

# news and blues

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*Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is a success.*

## NYC says No to War

Jasmina Sinanovic

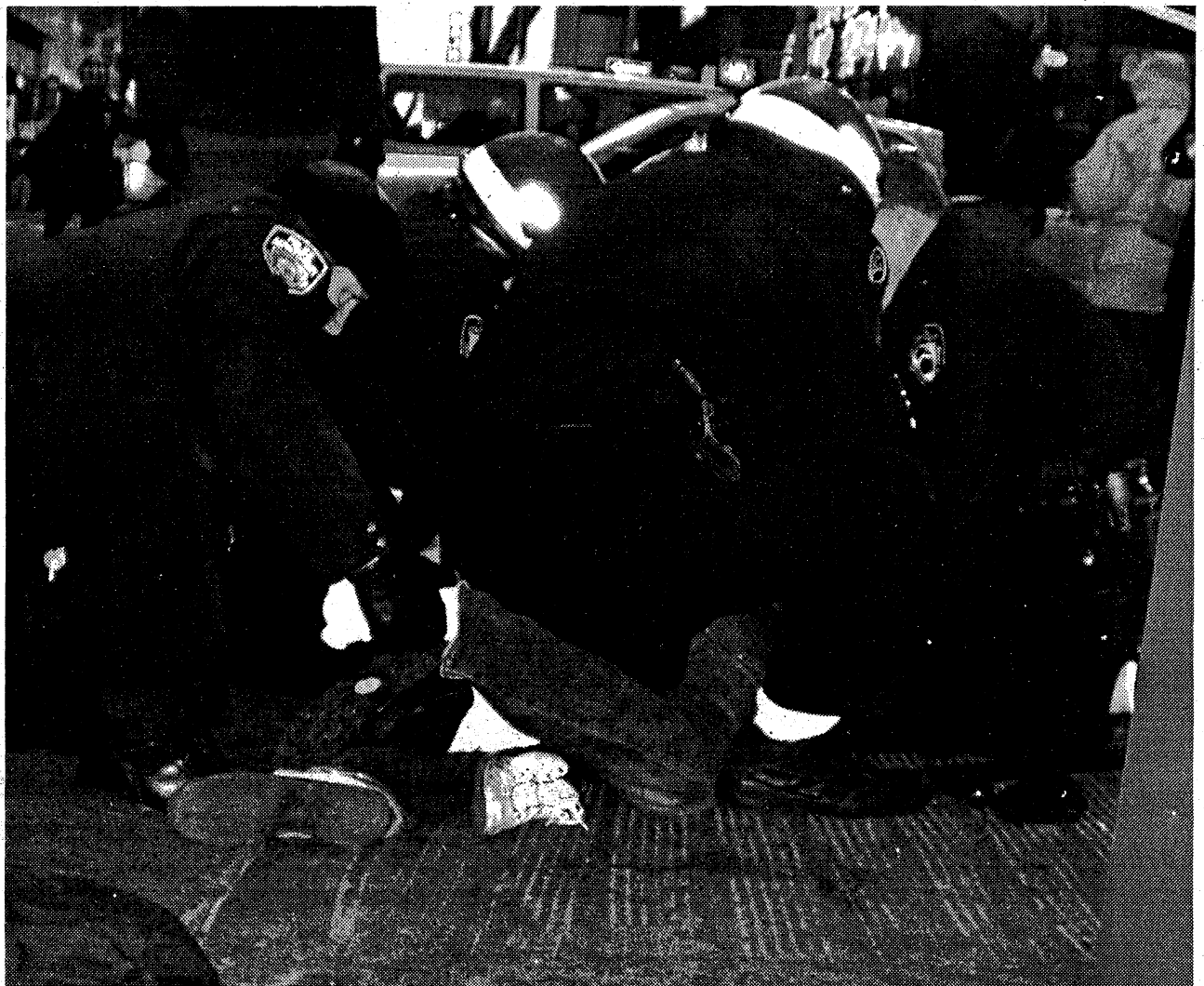
NYC February 15, 2003.

As a little child growing up in a big city, the first thing I learned from my mother was to look for police in case I got lost. She taught me my home address and said that I should not ask anyone but the policeman to take me home; that they would make sure I arrived home safely. Unfortunately, later in life I learned that the police can be quite unfriendly to its citizens. Deep inside, I still viewed the police force as a benevolent entity which presented no threat to me and that was there to protect me in case I was attacked. This lovely delusion was shattered for me on February 15th during the peace rally in NYC. I decided to go there because I simply wanted to express my opinion and join millions around the globe who were sending the same message on that day.

After an unusual train ride with other Long Islanders who, for once, talked to each other rather than hiding in their books, newspapers or sleep; after many hours of obstacles encountered while trying to get to the place where the protest was scheduled, I finally hit the point (on 3rd Av) after which protestors were not permitted to go closer. All the others and I stood there chanting anti-war slogans and asking to be allowed to go to the location where rally was actually taking place. Now I have to admit, I have always felt silly chanting or yelling in general. I am a child of the 90's and therefore mostly interested in clubs, sex and MTV. So, even whilst protesting I felt sort of apathetic, detached, not really getting emotional over things. There I was, standing in a crowd, trying to figure out what I'm supposed to do (since it was obvious we were not going to make it to the central location,) when police starting arresting people around me.

Should I mention that those who looked most Arabic and male were first to get arrested even though they were doing the same thing a white woman next to them was doing? Or maybe this was just a coincidence. Of course the rest of the crowd responded to this outrage by yelling and trying to block the police from taking those arrested. Nothing violent was attempted, just a refusal to step aside. But refusal to do what you are told by those in power always enrages them.

While most of the people in uniforms decided to proceed with the arrests and not get too disturbed, an officer whose name remains unmentioned lost his temper and started running toward the crowd of peaceful, mostly very young people and began a frenzied pushing, yelling and swinging his bobby-club. He ordered us to go back- the only



problem being that there was no back due to the metal ramps and thousands of people surrounding. Since the officer was threatening to beat us up and kept pushing, a young man collapsed in panic and was almost trampled by the officers who joined their enraged colleague in pushing the crowd. Finally, one of the calmer officers pulled a ramp and put it in between the protesters and the police.

A few minutes later, officers on horseback started pushing through the crowd. I have to admit, I never wanted or planned to see a horse that close, staring at its neck and not being able to step back. While I managed to get myself a bit further into the crowd before the cavalry attack began, a young woman next to me as not so lucky. When she tried to get away from a horse she fell and the only thing that prevented her from getting run over by the horse was the human wall the rest of the people made until she was able to get up and maneuver deeper into the crowd.

These are only a couple of incidents that describe this day when NYC citizens were denied their freedom to speak against what their government's actions. I found out later that similar situations happened all over the city.

While my disillusionment with the NYC

NYPD piles up protesters for easier management, picture courtesy of Pegine Walrad

police force is rather unfortunate, I am happy I was there. The protest confirmed for me that those opposing the war come from all ages, classes and ethnicities. I saw Dykes for Peace, Marshall Artists Against the War, and those who don't belong to any classifiable group. People in limos pulled over and rolled down their windows to say they are with us. People who go to every protest and those who have never protested a thing were

together that day. While standing in the crowd, watching innocent people being beaten and dragged on the street - I started yelling "One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war!" Somehow it suddenly didn't feel silly any more, not silly at all.

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### **Cabaret Schedule**

#### **Rocky Horror Show**

March 27, 28 & 29 @ 8 PM

Sex, Songs & Sin

The Cabaret's

**VERY FIRST MUSICAL!!!**

The beloved cult classic Rocky Horror will grace the Fanny Brice stage this Spring under the direction of Deb Daidone, one of our most seasoned Cabaret artists.

#### **Ti Jean Blues**

April 10, 11 & 12 @ 8 PM

Classic Keruoac

One of our hippest plays this season . . . come for poetry, jazz and Keruoac!

### **Note from the editor**

Spring is almost here. Even though we get hit by a snow storm every now and then, it is getting warmer every day. Many of us study for midterms, many are making them. It is time to plan what to do over the Spring Break. Unfortunately, many students will not travel over this particular break. International students are warned not to go abroad if they don't have the visa to return; namely, they might not get one to come back and finish their studies. Glitches in transmitting data from the new SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) to consular posts worldwide have occurred. Domestic students are advised not to travel abroad due to increased animosity toward the U.S. So I had an idea, why don't you go to Beaufort, NC and try a new specialty they have there, the "Freedom Fries." While you're at it, you might want to check out if they do "Freedom Kissing" in that area. Or perhaps you could visit some restaurants in New Brunswick, NJ and enjoy spilling a few bottles of French wine. There is nothing that will relax you like destroying a \$100 bottle of anti-patriotic wine. Make sure not to drink it though, it is a known fact that drinking a glass of French wine a day will make the most warring person into a complete pacifist.

