

Stony Brook Voices its Stance in "Culture War"

By WILL JAMES
News Editor

On February 10th, Stony Brook University's two-day celebration of Darwin's birthday culminated in an advance screening of a film documenting the evolution/intelligent design "culture war."

The screening of "Flock of Dodos" took place in the SAC auditorium, where scores of students and adults were turned away at the door of the packed event, despite being a Friday night. The audience appeared to have been composed mostly of Stony Brook professors, who were spirited in the defense of their scientific allegiance. The crowd was also peppered with young adults, one of them admitting, "I'm here for extra credit in my geology class."

The film was the brainchild of Randy Olson, a Kansas-born evolutionary biologist-gone-Hollywood, with a degree from Harvard University. Olson embarked on his coverage of the controversies in Dover, PA. and Kansas after his mother, Muffy "Moose" Olsen, tipped him off to a neighbor of hers, John Calvert, emerging as a national spokesman for intelligent design. As Olson's film program reads, "...I knew the time had come for a film."

Although "Flock of Dodos" is somewhat conclusive in a way representative of Mr. Olson's scientific background, it generally depicts a fair view of the controversies that erupted when school board



A panel of experts discusses the significance of the evolution debate.

Courtesy of Jeffrey Levinton/Ecology and Evolution Department

members in Kansas and Pennsylvania faced off over the role of intelligent design in schools. The film centered on pointing out the weaknesses on both sides of the national conflict. However, the loyalties of the audience were clear whenever a beat missed by an intelligent designer was met by a roomful of jeering laughter.

After the film ended at 9:00, the audience was invited to stay for an extra hour and throw questions at a panel of experts, including Olson, the man in question, John Feldman, a film director and producer, Laurie Goodstein, the New

York Times religion reporter who covered the Dover story, Dr. Massimo Piglucci, a Professor of Evolution and Ecology at SBU, and Howard Schneider, the former editor-in-chief of Newsday and journalism professor at SBU. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Jeffrey Levinton, a Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolution at SBU.

The panel, having not seen "Flock of Dodos" before the public screening, clearly had more than an hour's worth of commentary in them. Goodstein commended Olson's fair treatment of advo-

cates of intelligent design, saying, "I think this film, in a beautiful way, takes them seriously." Dr. Piglucci stole the discussion, using the forum to speak insightfully and extensively on the nature of science education in high school.

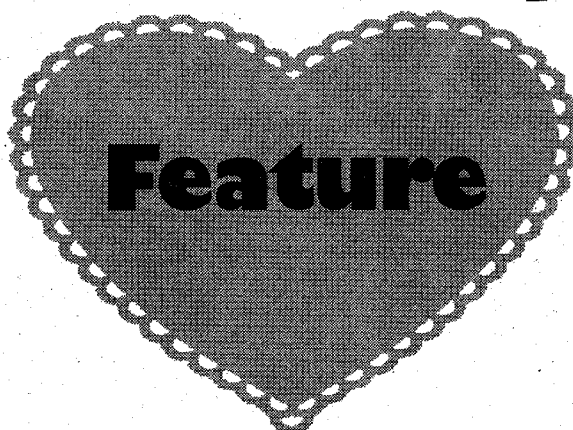
Although Mr. Schneider classified the issue as, "emotional and controversial," it was clear that none of the controversy was alive in the auditorium that night. Perhaps as a result of Stony Brook's reputation as an overwhelmingly science-oriented school, the audience was like-minded and solidified in their support of evolution.

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SBU Pulse: Increased Interest Rates for Loans

By JOSEPH WEN
Staff Writer

Congress Increases Interest Rates on Student Loans

Two weeks ago, Congress narrowly approved a new spending bill that, in seeking to decrease the deficit by about \$36 billion, reduces funding for government-sponsored student loan programs by \$12.7 billion while increasing interest rates. Interest rates on unsubsidized Stafford loans issued after July 1st of this year will increase 1.5 percentage points to 6.8 percent and the PLUS (Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students) program's interest will increase to 8.5 percent. However, limits on the amounts of money borrowed will be raised, and approximately \$4 billion will be set aside for new grants directed towards needy students majoring in mathematics, science, and other fields.

Student advocacy groups and certain lawmakers are protesting vociferously against the new budget cuts, noting

that higher education incurs a disproportionate amount of the cuts – more than a third of the overall package. Additionally, groups such as the U.S. Student Association assert that prospective students coming from lower-income backgrounds may be discouraged by the higher interest rates.

Emerson String Quartet Recognized at Grammys

Last week, the Emerson String Quartet, Artists-in-Residence at Stony Brook University, was awarded the Grammy for Best Chamber Music Performance for its performance in "Mendelssohn: The Complete String Quartets." Additionally, Da-Hong Seetoo won the Grammy for Best Engineered Classical Album, Classical, for his role in recording the Quartet's work.

The Emerson Quartet is an internationally acclaimed group that has garnered numerous international awards while combining elements of classical and contemporary styles. Having been Stony Brook's Artists-in-Residence

since 2002, the members of the Quartet held their first International Chamber Music Festival on the Stony Brook campus in the summer of 2004.

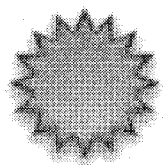
SAC Hosts LI College Art Competition

From March 8 to April 6, the SAC Gallery will be sponsoring the Long Island College Art Competition (LICA). Open to all students attending universities situated on Long Island, the competition seeks to strengthen the ties between Long Island schools, in addition to presenting the latest talent.

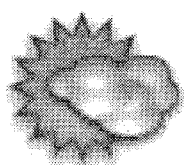
Judges George Adams and Dread Scott, prominent members in the artistic community, will be determining the quality of submitted works. Prizes include an iPod Shuffle, an iBook G4, and various smaller items.

Participating schools include CW Post, Dowling College, Molloy College, Nassau Community College, St. Joseph's College, Stony Brook University, Suffolk Community College, and SUNY Old Westbury.

