

# Delancy Street

## *A preview of FSA's new kosher deli*



James Caston/Statesman

Delancy Street's dining room opens up into the Union Ballroom to accommodate large student functions.

By JAMES BOUKLAS  
Editor-in-Chief

Campus Dining, in association with the Faculty Student Association and the Hillel Center, previewed a Glot kosher eatery on campus, scheduled to open in the Fall. Billed as the only one of its kind in college campuses across the country, Delancy Street will serve a variety of foods ranging from the traditional pastrami sandwich to sushi, although the official menu is yet to be determined. Unlike Kosher-style establishments, this is a strictly kosher food location, meaning that no dairy will be permitted inside. Students are permitted to eat other food in the restaurant so long as it contains no milk. "This isn't kosher-style like Silverstein's [in the local mall], where you can order a burger with cheese. This is a strictly kosher environment," said Evan Kennedy of Campus Dining.

Prices are expected to be higher than similar food in other campus locations due to the added cost that comes with being certified Kosher, including rabbinical supervision. All the food is to be made on the premises, hopefully guaranteeing a

degree of freshness. As a benchmark, expect prices to be competitive with places such as Zan's Kosher Deli, formerly Ben's. It isn't known yet what type of meal points will be accepted, whether it be campus or flex points.

The name Delancy Street was chosen because of it is meant to evoke images of New York City's Lower East Side of a century ago, known for the heavy immigrant population.

The construction was designed by Virginia Pace, head of Interior Facilities Design at the FSA and 2002 Stony Brook alumnus. The whole project was completed in-house. The interior is reminiscent of old-fashioned delis found in the five boroughs in keeping with the central theme. It is located on the first floor of the Student Union building where the Papa Joe's was just months ago.

The estimated cost for the entire project is estimated at \$570,000, including \$435,000 from the FSA and \$60,000 from the Hillel Center. From the planning stages to near completion took about one year with a few months needed to finish up the final stages of development.

## SB launches extra shuttles to BNL

By MARISSA TAFONE  
Staff Writer

Since April 1, 2005, Coastal Charter Services has been providing an increasing number of Stony Brook students with a new and improved van service that transports them from campus to the Brookhaven National Laboratory. A twenty-four-passenger mini-bus will provide four daily trips between the two locations.

At the start of this service, buses that fit a maximum of twelve persons were run twice daily to and from campus. In the fall of 2004 the service was extended to run three times a day.

The recent additions that the Coastal Charter Services had implemented at the beginning of the month were made in response to a growing number of students who use the service.

Merely a year after the service's inauguration, the number of students who ride to the Brookhaven National Laboratory is estimated to be four or five times greater than when it first began.

There has also been a substantial increase in

the amount of students who conduct studies at the Laboratory during the summer.

The company originally had implemented this service in 2003 as a result of the collaborated efforts of Robert McGrath, Provost and Vice President for Brookhaven Laboratory Affairs; Lawrence Martin, Dean of Graduate School; and Gail Habicht, Vice President of Research.

The latest transportation accommodations are also intended to provide impetus to attract more students to work at the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

"We want to encourage students who might not have the means to get to the Lab during the summer months and throughout the year to have the opportunity to participate in research studies at Brookhaven," says Elyce Winters, speaking on behalf of the Provost.

Both undergraduate and graduate students, along with faculty members who assist the students in their work done at the Laboratory, use this service. Only people who obtain a Brookhaven National Laboratory Badge will be permitted to ride the buses.

## SUNY tuition hike cancelled

By RADEYAH HACK  
News Editor

After months of debate, the budget reports have been finalized and the heated issue over tuition hikes has officially been confirmed. The Senate, Assembly and Governor Pataki have agreed to not increase tuition or to cut funding from higher education programs.

