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## Polity At Risk for Decertification

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
Statesman Editor

The relationship between Stony Brook University's administration and the student government is rapidly deteriorating as their latest row has left Polity on the verge of being decertified.

The third Student Polity election since the end of the 2001 spring semester failed yet again to resolve the issue of whether Natalie Hodgson or Malika Granville would be President for the 2001-2002 academic year.

After the presidential runoff, in which 154 of Stony Brook University's approximately 13,000 undergraduates voted, Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, dropped a bombshell as he addressed the Nov. 14 Senate meeting.

"I'm going to give Polity [Senate] until the end of the semester," said Preston before a hostile senate. "Or I will decertify Polity as the representative student government for the administration of the student activity fee."

He cited low voter turnout and numerous unheard grievances as the impetus behind his dismissal of the latest elections.

"I am not going to accept an election that 154 students voted in as a credible election," explained a frustrated Preston. "I don't think that it is a result of a complacent student body, and it is not the result of a disinterested student body," proffered Preston. "I think it's the result of how you choose to use the [Polity] constitution...and the



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**Fred Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs addressed and took questions from disgruntled Senators and gallery members.** ineffectiveness of a senate that is bogged down in procedural problems and infighting."

Many in the Senate and the gallery disagreed with Preston's justifications for throwing out the

elections and took advantage of the question and answer session following his speech to voice their opinions.

"There is no need for a quorum in an election," said Chris

Balk, an onlooker in the gallery. "The fact that [Preston] won't give you a solid number of votes [needed]...is because in the future if he doesn't like the President he can just throw out the elections."

Preston refused to directly discuss the accusation made by Balk and several senators. Instead, he told them, "I am not here to convince you otherwise, so if you believe that I am not going to do anything."

Preston went on to explain that by decertifying Polity he would put the student activities budget under receivership until a new student government was implemented. This would effectively transfer the right to allocate funding to clubs and activities from Senate to the

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## Professor Talks on Timor and Terrorism

By KELLY BROWN AND EMY KURIAKOSE  
Statesman Editor and Staff

David Hicks, Professor of Anthropology at Stony Brook since 1968 and Associate Provost, spoke Tuesday in the Javits Room of Melville Library. The lecture was entitled "A Response to Terrorism: the United Nations and East Timor".

Before launching into a discussion of the parallels between the recent events in America and the unrest in Timor, Hicks offered those in attendance a brief history of the island of Timor.

Located north of Australia, Timor is roughly three times the size of Long Island and has a population of roughly 700,000. The eastern part of Timor was a Portuguese colony from the 16th century until 1975, when East Timor declared its independence. In December of that year, Indonesia invaded the tiny island.

In 1999, the very first elections were held in East Timor, as part of a referendum orchestrated by the United Nations. Hicks was traveling in Timor at the time of the vote and experienced firsthand the unrest and strife caused by the political battle against the militia.

"I arrived at the climax of this atmosphere," recalled Hicks. "The father and brother of one of our drivers were caught and

macheted into pieces. They had been attacked because they were related to a non-governmental organization conducting the election."

Since 1976, over 100,000 Timorese have been killed by the occupying troops. Tens of thousands of others have been assaulted and raped. Acts of terrorism are commonplace, and became increasingly so after East Timor's national elections.

Hicks was in charge of monitoring the elections in the southeast region of east Timor.

He was temporarily stranded there as the situation became increasingly dangerous, but left the country before the embassy was burned in September. The militia also destroyed scores of houses, roads and bridges.

"In the two weeks that followed the election, there were not too many Timorese that said 'We made a good choice to vote,'" Hicks said. "No one did anything to protect the people of East Timor."

76% of the voters voted for independence, rejecting the autonomic rule imposed by of Indonesia. The militia abdicated its position in East Timor, but destroyed as much of the nation's infrastructure as they could before leaving.

Workers from the UN arrived in January of 2000 to assist the citizens in building a government. According to Hicks, they



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**SBU Anthropology Professor David Hicks spoke about East Timor on Tuesday.**

faced even greater challenges.

"There were no teachers or health care workers, no plumbers, no professionals of any kind," he explained. "Farmland was destroyed. And I don't think people knew who or what they were voting for."

Although the UN is working to support East Timor in its independence, Hicks

believes that the nation is still in grave trouble. He highlighted the need for a national language to improve communication, as 16 distinct tongues now spoken in the country. He also pointed out the problem of continuing militia threats against East Timor.

"It remains to be seen whether Timor will be subjected to a third wave of terrorism," said Hicks.

David Hicks studied anthropology at the University of Oxford where he earned his Ph.D upon completion of nineteen months of field research in East Timor. He has received research awards from the National Science Foundation, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, and the American Philosophical Foundation. He also served as a consultant in Indonesia from 1990 to 1991 for the World Bank.

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# Bird Song: Composition Ten