Now, all joking aside, be safe and sound in the months to come. Question everything you hear and do not let yourself get frightened into submission. Be proud of your freedom, and by that I mean not just the freedom to express yourself but also the freedom to think with your own head.

**Happy Spring Break!**

-Jasmina Sinanovic, the Asst. Editor

## *St. Patrick's Day Party*

*and*

## *Habitat for Humanity FundRaiser*

**on FRIDAY March 14th, 2003 starting at 8pm**

**Ping Pong Competition,**

**"Beat the Dean and the Parking Lord" in fooseball featuring Lawrence Martin and Michael Kline,**

**"Beauty and the Beast" Pool Tournament featuring Bill Simmons & Co.**

**all followed by the "Dirty Limerick Contest" and**

**PUMICE is Rockin' again at the Spot!**

**Don't miss this chance to have fun and help your community!**

**Brought to you by your GSO.**

### **The Dream Continues:**

#### **Stony Brook House '03**

Last year, Stony Brook became the first University on Long Island to raise the funds and volunteers to build a Habitat for Humanity House.

Join us for the Stony Brook House '03 as we make another family's dream come true.

Watch for fundraising events in your area. For more information visit our web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/habitat](http://www.stonybrook.edu/habitat)

### **A BANQUET TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

## **"Invisible Scars: The Children of Domestic Violence"**

**Saturday April 5, 2003**

a fundraiser organized by  
Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

This is a fundraiser to benefit Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Tickets are \$ 15.**

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# GSO News

**The following reports the conclusions and recommendation of the Board of Appeals as a result of its hearing of February 5th, 2003.**

Conclusions of the GSO Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals, constituted in accordance with Article VII, Sec. B of the GSO Constitution, met Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at approximately 8:30 AM to conduct a hearing in regard to three letters of grievance received against GSO President Bin Tang. The grievances were received from Angeliki Field-Pollatou, Bryan J. Field, and Masa Prodanovic.

Board members in attendance: Scott E. Graves, Political Science (Chair); Chris Noto, Ecology and Evolution; Jasmina Sinanovic, Theatre Arts; Agnieszka (Aga) Skrodzka-Bates, Comparative Literature; Audra Van Wart, Neurobiology

Following presentation of grievances, a response from Mr. Tang, and a period for further questions from the Board, its members concluded that President Tang had committed the following:

1. Misconduct and abuse of power by ignoring and circumventing proper channels of policy adoption by the GSO when proper channels proved unsuccessful
2. Misrepresentation of GSO policies to conform to his own policy preferences both to graduate students and to external actors in the University administration
3. Actions contrary to the integrity of the graduate student community through the involvement of administration in internal discussions of the Lounge Committee over the formation of GSO policy
4. Actions contrary to the integrity of the graduate student community by making statements impugning the motives and integrity of other GSO executives and committee members when they disagree with him
5. Neglect of duty in regard to failure to serve as chair of executive council meetings, failure to set agendas for these meetings, and failure to observe the procedures for conduct of these meetings

The Board of Appeals in its report to the GSO Senate will provide supporting details and documentation.

In its capacity as an advisory body to the GSO Senate in regard to the removal of officers, the Board of Appeals recommends removal of Bin Tang as President of the GSO. Such removal requires a two-third vote of the Senate and ten days must elapse between the time at which the findings and recommendations of the Board are made public and such a vote. Thus, the Board recommends that the Senate remove Bin Tang as President in the regular March meeting.

Scott E. Graves

Chair, GSO Board of Appeals

**EXCLUSIVE!!!**

**UPDATE on the LATEST SENATE MEETING IN REGARDS TO THE VOTE ON THE REMOVAL OF THE GSO PRESIDENT ON PAGE 10!**

Exclusive!!!

**GO TO PAGE 10 FOR NEWS ON THE SENATE VOTE ABOUT GSO PRESIDENTS**

**The RCC offered the following classifications about the procedures in regard the Senate voting on the removal of the president**

The following was offered by a vote of 7 for, 3 opposed, none abstaining:

Article V, Section B, point 3, which states, "Senate meetings are open to all GSO members," overrides the closed meeting aspect to the executive session definition in Robert's Rules of Order in the section Assembly Review of a Trial Committee's findings (p. 640).

The following was offered by a vote of 6 for, 1 against, 3 abstaining:

The remaining procedure of the Assembly Review of a Trial Committee's Findings, with a caveat about the meeting being open to all GSO members, and with an exception about clarifying the "acts" in "The accused...then leave the room, and the assembly acts" (Robert's Rules, p. 641), is to be followed as outlined in Robert's Rules. What this means is that the Board of Appeals will offer its findings, the President and his counsel will have a chance to respond, and the Board of Appeals will have an opportunity to offer a rebuttal. The accused- and his counsel if not members - will then leave the room, and the assembly acts upon the resolution submitted by the Board of Appeals.

The following clarification was unanimously offered of "...the assembly acts upon the resolutions submitted by the committee" (Robert's Rules, p. 641):

"The assembly acts" is interpreted to mean exactly the same as the Senate's acting on any other motion; Namely, action on the motion will involve discussion, possible amendments and voting.

With regard to the accused's counsel, it was decided by a vote of 6 for, 1 opposed, 3 abstaining to offer the following:

When the accused leaves the room prior to the assembly's acting, his counsel also leaves, unless they are members of the GSO.

The following clarification of the Constitution, Article V, Section B, point 4, "Votes of the Senate shall be open to the public," was interpreted by a vote of 8 for, 1 against, none abstaining, as:

"Votes...shall be open to the public" means the numerical result of the vote needs to be made to the public, but the Senate retains the right to determine the method of voting (show of hands, role call, ballot, etc.) consistent with Robert's Rules section on Methods of Voting (pp. 395-415).

The provision in Robert's Rules (p.641) for the accused [note: in this case, Bin Tang] and his counsel, if not member(s) to leave the room before assembly action overrides the right for the accused, as a member of the GSO, to remain in the room.

The following clarification on agenda order was unanimously offered:

We accept the interpretation of Robert's Rules in that the order in which the Standing Committees are listed in the Constitution determines the order in which they will be listed on the agenda [Budget, RCC, Board of Appeals, Election, Housing, Lounge Advisory, GSEU Liason, Social Concerns, then special/ad hoc committees].

On the issue of sergeant of arms, the following was offered by a vote of 8 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining:

There will not be a sergeant at arms at our next meeting; Consistent with Robert's Rules (p. 629), the chair of the meeting may appoint a committee to enforce disciplinary recommendations of the Senate.

The following was offered by a vote of 5 for, 3 opposed, 1 abstaining:

Consistent with Robert's Rules (pp. 3, 93-94), non-Senators do not have rights to participate in Senate meetings unless invited by the Senators.

**Many people wanted to know where the graduate activity fee money goes.**

**Here are some expenses:**

**RAP**

-used to fund graduate students presenting at the conferences,

**General Cultural and Social Events**

celebration of cultural holidays, concerts, dance and theatre performances,

**Speaker Series** Individual speakers or conferences,

**The Spot** (Graduate Student Lounge),

**Inter Departmental Bashes**

organized by the Lounge Committee and open to all,

**News and Blues** (that would be us),

**The Survival Guide**

a usefull booklet with info on University and surrounding area, and much much more...

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# A Summer in Heaven

## Episode 7

by Smitha

Agnes goes to meet Georgi at the hospital where she finds Allister, a cousin of Georgi.

Allister, a paraplegic, with a slightly retarded mental disposition, stayed on, and as Agnes' Mercedes veered off, he limped back to the hospital. In the two weeks after her chance meeting with Allister, Agnes met up with Remon; Remon, with some hesitation, comes forth to her,

"Look, Agnes, I never thought I should be telling this to you, but I did find Anne's diary in her room the night she died, and I had taken it into my possession. You may ask why... Agnes look, there are some things we need to straighten out; a lot had been going on in Anne's life that we didn't know about. Poor Anne..."

"Well, Remon, you have been hiding this from me! What did you make of that diary? I want to get to the bottom of this. Before we talk to Malcolm, I want to make doubly sure that Georgi is being implicated for no good reason. Then Malcolm will have to look for the real suspects."

"Sounds like she and Jamie weren't getting along well towards the end", said Remon pursing his lips. "She seems to talk about some sick cousin of Georgi's who had been active in her groups, and somehow that he left after some fight between Stanton and Georgi. Seems

Stanton is now his confidante. Things seem to have a connection, don't you think?"

