

Seawolves Spirit Shines at Homecoming 2003

Floats, Festivities and Fun

BY EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

From the generous student turnout at the Homecoming Parade to the enormous support from the Stony Brook off-campus community, Homecoming 2003 at SBU was bustling with crowds and celebrations day and night. The events that took place this past weekend left a loud and lasting impression on campus, drawing crowds unlike any seen at Stony Brook in years before.

"Today, over 7000 people came in and out to the Homecoming Game and Expo tents," said Tim Kenney, director of alumni relations. "Bit by bit, people are coming out and realizing that this isn't the same old Stony Brook that they knew."

The weekend started late Friday night with the annual Homecoming Parade along Center Drive. Residence halls worked alongside various clubs and organizations to present floats and banners for this year's theme, "Cartoon Mania." Eleanor Roosevelt Quad's float, cosponsored by the Career Center,



"Cartoon Mania" was the theme for Homecoming 2003. Many floats, including this one based on "Sonic the Hedgehog," helped promote that theme.

won first place for the float competition and Dreiser College took the lead in the banner contest.

"It was a great way to bring Stony Brook together," said sophomore Anish Sam, a Whitman College resident. "Everyone was out there cheering, and the crowd was great - it was a good time."

Early Saturday morning, Stony Brook families came to the SAC for Family Day, an event created for families to learn about and discuss their children's

role in the university.

"I think it was a great idea," University President Shirley Strum Kenny said of holding Family Day and Homecoming on the same day. "Everything really melded together and the turnout was fantastic."

Following Family Day, university members mingled with alumni and the off-campus community at University Expo tents set up behind LaValle

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SBU Football Rocks St. Francis at Homecoming

BY DANA GOMI
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The Stony Brook Seawolves broke their three-game losing streak on Saturday, defeating St. Francis Red Flash 49-14. The victory gave the Seawolves a 3-3 record for the season and a 2-2 record in the Northeast Conference.

St. Francis took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter when quarterback Anthony Doria went in from one yard out on a fourth-goal situation. Doria led the effort in a 20-play, 70-yard drive.

The Seawolves fought back from there, executing a nine-play, 62-yard scoring drive that tied the game at 7-7. T.J. Moriarty rushed the 6-yard scoring run, his fifth rushing touchdown of the season.

Later, the Seawolves put together their longest scoring drive of the season, going 97 yards in nine plays to hold the game's lead at 14-7 before halftime.

Wolfie, the Seawolves mascot, was at homecoming, throwing t-shirts into the crowd as he inspired many for what would turn out to be an impressive second quarter.

The third quarter provided more excitement for the Seawolves and the 6,079 fans in attendance. Following a

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SBU Families Come Together to Learn

BY YU SZE ANG
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Freshman and transfer students had a day of fun and relaxation with their parents and friends on Family Day, held this past Saturday. New SBU students and their guests participated in this annual event, exploring the university campus and the services provided for students. Of the 300 families who had registered for the event, approximately 150 were present Saturday.

"The goal of Family Day is for parents and family to see how students are doing in school and to learn to

support their quest in their academic success," said Stephanie Foote, associate director of orientation.

Family Day itself was a combined effort of the Homecoming Committee and the Parent's Office, two subdivisions of the Orientation office. The partnership of the two organizations provided an entertaining Saturday not just for the immediate families of new students, but for other relatives as well.

"The focus of Family Day is also to expand the event to extended family and friends," Foote said.

Five workshops were organized Saturday. These included "How to Get Involved in Research," "Parents and Family as Partners," "Supporting Your Student's Academic Success," "Planning Ahead: Opportunities Beyond the Stony Brook Classroom," and "Becoming Involved in Campus Activities." The workshops were preceded by a University Welcome. The speakers of the welcome included President Shirley Strum Kenny, Dean of Students Jerrold Stein, Foote and Virgil

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Under a Rock: Weekly World News Summary

By REGINA GLICK
Statesman Editor

VIOLENCE IN IRAQ

American military officials said Monday that there are one million tons of weapons and ammunition left over from Saddam Hussein's arsenal, considerably more than they can secure or rapidly destroy. Allied officials said they believe most of the attacks in Iraq since major combat ended have involved weapons taken from the unguarded weapons dumps.

Recently, two more car bombs exploded in Baghdad. The first was in the parking lot of the Baghdad Hotel on Oct. 12, which killed six Iraqi security guards. The hotel, which sustained no structural damage, is often used by members of the Iraqi Governing Council and by Americans. The attack was the seventh fatal vehicle bomb in two months. On Tuesday, another exploded outside the Turkish embassy in Baghdad, wounding several people. The bomb was presumed to be a response to the American-backed move to use Turkish troops to secure Iraq, which many Iraqis, including the governing council, fear will lead to Turkey seeking to annex the long-contested Kurdish lands on the countries' shared border.

