

A Shoe-In for Graduate Schools!?

Wall Street Journal Ranks Stony Brook in the Top-10 for Public School College Grads Seeking Admission to Graduate Schools

By SUSAN THOMAS
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SUNY students' dreams of spending graduate school at a top Ivy may not be as far-fetched as some may think, according to a recent study done by *The Wall Street Journal*. The study placed Stony Brook University as eighth in the nation among undergraduate schools that paved the way for graduate studies in the top five medical, law, and business schools. It stands among ivies such as Harvard and Yale.

The journal surveyed approximately 5000 students in the top five medical, law, and business schools and recorded



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Graduating from Stony Brook may put you at an advantage when applying to graduate school according to a 2003 Wall Street Journal investigation.

which undergraduate schools they attended. Of the schools ranked, SBU was the only SUNY school to grace the top ten list, and was ranked 86th in the overall ranking of all private and public

institutions.

"Stony Brook graduates several top notch students, and it is not

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Stony Brook CARES: Raising Funds and Spirits

PATRICIA McCABE
Statesman Staff

Members of the Stony Brook community can take pride in their hand in buying the new ambulances that grace the lots of the University Hospital. They can also be proud of the resources at Child Care Services, and can feel safer with new life-saving defibrillators installed across campus. These donations, and others like them around Long Island were made possible by SBU's pledges to Stony Brook Cares/SEFA Campaign.

This annual fundraising drive collects voluntary contributions from Stony Brook University's 14,000+ employees, and distributes them to hundreds of community based charitable organizations.

The 2003-2004 campaign is now calling upon all employees of SBU to once again make pledges to support their choice of any of 500 charitable organizations in the Long Island community. Contributions are managed by the United Way of Long Island and the State Employees Federated Appeal. The theme for this year's campaign is "Stony Brook Cares for Our Community."

In the past, Stony Brook Cares has helped fund over 500 local agencies that provide services to members of our community in areas such as education, food, clothing, housing, medical care, and mental health.

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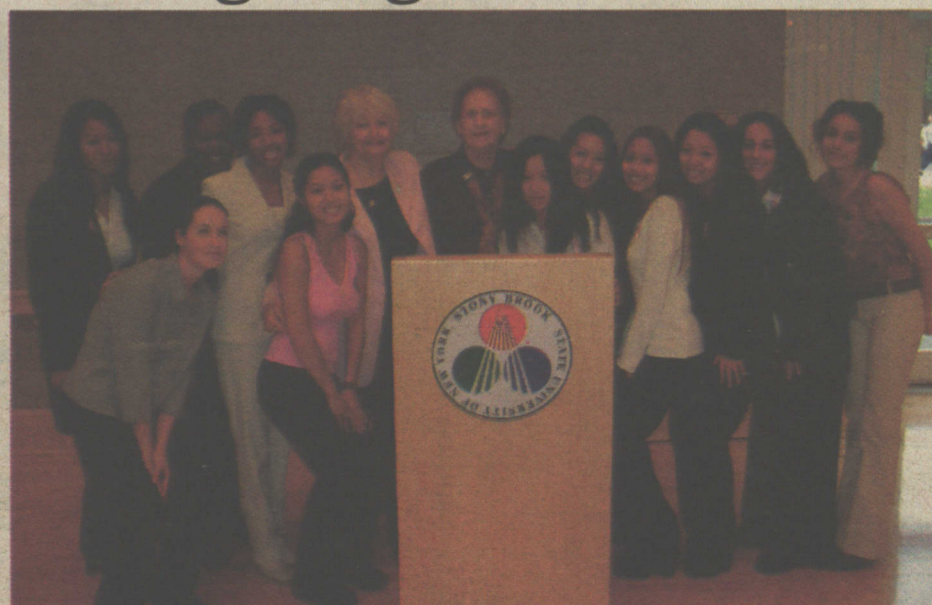
Breast Cancer Brings Big Contributions

SBU Sororities Play Their Part in Pooling for Community Donations

By TED LAI
Statesman Staff

October is breast cancer awareness month and the members of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority hosted their First Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon on Oct. 22 in co-sponsorship with Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority and Campus Dining.

"We are doing the breast cancer luncheon because breast cancer is our sorority's national philanthropy and we thought that a program like this would really bring out the message that breast cancer is out there," said senior Tennille Haynes of Sigma Lambda Gamma. "It has not disappeared, and we need to be aware of it and it's dangers. It affects



Statesman/Ted Lai

The women of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, along with Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority and Campus Dining, hosted the luncheon featuring Carole Baldwin (center).

all women, and Long Island has some of the highest breast cancer rates in the country."

The keynote speaker was Carol Baldwin, Executive Director of Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund. Baldwin is a breast cancer survivor who has done a tremendous amount of work in the fight against breast cancer.

Baldwin has a strong connection

with Stony Brook. One of her daughters is a graduate of Stony Brook, and her fund has provided nearly \$2.5 million so far to Stony Brook researchers working on the cause, prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

"I am happy to be here, this is one of the top research centers in the country,"

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Under a Rock: Some Democrats for President

REGINA GLICK
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Because Under a Rock has provided information pertaining to the Democratic presidential candidates, I've decided this week to forego world news and instead provide a brief look at candidates' views. The following information was gleaned from the candidates' websites. Because their sites vary in content and user-friendliness, some candidates have more information listed here than others. Length of entries for some candidates should not be construed as support or opposition for specific candidates by the Statesman.

HOWARD DEAN

www.deanforamerica.com

1. ordered tight emissions control standards in Vermont when he was governor.
2. supports abortion rights, and did not support ban on certain abortion procedures that passed last week
3. supports affirmative action
4. supported the Illinois death penalty moratorium, and only supports capital punishment in the context of a fair legal system
5. supports existing federal gun laws, especially the assault weapons ban, and expanded background checks
6. while he was governor of Vermont, homosexuals were granted the right to

civil unions

7. doesn't support the civilian surveillance clauses of the Patriot Act.

