

"STUDENTS FIRST" ROUTES COMPETITION

Monique Maylor Wins Polity Presidency

Maylor's Agenda

By RAYA EID
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After all the drama that took place before and during the Polity reelections, the votes are finally in and the entire "Students First" ticket won by a landslide.

With the exception of Jennifer Cangemi and Jim Szurko who were the only members on the "Common Sense" ticket that won, most likely due to the fact they were both running unopposed. Monique Maylor, won the presidency over her opponent Brad Hausman by a vote of 628-218. Nine percent of the students voted in the reelection. "If we had 3000 people out to vote, it would have been a close election," Hausman said. He also said that the primary reason his ticket lost was due to the fact that "there is a lot of student apathy on campus and the problems of student apathy, unfortunately begin with Polity."

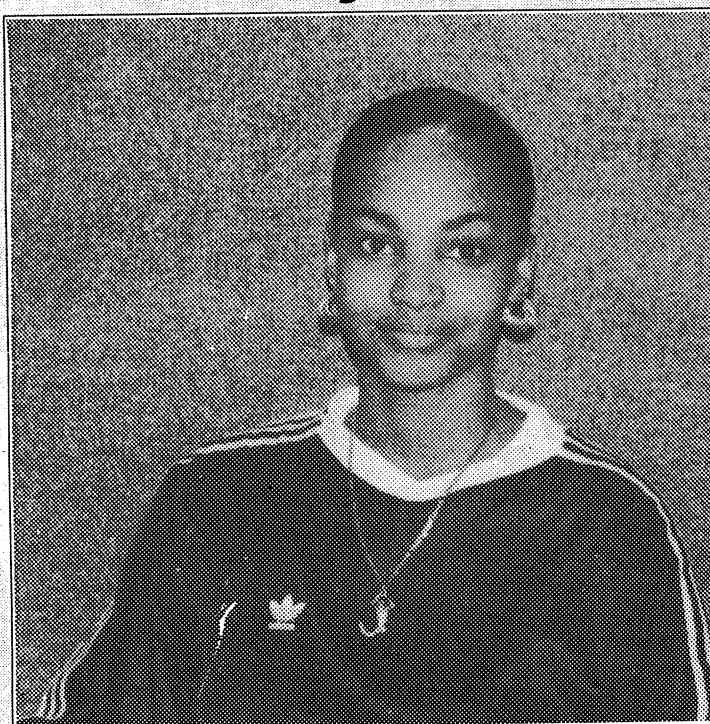
Both presidential candidates felt that the reelections were rushed. Hausman reflected on the fact that he wasted his time with a rushed election in which only 920 people voted. Maylor believes that the rushed election was a disadvantage, "but it had to get done. We needed to have the reelection so that Polity could

be in working order in the fall," she says.

To ensure the elections were impartial, Hausman requested and pushed to have an outside agency monitor the polling sites. Maylor did not entirely reject the idea of having an outside observer at the polling sites, however, she believes that since Polity is a student organization, it should be the students who run the polling sites. Maylor has requested that Steve Adams, executive director of Polity, look into the possibility of obtaining an independent firm to monitor the elections next year to ensure that no other future candidates' names are dragged through the mud like hers was this year.

"The second election hurt me more than it benefited me," Maylor said when discussing the allegations that accused her of negative campaigning and wrongdoing. She had heard that she had won the previous election, therefore, in her opinion, the only aspect that distinguished the two elections was her name being tarnished as well as Polity.

In closing, the new Polity President stated that she wants students to personally confront her if they have any questions concerning the allegations made against her by the "Common Sense" ticket before the reelection. □



Polity President elect Monique Maylor's biggest platforms have always been being an outspoken advocate for student rights and fighting budget cuts.

