

## WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE BLACKOUT?

By GABE SAKELLARIDIS & RADEYAH HACK



"We started launching fireworks, then had to hide 'cause a cop came over"

"Flounder"



"We played a board game that we made up and then got in trouble for lighting candles."

Melissa Kelly, Janine Cohen, Kathy Bendezu



"I was taking a shower and I was too afraid to come out until the lights came back on."

Kevin Aliaga



"I was doing my Kappa quiz and I got a zero cause the lights went out and I lost my file."

Neil Dyaz

## Light in the darkness

By JENNY M. WANG  
Statesman Contributor

What do you do during a power outage as a resident student at Stony Brook? Some decide to go running in just their boxers, while others have an impromptu concert in the middle of the hallway.

During the power outage last Sunday, which lasted from about 10:30 p.m. to midnight, Chris Chirico and Scott Litroff played "Pick Up the Pieces" by the 70's band, Average White Band and Bourbon Street, in front of a small gathering of students on the B1 floor of Cardozo College.

"I think it was originally Chris' idea and I thought, 'yeah, why not?'" said Litroff. Chirico said that he was pondering "What to do when there's no electricity," and came to the conclusion, "We should bust out our instruments!"

Sophomores Megan Gaffey and Arpana Rayannavar were two of over a dozen students who sat in the B1 hallway with flashlights listening to Chirico and Litroff play. "I liked the spontaneity of it," Gaffey said. "Everyone sitting around was smiling." "It was a time for all of Cardozo to come together," Rayannavar added.

In the middle of Chirico and Litroff's playing, two male, un-

identified students, dressed only in boxers came and, according to Rayannavar, "Wanted to get everyone to join them" while they were streaking outside. "I guess when the lights go out things get a little crazy," Gaffey said.

Cardozo was not the only place where students were trying to make the most of the lack of electricity. In Tabler Quad, students were having some fun of their own. "A bunch of crazies were playing Marco Polo in the middle of the quad," said senior Eric Chan from Tabler.

"I went down to my friend's room to play some hold'em by candlelight," said Kfieri Kuba of Kelly Quad. But the lights came back before they could get to their game.

However, it wasn't all fun and games for those stuck in the dark. Students studying in the library had to find their way out and some students were unsuccessful getting in contact with their families and friends.

Some students, on the other hand, were hoping that the power would not return until Monday so that classes would be cancelled. The hope of no classes brought both relief and joy to many, so when the lights came back many

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## February Blood Drives

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2/21 6:00pm - 11:30pm  
Schomburg Quad - Dewey

2/22 6:00pm - 11:30pm  
Roth Quad - Roth Cafeteria

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H Quad - Benedict Atrium

2/23 6:00pm - 11:30pm  
Roosevelt / West - Wagner

2/23 6:00pm - 11:30pm  
Tabler Quad - Dreiser

2/25 10:00am - 3:30pm  
Veteran's Home - Busmobile

## SBU: Top blood donor of NY colleges

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Contributor

Among all the colleges and universities in the NY Region, Stony Brook has donated the most blood in the last seven years. No one else has even come close, according to Carl Hanes, the University Blood Drive chairman.

This effort is in large part, due to the literally thousands of students who donate blood in the residential blood drives every year. Last year alone, Stony Brook students donated almost 2200 pints of blood. This year, we're inching to break that barrier too.

"From September 1 to date, we are up [in donations] almost 20 percent," Hanes said. "We're on a record run this year, and it's all because of the students." Hanes is confident that Stony Brook will move even higher in the ranks this year. The university is currently ranked eighth in the NY area when compared with donations from major corporations like FedEx.

"But with the rate that we're going this year, we should be able to get to six or five, which is amazing considering the size of the corporations we are competing with," he said.

Much of this success is the result of the innovations coordinated by the Stony Brook Blood Drive Committee, a student-run organization headed by junior Nana Anane. "We handle, along with RHA, publicity," Anane said. "We make sure that blood drive posters are on campus. We plan events for volunteers to make sure they are meeting. We have a volunteer chair who helps out, and talks to the volunteers on a regular basis."

Their efforts culminate in the yearly residential blood drives, a competition between the quads to see who can donate the most blood. Every student can bear the fruits of their efforts: each donor receives either a free ticket to a Loew's movie or a free t-shirt.

For some, however, that's not the only benefit for donating. Professor

Paul Bingham, who teaches Biology 358, a class of 573 people, offered his students an opportunity for extra credit if they donated blood at the Stony Brook blood drives. This conveniently fits right in with the goals of the class, which is called "The Biology of Being Human."

