



Operation Ceasefire: Students Prepare for DC

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"You read in polls that most people disagree with the occupation, or disapprove of George Bush. But, especially around Stony Brook, it can feel like not a lot is going on with respect to that," said Sam Butler, a twenty-five-year-old graduate student who teaches in the philosophy department. It seems that only someone who has spent their career, however new, immersed in the study of philosophy could be so sure about his convictions. Sam has had a large role in mobilizing the Graduate Student Employee Union, or GSEU, and bringing the protest to Stony Brook's gates. On September 24th, 2005, four or five busses will leave the campus full of undergrads, graduate students, and professors, and make their way down to D.C. That same morning, at our nation's capital, the "Operation Ceasefire" rally and march will

be kicking off in protest of the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

"It's supposed to be one of the biggest protests...since the war in Iraq," said Charlene Obernauer. The sixteen-year-old freshmen rose quickly to the position of secretary of the Social Justice Alliance, a liberal SB club that plans to send one fifty-five-person bus to D.C., along with the busses sent by GSEU and UUP, the professor's union. The SJA's official description being, "...part of a global social movement committed to the struggle for community, democracy and social justice," it's no surprise that they were eager to become part of the event. Obernauer also pushed the importance of her co-organizer and head of SJA, Chad Kautzer. "I guess our purpose is to raise awareness about social justice," said Obernauer, who graduated from nearby Ward Melville high school one year early.

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Students staging a protest against the war in Iraq last semester, sponsored by the same organizations that are sending students to Washington D.C.

USG Off to Weak Start

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Tuesday night's Undergraduate Student Government Senate meeting began with five of seventeen senators on the floor, not including Samuel Darguin, the Chairman, and Ms. Helene Goldsmith, a representative from the National Association of Parliamentarians. Right off the bat, Darguin addressed a clerical problem involving e-mail, suspending the second item on the agenda and skipping straight to Ms. Goldsmith's presentation, due to the poor attendance. Ms. Goldsmith was there as a result of a constitutional requirement for a parliamentary workshop early in the season, and her initial presentation left the sparse senators squirming, twitching, and rolling their eyes. Just as Darguin was prepared to trudge back through his agenda,

Dr. Baigent, the Interim V.P. of Student Affairs, entered at the request of the senate members. However, after introducing himself, the senators offered him no questions, leaving him to provide a brief description of his job before leaving less than ten minutes after he walked through the doors. He characterized himself, simply, as the man who receives the senate's budget recommendations, and acts as the senate's contact with New York state. "It's a fairly arm's-length relationship...I'm here to make sure you follow your own rules."

The next order of business was to appoint a Sergeant at Arms. Two hopefuls took the podium, not knowing that they would have to speak, and responded to a brief questioning by the senators, numbering near ten at that point. However, after a short vote, both candidates were confirmed unanimously to the position, comparable

to that of a bailiff or security guard.

One of the more pertinent issues of the evening - a president pro-tempore was to be chosen from two senate candidates: Areya Glas and Amy Wisnoski. The job, in its essence, is to help the senate Chairman set agendas for each meeting, and to fill in when the Chairman isn't present, or decides to involve himself as a senate member on an issue, instead of a neutral authority. Glas, obviously flustered by the time limit imposed on him, rambled at lightspeed, but managed to convey his merits as a diplomat, and all-around man of the people. Wisnoski, in absolute contrast, was well-composed and spoke confidently of her knowledge of political science and expertise in senate bylaw. In her own words, she is, "...a really fair person, really open-minded person...I'm assertive enough to keep a meeting in or-

der. I'm not afraid to speak up." After the speeches, no senators offered immediate questions. The first person to comment was a member of the gallery, introducing herself as Justice Alex of the judiciary. She advocated Glas because of his opting to meet with her twice, and be, in her own words, "willing to heal whatever happened with the judiciary last year." She continued to say, "I think all three branches of government should work together." Amy Wisnoski retorted by explaining that before relationships with the judicial branch are patched, the senate must deal with its more prevalent internal issues.

The exchange sparked a flow of input from the senators, with one member praising Amy's assertiveness, and another defending Areya. In a controversial move,

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Striking a Balance in College Life

Health Risks for Students

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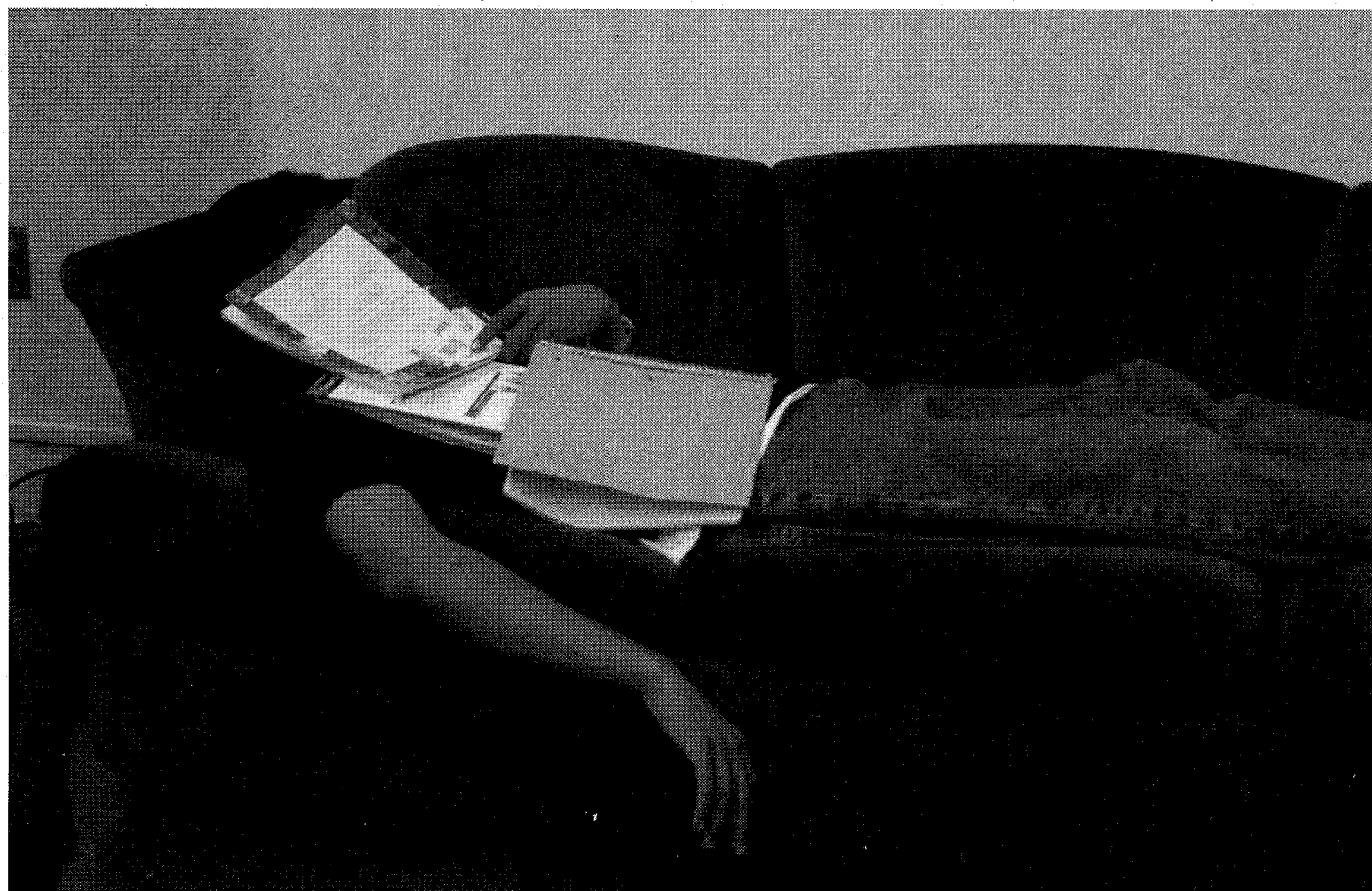
It is hard to consider what life would be like with the following schedule: twenty credits of coursework, two credits of research, four credits of weekend classes, twenty hours a week of volunteer work, fifteen hours a week of extracurricular activities, and additional hours of being in a relationship. It may seem impossible to cram all of these activities into one week, but for one Stony Brook student, who is currently a sophomore, this is exactly what her spring semester of freshman year was like.