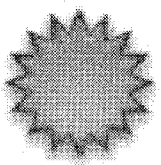
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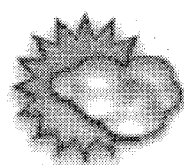
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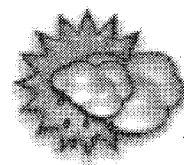
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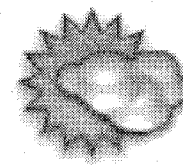
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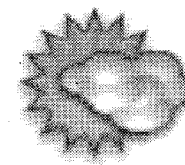
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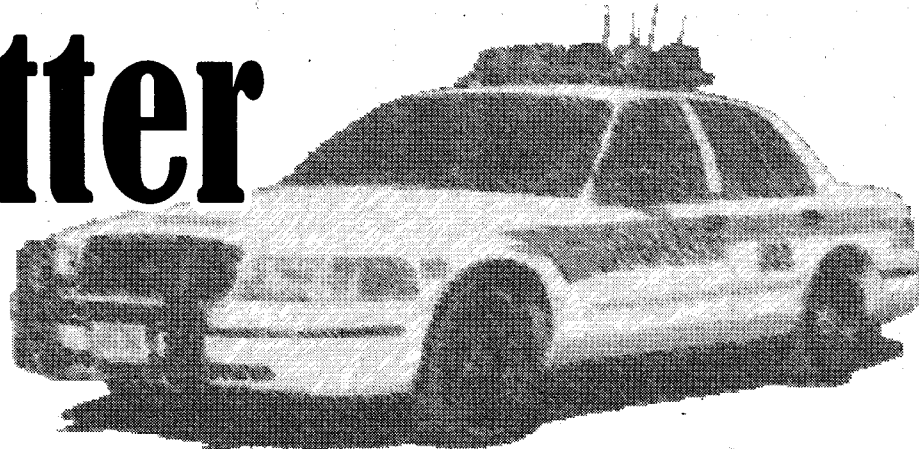


Sunday:
High 34/Low 24
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to drop

Police Blotter

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2/7 - 2/10



Suspicious Substances

In Roosevelt Quad, a suspicious substance was reportedly found on 2-7-06 at 8:44 AM. In Gershwin College, one student was referred to the police on 2-8-06 at 7:21 PM for possession of an illegal substance.

Thefts

In the Student Activities Center, a table was reportedly taken on 2-7-06 at 1:01 PM. In Hendrix College, a credit card and money were reportedly stolen on 2-8-06 at 9:50 PM.

Suspicious Persons

Suspicious persons were reportedly seen at Hendrix College on 2-8-06 at 10:21 PM.

Suspicious Packages

A suspicious, unattended backpack was reported in the Centers for Molecular Medicine Plaza on 2-9-06 at 12:43 PM. The owner of the backpack was notified.

Parties

In Gershwin College, a Resident Advisor called the police for assistance with breaking up a party on 2-10-06 at 12:39 AM. In West Apartments, a Resident Advisor also called for assistance with breaking up a party on 2-10-06 at 1:21 AM.

Marijuana

In Benedict College, the smell of marijuana was reported on 2-10-06 at 12:58 AM. Two students

were referred to the police, and one male was transported to the University Hospital Emergency Room by the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SBVAC).

Underage Drinking

In Stimson College, a medical emergency was reported on 2-10-06 at 1:39 AM. One female refused to be transported to the hospital, so she was treated on the scene. Another female was referred to the police for underage drinking. Ten minutes later in Stimson College, one female was transported to the University Hospital Emergency Room by the SBVAC, and one female was referred to the police for underage drinking. At 4:39 AM in Mount College, one male was referred to the police for underage drinking, and one male refused to be transported to the ER, so he was treated at the scene.

New SBU Website Draws Attention

By AISHA AKHTAR
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook webpage has undergone many changes throughout the years, evolving into the modern format that can be seen now. Many students may have become accustomed to the layout of the old site, but there are many reasons that called for the latest upgrade.

"It [Stony Brook website] was one big laundry list and there was a feeling to make some improvement," said Jerry Levich, the Director of University Web Content. The plan had been given serious thought for the past six months. Upgrades are a slow process because many browsers need to meet state guidelines and be compliant to new codes. However, the use of new programming will allow the web page to be updated quicker in the future. The new format has also impressed some departments on campus, such as the Informational Technology (IT) department that requested the template of the Stony Brook site for their own purposes.

The changes are meant to target two audiences: the Stony Brook students and the general public. The latest changes are meant to make the site user friendly and project President Kenny's vision of what an exciting place Stony Brook can be. Feedback has indicated that the changes have made positive changes for the website users.

Freshman James Maier said, "It allows a multitude of pathways toward zen in the issues of Stony Brook academia."

Levich described the making of the website as, "Taking a few strides to display the jewels at Stony Brook." He worked with his team of web production, web design, and web editorial, and the assistant vice president for communications. "We feel it's [the website] more attractive and gives a feel for Stony Brook. It brings us up to date as any of our comparable institutions," said Levich. The old homepage displayed a maximum of five headlines, but now there is more informational space for events and news. The homepage now features an "In the Spotlight" section, which usually advertises some sort of

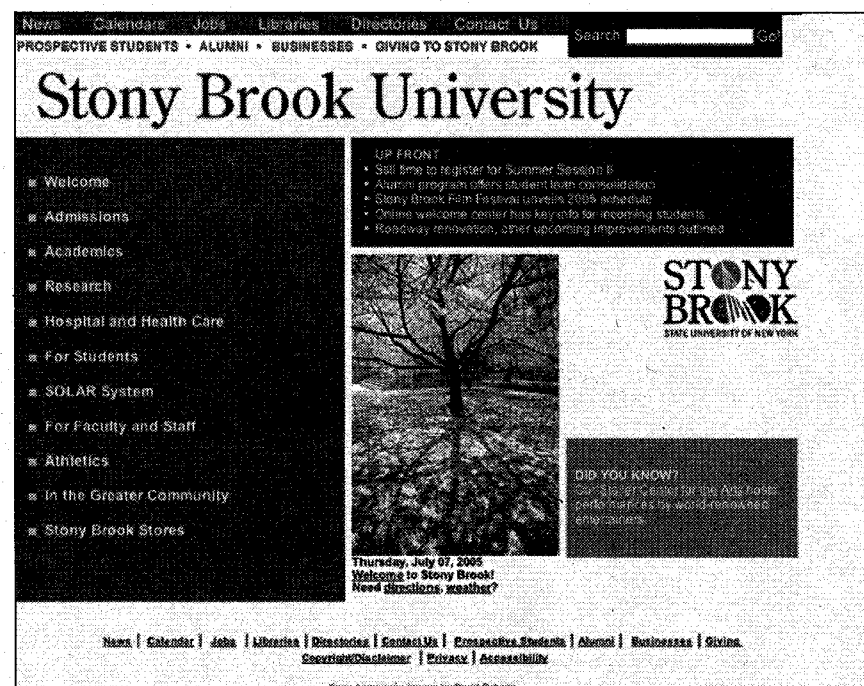
major ongoing campus event.

