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# FROM THE DESK OF EDITOR

## Bon Voyage!

Welcome to the final issue for the spring 2005 semester. In this issue, we are mainly saying goodbye to Dr. Frederick R. Preston, VP for Student Affairs. There's not enough space, not enough personnel, etc., to fully express how we feel about losing such a great man. However, we did put together a few tribute, despite our very taxing schedule: final papers, projects, not to mention studying for finals...so sit back relax and enjoy this climatic end to a very fruitful and exciting semester.

### Blackworld is recognized

The 2004 - 2005 year has been a blast for Blackworld newspaper. In the past, Blackworld has been called many names, and reviewing some of our back issues, (a few years back), I must admit there were some questionable issues that seem to justify this name-calling. However, I am proud to be a part of the 4th best non-daily newspaper in the nation, according to ACP. And, Blackworld newspaper can no longer be associated with those synonyms, and whether you agree or disagree with our coverage, etc., one thing that is

irrefutable is our place on this campus as a bone fide newspaper!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the help of my illustrious staff: Paul, Garvin, Dorcas, Anna, Betty, diana, Makarios, Nancy, Daria, Jamila, Kendra. Kendra and Makarios are leaving us...they graduate!!! However, most of the other members will be returning in the fall and we are so looking forward to another great year! Thanks guys for putting up with me...I couldn't have done it without you, and whatever awards Blackworld receives remember that you are part of that history, and you made it happen!!

### USG Elections

Congratulations are also in order to the candidates who won their seats in the 2005 - 2006 Undergraduate Student Government (USG). Many positions were uncontested, which says a lot about the disenchantment of stony brook students with the USG. However, for those positions in which the candidates gave a run for our hard earned, student activity fees, let me say a hearty, well done!" Especially to our new President,

and former VP of Academic Affairs, Diana Acosta, and our new Senior Class rep, Annlyn Bristol. The journey will be rough, and at times you will feel like giving up. However many of us are cheering for you, knowing that you will bring something refreshing to the table. Blackworld newspaper looks forward to working with you in the next school year.

### Congratulations Class of 2005

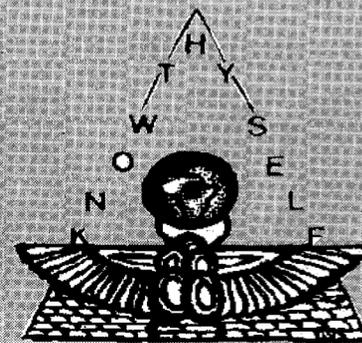
To my graduates I say, "bon voyage!" Remember us when you go out into the "real" world. Many of us will be writing and calling for internships, alumni donations, etc. Utilize the lessons you have learned to perform excellently on your finals, so you won't have to come back in the fall after "walking!"

To those of us who will be returning in the fall anyway, use this summer as a time to rejuvenate yourselves, do something you always wanted to do but never had the time to do it, and come back full of ideas, and ready to be involved in whatever organization to which you have aligned yourself.

Good luck on the finals, Have a great

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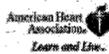
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## Campus News

# A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS



Dr. Frederick R. Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Recently, Blackworld Editor, Joan Gumbs, sat down with Dr. Frederick R. Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, who will be retiring from Stony Brook this June. A lot has been said and written about Dr. Preston so Blackworld wanted to know something that most people didn't:

BW: How do you feel about leaving Stony Brook?

Dr. Preston: I have mixed emotions...on the one hand, I feel that I'm ready to move on to the next stage of my life...where I'm saying retirement - but that may be a misnomer, because I will be doing things, what I meant is "Retire from Administration"...Over thirty years of

doing that...I feel I made contributions and it's time for someone else...

BW: Do you feel your goals have been achieved?

FP: When I look out at what I set out to do when I first started, I've exceeded... My goals change over the years, and the kind of person I am, there is always something else I want to get done...I think I have done enough to justify my being here...

BW: Recently I spoke with Prof. Vaughan, and he said the Africana Studies Department will suffer a great loss by your retirement. How do you feel about that?

FP: The Africana Studies and I have done different projects over the years focusing on African American students...for example, the UNITI Cultural Center, my office and the previous Provost, along with others such as Amiri Baraka... It has been fantastic to watch that department grow over the years... not only what I have done for them, but what they have done for themselves, (referring to the AFS).

BW: Speaking of UNITI Cultural Center. What do you think will become of them once you're gone?

FP: UNITI Cultural Center I have some concerns there...on the one hand I have concerns, but on the other, I have faith... Faith in the students who will provide leadership for the center. That faith tells me that the center will get better...I have a lot of hopes and dreams for the center, which would mean it has to be a lot bigger. However, I am trying to do what I can before I leave...one of the things I am doing, I am renovating a new site for the center... we start the rehab as soon as school ends in May in the Stony Brook Union... the students are excited over it... I feel confident that not only will it continue to exist, it will get better.

