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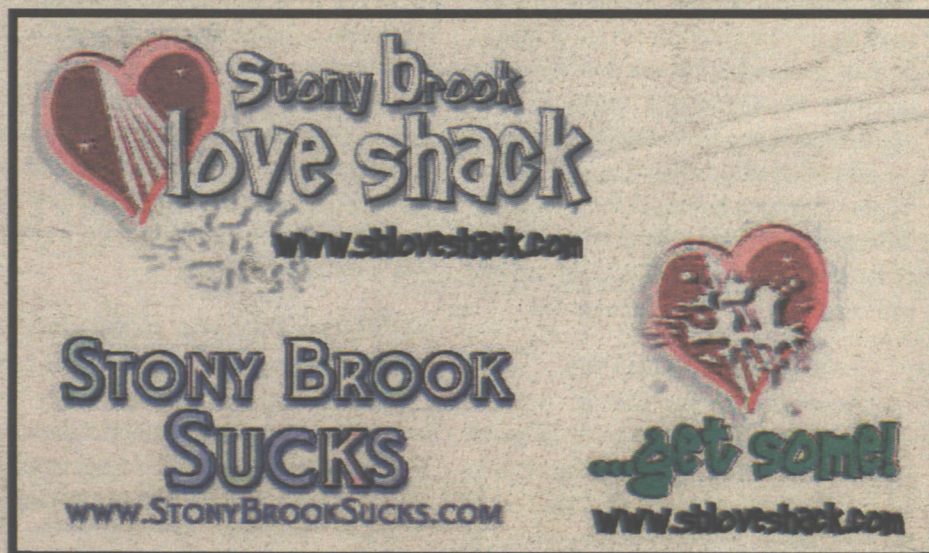
A Creator of Stony Brook Sucks Creates Matchmaking Site

By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS
Statesman Editor

For many students at Stony Brook University, a campus that draws nearly 30,000 people every day can become an enormous, impersonal place. Forming meaningful friendships and relationships and meeting new people can be a daunting task. However, a current Stony Brook student is working in collaboration with a Stony Brook alumnus to change that. Their solution to remedy the potential impersonal aura at the university is www.sbloveshack.com, the university community's first personals website, which officially launched last month.

The two founders of sbloveshack.com, who requested to be referred to as Joe X. and Gary, cited the difficulty of meeting people on campus as the driving force behind the creation of the website.

"I've had the idea for the LoveShack



Various logos embrace the new Stony Brook Love Shack website and its familiar predecessor, stonybrooksucks.com. Love Shack is intended to be a matchmaking site for SBU students.

for about a year," said Gary, who handles the programming and creative aspects of the site. "Being a student at Stony Brook myself, I've often searched for ways to make this giant, boring campus a little more friendly."

In the weeks leading up to the launch, the LoveShack had been conducting "early registration," for students who wanted to get a head start on the task of

meeting new people. Users are asked to provide their names, an e-mail address, a short description of themselves and a few details about the type of Stony Brook mate they're looking for. New users can choose from a number of different categories, ranging from steady dating to a sexual relationship, based on their

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Americans Choose Health Care in SBU Nat'l Survey

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

Americans would prefer health benefits with a lower paying job over a higher salary with no health benefits, according to the Health Pulse of America, a survey done by SBU's Center for Survey Research. Participants in the study reported a sharp increase in anxiety over the costs of health coverage in today's economy. They also expressed concerns about being overworked, and wanting more personal time.

Seventy-one percent of the research participants reported that they would take a lower paying job with health benefits while only 24 percent said that they would take the higher paying job. When taken separately, 73 percent reported that health benefits were more important than higher salaries. People were also more concerned about good retirement benefits and job security.

"This poll clearly illustrates that Americans are more concerned about job-related health care than they are about their salaries," said Leonie Huddy, director of Stony Brook's Center for Survey Research. "People are really worried about job security and health benefits, more so than money, especially retirement benefits. There's a sense people want greater safety and security, rather than going out there for the high flying jobs and salaries."

The survey results were based on interviews of 865 adults from across the United States between July 22 and Aug. 12. The results were typical across the board, regardless of age, gender, or profession.

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Turner Fellowship Offers Bright Futures



From left to right: Olufemmi Vaughan, Phyllis Brenna and Jhon Londono at the dinner.

MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Theodore Simpson is an African American male applying to graduate school in biology. His family is unable to afford the high costs of attending a Ph.D. program, yet he is determined to obtain his doctorate in neurobiology.

Recently, he heard of the W.

Burghardt Turner Fellowship, which provides a full tuition scholarship and a stipend of \$10,000 to graduate school applicants who are Native American, African American, or Hispanic/Latino American. Simpson plans to apply to for the fellowship this Fall in order to fund his graduate school expenses.

"Without the Turner Fellowship, it would not be possible for me to pursue

five years of high level research, full time," said Jhon Londono, a recipient of the 2000 fellowship. "It's very important and it's grown in its importance."

Students from within the SUNY system can apply for the fellowship, which was initiated by Professor W. Burghardt Turner, who taught American History and introduced courses in African American History and Native American History in Stony Brook's History Department.