POLITICS OF IRAQ

The United Nations Security Council voted unanimously Thursday to support the American resolution authorizing an American-led multinational force in Iraq and



a Dec. 15 deadline for the Iraqi Governing Council to lay out a timetable to create a constitution and to create a democratic government. Although they voted in favor of the resolution, France, Germany and Pakistan, some of America's staunchest opponents, said they thought the resolution was flawed, did not do enough to turn control over to the Iraqis themselves, and said they would not contribute additional troops or money.

In other news, Gannett News Service said Monday that 11 American newspapers unwittingly printed identical letters supposedly written by American troops in Iraq. The letters were part of a coordinated effort by one unit to have positive information

about the war printed in local papers.

Also this week, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld committed an apparent public relations blunder when he refused to criticize the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence and War-fighting Support, Lt. Gen. William Boykin, for telling groups of evangelicals that Muslims worship an "idol" and not a "real God." Rumsfeld commended Boykin's military record and refused to comment on the appropriateness of a high-ranking Pentagon official making such remarks in public.

CHINA

Blasting off from the Gobi Desert Wednesday morning, Lt. Col. Yang Liwei became the first man to be sent into space by China, now only the world's third nation to accomplish such a feat. The Shenshou V, which landed safely Thursday after orbiting the Earth 14 times, used vintage Russian technology, but symbolized China's quest to gain recognition as a world superpower.

UNIVERSITY AID

If the bill introduced in the House by Rep. Howard P. McKeon (R-Calif.) passes Congress, universities that raise tuition more than twice the rate of inflation for three years in a row will be in danger of losing millions

of dollars in federal aid. The bill is supposed to encourage universities to hold the line on spending and tuition.

BOLIVIAN UNREST

Since mid-September, the Bolivian capitol, La Paz, has been racked by antigovernment protests, first by cocoa growers opposed to American-backed efforts to eradicate their crop, which is used to make, among other legal things, cocaine. The ranks of the protests have swelled to include labor unions, students and indigenous groups who opposed the construction of a \$5 billion pipeline to funnel natural gas out of the country and into the United States.

The protestors say Bolivia will not gain a fair amount of money from the pipeline and the natural gas could be better used for industrial development within the impoverished country. Bolivia is the poorest nation in South America.

The protests have turned violent, with peasants blocking roads in the countryside with sticks of dynamite, thereby bringing commerce almost to a halt. President Gonzalo Sanchez de Losado has ordered the military to quell the unrest. Five people died on Sunday when Losado ordered tanks into the crowds in La Paz. At least 50 people have been killed as of Wednesday, the most recent figure printed in *The New York Times*.

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Companies Hired to Find Educational Aid Fail to Deliver

By ERIC HOOVER
Chronicle of Higher Education

The letter charmed Chris Azulay's mother, in Aurora, Colo. "Would you like to have the peace of mind," it read, "knowing your student CHRIS will never have to drop out of college due to lack of money?"

A letter from the same company, suggesting it could "secure 100 percent" of the costs of college, hooked Angel Gillispie's parents, in Lynchburg, Va.

College Funding Center, a college-assistance company based in Plano, Tex., sent the letters from January 1999 to July 2002, inviting the high-school students and their parents to attend a free seminar on financial aid and to participate in a "personal interview."

Each family signed a sales contract, agreeing to pay \$975. But all three say they ended up disappointed. They say their students received no scholarships or grants through the company, nor did their parents receive the promised refunds.

The sworn testimonies of those



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Teresita Diaz de Martinez received no financial aid from the College Funding Center.

families and six other former clients of the College Funding Center are part of a pending lawsuit that the Federal Trade Commission filed against the company in May.

Some of the companies deliver

useful services, and some do not. But many educators, particularly high-school counselors, contend that even the industry's more-reputable companies charge families for information and services that are already available free.

For families, anxiety over the college-admissions process can make offers from the companies seem attractive.

"They put stars in your eyes," says Teresita Diaz de Martinez, who signed a contract with the College Funding Center at a sales presentation two years ago, near her home in San Antonio. "They focus on [how] everything is possible, and that you can go and study anywhere you want because they have what you need in order to help you."

Diaz de Martinez says the \$925 she and her husband agreed to pay the company at first seemed like a modest investment compared with the money they were planning to spend on their daughter Maria's education. But the family received only a general list of

available aid awards, not the personalized list of scholarships and grants that they say the company promised them. And Maria failed to win any aid.

The family also says the company erred when it filed Maria's federal financial-aid form in the spring of 2002, putting the wrong Social Security number on the papers. Once, the company sent the family a mailing intended for another client with the same last name.

She asked the company to return her money back. But in an October 2002 letter, the College Funding Center said the family's request for a refund was not "justified" because the family had provided the company with the wrong Social Security number. Diaz de Martinez disputes that claim.

