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Helping Out

SB Students Participate In Blood Drive

By **TINA CHADHA**
Statesman Editor

Due to the poor response of last month's blood event at Stony Brook, a second blood drive was held yesterday in the Union Bi-Level. The blood drive, which started at 12:00 pm, lasted until approximately 5:30 pm. In its second time around the blood drive managed to bring together 133 donors and deferred 31 people, collecting 102 units of blood which will help 500 people in the future.

"This is a great turnout," said volunteer Camille Wilson, "there has been a steady flow of people all day." Students interested in donating blood had to first register and then have a mini-medical where their blood pressure and hemoglobin was checked. They were asked questions on their person backgrounds, behavioral habits and medical history. After finishing this process, they are given a blood pack and asked to wait for their turn to donate one pint of blood. "Students have to sit for 10 minutes after donating," said Anita Samuels, a volunteer for Long Island Blood Services. "They have to have something cold to drink to replace the fluids their body lost." Snacks such as chocolate chip cookies, granola bars and orange juice with ice were set up for the students who donated blood. "I have been here for a hour," said Kafayat Dirisu, a sophomore donating blood, "but that's just because there's lots of people here giving blood."

Dirisu said the cause was worthy although the process was a little painful for her due to the fact that she had a small vein. "I just want to help people," she said.

For another student wanting to help, donating blood was painless. "I have good veins," said Diane Moreno, a senior. Moreno also said that although she has always wanted to give blood she just never had the chance and today was her opportunity to. Linda Mugford, account manager of Long Island Blood Services, who organized this second blood drive said, "when it's available people donate, when they don't know, they don't look for it."

"Everybody needs blood," said Teddy Koo, whose fraternity Nu Alpha Phi volunteered at the drive. "People don't realize they have to give blood, they think everybody is going to do."

According to Mugford, LIBS is always running blood drives on campus to entice new donors and give frequent donors the opportunity to give blood. "The more we get people to donate, it becomes second nature to them, part of their culture," said Mugford.

Although Mugford said there is not an emergency shortage now, in recent years supplies have been as low as one to two days' worth of some blood types. Although there is currently no shortage, blood is needed a lot more because people are surviving more operations. "If people who donated once a year did it twice we would never have a shortage



Students happy to lend a hand at blood drive

Statesman / Michelle Abofsky

of blood," said Mugford.

All those interested in donating have to pass some general health requirements, according to Mugford. They have to weigh at least 110 pounds, be relatively healthy and have no tattoos less than a year old. After the blood is donated, it is still checked. It is processed in Melville where it is broken up into components and then sent to a laboratory in New York City where it is tested for diseases such as HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B and C.

As a treat for donors, Mugford ordered mugs which students could get their pictures on. She was very pleased with the amount of students who donated blood and with the volunteers, whom she promises to call again. "A nice thing today was we had a lot of volunteers. All students from various student organizations, fraternities and sororities helped out."


"I was very happy with the turnout," said Mugford. "It was more than we could handle."

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The Results Are Almost In

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

In an upset for Green Party supporters across the country, candidate Ralph Nader earned only three percent of the vote, two percent lower than what was necessary for matched federal funding.

Having no false beliefs in a win, Nader stayed strong after the results came, in saying that the Green party is now the fastest growing and largest third party in the country. He said that his party is assuming the role of "watchdog" for against both the republicans and democrats, two groups that are indistinct according to Nader. "The two are part of one big corporate party," Nader told Time magazine last week.

Although he did not earn any electoral votes, Nader haters that warned throughout the elections that a vote for Nader was a vote for Bush may have their worst fears realized. As of Wednesday evening, the people of the United States were glued to CNN and the internet for the latest information as to who will be the next president.

Election officials in Florida began recounting votes Wednesday afternoon because the race was so close, as mandated by law, and 53 Florida counties have yet to report their recount numbers. According to CNN.com, the recount must be completed by the end of the business day on Thursday.

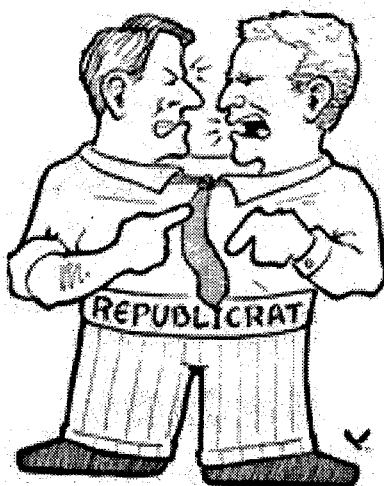
But voters should not expect Gore or Bush win by that night. These votes must then be certified which could take up to seven days, followed by the counting of overseas ballots. The entire process could take ten days.