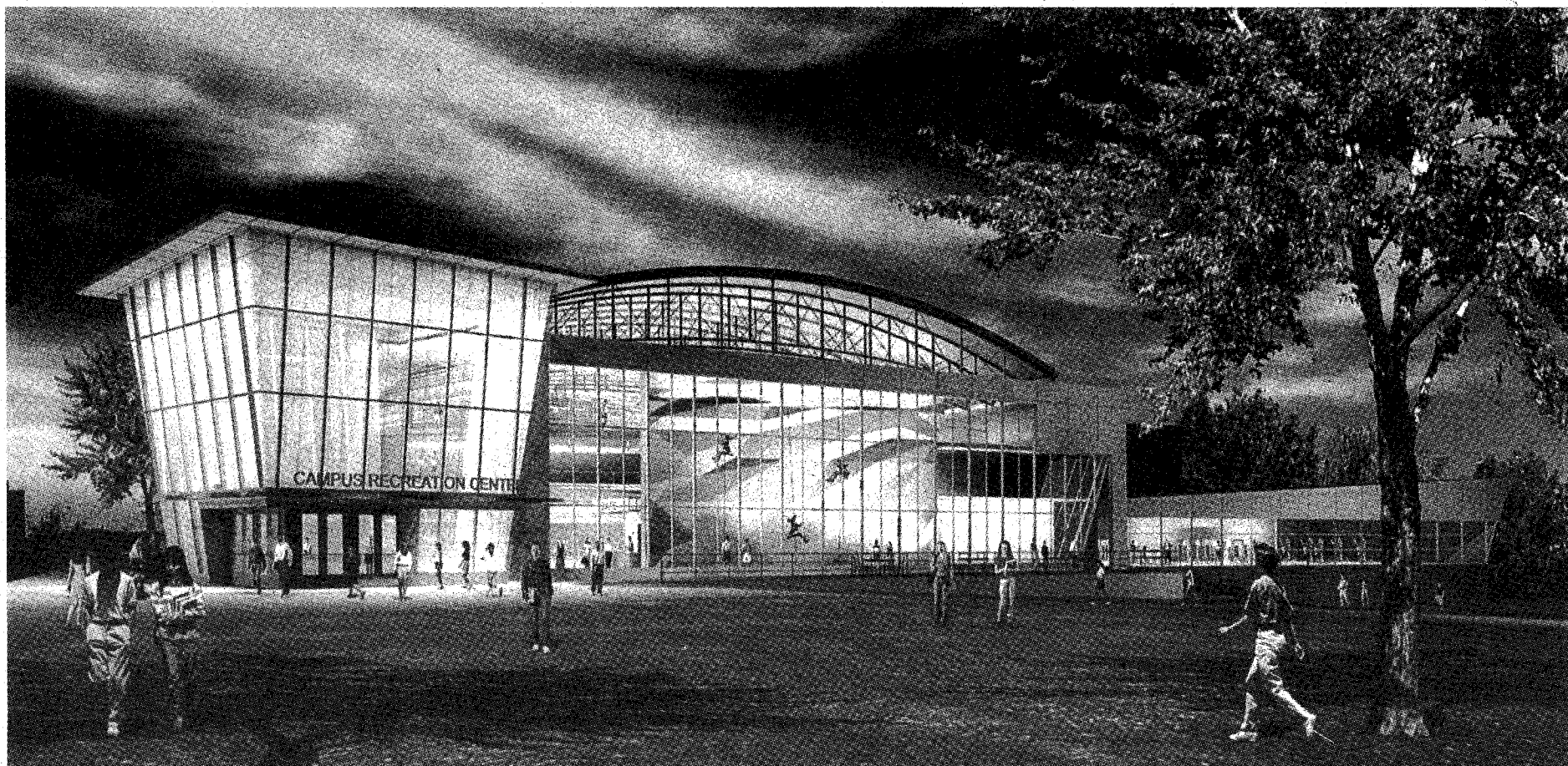
"The Governor is pleased that the final budget is agreed to by both the Senate and Assembly and contains no tuition increases for CUNY and SUNY," said Michael Marr, spokesperson for the State Budget Office.