"I didn't have time to think," commented this student, who wanted to remain anonymous, about her hectic college life as a freshman in the 2005 spring semester. Admitting that she took on too much work, this student summed up that semester in two words: "so busy." She added that around that time, "studying and having a good time [were] pretty high priorities" while eating and sleeping were not. Having to endure this rigorous routine for several months, this student eventually burned out by finals week at the end of the semester. After coming down with a fever and an infection in her arm, she received treatment from the Infirmary, which is located on the first floor of the Student Health Center, and after recovering from finals week, this student decided to change her life.

Now, as a sophomore, she is taking better care of herself by getting to sleep at 12 a.m. every night, cutting back on her extracurricular activities, taking just eighteen credits of coursework, and practicing meditation to remain calm. Unfortunately, she is just one out of many students suffering from the stresses of college life, and drawing from her own experience, she has some sound advice for all students who are overloading on course credits and extracurricular activities: "put themselves first" — a lesson that we may forget, especially in today's world, with all the pressure to achieve.

Indeed, college students must not forget to neglect their health. According to Dr. Rachel Bergeson, Director of Student Health Services, students are frequently seen at the Infirmary with stress-related symptoms such as "outright panic attacks," abdominal pains, headaches, upper respiratory infections, mononucleosis, and depression. Most students with "manageable stress" are treated at the Infirmary with medication such as mild antidepressants, and the Infirmary will "follow up" on them on a "weekly or biweekly basis," Dr. Bergeson indicated.

Although the Infirmary deals with these stress-related cases on a regular basis, the majority of them occur "when there are tests coming up," stated Dr. Bergeson. The underlying causes of stress among college students, however, are varied. As Dr. Bergeson commented, some may include pressure from parents, heavy involvement



Many students work to the point of exhaustion, not realizing the health implications.

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in clubs, financial difficulties, relationship problems, and the death of loved ones. In addition, academic concerns such as "getting toward graduation and not having a job," or realizing that one is in the wrong field, may cause "a tremendous amount of stress."

Coping with these problems is definitely daunting, and Dr. Bergeson also noted that "the college-age group" has a high prevalence of "psychotic disorders," such as schizophrenia, which affects a significant percentage of people around the ages of twenty and twenty-one. Some students, having a "history of depression," may enter college already "carrying baggage" and taking antidepressants, so the additional burden of college work may exacerbate their condition. Sure enough, approximately two-thirds of students seen at the Infirmary are undergraduates while the other one-third consists of graduate students, who may suffer from stress due to their theses, oral dissertations, or research.

Although the Infirmary has a social worker on staff, students with an extreme case of stress go directly to the University Counseling Center on the second floor of the Student Health Center. As Dr. Bergeson described, the Counseling Center offers services in behavioral therapy, stress reduction, and meditation. Counselors also schedule sessions between forty-five and sixty minutes with any students wanting to talk to someone.

According to Dr. Anne Byrnes, Director of the University Counseling Center, approximately 1,300 students come to the Counseling Center each year, totaling to

approximately 11,000 visits. As Dr. Byrnes added, the Center, which has a staff of thirty employees, receives a "flood of people" during the first two weeks of classes, which is probably because of students "responding to being...in this environment." Midterms and finals are also busy times for the Center.

Similar to the Infirmary, the Center receives students suffering from stomach pains, insomnia, eating disorders, social withdrawal, and other "disturbances" in normal day-to-day functions. Students coming to the Center can meet individually with a counselor, participate in group therapy sessions, or take an introductory or advanced meditation class. For more severe cases, the Center also prescribes medication for illnesses such as depression, anxiety disorders, or obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Offering some general advice, Dr. Bergeson stated that college students, particularly the overachievers, "need to learn how to balance" their lifestyles. Overachievers, Dr. Bergeson stated, have a strong desire to "live life to the fullest," and therefore, they try to "cram as much into a day as they possibly can," which may cause them to be "chronically late." Though overachievers try to take on work, sleep, exercise, classes, and social activities, they must realize that they need to sacrifice something; however, sleep and exercise are not to be sacrificed. Dr. Byrnes added that, unfortunately, American society has a "tremendous focus on individual achievement," contributing greatly to stress and making people feel as if their entire success or failure rests on their shoulders.

For all students feeling stressed by college life, Dr. Bergeson strongly recommends the services that the Counseling Center, Wo/men's Center, and the Wellness Center offer. By making use of the staff on campus, students can also find a mentor to help them sort out their goals, stated Dr. Bergeson. Moreover, Dr. Byrnes emphasized that the Counseling Center is filled with helpful professionals and strongly encourages students to not be afraid to "come talk to someone."

