

## Campus Lights the Way to Fighting Cancer

By Emy Kuriakose  
Statesman Editor

Illuminated red and white balloons filled the Stony Brook sky last Friday night as students, faculty and community members came together for the Light the Night Walk-A-Thon to raise funds and awareness for blood-related cancers.

That night, nearly 500 walkers raised more than \$75,000 dollars to support research to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma. Those that held white balloons were survivors or sufferers of a disease, and those with red balloons came to support the cause.

"It's the first time we're running this walk here at Stony Brook. It's a very exciting night," said University President Shirley Strum Kenny.

The walk comes in a year when an estimated 106,700 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma, according to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. An estimated



President Shirley Strum Kenny and her husband walked in memory of their son Joel, who passed away from leukemia several years ago.

60,400 people will die of one of these diseases this year alone. Current

treatments include chemotherapy, bone marrow transplants, and cultured stem

cell transplants. The funds raised will go towards researching new drugs to increase the cure and remission rates for the illnesses.

Stony Brook University has joined the cause this year as part of its outreach program to the surrounding community in its "Golden Year of Community Service."

"We want to rally the community and the University to come together for these fundraising events," Kenny said. "This walk is a great opportunity to do that."

The walk, organized by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, was held to celebrate and commemorate those lives touched by these diseases and included walkers from several universities and towns. The Society runs 56 chapters nation-wide, with each chapter hosting several walks throughout the year. The Stony Brook walk was the last of three set to run in Suffolk County. Earlier this year, a walk in downtown Montauk hosted 200

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## SBU EOP/AIM Aims for Student Success

By Gene Tulman  
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook University's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), located at W-3520 on the third floor of the Melville Library, offers academically and economically disadvantaged students a chance to pursue an undergraduate education, supporting their intellectual as well as social development.

"We work with students who are economically and academically disadvantaged," said Randall Edouard, senior counselor at EOP/AIM. "With a whole lot of assistance, as far as counseling and support services, we help the students navigate their way through this institution and be successful."

The University's EOP program was initiated in 1968 and given a local name of Advancement on Individual Merit (AIM). Thus, the program is referred to as EOP/AIM.

According to an EOP/AIM publication, "The purpose for the Educational Opportunity Program is to fulfill New York State's commitment to provide access to higher education for economically disadvantaged students who possessed the potential to succeed in college, but whose academic preparation in high school has not fully prepared them to pursue college education successfully."

Applicants to the EOP/AIM program

must qualify both academically and economically.

"The overall mission is to admit the non-traditional students, and throughout their four to five years here at the university to assist these students in any possible way, helping them achieve their ultimate goal which is graduation," Edouard said. "We also stress social responsibility as far as after graduation, giving back to the Stony Brook community, giving back to their home communities, and so on and so forth."

Out of high school, candidates for the program must maintain a grade point average of 80 or B, or GED score of 285 with 850 SATs. Moreover, students must complete three years of high school science and three years of sequential math.

Transfer student interested in the EOP/AIM program must present a 2.3 grade point average, a minimum of 18-24 academic credits from another accredited institution, and will often be enrolled in "EOP, HEOP, SEEK, College Discovery or similar academic support program at a previous college."

Students are admitted into EOP/AIM through the general procedures of the University's admissions office. Therefore, prospective applicants need not separately apply to the EOP/AIM program.

"The [EOP/AIM] program allows

students who could not otherwise get into college a chance to further their studies," said SBU senior Edwin Nuez. "It's a very positive thing for those underprivileged people who don't have a necessary academic background, but do have the energy to perhaps, in the future, acquire that background in order to be successful in their professional endeavors."

EOP/AIM offers a number of student services. Each EOP/AIM student is assigned his own counselor. These counselors are available "on a walk-in basis or by appointment, and offer students personal, financial aid, academic and career counseling." The program also sponsors individualized and group tutorial services.

"We offer a tutorial program in a whole wide variety of subjects," Edouard said. "The service is free of charge to our students."

Other services offered to EOP/AIM students include the Turner Mentor Program and the Special Initiatives Workshops. The former is a hierarchical mentoring opportunity, while the latter is a mandatory program for those EOP/AIM students who fail to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

"One of the most critical elements of [EOP/AIM] is the mandatory five-week summer program," Edouard said. "It's a program that we like to call academic boot

camp. As students are coming straight from high school, we have five weeks to change their attitudes towards academia, change their whole way of thinking, and acclimate them to the campus and the college setting."

