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## Expert Responds to U.S. Concerns on Bioterrorism National Advisor Sheds Light on What the U.S. Government is Doing

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

The 11<sup>th</sup> lecture of the Provost Lecture Series featured Ronald M. Atlas, Stony Brook alumnus and current professor of biology at the University of Louisville. Atlas presented a lecture entitled "Responding to the Threat of Bioterrorism."

Atlas, who serves as the President of the American Society for Microbiology, called the topic of bioterrorism "as timely as it is important."

"The greatest risks are placed on agents of mass destruction," said Atlas, who advises the United States government on policy issues regarding the deterrence of bioterrorism and biowarfare. "The world is vulnerable to the asymmetric possibility that terrorists can use biowarfare as weapons of mass destruction."

He cited the major sources of concern, including threats from tularemia, plague, botulism toxin, anthrax and smallpox, among others.

Atlas said that the United States has bolstered its response to recent war and terrorism concerns by increasing funding for biodefense research as well as by taking defensive measures against the



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**Atlas warns scientists to act responsibly, since many biological agents used for terrorism are made in American labs.**

spread of dangerous biological agents and infectious diseases. In addition, the government has increased funding for public health at the state level.

Atlas discussed the government's plans to learn more about the various threats in order to find vaccines. He said that the research efforts in progress are currently focused on helping individuals to develop innate immunity, rather than treating symptoms.

The National Institute of Health is

currently working to develop novel therapeutic strategies for blocking effects of botulism toxins.

In order to educate healthcare workers, the government has also used interactive programs to simulate lifelike anthrax symptoms that will provide a basis for teaching and research.

But, Atlas said, "[the United States] clearly needs more research to prepare against bioterrorism."

While research has been vital in the fight against these threats, it has also lead to greater dangers. Atlas said that if 10,000 kilograms of anthrax were unleashed upon a city, it would be as devastating as a nuclear bomb. That same anthrax spore could have initially been created at a microbiology laboratory in Ames, Idaho.

For this reason, the government has strict regulations on material control, including measures like the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

"All foreigners leave the United States if you're thinking of working in a bio laboratory," Atlas said about the effects of the act.

The U.S.A. Patriot Act restricts resident aliens from designated

countries—those believed by the United States government to support terrorism—from possessing select agents within the United States.

The Biopreparedness Act requires the registration of those biological agents and a clearance from the Department of Justice. Violating such laws can lead to 20 years of incarceration.

Atlas said he feels that these regulations have placed excessive restrictions on the research community and cast scientists in a suspicious light. "It is a very strange time to be a scientist, particularly in microbiology," he said. "We are suspects; we used to be saviors."

Even Stony Brook students conducting scientific research are affected by these restrictions.

"Some of the requirements are just irritating," said Andrea Johnson, a student researcher at the Health Science Center. "We work with dangerous materials and have to sign a lot of registration documents and forms."

Atlas said that the government has also worked to increase biocontainment and security plans.

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## The Disconnect Between Students and Staller

By ELIZABETH ZELMA  
Statesman Contributor

When Tango Buenos Aires was performed at Stony Brook University's Staller Center for the Arts on Feb. 23, few of Stony Brook's own students were there. For the April performance of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, even fewer are expected once word gets out about the \$36 tickets.

The Staller Center for the Arts offers a considerable discount in ticket prices for Stony Brook University students, but not many know about it. There are never more than a dozen students at a show, said Julie Rulon Greene, Staller Center's coordinator of marketing and public relations. Of more than 1,000 tickets sold for Tango Buenos Aires, only a handful were sold to students for discounted prices.

"It's a real stumbling block when

students don't find out about the discount," Greene said. "We want them to have the chance to see the very best of culture, and most don't bother to show up because they think they can't afford it."

It doesn't help that little is done to publicize the discount, which is half the price of regular tickets and can get students tickets for as low as \$7 if they wait until 15 minutes before the show to buy them. Until recently, the biggest form of publicity was a poster or two on bulletin boards in the Student Activities Center and the Student Union, which usually got buried under other posters within a couple of days. While new tactics are being applied, results have yet to be seen.