Despite all these health concerns related to stress, it is not impossible to maintain a balanced yet busy lifestyle. Kathy Gurnevich, a junior majoring in chemistry, is taking seventeen credits this semester but also has a long list of extracurricular activities, which include being an AIDS Peer Educator, a tutor, a teaching assistant, a Resident Assistant in Cardozo College, Secretary of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Vice President of Students Putting an End to Cancer.

Despite this busy schedule, however, Kathy remarked that she "can handle it" because she truly enjoys all the things that she does and makes sure to get help whenever she needs it. For example, she has taken advantage of the services that the university offers, stating that she has gone to the Counseling Center just to have "someone to talk to." Kathy added that contrary to what some students may think, the people at the Counseling Center "don't judge you" and that she has learned a great deal from the Center, such as prioritizing skills. As always, balance is the key to success in life, and as Kathy stated, "people should really see what's important to them."

Operation Ceasefire...

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The website for Operation Ceasefire flies a primitive, yet potent banner. "END THE WAR ON IRAQ / BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW! / Leave no military bases behind / End the looting of Iraq / Stop the torture / Stop bankrupting our communities / No military recruitment in our schools." The link is found on the website for an organization called United for Peace and Justice. "United for Peace and Justice...is the group that's putting on the demonstration. They themselves are an umbrella group that united a lot of anti-war stuff," said Sam Butler. He elaborated on the organization of the national event in mentioning a similar anti-war movement called ANSWER. "They, along with UPJ, are the two larger anti-war groups. I mean, they have sort of an interesting relationship in that they don't always agree. So there were going to be two separate marches in Washington, but they worked out their differences, and there's going to be one large march." Other smaller national groups involved in the event are International Solidarity Movement, Military Families Speak Out, and Gold Star Families for Peace, a group co-founded by Cindy Sheehan.

Cindy Sheehan, made famous for her stake-out at the Bush ranch and her Bring Them Home Now Bus Tour, is the featured speaker at the Washington monument rally on the 24th, and a general focal point for the event. In defense of criticisms of the national anti-war figurehead, Butler said, "Every decision you make is partly emotional, partly rational...There are emotions that are appropriate to situations, and when you go to a march, you see that there are a lot of people with a lot of moral outrage. That's

not so rational, so-to-speak. That's people having appropriate emotional reactions to situations."

Aside from the goals of Cindy Sheehan, and the stated goals of the event organizers, it seems that student activists have their own variations on the purpose of marching. "First and foremost, we want to have some info in some policy, as far as where money goes," said Butler, citing the crisis in New Orleans. "I mean, other parts of it are that it's a way to get affirmation that other people are involved, and other people are interested in this."

"I'm willing to say that it will be peaceful," said Obernauer, forecasting the march. Obernauer, a zealot of pacifism (having been going to anti-war protests since the age of fourteen, including one in New York City organized by ANSWER) is also a devout Christian, actually majoring in religious studies here at Stony Brook, exemplifying the diversity of backgrounds drawn to the rally. Butler had a slightly different take on the atmosphere of the event. "Organizers are never looking to start shit. It's usually that the march gets attacked, the march gets broken up. So, I think it will be energizing, definitely." Commenting on the characters who frequent these sorts of things, he said, "I've been to anti-war protests for this war, where everyone there is sort of hardcore anarchist, hardcore communist. I've been to others...A couple of years ago in Boston, I was surrounded by mid-thirties, relatively wealthy-looking people pushing strollers." Butler has been part of a self-proclaimed "few dozen" protests.

The schedule for this particular one looks something like this: At 10 a.m., the festival kicks off at the Washington monument grounds. At 11:30, a rally is being held at The Ellipse. The march steps off at 12:30, and ends at 3, with the start of a concert (hosted by Jello Biafra, and featuring a slew of bands, including The Bouncing Souls) and rally, featuring a speech by Sheehan,

and others.

Sam Butler could go on for hours about the forces that compel him to protest, equipped with a reservoir of facts and figures at the tips of his fingers. However, one of his most weighty tasks has been mobilizing the other members of the Stony Brook community. He's tapped campus radio, television, and publications in an attempt to promote the event, but had a strangely difficult time when it came to the fliers. "I put up a hundred, and walked back and about half were taken down. Originally, we weren't allowed the flier. At least, last year, we had to sign a code of conduct, amongst which was a promise that we wouldn't flier anywhere except bulletin boards...Which, you know, bulletin boards sort of get taken over by people who want to go to Cancun on spring break." He goes on to say, "Basically, students don't want to sign up for stuff until the last minute. But what we're having right now is a lot of positive response. We're just trying to go ahead and get people to sign up now, so we don't run out of space, and that sort of thing."

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Chairman Sam Darguin advocated Amy Wisnoski, a move that later brought on the criticism of a gallery member, who approached him in private.

Finally, a senator who claims to have never interacted with either candidate advocated Amy, based on her strong presence and public speaking skills alone. However, after what looked like the committee tipping in Wisnoski's favor, Areya Glas was awarded the position, eight to five (a

couple more senators had snuck onto the floor, by this time).

Ms. Goldsmith continued her presentation, regularly quizzing and gently criticizing the senator's litigious procedure. However, some of the members seemed to have woken up this time around, occasionally asking questions.

In a surprise move, a gallery member, Rob Romano, the USG Elections Chair, took the podium and leapt into an impassioned claim of governmental injustice. After the senate had cut through his words, super-thick with political rhetoric, it seemed that after the USG senate had deferred the decision of the budget to the executive branch last semester, the executive branch took it upon themselves to raise the student activity fee. Romano voiced his fears that, without the consult of the senate, who act as representatives of the student body, the heightened tax is unconstitutional, and may set a precedent for the executive branch to take the deferred responsibility to decide the budget as an invitation to control taxes. The senate, unsure of how to respond, was simply asked by Romano to read the thirty-page brief that he had typed up.

After the meeting had adjourned, Sam Darguin announced that all of the absent members had informed him via e-mail, but that no matter how early they were aware of their absence, it would still be counted against them.

The two-hour USG meeting seemed to be more of an educational experience than anything, comprised mostly of Ms. Goldsmith's tutelage and guidance. However, despite the classroom atmosphere, two hefty issues had made themselves visible; namely, the selection of a president pro-tempore in Areya Glas, and the introduction of the first "real" issue of the semester, in Rob Romano's (currently unaddressed) plight for financial and political justice.

Friday, September 16, 2005

10:43 am – In West Apartments, a case of domestic aggravated harassment via telephone was reported. An arrest was made.

3:13 pm – In the Commuter Lot on Gym Road, an employee from parking services observed an affiliate parking permit with the expiration date altered.

Saturday, September 17, 2005

12:15 am – In Stimson College, a female was on the third floor balcony when a group of males passed by her and supposedly threatened her with a knife.