"It started because there was a recognized need to provide support for underrepresented students to complete graduate education," said Phyllis Brenna, who organized the Turner fellowship dinner that was held on Sept. 3. New fellowship recipients were inaugurated at the dinner, and past fellowship winners along with university administrators were there to congratulate them.

"It's a very prestigious honor [to receive the fellowship]," said Provost

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Under a Rock: The Weekly News Summary

By REGINA GLICK
Statesman Editor

WEAPONS INSPECTION

The Bush administration's chief weapons inspector in Iraq, David Kay, said in an interim report to Congress Thursday that his team had not yet found unconventional weapons in Iraq, but did find evidence of equipment and activities that could be used to produce them. Kay said that it could be as long as nine more months before his team has more conclusive findings. President Bush's request for \$87 billion to cover the costs in Iraq includes \$600 million for further weapons inspection. The search has already cost \$300 million of American money.

PRE-WAR CRITICISM

An internal assessment of the Defense Intelligence Agency found that information collected from Iraqi defectors provided by the Iraqi National Congress between 2002 and 2003 was of little or no value. Further, the agency announced Tuesday that the assessment also revealed that some of the defectors exaggerated their credentials as people with direct knowledge of the Iraqi government and of clandestine unconventional weapons programs.

In a separate announcement on Tuesday, the senior Democrat and the senior Republican on the House

Intelligence Committee said that the information in the National Intelligence Estimate used to justify the war in Iraq was inadequate, outdated and had "too many uncertainties" to be reliable.

CIA AGENT NAME LEAK

The Justice Department is investigating the July leak to the press of the name of a covert agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, allegedly by two senior members of the Bush administration, possibly involving Karl Rove, President Bush's top political advisor. The agent, Victoria Plame, is married to the former ambassador to Gabon, Joseph C. Wilson 4th. More than a year and a half ago, Wilson issued a report to the CIA stating there was no evidence that Saddam Hussein tried to buy uranium ore from Niger as part of a clandestine nuclear weapons program. His report was largely ignored and he has since been highly critical of the administration's handling of the war. There have been reports that the leak was meant as retribution for her husband's criticism. Bush has denied that anyone in his administration was involved.

HEALTH INSURANCE

According to the Census Bureau, another 2.4 million people lost their health insurance last year, bringing the total to 43.6 million nationwide—15.2 percent of the population. The drop in the number of

insured comes at a time when health costs are soaring and companies are cutting benefits for their employees. Only 61.3 percent of Americans with insurance receive it from their employers, down from 63.6 percent in 2000. Congress is currently debating whether to add drug benefits to Medicare, the government's insurance for the elderly and disabled.

ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI

A federal judge ruled Thursday that the government could not seek the death penalty for Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person to be tried in an American court for involvement in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The Justice Department had refused to allow Moussaoui or his court-appointed lawyers to examine suspected terrorists in American custody during his defense. Judge Leonie M. Brinkema ruled that Moussaoui could not have a fair trial under the circumstances. The Justice Department would not comment on whether the ruling puts pressure on the Bush administration to move the prosecution out of civilian courts and into a military tribunal.

UNC TO PAY FOR EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill announced Wednesday that it will now cover all educational costs for in- and out-of-state students from families of the working poor without recourse to loans. Students will be expected to participate in a federal work-study program for 10 to 12 hours per week. The cost of education for North Carolina residents is \$13,088 and \$25,436 for non-residents. The program is expected to be financed by the work-study program and by private donations.

The information included in this summary was compiled from the Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 issues of the New York Times.

National Survey

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"This willingness to trade health benefits for salary occurs across the economic spectrum - it is equally prevalent among professional and blue collar workers, those without a high school diploma and college graduates, and members of high and low-income households," Huddy said. "Frankly, I was quite surprised by these results."

The majority of those interviewed worried about losing health benefits within this year, and about the same percentage said that they could not support their own

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medical costs if that coverage was lost.

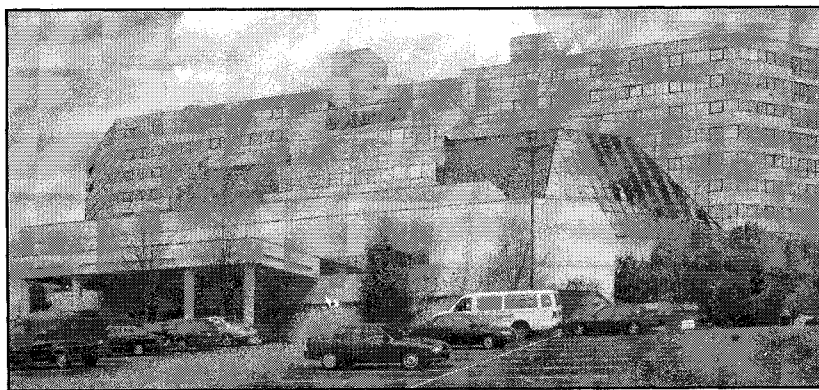
Based on the 2002 national census statistics, findings were weighted to make the random sampling reflective of the general population. Participants were called on a random digital dial system, with a sample chosen from listed residential numbers. There was a +/- 3.3 percent error for the entire study.

