

Students Pack Arena for Chappelle

USG Organizes a Sold-out Comedy Performance

By TED LAI Statesman Staff

Over 4,500 students packed the Sports Complex this past Thursday to see Dave Chappelle's comedy act, *Blackology 103: Introductory Chappelle.*

"The show was great – I loved every minute of it," said junior Jeff Kruszyna. "I have been here for over three years, and this was the first event that I feel put my Student Activity Fee to something I really enjoyed."

The opening act by Greer Barnes started off with a comment on how he, as an African-American, was not used to being treated so well by police, noting that University Police was especially courteous to him.

Dave Chappelle came onstage after Barnes and peppered the crowd with jokes and anecdotes that filled the arena with laughter. With politically incorrect tales ranging from how Elizabeth Smart was actually dumb [not smart as her last name professes] to how Don Zimmer was lucky he was only thrown down and not slashed and stabbed by Dominican Pedro Martinez.

"The show was hilarious," said senior Alex Borress. "Dave talks about what everyone thinks but never discusses openly. I watch him on Comedy Central, and it was great seeing him live in person."

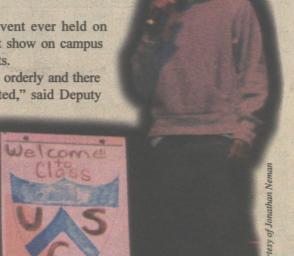
It was the largest event ever held on campus and was the first show on campus that ever sold out of tickets.

"The crowd behaved orderly and there were no incidents reported," said Deputy

Chief of University Police Douglas Little. "It was a great event, and the students enjoyed themselves." However, there

was a concern from the Stony Brook Volteer Ambulance

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Brookhaven Develops Anti-Anthrax Technology

By ROHIT DAS Statesman Editor

In recent years, research into various forms of biological warfare has become widesread. Brookhaven National Laboratories is at the forefront of this research, and has developed "ThraxVac," which is currently the leading form of anti-anthrax technology.

Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacteria *Bacillus anthracis*, has become the focus of a hot field of research.

Carl Czajkowski, a Brookhaven scientist, and Barbara Panessa-Warren, a biological consultant to BNL, are the makers of this new technology. Their initial concern arose from the several anthrax-related incidents reported in 2001. They believed that previous methods of cleaning up anthrax were dirty, unsafe, and often ineffective.

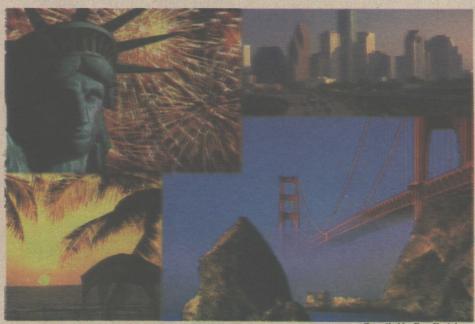
"We thought there must be a better way to clean up anthrax, other than using harsh chemicals that are dangerous to humans and to the environment," Czajkowski said. "Also, chemicals often can't do the job thoroughly."

As suggested by its name, ThraxVac vacuums up spore-forming bacteria and places them in a hot and moist container, allowing them to thrive in this optimal, yet isolated, environment. But prolonged

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Educating Through National Exchange



Students are given the opportunity to attend school in any of 177 participating universities across the United States and its territories.

BY MOHAMMAD MALIK AND JENNY WANG Statesman Staff

Among the most coveted positions in any student's academic career is a spot in an exchange program that gives them an opportunity to travel abroad. Students across the United States look for these new experiences and many have found them, not in conventional international exchanges, but through the National Student Exchange Program, or NSE. Over 4,500 students participate in the program each year, which launched in 1968 with only three participating state universities.

By mid-March of each academic year, the National Student Exchange Conference convenes to exchange the students seeking placement in their choice of the now 177 member universities across the United States and its territories. Through the program, eligible students are given the opportunity to study for up to a full academic year at any participating school across the entire United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Puerto Rico and 4 Canadian provinces.

Exchange students may study under the same tuition costs of their home school, or at the in-state tuition rate at the school they exchange to.

"I get to meet the nicest people," said Barbara Fletcher, NSE Coordinator and Director of Scholarships here at Stony Brook. "People who want to go from Stony Brook and people who want to come to Stony Brook. So they are representing their institutions very well. Our students can go to any [member] school within the United States."

Undoubtedly, the prospect of studying at Hawaii's University of Manoa or California State University at Los Angeles appeals to many students seeking greater educational opportunities and looking for a change of scenery.

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Under A Rock: The Weekly World News

BY REGINA GLICK Statesman Editor

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The following information has been compiled from The New York Times between 11/10 and 11/14.

