

Residences to Battle for Blood and Bone Marrow

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Statesman Staff

The Second Annual Residential Blood Drive Contest at Stony Brook will be held this Feb. 11 through Feb. 19. Donation Booths will be set up in each of the residential quads on scheduled days with opportunities for students to donate blood, sign up for the bone marrow registry, and volunteer service hours to the blood drive.

This year, the series of blood drives has been expanded to include the new apartment complexes. The quad or apartment complex that donates the most blood will receive a trophy from President Kenny at an Awards ceremony on May 14.

"This added incentive will motivate students to come donate," said Navid Ghani, Special Assistant to Deputy to the President. Last year, the trophy was won by Roosevelt Quad. All participating residences were awarded plaques in recognition of participation.

The Staller Center has also



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Residents from each of SBU's residential quads will compete against one another in a blood drive contest this February.

donated 200 free movie tickets to award students who donate. Additional student tickets are being provided by the New York Blood Center. "Serendipity", "Ocean's Eleven", and "Ali" are three of the six featured films.

Previous blood drives have generated an enormous response from the campus residential communities, with actual pint donations exceeding

the expected totals.

"Also, an average of 43 bone marrow registrants per Quad was much higher than expected," Ghani said. This February's blood drive promises to be even more successful.

The blood drives come at a time when blood supplies have dramatically waned. According to the Red Cross, many people who had never donated before

Sept. 11 pledged to come back in later months, but never showed.

"It's a shame that everyone has forgotten the cause that they stood in lines for on Sept. 11," said Stony Brook freshman, Mira Kinariwala.

The need for blood also increases during winter months, as snowstorms and poor weather reduce the number of donations. An estimated 4 million patients need blood transfusions every day, according to the American Association for Blood Banks (AABB).

Stony Brook is dedicating this year's blood drive to several children afflicted with leukemia. An estimated 30,000 children are diagnosed with the disease each year, and the number bone marrow registrants falls short of the need, according to the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Currently, there is a substantial shortage of minority registrants for the bone marrow bank. "Because of its diversity, Stony Brook is a perfect place to recruit minorities for the bone

marrow registry," asserted Ghani.

Coordinators of the blood drives expect an enthusiastic turnout from Stony Brook residents and participants. "The main source of strength for the blood drives has been the RHDs and students who donate their time and effort to this cause," said Ghani, "Without them, we could not get these results."

Many students are showing willingness to participate in these drives. "The blood drive brings the victims and patients to us so that we can help them in our own way. Now we are not so far away, and we can make a difference," said Maggie Sturm, a Stony Brook student.

The New York Blood Center has lifted several requirements for donors. People with high blood pressure, diabetes, and cancer can donate blood. Donors with tattoos are cautioned to wait one year before donating blood. Anyone with questions about technical requirements can visit

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LASO Stages WTC Benefit at SAC Auditorium

BY KELLY BROWN
Statesman Editor

The Latin American Student Association (LASO) has been planning its contribution to the victims of the Sept. 11 violence for months, an entertainment

extravaganza entitled "United We Stand." The event will take place on Feb. 10, 2002, in the Student Activities Center Auditorium, where performance groups from SBU and the surrounding community will come together to

raise money and support for the Stony Brook Responds program.

Stony Brook Responds was initiated shortly after the terrorist attacks, and has been an enormously successful effort to support the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund in aiding victims of the tragedy. The University's Office for Advancement has been coordinating a collection of relief funds under the direction of Advancement Vice President William Simmons. Approximately \$30,000 has already been raised, and will go to benefit the families of anyone injured or killed at the WTC.

Stony Brook students and LASO activists Ruth Rivas and Antonio Ferrantino have been working together to orchestrate the benefit. "LASO is deeply saddened by the events that occurred," Rivas



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"Diversity" rehearses on SAC stage on Sunday.

stated in her project proposal. "In response to the tragedies, we will honor the heroes and remember those who lost their lives."

The show will include a variety of performances and a special segment honoring the firefighters in Stony Brook and the nearby communities of Setauket and Port Jefferson.

In addition to sponsoring the event, LASO is planning to have its dance troupe present a salsa number. Another Stony Brook

organization, the Asian Student

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"Latin Dream," a dance troupe composed of Central Islip middle school students, is part of the LASO effort to raise funds for the New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund.

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2002 Black History Month - Calendar of Events

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12:40 p.m., Benedict College Atrium, Stony Brook University.
Come celebrate Black History Month at the Opening Ceremony. All are welcome to join in our celebration featuring music, art, and much more!

Friday, February 1

Kappa Alpha Psi: Kold Nights Party 10:00 p.m., Stony Brook University Union Ballroom
A campus-wide party hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Monday, February 4

What Is the Employee Assistance Program?
12:00-1:00 p.m., School of Social Welfare, Faculty and Staff Lounge, Level 2, Health Sciences Center, Stony Brook University
Come and learn about the Employee Assistance Program and the many resources available to faculty and staff. Lunch will be served. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Aldustus E. Jordan, Associate Dean, School of Medicine, at (631) 444-2341.

Wednesday, February 6

Celebrating the Black Church
12:40 p.m., Stony Brook University Union Interfaith Center
Join our celebration of the history behind the Black Church in America. Rev. Sandra Leonard of Bethel AME Church will be the co-leader of the celebration. Come hear speakers discuss the impact of the Black Church on education, and enjoy the sounds of the Stony Brook Gospel Choir.

Sunday, February 10

WTC Benefit Fundraiser: "United We Stand"
1:00 p.m., Student Activities Center
American Student Organization will be hosting "United We Stand," a WTC benefit to honor the heroes and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The event will consist of performances from several groups including the students and teachers from the Central Islip School District, the Asian Students Alliance, the Theatre Department, and the Stony Brook Gospel Choir. There is an open donation with a suggested minimum of \$8. All proceeds will be donated to the Stony Brook Responds Fund. For more information,

contact Ruth Rivas at (631) 216-4433 or Antonio Ferrantino at (631) 216-4326.

13th Annual Black History Month Sunday Mass and Dinner
Featuring the Stony Brook Gospel Choir
5:00 p.m., Stony Brook University Union Ballroom
Catholic Campus Ministry is sponsoring the 13th Annual Black History Month Sunday Mass featuring the Stony Brook Gospel Choir with dinner following the celebration. For more information, contact Sister Margaret Ann Landry, Interfaith Center, at (631) 632-6562.

Monday, February 11

Taste of Food from African Ancestry
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., School of Social Welfare, Health Sciences Center, at Stony Brook University, Level 4
Come to the food tasting, featuring tasty dishes from the African diaspora. For more information, contact Dr. Frances Brisbane, Dean, School of Social Welfare, at 444-2341. Sponsored by the School of Social Welfare, Africana Studies Department, and Black Faculty and Staff Association.

The General Clinical Research Center Recruitment, Education, and Retention Program
12:00-1:00 p.m., School of Social Welfare Faculty and Staff Lounge, Health Sciences Center, Level 2, Stony Brook University

Attend the food tasting and then come and learn about the GCRC, a focal point for clinical research within the Stony Brook University Hospital and the surrounding communities. The GCRC focuses on concerns that are of particular importance to Long Islanders, such as Lyme disease and breast cancer. It also has major interest in diabetes mellitus, stroke prevention, HIV, prostate cancer, cardiovascular disease, and heart disease prevention.

"Come Home, Behold: Africa"

12:00-3:00 p.m., Student Activities Center Lobby, Stony Brook University
This opening ceremony for African Pride Week features African drummers, a masquerade, and a dance workshop. We will tell the campus community about who we are. For more information, contact Edith A. Ashamole at (631) 216-2849. Sponsored by the African Students Union and Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity, Inc.



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**A Thought
From
Rabbi Adam**



A few days ago, the Lubavitcher Chassidim celebrated "Yud-Shvat" - the day the Lubavitcher Rebbe took the mantle of the Chabad movement to become the "Rebbe". In Chassidism, a Rebbe is to his followers what a shepherd is to his flock. Just like sheep depend on their shepherd for all their sustenance, and, if the shepherd would not take his flock out to graze- they would be like a fish without water- so too, spiritually, is the Rebbe his to followers. For a Rebbe is a spiritual leader, providing spiritual inspiration for those on a quest for spiritual accomplishment. Generally, Rebbes tend to be insular. They primarily are shepherds only to their own followers, leaving other Chassidism to look to other Rebbes for inspiration, leaving other non-religious Jews to their own devices, and of course, such Rebbes would have nothing to do with the non-Jewish world! However, the Lubavitch Rebbe is a Rebbe of a different kind. He has reached out to other Chassidim, allowing them to expand their spiritual horizons, yet never insisting that they conform to the specific ways of the Lubavitcher Chassidim. He has established some 3,000+ "Chabad Houses" in over 50 countries around the globe fitted with a Rabbinical staff dedicated to assist those non-religious Jews who prefer to grow into their Jewish identity at their own pace. And, most uniquely of all, the Lubavitcher Rebbe has encouraged all his Chabad Houses to reach out to the curious and interested of the non-Jewish world, all the while maintaining the age-old Jewish precept against proselytizing. For the Rebbe's vision is universal. The Rebbe's goal is to spark a world-wide spiritual accomplishment via a universal grass-roots spiritual awakening that would garner Divine favor to herald in the utopia as described by the prophets of the Bible regarding the Days of Moshiach, the Messianic Era. An Era in which there would be no war, no jealousy, no pain nor sadness, but rather eternal peace, joy and love. A utopian world which the Rebbe insisted is at our finger-tips, if only we would show our desire for this Era by adding in acts of goodness and kindness.