2:42 am – In the University Hospital, an employee received threatening calls on her cell phone.

Sunday, September 18, 2005

2:58 am – In the West Apartments parking lot, a large group of males were reportedly fighting. Police searched the Roosevelt, Kelly, and West Apartment areas, but the group was gone.

2:58 am – In Dreiser College, a suspicious person was reportedly trying to force entry into his own suite. The subject was gone upon arrival of the police.

3:20 am – In Keller College, three males were attempting to uproot a tree. One male claimed to be an experienced landscaper, who happened to see a tree that needed stabilization. Police told the three males to leave the area.

Monday, September 19, 2005

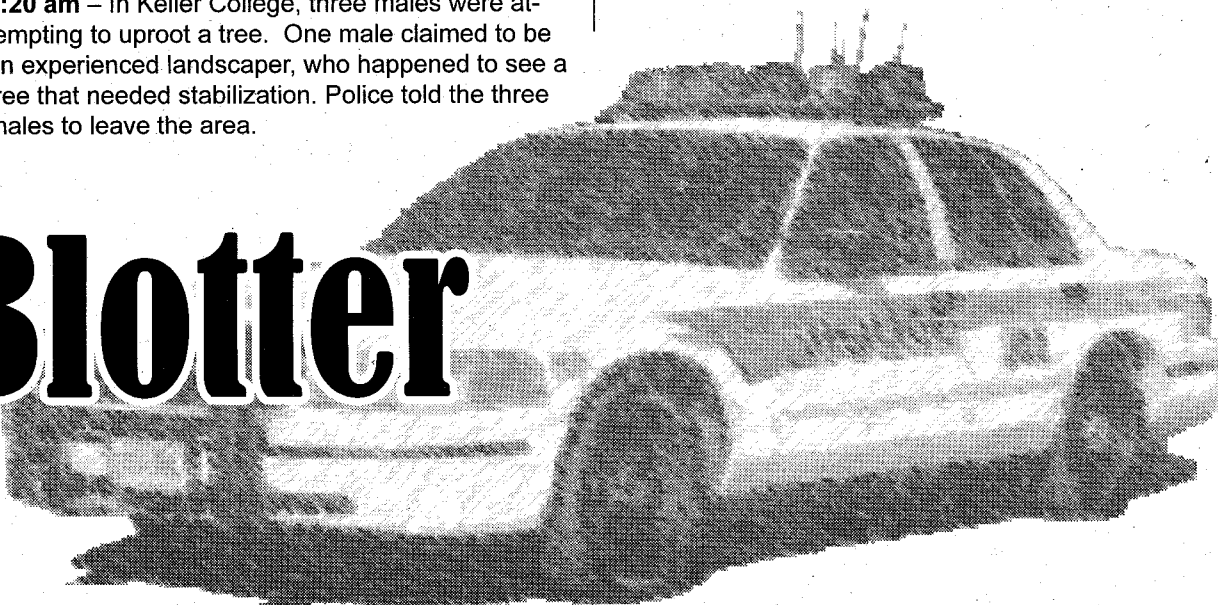
2:38 pm – In the Health Sciences Center, a suspicious male and female were reportedly entering the ladies' bathroom but were gone upon arrival of the police.

4:36 pm – In the University Hospital emergency room, petit larceny of \$60 cash was reported.

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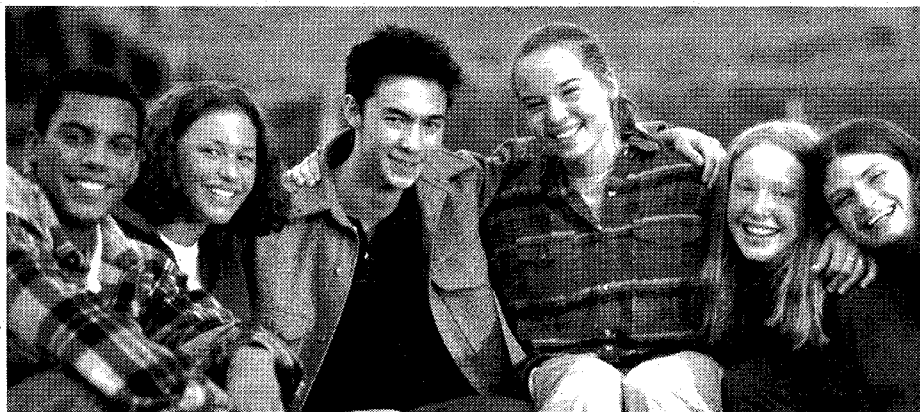
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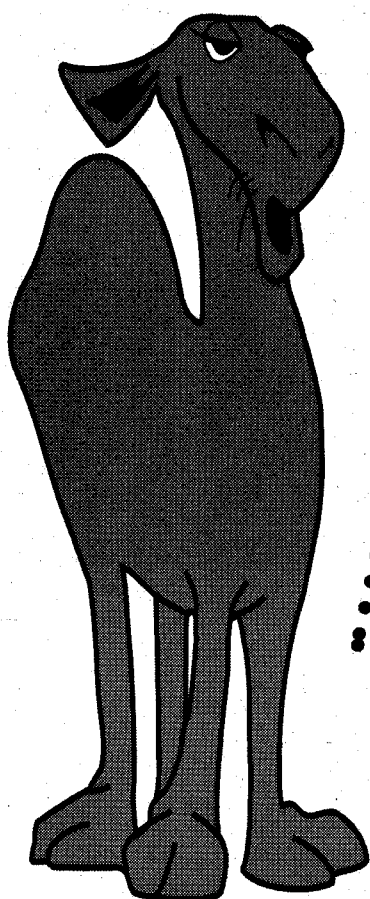
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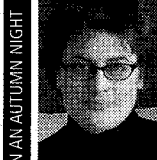
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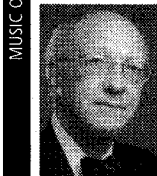
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This Year in USG: *More of the Same*

The Undergraduate Student Government is unfortunately not known for being efficient, communicative and transparent, based on its track record of the past couple of years. Sadly, it doesn't look as if anything is slated to change for this year, based on the first USG Senate Meeting this week. The meeting was disorganized, with senators walking in long after the start. This is unacceptable and demonstrates a lack of concern on the parts of those involved with our government.

