



## Occupy Wall Street By Maria Holmes

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November 5, 2011 marked day 50 of the Occupy Wall Street movement located in Liberty Square, NY, an ongoing movement that has captured the minds of people in over 100 cities in the U.S alone.

The movements do not lack opponents and the significant amount of police cars in the proximity of Zuccotti Park (formerly known as Liberty Square before 9/11) signifies that one is approaching the heart of said movement.

The cause stands for many different issues that may appear as though they aren't interrelated, but the stand against corporation control of the American government unifies the numerous issues into one cohesive movement. The people of the United States are uniting under demands for a fairer government and the welfare of all. The atmosphere of Liberty Park stands out from the tranquility of the well-groomed and quiet grounds of the financial district.

Protesters eagerly communicate their grievances through cardboard pieces drawn on with markers, or by shouting to whoever hears the vicinity.

Onlookers walk by carefully inspecting the various sources of media that are posted all throughout the area. A man wearing an American flag hat standing on a white bucket holds a sign that reads: "Mr./Ms. Politician bring back our jobs from China, et al. American cities have lots of room for factories." Denouncing the common practice of corporations exporting their factories to foreign countries in order to produce cheaper labor, increase profitability and evade taxes. It calls in a simple statement for the end of the deregulation of corporations and asks for the intervention

of politicians at a time of deplorable economic issues.

Occupy Wall Street is composed of demonstrators as well as small structures categorized

about the role of the American government internationally, in particular about Cuba. Flyers flew from left to right and people were willing to have discussions about the topics that deeply

rights at times of discontentment with the infrastructure.

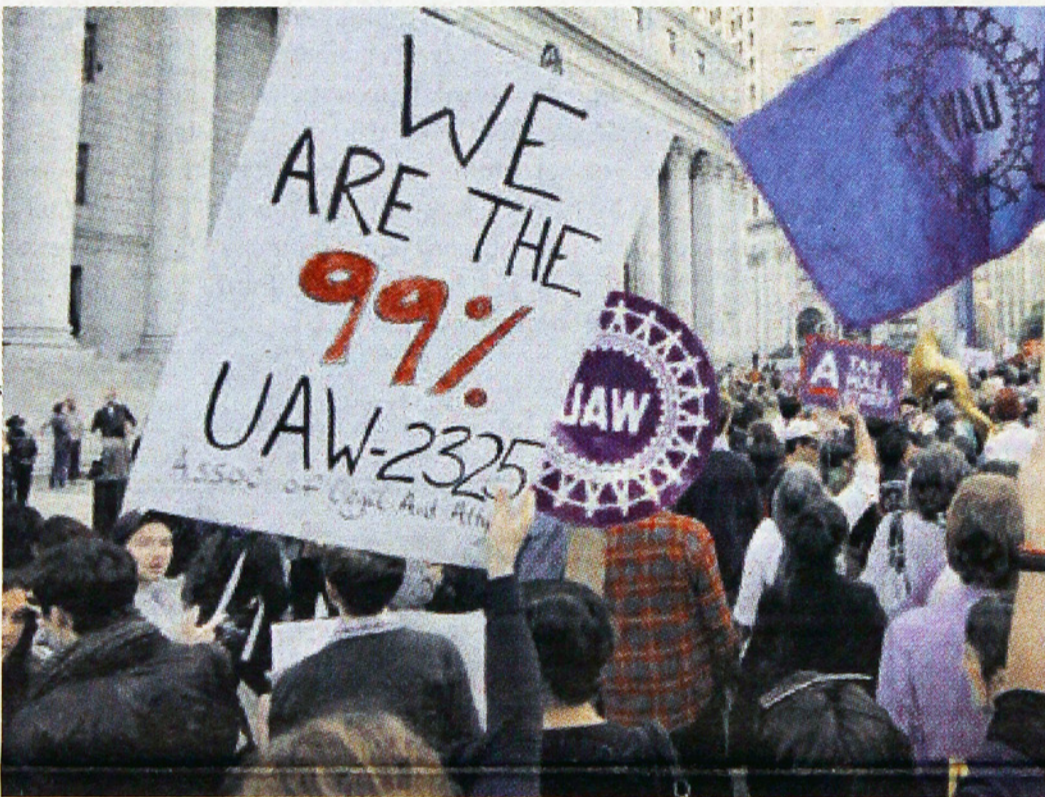
One American principle that the protesters utilize to reach this goal is the citizens' right to demand the improvement of the quality of life for all and using the freedom of speech that is asserted in the Constitution. The inability of the government to address the current economic and social issues that affect the American people indicate the corruption of a once democratic republic. Arguably many believe that the United States has become a corporate driven plutocracy that buys politicians and plainly ignores the grievances of the masses.

Discontentment is probably not the only sentiment that has arisen in these protests; some feel outraged and are afraid of the consequences of not intervening in the government that rules them.

A group of hundreds marched down the streets of Wall Street shouting: "We are! The ninety nine percent!" They even carried with them a coffin symbolizing the rights that have metaphorically died and are waiting to be reawaken with the success of the movement.

Others shouted "Peace up! Guns down!" reinstating the peaceful approach to changing the existing conditions that have caused them distress. America is founded on the principle of a government that is for the people by the people, it is imperative to keep that principle alive. The economy affects everyone and the dishonest and fraudulent actions of corporations and individuals in Wall Street have caused the recession.

The bipartisanship should not affect the necessity to instill new policies and regulations for the benefit of all, it is not about being liberal or conservative, but rather American and democratic and living by the principles and beliefs that the U.S was built on. "The ninety percent will rule" was written on a sign amongst the many tents erected in Liberty Square, an affirmative statement for excessive wealth to no longer be the factor that dictates the politics of this nation.



with the function they serve. It has become a community that has opened up talks of the political and social issues that are currently affecting Americans. One area is named "legal press" while another one is about sustainability.

There is also an area dedicated to think-tanks and the topic of the day was "the role of spirituality in social movements." It is a place that is an open ground for discussion about the role of government and opposing views are not a rarity. Tensions may rise and at times they do; a man and a woman argued with fervor

affected them and were imperative to address.

The group of people that encompasses this movement is diverse. The diversity translated into the array of topics that are endorsed: health-care, student loan relief, gun control, government structure, the homeless, employment for veterans, the economy and lack of regulation of corporations (e.g. Goldman and Sachs) and a myriad more. The peaceful demonstrations are hoping to become a source for raising awareness about these topics and to awaken the necessity of exercising citizen

## Fear the Fee Wolf By J.R. Yussuf Managing Editor

In addition to the slew of recent local and national political action that have manifested their own small protests and campaigns right here on Stony Brook's campus, there appears to be another pair of arms that has chosen to hoist one more political cross. The movement is called 'Fear the Fee Wolf' and it was begun by Jeremy Slatky earlier this year after he was thrown out of a math teaching program at Stony Brook for inconclusive reasons. The term "Fee Wolf" is a play of words on the university's mascot the "Sea Wolf," suggesting that Stony Brook administrators are more concerned with billing students than they are with educating them.

"Education is the key to democracy and democracy is becoming more expensive. Logically speaking, government is for the few [the rich]" Jeremy said. Jeremy's movement is one of political consciousness and action against things like high costs for education because he thinks "education is a basic human right." The movement has teamed up with a college adaptation of Occupy Wall Street in an effort to jar Stony Brook University ad-

ministrators to implement a steady decline in tuition costs to counteract the rising costs of education.

Jeremy went on to state that "every semester, the 'fee wolf' takes more of your money while providing consistently generic educational experiences. The SUNY system constantly cuts corners to maximize profits while charging you more without making any apparent improvements at all."

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While price increases on food & drink as well as tuition costs have taken effect this semester, the school ensures

that the professors are some of the best, most educated and well-versed in the nation. Stony Brook University is also an internationally recognized University of acclaim with climbing DI sports teams and worthwhile advances in science happening on a continual basis. Stony Brook also accommodates international students, over 250 clubs and organizations, and provides potent resources such as the Career Center and Zebra Net, to name a few.

Lastly, Jeremy mentioned that "your power in democracy depends on your education. Your power to become educated depends on increasing fees. Your power in democracy depends on your school's increasing fees." While there are federal programs providing aid to students and many ways in which schools enhance their students' lives, some students feel as though universities are microcosms of big business and ultimately care more about getting the most money out of their buyers (students) while providing them minor benefits in comparison with how much they are paying.

FEAR THE FEE WOLF



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### Letter from the Editor:

Midterms have come and gone, and yet we students continue to make the begrudging journeys to our classes. Whether our grades have either filled us with delight or despair over how the semester is going, it is always important to remember that the second half of the semester is a second chance or, for others, a chance to further succeed. We are halfway done and it would be an absolute travesty to let all that effort be for nought. Therefore, with that wholehearted belief, we try to pay attention in class and try to hit the books harder, lest we make the same, fateful mistakes of the past. In the midst of all this studying, however, it's always good to pick up a light read that is both informative as well as entertaining. Whether you read this paper in a cafeteria or lounge in a break between classes, in your dorm or at home during Thanksgiving Break, we the BlackWorld staff, would like to ease those homestretch tensions and give you something to muse over and discuss with your peers and friends. Though a lot of what is reported in this issue are cultural and political issues, there is no need to fret about them being on the next paper or exam... although they might inadvertently come in handy for those future endeavours. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Simone Brown  
*Editor-in-Chief*

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## 22nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Closing Ceremony

By Tiffany Thompson Copy Editor

This year's Hispanic Heritage month came to a close in an illustrious ceremony on November 4, 2011. The festivities, which occurred in Ballroom A of the Student Activities Center, commenced at 4:00pm and involved an evening of reflection on the month and its importance in addition to the recognition of outstanding students and faculty members who made significant contributions to the Latino community. According to the Library of Congress, Hispanic Heritage month began as a week-long celebration under the Johnson administration but was expanded to cover an entire month under the Reagan administration, and is focused on "celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America."

This year marked the 22nd year of the closing ceremony here at Stony Brook University. Each table was themed according to a particular country from the Hispanic world; complete with a flag representing that specific country and a small placard indicating the country's official name. The opening act was a performance by the SBU Vocalists, who serenaded the audience before the awards section of the programming. There were additional performances by the SBU Ballroom Dance Company and performer Rachel Martinez.