"Allister, I saw him at the hospital this morning. Somehow I didn't like the look on his face. It seemed accusing. I am scared Remon."

"Take it easy, Agnes. We'll do the best we can. There you go" said Remon as he handed her the diary. "Take your time and go through it, and find out if you can get some lead, and then I'll tell you what I've been thinking. But I want you to assess the situation based on what you know. Why don't we meet tomorrow? Look Agnes, it is a fact that Georgi was there on the night of the murder, there are witnesses who saw him go to Anne's apartment. But who else came there that night? The diary must tell us something. At that he took his coat, and with a tender hug got up to go, "See you tomorrow, and girl - get some sleep."

"Thanks, Remon, Tomorrow, 10:00 AM at Starbucks then." As Agnes poured through the diary a different picture of Anne's life unveiled before her. \*\*\*

There were schoolgirls playing on a carousel in the background, and the cheers muddled with the jazz beats and metal; Anne stared out of the window of her apartment as she thought of the days that had passed living a life that seemed to blur,

and make sense no longer. She thought how things had been changing for her. Only she refused to believe.

Jamie was insanely jealous of Anne and would put her down whenever he had the chance. He had slowly started resenting the fact that she enjoyed a popularity that far exceeded his, and Georgi's growing presence in the apartment fueled his envy and his possessive egoistic self.

All this was hidden from Anne who was too blind in love to believe he could be bad to her. She could not peel the covers of the evil that lay behind the deep blue of his eyes.

Anne had had periods of depression and it was her own depression that Jamie had hurled insults at her, however subtle they may have been. She drew herself more and more to those who felt like her, stamped to the ground, by some force they could not fight.

"Jamie, there's a concert over at the Wagtails, shall we go", she had asked.

"How would a concert at the Wagtails interest you, dear? Maybe some other time, don't you think?" It was always tender and with a sweetness of a smile that he evaded her, that she could not read between the lines of those smiles, what it was that he had in his heart.

Was there something more lustier than money and the flesh? Power, when you cannot

conquer the greater world, conquer those around you. Make them grovel about you like mad.

"What is it that you hate about me so, Jamie? I can see it in your eyes!"

He moved to the window as she stared down at the crowds below. Jamie had always resented her groups. They used to have fights. He was, after all, a snob and hated her for leaving the presence of his clique for that morose bunch of kids who had nothing, no position, no value that could be attributed in his terms. Privately, Jamie had a desire to prove her wrong. But now, today, she was looking terrific, in her sashaying blue gown. He pulled her towards him, and locked his mouth in hers, feeling her all over. She had loved him despite everything, and he knew it. Hers was a selfless giving of all she had; love compassion, forbearance, and a kind of patience that made her calm, despite the warmth and the heat gushing through her. His was an animal want now, and he was losing his sanity, as he gripped her by her wrists and locked her in a tight embrace. For a moment as they lay naked, his eyes focused on her with an intensity that frightened her. She felt a thud in her heart, as she for that one moment saw him, the real Jamie, the evil in his eyes, as he plunged into her, kissing her, kicking her.

"What did you see, Anne", and then in the wildness of his ecstasy, he bit into her, her nape, her face. Was it the urgency of a passion or a savage lust that had driven him to madness? Her eyes flashed back the scene, that flicker of his eyes that had told her all. For a moment as he lay exhausted, his sweat trickling down her breasts, settling around her waist in droplets, she lifted a marble icon and hit him, but he held her back, his strong ribs forcing his weight onto her breasts, and locking her in a deadly embrace.

"So, you think you are the essence of all virtue. You thought you were the paragon of all goodness and I was to serve you. How naive have you been, Anne?" His eyes, now glowing like some wild beast. Anne felt it was better to die now. Having to live would mean living bearing this evil truth all her life and bearing its consequences. Yet, she had choices and she was free to live her life. Move school, change home. Jamie could never bind her now. It was a sensation of calmness, and as the shot hit her, she was already in her dreams - the students with eager eyes waited on her, empress of her small kingdom, rising to give bits of kindness like bubbles in the sky....

...to be continued

### Thought of the month

**"The axe soon forgets, but the tree always remembers."** -Shona saying

### Betty's Summer Vacation

#### Undergrads and Grads join forces in the new production

Stony Brook Stages presents Betty's Summer Vacation by Christopher Durang, April 24-27 and May 1-4 in Theatre Two of Stony Brook University's Department of Theatre Arts, at the Staller Center for the Arts

Christopher Durang's Obie Award-winning comedy, Betty's Summer Vacation, will kick off this spring at Stony Brook Stages.

Durang's wild media satire critiques the American culture's blood lust appetite for sensationalism, victim culture and tabloid TV. Betty's Summer Vacation is a must see today in our culture where convicted killers star in prime time TV News Specials and Joe Millionaire is rated number one in the Nielsen Ratings.

Content includes some adult language and material that some audience members may find unsettling.

Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
April 24 & May 1 & 8 pm	April 25 & May 2 & 8 pm	April 26 & May 3 & 8 pm	April 27 & May 4 & 2 pm

Tickets are \$10/general admission: \$8/faculty and staff and \$6/students and seniors. Special group tickets are available. Tickets can be purchased through the Staller Center Box Office at (631) 632-Arts.

For further information or to arrange for disability-related and group accommodations, please contact the Department of Theatre Arts Marketing Office at (631) 632-7277.

### SBU Announcements!!!

#### Parking Services has moved!

As of Friday 2/14/03 the following Parking Services will be offered at Student Accounts - located at the 2nd floor lobby across from the Registrar: Permit Pick-ups, Appeal Submissions, Petition Submissions, Billing Questions, all other Parking related matters.

Traffic Appeals Board will continue to be held 192 Admin until further notice.

For questions call 632-AUTO

#### State employees are entitled to Leave for Breast Cancer Screening

Please see the memorandum about

**Leave for Breast Cancer Screening for State employees, both male and female:**

<http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/HRS.nsf/c7567dc78843f84c85256ae7006882e4/cb550aa8512145f985256cc600581bf2?OpenDocument>

# fun times

compiled by Smitha

Puzzeltime!!?\*@#!

crossword puzzle



ESRDPEPHUA

Hey, the chief looks like  
he needs your \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Solution to last Week's Puzzle  
GOLIDILOCK STEW

## Did ya Know?

Q.1. Which is the World's largest spider?

A.1. A goliath birdeater can grow to a total length of 11 inches (28 cms) and weigh about 6 ounces (170 g). A Goliath's spiderlings are also big – they can have a six inch (15 cm) leg span in just 1 year. These giant Tarantulas, found mostly in the rain forests of Guyana, Suriname, Brazil, and Venezuela are able to sting enemies with their prickly hairs when alarmed.

Q.2. Which is the US State with the Oldest Music School?

A.2. The Peabody conservatory of Music was founded in Maryland in 1857. The actual opening of the school was delayed for nearly 9 years however, until 1866, because of the Civil War. The Peabody conservatory offers degree programs in different fields including Jazz, music theater, and music management.

Q.3. Which is the World's tallest Cactus?