Subjects suggested more vacation time to decrease the amount of work stress, and subsequently decrease the amount of health costs to providers. Almost half of the population said that extended vacations would not adversely affect the economy.

"The average American only gets two weeks of vacation a year—much lower than their counterparts in other western countries," Huddy said. "It's just not enough."

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Streaming Media Patents for Online Courses May Impact College Budgets

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Chronicle of Higher Education

A California company is telling colleges and universities that it owns patents related to audio and video streaming used for online courses, and that it is entitled to a portion of revenues from such courses.

Administrators at some of the colleges the company has contacted say they are studying its demands, but they have not yet agreed to licensing deals.

The company, Acacia Research Corporation, holds five U.S. patents and 17 international patents in digital-media-transmission technology. The patents cover concepts like streaming audio and digital signals on demand from servers to users' machines.

Acacia has sent patent-infringement letters to an unknown number of colleges across the country, offering to overlook past infringement in exchange for the institution's signing on to "a special royalty rate of two percent of gross

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*Stephen Landry,
Seton Hall University*

revenue from each online course that includes digital audio and/or video content."

Seton Hall University is one of the latest to receive a notice from Acacia. "They're

definitely after us," said Stephen G. Landry, the university's chief information officer. "We get \$100 million in revenue from our courses, any of which can use digital media on the Web site - downloadable images, video, sound. In fact, we have had a project to encourage faculty to record their lectures and put them on a server."

Robert A. Berman, senior vice president of business development at Acacia, said that the company had sent out about 100 letters to various businesses and organizations that use streaming technology, including colleges. Through letters, negotiations, and court judgments, he said, the company has already gotten some 40 adult-entertainment sites to share a portion of their revenues from video streaming. Record companies, as well as companies that offer movies in hotel rooms, have also signed up, he said.

"The e-learning community is just starting to incorporate online-learning technology into their curriculum," he said. "We think that on an ongoing basis, these schools and private companies are going to

be using this technology more and more. We are offering them an opportunity now to license our technology at reasonable introductory rates. That offer won't last forever."

He said that the 2 percent rate was negotiable if a college was not making money on its courses. "If people have questions about our company or our patents, we welcome them to call us," Berman said.

Berman said letters had gone out to colleges of all types and sizes, although he named only DeVry University and Capella University among those that were sent letters.

Virgil Varvel, a computer-assisted-instruction specialist for the University of Illinois system, said that his university had not received a letter as far as he knew, but that he would dread getting one. The university doesn't charge for some of the online content it offers.

Online courses are "already a borderline return of investment," he said. "We would have to stop doing what we're doing."

Financier Stole \$15 Million From Columbia University According to Indictment

BY THOMAS BARTLETT
Chronicle of Higher Education

A Czech financier known as the "Pirate of Prague" was indicted Thursday on charges of stealing \$182 million from investors, including \$15 million from Columbia University and \$4.5 million from the Commonfund, which manages investments for colleges and other nonprofit institutions.

The Manhattan district attorney charged Viktor Kozeny, 39, with 15 counts of first-degree grand larceny and 2 counts of first-degree criminal possession of stolen property for allegedly defrauding investors in funds managed by New York-based Omega Advisors. If convicted, Kozeny could face up to 25 years in prison.

A spokeswoman for Columbia University said the institution is cooperating with investigators. She also



Courtesy of www.bnl.com

Columbia University has been allegedly victimized by the "Pirate of Prague," a financier now living in the Bahamas who stole an estimated \$182 million.

said that the university is party to a lawsuit filed in London against Kozeny and several of his companies.

Officials at the Commonfund could not be reached for comment late Thursday.

The New York indictment alleges that Kozeny, who now lives in the Bahamas, used \$14 million of investors' money to pay off personal debts and to purchase furniture for a home in Aspen, CO. In addition, it charges him with defrauding investors who had purchased options in Azerbaijan's state-owned national oil company.

Kozeny, who graduated from Harvard University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in economics, was once considered the richest man in the Czech Republic. He made an estimated \$200 million in the early 1990s, when many government agencies there were privatized. He was also accused of bilking thousands of Czechs of their savings in an investment scheme.

Telephone calls to Kozeny's lawyers were not returned late Thursday, but in previous statements they have denied that he is guilty of any wrongdoing.

Congress Seeks Changes in Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

BY MICHAEL ARNONE
Chronicle of Higher Education

The U.S. Congress will consider a bill this fall that will fundamentally alter how colleges respond to accusations that they have violated the privacy of student records.

The bill, HR 1848, would modify the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by giving parents and students the right to sue institutions for releasing information that ends up harming a student.

FERPA, which forbids colleges that receive federal funds from releasing most student records without permission from parents or an adult student, would be extended to protect college applicants and third parties, such as business partners, who might be hurt by divulged information.