There was also some confusion among voters in Palm Beach County Florida where close to 3000 voters were confused by the punch card ballots which had the names of the candidates on two pages instead of one. According to CNN, the confusion may have caused some 3000 people to vote for ultra conservative Pat Buchanan in error.

With its 25 electoral votes, Florida will decide which candidate will become the next president. Gore presently has 260 electoral votes and Bush has 246. However, according to the popular vote, Gore leads Bush by one percent.

NYPIRG project coordinator Megan Reeve is surprised at the non-results of the presidency. "This is not something we are ever going to see again in our lifetime," Reeve said. "It goes to show how similar to the two candidates are."

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Everything But The President

Who earned what? Below is a listing of percentages for election winners. Numbers for president are from Suffolk County only.

Bush 224,039
Gore 285,337
Buchanan 3,315
Nader 17,070

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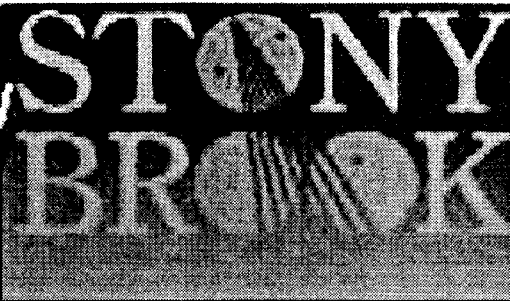
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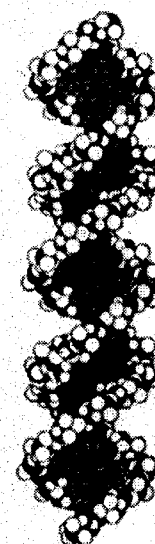
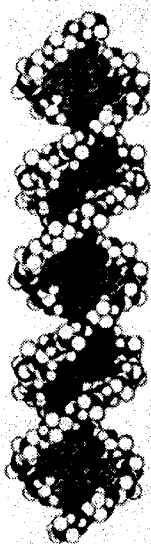
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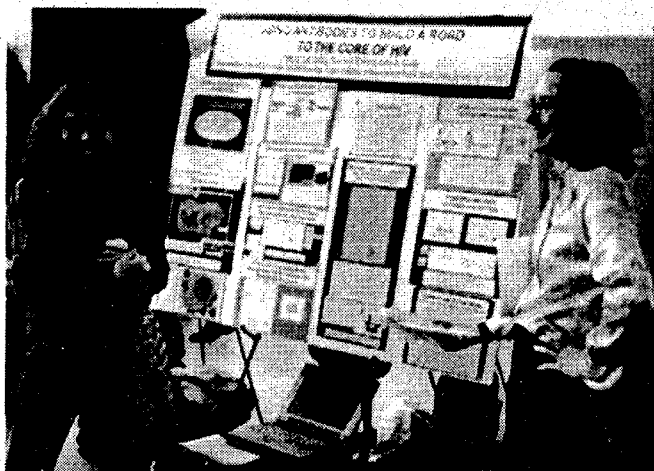


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SB Students Cast Votes For the Elections

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Throng of students swarmed the Student Union bi-level on Tuesday to cast their votes for the 2000 elections. According to Megan Reeve, NYPIRG project coordinator, 1,853 students voted in the bi-level, a significant jump from last year's numbers.

Lines extended out the door throughout the day. One student voter, Shjeda waited 40 minutes to cast her vote. "The line was all the way down to the phones," she said. "Last time I voted it only took me a few minutes."

Reeve attributed part of the large turnout to the elections being presidential. She also credited NYPIRG's efforts at registering in adding to the numbers. "Tons of people were registered," Reeve said. "We registered 2,200 and there were more than that already registered on campus. The registration efforts included tabling and dorm storming, knocking on resident's doors and asking them if they were registered. "We are very pleased with the turnout," Reeve said.

According to statistics supplied by Steve Fiore Rosenfeld, who works closely



with Assemblyman Steve Englebright, who beat out republican Anthony Moncayo, 1279 Stony Brook students voted for Gore, 192 voted for Bush and 135 voted for Nader.

