

LIU loses campus, SBU gains major

By LISA ASNIS
Statesman Contributor

Starting in the Fall 2005 semester, Stony Brook will offer a new major: Marine Science. Since Southampton College will be closing, Long Island University will be bringing most of its curriculum to C.W. Post. According to Patrick Calabria, University Media Relations Officer, Southampton is known to have a strong undergraduate marine science program, and Stony Brook currently has a renowned graduate program, but no undergraduate program. "It was a natural fit," said Calabria.

The State Education Department and SUNY reached an agreement allowing Southampton to transfer its Marine Science program to Stony Brook. According to Calabria, President Shirley Strum Kenny is also currently exploring the possibility of creating a curriculum based on "sustainability and the environment." She has assembled two committees; one to explore what curriculum could and should be and the other to discuss financial viability.

Students from Southampton who qualify can apply to become

Stony Brook students starting next fall. David Conover, Dean of the Marine Science Research Center at Stony Brook, said, "Southampton students are going to be able to become part of one of the world's leading marine science and oceanography centers in the world."

Southampton is equipped with a water front marine station. Under this agreement, Stony Brook will be leasing the marine station as well as Southampton's other facilities, but only for the next three years, which Conover views as the only drawback. Students will be able to take classes at Southampton's marine station in the fall. Transportation will be provided for on-campus Stony Brook students to Southampton, and all three of the courses will be offered on the same day. The courses offered will focus on marine mammals, fish, and an experimental marine biology class.

According to Conover, the facility will prove to be a great resource in educating undergraduates, "[We] need the facility for hands-on education." Access to Southampton's facilities will allow Stony Brook to offer a lot

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CORE and funding

By RADEYAH HACK AND
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After months of deliberations and debates, President Jared Wang of USG announced in late February that faith-based and political clubs and organizations on campus can now qualify to receive USG funding. This new policy overrides the long tradition at Stony Brook, which denied funding to political and religious organizations, despite the fact that members of these organizations pay a mandatory Student Activity Fee.

"Prior USG administrations didn't want to deal with this issue because it's a stony topic that dealt with the establishment clause and First Amendment

rights," said Rustum Nyquist, former chair of USG's Special Services Council, which is responsible for reviewing all clubs and organizations on campus to determine their eligibility for USG funding.

The issue of funding religious and political organizations through the mandatory student activities fee, however, was being addressed on state university campuses across the nation. Supreme Court decisions in two landmark cases: *Rosenberger vs. University of Virginia* in 1995, and the more recent, *Board of Regents University of Wisconsin vs. Southworth* in 2001, upheld the right of religious and political organizations

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University discusses plan for an on-campus hotel

CAMPUS VOICES

By Lauren Mutz & Chris Lonardo



"It will bring more people, so it will be good for Long Island tourism."

Tom, 2007



"It's OK with me if I get a job there."

John, 2006



"It will be great for visiting dignitaries and it will give students a place to go if their roommate doesn't leave."

Steven, 2006

"Because Jasmine's having that whole uproar with outside help so if there is more jobs for students then that's great."

Yevgenia, 2007



By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Contributor

The dormitories in Roth Quad just do not quite fit the bill for Stony Brook's countless visitors. In order to accommodate those visitors in a more appropriate manner, university officials have been working to erect a hotel on campus, a move which leaves a number of opposing groups in the dust.

"This can be a win-win or it can be something that can be devastating," said Three Village Chamber of Commerce President Bob Brown in an article about the hotel in the *Three Village Herald*. "I'm cautiously optimistic of a positive outcome." Brown and other players in the community, including local hoteliers John Tsunis and Lou Miaritis, argue that a commercial hotel bordering Nicolls Road on university property would compromise the rustic character of the neighborhood and hurt local hotel businesses.

Apart from business concerns, local community groups like the Stony Brook Environmental Con-

servancy and the Citizen's Advisory Committee are up in arms. They are concerned about the destruction or commercialization of the Nicolls Road buffer, which is not covenanted as a wooded area. Alternative suggestions have included building the hotel on the campus' interior or establishing a reliable shuttle service to and from Suffolk County's hotels, which claim to already receive a third of their business from university visitors.

Still, the hotel plans are long in coming, and the opposition might find it difficult to budge an idea that has been 20 years in the making, according to Richard Mann, Vice President of Administration. "It's been a feeling on campus for a long time that we wanted to promote conferences on campus," Mann said. "For many years, we did not have conference space."

With the recent buildings of the Wang Center and SAC Phase Two, conference space has been less of an issue, but hotel accommodations on campus are still lacking. Whether that is a problem or not, however, is a

hotly contested issue.

"There are people who don't believe that we should have a hotel," Mann said. "And there are many of us who don't agree at this point. There are many people at the university who believe that we need a good hotel."

Mann and others at the university believe that the hotel will attract more academics and researchers, and perhaps increase the amount of conferences at Stony Brook. A number of other universities around the country have hotels on site, but by no means do all of them.

Nestled in Auburn University is the Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center, a 248-room behemoth of a hotel that also provides space for conferences, meetings, seminars or special gala events. Further up North in Cambridge, Massachusetts, MIT has its own hotel, called Hotel@MIT, a Hilton-type hotel designed to reflect the innovative technology and contemporary architecture that are known as a staple of the university it is

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part of.

As far as actual progress goes, there hasn't been a whole lot, according to Mann. The Stony Brook Foundation Realty Corporation holds the ground lease, and they are currently in talks with an undisclosed developer. According to the article in *Three Village Herald*, stakeholders said that they have seen building plans obtained from an undisclosed source that suggest the realty corporations plans for a four-story, 138-room

Marriott Courtyard hotel, with parking, a restaurant with seating for 60 guests, and a pool, on about 13 acres of land at the southwest corner of the campus' main entrance.

The funding for the hotel would be shouldered by the developer, and not by the university, according to Mann. The developer in turn would pay rent to the Foundation Realty Corp., which would in turn pay rent to the university. The hotel, then, would actually provide cash-inflow for the university, rather than act as

a financial burden.

"I think that considering the direction that Stony Brook is moving, a hotel is a great step toward progress," said junior Elizabeth Casey. "And if it doesn't cost the students money, I think we would only benefit from it." The hotel, which would also be open to the public, may even provide visiting students and parents with accommodations if need be.