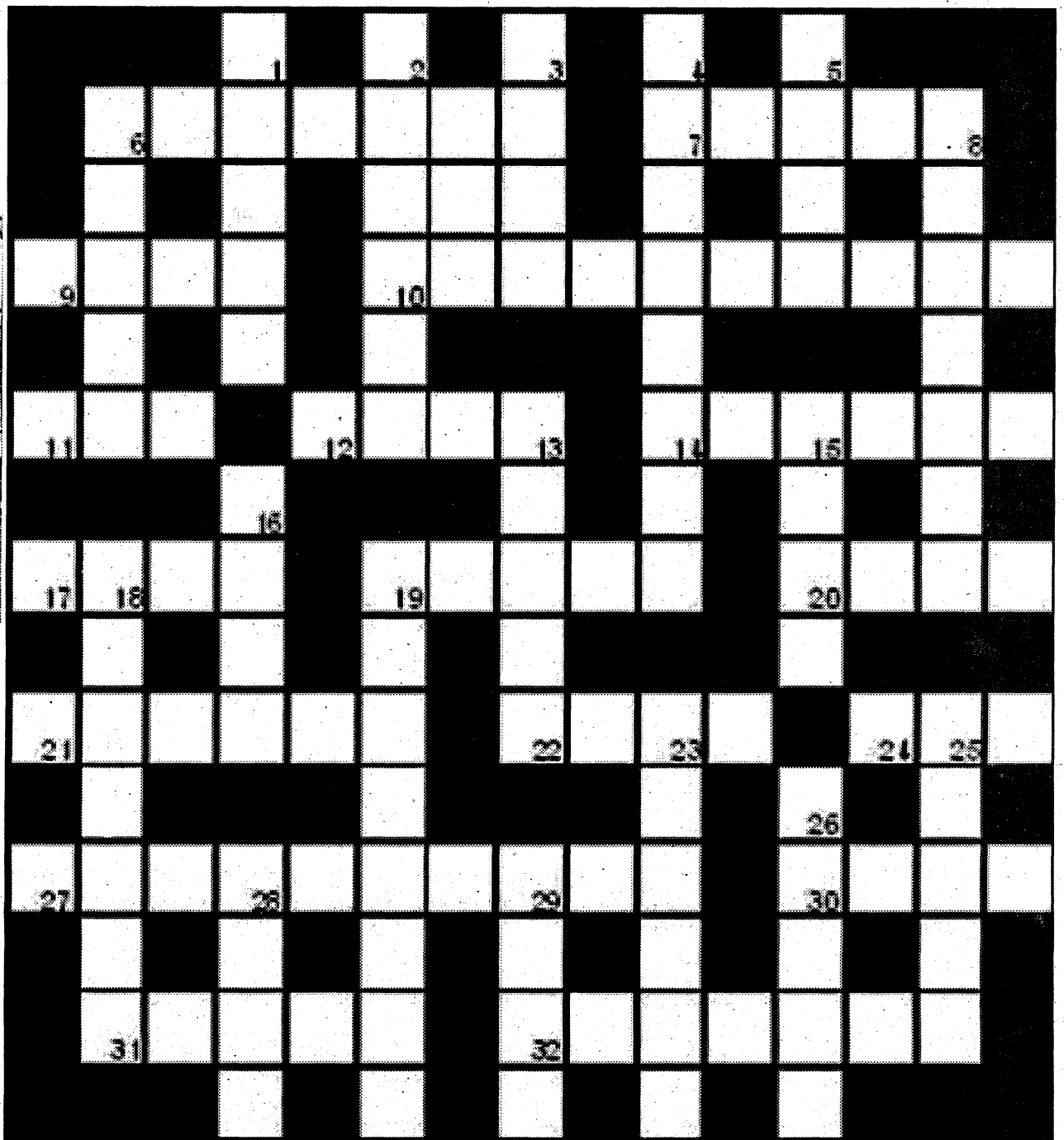
A.3. Although most saguaro cacti grow to a height of 50 feet (15m), some have actually reached 75 feet (23 m). That's taller than a seven story building. It blooms when it is between 50-75 years old, and by this time develops a strong root system that can hold about 9-10 tons of growth. A saguaro may live for 150-200 years.

Q.4. Which is the country that eats most chocolate?

A.4. In Switzerland, the average person consumes about 19 pounds of chocolate each year. That means approximately 138 million pounds (62 million kgs) of chocolate is eaten in this country annually. Each year, approximately 600,000 tons of cocoa beans – an important ingredient in chocolate – are consumed worldwide.

Q.5 Which is the deadliest Twentieth Century Hurricane?

A.5. Beginning on 26, October, 1998, Hurricane Mitch pounded Central America, killing more than 11,000 people, and causing more than \$3 billion in damage. The countries that suffered most damage were Nicaragua, and Honduras, but El Salvador and Guatemala also sustained significant damage. Those who survived the hurricane were faced with the resulting cholera epidemic.



## Across:

- 6. Aid for the blind (7)
- 7. Greeting (5)
- 9. Superlative (4)
- 10. Oppose (10)
- 11. Fuss (3)
- 12. Repel (4)
- 14. Measuring Device (6)
- 17. Vocal Range (4)
- 19. Stage (5)
- 20. Clamp (4)
- 21. Very Quickly (6)
- 22. Create (4)
- 24. Pen for swine (3)
- 30. Time (4)
- 31. American Celebrity (5)
- 32. Part (7)

## Down:

- 1. He-man (5)
- 2. Bromide (6)
- 3. Thin (4)
- 4. Ability to influence (8)
- 5. East European (4)
- 6. Construct (5)
- 8. Large Motor Vehicle (7)
- 13. Goal (5)
- 15. Praise excessively (4)

- 16. Ditch (4)
- 18. Poetic (7)
- 19. Pay off in installments (8)
- 23. Warden (6)
- 25. Belief (5)
- 26. Steep (5)
- 28. Catch sight of (4)
- 29. Close of a prayer (4)

## This Week's Challenge:

27 ACROSS

Please send the answer to  
nusnblus@ic.sunysb.edu. GET A FREE \$10  
Coupon to be used at the food outlets on Campus.  
So enjoy your crossword and grab a treat!!

## Solution to Last Week's Crossword:

6. Prudent, 7. Opera, 9. Solo, 10. Earthquake, 11. Hem, 12. Omni, 14. Ermine, 17. Star, 19. Drier, 20. Reel, 21. Vendor, 22. Mama, 24. Ire, 27. Alteration, 30. Love, Stoic, 32. Include.

## Down:

Humor, 2. Redeem, 3. Stir, 4. COCHLEAR, 5. Menu, 6. Prone, 8. Askance, 13. Idiom, 15. Mart, 16. Crud, 18. trellis, 19. Dormancy, 23. Menace, 25. Revue, 26. Oboe, 28. Eros, 29. Illus

## Ankizi Fundraiser for Malagasy

STONY BROOK, NY, February 25, 2003

Students from the Cleary School for the Deaf in Nesconset have raised \$225 for the destitute children of Madagascar as part of a cooperative effort with David Krause Ph.D., a world-renowned researcher and dinosaur fossil explorer, and a professor in the Department of Anatomical Sciences at Stony Brook University. The funds were raised during a Read-a-thon and will benefit the Madagascar Ankizy Fund ("ankizy" means "children" in the Malagasy language), which was started by Dr. Krause in 1998.

The fund-raising effort, which was organized by Caryn Bravin, a teacher at the school, will help provide textbooks, pencils, paper, chalk, and other supplies and provide a teacher for the Malagasy children, who live in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Dr. Krause established the first school and healthcare facility in the remote and tiny village of Berivotra, where many of his leading fossil discoveries have taken place. His humanitarian efforts in Madagascar have been chronicled by such leading national publications as National Geographic, USA Today, Time, and Newsday.

"It was really heartwarming for me to see

how hard the students at the Cleary School worked to help the children of Madagascar," Dr. Krause said. "They showed how much they care about others. While the amount of money raised may seem small to some, it will go a very long way in Madagascar, which is extremely poor. The children at the Cleary School are really making a profound difference in the lives of children on the other side of the planet."

The money will be enough to fund a teacher's salary for five months. The Madagascar Ankizy Fund ([www.ankizy.org](http://www.ankizy.org)) is administered by the Stony Brook Foundation.

"The Read-a-thon was a big success," said Ms. Bravin. "Our students wanted to help the children of Madagascar. They were motivated to read and discuss their books with others."

"It is always a thrill to have our students improve in their academics, but also to actually become involved with the needs of others," said Sister Catherine Fitzgibbon, CSJ, the school superintendent.

The Cleary School for the Deaf ([www.clearyschool.org](http://www.clearyschool.org)), a full-time day school for the deaf, is non-profit, non-sectari-

an, and privately-owned and operated by Catholic Charities. It services the needs of the profoundly deaf, deaf/blind, multiply-disabled deaf, and functionally deaf. As a 4201 state-supported school, there is no tuition or fee.

Enrollment ranges from 65-75 students. The school organized the Read-a-thon after an appearance by Dr. Krause last year during which he made a presentation on his research and the charitable efforts he has made with his Stony Brook faculty colleagues and students. He also sent the school a video detailing the plight of the Malagasy children and his work in funding a school and clinic. Students at the school were excited by the opportunity to assist Dr. Krause in his efforts.

"My heart broke when I saw the video about the children in Madagascar," said Joe Mattiace, 12. "I wanted to help. My goal is to someday search for dinosaur bones."

"I can help," said David Dowden, 12. "I can give money to help the children in Madagascar. I read so much, every day and every week. Some books took a long time to read."

**Dr. David Conover to assume the position of Dean and Director of the Marine Sciences Research Center.**

"Professor Conover has been at Stony Brook since 1981 and is widely recognized for his research in the ecology and evolutionary biology of fishes and fisheries science, has 20 years of experience in the administration of interdisciplinary research programs, and has served a term as Associate Dean for Research at the Center. His current sponsored research support comes primarily from the NSF Ocean Sciences Division, and he leads a research group of about ten.