The keynote Speaker of the event was Chief Deputy Clerk Ms. Renee Ortiz of Suffolk County Legislature, an alum of the university with a degree in Political Science. She was recognized for her advocacy and continued work in support of the Latino community. There were awards given for community service, leadership and academic excellence to Julianna Magriz, Diandra Torres, Marianne Campos, respectively. Three scholarships were also awarded: the A. Sanchez Construction scholarship to Alicia Chinchio, the Ana Maria Torres scholarship to Lourdes Vasquez, and the Rafaela Luna Abreu scholarship to Tiffany Thompson. Faculty and staff members also received the Las Madrinas award, given to Patricia Rasso, Los Padrinos award, given to Pedro Aztel Zapata. Additionally, the HHM Staff Award was presented to Francisco Colon and the Special Recognitions Awards were presented to Helen Auriemma, Bergre Escobares, Dr. Luis Zayas, Renee Ortiz, and Vivian Viloria Fisher.

Following these awards was a delicious catered dinner with an array of traditional Hispanic foods. This event was free for Stony Brook students.

## ADVENT OF THE SHARED SERVICE CENTERS

By Tiffany Thompson Copy Editor

Stony Brook University is currently in the midst of implementing shared service centers amongst the departments here on campus. Entitled "Project 50 Forward," Stony Brook administration has undertaken this new initiative after the Bane group released a report about the productivity of various departments. *It essentially boils down to the merging of smaller departments; effectively creating one large department that handles the administrative work for a number of majors and minors instead of the current system that allows each major and minor to handle the administrative work for its individual respective students.* The Women's studies department and Comparative Literature have already been merged into a new Comparative Analysis and Theory Department. According to the University Website, "Project 50 Forward focuses on every facet of University operations – streamlining procedures, reining in costs, creating new revenue streams, and taking advantage of every opportunity to strengthen our faculty and support our students by providing them with the resources they need to excel." This effort is aimed at maximizing productivity while minimizing cost.

There have already been major criticisms to these proposals. There are concerns that these service centers will largely be implemented in smaller departments, which are largely made up of the subjects within the Humanities, and that it will be run in the same manner as a corporation. Graduate student Anita Halasz, an employee in the Women's Studies department, commented that the mergers between departments into shared service centers is ineffective as previous trial runs in universities like Berkeley have shown. Remarking that there are too many non-transparencies involved with this process and that a change of this caliber will negatively impact the quality of student life, Halasz said, "The only people who will bring change will be the students. They need to recognize, challenge, and ask questions. This university is for them and they need to recognize their responsibility and ensure that this university isn't turned into a corporation."

Dr. E. Anthony Hurley, chair of the Africana Studies Department, noted that the change is meant improve campus administrative functionality. Currently, as revealed in a report by the Bane group, there is a lot of administrative duplication and many of these services can be combined. There are initiatives to coordinate administration across campus building by building. However, smaller departments may have different needs that may not be readily visible to the observational eye of an objective third party. As such, these particular needs are likely to fall through the cracks of the system, destined to remain unacknowledged and un-obliged by the powers that be.

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Streamlining these services to focus more on the bottom line and less on the needs of the student is likely to have many negative repercussions. Dr. Tracey Walters, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Africana Studies Department, said, "While I acknowledge the administration's need to recognize that we're living in tough times, I do believe that it hurts departments, especially smaller departments, to consolidate simply because what we do is unique and to group us together denies students the ability to foster relationships with personnel that are important to their development." In a university that allegedly boasts some of the highest levels of depressed or unhappy students, systematically phasing out a sense of community and belonging does not bode well for the morale or quality of life. In the end, we will see where the priorities of the university administration lie: in the potential of the students or in the power of their pockets?

## Cut to parking lot spaces in H-Quad

By Christella Francois

Stony Brook has yet again inconvenienced the thousands of students who attend the university. The H-quad parking lot, specifically the lot across from the basketball courts (see photo below), is being hacked to accommodate the fencing and staging for a High Temperature Hot Water pipe installation. The prospective end to this project is May 2012. This project is a great inconvenience to the residents of H-quad due to the fact that there are a limited amount of spaces to begin with.

The email received by students in late October claims that 25 spots will be unavailable, but that is not true. In fact, more than 25 spaces will be unavailable because the workers tend to park in the lot as well as the non residents who happen to obtain a resident parking pass.

The true residents of H-quad have been aggravated. The University tries to make up for "any inconvenience this may cause" by offering extra spaces in Mendelsohn. Recently, another email was received informing residents that the entire lot will close down Friday, November 4th at 6am until Sunday, November 6th at 6am. Abiding by these rules is strongly recommended because the university threatens towing at your expense.



## Price Increase Gone Wrong

By J.R. Yussuf Managing Editor

With the closing of Benedict food court and the extended hours of the Union Commons, it seems as though there would be more thought put into maintaining the same amount of food options. Unfortunately this is a misconception since there are limited options for vegetarians, vegans and students who wish to follow the guideline of staying on budget. Benedict had various vegan and vegetarian alternatives, cheaper Mexican food and subs you could not get from anywhere else on campus.

Two years ago incoming freshman and transfer student were being advised by orientation leaders and tour guides to choose the Silver Meal Plan so as not to run out of points weeks before the end of the semester. This year incoming students have been warned to get the Gold Plan, and with good reason. A cup of tea costs \$1.29 while a cup of hot water is \$0.15. It is implied that you are not only paying for the tea bag but also as much sugar, milk and/or honey that you desire to your taste. During the last week in October, the Union Deli began charging \$0.10 for every honey packet used (after the complimentary two). This limit of two honey packets for a 20 ounce cup poses the question, "why would a tea bag and 2 honey packets be eight times the cost of plain hot water?" FSA (Faculty Student Association) is the group that comes up with the pricing and also provide auxiliary services to the campus. FSA representative Dawn Villacci had this to say about how FSA comes up with pricing on food and price increases: "When Campus Dining Services wants to offer

a new product, they bring the product and the suggested price to the Meal Plan Resolutions Committee. This committee then reviews the proposed pricing, relative to the food cost and labor necessary to make the product available, and determines if it is appropriate to offer the product on campus." (Additional information about this committee can be found on the FSA website).

Prices have jumped from the spring semester until now and incoming freshman and transfer students are getting introduced and conditioned to how high the prices are now, whilst the upper classmen and remaining students from the prior year will soon graduate and be out of sight and out of mind; unable to complain. Prices are likely to go up again, rather than going down whether Benedict food court reopens or stays the way it is seeing as how most of the revenue FSA generates is used to fund dining hall renovations.

The Stony Brook Faculty Student Association operates with no State support and is responsible for generating revenues to support its services, fund major capital improvements, and contribute to the educational, health care, and outreach missions of the University. Over the past five years, FSA has provided funding for over \$15 million in capital improvements, mostly in dining hall renovations, \$4 million in University program support, \$3.5 million in student employment, and \$600,000 in student scholarships.

Source: Faculty Student Association



New price increase installments in the Student Union Photo Credit: J.R. Yussuf



## The Current Status of Haiti

By Maritza Myrthil

In January of 2010, Haiti suffered from a massive and destructive earthquake that killed 300,000 people. Sadly, after all of the international aid that the country received, not much has changed. Nineteen months have gone by and currently 70% of the nation is unemployed while thousands of Haitians remain homeless. According to statistics, about 600,000 Haitian people are still living in displacement camps that are filled with tent-like shelters made out of fragile, flimsy material.

It is apparent that Haiti is struggling to restore stability. Luckily, the famous musician turned political leader, Michael Martelly is working hard to rebuild his beloved country. He won the Haitian presidency in April of 2011 based on promises to improve Haiti and bring prosperity to the nation. He is attempting to combat the 52.9% illiteracy rate by creating a free public education program. Also, Martelly is working on a way to help quake victims that have lost their homes. He is implementing a home loan system plan that will help thousands of Haitians rebuild their homes.

The system will offer micro-mortgages to families who make as little as \$150 a month. International donors, such as The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, which have contributed \$3 million, are funding this plan of action in addition to the World Bank's Haiti Reconstruction Fund approval for a grant in the amount of \$10 million.

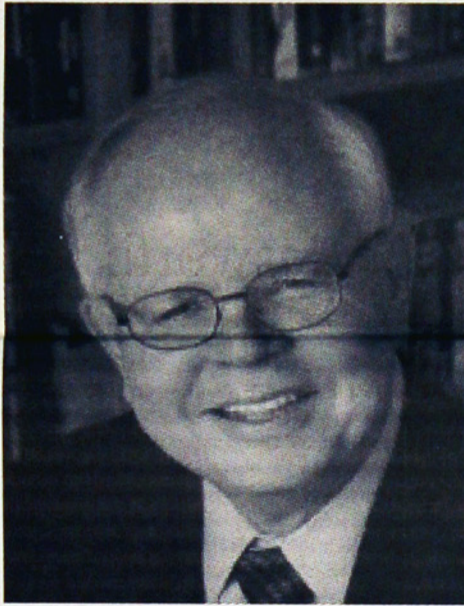
It will be interesting to see how the system pans out. Hopefully for the sake of the thousands of Haitians that have lost everything they owned in the quake, the plan will be a success.



Haiti Earthquake Aftermath Sources: Lung Liu's Photoshelter

## Harry Pachon: Latino Think-Tank Leader

By Simone Brown *Editor-in-Chief*



The Civil Rights world has lost another prominent figure that spent a number of years fighting for national recognition for the growing Latino population, especially in the fields of politics and education. Scholar and activist Harry Pachon died November 4, 2011 at Kindred Hospital in Ontario of lung failure. He was 66.

Pachon was head of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute from 1993 until his recent death. The Institute first started operations on the campus of Claremont Graduate University before moving to USC in 2003. Under his leadership, it expanded upon its research mission of examining key issues in the national debate surrounding Latinos, including bilingual education, immigration, welfare reform and

political engagement. His work inspired many people, including the founder of the Pew Hispanic Center in Washington, D.C. Roberto Suro. He dubbed Pachon the inventor of the "Latino think-tank" in reference to his socio-political advocacy.

