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The Changing Face of Undergraduate Life

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Unbeknownst to most students, Stony Brook University's undergraduate educational component is in the first year of a massive overhaul. Provost Robert McGrath, Ph.D., conceived of an initiative that, in three years, will place every freshman entering the University into one of six thematic undergraduate colleges.

The colleges have broad themes, and according to SBU President Shirley Strum Kenny, Ph.D., are designed to give students personalized attention and guidance in a small college setting while allowing them to have the resources of a large research university at their disposal.

"We actually know based on real research how important it is to help students in the first year," said Deputy Provost Mark Aronoff, Ph.D. "The Undergraduate Colleges are an attempt to implement this research. We're trying to create a small academic community."

The program, which focuses mainly on first year students, is overseen by Aronoff, a professor of linguistics, his counterpart in Student Affairs, Associate Vice President Peter Baigent, Ph.D., and Assistant Provost Donna Di Donato.

"What we are trying to do through the Undergraduate Colleges is to offer systematic colleges that provide support through academic advising [and] that have well-taught linking seminars," Baigent said. "By doing this we are integrating academic and social spheres."

With SBU's average annual incoming class of 2,400 students, each Undergraduate College will consist of approximately 400 freshmen. Undergraduates will live and learn in small groups, as each of the colleges will be coupled with a residential quad. Plans are also being formulated to allow commuters to fully participate in the workshops and community building activities each college has to offer.

Faculty and advisors will have offices within the buildings and may teach small seminars in the classrooms and lounges. These facilities exist in the University's current residential hall scheme. By utilizing spaces in the quads for learning, the initiative is taking advantage of a preexisting investment, according to Baigent.

"The closest thing I know to this

model is UC San Diego," said Aronoff. "A number of us went there last year and spoke with students, faculty and staff about how it works."

The University of California at San Diego (UCSD) also has six undergraduate



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Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Peter Baigent (above) and Deputy Provost Dr. Mark Aronoff will oversee the undergraduate colleges program.

colleges. Working in conjunction with the Office for the Vice President of Student Affairs, a small group of individuals have been looking at ways of improving undergraduate life and success rates at SBU, using UCSD as a model.

Since the initiative was designed to take advantage of preexisting facilities and

human resources, the projected costs are lower than many expected. A sizable portion of the budget may go toward the salaries of the many new academic advisors that will be hired.

"The whole thing, when it's up and running, has got to cost \$1 million dollars," Aronoff said. "That's a reasonable estimate."

But the program is not without its critics. Several faculty members, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, expressed reservations about whether the 400 student communities would be small enough to accomplish the program's intended goals, specifically the formation of close relationships between students and advisors. There was also concern about the effects of this program in its infancy. Some worried that students in the first year of the initiative would leave the colleges as sophomores lacking student mentors who had experienced the program before them.

The Undergraduate College of Information and Technology, based out of Mendelsohn Quad, is making its debut this year. Affectionately referred to as ITS, the college's faculty director is Imin Kao, an Associate Professor in the Mechanical

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What They Neglected to Teach You in 101

By KELLY BROWN AND JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editors

College students spend their days studying biology, history, and literature, working toward a degree that could change their futures. But what they are not being taught in the classroom could change their lives in ways they never imagined.

The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The virus attacks the immune system, leaving the body vulnerable to an array of life-threatening illnesses and cancers. HIV weakens immune defenses until the infection advances into the final stage, AIDS. Common bacteria, parasites and viruses that do not ordinarily cause serious disease in people with fully functional immune systems can completely overwhelm an individual with HIV/AIDS.

AIDS Peer Educator Dallas Bauman, Ph.D., has been a leading advocate of HIV/AIDS education on the Stony Brook campus



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Since 1985, Dallas Bauman has been teaching the Stony Brook community the truth about HIV and AIDS.

since 1985, helping students learn valuable lessons that are not taught in traditional classes. He regularly speaks before groups in the college community, disseminating information, confirming facts and dispelling myths about the epidemic.

During the 2002 Resident Assistant (RA) summer training program, Bauman presented to all RAs in Javits Lecture Hall.

"The NYC metropolitan area and the Long Island area have the highest concentration [of AIDS cases] in the country," said Bauman, Assistant Vice President of Campus Residences. "It's important for Stony Brook [to become educated] because 90% of our enrollment comes from a combination of NYC and Long Island."

32.7 of every 100,000 people in New York State have an AIDS diagnosis. California, too, has a disproportionate infected population. As of August 10, 2002, the number of reported cases in the United States was 822,940. Between 1981 and 2000, approximately 450,000 died of AIDS or AIDS-related illnesses.

In some areas of Long Island, the rate of HIV infection is as high as 13 per 1,000 individuals. With such a ratio, assuming equal distribution, about 13 individuals in each residential quad on the SBU

campus would have the virus.

"That's the real question," Bauman said. "How many people at SBU are infected?"

In the early days of the AIDS virus, it was seen as a 'white gay man's disease,' but the face of the disease has changed, Bauman said. 78 percent of those suffering from AIDS are women of color and 79 percent are heterosexuals.

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HIV/AIDS Lecture

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Some of the most common means of transmission are via injected drug use and unprotected heterosexual anal intercourse. "One-third of college students engage in anal intercourse," Bauman said, citing a recent Canadian study.