JOHN KERRY

www.johnkerry.com

1. supports affirmative action, abortion rights, equal rights for homosexuals
2. supports existing gun laws and background checks
3. supports a tax credit for the first \$4,000 spent per year on higher education and supports raising the limit for federal Pell Grants
4. supported the No Child Left Behind Act, but says the Bush administration has doomed it to failure by not providing the necessary funding
5. supported the invasion of Iraq, but believes President Bush has fumbled the peace effort. Now wants to see greater international involvement
6. supports Israel as a democracy in the region and supports the formation of a Palestinian state
7. supports reducing dependence on foreign oil by increasing reliance on domestic "energy sources" and by increasing fuel-used efficiency and by exploring alternative energy sources

JOHN EDWARDS

www.johnedwards2004.com

1. supports funding American troops in Iraq, but did not support the bill

to provide nearly \$87 billion for the effort in Iraq because he doesn't trust Bush to spend the money wisely or fairly

2. supports spending more money on public education, including paying for one year of public college for all academically qualified students willing to work part-time during the year
3. supports developing a new homeland intelligence agency to handle domestic security
4. supports lowering the cost of healthcare
5. supports affirmative action and abortion rights
6. does not support oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
7. supports research into alternative energy sources

DICK GEPHARDT

www.dickgephardt2004.com

1. supports research into alternative energy sources
2. supports affirmative action, equal rights for homosexuals, abortion rights, and universal healthcare
3. supports expanding the federal grants and loans programs for higher education and make the first \$10,000 spent on higher education tax deductible for middle-class families
4. supports Israel

JOESPH LIEBERMAN

www.joe2004.com

1. supports creating 10 million new jobs in private sector
2. proposes balancing the budget by the end of his second term as president
3. supports providing affordable health insurance for everyone
4. supports eliminating dependence on foreign oil in 20 years

WESLEY CLARK

www.clark04.com

1. supports reducing dependence on foreign energy sources by raising the mileage of cars, and following the Kyoto Protocol
2. supports civil unions for homosexual couples, abortion rights and affirmative action
3. does not support the Patriot Act
4. believes the Bush administration lied about its rationale for war in Iraq, but now the United States must support the troops that are there. Believes the war in Iraq has made Americans more vulnerable, not less. Terrorism must be fought with a united world, not unilaterally.

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Campus Dining Provides Much Much More Than Food

By TED LAI
Statesman Staff

Campus Dining Services (CDS) is often seen as the entity in charge of dining halls on campus. CDS encompasses a much larger task however, as one of the largest programming organizations on campus. Roughly 50 to 100 large scale events a year are sponsored by CDS, including the Strawberry Festival, Midnight Breakfast, and the International Food Fair.

"I always look forward to Midnight Breakfast because it is a chance to take a break from studying during finals week," said senior Dan Operman. "It's also a great way to get some free food when running low on meal points."

Many every-day programs such as lobster and pasta night held in the residential dining halls are sponsored by CDS. One such program at Kelly Dining Center is the Executive Chef Kitchen, where Executive Chef Gary Adler teaches students how to prepare unique dishes.

"The opportunity to share my culinary knowledge and experiences in a small interactive venue such as this gives me



Courtesy of www.campusdining.org

Wagons and Cowboy hats are only some of the decorative ideas Campus Dining Services pays for every year. The CDS sponsors many events on campus.

great pleasure," Adler said.

Students interested in any of these special programs can contact CDS directly for assistance. *Festival Latino* was a recent event CDS co-sponsored with Sigma Gamma Rho and The African Students Union at the Bridge Restaurant in the Union Building.

"Campus Dining provided the space

and opportunity for us to bring in more students," said senior Wogene Girma of Sigma Gamma Rho. "The managers [at the Bridge] were helpful and made the planning easier."

"In working with clubs and organizations, Campus Dining has been extremely helpful in co-sponsoring events and activities. They are always there to help the student clubs

with their events," said Assistant Director for Student Activities Maria Terrana.

"My office co-sponsors, 'Scooping out Success' with them every semester," Terrana said. "This is an opportunity for students to interact with faculty and staff at an ice cream social. We just recently co-sponsored a 'Casino Night' in Campus Connection at H-Quad with over 700

students in attendance."

Residential Assistant (RA) programs are often sponsored by CDS as well if the RA's program is in one of the Campus Dining Locations.

"Campus Dining has been very helpful and supportive when it comes to RA programming. Several times last year, Campus Dining co-sponsored programs that RA's planned," said Alerie Tirsch, Whitman College RHD. "For all of the programs that my RA staff has co-sponsored, Campus Dining has worked with us to take care of the food aspect of the program. They are very good about helping you get what you need to have a successful program."

CDS directors echoed the positive sentiments of its dining services and campus communities working together to provide engaging programming for the Stony Brook community. "Campus Dining strives to provide exceptional programming to the Stony Brook community," said Lisa Ospitale, director of marketing for Campus Dining Services. "Being able to work with various campus organizations just makes the planning of programs more fun."

SPEC Offers New Money and Volunteers to End Cancer

By JENNY WANG
Statesman Staff

Students Putting an End to Cancer started on shaky footing this year due to unavoidable meeting logistics problems, but the group's mission remains solid and its unflinching vision continues on. After being locked out, regrouped, and unexpectedly short staffed last Friday, SPEC pulled through to hold its "Meet and Greet" session at the SAC Ballroom B to highlight its missions and goals on campus.

The group works to spread awareness of cancer and its prevalence in students' lives. It is geared towards "creating awareness, lending support, and spreading hope," said Adam Litroff, co president of the student club.

The Meet and Greet session highlighted SPEC's goals, its past activities, future plans and prospective events for the coming year.

Freshman Kathy Gurnevich joined the club because she says the group follows through on the events they plan. "It seems like [SPEC] can get stuff done," she said. "That's why I joined it."

Within this Fall semester alone, the group volunteered at the Winthrop University Hospital Fun Fest held on Sept. 14, and took part in the Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition Walk on Oct. 12. At the walk, approximately 50 SPEC members from the combined chapters attended and completed the entire route despite inclement weather.

An upcoming event the group is looking to hold is Baskets of Hope, in which baskets are stuffed with gifts and charms for women who have had mastectomies. The baskets will include homemade hand-sewn pillows crafted by group members.

