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## Beijing Dance Co. U.S. debut at Staller

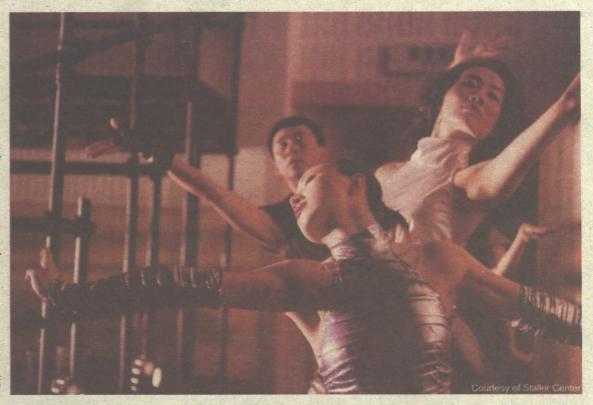
By Rosie Scavuzzo Statesman Editor

most exciting and monumental events for Stony Brook: the Beiwill be performing. Stony Brook prides itself in its great diversity and is proud of its 1/3 Asian to the Staller Center Main Stage. in China, the company comes to make its United States debut here

at the Staller Center for the Arts. From Stony Brook, the group will continue to New York City's This week marks one of the own Joyce Theatre for a week of performances.

However, unlike most perjing Modern Dance Company, formers who stay for their eveunder the direction of Willy Tsao, ning show and move to their next venue, the Beijing Modern Dance Company is offering a couple of great opportunities for those inpopulation. What better way to terested in dance and the Chinese celebrate this rich culture than culture. On Thursday, February 3 by inviting these brilliant dancers at 4:30 P.M. in the Charles B. Wang Center, the company is One of the most highly reputed holding a master class for those

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## Operation: Shoebox

By Aby Joseph

When soldiers are sent to Iraq, they are "given the things they would consider daily essentials: soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shaving cream for example. This is why the Veteran Student Organization (VESO) is working with special packages for them. the Region 1 Veterans Association nybrook University.

The goal of Operation Shoebox, is to provide our soldiers in Iraq with some essential items that are not easy for the soldiers to get. These items include soap, toothpaste, lip balm, shaving cream, sun screen, toothbrushes, dominoes, books, disposable cam-Linan, president of VESO. Adthese items," according to Linan.

they are put into individualized can call them at 632-4143.

shoeboxes for each soldier. Last year, in addition to these items, Stonybrook's freshman class wrote letters to the soldiers that were included in each shoebox. need to complete the job" says These individualized shoeboxes Carrado Grant, vice-president of are then shipped to Iraq where the Veteran Student Organization they are distributed to the soldiers. and a soldier who had been to Recently, VESO has received let-Iraq, "food, shelter, and weapons ters in return from those soldiers, and armor to fight." What the thanking VESO for not only the soldiers do not get is what we packages, but more importantly for the letters that were included in the packages. There are many Stonybrook students who are stationed Iraq now, and VESO is making

Operation Shoebox was into bring Operation Shoebox to Sto- troduced to Stony Brook around Christmas last year, when items were collected as holiday gifts for the soldiers. Due to the amazing response VESO received, it is now continuing with Operation Shoebox and is hoping to set up collection bins in each of the Quads.

If you would like to donate socks, baby powder, tissues, baby items for U.S. troops in Iraq, VESO wipes, disposable razors, as well as has set up collection bins in the duct tape. VESO is also collect- Administration Building, outside ing items such as magazines, DVD of the Office of Veterans Affairs movies, music CDs, playing cards, Rm. 347; in the College of Engineering; and in the Engineering eras: "items that the soldiers could Building Rm. 127. The items can use to pass the time" says Lissette be dropped off at anytime throughout the semester. VESO will also ditional items being collected have Operation Shoebox set up in include gum, hot chocolate, the SAC Lobby on Thursdays from sunflower seeds, brownies, and 11 am to 4 pm until February 24th. candy. "Soldiers are being rotated VESO meets every other Wednesinto and out of Iraq throughout the day in the SAC room 303. For year, so there is always a need for more information about VESO or Operation Shoebox, you can email As the items are collected, them a veso@ic.sunysb.edu you

# Renowned Geneticist and Former Stony Brook Vice President, Dies at 99

By Amanda Rubenstein

STONY BROOK, N.Y., January 19, 2005-H. Bentley Glass, Ph.D., who rose from high school biology teacher to distinguished

geneticist and a former Vice President at Stony Brook University during its earliest years, died Sunday, January 16 of complications of pneumonia at Boulder Community Hospital in Boulder, Colo. He would have turned 99 the next day.