In addition to no tuition increases, the proposed plan of annual and incremental tuition

hikes was also not included in the budget. Full funding for TAP, as well as increases for opportunity programs such as EOP, HEOP, SEEK, and College Discovery was included in the budget.

The budget also calls for a \$177.8 million, which is a 10.2% increase from last year that will go towards operational or general aid for SUNY institutions, along with \$784.5 million for capital projects such as beautifying campuses.

"Students and their families can finally breathe a huge sigh of relief knowing that their tuition won't rise, their institutions will get increased state support, and their financial aid will be fully funded next year," said Miriam Kramer, NYPIRG's higher education coordinator.



The student recreation facility was proposed in 1999.

Courtesy of Student Affairs

# Students and Government Officials Respond to Rec. Center Plans

By MOHAMMAD MALIK  
Contributing Writer

Plans for the construction of a \$19.5 million Campus Recreation Center have helped to ease students' concerns regarding the University's "severe lack of recreational facilities on campus," according to the press release by New York State Senator John J. Flanagan.

Senator Flanagan, representing the 2nd Senate district of E. Northport, has helped in securing funds for the project to build the 88,000 square foot center to be located adjacent to the varsity athletic complex.

"This was an exercise in self-determination for the students. A student referendum passed 2-1," said Senator Flanagan in a telephone interview. "That was a very substantial portion of the catalyst that got this going."

The initiative to construct the facility began in the fall se-

mester of 1999 was put forth by a committee comprising of University students and staff. Nearly six years later, it is beginning to materialize.

"I was pushing it because everyone wanted it, including the students. My only disappointment is that it took longer than it needed to," said Flanagan of the project. Originally scheduled for completion by 2005, current projections estimate completion by Spring of 2008. He attributes the delay in construction to legislative disputes in the New York State Senate and Assembly relating to the funding of the center.

"We had passed a separate bill for several years running, but the assembly had refused to act on this because they said it had to be done as part of the budget," said Flanagan. The assembly's refusal to pass the bill was a political obstacle in the construction of the center. "I personally spoke to the speaker of the assembly," he

added, "to the extent that we could be diligent and aggressive."

Dr. Susan DiMonda, Director of Campus Recreation, cited a "critical need for the Recreation Center to fulfill the student life program at Stony Brook University." She also emphasized the student-oriented design of the center with an expanded non-credit fitness class offerings, contemporary work out space, and room for sports club team practices and competitions.

"A university our size can not expect a Division I Athletic Program and a Campus Recreation Program to share facilities and be able to meet the needs of all students," said Dr. DiMonda of the new center's benefits to campus life.

However, many obstacles still lay ahead in the construction plans. "I am presently re-evaluating the programming components from the initial Design Phase. It has been 5 years since the initial

design was created and we now realize that we need additional space allocated for wellness, cardiovascular machines, weight training machines, and additional studio spaces to offer a variety of holistic programs," said DiMonda.

Although many students currently enrolled at Stony Brook will have graduated by the project's expected completion, a sense of optimism pervades the student outlook on the construction process, set to begin in the spring of 2006.

Mark Rossi, a freshman currently majoring in English, is optimistic about the plans for the recreation center. "When there is more space, more people can have more activities. That way, students can be satisfied," said Rossi. "To me, that's the real goal of the University." He is indifferent toward the delays in construction, believing that time spent in the planning phase is beneficial to prevent fu-

ture problems and further delays in completing the center.

"I was talking to my roommate who came back disappointed from a softball practice, complaining that there was not enough space," said Rossi of the current situation.

"This center will play an important role in helping students enjoy quality sports and recreation opportunities and hopefully help them maintain an active life long lifestyle," Senator Flanagan said in the press release.

Flanagan admits that while he is not at the campus every day, he visits "a fair amount." In particular, he recalls touring the campus athletic facilities while emphasizing the many people utilizing them.