According to Maylor, Dr. Kenny and Administration is when the New York Board of Regents had scheduled a meeting with Stony Brook concerning the current climate within college communities with regard to racial/ ethnic

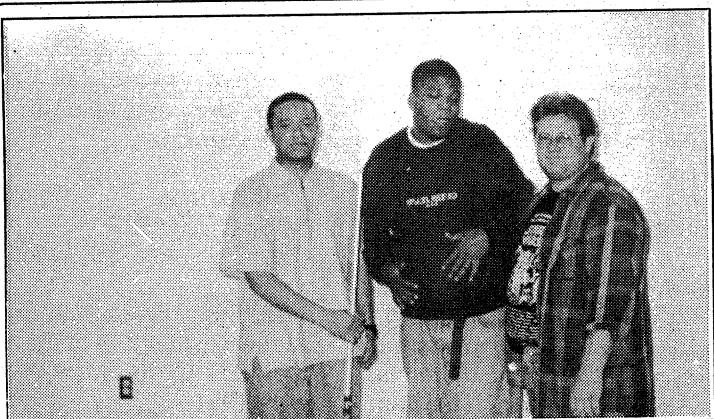
diversity issues. It was President Kenny's job to publicize this event, however, no students or newspapers in this University were notified of this important affair. Maylor hopes to alter this secrecy from occurring during her term as president, "by being a real pain in [Kenny's] butt, and getting on her nerves" by continually calling her to keep her notified on important issues. She feels by doing this President Kenny will have no excuse for refusing to notify students on significant matters.

Other substantial matters that Maylor wishes to tackle next year are "to gain back the reputation of Polity and to gain back students' trust" by encouraging student involvement. She believes that there is a communication barrier between Polity and students that she aspires to break during her presidency. Her plans are to continue to work with NYPIRG, fight budget cuts, and says "while taking care of business, we should have fun." □

POLITY ELECTIONS RESULTS

Only nine percent of the eligible student body voted in the second elections. The results were released last Wednesday. All seats for the next Polity Council were won by Students First ticket candidates. The only two candidates not on the ticket to win, ran unopposed. Students First is comprised of mostly returning council members and individuals who have worked closely with them.

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And the spoils go to . . .

Wallid Ahmed (left) poses with his brand new \$100 hundred dollar cue he received for winning the Commuter Student Association Pool Tournament. Runner-up Ian Walker (center) and CSA Vice-President Brad Hausman seem to be just as happy.

Winners Beware!

Last weekend, after a long election and re-election process, it was announced that the "Students First" ticket, led by President-elect Monique Maylor, had won all of the Polity Council seats that it had sought. The elections, which dragged on for two months, included allegations of negative campaigning and cheating. The students that voted, an underwhelming 9% of eligible participants, simply ignored or disbelieved these allegations. At least one candidate remarked how they had wasted their time and effort in putting themselves through the entire election process.

We, however, disagree with this assertion. This election campaign was illuminating because it highlighted many of the reasons Polity has come to feel

less and less a student organization. As the new leader of our largest student organization, Ms. Maylor and others should make themselves aware of the history of the institution they will begin to lead.

Despite recent assertions otherwise, Polity elections have almost annually been fraught with controversy; re-elections during the Spring semester have not been unheard of on this campus. In addition, no party that won in this election should feel proud at garnering less than 7% of the votes of the total student body. The incoming Polity Council should, in the true nature of leadership, attempt to extend itself to the 93% of students that either voted against them, or chose that their time should not be wasted in voting for any of the

candidates. In order to do this, our incoming leaders will need to understand, at least at a basic level, the reasons for student government in the first place.

With this awareness, Polity Council members may not turn our Senate meetings into an arena for petty arguments, as we have seen this year. They will recognize that they are in positions requiring an appreciation that they are at the front lines between the student body and the administration.

In addition, the incoming Polity Council should disavow out-going Polity President Keren Zolotov's implicit assertion in our letters page last week that it was fine for Council members to skirt Polity by-laws in the interest of "doing things [that are] more important!" Despite Ms. Zolotov's claims otherwise, a Polity Council that plays hard and fast with its own rules could only "disempower" the student body. The incoming Polity leadership needs to recognize that not all of the recent criticism of Polity has been politically charged. An astute student body has recognized that Polity has not been "pretty close" to perfect, and have acted accordingly. Despite what Ms. Zolotov has had to say, we have not seen this year anybody that has truly fought for student rights; we have merely seen small-time politicians jockeying for positions of authority.

The "Student First" should be congratulated for running and winning a long and drawn out political election process. They showed a unique ability to campaign successfully, despite the disputes that surrounded them. We hope that they can somehow overcome these controversies, and bring some of this success to the problems that will be facing Polity next year.