Before commencing his work in the institute, he was chief of staff for Rep. Edward R. Roybal, a powerful Los Angeles Democrat and pioneering Latino lawmaker in the late 1970s. From 1983 to 1993, Pachon was executive director of the National Assembly of Latino Elected Officials, a nonprofit group which he organized in order to promote more Latino political involvement.

He went on to become a member of President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans in 1997. Pachon's achievements dispelled a lot of stereotypes surrounding the Latino community, particularly with relation to the lack of information, as opposed to apathy, as being the main reason for the low levels of Latinos applying for citizenship, going to college, or voting.

He was born June 4, 1945 in Miami to Colombian immigrants, but spent a great amount of his youth in Columbia. When he was 16, he returned to the United States to live with his brother Montebello and finish high school. While working odd jobs, he attended Cal State L.A., where he received his bachelor's degree in 1967 and a master's in 1968, both in political science. He went on to obtain his doctorate in government from Claremont Graduate University in 1973 for his dissertation on "Ethnic Political Mobilization in East Los Angeles."

He also taught at Loyola University, Michigan State University and City University of New York before moving to Claremont in 1987 to begin a joint appointment at Pitzer and his doctorate alma mater Claremont Graduate University. He is survived by his wife Barbara; four children, three sons and a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Though both the civil rights and Latino community have lost a prominent figure, Pachon's achievements serve as a timeless source of inspiration for not only the growing Hispanic population, but for young people of color everywhere.

Source: LA Times Article

## New Beliefs for White Supremacist Byron Widner

By J.R. Yussuf *Managing Editor*

Byron Widner put sixteen long years into living a white supremacist lifestyle. His racism had enveloped him so thoroughly that he covered himself from head to toe with tattoos of racial symbols, slurs and imagery. He had the word "HATE" tattooed across the knuckles on his right hand, "Blood & Honour" was tattooed across his neck, "Thug Reich" (which alludes to being Nazi street thug) across his belly; swastikas (which are infamous neo-Nazi symbols) adorned his shaved scalp and on his forehead lay a thick, black, upward-pointing arrow that represented his willingness to die for his race.

Eventually, he caught the attention of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) officials who take part in the fight against hate, including Roy Wood, a former police detective who has spent 25 years monitoring hate and extremist movements for the SPLC. "He was the pit bull of the movement," Wood said. "He was an in-your-face type of guy. He had a reputation of being an enforcer."

**"Widner found it very difficult to sustain a job and support his family as the tattoos that had once made him a revered leader in white supremacist circles had now made him a liability as he searched for a job to support his family."**

Widner attended a white power music festival in Kentucky called Nordic Fest where he met Julie, the woman that would later help him change his life. Julie was a part of the white power movement as well, but as they became more familiar with one another, they realized the error of their ways and came to terms with the fact that if they were ever going to get married and raise children, the white supremacist scene was not the place for it. Despite death threats and harassment, they married and left the society.

In 2006, Byron Widner found it very difficult to sustain a job and support his family as the tattoos that had once made him a revered leader in white supremacist circles had now made him a liability as he searched for a job to support his family. He couldn't afford the removal surgery but he was lucky enough to find help in a former adversary – the Southern Poverty Law Center.

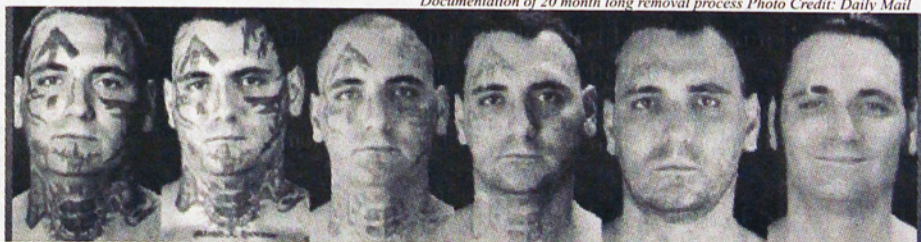
Roy and Laurie Wood of the SPLC met with Widner after learning what had happened. "It was obvious he'd had a change of heart, but, unfortunately, most people would only see the tattoos," said Wood, who appears in the documentary. "They would only see his past. His outside didn't reflect the change that had taken place on the inside." SPLC sponsored the 20-month long laser removal process (face and hands) at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, which entailed 25 surgeries that cost 32 million dollars in total.

Each surgery left Widner's face badly blistered and swollen – a penance for his violent past mixed with using his fists and ability to intimidate to instill fear in the hearts of his targets. The agonizing pain he endured to remove his tattoos is not dissimilar to the internal pain people must have suffered when reading his tattoos and reading into him.

The journey was made into a chronicle of his life and featured on the show "Erasing Hate" on June 26th 2011 on the DWL network. It took almost two years to make it into a documentary. "Erasing Hate" was written, directed and produced by Bill Brummel.

\*Sources: Occidental Dissent, Associated Press

Documentation of 20 month long removal process Photo Credit: Daily Mail





## A Greece-y Ordeal

By Terrell Etienne

Amidst civilians rioting in the streets and the uncertainty of their nation's financial future, it is safe to say that frankly, Greece has been suffering as a whole for the past several months. Yet, the Greek people will not allow this economic downturn to be the end of them. Turning over a new leaf, they've accepted an interim Prime Minister in order to allow newly-elected Lucas Papademos, an economist, to help alleviate some of their pressing financial woes—but not everything from here on out is by choice. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is willing assist Greece in their desire to stay in the Eurozone. Yet in order this place of action to occur, Greece must meet the requirements that the IMF is setting. These requirements include layoffs, tax increases, massive budget cuts to avoid a default, and risking abandonment by foreign lenders if they fail to act. Drastic changes such as these will therein change the face of Greek culture as the world knows it today.

To understand how Greece entered this plight in the first place

one must look at the reports that Greece's officials were telling their people and the world. According to a report by Business Insider, Greece's government paid Goldman Sachs \$300 million to help it mask its rising debts. Numbers such as these help depict signs of a vibrant and healthy economy, as well as a national economic system that others try to emulate. However, the reality of the situation was that in July 2011, the governmental debt of Greece was sitting at a troubling 142.8% in ratio to their GDP. In layman's terms, for every Euro they made, they owed €1.50 which placed Greece in a poor economic position.

To further exacerbate matters, one of the main sources of GDP in Greece is tourism. However, the volatile environment developing in Greece's main tourist sites have begun to scare away potential tourists. In major Greek cities, the populace has been rising up in efforts for revolution in order to demonstrate their distaste at having to pay the price for poor leadership. So much so, that the police, rather than

protecting the civilian populace, is now at odds with them.

As the nation works their way out of an economic recession, Greek officials have agreed to abide by the rules established by the IMF in order to stay part of the Eurozone. Without a bailout, Greece would be forced to default on their debts. Unfortunately, the overall confidence other nations have in Greece not defaulting on their debts is abysmally low. According to reporter Elinda Labropoulou of CNN, Greece may even run out of money by the end of this year. This has led to other nations of the European Union refusing to help out one of their own, resulting in aggravating the situation by causing the Euro to lose monetary value as Greece drags down the EU as a whole. This puts on a strain on international relations as even

Germany refuses to further assist Greece financially.

As international leaders point fingers at Greek leaders and accuse them of taking too much time on meeting the demands of

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## The Struggle for Equality in Zuccotti Park

By Shemieka Hanson

"We are the 99%." These words have been echoing through the streets of New York City, shouted by disgruntled citizens pushing for change since September 17, 2011. After many hours of planning and organizing, a Canadian based group known as Adbuster's Media, set up in Zuccotti Park located within the Wall Street Financial District and began what is known as Occupy Wall Street or OWS.

Inspired by the Egyptian Tahrir Square uprising and other revolutionary movements, the Occupy Wall Street movement consists of Americans who have been fighting against the atrocities that are plaguing our government and society. Through nonviolent protest, picketing, and other forms of peaceful demonstration, they have made it clear that they are seeking a change in the way the government operates.

Our country's housing policies makes it difficult for people to attain homeownership, corporations heavily influence the government and the decisions that they make, and the wealth inequality within the country is growing. It always seems to be the case that the poorer our society gets, the richer corporations and bankers become.

According to the New Department of Labor the unemployment rate in New York State ranges from 5.6% in Tompkins County, to 12.1% in the Bronx.

This movement does not follow the normal outline of demonstration; instead of giving specific demands with a definite endpoint, they are demanding sustained change.

Not just a temporary fix, but an ongoing reform in the government; each new change should lead

to new questions, new answers and new reform.

Protesters are asking that the citizens of this country not settle for what we have always been given but to become a more aware and critical thinking body of people that pushes the government to finally work for the people.

As young college students, it is important to always seek knowledge in a variety of ways that will allow the process of decision making to be one that is not based on skepticism and misunderstanding but one that is entered with clarity.

Those who have been participating in the Occupy Wall Street movement are clearly motivated to see that their point gets across. Just as the group promotes, it is imperative to get informed and to take action to create changes that you want to see.

## Netflix: Troubled Leadership?

By Omotoke Olorunoba

Inconsistency is a trait that should not be displayed by any leader, least of all by the CEO of a billion dollar company for that matter. As a leader, firmness in decision making is one attribute that sets you apart from the rest, and CEO of Netflix, Reed Hastings, has not lived up to this task.

As many may know, Netflix is a provider of on-demand Internet media streaming and a controller of the service DVD-by mail, which is only provided in the U.S. Recently, Netflix's shares have plummeted from almost \$300 a share to a measly \$112 a share. But why? Netflix started its services charging its customers \$7.99 for both online streaming and its DVD by mail, which requires the customer to return the requested DVD back to the company after a certain amount of days. Naturally, as the company grew and gained more customers, it began to charge its customers \$12.99 for the same services.

I'm an avid believer that a company with loyal customers owes them a certain level of respect and Reed Hastings, being the CEO of Netflix, was entrusted to ensure this reciprocation of loyalty. Hastings did the exact opposite. Capitalizing on the exponential growth rate of the company, Hastings decided to make a decision: disregarding customer satisfaction and failing to realize that most customers subscribed to the Netflix service due to its affordability.

Earlier this year, Hastings made an announcement stating that the online streaming service would be separated from the DVD service, prompting customers to sign up for an additional amount in order to enjoy the DVD service the had been tampered with up until that moment. The main issue is not that Hastings made the decision to separate these services, although one could assume that not much research was done before he decided to announce this decision. Rather, many customers were utterly disgusted upon receiving an email on September 19th, 2011, which started "Dear \_\_\_\_\_, I messed up. I owe you an apology."

