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WINNING UGLY

Washington Scene: Bigfoot

by Jason Zengerle

Poor Nita Lowey. That, at least, was the overwhelming sentiment in political circles last week when the six-term Westchester congresswoman acceded to political reality--in the form of Hillary Clinton's inevitable candidacy--and bowed out of the New York Senate race. The Washington Post and The New York Times both ran sympathetic, front-page accounts of Lowey's decision. TNR's old friend Mort Kondracke lamented on Fox News Channel, "There was no oxygen left for Nita Lowey to breathe."

Indeed, ever since January, when Lowey first indicated that she would abandon her Senate aspirations if Hillary Clinton were to announce she had similar aspirations of her own, the press and fellow politicians had been wringing their hands over Lowey's predicament--and making her out to be Clinton's first victim. Gary Tuchman of CNN cast the congresswoman as Clinton's gracious "understudy." Richard Cohen, in The Washington Post, held up Lowey as a plaintive "Lady in Waiting." The New York Post's Meredith Berkman--after imagining a ladies' room encounter during which Lowey slams the first lady into a sink and growls, "Give it up, Hillary"--beseeched Clinton to fish or cut bait and "put noble Nita Lowey out of her misery." After Larry King tossed him an unusually pointed question about when Clinton would finally decide, New York Representative Charles Rangel, who first floated the Hillary-for-Senate idea, replied, "When Nita Lowey says that 'hey, if you're not going to run, I need time to run.'"

To be sure, not all of the sympathy for Lowey was entirely genuine. Conservatives were happy to shed a few crocodile tears over her plight if it would help drive home the point that Hillary Clinton is a ruthless politician who'll step on anybody to achieve her goals. Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, for instance, appearing with Lowey on CNN's "Crossfire" to discuss a potential Clinton candidacy, offered "my condolences to Nita, getting pushed aside by someone from Arkansas [and] ... having to wait in the wings like this for the first lady to make up her mind."

McConnell was being insincere, but he was also right: there was something galling about the way Clinton bigfooted Lowey out of the race--and not just because the first lady is from Arkansas (well, Illinois, actually; New York isn't even her first adopted home state). Unlike Hillary Clinton, Lowey had built her political career on her own merits. As Cohen observed in The Washington Post, "No one has ever heard of her husband." But, in the rush to paint Lowey as Clinton's victim, the press

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and the politicians seemed to forget one thing: at the same time that the first lady was squashing Lowey, she was also building her up, transforming Lowey from a relatively unknown congresswoman into a bona fide political star. Consider that when the New York Post surveyed the potential Democratic field for the Senate race in December, Lowey polled a microscopic 3.5 percent. By April, after several months of basking in Clinton's shadow, Lowey was polling 29 percent in a head-to-head race with Rudy Giuliani, according to a Marist Institute survey. Even more than name recognition, the role of understudy brought Lowey cash: in May, Hillary Clinton hosted a Manhattan fund-raiser for Lowey, where big names such as Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger, and Kenneth Cole poured \$1 million into the congresswoman's campaign coffers. The combination has made Lowey an up-and-comer: when she officially bowed out of the Senate race on June 3, deciding to seek a seventh term in the House instead, The New York Times and Newsday both speculated about a Lowey-for-governor campaign in 2002.

So, if you're searching for a real victim in Clinton's Senate drama, skip Lowey and take a look at a guy named John Calvelli. You've really never heard of him. Yet his situation truly illustrates the cascading downward impact of the first lady's run. The administrative assistant to New York Representative Eliot Engel, whose suburban district abuts Lowey's, Calvelli was one of several New York Democrats who were planning to run for Lowey's House seat--that is, until Clinton came along and Lowey decided not to give it up. Calvelli, who is 35, had been building toward his electoral moment for some time. A Bronx native whose parents emigrated from Italy, Calvelli began working for Engel in 1985, when Engel was still a state assemblyman and Calvelli was still attending Fordham Law School. After Engel was elected to Congress in 1988--Calvelli was the campaign's only staffer--Calvelli joined his boss in Washington. But Calvelli assiduously tended to his New York roots, commuting between Washington and Westchester, where his wife and infant son live, for the past eleven years.

Initially, Calvelli had planned to run for a seat in the New York state Senate. But when Guy Velella, the Republican incumbent whose seat he'd been targeting, unexpectedly decided to run for reelection, Calvelli turned his attention toward Lowey's House seat, which presumably would be open. In February, he formed a federal exploratory committee and prepared to shift the \$140,000 he'd raised for a state Senate run toward his planned House race; he also hit up his donor base of 500 people for \$10,000 more. As for those pesky rumors that Clinton was going to run for Senate and keep Lowey in the House, Calvelli shrugged them off as just that: rumors. "Who would have thought?" he says now.

Sitting in his cramped office in the Rayburn House Office Building, sucking on an Altoids mint, Calvelli tries to mask the understandable disappointment he must feel over this twist of fate. Of course, since he still nurses political ambitions, he has to put the best face on things. "Instead of looking at the parochial, the question of how this affects John Calvelli right now, look at the long term, at the benefits that something like this has to the party," he rationalizes. "And look at the benefits it'll have to a John Calvelli, if John Calvelli decides to run in the future.... Having good candidates represent us nationally and statewide is going to have a positive ripple effect down the line because more people will get involved in the process, more money will be raised, there'll be greater

opportunities down the line."

Yet, even though Calvelli is loath to criticize the first lady, he does concede that she has upset the natural order of New York politics. "If you've ever played dominoes, it's really the same thing here--the domino effect," he says. "The impact of Hillary Clinton's decision not only affects the U.S. Senate but also affects who the county legislator in Westchester County's going to be. It goes all the way down the line."

Calvelli, a self-described optimist, isn't throwing in the towel just yet. Although incumbent New York state senators are notoriously difficult to defeat--not one lost in 1998--there's still talk that Calvelli might challenge Velella. And whatever elected office Calvelli eventually decides to seek, he's sure Hillary Clinton will be a help. "That's the type of person she is," he says. "I know that, if we call on her, she'll help us and support us." Considering how the first lady's Senate gambit has disrupted the plans of less illustrious Democratic pols, that's the least she could do.

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Twin Tiers voices

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Some responses to Wednesday's question:

If you could ask one question of Hillary Clinton about her run for the U.S. Senate seat in New York, what would it be?

■ "Why are you running? You have your hands full trying to take care of Bill."

■ "Why don't you go back to Arkansas and run there? We don't need you in New York."

■ "What would you bring to the Senate, as an outsider, that a New Yorker couldn't bring? Are you using this platform to eventually run for president of the United States, as other people have used their Senate seat?"

■ "Will the president be making any appearances with you?"

■ "Do you really think that Marxism will sell in upstate New York?"

■ "Why on Earth, Hillary, would you want to run for the New York Senate seat? You're not even a New York resident. And why do you want to put the residents of New York state in a tizzy like your husband did? I would advise you not to do it."



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■ "Where is Chemung County? Where is Elmira? What would you do for this area?"

■ "Mrs. Clinton, why do you feel that you are the one that's most qualified to represent me and all New York state constituents in Congress? What knowledge of New York do you have that makes you more qualified than a native New Yorker?"

■ "Is it your intention to use the New York Senate seat as a steppingstone to the presidency? If by some chance you should attain that goal, God help the United States."

■ "Would you support legislation to divide New York state into two separate states, New York City and Upstate New York?"

■ "Why do you even think that New Yorkers would vote for a carpetbagger and a person that is construed as unscrupulous as you are?"

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So Hillary Clinton says she's been to Elmira? Hmm ...

By G. JEFFREY AARON
Star-Gazette
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Did she or didn't she? Inquiring minds want to know if first lady Hillary Clinton really visited Elmira, and if so, where, when and why.

Curiosity was bred by a statement the first lady made Wednesday during a luncheon

in Manhattan with state-level Democrats.

"There are a number of people here from Elmira," said Mrs. Clinton.

Clinton, a potential Democratic candidate for Daniel Patrick Moynihan's U.S. Senate seat. "I've



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been to Elmira and I'm pleased to see that Elmira has come here today."

It was the second time in 11 days the first lady and Elmira have been linked. She came under fire May 23 on ABC's "This Week" news analysis show. Program regular George Will questioned whether Mrs. Clinton knew where Elmira was. Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., said the first lady needed an

exploratory committee to find the city. Co-host Sam Donaldson said GOP candidates in N.Y. would certainly know where Elmira is.

But some local politicians are still scratching their heads over the lingering question: If the wife of the 41st president came to Elmira, how did we miss her?

"I've lived here all my life, but have no knowledge at all

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about her comings and goings," said Jim McGann, a lifelong Elmiran and the former head of the Elmira City Democratic Committee. "I'm

not going to assume she was lying because she's a very honorable lady, but she was probably mistaken."

McGann added: "All it means is that we Democrats have got to get her here."

It's true she visited Seneca Falls last July to take part in a ceremony commemorating the first known women's rights convention. She also visited a

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For some, Clinton's visit echoes Robert Kennedy's '64 Senate run

By DON SBARRA
Staff Writer

With picketers jostling and yelling outside and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton talking about making America a better place inside, John J. Burns Sr. couldn't help thinking about a race for the U.S. Senate 35 years ago.

"It's like the Kennedy days have come back," said Burns, who in 1964 was the Democratic mayor of Binghamton and upstate campaign chairman for Senate candidate Robert Kennedy. "I went all over the state with Bobby, and it was just like this; the enthusiastic crowds cheering him on, and the picketers lining the roads and hollering every place we went."

Like so many others listening to the first lady's 20-minute speech in downtown Binghamton Wednesday night, Burns came away all the more convinced that Clinton will enter the 2000 election for the seat being vacated by New York's senior Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. But Burns was especially taken with the first lady's Kennedy-like praise for America's commitment to easing human suffering and her repeated calls for civic responsibility: "We as citizens have a responsibility. ... What will we do?" she said.

"She's got great poise. She's got great delivery. She knows the issues and cares about people. She'll be a very good candidate," said Burns, a former state Democratic Committee Chairman and long-time patriarch in the local Democratic organization.

Ostensibly in town to help raise money for U.S. Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey, D-Saugerties, the first lady peppered her upbeat message with many of the issues that have helped define her reputation: increasing federal support for public education and school construction, addressing the needs of working families and their struggle to raise children in a two-income economy, and improving employment prospects without sacrificing environmental protections.

"We are all in this together," Clinton said in a theme-like reference applied to several of her points. "We all have a stake in it."

For those listening for the sounds of a candidate in the speech, her concluding words about the greatness of America and the rightness of its stand against ethnic cleansing in Kosovo seemed unmistakable.



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"She sounds like a candidate to me," said Gregory T. Quinn, the recently appointed local representative to U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer. "She's more than just passing through town."

Former Broome County Executive Timothy M. Grippen said if Clinton hasn't actually decided to run, it is clear she is getting ready to.