He has authored or co-authored about seventy publications. Last summer his group's studies indicating fishery management plans should incorporate the potential for evolutionary change in harvestable biomass were published in Science, and the findings have attracted considerable media attention.

Professor Conover was selected after an international search and is lauded by the search committee as being 'articulate, organized, energetic, persistent and extremely focused.' While continuing to build the national and international stature of the MSRC in marine and atmospheric sciences, he plans to enhance the Center's position as the regional resource for a wide range of environmental issues.

He has already begun to assume the duties of this new position and I am delighted to welcome him to this new post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the search committee, and particularly Professor Gil Hanson who served as chair, for their excellent work.

During Professor Marvin Geller's five year term as Dean and Director, the Center has had several important accomplishments including creation of a marine animal pathology laboratory in partnership with Cornell, acquisition of a well-equipped marine research vessel, and the recruiting of several excellent faculty. On behalf of the university I want to thank him for his leadership and to wish him the best as he returns to full time teaching and research."

- Robert L. McGrath, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

## STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM ON ALS FEATURES TOP RESEARCHERS AND ACTIVIST ON MARCH 25th Drs. Rahman Pourmand and Rup Tandan Join with Chris Pendergast

STONY BROOK, NY,  
February 28, 2003

Two leading researchers on ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease - and a nationally known advocate for patients with the disease will be featured at Stony Brook University's ALS Awareness Day and Symposium on Tuesday, March 25th.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will include a panel discussion on the topic, "Managing a Day in the Life of an ALS patient."

The event begins at 10:00 AM at the Student Activities Center (registration is at 9:30 AM). Norman H. Edelman, M.D., Vice President of the Health Sciences Center and Dean of the School of Medicine, will make introductory remarks.

Rahman Pourmand, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Director of the Neuromuscular Disease Center and the ALS Comprehensive Care Center at Stony Brook University Hospital - the only Center of its kind in Suffolk County - will make welcoming remarks. The other featured guest is Rup Tandan, M.D. Professor and Vice Chairman in the Department of Neurology,

College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, who will be the Keynote Speaker.

Also appearing at the symposium will be Christopher Pendergast, a teacher in the Northport School District, who was diagnosed with ALS in 1993. His efforts to raise awareness and funds for research into the causes of ALS have made him a national figure. In 1998, he founded the Ride for Life, a patient advocacy organization, and that same year began a 350-mile power wheelchair ride from Yankee Stadium to Washington, D.C. His Ride for Life effort has raised over \$600,000.

Stony Brook University Hospital is the home of the ALS Center, which is affiliated with the ALS Association, Greater New York Chapter. The Center provides a coordinated program of medical treatment, rehabilitation techniques and psychological support. Dr. Pourmand heads the multidisciplinary treatment team. He also directs the Neuromuscular Disease Center, which conducts diagnosis and treatment of peripheral neuropathies, myopathies, myasthe-

nia gravis, and muscular dystrophy.

ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis - is a rapidly progressive, invariably fatal neurological disease that attacks the nerve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscles. Most people with ALS die from respiratory failure, usually within three to five years from the onset of symptoms. About 10 per cent of ALS patients survive 10 or more years. ALS affects approximately 30,000 men and women in the U.S.

Participants in the panel discussion will include Dr. Tandan as well as several representatives from Stony Brook such as Lucy Palmer, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Pulmonary Disease; Kenneth Hughes, Assistant Director of Respiratory Therapy; Lorraine Danowski, Dietetic Internship Coordinator; Kathleen McCloskey, Supervisor, Speech Pathologist; Maureen O'Rourke, Assistant Director of Physical Therapy; Carol Grosch, Occupational Therapist; Geoffrey O'Connell, Social Worker; and Theresa Imperato, RN, Nurse Coordinator from Stony Brook and the ALS Association.

For further information, call (631) 632-9115.



## City Arts

### Broadway Goes Dark, by Jasmina Sinanovic



Broadway musicians went on strike after the producers proposed to reduce minimal orchestra sizes from 26 to 7 musicians and encouraged the use of "canned music" in musicals in order to reduce the cost of shows. This would create additional job losses for already-hit musicians. However, the musicians claim that the reason why they object is not job loss, but the further reduction of artistic quality which would result from understaffed orchestras.

After the actors union decided to honor the musicians strike, only eighteen Broadway shows did not darkened this past Friday. The last musician strike occurred in 1975 and left Broadway dark for three weeks.

Musicians played a funeral march across Time Square.

For updates go to:

<http://www.local802afm.org>

photo courtesy of Jasmina Sinanovic

## News & BluesReviews:

### ARMS AND THE MAN by George Bernard Shaw

**Presented by the  
Department of Theatre Arts  
Directed by Deborah Mayo**

This play, set in circa 1885 in Major Paul Petkoff's house in Bulgaria during the Bulgarian/Serbian conflict, has a familiar enemy-today, friend-tomorrow theme reminiscent of the times we currently inhabit.

The Petkoffs are Bulgarian aristocracy who have betrothed their daughter, Raina (played by Lisa Casper), to a proud, yet inexperienced Major Sergius Saranoff. The play begins with both Majors in battle against the Serbs who outnumber them, are better supplied and are backed by the Austrians as well as professional Swiss mercenaries.

Just as the Petkoff women hear of an unexpected (and somewhat ridiculous) victory led by their beloved Sergius, Raina is visited by a Swiss officer, aptly named "Bluntschli" (played by John Pryor,) seeking refuge from certain death in her bedroom chamber. The soldier is taken in and guarded by Catherine and Raina until he can safely leave the following morning donning Major Petkoff's housecoat.

Interesting romantic situations arise upon the Majors' return from their smug, yet humble victory in war when the now-friendly Swiss gentleman arrives to return the borrowed housecoat.

Further complicating the romantic antics are the Petkoff's servants. Their headstrong maid-servant, Louka, is betrothed to the estate's loyal manservant, Nicola, much to her discontent. Sergius, despite his lofty romantic ideals and affected affectionate display toward Raina, cannot keep his eyes, nor his hands off of Louka.

Moreover, despite the best of family planning, Catherine finds she cannot keep her daughter, Raina, from thoughts of her "chocolate cream soldier", Bluntschi.

Desperate marriage-situations ensue indicative of the time period in which



photo courtesy of Maxine Hicks

this play is set, yet the themes are universal enough to resonate with all. If casting is truly the most important talent a director can have, then Deborah Mayo should take a well-deserved bow. Also deserving of kudos is Peggy Morin who designed the set and costumes for this period piece. The acting was overall well-balanced and nicely played. The interesting and innovative set design was inventive and effective, though the setchange grew long.

Overall, this show was an entertaining sparkle to a winter's evening – money, time, effort, and confidence well placed. Word is, this production went up in just over 4 weeks and required a lot of teamwork. While having proper time to create productions can be essential, under-the-gun shows tend to shine with the glow of affection and collaborative dedication. This one did.

# The Spot Situation 2002-3, a brief history and an update... by Angeliki Field Pollatou

The GSO would like to move the current Graduate Student Lounge (The SPOT) out of its current building and into a new location, thus redefining The SPOT as a Graduate Student Cultural Center that would blend what is best about the current graduate lounge with different thoughts about the future of graduate student activities on campus. Opinions of the graduate students will be collected via a survey currently being undertaken by the GSO.

Below is a list of administrators who participated in the negotiations and discussions for a new home for our graduate student lounge.

Dr. Lawrence Martin (Dean of the Graduate School), Mr. Rich Wolcott (Director of Facilities Operations), Dr. Frederick Preston (Dean of Student Affairs), Dr. Jerry Stein (Dean of Students), Dr. Edward Feldman (Chair of Student Life Committee), Dr. Michelle Millar (Chair of the Student Life subcommittee on the Lounge issue), Dr. George Meyer (Assistant to the President), Dr. Kevin Kelly (Faculty Student Association President), Mr. Louis Rispoli (Facilities Planning), Mr. Godfrey Palaia (SPOT Manager), and Mr. Andrew Morgan (EOB Manager).

## GSO Senate meeting October 10, 2002.

(Excerpt from approved October GSO Senate meeting minutes). Bryan Field asked about the future of the SPOT. Dr. Martin said that the last plan he heard was the SPOT would move to the End of the Bridge at the Student Union. He added that FSA and the administration would have it done by the end of the spring semester. Pegine Walrad said that according to Kevin Kelly at FSA, the chances that the SPOT would move at the end of the spring semester is 0-2%. Dr. Martin promised that he would get back to us on that.