"I do work out, and I love to do that. And I like to have a high quality facility to do it at," said Flanagan. "I think this is going to be a marquis building for students in particular."



# USG Candidates Debate the Issues

By RADÉYAH HACK  
Statesman Editor

Candidates vying for various positions on USG's Executive Council were given a chance to declare their platforms and defend their positions at the second round of USG debates held on Wednesday night.

Only four candidates, however, were present since the debates were originally scheduled for Thursday, but due to a room booking error, it was moved up to Wednesday night.

The major theme during the debates for all the candidates was fostering communication among USG members, as well as with representatives of clubs and organizations, in order to promote efficiency.

Chinelo Ann Onochie, the uncontested candidate for Vice President of Academic Affairs, believes that better communication with students will improve the tendency of academic dishonesty on campus. Onochie also plans on initiating seminars for students, particularly freshmen, on how to reduce stress and deal with situations of academic dishonesty.

Francisco Narvaez, candidate for Vice President of Clubs and Organizations, said

that communication would make the Executive Council run more efficiently and improve the relationship between the members of clubs and organizations with USG.

Despite the fact that all four candidates mentioned improving communication, no candidate, however, offered a plan on how to improve the communications situation.

Jackey Wu, who is running on the ticket of CORE, pledged to reform the current budget process developed by treasurer, Rajat Gupta. "The new point system is based on assumption and does not place a cap on the amount of money a club may receive," he said. Wu also believes that the tradition of USG senators receiving a stipend provided by the Student Activity Fee should not be continued.

Continuing with the theme of communication, Nichole Reyes, candidate for Vice President of Communications, promised to improve relations between the media and USG by organizing weekly media conferences to inform the press about the various bills and motions that were passed.

Another debate is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 10 pm in the Colors Café and elections are scheduled to begin on April 25th.

# Frat to create the "Master List" of clubs

By LAUREN MUTZ  
Opinions Editor

The brothers of Sigma Beta Rho decided they wanted to get Stony Brook students more socially involved. They have come up with a brand new plan to get new Stony Brook Freshman involved in campus life.

According to Amit Dua, a Sigma Beta Rho brother, the solution is getting incoming freshman interested in and exposed to what Stony Brook has to offer. "The freshmen that come into Stony Brook are confused" asserts Dua, "and the reason they don't get involved is because they don't know what is out there for them."

To guide next year's freshman class, the fraternity has decided to create and distribute a "Master Manual" to all incoming freshman. This manual will contain pertinent information about all the clubs and organizations on campus, including club mission statements and summaries, and a comprehensive list of each club's upcoming events, past events, and executive board members (and contact information).

The Master Manual will not only benefit the students but will also prove useful to the organizations themselves. Since contact information will be made readily available, students will not have to go out of their way

to find out information—such as when and where meetings/events are held—and can read and research all Stony Brook organizations so they can pick and choose the ones they find most interesting. The Stony Brook organizations also benefit, gaining free publicity and an opportunity to attract new, eager members.

After speaking with his fellow brothers, Sigma Beta Rho member Amol Amin decided that a "Master Manual" would be a great way to get new freshman involved and would help create a more diverse, enthusiastic, and promising social environment at Stony Brook.

The impact of this Manual may be seen in other ways; for example, if more resident freshmen are involved in the various clubs and organizations on campus they may be more inclined to stay on weekends; this can create a stronger resident life and encourage students to stay on weekends and enjoy all that Stony Brook has to offer. Now, instead of fleeing to Nassau County or the city for the weekend like many residents, more may choose to stay in the dorms and to enjoy Stony Brook events and activities.

Sigma Beta Rho's "Master Manual" may help to reduce Stony Brook's apathetic student body by starting next year's social scene off with a bang.

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#### WHO WE ARE

The Stony Brook Statesman was founded as "The Sucolian" in 1957 at Oyster Bay, the original site of Stony Brook University. In 1975 "The Statesman" was incorporated as a not-for-profit, student-run organization. Its editorial board, writing, and photography staff are student volunteers while its business staff are professionals.