"What we heard was more Hillary Clinton than Hillary the first lady," Grippen said.

The first lady has said she will establish an exploratory committee early next month, clearing the way for her to begin raising money for a campaign, among other things. Matthew J. Hiltzik, deputy executive press secretary for the New York State Democratic Committee, said although it's tempting to conclude a candidacy is in the offing, people also need to remember that promoting America and issues important to its citizenry are part of her current job.

"It was a great example of how she represents this country as well as how exceptional a candidate she'd be," Hiltzik said.

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Candidate or not, Clinton charms Broome supporters

First lady connects with workers, voters during 3-hour visit

By SAMME CHITTUM
Staff Writer



KAREN VIBERT-KENNEDY staff photographer
Hillary Rodham Clinton got a look at the Hybridrive, a natural gas- and electric-powered bus, at the Lockheed Martin plant in Johnson City after a roundtable discussion with workers.



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Hillary Rodham Clinton did far more than test the political waters in Binghamton Wednesday. She swept through the crowds like someone trying very hard to make a good first impression - like an outsider who wants to be accepted as an insider.

But she didn't have to work hard for acceptance on a day where she brainstormed with workers at Lockheed Martin in Johnson City and ended her three-hour visit rubbing shoulders with the region's high-powered Democrats at the Holiday Inn Arena in downtown Binghamton.

The political themes she explored were predictable. There was no dramatic announcement of a run for U.S. Senate. Smartly dressed in a pink pantsuit, Clinton supplied the expected star power at a fund-raiser ostensibly all about Congressman Maurice Hinchey.

Throughout her visit, Clinton seemed aware that she lacked that hometown advantage and tried to overcome it. She talked about her childhood family vacations in the region, shook hands, made eye contact, posed for pictures and talked one-on-one with the dozens of people seeking her attention.

→ Ticket holders - a crowd of about 300 already high on the first lady and her politics - arrived praising her brains and strength and ~~leaving~~ talking about how approachable and down-to-earth she was.

"She's very warm - more warm than I expected," said Carrie Denniston, 18, from Vestal.

Privileged holders of \$500 tickets got to meet and greet Clinton one-on-one during a private reception. But Trudy Walter, 57, a Binghamton businesswoman, had no trouble getting up close and personal with Clinton during a hallway encounter.

Responding to a round of applause, Clinton made one of many unscheduled stops to greet admirers. "She said, 'Excuse me,' to her body guards and walked right over to our group," recounted Walter. "That didn't make the body guards too happy, but she did it anyway," said Walter, who was pleased to report that she shook Clinton's hand.

→ Roger Carey, 38, also from Binghamton, expected to hear a would-be candidate speaking with "grace and polish." What surprised him was the sight of a first lady who was trying to exit the room after her speech was over, but took time to take down names and addresses, including peeling the nametags off the lapels of several people who came to her asking for help.

→ "She was a really classy lady who took her time with the crowd," said Carey.

Binghamton child advocate Linda Olson Nemia, 49, arrived toting a 50-page proposal about an arts center for children with Attention Deficit Disorder and had no problem handing it off to an obliging Clinton.

Local Democrats and interested citizens came with their own agendas -

ranging from casual interest to a desire to show support for a potential candidate who has attracted criticism for considering a run in a state to which she has no special claim other than political opportunity.

Before the event, there were plenty of casual observers on hand to contribute their view of a first lady known locally as much for her troubled marriage as her stand on issues.

Bruce Potter, owner of Courtyard Gifts in the Holiday Inn, deemed Clinton "the brains" behind the presidency. "But there's one thing that I don't like about her and that's what went on in the White House between her and Bill and Monica."

Still, most were unabashed admirers. Katie Parker, 18, came from Montrose, Pa., with a ticket given as a graduation present from her father.

Mary Giles, 60, from Waltham, Mass., bought tickets for her and her daughter, Darlene Prendergast, because Clinton "does a lot for children" and "is for the average person."

One couple, Binghamton teacher Linda Oryhon, 47, and her husband, the Rev. Myron Oryhon, 47, a priest in a local Ukrainian orthodox church, may have been more representative of many local voters than most.

Linda Oryhon said she was sold on Clinton and had brought cards from her third-grade class describing all the great things about Binghamton.

But Myron Oryhon was more reserved. "I came to hear what she has to say," he said. "Basically, I'm undecided."

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Hillary Clinton, Giuliani facing lengthy campaign

MARC HUMBERT

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Despite all the hype and hoopla, New York's U.S. Senate race expected to feature Hillary Rodham Clinton is not this November, but 17 months away.

For the first lady and one of her potential Republican opponents, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the reality of such a lengthy campaign presents some serious challenges.

"The primary pitfall is that most New Yorkers are going to have to listen to this for two summers instead of one," Kieran Mahoney, a New York-based Republican consultant, lamented Tuesday.

The potential problems for the potential candidates are clear.

"It's not the Indianapolis 500," William Cunningham, a former campaign manager for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, warned.

"You might be better off looking at this as a long journey rather than a speedway because you can overheat on those speedways," the veteran New York political operative said.

It was Democrat Moynihan's surprise announcement in November of last year that kicked New York's 2000 Senate race into high gear almost a year earlier than most expected.

Within a couple of months, several big-name Democrats including Robert F. Kennedy Jr., federal housing secretary Andrew Cuomo and state Comptroller H. Carl McCall had backed away from the race. While Giuliani's interest on the Republican side added a touch of celebrity, it wasn't until Mrs. Clinton announced on Feb. 16 that she would give serious thought to the race that the lights of Broadway went to full brightness.

"A Rudy Giuliani-Hillary Clinton race probably would be the race of the century," Giuliani's top political aide, Bruce Teitelbaum, said Tuesday. "It would draw media attention from not only across the country, but probably from around the world."

Noting that neither has formally announced for the office, Teitelbaum said "look at all the attention already."

In April, Giuliani announced he was forming an exploratory committee to raise money for the race. Last week, Mrs. Clinton said she would form such a committee in early July. In political circles, Mrs. Clinton's announcement was viewed by most Democrats and Republicans as a sure sign she was running.

In order to avoid flaming out before the election, advisers to Mrs. Clinton appear intent on dampening the excitement by focusing on low-key events for the coming few months.

State Democratic Chairwoman Judith Hope, for instance, has been scouting out areas of the state where Mrs. Clinton can make living room visits this summer to hear first hand about the concerns of New Yorkers.

"She said she doesn't want to do big events," Hope said.

GOP strategist Jay Severin said it is obvious that the Clinton camp will try to shorten up the campaign

as much as possible, recognizing the dangers of a long battle.

"It really gives the opponents chances to take shots at her and knock her off her pedestal," Severin said. "It also gives her a chance to trip and fall off that pedestal."

"The pitfall for her is that she says something or anything that can be used against her later in paid media," Hank Sheinkopf, a seasoned Democratic consultant, said.

Republican Mahoney said that if Giuliani makes it all the way to the general election, a lengthy campaign probably helps him more than Mrs. Clinton.

"The New York press has had its opportunity to chew on Rudy Giuliani for some time now," he said. "They have not had that opportunity as it relates to Mrs. Clinton ... It's an advantage to him that they have more time to go after her."

But a long campaign could be an advantage to Rep. Rick Lazio, the Long Island Republican who is also considering seeking the GOP nomination and needs to boost his name recognition.

Cunningham said what Mrs. Clinton should do is make unannounced stops without the news media in tow all across the state, perhaps at big picnics or county fairs.

"You just show up and you move in. Word will get around," the former Moynihan adviser said. "You don't have to manufacture crowds, they'll be there."

Republican Severin said he suspects the Clinton camp will, for the next several months, try to keep the New York campaign in check by focusing as much as possible on first lady-type activities.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Clinton is scheduled to visit Binghamton in New York's Southern Tier along the Pennsylvania border to speak at a fund-raising reception for Rep. Maurice Hinchey. She then flies to New York City for a \$5,000-a-person dinner aimed at gay and lesbian contributors. The money from that Greenwich Village event will go to the Democratic National Committee.

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First Lady Could Build a Race on Her Best Issues, Allies Say

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By JAMES DAO

WASHINGTON -- As she inches closer to running for senator from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton is preparing to build a campaign around education, family and health care issues -- the areas where she has the clearest record of accomplishment, and failure, Democrats close to the First Lady say.

Those three areas would be a natural focus of Mrs. Clinton's campaign, because she cares passionately about them and has become a leading Administration voice on all three. For someone who has never run for office, Mrs. Clinton has also established a remarkably long and detailed track record on the issues during two decades of public life.

That record -- established in leading an education commission in Arkansas, in her much criticized handling of the 1993 health care debate and in her more recent but less noticed role in negotiating adoption and bankruptcy legislation -- is sure to be a target of Republicans.

But Mrs. Clinton's advisers believe that there will be a clear political payoff to constructing a campaign around her keenest interests. For one thing, they say, she has developed an encyclopedic expertise on the three subjects that enables her to debate arcane policy and give seamless speeches without a text or notes.

Democrats also assert that New York voters have grown increasingly concerned about the quality of their schools and the



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availability of health care, while crime -- the issue on which voters tend to give higher marks to Republicans -- has fallen somewhat in importance in polls.

"There were other moments when Mrs. Clinton might not have been the right candidate for New York State," a top adviser to Mrs. Clinton said. "But a happy confluence of events has made this an ideal time for her."

Finally, many prominent Democrats believe that Mrs. Clinton's positions on education and health care will provide the sharpest contrasts between her and the man they expect to be her Republican rival, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Another possible opponent is Representative Rick A. Lazio, a Suffolk County Republican, who has said he might enter the race. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the three-term Democrat who holds the seat, is retiring at the end of next year.

Mrs. Clinton's advisers also expect her to attack Mr. Giuliani's hard-edged style, if he is the candidate. "The temperament to be a senator is very different from being a mayor," said State Comptroller H. Carl McCall, a Democrat. "Many people will not see Giuliani as somebody with the ability to get along with others."

Finding contrasts with Giuliani is important to many Democrats because, even though Republicans have sought to paint Mrs. Clinton as an extreme liberal, she and Giuliani agree on many of the issues that have historically separated Republican and Democratic candidates.

Both support the death penalty, abortion rights and homosexual rights -- as does Lazio. She endorsed the welfare law that helped Giuliani shrink the city's welfare rolls. And he broke with other Republicans in endorsing the Clinton Administration's crime bill of 1994, which included gun control provisions and money for hiring police officers.

"The kind of contrast that I had with D'Amato on gun control and choice will not be as stark," said Senator Charles E. Schumer, a Democrat, referring to former Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, whom he unseated last year.

But on education, there are clear differences. Giuliani has clashed with New York City school officials over what he considers their excessive spending, and has strongly advocated vouchers to allow more students to attend private schools. Mrs. Clinton has been an ardent supporter of increased spending on public schools and an outspoken critic of vouchers.