Dr. Glass, a former resident of Port Jefferson Station, was named the university's first Academic Vice President and Professor of Biological Sciences by then-President John S. Toll in 1965 and served in those positions until 1971. According to a history of Stony Brook published by

the University, Glass was one of the first distinguished professors ever recruited to Stony Brook, then still a fledgling institution. His career included a number of academic awards and over 200 scientific, professional, and general articles. He also was a member of the National Academy of Sciences as well as a past President of Phi Beta Kappa, the

nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary society.

was the chief academic officer research enterprise, and Stony during the university's formative Brook University Hospital, a years, overseeing a faculty that numbered 400; the university

now has 1,200 faculty members. He was regarded as one of the foremost authorities on genetics and had previously taught at Johns Hopkins, where he maintained professional associations with key figures in the biomedical fields. He also was instrumental in recruiting to Stony Brook Dr. Edmund Pellegrino in 1966 to begin the planning for the estab-

lishment of the Health Sciences Center, which today includes At Stony Brook, Dr. Glass a leading medical school and major teaching hospital.

The son of missionary par-

ents, Dr. Glass was born in China in 1906 and largely remained in there until he attended Decatur Baptist College in Decatur, Texas. He later graduated from Baylor University, taught high school biology in tiny Timpson, Texas (pop.1,200), and then went to the University of Texas on a graduate fellowship to conduct research in genetics.

He taught at Stephens College in Missouri and at Goucher College in Maryland before joining the fac-Courtesy of the L.A. Times ulty at Johns Hopkins. From 1959-65, he chaired the na-

tional Biological Science Curriculum Study, which transformed the instruction of biological sciences and laboratory programs in high schools throughout the U.S.

Dr. Glass is survived by his daughter, Lois Edgar, of Boulder, five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. A son, Alex Bentley Glass, died in 1991. Dr. Glass' wife, Suzanne, died in 1993.

# What is Chill Fest?

By RADEYAH HACK Statesman Editor

We see it all around campus: in the union, the lecture halls, the SAC, even in some classrooms. Chill Fest 2005, it's everywhere. So what is it? Why is it so well marketed?

Referencing the frigid temperatures that usher in the spring semester, Chill Fest is the collective name given to the numerous opening activities at the start of the semester. "It's a tradition we've had on this campus for about four years now," said Alexandra Duggan, Student Activities Advisor and a coordinator for the Chill Fest activities.

Stony Brook activities that begin in the fall semester, Chill Fest is a continuation of this. "It's a way to expose new students to Stony Brook's resources, as well as encouraging them to get involved on campus," said Duggan.

With over a hundred programs scheduled for this semester, the well as the returning students, are sure to find a Chill Fest event that suits their taste. "It's a way to make connections and new friends," said Jerry Stein, Dean of Students.

Chill Fest not only brings keeping them entertained. together students, but the various departments and organizations on campus. USG, Academic Advising, Wang Center and numerous other organizations are working together to coordinate exciting and beneficial events for students.

"Chill Fest is intended to enhance student life," said Duggan. "The goal of the activities is to create a great environment for students." By working together, the various departments not only provide this exciting environment for students, but at the same time present the resources available on

The Chill Fest activities begin with a Welcome Fair for new and As part of the Experience transfer students and continue through February with a smorgasbord of events such as movie screenings and laser tag. All of this will lead up to the well anticipated Stony Brook Day in Albany where Stony Brook students gather to show there pride and voice their concerns to legislatures.

The forty or so events for Black new Stony Brook students, as History Month are also included in this exciting Chill Fest line-up. Through lectures and conferences, Chill Fest coordinators hope to educate and inform the student body on social issues, along with

The Chill Fest activities are also innovative and intriguing. "Scooping Out Success" and the "Fresh Fest Academic Success" are events aimed at advising new students on how to succeed academically. At the" Scooping Out Success" social last Thursday, students flocked the SAC lobby, despite the extreme cold temperatures outside, to get a scoop of ice cream as they walked along, listening to various academic advisors.

To relieve the building academic stress as the semester progresses, poker tournaments, chocolate fairs, trips to Broadway shows, and karaoke nights are in the schedule over the next month. To enlighten the mind and broaden your perspectives, lectures addressing the Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide, along with shows at the Staller Center, are planned for Black History Month.

Whatever your interests may be, there's a Chill Fest activity our there for you to attend.

For more information regarding Chill Fest activities, consult the calendar on the Stony Brook webpage at www.sunysb.edu/ calendar, or contact the Office of Student Activities in the SAC, suite 219 or call 631-632-9392.

## Students protest tuition hike



across the state next Fall. Tuition is expected to raise \$600 for incoming students each year, bringing the total for \$4950 for new freshmen. The state will, however, guarantee that students will experience no tuition hikes in their four-

Students protested the tu- year college career. Once the ition hikes that will hit SUNYs extra \$600 has been applied to the previous year's tuition, students can expect to pay that fee for the next four years. SUNY Stony Brook is considered one the state's top research universities and will, subsequently, have higher tuition hikes than the rest of the state universities.

