

Tsunami relief efforts: *Past and future*

BY ABY JOSEPH
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On December 26, 2004, a devastating tsunami swept through many countries in Southeast Asia and Africa. Since then, people around the world have been donating money to aid in the relief efforts. Two days after the tsunami, Dr. Laura Valente began emailing colleagues about doing something for the victims of the tsunami. Since then, Stonybrook has held many events to raise funds and raise awareness about the tsunami.

On February 16th, a lecture was held at the Marine Sciences Research Center called "The Day Before the Day After Tomorrow: Local and Global Responses to Natural Disasters" where the main focus was understanding the scientific aspects of tsunamis. Donations for victims of the tsunami were collected at the door. On February 19th, Stonybrook held a Tsunami Benefit Concert at the University Café in the Stonybrook Union, where donations were also accepted at the door. On February 23rd, a memorial service was held at the Charles B. Wang Center's Zodiac Lounge led by Oumou Diallo from the Student Tsunami Relief Committee and Rabbi Joseph Topek, Chaplain and Chair of the Interfaith Center.

There was a Chinese New Year Prix Fixe Benefit Lunch on February 9th. Lunches cost \$12 and half of the money made went towards the tsunami relief funds. The Lunch raised \$400. On February 24th, there was a Community Lunch at the Jasmine Food Court. Faculty paid \$20 and students paid \$10, and various raffles were held, with half the proceeds going to the tsunami relief fund. The Community Lunch raised around \$1,200; \$840 from the lunch and \$374 from the raffles. For three weeks, the Catholic Campus Ministry, in conjunction with Oxfam America, an international non-profit organization who works to eradicate world hunger and poverty, collected meal points

from Stonybrook students. They were able to raise \$18,073 in meal plan points. "I feel the response of the campus community has been extraordinary," said Sister Margaret Landry, of the Catholic Campus Ministry.

Many private donations by the faculty and students have raised about \$800. In addition, 'Tis the Season, an annual fundraiser held throughout the dormitories, donated \$3000.

The \$18,073 raised by the Catholic Campus Ministry will go to Oxfam America. The rest of the money raised by all the other events will go to Save the Children, a non-profit organization whose goal is to health, education and economic opportunities for children and their families worldwide. "It makes me feel very happy to work in a place where I can find lots of other people interested in helping those in need," said Dr. Valente. "I am even happier that even though the media attention has diminished, people are still interested in helping out."

There are still various events being planned later on this semester to aid tsunami victims. The tsunami relief committee plans to have some sort of presence at Earthstock, Diversity Day/ Strawberry Festival, and the Arts Festival Street Fair. Before the end of the semester, Dr. Valente hopes to have one more lecture on the social and political aspects of the tsunami.

There are still collection cans set up near the cash registers at all the various food courts around campus if you still wish to donate. The proceeds from these cans will go to the Save the Children foundation, which has "a very good reputation...90 % of the donations will go directly to the disaster-stricken areas," said Dr. Valente.

For more information about the tsunami and relief efforts in and outside of Stonybrook as well as information on how to get involved, visit Stonybrook's tsunami website: www.stonybrook.edu/tsunami.

Med school open house gives students advice

BY AMANDA RUBENSTEIN
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Pre-medical students spend their undergraduate years slaving away over grades and extracurricular activities. What exactly is all their work for? Stony Brook Medical School's Open House cleared up pre-medical students' concerns about medical school by dispensing advice concerning admissions and the medical school environment.

Speakers included Dr. Al-dustus Jordan and Dean Grace Agnetti as well as a panel of medical students. Dr. Jordan and Dean Agnetti both covered admissions topics, and the medical students gave undergraduates a good idea of what to expect as they transition into medical school.

Dean Agnetti went over what she called "the pathway to medical school," as she described the goals for medical school hopefuls.



Joy Dutta/Statesman

As freshman and sophomores, pre-meds are expected to maintain a high grade point average and become involved in pre-health activities.