The president of the company, Alan Baron, says, "Everyone who deserved a refund received one."

Diaz de Martinez did receive one more letter from the company last fall: a reminder that it was time to pay the renewal fee.

Google provides Good Model for University Websites

By DAN CARNEVALE
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A little-known service by Google could help some colleges tailor their Web sites to better meet the needs of students and others.

As more and more institutions turn to Google to run searches within their Web sites, some officials are discovering that they can also find out what terms people are employing as they use the search functions located on university sites.

When a person types in a word or phrase into the search box on a college's site, Google saves the text for institutions that are registered with the search-engine company, including universities. College officials at registered universities can then sort through the terms to see what people are looking for.

Chris Tidrick, extension assistant for the Office of Urban Programs at the University of Illinois Extension, says he stumbled across the feature over the summer and has started

analyzing what topics people are seeking.

"We use it to see what the hot topics are at certain times of the year," Tidrick says. "It's just one of the ways that we identify new topics."

For example, he has noticed that people look for information in the university's horticulture section to help them with gardening as the seasons change. Some of the most popular data sought are on plant diseases and pests.

Tidrick says he hasn't made any major changes to the Web site based on the new information, but he hopes to use it to improve the site by highlighting popular information and adding missing data that people are looking for.

Ken Westin, the Web manager at Pacific University, says analyzing the search terms people use has helped him restructure the university's Web site. Based on the results he started receiving this summer, he changed the

Some colleges are paying \$28,000 for a two-year license on hardware and software. The license lets college officials update Web-site information for the search engine...

site so information on enrollment and tuition for prospective students is easier to find.

"It influenced the architecture of our site as a whole," Westin says. "It tells me what improvements we need to bring to our Web site."

Debbie Jaffe, a product manager for Google, says the search service and traffic reports, which are free to colleges, are

growing in popularity. Although Google doesn't actively market the services, she says, people are finding out about them through word of mouth.

Google also provides custom services for a fee. Some colleges are paying \$28,000 for a two-year license on hardware and software. The license lets college officials update Web-site information for the search engine more often and specify that search terms lead directly to certain sites.

"You actually own a piece of Google in a way," Jaffe says.

Liz Norell, director of Web communication at Texas Woman's University, says she knows about Google's services, but she is going to collect the search information on her own to keep better tabs on the 20,000 search requests the site receives each week.

"I can't go out and watch everybody," she said. "So this is the next best thing."

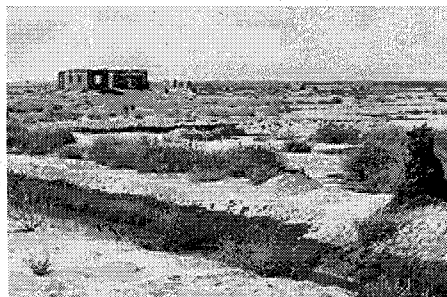
The Gulf War Many Years Later: Repairing Marshlands

By DANIEL DEL CASTILLO
Chronicle of Higher Education

Drive north from here on the Euphrates River, and it is possible to go back in time. The dust and diesel fumes of the city give way to lush, open marshes. Men pole flat-bottomed boats, heaped with reeds and grasses to feed their water buffaloes. Orange-billed ducks nest in nearby palm groves. Life proceeds much as it has for the past 5,000 years, since the days of the ancient Sumerians.

An hour farther north, however, the marshes begin to lose their color and life, as the water grows scarce. The shallow streams support little vegetation, leaving dead palm stumps sticking up like countless tombstones. The rich alluvial soil that nourishes so much life downstream has hardened to an arid saline crust.

Not so long ago this entire region was Iraq's aquatic heart and soul. The marshes softened the harsh desert climate, provided



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Iraqi marshlands were devastated by attacks conducted by Saddam Hussein in 1991.

an ecological haven for diverse species, and served as a home for 250,000 marsh Arabs who claim descent from the region's first settlers.

But in 1991, Saddam Hussein launched an attack on the wetlands and their inhabitants, systematically draining the marshes and damming the flow of water into the wetlands. The Iraqi leader's method of revenge not only forced the mass migration of the marsh dwellers into

the cities, but triggered an environmental catastrophe.

As of two years ago, only 10 percent of the wetlands surveyed in 1970 remained intact. And the crisis has recently deepened. Satellite photographs show that a third of the surviving marshes dried out between 2000 and 2002, according to the United Nations Environment Program. A report from the organization has called the loss of the marshlands "one of the world's greatest environmental disasters."

"They're a very unique environment for the flora and fauna of the region," says Salman Salman, the new president of the University of Basra, which, despite scant scientific resources, has mounted a research and restoration project to save the marshes.