Annoyance heightened after continuing to read the email in its entirety, noticing that Hastings' email contained no sense of remorse for disregarding how Netflix customers would feel about the price hike. Rather, it seemed to be an act he did just to say, "Well at least I tried to explain why the decision was made." The email had such horrible timing and left a bad taste in many mouths; instead of being sent before the big announcement, it was sent as a temporary remedy for the pain Netflix has caused its customers.

The matter only worsened for when Hastings decided to announce that he had changed his mind about the separation weeks after sending the email (which explained that due to Netflix' growth the separation of services was unavoidable). As a leader, his lack of consistency showed that not enough thought was put into his decision making process.

One with a high level of authority should have accountability and should be confident enough in making such critical decisions in such a delicate situation, which involves customers. One can assume that customers were excited about the news but that joy does not change the fact that Hastings has lost his credibility in the sight of many loyal Netflix customers.

## Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth

By Khadijah Edwards *Circulation Manager*

Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth passed away on Wednesday October 5th 2011. Although often overlooked, Rev. Shuttlesworth played an integral role in the Civil Rights Movement, organizing various protests, marches, and sit-ins in Alabama during the tumultuous 1960s when Jim Crow segregation was at its peak.

In spite of the numerous attacks on his life and the lives of his family members, Shuttlesworth continued to fight for racial equality until his death at the age of 89.

In 1956, Fred Shuttlesworth along with fellow Civil Rights leader Ed Gardner created the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which organized boycotts and federal lawsuits against racial segregation. Less than a year after its creation, Shuttlesworth collaborated with fellow nonviolent compatriot Martin Luther King Jr., to create the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Perhaps in his most notable achievement, Rev. Shuttlesworth organized the Selma to Montgomery marches in which the infamous Public Safety Commissioner Eugene 'Bull' Connor directed police officers to use tear gas, attack dogs and fire hoses against a group of peaceful protesters.

Although Shuttlesworth and countless others were injured during this event, Bull Connor's extreme violence against innocent men, women and children helped gain national support for the Civil Rights Movement. The media attention from around the globe helped pressure Congress into passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the subsequent Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Although Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks will continue to

be ingrained in the minds of grade school children, the lesser known leaders like Shuttlesworth will undoubtedly continue to go unacknowledged.

Nevertheless, the Civil Rights Movement was a collective effort by hundreds of leaders who helped to attain the equality and personal liberties Americans benefit from today.

Without the contributions of these selfless individuals, the United States of America would be a different place today and as President Barack Obama stated, "Shuttlesworth's fight benefited all Americans, America owes Reverend Shuttlesworth a debt of gratitude."

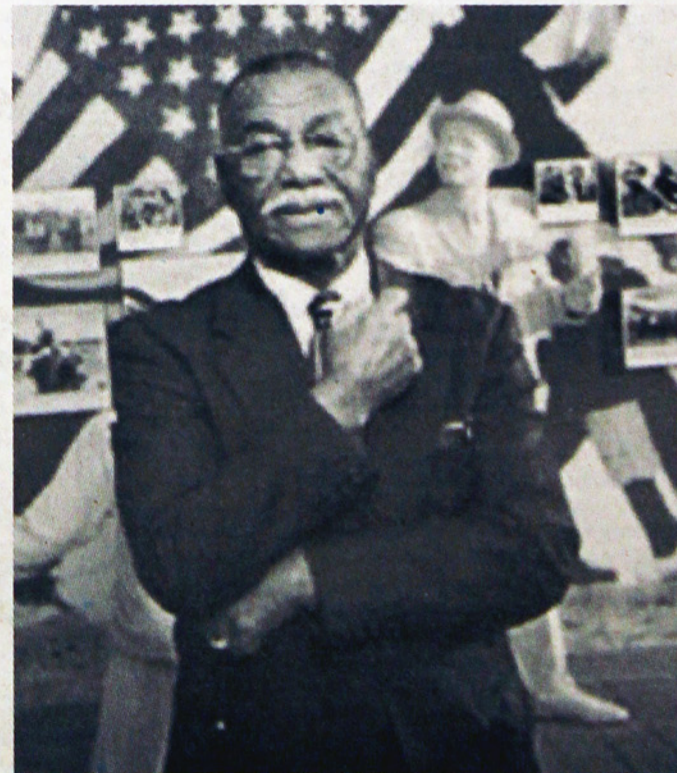


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## Herman Cain: A New Hope or the Same Song?

By Simone Brown *Editor-In-Chief*

There has been a lot of outspoken rhetoric from Republican 2012 hopefuls; from Rick Perry to Michelle Bachman and Mitt Romney. Perhaps one of the most controversial of said candidates is former president and CEO of Godfather's Pizza and known conservative radio talk-show host Herman Cain. He has made it clear that he intends to run the 2012 race to the White House and has run a media-heavy campaign. Though he is known for his criticism of liberal policies, his most recent remarks have come from issues stemming from immigration legislation to foreign policy. More so, he is now involved in a bitter struggle against sexual harassment allegations by former colleagues.

However, in the midst of all of this media saturation of his persona, little is truly known about this black man who seeks to run against Barack Obama in the 2012 elections. And in knowing about his personal background, it could be possible to see how he obtained the views that he has and why he feels the need to express them, however blunt and ill-advised they may be.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia on December 13, 1945, Herman Cain was the son of a domestic servant mother and a father who held multiple jobs to support his family. Cain's parents stressed the importance of hard work and education and their son took this lesson to heart. He graduated from Morehouse College with his bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1967 and pursued his master's in computer science at Perdue University. During this time, he was also able to work for the United States Navy as a designer for fire control systems.\*

From there, he used his skills to climb the corporate ladder; he started to work for Coca-Cola as a systems analyst and then later for Pillsbury in 1977 where he worked his way up to the position of vice president.

He further increased his skill by focusing on business management in working for the company's Burger King division. He enhanced his technical skills by manning the grills himself and, much like with Pillsbury, worked his way up to regional vice president of the fast-food chain.

As far as he had come as a hard worker and thoroughly ex-



perienced businessman, Cain wasn't faced with a challenge until 1986 when he accepted the role as president and CEO of the failing restaurant chain Godfather's Pizza. Despite its dismal reputation, however, he was able to turn its downward spiral into a success within fourteen months.

his political views were seen to be very conservative. In the mid-1990s, he was highly critical of Hillary Clinton's proposal of healthcare reform. He also voraciously attacked Bill Clinton about this on national television while being head of the National Restaurant Association. He claimed that those reforms would have a negative impact on businesses. He had also sought the Republican nomination for the presidency in 2004, but it wasn't until this year that he has gained a significant number of supporters for his 2012 candidacy.

What a lot of his supporters like about him is his no-nonsense, direct approach to reforming government.\* His plans for downsizing the government include a creating a flat-tax for businesses and the wealthy, which has been met with considerable criticism because of its placing a bigger tax burden on lower-income Americans.

He has also come under fire for his remarks about placing an electric fence on the U.S.-Mexico border when asked about his views on immigration reform (which he later claimed was a joke) as well as rather provincial statements on foreign policy. Cain had said that he did not know who was president of Uzbekistan and that "knowing who these heads of these insignificant states around the world" was less important than domestic issues. The recent scandal involving sexual harassment allegations by three former employees as well as his conservative views on abortion seem to shed an unfavorable light upon him as well. Nevertheless, he continues to gain momentum in the polls, competing heavily against Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney.

Though he has considerable popularity and the success story of any modern businessman, one could question whether or not his skills as a businessman would make him a successful candidate (if not a world leader) should he get past winning the party candidacy. And if so, will it be enough to pull this country out of the economic crisis going for almost five years... or will it just be a repeat of the Bush or Reagan years?

\*Source: Biography Website\*

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He was able to do so by cutting the number of stores by a third and boosting sales at the remaining restaurants. Much later, he and a number of other executives were able to buy the fast-food chain from Pillsbury.

Herman Cain's rags-to-riches story is the exact embodiment of the American Dream. Yet, as those goals were reached,

## William Monroe Trotter: Activist and Innovator

By Kamal James

It is a necessity that we acknowledge William Monroe Trotter as a true pioneer in black history. Not only has he excelled despite the racial barriers of his time, but he has also strived to seek entrepreneurship and social progress that would satisfy the socioeconomic struggles of African-Americans in the early 19th century.

He was born no later than April 4th, 1872 to James Monroe and Virginia Isaacs Trotter in Chillicothe, Ohio. His mother was claimed to be the great-granddaughter of Mary Hemings to President Thomas Jefferson; her mother, William's grandmother, was a slave in Mississippi. However, Virginia was raised in Chillicothe and when William was 7 months old, she and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts. This would become his hometown and subsequently home to his success as a Harvard graduate and undergraduate student in international banking (graduating magna cum laude in 1895).

Shortly after his graduation, he married Geraldine in 1899, but coped with her death in 1918. While attending Harvard, he edited and co-founded the Boston Guardian with George Forbes in 1901. Perhaps furthermore, he must be praised for his dedicated involvement in the Niagara Movement of 1905, his activist position for African-American Civil Rights and his co-founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909 with W. E. B. DuBois.

After running into racial walls while trying to move forward in his banking career, Trotter became a real-estate businessman and continued newspaper editor for the Boston Guardian. A great man, activist and pioneer - he passed on April 4th 1934. Nevertheless, his honorable legacy continues to prosper with the establishment of the William Monroe Trotter Elementary School in Massachusetts as well as the William Monroe Trotter Institute at the University of Massachusetts.

Other than schools and institutes, his relentless, hard-work ethic is something to be admired and appreciated by young people, and young black students especially, for centuries to come.

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## A Changing Middle East

By Diara J. Townes

Libya is beginning to emerge as its own nation since Muammar el-Gadhafi was taken out of power late last month, but has growing issues. With NATO officially pulling out of the North African country on Monday, the liberated populace is struggling to come together to determine how to continue forward and establish a democratic government.

The conclusion of the bloody eight-month civil war has left the nation without a functioning security force, local militia leaders holding on to their weapons rather than give them up as previously pledged, and a yet-to-be composed constitution in a transitional government led by Mustafa Abdul-Jalil.