On health care, many Democrats believe that Mrs. Clinton should attack Giuliani for having tried to privatize the municipal hospitals. Those Democrats assert that even though Mrs. Clinton's highly publicized efforts to win sweeping health care changes in 1993 was a signal failure of her husband's first term, most New Yorkers now

support her goal of making health care coverage available for everyone.

"People are going to say she was out there way ahead of her time," said McCall, contrasting Mrs. Clinton with Giuliani. "People see him as someone who tried to downsize and privatize hospitals, not being an advocate for improving health care."

In recent New York appearances, Mrs. Clinton seems to have tailored her speeches to draw distinctions between herself and Giuliani, without mentioning his name.

"We can never lift up our public schools, or the students they serve, by tearing them down," she said to roaring applause at City College last week, in what seemed a reference to Giuliani's feud with Chancellor Rudy Crew.

And in an address at Teachers College at Columbia University in April, Mrs. Clinton urged her audience not "to be pulled off track by false debates" advanced by advocates of publicly financed vouchers.

Republicans have already begun attacking Mrs. Clinton by depicting her as being out of the mainstream, and say they are likely to use the health care debate as evidence that she is at heart a big-government liberal. Her allies say she is more of a pragmatist than the Republicans realize.

Republicans also say they are likely to try to cast Mrs. Clinton as having grand but gauzy ideas on a few national subjects, but little knowledge of regional issues like dairy prices or mass transit. Giuliani has already repeatedly assailed Mrs. Clinton as an out-of-stater who cannot find her way around the state.

Democrats say she is well on her way to learning local issues. Those Democrats say Mrs. Clinton's greater challenge, similar to that facing Vice President Al Gore, will be to show she has been more than just a spokeswoman for her husband.

"She can do that with children and women's issues because the President has said she educated him on those things," said William Cunningham, a Democratic loyalist.

Indeed, Mrs. Clinton can point to her own record on education, family and health care issues, dating back to her Arkansas days. During his second term as Governor of Arkansas, Clinton appointed his wife head of an education task force that helped write legislation that set standards for class sizes and course offerings, raised teachers' salaries and required teachers to pass competency tests -- a step sharply criticized by teachers' unions.

Mrs. Clinton has continued to push the same ideas in the White House, and has also been a strong advocate of using Federal funds to reduce class sizes, rebuild schools and expand prekindergarten programs, proposals now before Congress.

Since the 1993 health care effort, Mrs. Clinton has played a less prominent role, but behind the scenes she has remained active and influential on a range of issues, though most of them have been more narrowly focused, Democrats say.

For instance, she has been pivotal in shaping Administration policies to expand child care programs and increase adoptions. After receiving letters from veterans, she pushed her husband to create a task force to study gulf war syndrome, a debilitation reported by veterans of the 1991 conflict in the Persian Gulf.

And in the last year, Mrs. Clinton has prodded the President to threaten a veto of bankruptcy legislation that critics said would make it harder to collect child support payments.

Still, on most issues, Mrs. Clinton's positions are indistinguishable from her husband's -- which is not necessarily a bad thing in New York State, where the President's policies have been widely popular.

But there have been some cracks between Mrs. Clinton's and the Administration's positions. For instance, Mrs. Clinton in 1998 endorsed the idea of a Palestinian state, a position not taken by the Administration. Giuliani has already begun criticizing her stand.

Republicans are also likely to attack those Administration policies that are viewed as harmful to the state, trying to force Mrs. Clinton, who would be the first First Lady to seek office, to choose between criticizing her husband or defending unpopular positions.

Paradoxically, Democrats have been the first to do that, urging Mrs. Clinton to oppose the Administration's efforts to cut Medicare. In a sign of how difficult it may be to run for office while living in the White House, in 1999, the National Health and Human Service Employees Union, which is reliably Democratic, has begun an advertising campaign attacking the President's Medicare cuts. Though the campaign does not mention Mrs. Clinton, its message is clear.

"I have every reason to believe that Hillary Clinton will be defending the interests of all New Yorkers, and one of them will be defending the health care community of New York," said Dennis Rivera, the union president and one of Mrs. Clinton's strongest backers.

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By **KAREN W. ARENSON**

When Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani created an advisory task force last year on the City University of New York, some CUNY defenders expected it to be little more than a political hit squad, since some members shared the Mayor's oft-stated view that CUNY was a mess.

The panel's report, which the Mayor will formally release on Monday, does indeed contain sharp criticism that parallels Giuliani's thinking, calling CUNY an institution caught in a downward spiral.

But the report goes beyond that. It tries to articulate the importance of the public university in a society that rests on an educated populace. And it discusses ways that an urban university can respond effectively to a diverse student population that includes some brilliant students as well as many more who are largely unprepared for traditional college work: poorly educated high school graduates, high school dropouts, immigrants and adults returning to college.

The question now, as CUNY's interim Chancellor, Christoph M. Kimmich, put it succinctly on Sunday, is how the report will be used.



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"This is clearly a document that can be applied by a strong Chancellor to rebuilding CUNY," he said. "The danger is that it will merely be used to denounce us further -- and that's obviously the easier course."

Dr. Kimmich, who with his staff members spent hundreds of hours during the last year providing task force members with information, had not received a copy of the report as of Sunday morning, nor had most of CUNY's trustees. (One exception was Herman Badillo, the Mayor's top education adviser and a member of the task force who is also CUNY's new chairman.)

Reaction to the report, based mostly on news accounts, has been mixed.

Gov. George E. Pataki and the Mayor, who received advance copies and were briefed by Benno C. Schmidt Jr., the panel chairman, applauded it as a useful stepping stone for reform.

But many within the university and outside it said that while parts of the report were useful -- its call for more modern technology and for a better financial management system, for example -- they found it troublesome in many ways.

"It is a very political document," said Michael Kahan, a political science professor at Brooklyn College. "We're not dealing here with intellectuals; we're dealing with a group of people who have a political agenda."

Edward C. Sullivan, a Manhattan Democrat who is chairman of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee, said he agreed with some of the task force findings, including that remedial classes are essential and that the tests CUNY uses to measure student abilities are flawed. But he said he disagreed with many of its conclusions; for example, that some students should be able to take remedial classes outside CUNY.

"Vouchers for remediation outside the university will throw CUNY students into the hands of for-profit schools, which have proven to be unreliable as educators and irresponsible as beneficiaries of public money," he said.

He also opposed the Schmidt report's recommendation that CUNY be reorganized and more centrally managed. "Trying to stuff CUNY into a neat organizational chart will result in severe losses of creativity, access and excellence," he said.

One of the most frequent criticisms of the report was that it did not focus on CUNY's declining public financing and whether the university needed more money.

"There is not a single criticism of CUNY, nor a single proposed solution, that does not rest on the need for more resources," said

Kahan of Brooklyn College.

"Any recommendation from the report that Badillo and company decide to adopt will require, in the first instance, more money, more resources," he added. "The CUNY Chancellor is paid less than those in comparable positions. On a per-student basis, we are paid less than professors in other systems. And our schoolteachers are paid 25 percent less than those in nearby suburban systems in New York and New Jersey."

While the report did not put a price tag on any of its recommendations, Schmidt and the executive director of the task force, Roger Benjamin, both said they believed that more money was critical.

"It's clear that we're not going to improve CUNY without additional resources," said Benjamin, who is also president of the Council for Aid to Education, a subsidiary of the Rand Corporation, one of the consulting firms that worked for the task force.

Benjamin, a former academic vice president and provost at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Minnesota, said CUNY must first show that it can do a better job of planning. "But out of that, I hope that the university gets new credibility," he said, "and that the Mayor and the Governor and foundations all step up to the plate and provide more money. If that doesn't happen, all this will be for naught."

Schmidt acknowledged in an interview that the report did not address financing, saying that doing so would have been "very contentious." But he said he believed that more money was warranted for certain purposes, particularly remedial classes.

"It is not good policy to have students whose financial aid runs out before they graduate because they have spent it on remediation," he said. "It is insane as a matter of public policy. As investment policy, it is completely crazy. If you put more money into the total system, there are potentially big benefits."

Asked whether either the Mayor or the Governor had agreed to provide more money for remedial education, Schmidt frowned and said, "I'll see what they say."

One of the staff research reports for the task force explicitly recommended that the cost of remedial education, which it said would "run tens of millions of dollars," be borne by CUNY and the New York City Board of Education, because they "are jointly responsible for the education from kindergarten through college of most of the learners in New York City."

Giuliani has also said that money for remedial classes should come out of CUNY's existing budget and that the university should provide vouchers for students to take remedial courses outside the university. Whether the task force report will prompt him to change his mind is unclear.

But even as he argued for more money for remedial education, Schmidt said CUNY should reallocate some of the money it already has.

"City College, per student, spends a fair amount of money," he said, suggesting that some of it be shifted to other colleges and be used to designate two or more colleges as flagship colleges, which would draw more top students to the university.

Besides calling for some elite colleges, the task force proposed that CUNY create a more formal tiered system like that in California, with different entrance requirements for the different tiers.

CUNY's six community colleges already make up a separate tier and receive less financial support per student than its 11 senior colleges. But while some of the four-year colleges have stronger student bodies and have been widening the difference by raising their admission criteria, some at CUNY say those differences should not be formalized.

"I don't like the idea of making a top tier," said Mizanoor R. Biswas, chairman of the CUNY Student Senate and the student representative on CUNY's board of trustees. "Some campuses might get more budget than others, and there could turn out to be regional discrimination against the Bronx or Brooklyn. I'd rather give them the money and let them compete."

"If they chose Lehman or York to be top-tier schools I'd be happy, because they are predominantly minority schools," he added. "But that won't happen."

Bill Crain, a psychology professor at City College, said he disliked the proposal to create tiers because it called for selecting students on the basis of Scholastic Assessment Test scores, which "ignores the extent to which the S.A.T. favors students from wealthier families, males and white students."

One recommendation that CUNY's trustees are likely to find easy to adopt is the task force's call for more accountability. CUNY's faculty and staff members have already begun to try to improve its testing procedures, and the task force report could add impetus.

The report calls for the university to define more clearly the missions of each of its colleges so that it can measure whether those missions are being accomplished. Similarly, it says CUNY should do better at measuring each student's progress.

As one of the task force research studies puts it, CUNY collects "reams of data" but has "a profound lack of information on its own effectiveness."

"CUNY is not unusual in leaving to individual faculty judgment whether students have passed particular courses," the report said.

But "CUNY should take the lead among public university systems in embracing external, objective assessments of students' academic progress."

Another recommendation that seems likely to be embraced quickly by the board is a call for greater collaboration with the public schools. The report particularly urges the expansion of CUNY's College Now program, through which CUNY provides remedial help to high school students. Badillo has called expansion of the program a high priority, and has said he is seeking additional money from the city and state to help pay for it.