SBU Opens Stony Brook Manhattan Facility Majors in Fundraising, with Classes on the Side

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM
Editor Emeritus

Stony Brook University has opened a facility in New York City called Stony Brook Manhattan. It will mainly serve as an urban hub for alumni services, fundraising, and administrative meetings. A small amount of city-oriented courses are also being taught there.

"So many of our alumni and donors live in the city, and it's very hard for them to get to events here at the campus," President Shirley Strum Kenny told *Newsday* last week. "This enables us to reach out to them."

Kenny said this approach also applies to students. This year, about 45 percent of SBU freshman come from the five boroughs.

According to the campus website, a major purpose of Stony Brook Manhattan is to enhance educational experiences and opportunities for students. Designed to accommodate classes, seminars, internships, and special events, the site claims the facility offers convenience and accessibility to faculty, financial supporters, and students.

The new facility occupies 18,000 square feet of rented space on one floor of a building at 401 Park Ave. South, at 28th Street. That floor consists of 11 classrooms, two conference rooms, faculty office space and a large assembly hall. Around 200 students can use Stony Brook Manhattan at a time, and may in time be used by 3,000 to 4,000 students over the course of a semester.

Most of the courses offered there are from the School of Social Welfare. Public Policy, Women's Studies, History, and Philosophy courses are also scheduled for the spring semester.

"We will not have in Manhattan the kinds of majors and full curriculum that we have here," Kenny said, referring to the 1,200-acre main campus, which services more than 20,000 students.

The site explains how interested students can register for courses. Currently matriculated students at SBU should register for courses that will meet at Stony Brook Manhattan as they would all other SBU classes. A number of the Spring 2002 courses require students to secure the permission of the instructor



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Stony Brook Manhattan is Stony Brook University's new facility in New York City.

before registering, however.

Those who do not have student status at SBU may enroll in some of these courses as non-matriculated students. Non-matriculated students generally pay the same tuition and other fees as matriculated students. Students from other colleges and universities who plan to enroll in Stony Brook courses as

visiting students should check with their home campuses to ensure they will receive credit for the courses, and that they will still be eligible for financial aid.

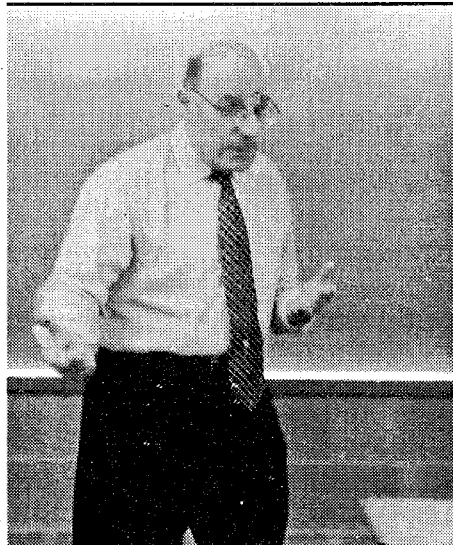
Applications for full and part-time non-matriculated study are available in the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Additionally, several undergraduate Summer Session courses will be offered at Stony Brook Manhattan. Like the classes scheduled on campus, the courses at 401 Park South will be open to both visiting and current Stony Brook students. All offer undergraduate academic credit or may be taken for Pass/No Credit by those who are interested in taking a particular course, but who do not need academic credit for it. Most classes will take advantage of the New York City environment to include visits to museums, literary sites, film festivals, and music venues.

For summer enrollment information and details about these courses, the Summer Sessions Web site will be updated in early February. For more information, contact Scott Sullivan by phone at 646-472-2000, by fax at 646-472-2090, or by e-mail at scsullivan@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

Ambassador Lectures on Studying Abroad

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK
Statesman Staff



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

Ambassador Gosende believes that study abroad is a key element of education.

In an effort to diversify the academia of its students, Stony Brook University hosts a very distinct study abroad program. There are opportunities to study in over 300 overseas programs in more than 50 different nations in North and South America, Africa, Asia, Western and Eastern Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

Studying abroad can range from a two to three week course to an entire term or academic year. Classes are offered in over 100 subjects and they are conducted wholly in English, unless the focus of the program is language learning, where the classes are held in the language of the host country.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the notion of a study abroad program has changed. In response to this, the SUNY

system is making moves to draw more students and faculty towards the program. For this reason, a forum on International Education Post 9/11, featuring guest speaker Ambassador Robert R. Gosende, was held last week.

Gosende served as ambassador to Somalia until 1993, and worked in Uganda to build a teacher training college and a secondary school. Now he serves as Associate Vice Chancellor to the Office of International Programs for the State University of New York.

This experience has given him a strong interest in culture exchange, and after recent happenings, his actions have grown stronger. "The prime objective of these programs is to bring more culture to these students. How many people we have working on this determines how

many students get involved," said Gosende.

Aside from students, faculty members can participate in the exchange program and teach courses of their specialty in English abroad. One of the biggest hosts for Stony Brook students and faculty members is Moscow State University in Russia. Students can participate in a joint program in fields such as computer science, public administration, and foreign language.

They can design their own curriculum and study "virtually everything," said Gosende. "Joint certification will be marketable. We have to make kids aware of the impact this will have on the jobs they will hold," added Gosende.

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Emerson Dabbles in University's Tunes

By CHRIS FECAROTTA
Statesman Staff

One of the world's most renowned chamber ensembles, the Emerson String Quartet, will join Stony Brook University as Quartet-in-Residence beginning Fall 2002. The quartet, which includes violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer, violist Lawrence Dutton, and cellist David Finckel, boasts international acclaim and an impressive list of achievements.

These include a brilliant series of recordings exclusively released by Universal Classics/Deutsch Grammophon since 1987, six Grammy Awards including two unprecedented honors for Best Classical Album, and complete cycles of the Bartok, Beethoven, and Shostakovich string



Courtesy of www.emersonquartet.com

The Emerson String Quartet is coming to the SBU Music Department.

quartets in the major concert halls of the world.

The Quartet has had a performance and teaching position at the Hartt School of the University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut for the last twenty-one years.

Working with numerous international artists, like Emanuel Ax, Misha Dichter, Leon Fleisher, the Guarneri String Quarter, Thomas Hampson, Lynn Harrell, Barbara Hendricks, Menahem Pressler, David Shifrin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Richard Stoltzman, and the late Oscar Shumsky, they have become one of the most outstanding chamber ensembles in the world.

In 1976, the Quartet took its name from the American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. Since then, it has performed numerous benefit concerts, including

causes like nuclear disarmament to the fight against AIDS.

In 1994, the Quartet was honored by the Governor of Connecticut for its outstanding cultural contributions to the state and in 1994 received the University Medal for Distinguished Service for the University of Hartford. It has also received a Smithsonian Award from the Smithsonian Institution.

The ensemble has presented several highly original collaborations, including the critically acclaimed "The Noise of Time," a theatrical presentation directed by Simon McBurney, featuring Complicite and the Emerson String Quartet in a live performance of Shostakovich's 15th String Quartet.

It has also performed many world

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POLITY - YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Message from Student Polity's Interim President - Akelia Lawrence

Happy New Year and welcome back. I am hoping that everyone had a beautiful Fall semester and best of luck for this one. Last semester was not one of the best for Student Polity but this semester greatly promises to be better. There are plans in the works and there is always your support. If you still do not know your Student Polity Council representatives, I will take this opportunity to re-introduce them to you. The Student Council members are Shaniqua Williams, Secretary; Nicholas Klib, Treasurer; Samuel Frederic, Senior Class Representative; Jannet Mey, Junior Class Representative; Sophia Moore, Sophomore Class Representative; Lucille Kim, Freshman Class Representative; Malika Granville and Natalie Hodgson, Co-Advisors; and myself, Akelia Lawrence, Interim President. Please, **DO NOT HESITATE** to stop by the Polity Suite SAC 202 and even just say HELLO!

There are many events that Student Polity Association and the clubs/organizations will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring. We would like to see you there, right on time and ready to be entertained. Some of the events to look out for are the Senior Class Ski Trip, Ice Skating at Sports Plus, Tanger Bus Trip and more, more, more. Just check out the newspapers (e.g. Statesman), watch 3-TV (SBU-TV channel 3), listen to your phone mails (don't *6), and view the postings around campus.

Remember, Student Polity is **STUDENTS FIRST**. So if you have any questions, suggestions, or even problems, let us know. We are here for you. However - Do not just complain, **GET INVOLVED**, and **LET YOUR ACTIONS BE SEEN**. Join a club, join a LEG, go with us to Lobbies, or even get your speech ready for Student Polity's Spring Elections (TBA). Hey, come to think of it, Student Polity is looking for students to be a part of the **Senior Activities Week Committee, Election Board Committee, End of Year Committee, /Print Shop Committee**, and a **Student Polity WebPage Designer**. Have I said enough? Just for now, because you have not heard the last from me. Remember this contact information- Polity Suite SAC 202 or 631-632-6460. Good luck with your studies and NUFF RESPEC' (lots of respect).

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Student Activities Center.

Russian Troops Accused of Social Injustice

BY RALPH D'AMBROSIO
Statesman Staff

Russian military forces have been accused of looting and murdering civilians who live in the devastated Republic of Chechnya, all the while conducting military operations bent on destroying rebel forces. Chechnya has been trying to break away from Russia since the late 1990s.