Agnetti described that the reason for activities was not just to have a good resume for the admissions board, but also to prove to the student that medicine is re-

ally the appropriate career. Many students want to become doctors because of their parents' expectations yet they can't stand the sight of blood or hate volunteering in a hospital. If a student has been volunteering for several years, the student (as well as the medi-

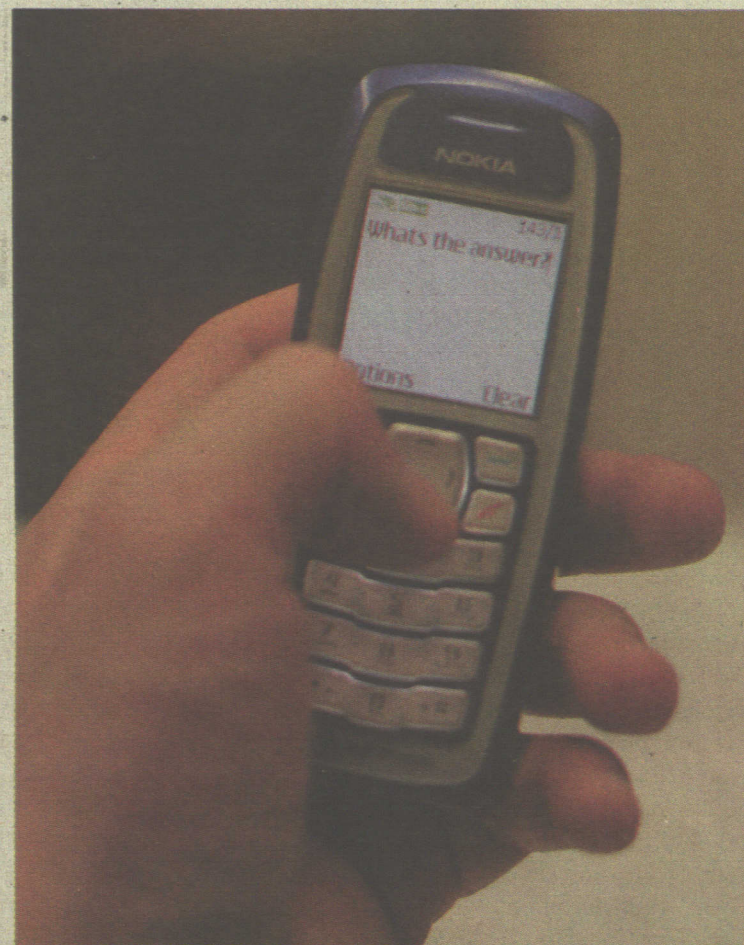
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SB cracks down on phones *Judiciary enacts strict rules on campus*

EDWARD HEINSEN
Statesman Contributor

According to the Stony Brook University Conduct Code and Campus Policies, "Students bringing beepers cell phones or other communication devices into a (1) class, (2) university event, or into (3) quiet places on campus must turn off the audible signal prior to entering. If a student feels that he or she must use an item that might disrupt class, the student must discuss the matter with the instructor and come to an agreement regarding the use of the item before using it in class. University policy also prohibits bringing electronic communication devices, such as palm pilots, into course examinations."

"The issue of cell phones in the classroom is a relatively recent one. [Phones] have not been a typical student accessory for all that long a time, so policies are evolving to deal with their popu-



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cal school) can be sure that he is truly cut out for a career as a physician.

Dr. Jordan mirrored this concept as one of the points of his section of the admissions lecture. Jordan said that undergraduate students should try out every other career ambition they might be interested in before going into medical school. In medical school, Jordan said, the student must be 100% committed to medicine because it is a difficult and specialized profession in which all students will not succeed.

Jordan's other point was that in order to succeed in medical school, students must be able to work as part of a team. "Medical school is all team work, especially the third year" said Jordan. The third year of medical school is when students start getting actual clinical experience. Pre-medical undergraduate work is highly competitive; many pre-meds think medical school will be the same. According to Jordan, however, "the most successful classes are those who consistently work as a team."

"Being a pre-med is very, very lonely," said fourth-year medical student Evan Bloom, "but medical school itself is different." The panel Bloom was a part of echoed his sentiment as they laughed and

joked together about the life of a medical student. From all different undergraduate schools and years in medical school, the students emphasized that while pre-med requirements are difficult, actual medical school courses are much harder.