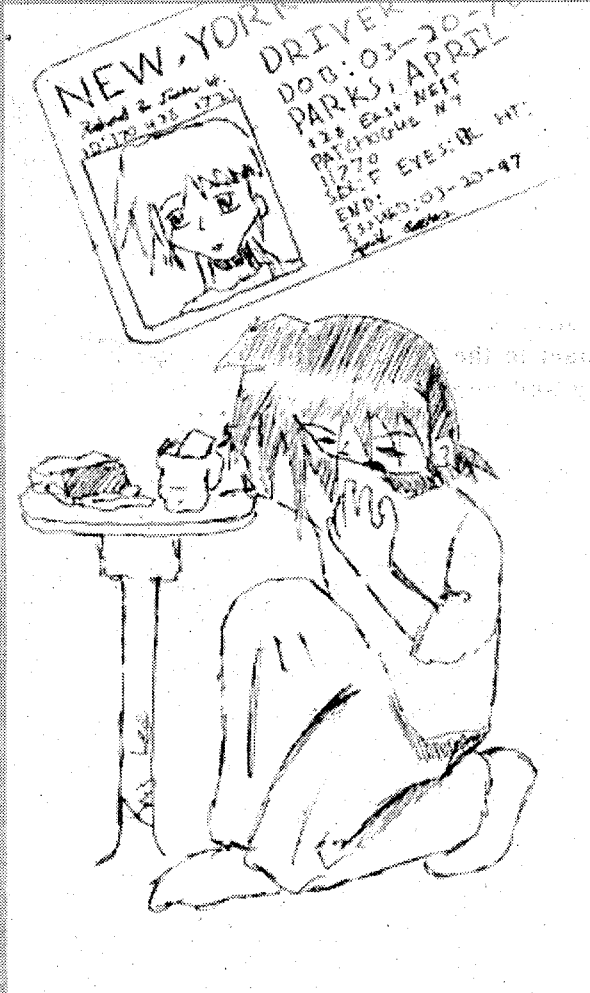
By KRISTOPHER LEE  
Statesman Staff

Everybody, at one point or another, pretends or wishes to be somebody else. On the playground, make-believe cops chase fake robbers as little princesses giggle at their imaginary dresses. Mothers and Fathers take care of stuffed animals as knights fight on the front lawn of their house. Socialists argue that this is part of growing up a way to learn the rules of life and roles as adults. But, what explanation do they have when adults pretend to be someone they are not?

That night, I stared at dresser for what seemed like an eternity. Crista was in the shower getting ready to "meet her friends and go out for the night." She was just trying to avoid answering the question she knew was coming. But she left her pocket book on the table her wallet hanging half-way out. Here was my chance to get a little information about her past. But at what price? She probably wouldn't find out that I've rifled through her things, but I would know that I've violated her privacy.

A battle was being waged between my conscience and the demons of curiosity... a losing battle. My muscles tensed and I started to sweat. I shouldn't have had to look. Everything told me that it was wrong reaching for her wallet. But that man's face popped into my head, staring at me from above his glasses, sneering at me. Flipping past pictures of herself, I finally came to her drivers license. It said her name was April Parks.

Was it divine intervention, shock, or a heart attack? Whatever it was, it had me on the floor in no time. It was the same feeling I had in my dream that morning. It wasn't excruciating, but the pain was slow, like the meticulous ticking of a clock winding down. My body felt weak again, and I started to feel like it didn't belong to me. My hands trembled and I struggled to replace the wallet. The sound of the shower



stopping and the bathroom door opening was the last sound that I heard.

I woke up in the bed to find Crista gone. It was five in the morning. Everything seemed normal, my body was ok and I was alive. But Crista, or rather April, was gone. I decided to wait two hours before I headed out to where April worked. I needed to ask her coworkers if they knew anything.

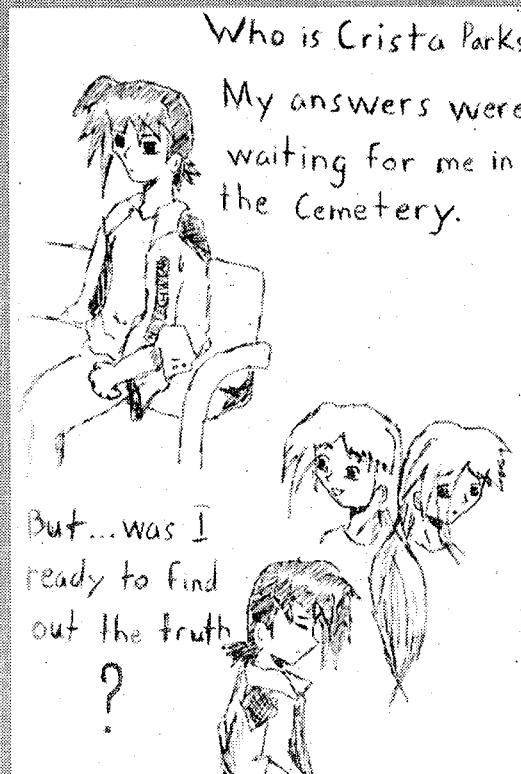
I didn't know what to do. Sitting on the bed, I stared at her red dress in the open closet. Who is Crista Parks? Was April the woman in the red dress? Who have I been with the past seven

months? The answers wouldn't come, and the dress would not answer back. I knew she must have found me clutching her ID. But she didn't stay to reprimand me. I refused to look through her things from then on.

All I learned from Crista's coworkers was that she didn't hang out with any of them last night, and that they didn't call her Crista, but April. I realized this when they didn't know who I was talking about. I wandered around town until I came to a bench. I closed my eyes and prayed for help. Suddenly my mind flooded. There was some other feeling inside of my head. I can't explain it other than a suggestion. It was Him again.

"If you want to know the truth, I can't stop you anymore. The answers you seek are in the cemetery. You'll find Crista there."

The end was near. I listened to a bird song for a while before I set off to the cemetery



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# Harvest Dinner and Indigenous Awareness

By ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

The Student Organization Creating Indigenous Awareness (SOCIA) will be holding the Second Annual Harvest Dinner today from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Peace Center. Elvira Colorado of the American Indian community house, a renowned story-teller, playwright and community activist, will be the featured guest speaker at the dinner which will offer authentic Native American cuisine.

Earlier this week, SOCIA also hosted a beading workshop during campus lifetime at the same location. Both of these events were in celebration of what SOCIA has designated as Native American Heritage Week (NAHW) at Stony Brook.

Although it is not recognized on the campus diversity calendar, November is Native American

Heritage Month. This is why SOCIA decided to hold the NAHW at this time. Members of the group hope this week's events will help not only to promote awareness of Native American culture and history, but also to prevent subsequent omissions from the calendar and other campus materials.

"The club wants to make the campus community aware of the fact that there are Native Americans on campus," Assistant to the Chair of Women's Study and avid SOCIA supporter, Colleen Wallahora, said. The organization, which celebrated its first anniversary last month, is a relatively young and small group at SBU.

Despite this fact, the group is planning a number of events for the coming semester. They have a day-trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Connecticut scheduled for Feb. 9. The museum features



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**A SOCIA member preparing for tonight's Harvest Dinner.**

authentic examples of Native American housing, bead-work and pottery. SOCIA is also planning to hold a symposium on Native American culture on April 18.