However, some students do not share the same enthusiasm for the new website. "I miss the old web site, specifically the Stony Brook random fact on the front page. I think these tidbits would help attract the public and especially those looking to attend Stony Brook," said freshman Jennifer Traditi.

"The new site is more organized, but it is not visually appealing. It needs to look more interesting," said freshman Lauren Kraics.

All of the content on the Stony Brook site has remained the same, only the presentation differs. "It is an ongoing project that will always be evolving," said Levich. Future tasks include improving navigation by reducing the number of links. However, the current settings allow people to access pages with more specific designations listed on the menu pages.

Other upgrades will potentially be made by analyzing the user feedback. "We're crazy about feedback, that's what allows us to improve. I'd encourage anybody to send us their critique or suggestion," said Levich.



Left- New, cleaner homepage for Stony Brook University; Right- Old homepage

Resources of SBU: Counseling Center

Culturally Sensitive Psychology at the Infirmary

By AISHA AKHTAR
Staff Writer

Mental wellness is a major factor that affects our performance in our daily lives. At SBU, students must overcome stress and anxiety in order to succeed in an academically competitive environment. To help students realize their full potential, the University Counseling Center offers psychological services to all full-time students.

However, not all students are aware of psychological services available to them or avoid such help due to stereotypes of psychotherapy. A typical psychotherapy stereotype includes a therapist who doesn't share much of who he or she is. It was mistakenly interpreted that

such a therapist can change the patients' life by only giving out a few interpretive remarks of the patient's monologue. Correcting this erroneous stereotype, Dr. Jill Richards of the Counseling Center points out that, "The therapy we do over here is vastly different from that. We really try to be very sensitive to what kind of relationship the visitor would like to and need to form in order to feel better. We don't treat people as a one-size-fits-all at all."

Besides the issue of recognizing their mental needs, some students might be deterred from seeking help due to financial worries. "Sometimes, I feel like I might need psychological help but I don't want to pay for it. If there's free service, I would think about [using] it," said Winnie Huang, a graduate student in Pharmacol-

ogy. Fortunately, as the Counseling Center is devoted to the SBU student community, all of its services are free to full time undergraduate and graduate students. Richards remarked, "In these days, [lots of clinics lacks the energy to provide good services] because of insurance problems... so people are not getting the coverage that they need for the difficulty that they are facing. We are really fortunate to have the resources to work very carefully with every student who comes and visits."

According to the Center's website, common mental health problems that are faced by college students are: stress, depression, loneliness, sexuality issues, family problems, inability to concentrate/study, alcohol/drug

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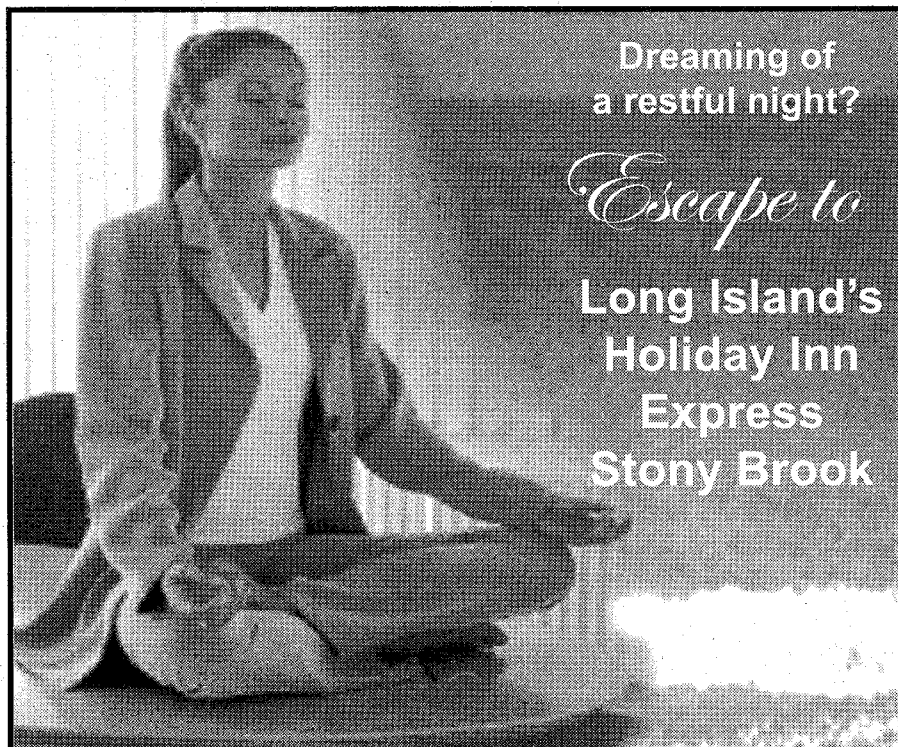
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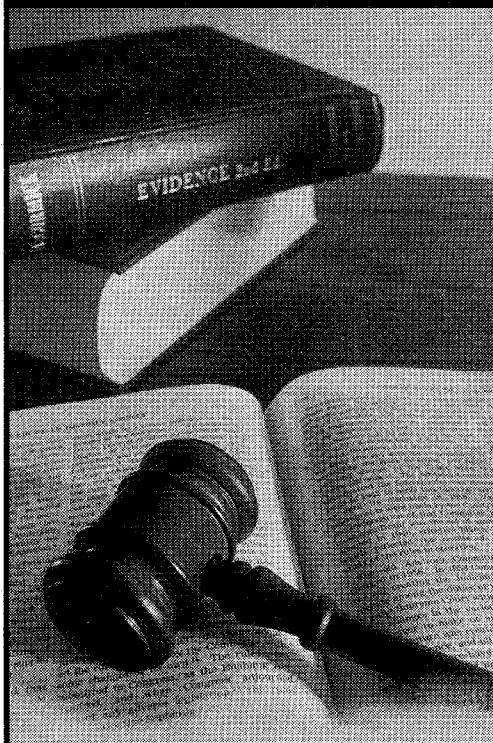
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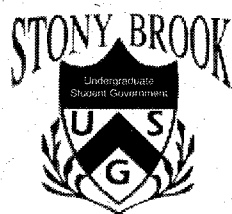
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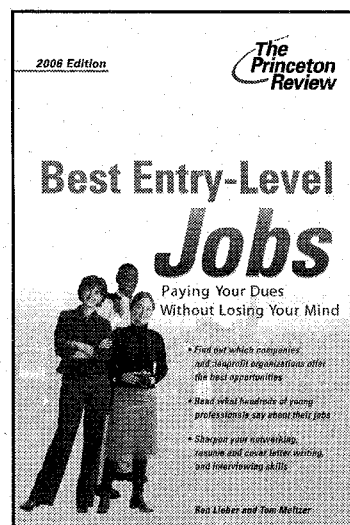
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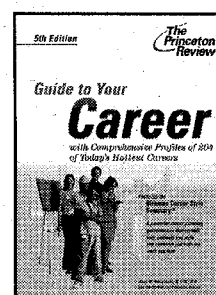
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Culturally Sensitive Psychology at Stony Brook