According to the EOP/AIM website, the five-week Pre-Freshman Summer Program includes free room, board and books.

"We always say that success is just an attitude away," Edouard said. "During these five weeks we work on that attitude, and overwhelmingly our students do very, very well coming out of the summer program."

For further information, the EOP/AIM office may be reached by calling 631-632-7090 or by visiting the program's website at <http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/Prov/eopaim.nsf>.

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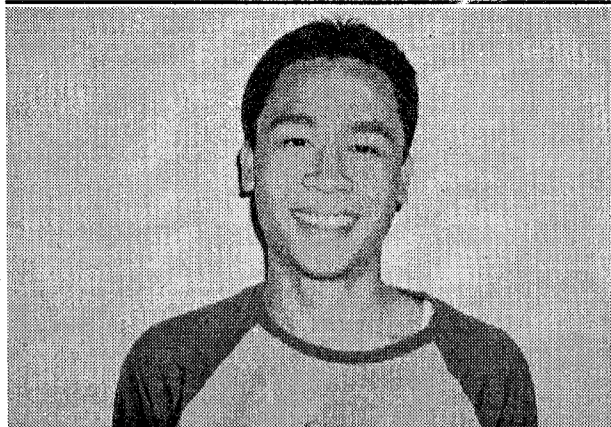
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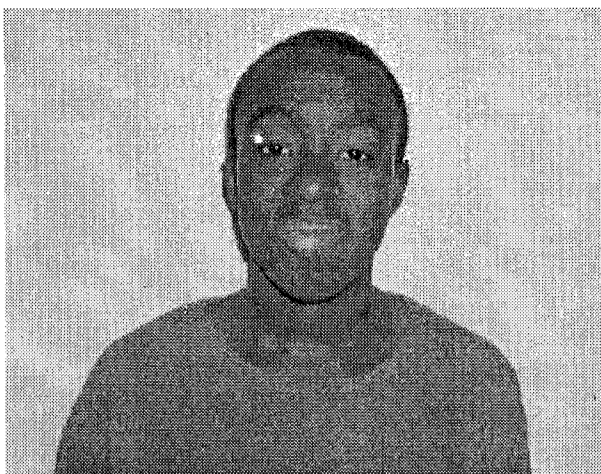
By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

**Michael Perez, Senior**

I think there should be more parking lot space, especially in the residential areas. Right now, there is a lot of overcrowding, especially during midday. They should also make distinct signs for where faculty and students can park. Getting tickets on campus is ridiculous.



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

**Francis Owoo, Senior**

The psychology department and Harriman buildings are not high-tech enough. They're nowhere near as good as the Chem building or the Bio CMM. They have no real lecture halls, their rooms are smaller, etcetera.



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**Joici Job, Sophomore**

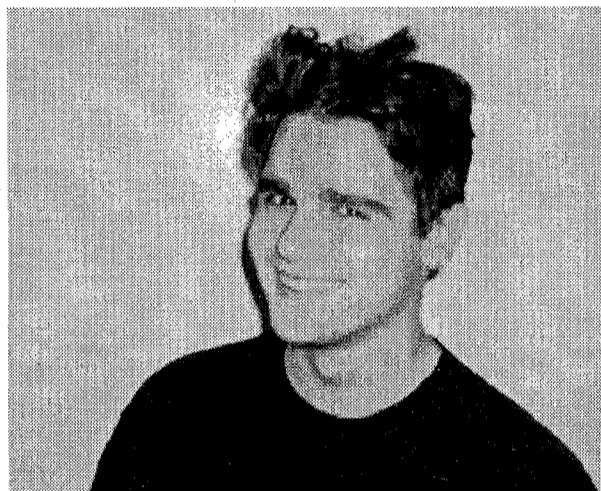
I think they we're doing too much already. We need to just finish what we already started. How many engineering buildings do we really need anyway?