Despite positive opinions, even some students hold critical viewpoints of the hotel, however. "I think that the university

is geared a little too much toward business," said sophomore Larry Esposito. "Maybe instead of concerned about hotels, they might worry about the number of professors on campus, and the condition of the classrooms."

The hotel is not even a definite endeavor, at this point because a contract has not been locked down with the developer yet. "We are waiting to see if the developer ultimately wants to go through with this," Mann said. "We cannot say with certainty that it will be built."

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more field based courses where students will be able to go out on boats as part of their lab experience.

Professor Mary Scranton said, "[It will] really enrich the marine biology and general oceanography aspects of the curriculum." According to Scranton, "It's a tremendous opportunity for the campus and for the students of New York." In future years, Scranton would like to see people from all over New York come to Stony Brook in order to take these courses.

Besides Stony Brook's faculty, students seem to be optimistic

about acquiring Southampton's marine science program as well. Justin Grimm-Greenblatt, currently a freshman with a minor in marine science, said, "I am very happy that we have taken in Southampton's undergraduate program because I am now able to major in the Marine Sciences. In addition, I understand that there are more research opportunities now, which is a definite plus."

"I think it's really exciting to have an actual Marine Biology major since right now I'm just working on a Biology major in a marine track," said junior Joyce Yuk-ting Lau, a marine science minor. "I think it would be great to have more classes in Marine

Biology."

Since Southampton marine science majors will be joining the Stony Brook campus, students seeking a major in marine science will now have more interactions with students who have similar interests. While students see this as a positive aspect, it could also bring competition within the major, Grimm-Greenblatt said, "The only thing that has gotten me a bit nervous is that now I have more competition for gaining research positions being that there are more [students]. Yet, that will make me and other students work that much harder."

Stony Brook currently has a marine science graduate pro-

gram, as well as a marine science minor. In the fall, two new majors of marine science and marine vertebrate biology will be available to students. The first is more general and focuses on smaller organisms, whereas the other major emphasizes vertebrate such as fish and birds. Both majors will allow students to receive a Bachelor of Science degree. Although, these majors and classes accompanying them will not be available on campus until this coming fall, students can register for the marine science undergraduate program now. Any students interested in finding out more information can contact Mary Scranton at 632-8735.

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to receive funding from student activity fees.

Both court cases maintained that the allocation of funds to political and ideological organizations can only be given through viewpoint neutrality, which decrees that clubs and organizations cannot be judged based on their political and religious affiliation, but on their diversity, population on campus and the benefits and resources they can provide to students.

The issue of funding religious organizations, however, came to a head at Stony Brook in the summer of 2003, when Nyquist was approached by the Essence of Praise dance group for USG funding.

"The problem with this group is that they danced to Christian music," he said. "So the SSC couldn't make a judgment." The issue was sent to the Execu-

tive Council of USG, but Erfan Syed, had already independently brought the issue to Senate meetings.

"We realized the inconsistency in the current system," said Nyquist. "Groups such as the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life and the Gospel Choir were receiving funding from USG for years because they declared themselves as a cultural group."

In the summer of 2004, an ad-hoc committee was created to review this issue and devise a way to include all religious and political organizations on campus. The Council of Religious Entities (CORE) was established, with Syed as the Chair and Nyquist as the other member, to deal with religious clubs on campus.

Establishment of CORE led to a number of bylaws being passed that established the criteria and restrictions for religious organizations.

"The bylaws written by CORE gave considerable influence to the committee," said Robert Romano, treasurer of the College Republicans and chair of USG's Election Board. "Syed used the CORE bylaws to declare that USG was also subject to the restrictions of CORE."

This led to Nyquist and Executive Council Member, Esam al-Shareffi, filing an injunction to make the bylaws ineffective. The case against Syed was sent to USG's Judiciary, with a hearing pending in the Supreme Court.

"In retrospect, I realized the establishment of CORE was the wrong way to deal with funding religious organizations because it went against viewpoint neutrality," said Nyquist. "By establishing CORE, we were treating religious organizations as a separate entity from other clubs and organizations on campus."

This semester however, it was officially declared that religious

organizations can receive funding from USG as long as they are subject to the same criteria as every other organization and club on campus and judged with viewpoint neutrality. Political organizations on campus will receive USG funding as long they agree to not using this money to contribute towards a political campaign or lobbying efforts.

"Religious and political clubs must first go before the SSC and receive \$750 for the first year," said Rajat Gupta, treasurer of USG. "After a year, they can apply for a line budget to request more funding."

Members of religious and political organizations on campus appreciate the fact that they can now be recognized as a student organization on campus. "It's nice to see that our student activity fee will go towards all organizations," said Haroon Naderi, president of the Muslim Students Association.



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Marriott on campus

With an 85 million dollar deficit staring us in the face next year, it comes as a relief that Stony Brook would start looking for ways to make up this slack: renting land for a hotel on campus. It might sound a bit unorthodox but it's a welcome addition. Marriott International plans to build a 130+ room hotel right on campus, providing

us with rent for the privilege. This is a venture that won't cost Stony Brook a penny and can only bring benefits, if done correctly.

Now, on to the point: students should be given the opportunity to have their voices heard. Not to sound cynical but with such architectural masterpieces as Javitz and

the engineering buildings, not to mention Stony Brook University Hospital, the plans for a hotel on campus ought to be passed through as many hands as possible. An eyesore on Nicolls Road would be something we want to avoid.

The format of this forum could be anything. Whether President Kenny holds a confer-

ence in a lecture hall or makes a guest appearance on SBU-Uncut, some sort of discussion between the students and the administration would bring us into the loop. The administration, recognizing the student need for an aesthetic campus, revamped the Staller Center Plaza, and this new construction is a good opportunity to continue this trend.

COMMENTARY

Tech fee

By ADHIP KARMAKER
Statesman Staff

I'd like to start off by saying congrats to the administration for taking a step in the right direction. Providing a tangible product in exchange for our technology fee is truly commendable and I'm sure is telling of what can expect to see from them in the future.

Furthermore, choosing a

product that is actually *useful* to students truly demonstrates the administration's level of commitment to the student body. I'm glad to see that they learned from the mistakes of other universities; namely, they didn't buy iPods.

As a student, it is always discouraging to see the assortment of "fees" applied to my tuition bill. These fees, of course, are

not part of the tuition that they sell you on when you sign up to go to a university, which doubles the pain. To know that our money is being spent on us to allow us to get real work done is comforting, to say the least.