"The course is about taking control of your life and becoming an active participant in the world around you," said Instructor Joanne Souza, who helps to facilitate the class. "Donating blood is a way to help your fellow man."

So far, 230 people have signed up through Bingham's class to donate blood. "This is already a tremendous turnout, and the number will keep growing," he said. "People's lives will be saved." The idea to use the class as a medium to encourage donation originally came from two students, Richard Lee and Amishi Mody, who approached Bingham with the sugges-

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# Inundating the World with a Wave of Good

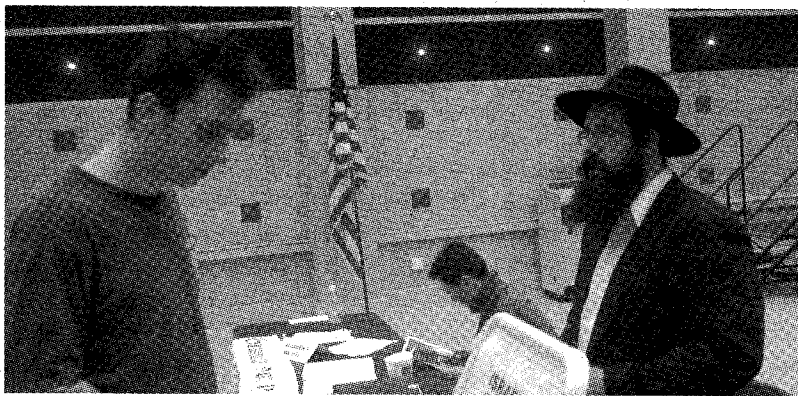
By RADEYAH HACK  
Statesman Editor

The devastating tsunamis that hit South East Asia and other parts of the world last December left the region in destruction, but inspired the rest of the world to partake in charitable and humanitarian acts. Stony Brook's campus is no exception. Motivated by the wave of charity that occurred after the wave of destruction, the Interfaith Center began an "Inundate the world with a wave of good" campaign.

"When anything negative happens the best way to counteract it is by adding goodness to the world," said Rabbi Adam from the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life. The campaign started in Chabad Houses around the country and was brought to campus by Rabbi Adam and the Interfaith Center.

In the hopes of involving everyone on campus in some act of goodness, they are asking every club and organization, as well as individuals, to sign up for a specific charitable act.

The acts of goodness can range from major acts of charity such as



donating blood or making financial contributions to the Save the Children Tsunami Relief Fund, as well as simple acts of charity that should be a part of our everyday lives, like smiling at a stranger, or calling you parents to tell them how your doing.

The wave of humanity campaign also encourages students to partake in acts of goodness that promotes good habits that should be practiced on a daily basis. Organizing a no gossiping group and promising not to curse for a day are among the numerous suggestions for students to act upon and spread a wave of goodness.

"We're hoping that students will

be inspired and spread the word among the campus community," said Rabbi Adam. "We're hoping the whole campus will be involved."

The Interfaith Center has asked various clubs and organizations to sign up for a specific act. A public display of all individuals and organizations participating in the campaign will be displayed at the Tsunami Memorial Service on Wednesday Feb. 23 in the Zodiac Lounge of the Wang Center.

For those interested in inundating the world with a wave of goodness, send an email to Rabbi Adam at RabbiAdam@hotmail.com with your chosen act and look for your name on the display on Wed Feb. 23.

## "Your student activity fee at work."

By JAMES CASTON  
Statesman Editor

I think most realists would agree that the most notable results of Tuesday night's senate meeting were the tired pleas of President Jared Wong and President Pro-Temp Samuel Darguin who separately voiced their opinions that too much time is being spent bickering and not improving student life.

"I wish any of you could spend one day in my shoes and see how much goes into this and how little we get done," said Wong after sitting through an hour and a half of pugnacious soliloquies.

Darguin raised a similar issue stating his hope that the senators could drop the personal issues between themselves and get to work sorting through the 120 line-budget applications sitting in the USG office suite.

A member of the audience addressed the senate with the suggestion that issues of personal attacks and slander should be sorted out in another venue such as court. Senator Vince Rasulo responded to this comment by stating: "I love how people who don't have the testicular fortitude to run for office come here and lecture us... and sit here and natter us like parents!"

Senator Rasulo was later asked to leave after a motion was passed to eject him from the ballroom. He voted in favor of the motion and was escorted out by a Sergeant-at-Arms whom he appointed.

## CONTINUATIONS

### Blackout...

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were distraught to the point of cursing.

"When the lights went out I lost my lab report," said Reubin Davoudzadeh. "But then I was happy because there would be no classes the next day. Then the lights came back on so it was like a double sh\*t!"