BW: Another one of your projects is Habitat for Humanity. Will you continue to do that when you leave?

FP: Long before I came out to the University, I have been involved [in Habitat]. I feel it's an ongoing commitment for me. To be doing something such as having an impact...on the lives of children in particular,

families...Habitat offered an opportunity for the University as an institution of citizens to give back, to create better socioeconomic conditions...and looking at the North Bellport area in particular and the fact that Habitat build houses... I thought this might be a good marriage if we could come up with a structure to get the whole university involved - student, faculty and staff - to raise money to sponsor the houses and to be involved by helping to build the houses...this changes the lives of families... it cements the aspiration of those children...they realize that college is not some abstract thing...[they can say] I'm going to college...I had only one stipulation: That all the houses be done in North Bellport... We've had tremendous coordinators, steering committees, etc. We're the only higher education institution that I know who not only raises the funds, but also provides volunteer help to build the houses. I was always working with the youth...In will always be involved...my motto has always been, you're either part of the problem or part of the solution.

BW: So what's next?

FP: We're kind of brought up in society to always know what comes next; you go to elementary, secondary, [etc, etc.] I've always been a little existential; I don't worry about that...First thing I'm going to do is relax and do some retooling... relax a little bit... I plan to travel a little bit. I will be doing some things with higher education. I'm going to do some stuff with my daughter, who has her own business on the side...I will continue to volunteer...In

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## VP Making an impression on the Stony Brook Wo/men's Center

BETTY BAZILE  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Frederick R. Preston has transformed the campus experience and introduced a variety of cultural and recreational events during a distinguished tenure as Vice President for Student Affairs at Stony Brook University. Dr. Preston, who is a national figure in student life administration and academic diversity issues, has been responsible for supervising a wide variety of student services since joining Stony Brook in 1981.

As far as the many impacts that Dr. Preston had on Stony Brook as a whole, he has spread his wisdom on the Women's Center/University Counseling Center. He has been the head of a division that the Counseling Center is a part of for many years. He has been involved with the Women's Center for over five years. His support was critical

in providing resources for the hired staff and created a physical space for the students. The University Counseling Center, a unit within the division of Student Affairs, helps students with their personal problems so that they can better meet the challenges of being a student. A variety of services include individual and group therapy, psychiatric assessment and treatment, stress management, mediation, and referrals to on and off campus resources that they offer. Dr. Preston realized that the students have tremendous emotional burden and they need to reduce their stress psychologically, that is why he provided them with a counseling center. And for somebody who is not a psychologist he has a lot of background information on this. Dr. Preston's responsiveness towards the students and staff is what he is well known for. Any student would tell you that he will drop anything that

he is occupied with at that moment to give them his undivided attention. When asked what impact did Dr. Frederick Preston have on the Women's Center/University Counseling Center Anne Byrnes, Director of the University counseling Center had this to say, "He is just a unique person; his commitment to the students is genuine. He has tried to work with the [Undergraduate] student government and in doing so he has helped hundreds of students since he has been on this campus. And then that same positive impression goes out towards each department." Last year, Dr. Preston created a counseling center for the Health Science Students. He saw that they had no flexibility to get to the counseling center on the main campus, so he created a satellite counseling office in the hospital, which is located on the third floor. Dr. Preston is also a faculty member

of the School of Social Welfare. He trains social workers to work in higher education, a program to teach them how to work in schools.

Dr. Preston has put a structure in place and now that he is leaving for his retirement, the University as a whole will truly miss him for his dedication. He will leave an impact on the students, in that they now have many resources for everything, and for different divisions of the University because of him. Dr. Preston molded us and shaped us as a family and his impression will never be forgotten.

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## Campus News

# VP Making Health a Priority at Stony Brook for 18 years



Dr. Rachel Ann Bergeson, Medical Director of Student Health Services

BY TANIA N. PROVILUS  
STAFF WRITER

In 1987, the Student Health Services Department became part of Stony Brook University's Department

of Student Affairs with Dr. Frederick Preston already in place as the Vice President of Student Affairs.

In the past 18 years, the Student Health Services has undergone massive growth adding many services to the benefit of Stony Brook Students. According to Dr. Bergeson, much of that growth can be attributed to the influence of Dr. Preston saying that "it is because of Dr. Preston that we were able to expand all these wonderful services to Stony Brook students."