However, there may be downsides to this allocation of funds: it takes away money from something else. There will be a paper quota per student for the SINC

sites that will take effect soon to combat the cost of paper, ink, and printer maintenance. This falls under the tree of technology and maybe our tech fee should be used to provide us with printing what we need to do take our classes.

Is it worth it? Should money be covering Microsoft Office when many students already have the program? It's up to you.

Honor Thy Country and Its History

By TOM GRANDVILLE AND
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Statesman Contributors

There has been some to-do in the news as of late concerning the display of the Ten Commandments on federal property across the country. The argument opposing their presence is, of course, a failure to keep separate matters of church and state, as dictated by the establishment clause of first amendment of the Constitution. This clause prohibits the government from designating an official religion

for the country. What critics of these displays fail to realize, however, is that the illustrious history of these United States is founded rather unavoidably on religion. Whether the ACLU likes it or not, the founding fathers and framers of the Constitution were Deists, which is to say, they believed—although informally—in the presence of a single, omnipotent Supreme Being. It would follow that they consulted traditional Judeo-Christian standards of morality when formulating the laws by which their new country would be governed. The controversy

over this issue, specifically the display of the Decalogue (as the Ten Commandments are also known) on the walls of two Kentucky courthouses and on the grounds of the Capitol Building in Austin, Texas has resulted in the intervention of the Supreme Court.

Opponents of the monuments seem not to fear the imposition of a specific religion so much as they do the imposition of moral obligations. People have always been free to worship (or not, as the case may be) in the manner they felt best-suited them. Subsequently, those who

once ascribed to a certain faith and found it lacking were free to leave it. The authority of the United States government is not so easily cast aside. Many have accused the president of attempting to turn the country into a theocracy. President Bush's beliefs are founded on love and brotherhood. Surely, the influence of such a faith on a government cannot be all that detrimental to the people. Some of the commandments include "Thou shalt not steal," "Thou shalt not bear false witness

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The Chancellor sneaks on campus

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On Wednesday, Feb. 23, during campus lifetime many events were taking place- however, one of the most important ones was not open to all students.

Chancellor Robert King, chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY) visited Stony Brook. Over the past few weeks, Chancellor King has visited SUNY campuses to lobby students in favor of Gover-

nor Pataki's proposal to increase tuition at SUNY schools.

During the meeting, the chancellor promoted the automatic tuition increase plan based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), which means tuition for incoming freshmen would be guaranteed to increase every year based on the operating costs for the school. Unfortunately, Chancellor King only gave half of the story by neglecting to say that the states that have adopted this plan have had tuition price

index increases higher, sometimes twice as much, as the year before.

In addition to the automatic increases, the governor is proposing to increase tuition by \$500, cut educational opportunity program financial aid, and is only promising half of the aid to TAP recipients.

This HEPI program if adopted by the State Legislature in Albany is going to affect all 22,000 students attending Stony Brook for the years to come.

Unfortunately, only a miniscule fraction of Stony Brook students knew about the chancellor's visit in advance. It is too bad that all Stony Brook students could not participate in this presentation by the chancellor to express their concerns about tuition increases.

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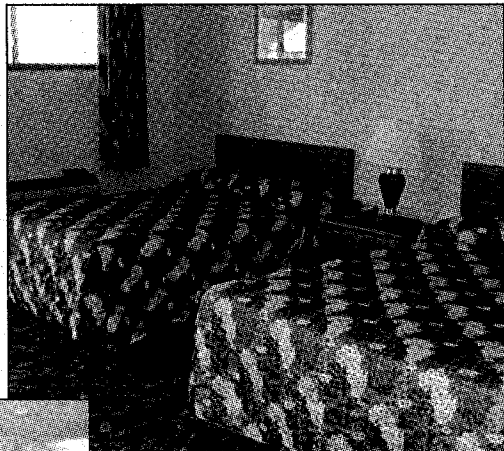
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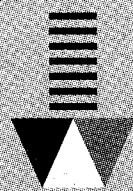


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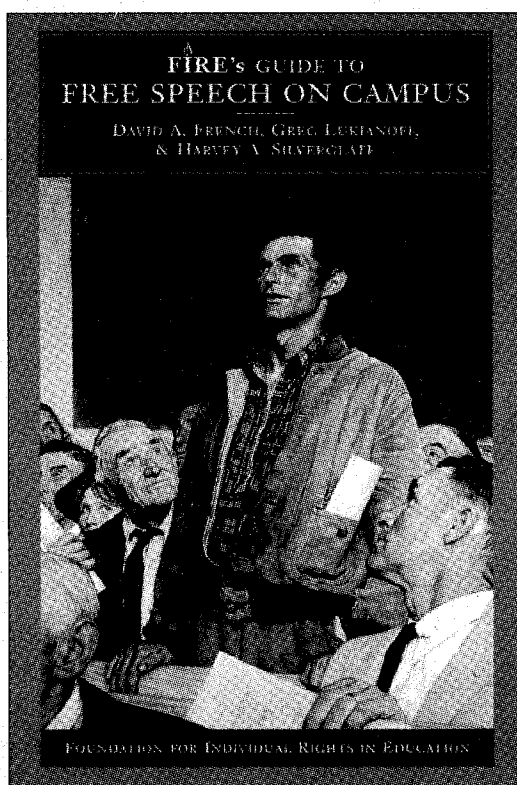
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Bolivia's leader to resign

Due to widespread protests and inefficiencies in his government, Bolivia's president, Carlos Mesas, tendered his resignation on Monday. Industries have ground to a halt over his being in office, despite concessions and efforts by his administration to make peace with his opposition. The most important reason for his resignation, however, is increasing rising fuel prices that have gone out of government control.

Syria to begin withdrawal of Lebanon

Ceding to pressure from both the US and Lebanese opposition groups, Syria will begin a two-stage withdrawal from Lebanon. This follows in the wake of the assassination of the former Lebanese prime minister, Rafik Hariri last month.

The Bush administration applauds the move by Syria yet is demanding a full withdrawal from Lebanese territory instead of the planned partial pullout. The Israeli government is also skeptical of Syria's actions, viewing them as trying to do the bare minimum to satisfy UN resolutions.