"We've started working with resident hall directors to get posters up in dorms," said Patrick Kelly, Staller's production manager.



Courtesy of www.google.com

The London City Opera will perform Madame Butterfly at the Staller Center for the Arts on March 30.

Publicity is hit-or-miss in busy places like the Union, Kelly said, because even large signs go unnoticed, and not all students travel through the Union on a daily basis.

The students who do know about the discount are trying to spread the word and come up with new ways to advertise. "Asking professors to

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# University Police Blotter

## March 4 - March 10

COMPILED BY MAURY HIRSCHKORN  
 Statesman Staff

**March 4, 2003**  
 1:59 a.m. - Grand larceny, Benedict College, book bag with wallet and credit cards taken from library.  
 2:38 a.m. - Criminal mischief, Gray College, vandalism to smoke detector.  
 3:41 a.m. - Medical emergency, Hamilton College, female transported to University Hospital.  
**March 5, 2003**  
 12:31 a.m. - Medical emergency, Langmuir College, female transported to University Hospital.  
 1:45 a.m. - Medical emergency, Cardozo College, 1 female transported to University Hospital.  
 3:31 p.m. - Criminal mischief, Schomburg parking lot, vehicle damaged.  
 4:28 p.m. - Grand larceny, Health Science Center garage, cash taken from vehicle.  
 5:26 p.m. - Medical emergency, Stimson, female transported to University Hospital  
**March 6, 2003**  
 8:17 a.m. - Criminal mischief, Stadium, 5th level, damage done to walls, carpet and flooring.  
 11:31 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Kelly cafe, vehicle vs. pedestrian.  
 2:52 p.m. - Medical emergency, Health Science Center, Level 19, person unconscious/unresponsive.

**March 7, 2003**  
 8:57 a.m. - Medical emergency, Life Sciences Center, female slipped, broke ankle.  
**March 8, 2003**  
 1:34 a.m. - Burglary, Greenley College, forced entry and took \$20. Suffolk County Police on scene.  
 2:14 a.m. - Employee injury, Greenley College inner quad stairs, slipped on ice.  
 3:13 p.m. - Kelly Quad/Barach College, 2 victims transported to University Hospital.  
**March 9, 2003**  
 2:59 p.m. - Medical emergency, Life Sciences Building, injuries from fall.  
 6:39 p.m. - Medical emergency, Dreiser, female transported to University Hospital.  
 10:27 p.m. - Medical emergency, Dreiser, male transported to University Hospital.  
**March 10, 2003**  
 6:51 a.m. - Graffiti, Student Union.  
 9:16 a.m. - Burglary, Melville Library rooms 3004 and 3005, two computer systems taken.  
 9:37 a.m. - Petit larceny, South parking lot, sideview mirror taken.  
 10:28 a.m. - Petit larceny, Student Union Lounge, couch taken.  
 1:23 p.m. - Medical emergency, Dental School main entrance, injuries from a fall.  
 4:11 p.m. - Criminal mischief, boyfriend/girlfriend altercation, girlfriend refused to leave and ripped phone out of wall.  
 10:30 p.m. - Suspicious person, Harriman Hall 029, known male sleeping in room for 3-1/2 weeks.

## Preparing for Bioterrorism

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including the inspections of packages upon entering and exiting the United States and the maintenance of the physical security and separation of areas in which select biological agents are located.  
 The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has also created a Smallpox Response Plan, which includes an optional vaccination of a "Smallpox Response Team" within each healthcare facility to respond to an outbreak, and mandatory vaccination of Department of Defense and State Department personnel.

The CDC has prepared several stockpiles of vaccine across the country in case of an attack, although the federal government does not recommend that members of the general public be vaccinated at this point.  
 Atlas closed by insisting that infectious diseases and bioterrorism present a major threat to national and global security.  
 "We need to support increased investment, research efforts and public health preparedness to eliminate bioterrorism," he said. "And the scientific community must act responsibly."

