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SBU Parents Take Their Turn at Orientation

By MARC NEWMAN
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Orientation at the beginning of the semester offers new Stony Brook students the opportunity to explore their surroundings independently, but Parents' Day joins students and parents together in this endeavor. Approximately 150 freshmen and transfer students and their family members participated in the annual event on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Since its inception five years ago, Parents' Day has been greeted with increasing attendance and success, organizers said.

"In the past, the program has been more general, but this year we have incorporated research opportunities, study abroad, the national student exchange, Career Center, and additional workshops into Parents' Day," said Stephanie Foote, Associate Director of the Parent Office.

In the event's first year, no parents showed up, Foote said. But two years ago, the Parent's Office opened, and some 800 parents and students registered as members.

Six workshops were scheduled for the day, including "Parents as Partners," "Planning Ahead:



Janelle Simmons and Brian DeLong, Assistant Director and Director of the Parent office, respectively, were on hand to oversee Parents' Day.

"[Parents' Day] was very good— casual yet informative," said parent and alumnus Henry Ellis, who attended morning programs and the 1 p.m. Seawolves football game. "When I went here a lot of the campus was mud. They've made a lot of improvements."

Other parents had less to say about the campus itself than about the workshop sessions. Parent Susan Rus said that she felt the sessions had given her a better understanding of her role

in her son's education. When asked about his take on Parents' Day, however, Eric Rus replied simply, "I liked the [Emerson String] Quartet."

Director of Orientation Brian DeLong, said that he believed parents had left the event "grateful and satisfied,"

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During Parents' Day, the King family relaxes and bonds over discussion of Cecile's stay here at Stony Brook.

Platelet Donations Offer A Different Way to Save Lives

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Amidst the humanitarian mood surrounding this month's Stony Brook Cares Residential Blood Drive, students often forget that there is a major medical center right next door. Stony Brook University Hospital accepts donations year-round, with a blood donor center that is open seven days a week.

In addition to giving blood, the hospital offers a different way for donors to help save lives: platelet donation. Unlike those who donate blood, individuals who donate platelets do not experience any considerable loss of their body's blood volume.

"We need a continuous inflow of platelets for our patients so they don't die," said Dr. Dennis Galanakis, the Medical Director of University Hospital's Blood Donation and Transfusion Unit (Blood Services). Galanakis said that the need for platelets is just as



Second-year medical student Andrew Hirsh is afraid of needles, but still donates regularly.

important as the need for blood in hospitalized patients.

Platelets help in blood clotting. For those patients who cannot stop bleeding on their own, like those with leukemia or considerable injuries resulting in excessive blood

loss, a platelet transfusion can be lifesaving.

Those who donate platelets will recover them within a few hours. Donors are allowed to give platelets twice a week, and up to 24 times a year. A donor must be in good health

and weigh at least 110 pounds. The risks involved with platelet donation are identical to those for donating blood, Galanakis said.

Once a donor sits in the chair, he or she must fill out a confidential questionnaire, undergo an examination of vital signs and submit to a blood test. These measures are taken to ensure that the donation is safe for the individual giving, as well as those receiving, the platelets. "We will not let you donate unless it's absolutely safe," Galanakis said.

Two blood lines are then

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Douglass College Classroom

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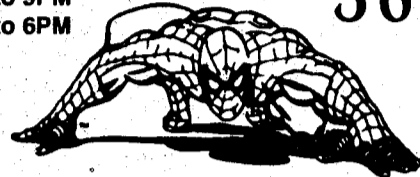
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19-Year-Old Stony Brook Student Garner's 1/3 of the Vote for New York Senate

By VICTORIA RUSSO
Statesman Staff

Bryan Galgano, a 19-year-old Stony Brook student from Sayville who ran for New York State Senate, spoke Wednesday about his experience running for office and commented on other local races and the negative campaigning employed in them.

Galgano ran on the Democratic ticket against Republican Caesar Trunzo to represent New York's Third State Senate District. Trunzo was reelected with 64 percent of the vote, and Galgano gathered a respectable 33 percent, with 18,982 votes. The remaining 3 percent went to the Right-To-Life candidate, Bruce Bennett.