CAR BOMBS

In an attack that appears to have been perpetrated by al Qaeda, 17 people died and 122 were wounded last weekend when a car bomb exploded in a residential complex that houses mostly Arab expatriates in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Shortly before the blast, the American Embassy, located three miles away was shut down because of vague intelligence reports that an attack was imminent. Saudi and Western officials do not know why the complex was selected.

An additional 26 people-at least 17 Italians and nine Iraqis-died in another car bomb Wednesday in front of the Italian paramilitary police headquarters in Nasiriya, 180 miles south of Baghdad. As of Friday, no groups have claimed responsibility for the attack.

Hours after the attack, American forces conducted air strikes against a warehouse in southern Baghdad suspected of serving as a base for Saddam Hussein loyalists planning attacks on American forces.

IRAQ

Bush administration officials announced plans on Wednesday to hold



of next year. The U.S. plans to turn civilian authority over to a temporary government before a new constitution is drafted. The move comes on the heels of heightening attacks on American and other foreign forces in the country.

The members of the current Iraqi Governing Council said that they would reject any plans to draft a constitution during the coming months, saying that the process would be too divisive. The council said that they will instead

propose that they themselvesassume provisional government authority immediately. The council also expressed frustration over the American exercise of power.

On Monday, the New York Times reported that the Bush administration is quietly winning. appeal to an overturn last summer's federal court ruling that awarded hundreds of millions of dollars in frozen

elections in Iraq during the first half Iraqi assets to 17 tortured POWs from the 1991 Persian Gulf war. The White House insists that the assets are needed for Iraqi reconstruction. The Bush administration has sought nearly \$87 billion from Congress to pay for military and reconstruction spending in Iraq.

MEPHAM HIGH SCHOOL

A Pennsylvania judge ruled Wednesday that the three defendants in the Mepham High School sexual abuse scandal will be tried as juveniles, not as adults. The defendants, who are being charged in Honesdale, Pen. where the alleged attacks occurred, were all 16 or 17 years old. If they were to have been convicted as adults, the defen-

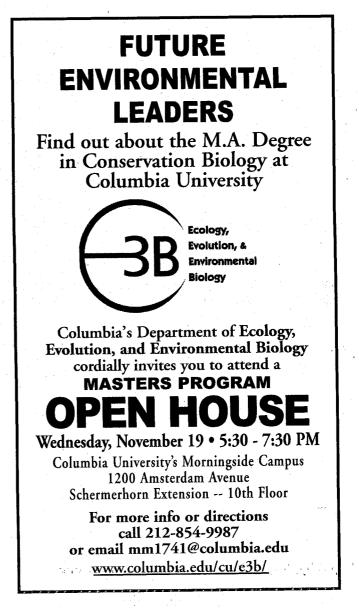
dents could have each received up to 20 years in prison. If convicted as juveniles, their sentences would range from probation to detention until age 21.

DEMOCRATIC CONTENDERS

On Tuesday, General Wesley K. Clark said that he would support a constitutional amendment banning the desecration of the American flag. Such a proposal has been opposed by most Democrats in Congress on the grounds that recent versions have been vaguely worded and that such a ban would contradict First Amendment guarantees.

Clark also criticized the Bush administration on Wednesday for failing to capture Osama bin Laden. He proposed an American-Saudi Arabian commando force to search Pakistan and Afghanistan for the suspected al Qaeda leader. Clark, who is the former Supreme Commander of NATO forces, said he supported Bush's move to hunt for bin Laden in Afghanistan following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, but said the president has since failed in his efforts.

Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts said Tuesday that he would decide over the next few days whether he would accept public campaign financing, as his rival Howard Dean has done. Although public funding provides candidates with often much-needed cash during the race, acceptance caps candidate's spending at \$45 million. It also limits the amount of personal money candidates can inject into their campaigns. President Bush has already rejected public funding and hopes to build a war chest of \$170 million.



College News Howard Dean Proposes Higher-Education Plan

By SARA HEBEL Chronicle of Higher Education

Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president, laid out his higher-education platform on Thursday in a speech that called on the federal government to help expand college participation by rewarding students who commit, by the eighth grade, to pursue a postsecondary education and by helping graduates pay back their student loans.

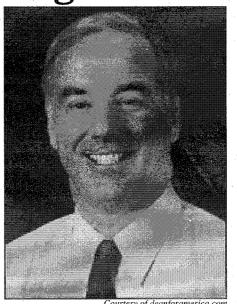
Speaking at Dartmouth College, Dean also proposed extra aid for students who pursue careers in public-service fields such as nursing, teaching, and law enforcement. And he advocated expanding the number of participants in the AmeriCorps national-service program to 250,000 per year, instead of the 50,000 that Congress now finances.

Those ideas, Dean said, would cost the federal government about \$7.1 billion per year, an amount that he said he would raise by repealing several of the tax cuts that President Bush has signed.