Chinese Foreign Minister insists on Taiwan dependence

Li Zhaoxing, China's Foreign Minister, addressed the National People's Congress last week, reaffirming China's position

Official US death toll reaches 1,500

This week the 1,500th soldier died in Iraq, by official US military numbers, since President Bush declared major military operations successful. Of these 1,500, 107 were killed in January and 137 in November, two of the bloodiest months for US troops. Over 11,000 Americans were officially wounded since the war began, though anti-war groups claim that this number is actually closer to 20,000. It is estimated by some groups that over 100,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed since the war began.

Italian journalist under fire by American forces

Giuliana Sgrena, an Italian journalist who is critical of the war, was fired on by American forces shortly after her release from insurgents last week.

An Italian Secret Serviceman, Nicola Calipari, was killed when he threw himself upon her to protect her when the shots were fired. They were on their way to the nearest airport to leave the country.

The United States Army has ordered a full investigation into the event but insists it was unintentional. The soldiers who fired said they had fired warning shots at the speeding car alerting it to slow down, and when it did not, they attacked it directly.

Sgrena is not convinced that it was purely an accident and claims that the US may have targeted her for her anti-war stance. This entire mishap has fueled even more anti-war sentiment in Italy, a country that has committed over 3,000 troops in Iraq.

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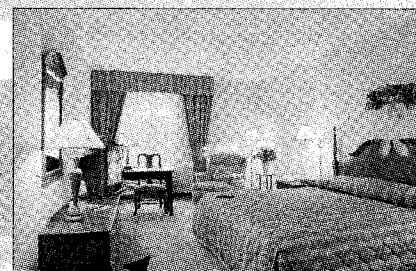
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Closing of Black History Month

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY PETER POON



By PETER POON
Statesman Contributor

This past week, the closing ceremony for the Black History Month took place in the SAC Ballroom A. This event honored the career of Dean Preston, who will be retiring this year. The theme for this year's events is "Black, Bold, Beautiful", and the crowd was energized. The series of events that took place in the month of February are the result of hard work done by many different committees and organizations, including the National Society of Black Engineers, UNITI cultural Center and Black History Month Planning Committee.

The closing ceremony also paid special attention to the concept that we should never forget the devastation of slavery in hopes of avoiding future tragedies. The main speaker, Valerie Sims, emphasized this point.

The ceremony is followed by series of performances done by students, including the dancing by Essence of Praise, singings by the Stony Brook University Gospel Choir and poetry reading. The ceremony is ended by the terrific performance of Shades of Africa, traditional African dancing with African drumming.

Sponsors of this event include the Dean's office, the Black History Month Planning Committee, and of the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action.

SINC Paper Usage

By MARISSA TAFONE
Statesman Contributor

The Instructional Computing Department projects that a SINC site printing quota, which will limit the number of sheets of paper a student will be allowed to print for free, will be put into effect within the next school year.

"Printing is a problem," said Nancy Duffrin of Instructional Computing, who explains that the cost of printer maintenance has become too much of a burden. Students will be allowed to print a certain amount of sheets but will have to pay for all paper after they exhaust their limit. While the department is unsure of the number of free sheets each student will be allowed to print out or how to keep track of that number, they concur that a quota system will be implemented.

"We have four fast high-speed printers but the cost of paper and toners has become too great, and the students unfortunately

will have to pay the difference," said Duffrin on behalf of the department.

When Blackboard was first implemented at Stony Brook during the 1998-1999 school year, a little over three million sheets of paper had been printed at the SINC sites. The number has tripled over the course of five years. Last year nearly 9 million sheets of paper were printed.

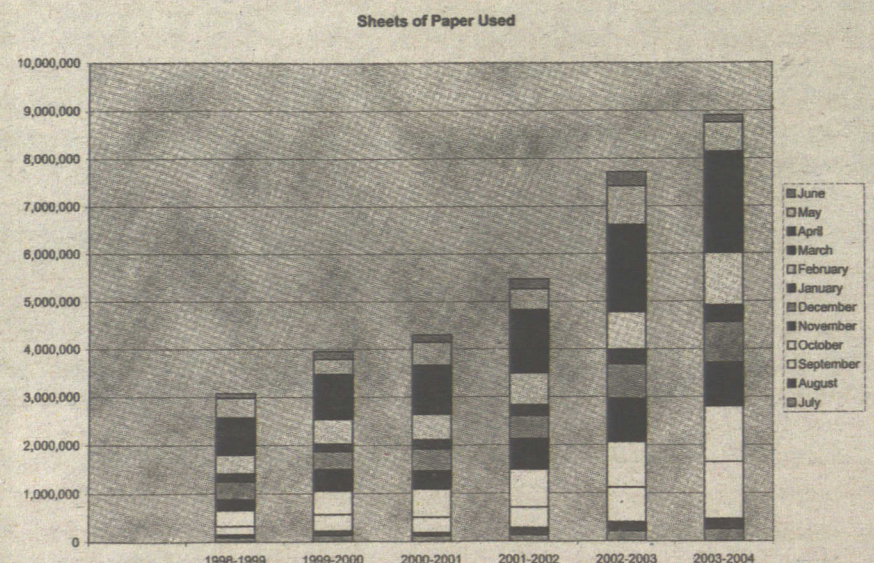
A considerable portion of the paper seems to be printed without the intention of being used. "Some people just print and print and print," Duffrin said. She points out that there are four big blue bins, which stand against the wall in the library SINC site. These bins, which look like oversized garbage cans, are filled daily with papers abandoned by students. The bins are emptied twice a week to keep them from overflowing with papers.

But the long wait for the printed papers may serve to explain the reason why some of these papers are abandoned. "I stood in the SINC site for over an hour waiting

for geology notes," said student Danielle Dempsey. The quota system is intended to curb some of the printing in the SINC sites.

As a result of this printing quota, the de-

partment admits that it may not be cheaper for students to receive their course work online. The need for the quota to aid in printer maintenance, however, outweighs this concern.