## No Students At Staller

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make a quick announcement in class about an upcoming show with information about the discount would be great," said Jennifer Sardegna, a 21-year-old junior. "I think it would make a huge difference."  
 Greene welcomes suggestions like Sardegna's, although she said some others are unrealistic. "I know kids listen to radio stations like WBLI, but advertising is so expensive," she said. Staller's radio access is limited to WSHU, a National Public Radio station, and WUSB, Stony Brook's own station.

Advertising in the university's newspapers doesn't come cheap either, and Staller can't afford to spend that much each week, Greene said.  
 Greene and Kelly are reaching out, but their message doesn't seem to be getting across.  
 "It would help if they put slips in campus mailboxes," said Shaina Kohanzadeh, a 20-year-old sophomore who said she would have thought twice about skipping Tango Buenos Aires had she known she didn't have to spend \$32. "I know they are trying to think of new ways, but for now their hearts may be in the right places but the publicity isn't."

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# Predicting Fall Leaves...and Free Will?

## Physicist Aims to Use Computer Technology to Explain the Inexplicable

By DAVE WEISS  
Statesman Staff

What does mathematics have to do with snowflakes, leaves and free will? These questions and others were addressed by Steven Wolfram, Ph.D., where he spoke last week about his revolutionary computer program called *Mathematica*.

The program attempts to explain systems in nature through math. The well-known mathematician and scientist filled every seat in the SAC Auditorium, as well as some floor space. During Wolfram's introduction, it was said that *Mathematica* "could only be talked about in hyperbole...incredibly brilliant, amazingly simple, and terribly expensive."

Wolfram, who published his first paper at 15 and received his Ph.D. at 20, used a set of computer generated pictures to help explain *Mathematica*. The basic concept behind his program is the use of cellular automata.

Picture a darkened square surrounded by infinite blank squares of equal size. By making a rule that the program will follow, one can generate shapes. For example, Wolfram directed the program to fill in the square under the darkened square and the squares to its left and right to create a row of three darkened squares below the original.

*Mathematica* can then continue that pattern on all lines beneath that one, forming a row of five on the third line, seven on the fourth, and so on, finally creating a pyramid shape. This is the basic way in which Wolfram proposes that mathematical systems can predict patterns of nature.

The command that creates the

those of a pyramid, Wolfram said, but are governed by simple rules that can be displayed by a computer.

Wolfram said that just as some patterns in nature are totally random, so too are certain computer-generated patterns. He said that when he enters a command he calls "rule 30" into his *Mathematica* program, it produces a

like rule 30 in that they begin with a relatively simple command, but generate into complicated patterns. Thus, understanding systems in nature is just a matter of figuring out the fundamental rules of those systems.

Wolfram said that many of the patterns in nature that we do not yet grasp are more computationally advanced than our own brains.

"Some people will say the weather has a mind of its own, but it actually follows a pattern that we have yet to fully grasp," Wolfram said.

He claimed that *Mathematica* may be able to predict complicated concepts like free will. Wolfram said that, since our ability to choose what we do is governed by our own minds, there is no way we could be more computationally advanced than the system that controls such a thing.

While such computer ability is only theoretical, Wolfram said that he hopes his work will lead to discovering "a single simple program that is the ultimate program for the universe." With each advance in *Mathematica*, Wolfram said he believes he is getting closer to being able to explain the rules that govern the systems that we observe in nature and in life.

**A computer system more advanced than a human brain...could conceivably understand exactly how our will works and thus predict exactly what we will do and when we will do it.**

pyramid shape is just the beginning of what this program does. The user can design any rule for the program to follow to produce a unique pattern. Wolfram argues that all things in nature work in this way.

Programming a particular rule for the cellular automata to follow creates an exact two-dimensional replica of a snowflake. The same thing can be done to create leaf patterns. The patterns are more complicated than

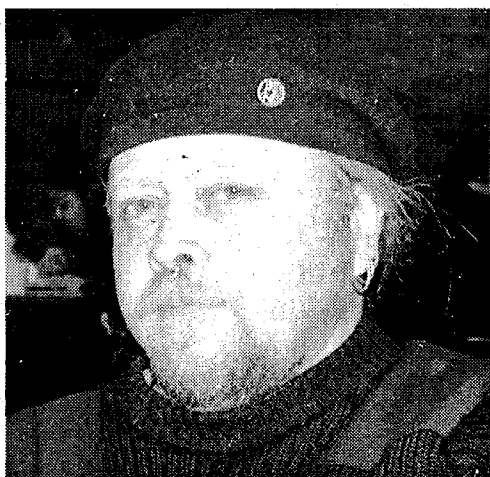
pattern in the cellular automata that is completely random.