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## Spotlight on Stony Brooks Theater Arts Dept

FYODOROV SERGER Statesman Contributor

David Blondell goes overboard in rehearsals, often screaming at the top of his lungs to warm up for a scene. "It's better to have a lot of energy to begin with, than not having enough," Blondell says. Blondell, 19, studied at the prestigious performing arts La Guardia High School in Manhattan and is now a Theatre Arts major in his second year at Stony Brook.

The Department of Theatre Arts at Stony Brook University has been capturing the audience with edgy and imaginative plays for over twenty years. While not as big or supported as other departments, the Theatre department does offer a well-rounded B.A. and minor program in theatre arts. Deborah Mayo, a professor of Theatre Arts at Theatre department. Stony Brook, teaches Acting I, In the past few years, according semester. to Mayo, the department has fo-



Photo by Dmitri Gnatenko

The Theatre Arts Department III, III and Voice for the Actor. puts on two to three shows each

cused on teaching the technical Long Island Play Project (LIPP). aspects of theatre, such as light- The LIPP produces a collection ing and production basics, but of plays that deal with disturbing has also strongly emphasized the modern issues. Past plays like acting. Stony Brook students of Suburbia and How I Learned to any major can audition for the Drive dealt with the alienation of

gotten better each year," Mayo ing Greek mythology characters said.

The department also hosts the tion on the Stony Brook stage fast paced lifestyle of New York included such playwrights as City and its' inhabitants. Christopher Durang and George

is a very good idea that has only is a modern urban romp blendwith teenage runaways and drugs. Recent years past produc- Son's Stop Kiss focuses on the

Bernard Shaw. Their plays Arms Theatre department put on Omand the Man and Betty's Summer nium Gatherum and Proof, both various shows put on by the youth and pedophilia. "The LIPP Nomi Izuka's Polaroid Stories obsessed mathematician and his attention it deserves."

daughter who wrote a key mathematical proof while Omnium Gatherum deals with a ghostly post-9/11 dinner party where topics such as globalization, the world trade center bombing, and terrorism, were brought up. Kat David, 21 and a Stony Brook student majoring in Biology, had a chance to play in Omnium Gatherum. "I'm really impressed that the theater department chose more modern lesser known plays this fall season," David said.

In the spring the 9:03 PM department will present a conservatory classic: Chekhov's The Three Sisters, a 19th century Russian play dealing with topics such as the futility of life, lust, and betrayal. The Three Sisters runs April 21-24 and Apr 28- May 1, 2005.

"This year is the pinnacle for theatre in Stony Brook," Mayo said. In the first year, according to Mayo, the department will use two different venues and have remarkable sets that will absorb their audience. Prior to this, all plays were in one space so that This fall the Stony Brook the sets are more compact and less elaborate. In the five minutes before his The Three Sisters Vacation are immortalized in new plays that were written in audition, Blondell says: "this films and on stages worldwide. 2003-2004. Proof deals with an department is finally getting the

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## A more or less modest proposal.

JAMES BOUKLAS Statesman Editor

I would like to start off by congratulating the Republicans on their victory this election. Furthermore, I look forward to the Pax Republicana that promises to unite this country in safety for the life of the Empire. That said, I humbly request that Liberals be afforded the same protections as any endangered species are: basic preservation. Like the West Indian manatee or Ozark big-eared bat, future generations of Americans should have a living record of the short-lived creature that was the Liberal.

In the sake of the National Interest, few resources should be spared on this endeavor. Perhaps but a single building is sufficient to house the most prominent examples of this soon-to-be forgotten race. Basic necessities of life should be provided, and little else. A lavatory and sleeping quarters, along with a small sitting area furnished with podiums, would suffice.

The entrance to the preserve

should include the spectrum of Liberals, including, but not limited to, Ted Kennedy, Howard Dean, and Ralph Nader. Entertainers should be displayed farther back, out of direct sight, for their Liberal nature is only half sincere. They should not have direct contact with the leaders of the movement, as contamination might dilute the gene pool.

To keep the dying race alive, albeit in restricted numbers, prominent Liberal women of childbearing age must be procured. Not to worry, Hillary Clinton or Arianna Huffington: there's room for you yet. Top breeders recommend older clanswomen to be available in settings such as these to help ingrain the traditions of a people into the young offspring.

To overcome the problem that many zoologists have found with pandas, the Liberals should have one room of this complex available for procreation that does not involve a glass wall to allow onlookers. Instead, great lengths

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## It's a trust issue.

MARC NIOLA Statesman Contributor

America's once great standing in the world as the protector of freedom and justice, albeit only within the small minority of NATO countries during the Cold War, has tragically fallen from grace. Though this decline in stature has been less than obvious during the 1990's the horrific events of September 11, 2001 that propelled the United States political and military response has put nomic and military superpower, American domestic and foreign policy into serious question.

This historic tragedy of American intentions being so broadly criticized throughout the world after most of the world proclaimed that shortly after 9/11 " we are all Americans now" is a blunder that falls squarely on the shoulders of the Bush administration.