Statesman/Audrey Detmering
Though he lost the election, Galgano still received a large portion of the votes.

"I feel that we ran a strong campaign," Galgano said. "We got the issues out to the

people and considering we ran against a strong incumbent with so much special interest money, I think we had a very good showing."

Galgano, who is a political science major, said it was difficult to balance running for office and school. "I wish I could have had more time to work harder, but we did good with what we had," he said.

Galgano was supportive of fellow Democratic Long Island legislators. "A lot of the races show that those guys who work hard and care about their constituents do well," he said, mentioning State Assemblyman Steve Levy, Congressman Steve Israel, and Assemblyman Englebright, all Democrats who won their races.

Galgano also praised Congressman

Tim Bishop's win over Felix Grucci. "It's about time Grucci was held accountable for his dirty politics," he said.

Galgano was less happy with the outcome of the federal elections. "Negative campaigning worked, which is sad," he said. Galgano cited the Georgia Senate race between Saxby Chambliss and incumbent Max Cleland, a veteran who lost two legs and an arm in Vietnam. Chambliss ran an ad saying that Cleland was un-American for disagreeing with President Bush about a resolution against Iraq.

Galgano said he is actively pursuing his studies and doesn't plan on running again for office any time soon. "In the future, yeah, but I don't know about the next election."

Career Week Comes to Campus

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

The Career Center will be holding Career Week from Nov. 11 to 14. Each night, professionals in a given area of expertise will discuss their chosen careers. Fields that will be covered in the lectures, which comprise the "Career Paths Series," include engineering, international affairs, sports, and business operations and logistics.

All of the lectures are scheduled to take place between 5 and 7 p.m. Monday's presentation, which will feature speakers who work in engineering, will be located in the Irving College Lounge. The program, entitled "Career Paths with an International Twist," will take place Tuesday night in SAC 205.

The lecture for those interested in business operations and logistics, which will be held in

SAC 303, is scheduled to include speakers from the United Postal Service, Symbol Technologies, and Stony Brook University Hospital.

The career series will conclude with the presentation entitled "Career Paths for Sports Enthusiasts," to take place in the Mount College Lounge. Professionals from the marketing, athletic training, coaching, management and entrepreneurial fields will speak at the lecture.

"The purpose of Career Week is to give students exposure to professionals in different careers so they can learn what types of jobs exist in various industries," said Andrea Lipack, Associate Director of the Career Center. "It also gives them the opportunity to network and possibly obtain internships from the speakers."

Lipack said she is confident that this series of programs, sponsored by Traveler's Insurance

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Pulitzer Prize Winner Speaks at Goodman Memorial Symposium

By VICTORIA RUSSO
Statesman Staff

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh spoke at Stony Brook University's Staller Center Recital Hall Nov. 7 about self-censorship and the effects of Sept. 11 on the media.

The talk, entitled "Getting Behind the News," was sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Round Table, co-sponsored by the President's Office and the School of Professional Development, and was part of the Fourth Annual George Goodman Memorial Symposium.

After a welcome by Associate Provost David Hicks and Richard Cunningham, the president of the Round Table, Hersh took the stage.

He began with an anecdote of a story he had written about Attorney General John Ashcroft's treatment of Zacarius Moussoui, the suspected 20th hijacker who was arrested before Sept. 11. Hersh was on his way to CNN to promote his story, he said, and was having doubts about what to say. He was not sure whether he should "wimp out" and give a disclaimer before his promotion that said, "I'm not for Moussoui."

In the end, Hersh said he decided to do the right thing actively speak out against Ashcroft's tactics. "Look at the self-censorship we get into because of 9/11," Hersh said. "The press really isn't holding



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Hersh cautioned that the media in the United States does not always tell the full story.

the government to the standard they should."

