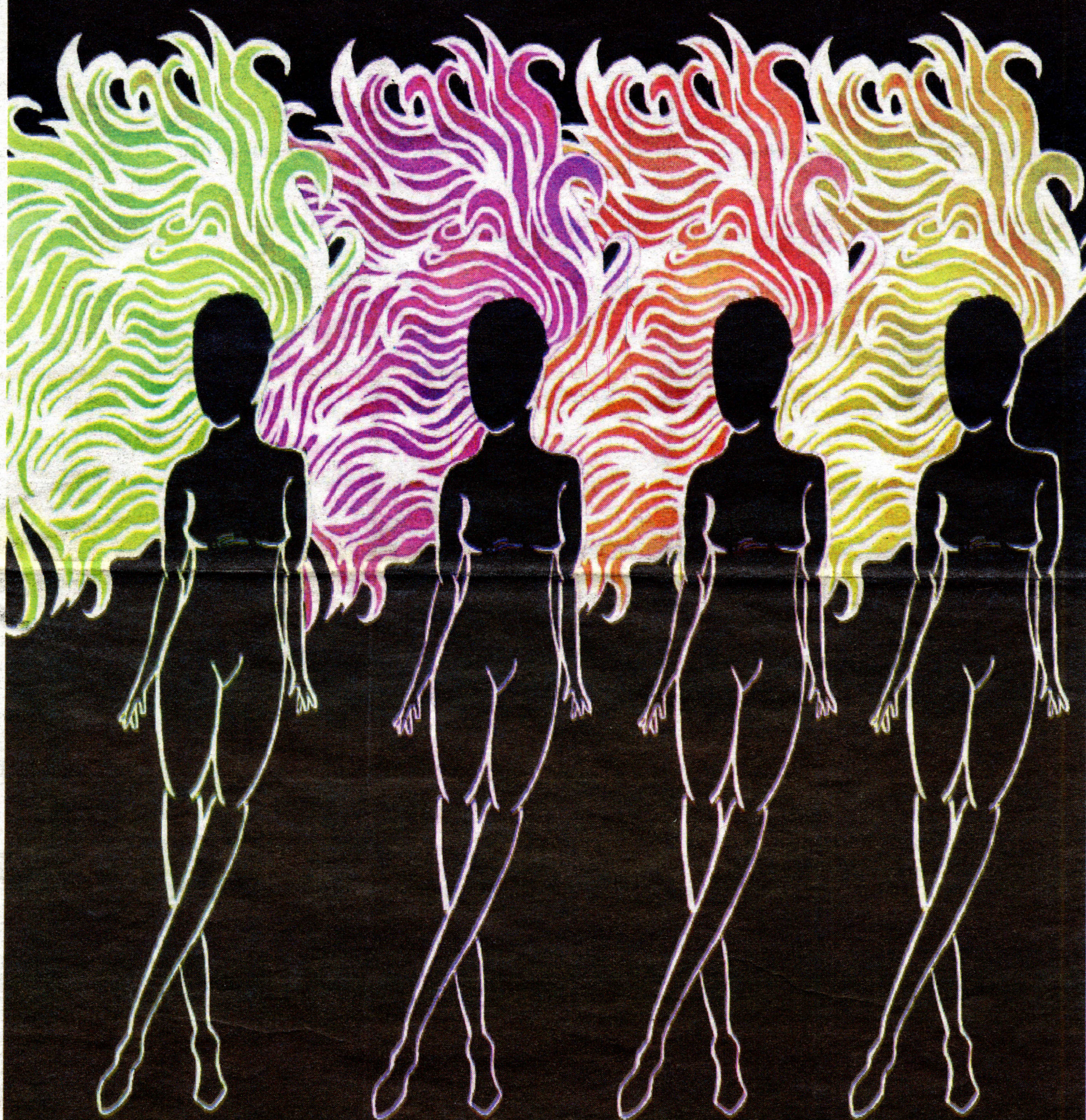


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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

You are your own worst enemy...

Have you ever been struck by a phrase that is constantly running through your mind. Making contact with every thought, embedding itself at the tail end of every decision leaving a strange imprint and you could not decipher its resonance. Well, this has been occurring with me off and on for a few weeks. At first I was struck by how ambiguous the statement was. It did not make any sense and I could not figure out how it was relevant to my daily activities. It occurred to me one day while I was waiting on the bus to Smith Haven Mall, which was conveniently late, that maybe I was going about it the wrong way. Instead of directing my energy towards obtaining a definition, I decided to just embrace the statement. Now I know this may appear a little strange for some people but the moment I grasped those words and let it penetrate my mind, I felt like I gained more insight into myself. I realized that I spend so much time running around campus working, and devoting my energy to other activities that I sometimes neglect to devote time to myself.