"I will seek real change in the way we approach higher education," Dean said. "And I will make a fundamental commitment to our children: that every one of them will be able to afford to go to college if they commit to work hard, stay in school, and graduate from high school."

Under his plan, eighth-grade students who agreed to prepare for and apply to college would be guaranteed access to at least \$10,000 per year of federal and state grants and loans to help pay for college or a career-training program.

For students who have to borrow money for college, Dean proposed new tax credits to cover some of their loan payments. College graduates would pay back student loans as they do now. But borrowers who were employed would be able to take a tax credit equal to the amount of loans they paid back each



Howard Dean is proposing a plan that prepares students for college from as early as eighth grade.

year that exceeded 10 percent of their personal income.

On AmeriCorps, which provides

each participant with \$4,725 for college in exchange for a year of community service, Dean proposed increasing its funds to quintuple the number of people who could take part annually.

Discussing other matters of highereducation policy, Dean argued that federal lawmakers bear responsibility for colleges' price increases because Congress has not provided states with a "fair share" of federal funds. That, in turn, has forced states to cut colleges' budgets, which has led institutions to raise tuition for additional revenues, Dean said

The former governor also said he would oppose awarding federal financial aid by merit. And he argued against financing public colleges through voucherlike systems, as has been proposed in Colorado and elsewhere, that would largely replace state appropriations for institutions with grants that would go directly to students.

Exchange Sends Students Around U.S. ationa

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Despite misconceptions about the selectivity of the NSE, 97 percent of all applicants to the program have been admitted in the past 20 years, and over 84 percent were placed into their first choice college or university.

Stony Brook has been fortunate [in] that upwards of 90 percent of my students get into their first choice school," Fletcher said. "In 13 years, I've turned only two people down, because they both had problems in the residence halls."

Eligibility for the NSE is not simply meant for an "elite few" to enjoy, but rather is open to any student in good academic standing (minimum of 2.5 GPA), who is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Applicants must also have no history of disciplinary action or academic

Student participants have the opportunity to experience different college campuses.

misconduct and must pay a \$100 applicasee new places, and have the comfort of coming back home to the people you know "It's a new experience," said Ceci and love."

Laura Perez, a business major also from UTEP, is participating in the NSE program here at Stony Brook in her sophomore year. "Here I have the advantages of taking courses that my home school didn't offer," she said.

Perez is also a member of the Ballroom Dance Team, another activity not available to her in El Paso. "Although it is still within America, there are diversity of culture and lifestyles that are very different from what we [perceive]," she said.

"One should not confine oneself to any particular area and culture," said Chi Wai Poon, a junior studying economics at Stony Brook, when asked about NSE. "Instead, we should grab the bull by the horns and acknowledge as much as possible."

"I like to call it a constructive risk," Fletcher said. "It's win-win no matter how you slice it."

For more information on the program visit the National Student Exchange website at http://www.nse.org, the school NSE website at http://www.stonybrook.edu/ nse/, or visit Barbara Fletcher in the Administration Building Room 291.

Comedian Rocks SBU

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Corps regarding the large crowd. "It was a little dangerous to have people on the landing above the arena and not being able to have a clear overview of the audience," said Ann Teng, Chief of SBVAC.

Students also noted the large crowd and the rate at which the arena became packed to capacity.

"I really enjoyed myself at the show, but it seemed very crowded and it made me a little bit nervous seeing all the people in the balcony in such a small venue," said junior Virginia Morgan. "I think there should have been an appouncement made in the beginning to inform students what to do and how to exit in case there needed to be an evacuation."

The show was organized by the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and paid for by the Student Activity Fee.

"The show was very successful and students got the benefits of their Student Activity Fee," said Jon Neman, Vice President of Student Life Programs and Activity. "Hopefully, this is a the start

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tion fee if accepted into the program.

Reyes, a Junior in the National Student

Exchange from the University of Texas

at El Paso. "You get to travel to anywhere

in the U.S. and take classes at another

university that you can get credit for at

your own school. You get to meet people,

of a new tradition at Stony Brook hosting big-name events on campus."

USG President Sandy Curtis also expressed her hopes for the future of programs directed for students. "I am very excited because this is the beginning of new things on campus, and we are in the process of planning another major event on campus for next semester," she said. "One of the best things about this event was its ability to draw students from every part of campus and unify them at an event."

The USG will have a Meet and Greet session this Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the SAC lobby during Campus Lifetime for students to get involved with USG and to give input on which performer to have on campus next semester.

Bioterrorism Research

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exposure to these conditions actually weakens the bacteria, which are then killed by a type of radioactivity, known as alpha particles, inside the vacuum.

Previous anti-anthrax techniques used bleach or other detoxifying solvents. Though these liquids are effective killers of bacteria, they do not completely destroy large colonies, potentially failing to eradicate an infectious threat.