He cited the fact that no one questioned who else, besides an al-Qaeda leader, was killed by the Predator missile in Yemen. He also highlighted

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Freelance Journalist Talks Up His Trade

By VICTORIA RUSSO
Statesman Staff

Kevin Heldman spent seven and a half days in a New York City public psychiatric ward. He was working undercover for the magazine *City Limits*. His stay inspired his award-winning exposé about poorly trained staff, illegal admission procedures, problems with medication, lack of substantive treatment and what he identified as many other serious problems with mental health care.

Heldman, a freelance journalist, spoke to an introductory journalism class at Stony Brook University Oct. 29 about how rewarding his career has been, despite the dangers and frustrations of freelance journalism.

Heldman has written many stories that required him to be in very dangerous situations. He has spent time exploring ghetto conditions in Brazil, analyzing internal problems faced by U.S. military forces in Korea, has lived in a London homeless shelter for two months, and has spent more than a week in a psychiatric ward.

"Remember this: everyone goes through unbelievable amounts of rejection."

"Spending time in the psych ward was way more difficult than I thought [it would be]," Heldman said. "It was definitely a disturbing experience."

After speaking of his own frightening experiences, Heldman explained why he did such things. "If you feel scared, but you like something or feel it's worth doing, you do it anyway," he said.

Heldman also offered a few tips about careers in journalism. He said that journalism is a popular pursuit, but that there are not enough openings for all of the hopefuls.

"Remember this: everyone goes through unbelievable amounts of rejection," he said.

Heldman spoke of the other frustrations of a career in journalism, noting that writers are always in a position where someone has to approve their stories. The subjectivity of readers and editors is always a factor.

"It's really frustrating," Heldman said. "You have to go in thinking, 'I'm not gonna give up for a long time.' Otherwise, you'll be disappointed."

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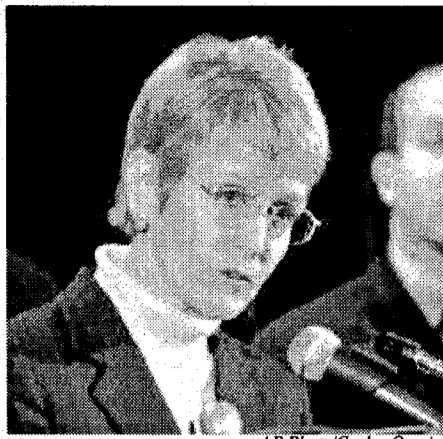
U. of Michigan Punishes Its Men's Basketball Team

By ROB SIEGEL
The Chronicle of Higher Education

The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor agreed on Thursday to bar its men's basketball team from postseason play this year and to forfeit dozens of the team's victories from the 1990s because four former players received a total of more than \$600,000 in loans from a booster. In announcing the results of an investigation into the matter, the University's president said there was "no excuse" for the wrongdoing.

At a news conference on Thursday, Michigan's president, Mary Sue Coleman, said that at a July 26 meeting with the University's lawyers, the booster, Ed Martin, had confessed to lending more than \$600,000 to the four players: Chris Webber, now a star with the National Basketball Association's Sacramento Kings; Maurice Taylor, now of the Houston Rockets; Robert Traylor, of the New Orleans Hornets; and Louis Bullock, who plays professionally in Spain.

Martin pleaded guilty in May to federal charges of conspiracy to launder money, and could be sentenced to prison "for many years," said his lawyer, Bill Mitchell III.



AP Photo/Carlos Osorio

University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman punished the men's basketball program Thursday as a result of the scandal surrounding a former booster.

Coleman announced Thursday that the University would forgo any playoff games for which its basketball team qualified this season, repay \$450,000 in postseason revenue it earned for games involving the four former players, and forfeit all games in which the four players participated. That includes visits to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four. Early Thursday morning, workers at Michigan's arena took down banners celebrating various conference titles and

playoff triumphs that are now moot.

President Coleman, who is closing in on her 100th day at Michigan, said in a statement Thursday, "There is no excuse for what happened. It was wrong, plain and simple."

The University's vice president and general counsel, Marvin Krislov, said that he hoped the University's self-imposed actions would persuade the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions to go easy on the institution. The panel is expected to consider Michigan's case in February.