America felt after 9/11 went from an historic summit to a shameful all time low. I don't know what is worse, the complete mishandling of near world wide American support or the incompetence of the Bush administration to articulate a clear long term vision to the public and rest of the world.

One key ingredient to a suc-

cessful American future and international stability which remains missing is American credibility. Credibility, a quality that engenders mutual trust, reliability and confidence, is the quality that is severely lacking in the United States' discourse with the rest of the world. The impediments this deficit facilitates are both damaging and reprehensible to national security and international stabil-

As both the world's only eco-America has grown into an unprecedented role of leadership. However, with this role of leadership there comes great responsibility. One crucial imperative to developing leadership responsibility is developing lasting, well-founded coalitions with other countries base on empirical knowledge and not Old World diplomacy like In less than four years the "you're either with us or against overwhelming world wide support us" or bribes. At is here we can see how America's integrity can bridge the gap between the suspicions the international community has towards the United States and an American foreign policy aimed that preserving and extending international stability.

Before the United States can

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## Ask Zahra

By ZAHRA KHAN

Ah the delicious days of college life. The sun's shining, the birds are singing and you are one intelligent, focused, sexy little scholar...not! Face it, you're a mess! Sometimes things just don't go the way you planned, and you don't know who to whine to. Well woe is no longer you my friend, now you've got me, so dish the dirt! I'm the Stony Brook Statesman's new (and as far as I know, only) advice columnist. So pen in your probs and you'll be fine in no time. Now so what if your best friend is too into her new beau to listen to you, or your boyfriend was born with earplugs, that doesn't matter anymore, because you got me babe!

Dear Zahra,

I recently slept with my best friend's girlfriend. It was great, but now my friend won't talk to me anymore. What's the matter with my friend, and how can I help him?

Sincerely Yours, Resltess in Roth

Dear Restless in Roth,

Ok, so you slept with the love of your best friend's life and now you're wondering why he might be a tad bit psycho-pathish on you? Hmm...well Restless, when we talk about giving help, let's start with you. You obviously don't have a clear set of values when it comes to being a faithful friend and a "best" one at that. You have to own up to the fact that you and Polyandrous Jane made a huge mistake. You not only violated the trust of your friend, you did it in one of the most personally hurtful ways possible. Until you can realize why you are his problem (yes I did say that), you won't see any improvements in the relationship with your ex-friend.

Dear Zahra,

Myex-boyfriendisaroundagain. He'sbeen saying things like "Ilove you," and "You're the most beautiful, strongest person I know." He tells me so much, and then doesn't want to date me! I don't understand! Is he playing games with me? Does he really mean what he says? Should I give him my time, or should I move on?

Awaiting your wisdom, Strong and Beautiful

Dear Strong and Beautiful,

Of course he means what he says, but sorry babe, his "love" it's purely platonic. He is not playing games, because he is making one thing clear: he does not want to date you. If he was going to ask you out again, he would have done it already, because Miss Strong and Beautifuls generally don't stay on the market that long, (and I'm sure you won't). But who said that a relationship with a guy has to be a romantic one? This guy obviously admires you, and hey he probably does think you are the "most beautiful" and "strongest person" he knows, but that doesn't necessarily mean he wants to bang you. Girls forget that friendships with guys are also worth having. So as long as it doesn't eat at you inside every time you are around him, embrace his friendship, and yes, he does just want to be friends.

Have a problem of your own? Send your woes to:

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## A more or less modest proposal.

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should be taken to ensure that the timid animals be afforded a sense of privacy, lest the race advance farther on the path of extinction.

As not to impugn the integrity of the must watch over the complex. A true Neocon, with the zeal of Condie Rice herself, is required for the task. A weaker member of the Grand Old Party might fall prey to the cunning of the captured, a risk which is not warranted. Far too many Conservative youths have been led astray by the mischievous Left.

To help revitalize the economy, it would be prudent to charge a viewing fee for all visitors. Luckily, waiting on long lines should never be an issue: Liberals are boring. It is their inability to capture

an audience's attention that brought them to this place to begin with, and I see no change in sight. After two to three minutes, it is my estimate that many zoo-goers will find the caged monkeys much more engaging.

O Great Ones, please take this plea to zookeeper, a tried and true Conservative heart. If you are not persuaded by the humanity of the situation, at least think of the ratings. Fox News makes literally billions of dollars a year for making jokes about Liberals. The same goes for every cable news and print outlet under your control. Think of the white-collar joke writers who will lose their jobs. Furthermore, Americans need relief from the harsh realities of the world. Where would we be without Rush Limbaugh yelling out "Feminazis!" as if afflicted with Tourette's? I know, in my heart, you will do the right thing. Thank you, and God speed.

#### It's a trust issue.

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move forward it has to repair the global mistrust her misunderstood policies have created, post 9/11, which fundamental changed the way the international order operated. I say misunderstood because some of the most controversial policies like the Patriot Act and the doctrine of preemption were not intelligently articulated or enunciated to either the American people and global society.