In a keynote speech he made this past Sunday declaring Libya's liberation, Abdul-Jalil stated to the crowd that Islamic Sharia law would be the "basic source" for legislation in the nation and that any laws made during Gadhafi's rule that contradicted Islam's teachings would be nullified.

A more pertinent issue that is afflicting the development of the country is the events revolving around Gadhafi's death.

An investigation into Gadhafi's passing was proposed by the United Nations and is backed by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Britain's new defense secretary Philip Hammond due to the apparent violent nature of his death.

Gadhafi was captured alive on Thursday Oct. 27 in his hometown of Sirte and was seen on camera with bloody wounds to his thighs. Images showed the fallen leader being taunted and beaten by the rebels. Later that day Gadhafi's lifeless body was put on public view, with his captors stating he died from his wounds in the crossfire not long after capture.

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"Finding out how he died matters," said Sarah Leah Whitson of Human Rights Watch, a New-York based group that viewed the video recordings of Gadhafi posthumous. "It will set the tone for whether the new Libya will be ruled by law or by summary violence." The revolution may be over, but the evolution of the nation is just underway.

As with Tunisia and Egypt, only time will determine Libya's democratic future.

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## Anti- Illegal Immigration Sentiment Hits Home for Stony Brook

By Adrian Anderson

Immigration, specifically illegal immigration, always proves to be a controversial topic in America. Many political, ethical, and economical ideologies clash when it comes to this hot button issue. For instance, the popular oppositional view on illegal immigration is that it has a deprivational role. Further explored, it is believed that illegal immigration deprives legal Americans of jobs, and allows illegal immigrants to reap previously exclusive tax payer benefits, such as free public education for their children.

There has been a recent frenzy of immigration related controversy in the media. For most Stony Brook University students, faculty, and affiliates, the more prominent stories, are the highly protested and recently delayed deportation of Nadia Habib and family, as well as the new immigration law adopted by Alabama.

Nadia, like many children was brought to the United States at a young age and found out about her status as an illegal immigrant only after she had graduated high school and was ready to pursue higher education. Years, after Nadia and Nazim Habib were denied asylum in April 2000, the mother and daughter received deportation letters, stating that they were to present themselves for deportation, on September 29, 2011, also Nadia's birthday. To the joy of 6000 petitioners, about a hundred protestors, and even more supporters, Habib, spent her birthday at home with family, and not on a plane to Bangladesh, after they were granted a temporary stay, while their case is waiting to be reviewed by ICE Director Christopher Shanahan.

However, not all immigration cases have the same optimistic and happy turnout as the Habib's. A recent law adopted by Alabama, after being upheld by United States District Court Judge Shannon Blackburn gives police the authority to arrest and detain anyone who cannot produce documentation when stopped for any reason at all. It also prevents public schools from enrolling illegal immigrants

and prohibits the issuing of driver's and business licenses. This has resulted in the frantic flight of countless illegal immigrants. Empty seats in school, absent farm workers, and abandoned houses are all consequences that show the gravity of this bill.

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With all the anti- illegal immigration sentiment stirring about, it's quite apparent that Americans have forgotten that this nation was built by immigrants and for immigrants. Immigrants, legal or illegal, paid or enslaved, have been building the United States and making it the prosperous nation it has been since the first landing on Plymouth Rock. It is, however, still clearer than even that border security, as well as homeland security, is a major protection against terrorism.

Nevertheless, recent sentiment has been strongly uncompassionate and vindictive toward those Americans who either knowingly or unknowingly immigrated here illegally. Unfocused and frankly naïve efforts, driven by fear of the few criminals, terrorists, and proverbial bad seeds, are a clear contradiction and denial of the American dream and the values that unite Americans.



## Michael Jackson's Killer Found?

by J.R. Yussuf

On Monday, November 7th, 2011 Conrad Murray was found guilty of the involuntary manslaughter of the late pop icon Michael Jackson. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor gave the verdict early Monday morning after a two year investigation and trial. Jackson's death on June 25, 2009, was caused by "acute propanol intoxication" in combination with two sedatives, the Los Angeles County coroner ruled.

Jackson struggled with insomnia for 15 years and due to inconclusive evidence it is still unclear whether Jackson was an addict to pain killers or not. According to Dr. Robert Waldman, an expert in treating addiction, records showed the pop star taking anywhere from 200 to 300 milligrams of the medication, indicating that Jackson may have been an addict. Taking into account the public appearance of Jackson, Waldman told the defense that Jackson was probably an addict. Though there was no trace of Demerol found in Jackson during his autopsy experts argued that even if Murray did not give the fatal dose to Jackson, he is still responsible for his death because of the lack of monitoring equipment.

Sentencing was set for November 29, with Murray facing up to four years in prison yet Murray might not get any jail time since Cali-

fornia prisons are so full, this is a non-violent case and he has no prior criminal record. Murray had been Jackson's doctor since May 2009. Regardless of the unanswered questions of what happened the day Jackson died and what people think, Murray had the credentials to prove that he was adept when it came to treating patients with cardiac problems so it makes sense why the Jackson family would have trusted him originally.

Murray's education consisted of three years as an undergraduate student and within this time he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in pre-medicine and biological sciences from Texas Southern University. From there, Murray attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and sought additional training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and then completed his residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California. His training did not end there, he studied at the University of Arizona on a Cardiology Fellowship, and landed back in California, where he eventually worked as the associate director for the interventional cardiology fellowship-training program at Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego. Source: Fox Carolina.

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the IMF, it is expected that Greece is to have harsher job and other financial cuts, further adding fuel to the fire of the violent street riots.

During these harsh times it would be best for the people of Greece to come together as one for there is strength in numbers towards a greater cause. It is crucial that Greece proves to the IMF and the remaining Eurozone nations that they are capable of withstanding the harsh regulations that it will undergo. At this moment, the European Union is pressuring Greece to get its house and political affairs in order and to get the bailout that they so desperately need approved.

## Earthquakes in Turkey

By: Theresa Yanni

Very recently, on November 9 the eastern region of Turkey was hit by a 5.7 magnitude earthquake. According to BBC news, this resulted in twenty or more collapsed buildings with many trapped within the rubble and a reported seven people dead. Fortunately, this was only an aftershock of the October 23 earthquake that struck this very region so the devastation was of a much lower scale. This first quake was measured at a magnitude of 7.2 and took over 600 lives with its destruction. Aid began to pour in immediately after as both citizens and foreign volunteers began the relief effort. However, with this recent quake a significant amount of their work was undone, but the effort has not been discouraged. Relief workers are already back to work and began sending in rescue teams for those trapped beneath the crumbled buildings. Many people lost their homes to these two quakes and are now living in tents, but an increasing amount of residents are evacuating the area. Many maintain the hope that the effects of the quake will soon be remedied and daily life can be resumed in the near future; however, only time will tell.

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## “Measures of a Man”

The Student African American Brotherhoods’ Rap Session  
By Adrian Anderson

Stony Brook’s very own Chapter of the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) held a rap session entitled, “Measures of a Man” this month, in which students were invited to come and discuss manhood and its role in the African American and Latino Cultures. The event, headed by SAAB ELT Member Vladimir Piersaint, was an energetic and lively debate which discussed the lack of father figures and the resulting increase in the female role of socialization in the African American and Latino communities.

Single mothers are left to teach their sons how to be men in absence of father figures. Another popular topic was how the only successful men advertised to young African Americans and Latinos are athletes, rappers, and entertainers. The rappers and athletes, who in turn fill the empty gap of the father figure role, are very rarely the best role models.

The hyper-masculinity, homophobia, violence, and misogyny which are so rampant in their lyrics and actions are then, to the dismay of the culture, mimicked by the youth who look up to these poor role models.

There was a unanimous and

heavy appreciation for the fathers who insist on being there for their children. SAAB member Andre Verdejo gave a tear-jerking story about the admiration and respect he has for his father working multiple jobs to ensure that he gets through college. Andre said, “My dad is my inspiration and my hero. I owe my very being in college and all my academic achievements to his support.”

When asked what his mission was for the “Measures of a Man” rap session Piersaint replied, “When coming up with the presentation, I wanted to challenge my SAAB brother’s conceptions and ideas of a man. I wanted them to reflect on their ideals of manhood and in turn present themselves as men of accountability, proactive leadership, self-discipline, and intellectual development. I wanted this program to challenge the views of African-American and Latino men in society and remind the brothers of SAAB that we are more than a stereotype.” Vladimir is proud of his event and is hosting another one on November 3rd on health living in Union 237.

## An Intimate Portrait: Muslim Students Association

By Syed Ali

Allahu Akbar (God is Greater)! Allahu Akbar (God is Greater)! The ever familiar proclamation that echoes down the hallways of the Student Union seems to have taken on a somewhat different meaning to the different peoples of the United States. For years now Muslims, misrepresented and misunderstood, have bared the brunt of a whole array of emotions in their very own backyards. So who are the Muslims and what do they have to do with the United States? What do they believe? What is their history and what role do they play in today’s society?

If you thought the first Muslims to arrive on American soil were those that hopped over the pond in the 20th Century you’d be very much mistaken. Muslims have been here long before these very United States became united. From Columbus’ apparent account of seeing a ship with veiled women, to the accounts of the Chinese Muslim empire sailing to a distant land; from Mansa Musa’s shipwrecked expedition which some hypothesize ended up in the Caribbean, to the Native American testimonials of a group of people who drop to their knees many times a day, to the many Native American tribal names eerily resembling Arabic, there is much evidence to support the assertion that Muslims have in fact been a part of our American history for quite some time now.

Suffice it to say, some scholars say that a significant portion of slaves brought to the Americas were Muslim. Of this huge number, some were scholars in their own right, reproducing the Quran; etching it into the sand as their masters would erase what they thought was gibberish. As time went on, Muslims were at the forefront of some of the most integral movements of the past century. Malcolm X, Lupe Fiasco, Mos Def and Dave Chappelle in fact all have one very interesting thing in common: they’re all Muslim!

So enough about our history, who are we now? We as Muslims are your doctors, your engineers, your lawyers, your taxi-drivers, your convenience store owners, your classmates, your teachers, your students, your neighbors and your fellow citizens. On-campus or off, we’re there more often than you may think. On campus the most prevalent indication of where we are is the Muslim Student’s Association or the MSA. Just one of the many chapters present nationwide in almost every university in every state, Stony Brook MSA keeps it real.