Alpha particle technology, which is not especially new in scientific research, avoids the inefficiency of detoxifying solvents. Because it is contained in the vacuum, it does not harm the environment and can be used as long as there are still bacteria left to kill.

What makes this technology especially fruitful is the diversity of its application. Not only can ThraxVac clean up large infected areas, but it can also decontaminate machinery or equipment. Consequently, ThraxVac is expected to be used in major corporations, the military, and other organizations.

"It's important that this technology can be used in different areas of society, since anthrax itself isn't really localized and can be anywhere," said Guarav Verma, a sophomore majoring in biochemistry.

ThraxVac is also expected to be a portable technology with different modes of use. It could be used much like a regular home vacuum, or fitted into a building's ventilation or air conditioning system. In both cases, ThraxVac would continually suck up and destroy spore-producing bacteria present in the air. Both forms of the technology utilize a Polonium-210 filter, which is the source of the alpha particles responsible for killing the bacteria. This filter is periodically discarded and replaced, thus removing dead spores and allowing new ones to enter.

The ThraxVac patent will be licensed to Circle Group Holdings, Inc., a public company located in Mundelein, Illinois. Scientists hope that this technology paves the way to more active research and development into anti-bioterrorism research.

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Features Jonathan Lobel Honored by SBU Community

By ARPANA RAYANNAVAR Statesman Staff

Very rarely do you find a person with a passion for life that drives not only their own dreams, but also fuels those of each life they touch. Jonathan Lobel, a Stony Brook student who shined with a passion for service and dedication to his loved ones, was honored in memorial on Nov. 12 in the CELT room at the Melville Library. As a senior and psychology major at Stony Brook University, Lobel was involved in a tragic car accident on Sept. 25 that took his young life.

Lobel contributed a great deal to Stony Brook. He was a member of the Honors Program in psychology, president of Psi Chi Honor Society, an active member in Students Putting an End to Cancer (SPEC), and worked long hours with autistic children through community service.

Lobel was a "mitzvah man," said Rabbi Joseph Topek, acknowledging Jonathan's contributions to the community.

"[Jonathan] was always in the pursuit of peace, running after every opportunity to do well and he shared it with everyone else," said Rabbi Topek. "One consolation is that when we are mourning, we acknowledge that his life had so much meaning."

Rich Lopez, a close friend of Lobel's shared some humorous moments from their friendship before reading sentiments from Nancy Franklin, Ph.D., psychology professor and advisor to Psi Chi, who was unable to attend the evening's service.



Jonathan Lobel was an active member of the SBU community, and will always be remembered for his dedication to his peers and teachers.

Lobel's life at Stony Brook manifested the saying "biting off more than you can chew," she wrote. Franklin related that she was always amazed at the quality of his efforts and work.

"How many credits are you taking?" she would ask him each semester. His reply always went beyond expectations; usually topping at 24 credits. She was even ready to use him as a lesson plan for the "overcommitted student."

"Problems were never insurmountable for him," Franklin said. "Jonathan created projects that no one asked him to do. He sparked enthusiasm in other students; he bent over backwards to see other p e o p 1 e succeed."

John Robinson, Ph.D., a faculty member in the psychology department also spoke of Lobel's interest in seeing others succeed and said that he always brought students and faculty together. Since he knew the

psychology professors well, Lobel worked to acquaint other students with their teachers.

"When he brought a friend along, he usually said, 'This is my friend and she will be coming next week to talk to you about an internship," Robinson said.

Marci Lobel, Ph.D., head of Undergraduate Studies in Psychology, who was at a National Institute of Health conference at the time of the memorial, wrote a letter saying that Lobel would have wanted her to go to NIH for the conference about children's studies.

"As a member of the undergraduate affairs committee," she said, "he always

showed up first and stayed the last." Many people used to ask her if Jonathan and she were related. She always replied, "not biologically, but he was part of my Stony Brook family." 5

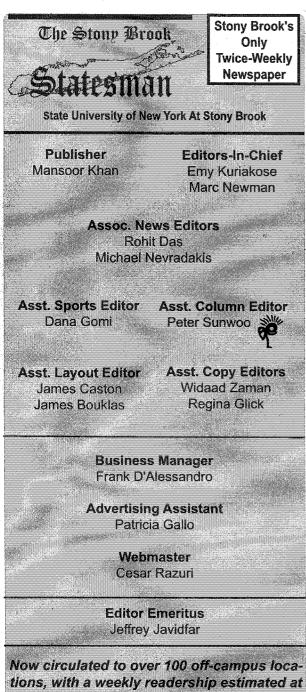
His girlfriend, Lori, considered Jonathan to be perfect. One of his greatest qualities was his love for family. When she asked Lobel about his best friends, he would reply that his top three were "his mother, father, sister."