He compared the application of rule 30 to pi, a mathematically generated number with a decimal that continues on infinitely and randomly. Pi is generated by taking the circumference of any circle and dividing it by its diameter.

Wolfram said that he believes that systems in nature, which we perceive as patternless, like pi, are actually just

## Campus Voices

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"SBS, because I can get a lot done there. My study load, my work load, everything."  
-Vashnie Ambu, Senior



"The SAC, because I don't go there for class. I go there to eat and hang out."  
-Kathleen McLaughlin, Senior

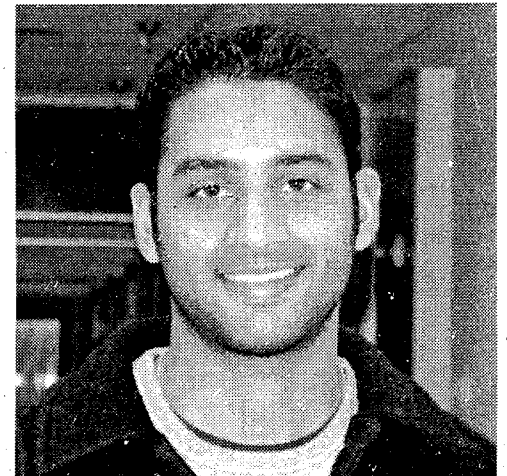
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"I'd want to be the Humanities because it's getting a makeover."  
-Brianne Thompson, Senior



"I'd want to be the Union because it's a piece of (expletive)."  
-Ray Trianno, Senior



"The parking garage, because I'd be able to accommodate a lot of people. I want to help out."  
-Abraham Onnonny, Senior

Thursday, March 13, 2003



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# Thousands of Students Walk Out of Classes to Protest Possible War

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Thousands of students at more than 350 colleges and high schools walked out of classes and held rallies last Wednesday to protest a possible U.S. war with Iraq. Some professors canceled their classes to support the protesters.

"Books not bombs" was the theme of the events, organized by a coalition of 15 student groups called the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition. Student leaders argued not only that a war with Iraq would be socially unjust, but also that the costly military campaign would lead to further cuts in appropriations for public higher education.

"We feel like it's an attack on young people here. It's an attack on us and our education," said organizer for Uptown Youth for Peace and Justice Karim Lopez. "The money that is going toward the war

budget is coming directly out of social services, including education." Lopez helped coordinate a rally that drew hundreds of students at Hunter College of the City University of New York.

One of the largest of the protests took place at the University of Wisconsin at Madison 2,000 to 5,000 students gathered in front of Bascom Hall, the main administration building, beating drums, singing songs, and listening to speeches against the war and against tuition hikes.

A group of protesters met briefly with the university's provost, Peter D. Spear, and demanded that the university take a stand against the war — a demand suggested by national leaders of the nationwide walkout.

Spear said he told the students he could not meet their demand. "This kind of discourse and debate about important national and international issues is part of what the

university is about, and we support the students in carrying out that debate," Spear said. "But we don't think it's up to the university or the university administration to take a particular position in it."

A counterprotest at Wisconsin, organized by the College Republicans, drew about a dozen students.

But other students, like Benjamin J. Krautkramer, a third-year law student who is in favor of U.S. military action in Iraq, said they were making a statement by showing up for class as usual. "I was surprised by the number of people going to classes."