"We can't say for certain what the NCAA will do," Krislov said, "but they do have to consider the sanctions that we have imposed on ourselves. We tried to identify precedents within the past five years, the major NCAA infractions, and then fit our penalties into that rubric. President Coleman has expressed her hope that this is the strong medicine that the program needs to provide the necessary deterrence."

He noted that earlier investigations into Martin's involvement with the basketball program had led Michigan to dismiss a coach, Steve Fisher, in 1997, and to disassociate

Martin himself from the program.

"We want to get rid of the cloud that has hovered on and off over the program for a very long time," Coleman said.

Mitchell, Martin's lawyer, said the University was blaming his client for trying to help a "group of inner-city kids who befriended a guy who was like an uncle or godfather to them."

Mitchell added: "What the university has done is try to avoid further scrutiny by punishing themselves beyond what is necessary. Ed Martin has nothing, but respect for the University and its administration. It's a matter of his efforts to do good having gone bad."

While no current men's basketball coaches or players were at the University during the period when the violations took place, they are feeling the aftereffects now.

Steve Jackson, sports editor of the student newspaper, *The Michigan Daily*, said that the new coach, Tommy Amaker, "has done a very good job in dealing with it, bringing in good recruiting classes and good people."

But, he added, "I don't think the image of Michigan basketball as a renegade program from the national perspective will go away for some time."

Colleges Warned Not to Monitor Students' File Sharing

By SCOTT CARLSON
The Chronicle of Higher Education

An organization of privacy advocates has released an open letter urging colleges not to monitor the content of peer-to-peer and other file-sharing transmissions. The group says such monitoring could violate student privacy.

The letter is a direct response to an earlier appeal to colleges from the recording-industry and motion-picture associations, which asked the institutions to use emerging technologies to monitor networks for "inappropriate use" and copyright compliance.

The new letter, written by the Electronic Privacy Information Center, says that monitoring networks could "have a chilling effect on the marketplace of ideas" and might expose colleges to

liabilities under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA. The letter also contends that adoption of monitoring technologies could lead to routine compromises of privacy and "is likely to lead to an escalating network 'arms race,' potentially harming overall network integrity and performance."

The Recording Industry Association of America issued a brusque reply from its president, Cary Sherman.

"I don't think anyone needs to lecture universities about academic freedom and respecting the First Amendment or privacy rights of their students," Sherman stated.

Chris J. Hoofnagle, legislative counsel for the privacy group, says the entertainment industry's letter was "reasonable" in asking

universities both to adopt strategies for managing bandwidth loads and to create educational programs for deterring file sharing. But, he adds, the industry stepped over the line when it urged colleges to monitor activity on their networks.

"It's impossible to monitor for copyright compliance without peering into the content of communications," Hoofnagle said. "We argue that it's not consistent with the mission of a college and university to monitor and ban transmissions."

That said, Hoofnagle does not know of any colleges engaged in monitoring content on their networks. Most colleges steer clear of such monitoring, fearing that it will compromise provisions in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act that protect Internet service providers from lawsuits.

The act's so-called safe-harbor

provisions allow service providers to claim immunity from lawsuits by holders of infringed copyrights as long as the providers didn't know that users of their services were breaking the law, and as long as the providers took action against the user as soon as the questionable activity was pointed out.

However, Hoofnagle said he has recently heard of regents' pressuring college technology offices to adopt more invasive monitoring strategies, though he would not say where this has occurred.

"There has been a lot of pressure from the recording industry on colleges and universities, and I don't think there has been a concerted counter pressure from the computing or student communities," he said. "What we're trying to do is rally students and computer professionals around these ideas."

New Admissions Process at Six California Campuses

By SARA HEBEL
The Chronicle of Higher Education

An overhaul of the admissions process at the University of California's six most competitive campuses has had no substantial effect on the overall academic quality of admitted students or on the racial makeup of freshman classes, according to a faculty review of the new practices that was made public this week.