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problems, lack of motivation and identity issues. Not counting students who were being seen already from previous semesters, 965 students had signed up for their first appointment at the Counseling Center in the 2005 spring and fall semesters.

In the culturally diverse SBU community, psychologists must also grasp the idea of how cultural background can affect the way people make sense of themselves. As Dr. Richards explains, "we understand that people coming from some family and cultural background where community is emphasized, would have a much more communal image of who they are as people. So, the level of closeness they might expect in relationships is going to be vastly different from people who comes from culture with more individualistic, rather than a collectivistic, mentality."

Echoing Dr. Richards' point, in a brochure distributed by American Psychological Association (APA), it stated that, "The diversity of America today calls for psychologists to develop and refine therapies to meet the unique needs of different ethnic groups."

As the Assistant Director for Training, Dr. Richards, also recommends students who are finishing their doctoral program to apply to the one-year APA-accredited Culturally Sensitive Psychodynamic Psychology Internship program. Psychodynamic psychology is one form of psychology that seeks to understand how people make sense of themselves and others based on their expectations of people in terms of their history. As this program has already been in place since 1988, it adapts throughout the years to perfect the training of each intern. In recent years, the Counseling Center has placed a stronger emphasis on how to understand and help people with their difficulties when they are of different origins and were raised in different cultures. "Interns will

receive training to widen their thinking and their experience by interacting with people as inclusive as possible of a wide spectrum of belief system and upbringing," Richards explained.

Although this internship is only offered to doctoral candidates, students with bachelor's or master's degree and with strong interest of psychology can also contact staff members at the Counseling Center for career and academic advice. "I am always willing to help because it's a big field, with a lot of confusing possibilities," Richards said.

For additional resources on psychology internships and careers, students can visit the American Psychological Association website (<http://www.apa.org/students/>) and the Undergraduate Academic Advisor of the Psychology Department. University Counseling Center operates from 8am-5pm on M-F, with extended services till 7pm on Tuesday. All counseling appointments can be made by calling (631) 632-6720.

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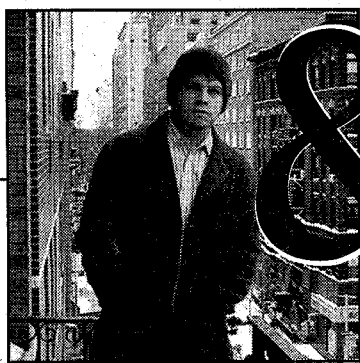
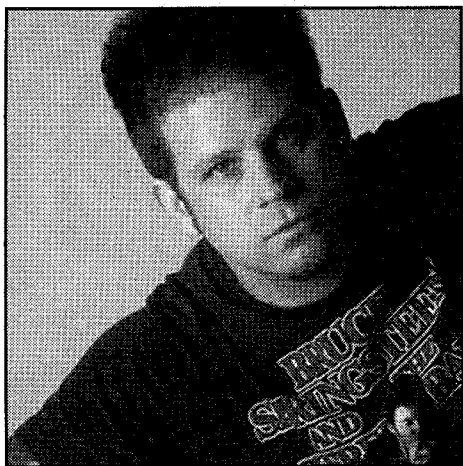
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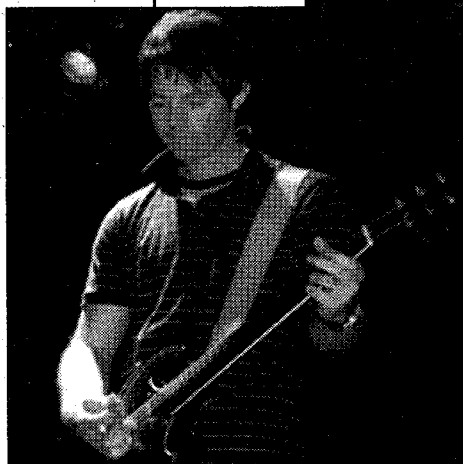
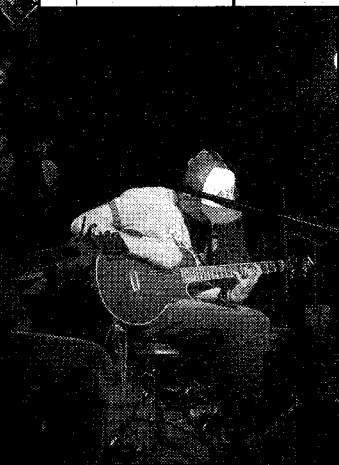
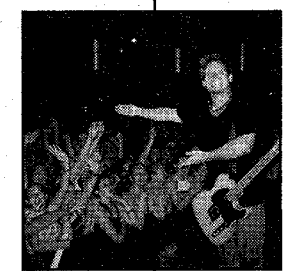
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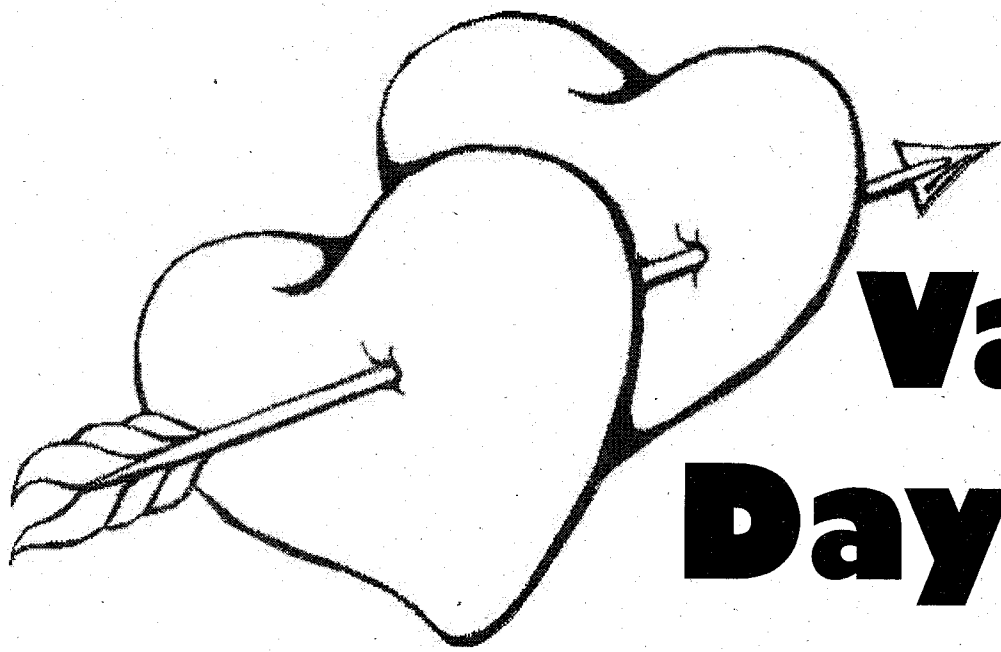
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Valentine's Day, SBU Style