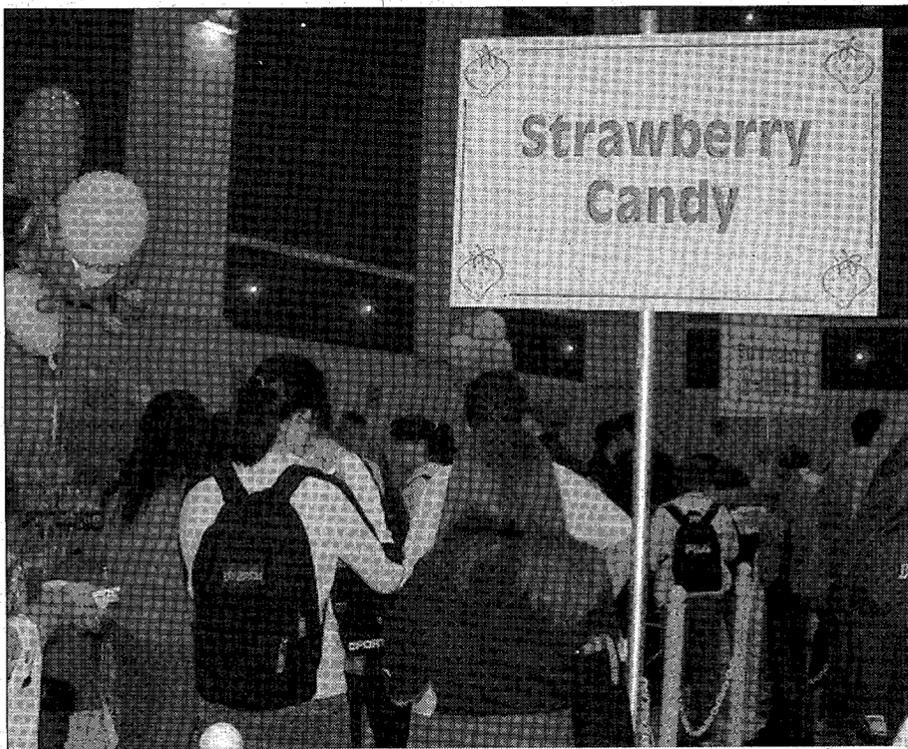
With Dr. Preston's support the Student Health Services was able to add health educators who inform students on the many pressing issues of being young adults, such as sex and sexually transmitted diseases. Programs such as the "Chill Group", "Swallow This," and "Reality Check" are now widespread on the Stony Brook campus. In addition, the Student Health

Services were able to obtain the FIPSE grant for \$150,000, which funds the "Swallow This" and "Reality Check" programs. Student Health Services has also added drug and alcohol counseling, full time psychiatrists and staff, and a part-time nutritionist.

Under Dr. Preston's advisory, for five years now the Student Health Services has been accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). This recognition has forced the Student Health Services to work even harder in order live up to the AAAHC's standards. In collaboration with the Stony Brook University Hospital, Student Health Services has also incorporated a teaching program that enables students in the medical field, including those in pediatrics and nursing as well as others, to observe and gain experience at the infirmary.

"We can only hope that Dr. Preston's replacement will be as dedicated and supportive as he has been." Dr. Rachel Ann Bergeson, Medical Director of Student Health Services, who has worked with Dr. Preston for 18 years.

# STRAWBERRIES ANYONE?



Students make their way to the strawberry candies, at the recent Strawberry Festival

BY NANCY SERGANY  
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday April 27, 2005 during Campus Lifetime, the 12th annual Strawberry Festival in conjunction with Diversity Day took place inside the Student Activities Center. Despite the cloudy weather, Stony Brook University students, faculty and staff came and

enjoyed 11 stations of strawberries and had a special day of food, fun and festivities. Everyone indulged in strawberries galore as the stations featured Strawberry Shortcake, Strawberry a la Viennetta, Strawberry Candy, Strawberry drinks, just to name a few. Not only were there Strawberry food and drinks, there were also strawberry favored condoms as well.

Campus Dining Services sold tickets for \$7.50 if you were a proscastinor and brought your ticket on the day of the event and \$7.00 if you brought them in advance. Sophomore Fred Ng said, "I think that \$7 is not so bad, it is definitely worth it!" Being it the end of the semester, many students, who were low on points decided not to purchase a ticket, but after walking through the buzz of the Student Activities Center, they just could not resist.

Some students shared their tickets with friends as 11 stations of strawberries can be overwhelming. Student Rosemary Orhue said, "It's a lot of strawberries, I like to share some with my friends." While everyone was enjoying the food, "Wolfie," Stony Brook University's very own mascot mixed and mingled with the crowd as the Pep Band, a musical group and club funded by the student activity fee that plays at sporting events and other events on campus played on stage and kept everyone entertained.