Sophomore Danny Rosen was prepared for the power outage after receiving a strange message on his computer telling him that the power would go out. "I got a message from Devin saying 'power will

go down," Rosen said. "The UPS should kick in in 3 minutes with 10:38 next to it in parenthesis. It was sent approximately 3 minutes before the power went out on the MSHOME workgroup so anyone on that work group would have gotten the message as well."

There was a second power outage Monday around 1 p.m. that gave hope to some organic chemistry students that the lab would be cancelled. As the power came back on after about ten minutes, a collective sigh of disappointment could be heard.

With the lack of electricity, there was a range of emotions that ranged from dis-

treasure, to a liberty to live in the moment. Some could not help but worry and become upset while others decided to take it as best they could and just live up the moment. "The lights going out made it so that we could not do homework," Gaffey said. "We all decided to enjoy the moment; it was a total tension release."

### Blooddrive...

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tion not too long ago.

The residential blood drives resume

next week, and with a newfound vigor, organizers are confident that they can get more people to donate than ever. In order to find out more information about the blood drives, visit [www.naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/Pres/blooddrive.nsf](http://www.naples.cc.stonybrook.edu/Pres/blooddrive.nsf), or just search for "blood drives" from the Stony Brook University main page.

Despite the surplus of benefits the committee is offering students this year, there is still one inescapable fact about donating blood, Anane explained. "It's about saving lives," she said. "That's the most important thing. Just knowing that you saved not only one, but multiple lives. That should be reward enough."

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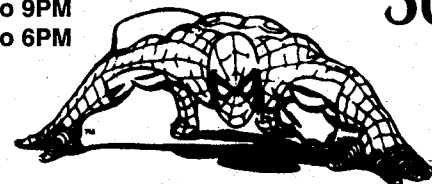
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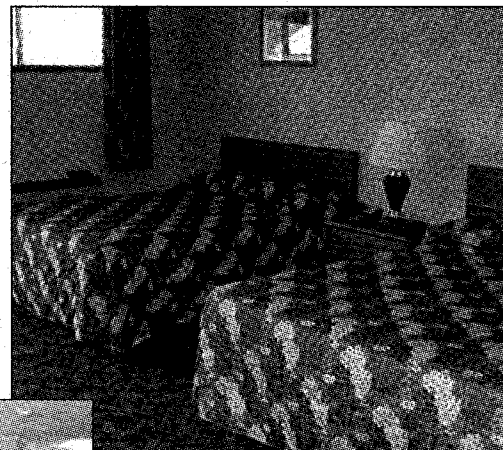
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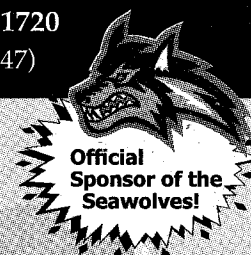
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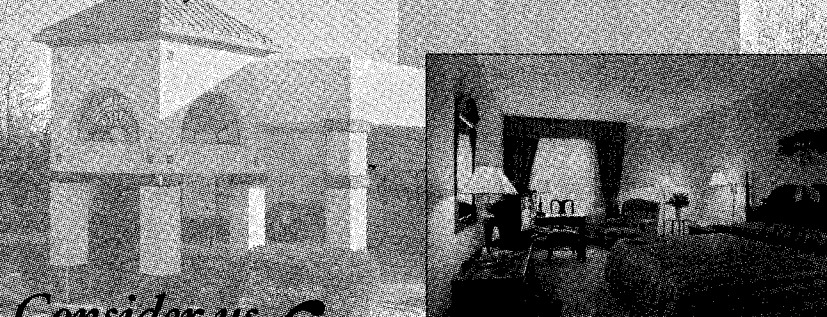
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# Stand up for yourselves

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
Statesman Editor

I never knew a time when air smelled fresh. I wasn't alive when you could fish off the Island and eat your catch. I can say with safety that my children won't either. Thank you, corrupt leadership.

141 countries signed an international agreement, known as the Kyoto Protocol, to limit greenhouse gas emissions by 5% in the next seven years. These countries all contribute to 55% of global greenhouse emissions, and this looks like a good step forward to a healthier existence. Why the glum attitude, you might ask? The United States of America, the world's largest polluter, is not on board. Politicians try to make up excuses, citing increased costs for companies and the possible loss of American jobs. Do not believe them, for they lie.

The government has a responsibility to provide us, its people, with clean air and water. This should rank higher than corporate profit taking, but it doesn't. If the men and women in charge were serious about the well being of American citizens, a real plan of action would be drawn up and set into motion. Instead, nothing is done.