Unprotected vaginal sex is also highly risky, and women are eight times more likely to contract HIV through vaginal intercourse than men are by engaging in the same activity. Blood, semen, vaginal and anal secretions and breast milk can all transmit the HIV.

"Every exposure doesn't result in infection, but you're never sure if it will," warned Bauman. Tears and saliva may also contain the virus, but in small quantities have not been proven to cause infection.

The median age of AIDS diagnoses is 36 years, and 45% of the cases manifest between the ages of 30 to 39. From this data it has been inferred that the median age on HIV contraction is 20-21 years. Bauman explained that, on average, close to 15 years elapse between HIV contraction and the development of full-blown AIDS. As medical treatments for the disease have improved, doctors have been able to slow viral progress.

But prevention preempts the need for treatment. Abstinence is the only guaranteed method of prevention, but there are measures sexually active individuals can take to protect their lives. Bauman advised consistent and careful use of condoms. The spermicide nonoxynol-9 has been shown to increase the risk of transmission, he said, and water-based lubricants do not damage latex condoms the way oil-based products do.

"Dr. Bauman's lecture was not only entertaining, but presented information that was surprisingly relevant," said Michael Turi, a sophomore.

For more information about HIV/AIDS, visit www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm.

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Three's a Crowd...But Not for Long

By DEBOLINA KOWSHIK
Statesman Editor

Living on campus is convenient and beneficial, said Assistant Vice-President of Campus Residences Dallas W. Bauman III, in a letter on the Stony Brook Campus Residences website.

However, living in the residence halls does also have its downsides. Recently, Stony Brook University has been plagued by what has become to be known as a national phenomina--tripling. Due to an overflow of incoming students and limited housing, rooms that are meant for two students are filled with three. This problem was heavy in the mid-eighties and did not become an issue again until the late nineties.

"The main problem is not enough space. There are enough accommodations



Trying to fit three people's belongings in a room built for two proves to be a major challenge for those who are tripled.

in this room for two people. There are two desks, two dressers and two closets," said tripled freshman Gaurav Verma. "The suite room is filled with belongings of one of my roommates."

According to Alan Devries, Assistant Director for Housing, tripling is based on the date of the housing

deposit. The later a student sends in his or her application, the later his or her deposit can be made, thus the higher his or her chances of being tripled up.

However, moves are constantly being made to undo the housing predicament. A campus-wide meeting was held for all tripled students. Devries noticed that this meeting was more heavily attended in past years.

"The problem is more expected now," he said. "It is not as much of an issue."

Any additional meetings to be held will be within individual quads and at the discretion of quad leaders.

"There were about fifty students at the meeting. Each student was told what quad their room would be de-tripled to," Verma said. "It's up to the students to decide which roommate will go."

The process of de-tripling takes all students from each building, categorizes them by gender, and assigns them to empty spaces as soon as these open up. The primary goal is to keep students close to their original room, either in the same building or the same quad.

"Students begin to develop community, and we want to maintain that," Devries said.

As compensation, each tripled student receives \$100 per three weeks. This amount is deducted from the following year's tuition.

"This fall term began with 270 students being tripled. More than half are gone," Devries said. "The process will be finished in five to six weeks. We know the process takes time. We ask that students be patient."

University Concerned about Uninsured Students

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

If one out of every three students at Stony Brook University fell seriously ill today, they would have to pay hospital costs, doctors' bills, and drug payments out of their own pocket. More than 30 percent of students at the University lack any form of health insurance coverage.

Each year, Student Health Services negotiates the costs and benefits of the Health Insurance Plans provided for SBU students, hoping to accommodate and educate those who remain uninsured.

"Students should learn to think ahead," said Leta Edelson, Student Health Insurance Manager. "You never know



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The Student Health Insurance Policy provides students with the option to visit any doctor they choose, as long as they visit the campus infirmary first.

when something is going to happen."

Students assume that the University covers most medical payments with the annual Infirmary

Fee. In fact, the fee taken at registration only includes the cost for visits to the Infirmary doctors and select services offered there,

such as non-prescription drug distribution and simple blood tests. Any additional fees would be paid by the student.

"Sometimes students without insurance become so sick that they can't afford to stay in school. We're trying to avoid this," said Edelson.

The four Insurance policies offered to SBU students cover a range of hospital costs, including Emergency Room fees, CAT scans, MRIs, X-rays, and portions of daily hospitalization expenses. Each plan is subsidized by NYS and is specific to Graduate Research Assistants or Teaching Assistants, International Students or Domestic Students. Though there are caps on the

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Part Time Jobs Exposed in a Part Time Economy

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

Whether it is credit cards or cellular phones, booths on any college campus are often doing the selling, and on Wednesday, September 4, eighty-five such booths set-up shop at the Stony Brook Sports Complex. The only difference, however, is that at this year's Part-Time Job Expo, it was the booths that were doing the buying.

"This gives any student with any major the opportunity, part-time, while in school, to find employment," remarked Marianna Savoka, the Director of the Career Center, the campus organization that co-sponsors the event.