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Editorials

So Called Democracy

Just when you thought things having to do with the presidents of the United States could not possibly get any stranger, it is now a two days after Election Day and we still do not know who the next president is. This is certainly an election for the history books. On Wednesday, people were walking around yawning and rubbing their eyes, exhausted from being up until all hours of the night watching CNN and other news channels, waiting to see who would win. Bush and Gore remained neck in neck throughout the evening, trading first place off and on. This race could not have been closer, with a mere one percent giving Gore the lead in the popular vote according to CNN, and this closeness should make us all realize a few things.

The first thing to realize is that Green party candidate Ralph Nader may have been right all along: these two parties are not different at all but merely "part of one big corporate machine" as he recently told Time magazine. The consumer advocate, environmentalist and American in the truest sense of the word did not manage to muster up the five percent of the vote to get the matched federal

funding for his party for the next elections. But while this must have been a heartbreak for the guy who fought to make seatbelts mandatory in all cars, the green one stayed strong, praising his party for being the third largest and fastest growing in the country. He also delighted in his new role of "watchdog" for the democrats and republicans. That might be almost as good as having him in the White House and there is always 2004.

The second thing this wacky November 7 should have taught us is that we should put some serious reconsideration into revising the law of the land. Does anyone else sense a problem with the electoral college?

We all recall our days back in seventh grade when we learned about the supposedly democratic, voice-of-the-people system we have of electing our leaders. Can you remember those junior high school days of naivete and innocence and asking your teacher why there is such a thing as the electoral college when we could just count the popular votes and have our next president that way. It seemed so much more logical and honest to our young minds. Things got complicated when your teacher probably snapped

back to you that it is written in the Constitution, and you might be a Communist if you want to oppose that. You might get wiser with age but a good question stays that way over the years: don't worry, it was not a dumb question then and it is an even better question now.

As of press time, there are multiple stories running around as to who will win after the Florida recount is completed. But some speculations have said that electorally speaking, Bush will win Florida, gaining the 25 electoral votes the southern state has which will give Bush the necessary 270 to take over the presidency. But the popular vote has Gore as the man, granted by a one percent margin only but in the lead according to popular vote. Is there not something inherently wrong with having a president who is not chosen by the people themselves but by something abstract and complicated like the electoral college? Does not seem democratic at all.

If these elections are any indication, we are in for a rough four years. It is hard to imagine them getting any weirder but anything is possible. And since anything is possible, Nader in 2004.

Commentary:

It's All On Florida

By Neal Patel
Statesman Contributor

The results for the 2000 elections are in and we don't know who our next president will be. It could be Al Gore or it could be George W. Bush. The outcome will be determined by the state of Florida which allocates 25 electoral votes to a candidate. Gore received more votes than Bush nationally. The electoral vote count right now has Gore with 260 electoral votes, and Bush with 249 electoral votes. Whoever wins Florida will win the presidency.

The most surprising news is that Gore lost his home state in Tennessee. Had Gore won there, he would have

received 11 more electoral votes putting him one vote above the 270 electoral votes needed to become the next president.

In other races, the Democrats made slight gains in the Senate and the House of Representatives. In the Senate, Democrats picked up Republican seats in Delaware, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Washington but lost their seats in Nevada and Virginia. The new Senate will be 50 Democrats versus 50 Republicans. If Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman becomes the next vice president, his seat will fall in the Republican column allowing Republicans to retain a majority in the Senate. The

most interested Senate races were in New York, New Jersey and Missouri. In New York, Hillary Clinton will be the first national First Lady to be elected to the Senate. In New Jersey, John Corzine spent 60 million dollars of his own money to become a senator. In Missouri, Mel Carnahan, the candidate who died in a plane crash a couple of weeks ago defeated the incumbent John Ashcroft. Carnahan's wife will be appointed to the Senate seat. In the House of Representatives, the Democrats made a slight gain but fell short to reclaim a majority. In the West Virginia gubernatorial election, the

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Democratic candidate, Bob Wise defeated the Republican incumbent Cecil Underwood who was the oldest person to be elected Governor four years ago.

The results of the elections can be analyzed a couple of ways. Assuming that Gore wins the presidency and the Republicans maintain both the House and the Senate, the majority of the electorate have been content with the direction of this nation. Assuming that Bush wins, it could be that while the country is going in the right direction, some were unhappy with the disputes occurring in Washington D.C. Another possibility is Ralph Nader siphoning votes from Gore in Florida.