The Chechen police, who work under the pro-Russian government of Chechnya, have claimed that Russian Interior Ministry units, also known as Obrom, have for the past week scouted neighborhoods and looked for individuals with wealth

during routine minesweeping operations. At night, these forces reportedly returned in armored personnel carriers, broke into civilian homes, stole whatever they could find, and murdered any witnesses.

Chechen police forces have been drawing up lists of unsolved killings of civilians by federal forces implicated by witnesses. One member of the Chechen administration has provided documentation of 163 such cases. There are 17 documented cases in Leninsky, a district located in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, that claim that Interior Ministry troops looted and killed civilians.



Chechen Soldier Surrenders to Russian Soldier.
Courtesy of www.cnn.com

Military and civilian prosecutors, however, have refused to bring any criminal case against any individual or group of individuals based on these files and documents. All files are either

marked as inactive or returned to the original sender with requests for the name of soldiers involved.

The Interior Ministry, the Defense Ministry, and prosecutors, all located in Moscow, have all declined commenting on these incidents. Russian officials routinely blame the death of civilians on Chechen rebels.

Earlier this month President Vladimir V. Putin claimed that Russian troops found harming civilians would be held

accountable. He also claimed that about twenty servicemen have already been punished. Several cases have in fact been brought to court. For example, Colonel Yuri Budanov is presently on trial for the rape and murder of an 18-year-old Chechen woman in March 2000.

In addition to Russian Interior Ministry units, regular Russian Army troops are also being accused of committing abuses against civilians. Russian Army troops have been accused of committing punitive raids on various towns and villages located in Chechnya. These troops are accused of seizing men and looting a number of homes.

SBU Surgeons Perform Ground Breaking Operation

BY GENE TULMAN
Statesman Editor

During what is believed to be the most complicated cardiac surgery to date, a team of surgeons at the Stony Brook University Hospital performed five independent procedures within a single life saving operation. The cardiac team was led by Irvin B. Krukenkamp, M.D., Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Director of the Heart Center at the university hospital.

Salvatore Tomasi, 69, underwent surgery on Dec. 20 after arriving at SBU Hospital in serious condition. He was suffering from what seemed to be congestive heart failure, as well as abnormal heartbeat (arrhythmia) on the night of Dec. 18. Tomasi was discharged to a local rehabilitation facility on Dec. 31 in order to regain his strength.

"He was very, very ill," Krukenkamp said. "Upon examination, we discovered he



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Dr. Krukenkamp is the Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

had a blocked coronary artery, poorly controlled beats of the upper chambers of his heart (atrial fibrillation), and a damaged aortic valve that needed replacement."

He explained that such a cluster of surgical problems was fairly uncommon, as Tomasi's situation became unique with the discovery of two additional defects during the three and a half-hour surgery.

"We also had to repair a hole between his two upper chambers (atrial-septal defect), which had not been diagnosed before surgery, and a leaky tricuspid valve," Krukenkamp said. "Repairing five defects at once was uniquely complicated and challenging, particularly using microwave technology in such a complex procedure that has never been done before."

The surgical team performed a single-vessel bypass graft to relieve a blocked coronary artery, replaced the aortic valve, and then sutured the hole between the upper chambers of the heart (atria). They repaired a leaky tricuspid valve to restore proper blood flow in the right side of the heart and relieve Mr. Tomasi's heart and potential liver failure, and also treated the arrhythmia with the new microwave catheter technology.

The use of new technology was a significant factor in repairing Tomasi's heart

problems and stabilizing his abnormal heart rhythm. This is the first time on the East Coast that such a device has been used to treat irregular heart rate.

According to cardiac surgeon Adam E. Saltman, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Surgical Electrophysiology at the SBU Hospital and specialist in treating heart arrhythmias, this recently FDA approved device uses microwave energy to destroy the abnormal electrical pathway causing the arrhythmia.

"The new device reduces or eliminates the need for medication to treat the arrhythmia," Saltman said. "Restoring normal rhythm also improves the function of the heart and relieves his heart failure symptoms. The microwave ablation catheter also shortened the operating time and reduced blood loss, making this a much safer procedure for the patient."

"I'm so happy to be alive," Tomasi said, while being

discharged from the university hospital. "I had no idea how seriously sick I was until Dr. Krukenkamp explained everything to me. I'm going home with a new heart for the New Year!"

Surgical repair would have been necessary for all five of Tomasi's heart problems, each procedure carrying a mortality risk of anywhere between one and four percent. The combined mortality risk may have been categorized as being fairly high. "He was certainly a high-risk patient, but the circumstances of his conditions dictated what repairs needed to be made at once," Krukenkamp said.

Tomasi is a retired employee of the Commack Public Schools, residing in Blue Point. His hobbies include boating and fishing. "I'm grateful to Dr. Krukenkamp and to Stony Brook University Hospital for what they have done for me," Tomasi said. "They saved my life."

Fundraising for 9/11

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Alliance (ASA), is performing a theatrical piece entitled "In Remembrance." The work was first introduced in the wake of hate crimes perpetrated against Asian-Americans.

"During this increasingly unstable and war-torn time, the ASA would like to present this scene as a reminder that any racial prejudice against our neighbors can have devastating effects," said a spokesperson for the ASA.

A member of the theatre department is presenting a ballet number, and the 70-member Stony Brook Gospel Choir and its sister group, Essence of Praise, are

participating as well.

Involvement in this event has extended beyond campus boundaries. Elementary, middle, and high school students and teachers from the Central Islip school district are giving their time to the project. At a rehearsal on Jan. 27 in the SAC auditorium, young dancers from the group "Diversity" practiced their moves to "Livin' on a Prayer," as proud parents smiled from their seats below the stage.

Rivas and Ferrantino hope to fill seats and flood the Stony Brook Responds program with a final wave of support, as contributions have waned as time has passed.

"As we continue to organize this event, we encourage participations and/or donations from other departments and organizations as an example of our unity among our campus and with outside communities," Rivas said.

Tickets for "United We Stand" will be sold one to two weeks in advance at the box office located in the Student Activities Center. The office is open Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The suggested minimum donation is \$8.00 per ticket. Contact Ruth Rivas at 216-4433 or rrivas@ic.sunysb.edu or Antonino Ferrantino at 216-4326 or novus_moon@hotmail.com for more information.

Blood Contest

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www.nybloodcenter.org or call the NY Blood Center at 1-800-

933-2566. Questions regarding the Stony Brook Blood Drive can be addressed to Navid Ghani at 631-632-6100.

Schedule for Blood Drives

The drives will run from 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM at the following locations:

Date	Building
Monday, 2/11	Cafeteria Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, 2/12	Wagner College
Tuesday, 2/12	James College
Thursday, 2/14	Hamilton College
Monday, 2/18	Schomburg Commons
Monday, 2/18	Chapin Apts Community Center
Tuesday, 2/19	Irving College
Tuesday, 2/19	Dresier College

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Editorial

A Unique Time

It always seems a little funny that spring semester begins in January. Most often, there is nothing remotely spring-like about this month. Wintry mixes, biting wind gusts, and gray clouds are the common characteristics. It is usually not a pretty picture.

This year, though, is a little different. Since classes resumed, we have truly witnessed spring semester. In a refreshing change of pace, mild temperatures and blue skies have welcomed us back to school. To be sure, we could all use the extra sunshine.

The weather is symbolic of the uniqueness of this particular new semester. For one thing, we are once again experiencing the Year of the Palindrome. As was the case 11 years ago, the current year reads the same way both forwards and backwards.

Rare is the generation that gets to experience two such years. Indeed, the next two palindromic years, 2112 and 2222, will occur in a span of 110 years.

Of course, we do not need to examine the calendar to remind us that our generation will stand out in history. What happened last semester will not only define our college experience, but may very well shape our entire lives as well.

It was certainly not our choice to have these cards, but that is the hand which has been dealt to us.

As the old country crooner Kenny Rogers famously

sang, "You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em." The decision before us is clear: this is no time to fold. We must play with these cards. It is our responsibility to make the best of them.

And what better time to ante up than the start of the new semester?

Coming off a month-long vacation, we are well-slept, well-fed, relaxed, and energized. The slate in front of us is clean, the road before us untraveled. Now is the time to begin making our mark.

During Finals time, a common thought seems to pervade the minds of college students. We all question the relevance of the content of the exams for which we are cramming, and in doing so promise ourselves that when the tests are finally over, we will make a commitment to focus primarily on the things that really matter.

Unfortunately, those thoughts tend to dissipate. Fortunately, we have the power to keep that thought process going. Let's utilize that to the best of our ability this time around.

Tomorrow night, when President Bush delivers his State of the Union address to Congress, he will tell the nation that the state of our union is strong. He'll right; the state of our union *is* strong. And it is up to all of us to prove it.

Letters to the Editor

Revive American Democracy

Dear Editor:

The more I think about it, the more I think that most important response to terrorism is changing American foreign policy, and that the key to changing American foreign policy is to revive American democracy—namely, campaign finance reform to break the hold that Big Oil in particular, and big business in general, have on our government.

Our whole foreign policy in the Middle East and Central Asia is directed at protecting oil supplies, while we do virtually nothing to develop renewable resources. Why else would Americans be targets in a dispute between two groups of anti-democratic Saudi fundamentalists (i.e. Bin Laden and Co. and the Saudi royal family) or between populist fundamentalists and secular dictators (Egypt, Algeria, the Levant).