What is most troubling is the lack of ing.

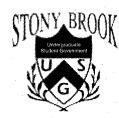
urgency to correct such a difficult but clear oversight, which unaddressed continues to exacerbate the ability of international cooperation. The real historic tragedy will be if the functioning and emerging countries of the 21st century fail to continue on the road towards a Kantian world view and fracture into the economic nationalism the world saw in the 1930's.

America must prevent this scenario from playing out and step to the plate and tell the world about a future worth creat-



## \* ATTENTION \*

# All USG Funded Clubs/Organizations



Please note that the 2005-06 Budget Applications are now in your mailboxes in SAC Suite 202.

Due to the changes in the Chancellor's Guidelines, all clubs and organizations funded by USG must submit a Budget Application. If you have not done so in prior years, you must do so now, or you will not receive funding.

The applications will be due by Friday, February 11, 2005 without exception.

All Sports Clubs must meet with Sue Dimonda or Marie Turchiano to go over your budget prior to submittal to USG.

Workshops explaining the budget process will be announced shortly.

If you have any questions, please contact: Raj Gupta, USG Treasurer at 2-6382 or Sonia Guttman, USG Admin. Director at 2-9207 in SAC Suite 202.

### Beijing Dance Co. U.S. debut at Staller

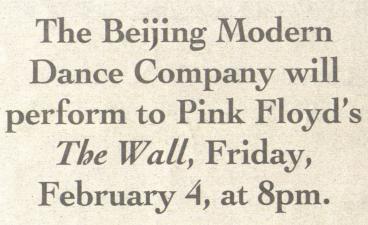
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with previous dance training. According to the Wang Center Calendar of Events, "Thirty people with basic dance training will have an opportunity to learn of the Beijing Modern Dance Company. The class will focus on Mr. Tsao's unique technique based on the Chinese concept of "Qi."" This class is free but advanced registration is required. Please call (631) 632-4400 for more information.

ing Willy Tsao for an intimate 6:00 P.M. In this "Conversation Light" can be purchased for \$7 with Willy Tsao," one may learn with a Stony Brook ID at the about the development of this Staller Center Box Office. For dance company and how its in- others, tickets are \$34 and are spiration and goals lie greatly in available at Staller Center Box the conflict between both the rich Office at 631-632-ARTS [2787]. tradition of China and the younger Tickets can also be ordered ongeneration's fight for freedom, line at www.stallercenter.com. individual expression, and chal- Don't miss out on this fantastic lenges. The Jasmine Restaurant, opportunity.

in the Wang Center's Asian food court, is open that evening until 8:00 P.M., to whet the appetites of those who will be enjoying the innovative and unprecedented evening of dance.

The Beijing Modern Dance from Willy Tsao, Artistic Director Company's "Rear Light" will take place on Friday, February 4, at 8: 00 P.M. on the Staller Center Main Stage and will be performed to the music of Pink Floyd's "The Wall." Alan Inkles and Julie Greene, Director and Marketing Director of the Staller Center are incredibly The Wang Center is also host- enthusiastic about this great performance. In order to encourage stulecture on Friday, February 4, at dents to attend tickets to "Rear



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# Internationally-**Known DNA** Repair Expert Joins Pharmacological Sciences Faculty

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an internationally- recognized for treating cancer." expert to study DNA repair. the potential to design new drugs for treating cancer.

someone of Dr. Schärer's stature at Stony Brook," said Jefunlock new treatments for different cancers."

The award is the fifth faculty tent of a cell. development award from NYSof any university in the state.

Brook University," said Rus- and gene therapy.

STONY BROOK, N.Y., sell W. Bessette, M.D., Execu-January 20, 2005-Stony Brook tive Director of NYSTAR. "Dr. University has been awarded a Schärer will be an outstanding \$655,600 grant from the New addition to Stony Brook's fac-York State Office of Science, ulty. As an expert in the study Technology and Academic of DNA repair, his research may Research (NYSTAR) to recruit lead to the design of new drugs

Dr. Schärer grew up in Zur-Orlando Schärer, Ph.D., will ich, Switzerland, where he first join Stony Brook's Department became fascinated with chemisof Pharmacological Sciences, try and the life sciences during where his work will focus on his undergraduate studies at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH). After re-"We are delighted to have ceiving his M.Sc. degree in chemistry in 1991, he moved to the U.S. to pursue Ph.D. studies frey Pessin, Ph.D., Chair of the at Harvard, where his research Department of Pharmacological focused on chemical biology, Sciences. "He will be a tremen- the application of chemical dous asset in the important work methodology to study biology, being done at Stony Brook to and DNA repair-a fundamental process responsible for preserving the genetic information con-

While a researcher at the TAR to Stony Brook, the most University of Zürich in 1999, Dr. Schärer initiated an inter-As a result of Governor Pat- disciplinary research program aki's commitment to attract the aimed at investigating complex best and the brightest research- mammalian DNA repair pathers to New York's research ways using organic chemistry, institutions and his long-stand- biochemistry and molecular ing, steadfast support of high and cellular biology. At Stony technology programs, NYSTAR Brook, he will explore DNA was able to make this faculty repair pathways to develop new development award to Stony approaches toward anti-tumor

## Statesman Open-house

The office of the Stony Brook Statesman will be open to visitors on Wednesday the second of February, 2005. The staff strongly encourages students interested in participating in the newspaper to attend. The Statesman is currently seeking columnists, cartoonists/illustrators and reporters as well as copy staff, photographers and writers.