His fellow student colleagues admired Lobel's work ethic and recognized him as the prototype of the perfect student. Brad Jerson, founder of SPEC and Lobel's close friend, commented on his compassion for every ounce of life. His persistence and intelligence made him a very desireable person to be around, he said.

"Not one day will pass from now on that I won't live my life [in the] certain way that he chose to live his," Jerson said.

With family, friends, and faculty, the memorial brought approximately 50 people together in remembrance. After concluding the first part of the service, organizers from Psi Chi and SPEC led attendees with lighted candles to a tree that had been planted in his memory in the psychology courtyard. Anecdotes and memories were casually shared with his family around the tree, while a bronze plaque with a quote by Helen Steiner Rice was placed at the base of the tree. "Life is not measured by the years we live," it said, "but by the deeds we do and the joys we give."

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By MARC NEWMAN Statesman Editor Bombarded by midterms and papers my last semester at Stony Brook, it seemed as if I had a

rather practical formula for getting decent grades and watching the maximum amount of TV. In the past, since I would watch more TV in the 90s, I watched 'shows,' or what we now know as 'classics.'

In shows like Beverly Hills 90210, Charles in Charge, and ER, the message was that things like

'sex' and 'money' weren't the all important reality. Life and death struggles, finding true love, making a good friend--these were the messages I remember growing up with.

So now I have a newly found reality addiction: Three hours of dating shows each weekday. Shows where millions of dollars are chosen in exchange for excruciating pain or an excessive amount of courtship. So how has TV gotten so 'un' real?

The epitome of this fakenass bore its face in a shocking documentary on I saw on HBO called "Born Rich." Simply, the docu-

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mentary's producer, heir to the Johnson and Johnson company, tracked the lives and opinions of his fellow richies for three years.

"Yeah, I went to campus for academic reasons eight terms my first term at Brown University," said one of Johnson's friends. "They just couldn't throw me out."

Before coming to Stony Brook, I would be appalled to hear such talk. Does anyone work for

anything? Isn't there some satisfaction in doing things the 'right away'?

At SBU, I've made friends that work to pay tuition, and others who never go to class. I think the "Born Rich" documentary had an important message unintended by its producer. Watching it, I thought to myself "How can a 23 year-old NYU billionaire possibly know anything about the life of a college student?"

The message was that college, especially at

SBU, is valuable social experience. Outside of the midterms and papers we've all been bombarded with the past few weeks, talk to a friend that's going through the problems of a lost love, or another who didn't make enough money this month to pay last month's rent. If you don't talk to anyone, you're welcome to come down to the Statesman and make a friend or two in exchange for a little writing experience.

Most of the student's in this documentary spent little time getting to know everyone but themselves. "I usually don't date anyone I haven't met through friends," harped Ivanka Trump. If they went to Europe, it was

to see the Eiffel Tower, not to talk to 'the French.' Get to know one another and discover life,

because reality TV, as I know see it, offers nothing but the temptations of money and sex. SBU offers at least one of the two as a reality. Don't let the exams and papers shut you down. Make a new friend. I'm hoping that the reality TV of the past will become a larger part of our lives - maybe some of you can start that transition here at SBU?

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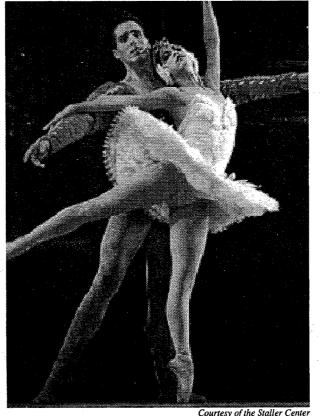
By MEGAN LANGILLE Statesman Staff

Lively, comic, splendid. These three words provide only a small glimpse of the grandeur and elegance of Ballet Nacional De Cuba s performance of "Don Quixote" at Staller Center on Saturday, Oct. 25. In an epic love story that transcends culture and time, the Ballet Nacional de Cuba brought a story of triumph to an intrigued Long Island audience.

Young lovers Basilio and Kitri are forbidden to marry because she has been promised to Gamache, a rich noble. Don Quixote and his squire come to the village to prove that love conquers all. They abet the lovers plan to escape together, but the nobleman and his men find the pair. Kitri is arrested while Basilio escapes into the forest.

On the day she is to marry the Gamache, Basilio sneaks into the church and stabs himself in the heart. His dying wish is to marry Kitri, the girl of his dreams. Moved by his love and devotion, the villagers run Gamache out of town and the lovers are united in marriage. Suddenly, Basilio jumps to his feet and reveals that he has only pretended to stab himself. The newly married couple rejoices with the townspeople.

The Ballet Nacional De Cuba has been impressing fans since the 1940s. It began as a small troupe of dedicated dancers led by Alicia Alfonso. Born in Cuba, Alfonso trained in the United States and received much acclaim as a ballerina. In 1948 she returned to her native country and started what would become the fantastic dance troupe, Ballet Nacional De Cuba.