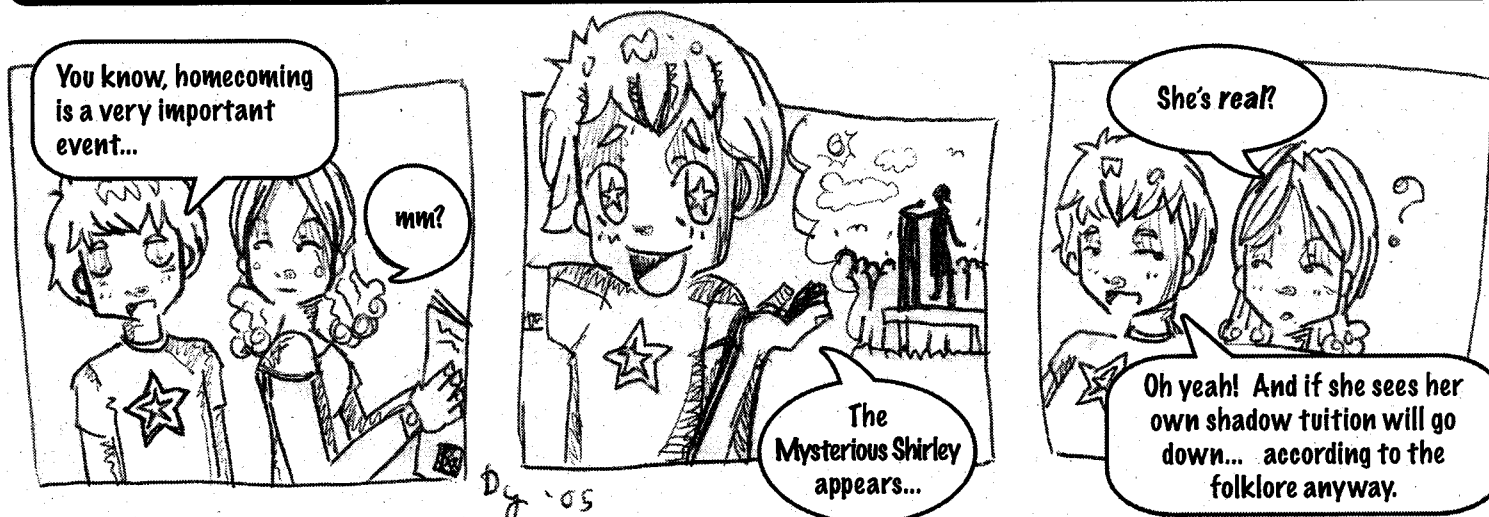
It is the mark of any well-structured government to begin meetings on time, respect its agenda and move through it efficiently. This meeting represented a failure on all these fronts, only for lack of trying.

It is not particularly difficult to sit down with your peers and decide that everybody is going to show up on time, develop a reasonable agenda and guidelines for ensuring that the meeting proceeds smoothly. This comes with the job description and should be a priority for our senators and president. This would not be such a big deal except that USG is such a vital part of the undergraduate experience. It controls allocation of monies for clubs, the implication being that all students who participate in clubs are affected by the government. An example of how USG works is the postponement of the Conclave this year. Scheduled for September 17, all clubs were required to send their top three

representatives to a large meeting where they lecture officers on how to run a club. Besides being considered a waste of time by many clubs, it was postponed just a couple of days before the meeting, though many clubs received no direct communication of this at all. This is just one example of governmental breakdown that affects us. The worst part is that, for two weeks prior to the meeting, there were already expectations among clubs that it would be postponed, as it was in years past. It's time for the USG to shake their reputation of inefficient bureaucracy and start working for the students. The potential is there to have a top-notch government—simply, nobody is really living up to it.

What The Heck!?

By Denise Yazak

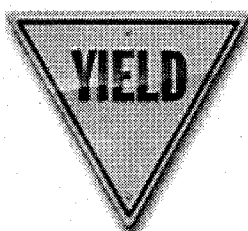


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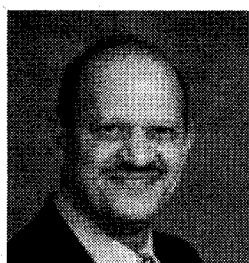
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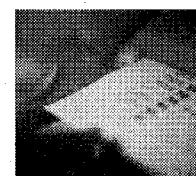


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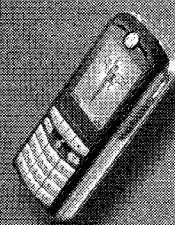
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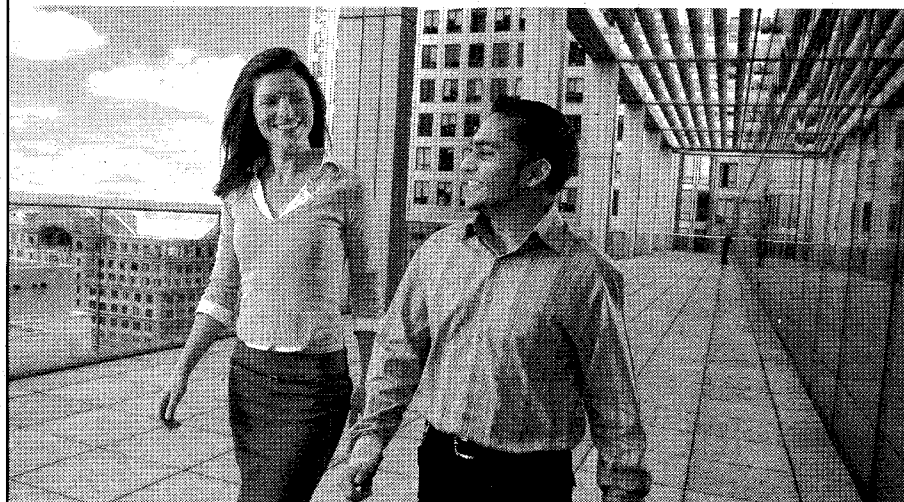
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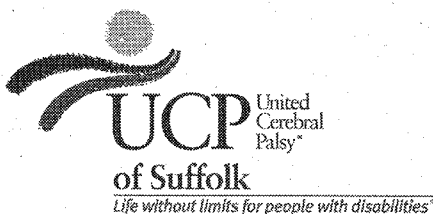
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Name: Romual Jean-Baptiste
Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science & Sociology
Minor: Business

Activities: Freshman Class Representative 2004-05, Faculty Staff Retreat 2004-05, Founded College Fellows program, Black Male Leadership Commission Steering Committee, Stony Brook Day in Albany Co-Leader 2004-05, VP for Student Life Programming and Activities 2005-06, Student Life Advisory Council, Academic Judiciary Committee.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming king?

Because I believe I am the embodiment of the true spirit of Stony Brook University.