How many Americans have to die (as soldiers or as targets of terrorism) because we're involved in places we shouldn't be, supporting anti-democratic regimes, exacerbating poverty, just so Bush and Cheney's rich friends can get richer and so that rich people can drive

single-occupancy SUVs at 70mph?

When are we going to go beyond wiping up "blowback" with foreign blood and American bombs, and break the cycle by changing our foreign policy?

When are we going to realize that we are the richest country in the world, and we can afford to protect our poorest residents from an economic downturn, while Big Oil is being replaced by renewable resources? When we get back to representative democracy and bring an end to the corporate stranglehold on our government and on the media, that's when. This means equalizing media access and funding for all candidates for office (not just the Republicans and Democrats) and for all political positions, even unpopular ones.

Rep. Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Sen. John McCain (R-AR) were on the right track with campaign finance reform, but real reform has been blocked by the representatives of Big Money. (See www.commoncause.org for more information).

Sincerely,
Spencer Segalla

Bet This Doesn't Get Printed? Bet Again.

Dear Editor:

I'll start off my letter to the editor with the confrontational phrase, "Bet this doesn't get printed in the paper".

I was waiting for my wife to finish some shopping. I went into the Starbucks for a cup of coffee. The Smithtown Starbucks has a good supply of the Stony Brook Statesman and I figured that reading it would be a good way to gauge how our youth are processing events of our time. Figuring to pass some time, I thought I would read something encouraging and motivating. I did with the story on the blood drive. Then, I came across the Op-Ed piece written by Arif Rafiq.

The title, "Phase II of Stony Brook's War on Ignorance" should have been titled, "Phase II on Arif Rafiq's Attempts at Disinformation and Spin". I could not believe the drivel I was reading! I took into consideration the facts that when I was in college I was more idealistic than I am now and when

I was college age, I was pretty much an idiot! I do remember very well however my ability to drink beer and cut class!

That said, I took umbrage immediately. In the second sentence Arif writes; "Two weeks into it, on the day of the emergency", etc., etc. Excuse me...I believe a more accurate and honest opening sentence should have said, "on the day America was brutally attacked." But hey, that's just me! Arif goes on to tell us a traditional Sufi tale, puts down the majority of undergrads who choose to not sing Kumbaya around a peacefire, puts down undergrad feelings of patriotism and unity, and praises the various student organizations (special interest groups, to be kind) and the administration for organizing great programs to bring "context to the crisis".

After berating the student government for non-action (on his spin agenda) Arif goes on a diatribe about the leader of Iran and his effort to engage with the U.N. in a dialogue

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The "S" in SBU Might As Well Stand for Science

By GENE TULMAN
Statesman Editor

Does everyone know that Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) technology was first used for diagnostic purposes at Stony Brook University some three decades ago? If not, then it would be advantageous to visit the lobby of the Graduate Chemistry Building in order to view, from the primary perspective, the earliest MRI machine.

Did you know that the SBU Anthropology Department is ranked by some sources as first in the country? If you did not, pay a visit to its main office on the fifth floor of the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) Building.

Does everyone know that the current SBU Institute for Theoretical Physics was initiated by a Nobel laureate? Did you know that the current head of the institute was credited with formulating a supergravity theory, which is considered by authorities to be one of the most significant theories that the world of theoretical physics has witnessed in the past quarter of a century? If the answer is still no, then it might be beneficial to pick up a copy of the Statesman,

and to read one of the science articles.

Is it common knowledge that the Stony Brook Hospital was recently the site of the first-ever cardio-thoracic procedure that included five separate surgical repairs under a single dose of anesthesia? It was not to me before I happened to watch an edition of WB11 ten o'clock news coverage several weeks ago.

Stony Brook University researchers have been published in the most prominent scientific and medical journals. Their work is cutting edge as well as practical (know someone who ever had an MRI scan done?).

The average MCAT score upon admission to the Stony Brook University School of Medicine is a solid 32 out of a possible 43-45, while most of the state affiliated medical schools in this country are proud to accept applicants with a score of 30. It might be expected that the SBU medical school is ranked higher than the other three SUNY medical institutions.

What many individuals do not know, but by now may expect, is that Stony Brook University is consistently ranked in the top fifty in the country for primary medical care (family,

emergency, and internal medicine, as well as gynecology, obstetrics, psychiatry, and other medical branches).

The purpose of pointing out these facts is not to embarrass SBU students, but rather to attempt to instill a certain sense of Stony Brook pride. School pride is something many SBU students lack (a fact that is evident in the university's sporting events attendance statistics).

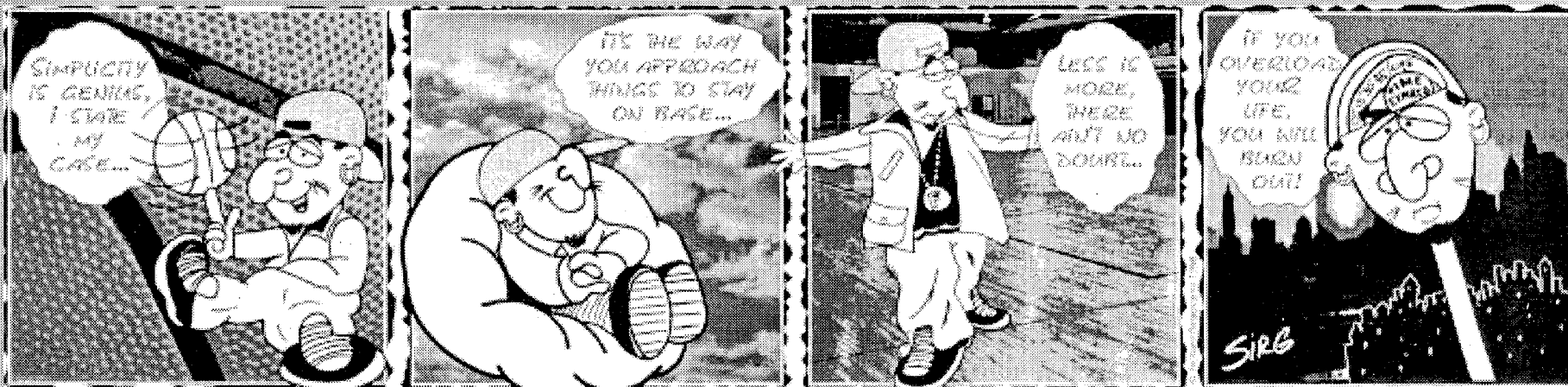
For those individuals who wish to make their contributions to society through scientific research, Stony Brook is not only an excellent environment for learning science, but is also a place filled with superb opportunities for involvement in meaningful research.

In other words, speak with your professors not only about the contents of your course, but make time to ask them about their research. You might be interested in spending time at their research laboratories, or perhaps you will learn some practical applications of the science you have learned in a classroom.

The alternative is that your professor may one day be featured on the evening news without you ever knowing it.

Urban Philosophy

By R.A. SIRGIOVANNI
Statesman Contributor



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Tutoring Program Offers Lessons for Local Kids and SBU Students Alike

By PAUL CONRAD
Statesman Staff

Visit the Port Jefferson Outreach Center, and you may see Kavaunne working with a tutor on division problems, or Stephen practicing reading out loud. At the center, students from grades 1 through 9 receive help with homework, and tutors gain experience teaching and mentoring children.

Last October, the Greater Port Jefferson Outreach Center began the tutoring program to help students from the surrounding community, especially those who needed additional instruction that could not be provided by their school. The tutoring program compliments the meals, Christmas gifts, and other services provided by the center, and is attended by more than 30 children per week. In addition, an English as a Second Language (ESL) program is offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

One of the program's declared central goals is to provide a warm and friendly atmosphere. The tutoring is one-on-one, and because

tutors work with the same students every week, they learn about the students' needs and are able to provide the most effective instruction, program coordinators believe.

Mansoor Khan, a Stony Brook freshman, volunteers on Wednesday Evenings.

"I help a little third grader with her reading, and work with a 15 year-old on her math homework. It is so rewarding to see one of them grasp a concept, and realize that it might have been because of my help."

Having recently secured a \$30,000 grant, the program has been able to acquire new educational materials, and is hoping to expand its services in the future. According to Maryann Bell, the program director, the program is always in need of more volunteer tutors.

"Our tutors are essential to the success of the program. They help students to learn more, experience greater success in school, and feel better about themselves. This invaluable service would not be

possible without the help of our dedicated tutors."

Another goal of the program is to develop a partnership between the tutor, the teachers, the staff and the parents, so that information about the students' needs and progress can be shared. In addition to completing homework assignments, other skills are worked on daily and on days when there is no homework due.

To reinforce and support what is being taught in the classroom, tutors say they do their best to make learning fun and develop kids' confidence in their ability to do well in school. One key to meeting the student's short and long-term educational goals is having consistent, reliable help from a tutor.

"The satisfaction of helping a child do better in school and life is hard to measure," said Bell, "but the insight gained into how individual kids learn is priceless for someone



Courtesy of www.sunysb.edu

The Port Jefferson Outreach Center is still looking for SBU students to volunteer.

pursuing a career in working with young people."

The Greater Port Jefferson Outreach Center's Tutoring Program is open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday Evenings. It is closed on school holidays and snow days. For more information about the Greater Port Jefferson Outreach Center Tutoring Program, contact Maryann Bell at 632-7107 or e-mail her at mbell@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

Ambassador Gosende Advocates Studying Abroad

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They can design their own curriculum and study "virtually everything," said Gosende. "Joint certification will be marketable. We have to make kids aware of the impact this will have on the jobs they will hold," added Gosende.