Night out on the town

Phantom of the Opera on Broadway

By ROSIE SCAVUZZO
Statesman Editor

"All I Ask Of You" is to get into the city to see *Phantom of the Opera* as soon as you can! Although I am a theatre and Broadway buff, I had for some reason never seen this timeless classic. The anticipation and expectation of the show was huge. My seats were in the first row of the mezzanine, a great place to watch any Broadway production. The show started off a bit different than I imagined, with a sort of quiet auction taking place on the stage. However, looking back on it, it was a brilliant way to begin. *Phantom* was filled with spectacular singing, beautiful sets, and incredible special effects. The show is in a class separate from the majority of the shows on Broadway. If I had to classify it with any other show, I would liken it to *Les Misérables*. People have been falling in love with *Phantom* since it opened on Broadway in January 1988. It has gained

popularity and tradition on Broadway as fans come back three, four, or five times to see it one more time. Andrew Lloyd Webber said, "I would say it is one musical that I feel we got absolutely right from the start." He is absolutely right.

Still, while *Phantom* may be close to perfection, no show is without its flaws. Due to the large size of the theatre, I was seated in a place where there seemed to be some dead space. Since the singing was done in a more operatic style, words were often garbled, and I was unable to pick up some of the narrative. In addition, because the show has been running so long, it has lost a bit of that new, fresh quality that some of the newer ones have. In addition, the performers did not wow me like newer actors Harvey Fierstein, Brian Stokes Mitchell, and Sutton Foster, may have. Despite these very minor imperfections, the show on a whole was spectacular. The timelessness of the story and the music, touched with the

elitist opera qualities, makes this show a classic.

The audience was almost entirely couples. On a Saturday evening in February, it seemed like that was the place for lovers to be. According to one sophomore at Stony Brook University who chose to remain an anonymous *Phantom* lover said, "The show has a romantic plot which girls will go for, and at the same time it's mysterious and dark, so it's not like having to sit through a chick flick. Prices are reasonable since it has been out so long, so it's an overall good night out." In a completely unscientific survey of a small group of Stony Brook students, those who had gone to see the show generally had gone with their significant other. Most had positive reviews of it.

Pete Busch, a sophomore, however, had a strikingly negative take on the show. "It was by far the worst show I have ever seen. I fell asleep for a full 20 minutes for the 2nd act." In general, however, everyone agreed



Courtesy of thephantomoftheopera.com

that if you have never been to Broadway, this is the show to see first. It pays homage to a fantastic composer, Webber, and the timelessness of his work. It is a

fantastic story filled with mystery, passion, and excitement. I highly recommend *Phantom of the Opera* to anyone who wants a classy night out in the city.

MFA Thesis Show

Graduate artists strut their stuff

By HARRY ASIMENOS
Statesman Editor

The MFA Thesis exhibition opened last weekend at the University Art Gallery for its seventeenth annual show. The exhibition displays works created by students graduating from the Stony Brook Art Department's Master of Fine Arts program.

The students graduating this year from the three-year MFA program are Lawrence Mesich, Gabrielle Moisan and Nilufer Ovalioglu. Their works have been previously displayed at the Graduate Art Gallery, located at the Melville Library. This will be their first exhibition at the University Art Gallery.

The MFA Thesis Show gives the graduate students a chance to

display their talents before moving into the real world, Rhonda Cooper, the gallery director, said.

"It's always fun to see their displays," Cooper added. "The students do up-to-date and cutting edge works."

The MFA students create a diverse program, each with their own style and background. Lawrence Mesich's work explores individual and social behavior. "Each work tackles issues differently," Mesich said. "I would like people to take away a sense that making a political statement can be fun, effective, achievable and interesting. That is something that activism misses."

Nilufer Ovalioglu pursued a classical sculpture education in her homeland Turkey and now uses video and performance art

in her works. All of her works created take a personal view on a certain topic. One new display created for the exhibition is her personal reaction to the torture of the Iraqi prisoners. "It's my first work that has a political stance," Ovalioglu said. "They're usually about gender."

Other topics she addresses in her works are rebellion in society, the standards of a European woman set by society, and the power of the media in deleting the impact of violence.

"My work has a comical stance," Ovalioglu said. "It makes people laugh by using metaphors and costumes. But I would also like viewers to get pissed," she added. "It has come to a point that art is fancy and the artwork is related to the artist. People will relate to my

work, but it can disturb them if not suitable to that person."

Gabrielle Moisan, on the other hand, focuses on creating a sense of community through her art. "My work involves the viewer in a community activity," Moisan said.

"It encourages them to learn how to knit. They can learn by using the resources given to them at the gallery or watching a video and interacting with other people," Moisan said.

Moisan added that whatever people knit, they will leave behind what they have knitted and take with them the ability to knit. Each piece knitted at her display will be donated to charity. Although it has not been decided where the pieces are to be donated, people can suggest where to donate by e-mailing her

at Knit@GabrielleMoisan.com

The students have been preparing for the exhibition since September. "The pieces displayed are all new," Cooper said. "They've come up with ideas specifically for the show. They make new works for each space."

"The works shown at the gallery are usually not reused somewhere else," Cooper added. "All the more reason to see it now before it's too late."

The gallery's opening night on Saturday housed a good turnout, but the opening reception usually gets a bigger turnout of 200-400 people, Cooper said. The opening reception for this year is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, and the MFA Thesis show will run till Saturday, April 9.

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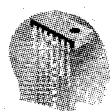
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Stony Brook celebrates BUDDIE Week

By RAMAN VIG
Statesman Contributor

This Monday the faculty and staff of Stony Brook University will be gaining more insight into the lives of disabled students as BUDDIE week kicks off. BUDDIE week, which stands for Because U Don't Do It Everyday, is an annual activity at SBU that aims to sensitize the Stony Brook campus community to the issues surrounding disabilities by partnering members of the faculty and staff up with a disabled student.

Starting off as BUDDIE day in 1989, and then changing to BUDDIE week in 2002 due to faculty and staff schedule conflicts, this activity has a three-fold purpose. BUDDIE week serves to provide disabled students with an opportunity to network with the campus' administration, give these students the chance to be heard, and let the faculty and staff gain awareness for how disabled students go about their lives with a disability.

BUDDIE week was originally created by the Student-run club STAC, which stands for Students Taking Aim at Challenges, and the President's Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Committee. During this week-long experience, members of the faculty and staff volunteer a few hours of their time as buddies at meet with disabled students. Buddies are asked to accompany a student for part of a day, meet for lunch or spend some time together; whatever is appropriate and possible for the buddy and the student.