"The group has been very active in trying to plan events to educate and make the Stony Brook

community aware of Native American history and heritage," Wallahora said. In addition to the events it has planned, SOCIA will also be participating in the Spring Art Festival. They will have a table exhibiting Native American literature, film, bead-work, pottery, food and dress.

According to Wallahora, SOCIA also served as the catalyst in getting Women's Studies course 396 established. This new course, which will be taught by professor Hillary Aquino, is entitled Changing Women: American Indian Women's History, and is one of only a handful of courses available that focus on Native American history and culture.

"Native Americans are a group that's often underrepresented, but the culture is very rich and interesting. I think it's important

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# BNL Study on Nicotine Addiction

By GENE TULMAN  
Statesman Editor

A recent study conducted at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) shows that a new drug named topiramate might have potential for the treatment of nicotine addiction in humans. The drug has been shown to block nicotine's effect on brain chemistry in rats.

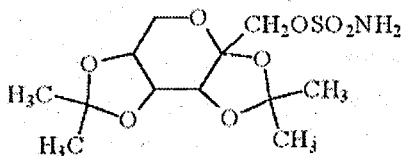
Nicotine, believed to elevate certain brain chemicals in the brain's, causing a pleasurable reaction, contributes to tobacco dependence because of its moderately addictive properties. Topiramate, a new anticonvulsant drug sold under the brand name Topamax, is currently used for the treatment of epilepsy.

The drug can block some of the nicotine-triggered changes in the brain chemistry of rats. Since the human genome is very similar to that of the rat, BNL scientists are optimistic about the future applications of topiramate in treatment of nicotine dependency.

"This treatment strategy uses a drug that simultaneously targets two different neurotransmitter pathways, thereby reducing the neurochemical activity believed to underlie nicotine addiction," said Wynne Schiffer, principal author of

the study.

BNL scientists have been studying the brain chemistry of drug addiction for over two decades, gathering and testing potential pharmacological treatments for drug abuse. Dopamine, a brain chemical associated with pleasure and reward, has been the target for



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**Topiramate, a drug used in brain chemistry research, has potential for future treatment of nicotine addiction.**

previously studied chemical drugs. Drug induced increases in dopamine levels, widely believed to be the contributing conditions to drug addiction, have been the aim of drugs that block such states.

BNL researchers now believe that nicotine stimulated systems in the brain excite not only dopamine, but also several other brain chemicals, such as norepinephrine and serotonin.

"New theories about nicotine dependence suggest that dopamine isn't the

only system involved," said BNL scientist Stephen Dewey, a co-author on the study.

Schiffer, a graduate student in the SBU Department of Neurobiology, suggested studying topiramate because of its theorized control of the brain's reward system. The drug is believed to act by reducing excitatory input to the dopamine system and raising the activity of a dopamine inhibiting brain chemical called GABA.

In this study, researchers injected the experimental group of rats with topiramate. The control group rats were injected with saline solution. The scientists followed these injections by giving both groups an acute dose of nicotine, and measuring dopamine, norepinephrine, and serotonin levels in the rats' brains.

Schiffer and Dewey recorded baseline measurements for animals that were given topiramate but no nicotine, as well as for rats that were pretreated with nicotine for 14 days prior to the experiment.

Rats that received saline and then nicotine demonstrated significant increases in all three brain chemicals. Animals that had been previously "addicted" to nicotine showed even greater increases in dopamine

than those receiving the acute dose alone. This effect is expected in a human smoker who has a cigarette following a non-smoking period.

Pretreatment with topiramate completely blocked nicotine induced increases in norepinephrine and dopamine, modulating the dopamine response in "addicted" rats.

Topiramate, however, did not significantly modulate the effects of nicotine on serotonin. Showing a slight increase, serotonin was the only brain chemical affected by topiramate alone. Other studies have suggested that specific drugs that increase serotonin appear to reduce the incidence of smoking.

Scientists propose that topiramate's unique treatment qualities are due to its ability to increase serotonin, while simultaneously controlling dopamine and norepinephrine levels in the brain.

"Since the brain's dopamine and norepinephrine systems are closely linked, the ability of topiramate to reduce increases in both neurotransmitters suggests that this drug has potential for treating nicotine abuse," Schiffer said.

# SBU Students Taught How to Care for Earth

By REETI CHAWLA  
Statesman Staff

Officially, November 15 marks the Fifth Annual America Recycles Day national holiday, but the entire week will be dedicated to encouraging students to recycle. The University's Department of Recycling and Resource Management have set up tables in the SAC, Melville Library, Union, and Administration buildings where students and faculty can sign petition cards. These stations will be manned for the duration of the week.

By signing the petition card, students will be pledging support for campus recycling while

simultaneously getting a shot at winning a prize. The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Bell Atlantic, Chase-Pitkin, Eastman Kodak, and other industries have donated Broadway and sporting events tickets.

America Recycles Day became a national holiday on Nov. 15, 1997. Organizations such as the National Recycling Coalition, Environmental Defense, and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive joined forces to create a day that has inspired awareness about recycling and waste reduction.

NYPIRG has now joined forces with the University's Department of

Recycling and Resource Management. This week's goal is to obtain 5,000 signatures. Also, the tables now have brochures available on subjects that range from motor oil disposal, to recycling.

This week's response has been promising. According to Catherine Brenner a sophomore, it is time recycling is addressed on campus. "It's so terrible how we waste so much at the dining facilities," she said. "All we do is eat out of disposable plates and cups."

In addition, numerous dormitory LEG's have responded to concerns about recycling on campus. Cardozo College's LEG runs its own recycling program.

The students collect plastic cans from suites in the building and then take them to the local supermarket for recycling. Although, some students argue that this process is awkward. "It would be so much more convenient if we could just recycle on campus," said Cardozo LEG Treasurer Ruchi Dharia.

The ultimate goal of America Recycles Day, and the entire week, is to promote awareness about recycling on campus. Brochures on how students can cut down on waste will also be distributed. Programs such as the one run by Cardozo LEG may also help encourage other dorms to follow suit.