Right now, under FERPA, colleges that reveal private records without

permission can lose their federal financial-aid funds. But no college has ever been sanctioned under the law, says LeRoy S. Rooker, director of the Family Policy Compliance Office, which administers FERPA at the U.S. Education Department. The only recourse that students or their families have is to complain to the Education Department in the hope that it will investigate.

The new bill is a direct response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year in favor of Gonzaga University. A former undergraduate student, who requested anonymity in the case, had claimed that he had been denied the ability to work as an elementary-school teacher in Washington State because a Gonzaga administrator had released private information without his consent.

The administrator, Roberta S. League, had overheard a conversation in October 1993, in which one student told another that the male student in question, a senior

at the time, had sexually assaulted a female student. League investigated the allegations and contacted Washington State's agency responsible for teacher certification, where she discussed the allegations and mentioned the man by name.

The man sued Gonzaga and League for \$1.2 million under federal and state law. He argued that individuals have the right to sue colleges for releasing private information that results in harm.

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*Stephen Andrews (D-NJ),
U.S. House of Representatives*

The Supreme Court sided with Gonzaga. The justices said that in passing a law, Congress must explicitly give people the right to sue under it, which it had not done when it crafted FERPA.

In April, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Andrews, a New Jersey Democrat, introduced HR 1848 in reaction to the Gonzaga decision. Andrews said the law needs to be modified to give people the explicit right to sue, and permit additional, more-refined ways to punish institutions for violating privacy.

The congressman says he has had five or six instances of privacy violations in his own district in the last few years. One constituent successfully underwent counseling for substance abuse, he recalls, but later did not get a job because the college erroneously sent out medical information to the person's prospective employer. "The bill clarifies what a lot of people thought the law already is," Andrews said.

SBU 'Matchmaking' Website

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preferences.

According to Gary, the personal information of all users is protected. "If members wish, they can be completely anonymous," he said. "E-mails are never given out."

Student reaction to the news of this new website was decidedly mixed. "I honestly think the idea is a little strange," said senior Katerina Kolinova. "In a big campus like Stony Brook, where you have a chance to meet new people every day, something like a personal ads website is not really necessary."

Sophomore Nathan French added his skepticism, saying, "I think anyone who spends a great deal of time on personals sites needs to gain some self-confidence and socialize within their daily lives."

Danielle O'Hagan, a junior, had a different view on the new website. "I think it's a very good idea," she said. "I see it as a great way to meet people on this big campus. It's very convenient."

That sentiment was shared by freshman David Blondell: "I think it's a good idea. I have no use for it personally, but I still think it's a great idea."

Both founders cited demand for such a website as a reason for its creation, and said that the cost of the site is coming from their own pockets, while the site is free for students. "I've

received countless recommendations for this type of service, and feedback so far is great," said Joe X.

"Right now, I'm not really looking to make money, I just hope that I can balance the cost of running and maintaining this site in the long run," said Gary.

Thus far, the marketing vehicle

A Suggested Pick-Up Line:

"If your name was 'Homework,' I'd be doing you on my bed right now."

for promoting the LoveShack has been www.stonybrooksucks.com, a site well-known among students and administrators alike.

"[It's a place where students can] unite together, share their gripes, get advice from one another, and meet new friends," said Joe X., who is also the webmaster of stonybrooksucks.com and a recent graduate of Stony Brook.

"The primary marketing avenue for the LoveShack will be stonybrooksucks.com, which has about 600 hits per day," said Joe X. "I'd expect the LoveShack to reel in no less than 50% of that amount."

Burghardt Turner Fellowship

Robert McGrath. "We are very proud of the Turner fellowship program. It makes a difference in the faculty staffing of the University," McGrath emphasized that diversity in faculty is an important part of diversity on campus, and the Turner fellowship works as catalyst for change.

"I think this is a really great opportunity for me and everyone else who received the fellowship," said Bianca Acevedo, a new recipient. "Now that I am here, I want to give something back."

Stony Brook University offers additional opportunities for Turner fellows to gain experience. Students can obtain teaching assistant positions or graduate assistant positions, and a select few are even offered postdoctoral positions at the university immediately after they complete their training.

According to the website, the Turner fellowship program aims to provide sufficient funding and time to permit the student to concentrate fully on his/her program of study. Because research is a vital component of graduate study, Turner fellows are very often involved in research projects that contribute directly to their degree objectives. Fellows are

encouraged to present scholarly papers at national conferences, and expected to meet periodically with their advisors to discuss academic progress.

For more information on the Turner fellowship, or to apply, students can contact E. Anthony Hurley, Ph.D., associate dean for Underrepresented Student Affairs.

"I feel very special," said Robert Toledo, a new Turner Fellow. "I feel like I'm in a good place to find something meaningful to do in my life."

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The Taino Presence in Latin America 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. SAC 302. Featuring Jorge Estevez from the Smithsonian Institute National Museum of the American Indian.

Wednesday, October 8th

NYPIRG/CSA Voter Registration, 12-3 p.m., SBU University Café, Ballroom, Ballroom Patio.