Assistant to the ADA Coordinator Stephanie Patterson is now in charge of the activity. Patterson says that every year, 15 to 20 faculty and staff members participate in BUDDIE week. She also says that because of their schedules, only ten percent of the total number of buddies are faculty members. 90 percent of the buddies consist of SBU staff members in departments such as campus residences, facilities, and administration. Among those who participate in BUDDIE week are University President, Shirley Strum Kenny, Vice President for Student Affairs, Frederick Preston, and Deputy Chief of University Police, Douglas F. Little.

Little, who has been with the university for 28 years, has been participating in BUDDIE week since its inception in 1989. As a former chairman of the ADA committee for two years, Little says that BUDDIE week is a "great program because you gain awareness sitting down and listening to people."

Little went on to say that, "You learn

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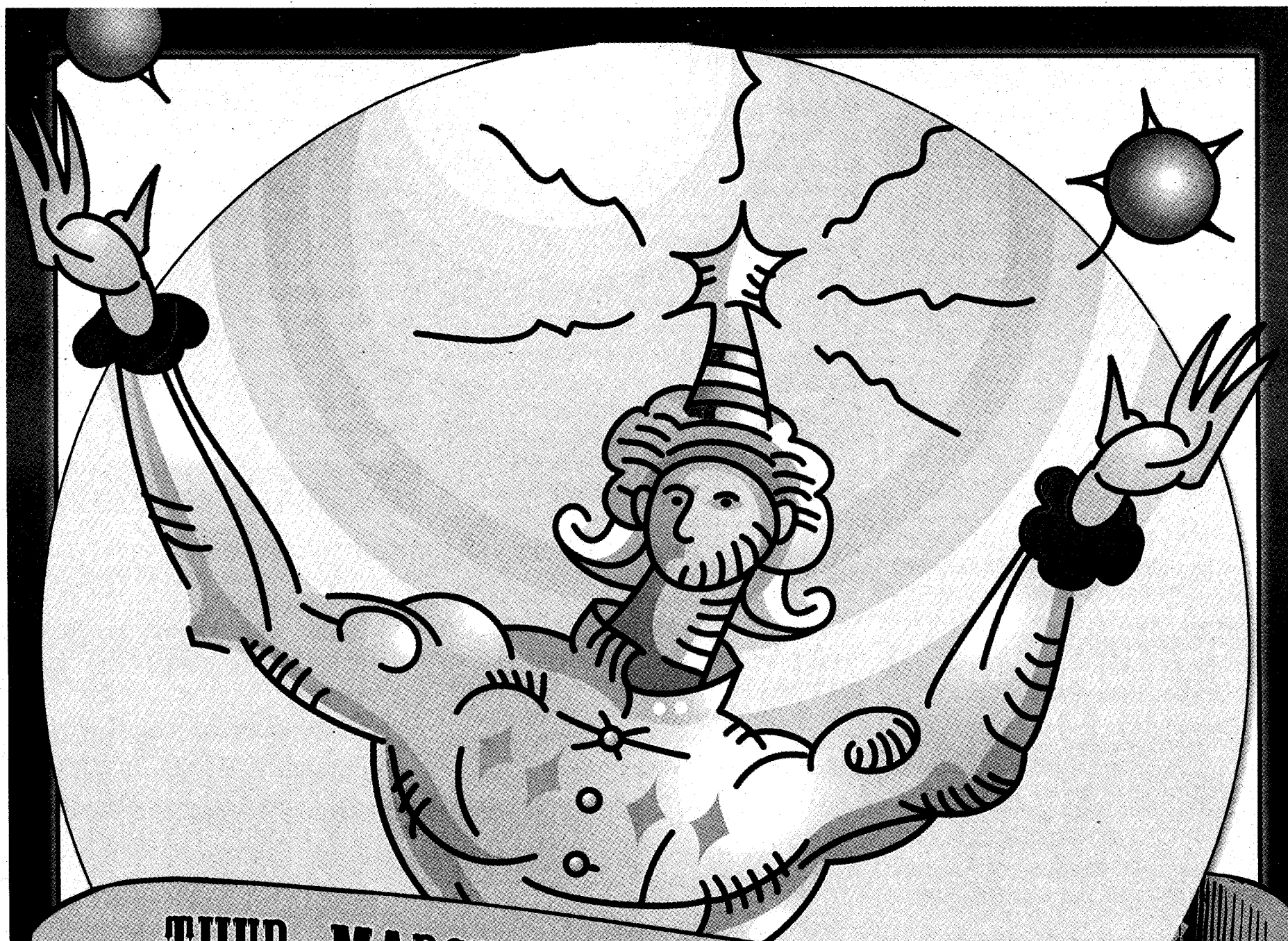
how these kids build their lives and that despite being disabled they're not handicapped from success."

Patterson is aware of what a buddy can learn during BUDDIE week. She remembers that a few years ago the Career Center's Internship Programs Manager, Alfreda James, actually changed her class after volunteering as a buddy. After meeting a student with a learning disability, James changed how her class was taught in order to accommodate students with learning disabilities.

According to Patterson, one in five Americans has a disability. That means more than 54 million people in the US have a disability. "And while society automatically associates disability with a wheelchair or Canadian crutches, only ten percent of those with disabilities are wheelchair users," Patterson says.

"We have students with cancer who still come to school. There are students with schizophrenia who sit in a classroom with three voices in their head. And yet these students are able to make the Dean's List because of their hard work and because the university accommodates students with disabilities. BUDDIE week helps accomplish this."

While it is too late for this year, any faculty or staff member interested in participating in BUDDIE week next year may contact Patterson at (631) 632-6748. As for why one should participate in BUDDIE week, Little says that, "It's important to relay to people the importance of understanding the needs of others, and that when people exceed possibilities- that's courage."



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Library to offer electronic reserves

By SUMERA AKRAM
Statesman Contributor

West Campus Libraries and Blackboard have joined forces to offer electronic reserves for the Stony Brook Community. Through the Course Reserves systems of the Stony Brook University's Libraries, faculty can reserve books and articles from periodicals, as well as electronic resources, for the use of students enrolled in their classes. Instructors may now place hard copy materials through library reserve desks, or can place items online either using personal Blackboard webpages or the library's Electronic Reserves system. This system has been set up by Diana Voss, from the Division of Information Technology, and David

Weiner, the head of Circulation Services.

Before the E-Reserve system, teaching assistants and faculty used to place materials for supplemental readings on Course Reserves at the Circulation Desk. Materials were housed at the appropriate library, at the request of the course instructor, and were only available at the respective service desks. This material was usually on loan for a short duration due to its high demand, and was not allowed to leave the circulation area if the item was a 2- or 4-hour loan.