A pragmatic president and congress must be elected in order to solve this problem.

Businesses have needs, as do citizens, but pollution must be regulated for the welfare of this country. The government needs to enact strict emission laws and then work with companies to achieve compli-

ance. Schwarzenegger, the Republican governor of California, has the right idea. "The people of California need to breathe," he told automakers as he advocated stronger emission standards. He's doing what needs to be done, and I commend him for it.

What disturbs me more than corporate domination of American policy is the level of apathy that the affected rise to. Roughly half of this country voted for George W. Bush, while the other half voted for John F. Kerry. Neither man ran on a platform that was consistent with true environmental protections. By voting for men and women who put corporate greed before your health, you perpetuate the problem. Only 250,000 people voted for Ralph Nader, a man who has made his life's work to protect the average American. For shame!

There can be no political discourse unless basic rights are respected. Budgets cannot be passed with goodwill without respecting the right of all Americans to a clean environment and untainted food. These rights are but a few that need to be at the forefront of American politics.

I urge you, do not feed into the system as it is. When the president speaks of Social Security reform, do not humor it. When abortion is brought up in Congress, ignore it. There can be no legitimate political discourse until we are guaranteed the protections that we need as a people. Please do not waver in this. Be entirely resolute, for there the stakes are too high to simply give in.

# "Born Confused"

By SHAROBI CHOWDHURY  
Statesman Contributor

I woke up one typical Saturday morning to the legendary music of *Hemanta Mukherjee*. Next door, my brother was blasting Kevin Little's "Turn Me On". The smell of *garam masala* diffused into my room, as I listened to my parents rustling about in the kitchen, making last minute preparations for my family's arrival. In a matter of minutes I was going to be bombarded with testing questions and I knew very well that my parents expected me to bluff being an innocent, yet brilliant, decent Bengali young woman, since I know I have failed miserably to be the genuine, exceptional, traditional Bengali girl they hoped I would become. How I wish my parents would stop piling unreachable expectations on me.

I realize now, at the age of 21, what it means to be a second-generation Bengali person: a hybrid of two very different cultures struggling to be accepted by two very different realms. Growing up, the essentials to being an acceptable Bengali girl included getting straight As, being on the Dean's List, getting high SAT scores, being accepted into an ivy league school, and excelling in math and science subjects. In addition, it was imperative to be able to sing Tagore songs properly in Bengali, learn Bharatnatyam dance, and being able to read, write, and especially speak in Bengali fluently and properly. If all or most of the above were not accomplished, I would be considered a failure and a shame to the family, which would be buried into the