Our primary goals as a religious organization are to provide for the approximately 2000 Muslims on campus by means of providing a prayer room (Room 247 in the Union), halal food, Friday prayer services with over 100 attendees and monthly events, as well as to serve God by giving back to the greater community in whatever way we can. Accordingly, we have a whole slew of subcommittees that cater their efforts to successfully providing services pertinent to their focus, which include a community service committee, an education committee, minaret (a monthly newsletter), a sports committee, and the Da’wah committee which spreads knowledge and awareness about Islam. Feel free to come by to Union Room 247 for any further information!

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**Mental Health in the Black Community:  
Swept Under the Rug**

By Simone Brown *Editor-in-Chief*

It is common knowledge that the Black community disproportionately suffers from a greater amount of health afflictions than any other racial demographic in the United States. Heart disease, diabetes, obesity and sickle cell anemia are the most often heard when one discusses health issues that affect the African-American populace. Yet, while these afflictions are just as crucial to be given attention to, there is one issue that has been constantly swept under the rug: mental illness.

While over four-hundred million people worldwide suffer from mental illness, according to blackpressusa.com, black Americans are still disproportionately afflicted. There are many reasons for this: for one, there are inadequate health care facilities in minority communities. Secondly, there is a lot of stigma regarding mental illness among African-Americans; it is primarily viewed as a sign of personal weakness, not sickness.\*\* Finally, in conjunction with a common misunderstanding of this serious problem, blacks are more culturally inclined to rely upon family members as well as community and religious leaders for personal help rather than medical professionals.\*

There are a few more reasons, including the negative effects that racism and poverty can have on one's self-esteem. Yet in order to truly address the issue of mental health in the Black community, it is important to know that the merely knowing the causes barely scratches the surface of the larger problem. Showing how it affects the population gives it a more profound argument about why this problem should no longer be ignored or shunned.

Less than half of African-American adults seek treatment for mental illness and less than one third of their children receive treatment for said ailments. Perhaps even more alarming is the fact that less than 2% of American psychiatrists are African-American, with an additional 2% of psychologists and 4% of social workers being a part of this demographic. \*\* Consequently, many people end up either undiagnosed or improperly diagnosed. This in turn, leads to a drastic increase of behavioral problems, including alcohol and drug abuse.

With illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression being as debilitating to African-Americans as to whites or other ethnic groups, what makes the former disproportionately affected is the lack of adequate resources. This is a disturbing trend, considering that blacks account for 25% of mental health needs in this country. To make matters worse, the rates of mental illnesses are highest amongst Black women. \*\* A likely cause of this could be the experience of the double burden of racism and cultural isolation along with sexual exploitation.

As bleak as these facts might sound, there are ways to help deter the continuation of the ignorance of mental illness. The most crucial step one must take is to be aware of the signs of impending illness. Primary signs include sudden changes in behavior, and loss of interest and withdrawal from usual activities. From there, other distinguishing symptoms usually emerge so that the specific ailment is discovered. Secondly, in conjunction with answering such calls for help, it is necessary to be properly diagnosed if it is believed that a mental illness does exist. From there, one should actively seek professional help, whether it is from a spiritual leader or a licensed therapist. Lastly, self-reflection is key. It is important, especially as people of color, to have a sense of pride in identity and to build up self-confidence. As incapacitating as mental illness is, it can be treatable and it can be overcome. It only takes the proper knowledge of corrective measures as well as another vital element: will power.

Sources: Black Women's Health, NMHA, Black Press USA



**Diabetes Awareness: The November to Remember**

By Simone Brown *Editor-in-Chief*

The month of November has always had a special significance. Right after the madness of Halloween, the month begins to bring in its late autumn chill. Following that celebrated Thanksgiving dinner, the day after marks the official beginning of the holiday season. Yet, in the midst of such closely-timed celebration, November is meant for a far more sober remembrance: Diabetes Awareness Month. Every year this month, people wear the grey ribbon of hope to bring awareness to a disease that affects nearly 26 million people.\* This is especially significant since it is the month of Thanksgiving.

Though Type 1 diabetes is believed to be contracted by people who are genetically predisposed to it, it is common knowledge that there is a link between excessive weight gain and Type 2 diabetes. There is no cure for this debilitating disease and the people who live with either type are always at risk for more serious health problems. However, the more awareness that is raised, the more people will be inclined to take preventative measures and improve the living conditions of those suffering from the disease. Furthermore, along with more awareness and prevention, the less difficult it will be to take the steps needed to find a cure.

Type 1 diabetes, once known as juvenile diabetes because most of those who are afflicted are diagnosed as children, develops when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas.\*\* Consequently, glucose (blood sugar) is not distributed properly into the body cells and builds up into the bloodstream at dangerous levels.

Warning symptoms for Type 1 diabetes are similar to those of the flu at first. Mainly, they include frequent urination, excessive weight loss despite having a normal appetite and frequent fatigue. Once diagnosed properly, it can be managed with a constant monitoring of blood glucose levels as well as a healthy diet, exercise regimen and daily insulin injections.

Despite the simplicity of coping with this disease, complications can occur. According to a fact sheet posted on the American Diabetes Association's website, diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure

and early onset blindness in adults. Other tolls health include heart failure, stroke, mild to severe nerve damage, resulting in pain in hands and feet, sexual dysfunction and slow digestion.

These afflictions occur because the body cells are deprived of a vital metabolic agent (glucose) and, consequently, cannot perform their proper functions. Nevertheless, with the proper treatment, it is quite possible to lead a normal life.

Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body can no longer process blood glucose. When there are higher-than-normal levels of sugar in the blood, it leads to damage throughout the body, primarily in the hands, feet, eyes, gums, and heart. Though it is known as "adult-onset" diabetes, it can occur at any age. Considering the fact that being overweight and obese are common links to abnormal blood-sugar levels in coincidence with the growing problem of obesity in the United States, it is a growing problem.

Recently, more children are being diagnosed with the disease, in direct relationship with the increasing trend of overweight and obese children. Much like Type 1, it can be properly managed by proper diagnosis, constant checking of blood sugar levels and a healthy diet. The complications remain the same, but left untreated, could warrant the risk of amputation due to gangrene.

This also happens when body cells are deprived of glucose; in their inability to function, they die, resulting in the rotting of the surrounding tissue. Once more, however, these complications do not have to be as frequent if one adheres to the proper regiment of management.

It is especially crucial in this day and age to spread awareness about diabetes. Our increasingly unhealthy lifestyles, in addition to the increasingly unaffordable cost of health care, continue to make it more susceptible to contract this disease. Along with the preventative measures and treatments usually taught through education, we will be able to take the necessary steps toward a much needed cure.

Sources: American Diabetes Month, Everyday Health



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By Jasmine-Chiquita White

"The Take Ovah" is surely taking over! New York's newest college based radio station created by Ms. Robin "Robin J" Johnson at Brooklyn College is the hottest new station to hit the waves right now.

This station is known for playing the latest Hip Hop and R&B, giving information on pop culture news, critiques on albums and mix tapes, speaking about social conscious issues that affect the world, and giving relationship advice. "The Take Ovah" has a very interactive following through Facebook and twitter which allows listeners to actively voice their opinions. You can listen to the show on www.MYWBCR.com every Wednesday from 7pm-9pm, check out their facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheTakeOvah and follow them on twitter @takeovahRadio. Mr. Jameer "J.Lorenzo" Pond is one of "The Take Ovah's" Radio Personalities. I had the lovely opportunity to interview J. Lorenzo, in which he talks about the day and the life of a Radio Personality on "The Take Ovah."

BlackWorld Reporter: What is your position here at the station?  
J. Lorenzo: I am the co-host and co-producer on "The Take Ovah."

BWR: What is a day in the life of your job like?

JL: During show days, I make sure I go over all of the news and relationship information that we talk about. Then, it's all about promotion, so I hit up people through Facebook, Twitter etc. I like to bother people... they get annoyed, but once they listen, they can't get mad. Everything else after show prep is spontaneous. We just have fun.

BWR: Are there employment opportunities for aspiring air personalities? Do they come frequently, or is it tough to land a job like this?

JL: Radio is a very difficult field to get into because it's such an over populated market. There are jobs, though! It's easier for a person to create their own lane in the business. Go independent and once you get enough experience, then market yourself to mainstream radio. That's my suggestion.

BWR: What do you like about this job and what do you dislike?

JL: I don't dislike anything about "The Take Ovah." It allows me to be creatively free and speak my mind. When I turn on the mic, I make the transition from Jameer to J. LORENZO. Once I do that I give my all to the show. I have the passion and love for this... there is nothing to dislike about doing what you love.

Video Review: Rihanna's "We Found Love" Music Video

By Maritza Myrthil



A still shot from the music video "We Found Love" Photo Credits: Google Images

The recent release of Rihanna's video, "We Found Love," has ignited controversy within the media world due to the video's "explicit" content. Many are outraged by the provocative imagery and are criticizing it to be too raunchy and sadistic. However, looking from an artistic standpoint, Rihanna's video captures the essence of an unhealthy relationship. It illustrates the beautiful side of love, but also the dangerous and obsessive aspects of an abusive relationship.

"We Found Love" is the first single off her next album, Talk that Talk, which is set to release on November 21st. After debuting for a few weeks, the single has already topped Billboard charts with its catchy lyrics and radio appeal. Yet, the video is what brings the lyrics to life.

In the video, Rihanna plays a carefree young girl that is heads over heels for her boyfriend that undeniably resembles her celebrity ex-boyfriend Chris Brown. Throughout the video, there are many obvious references to her 2009 domestic violence incident, such as an argument in the car that alludes to the night that he assaulted her.

Many feel that the images of colorful pills, dilated eyes,

and scenes of Rihanna and her boyfriend engaging in sexual foreplay, glorify domestic violence, sex, and illegal drug use, but this is debatable. Rihanna's video does not praise sex, drugs, or violence. It is actually a raw cinematic portrayal of a crazy intense relationship where two people love each other to the point where they become obsessed, and the obsession becomes dangerous.