Brad Jerson, junior, who started SPEC while he was attending Bethpage High School, originally formed the group after his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. "Once it becomes personal, you realize how many people are affected by it and how few students talk about it," he said. "SPEC got that dialogue started."

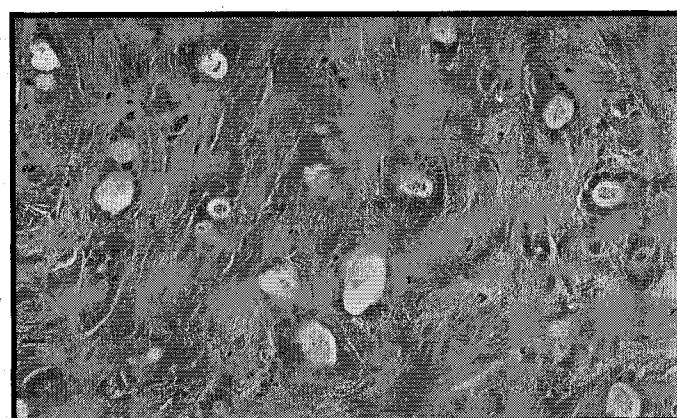
Throughout the semester, the group will be working with the Winthrop University Hospital on Cans for Cancer, a program through which students attend various events at the Nassau Coliseum

and collect cans to be recycled. Members of SPEC will collect the cans used by the vendors at the coliseum and bring them to collection sites. Doctors and other volunteers from Winthrop will sort the cans before sending them to the recycling plant, which is recycling the cans free of charge.

In the future, SPEC will be holding their Minority Awareness Program, spearheaded by Kim Hines. Through this program, which is co-sponsored by Huntington Breast Cancer Society, they will hold a Wellness Fair in April 2004.

The program's goal is to "give minorities an outlet for resources that they otherwise may not be able to come in contact with," Litroff said. These resources include mammography machines, health professionals and religious leaders.

SPEC has now expanded from just Bethpage High School to two other



Courtesy of www.google.com

SPEC hopes to help finance cancer research through donations.

chapters located in Great Neck South High School and Stony Brook University. There will soon be seven more chapters added to the organization at various institutions including Cornell University, New York University, Brentwood High School, and Hofstra University.

Co-President Jessica Gleason summed up the meeting with encouraging words for new and current members of the club: "You don't have to be doing something huge to be doing something that matters."

To get involved with SPEC, email stonybrookSPEC@hotmail.com.

SBU Sororities Raise Money for Baldwin Breast Cancer

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Baldwin said. "These events are also very important. Talking to young people so they are aware that early detection is the best way to defeat it."

In her address, Baldwin recounted her experiences as a breast cancer survivor and stressed the importance of early detection. She also stressed that audience members should everything possible to remain healthy.

Doris Weisman, MS, director of education for the Carol M. Baldwin

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority and Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority presented a check for \$700 to the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Breast Cancer Research Fund spoke about the different methods of breast cancer detection and answered questions regarding breast cancer.

Students, staff and faculty attended the luncheon. "I came to show support for this good cause," said senior JD Generoso.

At the end of the luncheon, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority and Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority presented a check for \$700 to the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund. The proceeds were raised through

sales of breast cancer ribbons, teddy bears, and private donations.

"Unfortunately breast cancer is a disease that has affected many individuals in some way," said Lisa Ospitale, programming advisor for Sigma Lambda Gamma. "Breast cancer research is imperative until a cure is found, and what these ladies have accomplished is amazing. Their dedication, hard work, and spirit should be recognized by the Stony Brook community because today they have made a difference."

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"Each of them intervenes in our lives when we encounter illness, want, and sorrow, or reach out for help," says President Shirley Strum Kenny in a statement to all Stony Brook family members. Kenny encourages members to be generous in their donations to the hundreds of worthy charities employees may choose to contribute to.

Among these charitable organizations are our own University Hospital Auxiliary and Stony Brook Child Care Services, Inc. Donations to the Hospital Auxiliary have helped provide much needed equipment for which other sources of funding are not available. Specifically, funding provided by Stony Brook Cares has enabled the purchase of new ambulances and new defibrillators located in the SAC. The Child Care Center has been funded for supplies, materials, equipment, and staff to continue providing the children of our staff and students with exemplary child care services.

The Stony Brook Cares Campaign for 2003-2004 is well on its way to reaching its goal of \$250,000.

"We always have a powerful response," says Maureen Veprek, co-chair of the campaign, "and are expected to surpass our goal." Employees pledge their support through authorized payroll deductions, or a one time annual pledge.

Benefactors include all paid personnel of the University; state researchers, professors, teachers, administrators, working graduate students, and office and support staff. Employees may choose to be part of the Cornerstone Club with an annual donation of \$500, or the Pillars Club with a donation of \$1,000, but can pledge as little as 50 cents per period if they wish.

"This adds up to 13 dollars a year and is just as much needed and appreciated," said Veprek.

"The Stony Brook Cares Campaign is an important illustration of our commitment," said Bruce Schreffel, Stony Brook University Hospital's CEO and executive chair of Stony Brook Cares 2003-2004. "[It is an] opportunity to make a positive difference in someone's life."

This November, Stony Brook Cares Agency Open Houses will be held at the SAC and at Technology Park. "People can see firsthand what these agencies do, since they are from the community in which our students, faculty, and staff live," said Bill Dethless, assistant director for Alumni Relations, who serves on the Agency Open House committee. The Committee welcomes student volunteers to help set up and distribute materials at the open houses.

For information regarding the Agency Open Houses, contact Bill Dethless at 444-8305 or Joan Dickinson at 632-9117.

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Suffolk Community Censors Student Journalist

By MAURY HIRSCHKORN
Statesman Staff

Profanity has cost the assistant editor of the *Western Student Press*, a Suffolk County Community College paper, her job.

Ursula Monaco, 55, wrote and assigned articles and editorials critical of the college administration at the SCCC Michael J. Grant Campus. A new article led to a profane email to a SCCC administrator, which in turn led to Monaco's removal and censorship from all SCCC student newspapers this semester.