The change in admissions policy broadens the criteria by which applicants are evaluated. In addition to academic qualifications, the criteria now include such factors as special talents and experiences with adversity. Under the old process, 50 to 75 percent of applicants had been admitted solely on 10 academic criteria, like grades and standardized-test scores.

The faculty group that conducted the review, a committee of the university faculty

senate, concluded that the university had put the policy in place over the past year in a way that "preserves and deepens the academic quality of our incoming freshman classes and that protects the university's historic promise of access to students from all of California's communities." The report, titled "First-Year Implementation of Comprehensive Review in Freshman Admissions," will be presented to the Board of Regents next week.

Ward Connerly, a university regent who led successful efforts in California and Washington State to eliminate affirmative action in admissions, said Thursday that he remained skeptical of the new policy, known as "comprehensive review."

Connerly wants an independent review of the new admissions practice in addition to the one conducted by faculty members, who helped craft the policy change. He worries that the new approach might favor poor Hispanic and black applicants over poor

Asian and white applicants, that it could give more weight to "sob stories" than to academic accomplishments, and that it might allow applicants to gain advantages by embellishing their backgrounds.

"We can bring discredit to the whole world of higher-education admissions if we don't assure the public that this whole process is administered fairly," Connerly said.

Hanan Eisenman, a spokesman for the University of California, said officials there want to focus on dissecting the faculty review before considering whether to conduct outside audits of the policy. "We believe that taking this one step at a time is the appropriate approach," he said.

The faculty report analyzes information about students who were admitted at the six branches of the University of California that used comprehensive review to select the fall 2002 freshman classes. Those campuses are Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San

Diego, and Santa Barbara.

It concludes that the academic preparation of the incoming classes at those campuses has remained stable. Measures that are given greater weight under the new admissions process, like the strength of an applicant's high-school curriculum and SAT II scores in math and writing, increased on average among students admitted to the six campuses this fall, compared with those of students admitted in the fall of 2001.

Some skeptics of the new admissions policy have said that admissions officers might place too much weight on such hardship factors, which they worried could be used as a back-door way to consider race.

The faculty report defended the use of such criteria in weighing applicants. The authors said they "found no evidence to indicate that the role of hardship had increased substantially, nor that it was used inappropriately in the admissions processes."

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Op-Ed

Asking for Answers from Administration

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN
 Statesman Editor

For the past few weeks, I've wrestled with the news that President Kenny decided to decertify the Student Polity Association. The move has, at various points, made me angry, upset, relieved, annoyed, and even suspicious. Above all, however, it has made me confused; VERY confused. In all honesty, I do not really know how I feel about the decision, because I do not know exactly what has been decided.

On October 11th, President Kenny sent a letter to Polity President Akelia Lawrence informing her that Polity had been decertified as the representative student government for the administration of the student activity fee.

We as students have frankly not been given much more information than that to go on, if any. I, for one, have quite a few questions.

The Student Polity Association, as per the directive Dr. Frederick Preston (VP of Student Affairs) last summer, has not been distributing for Student Activity Fee (SAF) all semester. What exactly then has changed as per President Kenny's announcement?

Does this mean that Student Polity Association, Inc. still exists only with one less, yet immensely important responsibility to carry out? Or has the independent corporation itself been dissolved? Can such a corporation be dissolved by a University President? Or is it true, as some have suggested, that such an action can only be legally done by a New York State judge?

Is the Student Polity Association Constitution still intact and binding? How about the Financial Managerial Policies and Procedures? And what of the corporate bylaws? Do they still exist in form and substance?