Men's Soccer Game, 7:00 p.m., Albany vs Seawolves.

Wellness Center Taiko Drumming Expo, 12:40-2:10 p.m., SAC Plaza.

Fall Pride Patrol, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., campuswide.

The Hispanic Diaspora, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., SAC Ballroom A. This symposium will reflect the contributions and historical moments of the Hispanic culture.

Latinos Breaking Through, 8:35 p.m.-11:00 p.m., SAC Auditorium. The event will focus on the image of Latin women and their beauty as well. Film to be shown: "Real Women Have Curves."



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Don't turn your back on these events!

Thursday, October 9th

Coping with a Bi-Cultural Identity, 9:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Mount College Main Lounge. This event provides a forum for

it is like to be bi-cultural and contending with traditional ways of life.

Friday, October 10th

SAB Battle of the Bands, 6-11 p.m., SBU Ballroom.

Omega Phi Beta/LUL Golden Touch Party, 10pm-3am, SAC Ballroom A.

COCA Movie, Legally Blond 2, 7 & 9:30 p.m., SBU Auditorium, Free for SBU students.

Home Men's Tennis, Hofstra vs. Seawolves, 3 p.m.

NYPIRG Continues Tradition of Student Advocacy

By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS
Statesman Editor

Just who are those students who sit under the giant painting of Bob Marley in the lower level of the Union? They are none other than the members of NYPIRG, the New York Public Interest Research Group. NYPIRG is the state's largest student advocacy organization, and is involved with a number of issues which concern students and the general public.

In addition to its traditional issues, NYPIRG is also undertaking another campaign this year—voter registration.

"The goal is to not only register 1,500 new voters, but to educate students about the importance of their vote," said Rebecca Ahuja, a member of the NYPIRG board of directors. "If more students were voting, cutting funding for education will not be the path of least resistance [to politicians]."

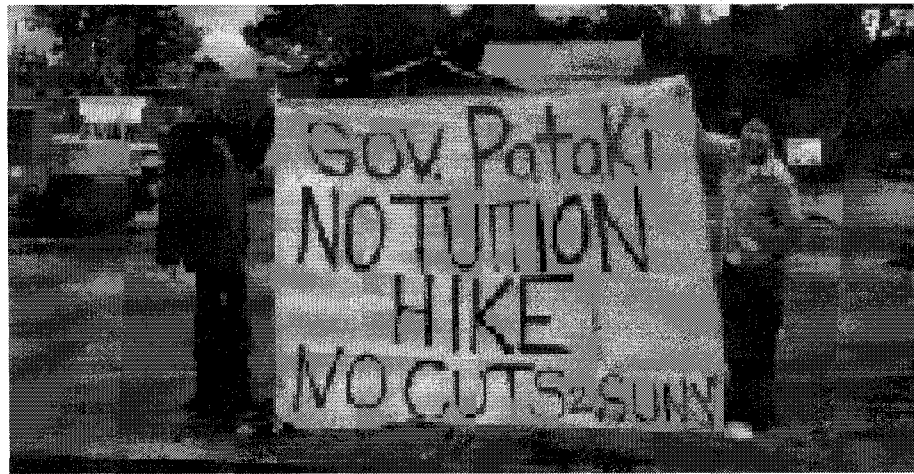
NYPIRG has four different committees which meet weekly. They are the higher education project, the campaign to end sweatshops and raise minimum wage, the homeless/hunger outreach, and the environmental project. Each of these committees helps students work to raise awareness for the issue.

One of the most active NYPIRG campaigns last year was the higher education project, which was involved in the successful effort to lower the proposed tuition hike and the proposed cuts to financial aid. This year, project leaders plan to continue their efforts.

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"We plan on lobbying local officials to remind them of our needs as students," said project leader Christine Tanaka. Among their proposals is a book voucher campaign, which would help students pay for textbooks.

The environmental project is also planning a variety of efforts this semester. "We have a 'Clean Air, Clean Energy' campaign. We want to get a better review process for new power plants. We also want to get more renewable sources of energy."



Courtesy of NYPIRG

Students protested this years SUNY tuition hike last year. This effort was lead by NYPIRG.

said Juliet DiFrenza, environmental project leader.

Another environmental campaign is the "Bigger Better Bottle Bill," which will extend existing bottle deposit laws to non-carbonated beverages. "If we get it made into law, it will bring \$172 million in revenue to the state," said DiFrenza.

The homeless/hunger outreach is currently volunteering at local soup kitchens and has several events planned this semester. "We're putting on a 'midnight run,' where we serve boxed lunches to the homeless. We're also doing a sleepout by Roth Pond, to see what it's like no shelter for an evening," said Cheryl Lynch, leader of the homeless/hunger outreach.

New to NYPIRG this year is the campaign to end sweatshops and raise minimum wage. "Our goal is to raise the hourly wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.75 an hour," said Natasha Trott, project leader. The campaign is also planning various campaigns to raise awareness of conditions in sweatshops.

NYPIRG also offers various educational opportunities to students, including internships and the small claims action center.