Since it is difficult for faculty members to go to another nation for an entire semester, the State University is "searching for grants to get more faculty members interested, so that they can get

to know another nation, meet students, and future colleagues," said Gosende.

The State University Senior Fellows is looking to fund the international travel and housing costs for faculty members who go to teach a short two-week course. The program is being expanded in more ways than one. Mexico, Japan, and Canada are on the list of target nations with whom to begin study abroad relations next year.

In response to the state of the program after

9/11, Gosende commented, "America has a short vision on how we relate to the rest of the world. However, time goes on; we have to focus on the next generation."

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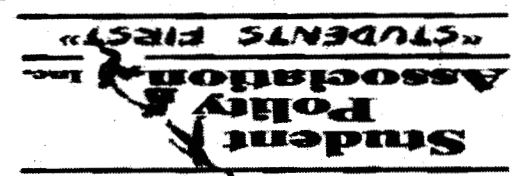
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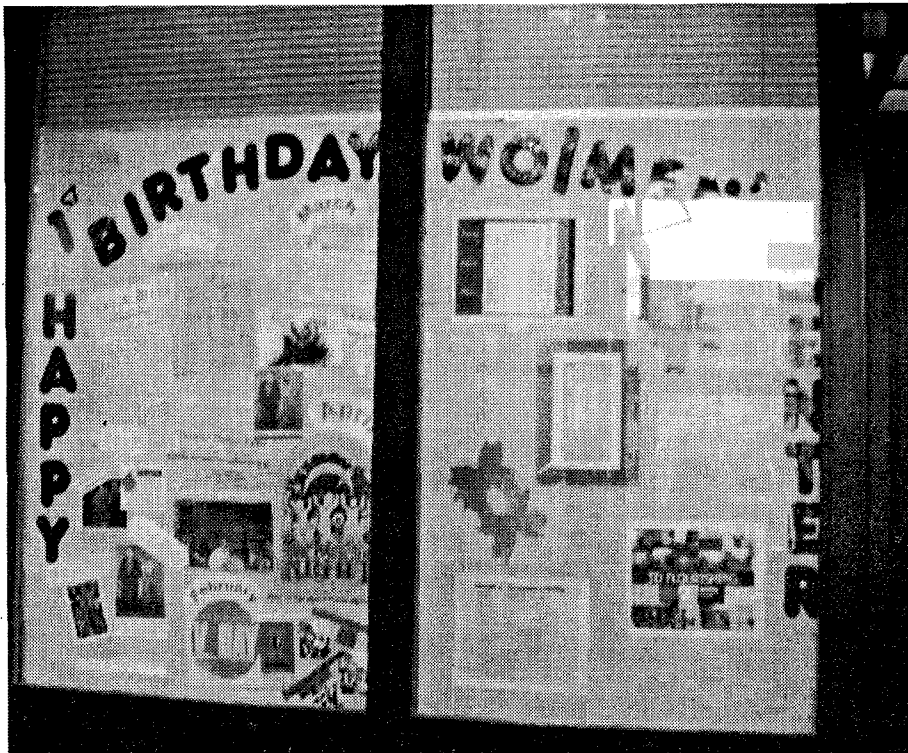
WO/MEN'S Center Celebrates First Year

By MARK NEWMAN
Statesman Staff

At the Wo/Men's center on the Tuesday before Winter Break, there was a selection of edible goodies that any college student low on campus food points would have envied. Unfortunately, the guest list was limited, but fortunately, the center is not, and has grown exponentially in the past year.

The director of the Wo/Men's Center, Laura Williams, has talked about the institution, noting where it came from and where it plans to go over the next few years. "The center is a safe haven for students, we talk about relationship, violence, sexual identity, gender issues, among others," she said.

This was what Williams described as the general purpose of the Wo/Men's center, while discussing the center's history. She noted that all students with problems in these areas should feel free to walk through the center's doors. Before the Wo/Men's opened, there was no place on campus for students to discuss these issues. A lot of gender issues were taking national spotlight. It was only five or so years ago that safety became an issue on campus, as blue light systems were installed and a general



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The Wo/Men's center, located in the Stony Brook Union, celebrates its first full year as a safe haven and guide for information on violence, sexual identity, and gender issues.

feeling of safety around Stony Brook as well as other campuses around the nation became a problem. When "date rape" became a national catchphrase, centers that worked on sex and violence issues emerged on almost every large university campus. Without one at Stony Brook, a state committee requested that such a center be developed.

A planning committee of some powerful Stony Brook voices, Ann Burns, Sally Circance, among others, emerged only two years ago. Williams was hired to make the Wo/Men's center happen. By November of 2000, she had only one client, and an office that was barely operational. Today she has a full time assistant, 60 clients, and 3 workshop groups

"We have a group of rape and sexual abuse, another on body image and a third graduate student women's group," Williams said. "We're looking to make two new groups over the next few weeks, one that deals with Gay/Sexual/Transgender issues (in association with the LGBT club on campus) and another that deals with Masculinity."

Williams noted that her center deals not only with women's issues, but also focuses on the issues of men. Part of President Kenny's five year plan, the Wo/Men's center will continue to be in full operation, despite the state's recent five percent cut in all campus groups, asking them to "trim spending," because of the recent cuts in state education funding.

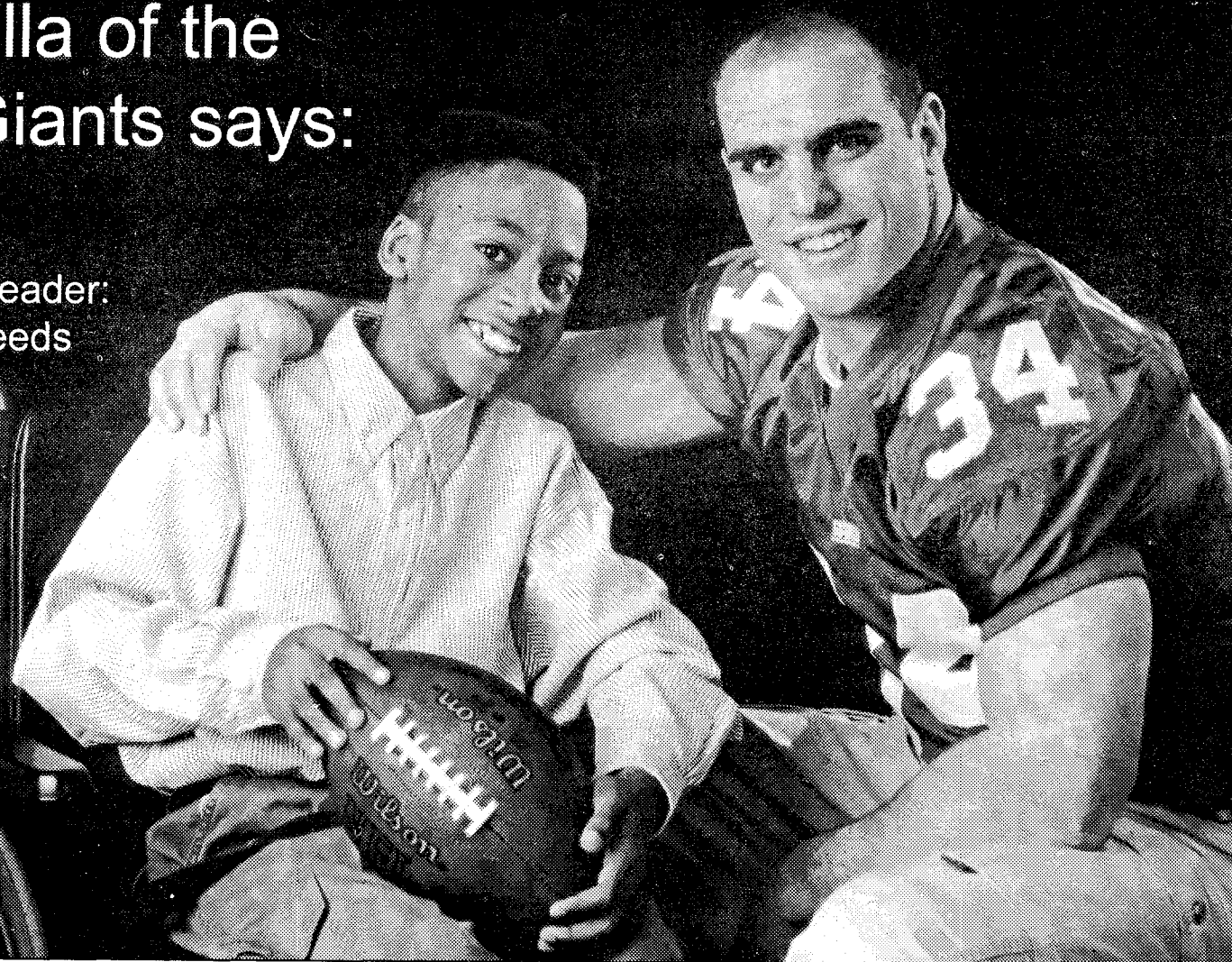
Williams' plan to raise the number of interns she has working there has proved successful, including one intern from Adelphi University. Overall, Williams sees continued growth for the Wo/Men's center, and invites anyone with gender issues to check it out.

The main offices are location on the second floor of the Union building, next to the End of the Bridge restaurant. The center's website is <http://www.sunysb.edu/stuaff/womenscenter>.