Now, teaching assistants and faculty may place materials on E-Reserves system via Blackboard. Electronic Reserves can be accessed by students registered for the course from on campus and remotely through

Blackboard 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. "I think this system has really made it easier for students. Now I don't have to go to the library to access reserve materials anymore" said, Muhammad Aqib, a Stony Brook student.

In order to reserve a course online, faculty must request an E-Reserve course in Blackboard. Instructors with a Blackboard site who want reserve staff to add library material to their course need to contact the staff member from the appropriate library, and the staff will provide the instructor with the information they will need to add them to their Blackboard course as a course builder. Once the course has been requested through an online form on the reserves webpage on the library website, the

library staff will add them to their E-Reserves Blackboard course list. David Weiner, the Head of Circulation Services, said that a number of E-Reserve requests have been placed, and the faculty members like this new system.

Library staff will digitize the documents selected for reserve in accordance with fair use and other copyright guidelines. At this time, the only items accepted will be articles from journals owned by the library or supplied by faculty a chapter from a book, and music pieces from sound recordings for Music Department classes and seminars, based on Fair Use copyright guidelines for classroom use.

With the help of library staff, who will now upload periodicals, journals, and other reserve

materials on E-Reserve, faculty members, and teaching assistants save a lot of time. "Once people are comfortable with using the E-Reserve system," said Hanne Tracy, the Assistant Head of Circulation Services, "it will benefit everyone, students, faculty, and library staff alike."

Circulation Services oversees the maintenance of all materials housed in the Main Library and the Branch Libraries on the West Campus and manages all the functions related to the borrowing and returning of library materials, including Course Reserves. "In the summer," said Weiner, "we're hoping to renovate the Circulation Desk area to improve our look and make it better for our patrons and staff members."

Commentary: Ten commandments...

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against thy neighbor," "Thou shalt not kill," etc, all of which manifest themselves in our legal system today. The first three commandments are the only ones that mention God or the Sabbath directly. Aside from their literal interpretations, they can be taken as loose guidelines for conducting even a secular lifestyle.

The first commandment reminds people to focus on what is truly important, and not to become inundated with distractions such as the accumulation of wealth and power.

The second one discourages vulgarity, and the third reminds people to take a break from their work once a week. For this reason, there is no need for the suggested compromise of only displaying the final seven "secular"

commandments.

A recent CNN poll indicated that an overwhelming seventy-six percent of those questioned supported the presence of the monuments on the Austin Capitol. If one is to truly believe in the democratic nature of this country, one would have to concede that the will of the people is to be highly valued.

For over two-hundred years America has remained strong as one nation, under

God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. At no point did the United States government impose Christianity as a religion on its citizens, despite the vast majority of the population theologically subscribing to Judeo-Christian morality. If anyone feels that he is compromising his religious freedom by adhering to a general higher moral order, he ought to take the advice of the Stony Brook College Democrats and move to Canada.

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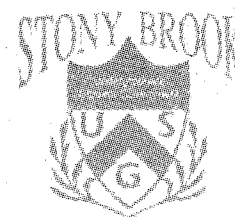
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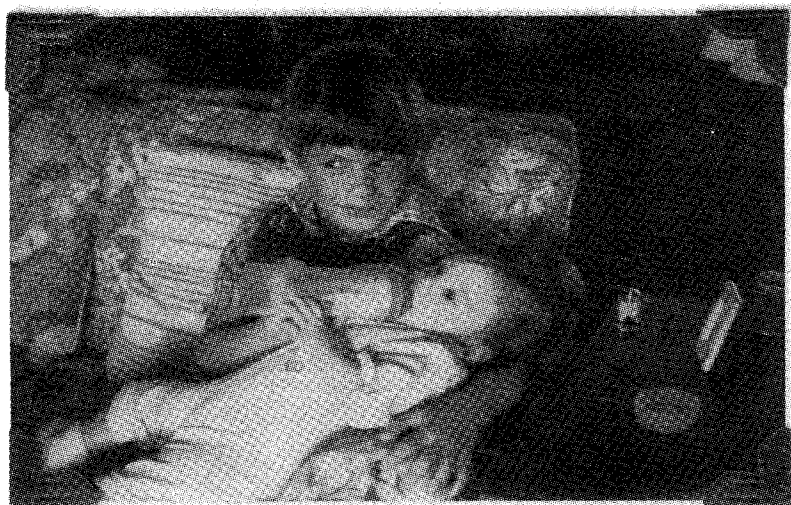
Seawolves knocked out in game 2...

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Northeastern had a poison for which Stony Brook just didn't have a vaccine for, Barea. According to the profile, Barea is listed at 6'0 although it is doubtful. However tall he may be, Stony Brook could not stop him as he put up a one-man show scoring 41 points, driving in layup after layup. His 41 points was the second highest total by one player in the America East tournament, second only to Vermont's Taylor Coppenrat who had 43 in last years championship game. He helped with Northeastern's 49-point first half, which tied their season high. Barea isn't your typical junior point guard. He was featured in Sports Illustrated recently and is the only player in the country to rank in the NCAA top 10 in scoring and assists.

The Seawolves' last win of the season came the previous night as they defeated the Harford Hawks by 20 points. That was all she wrote for this season but with rising stars in Popoko and Santiago, we will just have to wait and see what the 2005-2006 Seawolves will have in store for us.

Adhip Karmaker contributed to this article.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tennis: Men take all as the women falter

Stony Brook's Men's and Women's Tennis teams traveled to Hamilton, New York over the weekend to take on Colgate and Quinnipiac. Although the women struggled, the men's team dominated both schools. Stony Brook's women were downed 4-3 by Quinnipiac while the men swept them by a count of 7-0. The men were also victorious against Colgate with a final count of 5-2.

Against Colgate, the men took all three doubles matches earning them a point. The four top spots in Jan Krejci, Tal Meir, Michael Crooks and David Kortum also won their singles matches giving Stony Brook a total of five points. Against Quinnipiac, Stony Brook won all three doubles matches as well as all six singles matches giving them a sweep.

The women didn't have as much luck. Hana Chovanova won her match in No. 2 singles, Sandy Wijeratne won at No. 3 and Victoria Vasile won at No. 6. They, however, didn't win the point in the doubles matches, which proved to be the tiebreaker.