Name: Joseph Anthony Landriscina
Year: Junior
Major: History
Minor: AFS

Activities: Member of the Whitman LEG, Educational Opportunity Program, Disabled Students Services.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming king?

Although I have a physical disability, I have proven myself academically. I feel that I am an inspiration to all handicap students on campus.

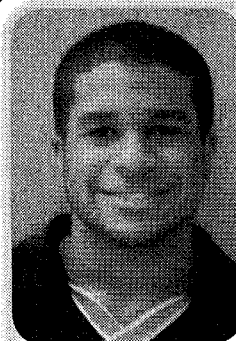


Name: Cody Peluso
Year: Senior
Major: Political Science & Sociology
Minor: International Studies

Activities: President and captain of the men's rugby team, member of the President's Committee, studied abroad at Deakin University and selected to compete in their college olympics.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming king?

I truly represent Stony Brook and its many images. I am a student athlete, president of the rugby team, a former captain, I volunteer my time and I always encourage a good time.



Name: Ralph Thomas
Year: Sophomore
Major: Health Sciences & Business

Activities: EOP/AIM counselor, Sanger College treasurer, Student Activity Board member, Student Assistant & Street Team Promoter in the Office of Student Activities, Cultural Officer in the Black Male Leadership Commission, VP for Clubs and Organizations in USG, Cultural Officer in Coalition, Committee for Large Campus Events, Planning events for Hurricane Katrina.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming king?

I would like to represent SBU traditions, athletics, and all the undergraduates in the university in the best possible way; in school spirit.

Meet the Homecoming Candidates



Name: Sadia Hussain
Year: Senior
Major: Pharmacology

Activities: Member of the Commuter Assistant group, Student Ambassador for SBU, Teaching Assistant in the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, President of the Undergrad. Pharmacology Society, Graduate of Mini-Medical School at the University Hospital, participant in the Study Abroad Program in Tanzania, Africa.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming queen?

I really love this university and I hope to one day be a physician and medical school professor at Stony Brook University Hospital. It would be an added bonus to have been a homecoming queen for SBU.



Name: Suzanna Katz
Year: Senior
Major: Psychology
Minor: Philosophy

Activities: Member of Sigma Delta Tau, Executive Board Scholastic Chair, Pan-Hellenic Representative, Secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Interim Chief Justice on the USG Judiciary's Supreme Court, President and Editor-in-Chief of Creative Minds, Vice President of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming queen?

Ever since I came to Stony Brook I have strived to make it a truly fulfilling experience for myself, as well as doing my part to create positive changes in any way I could.



Name: Elizabeth Roberts
Year: Senior
Major: AMS
Minor: Business Mgmt.

Activities: Participant in Relay for Life, Midnight Bakery, Oxfam Tsunami Relief, Student Ambassador for Stony Brook University, president of the Alpha Tau Freshman Honor Society, member of the Society of Women Engineers, Organization of Actuarial Students, Women in Science & Engineering program, Laboratory Assistant in the Laser Teaching Assistant Center.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming queen?

I feel such a strong connection to this university and community that I would be honored to be crowned homecoming queen.

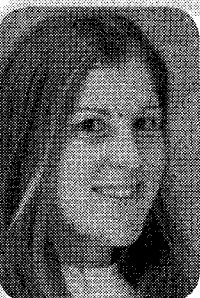


Name: Roselyn Scavuzzo
Year: Junior
Major: English, Secondary Ed.
Minor: Music

Activities: Student Ambassador for Stony Brook University, President & Founder of the Cultural Italian American Organization, Peer Minister for the Catholic Campus Ministry, Honors College Class Representative, Arts & Entertainment Editor for the *Statesman*, Co-Leader and Coordinator for Stony Brook Day in Albany.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming queen?

Stony Brook has given me countless opportunities to show my pride and spirit and to develop my mind and talents. As homecoming queen I could better give back to the community that has given me so much and encourage others to do the same.



Name: Marissa Trachtenberg
Year: Senior
Major: Political Science & Sociology

Activities: Resident Assistant, Student Coordinator for Stony Brook Day in Albany, Intern for SBU Athletic Services, member of National Society of Collegiate Scholars, member of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society.

Why do you deserve to be homecoming queen?

I love Stony Brook with all my heart and soul. Over the years, I've invested great effort to help improve our campus community. I would be greatly honored to represent Stony Brook as the 2005-06 homecoming queen.

Blues Bands Beckon on Friday Nights

By ELIZABETH SCISCI
Staff Writer

The warm sound of blues on Friday nights at the University Café brings a little of that September steaminess inside for the evening. This week, the four members of the Josey Wales Band showed that music should not be confined to the ink on a page but defined by a feeling, an element responsible for both setting a mood and amplifying an already existing one.

The band was late, but as its members trickled in, it was obvious that lack of punctuality seems to be part of their general style, as casual as their blue jeans. A sound check with the Café's equipment showed all the technicalities of the venue's sound setup, offering the band many different options with volume, quality, and effects

- even these seasoned musicians were impressed. The lyricless pre-concert jam used as a warm-up showed the experience of the band as they, one by one, became quickly swept up in a melody originated by lead guitarist and band namesake, Josey Wales. The skill of each individual (bassist, drummer, lead and rhythm guitars) was made apparent by the silent, on-stage, mid-song communication that occurs between the members of a talented band. "For us, this is music of the heart," said Wales. "These guys got so much talent and energy, you just got to manage it."

It was blues night at the Café, and the Josey Wales Band, being members and playing under the heading of the Long Island Blues Society, was expected to play only in that genre. How-

ever, the variegated nature of such a hodge-podge collection of musicians all from different musical backgrounds was going to make playing by stylistic rules difficult. Including a drummer with a history of classic rock, a primarily funk-oriented bassist, and a rhythm guitarist with roots in jazz fusion, this band was proving eclectic before the first chords of their first selection. "It can't help being original. And don't be surprised," warned backup guitarist, Joe Vivona, "if tonight sounds like blues from a parallel universe."

However musically variable each individual member was, the band had a tight sound, meshing wonderfully. They slid through song after song of great classic blues, with a powerful, steady bassist and a drummer who set a mood but did not overwhelm.

The drummer, Jay Shark, in fact, was also responsible for most of the vocals, having a tremendous range, well-trained falsetto, and great technical aptitude. The quality of his voice, however, though never sacrificing tone, shifted with the type of song being played, suggesting that much of his talent was more a series of imitations instead of his own natural voice. All of the group's members seemed vocally talented, adding depth throughout the performance with impressive backup harmonies. Effortless, electrifying guitar solos bounced to and fro amongst Vivona and Wales, becoming dialogues to add inflection to each song. This small, intimate show revealed the true colors of true talents.