There are also many scenes that show the possessive nature of a toxic relationship. For example, there is a scene where Rihanna is laying down with her face expressing agony, as her boyfriend devilishly engraves "mine" onto her backside. This scene signifies the controlling and jealous aspects of an abusive relationship. Ultimately, this video sends a positive message to viewers since it ends off with Rihanna realizing that she needs to break free from this hurtful relationship and she walks away.

In an interview Rihanna defended her video stating that, "This is probably one of the deepest videos I've ever done. Its all about love and love being like a drug. The good feeling of it and the dangers of it. That's what this video is about."

Black Woman

By Kamal James

Your voice speaks through your lips  
Cradled by open ears that may greet it  
With a smile.

A smile that only fades when your voice stops  
But then unlocks the lips with a kiss  
Lips the flavor of your deepest passion  
Allow me to taste you in a romantic fashion.

Be not afraid of the beauty  
That you exude through strong curls of nap  
Or the long strands of ebony  
Cascading down your back towards  
The 8th and 9th wonders of nature  
And if you must weave together these strands  
Then weave them into a web of truth, and reveal your essence...  
in time.

No disrespect Black Woman  
Although I must remind you of your truth, your power  
Hidden behind centuries of fear induced in you  
By the purest form of jealousy.

In time you must realize  
That you are the epitome of love  
For you gave birth to me  
And created a world that only exists as long as it revolves around  
Your beauty.

Bring us back to the Golden Age  
Let us repeat the righteous part of history  
When Black Women used their Voice and Natural Beauty  
To nurture a baby world with Chocolate Brown Bosoms of Love.

BWR: Who have you interviewed so far?

JL: We have interviewed a lot of people: singers, rappers, fashion designers, DJs. I think that's what makes our show different because we will give anybody a shot as long as they're progressive people!

BWR: What is your favorite thing to discuss on the air?

JL: Most people who listen think my favorite topic is the "8 o'clock Topic," which deals with relationships and SEX (laughing) but I really like talking about the social issues that affect our communities. We may get crazy but we also have to be socially responsible and inform our listeners. Make them think.

BWR: Where do you see this radio station in the next 3 years?

JL: Three years from now... I see the show on a mainstream station. I see us not only being a dominant force in Hip Hop and R&B, but also the show being dominant in our community, hopefully providing opportunities that we did not have in building our brand. Lastly, I see us being more edgy, controversial and keeping the same foundation that got us to the top.

Eddie Murphy out as Oscars host

By Simone Brown Editor-in-Chief

The Academy released a statement saying that Eddie Murphy will no longer be the host of the 84th annual Academy Awards show. The comedian/actor originally took the job in September, following the excitement of his new movie Tower Heist. However, the movie's director Brett Ratner has recently landed himself into hot water with some anti-gay comments made during a Q&A session following a screening of his new movie at Los Angeles' Arlight Cinemas.

He made a series of crude statements about actresses Lindsay Lohan and Olivia Munn as well. NY Magazine published his remarks and they immediately ignited a media firestorm. What had gotten Ratner into trouble was an answer he gave when asked a question about filmmaking. In his response, he used a gay slur in reference to rehearsals.

Amid such controversy, he resigned as producer of the Oscars, which was soon followed by Eddie Murphy's withdrawal of his hosting duties. Murphy was quoted in a statement sent by the Academy that he completely understood "each party's decision with regard to change of producers for this year's ceremony", and that he was "truly looking forward to being a part of the show." Despite the letdown, Oscar fans are not to be dismayed; it was recently made official that Billy Crystal would host the show as Murphy's replacement. The Academy Awards Ceremony is due to air live in February.

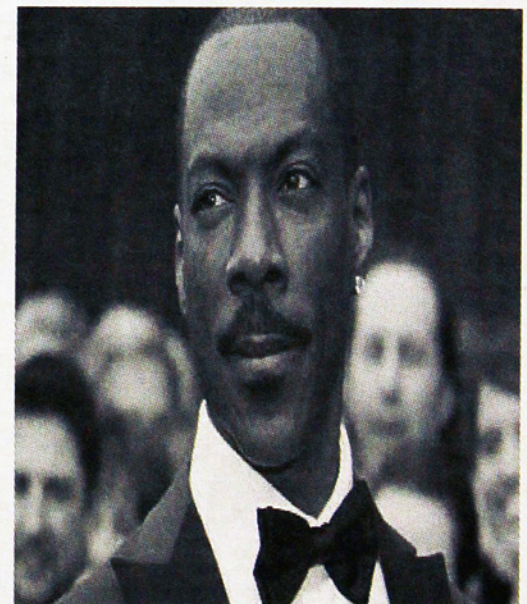


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NBA Still in a Lockout, Players Take their Talents Elsewhere  
By Adrian Anderson

If you're an NBA fan, you've definitely noticed the absence of one of the most important aspects of the NBA. Due to the NBA Lockout, the players union, and the league's inability to come to a consensus on how to distribute the revenue (in addition to their failure to come to a mutual agreement on the salary cap system) the pre-season and at least a month of the NBA Season has been cancelled. The uncertainty has caused many star athletes such as Deron Williams, Tony Parker, and many other international players to take their talents overseas on a temporary basis. Nets Guard Deron Williams is reportedly already playing in the Turkish league.

Perhaps the most humorous case of the lockout manifesting itself is Celtics point guard Delonte West. Due to Delonte's squandering of his earnings and various legal bills, the almost-millionaire had to settle for a job in Home Depot to support himself.

The main cause of the lockout seems to be a disagreement between the National Basketball Players Association, headed by Derek Fisher, and the NBA League. According to Brian Mahoney of the Huffington Post, "Owners are insistent on a 50-50 split, while players last formally proposed they get 52.5 percent, leaving them about \$100 million apart annually." The other major issue is the incorporation of a hard salary cap, which would make it harder

for teams to manipulate the salary cap rules to attract free agents and contract extensions. Union Executive Billy Hunter was quoted saying, "We've told them that we don't want a hard cap. We don't want a hard cap any kind of way, either an obvious hard cap or a hard cap that may not be as obvious to most people but we know it works like a hard cap." Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver says, "We don't think it's a hard cap. . . . We've been spending literally hundreds of hours negotiating the specifics of a system, where they're now saying is the equivalent of a hard cap." It's obvious that indecision and stubbornness on both sides is rampant in the meetings meant to end the already lengthy lockout. It still remains unclear when and if an agreement will be met. However, the increasing pressure from already a month of revenue lost should definitely serve as a catalyst.

Despite this, NBA stars aren't exactly wasting away. LeBron James, Kevin Durant, John Wall, and Brandon Jennings are just a few of the young stars participating in all types of leagues this year. John Wall has already docked multiple triple doubles and one 50 point game. Kevin Durant has been leaving a trail of wins his path. Whether he's dropping 66 points in a star-studded Rucker Park game or throwing down thunderous show stopping dunks in the Drew League, he's definitely making the most of his unexpected free time.

The NCAA: Modern Day Tyrants  
By Debbie Eshel

The collegiate athletics industry is one of the most profitable businesses in America. Without a doubt, a majority of college football and basketball players in the NCAA are African-American. With that said, the student-athletes that are working hard to fill up stadium seats with fans are not seeing any of these profits. The National Collegiate Athletics Association, also known as the tyrant, prevents any type of outside monetary benefits, or any type of benefits for that matter, to reach the student-athletes' hands. The only type of money the athletes receive is scholarships, if that, and financial aid if they are eligible. The National Collegiate Players Association, started by an African American UCLA football player in 2001, has succeeded in becoming the voice of student-athletes all across the nation in order to gain more rights as a collegiate athlete under the NCAA.

Many of these student-athletes come from impoverished neighborhoods and need additional financial assistance to help them through college. Some foundations, such as the Student Athlete Mentoring Foundation, have been banned by the NCAA for assisting these financially needy, minority student-athletes. The NCAA believes that a scholarship is sufficient for student-athletes in order to live a normal college student life. In reality, student-athletes neither have the time nor are even allowed to get part time jobs like "normal" college students. Football players spend an average of 60 hours per week around football and mandatory study hall. That averages out to be more hours than a full time job.

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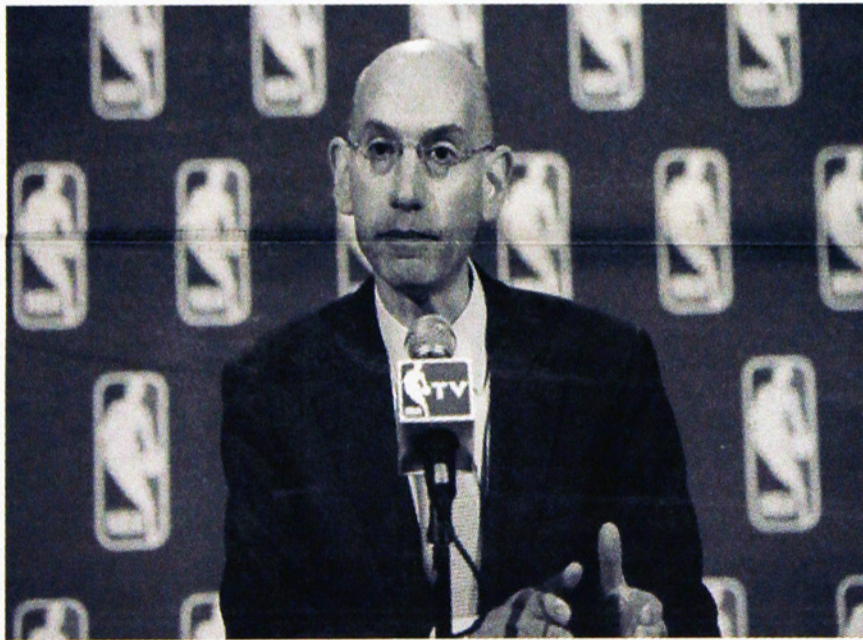
The NCAA is an employer that fails to admit that student-athletes are their employee, and that they need to be paid. It becomes a problem when student-athletes break the NCAA bylaws and accept gifts and monetary benefits from boosters. If the NCAA truly cared about their student athletes, they would give them additional scholarship money from the \$10.7 billion dollar deal they made with television networks. It really takes a toll on those who cannot afford to live a normal college life. According to a research study done by the NCPA, 85% of student-athletes are living below the poverty line. Contrary to popular belief, student-athletes do not have it all.

