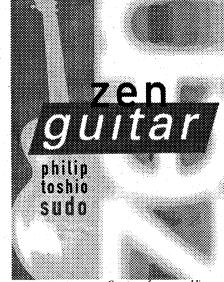
His first three books - "Zen Guitar", "Zen Computer" and "Zen Sex" - were all released before the diagnosis. But his latest book, "Zen 24/7", hit stands the day after Sudo discovered he has cancer.

He posted the following message on his website, www.zenguitar.com, after he spoke to doctors on April 2:

"Today I was diagnosed with stomach cancer. I am 41 years old. I have a wife and three children, ages six, four and one. I don't want to leave them to a life without me... The way of Zen is the resolute acceptance of death, and, having talked the talk through four books, we shall see how I walk the walk, how I fight the fight. The test is here."

Barbara Selvin, a journalism professor





Philip Sudo, journalist, zen practioner and cancer patient.

here at Stony Brook University, was among the friends Sudo wrote to about his illness.

"I learned of Phil's cancer by email from another friend of ours," Selvin said. "It seemed, as it so often does when cancer strikes, colossally unfair."

Zenguitar.com now contains a journal of personal accounts of his life as a cancer patient, and as a Zen philosopher. "I'm looking to live a life with cancer that has meaning," he wrote in a letter to family and friends last week. "The way I've chosen to do that is through zenguitar.com."

Sudo will undergo a surgery for his

stomach cancer Tuesday, September 11, provided he passes the required medical

The procedure, which has a competitive but not a high probability of success, calls for patching his esophagus directly to his small intestine. Because the stomach is mainly a storage pack, it is possible to function without it. Sudo would have to adjust to eating much smaller meals, and not being able to ingest fluids and solids in the same sitting, however.

"It sounds like a tough road, but I'm feeling good about it," he wrote in another letter September 6. "I have this irrational sense that I'm going to be fine."

Campus **Events**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Success In 2001-Time Management, Student Activities Center, 12:40-2p.m.

Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Fair, Academic Mall, 12:30-2:30p.m.

World Famous Mentalist Robert Channing and Other Psychics, sponsored by SPAB, Student Activities Center, 7p.m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Moulin Rouge-Staller Main Theater, 9p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Seawolves Cross-Country Meet Invitational, Sports Complex, 10a.m.

Seawolves Football vs Siena, Athletic Fields, 12p.m.

Caribbean Student Organization Welcome Back Party, Stony Brook Student Union, 10p.m.-3a.m.

MON-WED, SEPTEMBER 17-19 Rosh Hashanah-No Classes

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Club India Party, Union Ballroom,

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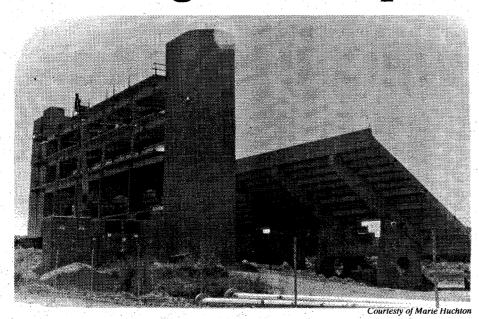


t's that time of year again. The holiday season. No, not the holiday season with the 6-foot pine tree and all those colorful blinking lights. Rather, it's the Jewish holiday season. Wam bam boom! Literally, one holiday after another. First it's 2 days of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. Then, 7 days later, it's Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement (repentance) Four days later it's another 2 day holiday, Sukkot (the one where we sit in straw covered huts). After that comes 4 days of Chol HaMoed ("intermediate" celebration days of Sukkot where though we eat tons, we still can drive and turn on lights). Then immediately afterwards we get a double whammy, two in a row: Simchas Torah (dancing with the Torah [the Bible scroll]) and Shmini Atzeres (the end celebration of the Jewish holiday season). Add to the whole kitten-caboodle 3 celebrations of Shabbat (the Sabbatical day of rest) and you get a whopping total of 14 Jewish holy days starting from nightfall, Monday Sept 17 till nightfall, Wednesday, Oct. 10. That makes 14 holiays in 3 weeks! So, like, what's the point? Well, in short, the point is joy. Pure, unadulterated clean simcha (joy). It's the joy of being Jewish. The joy of family. The joy of friends. The joy of becoming a better person. The joy of being a good Jew. The Joy of blessing "L'Chaim!" "To life!" The joy of the spiritual. The joy of feeling close to Hashem (G-d). For religion/spirituality is not supposed to make one feel overburdened or guilty. But rather, one must experience the Divine through joy. Such is the joy of 14 holidays in 3 weeks. So don't let the holiday season pass you by. For Rabbi Adam's house is a Chabad House- a home away from home for those who want to experience the joy of the Jewish holiday season. So why not start with this Friday night for dinner? 8:30pm (Jewish Time). Scroll down at www.Jooznooz.com for email contact/

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New Stadium on Schedule and Within Budget for September 2002 Debut



The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new stadium is slated for Fall 2002. It will be able to hold between 7,500 to 8,000 fans.

JEFFREY JAVIDFAR Statesman Editor

The currently unnamed Stony Brook University's 7,500-8,000 seat stadium is projected to start hosting events in the Fall of 2002. The plans for a new stadium have been in the works since the early 1990's, when State Senator Ken LaValle realized that the university's current facilities were inadequate for and SBU's 'suitcase school image. even a Division III school.

A vear away from its debut, the 'bowled stadium' located on the grounds of the former practice fields behind the Indoor Sports Complex, is the latest in a series of athletic advancements that includes SBU's ascent to Division I and its joining of the America East Conference.

LaValle, Chairman of the Senate's Higher Education Committee, which is responsible for the SUNY system, is

credited with sponsoring and then guiding the stadium bill through the New York State Legislature. President Kenny and Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Richard Laskowski have also been steadfast proponents of the stadium initiative.

For Laskowski, this will be the latest weapon in his war against student apathy

"We'd like to host as many events as possible, always taking into consideration the needs of the university and community," he said. "By university, I of course, mean including students."

The \$22 million, multipurpose stadium funded by the State University of New York's general construction budget will be the home of several SBU athletic teams, as well as, Suffolk County high school athletics' championships and outdoor concert events.

Laskowski explained that hosting non-collegiate events would give the university positive exposure in the eyes of the community. "I look at it as a great recruiting tool for the university, and not just for athletics," said Laskowski. "Because not only do you have student athletes that are participating in the sport, but you have their parents, their friends, and their siblings attending who may never visit the university except to see the game or contest'... we hope this will translate into overall student recruitment."

Teams like men and women's soccer and lacrosse, in addition to football and field hockey are expected to experience improved recruiting, as they will all be given a chance to play in the state of the art stadium designed by architect Richard Dattner.

To address the local community's concern regarding noise on game day, Dattner, in conjunction with the University, employed a bowled design, which has a playing surface that is 17 feet below sea-level. This is intented to keep most of the sound inside the reinforced concrete walls.

Bowled stadiums have been known to retain a lot of crowd noise and therefore, get very loud when seated to capacity. That is exactly the type of home field advantage for which everyone in the athletic department is hoping.

"I walked out onto the field and visualized being able to be on that sideline and being able to see the people, see the noise," said football coach Sam Kornhauser.

In addition to the locker rooms, cost permitting the stadium will contain a weight training facility and coaches'

offices. Laskowski is hoping to lure corporate and private sponsors to subsidize such endeavors.

"Obviously we're hoping that we could get naming opportunities for the locker rooms and some of the other offices that are there," he said.