"We have a three-credit internship. It's an upper-division course. You get a hands-on experience working on a statewide campaign, as well as skills that you can take with you past college," said Melissa Morahan, co-project coordinator for NYPIRG at Stony Brook. "We also have a legislative internship, and this is a great opportunity for students who are serious about getting involved in the political process or just interested in working on an issue up in Albany."

"One of our most successful programs

is our small claims action center, a hotline where people who are in the small claims process can call and get information," said co-Project Coordinator for NYPIRG at Stony Brook, Tyler Burke. "We bring in one of our staff attorneys to come and train students on how to answer questions regarding the small claims process."

Students who are interested in getting involved with NYPIRG, can visit the chapter office in room 079 of the Union. NYPIRG's members invite new students to get involved. "Even if somebody just stops by, finds out what's going on, and decides if they want to be a part of it. We build student power. Everyone's welcome," said DiFrenza.





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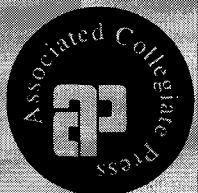
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Editorial

Students, Vote YES on Activity Fee!

By MICHAEL NEVRADAKIS
Statesman Editor

Did you know that a major vote is soon to be held? No, we're not referring to the California recall or the upcoming presidential primaries. We're talking about the upcoming student activity vote, which will be held in one week.

If you didn't know about it, it's perfectly okay. Neither did we, nor seemingly anybody else for that matter, until only about a week ago when the Undergraduate Student Government announced the upcoming vote through flyers in the mailboxes of student clubs and organizations. This happened not long after leaders of student clubs and organizations were told, at a recent conclave, by the elected officials of USG that such a vote was to occur this spring. As it turns out, clubs and organizations, as well as students, have been misled.

You may be wondering why such a vote is being held again, only a few months after students voted to keep the student activity fee mandatory. A new SUNY mandate requires all campuses to hold this vote every two years, with all campuses voting during the same year. This mandate was issued after the vote had already taken place at Stony Brook last May, thus necessitating the vote be held again this year.

The importance of this vote goes beyond saying. Just like last May, funding for all clubs and organizations that receive money from the student activity fee (in essence, just about every club and organization on campus) will be significantly reduced or even eliminated if students vote for the fee to become voluntary rather than mandatory.

Though in the previous elections, students kept the student activity fee mandatory by a significant amount of votes, anything can happen this time around. The effects a "voluntary" vote will have on student life at Stony Brook would be disastrous.

Imagine a campus with no student publications of any kind. Where the only thing to do during "Campus Life Time" would be to study, wait on long lines to get food or walk around in what would likely be a futile search to find something to get involved in. Guest speakers, concerts, dances and other campus events would become a thing of the past without the student activity fee. Stony Brook may already seem like a boring place to certain students, but there is no doubt that clubs and organizations create what life and fun we have on this campus. The efforts of dedicated students who have worked to build and maintain over 200 of these groups would be lost without the student activity fee.

Why such an important vote has not been publicized further by the USG, and why clubs and organizations were informed on such short notice before the vote is baffling, considering the high stakes. So now that you know that this vote is looming, the *Statesman* urges you to go out and rock the vote, and vote for the student activity fee to remain mandatory. **Vote 'YES' for the Student Activity Fee on SOLAR between Monday, Oct. 13 at 6 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m.**

Voting may cause students to incur an additional monetary cost in attending Stony Brook, but the cost of losing 200+ campus clubs and organizations, as well as concerts and special events, is a much greater cost to bear for all of us.

Commentary

School of Thought: For Students, By

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS
Statesman Staff

When the students of the Stony Brook community lost the bridge that led to nowhere, we became upset. How were we going to get shade on the way to class? Where were we going to sit on the way back from class? Where were we supposed to stand at those times we used to sit atop of that piece of concrete that led to nowhere to look out and dream of our futures? Now, what do we have in front of our union but a blacktop asphalt wasteland. And besides, we liked the bridge even though it was old, leaky and falling apart. It was, after all, *our* bridge.

Now we sweat through our shirts on our way to class because this asphalt absorbs the heat and cooks students up like pork on hibachi: Rare, medium, well-done, it all depends on how fast you walk.

Now what do we do when we want to hang around outside like college students do at Stony Brook, like college students do everywhere.

Now what do we do when we want to think of something as *ours*?

Last week, a student government organization, School of Thought, met with the Deputy President George Meyer, the University architect, Robert Zimmerman and the Dean of Students, Jerrold Stein, to discuss exactly these issues: what can we do with the

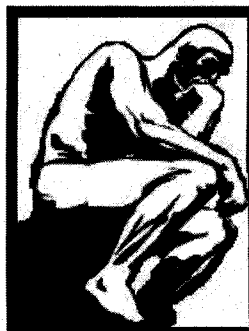
asphalt wasteland outside of the union and how can we make this area for the students, by the students? In not so many words: how can we make this area *ours*?