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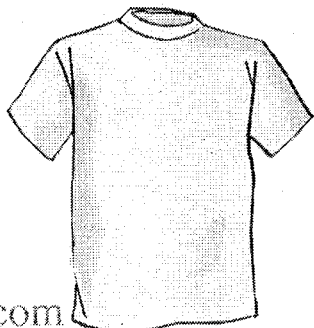
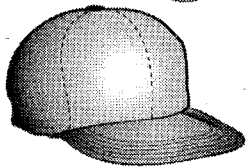
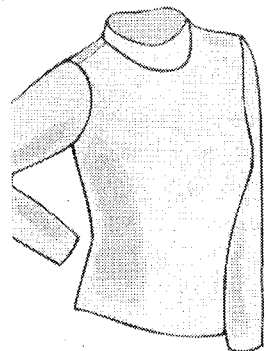
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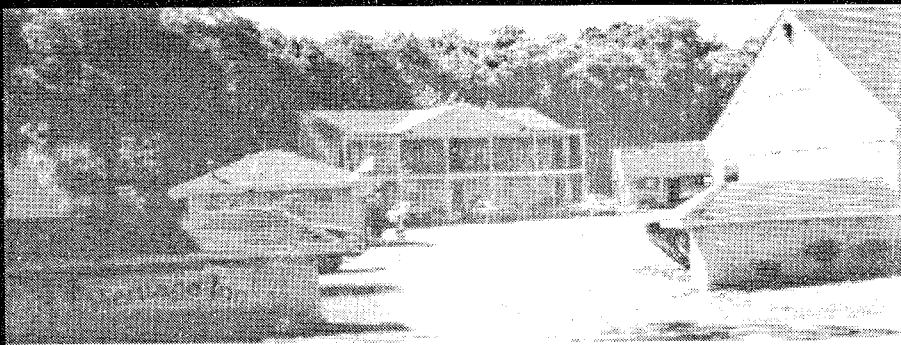
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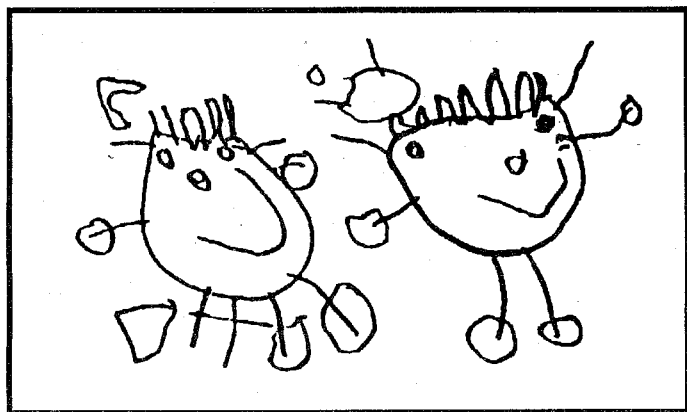
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By RYAN SOBEL
Statesman Editor

Imagine that you are driving down a wide-open highway. There is not another car in sight. The sun is shining, the wind is gently blowing through your hair, and your friend is sitting next to you, munching away on some cheese doodles. It all seems so exhilarating, so freeing.

There is one significant problem though. You know something is missing, but you just can't quite put your finger on what. You need music. Now, you ponder, what is the most appropriate sound for this atmosphere?

Well, your problem is solved. Just pop in a CD by The Refreshments, a little known,

studio album, *Fizzy Fuzzy Big & Buzzy* back in 1996 to an MTV music scene still thriving off grunge bands like Nirvana. The band fuses the beats of Tom Petty with the lyrical stylings of the Barenaked Ladies. Combine that with an enchanting, euphoric guitar sound laced with a subtle Mexican tinge, and you have 12 tracks of pure, unadulterated "cruising" music.

The debut album spawned four singles in both the United States and Australia, including "Banditos", "Down Together", "Girly", and "Mexico." The addictive "Banditos" and "Down Together" artfully blend a pop/punk sound with the humorous, upbeat lyrics that gave the band a steady nationwide fan base.

A year later, in 1997, The Refreshments' follow-up album *The Bottle & Fresh Horses* was released. Though critically acclaimed, the album failed to rekindle the magic that accompanied *Fizzy Fuzzy Big & Buzzy*.

Nevertheless, the band released three equally superior tracks. "Wanted" and "Good Year" feature experimental twists on the band's captivating guitar sound, in addition to some clever production additives and sound effects.

"Sin Nombre", however, is the gem of the album that exquisitely highlighted the band's songwriting maturity. It is a somber, moody, emotional powerhouse of a song, a perfect fit for driving when the sun goes down.

In 1998, two members of the band departed. A few months later, however, lead singer/songwriter Roger Clyne and drummer PH Naffah reinvented The Refreshments with three new members and a new name, Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers.

Since then, the band has picked up where its predecessor has left off, producing newer, more potent cruising music. According to Clyne, "The Peacemakers' music has the same theme that the Refreshments songs had. It's all about living."

Using the melodic expertise of former

Gin Blossoms guitarist Scott Johnson, the band released its first album *Honky Tonk Union* in late 1999. Now, two years after riding the underground success of the CD's hit single "Beautiful Disaster", the band is awaiting the February release date of its sophomore attempt, *Sonoran Hope and Madness*.

Clearly, now is the time to take advantage of the legacy of the Refreshments and the promising future of Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers. This is your opportunity to fill the musical void on those lengthy road trips.

Letter to the Editor

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designed to "get to know better" the peoples of different cultures. Arif then lectures the readers on how they must act like the U.N. "We must serve as an example of how people of different backgrounds cannot only co-exist but can also thrive in harmony". He then goes onto ask/plead for direction, guidance and support from Dr. Kenny and Dr. Preston while continuing to put down the student body (American citizens). He writes, "Sadly, the undergraduates have proved their ineptitude".

Why, Arif? Is it perhaps our youth are onto you? Maybe they have enough common sense to be guided by their feelings and common sense and denounce your position as an attempt at spin control. Has that thought occurred to you? I assume you are an American citizen. I think it is safe to also assume that the large majority of

so-called "inept" undergrads are proud Americans who are still quite raw and bruised at the murderous attacks on their country. Perhaps a self-examining question might be more appropriate in your next Op-Ed piece. Maybe you can ask yourself and all the other Arabs/Muslims living in my great country why they don't denounce the terrorism waged against America in mass. Also ask why they aren't shouting as loud as they can, here and to other Arab/Muslims states just how much they love my country!!! If they cannot claim their love for America, the next question for Arif to ask is, "Why don't they all leave America?" I eagerly await your response with regard to your paper actually printing my viewpoints.

Mitch S



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The Peacemakers second album *Sonoran Hope and Madness* is due to hit stores late next month. largely overlooked, Arizona-based rock band. This band specializes in "cruising" music. Just picture a bunch of guys lounging around a run-down cantina on the Tex-Mex border with their instruments in one hand and tequila in the other.

The Refreshments released their first

Feminist Rant: A Culture of Thinness

By MARIE HUCTION
Statesman Editor

Having taken a much-appreciated vacation, I am once again ready to immerse myself in classwork and feminist issues. So, to kick off the New Year, I think I'll briefly criticize Western society's obsession with thinness. There is really no good way to discuss this cultural practice with any brevity, but I will try to cover as much as possible in a scant 500 words.

Everywhere you look, you are inundated by pictures and slogans glorifying and normalizing anorexic thinness in women. America's obsession with female thinness is present in movies, music, magazines, the burgeoning diet and health industries, and has drastically changed what men are told to desire and what women are told to aspire to. This preoccupation and society-wide emphasis on being underweight has led to what feminists call a 'culture of thinness'. This uniquely modern Western cultural trend has been around for less than half a century, but the impact it has had upon every facet of

society and the individuals in society is staggering.

Fifty years ago, Marilyn Monroe was considered the epitome of beauty and sexuality. Her size 16 waist was voluptuous and her curvy body desirable. Today, models and actresses like Tyra Banks, Elle McPherson, Lucy Lu, and Halle Berry are considered ideals. Weighing in at 120 pounds with their size 4 waists, these women set impossible standards for multiple generations of women. The average American woman cannot possibly attain the body type represented by these media moguls because it is not physically possible. Genetics determine body type and metabolism, and no fad diet or quirky exercise program is going to turn a woman into a Barbie doll.


Yet, American women persist in believing that thin is beautiful and that they must try to attain this skinny ideal. Both the media and men reinforce this idea, with detrimental consequences to women. At ever-younger ages, girls go on diets and begin exercising to lose weight.

I'm not saying that exercising and eating healthy

are bad things, but when the numbers on the scale determine a woman's self-esteem, there is something significantly wrong. That the acceptable numbers on the scale are determined by .001% of the female population and a largely male-controlled media and are then imbibed and perpetuated by millions of people shows that our entire society is screwed-up. Believing that thin is beautiful and trying to attain a sub-average body weight causes numerous physical and psychological problems for women of all ages.

If asked, only a small minority of women would say they are happy with their bodies; the rest would be only too quick to point out what they have been told are flaws. Trying to be thin leads women to extreme health problems such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia. The effect upon women and girls' self-esteem is also pronounced.

There is no easy way to reconcile today's standards of beauty to the reality of the millions of average and above-average weight women. We are constantly inundated by the idea that "thin equals beautiful", and there is no way to instantaneously change our society. I hope by writing this column I have made people stop and think about how our culture values abnormally thin women, even though I have barely hit the tip of the iceberg when it comes to our culture of thinness.