As college students we are at a crucial point in our lives. As the flowers bloom, our tuition increases. As the weather warms, the pressure to find an internship, summer employment and successfully past our classes overwhelms us. We become so preoccupied with satisfying all these external goals that we forget to take care of ourselves. How many times throughout the day do we set aside time from studying, networking, research and all our other extracurricular activities to just listen? Listen to your mind as it sighs with exhaustion. Listen to your heart as it pumps in anxiety and releases stress. This tendency to align our time based on what is important at the moment causes us to forget to invest time in maintaining an internal balance which is crucial to maintaining any long term success. So what can we do differently? It can be as simple as devoting time everyday to meditate, or exercising to relieve stress. At the end of the day, you know yourself best, and you know what your limits are. It is best to take care of yourself now instead wishing you can readjust the past in the future.

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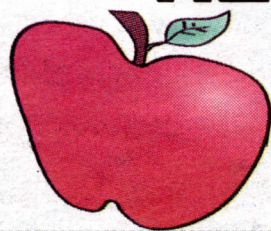
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SHAC PREVENTIVE HEALTH WEEK RECAP



SHAC -Co-Chairs Ahmed Belazi and Diana Mosquera - with SHAC Advisor Kate Valerio



"In a week we were able to condense information that will last the rest of your life. If students learned one thing that they can use for their benefit, we accomplished something. That's what the whole week has been about"

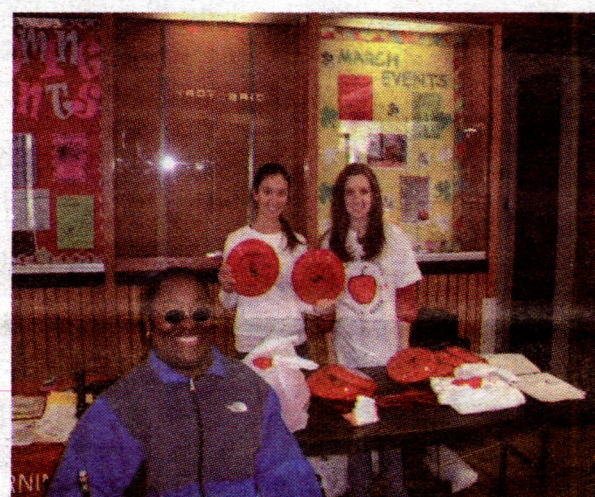
- Diana Mosquera



SHAC co-chair Diana Mosquera, SHAC Sec. Lauren Bullen, Event Coordinators Stephanie Nicolas, Reena Patel, Jennifer Traditi and Kate Valerio- SHAC Advisor.



SHAC membership - with support from CHILL and CHOICE Peer Educators, Ellen Driscoll, Dean Stein, Smita Majumdar Das, SHAC Advisor Kate Valerio



SHAC - Union Health Information Tables throughout SHAC's Preventive Health Information Week.

The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is a state-mandated committee that acts as a liaison between students and administrators to ensure that health-related needs are met, including mental health and physical well-being. SHAC works "to make sure students get the most out of their Student Health fee," said Diana Mosquera, co-chair of SHAC.

The monthly meetings bring students together to discuss pertinent issues that exist on campus. SHAC student members are often involved with other student-focused groups on campus, such as Students Putting an End to Cancer (SPEC) and CHILL and C.H.O.I.C.E. Peer health education programs.

With helping students as their chief purpose, SHAC is raising awareness about preventing common health issues by having "Preventive Health Week." From March 16 to 19,

each day will possess a different educational purpose. Presentations were given on nutrition and fitness, disease prevention, mental health, and ways to get involved with SHAC. Notable lecturers lead each day's topic, which included a Zumba dance instructor and Barbara Kaufmann, Stony Brook's on-campus nutritionist. "The draw is to have people who do this full time," explains Mosquera. And by having experienced professionals lead each subject, SHAC aims to engage students in health awareness.

If you are interested in learning more about this event or about SHAC, please e-mail Kate Valerio at kvalerio@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

-Written By Christina Positano, article from *Stony Brook Serves*

GRADUATE BUDGET ISSUES

By Sarah Demezier

New York State budget cuts might decrease the enrollment of students going to Grad school.

This past year tuition for SUNY and CUNY schools has increased at least \$300 dollars and will increase up to \$600 more in the fall. But organizations such as, the Graduate Student Organization here at Stony Brook University are fighting to stop any more cuts from occurring.

Gov. David A. Patterson announced in November 2008 of about \$5.2 billion worth in budget cuts for the state. Students in higher education are feeling a double impact of a worsening recession and dramatic budget cuts. With little jobs available for grad students out of college some graduate students are wondering whether they will be able to stay in school.

Tuition waivers, a form of financial assistance in which a school charges little or up to nothing on tuition expenses are the driving force in getting more students to enroll into graduate schools.

"Tuition waivers are

significant to graduate students because it virtually means that they do not have to worry about paying for tuition. This means that they can devote their energies into doing research and studying; graduate students not only take classes but are involved in lots of research projects that take up a significant amount of their time - like a full-time job would," Eun-Sil Lee, GSO's Office Manager said in an interview.