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To the Editor:

I am not surprised at all by the reactions received by the Statesman to my commentary, "No Need to Mourn." Ms. Cole and Mr. Fields are perfect examples of students who have been caught up in the media blitz surrounding the late pontiff. The media created the late Pope John Paul II to be a figure who was larger than life. His career, which had few markers of extraordinary significance, was just another perpetuation of conservative Catholicism. There is little hope that the 226th pope will be any different. The ignorance expressed by Ms. Cole and

Mr. Fields illustrate their closed-minded opinions that have been fed to them by conservative news outlets.

I think Ms. Cole is ignorant in her belief that Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher were great world leaders. Both, like the late pontiff, had terrible circumstances to deal with in the countries they led, but failed miserably. Reagan did little to deal with the HIV/AIDS epidemic that was spreading during his presidency and caring little for the turmoil that was boiling over in the Middle East. Thatcher, in the same token, did little to care for the problems that swept through Britain. Luckily, the British public, since her time

in office, has grown to realize the mistakes she made while in office. Unfortunately in America we are still blinded by the media's conservative control and still believe that John Paul II and Ronald Reagan are heroes. Ms. Cole also illustrates the nation's paranoia over that "Big Bad Monster"--the USSR or those other "bad guys," the Palestinians. It's nothing more than America's archaic view of foreigners, which has been preserved since the 1980s.

There is no need to show the late pontiff respect. Our nation will continue without his influences and I am sure that the papacy, too, will go on without American approval. I believe

that the writers who commented on my article failed to mention any of my specific opinions because they could not disprove my statements. Their inability reflects their own ignorance and lack of consideration for a person who was deeper than what was seen on TV. I wrote my commentary as part of my own need to illustrate a point of view that is ignored and overlooked by the general public. And as Mr. Fields suggested, I do read my history that is why I am able to make educated remarks like the ones found in my editorial.

Harry Weil

## Statesman endorses NYPIRG

### FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Every year students have the opportunity to voice their support for funding certain clubs in the form of referenda and this year is no exception. NYPIRG, or the New York Public Interest Research Group, is up for a vote this year, as they are every three years. The Statesman offers its full support to this group and urges you to allow them to continue to receive funding from the Undergraduate Student Government for the next

three years. NYPIRG has been instrumental in getting the vote out on this campus for decades and serves a vital role in the campus community. They are a non-partisan organization dedicated to fighting for causes on behalf of students and should therefore be afforded the opportunity to continue their endeavors. The Statesman recommends voting for their cause next week when granted the opportunity to do so.

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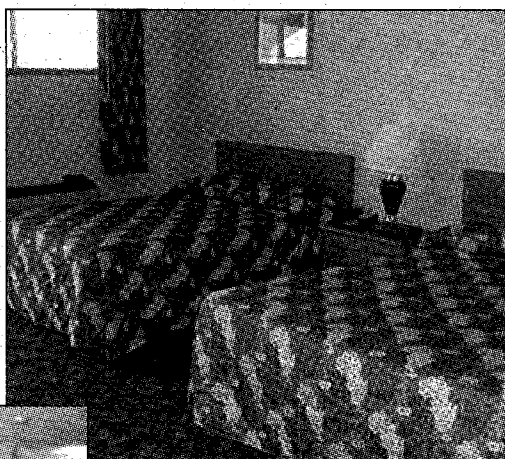
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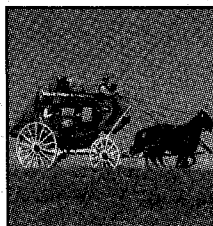
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# SSK Arts Festival: *A Night of Poetry at the Tabler Arts Center*

By JESSICA GROSSMAN  
Staff Writer

On Monday night at 8pm, Stony Brook students shuffled into the Tabler Arts Center to listen to the spoken word. The Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival brought on this night of poetry organized by interns Shawante Brown and Medel Julien for the Shirley Strum Kenny Arts Festival.