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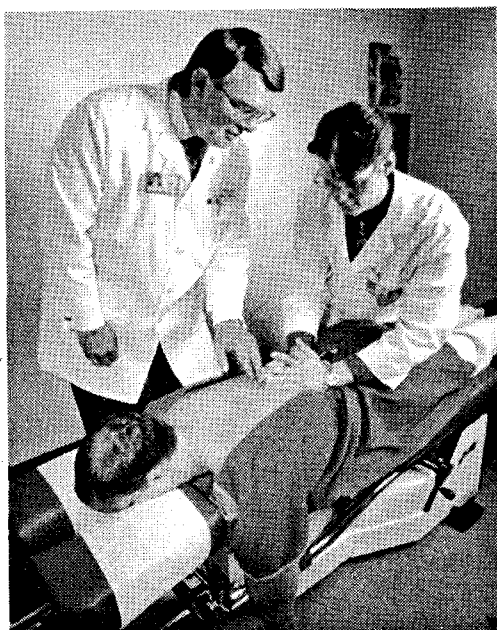
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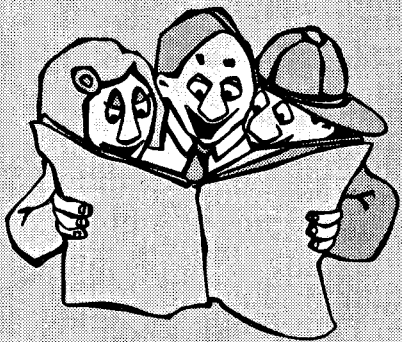
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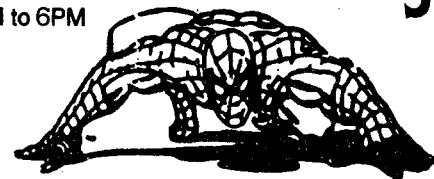
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The Statesman's New
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My name is Pretty Perfect, and I will be the Statesman's new advice columnist du jour. (Okay, du semaine...) I am here to bestow unto you my dating and life expertise. Why am I qualified to give advice? Doesn't the name say it all? If you ask a question and if I ain't experienced it, I'll make something up. Hey, it's only your lives in my hands...(kidding!)

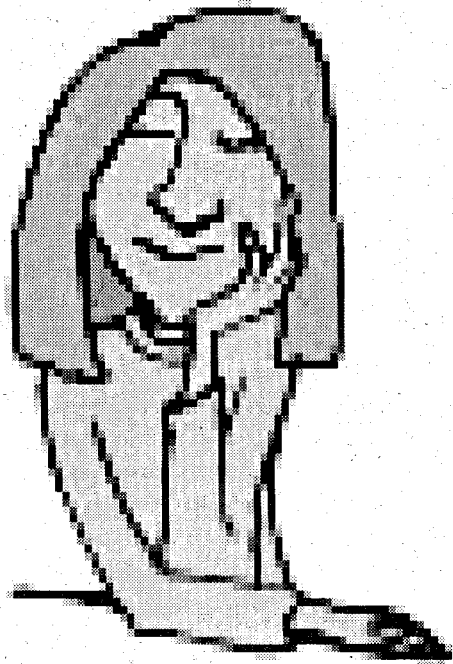
Before you spill your guts, here's a little bit about me:

My favorite book: the Kama Sutra...ok, in all seriousness, the Dummies Guide to Dating.

Favorite drink: Anything that makes my date look better looking as the night progresses. Wait, actually, anything that makes ME look better to my date.

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World Renowned Musicians Coming to Stony Brook

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and United States premiers, most recently Wolfgang Rihm's "Dithyrambe" for Quartet and Orchestra with Christop von Dohnanyi and the Cleveland Orchestra in Severance Hall, Boston's Symphony Hall and New York's Carnegie Hall. This is also the twenty-third season of the Emerson Quartet's sold-out series at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Finckel, the Quartet's cellist recently complimented Stony Brook's reputation in the music world, including the quality of its concert halls, music library, and quality of its faculty and students. "Stony Brook has long had a

reputation for excellence," Finckel said. "The distinguished faculty at this institution sets an impressive educational standard and we are honored to be given the opportunity to contribute. We look forward to working with our Stony Brook colleagues to uphold this tradition and break new ground."

The Quartet will perform several

concerts during the year at the Staller Center for the Arts on campus. In addition, they will join the Music Department faculty as artists-in-residence, coaching chamber music, conducting master classes, and providing instrumental instruction.

University President Shirley Strum

Kenny recently commented on the excellence of both the Emerson String

Quartet and Stony Brook's music department. "Stony Brook's PhD. Program in music received the highest rating of any PhD. granting institution in the nation," said Kenny, citing a 2000 National Doctoral Survey Study by

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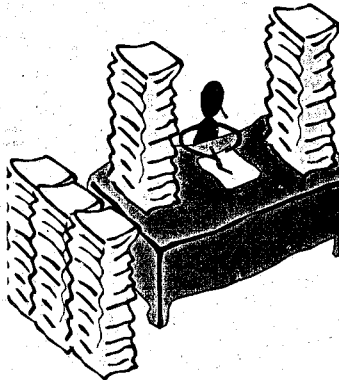
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Vlad's View

One Student's Vision for Polity

BY VLAD FRANTS
Statesman Contributor

I have a vision...

You may remember me as a student who ran for Freshman Representative at the start of the 2001-2002 semester. In a series of publications, I will demonstrate to you that my visualization of the ideal SG is possible. In addition, I will encourage those holding office to take into consideration the suggestions posed in my upcoming sequence.

Polity, our Student Government (SG), should not be left out of an enjoyable, intellectual, or fulfilling college education. Rather, it should stand for what brings excitement and animation to our college experience, opportunity for mental achievement, and help each and every student to attain a sense of identity in this strange new world we call college.

The first and most vital realization that every person must make, regardless of the University with which he or she is affiliated, is that students elected into Student Government (including Polity) are no politicians. Unlike the certain distance limitations and large numbers of constituents that encumber modern day politicians, Elected Student

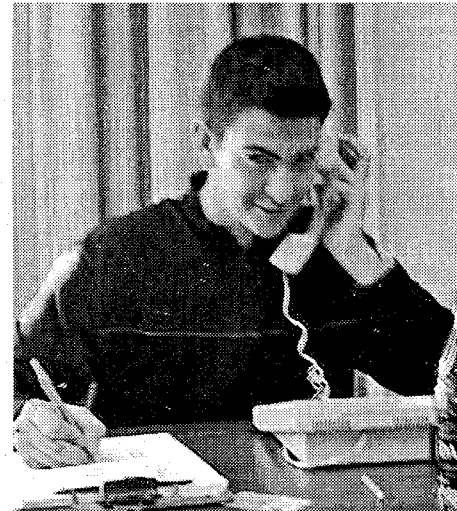
Officers are always at arm's length from the students.

SG, for that very reason, has a great advantage that modern day politicians or governments do not necessarily have. It is the advantage of forming a more personal relationship with the student constituents. However, this will do no good if elected officers do not take the initiative to build that connection—it is, after all, their job.

The advantages of forming a bond between students and their leadership are unmistakable. We must realize, first, that leaders rely on the students just as students would rely on their leaders. That balance is imperative. I will present a certain analogy that demonstrates this: The analogy of the bicycle wheel!

A wheel will compare to Stony Brook University in terms of its undergraduates and their SG. A bicycle wheel is made up of two main components: the spindle (SG) and the spokes (undergraduates). If the spindle were to fail to work properly, nothing would exist to hold the spokes together. However, if the spokes were to bend or break away, even a fully functional spindle would not be able to give the wheel its shape. Students need their leaders just as leaders depend on the students. One is not of any more importance than the other.

A strong relationship between the students and SG develops when there



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blooms a certain level of trust and confidence, which is necessary for a truly adequate governmental system to come into effect. The advantages of such a relationship revolves around that very trust and confidence.

If Elected Student Officers are perceived as trustable and reliable, then the SG receives certain credibility as a whole. The events organized by these people receive much greater attendance, their overall performance receives much better feedback, and their tenure can be viewed as more successful. Most importantly, all tax-paying students (yes, we pay a mandatory fee to Polity) would begin to feel that their money is being put to good use. Much comes down to money, so don't you think that we must trust and have total confidence in the students we elect to manage the 2.5 million dollar budget comprised of your student payments?

Another excellent advantage of having a strong relationship between students and their SG is the making of school spirit. Students will become motivated to get involved in student life. Students will become more confident in the school's ability to address their issues and concerns. In the end, it can make students understand government better, and that will make them better citizens when they leave college.

I am eager to work with Polity in any capacity to try to make our SG more effective than ever. I feel proud to attend Stony Brook University, and it is with great confidence that I look forward to one day seeing my visions come true.

For further information, it is my pleasure to inform you about a certain website designed early on in the fall semester, that to this day is being used to detail my ideas in full and provide other relative information: www.vladfrants.com. I may also be contacted at vladfrants@aol.com.

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The Best Rock Songs of 2001

By RYAN SOBEL
Statesman Editor

Well, the year in music of 2001 has officially come to a close. It was a year in music full of surprise hits from relatively new bands beginning to assert themselves and finally break into the limelight of mainstream rock.

We saw Nickelback emerge with a powerhouse of a new album in *Silver Side Up*, featuring the melancholy rocker "How You Remind Me." Indeed, it was almost impossible to turn on the radio and avoid hearing this sinfully addictive track. In fact, "How You Remind Me" was so successful on the U.S. radio waves that it actually broke the record for most total plays in a given week at the modern rock



The Canadian band Nickelback scored the biggest rock hit of the year with "How You Remind Me."

format. Can you guess what the previous record holder was? Sugar Ray's "Fly" in 1997. The band is currently on tour with fellow Canadian rockers Default.