## November 8, 2003. Student Life Committee

(hereafter the SLC) met for the first time this academic year. The Committee is working on improving the life on campus for both graduate and undergraduate students. The GSO representatives expressed their disappointment with the Graduate Student Lounge that it is not a place suitable for the talented graduate students of this University. The current location does not cover the needs of the graduate students and a change needs to be made in order for it to be more attractive to the student body. The Committee showed an immediate interest in helping graduate students to get a place they deserve and asked the GSO representatives to write a proposal and present it in the next Student Life meeting.

## November 22, 2003.

Dr. Kelly, who admitted that the graduate students need to have their own space, joined the SLC. He also informed us that the cost of moving the End of the Bridge restaurant (located on the second floor of the Student Union) to the Bleacher Club (located on the first floor of the Student Union) would be significant. It should be noted that the Bleacher Club is closed for dinner and the End of the Bridge Restaurant is open only for dinner so putting these two operations together in order for our Graduate Student Cultural Center to be created on the second floor of the Union was a reasonable request. At this point, the Committee created a sub-committee that would work on this issue. The subcommittee was comprised of Dr. Michelle Millar, Angeliki Field-Pollatou and Christine Promin. The sub-committee's job was to create a preliminary plan for the space that would be required to accommodate all the needs of the graduate students and present it to the next meeting.

December 6, 2003. The Lounge Advisory Committee and the SLC met to discuss these issues. During the first meeting (where Dr. Kelly and Mr. Willa from FSA were present) the Lounge Committee talked with the members about different possibilities and the same conversation followed at the SLC. During these two meetings we were informed that an offer was never made to us to move to the End of the Bridge (EOB), contrary to the information we had from the previous GSO Executive Council.

## December 12, 2003.

The SLC met with Dr. Martin as a guest.

Dr. Martin strongly supported the graduate students and he said that concerns about the mission of the Graduate Lounge is not a new issue, it started in 1998. He said that the President of our University is very supportive towards the plan of creating a Graduate Student Cultural Center (GSCC) and Dr. Meyer is trying to facilitate this plan. Dr. Martin added that there are many different possibilities: to relocate the End of the Bridge to the Student Union and create a dining space there (he said it is expensive but not too expensive) or get a part of the Ballroom for the GSCC. Dr. Martin suggested the GSO could utilize the EOB during the break when the undergraduates do not occupy it.

The Committee agreed that this is a very good idea and it was decided to start 'The Experiment' during the break starting on January 10 and having it open on Thursday-Friday-Saturday during the break from 5PM-12AM. One of the Committee members, Dr. Millar, even donated personal money in order for this to happen. The Experiment cost the GSO nothing with all the costs being covered by the FSA.

The SLC met during the break (December 20th and January 7th) in order to plan The Experiment. FSA and GSO advertised the venue as much as possible but the attendance was poor mainly due to the fact that the venue took place during the break.

## January 27, 2003.

The SLC met again with the addition of Mr. Wolcott. The SPOT manager (Godfrey Palaia) and the EOB manager (Andrew Morgan) met separately in order to formulate a plan for the Graduate Center cohabitating with the EOB restaurant operation. Some of the committee members had the impression that the graduate student venue would start after dinner was over with the undergraduates. This was not the sub-committee's plan and this suggestion was quickly taken off the table. The SPOT and EOB managers were asked if both operations could operate at the same time. The two parties answered that both operations would have to change in order to accommodate one another. Concerns were also raised by Mr. Wolcott about the fact that alcohol will be served while students under 21 would be around. We all agreed that this could be a problem. The sub-committee proposed that the EOB be moved to the 'Bleacher's Club'. Dr. Kelly informed us that this would be very expensive. We requested a breakdown of the expenses but they were not available. We were promised that we would be supplied with a breakdown of the potential moving costs for the EOB to move to either the Bleacher Club or the Union Ballroom, and for the SPOT to move to the Union Ballroom. This would allow a comparison of the budgets to see whether it would be less expensive for us to move to the Ballroom or to the EOB location.

Dr. Meyer organized the last meeting about the issue (February 10th). The meeting included Dr. Martin, Dr. Millar, Dr. Preston, Dr. Stein, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Palaia, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Rispoli and the GSO representatives. In that meeting the breakdown of moving expenses were expected as promised but the only information was given to us by Mr. Rispoli who said that the cost to move the EOB to the Ballroom will be \$750,000-\$1,000,000 because of kitchen renovations and because the physical space will have to be expanded to a bigger area. No breakdown was given to the representatives and when they requested it the answer was that it takes a lot of time to make a "real" cost breakdown and that no one was going to do it unless the move to the EOB was finalized. The final offer was given to the GSO through Dr. Martin who offered the GSO a piece of the Student Union Ballroom which at the time was specified by Mr. Rispoli that it was 2,000 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Upon measuring it, we found out that it was

actually less than 1,500 ft.<sup>2</sup>. This offer was made as a final offer and it was presented as an opportunity that "would not be on the table for a long time."

## March 11, 2003.

The participants in the discussion were: George Meyer, Bin Tang, Jerry Stein, Kevin Kelly, Michelle Millar, Lawrence Martin, Ron on behalf of Louis Rispoli and GSO representatives.

The GSO representatives clarified that the space that was suggested in the last meeting was less than 1,500 ft.<sup>2</sup> and that a minimum of 2,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> is what is required. The GSO proposed a plan that would expand the area that we would be given on both sides in order to reach 2,000 ft.<sup>2</sup>. The representative from the Facilities Planning asked for some time in order to make a budget for this plan. Also it was requested to have a budget for both collapsible doors and real walls to be built between the new Lounge and the dance floor. Almost all the participants were in favor of the collapsible doors since it will give us more flexibility to expand to the dance floor if needed, but the cost will determine whether that will be a better option. GSO will have its own separate entrance to the venue. Until we find out the cost of the renovations, we will not know what and if GSO has to contribute financially. Jerry Stein was asked whether the GSO would be subject to the one time per semester restriction placed on clubs who wish to use the dance floor area at the Union. He responded that he will have to check into it. Dr. Martin supported that GSO should not be subject to this rule since GSO is an organization, not a club.

The GSO would like to thank all the members of the Student Life Committee that spend their time and effort accommodating the meetings with various administrators: Edward Feldman, Michelle Millar, John Robinson, Kevin Kelly, Frederick Preston, Marjolein Rijssenbeek, Godlind Johnson, Eugene Feinberg and Diane Baldwin-Bello. The GSO would additionally like to thank George Meyer for his efforts organizing the meetings.

## **SPOT Calendar**

**(March 13-April 12)**

- 3/13 Mark Yodice, Michelle Monte
- 3/14 GSO St. Paddy's Party, **PUMICE**
- 3/15 Jeremy Gilchrist, Even, Forever Falling, Zero Theory
- 3/20 ISS Night with Sonny Meadows and Sonny Speed
- 3/21 Army of Mars, True
- 3/22 Tower, Dealer's Choice
- 3/27 Jack Batcher, Jon-Flor Sisante, Jason Shain
- 3/28 Entrope
- 3/29 Earthling, Helen of Troy, Aeschylus, DJ's: AK & Cutstello, WUSB Live at The Spot
- 4/3 Seth Davis, Burgundy Velvet, Dr. Ray and the Experimence
- 4/4 Cabaret Drag Show II: Bigger, Badder, Bitchier
- 4/5 Joe Picker, David Hilsenrath, Slanted Green
- 4/10 The Mama Ray Band, Organic Panic
- 4/11 Chris David: Incomplete (9:30pm)
- 4/12 Blue Sky Burning

This schedule is subject to change. Check **[www.the-spot.org](http://www.the-spot.org)** for more.



# Food for Grads

by Elizabeth Bojsza

We are certainly getting a beating from the weather this semester! One snow day I decided to make myself some soup-- and it's not as complicated as you may think. Perhaps you would like to try this winter warm-up as well! It's perfect for a day when you are shut in by the snow. This recipe comes from Babe's Country Cookbook by Dewey Gram:

## Kelly Sim's Roasted Garlic Soup

you will need:

3 heads of garlic (whole and unpeeled)  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, sliced  
1 leek (just the white part) washed, trimmed, and sliced  
2 large russet potatoes, peeled and sliced  
2 quarts of water  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 red bell pepper (for garnish)  
salt and pepper to taste  
an oven  
a saucepan  
a food processor or blender

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Roast the whole, unpeeled heads of garlic on a baking sheet in the oven for 45 minutes. When cool enough to handle, slip off the skins. Slice the garlic heads and set them aside.