# Falun Gong Protests Human Rights Violations

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM  
Statesman Editor

The Stony Brook chapter of the Falun Gong spiritual movement held a special informational session outside the SAC on Monday to raise awareness about the human rights violations that, its members claim, occur daily in China.

Zhi Li Li, who moved to Canada from China in 1994, recently completed a week-long trek from her home in Montreal to New York City. A participant in the Global RescueWalk, Li marched on foot to gain support for those practitioners living under Communist rule in China.

Li and her friends said that although the Chinese government classifies Falun Gong as a dangerous religious cult, it is actually a peaceful spiritual movement that teaches personal improvement through body exercise and meditation.

"Before Falun Gong I was selfish," she said. "After practicing, everything I do is with thinking of other people first."

Citing proof, Li explained that she has only visited a doctor once in the last five years, when she gave birth. She claimed that trip was only out of concern for the child.

Chang Qiang, another follower who helped organized Monday's exhibition, also stressed the health advantages of meditation.

"From the beginning this practice really relaxed my mind and body," he said. "When relaxed, everything works better."

Qiang said that the local SBU chapter meets on the Physics Lawn across from the Sports Complex every Saturday morning, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and that another group meets at Syosset-Woodbury Park

According to statistics released by Falun Gong supporters, 294 practitioners have been tortured to death, more than 1000 have been sent to mental institutions for psychiatric injections, more than 20,000 have been sent to labor camps, and more than 100,000 have been indefinitely detained by authorities.

Representatives of the United

investigations, so aid has been extremely limited.

Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, was introduced to China in 1992 by Li Hongzhi. In the nine years since Hongzhi began accepting adherents, the movement has spread to more than 40 countries and gained more than 100 million followers worldwide.

Hongzhi fled China years ago for Queens, New York. He has told reporters that he would be executed for treason if he were to return home.

Janet Xiong, a practitioner who also lives in Queens, attended SBU for graduate school nearly 13 years ago. She likened the Chinese actions to terrorism.

"Innocent people are dying," she said. "It's a threat to the peace of the whole world."

Xiong offered her take on why China has been so aggressive to the movement.

"China is Communist, and Communists are atheist," she said. "Anything spiritual they are against, because when people become spiritual they think for themselves. The government wants to control minds. It's totalitarian."

For information on Falun Gong, visit [www.faluninfo.net](http://www.faluninfo.net), or call 1-888-842-4797. To learn more about local meditation groups, call 1-631-444-0836 or 1-516-909-4568.



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The Stony Brook University Chapter of Falun Gong practiced meditation exercises outside the Student Activities Center Monday.

Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

As he set up tables with information pamphlets, Qiang detailed the injustices Falun Gong followers accuse China of committing. Unwarranted arrests, beatings, executions and disappearances topped his list.

Nations, and many of its member states, recognize Falun Gong as an oppressed group, and have questioned Chinese officials about the brutality reports pouring out of the country. The government there has repeatedly denied claims of wrongdoing and has refused external

## Modern Day Slavery

By MARIE HUCHTON  
Statesman Editor

On Tuesday night, Kevin Bales, a renowned sociologist gave a presentation entitled "Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy." His talk highlighted the global epidemic in human trade that is invisible to Western society.

There are more than 27 million people worldwide who are currently slaves, including, men, women, and children. Slaves today are bought and sold for less than those in colonial times. They are a surplus workforce which can be used for cheap labor and production and disposed of when no longer useful.

There is slave trade in most countries around the world, including the United States, but few people are aware of its predicament. In an effort to end global slavery, Kevin Bales works with several



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Pulitzer Prize nominee Kevin Bales.

organizations to raise awareness about human trafficking, and to abolish industries that profit from unpaid labor.

## Harvest Dinner

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that we learn about it," SOCIA treasurer Alfred Larson said of his reason for involvement with the club. "Most people that join the club aren't native American. Everyone is welcome," Larson added.

Larson echoed Wallahora's hopes that all of SOCIA's events, as well as NAHW and the Harvest Dinner in particular, will serve to promote a sense of community

and educate the SBU population about Native American culture.

"The dinner is a good learning experience that is both educational and a lot of fun. It also brings together students who might not otherwise speak to each other. It gives students more exposure to the Native American culture and each other," Wallahora said.

## Polity Senate Meeting

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Office of Student Affairs.

He stated several times during the meeting, and reiterated afterwards in an exclusive with the Statesman that, should Polity be decertified, the appropriations for clubs and activities would not be affected. Their budgets would be based upon past years' figures.

Preston promised that if the Senate failed to resolve the Presidential issue he would set into place a mechanism for establishing a new representative government as seen fit by the student body.

He did, however, leave the window open for some sort of compromise regarding a second run-off election.

"I'm willing to meet with Polity to discuss what specific actions need to be taken and how we can get back to doing the business of Polity," said Preston.

Granville and Hodgson afterwards stated that they supported the notion of having Co-Presidents until the Spring elections.

"My patience has run out trying to get Polity to operate in a way that is proper," concluded Preston. "You can look at my history and find that I will do what I have to do. This is not a threat. This is a promise. We have to put our myopic vision second to the interests of the students."



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Malika Granville won the runoff elections 82-72 over Natalie Hodgson.

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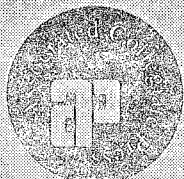
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## Editorial

# Jadakiss is Missing in Action

Stony Brook had another major concert last Friday. Sort of. World renowned DJ, Funkmaster Flex, and hip-hop star, Jadakiss, were scheduled to perform. Unfortunately, only Funkmaster Flex showed up.

A room full of pumped up college students spent the better part of three hours waiting for Jadakiss, only to hear that his bus was caught in traffic and would not be able to make it on time. Needless to say, people were not happy. Thankfully, Funkmaster had the foresight to refuse his Polity check and spin extra tracks. It was a weak recovery, but an admirable attempt deserving of appreciation.