Many students showed up to bare their souls and share their hearts through original works they created. Brown started the starry night off by saying, "We can all share the intimate setting and it will all be good." Then hip-hop artist K-Swift took the stage to welcome all the poets and announce the first reader and with that he said, "Welcome you all to words from the soul."

Nicole Barry read four short poems. Barry has been writing poetry since elementary school. When asking what she mostly wrote about she replied with a grin, "Most of my poems are about unrequited love, even though I don't want them to be!" Next to take the spot light was a young student named Jonathan. Before reading he said, "I don't have a name for these I just write them on the spur of the moment." That is, after all, what poetry is all about-- little moments in life that we document on paper for others to know about. He read three of his poems, which were all untitled.

Crystal was next and read three of her poems, which were called Love, Dreams and the Great Poet. The next to rapture the crowd was an interesting individual named Doug. Instead of giving certain titles to his poetry, he gave them numbers. One poem that he did title was called Last Moments in Life, which was dedicated to his Stepfather who passed away from pancreatic cancer. A little more up lifting poem was read next by Shoutelle, who has been writing since she was twelve years old. She writes about her life experiences and how she feels about them. Her poem was called Love is Real. It was an optimistic, hopeful view about two young lovers.

Next was a philosophy major named Alex. He read three poems, titled, We Who are Popeless, Home Again, and A Good Night Sleep. When inquiring on what Alex enjoyed writing about most he retorted, "It's about bizarre metaphors and noticing different issues. The kind of performance of being in love." At last, Mendel, who is one of the fine students to organize such an inspirational event read one of his poems. It was titled As We Lay. Before reading he stated, "I wrote this for my girlfriend as she was sleeping."

To add a new perspective a woman named Ryan read The Dying Seamen, which is an Italian sonnet. It was considerably different because most of the readers wrote in free verse although some of the poems did rhyme as well, but did not have that same structure. Another fascinating reader was a student named Hassan, who is in a band called Think You Stranger. He read his bands song lyrics. Following Hassan was Victor. He dedicated his poem called Born to be Daddy to his father. He also read another poem, which was entitled The Gift of a Curse. After that Ralph Thomas read a poem named One.

Finishing up was Shawante, who was the other masterful mind in organizing this event and putting out refreshments for all the students and poets to feast on while allowing their ears to feast as well. Her first poem was untitled and her second poem was called the Players Lament, which was rather entertaining and humorous. Amanda came after with a poem titled A Heart Felt Thanks, which was a tribute poem to all the people she has become close to while being at Stony Brook and how much she loves her friends and will never forget them. Last but not least was the hip-hop artist K-Swift who topped the night off. K-Swift is a professional writer and has been published in The Teachers and Writers Handbook of Poetic Forms, MH 18 and Fusion magazine. He has also been recording his own music since 1994. His last poem was based upon discrimination and how important it is for people to be open-minded and not to Judge a book by its cover.