The stadium will also feature four VIP luxury boxes, of which one is for the University President and another for the Athletics department. The two remaining boxes will be leased out for five year intervals at a yet to be determined price.

Unlike most of the other construction taking place on campus, the stadium being built by Tyree Construction, is almost on schedule. Nevertheless, there is potential for concern regarding some of the design features decided upon during the planning phase.

With a maximum seating for 8,000 spectators, SBU's stadium is dwarfed by the average Division I stadium that seats 15,000 to 20,000 fans, not to mention the 104,079 seat facility at the University of Tennessee, Knocksville.

The general consensus in the Athletics department is that a packed small stadium will create more excitement and muster more fan support than a larger, half-filled stadium. However, even selling out the smaller stadium routinely promises to be a difficult chore, given the Seawolves poor home attendance figures.

Due to the multipurpose nature of the stadium, planners have elected to install artificial surface (turf) on the stadium floor. The surface carpet is

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High Hopes for New Asian American Center

By TED LAI Statesman Staff

Nestled between the Staller Center and the Administration Building is the construction site for the Charles B. Wang Asian American Center. Although the project is not yet complete, the 125 foot tall glass and steel edifice has been erected.

Charles Wang, Chairman of Computer Associates, made the Asian American Center possible through a donation of over 25 million dollars. His donation is the largest private donation ever made to the State University of New York.

"The idea for the center came after a speech I gave at the university," Wang stated. "Faculty members asked me for help in renovating a space on campus that had come to form a small center for Asian students. When I spoke to Dr. Kenny about it, I told her we ought to do something bigger and we decided to do it and do it right and do it big.'

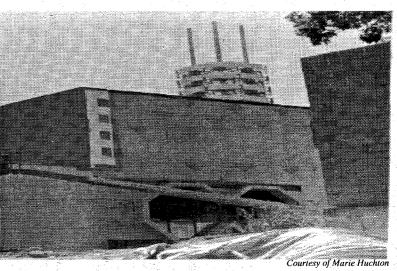
Wang hopes that the Asian American Center "will showcase and help preserve the very rich, very proud Asian cultures." In addition, it will help to encourage an appreciation of personal heritage for the many Asian Americans on Long Island.

Architect Pao-Hwa Twan designed the Wang Asian American Center, mixing his Chinese heritage and his Western education to create the architectural marvel. The center will serve many purposes, from housing administrative offices to a theater to a videoconferencing room.

When talking about the plan for the complex to be surrounded by a perimeter wall, Twan states in the Asians American Center website www.aacws.har.sunysb.edu/ Architecture/PHTuan.html, "Generally with Western style buildings you can get an idea of their interior by looking

at their exterior. In traditional Asian architecture, from the outside you have no idea what is inside."

Twan also took the necessity for tranquil places within the center into consideration. He incorporated over fifteen courtyards and insisted on the preservation of trees that were not going to be included in the



Future site of the Charles B. Wang Asian American Center.

construction of the center.

With the initial groundbreaking in 1997, the project was slated to be done by 1999. It is, however, not expected to be complete until Spring 2002, according to Richard Mann, Vice President for Administration.

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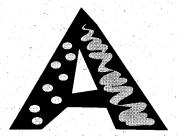
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International

North and South Korea to Begin Talks

By Leo Alexander Ching Statesman Contributor

North and South Korea agreed last Thursday to resume talks after a climax of tensions halted diplomatic progress in the past six months. Both governments officially declared that the talks, spanning in the course of four days, would take place this week.

South Korean President Kim Dae Jung proposed the talks after relations between the two nations deteriorated when Bush attacked the trustworthiness of the Southern government last March.

Mr. Kim had been under constant pressure to improve

relations with North Korea's President Kim Jong II.

"The government is unilaterally giving to North Korea and hoping North Korea will reciprocate; there have been no rewards from North Korea," said Lee Hoi Chang, President of the Grand National Party in an interview last Thursday. He later added, "Now we have the ball in the North Korean court, and we are almost begging for a return visit by Kim Jong II. This makes the public very nervous."

The National Assembly of South Korea said it would have a nonbinding motion of "no

confidence" in the actions taken by Mr. Lim Dong Won, the appointed Unification Minister. The motion was passed with a 148-119 vote.

As per the no confidence vote, Mr. Hoon Soon Young assumed Mr. Lim's role of Unification Minister.

President Kim Joon II agreed to the meetings with the South shortly after he met with leaders from China and Russia.

President Jiang Zemin visited Pyongyang this past week, promising to provide the nation with considerable diesel fuel and food for its citizens. Among

issues discussed between the two presidents were stability in the Korean peninsula and the reformation of the declining North Korean economy via Chinese market reforms.

Despite promises of talks, North and South Korea both still have heavy firepower in the already established "Demilitarized Zone," a stretch of land that is located halfway between the two nations.

Additionally, 30,000 U.S. soldiers are located in South Korea should any violence erupt and disturb ceasefire. North Korea. though, has unsuccessfully requested that the troops be removed from the area.

To date, there has been no word as to whether the U.S. soldiers would be removed as relations between the Bush Administration and North Korea remain on the

Additionally, the U.S. Congress has found reason to believe that North Korea has failed to meet the terms agreed in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In fact, the findings have shown that North Korea probably have acquired enough weapons-grade plutonium for the manufacture of at least one nuclear weapon.

National

Microsoft Not to Become Two

By MARC NEWMAN Statesman Staff

Two years ago the US federal government, Washington D.C. and 17 states brought forth a case against the Microsoft Corporation accusing the company of monopolistic practices that cripple competition in the operating system market and illegally tie its Internet browser code to its operating system.

A federal appeals court reaffirmed a lower court's ruling that Microsoft was indeed a monopoly. The appeals court also asked the lower court to reconsider its ruling on Microsoft's monopoly of the internet browsing market. As of Federal the Thursday,

Government will no longer pursue the Internet browsing issue and added that it will no longer seek to break-up the company.

The change in policy by the Justice Department was initially seen as a shift from the Clinton ideology, that brought about the case, to the new Bush Administration that now controls the Justice Department.

The Justice Department downplayed the accusations, explaining in a recent New York Times interview that it was seeking to "streamline the case with the goal of securing an effective remedy as quickly as possible."

A senior official at the Justice Department expressed similar concerns in a Washington Post interview. "

Is this something we view as going soft on Microsoft? Absolutely not."

Outside Washington, a number of opinions are circulating concerning the Justice Department's change. Herbert Hovenkamp, a University of Iowa antitrust professor, defended against the accusations that the Justice Department policy is any different from the policy enforced under the Clinton administration.

He said the antitrust chief under Clinton, Joel I. Klein, probably would have taken a similar approach to our present Justice Department antitrust chief Charles A. James.

Critics have charged that this new move makes it unclear how

far the Justice Department will go prevent Microsoft's monopolistic actions which commonly have the company bundling its software with its operating system.

Ed Black, president of an industry representing Microsoft competitors, described in a recent New York Times interview that Thursday's decision meant "business as usual Microsoft."

Other critics point to a cozy relationship between Microsoft and the Bush administration that now leads the US Justice Department. During the presidential campaign, Bush referred to the Microsoft antitrust case, saying he "was on the side of innovation, not litigation."

Microsoft during Bush's run

for the presidency donated a reported 2.5 million dollars to him and the Republican party. Microsoft's CEO Steve Ballmer met with Bush's vice president Dick Cheney back in June in a closed door meeting, fending off accusations that they discussed the impending antitrust case.

The government maintains that Microsoft is a monopoly that needs to be regulated, a stance that remains true from Clinton to Bush administrations.