In a partnership with the Financial Aid Office, Savoka estimates that this event, now in its third year, had brought 35 off-campus and 50 or so on-campus employers to the fair.

This Job Expo differs from its larger full-time counterpart to be held this year in October, where 154 companies are looking for December and May graduates taking on career

positions. Savoka described the Part-Time Expo as being geared more towards generating "spending money" for students during the semester.

To the dismay of some, a significant amount of the on-campus job offers were given through the Financial Aid Office. Such "work study" jobs provide an income for students that immediately reduces the amount of tuition debt, but does not provide the "spending money" some students were looking for. At the same time, other students without financial aid were simply not able to apply for the jobs.

Freshman Jenny Qiao was one such student looking for an off-campus opportunity, not work study, commenting, "[The Part-Time Job Expo] was good, but I didn't have much experience, and a lot of companies here were looking for that." The vast majority of jobs requiring little experience were offered only through work study opportunities.

Savoka noted that the number

and quality of applicants for off-campus jobs has only been increasing over the past few years, while the economy has been in a most tumultuous time.

According to Marta Thomas, one of the recruiters for Citigroup and a recent graduate from the University, Savoka's comments appear fairly accurate, as Thomas noted, "We're a little disappointed with the low number of resumes we received."

Certainly, though, not all those that attended the Job Expo left thinking that it was poorly conceived. Ilum Sung finished dropping off his third resume for an off-campus job, commenting that he was "exploring the opportunities here and [was] very excited about them."

Perhaps it was Sung's engineering background that gave him a positive edge over the other thousand plus students that explored the two-and-a-half hour fair. Savoka, however, dispelled the growing myth that the job fair is for engineers only, calling it a "misperception."

Savoka noted that in the October Job Fair, only 60 of the 152 companies are looking for Engineers. She also explained that certain companies that are not specifically looking for engineers like Sung may not necessarily visit college campuses.

Recently, the Center hosted a Public Relations job hunt in the city that proved quite successful and there are a number of internships available where other students have climbed up the corporate ladder, according to Savoka. Thus, the Career Center offers many opportunity beyond select Job Fairs.

The Career Center is a resource available to all students on campus by logging online to the dubbed "Monstertrak" interface at www.career.sunysb.edu.

The Career Center Office is located right next to the Zebra Path on campus. Savoka urges every Stony Brook student looking for any kind of employment to give their website or office a try. Marta Thomas, the recruiter from Citigroup, was glad she did over a year ago.

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Mike on the Mat: The Good and the Bad of Summer

By MICHAEL ADLER
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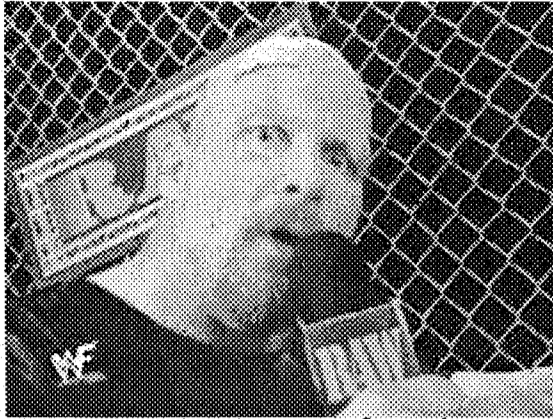
While your favorite sports entertainment columnist took a much needed vacation this summer, it seems that everything happened. Much ado in the world of wrestling. Now, where to begin?

You have the right to remain silent, or Austin 3:16 says I just (allegedly) beat my wife's ass. Sadly, Steve Austin's marriage to Debra came to an end this summer. After walking out of the WWE because of creative disagreements, the WWE declared that he was no longer part of the active roster.

Almost suddenly, the shattered ends of Austin's private life became public when Debra called the cops claiming that he allegedly beat her. Austin fled the scene. Weeks later, when a warrant was issued for his arrest, he turned himself in. Austin later filed for divorce. Hardcore fans: Whip out No Mercy for N64 and have a Debra vs. Austin steel cage match.

Brock Lesnar is the big thing. At Summerslam, one of the best pay per views of the year, Brock Lesnar defeated the Rock for the championship. He has since received the "Jericho Push" in which, despite being the champion, he gets minimal airtime and has to play punching bag and second fiddle to no-longer-can-draws such as TRIPLE H and Undertaker. Also of note at Summerslam: Shawn Michaels' awesome comeback match against TRIPLE H. He came back as if he wasn't absent from the WWE for four years. It was simply amazing.

WWE violates child labor laws. Rey Mysterio made his WWE Smackdown debut in the beginning of August, and my favorite Twelve-year-old superstar is amazing. He easily has the best entrance in the business, as he springs out of the stage five feet into the air. Yes, child abuse is alive and well on Smackdown and it's never been more entertaining. For the record, I've been calling him a twelve-year-old since his WCW days,



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Steve Austin, after leaving the WWE because of creative differences, was accused of domestic abuse. Steve Austin, after leaving the WWE because of creative differences, was accused of domestic abuse.

before Kurt Angle did, but I'll let it go. **Russo works for WWE for one day.** Vince Russo, former head writer for WCW was hired by WWE to, once again, head up the Creative Department. His big idea was to have another WCW invasion involving Eric Bischoff, Bill Goldberg, Mick Foley (?), Bret Hart, and Scott Steiner. Yes, that's right, three non-wrestlers, one guy who can barely wrestle, and a raving egomaniac (OK, they're all raving egomaniacs). Russo was gone after a day. He has since joined the PPV-only NWA, and has continued to use the same tired ideas he's been pushing for five years.