The Sports Boycott

As many of our readers may be unaware, this semester the *Statesman* has been facing a boycott from the coaches and staff from our campus' athletic department under an order from Dean Physical Education and Athletics, Richard Laskowski. In a letter published in our April 14th issue, Mr. Laskowski pointed to our recent criticism of several sports players as the reason for the boycott. Also at issue was our April Fool's issue where we poked fun at our Sport Team's inability to win games on a consistent, or any, basis.

We continue to stand by our sport's departments coverage of campus athletics. The *Statesman* has always had to walk a fine line between supporting our community's teams, and making constructive criticism that point to real issues and problems within the Sports Department. Not incidentally, most of our sports teams have been playing with losing records this year; it thus becomes much more difficult to provide positive coverage of these teams.

The *Statesman* has long had the viewpoint that it cannot be placed in a position of cheerleading for any segment

of the campus community, whether it be Polity, the University Administration, or the Sports Department. A fair and unbiased account must invariably include negative criticism, which others in the community have accepted and used for the good of their departments. In addition, we realize that the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics continue to feel that it is unnecessary to publicize their teams to the campus. The Sports Department has long been attempting to campaign for better players by publicizing to the outside community. It would seem strange, then, that the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics should be so offended by our staff's writings - that their players have not been working up to their potential.

The boycott has not, of course, ended our ability to cover Stony Brook athletics. We have continued to publish articles with in-depth coverage of our baseball, tennis, and rugby teams. The *Statesman* is willing to work with the Dean in order to end this boycott, but we will not put ourselves in the position of losing our ability to cover the sports teams objectively.

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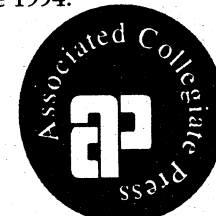
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Polity Up-In-Air on Fall Budget

By DAVE CHOW

On April 30, the Polity Senate convened for the final time this term, for the most important meeting regarding next term. The senate was supposed to approve next the fall term's budget which effects all Polity supported clubs and services. Without approved Polity money, many of these groups may lose necessary funds. After just over four hours of debate, the senate dissolved into chaos with senators walking out and causing loss of quorum before approving the budget.

Now almost two weeks later, consolidation of the budget was further rebuffed as Polity President Keren Zolotov turned away an attempt to do so by the Budget Sub-Committee yesterday.

The Budget Sub-Committee is comprised of six Polity senators, Beth Columbo, Brad Hausman, Mike Leslie, Jose Peña, Ana Nuñez and Andrew Sugrim. According to Polity by-laws, the group is invested with all the powers of the senate itself, and can approve the budget should the senate fail to. Hausman, Leslie, Peña and Sugrim met informally on Sunday to go over the line budgets and decide on any necessary changes. According to senate by-laws, two thirds quorum must be met in order for decisions to be made. The four senators, following in accordance to powers of senate, decided that their two thirds majority of their six members was appropriate to approve the budget.

At approximately 3:45 Hausman, Leslie, Sugrim, Peña and Columbo went to deliver the budget to Zolotov in the Polity Suite. Initially Zolotov questioned the ability of the committee to take such actions. Polity Treasurer Marjorie Eyma, who was also cited two reasons against accepting their version of the budget; "the budget should be done in under as 'unsuspicious circumstances' as possible and that technically the sub-committee did not have the power to approve the budget." Eyma was concerned about the committee members who were missing during their deliberations on their changes. She questioned whether full attendance was needed for any decision could be made.

Hausman argued "It is in the by-laws that the sub-committee is empowered by the senate, and senate goes on two-thirds quorum. We had the two thirds."

Eyma backed down on the question of the actions technicalities citing only that it would be best if such an important issue as the budget would be best served by being decided on by a larger body such as the senate. In refusing the committees attempts, Eyma said the budget would have to be finally approved through an emergency senate

meeting or the summer senate.

Eyma noted that Polity Lawyer Leonard Shapiro advised her that the budget should be decided upon by as many individuals as possible. Shapiro was unaware of any provisions in the Polity by-laws which empowered a sub-committee to approve the budget.

He said to *Statesmen*, "Sub-committees normally are fact finding bodies which gather information and bring them back to the larger committee, as is done in all governments."

About the importance of the budget and how it should be dealt, Shapiro was forthcoming but warned about the pitfalls of constitutional interpretation. He said, "If it is so [that there are provisions in the Polity constitution which allows a sub-committee to approve the budget] then the it should be made up by as many responsible bodies concerned with it's interests. Distribution of mandatory funds is a most important subject. The question of the expenditure of these funds should be decided on by as many elected students as possible."