GSO has made efforts to increase support and gain awareness with rallies and protests such as the budget rally held in February which took place outside the Student Activity Center during campus life-time where students stood outside shouting "No More Cuts!"

These attractive waivers are currently on the table to be cut. "There is very little we can do until the budget is past," Luigi Longobardi, Speaker of Senate for GSO said. But that doesn't mean that graduate students are giving up.

Stony Brook in Albany Day, an event that occurs every spring semester, where

students speak to state legislators to vote against the budget cuts would have been the next step for GSO to get its voices and concerns heard. An event that carried over 1,000 people to Albany in previous years could only accommodate 100 people this year due to budget cuts. But due to the inclement weather Albany Day, which was scheduled for March 3, was cancelled.

Most graduate students compose of international students coming from all parts of the world. Longobardi is an international graduate student who is currently depending on his tuition waiver to remain in school.

With a F1 visa he is not able to get a job unless it pertains to his major or unless he is working for the University as a teaching assistant. "T.A.'s do not make enough off their salary to live. I receive close to \$10,000 dollars and after all expenses are paid there is barely enough left for rent," said Longobardi.

According to a 2007 report from the Council of

Graduate schools, graduate enrollment has increased 3% from 1997 to 2007 with the help of more women going to college. Since the economy is falling deeper into a recession there is a possibility that number will decrease depending mostly on the final decision on cutting tuition waivers.

"If tuition waivers are cut, I would have to reconsider continuing my studies because it would place an additional financial burden on myself, on top of what already exists. I know I am not the only one in this sort of situation," Lee said.

The President of GSO Liliana Naydan, who was not available for comment due to sickness, has heard the concerns of other graduate students through email.

"There has been a massive flow of student emails to the GSO President stating how the tuition waiver at Stony Brook was a major factor in their decision to do their graduate studies here, and how these budget cuts will cause a lot of difficulties (including decisions to continue) if implemented," Lee said.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO FIX THE RECESSION

By Nicole Ukpabi

It is obvious that the country is going to get worse before it gets better. Under Bush's presidency, the economy has suffered such an immense meltdown. President Barack Obama has acknowledged that economic recovery is not going to be easy, and he has proposed a package to help remedy the situation. Since the private sector is weakened so much by the recession, the government is the only system that has the resources to revive the economy. The government, ac-

cording to President Obama, is the only system that can break the cycle of people losing jobs, and spending less, which leads to more people losing jobs.

The recovery package is pricey- it comes out to 838 billion dollars. The plan President Obama has, however, is to put money in the pockets of those that will spend it and create many jobs, primarily in the private sector. Unfortunately, the bill wasn't able to be bipartisan, because the Republicans opposed it. President Obama attributed

the opposition to "bad habits" in Washington, and felt that the lawmakers shouldn't play "politics", because the package is the only possible solution.

President Obama said that the economic crisis was caused by "profound irresponsibility" over the years of the Wall Street executives seeking profits without regarding risk, scrutiny, and accountability. According to President Obama, politicians are to blame because they spent taxpayer's money without wisdom or discipline, and are fo-

cused more on gaining political power than solving domestic issues. This has resulted in a loss of trust in the United States economy and its government.

Despite the dire situations that President Obama has described, he has faith that the nation will be able to recover, provided that Americans act with urgency and seriousness. He has also promised that his administration will undertake budget reform, and will bring responsibility and accountability back to Washington.

ARTHUR ALFONSO SCHOMBURG

By Donnie Malloy

February is black history month, a time for remembrance of people and events that have helped shape and change the life and time as well as the countries, states and cities that people of African descent have occupied throughout history. It's a month of celebration but most importantly a month of honor for those who have dedicated their lives to the improvement of the African experience. Moreover, usually when you think of Black History month people such as Martin Luther King, W.E.B Dubois and Carter G. Wilson come to mind, but it is those that are not mentioned that have inspired these historical names, leaders who also fought in the struggle to uplift and inspire the African from the autocratic that have prevented him rising above. However, every February lets honor all those who we lost throughout history but have not forgotten. People such as Arthur Alfonso Schomburg, who devoted his time to tracing the history of Negro after being told some time ago that the Negro had no history. Schomburg dedicated his life to convincing people of African descent of their true historical contributions to humanity in world history, and that their humanity and self-worth were not determined by what white people thought of them. It is in these leaders and their leadership that enable us to celebrate a history that is often not taught in public schools and to the children of the world.