It was clear that this was a band that believed in the true

function of music as a universal form of expression. As Wales commented, "go anywhere in the world, any country, and they want to hear American rock and roll." American music from blues and jazz to funk and folk is a culture all its own, and not everyone seems to regard it as such an epitome. This, perhaps, is the reason audiences on campus have dwindled, despite a well-varied menu of live performances every night. "This is not music played by listening to an archive," said Wales, "it comes from the soul of someone who lived through it." Hopefully, Stony Brook's community will learn to embrace this live entertainment, open their minds and realize the University Café's potential for socialization, culture, and for an education impossible to obtain in any classroom.

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DANE COOK

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By MARSHA ZUNIGA
Contributing Writer

Dane Cook is a name that most Stony Brook students will recognize. This brilliant, young, and much acclaimed comedian has been fortunate with much success since his debut album, *Harmful If Swallowed*, came out in 2003. This past weekend, NYC had the pleasure of hosting the comedian, and with two sold out shows on September 15th and 16th, Dane Cook's humor proved apparent. He held his stand up in what is considered by some to be one of the world's most famous arenas, Madison Square Garden. This show was easily accessible to Stony Brook students who may have just hopped on the train to Penn Station, but getting hold of tickets to the sold-out show was what proved to be the real challenge.

With his new two-disc album *Retaliation* reaching number four on The Billboard 200, Dane Cook is making a name for himself, especially among college students across the country. Dane Cook's the hottest attraction to many students. Why? Not only is the 33 year old funny, but he also jokes about things college students can relate to. His comedy is simply genius.

What better way to finish up a week of classes than to sit around and laugh for an hour and a half straight? The show was not only comedic and entertaining, it was also very informative. Cook's performance engaged the young crowd that surrounded him, and his audience was just as enthusiastic and into his performance as he was. His wise antics not only allowed for many laughs, but also gave an alternative way to look at certain issues such as partying, car accidents and relationships.

His standup, live, is an experience in itself. Not only does the comedian bring his humor into his act, he also brings along with it his unique facial expressions, which take his comedy to a whole new level. He possesses a unique and impressive ability to make strange noises, such as horse neighs, incredibly realistically. His enthusiasm allows him to add visual and physical

comedy to his standup, making him all the funnier.

So what do Stony Brook students think of Dane and his performance? Danielle Deminna, a junior political science major and huge fan, saw Dane Cook for the second time on Friday night. "He had me crying. I was upset he ended when he did, I wanted to keep laughing," says Danielle. Laura Gurick, an undergraduate freshman, owns both Dane's CDs and saw him Thursday night. "Dane Cook is awesome. Seriously, getting to see him again live would be amazing," she said.

While dealing with the stressful load college puts on you, getting away from it all and laughing is a huge pressure reliever, something all college students need at some point.

How could you not laugh when some man is running around on stage ranting on about the importance of his future "mystery house?" Or the advice he gives his audience on how to never be forgotten? He is quick, witty and spirited. Ewelina Fiedor, a second year biology major, did not have the opportunity to see Dane live because his show was sold out. "Getting Dane Cook to come to campus would be such a good idea. He is hilarious, and taking a break and listening to him definitely allows me time to forget my hectic school load, lighten up and laugh for a bit. I am especially fascinated by his ability to make annoying things, such as car alarms, amusing," she said.

Dane Cook, a Boston native, has been around for 15 years, and is only getting bigger and drawing in a larger crowd. He's sold out college stadiums, including Boston College, University of Florida, and Loyola College. He's the inventor of the SU-FI and continues to gather more and more fans. What us Stony Brook students can only hope for is a Dane Cook showing on our campus, but for now you can check out Dane Cook's CDs and DVDs or see him in his newest movie, "Waiting," due to come out on October 7th.



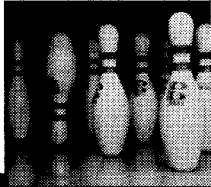
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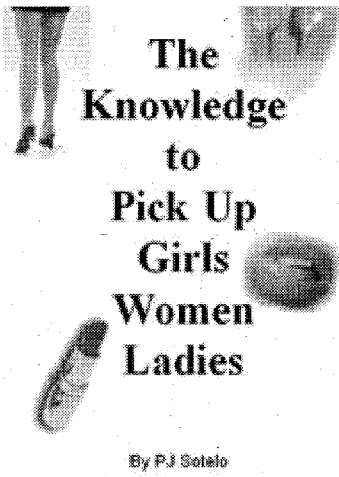
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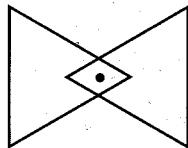
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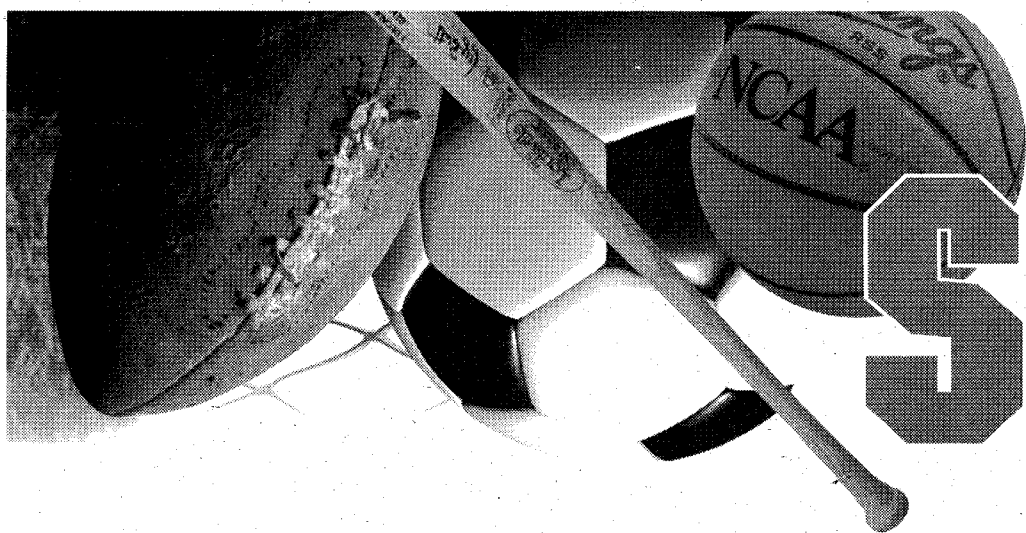
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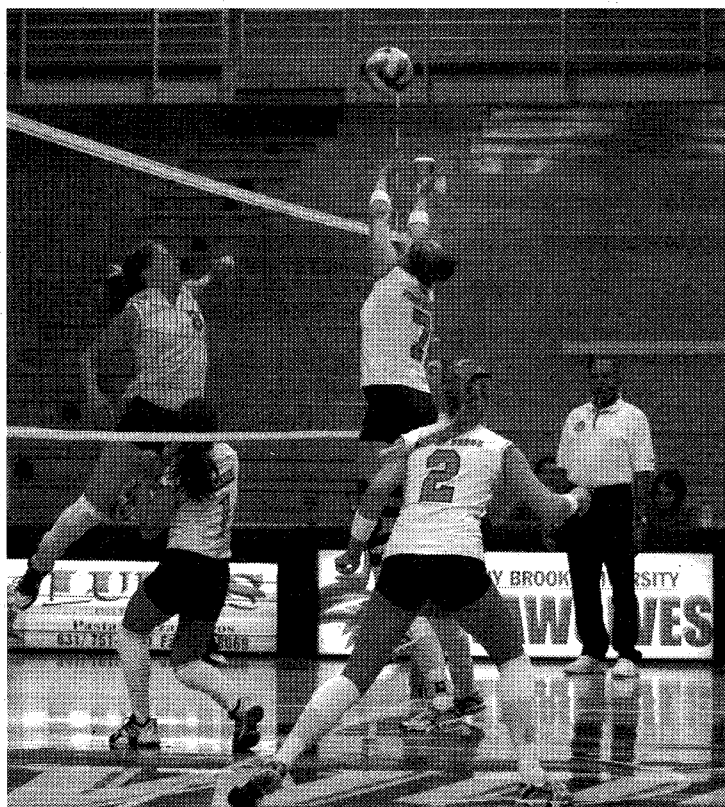
By YIN JIE ZHAO
Contributing Writer