But, back to Jadakiss. Were we experiencing a remotely normal year that would have been among the flimsiest excuses imaginable. Sadly, these are far from normal times. As it turns out, Jadakiss has been reluctant to use airplanes ever since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Given the tragedy of flight 587, which recently crashed into a suburban Queens neighborhood and killed more than 260 people, one can't exactly blame him for his apprehension.

Sure, we could easily dismiss the claim that Jadakiss even stepped foot on a bus headed to Stony Brook (how much traffic is there on the back-roads of Long Island in the middle of the night?), but events dictate that we give him the benefit of the doubt.

Instead of blaming the artist for sloth and selfishness, perhaps it would be better to invite him back next semester. After all, Stony Brook isn't exactly swimming in superstar events, and any reason to stay on campus Friday night is a welcome one.

So Jadakiss, if you're up for it, how about another round? We're waiting.

## Letters to the Editor

# Preservation of American Society

Dear America:

Military Commissions may be appropriate in a time of war. However, in the current crisis, I fear America is giving up its democratic ideals. At the very least, these tribunals ought to be drawn up and regulated by Congress, pending approval of the Supreme Court, not by executive decree from a president elected by a minority. I hope that Congress will soon step up to its

responsibility to lead the nation and preserve American democracy in this time of crisis. The executive branch has chosen to exploit popular ignorance and to push through foreign and domestic policies irrelevant to the problems at hand. I have faith that Congress and the American people will wake up and preserve American democracy. Thank you. Sincerely,

Spencer D. Segalla

# Writing About Philosophy

Dear Editor:

I am a first-year Ph.D. student in Philosophy here at Stony Brook, and until a few minutes ago had never picked up the school paper. A friend just happened to show me an article from the November 5th issue of your publication, entitled "On Truth: 'From Values, We Form Goals'", by Freddy Davis. I was rather remarkably distressed by what I read. I will quote the first sentence of this article, that I may discuss it specifically:

"As values emerge out of this perspective meaning of the world that comes out of a personal interaction with such world this subjectively developed worth that comes about as a sense of utility or importance to the meaning leads to an evolution of goals".

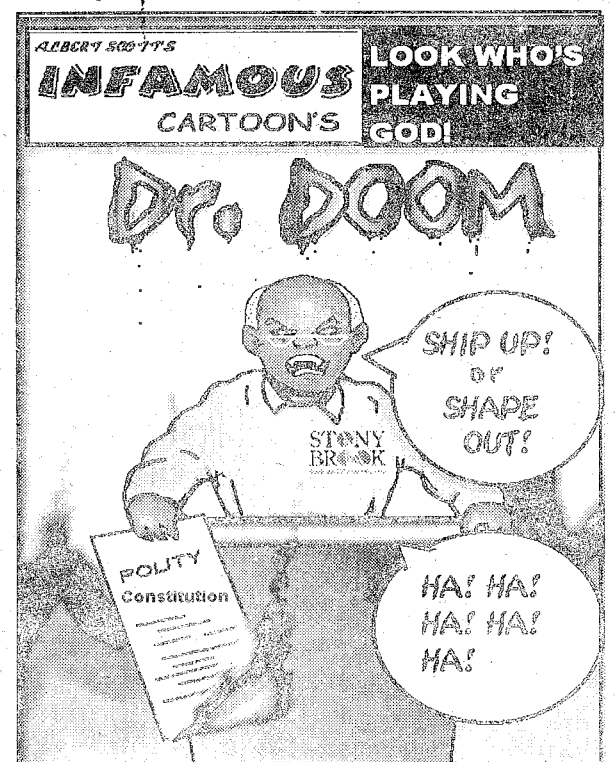
Even allowing for common typographical mishaps, I do not think that there is any way that this sentence can be taken to mean anything at all. I will take the subject of the sentence to be "perspective meaning of the world" — as that which values will emerge out of — however I am unsure just what this sort of meaning would be. A world could, perhaps, have a perspectival meaning: i.e. one that is based upon one's particular perspective upon or within that world. Davis then goes on to say that this meaning "comes out of a personal interaction with such world...". However he neglects to finish the metaphor begun with 'such'. While he does use 'as' later in this sentence (though I use that term very loosely, for this is only a sentence insofar as it ends with a period), it is not, sadly, in order to finish the clause begun with 'such'. Though I could continue to point out incoherencies in this sentence, as well as the rest of the article, I will suppose that you can, at this point, get my drift. Davis' article, though it uses a number of very intelligent-sounding terms, says nothing at all. Each of the words, of course, has a particular meaning; sadly the amalgamation of them is completely meaningless.

I understand the value of a student newspaper as a forum for the expression of diverse paradigms, and certainly do not wish to step on anyone's views, however it does not seem too much to ask that these views be expressed in a coherent, grammatically correct manner. While I by no means claim that my writing is always perfectly in accord with the rules of grammar, it is always

at least comprehensible. The Statesman is, by virtue of being written and edited by Stony Brook students, representative of the Stony Brook community as a whole. By allowing the publication of such illiterate, incoherent ramblings as those of Mr. Davis in this article, the Statesman is giving a bad name to everyone associated with Stony Brook.

It is the duty of the editorial staff of any newspaper, journal, or other form of mass-media to look closely at that which they publish — they are ultimately responsible for it. While I can understand a tendency to assume that an inability to understand a written work is a failing of the reader, there are cases where this is obviously not the case. You, as editor of this paper, must be sure not to conflate obscurity with depth, and demand that submissions at least adhere to the general grammatical guidelines of the language.

Very Truly Yours,  
Nikolas A. Levenberg  
Department of Philosophy



# On Truth: Where Does Fulfillment Lie?

By **FREDDY DAVIS**  
Statesman Staff

Meaning emerges out of the valuation of the world, in turn, making the infinitude finite so that it can be understood. This distinguishing to approach understanding has its stake in the subjective view in the fulfillment of the individual.