It was also a big year for rock greats U2, whose 2000 multi-platinum release *All That You Can't Leave Behind* landed them several hit singles in 2001. Hit songs such as "Beautiful Day," "Walk On," "Elevation" (also on the Tomb Raider soundtrack), and "Stuck in a Moment" not only catapulted the band back to the prominence it met with its release *The Joshua Tree*, but garnered them an amazing eight Grammy nominations.

Linkin Park struck gold (or should I say platinum) with their major label debut album *Hybrid Theory*. Featuring the singles "One Step Closer," "Crawling," "In The End," and "Papercut," the album remained high atop the billboard charts throughout the year, selling an impressive 6 million albums.

With their critically acclaimed sophomore release, *Toxicity*, System of a Down built upon its cult following in 2001 with a

unique blend of thrash and metal. The first single from the CD, Grammy-nominated "Chop Suey!," clearly typifies the emotion and sound that has attracted fans worldwide, while the title track is just beginning its airplay.

Alt-rockers Fuel used 2001 to build upon the double platinum success of their second album *Something Like Human*. The album spawned three additional singles ("Innocent," "Bad Day," and "Last Time") to follow up their breakthrough hit of 2000, "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)." As their latest single "Last Time" steamrolls up the charts, the band is currently working on some new material for a follow-up album.

Staind's sophomore album, *Break The Cycle*, helped make the band one of the top success stories of the year. The album, seemingly a bit more hook-oriented than the previous CD, *Dysfunction*, generated the mega-hit "It's Been Awhile" and also contained the studio version of the popular single "Outside." Currently, the band is



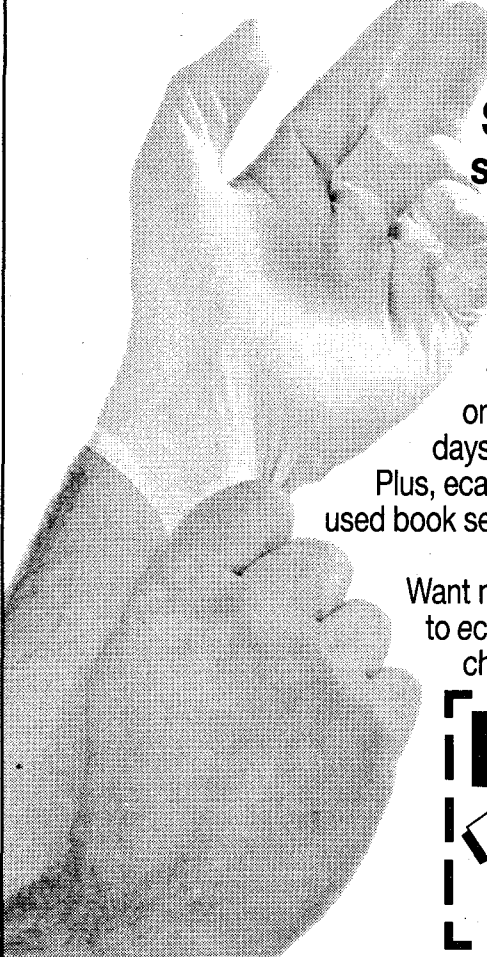
Fuel hit the top of both modern rock and pop charts with their enormously successful power ballad "Bad Day."

feeding off the success of the subsequent singles "Fade," and "For You."

Now, without further delay, here are some of the Top Rock Songs of 2001:

1. "How You Remind Me" - Nickelback
2. "It's Been Awhile" - Staind
3. "In The End" - Linkin Park
4. "Drops of Jupiter" - Train
5. "Chop Suey!" - System of a Down
6. "Alive" - P.O.D.
7. "Wish You Were Here" - Incubus
8. "Control" - Puddle of Mudd
9. "Smooth Criminal" - Alien Ant Farm
10. "Bad Day" - Fuel
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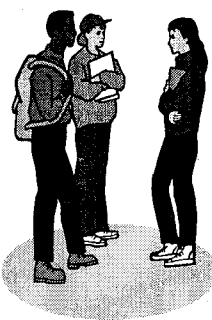
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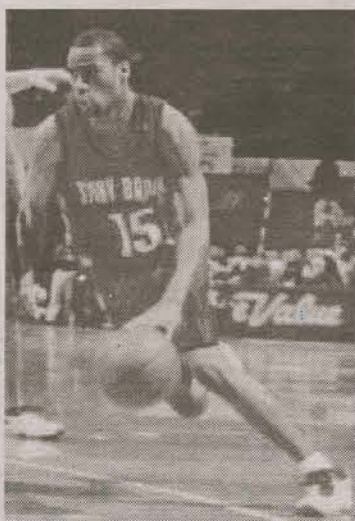
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Sports

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By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

Jan. 24, 2002- Every time it seems like there's some light peaking in, the door slams shut and leaves Nick Marcarchuk and Stony Brook University's men's basketball team in the gloomy darkness of a losing

season.

So was the story Thursday night as the Seawolves fell to Vermont 72-67 in the Indoor Sports Complex.

Behind 70-67 with 15 seconds left in the game and no timeouts D.J. Munir raced down the court after a missed free throw by Vermont's T.J. Sorrentine. And with the chance to salvage the game in his hands he launched what he thought was a three-pointer that would tie the game.

Not only did Munir miss the desperation shot, but his foot was over the line and the shot would have only counted for two points anyway.

"They look for me to take the big shots," Munir said before he dipped his head in a laugh of frustration after learning that the shot was a two-pointer. Munir

finished with 22 points and five assists.

The Seawolves carried a 29-26 lead at halftime but many of the mistakes they got away with in the first half didn't hold for the rest of the game. SBU allowed 15 offensive rebounds in the first half and got smashed on the boards 49-32 for the game.

Vermont started to dismantle the Seawolves in the second half. A traveling call on Mike Konopka that incited a frustrated crowd also incited a 9-2 run that extended Vermont to their largest lead of the game, 63-50.

But this time SBU didn't lay down.

"They don't quit," Marcarchuk said. "They sometimes get nervous and make mistakes but they don't quit."

Lee Church, starting in

place of injured Larry Jennings, brought some of the energy the team's been missing all season. Church turned in one of the best performances of his collegiate career.

"I just try to bring some fire to the team," he said. He had so much energy in fact



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Konopka's late game three almost saved the Seawolves.

that Marcarchuk had to call Church's name to calm him down.

"He brought us tremendous energy tonight," Marcarchuk said. Church turned in 10 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

The Seawolves returned with a 15-5 run lead by two breakaway lay-ups by Church and an assist to Konopka for a three-pointer to pull the lead within four with 47 seconds left.

A lay-up by J.B. Bennett on an assist from Munir closed the lead to two points with 40 seconds remaining. But as Munir goes, so goes the Seawolves and with his miss went the game and left the Seawolves with nothing but the fact that they fought until the ball stopped bouncing.

"We're 3-16," Marcarchuk said, "and we're still hanging in there."

Seawolves Start to Look to the Future

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His wife, his children and his basketball team. Those are the only things that Stony Brook University's men's basketball head coach Nick Marcarchuk has in his life. His children are grown and have families of their own and his team is 3-17. Well, he can always go home to his wife.

All that's left in a season that seemed to be over before it started is hope of salvation. Now there's hope for next year.

First the Seawolves lost guard Larry Jennings about a month before the season started. Jennings along with D.J. Munir intended to pose one of the most formidable backcourts in the America East Conference.

It didn't help that 11 of SBU's first 14 games were on

the road and they had to rely on the leadership of a team comprised mostly of sophomores.

They didn't pull out their first win until Dec. 4 against Cleveland State after dropping their first six games including



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Marcarchuk looks to resurrect the Seawolves all over again.

a 76-37 pummeling at the hands of Rutgers

With a young team who's played and lost most of their games on the road, it's difficult to stay confident.

Munir assumed the role of leader and has single-handedly tried to keep a drowning team's head above water. But what the Seawolves need is a vocal leader and Munir leads through action. He plays with aggression and hopes the rest of the team hops on the wagon.

The Seawolves lack a player who can rally the team behind him and maintain the team's energy and focus.

The lack of maturity and energy shows in frequent losses when the team was competitive in the first half and handed the game over in the second. Many times when an opponent made a run it

seemed the Seawolves just dropped their hands showing a lack of resolve.

They got a chance to start over when conference play began. But a losing team doesn't become better just because the games become more important.

SBU is 2-7 in conference play, including a weekend of getting smacked around in Boston where they loss 91-65 to Northeastern and 90-54 to Boston University.

The 76-70 loss to Hartford yesterday extended SBU's current losing streak to three games.

In a season where it seems like all is lost, the Seawolves are left with hope. They hope for a turnaround and keep hope for next season.

Marcarchuk signed three transfers who will become

eligible next season. John Bucaro from Holy Cross, Tyrone Stallings and Cori Spencer from Fordham all hope to contribute to a successful season next year.

The 6-7, 230-pound Spencer is the most prominent acquisition. He provides the inside presence that the Seawolves' offense yearns for and he looks to be the type of leader that teammates will follow.

Spencer is not the silent soldier Munir is. He is a more outspoken athlete with the ability to not only talk a good game.

The Seawolves need someone willing to speak up in the locker room but that same someone needs to be able to produce on the floor.

That someone can put Marcarchuk's heart at ease.