"They [SCCC administrators] seized on an event to silence a critic," said Jeff Kluewer, journalism professor and former faculty advisor to the paper. Kluewer was removed from his post as advisor in the past because he allowed students to publish articles that critiqued the administration.

When Monaco tried to get a photo from the *Compass*, the SCCC Ammerman Campus student newspaper, in May 2003, Molly Altizer, journalism professor and *Compass* faculty advisor, told her that only the editor-in-chief of the *Western Student Press* could request the photo. Monaco complained by e-mail to former WSP faculty advisor and associate mathematics professor, Kathryn Benjamin.

In it, she wrote, "Dear Kathy, Can



Statesman/Maury Hirschhorn

Ursula Monaco is upset that she lost her editorial post at Suffolk County Community College *Western Student Press*, the college's local newspaper. She claims it was censorship.

you believe this c**t! And she had the b***s to reply all. Ursula."

Allegedly by mistake, Monaco sent this e-mail to Altizer. Altizer later contacted SCCC administrators, who held a disciplinary hearing against Monaco in June 2003. Monaco was found guilty of violating the college's code of conduct by verbally abusing and threatening Altizer.

The committee drafted a number

of rules that, if violated, would have Monaco expelled from SCCC. Monaco couldn't participate or have contact with any SCCC student newspaper, nor could she approach any member of the campus community to collect information for future news articles.

In response to these and other guidelines, Monaco sought help from various student journalist advocacy organizations: the Foundation for

Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) and the Student Press Law Center (SPLC). Monaco pleaded her case to the Suffolk County Education and Youth Committee, but so far, the SCCC penalty still stands.

"Vulgarity is protected speech under the First Amendment," said Greg Lukianoff, director of legal and public advocacy at FIRE. "You can't make the argument that an e-mail accidentally sent to a professor is harassing and imminent threat."

SCCC President LaLima disagrees. LaLima's letter to FIRE read in part: "Ms. Monaco's discipline...does not interfere with her First Amendment rights. Participation on the student newspaper is a privilege, not a right. When speech becomes harassing, intimidating or threatening, it is no longer protected speech."

As a student journalist at the WSP since 1992, Monaco wrote what many consider to be damaging articles about administration policies. One such article entailed LaLima's plans to combine the three SCCC newspapers into one paper. Another article highlighted administrator's attempts to bring a baseball stadium to the campus over faculty objections.

Since Monaco's leave, WSP staff meetings are irregularly scheduled, and so far, only one issue has been printed this semester.

SUNY Plattsburgh Deals Punishment for Hazing

By JEFFREY R. YOUNG
Chronicle of Higher Education

The State University of New York College at Plattsburgh announced on Thursday that it had dismissed 10 students, suspended 8, and placed 3 on probation following an investigation into the death of a freshman in March. The police say the student died from a hazing activity in which he was forced to drink gallons of water poured through a funnel.

The university also suspended two local sororities, Alpha Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Chi, as a result of its investigation. Keith Tyo, the university's director of communication, said that the sororities had participated in "pledging activities

Eleven members
of Psi Epsilon
Chi face trials
or sentencing on
criminal charges.

that preceded the incident that led up to the death."

The student who died, Walter Dean Jennings, was pledging Psi Epsilon Chi, which is not recognized by the university,

having lost its official status in 1998 for allowing underage drinking at parties.

Four of the suspended students have won appeals and had their suspensions held in abeyance, said Mr. Tyo. Officials said the 21 students had faced a total of 119 charges of violating the university's Student Code of Conduct, including aiding and abetting, disorderly conduct, and endangerment and hazing. Mr. Tyo would not give further details about the charges against the students, citing federal student-privacy laws.

Eleven members of Psi Epsilon Chi face trials or sentencing on criminal charges filed in connection with Mr. Jennings's death.

Two of them -- Adam Atkinson and William Farmer III, both Plattsburgh State students -- pleaded guilty on Wednesday and will be sentenced in January, according to the Associated Press. Five other fraternity members have already pleaded guilty to charges related to the incident.

University officials, including Robert King, chancellor of the State University of New York System, held a news conference on Thursday to announce the college's disciplinary action against the students and sororities.

"We needed to take a very strong stance here to show the students and the community that we will not allow this to continue to occur," said Mr. Tyo.

Federal Policies Shift Rising Costs to Colleges

By ANNE MARIE BORREGO
Chronicle of Higher Education

Academic research groups told the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy this month that universities are struggling to deal with increases in the cost of research. The groups say the federal government has shifted the burden of those expenses to universities in recent years, placing stress on their facilities and administrations.

The Association of American Universities, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council on Governmental Relations, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges sent letters to the scientific

"Universities can't be run like
profit centers."

Robert Hardy

advisory office in response to a notice in the *Federal Register* last summer requesting comments on the business relationship between federal agencies and researchers, including colleges.

The letter from the Council on Governmental Relations, which tracks federal regulatory issues for major research universities, noted that the government "appears to follow different, conflicting models in funding university

research." Under one model, federal agencies reimburse researchers for the cost of their work. Another model follows standard procurement principles, seeking to purchase products according to the lowest bid. "We believe that many of the recent disagreements between universities and federal agencies about cost reimbursement stem from a blurring of the distinctions between these different models for government support of university research,"

the letter said.

The letters warned against trying to quantify results from individual research projects, suggesting that even ostensible failures are valuable, since the work often leads to new discoveries in subsequent years.

"To try and impose business models on universities is troubling," said Robert Hardy, associate director of the council. "Universities can't be run like profit centers. If they were, they wouldn't have departments of history or English or classical Greek."

The Office of Science and Technology Policy plans to hold a series of workshops this fall as part of an effort to improve the performance and management of federally financed research.