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# Fighting for Falun Dafa



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On the weekends in Manhator Union Square are often treated to a peculiar sight. A woman is comfortable position.

All around these strange figures, people are involved in taichi like movements. Some are standing, some are sitting, and some are mediating, while othstration looks like.

Today the protesters on 42<sup>nd</sup> can be heard.

dian who does magazine layouts for a living. Morgan has been into meditation for three years. "I loved yoga and meditation, and a blend of yoga and meditation," he said.

He cannot believe that some-

sitting, tied to a bench, while aid the movement of energy in a man in a military uniform the body. According to the Dafa closed, her face reflecting peace and mind. It consists of exercise, has been imprisoned incommu-

cultivation of three fundamental Wesley's mother, Cecilia Wang, principles: truthfulness, com- a resident of Queens. passion, and forbearance. The ers are waving their arms about. philosophy of Falun Dafa pro- resident of Manhattan. Chai's This is what a Falun Dafa, also motes a good heart and healing mother practiced Falun Dafa known as Falun Gong, demon- the individual emotionally, as in China, and disappeared two often helps people get well, kick Street, have come from Toronto, stress, sleep better and live a hap-Canada, to protest China's attack pier life in general. The teaching against Falun Dafa. They drove of Falun Dafa is free. No cash, two days to get into New York no favors, just an open mind and for one weekend so their voices the willingness to learn. According to the Falun Dafa Association Justin Morgan, 24, is a Cana- over 100 million people practiced Falun Dafa in 1999.

In July 1999, Jiang Zemin, then head of the Chinese Communist Party, banned the practice was doing exercises daily, then of Falun Dafa in China. Zemin for the cause of Falun Dafa. In a friend of mine introduced me launched a campaign to eradicate 1996 both her parents were prosto Falun Dafa, and it was great," the popular group. He resented ecuted for practicing Falun Dafa, he said. According to Morgan, Falun Dafa due to its popular- and both were forced to quit due practicing Yoga did not relieve ity. Zemin saw Falun Dafa as a to threats from China's governhim of his stress, but when he challenge to his moral and cul- ment. "All I want for people to switched to Falun Dafa, the stress tural authority, whose practice, know is the truth, the persecution disappeared. "Falun Dafa is like unlike communist doctrine, was of Falun Dafa needs to stop," Hu rooted in the people's hearts and said.

who practiced Falun Dafa was ing," said Morgan.

Falun Dafa is an art closely typically denied legal representarelated to Qi Gong, a form of Tai tion, and most were sent to labor Chi. It is a series of ballet-like camps without trial. Since 1999, movements that hone balance a hundred thousand people have tan, people walking by 42nd Street and strength. In general, the been arrested and sent to labor exercises involve holding the camps. Over 1,000 deaths were body in positions that are said to attributed to torture by police officials in camps.

Eight year old Wesley Wang watches over her. An old woman website, Falun Dafa is a unique takes part in the demonstrations sits in a wooden cage, her eyes way to improve the body, spirit, on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Wesley's father and tranquility, even in this un-meditation, and teachings that nicado in China for his beliefs are rooted in ancient Chinese for practicing Falun Dafa. "He still wakes up in the middle of the Falun Dafa emphasizes the night, screaming 'daddy'," says

Christina Chai is a longtime well as spiritually. Falun Dafa years ago. The Chai family later learned that she was being held in a government labor camp, where she was tortured daily by being stripped naked by guards, submerged in feces, and shocked with electric batons. Chai's mother was 61 at the time.

Kathy Hu, has been practicing Falun Dafa for six years. She has come to New York twice as a volunteer, putting her job as a registered nurse on hold to fight

The protesters on 42<sup>nd</sup> street To Zemin, the demise of Fa- say they and others will keep thing as peaceful and tranquil as lun Dafa would demonstrate and coming from all over the globe the art of Falun Dafa could face solidify the power of Chinese to meet on the streets of Manhatsuch opposition. It is Morgan's leadership. Swift laws were tan for as long as it is necessary. first demonstration in New York, created by Zemin to punish Fa- "Until China gets the message, and he wants his voice to be lun Dafa practitioners. Anyone we are just gonna keep on com-

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#### A THOUGHT FROM RARRI ADAM