A Valentine's Day of Mythical Proportions

Valentine's Day is the one day throughout the year that, regardless of gender, race, religion, or ethnicity, there is an overabundance of personal opinion and attitude. Here is a reader's guide to the groups who are seemingly affected, for better or for worse, by the long shot of Cupid's arrow.

The Misbegotten and Emotionally Despondent- Rally together around the woes of your adventures in relationships. By sharing a cold one with those that you can relate to and interact with makes you a better person. Exchange ideas on how to improve your love life, or better yet, continue to wallow in your despair by criticizing those who have succeeded where you have failed miserably.

The One Guy Addicted To The Candy Hearts- Eat them up while you can. Much like candy corn, eggnog, and Cadbury Eggs, their sugary goodness only lasts for so long.

The Other Guy Who Hates the Commercialism of Valentine's Day- I don't understand this complaint. This entire world is commercialized 365 days out of the year. Don't sublimate your loneliness and bitterness into this unwarranted complaint. Go join the misbegotten and emotionally despondent.

Ralph Wiggum- I Choo-Choo-Choose You too, buddy.*

The Overjoyed and Vainglorious- Avoid the Misbegotten and Emotionally Despondent on this day. Make this day entirely about yourself and your similarly matched loved one. Visit the stereotypically romantic Italian restaurant and stare lovingly into your partner's eyes throughout the evening. You are likely to incite the ire and hatred of many in the restaurant. Repeat until melee ensues.

The One Guy Who Is Happy For Everyone Who Is In Love- You know who you are and you know that you are lying. Give up the game and join the Misbegotten and Emotionally Despondent.

The Recently Singled- You've been dumped not too long ago and feel that this day of the year will only remind you of that person you thought you may have spent your life with. This is most likely true and will only become more and more accurate as the day progresses. Perhaps an indoor day of boardgames will suffice.

There you have it. A quick rundown of what makes Valentine's Day hated and loved by all. If in fact you indeed fall into any of the aforementioned categories, please do not feel stereotyped or insulted. You are living proof that this holiday can be embraced and repelled by all.

-Gary Lubrat, Copy Editor

Rockin' the Brook:

Music to Get It On to, Whatever It May Be

BY INUR MAMOR
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The influx of red roses and sappy jewelry store commercials can only mean one thing: that Valentine's Day is rearing its ugly heart shaped head yet again. So, to commemorate the special day, spend it with someone special, preferably listening to some great music and experiencing some great feelings.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, here's a mixtape for those who will be spending Valentine's Day with that indefinably perfect creature. Nevertheless, the persuasive lyricism of these songs can be used for those who will be getting busy, regardless of relationships entanglement!

****Disclaimer:** Songs should be played loud. You do not need to include every song, just remember the length of the mixtape should be long, (time wise) you don't want to interrupt the flow of things by having to press play again!**

1. *Michelle*- Beatles
2. *Angeles*- Elliott Smith
3. Here I'd recommend throwing in one of your particular Bob Marley favorites.
4. *Lazy Line Painter Jane*- Belle and Sebastian
5. *Enjoy Yourself*- The Specials
6. *Get Off*- Prince
7. *Dancing Queen*- ABBA
8. *Expectations*- Belle and Sebastian
9. *I've Been Tired*- Pixies
10. *Fire in Cairo*- The Cure (You could go with a more obvious Cure song, like Lovesong.)

11. *Hunter*- Bjork
12. *Olio*- The Rapture
13. *Why Can't I Touch It*- Buzzcocks
14. *Rudie Cant Fail*- The Clash
15. *Do You Wanna Dance*- The Ramones
16. *Shake Your Rump/Finger Lickin' Good/Car Thief/Egg Man*- Beastie Boys (This helps rev things up, something unexpected yet appreciated.)
17. *Beat It*- Michael Jackson
18. *Drain You*- Nirvana
19. *Lets Run*- Le Tigre
20. *Skulls*- Misfits
21. *Gimmie Gimmie Gimmie*- Black Flag
22. *Stand Up*- Minor Threat
23. *Just Let Go*- Fischerspooner
24. *Orgasm Addict*- Buzzcocks
25. *Soon*- My Bloody Valentine
26. *Some Kind of Love*- Velvet Underground
27. *If You're Feeling Sinister*- Belle and Sebastian
28. *Lover You Should've Come Over*- Jeff Buckley

* Bonus Track- Holland 1945- Neutral Milk Hotel

While tracks 1-13 set the mood and get things going, tracks 13-24 are specifically themed to insert energy and act as a sort of second wind, before things slow down and come down with track 25. The bonus track is a pleasant, "remember me track," which will leave the listener wanting to start the tape all over or to tuck the memory of the experience in some hidden crevice in his or her mind. And to spice things up, only for those seasoned mixtapers, add some ethnic music. If it's in a foreign language you get double the points!