In addition to the Strawberry Festival, Diversity Day was a hit. According to Stony Brook University's Diversity and Affirmative Action web page, "Diversity Day was the brain-child of the Presidents' Student Advisory Council as a way to bring individuals of different backgrounds together for a day of celebration and togetherness. The experiment was a renowned success and brought about a new tradition within

Stony Brook, Diversity Day. The campus celebrates its diversity every spring semester during Strawberry Festival where both events go hand-by-hand promoting and celebrating our strengths in our differences and our mosaic of Diversity." For more information about Diversity Day visit <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/diversity/DiversityDay.html>.

Different tables were set up around the Student Activities Ballroom A and the Auditorium with a variety of clubs and organizations aimed at promoting diversity on campus. There were also performances going on, including the Stony Brook Cheerleaders with a fantastic routine and the Sikh Student Association with a great cultural dance. Free t-shirts and beach balls were given away as well. Senior Sue Chang was "happy to see everyone out and about even though it was raining for a bit."

All in all, the Strawberry Festival in conjunction with Diversity Day was a great success. Sophomore Melbin Thomas said, "I am happy to see Stony Brook host events like this especially towards the end of the semester and before stressful finals."

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# Campus News

## Bauman on Preston: "...the end of an era."



Dr. Frederick R. Preston, VP for Student Affairs

BY PAUL AKINS  
MANAGING EDITOR

For over 20 years, Dr. Frederick Preston has supervised many different departments and programs here at Stony Brook University. One such department is the Division of Campus Housing.

This department oversees all of the dormitories and apartments on campus.

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Dr. Preston's main responsibility supervising Campus Housing was to make sure that the entire department was running smoothly. Since he is currently in charge of many different departments on campus he does not directly deal with them. Instead, he speaks with the many different supervisors who are in charge of each

specific department. It is because of Dr. Preston's role as a supervisor that many people working within campus housing claim that they do not know him personally. Zalika Taylor, Resident Hall Director of Amman College Stated that even though she did not know Dr. Preston that well he was "very friendly."

"He's very personal; he always takes time out to talk to students."

"It was a great experience working with Dr. Preston," Matty Punnett, Quad Director said. She also stated that she did not know Dr. Preston that well, but when she did have the chance to speak with him he was very friendly. "He really helped out students of color; he puts a lot of effort into it."

Karen Lombrado, an office assistant in the Campus Residences front office also spoke about Dr. Preston. "He is very outgoing and fun. He attended ever school function small or large; he is a very positive role model."

One person who does know Dr. Preston well is the Assistant Vice President of Campus Residences, Dallas W. Bauman III. Bauman has

been working with Dr. Preston since March of 1982. Bauman was the first person hired by Dr. Preston when he came to Stony Brook in 1981 after working for the University of Massachusetts. "He has been our— Campus Housing—strongest supporter, director, and leader for change," said Bauman. Bauman spoke at length about the conditions many of the dorms and apartments were in when he first started working for the school and how Dr. Preston helped change the problems. "He was a major force in removing cooking for the dorms. In each living area there was one small, two burner stove that students could cook on. There was no kitchen area, juts this stove in the middle of the living room, needless to say we had a lot of fires."

"He also was a major force in Albany," Bauman said. "He did a lot of work for the school and can be credit for a lot of the changes that took place on campus." "His retirement will be a change for the school," Bauman said. "It's like the old cliché, "the end of an era."

## VP PRESTON

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am always involved in charity...I really enjoy Habitat...In give people commitment to each other, commitment to community, commitment to self. It builds sense of pride, rather than tear it down...this society makes people feel less than... They help but they do it in such a way that they can always feel better than that person. Habitat takes all that away. It takes a community to raise a child.

BW: Speaking of raising a child... I see you have a picture with Senator Clinton. What was that meeting like?

FP: The former first lady and now Senator Clinton was here for an event over at the Incubator...I've always admired her...People would like her to be a kind of back seat kind of woman... no leadership and brains...She's right in their face... She is a woman who is strong...She says here I am...I've always wanted a picture with her and characteristically, she said, I heard Dr. Preston wanted a picture and we're going to do this picture...

BW: Speaking of strong women, how did President Shirley Kenny take your retirement notice?

FP: The President and I are very close...She wrote me a letter...She has this commitment to social justice and equality ...and it's not just the typical liberal rhetoric...She feels it, she believes it, and she does it...what sticks in my

mind about her is her undergraduate years at a large university...back then Jim Crow was much stronger...She's Editor at the newspaper writing about racism...so that tells you something...we're comrades on the field of battle. We have a super relationship...I've been with the President for ten years...as a job, as a profession, I consider myself blessed...for me, a certain synergy of a higher percentage of the things I could have wished for. I had a tremendous experience here...

BW: And the students?