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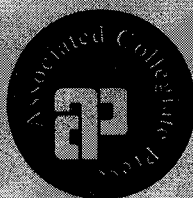
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Commentary

Do It Tuesday! Vote at SBU

By GREG LUBICICH
Statesman Contributor

Stony Brook University's approximately 43 Independence Party members, 186 Republicans, and 854 Democrats had the potential to change the outcome in at least two primary elections in September 2003, based on last year's enrollment data (2003 figures will be analyzed after this Tuesday's elections). Since the Independence Party's cross endorsement in Legislative District 5 is worth up to 1,160 votes this Tuesday, just 12 students may be able to determine whether a Democrat or a Republican

will represent us in Suffolk County Legislature. Would a Political Science major's resume be improved by participating in this process? Absolutely. Have you ever gotten a big parking or traffic ticket off campus? Suffolk County Legislature can set the fine schedule. Ever pay sales tax

on a purchase? Suffolk County Legislature sets most of the sales tax.

Politics matters, but not every Stony Brook student may know this. For example, Cardozo College in Roth Quad, a preferred residence for many members of the Honors College, had more registered voters (~62) than any other building in Roth Quad, and the runner up? (Mount) had 57 or so registered voters, yet both of these top performing residence halls were less than 4 percentage points above the Roth Quad average of 22.3% voter registration. Comparisons with residence halls in other quads may be confounded by a number of factors; however, campus wide there were 1722 people out of about

5000-6000 New York state residents in Election District 223 (campus) for a registration rate of 25-34 percent. In comparison, the local community has a voter registration rate closer to 50 percent. 9/18 10/2

The number of people voting on campus in Nov. 2002 and Sept. 2003 was so low that the I've decided not to embarrass the students or the University by reporting it. It's omitted with the hope that this Tuesday, there will be some improvement worth noting.

Then again, the embarrassment may be well deserved. Critics claim that certain student leaders

and their purported handlers avoid any event such as voter education that might, even accidentally, raise one's consciousness.

Additionally, both pro-troops and anti-war advocates alike have reported what they believe is arbitrary and perhaps malicious obstructionism.

For example,

some vegetarians on campus have been threatened with arrest for using their first amendment rights (See *Statesman* "Not-So-Welcome Wagon" 9/18/02) On the other hand, the few student groups and administrators who encourage voter registration (See *Statesman* "NYPIRG Gets Out the Vote" 10/2/03) have never, to this author's knowledge, complained of obstruction. So apparently voter registration, while not avidly encouraged, is acceptable, whereas any activity or speech more interesting than voter registration, either from the left or the right, may risk the wrath of the local nomenklatura. This soviet style B.F. Skinner box is hardly a recipe for high voter turnout.

The voter registration rate on campus is somewhere between 25 and 34%. In comparison, the local community has a voter registration rate closer to 50%.

SOME PRIMARY RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

Independence Party Primary

Suffolk County Legislature (District 5)

VILORIA-FISHER, VIVIAN M (D) 54 [55.67%]

LATINI JR, JOSEPH A (R) 43 [44.33%]

Difference = 11 votes.

Republican Party Primary

Brookhaven Town Superintendent

STREBEL, PATRICIA 6,253 [52.96%]

CHARTUK, BOB 5,555 [47.04%]

Difference = 698 votes.

Democratic Party Primary

Brookhaven Town Council (District 1)

FIORE-ROSENFELD, STEVE 1,684 [60.79%]

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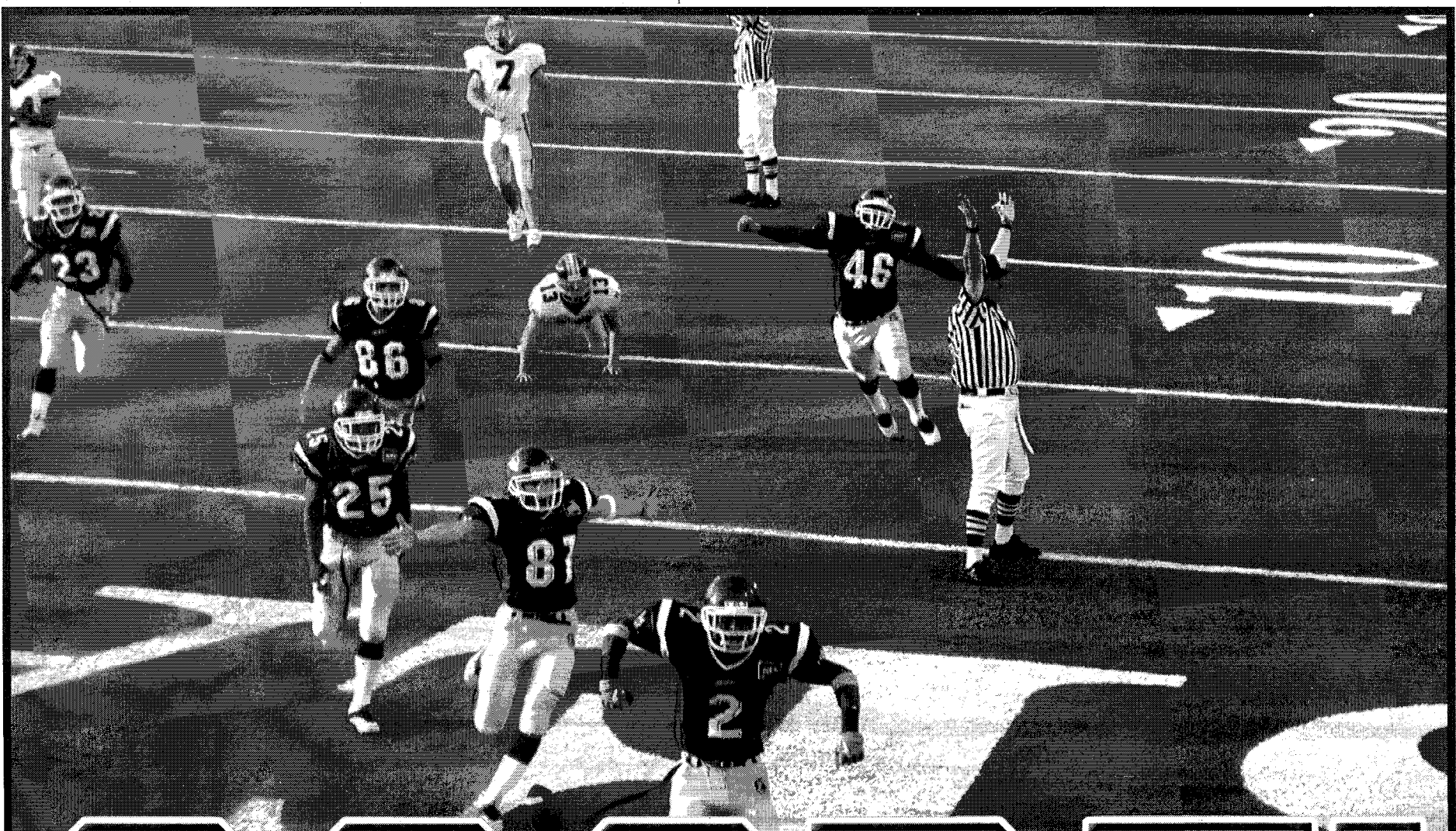
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Victory Dance for SBU Women's Soccer