The remedy in the future will either be decided through a settlement between government and Microsoft or a lower court action subject to appeal. Whether this latest action by the government will conclude this case as quickly as possible remains to be seen.

Long Island Cancer Center and "FFANY Shoes on Sale"

By Patrick Calabria Director of Media Relations

The Long Island Cancer Center at Stony Brook University announced today that it has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the eighth annual QVC presents "FFANY Shoes On Sale," a televised fundraiser benefiting breast cancer research and education programs.

More than 100,000 pairs of designer shoes from members of the Fashion Footwear Association of New York (FFANY), will be offered at half the retail price with a portion of the net proceeds benefiting the Long Island Cancer Center.

QVC on WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3 (7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., ET).

"We are honored and excited to be a part of this year's Shoes On Sale benefit," said Dr. John Kovach, Founding Director of the Long Island Cancer Center.

This is a national event that will directly impact our local community by providing funding for our research center and will help increase breast cancer education and awareness for women everywhere."

Since this event began seven years ago, Shoes on Sale has raised more than \$9 million dollars for breast cancer research and

cancer centers nationwide."

This is the inaugural year for the Long Island Cancer Center to serve as a beneficiary of QVC Presents "FFANY Shoes On Sale."

With more than 650,000 pairs of shoes sold since the first benefit event in October 1994, the 2001 gala is expected to bring the cumulative proceeds to over \$10 million.

In addition to the "FFANY Shoes On Sale" three-hour gala special, QVC also features "Shoe of the Day" segments every weekday (7:00 - 9:00 a.m., ET) throughout the month of

Shoes On Sale will air live on education programs at prominent October during "The QVC Morning Show."

The mission of the Long Island Cancer Center at Stony Brook University is to prevent and cure cancer through state-ofthe-art multidisciplinary research while providing optimal care, counseling, and information to patients with cancer and those concerned about cancer risk.

Located at SBUHospital, named as one of the Top 15 Teaching Hospitals in the U.S., the Long Island Cancer Center serves the nearly three million residents of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Proceeds from Shoes on Sale will help support integration

of molecular genetic analyses of tumor tissue into ongoing epidemiological studies of breast cancer on Long Island.

The Fashion Footwear Charitable Foundation was created to support ongoing research and education programs in the fight against breast cancer and is supported by members of the Fashion Footwear Association of New York (FFANY).

QVC, Inc., a \$3.7 billion \$ company, is an e-commerce leader, marketing a wide variety of brand name products in such categories as home furnishing, licensed products, fashion, beauty, electronics and fine jewelry.

BNL Conducts Alcohol Addiction Research

Scientists hope

that the findings

from this study

will someday

benefit humans.

By GENE TULMAN Statesman Editor

Scientists at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) have recently started studying the basis of addictive behavior in rats. They hope that the results from this study will eventually benefit humans.

Scientists are using gene therapy, the alteration of genetic makeup, in order to find an explanation and a cure for alcoholism.

D2 dopamine receptors are involved in

the pleasure mechanism of reward and reinforcement in the brain.

Nora Volkow, BNL's research director, theorized that people who have less dopamine receptors drink more in order to reach the same level of satisfaction as people

who have more dopamine receptors.

Peter Thanos, one of the researchers at BNL, is testing the hypothesis that increased levels of D2 receptors might decrease alcohol consumption. Thanos increased the reserve of D2 receptors in the part of the rat's brain that is known as nucleus accumbens.

Thanos and other researchers injected a harmless and altered virus to deliver the D2 receptor gene directly into the rats' brains. The virus was to act as a mechanism that would transport the gene to the brain's so-called

pleasure center, triggering the independent production of the receptor protein by the target cells.

Two groups of rats (extremeley and moderately alcoholic) underwent genetic therapy to increase the amount of D2 dopamine receptors in the nucleus accumbens. Preliminary results indicated that the alcohol intake of extrememly alcoholic rats decreased by 43 percent. Consumption by the moderately alcoholic

rats had also decreased significantly.

"This is a preliminary study, but when you see a rat that chooses to drink 80 to 90 percent of its daily fluid as alcohol, and then three days later it's down to 20 percent, that's a

dramatic drop in alcohol intake—a very clear change in behavior," Thanos pointed out. "This is the first evidence that overproduction of D2 receptors reduces alcohol intake and suggests that high levels of D2 may be protective against alcohol abuse in humans."

These findings were published in the September 2001 issue of the Journal of Neurochemistry.. Thanos' research may have serious implications for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism in humans.

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Polity, the SBU student government, is now in a state of chaos. Polity is currently running with both a provisional government and a provisional budget after both its election and budget were rejected last spring.

A provisional Council, Polity's executive branch, will govern until a new election is held in the coming weeks. For now, the issue immediately facing Polity is the budget situation. The blame for this situation lies with all parties involved: Polity Council, Polity Senate, and the administration.

In early summer, the SBU administration rejected the budget passed by a Senate sub-committee. Peter M. Baigent, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, explained the budget decision in an e-mail:

Preston [the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs] has not approved the 2001-2002 Academic Year Budget as Recommended by the Senate subcommittee.

This action reflects the considerable concern regarding:

- The proposed changes to the original document that result in increases to groups which appear to correlate strongly with the senate sub-committees' individual interests.

The lack of Polity Executive involvement in the process has not allowed for a more generally informed discussion

of the budget rationale and allocation.

Ergo; we will have to arrive at a interim solution for the 2001-2002 Academic Year Budget.

The only option available at this time because the Academic Year Senate is not in place is:

That a[n] interim budget is establish where three months of budget (3/12th) is allocated on the same basis as last year. Allowing the Senate and Polity Executive the month of September 2001 to resolve the remaining budget issues.

Of particular concerns is the casual mention that "Dr. Preston has not approved the 2001-2002 Academic Year Budget."

Polity, or rather, the Student Polity Association Inc., is closely related to, but separate from, the university. Polity has its own budget and audit process, and its own system of checks and balances. What authority does a member of the administration have to reject a budget?

The Statesman's position on this is simple. The Administration should exercise its authority to reject a Polity budget only under the most extreme circumstances (i.e. a massive student body protest).

The budget passed, however undesirable to some, was perfectly legal. The Senate's power to pass the budget is absolute. The budget submitted by the Council treasurer is a recommendation. Why the administration would choose to enforce the proposed budget of a party involved in the political process is unfathomable.

Granted, the manner in which the budget was passed was suspicious. Early in the process, the Senate voted for a motion to create a provisional committee of eight that would decide the budget in case the Senate did not do so before semesters end. It was obvious to those at Senate meetings that several senators planned to delay proceedings so that the budget would be decided by the committee.

Given the Senate's political situation last year, it is likely the Senate as a whole would have passed a budget very similar to that of the sub-committee. But this is beside the point. The potential for individuals to avoid public scrutiny for their actions is too great. Polity's \$2.4 million budget should always be passed during a regular session of Senate that is open to the public.

All of the above is now in the past. While the original budget passed was legal, it would be fruitless to waste time maintaining it. The only appropriate action is for the Senate, in its first few meetings during Fall 2001, to promptly pass a budget for the current academic year.

It would be unfair for the clubs that receive this funding to remain in a state of limbo for much longer.

Ashley Martin Kicks Her Way Into History

By Adam ZIMMERMAN Statesman Editor

Years from now, when America is used to, and betters from, such "bold" notions as woman Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Chief Justices, and extrapoint kickers, I hope a person chances upon this commentary and starts to wonder. Wonders how there was a time in 21st century America when someone like Ashley Martin was the exception, not the rule.