Scientists say the disappearance of the marshes -- and 90 percent of some 30 million date palms that once grew in them -- has caused the climate of Basra,

Iraq's second largest city, to become much drier and dustier over the past decade. Additionally, the marshes were "important fisheries for both freshwater and saltwater fishes, which come in from the gulf and use the marshes as spawning sanctuaries," says Salman, who is also a professor of marine biology.

"Globally, it's an extremely important wetland," says Biksham Gujja, a hydrologist and senior policy adviser for the World Wildlife Fund International. "It's the responsibility of the global community to restore at least some part of the wetlands."

In the aftermath of the war, local villagers have begun breaching the dikes that were holding back water, but their well-intentioned efforts have concerned scientists both inside and outside of academe. They say that proper reflooding will require thorough planning and must draw on a scientific understanding of southern Iraq's ecosystem.

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SBU Celebrates Homecoming Festivities

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stadium. The tents featured demonstrations, displays, and reunion tables from various campus groups, departments and colleges. Kids enjoyed a petting zoo, arts and crafts, pumpkin painting and played in blow-up jungle gyms.

"I liked playing in the bubble gym," said Timothy Arora, an 8-year old at the event. Throughout the afternoon, the lots were filled with activity as little children hosted their own mini football games.

When the football game kicked off at 4 p.m., crowds filed into LaValle stadium, filling the Seawolves bleachers to capacity. "I think we had the biggest crowd this year," said Jerrold Stein, dean of students. "We had beautiful weather and everyone came out."

As the Seawolves led 21-7 into halftime at the homecoming game, President Kenny and Dean Stein walked to center field with the Homecoming 2003 King and Queen candidates. Bradley Jerson and Christina Geraci claimed the crowns, winning baskets of Stony Brook paraphernalia and gift certificates with them.

The remainder of the Gala halftime show featured a contest to win a Chevy Blazer from Ramp Chevy. Four randomly selected contestants attempted to punt a football into the back of the Blazer from a point 35 yards away from the 8-foot-wide opening to win the truck. Each contestant missed and left the field with smaller concession prizes.

Through the third and fourth quarters, the Seawolves dominated the game and worked to seal a solid victory. Stony Brook alumnus and former SBU football player Dan Jones said that the team had changed considerably since he left the university. "They're a good squad this



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

Homecoming participants had the chance to win a Chevy S.U.V. if they were chosen to compete in the kickoff contest.

Family Day at Stony Brook

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Simmons, the president of the Stony Brook Parents and Family Association.

"It is great to see a lot of families here," said Janelle Simmons, assistant director of orientation. "Parents are getting involved in their children's education, and it has been a great day so far. There is a lot of excitement in the air."

Some SBU parents were pleased with the things they had heard at the workshops. Parent Catherine Noble said that she liked the student academic information she was provided with.

"The workshops gave us a chance to talk to one another and find out about things available on campus," said a parent of freshman Matthew Bauch. "We were able to share experiences about roommates and professors."

Some parents took a day off from work on Saturday to be with their college-aged children. "I did away with my overtime, just to spend today with my family," said Archibald Tubo, who spent the day with his son.

Described as another successful year by some parents and administrators, other Family Day staff members pleaded for what they anticipated could have been an even more successful event. Brian DeLong, director of orientation, said that he wished more people showed up to make Family Day as successful as possible.

Family bonding was described by administrators as the message of the day, but there seemed to be many more obstacles to overcome.

Despite Family Day's multi-year history, there are still things that parents don't know about, according to Simmons. The purpose of Saturday's program was to answer any questions parents had about their children's access to social activities and education at SBU.

Parents were grateful for this year's event, and many extinguished their duties for Family Day to attend the SBU Homecoming football game, but not before showing their gratitude.

"I know people who came here had a good time because they went up to me and thanked me," DeLong said.



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Homecoming King finalist Brent Rogers shared a heartfelt moment with Wolfy.

year," Jones said. "They just got hurt when their starters kept getting injured. But since I graduated in 1990, the squad has come a long way."

Sitting in the President's Box above the walls lined with "Cartoon Mania" banners, President Kenny watched the game and mingled with former students and current faculty members. However, she didn't stand up while talking to friends for too long.

"I need to sit down," she said. "We've had two touchdowns since I've sat down, and we need to keep this up." The president's efforts seem to have helped the team: By the end of the afternoon, the Seawolves had crushed St. Francis 49-14.

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Commentary

Feminist Rant: 'No' to Fundamentalism

By MARIE HUCTION
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It's been a while since my last column, but I am feeling rather inspired to rant about something significant and controversial: religion.

It is in the current climate of political change and global modernization that fundamentalism has taken such a strong hold on certain people and parts of the world. Whether it is Christian or Islamic, fundamentalism is a backlash against change: against the evolution of society. It preaches a return to a mythical golden age where none of the current evils existed. It encourages militant opposition to change and more firmly entrenches the privileged class of males in their beliefs of superiority.