## 'Economics and Oil'

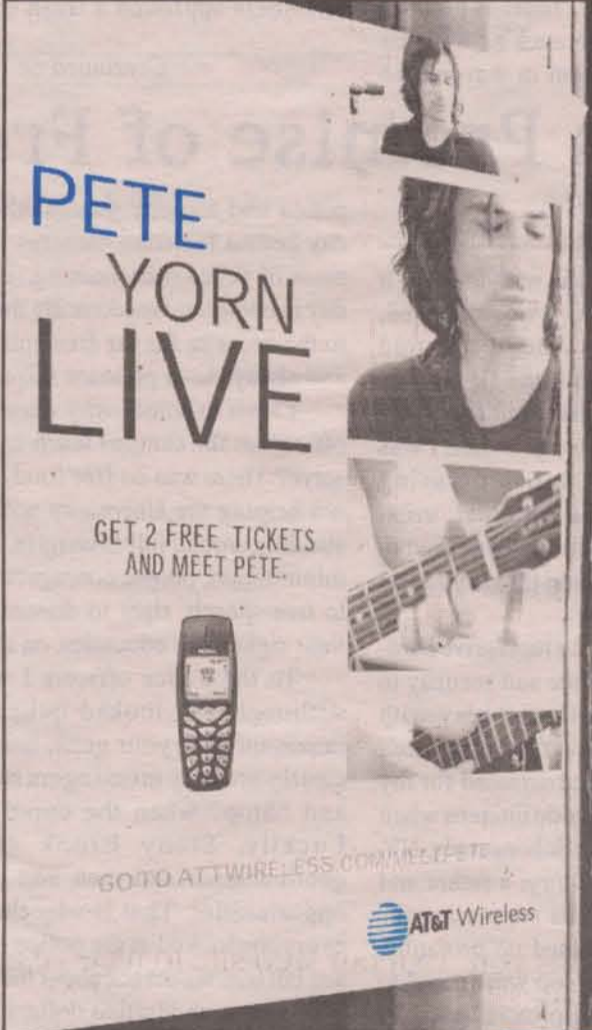
At Howard University, about 250 students walked out of classes at 11:45 a.m. and gathered for a rally at the heart of the campus. Several speakers at the historically black college argued that a disproportionate number of minority students would do the fighting in Iraq.

Fonta Gillian said that because many of the students are poor and see Reserve Officer Training Corps programs as the only way to afford college.

"I don't think the war is about a war on terrorism," she added. "I think it's more about economics and oil." Gillian is a junior who helped organize the rally.

At the University of California at Berkeley, about 500 people attended a rally, said Amanda Crater, a junior who helped plan the event. She said turnout would have been higher if the rally, which took place in front of an administration building, had been held in a more prominent spot on the campus.

"If the U.N. Security Council can't stop Bush, I don't think the students are going to stop Bush," said protester Christine Kelly. "But there's a widespread peace and social-justice movement that he's going to have to contend with."



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## Op-Eds

# Want a War With Those Fries? The Self-Imposed Irrelevance of the U.S. Congress

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN  
Statesman Editor

*Reader, suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself. - Mark Twain*

The President of the United States is clamoring for a war in front of a recalcitrant Security Council whose members are deadlocked over the progress and ability of the United Nations weapons inspections teams working in tandem with the International Atomic Energy Agency to prevent one-third of the Axis of Evil from developing and deploying weapons of mass destruction which threaten the nations of the Middle East, European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In other world news, House Administration Committee chairman Bob Ney announced at a Tuesday press conference that the cafeterias in the House of Representatives office buildings would be serving "freedom fries" and "freedom toast," in lieu of the French variety, in light of France's opposition to raining military holy hell on Hussein.

France argues policy. Congress argues potatoes. That Tuesday "news" conference was certainly silly, but by no means was it funny. There is nothing amusing concerning the legislative branch's conscious decision to refrain from participation in war-related

affairs at this, the hour of maximum need for the representatives to give the people a voice.

Congress ceded this responsibility decades ago. The last time Congress declared war was in 1941. From Korea to Vietnam to the Persian Gulf, Congress has blatantly relinquished its war declaration powers each time. Such power is expressly granted by Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. Yet Korea was a "police action," and Vietnam had the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. And last Fall, in a continuation of this modern trend, Congress declared that "the President is authorized to use all means that he determines to be appropriate, including force, in order to...defend the national security interests of the United States."