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placed a perfect 20-yard kick to the right side of the field and hit Lewis in stride around the 20-yard line, allowing them to add an insurance goal.

UMBC countered with a late push of their own, but were no match for the play-off hungry Seawolves defense. The Wolves defense was led by keeper Cindy Bennett, who netted her 12th career shutout. With that shutout, Bennett moves within 4.5 shutouts away from being Stony Brook's all-time women's leader. With two more years to go, she seems to have the potential to get it.

Bennett didn't get here alone however, she had ample help from her teammates who have been practicing extra hard on defense this week. "We worked all week long on better cover positions, and that helped us out a lot in this game," said Coach Ryan.

Ryan also praised the defensive efforts of Katelyn Martin (M/B) and Joy Gueverra (M), calling them



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Crowd, including players, watch attentively as an SBU player receives a pass.

exceptional defenders and the heart and soul of the defense.

To earn a spot in this year's post season, the Seawolves need two things to fall through. First, they need to win the last game on the road against New Hampshire, and second, they need Binghamton to lose their last game against top ranked Boston University. If luck and skill prevails,

the Seawolves, who have jelled late in the season, will be a dangerous team in the play-offs.

"We started off in the preseason working on some things as a team and I think we are finally just putting it all together," said Lewis. Now it's left to see if this jelling will help them streak towards the postseason or be something to build on for next year.

SBU Men's Soccer

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kids joining us midyear, in January, so it'll give us a bit more of an advantage since we'll be able to train them for a whole semester. So, even though they will be freshmen in the fall, they'll have a little more experience," said Coach Dean. "That will help us a lot. It will help us tremendously."

Besides those additions, Stony Brook plans to practice and stay the course while preparing for next season. The team plans to "get together and train in the off season," said Coach Dean. Stony Brook men's soccer finished the season with a final record of 4 - 13 - 1 and is glad to be looking forward to a new season. Coach Dean summed it up with this final comment: "It was a tough season, but a great way to finish."

Ouch: SBU Volleyball Suffers Crushing, Disheartening Defeat

By JOHN IMOSSE
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook women's volleyball team wrapped up their five-game home stand-by, losing 3-0 to Maine in a conference match on Saturday. The match was nearly the exact opposite of the last couple of meetings of the two teams this season. Last time, the Seawolves dominated the Black Bears in Maine 3-0. This time, it was Maine who controlled the game.

The biggest advantage the Seawolves could grasp was their early 4-1 lead in the first game, but they went on to lose the game, 23-30, and then were sorely outplayed in the second game as Maine won 18-30, thanks in part to 15 errors committed by the Seawolves. While the team showed some signs of life in the third game, rallying to tie the score at 24-24 at one point, Maine finished them off with a kill by Alaina Kleparek to end the game 28-30. Brittany Howe of Maine led all players in the match with 13 kills, one ahead of Stony Brook's Rachel Goldsmith, who recorded 12 kills in the loss.

Despite the Seawolves' size advantage, Maine dominated the net, recording 23 block assists and 13.5 team blocks as compared to just 6

and 4 by Stony Brook. "We are a big team and when we can't block or dig, we have a hard time winning games," said Stony Brook Head Coach Deb Matejka DesLauriers.

The Seawolves totaled 30 attack errors in the three games while the Black Bears only had 13. The Seawolves also had 5 service errors, 6 blocking errors and 5 reception errors, sealing their own defeat.

"We just weren't there," DesLauriers said after the game. "Physically, I saw them out there they were playing, but mentally we just weren't."

The loss brings the Seawolves' record to 15-12 overall and 6-4 in their division, which puts them in fourth place in the America East Conference. Losing this match to the seventh place Black Bears (12-18 overall, 3-7 division) is particularly disappointing, considering the Seawolves' excellent performance recently, winning 14 of their last 17 matches.

"We played great last night and then just didn't show up today," DesLauriers said. After going 3-2 on their five-game home stand, the Seawolves are back in action next weekend as they travel to Albany on Friday and Northeastern Saturday to battle two of the toughest teams in the American East Conference.

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SBU IQ: Crosswords for College

By Jonathan Reinstein

Clues

Across

4. October is _____ Heritage Month
9. SBU college featuring a 4-year sequence of interdisciplinary seminars
13. President Shirley _____ Kenny
14. Home of Stony Brook's health programs Abbr.
15. Copying services available here at the lower level of the Melville Library
17. Home of the Wellness center Abbr.
18. This building houses the Mathematics, Physics, and Astronomy library
19. The dept for which 11-Down is chairman Abbr.
20. SBU ranks 8th among public universities as a _____ school for grad programs
23. Week of commuter festivities (Oct. 21-Oct. 24)
26. Trivia competition on Oct. 28 & 30
27. Residence hall for many students from 9-Across
28. Frank _____ Jr. Memorial Library
29. Dept. that offers gym classes Abbr.
30. Interesting group of discussions (Provost's _____ Series)
32. Princess Bride star who performed at Staller this Fall
33. Transcendentalist String Quartet