Fundamentalism is the bastion of the inferiority complex in men (the clerics and leaders are almost always men) who feel they cannot live up to modern expectations and so revert back to the simplicity they perceive in their grandparents' generation. Fundamentalism is fueled by the rage of the disenfranchised, the boys who cannot rule the world as their fathers did, who have no job skills and no access to social advancement, and who have no homes to call castles and no wives to act as feudal serfs. It is the previously-privileged watching their influence being eroded by Western politicians, transnational corporations and democratic propaganda who seek something, anything, to control. So they reinterpret and distort the religious texts (both the Bible and the Quran) and preach fundamentalism and male supremacy. A man who is powerless can only feel dominant by oppressing those with even less power: the women, children, and minorities.

Ask any scholar on Islam and they will tell you that fundamentalists are not following Islam. There are no tenets requiring women to wear burqas, nor is

every man required to grow a beard. The Quran holds women and men as equals. Women become subhuman chattel only through misinterpretation of the Quran. The misinterpretation of the Quran has given rise to several cultures based upon patriarchal extremism and the subjugation of women. It is not that these cultures are innately Islamic, they are only incidentally so. Religion can be used to justify nearly any behavior or social structure. Even though the Quran was written by men in a time of male domination, it is more egalitarian than many contemporary Islamic states are willing to admit. The past century has seen a rebirth of fundamentalist male domination in Muslim nations, and the increasingly visible repression of women around the globe.

There is growing pressure placed on Islamic nations by the international community to stop human rights abuses and respect female equality. This pressure engenders a binary set of reactions. On the one hand, it accomplishes its goal. Some nations have modernized their legal systems and worked to give women equal rights. On the opposite extreme are countries that reassert their fundamentalist beliefs and claim that international law has no bearing on cultural tradition. This argument for cultural relativism is made by those in positions of power in order to maintain their influence.

The majority of the people in these countries would prefer human rights guarantees and an opportunity to improve their political and economic conditions. Cultural relativism is a glib argument made by the few to justify the oppression of the many based upon tenets and practices often no more than a few decades, not centuries, old. Besides, many have tried, and all have failed to fight the future. Power lies in shaping cultural evolution, not in reverting to the dark ages.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle for Thursday, October 16th, 2003

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1. Curriculum
5. Flagship
11. Making Connections
16. MAR
17. ANT
19. STARS
20. Wang Center
22. SAC
23. Emerson
24. The Pack
25. Hit the Books
26. Oyster Bay
27. St Francis
28. Finding Nemo
29. WISE

Down

1. All-nighter
2. Midterms
3. Science and Society
6. Highlighter
7. Printing
8. Lauterbur
9. Mendelsohn
10. Stadium lot
12. CSS
13. OpSCAN form
14. Senator
15. Commuter Lounge
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On a day when rivalry seemed to be the theme, the SBU women's soccer team had a rivalry of their own. Flying under the radar of the Yankees-Red Sox game Thursday, the Seawolves squared off against the Hartford Hawks. Last year, the Hawks defeated the Seawolves in the conference finals, and this year the Seawolves were seeking redemption. The results were the same. The Seawolves came up short, losing 0-1 to the Hawks.

Two of the America East's top goalies were on the same field during the contest, and this game figured to be

a defensive battle. "With both sides the strength is in our defense and our keeper. I would imagine it would be a tight game," said Coach Susan Ryan before the game.

Ryan's predictions held true. In the first half, both teams had limited scoring chances. Forwards Vicky Feliciano and Danielle Lewis coordinated a couple of scoring chances, but were stonewalled by Hartford's senior goalkeeper, Heather Hilton.

The Hawks, while spending a majority of the first half on defense, managed to conjure up some drives of their own. "We dominated in possession, but they had two of the best chances, they hit the crossbar twice," said Ryan. "We got a little lucky." The offensive damage could have been worse than the score otherwise indicated, she said.

The Seawolves' luck ran out in the second half. The Hawks changed to a 3-4-3 alignment in hopes of generating more offense. For most of the second half, the move worked and kept SBU on their heels. "In the second half, they changed their lineup and pushed another girl forward, so we were playing a little bit more defensively," Feliciano said.