"I can't believe med school is so much harder than undergraduate," remarked Sireesha Teegala, a medical school hopeful. "It seems like the medical students have no time for fun," says her sister Sushma Teegala, "they seem to study all the time."

Over all, the medical student panel sounded as if they did study most of the time, but they made a point of discussing all the clubs and organizations at the hospital as well as the social events that go on within the medical school. The students also gave information about the overseas experiences funded by the medical schools. The students definitely do more than just study all the time.

Between the camaraderie of the students in the medical school, admissions advice, and the information about classes, the Stony Brook Medical School Open House, according to Reubin Davoudzadeh, offered, "great insights about how to get into medical school and what it is all about when we finally get there."

Cell phone ban...

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larity and continual technological advancement. The issue is two-fold: cell phones can be used for cheating, but even when used innocently can disrupt a classroom or test environment and impair the ability of the other students in the room to concentrate," states Maria B. Doelger, Executive Officer of the Academic Judiciary.

Teachers, Professors and Teacher Assistants have to look out for the use of cellular phones because of the potential for students to transfer answers to each other during examinations. "I have no problem picking up a quiz," said Professor Flores who teaches Spanish 112, "I have no problem giving people to the Academic Judiciary. I've been teaching to long. I still expect standard behavior."

The Academic Judiciary has standards regarding students and their conduct on campus and in the classrooms. "As stated in the policy, faculty are to announce at the beginning of each exam that students must turn off all cell phones (setting to silent or vibrate mode is not acceptable)," said Maria B. Doelger. "If the faculty makes that announcement and the student's cell phone does go off during an exam, it is in violation of the University policy and an accusation may be filed by instructor with the Academic Judiciary."

"I put in the syllabus that the phone should be turned off in class and if inadvertently someone forgets and it turns on I want the phone turned off at that moment," said Professor Barnhart who teaches History 377. "I make that clear in

the syllabus and in my opening statement in class. The phones absolutely have to be off, and if one goes on we'll ask for a personal inspection. Not quite as critical for us I think as in some other classes. We don't have short answer exams, they're all essay exams."

This is a new conflict between technology and the educational system. "We have had cases where students have been actively using their phones to cheat," said Doelger. "These cases are considered egregious acts of academic dishonesty as they involve more than one person and are usually premeditated. In these cases, very harsh penalties can apply up to and including suspension or expulsion."

Students also find that a cell phone interruption will affect their academics. "The general student body understands that they have to turn off their cell phones," Corinne Davis, a political science senior, said. "The professor reiterates that if the cell phone rings it will be considered cheating, so all students then turn off their cell phones. Not because it will be a disruption, but because they will get in trouble."

"Cell phones are distracting," said junior Jordan Kraus. "I have a teacher that collects the cell phones up front and if they go off while they're up there he smashes them with a hammer, at least that's what he said. I don't even have a cell phone."

Senior student Mrs. Teresa Bonventre states, "I think if the student turns off the phone then it wouldn't be so disruptive," said senior Teresa Bonventre. "I had professor Arens cancel class because phones have gone off."

Risk Management: Lock Your Doors



Peter Poon/Statesman

By JENNY WANG
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Signs all over the campus residence halls tell students to "LOCK YOUR DOORS!" in big bold letters.

Why?

"There was an increase in laptops being stolen from campus residences," said Chief Doug Little of the Stony Brook police force. "They were non-forced entries in these cases. The big problem is that most of these thefts are by people who are given the opportunity by students who leave their doors open."

With the thefts possibly being preventable, the police chief feels that students should be reminded about locking their doors. "It's so important to get people to think about personal safety and crime prevention," said Chief Little, who has asked campus residences to spread the message to residents to lock their doors.

"I always lock my door unless I'm standing in front of it," said Juliana Santelia, a resident who has not been victim to any theft crimes.

Some students, however, feel as if certain conditions would be reason to be more lax in security precautions. "Thieves rarely steal things from the top floor of buildings because they're lazy" said freshman Patricia Ng. "I mean if they're too lazy to actually buy things, why would they walk up stairs?"