Arthur Alfonso Schomburg was born in Puerto Rico on January 24, 1874. His Mother, Mary Joseph was a black migrant worker from St. Croix and his father, Carlos Federica Schomburg was the son of a second-generation German

immigrant and Puerto-Rican woman. Schomburg's parents never married and he never truly knew his father, which later plays a major role in his racial consciousness. Raised by his mother, Schomburg was forced to identify himself with African Culture even though he did not look African in face value. However, what makes Schom-



burg case so special is that culturally his mother was not a native of Puerto Rico, which gave him a stronger sense of who he was and what is meant to have Puerto Rican and African blood flooding through his veins, stronger than whatever was being practiced by people in Puerto Rico at the time. He was able to see Africa through his maternal upbringing and was always taught that black was beautiful and that beauty came from within. As a child moreover, Schomburg endured a great deal of racial prejudice from teachers and classmates

who told him that black people had no history, no heroes, and no great moments. This experience nevertheless, shaped his ambition and motivated him to find his past in order to refute the racist thinking of his surroundings. Schomburg pledged to himself that no person of afro-Latino or African descent would ever experience the

amount of pain he endured after being told "blacks had never made a contribution to society."

As a result of words uttered by teachers and students, Schomburg devoted his life to becoming a distinguished Afro-Latino bibliophile and self-taught historian who later spends many years collecting and preserving rare African books, pamphlets, personal journals, and other important artifacts related to people of African and Afro-Latino descent. While traveling throughout the Caribbean, Schomburg familiarized himself with black

heroes from all islands and not just from Puerto Rico, giving him an advantage to equally boast that black people were just as important as white people. Arriving in New York on April 17, 1891, Schomburg settled on the lower Eastside of Manhattan, where he began blending in with many other Puerto Rican and Cuban immigrants. Infatuated with the Cuban revolution he decides to join a Latino club called "Las Dos Antillas," which supported the independent movement of Puerto Rico and Cuba from Spain control. However, during the nineteenth century many Puerto Rican migrants decided to distance themselves from African-Americans precisely because of the anti-black racial discrimination that was set in place in America at the time. Schomburg did not take liking to the opposition he faced from his peers when they openly began disassociating themselves from blacks because of their skin color. Although, Schomburg appeared to be Puerto Rican in face value to the rising Latino population in America he had grown-up in a different system than his peers that forced him to embrace his African history that many migrants arriving in America sort to forget. Nobody at that time openly wanted to be black or to be mistaken as black due to the notation that black was at the bottom, the ugly part of society that needed to be forgotten. It was that moment that Schomburg makes his contribution to society when he began to enlighten his people about their history and past, which at the time was taboo for Latinos in America, who refused to

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SPOTLIGHT:

RANDALL M.J. EDOUARD

By Sarah Demezier

He disciplines like a drill sergeant. Every summer program he makes his students walk in two complete straight lines everywhere they go.

A man who serviced a great program for the past 12 years, where the students obtain higher gpa's than the whole university combined, according to annual records, is leaving to pursue a life-long dream. Randall Marie-Jacques Edouard, 37, former assistant director of the Educational Opportunity Program here at Stony Brook, is moving up in the ranks and becoming the director of the Binghamton Enrichment program at SUNY Binghamton.

"Everyone was in awe and couldn't believe I was leaving. They thought I would never leave and honestly, I didn't either," Edouard said.

The reality set in one day in February, with two days left at Stony Brook, as he sat in his empty office, which housed crates and boxes. He sat at his computer, pairing up students with tutors, one last time. The green and white Jets bumper sticker was still attached to the monitor of his PC, but the little radio that always broadcasted football was packed away. Instead, the smooth sounds of Luther Vandross flowed out through the computer speakers.

As he approached his last day he continued to answer the many phone calls from his office and cell phone and greeted every student who entered with a smile and a hug. One student came in to ask for a recommendation and with all the work that he had to finish before his last day and the already stacked pile of requests

for recommendations, he still accepted it warmly.

"In my whole 12 years, I've never said no to a recommendation," Edouard said.

Seeing the bins and the bare walls that once bore pictures of his family and past students felt surreal, he said, "bittersweet." The "bitter", leaving his students, which he