Bischoff returns to WWE, irony lost on millions of clueless fans. Bischoff ran WCW back in the days when it was beating the WWF (Yes, children, the WCW was a better show for a short time). Bischoff showing up on WWE television was almost unthinkable a short time back. Oddly enough, he is perfect as general manager of the WWE Raw Brand, and easily the most entertaining non-wrestler in years.

NWATNA is launched and no one cares. There's another wrestling federation out there, and no one cares. At least Scott Hall has a paycheck now to supply his vices. Other wrestlers that no one knows are working: Ken Shamrock, Ron Killings (K Kwick), and Jeff Jarrett.

Intercontinental belt eats European and Hardcore belts.

The Intercontinental Title now encompasses the European and Hardcore belts after they were unified in matches earlier this summer, as Rob Van Dam defeated Jeff Hardy and Tommy Dreamer. The IC Title now has quite the history, comprising the lineages of, in addition to the European and Hardcore Belts, the WCW U.S. Championship and all the older regional titles.

Kevin Nash's seventeen seconds of glory. Big Lazy proved himself to be an invaluable worker once again as he tore his quadriceps muscle in a ten-man tag team match. After sitting out for most of the match where tag team partners Eddie Guerrero and Chris Benoit did all the work, he was tagged in, only to fall down in agony clutching his leg seventeen seconds into the match. Yes, kids, karma will get you every

time. This comes after a month long recovery from a biceps injury. Nash has since posted graphic pictures of his rehab on his website.

Rock goes back to Hollywood. Recall when Austin left in June and Rock returned to the ring to proclaim the Great One's love of wrestling to shed a negative light on Austin's walk-out. Now he's leaving for Hollywood. Can you say "hypocrite?"

Vince unleashes most tasteless tag team ever. Lance Storm, Christian, and Test make up the Unamericans, and boy do they hate America. The WWE has no problem rehashing bad ideas over and over again, but bring back team Canada, no way! Instead we get these guys, to cash in shamelessly on the post 9/11 patriotism by giving us someone to hate. Remember, it's not officially an international tragedy until Vince McMahon exploits it. I have nothing against the wrestlers in this stable, but this is just a bad idea that's getting the wrong type of heel heat.

Email Mike with questions and comments: mantis_bog@hotmail.com

Undergraduate Colleges

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Engineering Department. Kao, who is beginning his ninth year at SBU, was recently named Editor of the scientific journal *Robotics*.

"ITS is the pilot college," Kao said. "I view my responsibility as being available to help students learn, grow and reach their dreams at Stony Brook."

According to Di Donato, the academic theme of each college will be broad, and their disciplines and respective majors may, at times, overlap. Besides ITS, the remaining five colleges are tentatively named as follows: Undergraduate College of Science and Society, Undergraduate College of Arts, Culture and Humanities, Undergraduate College of

Leadership and Public Service, Undergraduate College of Education and Human Development, and the Undergraduate College of Business Management and Global Studies.

All prospective students will have to apply and be admitted into one of the six new colleges, even if they are majoring in an area of study formerly covered under College of Arts Science or College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

"When all six [colleges] exist, any freshman that applies here will be admitted to one of the six," Di Donato said. "The goal will be to provide the [first year student] with personalized advising so that he or she can make better academic decisions earlier."

SAC Phase II Opens!



By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

The line extended out the door and around the corner of the SAC at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday night, as students anxiously awaited what was billed as the first official party of the year. The party, which bore the title "A Night to Step into Something New", kicked off with a step show featuring performances by campus fraternities and sororities. The show played to a full house and was followed by a party in Ballroom A of the newly opened SAC Phase II. The evening's festivities, which took place in one of the largest multi-purpose rooms on campus, lasted until 2:00 a.m.

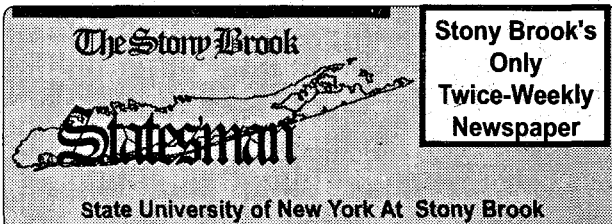
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Editor's View

Checks and Balances vs. Cutting Checks

BY ADAM ZIMMERMAN
Statesman Editor

Every single matriculated student at SBU pays a student activity fee. For the full-time students, that fee comes out to \$173 per academic year. For part-time students, the cost is \$7.20 per credit. With roughly 13,000 undergraduate students, the total comes out to a little over \$2.2 million.

That amount is then distributed to all the clubs and organizations on campus in the annual budget. Traditionally, the Polity Senate and Council have been responsible for the administration of that budget, so students could decide for themselves how their money was spent.

Unfortunately, with all the turmoil Polity has ensued over the past few years, Dr. Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs and Polity overseer, stripped that responsibility away over the summer.