FP: The students here... it would be easy just to say the students have been great but really...Stony Brook students have been wonderful... when I first came here... student life have been really dark ages. I've had a lot of battles... but through it all... the students... For example, I got an email from a student who is now an Alum, most of his last two years, we had a lot of fights...he's in USG. He said in his email, "Every student who sets foot on this campus should know they owe a lot to you." And I feel the same way, about him and about the students... we have a very diverse campus ...Even though they may disagree about many things... someone may say, you just have this heated discussion then you go out and have dinner together?...SB is rich in its diversity, Black Americans, Jews, Caribbeans, Asians, etc. ...A lot of campuses would die to have what we have...

BW: How do you feel about the percentage of African American drop outs?

FP: ...There is tremendous need for increase in enrollment...however, for me; the priority has been what's happening to Black males... In am working on a national level...many of our Black males are in prison...that's what counts for the drop out... that is one of the reason I started the Black Male Student Leadership Commission, so that can have a responsibility to their brothers...they are doing tremendously...

BW: You have been compared to Oprah. How do you feel about that?

FP: Compared to Oprah? In take that as a compliment...On the one hand if I am like Oprah it's a complement...if you believe in something you have to be it, and you cannot jump off that path to satisfy the need of some particular person...I have never been in the race to be blacker than thou...my commitment is to humanity...this commitment to social justice and equality for everyone...In go where the pain is the most...But don't be confused...when I say I love humanity that includes everyone...The other thing is, I'm a role model...it would be a waste of time to be here and not make a difference...and on the other hand, you have a responsibility to yourself. Black people that In know has always been like this: if you go to a restaurant, the goal is

to have whatever is at the top pf the menu... that's what's going to be on my plate...No half stepping... that what I eat, what I ride people look at it and they see the best of me, because I'm the best...Some people look at that and I don't know what they see.. I don't care what they see...I do know that working with young people...there are young people, I could name some around the country who look at that and they are inspired...Yeah, it's like aspiring to be an A student. There are those that will not like you for being an A student. They want you to be in the mass. There is nothing wrong with being in the mass if that's you...if that's the maximum of your ability. But if the maximum of your ability is an A and you're a B, you've not only done a disservice to yourself, but you've done a disservice to your community and your family, that's the kind of thing that we have to hit on hard...to always be who you are...

The following is an excerpt from the letter by president Shirley Strum Kenny:

"...Beyond all that you are always true blue friend and fighter...I know you have seen and experience a lot... a pioneer as an AFRICAN AMERICAN administrator...Friend, I will miss you more than I can say...we have been comrade in arms...You have been a person who I always knew would be there for me..."

# Campus Life at Stony Brook



(This Page) Clockwise from top to bottom: Spirit Night in the Sports Complex, RA Banquet, Strawberry Festival, Earth Day (Facing Page) LASO, and more Spirit Night photos.

On Sunday April 17, the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) had their 14th Annual Latin Block Party in the Student Activities Center Plaza - *Latin Legends: A Tribute*. There were prizes, giveaways, contest games, and free food for all. See photos on facing page.

# Food, Fun and Festivities



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## USG Spring Ballot Final Results are in...

The Undergraduate Student Government is considering the benefits to filing for not-for-profit Section 501c(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. If it wishes to do so, the constitution must include the attached language in the Constitution. Do you support an amendment to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government wherein Article II, Section 2 shall be amended as follows:

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 NO	318	20
2 YES	1282	80

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Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 NO	351	23
2 YES	1194	77

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Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 NO	413	19
2 YES	1783	81

Do you wish to continue allocating \$.50 per student per semester (\$1.00 per academic year) to Roth Regatta? Please visit [www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/regatta](http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/regatta) for more information.

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 NO	647	32
2 YES	1381	68

Do you wish to increase the allocation by \$.50 per student per semester (\$1.00 per academic year) to Roth Regatta to hold a Fall event? Please visit [www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/regatta](http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/regatta) for more information.

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 NO	1167	58
2 YES	839	42

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Name	Total	Votes	Total Vote
1 Yarisantos, Victoria Arcangel	611		35
2 Rogers, Samone Lakeema	545		32
3 Reyes, Nichole Louise	573		33

VP of Student Life

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 Jean-Baptiste, Romual	1463	100

Senior Class Representative

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 Bristol, Annlyn	485	56
2 Crespo, Gianna Ivanneza	384	44

Junior Class Representative

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
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1 Jain, Kanika 391 100

Sophomore Class Representative

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 Nacmias, Michael	121	45
2 Hernandez, Ana	148	55