Some students, however, are not so lucky to live on a top floor. "When I got back I noticed my X-box was missing," said freshman Bryan Tran-Lu, who had gone home for one of the weekends last semester. Along with Tran-Lu's X-box

a play station was also stolen from the suite. "I always lock my door now," Tran-Lu said.

However, even with the extra security precautions he now takes, Tran-Lu had over half a dozen DVD's stolen from his room this semester. Both his door and his suite door had been locked to his knowledge, but the police found no forced entry. "Once you get into the suite it's easier to get into the rooms," Tran-Lu surmised.

"Talking to your roommate to make sure they're doing the right thing as well is important," said Chief Little. "It's about risk management. If your roommate doesn't lock your door, maybe you should think about finding a new roommate."

Operation ID is a new program run by the University Police to mark up valuables to allow police officers to track the items. The numbers trace the item back to the Stony Brook University Police and four of those numbers designate who the person is that registered the item with the SBU police force. "It's important for people who have registered their items to keep in contact with us," said Chief Little.

To set up an appointment to have your items marked, call the University Police headquarters to set up a time and date with Community Policing Supervisor Lieutenant Patricia Sarubbi.

"Is it a big problem campus wide? Yes, we have students leaving opportunities open by leaving their doors unlocked and open. Thieves find it easy opportunity when areas are left unsecured," Chief Little said, "99.9% of the people on campus are the good folks. It's that one tenth of one percent that we need to watch out for."

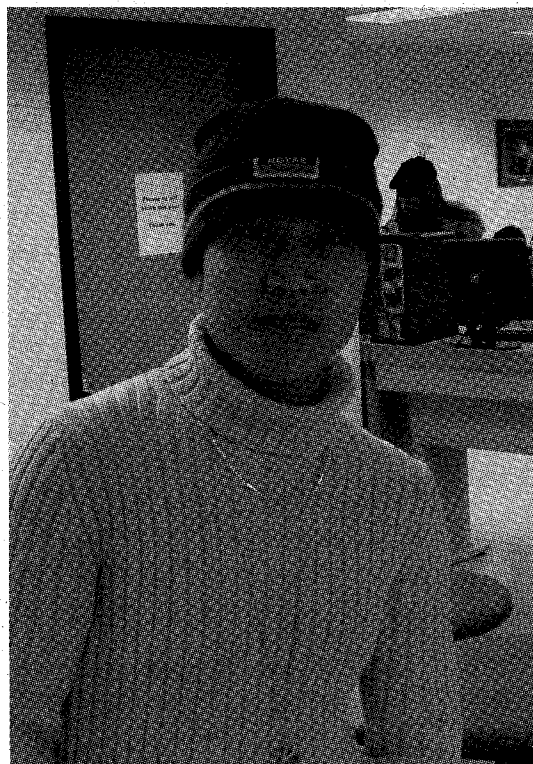
"Do you think the new cell phone policy is fair?"

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"I don't agree with that, you should be able to have it in case of an emergency. You should be able to have it on vibrate or silent."

John Lopez
Sophomore
Physics



"I think you should be able to have a phone if it's off"

Sam Chen
Senior
Economics/AMS



"You turned it off already. What's the point of saying its dishonesty? It's not fair at all"

Candy Wong
Sophomore
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"I don't think its fair at all..."

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COMMENTARY

What can brown do for you?

By ADHIP KARMAKER
Statesman Editor

One of the most frustrating systems on campus other than the parking system is the school's mail system. The two offices, Kelly and Benedict, are responsible for thousands of pieces of mail, but they have become very inefficient as of late. They have about ten people working between both offices handling over ten thousand students' pieces of mail.

Last semester, any time mail would come in, the staff members would fill out a blue slip and place it in the student's mailbox, acknowledging that the student has mail to pick up. This semester, however, they seemed

to have stopped passing out the slips, and the students have to rely on tracking numbers. Tracking numbers mean spending extra money so that students can check to the delivery company to see if the package has been delivered to campus or not. Even after the delivery to the campus, students usually do not receive their packages for another day or two because all the packages are delivered to Kelly quad where three or four people are sorting them out to see if they belong in Benedict or Kelly. If a student from Langmuir needs to get a package on a certain day, let's say on a Friday, and the package is delivered Friday, he can't just go to Benedict to go pick it up; he has to check

with the delivery company with the tracking number, then call Kelly mailing room to confirm that they have the package and haven't misplaced it, and then finally take a 15 minute walk all the way across campus to pick up a package that should just be delivered directly to Benedict.