Down

1. Former SBU professor won 2003 Nobel Prize for developing this
2. The walkway to be revamped
3. Suffolk county poet laureate who spoke at SBU
5. Computer sites around campus
6. Fundraising drive (Stony Brook _____ Campaign)
7. An organization for ideas (School of _____)
8. Place to sit and do some calculations Abbr.
10. Kenneth P. _____ Stadium
11. Professor who was a winner of the 2003 National Medal of Science
12. Name of the Seawolves mascot
16. Organization for commuters
21. Charles Wang's Oct. 22, 2003 lecture ("Being an _____")
22. Parking pass color for residents
24. Name of the annual homecoming festivities
25. _____ School for Management and Policy
29. Students, faculty and volunteers help beautify SBU
31. Comedian to perform Nov. 13

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A THOUGHT FROM RABBI ADAM



Once, a Chassidic Jew went to take counsel with his Rebbe, the holy Tzemach Tzedek of Lubavitch. He was plagued with doubts of faith and he was seeking guidance from the Rebbe. After explaining his situation, the Tzemach Tzedek remarked, "So what? Why do you care?" "But Rebbe," exclaimed the Chasid, "I am a Jew!" "Well," said the Rebbe, "in that case, everything is fine..." For doubts are okay, because growth in the spiritual realm is a process. Along the way are bumps, insecurities, and doubts. Sometimes things ring true. Other times things seem hard to swallow. This is particularly true for the Jewish experience. For Judaism is more than a belief in G-d. Rather, it is a way of life that expresses a specific connection with G-d by doing "Mitzvot." Doubts of faith arise when these ritualistic nuances seem to be more like ritualistic nuisances. But whatever the case, belief in G-d is constant, for G-d is more of a reality than a tenant of religion. And, just as reality is not a matter of particular belief, so too G-d is not a matter of religion. The same is true with one's connection to G-d. Since G-d is a reality, the ability to connect to Him through the Mitzvot is real. Doubts are just doubts. They are part of the growth process. So what do you care?

Rabbi Adam Stein is a Religious Advisor in the Interfaith Center and Director of the Chabad House. He is reachable at RabbiAdam@hotmail.com.

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When does it make sense to P/NC or Withdraw from a course?

The first thing to remember is that November 4th is the last day to withdraw from or P/NC an individual course this semester. So if you think you may need to select either option, you can do so yourself on the Solar System, but you'll need to make your decision very soon.

To P/NC or not to P/NC, that is the question...

Let's consider the P/NC option first. Suppose you are taking a course and are not doing as well as you hoped you would. Ideally, you should have some kind of concrete evidence proving that you really aren't doing well, such as a midterm exam grade or a returned paper. You currently have a good cumulative GPA and do not wish to risk damaging it with a poor grade. In this situation, you might want to

consider selecting the P/NC option for the course in question. When you change from a "graded" course option to the P/NC, the instructor is not aware of your choice and will still assign a regular letter grade (from A-F) for the course. However, once the grade is posted, the assigned letter grade is converted to either a "P" if you received an A-D for the course, or an "NC" if your grade was F and you failed the course. Neither the "P" grade nor the "NC" grade are factored into your term or cumulative GPA. Keep in mind, however, that a grade of "NC" will result in no credit for the course, while a grade of "P" will allow you to keep the credits earned.

A word of caution about the P/NC option:

If you choose the P/NC option for a course, that course cannot count for DEC credit or as a requirement for your major. Even if you pass the course with a "P", you'll have to repeat it (or some other course equivalent) later for a letter grade to get major or DEC credit. On the other hand, a course graded "P" will still get you upper division credit (if the course is a 300 level or higher.) It's also very important to know that you're only allowed to P/NC up to 8 credits per semester as a full-time student or 4 credits per semester as a part-time student. In addition, a good number of "NC's", while not factored into the Stony Brook GPA, may still be viewed by some professional and/or graduate schools essentially as "F's" and may

hurt your transcript after all.

The P/NC option should be exercised judiciously. Obviously the best bet is to do well enough in your courses to avoid needing the P/NC option at all. On a positive note, the P/NC option allows you to dabble in a subject area outside of your chosen path of study without fear that it might be too risky for your GPA.

Or maybe I should just drop the course...?

Now let's ponder the "Withdrawal" option. Let's say you are having a really tough time with one of your courses. Perhaps you know you will most likely fail the course, and it is taking valuable study time away from your other courses, which you are doing well in. You thought about P/NCing the course, but you know you have no intention of ever finishing the work for the class. In fact, you don't even plan to continue to go to the lectures or recitations anymore. In this situation, if you select the P/NC option for this course, which you basically plan to fail, you will receive an NC on your transcript. Remember, while NC is not calculated into your Stony Brook GPA, some professional and graduate schools equate it with an F.

Here's a situation where you might consider withdrawing from the course. Why fail the course or take an NC grade when you can drop the course now and repeat it later if necessary. (And it may not even be necessary to repeat the course. If you're taking it

for a DEC and not your major, you could always take a different course for the DEC later, hopefully something you're likely to enjoy more and do better in.) For full-time students, you must be enrolled in at least 12 credits to stay full-time, so if you start with 15 credits, you could withdraw from one 3-credit course; if you start with 18, you could drop 2 3-credit courses, etc. For part time students (11 or fewer credits), you are allowed to drop one or more of your courses. Withdrawing from a course results in a "W" grade posted on your transcript and is not factored into your GPA. A W is far less suspect than an NC. One or two isolated W's on your transcript will not likely stand in your way to future graduate or professional schools.

I hope that helps you make a more informed decision! Best of luck on your remaining midterms-

Leo the Advising Dog



SBU Recognized in the Wall Street Journal

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unreasonable to suspect that we send a fair amount of students to top graduate and professional school," said Thomas Sexton, director of the Harriman School.

This ranking comes as a great consolation to the university after earlier ratings this year by the Princeton Review that had placed Stony Brook in much lower rankings in surveys done on the quality of professors and class discussions. This newest rating illustrates the strength of Stony Brook's programs and students.