In addition, he said that in order for Polity to regain control of the budget, student government basically needed to get its act together.

More specifically, Dr. Preston has demanded a new constitution, a fully functioning judiciary branch, and stronger ties between the legislative and executive branches.

It is that final condition which must be the foundation upon which all other actions are built. Polity senate and council have had, at best, an extremely uneasy working relationship for the past several semesters.

There has been very little cohesion.

Last Wednesday's Senate meeting, the first of the new semester, represented cause for optimism. A proposed new constitution was distributed, several issues were discussed, and an upbeat mood prevailed. Hopefully, these are signs of better things to come.

Unfortunately, members of the Council brought up one issue that may prove to be unnecessarily divisive. For several years, members of the executive

branch had received weekly stipends for their services. Last spring, the Senate, after weeks of debate, voted to ban such stipends, a decision that was then vetoed by the Council. Senate overrode that veto at the final meeting last semester, and the ban remained in place.

Last week, members of the Council once again brought up the issue, requesting that the stipends be reinstated. Thankfully, the Senate decided to table the issue, at least until a new constitution was in place. The decision to table needs to be a permanent one.

First, stipends are a significant drain on the budget. More than \$40,000 would be distributed annually to the eight board members of the Council and several others within the executive branch. That money would be better spent on increasing budgets of clubs and organizations, many of which are in desperate need of more funding.

Second, there are more pressing issues which require immediate attention. Simply stated, Polity suffered an embarrassing blow to its reputation when it lost the power to distribute the student activity fee. Debating stipends takes time away from more urgent needs, and would only reinforce the common perception that Polity has trouble getting things done.

Third, there needs to be more equality between the branches. As a former Senator, I know firsthand the hard work and several hours per week the job requires, yet members of the Senate received no stipends, nor did any members of the Judiciary. Government is founded upon a basis of checks and balances. It is not right for two branches to have the balance, and one branch to have the checks.

Finally, student government should be about a fulfillment of civic responsibility. Those in it should serve because it is in their hearts, not to get money in their pockets. Call me an idealist, but I believe the continuation of the ban on stipends would be an important means to that end.

Letter to the Editor

New Colleges Bring Benefits

Dear Editor,

I couldn't be more enthusiastic about these new colleges. There is much experience at many universities showing how important structured learning environments are for first year students. Stony Brook already has some excellent programs that offer this to students. Examples are the Honors College, the Learning Communities, the Living Learning Centers, and the Women in Science and Engineering programs.

The new colleges will be places where more of our students can interact with faculty and staff in less formal ways than in the classroom. I hope and expect this will make it easier for more students to understand and to benefit from the many opportunities available at a large high quality research university such as Stony Brook. The colleges will of course be places where students with similar academic interests can get to know each other.

The success or failure of the colleges will revolve

around whether faculty and campus residence staff want to get involved. Early signs are that many will. A working group from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs worked hard and successfully in getting the first college launched only a little more than a year from the first discussions.

Our first faculty director, Professor Imin Kao from Mechanical Engineering, is not only an eminent researcher in the area of robotics and manufacturing automation, but he is a highly successful and dedicated teacher. From my discussions with him, I know he is determined to make the first college, the College of Information and Technology Studies, a place where students feel at home in the university, and where they will have a sense of loyalty. He has an infectious enthusiasm for this. With faculty like Professor Kao as leaders, our new college system will flourish fast!