Eleven days ago, Ashley Martin became an exceptional exception. A soccer player by trade, Martin was perfect in three extra-point kick attempts en route to Jacksonville State University's 71-10 blowout of Cumberland. In doing so, she became the first woman ever to play in an NCAA Division I football game, and the crowd of 11,312 cheered her every

Lest anyone think this was merely a publicity stunt against a historically hapless opponent (in 1916, Cumberland was defeated 222-0 by Georgia Tech, still the most lopsided

score in college football history. They are currently riding an 18-game losing streak., the record shows that Ashley's got skills.

In scrimmages, she was 20 for 22 in extra-point tries, landing her a spot on the team. In high school, she booted 79 successful extra-points in 92 attempts, and also kicked 2 field goals.

No denying it, folks; she's there on ability and merit, and deserves to play with the fellas. As SBU head football coach Sam Kornhauser stated, "I think it is great that the young lady got the opportunity to kick in the

Moreover, her modesty is a refreshing example for all athletes, regardless of gender, to follow. When asked about her historic performance, Martin gave credit not to herself, but to her teammates. "I didn't do a thing," she said. "All these guys put all the heart and hard work in it."

The first part of that quote, of course. is a tremendous understatement. Let's just say that in

the average 71-10 contest, the game ball doesn't go to the kicker.

It's really no surprise that estrogen can hold its own with testosterone in any aspect of sport or life. Though not always recognized, that has always been true. The real shocker here is that Jacksonville State University is located in the heart of Alabama. The first state alphabetically, Alabama has often been close to last when it comes to social equality.

When we think of Alabama's social history, we probably first conjure up the lasting image of African-American student Vivian-Malone Jones being blocked from entering the University of Alabama by racist, segregationist governor George Wallace in 1963.

Now, instead of the harsh "stand at the schoolhouse door," we can think of Ashley Martin on the gridiron in 2001 and beyond, slamming footballs and archaic gender barriers straight through the uprights and into the history books.

2001 onday, September 10.

Catch Waves, Not The Train

By Paul Conrad Statesman Contributor

"Now, uh, where's Main Street again?"

A junior was asking me, a freshman from Utah, how to get to a barbershop a couple blocks from campus. But, to his credit, he wasn't alone.

"Where's the closest beach?," I asked several times before getting a response.

"It's, like, 15 minutes from here, but I've never been. I heard it's pretty nice," was the answer I finally got.

Never been to the beach! OK, maybe it's just that I've been deprived in Utah - you don't go on long, romantic walks along the Great Salt Lake's marshes - but why is it that so few Stony Brook students seem to appreciate their surroundings?

Picture this: a warm sun shining against cool, clear water, a salty breeze in your face, and waves washing against your feet. A school of fish distracts you from the good book in your hands, and you watch a sailboat drift towards the horizon. It could all be yours after your \$500 flight to the Caribbean, right? Try a ten-minute bike ride from the front door of your residence hall.

Now I've been here for just two weeks, but I've already heard that Stony Brook is supposedly a horrible place to be on the weekends. And that's why the traffic is worse than New York City on campus every Friday afternoon. So think about

what you did this last weekend at home. Since I obviously didn't fly home for Labor Day, I'll tell you what I did.

On Friday night, I rode the train into Port Jefferson with the one other person left on campus. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops, a music store, mall, karaoke: they have all the important stuff there. Saturday was perfect for catching up on homework—I wonder how much work you got done at home—and then on Sunday a few of us headed to the expansive sand and endless ocean of Jones Beach, an easy train and bus ride away.

On Monday I stayed closer to home, investigating the shops and cafes just a short walk from campus. But there's more to Stony Brook than just geographical surroundings: What about the thousands of new faces?

I've lost count of how many people I've talked to who essentially do the same things and have the same friends as they had in high school - just with a different address and phone number on weekdays.

Four years of high school was enough; aren't you ready for a change? At freshman orientation I remember hearing inspirational speeches about new adventures and exciting journeys. So this is my challenge to you: try something new, and take a detour from the road you're traveling on.

It will be well worth it, whether turning right down Main Street in Stony Brook, or spending just one weekend away from home.

Feminist Rants: Part I

"A feminist...is

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believes in the

political,

economic, and

social equality of

women,"

By MARIE HUCHTON Statesman Staff

Like most people who write from a feminist perspective, the first thing required of me is to define the word "feminist." This concept, which has become synonymous in pop-culture with man-hating lesbian separatists and left-wing radicals, is a far cry

from the truth of feminism. As a selfproclaimed feminist, people constantly make assumptions about my politics, my lifestyle, and my personality.

There are so many negative, stereotyped images of feminism that it becomes necessary for every feminist to defend and define her or his (yes, men can be feminists also) place within the

spectrum of feminist belief..

Feminism is not a single creed, organization, or set of dogmatic beliefs. It is not a liberal cult or a conspiracy to overthrow the government in favor of anarchy. There is not a single way to be a feminist or a checklist of required qualities. Anyone can be a feminist, and most people in today's society are feminists without ever being aware of the fact or assuming the label.

A feminist, according to the Feminist Majority Foundation, is anyone who believes in the political, economic, and social equality of women. The definition really is that

simple and all encompassing. Most people in America, whether they label themselves feminists or not, believe in the basic equality of women, and thus are feminists.

The stereotypes arise because there are many different approaches to and ideologies for the equal treatment of

women. It is due to the media coverage surrounding radical feminists that most people acquire a biased view of feminism.

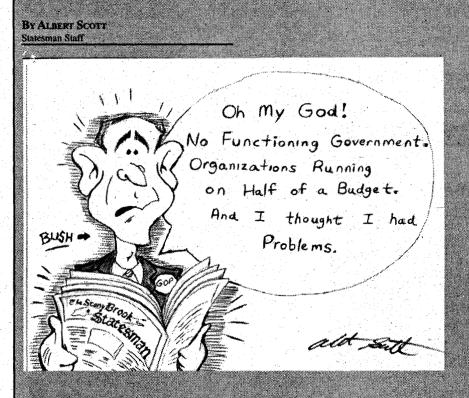
In feminism, as in every other aspect of humanity, there is a broad spectrum of people involved in the movement. There are feminists who believe that patriarchal

government is the cause of women's oppression, and seek to overthrow the government in favor of anarchy.

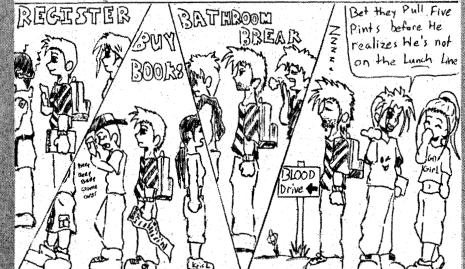
There are feminists who work within the current political system to better the position of women. There are feminists who fit the stereotype of masculine radical and there are feminists who are highly feminine and pop-culture oriented.

In the 1970s, the birth of the modern feminist movement, the word was not seen as an insult to be vehemently denied. Nor should it be today. Feminism was then, as it should be now, regarded as a badge of honor and pride.

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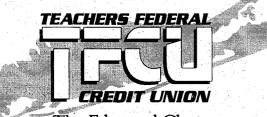
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comprised of sand and rubber granules imbedded into the fiber. According to Laskowski, athletes run much faster on carpet than on grass. Additional benefits from an artificial turf include increased durability at a fraction of the cost of grass, though Laskowski said that this was behind safety and compatibility on their list of priorities.

The concern on the parts of some is that turf is notoriously less forgiving than grass, hurting athletes far more than soft grass. Also, turf is not completely conducive for soccer games—there has been mention of trying to get professional soccer teams to play at the new stadium.