Sarah Spadafina, a junior psychology student pursuing a pre-med tract, said that Stony Brook students are well aware of the strength of the programs that the university offers. "I definitely believe that Stony Brook deserves such a high ranking," she said. "Compared to many of the SUNY and CUNY schools that I have seen, Stony Brook has a higher quality student population and is much more organized in regions such as the health

In the overall ranking of all private and public institutions Stony Brook ranked 86th, which is a fairly good ranking considering the number of undergraduate schools there are in the nation.

sciences."

Questions have been raised, however, about the accuracy of the rankings, in which the percentage of Stony Brook students attending these prestigious institutions and the actual number of students enrolled in these

schools did not correlate.

"My experience is that we place a lot of students in a lot of good schools because we have a lot of good students," said Provost Robert L. McGrath. "So I don't understand the math, but on the other hand, I am not particularly surprised to see us come out well in the rankings."

Administrators were also concerned that the study only concentrated on a small number of professional schools geared towards the clientele of *The Wall Street Journal*. The study disregarded graduate schools completely, as well as renowned PhD programs that several Stony Brook students have gone on to attend.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, James Staros, Ph.D., offered a prediction for Stony Brook's ranking, had the study included more professional and graduate schools. "This survey focused on a small handful of special interest schools," he said. "We would have turned out numerically better if we had a nationwide survey with more graduate

and professional schools included."

Staros credited the strength of Stony Brook programs to its efforts on pushing students to perform at a level on a par with these top graduate and professional schools.

"I think that it's great how the undergraduate programs are geared towards the professional as well as the academic," junior and pre-med student Ahmed Belazi said of his academic career at Stony Brook.

Students looking for an extra edge in the application process to graduate and professional schools, or for those working towards a career, there are several services that the Career Center offers in preparation. The study noted that the top ranking schools encouraged students to utilize such services as mock interviews and resume building sessions, both of which are offered by the Career Center.

"I never knew that the university offered mock interview sessions," said junior Krystal Persaud. "I definitely would like to utilize this before I apply to graduate school."

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Women's Soccer Edges Closer to Play-Offs



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Chelsea Van Horn, SBU Soccer Player #13, fiercely competes to gain possession.

By BRIAN HAINES
Statesman Staff

Fighting to keep their season alive, the Stony Brook Women's soccer team became a force to reckon

with in an intense game last Saturday against UMBC. It was a gut check that featured more checking than a Ranger-Islander game. However, at the end of the slugfest the Seawolves stood triumphant with a 2-0 knockout

against the Retrievers. The win keeps the Seawolves' head above water for another day in their hunt for sixth and final post-season spot.

In a desperation game for both teams, UMBC set the tone early coming out of the gates extremely physical, but SBU matched their intensity.

"Both teams knew it was a do or die situation," said Susan Ryan, head coach. "Both teams' seasons hinged on this game, so we both just went all out."

Going all out took its toll on the Wolves who sustained injuries to three starters, two of which occurred in the first 9 minutes. Kendra Graber (M), Chelsea Van Horn (M), and Melanie Archuleta (F), all had to leave game due to injuries. All three will play next week though, with the exception of Archuleta who has a sprained knee and whose condition is questionable.

Although this left the bench to step up to the game, SBU recieved good play from Kirsandra Seaton and Katie Kramer. The two filled in nicely, keeping the defense tight and generating good scoring chances on offense. The Wolves' best opportunity

came late in the first half on a give-and-go around the 50 yard line between forwards Danielle Lewis and Jacqueline Anthony. Lewis initiated the play, giving it up to Anthony and getting it back on the right wing around the 30. Unfortunately, she failed to convert it.

The Seawolves came out in the second half inspired and launched an all-out blitz on UMBC goalkeeper Robin Babaris in the opening minutes. After a near goal by junior midfielder Leanna Yust, SBU kept the pressure up until Babaris finally cracked at the 50:19 mark.

Sophomore forward Jacqueline Anthony cashed in on a rebound near the net to score the first, and game winning goal.

"There was a boggle around the net and it bounced off the keeper, and I kicked it in," said Anthony. Lewis and Victoria Feliciano (F) are credited with the assists. SBU turned the heat up another notch when Lewis scorched the UMBC keeper for the Seawolves' second goal of the game. Lewis received a strike from Yust, who

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SBU Soccer Player Chong Han Scores a Hat Trick

By JOHN NOBLE
Statesman Staff

Senior Chong Han recorded three goals in his final game as a Seawolf as Stony Brook topped Vermont, 4-1, in the final game of the season, Saturday at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Stony Brook's men's soccer team was able to finish on a positive note what turned out to be a frustrating season. Aggressive throughout the entire game, the Seawolves were able to create scoring opportunities and capitalize on them. Stony Brook outshot Vermont 15 - 14, with the help of Mike Salvador, defenseman, making 9 saves in goal. This was Salvador's first collegiate start in goal. He impressed the crowd in the first half with a diving stop, and played his role as an experienced goalie.

The real story in this game, however, was Han. Behind the raucous cheers of "Hannie" from the crowd, Han was able to score three goals,

including the game winner. His second goal was the turning point of the game, coming approximately two minutes after Vermont had tied it up.

"We played well ... I think we've played well in a lot of games," said Head Coach Scott Dean. "The difference today was when they came back and tied the game up, instead of being real concerned, sitting back, putting our heads down, we did the opposite. We picked it up and went forward. [It showed] more maturity."

Stony Brook showed strong defense all day, allowing only one goal, despite allowing 14 shots on goal by Vermont. Of course, Han's impressive performance also played an important role in the win. His goals provided the momentum, and Stony Brook never looked back.

"He came out and did a great job for us. He battled real hard, played real hard, and the end result, obviously, we got today," said Dean. "When we got the second [goal], it gave the team



Statesman/Djamel Beldjilali

Vermont put on challenges all day, but SBU Men's soccer came out on top.

confidence."

While the win was a positive way to end the season, Coach Dean and Stony Brook are already looking ahead to next year. And there is reason to be optimistic. Stony Brook has several players who are poised to make an impact next year. Although there were

various reasons why certain players could not compete this year, such as late visas or SATs, it appears as if the players will have no problems joining the team for next year.

"We've got two very, very good

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