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**Maggie Sturm, Sophomore**

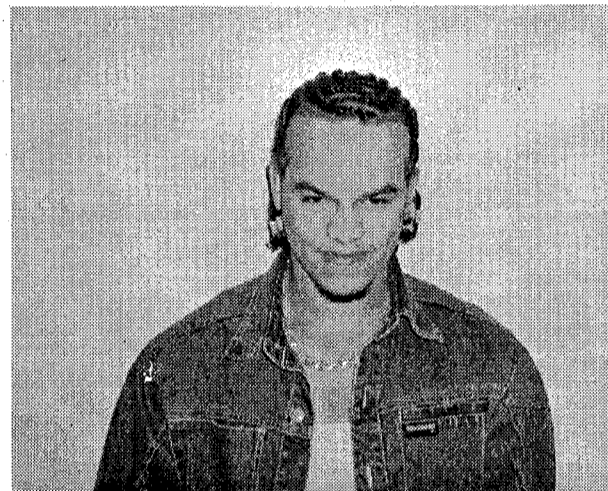
They should make more dorms. All the people getting tripled up...it's kind of ridiculous. That should be more important than some of the other things they spend time and money in.



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

**Michael Billings, Sophomore**

I think they need renovations in the residence halls. I don't mean stuff like air conditioning. I mean new coats of paint and better carpeting, things like that.



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

**Dwight Campbell, Senior**

I think they should have more cafeterias and choices for food. There are dining halls that aren't even being used. They should reinstate the one in Tabler, at least.

## Art Review: Hispanic Heritage Soars in SAC Art Gallery

By RACHEL REITER  
Statesman Editor

Student Activities Center Gallery displays "nine visions" in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Stop by the SAC for a leisurely way to honor the importance of Hispanic culture through the appreciation of art.

The exhibit is curated by Graciela Kartofel. Gallery hours are Tuesday-

Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event is sponsored by: Student Union and Activities, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, Omega Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc.

The exhibit is comprised mainly of clay sculptures with a Mexican-American flair elevating art to a level of multiculturalism in our

diverse society. On the right wall of the gallery, when you first walk in, is a Mexican flag adjacent to an American flag. This juxtaposition creates a feeling of patriotism as well as international unity.

In addition, there is an excellent array of photographs placing emphasis on family ties enhancing the sense of unity in the atmosphere. It is interesting to note that the eagle, which appears on Mexico's flag and on the U.S. dollar, is a common symbol for both lands; the eagle is a bird of amazing strength with wings that soar to extraordinary heights.

Curiously enough, the observer will view images of a boy holding an American flag not far from a photograph of a confining metal gate. In addition, towards the left center is a thick barred sculpture of a cage.

The combination of barriers and flags hints at subtle political messages embedded within the art, including the surge for freedom. The earth-toned sculptures, in contrast to the bold colors of the flags, makes the flags eye-catching, though they



Statesman/Michelle Pirraglia

Pieces like this one have a distinct Hispanic flair.

are comparatively small.

For the sake of pure enjoyment, casual curiosity or for a spark of inspiration see for yourself with your own eyes and feel for yourself with your own intuition what the gallery has to offer you. Come in and enjoy the beauty of art along with the allure of culture all in honor of heritage. The gallery is open through Oct. 18, so get a good look and get your creative fluids flowing.



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The Hispanic Heritage exhibit fills the spacious gallery in SAC Phase II.



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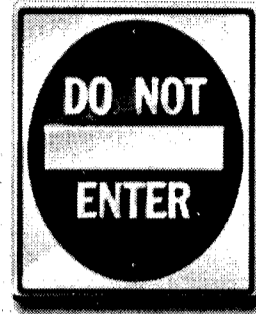
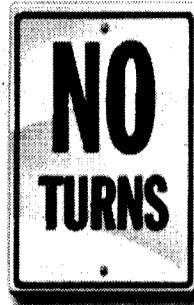
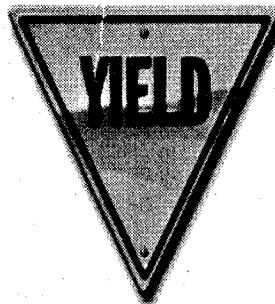
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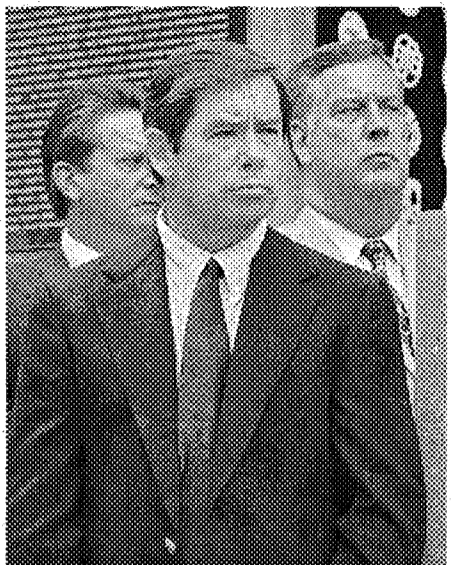
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# U.S. House Panel Proposes a Record \$5.4-Billion Budget for NSF

By ANNE MARIE BORREGO  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Washington, D.C. - A U.S. House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee on Monday approved a \$614-million increase to the 2003 budget for the National Science Foundation, which, if ultimately enacted, would give the agency \$5.4-billion, its largest budget ever. The bill approved by the House panel would provide no money for the AmeriCorps national-service program.