Although the trend of late has been opting for a natural surface, Laskowski said, "there is no

"Teams like men and women's soccer and lacrosse, in addition to football and field hockey...will all be given the chance to play in the state of the art stadium."

significant difference in the number of injuries that happen on artificial turf and natural grass." He continued to explain that "this new fabric...gives the feeling of grass and is much more forgiving to abrasions than traditional Astroturf.

"As a university we're growing in many ways," said Laskowski. "The need to take into consideration what we call student life was a factor."

Asian American Center

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Although there was a minor setback, the parties involved are still eagerly awaiting the opening of the center.

"Everyone is looking forward to the completion of the center. It will be one of the finest buildings on campus and everyone will be able to enjoy the use of it," commented Mann.

Once the center is open, it will serve many purposes for Asian and non-Asian students. When asked to describe the center's potential, Wang stated, "The dream is that the Asian American Center will serve as a catalyst for a host of cultural, academic, business and technology initiatives."

"It will be an environment that fosters multicultural exchange and noteworthy conferences on East/ West topics, as well as a place of social expression for art, music, dance, and cuisine. It will also make possible the exchange of ideas about East/West approaches to medic ne, science, business, engineering and many other fields."

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Melville Power Plant

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the power plant's height at 110 ft. However, several critics are concerned with the estimated size of the smoke stack.

"The smoke stack is currently going to be 260 ft. high, that's a problem," Schwartz said. "It's not exactly aesthetically pleasing. How do you recruit employees to work under a smoke stack," Schwartz added, alluding to the several businesses which recently moved into the area, including Arrow Electronics, which leases a piece of the proposed land from KeySpan.

Environmental issues have long been a major public concern. The controversy is not entirely about the smoke stack itself, but also with safety practices and disposal procedures.

"The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) states that Long Island is in severe non-attainment of O-Zone standards, so we're already in trouble," said Tdd Stebbins, the Long Island Regional Coordinator of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). "We're only going

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Interim Polity Prepares for October Elections

By DANISH NADEEM

The Stony Brook University Student Council, the executive branch of Polity, is usually selected annually by the student body.

At the start of this semester, however, the Council consists of interim officials appointed by the university.

Natalie Hodgson, the acting president of the Student Council, was appointed by Fred Preston, the Vice President of Student The Polity judiciary dismissed the impeachment after the Polity Senate missed the deadline to uphold the decision to impeach.

Hodgson, who was a candidate for vice president last year, stated that there were many issues with last year's elections.

"The problems were building up because of a problem with the process, and we have been working to correct those problems," Hodgson said.

Hodgson and her staff said they were

The Polity judiciary dismissed the student government over the past eight eachment after the Polity Senate months.

The interim government has also had to deal with the budget problem from last year. There was no budget agreed upon by the Senate sub committee and Preston. In turn, there is currently no approved budget for student clubs.

Hodgson stated that Polity has been able to provide the clubs with an amount equal to a quarter of their budgets from last year. The partial aide is believed to be

"Hodgson and her staff said they were confident that the problems with the elections that occurred last year would not be repeated this year."

Affairs, under the recommendation of former Polity President Jonnel Doris.

The Council has been no stranger to scandal and controversy.

Last February, three members of the Council, including Doris, were nearly impeached by the Senate on charges that Polity funds were used to support an inappropriate religious event last year. The alleged event never took place, and neither did the impeachment.

confident that the problems with the elections that occurred last year would not be repeated this year. They are currently working on an election schedule, and will remain as unelected interim officers until the student body is permitted to elect their own officers. Hodgson, who is a junior, plans to run for council president at that time.

Hodgson said she was determined to help fix the problems that have plagued

enough, as Polity has not yet received any complaints.

Polity has also assured the clubs that they will handle circumstances in which clubs begin to require increased funds.

Elections are scheduled to be held some time in October. So, what will the voter turn out be like? Who will run?

"We hope to see a lot of different people come out and run," Hodgson said, glowing with optimism.

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Eradicating Cancer One Event at a Time

By Brad Jerson Statesman Contributor

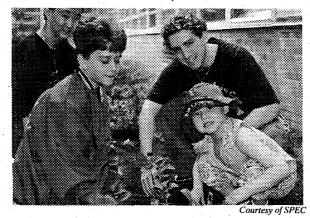
I am a freshman here at Stony Brook, and I wanted to pass on information about an upcoming event that can literally make a difference in the lives of so many people.

In June 1999, I founded an organization called Students Putting an End to Cancer (SPEC) in my school, Bethpage High School. Cancer has the ability to turn someone's life completely upside down, and it certainly has to mine. In September 1998, my mother was diagnosed with breast

My goal when starting the club was to raise consciousness in the community about the various forms and causes of cancer, coping with side effects, providing a forum for sharing ideas and feelings, helping patients and their families and raising funds.

During the two years since it was started, SPEC has spread to many different schools and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research, and even more importantly, helped an incredible amount of people from all over the world.

We have participated in and raised money for awareness walks, collected toys and organized parties for children with cancer, held awareness programs throughout the school and community, lobbied politicians in Albany regarding various breast cancer awareness laws and policies, organized anti-smoking campaigns, created a cancer awareness garden, directly helped individual children with cancer in third world countries, and have made many other efforts to raise cancer awareness, funds, and hope.



Brad Jerson with children from SPEC

child or adult cannot be measured by any amount of money. SPEC got involved with the Cancer Center for Kids at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola.

Since 1999, we have worked hand in hand with them all year long trying to help their patients make them smile throughout the entire process. The Cancer Center for Kids is superior and known throughout the region for its comprehensive treatment programs for youngsters with cancer and related blood disorders.

On Sunday, September 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Cancer Center for Kids will hold its annual "Fun Fest" at Red Robin Day Camp in Westbury, Long Island, to raise money for their organization. In the past, this one day alone has brought in about \$100,000 per year, and is a massive event forgetting the word out regarding the need for more state of the art equipment and treatment options.

The Fun Fest will feature the N.Y. Fun The impact people like us can have on a sick Factory, a moonwalk, dunk tank, pony rides, sumo

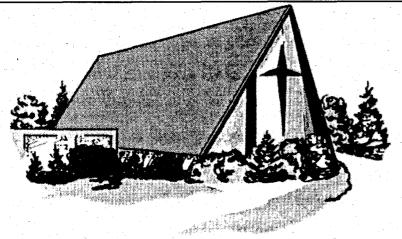
wrestling, Sweet Shoppe, Fun Feast Eatery, Funny Fotos, Kids n Motion, the Long Island Reptile Museum, creative hair braiding, face painting, Terrys Classic Cars, Build Your Own Model Car, L.L. Weans Chinese Center of L.I. Ribbon Dancers, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Frosty Bites, and the live bands Woody Mack, Planet Groove, and Turnpike Joe & The Traffic Jam.

Red Robin Day Camp is located at 868 Jericho Turnpike in Westbury. It is 1 mile west of exit 40W on the Long Island Expressway. Parking will be available in the Kohls Shopping Center and there will be shuttle buses running to and from the camp. More information about the event can be found at the centers website http:// www.creatinghope.com.

I came to Stony Brook with the goal of hopefully bringing SPEC with me. Although I am not starting the organization up yet, for I still would like to get adjusted to the whole college lifestyle first, I wanted to set the foundation for something I think can really flourish in a university comprised of close to 20,000 students. Please keep your eyes open for flyers or notices in the near future about the official start of SPEC at Stony Brook.

Cancer will continue to be a problem and hurt so many people unless something is done about it. Although it may not seem like a big contribution, attending this Fun Fest can make a huge difference.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this, and I hope many of you will be able to come. If anyone should have any other questions regarding this event, or anything else related to how you can start to help put an end to cancer, please don't hesitate to call me at extension 6-2752. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.