Hartford's consistent pressure on SBU finally paid off when midfielder Stephanie Pothier scored off a corner kick with 2:23 left. "They kicked it to the back post, it was headed up, and the girl in front of me got the touch

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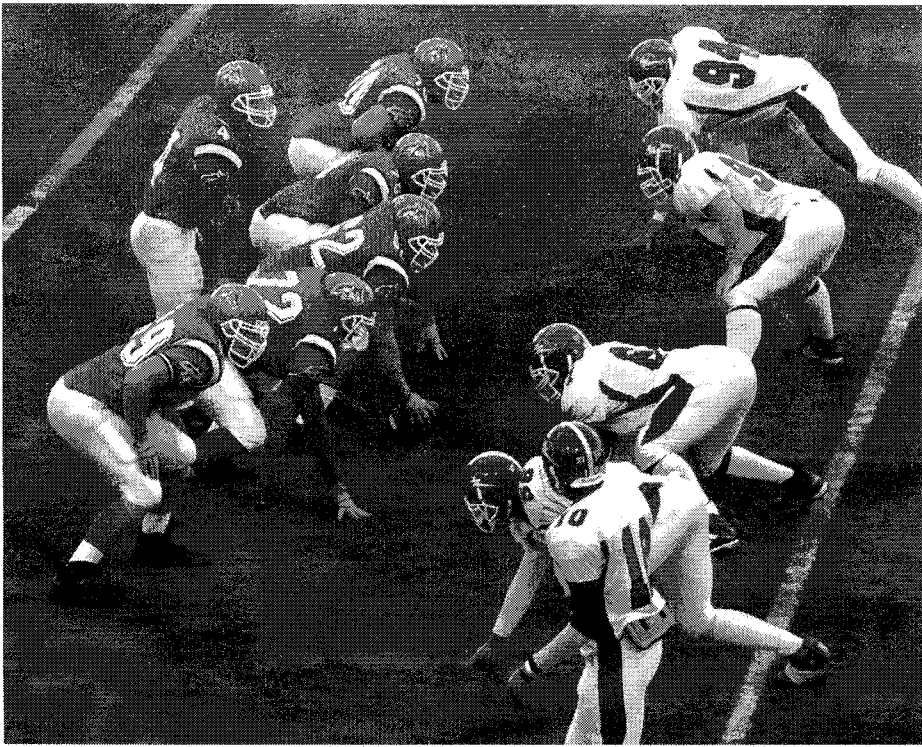
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and scored. I was screened a little bit, but I could have done better," said goalkeeper Cindy Bennett after the game. The Seawolves played with urgency for the final two minutes but failed to capitalize on their efforts.

With the loss to conference rivals Hartford, Stony Brook's road to the playoffs got a bit rockier. The Seawolves are sitting in ninth place in the America East Conference, but are trailing the final playoff spot by only 3 points, behind UMBC. With plenty of games still to be played against conference opponents, the Seawolves have the opportunity to make up some lost ground. However, this will be no easy task for a team with limited collegiate playoff experience. With the exception of two juniors, the whole Seawolved roster is comprised of sophomores and freshman. With no upperclassmen to lead the way it should make for an exciting and educating playoff run.

Men's Football Claims Homecoming Victory



The Seawolves football team crushed St. Francis with a 49-14 homecoming victory.

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strong defensive stand, the Seawolves broke the game open. The Red Flash were going for a fourth and five at the Seawolves 42 yard-line and were stopped inches short of the first down. On the very next play, Clinton Graham took the handoff and ran with it for 64 yards to put the Seawolves up 21-7.

The Seawolves weren't done piling on the points against the Red Flash.

With 7:32 left in the third quarter, Ernie Williams grabbed a St. Francis fumble at the Seawolves 15-yard line and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown, bringing the score to 27-7. This was the first fumble return for a touchdown in LaValle Stadium history. Graham added a third touchdown on a 30-yard run with three minutes left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Moriarty connected with Londre Blocker on a 40-yard touchdown pass. However, St.

Francis demonstrated they weren't ready to concede the game. With just minutes left on the clock, the Red Flash's Paul Kelley scored a 26-yard touchdown to finish the game at 49-14.

The Red Flash and the Seawolves have played each other five times since 1999, and the Seawolves have won each time.

After losing three straight games, the Seawolves needed this win. "When you lose you start to doubt yourself, to start to press, you start to get frustrated. You don't play as well as you can," said Seawolves coach Sam Kornhauser. "When you lose three games a lot of self-doubt comes in when you think your going to have a good season. We got to refocus ourselves and get back to playing as well as we could."

Having rushed 198 yards, Graham was a huge part of the Seawolves' victory. It was the first time a running back has scored three rushing touchdowns in a single game since Bobby Kane did against Central Connecticut on Oct. 12, 1996.

"He missed two years and when you miss two years of football its hard to come back from a timing point of view," said Kornhauser. "He's a very strong runner and a good blocker. He is doing a great job."

The victory pumped up the Seawolves and their fans. "I'm excited we won," Kornhauser said. "It's great to

win the homecoming game and it's great to have alumni back. We needed a win. The coaching staff needed the win."

The next match for the Seawolves will be against the Albany Great Danes.

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"I'm looking forward to that game. That's going to be a great game," Kornhauser said. "Albany is a very talented team."