The men's next contest is March 19th in Virginia Tech and both teams will play on March 21st at Radford.

Wm's Lax: Taylor helps Seawolves slip by Fairfield

This past Saturday, Stony Brook's Women's Lacrosse team took on and beat Fairfield in front of a sub par crowd

of 250. Stony Brook squeaked by with a win by only two scores in the 19-17 victory. This improved Stony Brook's record to 2-0 while dropping Fairfield's to 1-2.

The story of the day was Amy Taylor as she picked up seven points on five goals and two assists. Even though the Wolves started off strong, scoring in just 12 seconds, she definitely helped keep the fire burning. Each team went on a run in the first half but went into halftime with a one-point separation, Stony Brook trailing 11-10. The teams started the second half going goal for goal until Stony Brook opened the flood gates with four unanswered points giving them a 17-14 lead.

The team's next contest is in Riverdale, NY on March 13th at noon and their next home game is on the 25th. They won both games so far and are a fun team to watch. Everybody should come out and enjoy these games.

Men's Baseball: Not a total loss

The Men's Baseball team had a three game series over weekend against Citadel salvaging the last game with a 1-0 win. It wasn't a complete blowout as both previous games were decided by one run with final scores of 3-2. In the final game, Matt Restivo and Kris Bakey joined efforts to shutout Citadel, and they had to as Stony Brook only put up one run. The Bulldogs gave Stony Brook a scare in the 8th as they put a runner on second but Bakey came in and closed the inning down. Citadel threatened once again as a runner made it to third with one out but once more, Bakey was able to induce a popup in the infield and a strike out the final batter to end the game. You can catch the baseball team in action here on Wednesday as they take on Marist at 3:00 PM.

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Seawolves shred Wagner, 14-2

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The Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse team entered Saturday's game against Wagner looking for its second straight non-conference victory. The Seawolves got exactly what they were looking for. Coming off an impressive season-opening win against Delaware, Stony Brook picked up where it left off in a 14-2 rout of Wagner as 440 fans looked on at Lavalle Stadium.

The Wagner team, which was coming off a 10-2 loss against Lehigh, looked overmatched from the opening face-off and never got anything going against the aggressive Seawolves defense. Stony Brook dominated the Seahawks on both ends of the field and snatched the life out of them early, scoring four goals in the first quarter and following it up with another four in the second.

Veteran attackman, Adam Marksberry provided the Seawolves with a spark in the opening minutes of the game, scoring a quick goal to put his team in

front 1-0 in the first 2:55 of the game. "We needed to force turnovers to create some offense to be successful," said Marksberry, "and that's what we did."

Marksberry, whose three assists give him a team high six for the year, seemed happy to get his teammates involved in the scoring action. Eleven different Seawolves had goals and 16 different players had at least one point, proving that the team mentality preached by head coach Lars Tiffany is working. "Everyone on the team has been working so hard" said Tiffany, "and they should be awarded for it with an opportunity to play."

Whereas the Seawolves' offense was the main attraction, the defense provided them the opportunity to shine. The Stony Brook stop unit was relentless, limiting the Seahawks to one shot in the first quarter and keeping them off the scoreboard for the first 22 minutes of the game. Stellar play by defender David Weiss and midfielder Larry Cerasi enabled the Seawolves offense to control the ball and light up the scoreboard. "We

tried to work the ball up the field" said Weiss, "and give the offense a chance to put it in the net."

The Seahawks were a good tune up game for Stony Brook, which hosts the #16 ranked Black Knights of Army at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. This match up will be a challenge for the Seawolves, who lost 16-2 when the two teams met in a scrimmage on Oct. 16.

Obviously, Stony Brook has some ground to make up from the fall. But, keep in mind, nothing was riding on the pre-season matchup, and facing Army earlier in the year could prove beneficial this time around. Either way, Stony Brook seems ready for its first true test of the season and confident of its chances against the Black Knights, who are led by pre-season All-American attackmen John Walker and Jim Wagner.

"They have to come in here and play us at home, we'll see what happens" Cerasi said. "We'll see what happens, but it's definitely going to be intense."

Tiffany has high expecta-



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tions for his team. He knows the Seawolves will have to be at their best to win. "Our goal is to make Army shoot from the outside," said Tiffany. "Then we can give our goalie a chance to

have a great game."

Brendan Callahan and the rest of the Seawolves will have to play their best lacrosse if they hope to continue their winning ways on Tuesday night against Army.

It's all over

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It was Stony Brook's second game in the America East Tournament, after they knocked out Hartford in game one. The last game of Stony Brook's season would also be the final game for Head Coach Nick Macarchuk who spent six years here. The Seawolves knew this and were prepared to put up a valiant effort. It took them some time to figure out Northeastern, and by the time they did, it was too late. They were just not prepared to play against the likes of Jose Juan Barea. The result was a loss, 90-79.

The Wolves started out well. Two and a half minutes into the game, they were up 12-7. From there, the defense collapsed as

the Huskies went on a 10-0 run. At one point in the first half, the Huskies had a 13-point lead as they pulled ahead 40-27. The Wolves were ferocious but just couldn't get their shots to drop. Popoko, however, helped cut that lead to only seven on a tip in after a missed free throw.

The wolves were surged to play when they realized their fans made the 5-hour trip, along with the Stony Brook Cheerleaders and Dance Team. The game took place in Binghamton, and they too were rooting for their SUNY brothers. Stony Brook kicked it up a notch as their defense slowed down the Huskies in the second half.

Mike Popoko was the star for Stony Brook earning a double double with 22 points and ten rebounds over 37 minutes. Bobby

Santiago and Cori Spencer were also factors in the game chipping in with 15 and 10, respectively. It just wasn't enough. Stony Brook shot a measly 41.3 percent while Northeastern hit 56.3 percent of their shots and even though the Seawolves had a better free throw percentage, they only made it to the line 12 times unlike the Huskies, who took 21 shots.

Their 11-point deficit at the break wasn't the end of the game though. Just 2:40 into the second half, the Wolves pulled to within three with Popoko scoring 8 of their first 11 points. Northeastern had an answer though, as they retaliated with a 12-3 run extending their lead to 12, 64-52. It seems as though every time Stony Brook had a run, the Huskies would call for Barea, and he came running.



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