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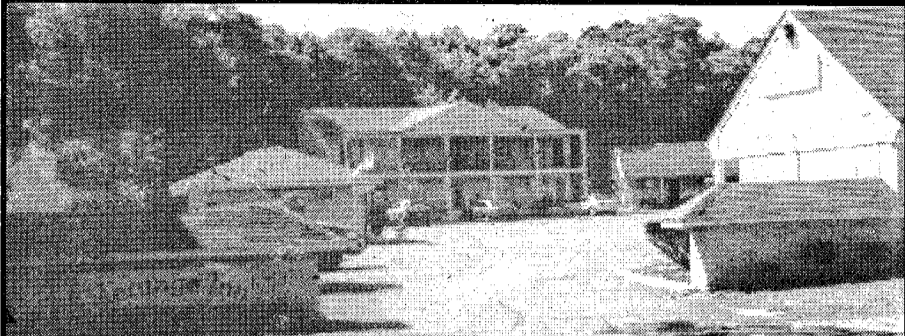
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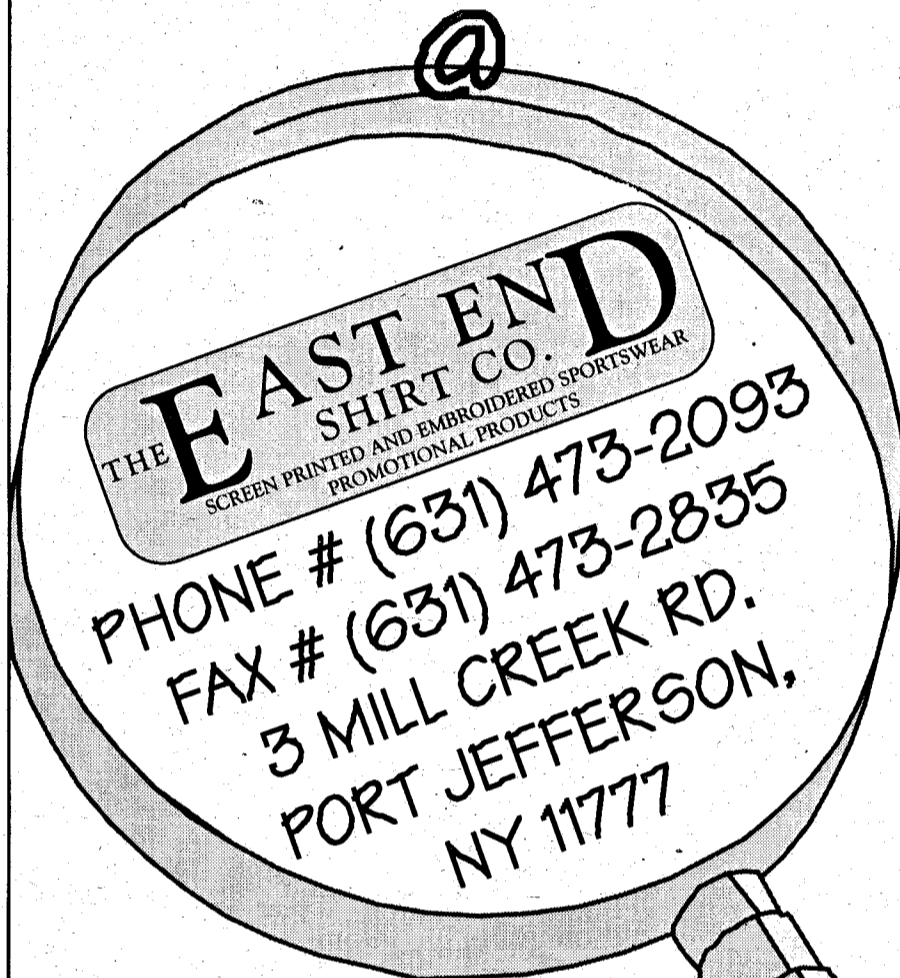
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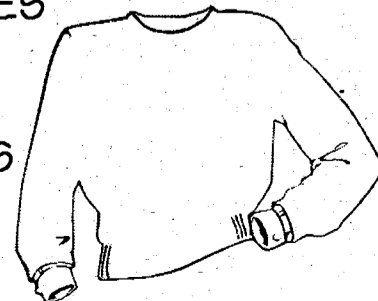
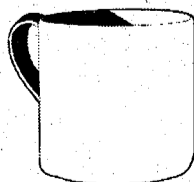
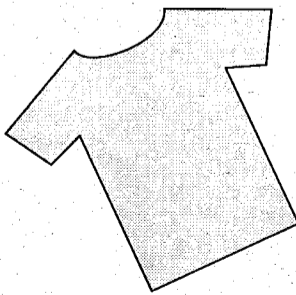
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A THOUGHT
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RABBI ADAM



Describing the process that starts with Rosh Hashanah (this past weekend) and concludes on Yom Kippur (next Mon. 9/16), the Jewish prayer book writes, "On Rosh Hashanah they are inscribed [for blessing] and on the fast day of Yom Kippur they are sealed [for blessing]". This process can be likened to a strategy planning committee where after an idea is agreed upon, it takes many more committee meetings before the idea is adequately formulated for implementation. Since Rosh Hashanah is when G-d determines what will happen for the upcoming year, our prayers represent a sort of "committee brainstorming" upon which G-d formulates the coming year's blessings based on the input of our supplications. However, the final "committee meeting" isn't until Yom Kippur. Where on Rosh Hashanah a person's blessing is "written", on Yom Kippur it is "sealed" for immediate implementation. The difference between "written" and "sealed" is the degree of the surety of implementation. That which is written, but yet to be sealed, is not as sure to be implemented as that which is already sealed.

Similarly, on Rosh Hashanah we redirected our hearts towards G-d and our Jewish identity. But for full implementation, our actions must mirror the redirection of our hearts. Thus the days leading up to Yom Kippur are called "Days of Repentance" where we work on changing our actions for the better: we ask forgiveness from friends we may have insulted and regret past wrongs. It is not until Yom Kippur that we resolve towards the future. The last step before implementation. The "sealing" of our blessing for a sweet new year.

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Presentation to Help SBU First-Year Students Stay SAFE

BY REETI CHAWLA
Statesman Staff

It's the beginning of the semester, a time when most freshmen are being overwhelmed with a lot of information about different campus organizations, clubs, and activities. Meanwhile they are also trying to get adjusted to college life, classes, and studying after a year of being infected with senioritis.

Plenty of orientation events have been filled with a variety of guest speakers and presentations, including the SAFE-Sexual Assault Facts and Education presentation.

This particular presentation is presented in the form of an interactive skit in which one of the main characters, Elaine, is raped by an individual she knew and trusted. Following the skit, the audience is free to ask each of the characters questions. After this, the SAFE peer educators come out of character and begin presenting pertinent statistics regarding sexual assault and date rape.