A harder challenge for Badillo as he tries to rebuild CUNY will be to restore a sense that CUNY can take charge of its own future.

Some CUNY officials and trustees said the fact that the Governor, the Mayor and the media had copies of the report before they did was a sign that CUNY would continue to be run like a government agency rather than as a freestanding entity.

"The thing I've been troubled about all along is that there is only one duly authorized body to set policy, and that's the trustees," said John Morning, a CUNY trustee and an expert on the role of university boards who is chairman of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in Washington. "The Schmidt task force is the Mayor's attempt to exercise control of the board and public opinion, and to impose his goals and his means on the duly authorized body."

"I wonder if this isn't a calculated attempt to trash the board and to continue to paint it as ineffectual and divided. The dichotomy is that the Mayor has provided leadership over the board for the past two or three years and then says the board is ineffectual."

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Vouchers Out of New Budget

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School vouchers: gone but not forgotten. Mayor Giuliani yesterday conceded defeat of his plan to use public money this fall to send 3,000 city kids to private and parochial schools — but vowed to keep trying.

"The votes aren't there to get it passed," Giuliani said after signing off on a new city budget that axed his request for \$6 million for the hot-button program.

Instead, the money will be used for a vaguely defined study of school reforms, which could include vouchers.

Despite granite resistance from the City Council and Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew, Giuliani said he hoped to "persuade people that this kind of alternative is a good alternative, that this is what parents want."

Giuliani didn't get vouchers, but the Republican mayor had little reason to complain. In fact, he was in high spirits when he sealed the \$35.3 billion budget deal with a handshake with City Council Speaker Peter Vallone (D-Queens) in the City Hall rotunda.

The bottom line: Even with the state Legislature's surprise decision to abolish the commuter tax — which could cost the city \$360 million next year — this town is fat with cash.

As he gears up for an all-but-declared Senate campaign in 2000, the city will end the fiscal year June 30 with a projected surplus of \$2.5 billion — the largest in its history and the third consecutive year the surplus has topped \$1 billion.

New Yorkers get a sprinkling of tax cuts and more money for education, including \$80 million earmarked for everything from science labs to air-conditioned classrooms. Nearly \$100 million toward construction of new sports stadiums, possibly for the Mets and Yankees, also is included.

The Council is expected to approve the spending package

Monday, but problems remain. The city still faces large projected budget gaps in coming years. Diana Fortuna, president of the independent Citizens Budget Commission, said more of the record surplus should have been used to trim long-term debt.

A recommendation on pay raises for city officials is expected as soon as next week, and aides said there would be no problem finding that money in the new budget.

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- Needs state approval.

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Democrats: It's Giuliani who doesn't know New York

LOCKPORT, N.Y. (AP) _ So just who is it among potential U.S. Senate candidates who doesn't know New York state?

There's been plenty of talk in recent weeks from New York Republicans about Hillary Rodham Clinton's unfamiliarity with the state as she contemplates a Senate run.

But on Monday, western New York Democrats were chortling that it might be one of her potential Republican opponents _ New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani _ who needed to brush up on the finer points of New York geography, and his spelling.

A schedule released by Giuliani's office on Sunday had the mayor visiting "Niagra" County on Monday to meet with local Republicans. That should read "Niagara," as in Niagara Falls. The word was misspelled twice in the Giuliani advisory.

"I don't find it surprising," said Niagara County Democratic Committee Chairman Nicholas Forster. "I don't think Mr. Giuliani knows much of anything west of the Hudson."

The mayor's press office did not immediately return a phone call seeking an explanation and his top political adviser Bruce Teitelbaum declined to comment.

"It just showed me that he is not familiar with upstate New York, which is the problem," John Accardo, a Democratic city councilman in Niagara Falls and candidate for mayor of the city, said. "Downstate people don't realize that upstate people exist."

"Republicans must be notoriously bad spellers," Accardo added. "Didn't (Vice President Dan) Quayle misspell potato? Now Giuliani misspells Niagara."

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WASHINGTON — When Hillary Rodham Clinton sets foot in New York, she generates the kind of giddy attention usually reserved for starlets at the Oscars — but these Hollywood moments are not always what they seem.

Already, some New York political operatives are wor-

rying that the victory glitter surrounding the first lady has lost some of its luster.

Clinton, who is steadily moving toward a race for the Senate from New York, hardly seemed concerned yesterday as she basked in the celebrity glow on a daylong visit to New York City.

The trip — her 10th since rumors started flying this year about her possible campaign — was marked by chants of "Run, Hillary, Run" at the City College graduation and the embrace of Democrats at a congressional fund-raiser.

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Back in New York: *Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Sen. Charles E. Schumer at a Democratic luncheon. Yesterday was the first lady's 10th visit to the state this year.*

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point, signs are clearly pointing to a campaign. The first lady is expected to announce the formation of an exploratory committee as early as the end of this month — after her return from 15 days of foreign travel with the president. Earlier this week, she met with three top New York political strategists in preliminary interviews for a possible campaign staff.

Many New York Democrats are cheering her efforts. But behind the scenes, some veterans of state politics are raising alarms about her future.

"She's got real problems in this race," said Lawrence O'Donnell Jr., who worked on campaigns for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the retiring New York Democrat whose seat is up for grabs next year. "At first she looked unbeatable. But it's hard to get New Yorkers to vote for Democrats. Very hard."

While the city remains solidly Democratic, the exodus to the suburbs has created a far more conservative base there. Upstate New York has always been a Republican stronghold, and many Democrats acknowledge that it is no longer enough for a Democratic statewide candidate to win just the city.

Among the other tough questions emerging: Why did the first lady begin with a 20-point lead in the polls when her possible campaign hit the headlines in January, only to lose that edge in what is now neck-and-neck polling with her potential Republican rival, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York City?

Pollsters say voters are sounding increasingly skeptical, and surveys show many respondents wondering why she is running for Senate, why she picked New York — and some even asking why she still stays with her husband.

"She'll have to give a rationale to her candidacy," said Hank Sheinkopf, a Democratic consultant based in New York. "The problem for her will be in the suburbs and Upstate — what is the argument for the campaign? Why vote for her and not for the guy who tamed the beast of New York City?"

Though Clinton could pull out at any time, her advisers say that the longer she goes without making an announcement, the more likely it is that she is running.

With each passing week, she acts more like a candidate. At the White House on Tuesday, she held a 1½-hour meeting with Hank Morris, the consultant who helped

orchestrate Democrat Charles E. Schumer's upset victory over incumbent Republican Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato last year.

The first lady also discussed her possible campaign with Dick Riley, once a spokesman for former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch. She also met with Gabrielle Falkoff, the chief fund-raiser for Peter F. Vallone, the City Council speaker who ran unsuccessfully for governor last year.

While Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said the first lady is "still working through the process," one Democratic operative said yesterday that Clinton is secretly informing top New York politicians that she is indeed running.

In the coming days, the first lady reportedly plans to call New York Rep. Nita M. Lowey, who had been considered the likely Democratic Senate candidate before Clinton entered the scene, to inform Lowey of her intention to run.

While acknowledging the potential pitfalls, many top Democrats are nevertheless telling Clinton that she can win in New York. They say she is diligently doing the necessary spadework in state political circles. And though she remains cautious about her prospects, Clinton associates say, the first lady is starting to listen to her applause meter.

"She is being urged to jump in the race by just about the entire Democratic political establishment in the state of New York — and she has done her homework," said Tony Bullock, Moynihan's chief of staff. "I think she's been buoyed by the reception she's been getting and encouraged by the people who know New York politics."

But while Clinton has spent hours phoning Democratic professionals — dialing for potential votes from her recent Memorial Day vacation — she has yet to schmooze ordinary New Yorkers.

"I have had it with her meeting with politicians, potential staff members, political advisers," said John Marino, the former state Democratic chairman. "I want her to meet with real people real fast. She has to get to a town meeting or a coffee klatch or a county fair."

Some pollsters say her popularity in New York could suffer if she fails to define her candidacy and her mission with some precision.

"Democrats are saying to me, 'What does she know about us?'" said John Zogby, a New York pollster who has Giuliani ahead 49 percent to Clinton's 44 percent in his latest poll.

In a March poll conducted by

Zogby, voters were asked for the one question that they would put to the candidates. The poll responses for Giuliani, all tied at about 10 percent, focused on health care, education and his agenda for Upstate. But for Clinton, 26 percent wanted to know why she was running in New York, and 10 percent wondered why she still stays with her husband.

"That's a little better than one in three voters who are off-message," Zogby said.

Yesterday, in New York City, Clinton acted every inch the candidate. She offered a veiled criticism of Giuliani by urging students to resist those who try to "score political points" by criticizing the schools. Giuliani is locked in a heated feud with the city schools chancellor over the condition of the school system.

Later, she attended a state Democratic Committee luncheon and in the evening was to help raise money for Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, a New York Democrat.

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WHATEVER it is that George Pataki has on his mind for this morning, this much can be said with certainty. As far as the New York State Republican Party is concerned, when the governor finally does depart the scene, it will be as if he had never arrived in the first place.

In this respect, he has much in common with New York City's premier Republican, Rudolph Giuliani.

Each rode a wave of civic disquiet into office.

Each authored substantive, positive, policy reforms — albeit reforms that won't linger following their respective departures.

Why not? Because neither has done anything to encourage an ideologically appropriate succession.

Regarding Giuliani, this doesn't surprise. His mandate was to rescue New York City not from the Democrats, but from Dinkinsism run amok.

And so he did. But now everybody just thinks he's rude — which, of course, he is. He's also term-limited, ambitious and self-obsessed — plus he's paid so little attention to his party's needs that soon the city could be in the hands of Mark Green. (Think Dinkinsism Lite.)

But who could reasonably expect more? Republicans in Gotham are like the snail darter — rare and endangered.

By contrast, the suburbs have been fertile fields for the GOP. But lately they haven't been tended well.

So shame on Pataki. He's trying with all of his might to become a lame duck (after having acted like one since January), and he's done virtually nothing to strengthen the party that brought him to the dance.

Thus he could be ceding the future to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, famous Democrat of Manhattan.

Consider this: While last week's rancorous municipal commuter-tax debate was said mostly to be about a special one-seat state Senate race now underway in Rockland County, it was actually about much more than that.

Just as Silver's deft turning of Pataki's right flank on mandatory drug-sentencing laws was about more than crime and punishment,

Here's what's happening: Next year, New York will elect a reapportionment Legislature — 211 lawmakers who will rewrite jurisdictional lines likely to determine the distribution of political power for the entire decade.

The Democratic Party is within reach of two cherished goals: Outright control of the state Senate, and a veto-proof majority in the Assembly.