When we watch college sports, we hear about all these scandals involving players taking money from boosters and sports agents. Most of the players involved in the scandals are African American. The players end up getting suspended for a few games and have to pay back the money they received. Sometimes, the NCAA would even sanction the team as a whole. A study done by the NCPA also shows that if college student-athletes were paid according to the revenue they brought in they would have six-figure salaries. There is a line between what is ethical in college sports, but what the NCAA is doing is robbing student-athletes of their hard earned profits.

In a slightly different case, student-athletes in the south were receiving financial support from the Student Athlete Mentoring Foundation and were forced to pay the money back and were suspended for a couple of games. As stated on their website, The SAM Foundation provides "supplementary support to high school student-athletes in both their academic and athletic endeavors." These are the student-athletes that would not have been able to make it to college without help from this organization. The inner-city kids that are trying to fight for an education are being treated unjustly and the NCAA needs to realize that not everyone has money.

To add insult to injury, the top 14 NCAA executives make over \$6 million a year. The universities are the ones that provide scholarships—so where does all the money the NCAA makes go? They praise the fact that they want student-athletes to be treated on the same playing level as everyone else, but the truth is regular students can receive multiple scholarships, get part-time jobs, and accept money from anyone.

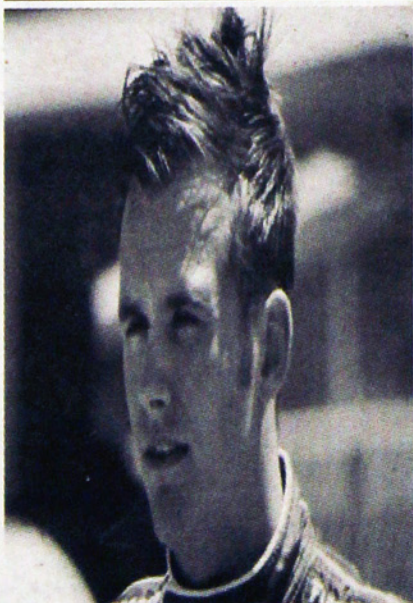
The NCPA has succeeded in altering some of the bylaws in the NCAA manual, but is continuing to fight for players' rights as well as have the cost of attendance paid for in a full scholarship. "Without the athletes, there are no Division I sports," Purdue Quarterback, Ron Henry stated in an article by Associated Press. "There are no TV contracts, there are no coaches' contracts. Athletes should be the number one priority."



Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver at a Press Conference: October 20, 2011

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Tragedy Strikes Twice for Professional Motor Racing By Adrian Anderson



The professional motor racing community has had its fair share of tragedies this month which has left onlookers beleaguered with videos of violent and fiery crashes. Most recently, we have seen the deaths of the Italian Moto Grand Prix star Marco Simoncelli and of the 2011 Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon.

Fans, friends, and family of the two deceased drivers have a lot to mourn about when it comes to the 16 time IndyCar race winner and 2005 Series Champion, Dan Wheldon. Simoncelli, the 10 time Road Racing World Championship competitor and 2008 250cc World Championship winner had a promising career, like Wheldon's, that was also cut short in a tragic crash. Spectators were shocked and horrified when, on live Television and 13 laps into the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Race, Wheldon's IndyCar violently spun out and launched into the air into a fiery mess ultimately resulting in his death. According to ESPN IndyCar, Wheldon became "the first IndyCar driver to die on the track since rookie Paul Dana was killed in practice on the morning of race day at Homestead-Miami Speedway in 2006."

A week later, at the same Malaysian Circuit where he won his 2008 250cc World Championship, Italian driver Marco Simoncelli lost control of his Honda cycle. In his struggle to regain grip, he swerved towards the other end of the track. His helmet was ripped off as he collided after swerving into the path of two other riders. According to the Medical Director Michele Macchiagodena, "He was already unconscious when the medical team arrived. We attempted to resuscitate him but failed. He died 45 minutes later."

These tragedies have left the families and fans of the victims in deep mourning. Simoncelli and Wheldon were certainly extraordinary individuals whose talent and legacy will live on and continue to inspire young and old fans alike.





# Pressure to Marry?

By Theresa Gianni

As college students, we are approaching the age that most of our parents began thinking about marriage and settling down. However, society has changed significantly and marriage isn't a main priority for young adults these days. Most students want to graduate and find a stable job before they start thinking about marriage and kids. Yet, the pressure is still felt as more and more of our peers from high school are getting married and having children already.

In a survey of some randomly selected students around campus about whether or not they were beginning to feel the pressure to start a family; the responses proved to be quite interesting. It appeared that the answers differed depending on whether the person was male or female. All of the males who were surveyed responded they did not feel any pressure to get married from their peers at all. They admitted to noticing a large number of their friends starting families, but they felt no influence to do the same.

When females took the same survey, the responses were much different with the majority confessing that they have been feeling pressured to find husbands. "Seeing so many of my friends married or with children makes me anxious," said an anonymous female student. As different as the responses between males and females were, there were students of both genders who admitted to feeling slight to extreme pressure from their parents to get married. Possibly because when their parents were in their early twenties, starting a family was the most important thing. Times have changed and education has taken first priority for most young adults in America, however, the pressures of the past remain.

# Stony Brook Social Network Etiquette Do's and Don'ts

By Maritza Myrthil

We live in a world where social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter have taken over lives. We constantly hear, "Be careful of what you post on Facebook because anyone can find it!" Yet, college students tend to ignore these warnings and continue to post crazy things on Facebook. It is important to remember that anybody with a computer can access our Facebook pages. It does not matter how private your account settings are set or if you delete posts, because somewhere all of the information you put out there is stored. Ultimately, what we post on Facebook can significantly jeopardize our future opportunities for internships, jobs, or even graduate school.

Here are some helpful social networking "Do's and Don'ts" that every Stony Brook student should follow:

## Do

- 1.) Network!  
Utilize Facebook/Twitter as a way to network or stay in touch with new and old friends, your family, and coworkers.
- 2.) Get the word out!  
Facebook and Twitter are both great ways to let people on campus know about your organization and upcoming events.
- 3.) Be involved!  
Many student clubs and organizations have their own Facebook pages, where Stony Brook students can join and find out about what is going on.
- 4.) Monitor your Privacy Settings!  
Make sure that you customize your privacy settings so you can monitor who can see your page.
- 5.) Message a Friend!  
Refrain from posting a personal conversation on a friend's wall. Instead send them a message for privacy reasons.

- 2.) Post racy or questionable photos!  
Refrain from posting pictures of you at The Bench, Silk or a party in West. Be mindful of what photos you are tagged in as well, because the photos you have on your page do reflect your public image.
- 3.) Vent about your job!  
No matter how secure your privacy settings are on Facebook, you can still run the risk of a coworker or boss seeing what you post and that can harm your future at your job.
- 4.) Send a Wall Post or Tweet about a Personal Matter!  
Do not use social networking sites to alert a friend or family member about a personal matter such as, a family death. It is far more respectful to call them or tell them in person.
- 5.) Update Your Status Too Frequently!  
We all have that one annoying Facebook friend that feels like its necessary to update their status every five minutes. Please do not do that because the world does not need to know about every single minute aspect of your daily activities.
- 6.) Over Share Information About Your Significant Other!  
Happy couples are cute, yet the world does not need to know about every aspect of your relationship such as fights or dates. It is better that you keep your business between the two of you instead of your Facebook friends.

## Don't

- 1.) Post Personal Information!  
Your Facebook friends do not need to know about every aspect of your life. Please do not over share too much personal information on Facebook such as your whereabouts, cell phone or address information for safety precautions.

# Ask Christella

By Christella Francois

Why do the "wit it" girls win?

Why buy the cow if the milk is free? First, for those who may not be aware of what a "wit it" girl is, it is a female who is, in the simplest term, down for anything. She is open to engage in behaviors meant for boyfriends or husbands and mannerisms most would find uncomfortable. They win in the sense that guys will choose them over girls who are not as open to what they request. "Wit it" girls will buy you food, allow you to borrow or keep money, and agree to "favors" in trade of feeling wanted. They win because guys who are not seeking substance want "wit it" girls. Ladies of substance and value, do not fret. You do not have to compromise yourself. Wait for the man who will make you feel like a winner.

I'm seeing this guy and I really like him. He treats me very well and judging from the way he acts I'm fairly certain that he has strong feelings for me as well. However, although he treats me like his girlfriend, it doesn't seem like he's ready to make it official. Should I wait around or should I just move on?

If he's not ready to make it official and this is something you have discussed on a prior occasion, then waiting around may not be the best idea. There are plenty of fish in the sea and you should get fishing. Imagine if you wait around and he decides that he truly is not ready and you've already invested so much time and feelings, you would be left hurt and wondering what happened. I am never one to advise you to leave your mate, but in this case, he is not your mate. Make a list: weigh the pros and cons of waiting for this man, and decide from there. I do know that when a man is ready to make that move, he will. Do not rush him. If a year has passed and you're questioning his motives and yours the answer is quite clear. He may like you but not enough to make it official. It is time to move on.

# Wintertime Chic

By J.R. Yussuf Managing Editor

Three words for winter fashion: quality, detail, and allure. Having a nice range of finely crafted clothes and accessories made from the highest quality materials for a low price is music to any college students' ears. Contrary to widespread belief, nice clothes with even nicer price tags are not fictional and having the style you want, clothes you want, outfit you saw your favorite celeb wearing is all but a click away. Websites like amazon, sneak outfitters as well as (my personal favorite) eBay have such an array of items that have the potential to service every student, shape, and style for an affordable price.

Varsities, furs, and vintage styled clothing are in for the winter this year. From distressed jeans and funnel neck sweaters to fur vests and a tattered leather bomber, to shoes, outerwear and work attire, it's all about taking what looks old and wearing it in a new way. So the ladies can go digging through moms' closet for every-and-anything and the guys can wear their old Jordans with skinny jeans and a nice overcoat. Whether you have a formal occasion, a business meeting or it's just another day hanging out in the SAC, you can afford to add an unprecedented attention to detail to what ever you put on this winter. Just remember that once you've got good quality and detail in your outfit, the allure from your peers will naturally follow.