Congress is far behind on its efforts to enact budgets for all federal agencies for the 2003 fiscal year, which began on Oct. 1. Lawmakers have passed measures to keep the government operating at last year's budget levels until it passes the appropriations bills for 2003.



Courtesy of www.house.gov/walsh  
Congressman James T. Walsh represents New York's 25th District. He is the Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on VA/HUD.

The House subcommittee's proposed increase for the science foundation was \$395 million more than President George W. Bush's request of \$5.035 billion. The bill approved by the House panel would allocate \$4.1 billion of the NSF's budget to research, a 15 percent increase over the spending level for the 2002 fiscal year. The proposed budget for 2003 would also include \$159 million for research equipment.

Under the subcommittee's bill, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would receive \$15.3 billion in total funds, a \$398 million increase over its 2002 budget. The president had proposed a budget of about \$15 billion.

Members of the subcommittee did

not provide any funds for the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps. However, Rep. James T. Walsh, a Republican from New York and chairman of the subcommittee, noted that Congress allocated funds for the agency at a later point in the legislative process that set the 2002 budget a year ago. He said that he expected Congress would do the same for the 2003 budget. President Bush had requested \$638 million for AmeriCorps, up 56.3 percent from last year.

Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies agreed to refrain from introducing amendments to the bill until Wednesday, when the full Appropriations Committee meets.

# Students on More Than 30 Campuses Protest Against Threatened War With Iraq

By JEFFREY YOUNG  
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Students at more than 30 colleges across the country held protests on Monday against a prospective U.S. war with Iraq as part of a "National Student Day of Action." The protests, which included at least one counter-protest, came as President Bush was set to make his case in an address to the nation Monday night for war against Iraq.

Among the colleges with antiwar events were Boston College, Emerson College, Harvard University, Lexington Community College, Ulster Community College, and the University of California at Santa Cruz, said Deepinder S. Mayell, co-director of Boston Mobilization, a nonprofit group coordinating the protests. A list of events can be found on the group's web site.

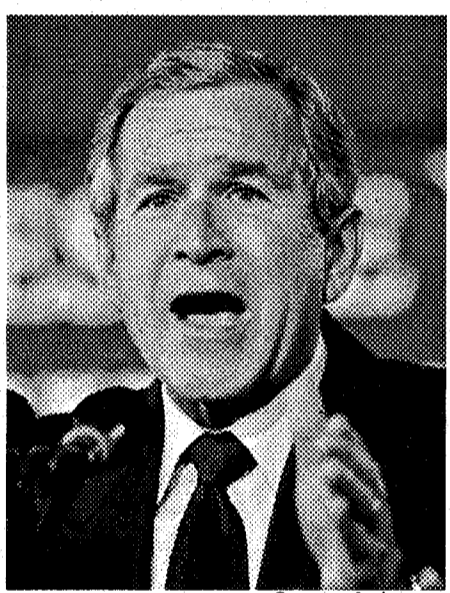
"After today, I think a lot of people are going to realize there's a large student movement growing around the nation" against the war, said Mr. Mayell.

Students at Boston University strung hundreds of paper dolls around Marsh Plaza, each representing 500 Iraqis who the students say have died since the gulf war as a result of either economic sanctions or bombing by the United States and Britain, said Carinne Luck, a senior and an organizer of the protest. Several speakers were scheduled to speak Monday night against the possibility of a war.

Meanwhile, about 50 or 60 students gathered at a central area on Boston College's campus, nicknamed the "Dust Bowl," some beating drums or carrying signs reading "No war with Iraq."

"A war with Iraq would only increase hostility toward the United States rather than decrease it," said Luke P. Elliott, a junior at Boston College who participated in the protest. "Also, it would be a violation of international law. ... I just haven't seen the evidence that justifies a pre-emptive strike."