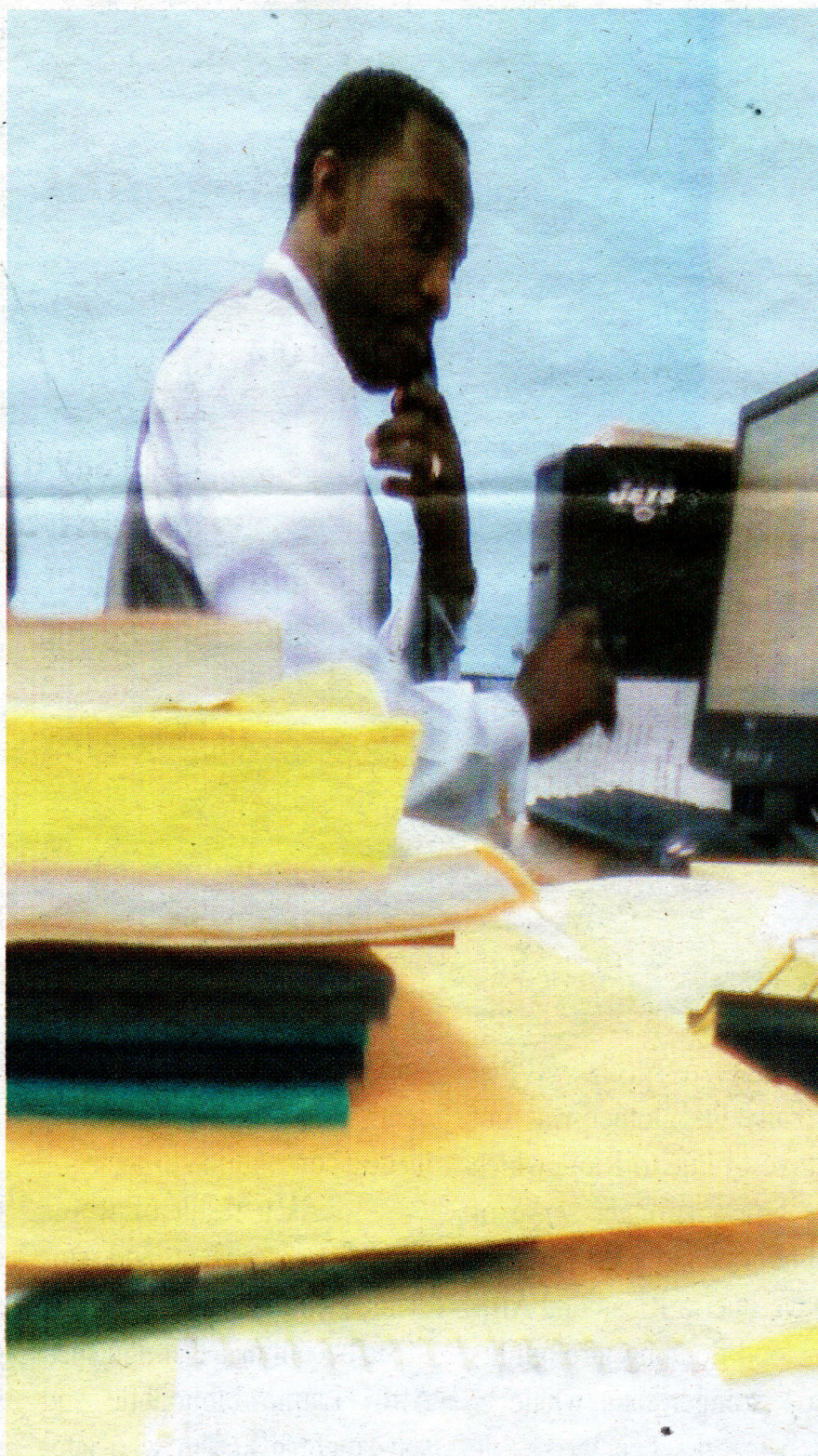
discipline issues right up until he came to college. In the summer of 1989, Edouard participated in a six-week intensive summer program for the Educational Opportunity Program at Hofstra University. His negative attitude almost cost him his admission into the University leaving him to petition in order to keep his spot. Right af-

"access, academic support and supplemental financial assistance" so that students, despite economic problems and poor preparation skills, can succeed in higher education, according to SUNY documents. Now the EOP program exists in 45 campuses in New York State and has graduated more than 44,000 students. EOP at Stony Brook admits about 200 students every year out of 2,000 applicants, depending on the state budget.

EOP was the beginning of a new life for Edouard. He vowed that he would commit his time to the program that had given him so much. His vow led him to create a summer program that has become the best EOP in the state, according to annual statistics, the only university to mandate all pre-freshman to attend a summer program. With his strict rules on attendance for classes and his mandatory study hours, which consists of four hours dedicated to school work in a student's room seated at their desk with their door propped open, he refers to his program as academic boot camp. Since then, he said, he stood for three principles: discipline, determination and optimism, while taking care of his duties as a husband and a father at home.

Another special interest Edouard has are with students who are in fraternities and sororities because Edouard is a fraternal brother himself. In the fall of 1991, Edouard became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, one of the nine historically African American organizations that arose during the years of segregation.

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has grown to love, but "sweet" because he is finally following his dream, he said.

Edouard grew up in Jamaica, Queens, where he was raised by his mother. Living in a high crime neighborhood, he became caught up with a bad crowd. He struggled with dis-

ter completing the program, he said, he knew what he wanted to do with his life, "to direct my own program," he said.

Arthur O. Eve, former member of the New York State Assembly and Percy Sutton, lawyer and entrepreneur, founded EOP in 1967 to give students

EGO TRIPPING

I was born in the Congo.
I walked to the Fertile Crescent and built the sphinx.
I designed a pyramid so tough that a star
that only glows every one hundred years falls
into the center giving divine perfect light.

I am bad.

I sat on the throne
drinking nectar with Allah.
I got hot and sent an ice age to Europe
to cool my thirst.
My oldest daughter is Nefertiti.
The tears from my birth pains
created the Nile.

I am a beautiful woman.

I gazed on the forest and burned
out the Sahara desert.
With a packet of goat's meat
and a change of clothes,
I crossed it in two hours.
I am a gazelle so swift,
so swift you can't catch me.