If the student can't make it to Kelly in time to pick up the package, he must wait till Monday morning, because all the packages that belong at Benedict are delivered at the end of each day. This causes the student to wait two full days for something that could have been picked up on a Friday. The mailing system has caused many students frustrating downtime.

Parking at Stony Brook

The parking situation in the campus is a mess. Aside from the lack of space during peak school hours, lately it seems that the officers issuing parking tickets are either incompetent or in need of common sense. For example, my motorcycle, which has a valid Faculty/Staff permit, got ticketed at a Faculty/Staff parking lot today with a mention that a permit

is not visible. Do we expect a normal car permit to be hung on the handle bar of a motorcycle? The clear piece of permit sticker on the front fork is really difficult to miss, unless just assuming it is absent or, maybe for the fun of writing a \$15 fine.

In another recent instance, only two days back, I parked behind a car in the middle row in a

F/S lot. The salt spray all over the ground made the slot lines invisible. Not realizing I was just out of a proper parking slot, with a car in front and the whole parking lot otherwise full, I could not have a chance to doubt. I got a ticket for parking "on the roadway" but not for "missing F/S permit" like today. Can we see something called consistency here?

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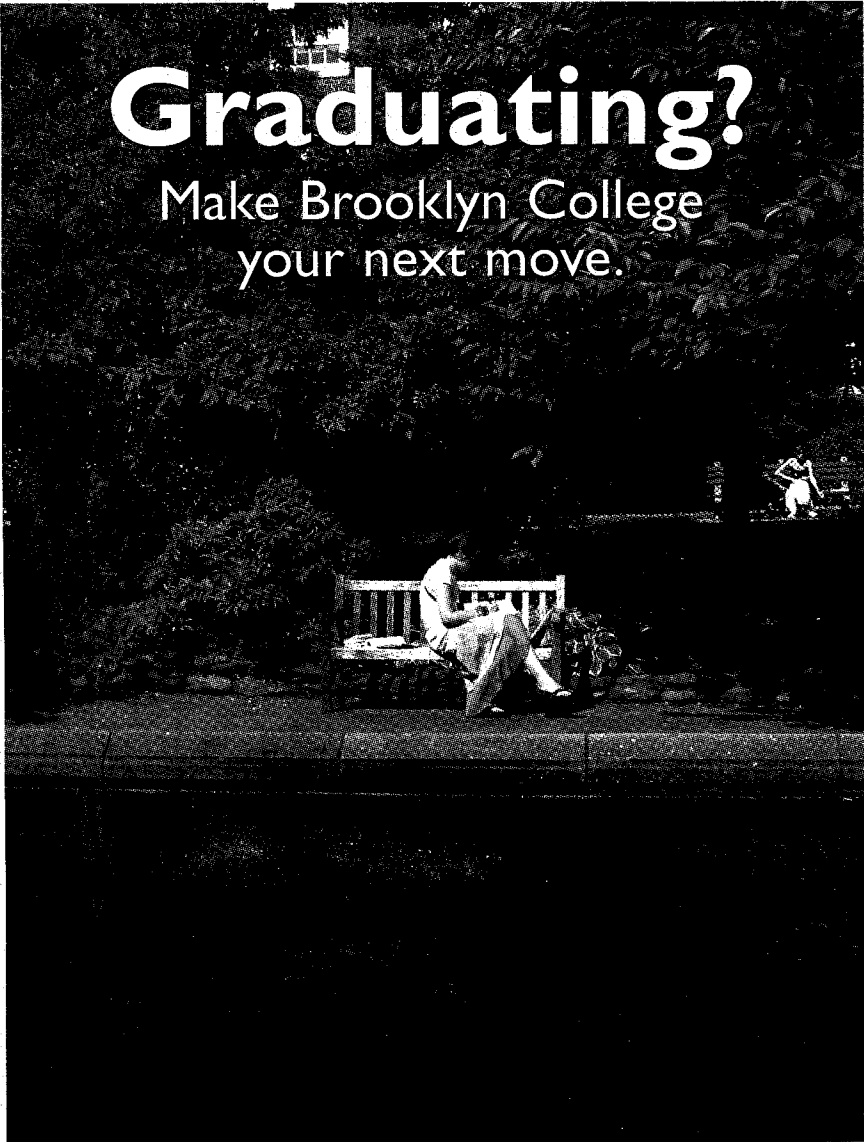
Campus points: It's a scam