About 20 or 30 Boston College students held a counter-protest, led



Courtesy of yahoo.com  
President Bush supports a House resolution calling for a possible U.S. strike on Iraq. The bill may come up for a vote as early as next week.

by members of the campus's College Republicans. They carried signs reading "Liberate Iraq," "We support our troops," and "We Stand with President Bush."

"Now that we've had the events of September 11, it has become even more important to make sure that no state is out there with the interest of harming us," said Christopher L. Pizzo, a freshman at Boston College and a member of the College Republicans group. "Saddam Hussein and Iraq represent one of the greatest dangers to our future in America."

Student groups on other campuses are planning protests in the coming weeks. Members of a student group called "Stop the War!" at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, for instance, are planning a rally for Wednesday, said Josh Healey, a freshman and a member of the group.

"Since September 11, it's un-American in some ways, people say, to dissent," he said. "But I think now people are starting to come back and call into question, why are we doing this?"

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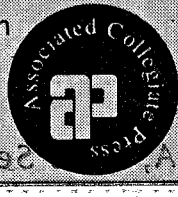
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**Editorial**

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Stony Brook LIVE!  
 Episode 2 [10/02/02]  
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Host: On Tuesday, Sept. 24, Polity's Executive Council held a press conference, in room 237 of the Student Union, to "get the record straight." The meeting was the first official press conference held by Polity Council this semester. Let's hear what they had to say.

M. Morris: In every organization there are positive and negative aspects, and no organization should be expected to be perfect.

Host: (nods approvingly) Alright... Sounds reasonable, makes sense.

M. Morris: As we accepted our positions, we already accept [sic] the duties and responsibilities that came with it.

Host: Good for you! Taking the responsibility that knowingly comes with the job.

M. Morris: However, for the past month, we have been accepting more than our responsibilities demand.

Host: Hmmm... Whatever could she mean?

M. Morris: We have accepted the blame for student unhappiness. We have accepted the blame for the state of our organization.

Host: The state of student unhappiness...? The state of their organization...? Isn't that what the organization, that is, student government, is largely responsible for?

M. Morris: We accepted numerous articles questioning the integrity of members of this organization.

Host: Actually, I know for a fact that those were editorials, not articles. Editorials... Just like in every major newspaper in the country.

M. Morris: Each and every issue you stated, each article you printed, has nothing to do with these newly elected council members.

Host: Again, editorials—not articles. Editorials... subjective. Articles... objective.

M. Morris: Instead of tearing the wound open, what we need is more support. The newspaper articles should read, "What said can students bring to help heal this organization. The newspaper articles should read, "What said can students bring to help heal this organization."

Host: Ok, ok. Alright, hold up, hold up, hold up! Let me get this straight... *Government* should tell the *media* what stories to cover? The government should decide what *news* is? ...Interesting.

In a related story, Communist China has recently set up a nation-wide block of the internet search engine *Altavista* for "featuring political views that are disagreeable to the authorities."

Michelle Morris is junior class representative, and the Host of Stony Brook LIVE! is J. Peter Lee

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# War, the American People, and Walter Cronkite

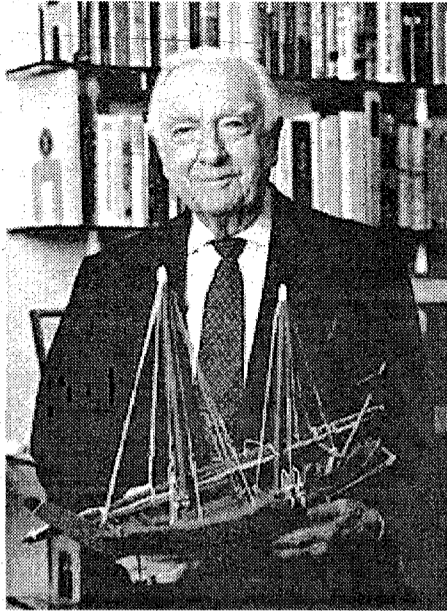
By ADAM ZIMMERMAN  
Statesman Editor

December 7, 1941. November 22, 1963. September 11, 2001.

On those three dates, over a span of three generations, we lost something. In 1941, it was Pearl Harbor. In 1963, it was President John F. Kennedy. In 2001, it was the Twin Towers. In all three, it was a longstanding sense of innocence.

On those three dates, over a span of three generations, we got something in return: war. Within 48 hours after Pearl Harbor was attacked, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had declared war on Japan and Germany. Within 2 years following President Kennedy's assassination, over 180,000 American troops were sent into Vietnam. Within 26 days after the terrorist attacks against New York City and Washington D.C., a bombing campaign had commenced in Afghanistan.