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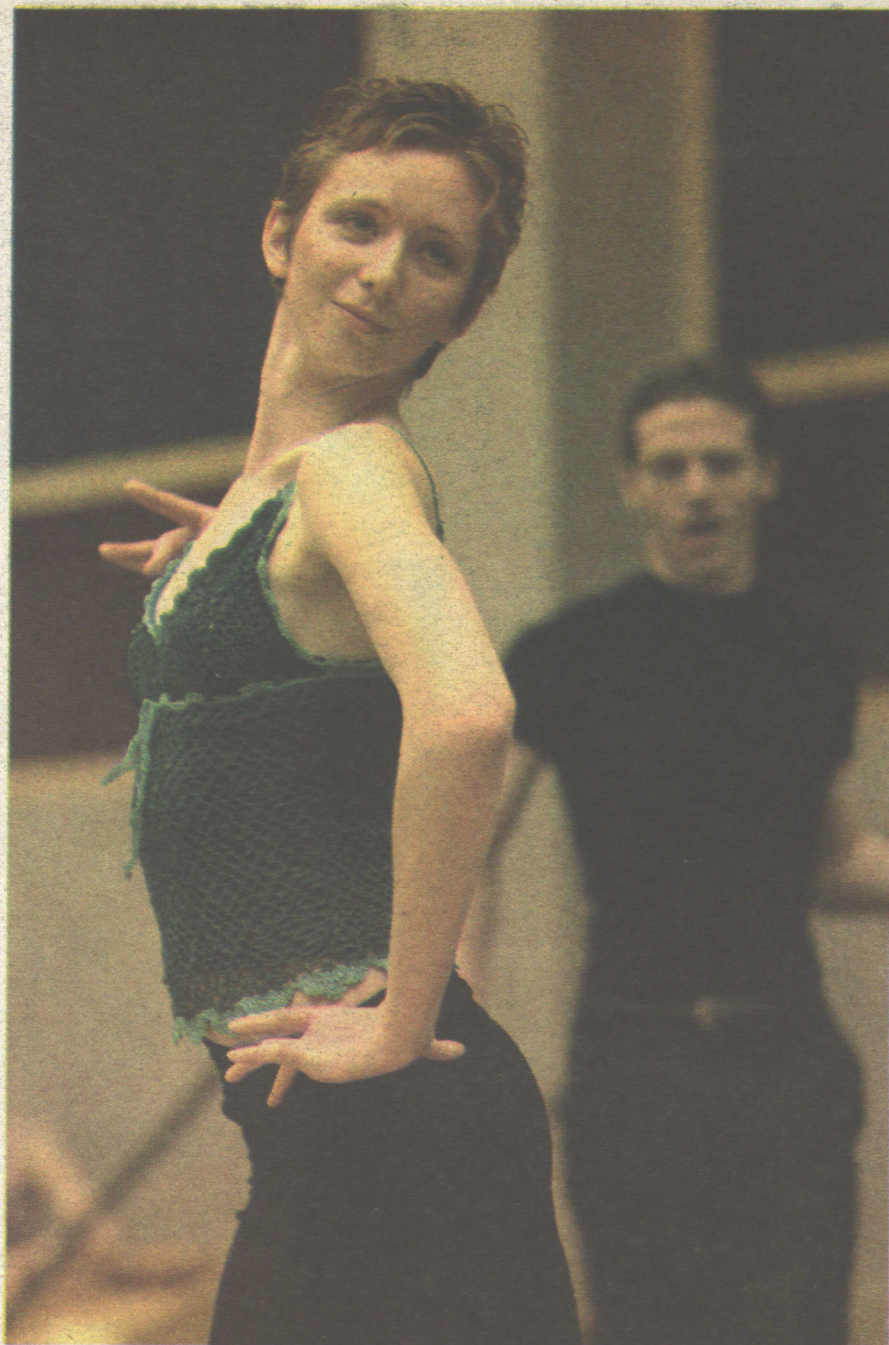
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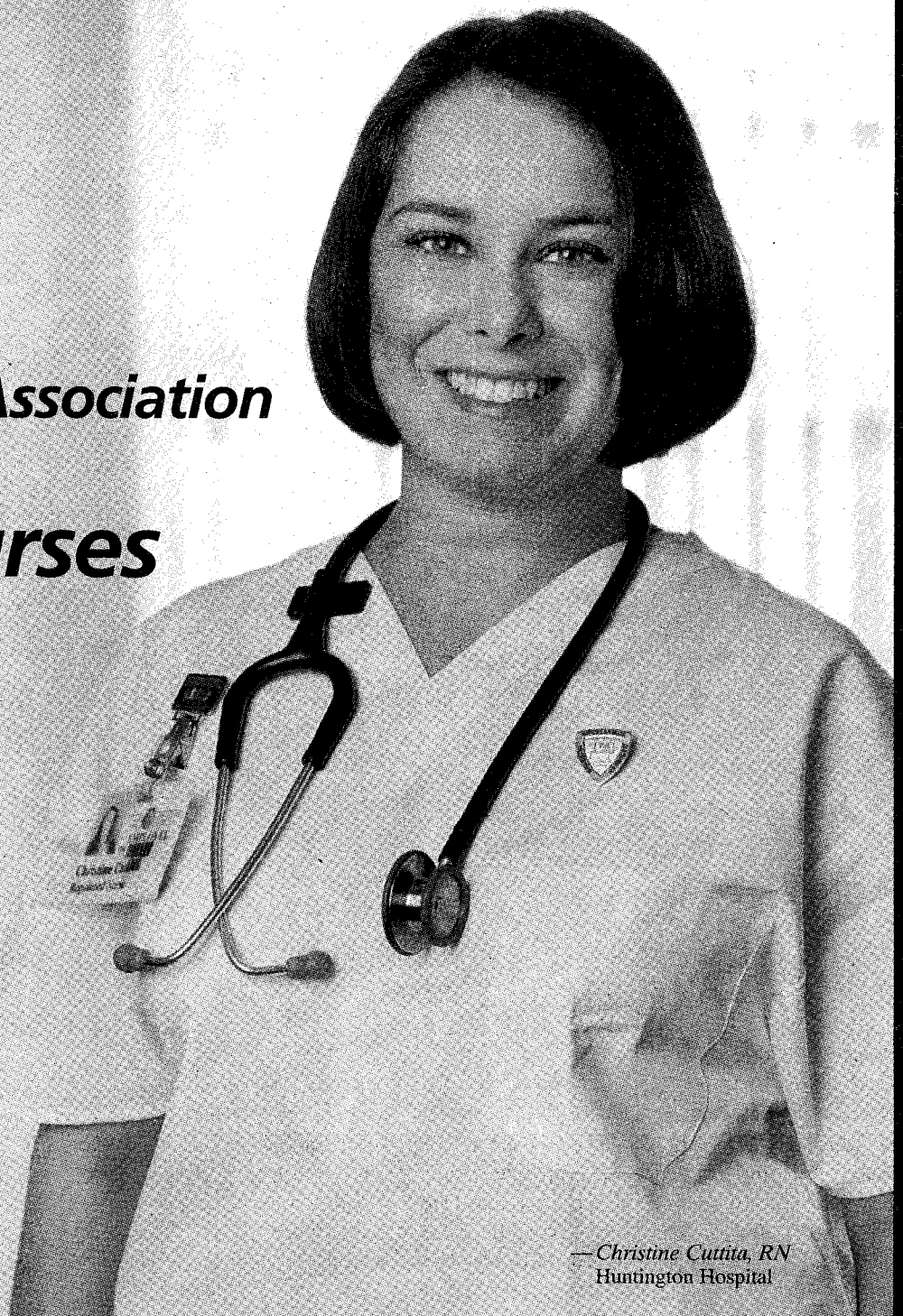
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# Z-Pita: a Mediterranean delight