If, as seems likely, this week's Rockland County Senate race goes to the Democrat, that party will be five seats shy of a majority going into the year 2000 elections. A long shot, for sure, but so was Charismatic a month ago.

Silver's Assembly majority, however, stands at 98-52. This is just two seats

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short of the total he needs to be able to ignore the GOP forevermore — especially regarding reapportionment.

This is why Silver trolls the suburbs.

Take Nassau County. Shelly wants to. It comprises, in whole or in part, 11 Assembly districts; seven now are Republican — no surprise, given the GOP's paleolithic control of the county.

But Nassau is wracked by scandal. It may be the only political subdivision in North America that's not running a fat budget surplus. Hundreds of patronage jobs could be lost soon — and taxes likely will go up sharply anyway. For this, the GOP will be blamed.

Moreover, next year is a presidential election year; this hardly ever hurts Democrats in New York.

How hard could it be for Silver to pluck two, three — or more — seats out of this broth? Not very.

Silver understands that political

power is migrating out of the big cities along with middle- and working-class families. And the speaker knows that his power base — minority legislators and hoary West Side liberals — really has no place to go if he moves toward the center.

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Witness his embrace of the commuter-tax repeal. This is a kick in the head to the city — but it will allow Democrats to campaign as tax-cutters not just in Rockland County, but in Nassau and everywhere else in the suburbs.

And what of his refusal to consider Pataki's proposal to repeal the "draconian" Rockefeller-era drug-sentencing laws? Silver knows that suburbanites have little patience with crime, or with apologists for criminals. In the past, this made little practical difference to him.

But now he's working the 'burbs — and for the first time since the Rockefeller laws went on the books in 1973, a Democrat has gotten to the right of a ranking Republican on the issues.

Again, don't bet that it won't pay off.

And if it does, look for some variations on the theme.

An Assembly majority with a strong suburban presence will do nothing radical regarding public education. Suburbanites know that city schools are terrible — that's largely why they're subur-

banites, after all.

And they tax themselves silly supporting their own schools, with which they are most pleased — and while they'll support lots more state school aid, they'll permit no structural overhaul of current funding formulas.

Look as well for diminished support for New York's appallingly wasteful health-care delivery system — ultimately, it threatens their own health plans — and no support at all for anything more than inflation-driven spending hikes for welfare and related social programs.

This stuff just don't fly too high in suburbia.

Nature indeed abhors a vacuum.

Pataki and Giuliani have conspired to create one. Shelly Silver, however tentatively, means to fill it.

Ironie, isn't it? Smart, too.

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GOV 'STATES' CASE AGAINST HILLARY

By ROBERT HARDT Jr. and GREGG BIRNBAUM

Hillary's Snar-crossed campaign / Inside Washington: Page 24

Gov. Pataki yesterday said it would be a "mistake" for Hillary Rodham Clinton to run for Senate — as the First Lady, acting more and more like a candidate, spoke at City College and attended fund-raisers here.

In his first comment painting her as a carpetbagger, the governor said, "We need someone who knows this state, knows our issues, knows our policies, knows our needs in Washington."

"We have plenty of people who do that."

Speaking at a ceremony in upstate Bantwiler, he said, "I think it would be a mistake on her part if she does make a determination to run."

The First Lady got rock-star treatment at City College, where her commencement address was repeatedly interrupted by applause.

Never mentioning her likely rival for the Senate race — Mayor Giuliani — she blasted those who are "undermining the public education system."

"No one wins — especially our children — if politics takes up much needed seats in the classroom," she said.

"We have to be willing to demand high standards and accountability, but we have to pursue strategies that work, that actually lift up the performance of students, enabling all schools to do better, not just score political points."

Later, the mayor couldn't resist getting in a few digs.

Asked if he viewed the First Lady's City College address as an attack on his administration, Giuliani said: "Well, I'm glad she found her way there ... It's nice to see she's finding her way around New York. Maybe I'll travel to Arkansas."

Clinton also spoke at a Democratic fund-raiser honoring teachers-union President Randi



THAT CAPS IT? It's not official, but this Chicago Cubs fan looks every bit the candidate in Midtown yesterday. N.Y. Post: David Riebel

Weingarten, and at another fund-raiser for Manhattan Rep. Carolyn Maloney.

"I know from having visited schools here in New York that there are many schools that are in need of modernization, repairs," Clinton told 100 guests at the Weingarten event.

There are too many overcrowded classrooms and schools

where children get lost ... There is something wrong with our priorities," Clinton said.

She refused to speak to reporters.

But when one shouted a question, "Do you have anything to tell us?" she called out her answer: "I'll have something to say later. Not today."



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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets brand-new CCNY alumni at Lewisohn Stadium yesterday.

CCNY cheers Hillary

First Lady raps Rudy, urges ed reform

By FRANK LOMBARDI
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Daily News Staff Writers

Hillary Rodham Clinton returned to New York yesterday with valiant swipes at Mayor Giuliani, telling City College graduates that she backs high standards in education but warning of those who bash schools "to score political points."

Making her 10th visit to the state this year as she edges ever closer to a Senate race that could pit her against Giuliani, the First Lady also headlined fund-raisers for the State Democratic Committee and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan).

Asked by a reporter at the state committee luncheon if she has any news for New York voters, Clinton said, "I will have something to say later." When reporters quickly rustled to attention, she smiled. "Not today."

She received a rousing welcome at CCNY's 153rd commencement. Graduates cheered, reached out their hands and had to be peeled away by security agents when they tried to hug her while she walked through the open-air Lewisohn Plaza on the college's W. 137th St. campus to her spot on the commencement stage.

A chant of "Run, Hillary, Run!" rippled through the crowd when the First Lady, wearing a purple graduation gown, completed her 30-minute address.

In visiting City College, the First Lady was at ground zero of a rolling debate over educational standards and the future of the City University system. But she did not mention Giuliani by name.

She endorsed having "high standards and accountability" and ending "social promotions" in the public education system — goals the mayor has made his mantra.

But she said such goals must be coupled with strategies that "actually lift up the performance of students, enabling all schools to do better, not just score political points."

"We can never lift up our public schools and the students they serve by tearing them down. We can never ensure the economic future of this city... by undermining the public education system that is at the very foundation of the American dream," she said.

"But... we have to fulfill that promise long before a student reaches this college, even long before that student enters high school or junior high school."

She urged funding preschool and other programs affecting "the early critical years when a child's brain is literally being formed."

And she singled out ending the kind of severe overcrowding she found in a Queens school this year, adding, "Now that is no way to value education and give children the attention they need to learn."

"We can do this if instead of pointing fingers, we roll up our sleeves and pledge to work together," she said.

Asked to comment on Clinton's visit and remarks, Giuliani repeatedly sidestepped the questions to jab at her status as a non-New Yorker.

"Well, I'm glad she found her way [to City College]. I think that it's nice to see that she's finding her way around New York. Maybe I'll travel to Arkansas," Giuliani said.

Told that Clinton had urged an end to finger pointing, Giuliani said, "That's interesting. I think people in this state should, and people from out of the state can be helpful by making remarks like that."

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Mrs. Clinton wows crowds in NYC

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Remains mum on possible Senate run

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Hillary Clinton Deplores the Condition of New York Public Schools

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Signaling a likely theme for her potential Senate campaign, Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday deplored the condition of New York City's public schools, asserting that they had been undermined by political infighting and underfunding by City Hall.

In two speeches on the subject, the First Lady never mentioned Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, the Republican who has also expressed interest in running for the Senate next year. But her remarks — at a spirited outdoor graduation at City College in Harlem and at a \$500-a-plate Democratic fund-raising luncheon at Tavern on the Green — clearly invoked the public battling between Mr. Giuliani and Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew and suggested that it was ruinous for the school system. Mrs. Clinton left little doubt that if she runs, she would attempt to make Mr. Giuliani's stewardship over the city's schools a central issue.

"We can never lift up our public schools — or the students they serve — by tearing them down," Mrs. Clinton said as students rose out of their seats in applause. "We can never insure the economic future of this city or state or our nation by undermining the public education system that is at the very foundation of the American dream."

Mrs. Clinton, who has been trying in recent weeks to use her recent travels to New York as a way of establishing some connection to the state where she has never lived, cited what she said was the motto for Public School 1 in Manhattan: "All children can learn — no exceptions, no excuses."

"We can do this if we will stop pointing fingers and instead use our hands to roll up our sleeves and get to work together," she said.



Senator Charles E. Schumer with Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday at Tavern on the Green in Central Park.

Mr. Giuliani's aides have been expecting this line of attack, and some Democrats believe that the Mayor's recent criticism of Dr. Crew, whose appointment he had strongly supported, was a calculated effort to distance himself from problems in the schools. And Mr. Giuliani lingered at the lecture at City Hall when the topic came up yesterday, brushing away Mrs. Clinton's criticism as he sought to turn the discus-

sion back to what his aides want to be the central subject of the campaign: her residency.

Asked if he viewed the speech as an attack on his education policies, Mr. Giuliani responded: "Well, I'm glad she found her way there. Next question."

When a reporter pressed him on the subject, he said: "I think that it's nice to see that she's finding her way around New York. Maybe I'll travel

to Arkansas."

The crosstown exchange offered an early glimpse of the intensity that might accompany a contest between the two. The election to succeed Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who is retiring, is not until November 2000. But the rows of television cameras recording Mrs. Clinton's speech suggested the fierce interest that the bid of such a race has stirred, even though neither Mr. Giuliani nor Mrs.

Clinton has announced that they are actually running.

Mrs. Clinton's remarks appeared sharper in tone than most of her recent speeches in New York, which have tended to offer broader discussions about the problems facing the nation. Her commencement speech contained passages that sounded very much like a political stump speech, complete with the kind of sharp, pungent sentences that are likely to find themselves only in the evening news.

The speech came one day after she spent 90 minutes meeting with Frank Morris, the Democratic consultant who helped run the successful campaign of Senator Charles E. Schumer last year. Mrs. Clinton's criticisms of the public school system yesterday were evocative of Mr. Schumer's attacks on Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato last year.

"No one wins, especially our children, if our schools are plagued by poor test scores and performance, by low expectations and social promotions," Mrs. Clinton declared, not mentioning that Mr. Giuliani is, in fact, a strong opponent of social promotion, the practice of allowing even failing students to go on to the next grade. "No one wins, especially our children, if politics takes up much needed seats in the classrooms."

Mrs. Clinton said she would support more money for early education and teacher training, as well as spending to improve run-down schools and to reduce class size.

She received a huge ovation as she entered the courtyard where City College was holding commencement exercises for 3,024 students. Spectators who caught sight of her, dressed in a black and lavender robe, shouted, "Yo, Hillary!" and "You go, girl!"

Mrs. Clinton turned and smiled.

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^Pataki nominates former surgeon general for state health commissioner<

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — In a move almost certain to touch off complaints from abortion rights activists, Gov. George Pataki today nominated former U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello to be state health commissioner.