Three dates, three generations, three wars. How did the American people respond? During World War II, we were The Greatest Generation. United against a common enemy, determined to rid the world of Fascism, bolstered by committed allies, the American people seemed to singularly devote themselves to their government's cause. Our spirit



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**Walter Cronkite: We've lost him again.**

did not break, our concentration did not waver, and in the end, our mission was accomplished.

During the Vietnam War, we experienced a reversal of sorts. Not everyone viewed Vietnam as a legitimate threat to U.S. security, not everyone thought Communism warranted complete eradication, and not every ally thought our actions were the proper means to achieving the peace. And that was all before we realized that our own government had tricked us into believing that the war would be the ultimate cakewalk. We protested, we demonstrated, we

objected until the boys were finally brought home. By the end, one could argue that we were The Disillusioned Generation.

So where do we fit in? At times, we have shown some qualities of both. The military campaign in Afghanistan was an enormous success, and we responded with almost overwhelming patriotism and confidence in our government. Conversely, the perpetual continuation of a sometimes ambiguous War on Terrorism has led many to cast our government's motives and actions in an unfavorable light.

To be sure, there were obviously quite a few differences among The Greatest and Disillusioned Generations. But the one overarching commonality they shared was that they were both Concerned Generations. The people were interested, informed and, perhaps most importantly, involved in the issues of the time. While the living of daily life continued, part of that life was devoted to learning more about world affairs and the shaping of policies which governed such affairs.

Now, compare that mindset to what occurred on Monday night. Our War on Terrorism now has Iraq squarely within its sights. President

Bush delivered a major address on the issue in primetime. Nevertheless, ABC, NBC, and CBS all decided to not carry the broadcast, and continued with that essential "regularly-scheduled programming."

So millions of viewers instead were tuned into the likes of *The Drew Carey Show*, *King of Queens*, and *Fear Factor* instead of hearing the issues surrounding the next potential war in America's history. While millions did watch the address on FOX network and the cable news channels, the fact remains that out of all the Americans who watched television that night, a clear and convincing majority decided that Bush's speech was secondary in importance. It is almost surreal to think about.

No less a distinguished news icon than Walter Cronkite criticized the network's decision. That in and of itself is rather ironic. When the then-CBS news anchor proclaimed his opposition to the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson is said to have remarked, "if I have lost Walter Cronkite, then I have lost the American people."

Well, a few nights ago, without anybody really realizing it, we acted like the Uninterested Generation. And, very quietly, we once again lost Walter Cronkite.

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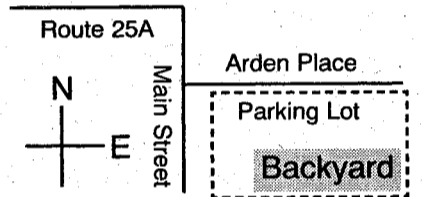
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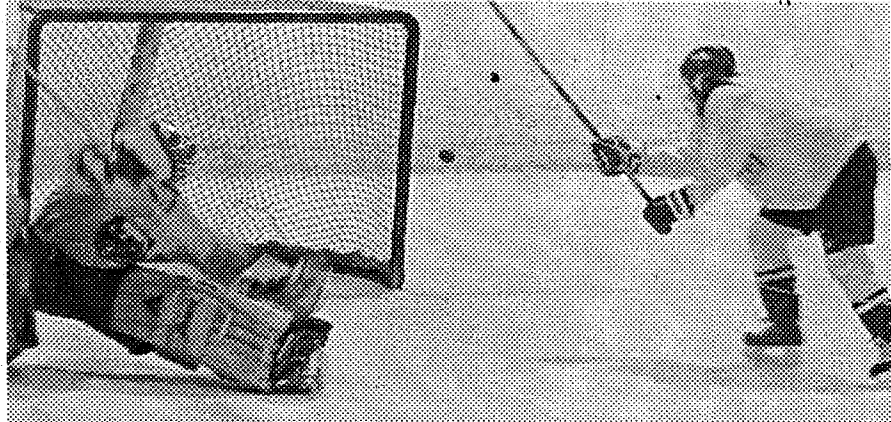


# Seawolves Hockey Opens With Back-to-Back Wins

By CHARLES CLIFFORD  
Statesman Contributor

The Stony Brook hockey team opened its season this past weekend with back-to-back wins. On Saturday night the Rutgers Ice Knights were in town and the Seawolves dealt them a crushing 9-0 defeat.