Admist all the commotion of an adventure packed ballet, dancers of the Ballet Nacional de Cuba kept together with their intricate and graceful form and skill.

Many in Cuba had never experienced ballet, and the dancers went to the countryside and danced on dirt floors to show the people the beauty and grace of ballet performances. The troupe could have remained small and humble, but when Fidel Castro took power in 1959, he sought to build a populist culture in Cuba and supported Alfonso s troupe with state resources. Children in Cuba practice ballet several hours each day when they are very young. The best go on to tryouts for the national ballet. Through this rigorous system, Cuba, an island of just a few million people, consistently produces some of the best dancers in the world.

These dancers performed at the Staller Center with an energy and exuberance that could be felt throughout the auditorium. The cast dazzled the crowd with colorful costumes and beautiful, expressive dancing. Don Quixote had a light and comic feel that enveloped the entire performance. The ballet had drama, comedy and style.

Stony Brook senior Rares Saftoin enjoyed the performance and said his favorite scene was in Act II when the couple comes upon a band of gypsies in the forest. The bright green costumes of the gypsies contrasted brilliantly with the dark background to produce an eye-catching number. Several dancers twirled across stage like a flash of color.

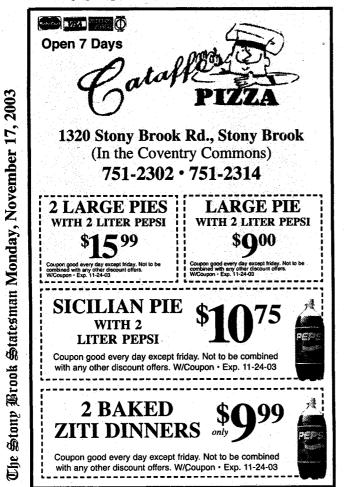
In Act I, six bullfighters appear in the town square, dancing with spirit and strength. The ballet had a distinctive Spanish flavor that was apparent not only in the Spanish style costumes, but also in the dancing. Cuban ballets are known for the sensual and fluid movement of the dancers that seamlessly intertwines with the sound of the music. At the close of the performance, the company received a standing ovation from the delighted Staller Center audience.

Neal the Real Deal: Steroids and Rappers in the Ring?

By NEAL KINARIWALA Statesman Contributor

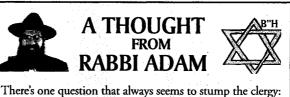
In case anybody cares, HHH and Stephanie McMahon have officially married. And if you were wondering why they ve been noticeably absent from TV, (and why Raw has been less arrogant and annoying) it s due to their honeymoon. If there are such things as indefinite honeymoons, now would be the perfect time to implement one.

Anyways, it seems that a busted steroid-provider in Florida was known to regularly supply wrestlers for \$100 a pop. I guess this shouldn t come as a shock,



considering some of these wrestlers look like they have a 99-inch chest. But get this: The guy was also known to provide steroids to law enforcement agents. Considering that anabolic steroids (the real stuff, not that ephedrine-free garbage you see in GNC), are illegal in practically every state, I don t think anyone has the slightest clue what those scumbag officers were thinking. I guess the police force down under (not Australia) is into dim-witted fools now. But I digress.

Moving along, anyone who remembers his ultimately forgettable wrestling talents on Smackdown! might like to know that Bill DeMott has retired. Now he is looking forward to being an announcer on



If G-d is totally omniscient, knows and controls everything, and as such, all is by His Divine will - then where does free will fit in? Since the Torah/the Bible and it's stories are not just historical in nature, but are meant to provide spiritual guidance, the answer can be found by analyzing the Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph's jealous brothers decided to sell him as a slave. Joseph ended up in Egypt, eventually spearheading Egyptian food distribution, for there was a famine in the land. Joseph's brothers, having no food in there own land, traveled to Egypt, and, not recognizing their brother, presented their case to Joseph. Upon revealing himself and seeing his brothers' shame, Joseph said, "(don't orry) it was not you who sent me here, but G-d." (Gen. 45) 8) Now this has to be understood. For his brothers sold him into slavery! And sinned by doing so! What does G-d have to do with this? Yet, in truth, it was all predetermined. G-d wanted to send Joseph to Egypt so as to be able to sustain his family during the future famine. It's just that the right thing happened for the wrong reasons. Thus, from Joesph's perspective, it was not for him to pass judgement, for G-d had caused it to happen. And, from the perspective of the brothers, even though everything they did was by G-d's hand, they will be held accountable for their sinful intentions.