School of Thought, an organization founded by the author of this commentary, presented a simple idea: students should be involved in the design of the area in front of the Student Union. This design should be powerful in the cultural, aesthetic, environmental and pleasing to the communal senses. Meyer, Zimmerman and Stein loved the idea.

And so, *School of Thought* now has the daunting responsibility of presenting a student design contest for what should be in front of the Union. The challenge is formidable. We are, after all, just students. But it is students that make a difference in the world, and it is now students who will make a difference at Stony Brook.

So, here, right now, I challenge the student body of Stony Brook University to overcome the idea that we're not capable. Prove to everyone in doubt that we are smart enough, dynamic enough and just plain amazing. **Submit a design by picking up an application at the Dean of Students office or at the Union Information Desk.**

Maybe youth is wasted on the young, or maybe, sometimes, it ain't.



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SB Women's Soccer Tops Albany in Overtime 1-0

By JOHN NOBLE
Statesman Staff

Joy Gueverra scored the winning goal in double overtime, as Seawolves Women's Soccer defeated the Albany Lady Danes 1-0 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Thursday night.

After over two hours of play on a cold and windy night, Victoria Feliciano sent a free kick far down field, Danielle Lewis brought it back, and finally volleyed over to Gueverra, who shot the game-winning goal. The goal was scored on Albany goaltender Erika Van Zandt, who recorded 11 saves. She could not corral Gueverra's shot, however. Throughout the night, it was obvious Albany had no chance to win: You can't score if you don't create scoring opportunities. Stony Brook out-shot Albany 34-2.

Although Stony Brook was able to secure the win just moments before the end of the game, making their America East Conference record 1-0, the Seawolves looked rusty all night, wasting many promising scoring opportunities. Despite out-shooting Albany by such a wide margin, Stony Brook was lucky to come away from this game with a victory.

Facing frigid conditions and blistering wind, the crowd at LaValle stadium danced and whooped through nearly four halves of scoreless play.

Despite their enthusiasm, there was very little to cheer for. Wolfy delighted the fans by dancing and running around on the field, feigning celebration

after each close attempt. Besides Wolfy's enthused spirit, there were more reasons to groan than to cheer.

The Seawolves missed shot after shot, unable to put one through the pipes, despite Albany's porous defense. Although the crowd got excited when Stony Brook took shots on goal, their gusto went unrewarded until the final minutes of play.

Tension gripped the crowd during one scary moment in the second half, however. Lewis, a key player in the game-winning play, was knocked down and had to be escorted off the field. Stony Brook played shorthanded while trainers made sure that she could play. She would return after a few moments a little shaken, but ready to play. The crowd gave her an ovation as she got back up after the fall—well, as nice as 30 people can give anyway.

Gueverra scored one oher game-winning goals this season in Stony Brook's 2-1 victory over Lehigh, and added a goal in the Seawolves' 3-0 shutout vs. St. Peter's.

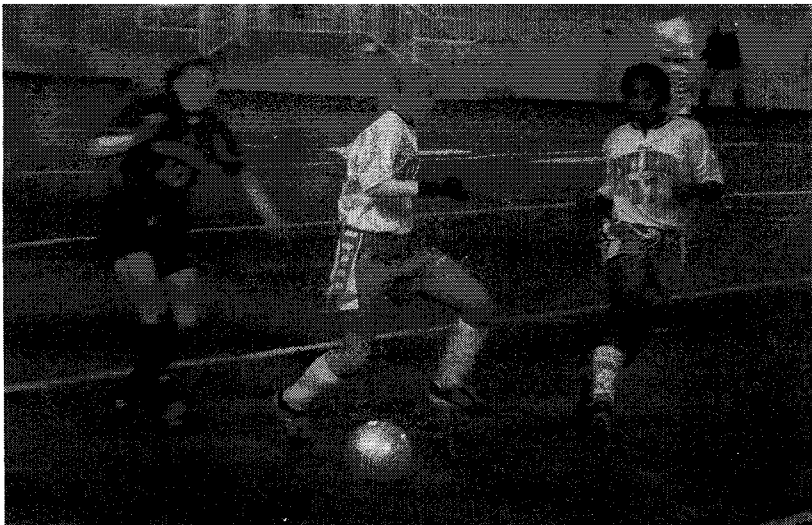
This win snaps a two-game losing streak for the Seawolves, giving them a 4-2 record in their last six games. The Seawolves were able to improve their overall record to 5-4-1, while the Lady Danes fell to 1-8-1.

The Seawolves hope to continue their success in Boston on Sunday, in a match against Northeastern. The Seawolves will be back in action at LaValle Stadium on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m. against Hartford. Admission is free.



Despite outshooting the Lady Danes 34-2, the Seawolves only managed to pull out the victory in double overtime.

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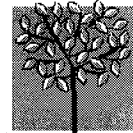
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Joy Gueverra (#17, right) scored the game-winning goal.