Dr. Novello was picked in late 1989 by then-President George Bush to become the nation's 14th surgeon general, in part, because of her opposition to abortion. A native of Puerto Rico, she was the first woman and first Hispanic to hold the surgeon general's post.

Pataki supports abortion rights and aides to the governor stressed today that Dr. Novello's abortion beliefs were personal and that she was prepared to follow the governor's lead on the issue as state health commissioner.

Among other things, Pataki has continued the state's policy of providing Medicaid money to pay for poor women's abortions.

After her three-year tenure as surgeon general, Dr. Novello served from 1993-96 as the United Nation's Children's Fund special representative for health and nutrition. Most recently, she has been a visiting professor of health policy and management at Johns Hopkins University's medical school.

The nomination is subject to state Senate confirmation.

Dr. Novello would replace Dr. Barbara DeBuono who left the \$152,000-a-year post on Nov. 1 to take a private-sector health care job in New York City.

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But at an evening event, U.S. Rep. Carolyn D. Maloney, D-Manhattan, said: "We New Yorkers don't care where you're from. We New Yorkers care about what you can do to continue to build the greatest city, state and country in the world."

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Pataki Pulled Back From Senate Race, Say G.O.P. Sources

by Andrea Bernsreid

Hillary Clinton, meet the man you nearly had to face in next year's New York Senate race: Gov. George Pataki.

Just when you thought that nothing more could be said about the Governor's "major political announcement" on May 24—when he became the 17th governor among Republicans to endorse George W. Bush for President—comes word that Mr. Pataki was indeed considering a run for the U.S. Senate up to the very last minute.

The *Observer* has learned that the Governor was sounding out associates about the possibility of a Senate campaign as late as May 21, three days before the Bush endorsement announcement. "It is safe to assume [Mr. Pataki] gave it very serious consideration," said a source familiar with the Governor's thinking. "Instead of futzing around with [Assembly Speaker] Shelly Silver, he could go to Washington and be thinking about global issues."

It turns out that a well-circulated story about balloons being ordered and then canceled for the event wasn't just a rumor meant to enrage Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the Governor's nemesis who is considered the front-runner for the Republican nomination to face Mrs. Clinton next year. Apparently, it was the subject of top-level discussions in the week leading up to the endorsement of Mr. Bush.

But Michael McKeon, a spokesman for the Governor, called suggestions that Mr. Pataki was considering a Senate announcement "way, way, way off base." He added, "The Governor had a clear idea of what he was going to announce, and [the Senate option] was not something he was going to announce."

→ One of Mr. Pataki's law-school confidants, Michael Kramer, editor of the *Daily News'* Sunday Op-Ed page, wrote about the possibility of a Pataki-for-Senate campaign on May 23, the day before the announcement. As it turns out, the column did not come out of thin air. Mr. Kramer said he spoke with the Governor "just briefly" about a possible Senate campaign just days before writing the column, and "people around [the Governor]" indicated it was a genuine possibility. Another source said the Governor mentioned the Senate race to him on May 21, but seemed to be leaning against it because it would require him to spend too much time away from his four children.

When politicians announce that they wish to spend more time with their families, it's generally a sign that they're just one step ahead of law enforcement authorities. But in Mr. Pataki's case, it rings true. The Governor does like to spend time with his family. In four and half years, he has spent barely a night in the Governor's mansion in Albany, preferring instead to return home to his mansion in upstate Garrison under whose eaves are housed wife Libby, sons Teddy and Owen and daughter Allison. A fourth child, Emily, attends Mr. Pataki's alma mater, Yale University.

Mr. Pataki's uncertainty explains why even high-level aides to Mr. Bush weren't sure what Mr. Pataki was going to say in the days leading to the announcement. Mr. Pataki's aides, said one Bush campaign aide, "were careful about not revealing much."

That's a peculiar way of doing business if all you're discussing is a mere endorsement. During Mr. Pataki's re-election campaign last year, for example, top-level operatives set up endorsement announcements months in advance, and scheduled them to coincide with the campaign's trajectory and its message of the moment.

Why Would He Leave?

Unanswered in all of this is a simple question: Why? Why would the Governor want to leave his job for the Senate? Doesn't he have a better job now? Isn't he in control of a vast patronage empire, with literally billions in contracts to hand out? Right now, he's one of one. Why would he want to be one of 100, the junior Senator of New York? And unlike his cohort across the Hudson, Gov. Christine Todd Whalen of New Jersey, he isn't bound by term limits.

Well, the opportunity to run for an open Senate seat comes once in a political lifetime, said another well-placed source, who noted that a Senate campaign would have allowed Mr. Pataki to expound on topics far and wide and, no doubt, a bit more interesting than the standard legislative fare in Albany. The Governor, in fact, attempted to broaden his



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horizons on April 28, when he traveled to Georgetown University to deliver a tepidly received "major foreign policy address." Was it a test run for a possible Senate campaign? Apparently, it might have been.

There were other indications that something was up besides a standard endorsement press conference. William Powers, the chairman of the state Republican Party, and former U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, said Mr. Pataki had "wrestled" with the decision. Why would a politician "wrestle" with a decision to be the 17th in line to endorse the putative front-runner for President? The answer: You don't. You "wrestle" when you're closing off options for yourself.

But there was more than internal wrestling going on. There was considerable sparring within Mr. Pataki's inner circle over discussions of Mr. Pataki's future, with much of the tension surrounding Kieran Mahoney, the Pataki adviser who strayed to work for Republican Presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole. The decision caused consternation in the Pataki camp; political consultant Arthur Finkelstein reportedly expressed concern to Pataki advisers that Mr. Mahoney would have a potential conflict of interest in advising both Mr. Pataki and Mrs. Dole. That conflict did emerge, according to three national Republican Party sources, when Mr. Mahoney argued in a meeting before the "major political announcement" that Mr. Pataki should run for President as New York's "favorite son." Two additional sources familiar with New York politics said Mr. Mahoney argued against the Senate scenario.

In fact, Mr. Mahoney had bragged inside the Dole campaign that he could "deliver" Mr. Pataki as the favorite son, sources familiar with that campaign told *The Observer*. By essentially keeping the New York Republican delegation neutral, Mr. Pataki would be helping Mrs. Dole slow down the momentum that Mr. Bush has gathered in recent months. But Mr. Mahoney's inability to keep Mr. Pataki neutral reportedly led to his departure from the Dole campaign May 21.

Officially, of course, the Pataki favorite-son scenario "was never talked about in [Dole] campaign headquarters," said Mrs. Dole's spokesman Ari Fleischer. "[Mr. Mahoney] left for family reasons. He is a good man and we're going to miss him."

Still, Mr. Mahoney did get his wish, sort of: Mr. Pataki did not announce a run for Senate. Another reported opponent of the Senate scenario, Joseph Mondello, the Republican Party's leader in Nassau County, confirmed he attended an inner circle meeting before the "major political announcement," but he said through a spokesman, "It was a private meeting. He wishes what was discussed there to remain private."

So in the end, despite Mr. Kramer's published warnings that Mr. Pataki's next chance to run for President might be in 2008—and it's hard to believe Mr. Pataki will still be Governor then—Mr. Pataki decided to stay in his current job, close to Garrison, hoping for the Vice President-to-President scenario.

So it was that Mr. Pataki appeared on the stage at the Sheraton New York on May 24, surrounded by wife and supporters. The cheers, the hoopla, the political reporters from across the Empire State, gave the event the feel of a major political announcement.

Except, of course, there were no balloons.

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Political operative **Dick Morris**, the on-again, off-again adviser to President Clinton, now has some unsolicited advice for **Hillary Rodham Clinton**.

■ Morris claims Hillary Clinton should skip the New York Senate race and instead take on Illinois Sen. **Peter Fitzgerald** in 2004.

■ His reasoning: In Illinois, she is not a carpetbagger; her issues like education and gun control will go over well here, and Fitzgerald defeated a weak **Carol Moseley-Braun**.

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Outsider wants in

As first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton prepares for a Senate run from New York, the notion of taking the easier electoral path—through her home state of Illinois—never was given serious consideration. You can't blame her for not wanting to wait years for an opening.

Clinton made her 10th visit to New York since the beginning of the year Wednesday and has an upstate swing scheduled for Wednesday. She's off on her own to Italy, Israel and possibly Jordan later this month and come July, she is expected to announce the formation of her exploratory committee.

Right now, most of her travel is on the taxpayers' tab, and an exploratory committee is needed because she can't continue flying to New York and keep up the fiction that it is somehow connected to official White House business.

Clinton wants to go through the buzz saw of a New York Senate run and take deserved criticism as a carpetbagger, her friends say, in large part because of her passion for public service. As in, "public service is the rent you pay for living."

No argument, but where is it written that elected office is the

definition of public service? If public service was her goal, then the alternatives that would be available to her after the White House—the CEO of a foundation or an international nonprofit organization—would seem to present her with a high visibility and prestigious platform for her views.

A U.S. Senate perch, by the way, is not as lofty as one may think. When it comes to public service for a member of the Illinois delegation, for example, it means year after year of grueling wrangling for housekeeping items—repair of Lower Wacker Drive; highway, Metra and CTA funding, etc. Is this why Clinton is contemplating a Senate bid? To increase federal highway funding for Long Island?

Being in the Senate means a lot of individual casework, often on frustrating immigration and Social Security problems, with no connection to the larger social and political agendas that seem to have interested the first lady.

It means sending out flags that have flown over the Capitol and getting school groups VIP tours under the dome. And it means getting constituents tickets for White House tours.

Think about that one.

The problem with running from Illinois, of course, is that there is no early opportunity for Democrat Clinton. Republican Gov. Ryan's term is up in 2002. The seat of Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-Ill.), who beat a politically anemic Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.), comes open in 2004. Fitzgerald might be an easier target than the New York Republicans who are thinking it over, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Rep. Rick Lazio.

Clinton always has been popular in Illinois even during the worst years of presidential scandal. Running from Illinois would mean she would not have to face the carpet-bagging charge, which should not be underestimated as a time-consuming campaign issue that will get in the way of substantive debate over other matters.

She has, when she chooses to use it, an impeccable North Side Chicago accent and a claim to the turf since she lived at 5722 N. Winthrop as a toddler before moving to northwest suburban Park Ridge, where she lived through her college years.

Illinois, unlike New York, has built a history in the last decade of electing women—of both parties—to statewide office. Female candidates do not win statewide in New York.

Clinton's friends downplay but still mention other reasons she is tilting toward making a 2000 run



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When she hasn't been slumping with Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, Hillary Rodham Clinton has had her eye on New York.

from New York. She does not seek a break to return to a "normal" life. She wants to be elected in her own right. For the first time since she married Bill Clinton and moved to Arkansas, if she becomes a senator, there will be no question

what her role will be.