The Chabad House is located right behind the office trailers by the West Apartments behind the Roosevelt Quad. See posters on campus for details. Or email Rabbi Adam at rabbiadam@hotmail.com. Velocity. Even though DeMott was clearly not the most entertaining wrestler, you can t help but root for him. It s hard to be cynical about a guy who had obviously tried his hardest, but never quite made it. But that s enough for my half-baked commentary for now.

Sadly enough, it appears that "The Macho Man,"

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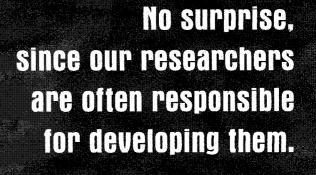
Randy Savage, has made a rap album. If I were to criticize this, I would hardly know where to start. Okay well, maybe one thing speaks for itself: Randy Savage was the Slim Jim guy. What the hell is the Slim Jim guy gonna rap about? How to preserve a beef by-product just the right way? Or if you want a more recent example, just look back to his recent role as Bone Crusher in Spiderman. For those who haven t seen the movie, Bone Crusher was the dense Neanderthal in the wrestling ring with the peculiar speech impediment. The complexity of his dialogue was, in all likelihood, proportional to his rapping talent. With such dialogue as: "Hey freak show, I got you for 3 minutes!" (spoken in his odd method of accentuating every other syllable), his rapping talents border on absolute zero. Or for those more accustomed to science, his rapping talent is near -273° C. I haven t listened to any of his songs, and if you want to keep your health intact, I urge you to do the same. I promise you, only bad can come out of it.

And now, I ll just throw in a Seinfeld quote and bam! I m done:

"You think people will still be using napkins in the year 2000? Or is this mouth-vacuum thing for real?"

-Cosmo Kramer, in The Millennium

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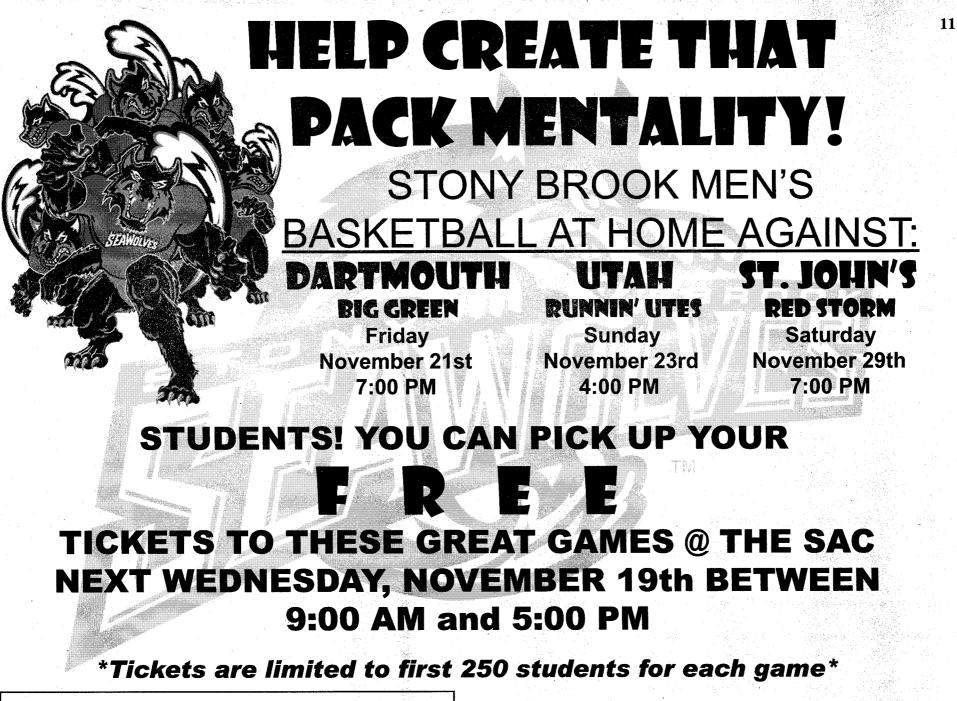
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Women's Volleyball Ends Season in Victory Over Bearcats, 3-1 Wins Place Seawolves in High Standings for the America East Conference

By JOHN IMOSSI Statesman Staff

The Seawolves volleyball team ended their regular season on a high note as they defeated Binghamton 3-1 on Saturday.

Stony Brook finished off 10-4 in the America East Conference and 19-12 overall, while the loss ends the Binghamton Bearcats season at 5-9 in conference and 16-15 overall.