Cool Flicks: For the Love of Movies

BY RACHEL BROZINSKY
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is approaching faster than you can say "Hallmark Holiday." You can always go out to an expensive candlelit dinner at End of the Bridge and finish the night with a stroll on the water's edge at Roth Pond, but why not do something simple and romantic? On this over hyped, and-let's face it- corny day of February 14, it might be nice to tone it down and just open up a box of chocolates with your significant other (or with friends who are protesting the holiday) and watch a romantic movie. The following are a few suggestions for all different tastes.

If you're into classics, a great pick would be the 1937 picture *The Awful Truth*. The screwball comedy stars the classically handsome Cary Grant and the stunning Irene Dunne as the soon to be divorced Jerry and Lucy Warriner. The distrustful couple breaks up when both parties suspect that the other is cheating. When both Jerry and Lucy conspire to break up the other's post-split relationships out of spite, they find themselves in slapstick situations that force them to confront their true feelings for one another.

For those of you who are into theater and musicals, the tragic romance *Moulin Rouge* could be the movie for you this Valentine's Day. Christian (Ewan McGregor), the naïve playwright, and Satine (Nicole Kidman), the unattainable courtesan, sing beautiful duets together as star-crossed lovers in the bohemian Moulin Rouge at the turn of the twentieth century. Their love, despite its complications, is one that transcends class, time, and even death.

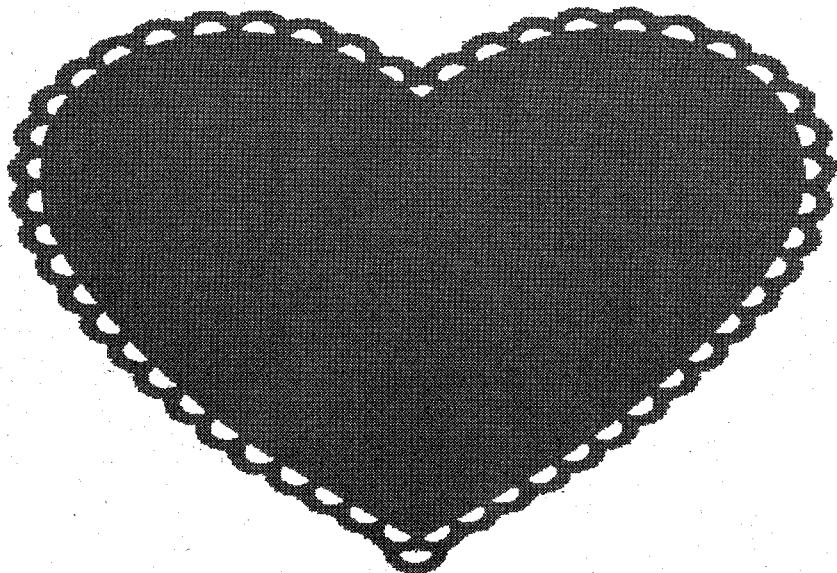
If you want something alternative and maybe even slightly political, the romantic "dramedy" *Latter Days* is the story of Christian (Wes Ramsey) and

Aaron (Steve Sandvoss). The former is a self-proclaimed party boy and the latter is a Mormon missionary sent to L.A. It is there that the two men meet and fall in love despite both of their hesitations and resistances. Throughout the film, the audience wonders if love can truly overcome expectations, tradition, and religion.

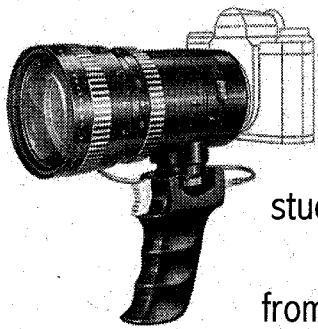
A typical romantic comedy is *Wedding Crashers*. This is the kind of movie that both boyfriends and girlfriends in any configuration could enjoy. Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn play a new kind of dynamic duo that travels from wedding to wedding preying on the single bridesmaids who are desperate to find "the one." Both leading men find their own future brides, sisters played by Rachel McAdams and Isla Fisher. This movie finds a perfect balance between sweet romance and silly comedy.

If you're in the mood for pure love story, *Love Actually* is a wonderful film. It stars big British names such as Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Keira Knightly, Colin Firth, Emma Thompson, and Bill Nighy. This huge ensemble cast contributes to a multitude of storylines from the Prime Minister falling for his assistant to a troubled marriage to the couple that meets because they are stand-ins on a porn set to and author who falls in love with his Portuguese maid despite the cultural and language barrier. This movie manages to spin tales of love without ever becoming trite.

I hope that you enjoy watching these with your friends and significant others. And even if you're watching them alone, you'll have a recent divorcé, singing writer, gay Mormon, wedding crasher, and Prime Minister to keep you company this Valentine's Day.