This might come as a shock to you, but it costs a lot to eat on campus. Yes, we are a state institution, and yes we are in theory supposed to contract the lowest priced provider for food. Why, then, must we pay up to triple the price of products when compared with the outside world?

An Odwalla Bar costs nearly \$5.00 at the Union Deli. That same bar is \$20.00 in a pack of 12, or under \$2.00 apiece, retail. They are charging us more than double the price of a product and yet we continue to buy it because we have nowhere else to go. A Coke costs nearly a \$1.50 at the Union Deli when it only costs \$1.25 at any vending machine in the area. Coincidentally, we are limited to beverages bottled by the Coca Cola Company due to contracts the school signed with them.

A pack of 12 Sprites costs around \$10 in the Union Deli, whereas Stop & Shop will sell you three times as much soda for the same price.

Food costs money, but not this much. It could be that the overhead for operating in a university is so massive that it pushes the price up for products so much. If this is the case, then a different take on food distribution needs to be considered. The prices they charge us are unacceptable as they stand and need to be changed.

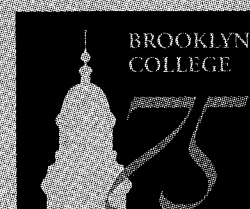


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Undergrad familiarity to the University Art Gallery

By HARRY ASIMENOS
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The University Art Gallery at Stony Brook University curates several exhibitions every year. It plays host to hundreds of visitors attending each exhibition. For an art gallery located on a university campus, it's difficult to see how students attending the university aren't the majority in attendance for the exhibitions.

"The gallery has been very successful," Rhonda Cooper, the gallery director, said. "We often get reviewed in local and school newspapers, like the Times and Newsday."

Although the gallery does get good attendance on and off campus from art and theater students, the gallery would love to attract more students. One way the gallery has been trying to get students involved is by advertising in residence halls.

"Advertising is possibly the best way for the art gallery to get more students going to their events," Eva-Marie McKinley said. McKinley is a sophomore at the university. "I didn't even know one existed on-campus," she added.

According to Cooper, the gallery has distributed and posted advertisements in residence halls. Some aren't noticing them according to Brian Carfi, a junior at SBU. "The gallery doesn't really advertise," said Carfi, "but art isn't really my thing. If they had announcements in class, I think more people would go."



Chris Lonardo/Statesman

Some students at the university would attend the exhibitions if they had something appealing to the eye, McKinley said.

"The school is primarily a science institute," McKinley added. "The university doesn't really make students aware that it even exists. Only art and theater students really go to that side of campus. It's easy to see how most students don't really know about the gallery."



A Night Of Rock To Remember

By LAUREN MUTZ
Statesman Editor

Outside Irving Plaza, I saw teams of excited fans—none of whom really seemed to mind the bitter cold—lining up to be let in to the 8 p.m. rock show.

We were all pepped for the tremendous line-up we about to see: the powerful rock bands The Exies, Theory of a Deadman, and Breaking Benjamin were to play to a sold-out crowd at the small and intimate Irving Plaza in New York City.

I never expect much from opening bands—mostly because I am usually disappointed and uninterested. However, I found the first band, The Exies, to be a very pleasant surprise. Their

uniquely forceful sound had the audience in good spirits: people were head banging and really enjoying themselves. The Exies formed in 1997 (in Los Angeles) and have two albums under their belt: their debut, "Inertia," as well as their more recent album, "Head for the Door." The band played songs off of both albums, including their single, "Ugly," as well as "Slow Drain," and "Without," just to name a few. The band was so good, in fact, that my friend spent \$10 on their CD and got it signed.