The ironic part of this election is that despite the fact that Gore won the popular vote by at least 200,000 votes nationally, it was about 1,000 voters in Florida that will determine who our next president is going to be.

The advice to Gore is do not take your home state for granted. Had Gore won Tennessee, he definitely would have been the 43rd President of the United States. A Gore victory will extend the Clinton-Gore legacy another four to eight years. If Bush wins, the incoming New York Senator Hillary Clinton will probably run for the presidency in 2004. If she defeats Bush in 2004 and in 2008 she is defeated by Florida Governor Jeb Bush,

for the last 20 years in the history of the United States, the nation had either a President Bush or a President Clinton.

The biggest surprise of the presidential election is that media pundits were predicting that Bush would win the popular votes and Gore would

win the electoral college but the opposite has occurred. The candidate who was perceived as being more qualified got more popular votes while the candidate who was perceived as being popular may not be president based on just 1,000 people Florida.

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and it doesn't convey just how passionately audiences take this small English film to heart. In Britain, where it was No. 1 its opening weekend, it surpassed the opening numbers for "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and almost equaled those for "The Full Monty"—the two most successful British films to date. The London critics have been raving, and even the hippest moviegoers have been spotted dabbing their eyes with hankies as they emerge from Billy's excellent adventure...A movie so artfully made, so deeply charming, so heartfelt, it's not only pointless to resist, it's damn near impossible.

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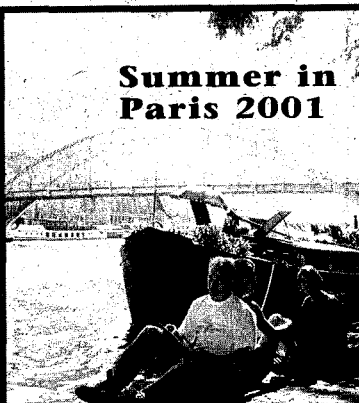
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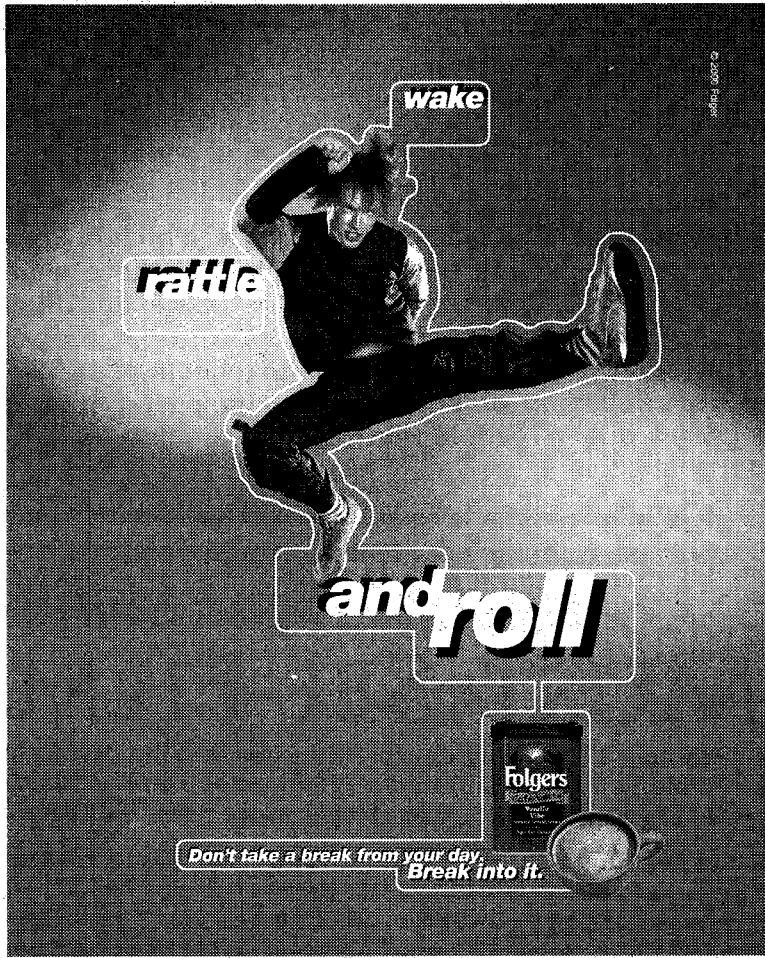
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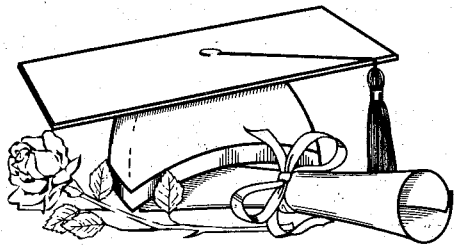
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Seidmann, who died Wednesday, began teaching undergraduate courses part time at the Simon school in 1990. A native of Israel, she joined the full-time faculty in 1992 and received several teaching awards from the school and the university.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Tel