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By LISA ASNIS AND ZAHRA KHAN  
Statesman Staff

In the quaint town of Port Jefferson, many unique shops and cozy restaurants line the streets. Walking up Main Street, an array of lights displayed decoratively about a small restaurant caught our eye. This was our introduction to Z-Pita, the restaurant we eventually stepped into. The restaurant has been open for seven years. Joey Zee, the current manager, has been there since the beginning. Zee said the creation of the restaurant was based on "an innovative idea-mixing Mediterranean foods, with a strong emphasis on fresh fish." The kitchen is run by two head chefs simply referred to as "Dave" and "Santo."

Upon our entrance, the hostess immediately greeted us and seated us promptly. The restaurant is dimly lit, which provides a calming atmosphere to help wind down the day. The doorways are adorned with thick floral and crimson drapery, which help to personalize and privatize different sections in the restaurant. Scenic pictures which closely resemble local landscapes line the walls.

For a weeknight, the restaurant was fully loaded with customers. The restaurant hosts patrons of all ages, from families with small children, to couples and friends. Zee and staff seemed to know many of the guests, greeting them on a first name basis, asking them about other friends and relatives. Along with the hostess and waiting staff, Zee constantly made his rounds asking about the comfort of each person and was ever-present in the dining halls.

Each waiter was willing to fully cater to individuals, and when our water glasses ran low, our waiter was not too far away with the water pitcher. We were also asked several times by different waiters about how we were enjoying our meals. Our waiter was friendly, well-informed, and helpful in recommending dishes.

The menu offered a wide array of Greek dishes, as well as a few Italian, American, and Vegetarian assortments. Z-Pita offers the traditional Greek dishes, such as gyros, pita wraps, falafels, and baba ghanouj. Due to the location of the restaurant in a major port, Z-Pita specializes in seafood. Its most popular dish is the Chilean Sea Bass, but the Salmon and Tuna are also very popular. The fish can be grilled, Cajun style, or prepared in their special sesame sauce. The most popular non-seafood meal is the Grilled Chicken over Greek salad. The restaurant has high standards in meat, with all fresh fish, and 100 percent beef for the gyros to prevent the gamey taste from lamb. All food is prepared to the taste of each individual. As well as their fine medley of dinners, Z-Pita hosts breakfasts on Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to noon.