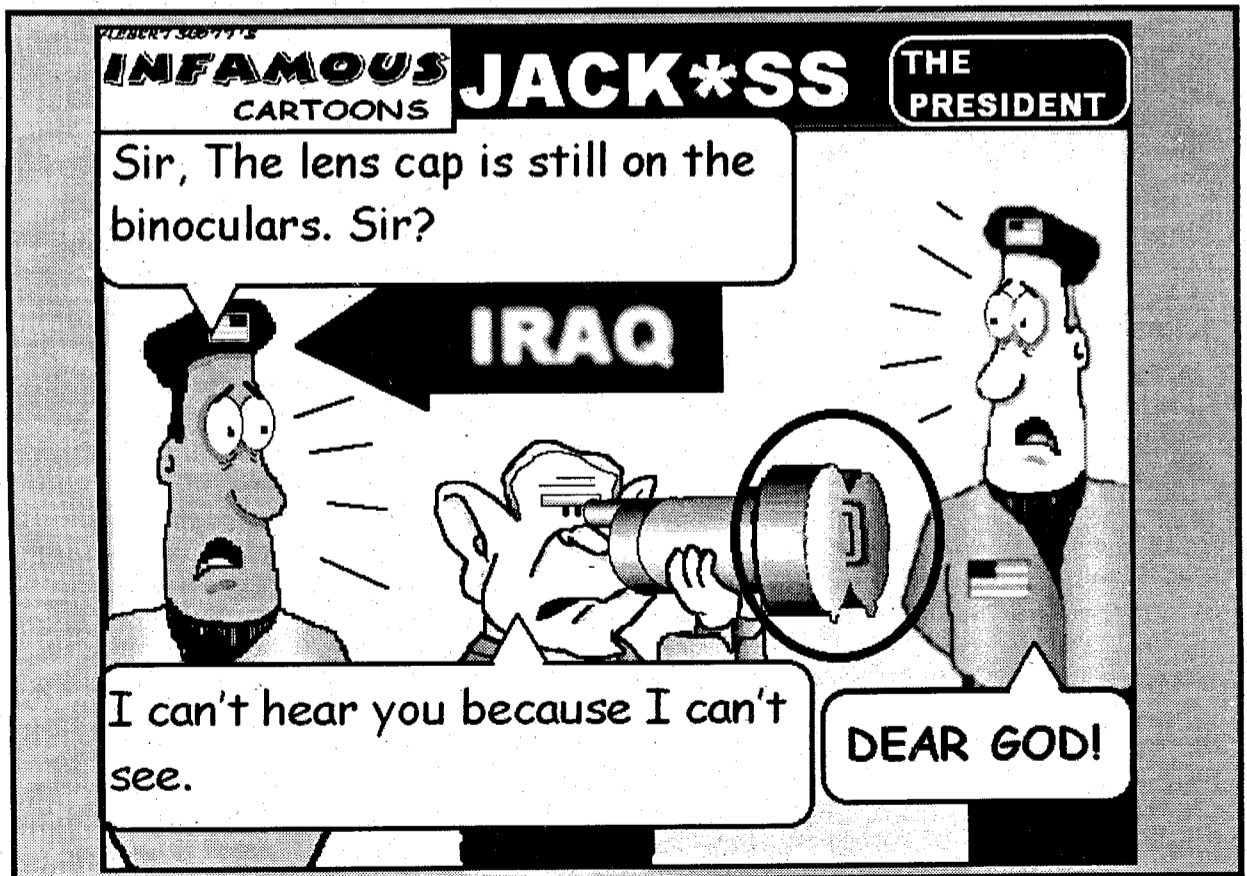
How are clubs receiving their funding? Who comprises the "interim committee" of which Dr. Preston has spoken, and what is the budget framework under which they distribute funds? Are non-students making decisions regarding the SAF distribution? If so, is that legal? Does Dr. Preston himself oversee the committee? Can he veto spending allocations?

Do members of the Polity Senate, Council, and Judiciary still retain their positions, authority, and powers? The Senate, I am told, has not only continued to meet, but a few weeks

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ago appointed itself as Polity's Board of Directors and subsequently suspended all members of the Council. That was a bold action; does the Administration deem it to be legal? Has Administration retained legal counsel for any purposes relating to decertification? Are the aforementioned branches of government still authorized to hold meetings? What powers do they still hold? Is recertification at all possible?

President Kenny gave her reasons for stepping in and getting involved. It has become public knowledge that President Akelia Lawrence asked for her intervention in a letter dated Oct. 3. Would President Kenny have taken action if the letter to her had not been written? Why didn't President Kenny attend any Senate meetings this semester before announcing the decision?