The Seawolves Volleyball team played an exceptional game against Fairfield on Tuesday with a victory of 3-0. It is always refreshing to be playing on familiar ground, and with the added energy and enthusiasm, the SB home team did indeed have an advantage.

The first set ended with a final score of 30-22. The total service points from SB were fairly high in this round, along with kills. Melissa and Sarah Votruba had a combined eight kills for the set.

The second set ended with the score of 30-18. The Seawolves had a great lead of eleven points (18-7) and eventually swept the win with 30-18. Morgan Sweaney finished the end of the second set with seven kills and five digs.

Not looking tired or weary at all, the players got ready to play the third set. Morgan Sweaney had six kills and Claire Lindner had nine digs in this final set. The score got very close toward the end, but the ladies managed to win with a final score of 30-24. They are now 6-5 and will be heading over to Rhode Island to compete in the Brown Invitational this Friday. Let's hope for another great victory!



SPORTS IN BRIEF

Garden City, N.Y. - John Moschella made eight stops and Stony Brook received goals from Yahaya Musa and Chris Scarpati as the Seawolves blanked Adelphi 2-0 on Tuesday afternoon. The Seawolves are now undefeated in six of their last seven games to improve to 5-2-1 on the season, while the Panthers fall to 1-5-1.

Adelphi came out strong in the first half, posting 11 shots to just two for SB, but was unable to score.

The Seawolves picked up their play in the second stanza and broke through at the 66:49 mark as Musa scored off a feed from Michael Palacio to give the Seawolves a 1-0 edge.

Stony Brook added an insurance goal in the 79th minute as Scarpati scored his second goal of the season off a Chris Megaloudis pass to give Stony Brook a 2-0 lead.

Moschella (1-0-0), who was making his first start of the season after suffering an injury during preseason, turned away eight shots to earn the shutout victory. Dan Westerman (0-1-0) made three saves in the loss.

Courtesy of Stony Brook Athletics

Statesman Athlete of the Week: *Tiffany Fasullo*

By MARY VANDERHYDE
Sports Editor

The *Statesman* is proud to announce that this week's "Athlete of the Week" honor goes to Tiffany Fasullo, a sophomore of the women's soccer team. Last weekend, Fasullo was named MVP at the 2005 Holiday Inn Express Invitational, which Stony Brook hosted, and took 2nd place in, overall. Fasullo was able to earn the honorary title given to her by her tallying of three goals on the week, one of which was the game-winner when the Seawolves battled St. Francis last Sunday, the 18th of September. She is currently leading her team with six points on three goals.

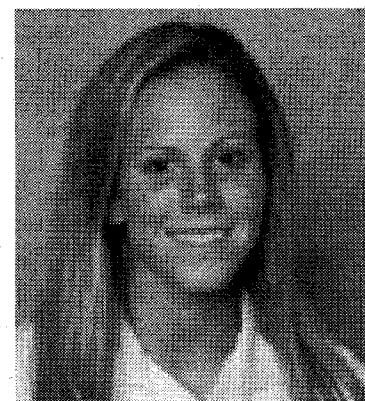
A native of Long Island, Fasullo has been playing soccer since she was 6 years old (approximately 13 years ago). Her father was coaching at the time and figured it was one of the best ways for her to meet and make friends when she was little. Fasullo was able to play at her high school in Setauket, where she earned two varsity letters as a midfielder for Ward Melville High School, and was able to earn all-league recognition.

Coming to Stony Brook, Fasullo was able to stay close to her family and still enjoy the college life that many students feel is attainable for both commuters and resident students who attend SBU. Fasullo could still have chosen to stay close

to home and attend other various local colleges, but Stony Brook somehow stuck out in her mind. One of the driving factors of coming here for her was the ability to compete in a Division One Athletic program with soccer, and at the same time receive a great academic education. During her freshman year in 2004, Fasullo was able to help her team go 7-8-4 in the soccer season.

Now in her second year as a Seawolf, Fasullo is majoring in Mathematics and hopes to one day become a secondary education teacher, combining her love of high school and working with kids. She believes she was voted MVP because of all the hard work she and her teammates have put in

this season, and that without their work she would have never been able to have looked as good as she did out on the field, nor have been able to help her teammates strive to go as far as they did. She also feels that once conference starts, the women's soccer team will be able to pick up the season and not easily be derailed. "The entire team gets along great. We have so much fun together. The coaches work really hard with the team and the team really loves our sport [soccer] and puts enormous effort into our games and practices. The two wins this past weekend really helped us out for conference this upcoming Sunday and gave us tremendous confidence" said Fasullo.



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Fasullo and the rest of her teammates will be playing again at Stony Brook this Homecoming weekend on Sunday, when the Seawolves battle their arch nemesis Boston University at 12 p.m.