[Before] I talk about the Tsunami, [I would like to explain that] I went to Rabbinical School and not Law School. I am here neither to prosecute nor defend G-d. G-d works in mysterious ways [that] I don't claim to understand. [However,] I do have complete faith that G-d is a kind and just G-d, although I am completely in the dark when it comes to understanding every one of His decisions. So I will leave G-d to those (if any) who understand Him. I would rather address people since I hope I am amongst [those of] that category. When G-d acts in mysterious ways it is important to see how people react. It is of course easy to blame G-d and move on. But sincere people [don't let go] - if only for the simple reason that they have more control over their [own] decisions than those of Gd. [Therefore.] I thank the good people of our world. [for] many have reacted phenomenally in light of this disaster. The amount of aid in the form of money, food, blood and volunteer help is something we as a human race should be proud of. However, [there remains that overshadowing] question: What is it that we are to his terrible o You would have when G-d causes this much commotion there must be something He wants [from] us. Then one night I saw it coming the wave, the tsunami. Not the Itsunami of Southeast Asia, but the spiritual Itsunamil. [For in lieu of the tsunami's wave of death, we can inundate the world with a wave of good, a wave of humanity.] [For] over one hundred and fifty thousand people lost their lives. [But,] who will go on living for them? Do you see how this creates a shortage of do-gooders, and why this mustcause us to do more ourselves! So after you've made your contribution, have the foresight to see it is time for commitment. [For] a reaction to the suffering of the living is to offer help. [But] a reaction to the suddenness [of] death is to live [a] righteous [life].

By Rabbi Shlomie Chein, Director Chabad at Univ. of Calif. At S. Cruz



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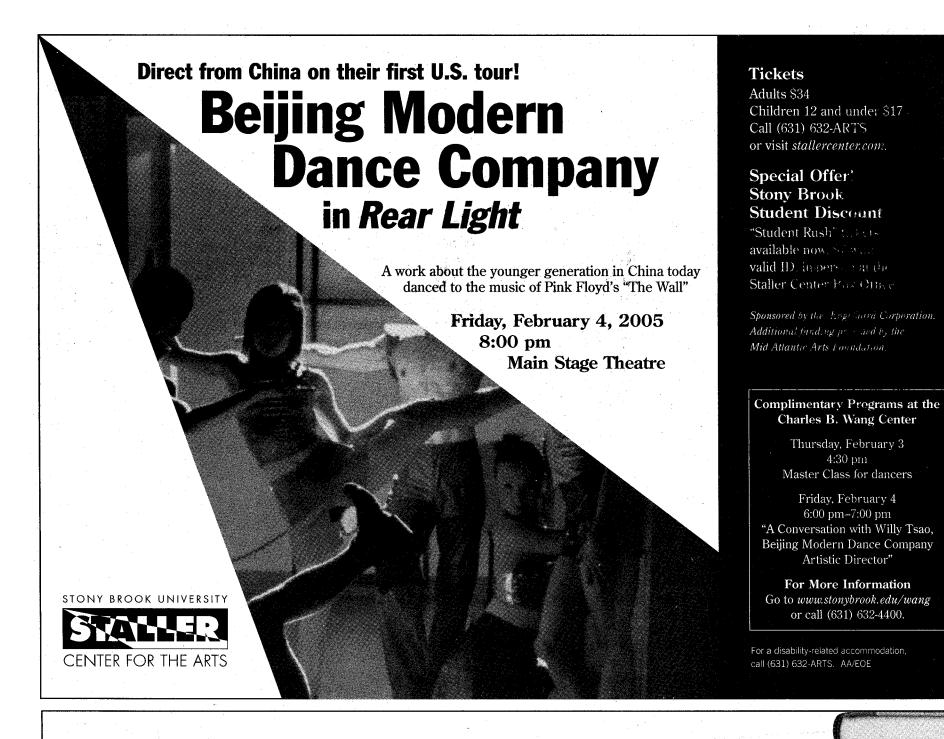
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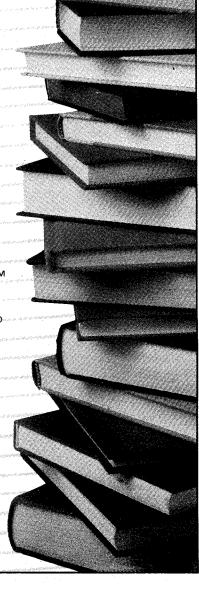
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# The Super Bowl under review

ROHIT DAS Stateseman Contributor

The Super Bowl, the pinnacle of all sports events, the Sunday that millions of football fans all over the over world look forward to, is slowly approaching. No other championship game in American sports can even begin to compare with the external influence the Super Bowl has on our society, as it presents several opportunities for our mass media to exploit. Indeed, every Super Sunday brings with it new provocative commercials, new halftime shows (and the drama that is often associated with them), and various other things that provoke millions to watch the game every year.