Does Student Polity, in any way, shape or form, retain any legitimacy in the eyes of Administration or under the letter of the law? Have we as students been stripped of the right of self-governance?

Lastly, will members of Administration, most especially President Kenny and Dr. Preston, answer any or all of these questions directly to students in a public forum?

Career Paths Lecture Series at SBU

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Company, will be as successful as the previous events of this semester.

"I'd say students have been very responsive to the programs we run," she said. Hundreds of students have attended this year's Career Center-run programs.

The Center is currently working on developing a mentoring program inspired by the success of the annual Wall Street Day. This new program would connect approximately 350 students with alumni mentors who work on Wall Street.

"I'm looking forward to Career Week. The Career Center's programs are always



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Marianna Savoca is the Career Center Director. informative and helpful," sophomore Yan Ling Ruan said. "They've taught me a lot about some of the jobs and

educational opportunities that are available to me, but I wish they weren't taking place at times when there are classes."

Along with creating new programs, the Center also works to expand and maintain those already in existence. One such program is the On-Campus Recruiting Program, through

which employers work with the University to conduct interviews right here on campus.

Some of the other services

the Career Center offers include resume advising, interview skill preparation, and help with applications to graduate school. The Center assists students in finding internships and volunteer opportunities.

"Our vision [is] to perform at the cutting-edge of the college career services profession by operating as a service-conscious organization that provides maximum opportunities for University at Stony Brook students and graduates to realize their career potential and to facilitate the transition from the university to the world of work," said Marianna Savoca, the director of the Career Center.

Journalist Speaks about Censorship

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public failure to question Vice President Dick Cheney's many public misstatements.

Hersh said that he believes President Bush is not on the brink of a war with Iraq. Bush

will not be able to go into Iraq with a small force, Hersh said, but there are no signs that major forces are building up.

According to Hersh, going to war with Iraq for the reason Bush has given - that Iraq is violating many UN resolutions - is ludicrous. To emphasize this, Hersh

pointed out that Israel is violating 26 resolutions, Turkey is violating 21 and Morocco is violating 17, but there are no movements toward war with any of these countries.

After his presentation,

as national confusion or centralized control of the press.

"The reporters can still do more," Hersh said. "No one should ever feel they can't get the story done."

Hersh closed the night with two stories of his

personal experiences, one recalling how he got his initial information about Henry Kissinger's illegal wiretaps and the other about how he reported his famous exposé of the My Lai massacre in the Vietnam War.

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Heldman Lecture

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To be a good journalist, it is tremendously important to be empathetic, Heldman said.

In order to write a better story, "you can draw stuff out of people," he said.

Although he said he had always wanted to be a writer, Heldman made the point that it is beneficial for journalists to "mix things up" so they don't burnout. Heldman has taken a year-long break from his intense reporting. He has been certified as an EMT, and is currently training to become a volunteer firefighter.

"You can be anything and write," Heldman said. "Writing doesn't have to be your only thing."

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According to general mystical philosophy, every one has a specific purpose in life. And it was for this specific purpose was a person created. Therefore, the goal in life is to realize one's purpose. Some may get sidetracked into leading a life that lacks in purpose. Others may indeed live a life of purpose, however, it just may not be the specific purpose for which they were created. For instance, once, a wealthy businessman and his coachman arrived in a city to spend the night. Shabbat (the Jewish Sabbath) was approaching, and both the businessman and coachman hurried to ready themselves before the 25-hour day of rest. On his way to the synagogue, the businessman came across a wagon stuck in a muddy ditch. Wanting to lend a helping hand, the businessman climbed down into the ditch and joined the wagon's driver in an attempt to pull the wagon out of the mud. But for all his good intentions, physical prowess was not the businessman's field of expertise. After struggling in the knee-deep mud, he succeeded only in dirtying his clothing and ruining his best suit. Meanwhile, the coachman arrived early to the synagogue. At the synagogue he met a group of wandering paupers, and being blessed with a most generous nature, the coachman invited them all to share in his Shabbat meal. When the synagogue sexton approached the paupers to arrange the customary Shabbat dinner placements, all politely refused stating that they had already been invited elsewhere. Unfortunately, however, the coachman's dining budget was hardly on par with his generous heart, and though the paupers shared in his meal, everyone went home hungry. Thus, the low-income coachman, who had seen many muddled wagons in his twenty years of coach experience, ended up hosting all the synagogue paupers for a Shabbat dinner. And, the wealthy businessman, who had more than enough means to feed every hungry man in the city, clumsily floundered about in a muddy ditch. For though both the rich man and the coachman lived a life of purpose, they are but wandering haplessly through life until they find the purpose for which they were created.