The second band, Theory of a Deadman, has a single off of the Spiderman 2 soundtrack called "Invisible Man," and has a great touring track record, having opened for bands such as 3

Doors Down, Nickelback, and 3 Days Grace. I enjoyed this Canadian rock band, originally out of Vancouver, but found their sound to be very reminiscent of Nickelback, also a rock band from Canada. Theory of a Deadman, like The Exies, played a 45-minute set, featuring songs off their new CD, entitled "Gasoline," such as "No Surprise" and "Since You've Been Gone" as well as off of their first album, including "Invisible Man" and "The Last Song." About half way through the set, I realized that although the band's sound was very much like Nickelback, the lead singers voice was almost exactly like that of Scott Staff, the lead singer of Creed.

When 11 P.M. rolled around,

the audience was charged: it was time for the headliners, Breaking Benjamin, to play their set. The band came out and the audience went nuts—screaming, jumping, head banging, and raising the horns (the "rock on" sign). The band played songs off of their two albums, "Saturate" and "We Are Not Alone," including the heavier "Simple Design," "Believe," "Away," "Home," and "Polyamorous," the soothing "Rain," and their current single, "So Cold." For the majority of the show, my friend and I were squished amongst other avid fans—having barely enough room to raise our arm with "the sign." However, toward the end, we were able to push our way to the front to get a better glimpse

(and some room to move!). From there, we could see a couple of audience members, who crowd surfed their way to the front, and were pulled over by security guards.

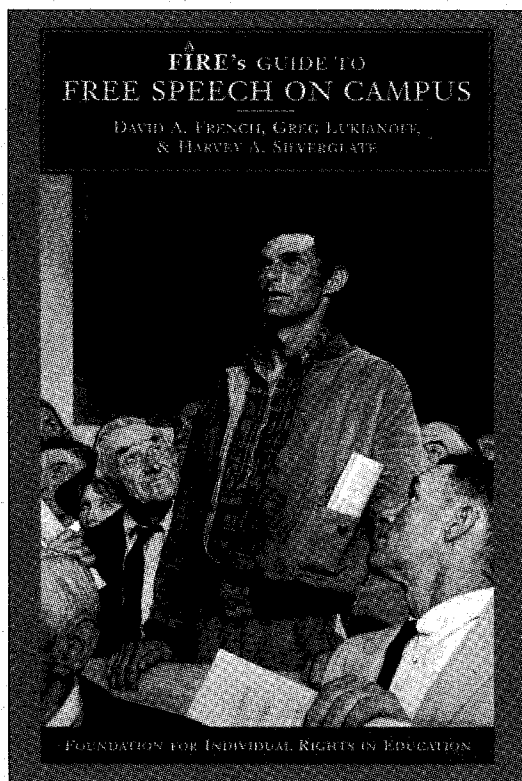
After their set, the audience persistently chanted they wanted "One more song;" the band acknowledged the request and gave the audience two more. The show ended with the lead singer's soothing rendition of their song, "Rain," but the band closed the show with the energy-driven "Shallow Bay," which is a song off of their first album, "Saturate."

Nothing could beat the evening of March 4: good people, good venue, good music—it was an all-in-all "good time."