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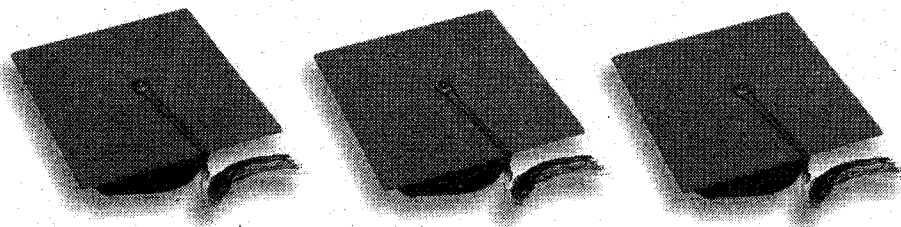
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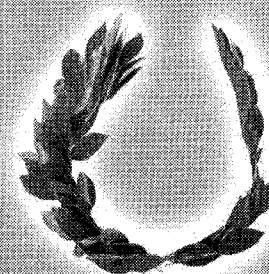
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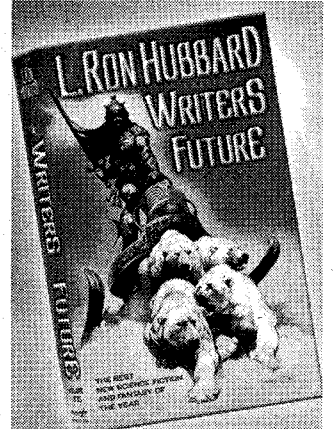
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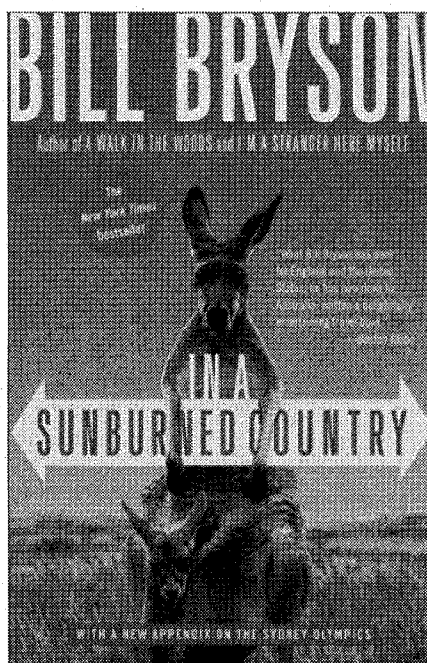
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**IN A SUNBURNED
COUNTRY (352 PGS)**

BY BILL BRYSON

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BY JEREMY FALLETTA
Senior Australian Correspondent

It's always refreshing to take a break from the world of fiction. Well, not really. But in the case of *In a Sunburned Country*, Bill Bryson's Australian travel memoir, I feel I can make an exception. This book is shocking, hilarious, and utterly intriguing, considering it's a bunch of stuff that really happened.

In a Sunburned Country is divided into three sections; each deals with different geological genres of Australian sightseeing. It also contains a wonderful appendix, added after the original publication, regarding the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Bryson's discussion of "the outback," which covers a vast majority of the Australian landscape, comes foremost in his collection of tales, but it manages to stay with him as he describes the urban and suburban regions of the country as well. Early on it is clear that you can't go to Australia without encountering the outback quite frequently. Bryson's descriptions of the wasteland are comical, often employing sarcasm and a wee bit of exaggeration to drive his points home.

Moreover, from this literary springboard, he goes on to divulge innumerable startling facts about the wildlife that have made their home down under. Rabbits, for example, just 24 of which were introduced to Australia in 1859, eventually "picked clean" a hefty "2 million miles of Victoria," says Bryson. Not long after, they began consuming every conceivable bit of foliage, "advancing over the landscape at a rate of seventy-five miles per year." This is generally credited as the reason for certain areas of Australia, specifically Victoria, being absolutely barren. Now, is that absurd, or what? Rabbits!

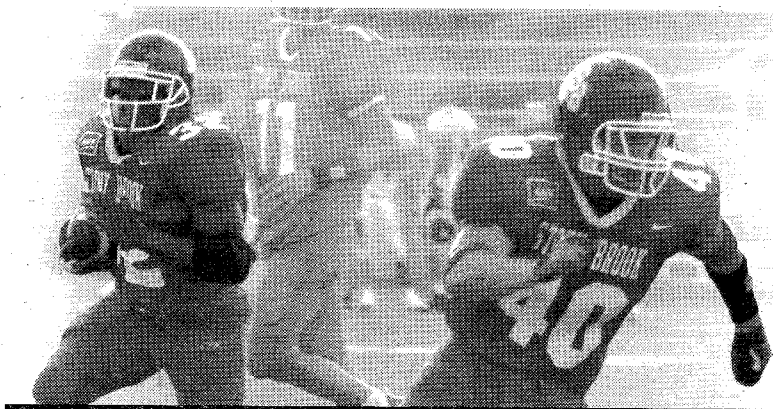
Bryson also pays homage to the oft-neglected Aborigines in his narrative, citing evidence indicating that the indigenous people have been in

Australia for somewhere in the range of 60,000 years. They are the world's oldest continuously surviving people. And no one knows how they got down under from wherever they started. Of course, there's plenty of conjecture, which Bryson illuminates nicely, but the truth is absolutely uncertain. The point he seems to be trying to make over and over in these pages, nicely exemplified by the Aboriginal anecdotes, is that there is some remarkable stuff going on down there, and no one knows about it! And he's entirely right. As he notes right off the bat, *The New York Times*, in 1997, considered Australia "more important to us...than bananas, but not nearly as important as ice cream," in terms of the number of articles published on each subject. Maybe I'm just swept up with Bryson fever, but I'd say the guy has a pretty legitimate point. What the hell's going on down there, anyway?

The book's chapters, for the most part, stand on their own. If you're like me, you'll have to read the whole book anyway, but having the option to read just one or two little vignettes appropriate to your interest is a plus in any reading endeavor. Bryson continually stresses, mostly at the end of chapters, how delightfully surprised he perpetually is with Australia. In fact, his repetitious expressions of glee were, in my opinion, the only negative factor in reading *In a Sunburned Country*. And if that's as bad as it gets, I can deal with that just fine.

I would recommend this book strongly to anyone considering traveling to Australia, but its scope is hardly limited to people planning to go down under. The bizarre stories, statistics and permeating humor make this a good read for anyone with even a modicum of interest in things traditionally unknown. As I mentioned above, the chapters are mostly self-contained, so feel free to grab this and read one here or there, whenever you have some free time. Just finish it before you land at Melbourne International, okay?

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Not even the Blizzard of 2006 could stop Mykeema Ford and Stony Brook as the Seawolves cruised to a 68-53 victory over the visiting Bearcats. The Seawolves took advantage of 19 second-chance points as they improve to 14-7 overall and 7-3 in America East play. The loss drops Binghamton to 13-9 overall and 6-5 in conference.