When asked if the delegation of powers in the by-laws may be deemed a little bizarre, Shapiro said, "constitutions should start with fundamentals. If there are gaps in information and things are left out, people have the opportunity to define things they want."

I have been asked questions about the constitution by students for five years, and I don't think it is a case where people are acting crazy and bizarre. I think it is a matter of students being busy [and not having enough time to study the constitution closely]. It is important to look at this constitution carefully and make certain provisions are more clear.

There should be a theme for the by-laws, and from that you can see where people stand on claims in regard to that theme." □

Kenny's Campus Vision

By DAVE CHOW

President Shirley Strum Kenney arrived earlier during the final Polity Senate meeting to address the senators about plans for developing the campus village.

She reintroduced the idea of leasing out the undeveloped grounds of the Student Activities Center to commercial businesses. In leasing out the undeveloped grounds, the expense to develop them is taken on by the businesses. By defraying costs from USB's own limited development budget, not only will the university save money, but the construction period will probably be sped up above and beyond what a

university contract would have been able to do. The commercial leaser would take on the Phase II of the SAC construction, which involves building an adjoining structure to the already renovated building. The University has the option to renew or not, when the lease expires.

"We would be looking at twenty years if we did it ourselves," Kenney

said. "With the ground lease we may have it built in two to three years."

The concept of the Campus Village, which will have the SAC at it's center, is to develop the areas of the Staller Center, Melville Library, Administration, Humanities, and the two Psychology Buildings into an area where students can congregate. □



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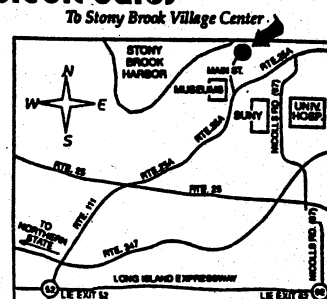
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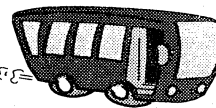
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With the Men's Tennis dream season now over, the Seawolves can honestly look back at many fond memories despite the disappointing first round defeat in the NCAA regionals to Charleston on May 3rd. The most talented tennis team in the school's history ended up ranked in the top ten in the East, and recorded many memorable matches against worthy opponents.



Statesman writer,
Jawad Hasan

Statesman staff writer Jawad Hasan travelled with the team on their pivotal road trip to South Carolina earlier this year. He pieced together a journal recording how the team successfully navigated through the defining matches of the season, on and off the court. The team was coming off their first match of the year, a stunning defeat to Hofstra, and Hasan describes how the team eventually shaped its collective psychology, from a bunch just learning to play with each other for the first time, into the eventual New England Collegiate Conference Champions. Though many of the players will be returning next year, several players will be going their own way. So Hasan records for our readers for the final time, valuable moments of this team as a whole.

SUNDAY MARCH 23RD

It was a bitter cold morning and the streets of Stony Brook were devoid of any noticeable signs of life. But if you looked carefully you could see, hidden behind the gymnasium, four human silhouettes scurrying around lifting bags and running in and out of the sports complex. To any interloper wondering the campus in the dim morning light this would come across as very suspicious activity. But as you came closer you realized that these were not thieves or robbers but student athletes. If you could not tell that by their team jerseys, the big white bus with the big red University at Stony Brook logo stripe was a sure give-away. At six in the morning everything was loaded and ready to go. They were headed to South Carolina to participate in a grueling week of competitive tennis.

Unfortunately, the team was not complete as they left the Stony Brook grounds. Only four players out of six were in the bus. The coach had made preparations to pick up the other two from the Burger King in Douglaston plaza. After picking up Tae Byon and Dae Kim, we were off. Six players, one coach, and one "pain in the butt" Statesman sports writer.

As the bus began moving and the heat came on, the chattering of teeth subsided and the team began to loosen up. No one seemed to be thinking about the future. They all had just one question on their minds "Are we there yet?" This may seem unprofessional and somewhat childish, but what else can you do when you are cramped up in a small S.B. van with only an AM/FM radio and no cassette deck. Can you believe it, 15 1/2 hours on a van with no cassette deck.