Fulfillment comes about in an effort to achieve the innermost drives of the individual. We know fulfillment as the achieving of satisfaction with our existence in the time that we have here. This satisfaction though seems to only be in hindsight looking back upon the future and not being ashamed of it. Another view of fulfillment emerges when one has evaluated their position in life and has set the goals to their existence accordingly and now in turn strives for that achievement only seeing this possible if it is accomplished. Even here, fulfillment lies always beyond one's current state, either it is a satisfaction with the past or a possible outcome of a future, but true fulfillment is not a measure of the past or future but of the present. Fulfillment lies always in the present, for only in a present time can it truly be felt or achieved. For what really



**Fulfillment is a subjective achievement of innermost drives**

is this position of fulfillment is this satisfaction with life, it is something that comes about by an actualization of life through action in it, an action that, we will come to see, is by an underlying desire.

We have determined that the goals we set up are by a valuation of how we see the world and these valuations come about by an understanding of a subjective meaning of it. This meaning is developed

by the rationalization of some passion, some indeterminate feeling we have that must be true and in turn stake all our faith in. This initial truth is how we in turn set up the rest of our world so that it is upon passion that we rest this grounding to our world. For we are born into the world and from these necessary steps of growth and development we in turn develop a sense desires, a set of passions that come about in a need for security, a sense of belonging. If we take the time to look within our self to find out how these desires that have been labeled irrational actually come from, we would see they are from a longing, this need for security. It is then from this need for this security that we want that we see how this anger develops out of a threat to our perceived security or as a chance for a greater position of security respectively. This is where fulfillment lies, in the achieving of this security and extinguishing of these insecurities that seem to threaten our stance.

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## Administrative Spotlight: Warren Wartell

By **GREG KANHAI**  
Statesman Staff

Greg: What is your job title on campus?  
Warren: Associate Director of Human Resources and Marketing. I am in charge of all the human resources for the FSA.

Greg: Exactly what is the description of the job and what are your duties on a daily basis?

Warren: Labor relations, training, development, and I also attend to personal training of students. I feel it is important to relate to people on a one to one basis especially at such a large institution. If everyone one else would try to make every experience a personal one, it would make things better for all of us.

Greg: You have been involved with many professional areas as a consultant and otherwise, what experiences in your younger life gave you the confidence and motivation?

Warren: My entrepreneurial background was started in my late teens. Starting so young, being forced into the role, emboldened me. I believe it was my precocity and curiosity that lead me to an entrepreneurial role. One summer, I got a job at a labor agency where I was hired for a shoe store. I was working with other guys cleaning the sub-basements.

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# Holiday Season Brings Great Movies

By RYAN SOBEL  
Statesman Editor

Will all the films not named "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," please raise your hands so audiences will know you will be in

theaters this holiday season?

It was not since "Star Wars" returned with "The Phantom Menace," that moviegoers have been so eager for a single movie. In fact, "Harry Potter" has already broken the

record for the most advanced ticket sales ever by a movie.

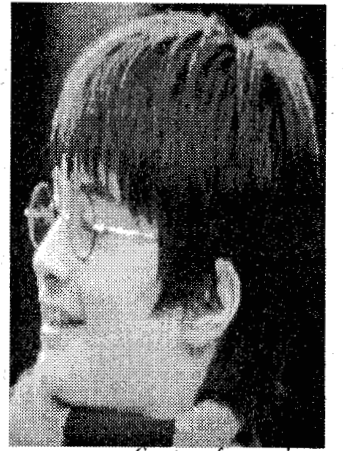
In addition, for a world abruptly cast into a war on terrorism, "Harry Potter" may be a sort of cinematic salvation, a journey into a parallel

world where magic rules and goodness triumphs.

"I've rarely read anything this imaginative and unique and also funny," "Harry Potter" director Chris Columbus said of J.K. Rowling's fiction phenomenon about a boy wizard fighting evil at a school of witchcraft. "It's the ultimate fantasy that gives kids hope there's somewhere else they can go in their lives, and for adults, gives them the feeling of being 11 years old again."

"Harry Potter" has good company in the much-needed escapism department this fall. "Monsters, Inc." got a head-start on the holidays with a record box-office debut for an animated film, while the first installment of "Lord of the Rings" hits theaters in December.

Elsewhere, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, and friends plan the perfect casino heist in "Ocean's Eleven," from



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David Radcliffe plays the title role in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Academy Award winning director, Steven Soderbergh, who won last year for "Traffic."

Then, of course, the holidays hold promise of quality as studios spit out their potential Oscar contenders before the deadline.

"Ali," from director  
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# Holiday Season Faculty Interview

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Michael Mann, features Will Smith taking a dramatic title shot as the boxing legend. "Ali" focuses heavily on the boxer's personal and political struggles from 1964 to 1974. However, rumors have surfaced that the film promises some mind-blowing action in the ring.

"The Majestic" is Jim Carrey's latest hope to avoid another Oscar snub. He portrays a blacklisted, amnesiac screenwriter in the 1950s.

"Vanilla Sky," a fractured tale of manhood from the "Jerry Maguire" team of Tom Cruise and Cameron Crowe. The film co-stars Cameron Diaz, as well as Cruise's real-life girlfriend, Penelope Cruz.

"The Royal Tenenbaums," featuring Gene Hackman, Angelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben

Stiller takes a comedic look at a family of brilliant failures.

Indeed, virtually any movie could simply get lost in the shuffle in a season that boasts "Harry Potter." If moviegoers love it so much that they go back to see it again and again, the film could even dethrone "Titanic" as the highest grossing movie of all time.

To satisfy the meticulous "Harry Potter" legions, director Columbus wisely pushed the movie to 2 1/2 hours, unusually long for a family film. That way, Columbus notes, he could preserve as much of the novel on screen as possible.

"Fans, myself being one, are so obsessive about every page of the book. If I had my way, I would have shot a 6 1/2-hour film," Columbus said. "Unfortunately, in reality, we did need to condense certain things and drop certain things. But most of the major scenes remain intact."

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Greg: What are the different activities you are involved in?

Warren: I am on the Concerts Committee. I am involved in lots of activities because I like to make things happen and there are so many activities that the university is involved in. I also have responsibilities in all parts of the campus so I get to know a lot of people.

Greg: What would you like to see implemented on campus to improve it?