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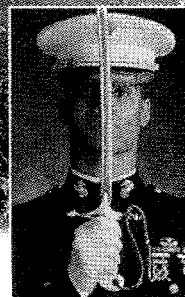
**A THOUGHT
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RABBI ADAM**



Many may think that since holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are behind us, therefore, the Jewish holiday season is over. However, we have only but begun. For this month is literally, one holiday after another. First, it's 2 days of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. Then, 7 days later, it was Yom Kippur, the Day of the Atonement (repentance). Four days later it's another 2 day holiday, Sukkot (the one where we sit in straw covered huts). After that comes 4 days of Chol HaMoed ("intermediate" celebration days of Sukkot where though we eat tons, we still can drive and turn on lights). Then immediately afterwards we get a double whammy, two in a row: Simchas-Torah (dancing with the Torah [the Bible scroll]) and Shmini Atzeres (the end celebration of the Jewish holiday season). Add to the whole kitten-caboodle a Shabbat celebration in the middle (the Sabbatical day of rest) and you get a whooping total of 13 Jewish holy days starting from nightfall, Friday, Sept. 26 till nightfall, Sunday, Oct. 19. That makes 13 holidays in 3 weeks! So, like, what's the point? Well, in short, the point is joy. Pure unadulterated clean simcha (joy). It's the joy of being Jewish. The joy of family. The joy of friends. The joy of becoming a better person. The joy of being a good Jew. The joy of blessing "L'Chaim!" "To Life!" The joy of the spiritual. The joy of feeling close to Hashem (G-d). For religion/spirituality is not supposed to make one feel overburdened or guilty. But rather, one must experience the Divine through joy. Such is the joy of 13 holidays in 3 weeks. So don't let the holiday season pass you by. For Rabbi Adam's house is a Chabad House - a home away from home for those who want to experience the joy of the Jewish holiday season. So why not start with a Friday night dinner party in the Sukkah? 8:30 pm (Jewish time).

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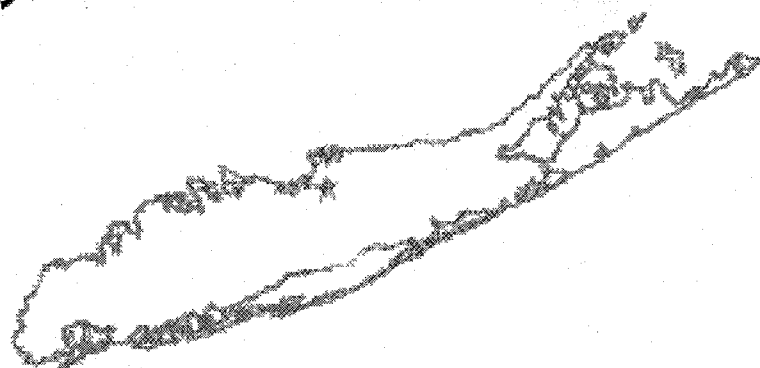
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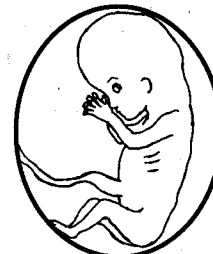
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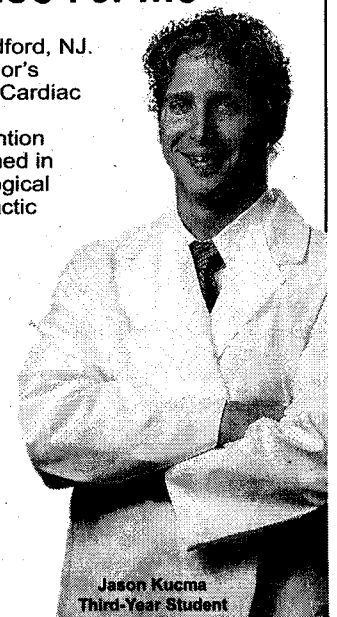
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Weird Science: HIV and Me?



By PETER SUNWOO
Statesman Staff

Peter Sunwoo is a non-science major at Stony Brook University.

Jenny: Darnit Jose, we've been going out for three days and you still won't put out.

Jose: Its not that I don't want to baby, its just that I heard things...

Jenny: What you talking about, Jose?

Jose: Well I heard you've been around the block a few times. And by few, I mean a lot. I just don't want to risk contracting HIV.

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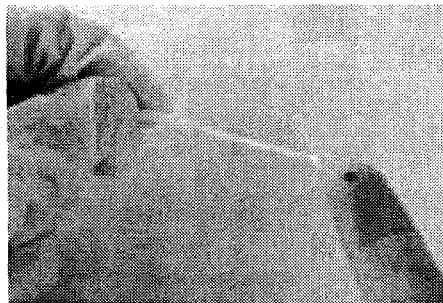
Approximately 200,000 Americans live life not knowing that they have been infected by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV. Over 950,000 Americans are infected with the virus, and this number is steadily increasing. A major cause for this increase comes from individuals who are unaware that they carry the virus and pass it to their partners.

Tradition lab-based tests require large blood samples, which must be drawn by a medical professional. With results that take around two weeks to be processed, the wait can create considerable anxiety and stress for any individual. Also, many people, especially teenagers, are too ashamed or afraid of someone knowing about their sexual activity to even step into

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