The Seawolves will face the Great Danes next Saturday, Oct. 25 in Albany at 1 p.m. The Seawolves will then be back at home again on Nov. 8, against Central Connecticut. It will be their last home game of the season. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

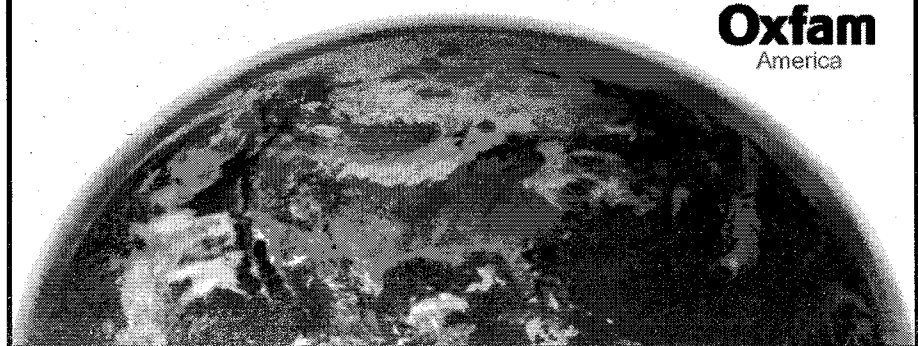
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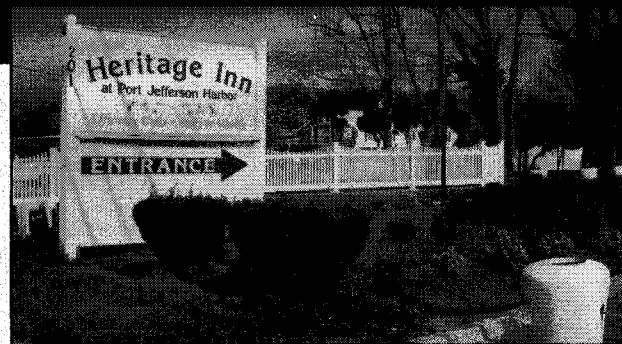
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Merging Islam and the West: The Net, Europe and SBU

By REGINA GLICK
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With the rapidly growing Muslim population worldwide, some Muslims, at least at Stony Brook University, want to re-conceptualize the relationship between their own culture and that of the West.

"There's been a phobia in Europe after Sept. 11 and as the Muslim population increases, [European] identity is being threatened," said Heba Abdel, a senior at SBU. "They have to adjust, but it's not Islam against the West. It's Islam and the West."

Western bookstores are replete with titles, like Bernard Lewis' *The Crisis of Islam*, that characterize Islamic and Western cultures as mutually exclusive forces competing for world domination. But those same stores are lacking in theses examining the compatibility of the two cultures.

As the cultures increasingly interact, a market for clothing that blends western fashion and Islamic dress codes is forming. Zareen Niazi, a sophomore at Stony Brook University, described the fusion of Western and Islamic styles as "really cute."

Shukronline.com, an internet-based clothing manufacturer, produces clothing that combines Islamic and Western fashion.

According to the website, the company looks for ways to make traditional attire more "suitable for Muslims who no longer live in historical Muslim lands, but rather who have settled in the West, where their needs and tastes necessarily differ."

As Europeans try to adjust to an Islamic influx into the continent, there have been several legal battles concerning Muslim laws. Most recently, Germany's highest court ruled last month that a woman cannot be barred from teaching in a public school while wearing her veil because there were no laws prohibiting her from doing so.



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Eastern-made Burkas and Western-made purses have become one of many distinct merges of Islam and Western cultures at SBU.

The *Statesman* spoke to Muslim students following weekly Friday prayers. "Basically, Hijab [the full Islamic dress code for women] is a physical manifestation of what's in the heart," said Niazi, who wears a Hijab regularly. "To be told to take it off or that you can't wear it is like being told you can't pray."

After the Oct. 3 service, Dina Eldarawi, a freshman who

only wears Hijab for prayers, said she didn't believe the court had the right to rule on religious issues in the first place.

"Religion is something between you and God," Eldarawi said. "It's not something the government should tell you about."

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But Abdel, who wears Hijab regularly, took a less cynical view of the case. Abdel said that the German ruling was a step in the right direction, even though it did not explicitly assert a woman's right to wear a veil. "It shows how relevant Islam has become to Western society," This German ruling educates non-Muslims about Islam, according to Abdel.

Niazi said that raising awareness would eventually overcome the notion that Islam and the West are incompatible. "People fear Islam because they don't know about it," she said, "and people are overcoming their fears by going out and learning about it." The merging of Islam and Western cultures into a single culture seems inevitable for many Muslims at SBU.

"I'm American and I'm Muslim," Abdel said.