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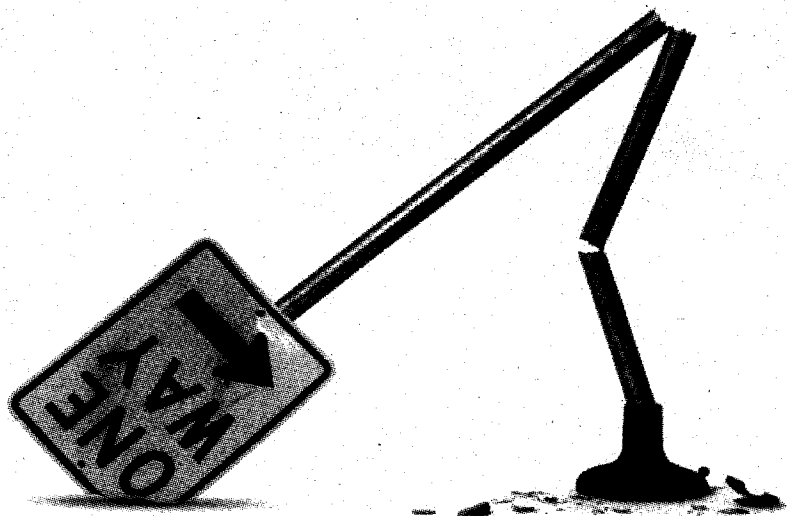
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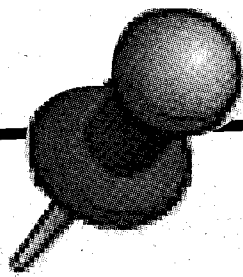
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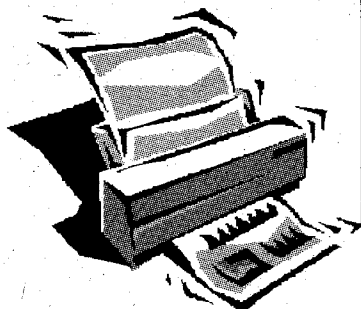
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Statesman SPORTS

Seawolves lax shoots for top spot in America East

By: JIM FITZPATRICK
Statesman Staff

Seawolves Men's Lacrosse is on the rise in 2005. A 14-9 victory over Delaware in the season opener and a 14-2 dismantling of the Seahawks of Wagner on March 5, has put Stony Brook on the map and earned them respect outside of the America East Conference. Two consecutive non-conference wins has propelled Stony Brook to the top of the win column among teams in the America East and has given them a head up on the competition. Going in to the third game of the season atop the conference allows the Seawolves to control their own destiny and decide for themselves whether or not; this will be their championship year.

Before the Seawolves can focus on their first conference match up against Quinnipiac on March 26, Stony Brook will have to prove itself in the upcoming weeks against some of the best lacrosse teams in the country. They are set to take on Army, Umass, and Rutgers who are all ranked among the top 15 teams in the country. And Penn State who entered the season ranked #21 in the coaches' poll, and is also the former home of Seawolves head coach Lars Tiffany. Tiffany was the head assistant coach for the Nittany Lions for four years before making his way to Stony Brook this season. These games will test the Seawolves both mentally and physically and decipher whether or not they will be considered contenders or pretenders when the battle for the America East heats up.

Junior veterans Jason Cappadaro and Adam Marksberry must continue to consistently produce and get their teammates involved on the offensive end of the field if the Seawolves expect to surpass last years record of 9-6. Young

players like freshman Bo Tripodi and sophomore Sean Chamberlain have stepped up at the beginning of the 2005 season and made names for themselves as two of Stony Brook's new offensive threats. The veteran leadership and poise that Marksberry, and Cappadaro bring to the Seawolves offense combined with the young blood of a natural scorer like Tripodi has the Seawolves offense destined for big numbers.

The Seawolves high powered offense is perfectly complimented by the hard-hitting, aggressive style of play that the defensive core brings to the table. Led by All-American honorable mention, Brendan Callahan who is in his second season of duty as the Seawolves goalie enters the season as the foundation of the defensive unit that has dominated their opponents this year. With a career record of 11-3 Callahan has given the Seawolves a chance to win games by stopping almost everything that comes his way.

Senior defenseman David Weiss and face-off specialist Michael Poch have been the backbone to the Seawolves defense and are steady contributors to the tremendous production of the offense. Poch, has been a dominant force in the face-off circle this year for the Seawolves winning 9-19 in the first two games. The most memorable this season came at the beginning of the second half against Delaware when Poch won the opening face-off which led to the momentum shifting goal that put the Seawolves up 8-3.

The Seawolves will need to be clicking on all cylinders if they plan to continue their winning ways in their upcoming match-up against Umass on March 12. The Minute-Men handed Stony Brook a 10-3 loss last season and the Wolves are on the hunt for payback.



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