Senators of Arts and Sciences

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
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1 Wisnoski, Amy Catherine	692	8
2 Reichman, Jonathan Emanuel	688	8
3 Shih, Enyu	673	8
4 Vyas, Nigam Gunjan	583	7
5 Glas, Aryeh	666	7
6 Amin, Amol Bhupendra	604	7
7 Patel, Milap S	636	7
8 Patel, Natasha	715	8
9 Khan, Tanzim	598	7
10 Gross, Marc Jared	672	7
11 Grewal, Simardip Yingh	583	7
12 Cohan, Michael	659	7
13 Toor, Jaspreet Singh	589	7
14 Pawar, Ajay	605	7

Senator for College of Engineering

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
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1 Sysak, Walter Basil	133	53
2 Fasano, Alyssa Teresa	116	47

President

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 Acosta, Diana	1141	65
2 Nassimi, Ilan	610	35

Executive Vice President

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
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2 Darguin, Samuel Karl	961	59

Treasurer

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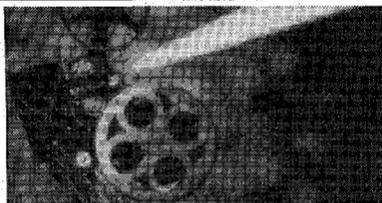
1 Wu, Jackey	1304	100
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VP of Academic Affairs

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 Onochie, Chinelo Ann	1345	100

VP of Clubs and Organizations

Name	Total Votes	Total Vote %
1 Narvaez, Francisco Albert	851	48
2 Thomas, Ralph	922	52



# Arts & Entertainment

## Troublesum: From Stony Brook to Reggae-Hip hop stardom



STONY BROOK ALUM DEVON SMITH A.K.A TROUBLESUM

BY BETTY BAZILE

STAFF WRITER

An upcoming artist straight out of Stony Brook University is finally blossoming in his music career. This independent artist, who goes by the name of Troublesum, has been in the music business for many years, but now he has become a well-known reggae-hip hop artist.

Most students in Stony Brook University know Troublesum, a.k.a Devon Smith, as the guy who used to have the females at the edge of their seats every time he performed in events. His now hit single, "Nine Inch", had the ladies and even guys singing along.

In May 2003, Troublesum graduated from Stony Brook University with honors earning a BA in Economics and a BS in Business. Upon graduating, he went to work for J.P. Morgan Chase as an Operations Analyst. A few years ago, Troublesum and a few friends formed a talent-based organization known as the "The Coalition". This organization is comprised of many talents such as dancers, singer, poets, rappers, etc. The purpose of this organization is to spread unity through the use of music. After watching the devastating effects of 9/11 towards the work force, he realized that there is no security in working for someone else. He decided to go with his calling and pursue his music career. Ever since, Troublesum have been ripping the stages with extraordinary artists such as Cam'ron and the Dipset, Lumidee, P. Diddy and the band, Rah Digga, Eclipse, Jae Millz, and many others. He has recently performed Live at Club Speed with Fat Joe and the Terror Squad. Now with his underground hit single, "Nine Inch", Troublesum is on his way to selling many records.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Troublesum about his new album coming out. As an Artist on the rise, I believe that he is a on his way to making history in the music industry. The following is an excerpt from the interview:

Bw: Ok, let's get started. What is the name of your upcoming album?

Troublesum: The name of the album is

self-titled "Troublesum".

Bw: When should we be expecting this album?

Troublesum: The album will be out on May 6th. But, if anyone wants to purchase in advance, they could call any coalition member, it will be available to the coalition e-board weeks in advance.

Bw: Where can people find the album?

Troublesum: Well, the album will be for sale on the website, [www.sgsound.net](http://www.sgsound.net), and through hand-to-hand distribution. As far as for stores there's a lot of paper work to be sorted out between the lawyers and the stores, but I didn't want to delay the album any more, as each store sign off to the terms of the contract I will update the website to let people know store locations where they can purchase the album.

Bw: In making the album what audience were you gearing it towards?

Troublesum: There's something for everyone but the target audience is the females.

Bw: What was the process like in making the album?

Troublesum: It was a learning experience but I tried to take my time with it to make sure that I was satisfied. I'm a bit of a perfectionist. There were like 6 projected dates for release but we kept going back in, adding and taking out songs.

Bw: Any Collaboration?

Troublesum: Yes, all the people that I worked with in the album are all independent artists such as Mac, Oju, Dahlia, Sundance, DJ Spider, Wisdom Chief and others. I wanted everyone to get a chance to shine on the album but still keeping the focus on me since it is my debut album.

Bw: ...What is your real name?

Troublesum: My real name is Devon Smith.

Bw: How did you first get involved with music?

Troublesum: When I was younger I grew up around my older cousin. He was signed to legendary records back in the 80's; he had a few hit songs on the radio.

Bw: What music did you listen to when you were growing up?