Yet, there remains a passive constant to the Super Bowls of recent years – the New England Patriots. The Pats have proven themselves to be superior to the rest of the league year after

year, and in my opinion, will prove it yet again this year. People often

talk about the NFL standing taller and

higher over other sports terms of competition; every year there seems to be a new team that stems out of the depressing failure of past years and achieves significant success. Though this may be indeed true, the Patriots never fail to show that they are truly the team to beat. Their degree of success is not a result of individuals either; it is a result of flawless fundamentals, precise coaching and perfected teamwork. In the playoffs, teams, not individuals, get you wins.

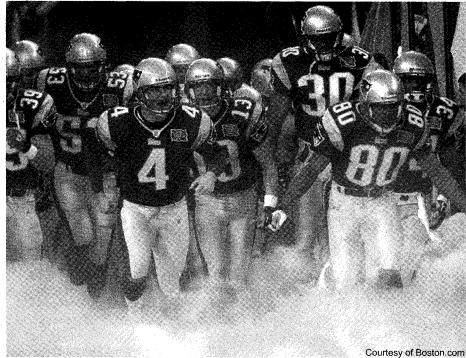
I honestly see no chance for the Eagles to even see a glimmer of hope. They played all year in a pathetic conference where they were simply the best team among a plethora of terrible teams. They have not faced the quality competition the Patriots have faced, like the Colts and Steelers. Rather, they have faced the Vikings, a team that chokes every single year, and the Falcons, a team that relies purely

> running abilities of Michael Vick to attain success. Simply put, the Eagles have had an easy time in their progression towards the Super Bowl, and consequently, are

not physically mentally prepared to face a proven champion

like New England's Patriots.

Overall, this has actually been a rather lackluster NFL playoff season, and will unfortunately end with a lackluster conclusion. Both conference championship games were rather one-sided, and it was the first time in a long time where one team clearly dominated their respective conference. Nevertheless, the AFC is still by far the better conference of the two, and it is for this reason that the Patriots will easily prevail over the Eagles. Both teams are certainly well coached and composed of quality players, but ultimately, a team's growth is mostly dependent on the competition it faces. Congratulations, Patriots, it will soon be time for another trip to Disney World.



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# Bears take a bite out of Seawolves

By SAMEER KHANIJO Statesman Staff

Sunday afternoon the Stony Brook Men's Basketball team porous Stony Brook defense. "We hosted their conference rivals, played no defense, and showed no Brook's loss to Maine is the re-Maine's Black Bears. With over enthusiasm," Macarchuk said. 1000 raucous fans in attendance the scene was set for a brilliant carchuk added. It was plain and Stony Brook performance. How-simple; the Seawolves lacked ever, the Seawolves put forth a fight in the second half. The Black lame effort; disappointing their Bears jumped out to a 34-30 lead, fans and their coaches. "We scoring four unanswered points played awful," said Head Coach Nick Macarchuk.

the Black Bears. This was the fourth straight loss for the Seafire. "Coming off of the Northeastern game I expected our team to play with more heart," continued Coach Macarchuk. With the loss and 2-8 in the America East.

Coming out of halftime the points, respectively. game was deadlocked at 30. However, the second half brought a change in momentum and a definite advantage for the Black Bears. Ernest Turner led Maine's second half charge, scoring 20 of they only made 11 of those at- year end conference tournament.

Black Bears were propelled by a barrage of three point shots and a which was lacking both.

"We did not close well," Main the first 1:06. Maine followed a poor 1-9 and finished with four The Seawolves lost 63-76 to point run, pulling ahead 41-33. The The Black Bears, on the backs of their leading scorers Kevin Reed wolves, but worse than that it was and Turner extended their lead to a game devoid of enthusiasm or 12 points. The only serious Stony Brook charge came in the final minutes of the game and was Mitchell Beauford. too little too late. Mike Popoko, Bobby Santiago, and Cori Spencer Stony Brook fell to 7-12 overall, were the leading scorers for Stony Brook, putting up 16, 14 and 15

Despite the poor play there were bright spots in the loss. The Seawolves were able to get to the line 22 times showing a committed inside game; unfortunately

his 22 points in the second session. tempts. Additionally, junior guard Along with Turner's firepower, the Hendrik Feist showed flashes of brilliance and energy, for a team

The end result of Stony newed importance of guard play in the America East. The Seawolves lost because their guards, Santiago and Antwan Hardy, were outplayed by Maine's Reed and Turner. Hardy, who had been Stony Brook's leading scorer, shot up this spurt with another seven points. Though this year's struggles are no consolation, Antwan Hardy's baptism by fire provides a strong sense of hope for the future here at Stony Brook. Hardy isn't a regular starter and was in the line up in place of injured sophomore

Stony Brook looks to end their four game losing streak on Wednesday when they head to Albany. The next home game for the Seawolves is Saturday, February 5th, against UMBC. The final 7 games for the Seawolves are all against conference rivals and a strong finish would allow Stony Brook to boost their position in