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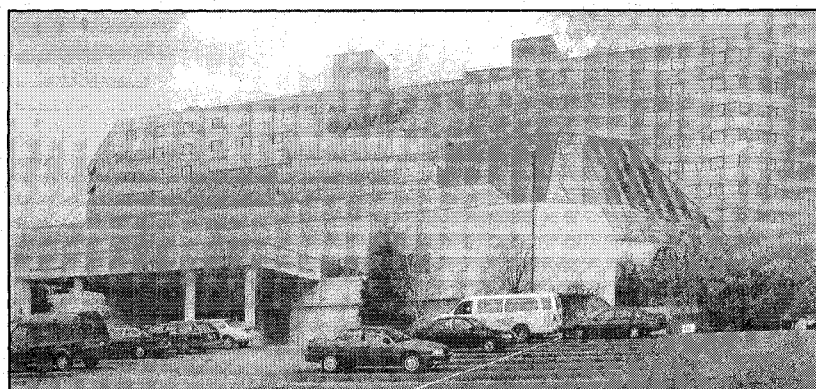
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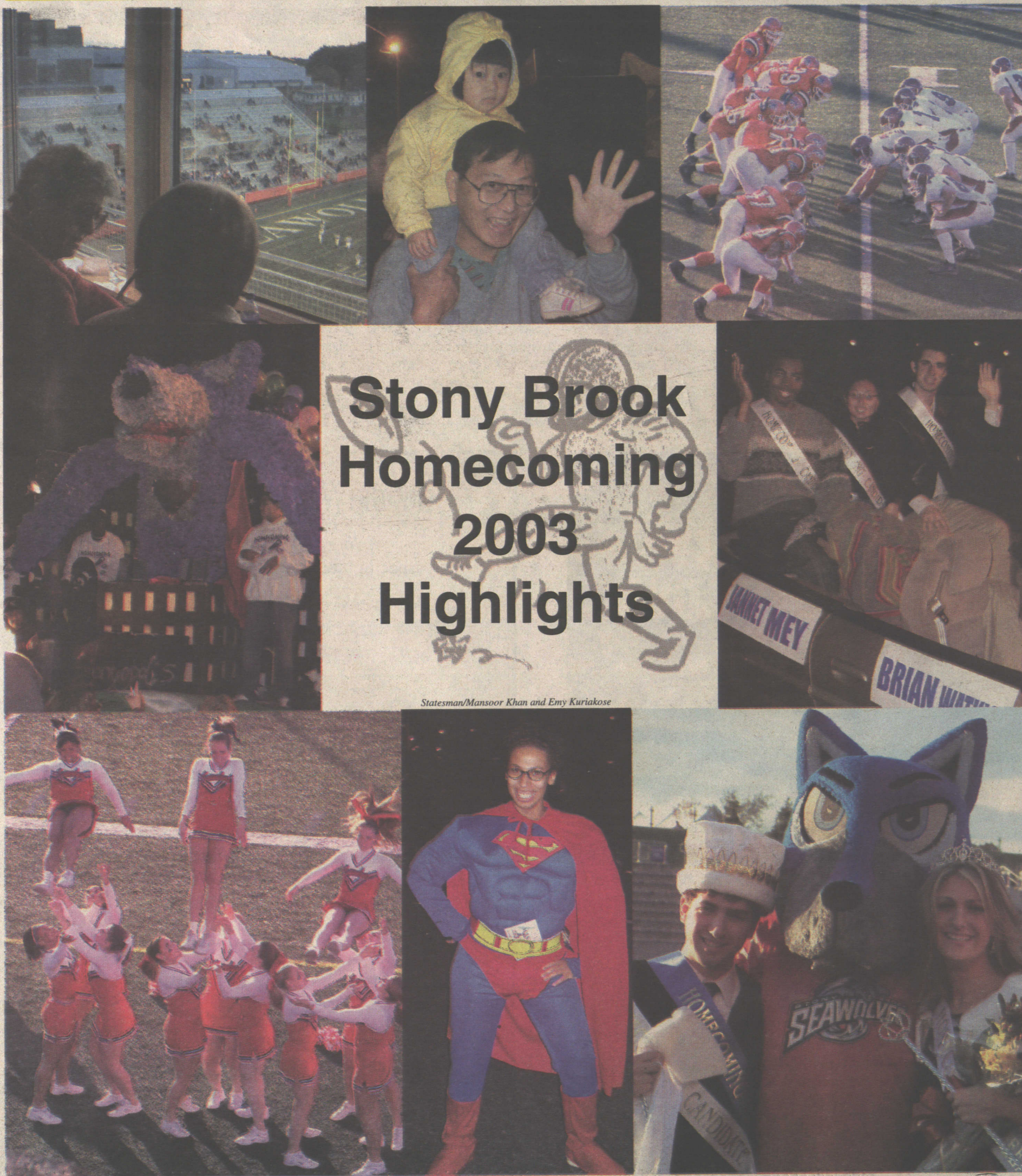
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