Aviv University.

Her professional experience included conducting several large-scale studies for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and managing the economic analysis department of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest international bank.

She is survived by her husband, Abraham Seidmann of Brighton, who is the Xerox Professor of Computer Systems and Operations Management at the Simon school; a son, Jonathan Seidmann; and two daughters, Iris Seidmann and Sarah Seidmann, all of Brighton.

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Features

Viva La France

La Table Ronde and USB Celebrate French Week

By KAREN RICE
Statesman Staff

On Tuesday, November 7th at 4:00 PM, La Table Ronde and Stony Brook University presented the second annual Celebrating National French Week in the recital hall of the Staller Center. The event focused on the future of the French language in the new millennium.

Charles E. Barriere, cultural attache of the French embassy and director of the University language and education department, opened the event with his lecture about the many aspects of the French language. He stressed the importance of students learning French as a language because of its wide use all over the world. Barriere pointed out that in addition to being one of the official languages of the United Nations, French is spoken in 51 nations around the globe with four observer countries. This amounts to approximately five hundred million native French speakers world wide.

Barriere also said that many people can speak a romance language. "Most people who are fluent or at least proficient in a romance language, a language derived from Latin such as French, Italian, Spanish, or Portuguese, with 150 hours of specific training, can be made to understand another Romance language," Barriere said. "Two out of three people taught in this way were able to understand 95% of anything they would hear or read in the learned romance language."

Barriere went on to discuss other benefits for learning French. "A big asset of French is that it is very closely involved in many economic aspects," he said. Some of these economic benefits include world trade and job requirements. Barriere pointed out that Canada

"...in addition to being one of the official languages of the United Nations, French is spoken in 51 nations around the globe with four observer countries."



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As part of the French Week celebration, area high schools put on performances, including a dance routine called *Danse Folklorique*.

is the largest trading partner of the United States and also a French speaking country. In addition, many jobs now require a second languages.

Barriere went on to say that the pursuit of a second language is vital even if it is not French. "Multi-linguism should be promoted everywhere," Barriere said.

Barriere also commented on the future of French and the probability that it will have to change. "A language that does not evolve it dies," he said.

Yolaine Milfort of the cultural and community services and the Haitian Consulate spoke next, focusing on the future of French in Haiti. Milfort recognized that French is becoming more of an international language. She explained that many

places such as Haiti, Indo-China and parts of Africa have been colonized by the French and had the French language imposed upon them. Because of this, Milfort said that something might have been lost, "Many people have suffered a loss of identity," she said.

Milfort admitted that at one point she herself tried to stop people from speaking French in Haiti because she viewed it as an oppressive language. She went on to explain that only 10 percent of Haitian people speak French and yet it was enforced in schools.

She also explained that this led to many

high school drops outs. Milfort said that today Haitian schools have opted to teach Creole in place of French. Creole, a language derived from French as well as African and also some Spanish, has been accepted by many Haitians.

In her closing thoughts, Milfort said that French is still a very accepted language and is thought by many to be the language of politeness.

The next speaker was Guillaume P. Odin, linguistic attache of the cultural services of the French embassy. His brief lecture explained how could become an intern, get a job or study overseas. He recommended that any students interested in learning more should go to www.frenchculture.org.

The celebration continued with various performances by the Stony Brook French Club and various local high schools, including Northport High School, such as musical performances, short skits, choreographed dance routines.

La Table Ronde is composed of students who share a love for the French language. It allows students to learn more about the French culture as well as promote it. The organization is managed by students under the supervision of a faculty member. For all students interested in participating, La Table Ronde meets on Wednesday at 12:40 PM in room N4000 of the Melville Library.