Jimmy Sedoruk (2 goals, 2 assists) opened the scoring for SBU early in the first period when he beat his defender, then raced towards the goal,



Statesman/Charles Clifford

The Seawolves scored 25 points in their first two games last weekend.

squeaking a shot through the goaltender's pads. The Seawolves never looked back.

Also adding to the offense for Stony Brook were Mike Keane (2 goals, 1 assist) and Joe Savan (2 goals). Billy Acker and Anthony DeMichele each added 3 assists. Brian Andruszkiewicz was outstanding in net, making 25 saves en route to his first victory of the season. This was also his first shutout at SBU.

Saturday also marked a milestone for two new players. Rookies Gregg Dietrich and Nate Hould each scored their first goals as Seawolves.

On Sunday night, the Seawolves faced a different opponent but had a similar outcome as they defeated Albany 16-2. Just like the previous night, the Seawolves dominated every aspect of the game from the opening face off to the final whistle.

Leading the way for SBU were Keane (1 goal, 4 assists), Kourgouzov (3 goals, 1 assist), and Sedoruk (2 goals, 2 assists). Captain Jesse Muro and newcomer Hould each added 2 goals and an assist, while Billy Sullivan scored his first 2 goals of the season.

Bobby Marotta got his first start in goal for Stony Brook and he was solid between the pipes, earning his first win at Stony Brook.

Although pleased with his team's performance, Coach Larry Nastasi knows tougher opponents still lie ahead. After the game he said, "These kids played great and deserved to win, but not all games are going to be as easy as these. Now its time to focus and prepare for the tough games that await us."

The Seawolves next home game is on Saturday, Oct. 12 against rival Siena at 8 p.m. at the Rinx in Hauppauge. For directions, call 232-3222.

# Light the Night

Continued from Page 1

walkers, and another at Hofstra had approximately 600.

"It was great that the whole town came out. There were so many kids and families there; I think it was a good night," said George David, a junior at Polytechnic University.

The short walk evoked strong emotions for those who had lost loved ones. Several teams were organized to remember individuals. Others came simply to show their support and donate to the cause. President Kenny walked with her husband in remembrance of their son, who passed away from leukemia.

"We're walking for him, and for children like him," she said.

Walkers were treated to light refreshments and an entertainment show at the SAC. The Inter Fraternity Sorority Council provided volunteers and walkers for the event and helped host the night's activities.

"We were extremely happy with the help we received from the Sorority and Fraternity Council. There were a lot of volunteer efforts on their part," said Kristen Thorsen, Campaign Manager for Light the Night Walks.

Throughout the year, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will run several fundraisers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. This coming week, Volvo is sponsoring a Regatta at the Port Washington Yacht Club, where boats will set sail to raise money for the cause. Other events are running in Westchester and Manhattan.

"We urge students and faculty to visit our website and come join us in these events," Thorsen said. "Our experience at Stony Brook was amazing. Everyone was so organized, and so willing to help; we hope to make it an annual event at the University."

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# Features

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## "Fruitscapes" Opens for Viewing at LACS Gallery

By LAUREN SCHER  
Statesman Contributor

The Latin American & Caribbean Studies club (LACS) hosts a wide array of activities and events on campus. The organization is hosting a gallery opening entitled "Fruitscapes" in the Social and Behavioral Sciences building. The exhibit, which will be showcased for the remainder of the semester, presents the works of Chilean artist Constanza Mallol and is being co-sponsored by the Stony Brook Department of Art.

The showcase, which opened Sept. 25, includes paintings of pears, apples and other fruit. The opening included a speech given by the artist and was followed by a reception.

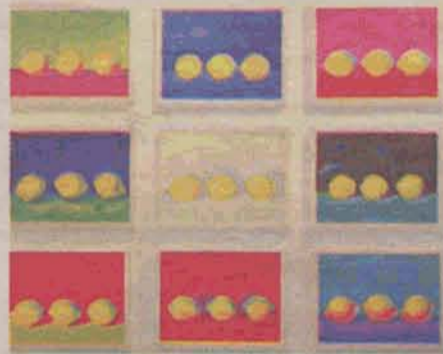
Mallol is based out of New York City, where she lives with her husband and children. An avid traveler returning from abroad, Mallol said she was greatly influenced by the landscapes of foreign countries. The artist said she was inspired to paint the series after

returning home from a trip.