For a birthday present when he was three,
I gave my son Hannibal an elephant.
He gave me Rome for mother's day.

My strength flows ever on.

My son Noah built an ark and
I stood proudly at the helm
as we sailed on a soft summer day.
I turned myself into myself and was Jesus.

Men intone my loving name.
All praises all praises,
I am the one who would save.

I sowed diamonds in my back yard.
My bowels deliver uranium.
The filings from my fingernails are
semi-precious jewels.

On a trip north,
I caught a cold and blew
my nose giving oil to the Arab world.
I am so hip even my errors are correct.
I sailed west to reach east and had to round off
the earth as I went.
The hair from my head thinned and gold was laid
across three continents.

I am so perfect so divine so ethereal so surreal.
I cannot be comprehended except by my permission.
I mean...I...can fly
like a bird in the sky...

-Nikki Giovanni (1973)



I AM THAT SISTER

I am that sister
The one who's tall, black, and proud
I am that sister
I will say it loud

I AM THAT SISTER!

I am that type of sister, who's
independent, confident, and strong
I will try to tell you what's right
and not what's wrong!

When I stand up I am
tall and high, I may be
5' 3" but I feel like I can
Kiss the sky!

Mentally I am as tall as
Stony Brook's buildings, tall like a
Skyscraper, I'm even taller
than the Statue of Liberty,,
now listen to me...!

When I tell you that...

I AM THAT SISTER!

I walk with my shoulders
back, my chin, and head up
now, you tell me- what's sup?

I want you to walk mighty
tall, and proud- now say it loud...

I AM THAT SISTER!

I AM THAT BROTHER!

WE ARE THOSE PEOPLE!

-Saajida Stacker

Februrary is Black History Month

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acknowledge the black part of them that was pouring into mainstream culture.

Schomburg was inspired by the Latino community's lack of racial consciousness and decided to join the Men's Sunday club where club meetings were centered on racial issues and books. He was moved by John Edward Bruce a journalist, historian and bibliophile as well as founder of the Men's Sunday club who later becomes his mentor. His interest moreover, in collecting evidences of black history became apparent in 1911, when he and Bruce co-founded the Negro Society for Historical Research, which would greatly influence Black as well as Latino book collecting and preservation as the study of African American themes. In New York, when the Harlem renaissance was at its peak it showcased Schomburg's extraordinary collection and his bibliographic genius as well as further his influence in black themes. Schomburg's library contained many rare and unusual items from all over the world that confirm the history and contributions of people of color. While the original inventory has been lost, Schomburg's collection is estimated to have contained over ten thousand books, manuscripts and prints. He frequently loaned objects from his personal library to the 135th Street Branch of The New York Public Library, which was a center of intellectual and cultural activity in Harlem. Schomburg's collection became the cornerstone of The New York Public Library's Division of Negro Literature.

Many young people may not be familiar with this woman, but in my opinion we should acquaint ourselves with her biography. This woman is the epitome of success; professionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually to many women and men who know her history. She is often described as strong, intelligent, and studious and she is known to have overcome obstacles in her life. One of the many women I think young people; young women in particular, should acquaint themselves with is Ava Muhammad.

Ava Muhammad earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975. After graduating she became a criminal defense attorney and became a member of the New York Bar Association. With all of her professional successes, some would think that she would come across as arrogant or act pompous towards those who have not reached her educational and/or professional status. However, I had the absolute pleasure of meeting her twice and she is one of the most down-to-earth and humble people I have met. Mrs. Muhammad doesn't behave in a pretentious manner, rather she takes time to listen to, learn from, and teach all kinds of people; whether they have a college degree or not.

At the age of twenty-eight Ava Muhammad was diagnosed with cancer and was told by doctors that she did not have long to live. While most people would crawl up and die

right after hearing such news, Ava refused to just accept defeat. She was in search of some form of spirituality that would assist her in getting through such a frightening ordeal. While in New York, she went to hear The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan (National Representative of The Nation of Islam) speak and joined the NOI. Shortly after, she found



out she had beat the odds; her cancer had disappeared. She attributes this to her constant remembrance of the, "...importance of women to first establish a strong relationship with God when seeking to move forward in life." (Answers.com)

Though she became a practicing Muslim in 1981, she sees herself as both Muslim and Christian and has Methodist roots. Ava "...insisted that God welcomes people of all colors,

religions and walks of life. 'We are all one,' she told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution." (Answers.com).

Many people have misconceptions about Islam and believe there are gender discriminations. Through constant study and qualifying herself, Ava Muhammad became a Legal Counsel, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan's National Spokesperson, Southern Regional Minister, and made history by being the first woman ever to head a mosque (temple/building where Muslims go to have religious services) in the Muslim world. Minister Ava Muhammad states, "It is my fervent prayer that I succeed in my assignment in order to help the Minister in his effort to destroy the myth that women are inferior beings who cannot preach the Word or shepherd the flock." (Answers.com)

Minister Ava Muhammad is a Phenomenal Woman indeed! She has overcome much; people telling her she won't make it and the disbelief that a woman would rise to such heights in Islam. Minister Ava's story gives other women hope and assurance that we can beat the odds, whatever they may be.