Troublesum: I listened to a lot of Reggae, and then eventually I started to listen to Hip Hop and R&B. Every now and then I try to switch it up by listening to rock and alternative music.

Bw: What were your influences?

Troublesum: My first real influences were Beenie Man and Bounty Killer, I idealized Beenie because of the effects his songs had on the females, I respect bounty because of the respect he had from the streets. On a business level I respect and am heavily influenced by 50 Cent and Jay Z. I respect the fact that they took control of their careers, when the labels turned them down they took it to the streets.

Bw: What inspired you to title the single "Nine Inch"?

Troublesum: Although most women try to front and say size don't matter everyone knows that it does. Growing up with sisters and having female friends, the first thing they ask each other is "was it big?" The "nine inch" song was basically made to let females know, we know what you want and we got that. "Nine Inch" represents our ego and our confidence in the bedroom. While the phrase "nine inch" in it's basic sense is a representation of size it's not a representation of an exact size it's more about how you put in down. Once you deliver right you can say you got a 12inch it doesn't really matter.

Bw: What is the next single?

Troublesum: My next single depends on what the audience is feeling from the

upcoming album. I want to give them what they want to hear. I recently have a follow up single called "Hard." But if I had to choose I would pick Pimp & Gangsta as the next single, just to take a break from the commercial songs and put something out for the streets.

Bw: Where do you see your music heading in the future?

Troublesum: I see it really taking off. The music industry needs more young talents, it's so hard for up and coming artists to get the right exposure and that's what's really stifling the music. There's really no growth. I want to take reggae to another level where it can get the same respect and consistently sell the same units as Rap music or any other genre for that matter.

Bw: In graduating Stony Brook, did you ever think that you would get this far?

Troublesum: Yes I did. Stony Brook is a very diverse school and the audience was a tough crowd. When they accepted my music and me as an artist, I knew that I would make it with the mainstream crowd.

Bw: Is there anything else that you want to say?

Troublesum: What I'm doing is definitely not easy I need all the support I can get. By helping me hopefully I'm placed in a position where I can help others and make their struggle a bit easier than mine. Please do not bootleg my album; I invested a lot of hard work, sleepless nights, and a whole lot of money into this project.

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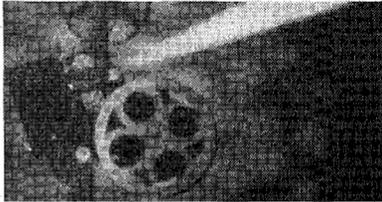
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# Arts & Entertainment

## NICK KILB: "THIS YEAR'S REGATTA MOST SUCCESSFUL"



MEMBERS OF THE LAVENTER CREW: FIRST PLACE WINNERS IN THE SPEEDSTER CLASS

BY JOAN GUMBS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It was a sunny day, with spurts of cloud... The weatherman promised a rainy day. Which would probably explain the turnout to the 2005 Roth Pond Regatta. The event started a few minutes late, but picked up immediately with many boats competing in either the Speedster or the Yacht class. According to the President of the Roth Regatta, Nick Kilb, this was the most successful one because not only did they have the most boats ever, they finished at 5:00pm. "We did it in a decent amount of time thanks to the announcing skills [of Godfrey]," he said, who made sure we finished way before the 6 o'clock

cut off time. Apart from the obvious smaller crowd, the event did look successful and many faculty, staff and students turned out to show support for their quads. Dr. Preston, VP for Student Affairs was on hand to cheer the sailors. So too was Psychology Professor, Dr. Brenda Anderson.

According to Stony Brook University's main page, "The annual Roth Pond Regatta is a tribute to Stony Brook's spirit of ingenuity and determination." The Regatta, which traditionally marks the nearing of the end of scheduled classes, annually attracts scores of participants and hundreds of spectators. Races are divided into two categories—speedsters, which are

piloted by one person and yachts, which are crewed by two to four people. Boats may be as much as 20 feet long. Registration for the event begins at noon with the actual races starting at 3:00 PM at the Roth Pond, and concluding at 6:00pm. According to the Roth Pond Regatta 2005 rules, boats may be constructed only with cardboard, duct tape, rope or string, paint, wax, cloth, and "White Casein Glue (e.g. Elmer's white glue, NOT wood glue."

According to Kristofferson Service, whose team, RSP Inferno came second in the Yacht finals, "more people would attend if they knew about the Regatta from their LEG," referring to the legislature of each residence hall. We take it for granted that people know about it, but not even his roommate knew about it he told me. "I think if more people were involved with their residential community, i.e. their building, they would know and support the Roth Pond Regatta."