And if she loses New York? It looks as if she will be taking the risk. After all, she can always come back home.

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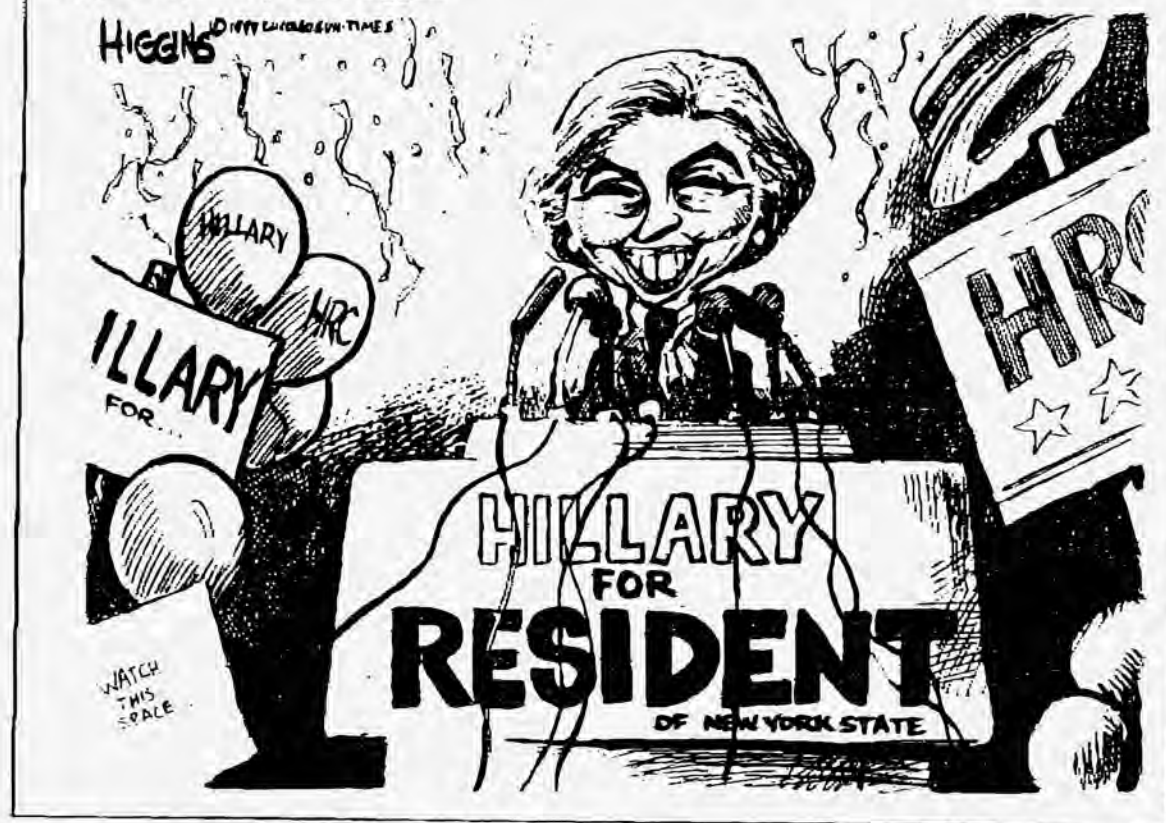
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By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Hillary Rodham Clinton Tuesday began interviewing New York political professionals who could serve in her potential Senate campaign, and spent 90 minutes at the White House with the consultant who ran Charles E. Schumer's successful race for Senate last year, according to her associates.

Amid a growing sense among Mrs. Clinton's friends that her candidacy is all but inevitable, the First Lady reportedly also met with Dick Riley, a former press spokesman for Edward I. Koch and the New York City Board of Education. He has emerged as the likely press secretary for an exploratory committee that would presage an actual candidacy, associates said.

As has been standard for much of the last two weeks, which have been fraught with speculation among Democrats and in the news media about Mrs. Clinton's future, the First Lady's associates cautioned that she had still not made a final decision to run for the Senate and that it was still possible she would choose not to.

Nonetheless, the meetings at the White House Tuesday seemed significant because they came after a weekend vacation in which Mrs. Clinton's aides said the First Lady and her husband discussed the Senate race.

Before she left, her friends said that if she decided over the weekend not to run, she would announce her decision immediately. Instead,



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she summoned New York Democrats to Washington to discuss the campaign.

In addition to interviewing Riley, the First Lady Tuesday met with Hank Morris, the consultant to Schumer, in the Map Room. Morris and Schumer devised the aggressive campaign that unseated Alfonse M. D'Amato.

"The First Lady invited me down and I was pleased to talk with her," Morris said after returning to his office in New York. "She is very smart. It was a hot day and we talked about Jones Beach. It was fun."

Morris declined any other discussion about the meeting. Riley did not return a phone call. The third person Mrs. Clinton met with, Gabrielle Fialkoff, was the chief fundraiser for Peter F. Vallone, the City Council Speaker, and could presumably serve the same function for Mrs. Clinton. Ms. Fialkoff could not be reached for comment last night.

Morris is known for his command of the current state of New York politics, and one person familiar with the meeting said that that was the main subject during his conversation with Mrs. Clinton.

Besides Morris, a number of political consultants have been mentioned as playing roles in this potentially high-profile Senate race. They include Mandy Grunwald, who has worked for the campaigns of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Moynihan's announced retirement at the end of next year has created the opening that is now the subject of attention from both Mrs. Clinton and, on the Republican side, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Riley is said to be the leading contender for press secretary should the First Lady decide to proceed. He is currently a visiting scholar at the Taub Urban Research Center.

The moves by the First Lady came as she prepared to return, yet again, to New York today, for a schedule that includes two political appearances and a commencement speech at City University. The costs of the trip would be shared by the White House and the political committees that are benefiting from her visit.

As of now, Mrs. Clinton is expected to announce the formation of her exploratory committee in early July. One adviser said that before she does that, she will inform both Nita D. Lowey, the Westchester Representative who intends to run for the seat if Mrs. Clinton does not, and President Clinton.



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PALS: HILL'S 'DEFINITELY RUNNING'

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Hillary Rodham Clinton is back in New York today for her 10th visit this year - fresh from a day of interviewing potential campaign staffers for the Senate race her allies say looks all but certain.

"She's out there telling people she's definitely running," a well-placed New York Democrat told The Post after being deluged with calls about the job interviews conducted at the White House.

But one ally of the First Lady cautioned: "I think she fully intends to run - but until she actually announces she is running, it isn't final and she could change her mind."

One of those Mrs. Clinton interviewed yesterday for a campaign slot, sources said, was media man Hank Morris - who ran Sen. Charles Schumer's winning 1998 Senate race against Republican Alfonse D'Amato.

Also interviewed, sources said, was Gabrielle Fialkoff, chief fund-raiser for New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone's losing gubernatorial bid. The Vallone campaign didn't raise much cash, but that wouldn't be a problem for Mrs. Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton's close friend Harold Ickes described the interviews as "discussions" more than job interviews and said the First Lady also spoke with Dick Riley, a veteran press spokesman in New York.

Asked if she has made up her mind about running, Ickes said: "Not as far as I know, and I spoke to her late today [Tuesday]."

The First Lady's press secretary, Marsha



TUNING UP:

The Gores huddle (left) while Mrs. Clinton endorses the veep at a rally in Washington yesterday.

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Berry, downplayed the significance of the job interviews, insisting: "That's all part of the process of trying to decide what to do."

Mrs. Clinton had said she'd use her just-completed five-day Florida vacation to decide whether to run.

"She has not decided," Berry insisted. "She's moving closer to trying to make a decision."

Today, Mrs. Clinton is in the Big Apple to give the City College commencement speech and raise cash for state Democrats and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan). She's due to visit upstate next week.

But there was also a reminder that any plans she has to run for office could be jolted by past controversies like Whitewater and her lost-and-found billing records.

A federal appeals court yesterday reinstated a criminal charge alleging that Mrs. Clinton's ex-law partner, disgraced Justice official Webster Hubbell, hid legal work that they did on a fraudulent Arkansas land deal.

The 3-0 decision all but guarantees that Hubbell's trial, slated to start Aug. 9, will air charges that the First Lady was involved in land fraud.

At issue in the Hubbell case is Clinton's work on the Castle Grande project, as detailed in her legal billing records - which were subpoenaed, but vanished for two years before turning up outside her office at the White House with her fingerprints on them.

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Hil Meets With Pros

Political experts helping her decide on run

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WASHINGTON

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton yesterday met with veteran New York operatives who could form the core of an exploratory campaign committee, sources said.

On the eve of yet another political trip to New York today, aides said Clinton had not made up her mind whether to form an exploratory committee. She spent much of last week discussing the pros and cons while on vacation in Florida with President Clinton.

The exploratory committee would raise money to help pay the cost of her visits to the state. It also would be the first formal step toward seeking the seat being vacated by Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.).



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The Daily News reported last week that the First Lady has begun telling key people that she has decided to run, but her confidants denied any decision has been reached.

Hillary Clinton works the crowd at a Gore rally in Washington yesterday.

"She told me that she has not made a final decision," said her political adviser, Harold Ickes. "She is meeting with people — Hank Morris was here [yesterday]. She is talking to other people about potential positions on an exploratory committee if she does go forward."

Morris was a mastermind behind Democrat Chuck Schumer's stunning victory last year over incumbent Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Clinton also talked to Dick Riley, a public relations whiz who has worked for the city Chamber of Commerce and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone (D-Queens).

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In addition, the First Lady met with Gabrielle Fialkoff, Vallone's fund-raiser when he ran for governor last year.

Clinton hits town this morning to accept a degree from the City College and later will attend a fund-raiser for the state Democratic Party and an evening reception for Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan).

The First Lady yesterday also sought to soothe fears that if she runs, it will leave her little time to help with Vice President Gore's presidential campaign.

"It's a minor thing," said one aide, who conceded there has been tension since the First Lady became a potential candidate. She headlined a rally yesterday aimed at luring female votes into the Gore camp.

Also yesterday, independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr won a rare victory when three federal appeals court judges reinstated charges that presidential pal Webster Hubbell lied to conceal his and Clinton's work on an Arkansas land development deal.

Clinton has said she barely remembers anything from the deal. Hubbell, a former top Justice Department official, will go on trial Aug. 9.

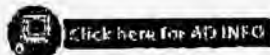
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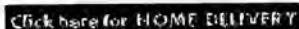
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Mrs. Clinton interviews potential staff for Senate campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - Having wrapped up a round of campaign staff interviews, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is edging closer to a Senate run in New York, a senior adviser says.

The first lady conducted the interviews at the White House on Tuesday and told at least two associates that she intends to seek the Senate seat being vacated in 2000 by retiring New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The associates, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mrs. Clinton is virtually certain to seek Moynihan's seat and intends to notify New York Rep. Nita Lowey, a Democrat who has considered the race herself, of her plans sometime in the next several days.