Warren: I would like to see more of a focused school to career transition. Helping students develop more competencies in transferring

from job to job and school to career. It is important to have the skills for alternative careers and adaptability in experience is very important. In terms of activities, we are working on increasing the number of concerts and also building on tradition-building activities. Another system I would like to see on campus is mentoring. One to one or many to one guidance.

Greg: In one sentence, what would you like to tell the students on campus?

Warren: Network with faculty, students, and staff. You get an understanding of people and having them assist you in whatever your goals are. The other thing is to understand the different resources on campus so that you can employ them to your benefit.

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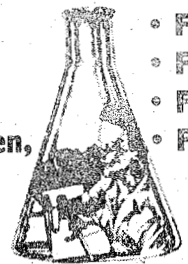
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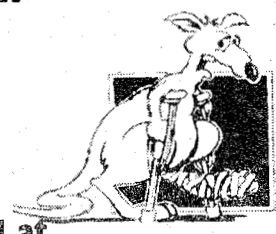
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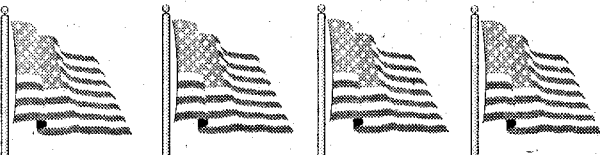
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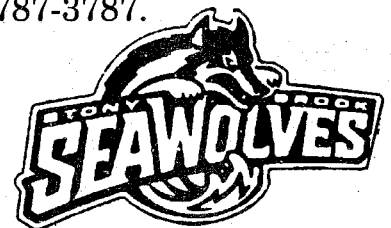
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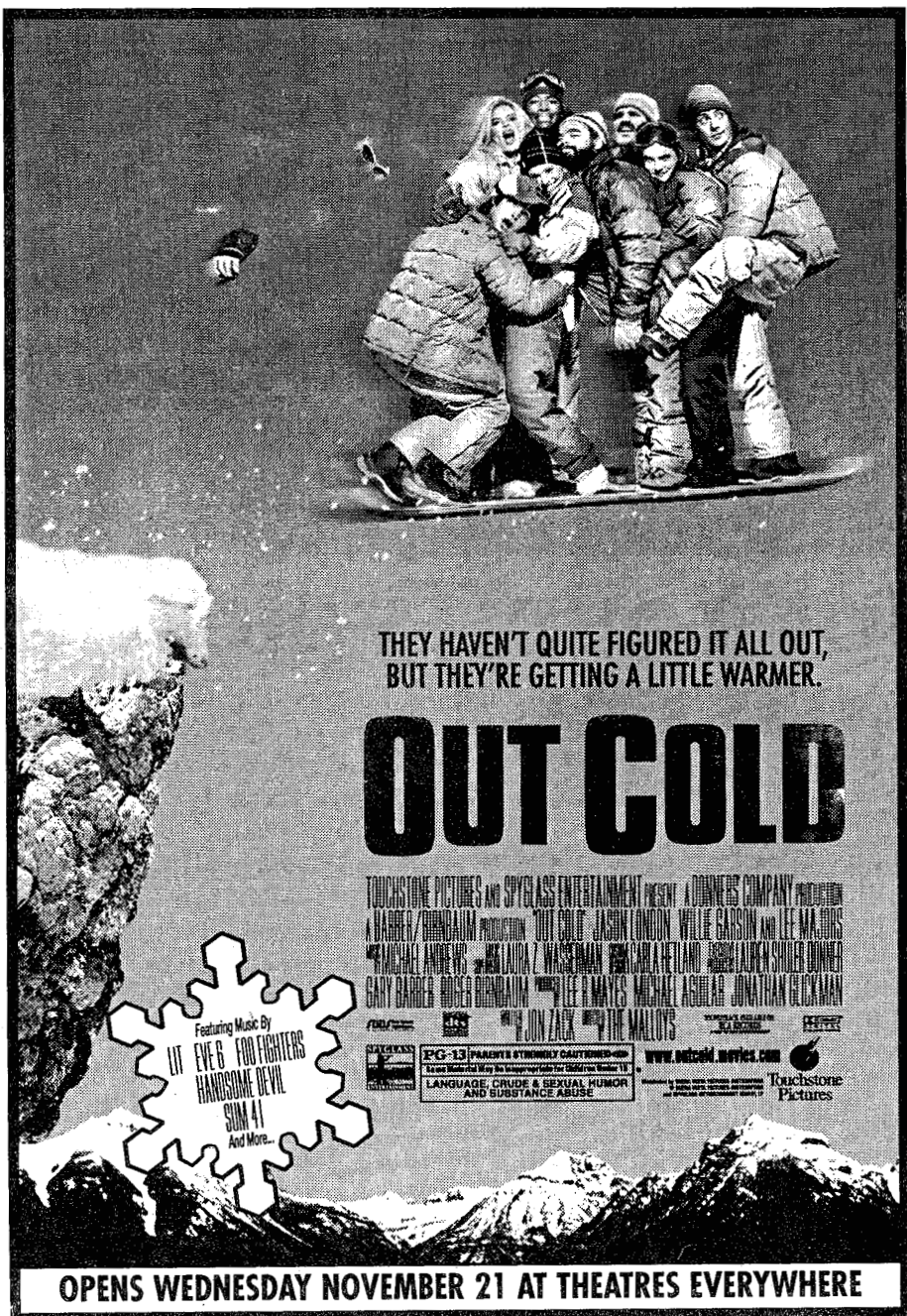
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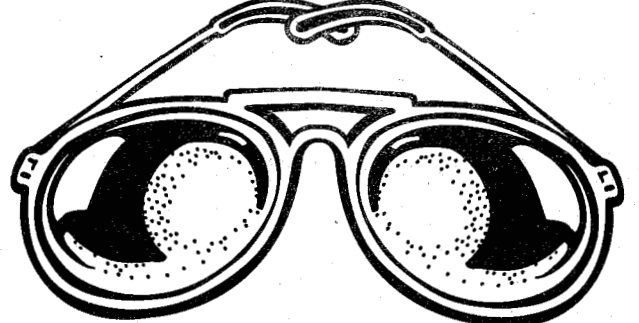
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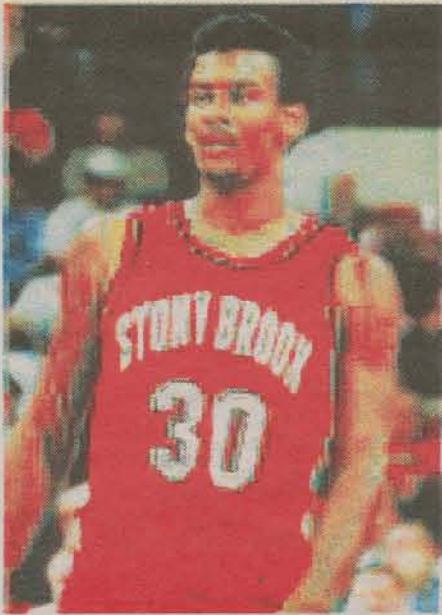
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Jaius McCollum led the Seawolves with 15 points and 10 rebounds against the Globetrotters.