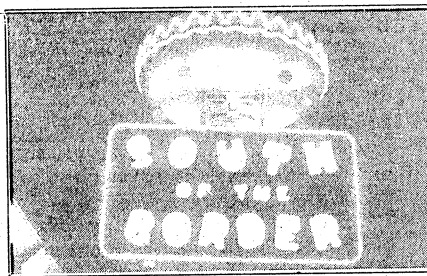
Before leaving, I had the opportunity to ask the players whether or not they could adjust to the warmer weather in South Carolina. They unanimously agreed that it was a lot better than playing in New York weather.

This was also the first time that this statesman sports writer had the chance to meet the new players (Jo Seidinger, Tae Byon and Dae Kim). On this trip I got to know the off-court personalities of Jo Seidinger, the graduate student, Tae Byon the freshman sensation, Dae Kim, who shares the lime light of being the veteran of the team along with Daniel Antonious and the rest. Let me tell you, each player has a Jeckyl and Hide complex. Off the court they are just another Stony Brook student, but on, they attack with the prowess of a seawolf. This is a mentality shared by all competitive athletes.

At about 9:30 we stopped at a rest stop to eat breakfast. Everyone ate light except for some select few who needed their greasy curly fries in the morning. I know I enjoyed mine. When we started off again, everyone had adjusted to the seating arrangement, and now that their bellies were full they started dosing off.

The rest of the trip was a melee of different experiences the best being when we stopped at the South of the Border for brunch. Initially we had stopped to use the rest rooms and do a little sight seeing. But then we decided to eat and that was a definite mistake. The restaurant name was "Hot Tamale." I don't know maybe the name was catchy. I know I was interested in finding out what a hot tamale tasted like, I have seen all the cartoons with "porky pig." Coach Tabibnia was suspicious and asked the intriguing question, "Is it hot or is it hot?"

One tamale and a soda cost us four dollars a piece. Sharing in the experience were Byon (the human food disposal), Kim, and Antonious. When we opened up our wrappers what we saw was a nuked piece of corn



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bread(stale) with mush(supposedly ground beef) as the filling. Yes, it looked a lot worse than anything Taco Bell could come up with. Let me tell you when we left we were not feeling so hot anymore.

In about another 2 1/2 hours, at approximately 11:30 pm we were at the gate of our place of residence. It was called the Hilton Head Beach and Tennis resort and it was conveniently situated right next to the beach. The question running through my mind was, how could anyone compete in a beautiful place like this? Two rooms were reserved for the players. The reporter (myself), Kim, Byon and the coach were shoved into the same room. The other room was shared between Mike Jo, Charles Greenhut, Jo Seidinger and Daniel Antonious. Everyone had eaten dinner and settled in by 2:30 am. I am sure everyone was anxious to hit some balls and wanted to get a lot of rest.

MONDAY —MARCH 24TH

PRACTICE!! PRACTICE!!! PRACTICE!!!!

The bright sun was out and ready to greet the team, as they walked out of their rooms into the van. It was time to eat breakfast and everybody was ravenous. It was a quick drive to the local grocery store "Publix" where the team had their choice of sandwiches and bagels as eateries. Half the team had roast beef for breakfast while the other half enjoyed their bagels and turkey sandwiches. I was very surprised to see how much these players ate throughout the day. Each one of them has very high rates of metabolism because they can chow down with the best of them.

At 12:00 pm the team was stretching on their practice courts in the Outdoor Resorts Yacht Club. The two courts were built on a dune close to the water and had no wind breakers to protect from the large gusts of wind coming from the sea. This made it really difficult for the players to acquire any type of a rhythm. With winds blowing at about 50 mph, practicing overheads was out of the question and ball tosses for serves were severely impaired.

We all know that many athletes have a completely different personality on the court than off. Daniel Antonious epitomizes this "player" mentally down to the last letter. He is a face of grim determination on the court, but off it's a whole different story. Antonious is the veteran player whom everyone looks up to. He is the one who has to set the example. A rule of thumb for all players; don't carry any sh-t onto the court, leave it all behind. I knew from the beginning that Antonious was a well trained player, but I was not ready for what I saw on the practice court that day. Antonious was drilling balls down the court and cross court with immense power, even Bruno Barbera did not hit shots like these. I remember thinking that this guy was a whole new breed.