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Columbia Prof. Causes Restaurant Scare

Courtesy of the Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) _ A Columbia University professor caused a panic among restaurateurs across the city after he sent letters to 240 restaurants falsely complaining of food poisoning as part of a study on how they respond to complaints.

The form letter was sent last month on school stationery by Frank Flynn, a professor in the business school, though the study was not authorized by Columbia, The New York Times reported Saturday.

In the letter, Flynn said he suffered "extended nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramps" during a meal with his wife on their wedding anniversary.

The note sent the staffs of many of the restaurants scrambling. They searched through credit card records, menus and delivery tickets to track down when Flynn might have visited their establishments, what he might have eaten and what the possible causes of the poisoning could have been.

Jean-Claude Baker, owner of Chez Josephine, said he "ripped" his cooks apart because of it.

"This was a very traumatizing experience," Baker told the Times.

But omissions in Flynn's letter caused suspicion among restaurateurs such as Laurence Kretchmer, a partner in Mesa Grill.

"It had no date, no reference to anything suspicious," he said. "There were so many things that stood out indicating a scam."

Once the business school's dean, Meyer Feldberg, read one of the 60 replies to Flynn's letter that alleged possible fraud he sent a formal apology to all the restaurants.

Feldberg called the incident "an egregious error in judgment by a junior faculty member" that was "part of an ill-conceived research project." He said the professor initiated the research project on his own.

Flynn sent a second letter to the restaurants, on plain paper, apologizing. He said the first letter "was fabricated to help collect data for a research study that I designed concerning vendor response to consumer complaints."

Flynn did not respond to messages left on his office answering machine and at home, the newspaper said.

Feldberg said Flynn's future at the school was unclear. "Clearly the issue is being very thoroughly reviewed and investigated," he said.

Clinton Considers Visiting Buffalo for Free

Courtesy of the Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) _ Former President Bill Clinton would consider speaking at the University at Buffalo for free, his spokeswoman said.

Julia Payne told The Buffalo News in Friday's editions that Clinton "would love to consider an invitation" to speak there. "There are occasions when he does not require a fee."

Payne stopped short of promising a Clinton appearance, but did discuss possible circumstances, including having him speak about his foundation.

Student leaders had said the university nixed the idea because Clinton is too controversial. But administrators had said they'd just rather see him in 2003 or 2004, when Clinton could comment on an upcoming presidential election and his speaking fee was lower.

Student Association president Christian Oliver said he was flabbergasted by Payne's comments. Oliver said the Student Association "would absolutely, without a shadow of a doubt, love" to bring Clinton to UB.

"Let's invite him," UB President William R. Greiner said. Greiner was in Washington on Thursday meeting with members of the western New York congressional delegation, including Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

"The issue has always been the money," said Greiner, speculating that Clinton's fee could be as much as \$150,000.

Greiner said three former presidents _ who spoke for less than their ordinary fee _ have appeared at UB, including Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter and George Bush.

SUNY Budget Hurdles Could End Soon

Courtesy of the Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) _ State leaders and Gov. George Pataki are discussing a possible way around a major hurdle in negotiations over the 2001-02 state budget: compensating property owners for overcharges in school taxes.

Senate Republican leader Joseph Bruno, frustrated after a fruitless day of negotiating on Tuesday, had suggested there was no point in adding more education aid in a supplemental budget because tax bills had already gone out to property owners in districts outside of New York City and the state's other big cities.

But on Wednesday, Bruno and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver were again discussing higher school aid, but were not saying how much more. The baseline budget the Legislature approved last month provided for \$382 million more in education spending to a total of just over \$14 billion.

Finally called into session Tuesday night, rank-and-file legislators quickly passed a bill sent to them by Pataki authorizing the spending of more than \$2 billion through the state Superfund and State University of New York Construction Fund. The measure generated no controversy, nor did it address the substantive disagreements over the budget.

Research Finds Humans Shape Evolution

Courtesy of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) No longer just the product of evolution, humans have become one of the planet's major forces driving it.

The impact of technology has increased so much in recent years that "humans may be world's dominant evolutionary force," said Harvard biologist Stephen R. Palumbi.

He writes in Friday's issue of the journal Science that the cost to society of drug-resistant bacteria, pests that can survive DDT and other poisons and superweeds could be more than \$50 billion a year in the United States alone.

Many of the ideas in Palumbi's paper have been discussed previously. But he brings them all together in

this report, commented Michael Bell, who teaches ecology and evolution at the Stony Brook University.

"The literature is full of examples of rapid evolution and when you look at the cases, human intervention is almost always involved," Bell said. "He (Palumbi) was clever enough to see that there is a common theme here and he has provided a list of tools that can be used to mitigate the problem."

Palumbi noted in a telephone interview that humans have been applying the principles of evolution for thousands of years by selectively breeding livestock and saving and replanting the best crops.

"It used to be we were only affecting our own farmyards, now we are affecting the whole planet," he said.

Indeed, it is human activity that dominates the availability of fresh water and usable land, fisheries production, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and environmental changes worldwide, he wrote.

Illustrating how quickly evolution can have an effect, Palumbi pointed out that, only a decade after the 1939 discovery that DDT killed insects, resistance to the chemical was reported in house flies.

Scientists can find ways to engineer the evolutionary process to "slow the arms race" with pests and germs, Palumbi said.

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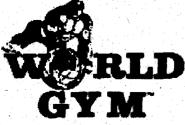
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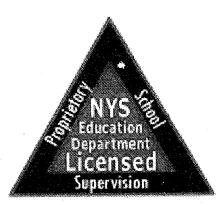
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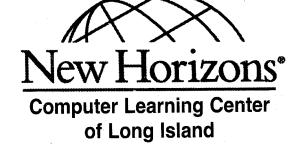
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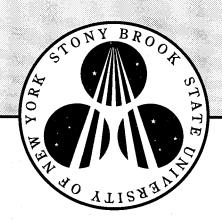


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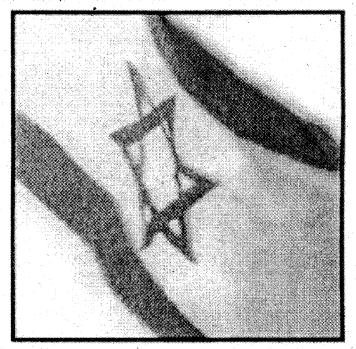
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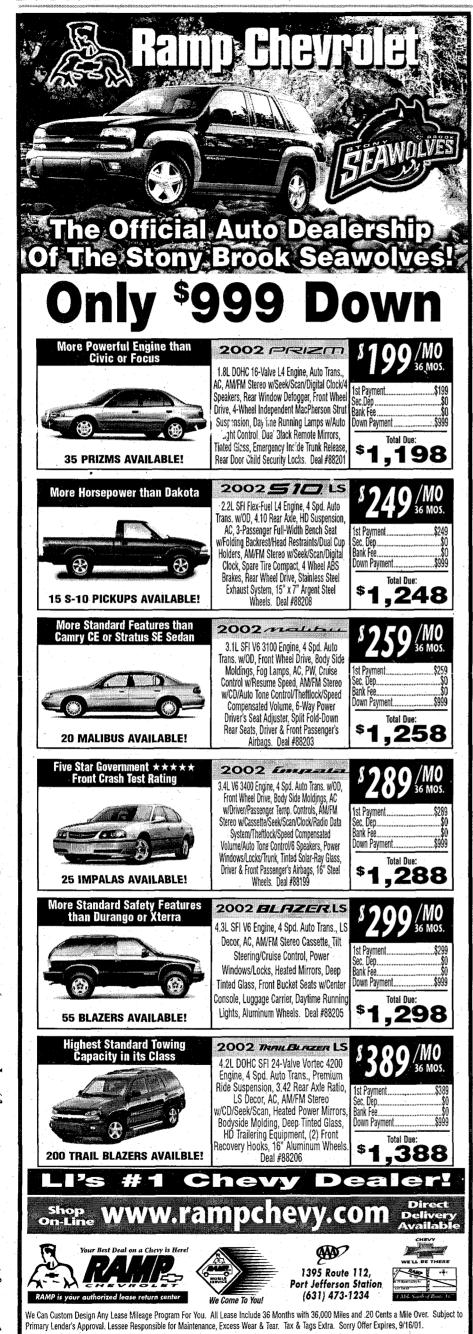
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Controversy Surrounds LI Power Plant Proposal

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to exacerbate the problem by adding another power plant."