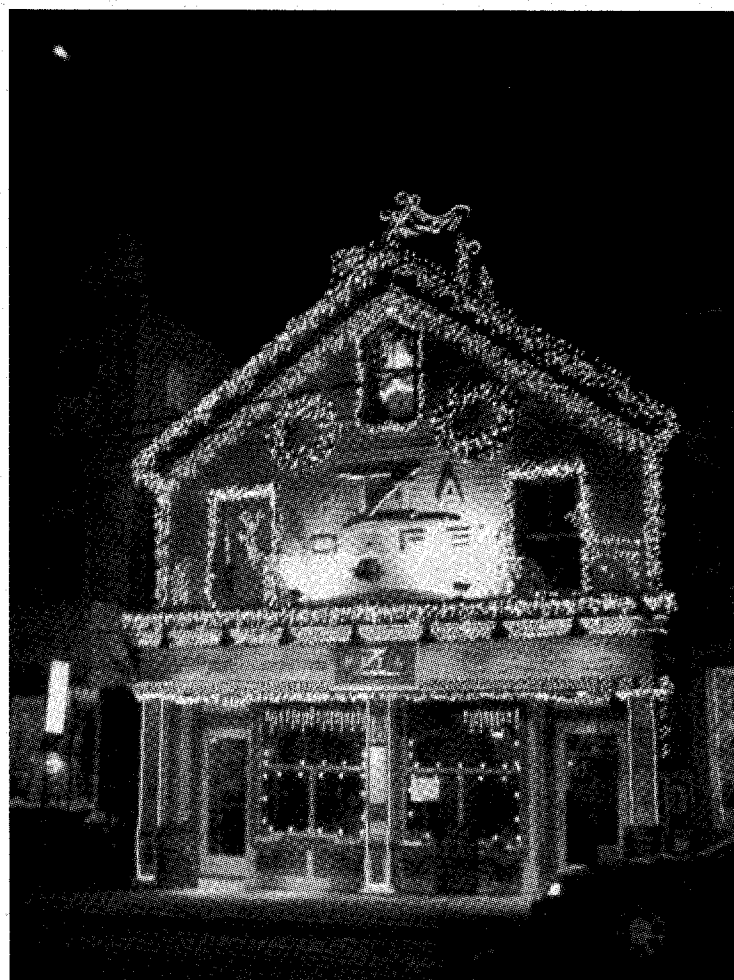
The menu is reasonably priced, with meals ranging from about eight dollars to about 17. Appetizers range from seven to nine dollars. Desserts are about five dollars. A full three-course meal can be a bit costly, but it is easy to avoid high costs and find something in your price range.

As soon as we were seated we were presented with warm, doughy pita bread with light creamy yogurt sauce to nibble on

while we decided what to order. We started with an appetizer, choosing stuffed mushrooms. The mushrooms were crammed with flavor from spinach, feta cheese, and topped with mozzarella cheese and special seasoning.

There was a generous portion for about eight dollars. Although you can get a filling meal for about eight dollars, Z-Pita also offers a specific dinner menu. These meals generally range from 13 to 22 dollars. Each entrée comes with rice pilaf, assorted vegetables, and a soup or Greek salad. We ordered a lentil soup and the soup of the day, which happened to be butternut squash. Soup portions were very generous, served in medium large bowls. The lentil soup was packed with vegetables, providing a thick and flavorful dish, unlike any canned soup. The butternut squash soup was unique in taste, displaying a sweet rather than salty focus. The sweet soup was thick and creamy, with texture that provided a homemade appeal.

For the main entrée, we chose chicken souvlaki and tuna steak prepared with sesame sauce. Chicken souvlaki is grilled chicken and vegetables in kebab style minus the skewer. The chicken was grilled to perfection along with onions and peppers, all topped with a special seasoning giving it a pleasantly unique taste, different from your average boring grilled chicken. The tuna steak was immersed in a salty sesame sauce, giving it an almost Japanese taste. The tuna was grilled all the way through, but maintained all of its natural juices. Both dishes were filled to the ends of the plate, providing a very filling meal.



Z Pita, located in Port Jefferson.

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After loosening our belts, we were ready for a taste of dessert. The dessert menu provided the typical ice cream, sorbet, apple pie, and espresso options, but as for the Greek and Italian taste, they offered tiramisu, frutti de bosco, tartuffo, rice pudding, and baklava. We ordered one serving of baklava, a phyllo pastry layered with walnuts and dipped in cinnamon and honey. Upon the arrival of the dessert, the aroma of cinnamon immediately hit our nostrils. The

dessert was extremely tasty, with just the right amount of sugar and substance. If you are not used to eating foreign flavors, this exotic dessert requires no getting used to. We personally felt it was the best part of the meal, although it was a tough call.

We highly recommend Z-Pita, although it would probably be a better idea to go for the cheaper main dishes. The restaurant is located at 217 Main Street in Port Jefferson.

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# "Born confused:" Second-generation Bengali...

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deepest cavities of my home, for any revelations of such failures to the outside world is bound to become the most prevalent topic of discussion among family members and friends, which would be detrimental to my parents' honor.

Yes – not only am I a struggling, confused Bengali, but I am seemingly also a "commodity". Indian parents seem to be in fierce competition all the time when it comes to discussing their children: who has the highest grades? What awards did the child get? Did he/she get any scholarships? What are they majoring in? Are they going to medical school? Whoever has the most "respectable" and "prestigious" answers to such intrusive ques-

tions is the winner of the game. And it is my job to make sure that my parents have something to brag about.