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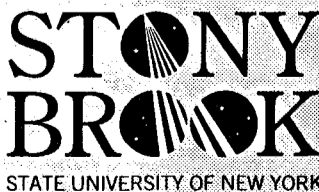
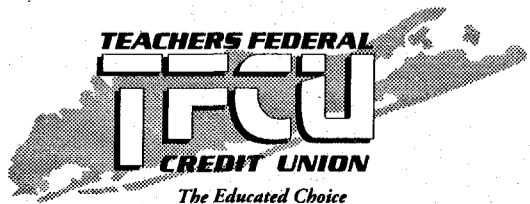
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Parent's Day

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and was confident that the food and entertainment had been appreciated by student attendees.

Janelle Simmons, Assistant Director of the Parents Office and a Stony Brook alumna herself, recalled her own undergraduate experiences. "I wish I had this opportunity when I was a student at Stony Brook," she said.

With so many positive reviews, some wonder why Parents' Day has not been expanded to an entire weekend and extended beyond freshmen and transfer students. Foote said that when the program began five years ago, a more comprehensive event was in the works, but interest was low. Once administrators contracted the program to only include freshmen and transfer students, they found that the program led to the success they first envisioned.

"We're looking to expanding this program, but it takes a long time," Foote said.

Offered 15 percent discounts on local eateries such as Mario's and the Curry Club, \$10 vouchers on campus food and a hefty 50 percent-plus discount on Staller Center symphony performances, few students would object to spending a little more time with their families at Stony Brook. "This event just gives students the opportunity to bond with their family," Simmons said.

Family bonding may have been the order of the day, but some said that there were still barriers between parents and their college-age kids.

"There is just a lot of stuff we as parents have no idea about," Stony Brook mom Rosaline King said.

Platelet Donations

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attached to the donor, one on each arm. Blood is removed from one arm and sent to a device which separates the platelets from the blood. This process is accomplished using a device called a centrifuge, which separates the platelets from the other constituents of blood based on their relative density. The platelet-free blood is then returned to the body through the other arm. "Only a cupful of blood is out of your body at any given time," Galanakis said.

The entire process takes about two hours, at which time the donor can sleep, read, study, watch a movie or chat with nurses. Movement is limited, but accommodations can be made so that donors can flip pages of magazines or textbooks.

Platelets have a shelf-life of only five days. This is why Blood Services encourages individuals to donate platelets regularly.

"The message we want to give is that our population in general is needed to support the health care of our patients," Galanakis said. "We would like to appeal to those goodhearted donors who will donate regularly. But if you would like to donate once, we accept that, too."

"I've heard too many stories of people with leukemia," said Andrew Hirsh, a second-year student at Stony Brook Medical School, of his reason for donating. Hirsh is a regular donor, who first decided to donate platelets because doing so also entered him into the national bone marrow donation registry.

Anyone interested in donating platelets or blood can contact University Hospital's Blood Services, located on the fifth floor of the Hospital, at 444-2634. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are also welcome.

"You never know who is going to need blood and when," Galanakis said.



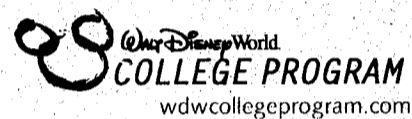
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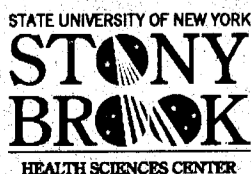
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