Some might argue that since freshmen are being bombarded with so much information, how does one know that they will even absorb any of the information presented to them? My response is that the sooner we get the message out to students, the more assaults and rapes we will be preventing.

If students are aware of the statistics and the dangers, they may be more cautious as they begin experimenting with different college experiences.

If we tell them to look out for one another at parties and emphasize that alcohol can seriously impair judgment, friends may be more likely to look out for one another at an upcoming party or some might decide not to drink if they are alone at a party.

Many freshman feel they are invincible and that they are immune to rape, but the truth is that 1 out of 4 women and 1 out of 33 men have been victims of sexual assault.

By educating first-year students, we can help prevent a sexual assault or rape from occurring. With upperclassman, we don't have the same advantage.

Most of them have already experienced their first parties or possibly have already been assaulted. In fact, the majority of rape victims don't realize that what happened to them was rape and they inevitably blame themselves for the assault.

As a SAFE peer educator, I strongly believe in the value of preventative measures. If students walk away with just a little more knowledge about sexual assault than they possessed previously, then I think that SAFE is entirely effective.

The skit presented to students is intended to be ambiguous. However, this sort of vagueness and openness is wholly characteristic of the majority of rapes that occur on college campuses.

Even if a student does not believe that the woman in the skit was raped, we hope the student walks away with the idea that communication is important in an intimate relationship and that discretion be used with the consumption of alcohol.

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amounts given to students, the plans provide for much of the basic coverage they might need.

Policy holders have the freedom to visit any doctor they choose, as long as they first visit the infirmary. The plans do not cover Vision, Dental, and Hearing Aid benefits, and does not pay for non-infirmary pharmacy costs.

According to The American Journal of Health, the medical bills and drug expenditures go up by more than 15 percent each year. "It's always a battle with health providers to bring down costs for university students," said Edelson. "While benefits and coverage for students have increased during the past ten years, university plans can still cover only a percentage of the medical bills. With insurance, you really only get what you pay for."

Due to general student apathy for the need for insurance, the Student Health Services is considering the possibility of extending a mandatory health insurance fee to the entire campus community.

Students had mixed feeling about the financial implications of yet another mandatory payment enforced by the university. "Even though it's not full insurance coverage, considering the price you pay and the unlimited visits it entitles you to, it's not so bad," said Jeremy Branzetti, a first-year Stony Brook Medical Student and former SBU undergraduate.

"In the future, the SBU Health Insurance is looking to expand and to create different levels of coverage at a greater range of prices."

Junior Catherine Brenner opposed the plan saying, "Lots of people don't believe in the kind of health care provided by doctors, whether for religious or moral reasons. It isn't right to make them pay for something, that even in the event of a serious illness, they would never utilize."

Seeing this conflict, administrators like Edelson are cautious about the change of policy. "We're concerned about forcing it on students without discussion," she said.

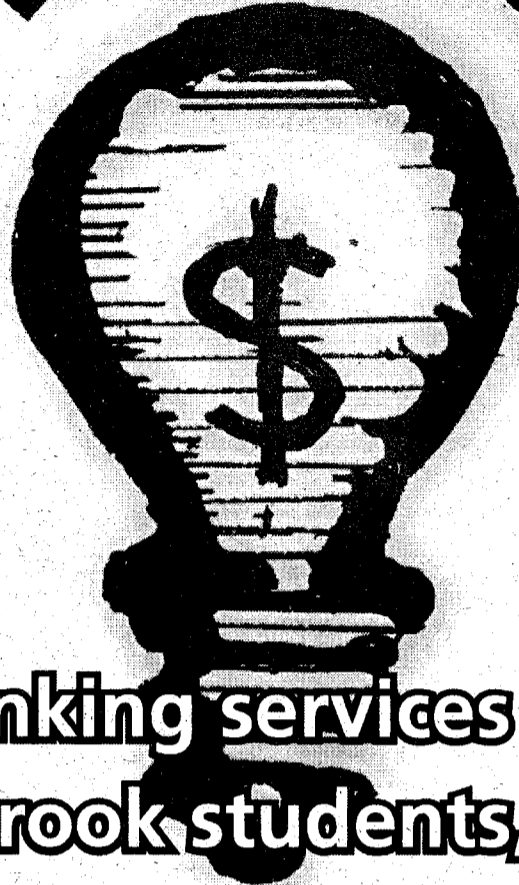
Despite the wavering support for mandates, international students expressed support for the system. "Everyone else has parents who have insurance coverage, and they have no problem. But for us international students, in case something happens, we know we'll be covered this way," said sophomore Elena Savvides, International Student from Cyprus.

In the future, the SBU Health Insurance is looking to expand and to create different levels of coverage at a greater range of prices. While the plan is being considered, students are wary about the move. "It's a good service to offer, but a bit on the unjust side," Brenner said.

Stony Brook Student Health Services always holds to its primary objective, however. "The university can charge more, but we'll still be conscious of the students' financial situations. The most important part is helping students solve their problems," Edelson said.