And my happiness? It doesn't exist. Unfortunately, my parents, like most typical "desi" parents equate happiness with success; that is money, power, and prestige. Satisfaction in Indian families seems to come out of these three elements; not in the idea that you are pursuing something you truly enjoy in a realm that would be considered "phony" to the Indian community. Anything outside the math and science realm is deemed practically unacceptable for the rest are not "real subjects". Therefore, every "desi" is expected to be a doctor, an engineer, or successful business personnel (i.e. CEO). And if a courageous Indian decided to go into say, education, being a "highly respected professor" and nothing

less would be the only thing acceptable.

My friends often ask me, "Who's life are you living anyway? Your's or your parents?" Though I wish to believe I live only for myself, it has become apparent to me, that I am living my life on the pure basis of ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL, not just for the Indian community, but for my American counterparts as well. In America, I must take my narrowly molded Indian way of life and reform it to be "cool" and "slick" around people at school. For friends, I must hide many aspects of my Indian persona and be open to dating and interracial relationships, hanging out at dance clubs or open bars, and be on top of the latest news about the most recent Hollywood movies and song releases. Half of my wardrobe consists of *ghagras* and *salwar kameez*, while the other half consists of tight jeans, v-neck shirts, and tank tops. It is mind-boggling to me how Indian parents are able to accept superficial American things like enjoying a pizza and listening to American music, but when it comes to issues like dating, marriage, and school, Indian rules must be strictly enforced. Moreover, while "Desi" parents seem to pass on a sugar-coated version of Indian culture, encouraging us to watch Indian movies, listen to Bhangra music, and attend cultural *melas*, it is rare that other important issues such as teen pregnancy, drug abuse, domestic violence, and racial tension are ever addressed in an Indian household. Such issues are often ignored in the Indian community and are deemed non-existent within the "desi" realm. If such complications do arise, however, Indian parents are quick to close their doors with a bolted lock in order to protect themselves from being ostracized.

It is no wonder that second-generation Indian kids are forced to create dual identities and lead two separate lives in order to balance the rigid values endorsed by the Indian community with the more fluid aspects of American culture. Sure we have our differences. But it doesn't mean that they are irreconcilable. Can the Indian archetype not be more dynamic and flexible? A few years back, my Mashi (aunt) once retorted, "What kind of Bengali person are you? You didn't learn Bengali culture properly; nor did you learn American culture properly". At that time, I felt heavily insulted and was ready to cry. Now, I proudly endorse this persona, realizing that I am a crossbreed of two very different cultures and my only job is to make the best of two worlds.

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# Statesman SPORTS

## They're on a roll

By ROBERT DAWLEY  
Statesman Contributor

Wednesday night's game was the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the season for Stony Brook. The Seawolves (7-14, 5-7 American East) played Boston University (11-10, 6-6 American East) and beat them 79-65. Mykeema Ford and Jessica Smith had a combined 54 points. Last time the two teams clashed, Boston won 85 to 53 and Stony Brook was on a four game losing streak. They were also missing Mykeema Ford due to a family emergency. This time Stony Brook had her and won their last 3 games. Boston came into the game with a 5-3 record over Stony Brook in their favor. The series has been split this year, leaving Boston with one win and one loss. Ford clearly made up for not being at previous games by scoring the first 6 points with two three pointers. She made her presence felt and Boston quickly learned why she is every defense's nightmare. Ford

has been showing in the last four games she can score at will and when ever and where ever. After the game she said she "was excited that everyone came together for the win and that everybody was getting something." When asked about the team's continuing weakness she responded "it was defense." They led the league in scoring but rank 10<sup>th</sup> in defense. She shoots drives gets fouls either way she makes something happen regardless she continues to show why she is a playmaker.

Dannyelle Ingram showed why she is a key reserve in there last win, which was a shocker over number-1 ranked Hartford as she scored 14 points. In this game she made several key lay ups, steals and assists to Ford. She might not get the attention that Ford and Smith do but she is lethal as the team comes together. One point in the game Ford was pounding her chest like she was winning a fight as the game went on. Boston seemed to be trying

to beat her up as Boston took cheap shots at her to try to slow her down. As the game went on Ford was throwing passes if it was Stony Brook parking enforcement handing out parking tickets. With the game winding down, Boston shot air ball after air ball. One Stony Brook fan stood up and held a little basketball on a string and swung it like a pendulum every time an air ball was shot by Boston as he screamed "Bean Town." The coach had a look of happiness in an otherwise tough first season for her. She has coached women's professional basketball and knows what it is to hang in there when faced by constant challenges. She has shown that she can coach a team that has had many injuries and obstacles to over come. "Ford and Smith have been a huge force scoring and the team is stepping up," she said. Next game is an away game against Binghamton on the Sunday 12:00pm.



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