Many months later, the hands of Senators and Representatives remain tied, and the voices of the antiwar movement have no meaningful government representation. Consider the agenda thus far undertaken by the 108th Congress. The House has devoted its time to banning further reduction of welfare benefits for the poor, and is working on passage of President Bush's dividend tax cut for the rich. The Senate has endeavored to pass a most critical resolution in support of "under God" remaining in the Pledge of Allegiance. And both chambers approved a Bush budget of unfathomable

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## America's Promise of Freedom

By NICKALUS MISITI  
Statesman Staff

When I was told that Santa Claus was not real, it did not really bother me. In fact, I was relieved, because he always worried me. When I was told that Christopher Columbus was not the first to set foot on North American soil, I only wondered why people had told me he had for so long. When I was told J. Edgar Hoover was a cross-dressing homosexual, I simply laughed at the cruel, cruel irony. So as a product of public school, I am used to being lied to. However, there are some things you just do not lie about in America.

First of all, a lesson to you, the repressive bald-headed bureaucrats sending the police and security to enforce your dirty, foolish rules: Do not play with America's freedoms. After all, it is our country, need we remind you? I am cheerfully embarrassed for my government and so proud of its quixotic citizens when I speak of what happened recently in Schenectady, NY.

So here is the short unofficial story: a father and son went to the mall wearing t-shirts supporting the peace movement. The shirts contained no profanity, but the father was arrested and the son was forced to remove the shirt. The next day, approximately 150 nameless and faceless American heroes sat down in the mall dining area wearing similar peace shirts. The

police and security guards who were so assertive the day before hid from cameras in the back room as the mass of peace shirt-wearing rebels ate their lunch that day in complete freedom. By the way, many thank you's to the security for the free anti-war publicity. It was--and always is--a pleasant surprise.

Closer to home--why were there eight armed police officers at the campus teach-in on Iraq? To protect, to serve? There was no free food, and I am sure they were not helping the University with its fiscal problems by standing around full of chagrin. In spite of this attempted intimidation, people courageously exercised their right to free speech, right to dissent, and--most ironically--their right to an education on this college campus.

To the police officers I won't really say much. Although you looked quite stunning, heroic and important with your guns, uniforms and badges, you clearly are only messengers sent to say "No" "Don't" and "Stop" when the opportunity presents itself. Luckily, Stony Brook students are perfect gentlewomen and men and did not give you such opportunities. That is why the teach-in went on and everyone looked at the police officers and whispered a sad but true wisecrack about the waste of time, potential, life-energy, and tuition dollars.

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### How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period; **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding; and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

**Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use**

| Method                      | Lowest Expected | Typical |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| DEPO-PROVERA                | 0.3             | 0.3     |
| Implants (Norplant)         | 0.2*            | 0.2*    |
| Female sterilization        | 0.2             | 0.4     |
| Male sterilization          | 0.1             | 0.15    |
| Oral contraceptive (pill)   |                 | 3       |
| Combined                    | 0.1             |         |
| Progestogen only            | 0.5             |         |
| IUD                         |                 | 3       |
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| Condom (without spermicide) | 2               | 12      |
| Diaphragm (with spermicide) | 6               | 18      |
| Cervical cap                | 6               | 18      |
| Withdrawal                  | 4               | 18      |
| Periodic abstinence         | 1-9             | 20      |
| Spermicide alone            | 3               | 21      |
| Vaginal Sponge              |                 |         |
| used before childbirth      | 6               | 18      |
| used after childbirth       | 9               | 28      |
| No method                   | 85              | 85      |

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol.* 1990;76:558-567.

\*From Norplant<sup>®</sup> package insert.

### Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients).

### What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
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### What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

### What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

**1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding**  
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

**2. Bone Mineral Changes**  
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

**3. Cancer**  
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

**4. Unexpected Pregnancy**  
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

**5. Allergic Reactions**  
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin; breathing difficulties; and a drop in blood pressure.

### 6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

### What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

### What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

**1. Weight Gain**  
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

**2. Other Side Effects**  
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolus, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

### Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

**1. Missed Periods**  
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

**2. Laboratory Test Interactions**  
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

**3. Drug Interactions**  
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**4. Nursing Mothers**  
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**How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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# Fries With That?