Mallol found that New York lacked the color spectrum she witnessed elsewhere. That spectrum was found however in fruits of all shapes and sizes.

"I find the colors that were absent from every day life in the fruit I have painted," Mallol said about her paintings. "I like the happiness it shows. The bright colors remind me of the landscapes I had seen."

Mallol, invited by a LACS faculty member, said she was excited to be presenting her work at Stony



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

These portraits of lemons are for sale.



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

"Fruitscapes," on display in the LACS Gallery in the SBS building, offers an array of colorful artwork by Chilean artist Constanza Mallol, and is open for public viewing.

Brook. Though she does not consider herself a professional painter, but rather a mother who paints, her artwork reflects a love for painting.

The exhibit is located in the LACS Gallery, room N-320 of the SBS building. Seventeen paintings are on display, varying in shape and presentation style. All of the artwork is available for purchase and ranges in price from \$450 - \$2200.

The LACS center achieves to educate students and the public on issues pertaining to Latin American

and Latino issues. The LACS department has many other events planned this semester. Several seminars will be given in October, as well as lectures on pursuing a minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. The LACS also have a scholarship fund, which is available to eligible students. For more information on the LACS program or for a calendar of events, visit their offices, located on the third floor of SBS, or their web site at <http://naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/CAS/lacc.nsf>.

## Playtime for Prucher's "Toybox"

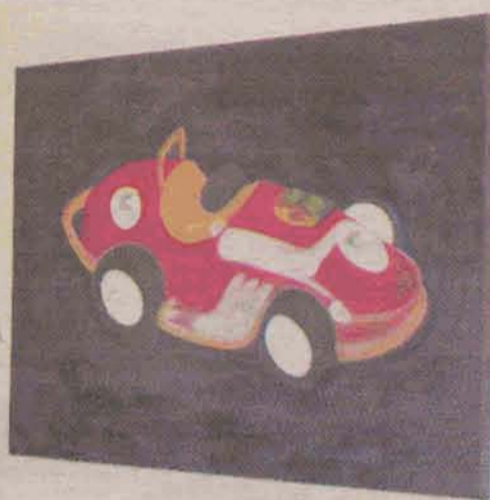
By BRIAN TOVAR  
Statesman Staff

On display at the Melville Library gallery is Stony Brook graduate student Raymond Prucher's second exhibition of new artwork this year. Entitled "Toybox," the show features four paintings of childhood objects that fuzzily recall the innocence and melancholy of youth.

Nostalgic night-lights glow solemnly beneath these images of a toybox, a quilt patchwork dog, a red racecar, and cartoon character Charlie Brown. These are accessible childhood images brought intimately to attention, yet isolated from any clear context or meaning. They stand out against dark backgrounds of black and burgundy paint that, according to Prucher, represent the vast distance from which memories are recalled.

"These are a little sad but are also about innocence," Prucher said during the opening reception last Thursday evening. "I chose these objects because they reminded me of toys I had when I was young but no longer have."

Born in Rock Island, Illinois,



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

SBU student Raymond Prucher offers a glimpse into his childhood with pieces like this painting of a toy racecar.

Raymond Prucher graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1995. Currently he is pursuing his Masters in Fine Arts, which he expects to complete by next year.

The theme of capturing or preserving the past occurs frequently in Prucher's work. Last Spring, his exhibition "(im)mutable objects)" featured objects from his past

encased in white plaster cubes and boxes. The viewer was left to guess as to the nature of the hidden object from a list of materials and writings on the wall. In Toybox, Prucher's hidden forms finally emerge from the dark. One is reminded of the silent and strange realm of our darkened childhood bedrooms. "Racecar" depicts an ethereal image of a toy racecar composed of vibrant red brushstrokes. Soft painted edges produce a skillful "ghost effect" in which the car seems to fall in and out of focus.

The canvas from which the show derives its name is entitled "Toybox." It features a rounded smiling head hovering over vague strokes of blues and browns, which

according to Prucher represent the planet Earth. Viewing this piece, one may discover an uneasy dimension of childlike simplicity that appears naïve yet possesses an almost sinister presence. The eye sockets of this toy are hollowed and open, round eyes peer out from the bone-colored figure with an everlasting grin.

Toybox is on display until Oct. 11. Hours are from 12-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 2-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Admission is free.



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

Prucher said his pieces are melancholy, but also capture his childhood innocence.