According to Habyan, the power plant will run on the latest technology. She believes it will be one of the most sanitary power plants in the UnitedStates.

One of the most recent advances in energy conservation that KeySpan plans to use, if the plan goes through, is combined cycle technology, which works as a type of energy recycling system. Habyan believes this will conserve energy and protect the environment.

Stebbins said he is also concerned with the lack of an official energy plan for Long Island.

"It's premature and shortsighted to build without an energy master plan," Stebbins said. "There are over 20 newly proposed power projects here on Long Island as we speak. Where or not they'll be built, we don't know, but we need to see

where everything is going and why."

LIPA contends that it does have an for Long Island.

"From where we're sitting right now, LIPA has a plan for Long Island's energy future," said Michael

"From where we're sitting energy strategy right now, LIPA has a plan for Long Island's energy future."

issue of Long Island growth in electrical consumption," Lowndes said. "We came very close to reaching our limit during the heat wave this summer, and without the effort from residents and the governor, we would have had a real problem." Schwartz agrees that more power

short time, they don't address the

is needed, but that we may not need as much as is being proposed.

"I can tell you that we don't need to go from 5,000 megawatts to 12,000 megawatts," Schwartz said. "Only half of the 250-megawatt power plant's energy will be bought by LIPA, according to Lowndes, and it is uncertain where the other half will go.

"We plan to try to keep it on Long Island," Habyan said, although she notes it could be sold elsewhere.

Some students at Stony Brook University had mixed feelings about the proposed power plant.

"No power plant is really clean," said freshman Sravanesh Muralidhar.

> Some students, however. Felt a power plant could be a positive addition for energy purposes. "We all need energy, and there has to be something we have to do to create it," said sophomore Jennifer Allen. "I transferred from SUNY Oswego, which has a nuclear power plant nine miles away from the

college. If we can provide energy that's effective without depleting the environment, and [the plant] is safe and they're honest, it's a good thing."

The closest power plant to SUNY Stony Brook is right on campus. Stony Brook has a power plant located by the sports complex, which generates power for the entire campus.

According to Habyan, the authorization process could take up to two years, and KeySpan is hopeful that, if it does pass, construction will conclude in 2004.

A meeting will be held at the H.B. Matteline middle school off of North Country Road on Sept. 13 from / p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be an open forum for questions about the power plant, according to Habyan.

"We've been working with the community to make sure concerns are heard and addressed so we can reach a mutual understanding," Habyan said. "There will be experts at this meeting to help answer the questions and concerns of those who attend."

dramatically. We feel confident emissions will not be an issue." Some question whether Long

Lowndes, manager of media

relations, "Technology has changed

Island needs another power plant due to other energy proposals and updates.

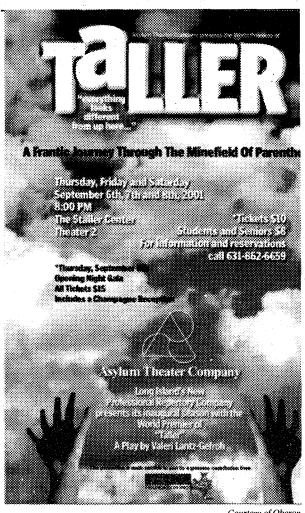
"Currently Long Island has 5,000 megawatts of power, and there is work being done to upgrade the Y49 and Y50 power cables under Long Island sound from 300 megawatts to 600 megawatts," said Schwartz, who in the past served as the deputy general council for energy for the Department of Energy (DOP) and had helped handle the power crisis in California.

"A couple of peaker plants, which are used to add power when we hit a big peak, are also proposed, among other things. I think the question is how much power is really needed."

Lowndes noted the power crisis that nearly occurred this summer as a sign that Long Island does need the

"Peaking plants are designed to augment the power supply in a very

Taller: A Frantic Journey Through the Minefield of Parenting



Courtesy of Oberon

Taller ran this weekend at the Staller Center.

Statesman Contributor

Have you ever wondered what parents experience as their children transform before their eyes? What their unique perspective into our growth and maturation is?

Few of us have yet to see this side. Yet with "Taller", a three-person one-act play performed at Theater Two of the Staller Center this weekend, the audience was brought a few steps closer to understanding what our parents have undergone

Valeri Lantz-Gefroh's "Taller" brings us on a metaphorical journey through the lives of a man and woman. He, and She, played convincingly by Paul Kassel and Laura Ross, encounter various characters, all played by the talented Steven Lantz-Gefroh. Lantz-Gefroh offers the audience a plethora of unique characters, each of which represent a different stage or important figure in the lives of the parents

The play, which ran for just over an hour, was made up of different scenes, each flowing smoothly into the next.

From birth, which is cleverly portrayed to the audience in complete darkness, to the first steps of the child, to the tensions and conflicts that arise between parents as they work to create and mold their child, "Taller" keeps the audience's attention as well as offering a wide range of emotion.

The actors do a superb job of conveying their feelings, and it becomes obvious to the viewer by the end of the show that they have all invested some of their own experiences into their characters. This adds an essential level of depth and poignancy to the play.

Kassel and Ross, who remain on-stage and in character for the duration of the show, work well together. They

effectively conveying their character's emotions and illustrate the views of the parents, with a great amount of emotion and sincerity. "Taller" offers a rarely seen look into the more private lives of our parents. It allows us to see the personal insecurities and conflicts that arise between them, due mainly to their child and his or her presence in their lives.

The behind-the-scenes action only helped to make "Taller" a more powerful demonstration of the parents' experience. The setting, simple and unassuming, remains the same for the duration, yet the setting changes many times over the course of the play, thanks to well placed sound and lighting effects. Never too intense or overpowering, the effects worked well together with the actors to create and complement the development of the performance.

Stony Brook is fortunate to have been the stage for the World Premiere of "Taller". This work was masterfully developed and cast, and is the first production of the Asylum Theater Company, a group of theater professionals who live on Long Island and whose goal is to offer a home for quality local theater. If this first production is a glimpse into what the future holds for Asylum, we are sure to see more great works on the horizon.

"Taller" offered its audience an intimate look into the lives the parents, and presented us with an endless amount of endearing stories within the story, opening our eyes to a different perspective.

I for one, have a new understanding and appreciation for what my parents have endured for me, and during the show, I wanted to tell them. After leaving Theater Two, that's just what I did.

Simmons and Lowe: Bringing "Good-Humored" Comedy to Port Jefferson

By Christopher Latham Statesman Editor

Ed Lowe and Jack Simmons, who will perform at Theatre 3 in Port Jefferson this Friday, employ two rarely seen elements in modern stand-up: a script that forsakes profanity and a penchant for old fashioned tag-team comedy.