"I was very pleased with how we played today, especially in the first-half," said SB head coach Maura McHugh. "Our defense was able to control their inside game, which hurt us greatly when we played them earlier this year."

Stony Brook controlled the game from the tip and did not trail after taking a 5-4 lead off of a Sidney Orndorff three-pointer. The Seawolves' lead grew to as many as 14 as Stony Brook headed into the locker room up 39-25.

The visiting Bearcats would get no closer than 10 as

the Seawolves are now in sole possession of second place in the America East.

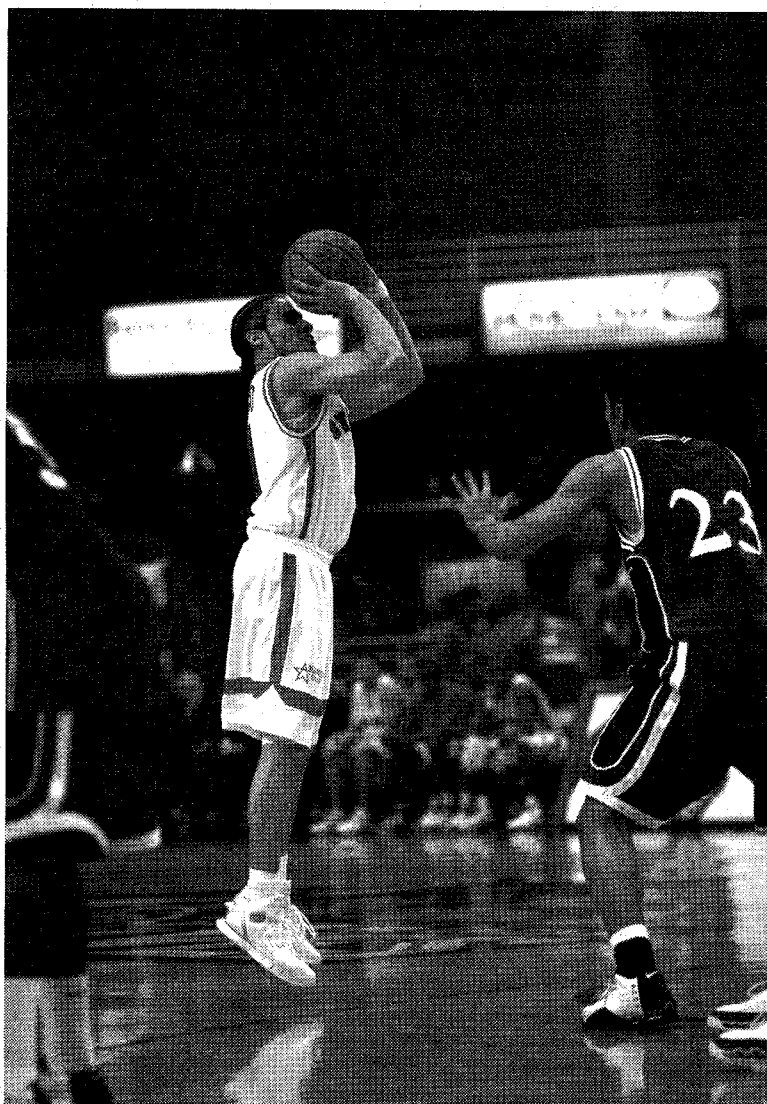
Ford led the way for Stony Brook, netting a game-high 21 points and added seven rebounds and four assists. Dana Ferraro contributed 10 points on five-of-eight shooting. Jessica Smith tallied a game-high 11 boards. For the game the Seawolves outrebounded the Bearcats 42-33 and shot 93% from the charity stripe.

Jen Blues paced the Binghamton attack, with 15 points and four rebounds. Juta Jahilo netted eight points and grabbed seven boards in the loss.

The Seawolves return to action on Wednesday when they host New Hampshire. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Courtesy of Stony Brook Athletics

Bing Defeats Men's BBall, 76-58



Stony Brook's Bobby Santiago netted 20 points this evening, but it was not enough as the Seawolves fell to Binghamton, 76-58. With the win, Binghamton improves to 12-11, 9-3 in America East play, while the Seawolves fall to 4-18, 2-10, and have lost their last three games.

"I am very disappointed by the way we played today," said head coach Steve Pikiell. "We have to give a much better effort to win basketball games."

Binghamton jumped out to an early 10-1 lead and never looked back.

The Bearcats went into the locker room up 39-23, as the Seawolves could get no closer than 10 in the first stanza.

The lead ballooned to as many as 26 points after a jumper by Troy Hailey with 9:09 left to

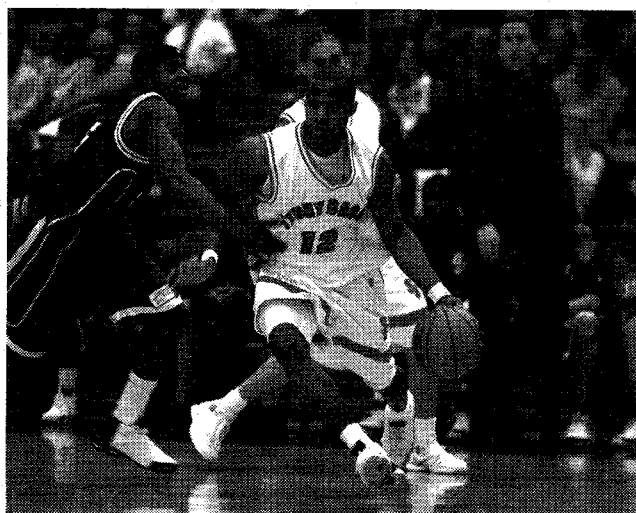
play. The Seawolves' 14 turnovers led to 18 points for the Bearcats on the afternoon and Binghamton controlled the paint, outscoring Stony Brook, 26-16, down low.

Santiago led the way for the Seawolves with 20 points on the afternoon to go along with four rebounds. Mike Popoko added 13 points and grabbed six boards.

Sebastian Hermenier led four Bearcats in double figures, as he tallied 20 points and snagged 10 rebounds. Andre Heard and Hailey both had 11 points and Ian Milne added 10 points.

Stony Brook returns to action on Monday night when the Seawolves travel to Chesnut Hill, Mass., to take on the Boston College Eagles. Tip-off is slated for 7:00 p.m.

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