The media makes it seem as though most of the women who are successful are entertainers, however Minister Ava is just one of many women who have achieved such blessings by being more than an entertainer. She is a mother, wife, minister, lecturer, author, role model, etc. **Minister Ava Muhammad is proof that women can do it all!!!**

Spotlight: **Randall M.J.** **Edouard**

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He will continue to service those who decide to join Greek life and those who are already members, he said.

On January 26, 2009, the first day of school for the spring semester, the general body of EOP students attended a mandatory meeting where Edouard announced his resignation and his new job that awaited him at Binghamton. Students as well as his colleagues cried and gasped in disbelief when he announced his resignation from the program here to take on a new role as director, but regardless of their feelings, many supported his decision.

"He will be greatly missed. But I am thrilled that he will now tackle another life goal as director of an EOP program at a top SUNY. I wish him much success, and look forward to a little friendly competition!" Pat Rasso, Counselor for EOP said.

Students, who know Randall well, interacted with him during their summer programs. Every night after study hours he assembled all the students together and once he walked into the room there was complete silence.

What he means to me is something that can't be described," Georganne Pierre, an EOP student, said. Thinking back to her summer in EOP, she added, "I remember when he first told us about how he loved us and everyone was, like, 'he's crazy', but towards the end we realized he really did."

His love for his students incepted from every summer program with his effort to learn every student's full names

and his late night meetings after mandatory study hours to ensure that every student is performing well. When a student petitions for their admittance to the university, he never denies them since he was once in the same position. But after the last EOP summer program, his discipline and strict principles led attracted scrutiny from the university and his ultimate resignation from Stony Brook, according to Peer Advisor Tutors.

"When something is preventing me from speaking that is when I can't do my job anymore," he said.

He has already met students at Binghamton and they remind him of the students here, he said. "I definitely did get the opportunity to see and meet Director Randall. It is an honor to have him as Binghamton University new EOP Director," Lody Lambert, EOP student from Binghamton said.

As the director of the program at Binghamton, he said he plans to instill the same principles and hopes to feel the same love for his students.

"I've gotten in trouble for discipline, but I don't care," he emphasized. That is what they need to be academic scholars."

SHIRLEY SHRUM **KENNY STUDENT'S** **ARTS** **FESTIVAL**

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 22

Arts Festival Street Fair Kick-Off
SAC Plaza, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Thursday, April 23

Romeo and Juliet

Department of Theatre Arts Production
Staller Center Theatre One, 8:00 pm

Friday, April 24

Black Womyn's Weekend Playwriter's
Guild

SB Union Auditorium,
5:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Saturday, April 25

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SB Union Auditorium,
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Complexions Contemporary Ballet Performing at Staller Center for the Arts Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 8:00 pm

Complexions, a winner of The New York Times' Critics Choice Award, performs on Main Stage at Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University on Saturday, April 25 at 8:00 pm. Complexions is a microcosm of global unity, a company of exciting dance talents from diverse cultures, races, and backgrounds. Audiences rave about the company's cutting-edge choreography, music, and their innovative treatment of classical dance. Complexions has performed on the stages of the world's most prestigious theaters, including Russia's Bolshoi, since 1994. Their program at Staller Center includes a dance entitled "Rise," which uses well-known songs by the rock group U2.

Artistic Directors Dwight Rhoden and Desmond Richardson were principal dancers with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Richardson has appeared on Broadway in Fosse, The Look of Love and Movin' Out. Rhoden has created over 60 ballets for Complexions and is one of the most sought out choreographers of the day.

Tickets are \$34; half-price for children 12 and under. For tickets, go online to www.stallercenter.com or call the Staller Center Box Office at (631) 632-ARTS [2787].

Stony Brook Student Discounts

Stony Brook University students are being encouraged to fit the show in to their busy schedules. SBU students can purchase two tickets at half price starting April 1st, or take advantage of 'student rush,' where they can buy two \$7 tickets fifteen minutes before the start of the show subject to availability. Freshmen and transfers who have not used their 'First on Us' vouchers have an opportunity to see Complexions at no cost. (Visit the Staller Center Box Office between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm for 'First on Us' details.)

The 2009-2010 Staller Center Season will be announced in mid-May. For information and schedules, go to www.stallercenter.com.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Amway Scholars Program for College Students

Amway has partnered with United Negro College Fund to establish the Amway Scholars Program. The program is open to rising sophomores and juniors. Recipients will receive funding for the 2009/10 academic year as well as an opportunity to apply for an internship opportunity at Amway in 2010.

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Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship

Available to full-time undergraduate and graduate students majoring in accounting or criminal justice at an accredited four-year college or university.