In a large saucepan, heat the two tablespoons of oil. Add the onion and leek, and stir frequently until soft (but not brown)-- probably about 8 minutes. Add the roasted garlic heads, the sliced potatoes, and the water. Turn down the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 1 hour.

Core and seed the bell pepper and cut into strips. Set them aside.

Just before the soup is done, stir in the cream. In batches, purée the soup in a blender or food processor. Season with salt and pepper. (For added smoothness, you could pour the soup through a strainer)

Garnish with the bell pepper strips and serve with a crusty baguette or other bread. Yum!

Do you have a recipe you would like to share with us?

Please email nusnblus@ic.sunysb.edu Attn. food for grads

# Sex in the Brook Safe Internet Dating

By: C. Herbert

In previous articles I have tried to emphasize the fact that one needs to be careful of whom one dates. That's why I suggest the first date be a coffee date, so you can check them out first. However, it doesn't always work that way. I met one date, Mark, at his apartment in Queens. One look at his apartment told me he was not an 'ordinary guy.' He had handcuffs on the floor of his bedroom and a whip on the wall above his bed. Some people wouldn't find this odd, yet it *is* something to keep in mind. I think we've all seen or read American Psycho and know how the plot turns out - with the girl dead. So I made sure Mark and I went out to a public place. Still, I should have not met a stranger at his apartment. He seemed harmless but so did Jack the Ripper. Unfortunately, we live in an age where we need to be careful of strangers and lock our doors at night. We all take chances and trust people but we also need to be aware of our environment. Mark and I had a nice dinner, drinks and conversation. But, I happen to be in a sour mood due to departmental problems and I had a little too much to drink... so I ended up spending the night with Mark. I slept on the sofa bed (sorry, no juicy sex details,) which I probably shouldn't have done - but that's what can happen when alcohol is involved in dating. Mark and I went out on a few more dates. He's just a little too boring for me, but a safe, nice guy who just happens to be heavily into S&M. I was lucky. It's also important to put everything into perspective. I'm pretty liberal when it comes to sex so it didn't scare me off that he has a different sexual lifestyle than mine. If I were to judge him for his lifestyle choice, then I would have missed out on a date with a very nice guy. Just some things to think about when you're out there on the dating scene.

Happy Dating!

Check out a new internet dating sites: goodboyfriends.com

Some others: udate.com, match.com, salon.com, nerve.com

## Stony Love

by J.Z Bich

Q dear J.Z.,

I live in Chapin Apts with 5 other girls in the apartment and have a problem I'd like to share with you. One of the apartmentmates has a boyfriend and whenever he sleeps over they sleep in the living room. I work till late and when I come from the office I often find them making out or at least giggling under the blanket. I usually rush into my room though I would like to eat in the kitchen. I feel very uncomfortable, what should I do?

i-am-just-hungry

A: Dear Hungry,

I think many people have a problem similar to yours. Perhaps you should start a club for people who have inconsiderate roommates. Till then, you can try a simple solution of talking to your apartmentmate. However, I do realize that some people don't like talking so I have a different and possibly more fun solution for you. Next time you come home and find the love birds under the blanket make yourself a sandwich, bring a chair and watch them. If your view is obstructed take the blanket off and enjoy. It's like watching a reality TV (which is really great for digestion). If the birds complain ignore it, you would explain to your TV why you are watching it so why bother here.

Love,

JZ

Q: Dear J.Z.,

I am almost 30 and still a virgin. At first I thought I should wait to till I am married to have sex but now it does not seem I will get married any time soon and I do want to have sex. Don't tell me to masturbate because I do it a lot and it's not helping.

-Looking for Obstacle-Free Sex Experience Research.

A: Dear LO(F)SER,

You say masturbation is not helping. Hm, I find it quite satisfying myself, but there are definitely other things you can do. Like have sex with another human being. I find it hard to believe that you cannot find anyone interested, but you should definitely think about a few things. Nobody likes desperation. So when you start flirting with a person don't tell her/him you are looking for someone to lose virginity with. Actually, don't even think about it till the right moment comes and then just don't say no. Most of the people who are your age will assume you will have sex and will probably lead you to it if you don't resist too much. In a mean time try to find out how to satisfy the person you plan to sleep with, that is if you plan to get the second lay. Good news travel fast, but bad reputation travels at the speed of sound...and being bad in bed will find people before youdo...

-JZ

Questions for JZ should be sent to:

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## The HIV/AIDS Epidemic

### Who's Getting Infected?

There are an estimated 800,000 to 900,000 people currently living with HIV in the U.S., with approximately 40,000 new HIV infections occurring in the U.S. every year.

By gender, 30% of new HIV infections occur among women.

By risk, men who have sex with men (MSM) account for 42% of the new infections while men and women infected through heterosexual intercourse account for 33%, and 25% are infected through injection drug use.

### AIDS cases:

As of December 2000, 774,467 AIDS cases have been reported in the U.S., including 640,022 cases reported among men and 134,441 among women. A total of 8,908 AIDS cases have been reported among children (ages 12 and under). By race/ethnicity, 330,160 AIDS cases have been reported among Whites, 292,522 among Blacks, and 141,694 among Hispanics.

### AIDS deaths:

Since the beginning of the epidemic, 448,060 deaths were reported through December 2000, including 381,611 among men and 66,448 among women.

Recent studies have shown that there are more people living with AIDS than ever before in the U.S.. Better treatments, which are extending the lives of patients, have led to an increasing number of Americans living with AIDS. This growing number indicates the need for continued HIV prevention services for HIV-infected individuals and for treatment and care services.

To schedule anonymous HIV testing call 1-800-462-6786.

## NEWS ON THE SENATE VOTE IN REGARD TO PRESIDENTIAL REMOVAL

MARCH 12, 2003.  
Stony Brook.

At the regular March Senate meeting (held on March 12, 2003) one of the agenda items was the removal of the GSO President as upon the recommendation of the Board of Appeals. The motion to remove Mr. Tang as a President was followed by a long and heated discussion which resulted in a 7 to 17 vote against his removal (6 Senators abstained). However, the motion for removal was followed by a motion to censure the President and it passed with 24 votes for yes, 3 opposed and 4 abstaining. Censure means, according to Karl Juhnke a Senator from AMS and a member of RCC (Rules and Constitution Committee), that the President is found guilty of the charges listed and is reprimanded for his behavior; however, the Senate does not think that the charges require the removal or that removal is the best option in that moment.

Kostas Pentikousis (CS) reminded us that absolute power absolutely corrupts but advised Senators to look at the larger picture and how is our decision going to reflect on the larger community. Fan Wang stated in the same sentiment that the Senate should not alienate itself from many student groups on Campus. She further stated that because earlier this year the Treasurer was forced to resign and because he is a member of Indian community a removal of the President will appear to be an anti Asian action on the part of the Senate. As a reminder the former Treasurer Rajesh Elisetty resigned because according to his own statement he had too many obligations related to his graduate work and was trying to graduate this year. His resignation followed after a controversy related to his unpopular political beliefs.

The three Executives who had complaints about Mr. Tang stated that their complaints were not of racial but rather procedural nature and denied racism on their part.



GSO President Bin Tang debates graduate issues raised at the Lounge Committee.

The discussion ended as it became clear that while most of the Senators felt that Mr. Tang has overstepped his rights and neglected his duties he should not be removed from his office. Rather, he should be asked to follow the procedures and correct his behavior.

Bin Tang was asked for a statement about this issue, and the statement is as follows:

"I am not perfect and had made mistakes some time. I am not a sage and I have my own pride and prejudice, which are not always correct and sometimes give others the impression of rudeness and inconsideration. I would like to apologize to all who felt offended because of this. Being a GSO President has been a true learning and very rewarding experience for me. It thought me my weaknesses and strengths which I would never discover have I not run for this office. To make clear I would like to point that everything I have done so far was intended in a good faith and for the best of the graduate community. I know that I am not the best GSO President in the Stony Brook History; however, I have tried my best not to be the worst either.

We need to move on from this point and try to work together for the better of the graduate community. As a President of the GSO I will do everything in my power to strengthen the organization and hear the voices of graduate students." - JS

**DRAG SHOW part II**  
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# World News

## IRAQ DISARMS:

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) -- Iraq destroyed six more of about 100 Al Samoud 2 missiles on Monday, according to U.N. officials, but Baghdad has threatened to stop the process if it becomes clear the United States intends to go to war. Baghdad destroyed 10 missiles over the weekend -- according to U.N. officials -- and said it planned to eliminate as many as nine more Monday. The military installment at al Taji, to the north of Baghdad houses a storage facility for the missiles.