Hence their ever-so-appropriate show title, "The Good Humored Men."

The pair first teamed up when Lowe, also a teacher and columnist for Newsday, wrote an article about Simmons' one-man-show "Buddy's Gift", an emotional recount of his family's experience coping with his father's death.

Simmons, an 18-year comic veteran, has appeared on HBO, Showtime, MTV, VH1, and E! (Entertainment Television).

Lowe's favorable response to "Buddy's Gift" prompted Simmons to invite him to act as a speaker before the performance.

"From that [collaboration] we decided to do a show based on wit and humor," Simmons said. "It doesn't require profanity to be funny."

Lowe's jump from public speaking to stand-up comedy did not

occur at Simmons' request, however.

He was first asked to speak at the annual dinner party of a local Suffolk County librarian association, more than two decades ago.

"I tried to tell them I had no experience in that, but they said they loved my column, which was sufficient to win me over," Lowe

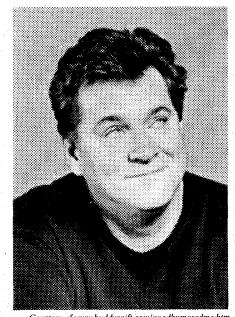
His routine, an autobiographical recount of his advancement from grade school to becoming a teacher, contained enough comedic flair to get him invited back year after year.

Eventually, Lowe began using the skit as a keynote speaker at superintendent conferences. At that point he decided to develop new

It wasn't until 1992, however, that he was ready for a professional

"I was going to perform at the East Side Comedy Club, where a lot of big time comics played," he said. "I decided to go to the Brokerage Comedy Club [in Bellemore, Long Island], as practice."

That decision would prove fateful. Lowe met Simmons, who was touring himself, at the Brokerage. It wasn't until years later, after Simmons contacted Lowe



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Jack Simmons has appeared on HBO. Showrime, MTV, VH1 and E! during his nearly 20 years as a comedian.

to view "Buddy's Gift", that the pair came up with the idea behind "The Good Humored Men."

Their first show was performed this summer in Merrick. According to Lowe, it was well received.

"The crowd loved it," he said. "It was almost frightening."

When asked why the reception was so positive, and why he is confident this Friday's Port Jefferson appearance will be a



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Ed Lowe has been a columnist for Newsday since 1976. He has worked as a comedian since 1992.

success, Lowe referenced the clean nature of their act.

"If people don't go to shows because they can't be sure they won't hear profanity, there's a problem," he said. "I'm not against adult shows. I like Chris Rock. But I wouldn't take my mother to see him."

For tickets and info about the show at Theatre 3 in Port Jefferson, call 631-928-9100.

Offensive Star Falls as Men's Soccer Falters

By Jeffrey Javidfar Statesman Editor

A two-hour battle between Stony Brook men's soccer team and visiting Rider decided nothing as both sides settled for a 1-1 draw at University Field.

The Seawolves' midfield played poorly in support of its front line once again, and for the second straight time the team relied on the heroics of goalie Dan Ferrin.

"I had to pull out some really big saves," said Ferrin. "I just approach the game as if there is nothing to lose and try to do my part to help the team."

Even more disheartening than drawing a game at home, is the devastating loss of striker Shane Arikian for possibly the rest of the regular season due to a dislocated ankle.

"I just got the bad end of a 50:50 tackle. There was no foul," said Arikian. "Fortunately, I won't need surgery. Usually when an injury like this happens it causes one of the bones in

the ankle to break. This was a clean dislocation, nothing broke."

"We could have ended it with five minutes left in the second half," said coach Scott Dean. "We also had two to three chances during the overtime and we missed point blank shots . . . Shane was injured in the last few seconds of overtime."

Although Dean didn't rest blame for Shane's injury on the team's poor finishing, fans were left to wonder what might have been, had a couple of SBU's shots come off the proper side of their foot.

Arikian, who scored seven goals as a freshmen, was expected to be the cornerstone of the offense this season, but will now be relegated to cheering on his teammates from the sidelines. Now SBU will have to circle the wagons while Dean comes up with a new game plan so that the Seawolves can right the ship while Arikian gets back

"It's more responsibility on us," said Ferrin. "We've got to get guys to step up and rally around it or we're going to crumble. It's a really important part of our season and unfortunately it was only the second game."

However, one may expect him to



Forward Shane Arikian disalocated his ankle putting his season in jeopardy.

return earlier than planned. For it appears as if Arikian will take on the challenge of returning to match fitness with the same stubborn courage that he displays on his runs towards the goal mouth.

"I hope to return in four to six weeks," said Arikian. "After [the ankle] heals my return will be determined by how long it takes for me to rehab it. Hopefully it won't be that long."

With exception of the injury, the game was rather uneventful. SBU took the lead midway through the first half on an own goal, when Everett Watts' cross into the box caromed off the head of Rider defender Jason Brockman and into the top, right corner past a helpless Brian Gill.

The Seawolves sustained the one goal margin till the 75th minute, when a cross from Rider's Scott Fanning connected with Jake Trainor, making a run down the left side.

Poor finishing was the story for the Seawolves throughout the match as they failed to connect on all 12 of their shots.

Amazings Making a Run



Rey Ordonez slides home in Mets win over Marlins.

By Christopher Hunt Statesman Editor

It took the New York Mets more than half a season to wake up from whatever trance they were playing under, but the Mets are finally owning up to their nickname, the Amazings as they have found the magic that carried them to the World Series last season.

The 2000 National League Champions have spent nearly the entire season playing with a record under .500, but for the past four

or five weeks they have given the fans a reason to turn on the television and watch them for three hours. And they are actually trying to make a run at the playoffs, however small the chances may be.

With Saturday night's win over the Florida Marlins the Mets record improved to 71-72, one game under .500, their best winning percentage since April 12 when they were 4-5

The Mets are now riding a six-game winning streak and have won 17 of their last 21 games. This run shows that the Mets haven't packed their bags and aren't beginning to look towards the offseason.

Baseball analysts and other teams in the league have begun to take a serious look at the Mets chances of closing in on the division-leading Atlanta Braves.

For the Mets to win the division they would have to play flawless baseball and could only lose three or four of their remaining 19 games. Still, if the Mets can maintain their recent level of play they may be able to put their future in their own hands since they play the Braves in six of those 19 games.

Lately, the Mets have just seem destined to come back and be the Mets that captured the hearts of New York fans, and had the entire city fighting back and forth over who was better between them and the Yankees.

The hot bats of the Mets haven't been the only

contributor to their success, luck as also been on their side

On Sept. 3, Todd Zeile was the beneficiary of the luck that's been following the Mets. After former Met Todd Pratt framed a pitch and didn't get the strike he was begging for called, he threw a short ball back to reliever Jose Santiago, who took a frustrated stab at the ball and missed it. As the ball hit the grass, Zeile took off from second towards third while shortshop Jimmy Rollins found the rolling ball. Rollins made a poor throw to third and as the ball flew pass third base Zeile headed home to score the winning run.

The Mets attempt to sweep the Marlins on Sunday, but the four-game sweep couldn't come without a little assistance. Marlins outfielder Preston Wilson was gracious enough to lend Tsuyoshi Shinjo his bat during a game this week. Shinjo made sure that the favor didn't go to waste when he blasted a shot into center field for a solo homer. And as he rounded the bases he tipped his cap to Wilson in appreciation.

The Amazing Mets have found a way to captivate their fans again and are fighting to keep the fans on the edge of their seats by advancing to the post-season. The chances of the Mets prolonging their season past September are slim, but if they don't see the playoffs it'll be exciting to watch them try.