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defense spending and unconscionable cuts to dozens of government programs and services.

Meanwhile Congress refuses, as Senator Edward Kennedy recently implored, to reconsider the aforementioned war resolution. Rather than reassert its checks over the executive branch, Congress has allowed it to run rampant. President Bush will make his call to arms any day now. The Defense Department just tested a new 21,000-pound bomb which makes the Daisy Cutter look as harmless as a butterfly. Congress's recent activity? The House has responded by banning all forms of human cloning, while the Senate seems ready to pass a ban on partial-birth abortion.

That House bill deals with a scientific process currently impossible to perform. The Senate legislation deals with entities that have not yet reached human life. All the while, there are now roughly 250,000 living, breathing human soldiers deployed in the Persian Gulf. How's that for priorities?

Last month, Senator Robert Byrd severely admonished his colleagues for "sleepwalking through history" in a chamber that is "hauntingly silent." Congress has the power to stop this war. It has chosen not to exercise it. And the deaths of an untold number of soldiers and civilians will not at all be exaggerated.

# Freedom

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As for the brains behind the brawn--the Administration of our spectacularly inefficient University--it says a lot that you would send eight paid, armed officers to stand outside a teach-in for five hours as tuition increases 41 percent. In fact, it pretty much summarizes the already bleak fiscal crisis, housing crisis, classroom crisis, EOP Crisis and any other crises facing this University. Your actions speak volumes about your ability to handle such crisis intelligently. Will another millionaire or corporation bail you out? As students, we can only wait and pay, I mean pray.

Now to the national scene for my final point. Mr. John Ashcroft, the J. Edgar of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, is slipping the Patriot Act I through on the coattails of 9-11 and plotting to slip Patriot II through on the coattails of pre-empting Iraqi lack of aggression. Is this a bad play where the Acts keep getting worse and worse? Mr. Ashcroft, maybe bad drama was your calling.

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# Sports

## Women Bid Good Riddance to Bad B-Ball Vermont Hands Stony Brook Their Final Loss in a 9-18 Season

By DANA GOMI  
Statesman Staff

With an 82-57 trashing at the hands of Vermont, the Stony Brook women's basketball mercifully closed the book on the most tumultuous and miserable season in the team's recent history.

After posting three consecutive winning seasons, coach Trish Roberts and the women's basketball team turned in their first losing season since the program moved to Division I in 1999. SBU finished the year with a 9-18 record after going 7-9 in the America East Conference while the Catamounts improved their record to 20-7.

Playing in front of another very small crowd, the Seawolves were outclassed from the onset and Vermont remained in complete control throughout the game. The Catamounts jumped out to an early lead, using a 13-0 run midway through the first half to stake a 30-8 advantage.

After falling behind early, the closest

the Seawolves were able to get was within 19 points. This wasn't surprising, considering that Vermont was on fire in the opening period, shooting 66.7 percent from the field compared to SBU's 36 percent. As halftime came around, Stony Brook was still trailing Vermont, 47-25.

"I think we came out not focused," said forward Danyelle Ingram. "We didn't jump off to a good start."

When the second half started there was still a small sliver of hope for Stony Brook. But the Seawolves optimism was quickly stifled when the Catamounts flexed their muscles down low, finishing the game with a 42-28 advantage in the paint.

In the second half, Vermont extended their lead to 35 points as the Seawolves troubles continued. SBU only made two trips to the charity stripe and were held without a three-point basket in the final 20 minutes. With time winding down, Vermont's lead just grew bigger and bigger.

The Catamounts were up by 27 points when Ingram registered SBU's final basket, barely making a dent in Vermont's margin of victory.

The victory improved the Catamounts to 12-4 in the America East Conference, and dropped SBU to a losing mark of 7-9.

The loss wasn't expected. Although Vermont's 20-win season indicates that they are used to winning tough games on the road, the Seawolves were traditionally a formidable team to play at home. Over the three previous seasons, Roberts's squad used a stingy defense to post a 30-9 record at home. This loss to Vermont gives SBU their first sub-.500 record at home.