Today, Mrs. Clinton was delivering the commencement address at the City College of New York and receiving the school's "President's Medal" for distinguished achievement before switching gears to pure politics with a Democratic Party luncheon honoring the president of a powerful local teachers' union and an evening fund-raising reception for Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

As for the first lady's Senate designs, Lowey spokesman Howard Wolfson said Tuesday the congresswoman had not been notified.

"We are not aware of any decision having been made," Wolfson said.

A senior adviser to the first lady who is involved in her deliberations said she is close to finalizing her decision to run.

The official said Mrs. Clinton seemed even more likely to run after spending the Memorial Day weekend with her husband in Florida. Barring a dramatic change of heart, she will run, the aide said.

For the record, Mrs. Clinton's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, said: "Nothing has changed except that they are back from vacation."

The first lady met Tuesday at the White House with potential campaign workers, including Hank Morris, a New York consultant coming off Chuck Schumer's victorious 1998 Senate campaign to unseat Republican incumbent Alfonse D'Amato; and Gabrielle Fialkoff, who was the chief fund-raiser for New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone's unsuccessful gubernatorial bid last year.

Several of Mrs. Clinton's friends and advisers said they expect the next step in her deliberative move toward a campaign to be the announcement of a formal exploratory committee. That likely won't occur until Mrs. Clinton returns from foreign travel set for June 15-30. She is scheduled to travel through Europe with President Clinton to the summit of G-8 leaders in Germany, and then split off for a solo tour through Israel, Jordan and Morocco.

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Back in New York, and 'Almost Definitely In'

By Michael Grunwald

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Hillary Rodham Clinton is coming back to New York today, for yet another prearranged visit that just happens to coincide with her possible interest in pursuing a job there. As they like to say in the first lady's press office, "this trip was planned long ago."

Still, what timing! New York's Democratic elites are no longer atwitter about Clinton's possible race for Senate. The word on the street that she's in, she's "almost definitely" in, she's "basically decided" she's in, she's "in unless she changes her mind."

Yesterday's gossip was that she is Getting Her Team In Place. There's top adviser Harold Ickes and loyal consultant Mandy Grunwald. But yesterday, Clinton met at the White House with New York politico Hank Morris, who coordinated the strategy that helped Rep. Charles E. Schumer defeat Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato last year, and with moneywoman Gabrielle Fialkoff, who raised the money that did not stop City Council Speaker Peter Vallone from getting thrashed by Gov. George E. Pataki (R) last year.

"Obviously, she's still operating from the assumption that she's in," one Democratic insider said. "We're all operating from that assumption. But you never know."

The next step would be to form an exploratory committee, which last month's buzz said could happen after the first family's trip to Florida -- i.e., now -- but now seems likely to happen early next month, after Hillary Clinton returns from Germany and the Middle East. Today, all she's going to do is speak at the City College of New York commencement, appear at the annual New York Democratic labor luncheon and raise money for Rep. Carolyn Maloney.

"Until she says it publicly, it's not a done deal," one Democrat said. "But wow. It sure looks like she's in."

Iowa to See GOP Bumper Crop

June 12 is going to be a busy day for Iowa Republicans. That is the day Texas Gov. George W. Bush comes a-calling for the first time anywhere as a fellow who is, technically speaking, exploring a candidacy for the presidency.

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Wrong Time, Wrong State

By JOHN ZOGBY

UTICA, N.Y. -- In discussing Hillary Clinton's plans for the Senate race in New York, the "Will she or won't she?" question should now give way to, "Should she or shouldn't she?"

→ As one who has polled in New York for a number of years, I know that the First Lady could indeed win a race against Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, or any other Republican for that matter. The question is whether it would be the right race on which to stake her reputation.

In my own poll taken last month, Mr. Giuliani led Mrs. Clinton 49 percent to 44 percent. (Gov. George Pataki had a more substantial lead, 51 percent to 45 percent.) Other polls show Mrs. Clinton slightly ahead. In any case, she is well within striking distance. After all, at this time in 1998, Senator Alfonse D'Amato was far ahead of the lesser known Charles Schumer, 42 percent to 26 percent. A lot can happen once the campaign begins in earnest.

✓ But if Mrs. Clinton loses, which is certainly possible, she would damage not only her legacy, but her husband's as well. A campaign for this seat could be too bruising to take such a risk.

She starts out with immediate problems. For instance, no one should dismiss the carpetbagger issue. For months we have heard that New Yorkers don't care whether their senators are from the state or not and reminded of Bobby Kennedy in 1964.

But a little history is useful here. Kennedy chose to run less than a year after his brother's assassination, and the Camelot legend was still strong. In addition, people forget the extent to which he relied on New York City voters for his margin of victory -- the very voters who probably most tolerant of carpetbaggers.

Kennedy won the entire state by 719,047 votes; he won New York City by 711,049 votes. He lost upstate and the suburbs by 121,801 votes -- while President Lyndon Johnson carried them in the Presidential race. In the end, Kennedy won because New York City supplied 42 percent of the state vote.

* Today, the city provides only about 27 percent of the total vote. And
Mrs. Clinton may not be able to count on the top of the ticket to pull
in additional votes. At the moment, my polls show Al Gore trailing
George W. Bush in New York by 11 points.

New Yorkers are already showing signs that they won't give Mrs.
Clinton an easy time. In a March poll, we asked a simple, open-
ended question: "What is the No. 1 thing you would ask
(Giuliani/Clinton) if (he/ she) were to run for the Senate?" The top
three questions for the Mayor were what would he do about health
care, education and upstate New York.

The top questions for the First Lady: Why is she running in New
York? And why did she stay with him? In other words, 1 voter in 3
is already "off message" -- not concentrating on the issues Mrs.
Clinton will want to stress. And New York's tabloids haven't even
begun their inevitable and relentless attacks.

Yes, Mrs. Clinton can win the race. But why pick a close race
against a tough opponent? Why not pick one where she would at
least begin with a substantial lead?

There is such a Senate race. Peter Fitzgerald, the Republican from
Illinois, Mrs. Clinton's home state, is up for re-election in 2004.
While no poll has been taken pitting the two candidates, Mr.
Fitzgerald won his seat by only a slim margin in 1998 against a
politically weakened Carol Moseley-Braun.

Mrs. Clinton has been a tough campaigner for three decades and can
hold her own. But the bigger question is whether this is the right
state and the right time. I think not.

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Advice for Hillary Between the Lines

And so the first lady of the United States, not one bit relaxed from her Florida vacation, picked up a special telephone and snapped at the White House receptionist, "Send Harold in." Harold Ickes, chief political adviser to Hillary Rodham Clinton, had come prepared for the usual give-and-take.

As if by magic, a purported transcript of their private conversation arrived on my fax machine yesterday.

Hillary. You heard what Bill did, I guess.

Harold. I saw the papers, if that's what you mean.

Hillary. We finally have our little heart-to-heart down at that boring nature preserve. Then he goes and blabs the whole thing to the reporters on the plane. He says I have to explain why I want the Senate job. Sometimes, the man can be so dumb.

Harold. Like the time he fired me?

Hillary. Yeah, yeah, but I thought we were talking about me here.

Harold. Fair enough.

Hillary. Well, you know how Bill gets when the political season rolls around. He starts with his Mister-Know-It-All routine, like he's the only person who's ever gotten elected to anything. 'Gore is too boring.' 'Hillary doesn't know why she wants to run.' He may be right about Gore. I'll admit that. But I know exactly why I want to run for Senate from New York.

Harold. And can say it in a 30-second sound-bite?

Hillary. Now, you're really sounding like him.

Harold. So can you?

Hillary. Sure I can. As they say down in Arkansas, "Easy as 'possum pie." I'm running because it's my turn. The way Bill treated me all last year - wagging his finger at the camera, saying, 'I never had sex with that woman' - then sending me like a doofus onto the "Today Show." "Vast right-wing conspiracy," remember that? I'd say the man kinda owes me now.

Harold. Hillary! Remember what I told you!

Hillary. I remember. Marital bitterness is not a campaign theme. But that's not the only reason I'm running, bitterness. I'm running because I was born to do this job.

Harold. Born to represent New York in the Senate? I'm not sure I'd use that precise expression, not with reporters anyway. They might remember you were born in Illinois. A few nights in the Waldorf Towers does not a New Yorker make.

Hillary. It wasn't a problem for Bobby Kennedy.

Harold. Hillary, I knew Bobby Kennedy, and you're no - well, never mind.

Hillary. OK, then. How 'bout this? I'm running because I'm a woman, and women are underrepresented in political life. Half the people in New York are women, aren't they? Probably more than half.

Harold. That's true. But you can't just campaign to them. Some of those women are Republicans. Some of them hate your guts. Some of them actually like Rudy Giuliani. I know we find that hard to believe, but look at the polls. You need a soundbite that will also speak to men.

Hillary. Hmm.

Harold. But what?

Hillary. I always can do the stand-by-your-man thing again. That worked great during Monica. I could pass out chocolate-chip cookies on my upstate campaign stops. I could keep changing my hair. You know how people loved that.

Harold. Your numbers do go up whenever people see you as a victim. But I thought you hated the victim thing. And you're supposed to be the candidate this time. You're not in Arkansas any more. "Dutiful spouse" is not the platform for New York.

Hillary. I could run as a liberal then.

Harold. A liberal? I remember those.

Hillary. New York is full of liberals, right? And people have been

calling me a liberal for years. You heard what those Republican House members said. So let's just say Bob Barr was right. I'm a liberal. Leave it that.

Harold. We do have some liberals in New York, mostly on the Upper West Side. But politics isn't really left-and-right anymore. You can ask Arthur Finkelstein about that.

Hillary. I have it then. I'll run as the candidate who is most informed. I'm on top of all the important issues. Always have been. I'm thoroughly prepared. I've been in training for this moment ever since my first day at Yale.

Harold. Prepared? Like you were for health-care reform?

Hillary. I see what you mean.

Harold. So what then?

Hillary. How about my good judgment and unquestionable character? I'll offer judgment the voters can trust.

Harold. That's a possibility. What are you thinking of? Whitewater? The Rose Law Firm? Sticking with Bill?

Hillary. I get your point. Maybe not.

Harold. Honestly, this is harder than expected, Hil. I'm not sure what to say. It's really tough. I keep asking myself, "In a situation like this, what would my father have done?"

Hillary. Your father! That's brilliant! Wasn't he Eleanor Roosevelt's closest confidant, the one she consulted when she was thinking about running for the Senate from New York. You know how much I admire Eleanor.

Harold. A very wise man, my father was.

Hillary. So what happened that time? Maybe history can teach us something here.

Harold. Hillary, you know what happened.

Hillary. (Silence.)

Harold. That's right. She decided not to run.

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