You must be taking at least 12 semester hours and demonstrate academic achievement to be eligible for this award. Additionally, you must submit official transcripts from any college or university you have attended, an essay and three letters of recommendation. Junior/community college and high school students are not eligible.

Award Amount:

\$1,000

Deadline:

April 17, 2009

Website/Contact Info:

www.acfe.com/membership/rjennings.asp

OMEGA PHI BETA BANQUET

By Jahlecia Smith

On March 28, I had the pleasure of attending a banquet hosted by Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated. Their event was located in the Tabler Arts Center. When I entered the center, I was instantly comforted by the low lighting and the smooth music which flowed from the speakers. My eyes were drawn to all the bouquets of sunflowers adorning the stage. Their radiance seemed to entice the audience, holding their attention hostage throughout the night.

It was a Saturday evening and the weather was beautiful. All the attendees were present for one reason. To celebrate the survivors of domestic violence. The 10th annual banquet featured a keynote speaker, a survivor of domestic violence, whose strength and courage moved the crowd. There were also performances by Swallow This, a poet and Jubilee. At the end of the program, the Sorority donated money to a Non-profit organization geared towards assisting survivors of violence. They also held a candle light vigil dedicated to all the victims past and present of domestic violence. The banquet was a success.



STONY BROOK

CAREER CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Center Summer Virtual Job Fair 2009

Start: 03/30/2009 -
12:00pm

End: 05/08/2009 -
12:00pm

Find summer jobs, part time jobs, internships, and volunteer positions for all majors!

Imagine going to a job fair without leaving home? The Career Center will be hosting its first ever virtual job fair on ZebraNet. Resume submissions will take place from 3/30/09 until 5/8/09.

Career Decision Clinic for Juniors and Seniors

Start: 04/22/2009 -
11:00am

End: 04/22/2009 -
3:00pm

The clinic is the perfect opportunity for juniors and seniors to ask a career counselor any questions you have regarding your career path, the relationship between majors and careers, and your options. No appointment is necessary.

This event will take place in the Career Center.

Women on the Job: National Equal Pay Day 2009

Start: 04/28/2009 -
12:00pm

This day enables Women on the Job and other organizations that support pay equity an opportunity to educate the public about comparable worth. National Equal Pay Day 2009 is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Look for information tables around the Stony Brook campus.

Summer Internships Crash Course

Start: End: 04/30/2009
- 2:30pm

End: 04/30/2009 -
3:30pm

Are you seeking an internship in the summer? Then come find out what you need to know for the upcoming summer internship hunt. Stop by the Career Center!

For More Information on Upcoming Events and information concerning the Career Center, please visit <http://www.career.sunysb.edu/>

Gale and our library celebrate Women's History Month



GET TO KNOW THE Women Who've Changed Our World

MARCH 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 1973 – Robyn Smith becomes first female jockey to win a major race (The Paumonok Handicap at Aqueduct).	2 1978 – Bette Davis becomes the first woman to win American Film Institute's Life Achievement Award.	3 1962 – Track and field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey is born.	4 1933 – Frances Perkins becomes first female member of the U.S. President's Cabinet (Secretary of Labor).	5 1962 – Marilyn Monroe wins Golden Globe Award: World's Favorite Actress.	6 1806 – Elizabeth Barrett Browning is born.	7 1992 – Nicole Stevenson swims short course world record for the 200-meter backstroke.
8 National Women's Day	9 1945 – Anne Frank dies.	10 1913 – Harriet Tubman dies.	11 1953 – First woman army doctor is commissioned.	12 1912 – Girl Scouts of America is formed.	13 1906 – Susan B. Anthony dies.	14 1991 – American Kristi Yamaguchi wins World Ladies Figure Skating Championship.
15 1933 – U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is born.	16 1833 – Susan Hayhurst becomes the first female pharmacist.	17 1912 – Campfire Girls is created.	18 1964 – Olympic speed skater gold-medalist Bonnie Blair is born.	19 1997 – Pamela Gordon is elected the first female prime minister of Bermuda.	20 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes "Uncle Tom's Cabin."	21 1994 – Anne P. Sidamon-Eristoff is named chairwoman of Museum of National History.
22 1972 – Congress sends Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification.	23 1950 – Olivia de Havilland wins Best Actress Oscar for her role in <i>The Heiress</i> .	24 1899 – Dorothy Constance Stratton – first director of Coast Guard Women's Reserve – is born.	25 1934 – Gloria Steinem is born.	26 1973 – The first women are admitted as members of the London Stock Exchange.	27 1912 – First Lady Helen Taft and the wife of the Japanese ambassador plant the first two Japanese cherry trees along the Potomac River.	28 1982 – Louisiana Tech defeats Cheney in the first NCAA Women's Basketball Championship tournament.
29 1918 – Pearl Bailey is born.	30 1932 – Amelia Earhart is the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.	31 <i>"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roses!"</i> – Maya Angelou	Research these facts and more with free resources available at www.gale.com/free_resources			