Many of this season's troubles can be traced to the early feud between Sherry Jordan, the team's premiere player, and Roberts. Compounding those difficulties was the inability all season-long to develop a reliable second scorer.

This was painfully evident in the game against the Catamounts in which no one but Jordan scored in double figures.

Jordan finished with 12 points and pulled down six rebounds to lead the team in both categories.

Vermont got a huge performance from Aaron Yantzi, who scored 26 points on 11 of 15 shooting and collected five rebounds. Dawn Cressman scored 15 points and Morgan Hall scored 11 points for Vermont.

The Seawolves said they view the conference tournament as a chance to sneak into the NCAA tourney and right the ills of their season. This week the Seawolves will face off against New Hampshire as the number five seed in the Hartford Civic Center. SBU split the regular season series with New Hampshire with each team winning at home.

"It's the same predicament we were in last year," Ingram said. "It starts over. Forget the past."

## Close, But No Hockey Championship for SBU

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There are over 150 teams in the American Collegiate Hockey Association. When the final whistle blew, Stony Brook University finished its season ranked number two in the nation.

The final chapter of the Seawolves journey started when they became one of 16 teams to be invited to the 2003 ACHA National tournament hosted by the University of Southern California.

SBU was certainly the Cinderella story of the tournament. This year's team surprised a lot of people, not only by winning their pool, but also by making it all the way to the finals.

In the first game, SBU faced off against the University of Illinois and after a slow start, easily defeated the Fighting Illini 7-2. In game two, SBU took on Ivy League rival University of Pennsylvania, defeating them 2-1 thanks to outstanding goaltending by Brian Andruszkiewicz.

The Seawolves continued their roll when they faced Colorado State University with a birth to the semifinals on the line. Trailing 3-1 after the first period, Stony Brook settled down and dominated the rest of the game, winning 8-5. With the victory, Stony Brook advanced to the semifinals, where they faced a familiar foe in Siena College. The



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The SBU hockey team lost to the University of Colorado, 6-4, in the championship game of the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Tournament.

Seawolves played the upstate school three times during the regular season.

In their final meeting of the season, SBU found themselves trailing Siena 1-0 late in the second period, until Billy Acker leveled the score. Acker took a pass from Anthony Fronzoni and sent a shot past the Siena goaltender, tying the game at 1. The goal gave Stony Brook new life and the Seawolves never looked back. With 10 minutes remaining in the third period, Anthony Demichelle made a drop pass to Fronzoni, who pulled to his backhand and scored. Fronzoni's goal gave the Seawolves their first lead, 2-1. Mike Keane sealed the deal when

he added another goal in the waning minutes, giving Stony Brook a 3-1 lead, and more importantly, a spot in the finals.

The finals saw SBU matched up against the Big Twelve powerhouse University of Colorado. With the national championship on the line, Colorado struck first. Tournament MVP Zac Sanner scored a power play goal early in the first period giving Colorado a 1-0 lead. Stony Brook tied the game up 10 minutes later when Fronzoni intercepted a pass from the Colorado goaltender and scored on the open net. But Colorado bounced back and extended its lead in the second period to 3-1, thanks to two more power play goals.

Before the second intermission, Stony Brook drew one back, scoring a power play goal of its own. Fronzoni scored on a breakaway, cutting Colorado's lead to 3-2.

Colorado began the third period just as powerfully as the previous two, and quickly extended its lead to 5-2.

Just when the game looked out of reach, Seawolves captain Jesse Muro made things interesting. Muro scored two late goals, bringing SBU within one goal with one minute remaining.

But time wasn't on Stony Brook's side that night. In the final seconds, Colorado added an empty net goal, defeating SBU 6-4 and winning the national championship.

After the game, Stony Brook general manager Chris Garafalo talked about the Seawolves season.

"I couldn't be more proud of these guys," Garafalo said. "They played with heart and I couldn't ask for more. Right now they are upset over the loss, but in a week or two they will realize that being national runner-up is nothing to be ashamed of."

But the Seawolves didn't return home empty-handed. At the end of the tournament, awards were handed out. Defenseman Brian Karbot was named second team All-Tournament, while Muro and Fronzoni were named all tournament Honorable Mention.