By CHRISTOPHER HUNT  
Statesman Editor

The Harlem Globetrotters left the jokes, fancy dribbling and high-flying dunks at home and brought a serious game to the Indoor Sports Complex as they trounced Stony Brook University Monday afternoon, 88-64.

"To some degree, I wish it were slapstick comedy," said coach Nick Marcarchuk with a laugh. "Instead of them slapping us, it would've been slapstick comedy."

Some spectators may have expected to see the legendary Globetrotters that embarrassed teams like the Washington Generals. What they saw was a tightly

played, turnover-filled first half.

"I wish we could have done some funny things out there," Globetrotters coach Tex Harrison told *Newsday*. "But our objective is to play good basketball and allow these kids to exhibit their skills and not be embarrassed. Plus, beating the Harlem Globetrotters is like shooting Santa Claus. Nobody wants that."

The Seawolves played a competitive first half and went into the locker room trailing by six, 37-31. But they left their intensity in the locker room and the Globetrotters raised their play to another level opening the second half with a 21-6 run.

"In the second half we didn't play as hard for whatever the reasons are," Marcarchuk said. "All of a sudden the Globetrotters played the same or maybe played a little bit harder and we were just left in the dust."

Marcarchuk and the players were not discouraged by the loss. They understood that they played against NBA-caliber players.

The Globetrotters own 20,647 victories, with their 284-game winning streak ending in a loss to Western Kentucky. "It wasn't necessarily about beating the Globetrotters," guard D.J. Munir said. "It was more just competing and getting people to come out and watch our games."

The Seawolves showed that they

were not awe-struck by Globetrotters' play in the first half, but the lapse in the second half may be attributed to a lack of experience by a young program who lost six seniors last season.

"What am I going to say?" Marcarchuk said. "We had four sophomores and a freshman out there."

SBU was also without guard Larry Jennings who Street & Smith's College Basketball selected as the top newcomer in the American East. He was benched because of a broken left foot.

Sophomore Jaius McCollum was not waiting around to get autographs when the whistle blew to open the game. His aggression translated into a double-double. He turned in 15 points and 10 rebounds.

He also played a part in some of

the Globetrotter's limited antics. He engaged in a short battle with former New Jersey Net Chris Morris.

Morris won the war.

"I got crossed over," McCollum said with a playful smile. "I fell. I don't want to talk about it."

Although the Globetrotters did not perform a basketball circus act, spectators filled the nearby Pritchard Gym where SBU and the Globetrotters signed autographs.

These definitely weren't the same guys," McCollum said. "No tricks. No antics. No buckets filled with confetti. But people don't know they have a team that lays it on a college team twice a week."

SBU opens their collegiate campaign against St. John's at Alumni Hall on Nov. 17.



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The Harlem Globetrotters beat the Stony Brook men's Basketball team by a score of 88-64. The game drew a huge crowd to the SBU Indoor Sports Complex.

## Stony Brook Ice Hockey Breaks Even, Loses Captain

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The Stony Brook University men's ice hockey team traveled to Pennsylvania this past weekend where they split games with the University of Scranton and Lafayette College.

On Saturday night they faced a tough team from Scranton, to whom they lost 5-4 in overtime. At one point in the game the Seawolves trailed 3-1 before they battled back to take a 4-3 lead on goals scored by Brian Karbot, Steve Plackis, and Tony Pane.

Scranton tied the game with less

than five minutes left in regulation to force overtime, where they scored two minutes in for the victory.

SBU goaltender Brian Andruszkiewicz made many spectacular saves, including stopping the numerous odd man rushes that Scranton had. He made 36 saves and put forth an outstanding effort in the heartbreaking loss.

The loss was hard for the team because they lost not only the game but also captain Jesse Muro. Muro suffered a separated shoulder early in the game and will be forced to sit out the next 3 to 4 weeks. His on-ice leadership will be sorely missed.

On Sunday afternoon the Seawolves found redemption in the form of a win against Lafayette College. In what turned out to be a tougher game than expected, Stony Brook defeated Lafayette 6-5.

Anthony Fronzoni and Joe Savan each scored 2 goals, while Pane also added a goal. Both of Fronzoni's goals were scored while the Seawolves were shorthanded and came less than a minute apart.

Dan O'Shea scored his first goal of the season and it could not have come at a better time, as it turned out to be the game winner.

Defenseman Dave Guichard, who played in place of the injured

Muro, had two assists on the night.

Goaltender Dan Diprima made numerous outstanding saves, including stopping a breakaway and a barrage of shots from close range. He made 42 saves for the win.

"There are a few things that we need to work on this week, I do not feel like we are playing our best hockey at the moment," said coach Vinny Messina after the game. "I think we can play a lot better."

SBU heads to New Jersey on Friday Nov. 16 to face Rutgers University, then returns home to play Rider University on Saturday Nov. 17 at 9:40 p.m. at the Rinx in Hauppauge.