Daniel Antonious

This was the first time this reporter had seen these players hit. Before ever getting on the court, Tae Byon had a stretching routine which he had to complete (usually takes about 10-15 minutes). I asked him why he needs to stretch that long, his simple answer was "I don't want to get injured." I already knew that Tae Byon, Coach Tabibnia's No. 1 draft pick from Cardozo H.S. was an exceptional player. What I didn't know was why? To start, Michael Chang is his idol and he himself wants to be part of the pro circuit. As you watch him play you notice that unlike Antonious (who makes his presence known to all), Byon seems to blend in with the environment. He is a baseline player with flat powerful forehands and backhands. I believe his best shot is the jumping overhead, it packs a wallop. As Byon warmed up everyone else ran a little, stretched, and then went straight to hitting tennis balls.

Charles Greenhut seemed a little lethargic and worn out, maybe he is not a morning person. I know Greenhut from the days when I used to practice with the team. He first joined the team last year as a singles player, but due to little match experience, he did not fair that well last season. But his performance in second doubles, with his current partner Mike Jo, makes up for it all.

Everyone else seemed happy to be out there in this beautiful weather playing tennis. When Mike Jo was asked about how he felt about playing in this windy weather, he replied that, "It's always good to get out there and hit some balls. We were on the bus for a while [and] I would hit in the parking lot if I had to." I know Mike Jo from his years in Ward Melville H.S. where he used to play doubles on the varsity tennis team. He is a Univ. of Pennsylvania transfer student. I have known Jo to have a very mentally oriented game. He will do everything in his power to psyche out the other player, and most of the time he is successful. You could call him a hacker with some "skiiiiiiiills."

Joachim ("the German") Seidinger is a German exchange student, who is visiting and playing tennis for the seawolves just for this year. He is probably the best fit player on the team, in stamina. His strategy during most matches is to run circles around the opponent, until he gives up physically and mentally.

The evening practice were scheduled at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Resort. There was hardly any wind and there were night lights. It was perfect tennis weather. During this practice, first doubles (Daniel Antonious and Tae Byon.) scrimmaged with second doubles. Surprisingly, the second doubles gave them a run for their money, running the match to a tie breaker and almost defeating them.

TUESDAY MARCH 25TH

FIRST MATCH BARTON COLLEGE (#5 IN THE EAST)

Coach Manny received a call last night from the Barton coach stating that the match time was being changed from eight in the morning to 11:30. The bad news was that it was taking place about forty five minutes away at Bacon Park in Savannah, Georgia. The team left the hotel at about 10:00 a.m., in case we got lost. After losing our path a couple of times, we finally made it to the entrance of the Cacon Park courts. The time was 11:32 on the dot.

Since Saturday the coach had made it his duty to let his team know that this team would be very tough to beat. He had stated numerous times that "This was a very deep team." As we walked through the mesh of Barton players, it was an intimidating sight, hearing all these foreign players. Most of the players were Canadian or Australian. Though I was bothered by this, the Seawolves had their game faces on and nothing was going to hinder their routine. They went straight on to the courts and started warming up.

Yesterday's practice must have helped because they were solid with their strokes. Antonious was having a little bit of trouble with his serve, the same problem he had yesterday at practice. It took ten minutes before the announcement went out that the match was going to start. Both teams introduced their players and what positions they will play. On the first doubles court the Seawolves really made their presence known with Antonious' big serve and Byon's smashing overhead.

The second doubles team was not expected to do so well because Kim is more of a singles player. Coach Manny had a little talk with him telling him to have a positive attitude on the court and to pump up his partner (Jo Seidinger). Basically, there needed to be more communication between the two players. This talk must have helped because the second doubles team was working quite well together. They were keeping Barton at bay. As for third doubles it did not look like Barton was going to give them too many chances to win some games.

The whole day was overcast and there was a high likely hood of rain coming our way. The rain came down at about 12:30 pm, at this point both first and second doubles were winning. It sprinkled for a few minutes and then stopped. The team stepped back on the court and as soon as they did, the rain came down again. This time it did not show any signs of subsiding. The courts were drenched and both coaches agreed to stop the match. At that point they went ahead and rescheduled the match for later that week. The match would have to be resumed from the same point that they left off at. the Seawolves were up in first doubles and second doubles, while losing in third doubles. Whether or not we would start at the same point would be the butt of controversy in the next few days.

- Hasan

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