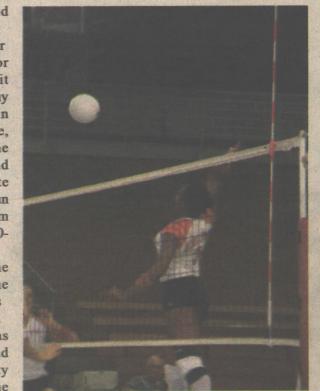
The Seawolves came out strong in the first game, jumping to a quick 4-0 lead, which helped maintain their advantage throughout the game. Binghamton tried to keep it close but Stony Brook was able to respond each time and took the first game 30-20. Binghamton came right back to win a hard-fought second game. The score went back and forth as the two teams traded points and errors aggressively. The Bearcats were able to maintain a slim lead through most of the match until Stony Brook's Sarah Bauer got a kill to tie it at 21. That was as close as the Seawolves would get in that game as Binghamton pulled away and soon won

the second game 27-30.

After minor that setback, it was all Stony Brook. In game three, they came back and used a late six-point run to help them to a solid 30-23 win. In game

the four, Seawolves controlled the play as they lead the majority of the game

domiand nated offense. winning spike. Binghamton however, put up a decent fight, and just



nan/Emv Kuriakos added Tesha Harry seals the Seawolve's victory with a gamekills

Senior Allison Fields also chipped in when it seemed like the tide of the game with 11 digs.

Following the match, the team cel-

which they hope will lead to an equally smith and successful postseason. Tesha Harry Seniors admitted that playing volscored the leyball outside of their home court won't final to be the same. "It's a little bittersweet points to seal knowing that this was my final home the victory. game," Goldsmith said. "But this is a In this, team that I think can win it all, we are their final home game the only team to beat everyone in our conference, so [we] know that we can Stony

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win." Brook, the With this win the Seawolves have three seniors finally secured at least the third seed in on the team the conference tournament. The win put ended their a cap on an amazing season in which the play with women overcame a 1-8 start to win 18 of major contheir last 22 matches. tributions to The America East tournament is the victory. scheduled to begin on Nov. 21, when Goldsmith they will face either Northeastern or led the match Albany. With the skill they've shown with 17 kills in recent games, the Seawolves should while Harry

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two blocks.

prove a tough task for whomever they face "We're very confident right now," said Coach Matejka DesLauries. "We're playing together now

and we're peaking at the right time."

Putting the Pieces Together Women's Basketball Preview:

BY BRIAN HAINES Statesman Staff

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November: the time of year when the air is crisp like a well-executed crossover, leaves fall like turnaround jumpers, and turkey timers pop up like power forwards for rebounds. Ahhh yes, it must be basketball season.

While most students relate late November to Thanksgiving break and the approaching end of the semester, the Stony Brook women's basketball team can only think of a new beginning, a chance to improve on last year's early exit from the playoffs, and the possibility of making it to the big show; the NCAA tournament.

Before the Seawolves can go crazy with thoughts of March Madness, they have to take it one step at a time. The Seawolves finished last year with an overall record of 14-13, a record that is hardly going to get them into the postseason, never mind the NCAA tournament.

Going into this past season, the three returning Wolves lost five seniors to gradua-

tion, three of them starters. They had a relatively new cast for the 2002-2003 season.

was turning in the Bearcats favor, seniors

"Last year we brought in four new players, and only three of our returning players saw significant minutes the year before," said Head Coach Trish Roberts. "So, basically, we were coaching a brand new team."

Coaching a young team is never

easy, but it gets even harder when you lose your starting point guard. SBU had to go through most of the first half of the season without Theresa LoParrino, the team's leader in assists (4.0 apg), who was out with a knee injury. Coach Roberts relied on LoParrino, who was one of those Women's basketball team.

players, to orchestrate the offense We're coming in with good freshman,

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Danyelle Ingram returns to this year's

and guide the young players.

The Seawolves also had to play the first half of the year without forward Shelly Jordan, the teams leading scorer and rebounder (15 ppg, 9 rpg). With the odds stacked against them, the Seawolves still managed to sneak into the playoffs, but lost in the first round to the University of New

> With all that behind them, the Seawolves now look to the 2003-2004 season with hope. They're starting the season with a full experienced team.

"Last year, we younger," were said senior forward Danielle DeGorgio. "We didn't have much experience and lacked chemistry. But this year is different.

and a positive attitude."

LoParrino cited cause for optimism as well. "We are a lot bigger this year, which we lacked last year, plus we also have depth," she said. "We went into the [American East] conference tournament with only seven people last year. You can't win like that."

The Seawolves won't have that problem this year. During the off-season, SBU recruited four key freshmen that bring different dimensions to the team. In the backcourt, they added a speedy point guard in Mykeema Ford, and a sharp shooter in Kelly Watson. Forward/center Jessica Smith adds size and versatility to the roster and a more frontcourt, playing alongside Inbar Orion. Those four players, mixed with Jordan's proven ability, Danyelle Ingram (SG), Stephanie Barlett (F), and Bojana Bogetic (C) provide Roberts with plenty of options and an abundance of scoring power.

The Seawolves appear to have all the right pieces to the puzzle. It's just a matter of getting that puzzle together in time for playoffs.

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