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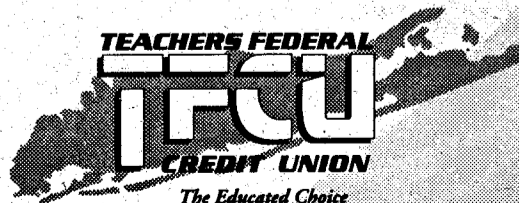
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Lockhart Has Seawolves' Back

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

During pre-season training camp, running backs Ken Lockhart and Clinton Graham often visited the new football stadium. They'd walk around the stands and go out to the 50-yard line just to look around. They quoted lines from the movie "Gladiator," thinking of themselves as two warriors racing into the battle arena for the first time on Sept. 14, opening day when the Seawolves play St. Johns.

All they talked to each other about was the upcoming season. Lockhart and Graham, who are roommates, stayed up until 3 a.m. talking about football and how much they wanted to win. Lockhart said they're both big dreamers. But the dream ended before it started.

Graham tore his Achilles tendon while making a routine cut in practice. He underwent surgery on Aug. 27. He will miss the entire season.

For Lockhart, experiencing the 2002 season in the new stadium won't be the same without Graham.

"That was one of the main things that upset me," Lockhart said. "It really upset me when he went down."



Courtesy of goseawolves.ocsn.com
Running back Ken Lockhart will enter the new stadium without his teammate and friend Clinton Graham.

Graham, a junior, is sitting out his second straight season after red-shirting his sophomore year. Lockhart flourished last season in Graham's absence. He led the team in rushing averaging five yards per carry and had 618 rushing yards for the season.

Graham who lives in Boston and Lockhart, in New Jersey, continued to talk over the summer and Lockhart admits that he was unnerved for a few

practices after Graham's injury.

Although Graham knows his season is over, he said it still hasn't sunk in. "I guess I'm in shock still," he said. "I'm really not trying to deal with it."

As Graham's roommate, Lockhart looks at Graham hobbling around on crutches everyday, with a cast on his right foot. The fact that Graham remains upbeat provides comfort.

"By him not showing his grief, it helps me a lot," Lockhart said. "If I got hurt I don't know how I would act." But with Graham sidelined he intends to continue helping Lockhart, now seeing from a different point of view.

Graham often gives Lockhart advice when they talk about strategy. But Graham said as a spectator he can see things that Lockhart may miss during the game, giving Graham an opportunity to play coach. "I'm going to help him any way I can," Graham said.

For the second time Graham and Lockhart battled head-to-head for the starting spot at running back. In the 2000 season, Graham won the job. But with Graham out last season Lockhart had the chance to get recognized. But this year, there was a question mark around the

position until Graham heard his Achilles snap.

Lockhart said he doesn't feel any pressure about stepping into the starting role again. "Clinton and I are like two starters on the same team," Lockhart said. "As far as the success of this team, I have to step up to the plate and lead this team."



Courtesy of goseawolves.ocsn.com
Clinton Graham will sit out another season because of a torn Achilles tendon.

Munir Will Miss First Seven Games

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook's second team All-Conference point guard D.J. Munir is academically ineligible for the 2002 fall semester, head coach Nick Macarchuk announced early this semester.

He will miss at least the first seven games of the season due to his academic performance.

According to NCAA regulations, student-athletes must maintain an average of 12 credits a semester to stay eligible. Munir fell three credits short.

Last academic year Munir, a junior, registered for 12 credits in the fall semester and 15 in the spring. But in the fall he decided to P/NC (pass-no-credit) one class which left him with nine credits in the fall. So taking 15 credits in the spring would have averaged 12.

But Munir took a P/NC in

another class in the spring semester and planned to go to summer school to maintain the credit average. But he failed one class.

Unknowing, Munir returned home to Rhode Island for a break before the first summer school session. He was home for two days before his phone began to ring.

First it was Nick Macarchuk Jr. informing him of the situation. Then the calls flooded in from the other coaches and athletic director Dr. Richard Laskowski trying to get Munir back to Stony Brook to address the situation.

"Everybody wanted to know what's going on and I don't know what's going on," Munir said. "I thought I passed the class." Munir refused to name the class.

When he got back to Stony Brook, he attempted to meet with the professor, who he also refused to

name, but he was on vacation and was gone for a month. Munir went ahead with an appeal but when the professor returned he refused to meet with Munir. He was borderline in the class but thought he had done enough for a passing mark. But the professor allowed five days for absences. Munir missed ten, four were excused because of games but that left six.

Munir was then presented with options from the coaching staff. He could miss seven games, red-shirt the season, sit out the season and come back next year or transfer to another school. Munir went home after the first summer session and sat down with his parents to make a decision.

"I thought about red-shirting but I never would have got the chance to play with Larry (Jennings)," Munir said. "I didn't want to transfer because Cori transferred here to play with me."

"They're supposed to be building a team around me and if I leave it'd be messed up. Stony Brook gave me a scholarship over some other schools."

Munir led the Seawolves in scoring (17.2 ppg) and assists (4.3 apg) last season. He played nearly every minute in the team's 28 games and was the heart of the offense. Munir will be replaced by his roommate, Jennings, who played just seven games last year while battling a broken foot.

For the Seawolves, the bright side is that none of the seven games Munir will miss in the fall semester are conference games although he will miss the annual meeting with St. Johns.

If Munir can pass 15 credits this semester he can return to play during intersession and play three games before conference play begins on Jan. 4 against Vermont.