Audrey Guerrier, who just became Resident Assistant for Keller College was very excited to be at the Regatta. It was her first time and she was reeling from all the activities she attended earlier in the week. "I love Stony Brook, and everything I see, including the Regatta, makes me love it more," she said. "This is a good opportunity to relax before finals!"

Interestingly, the winners of the Speedster class were last year's Yacht winners, for their entry Laventer, with last year's Speedster winner, SAVA Million Dollars, taking the third prize. Meanwhile

the Yacht class finalists were Charmin's Barque, RSP Inferno and Rugby Alumni House, first, second and third, respectively. There was a Best in Show award for the boats that looked the best overall. Winners were Love Shack, SBVAC's Radar Schmadar, and Escalade. On hand to cheer them on was resident Michael Jannace, who exclaimed, "I won't go in the water...it's not my thing...but I love coming to the Regatta and cheering [the contestants] on." According to his Resident Assistant, Lincois Anderson, the reason many people may not want to go into the water was due to the unsanitary conditions. "Is there anyway to clean the pond for the future?" He asks. Maybe someone can get back to him with an answer.

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I would like to thank the fans for their support. Without your support the project cannot move forward, I definitely appreciate it.

Editor's note:

Blackworld is aware that the web address given in the article may be inaccurate. Unfortunately, we were unable to contact the artist to make corrections to the interview, so we submitted the interview "as is."

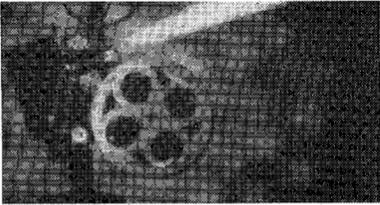
## IGNORANCE

Ignorance, sort of sounds like a fragrance  
A fragrance of hate, a strong scented fragrance that'll  
convince you to even hate your own race  
Race a category made up by human beings  
That are scared, that are scared of different looking beings  
Sight is what puts us in our blight, it's what causes us to fight  
each other  
Brother is what I call you, what ever race you call yourself.  
Mouth is what causes pain, it is what causes my brother to  
slay me and for me to be slain  
To hate me for what they see without bothering to get to know  
me.

Assuming, is what consumes me when I think of my sister  
My unknown sister who talks, who stabs me from behind  
when I close my eyes and become blind...

My mind is the only thing that I can control  
Divergence is my favorite role  
Can't change society's convergency  
It is something that I can't do, I don't have that ability  
As long as I am who I am and I maintain my identity,  
I will be satisfied with my own reality

By Madgestically Conjured Thoughts



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**MEMBERS OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AT THE ROTH POND REGATTA: THEIR ENTRY SAVA MILLION DOLLARS PLACED THIRD IN THE SPEEDSTER CLASS BOAT RACE.**



*L-R: Dinorah, Audrey, Wladimir, Stanley and Karthik.*

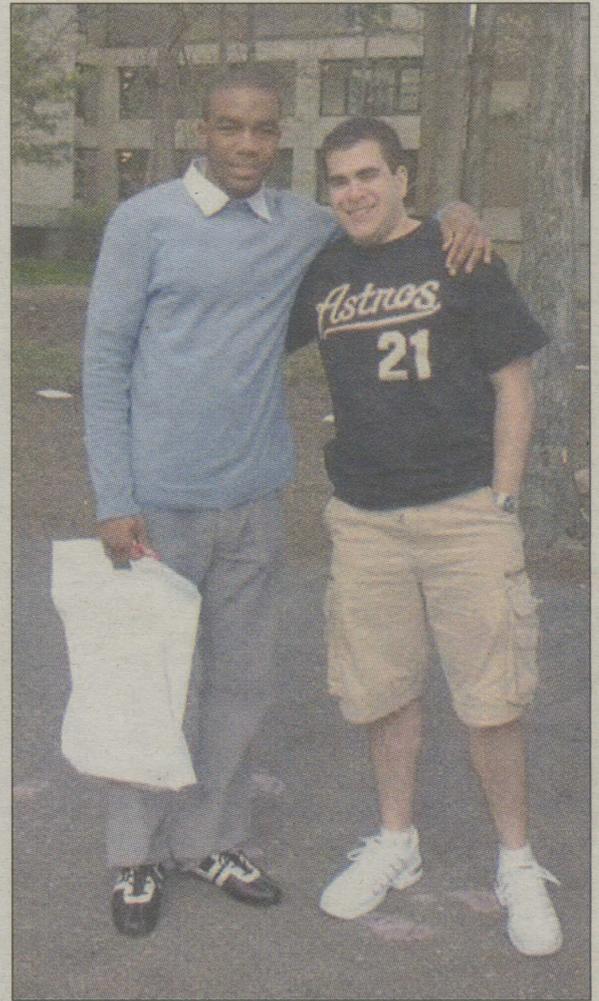


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