## Race to save China quake victims

A huge rescue and relief operation is under way in north-western China after it was hit by an earthquake that killed more than 250 people and injured at least 1,000. The quake struck the western edge of Xinjiang province at 10.03 a.m. Monday (0203 GMT), according to the U.S. Geological Survey, which reported the quake's magnitude as 6.3.

Chinese officials gave the quake a magnitude of 6.8. The epicenter of the quake was in Bachu county, home to about 370,000 people, many of them subsistence farmers.

## Chirac criticism on US WAR Initiative

France's President Jacques Chirac has been throwing his weight around in the world. On Monday he will be on stage again, at a summit in Berlin with Chancellor Schroeder, as he protests against the US handling of the issues against Iraq. His performance is dazzling the French, but has brought a serious backlash, causing amongst his European counterparts, and long term ally, the United States. Serb nationalist hands himself in

Maverick Serb nationalist politician Vojislav Seselj has arrived in The Hague to surrender to international the war crimes tribunal. Mr Seselj has denied the charges against him, which relate to atrocities carried out during the conflicts in Bosnia and Croatia. Mr Seselj, an ally of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, faces eight counts of crimes against humanity and six counts of violations of the laws or customs of war in an indictment made public last week.

Aids vaccine only limited success  
The first Aids vaccine to be tested on humans does not protect the general population, but may protect black and Asian people, a US biotech company has announced. The company, VaxGen, has completed a three-year study involving more than 5,000 volunteers. Initial results show the vaccine only reduced the rate of HIV infection by 3.8%, VaxGen said in a statement. Black and Asian people who were given the vaccine, however, had a 67% lower rate of infection than those who received a placebo shot.

## Norah makes Father Proud

NEW DELHI, India (AP) -- While Norah Jones' music is little known in most of India, her sweep at the Grammys brought a wave of pride and cheer to a home in southern New Delhi, where her father sat watching the awards ceremony. Jones is the daughter of Ravi Shankar, the 82-year-old sitarist who is India's best-known musician. Shankar is a three-time Grammy winner. His other daughter, Anoushka Shankar, also had a nomination Sunday night for best world music album. Beating

crowd favorite Bruce Springsteen, the 23-year-old Jones earned five Grammys, including album and record of the year, and her disc "Come Away With Me" was responsible for eight trophies overall. Her disc has sold more than 6 million copies worldwide and become the talk of the music business.

Hydrogen power lures companies, politicians  
(CNN) -- As the United States prepares for a possible war against Iraq, many are concerned about how such a confrontation would affect oil prices. President George Bush lauded the benefits of hydrogen power and vowed to set aside more than a billion dollars for research. The lure of hydrogen power is that it is not taken from a source, like oil. Hydrogen is the most plentiful gas in the universe. A hydrogen-powered car would emit water vapor, which doesn't pollute the air.

## Louisiana is sinking

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AP) -- Southern Louisiana is sinking -- houses, cemeteries, roads and all. While most of North America rests on bedrock, New Orleans and the surrounding area are built on Mississippi River silt. And the silt is slowly settling and compacting because of gravity. Houses not built on deep pilings are tipping and cracking. So are streets, often rupturing water mains and sewer lines beneath them. Along parts of the coast, the ground is now under water, and some yards have become marshland. The situation is so dire that some highways may be unable to serve as evacuation routes while a hurricane is approaching, the

National Geodetic Survey recently warned. The roads themselves could be awash.

## Sled-dog race from Fairbanks to Nome

FAIRBANKS, Alaska -- A group of 64 mushers from all over the world on Monday officially begins this year's Iditarod, billed as the "Last Great Race" and arguably the best-known sled-dog race in the world. A ceremonial start was staged Saturday in Anchorage for the mushers, or sled drivers, amid unusually warm weather and rain that forced the city to search for enough snow to cover streets for the yearly event.

## S.Africa loses out to Fate again

In a repetition of the 1992 event, where rain delay left South Africa unable to reach the Semi finals, it suffered a similar fate when the rain-affected group match against Sri Lanka ended in a tie knocking them out of the World Cup Cricket. Four years after they were eliminated from the last World Cup following a semi-final tie with Australia, the South Africans were again left cursing after putting themselves in with a good chance of beating Sri Lanka to claim a place in the Super Sixes. Worse still, a clearly devastated Shaun Pollock later conceded that a dressing-room miscalculation contributed to the defeat after the South African batsmen were told 229 runs would be enough to win if the rain led to a revised target.

-compiled by Smitha

## ARGENTINA AUTONOMOUS PROJECT PUPPET SHOW AND CONCERT

**Wednesday April 23, 2003  
at 7 pm  
in SAC Ballroom B**

The performance discusses the unemployed workers movement (piqueteros), asambleas (horizontally organized neighborhood meetings), trueque (barter network) and special position of women in the Argentinian movement.

Event organized by Social Justice Alliance and sponsored by the GSO.

## threadbare a subversive aesthetic curated by Keith Miller and Tara Burk

In celebration of  
Women's History Month!  
a collection of works from women  
working with fabric and threads  
The Gallery is located in SAC Main  
Floor and open Tuesday-Friday  
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on Wednesday, April 9,  
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## First Full Moon Party Organized by KGSA

by Jasmina Sinanovic and Taewon Lee



Instead of its usual Korean Lunar New Year's party, the Korean Graduate Student Association decided to organize the "Full Moon Party" which celebrated both the Lunar New Year and the Full Moon. The party was held on February 15th starting at 6pm and ended at 10pm at the Union Bi-level.

"Full Moon" is another Korean holiday, which follows the Lunar New Year and is equally important. Before the beginning of the ceremony, tables were set in the appropriate pattern (as much as the space would permit.)

Unfortunately, a lot of students came in late and did not have a chance to see the original set-up. There was also a special ceremony that was held at the beginning of the party. Being the first time this was happening at our Stony Brook Campus, it was not an easy task to accomplish!

After the ceremony, the food was shared - which is also a Korean tradition. The cuisine included many different kinds of rice cakes. After most of the guests had helped themselves to the feast, the game time started.

Two traditional and one not-so traditional game were played.

The first gameplayed was called Jaeki. Jaeki is a game that closely resembles hackysack. Many played and those most skilled won!

After this fun game, the guests were invited to play Yut. Yut is one of the most popular Korean games that is especially popular on New Year's Day. It involves throwing sticks which designate numbers 1-5, and depending upon how they fall with the moving figurines determines the numbers scored. This game created a lot of excitement among all players.

Finally, the not so traditional game of the evening was arm-wrestling!

Some of the other traditions related to the Full Moon Holiday is nut-breaking (a nut in the shell needs to be broken with one's teeth, if it's broken easily the summer will be easy on the people-no draught,) and fire burning in the yard (which was not possible to do at this year's festival in part due to campus fire regulations.)

The Full Moon party attracted many people from different cultures who had a chance to experience Korean food, games and tradition. It was a great chance for the Korean graduate student community to celebrate and share its most popular holiday.

For more information on KGSA and Korean culture and language go to: [www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/kgsa](http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/kgsa)



Photo courtesy of KGSA.

## Full Moon Café Opens!

by Casey Webb

In the former location of the "Park Bench" is a tremendous new addition to our Stony Brook Community - The Full Moon Café.

With its brick-oven pizza, welcoming "Behind the Moon Saloon" and reasonably-priced fare - it's a best bet!

Located directly across from the train station, even those of you stranded in Chapin or even South campus can enjoy its fresh cuisine with the same effort which you'd ordinarily subject yourself to Chartwells' prices. It may even cost you less!

Currently open 3pm-on Tuesday-Friday, and from 12noon- on weekends & holidays, you should make room in your schedule & stomach for

its well-rounded fanfare.

It may very well feature the best pizza you've ever had the honor of tasting... and for New Yorkers, that's saying quite a bit!

Convenient, affordable and cool - even the service is fabulous. Offering a full, late-night bar & smaller menu - it's a quieter alternative to cocktails at the Velvet Lounge.

Well worth the hop o' the tracks to get there - it's sure to be a Stony Brook staple before the year's out.

Get "good points" with your PI & recommend it for an interviewing grad! Or just grab the bus & head over there to take in the clean, somewhat-sophisticated atmosphere on your own.

Overall, it's a keeper.

### Some Special Deals:

**10% Discount with SUNY & Hospital ID**

**Happy hour 4-6pm daily!**

**Wednesday Nite - Employee Nite!**

**1/2 Price Drinks at the bar for ALL HOSPITAL & SUNY EMPLOYEES**

**(with valid ID) 10pm-12midnight**

**Thursday Night - Ladies Nite**

**1/2 Price Drinks at the bar**

**10pm-12midnight**

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