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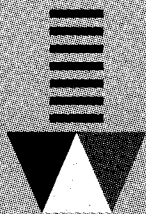
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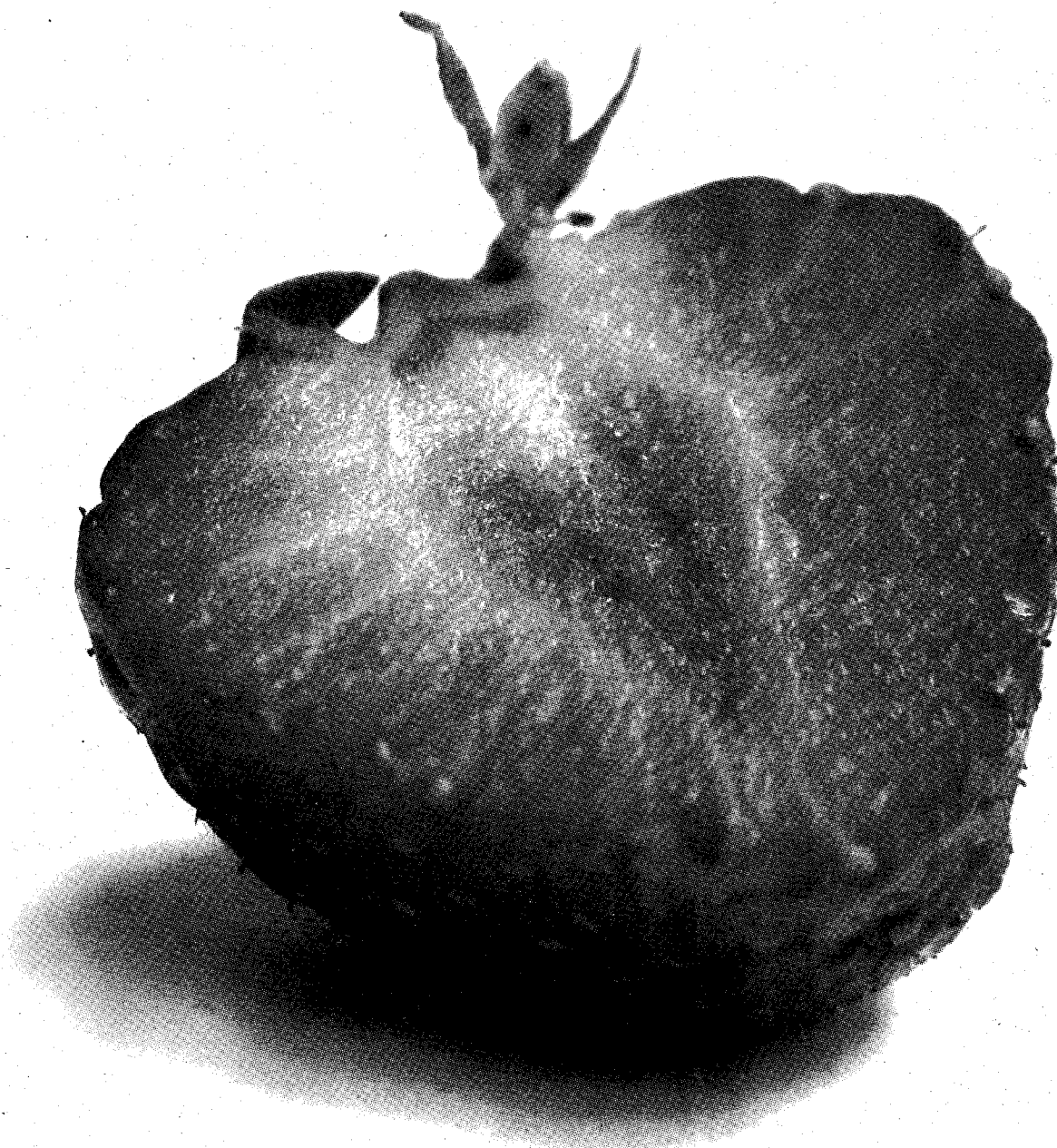
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# Students face staff and faculty in sports

By RONAC MAMTANI  
Contributing Writer

A blur of red and silver as students, faculty and staff signified the first part of the Student-Faculty-Staff Challenge: a basketball game during Spirit Night. The challenge was created after discovering that Stony Brook University's first tradition, Nameless Day, was a series of athletic challenges between students, faculty and staff.

The Dean of Students Office and the Department of Campus Recreation worked alongside the Spirit Night, Earthstock and Strawberry Fest/Diversity Day committees to help organize the events. "It seemed like a really cool tradition, we really wanted to bring it back," said Mira Kinariwala, Student Assistant at the Dean of Students Office.

The faculty/staff, in an impressive display of sportsmanship, won 8 to 2 against the students in the basketball game. "It's not looking too good for the students right now," said Jerrold Stein, Dean of Students and participant of the SFS Challenge.

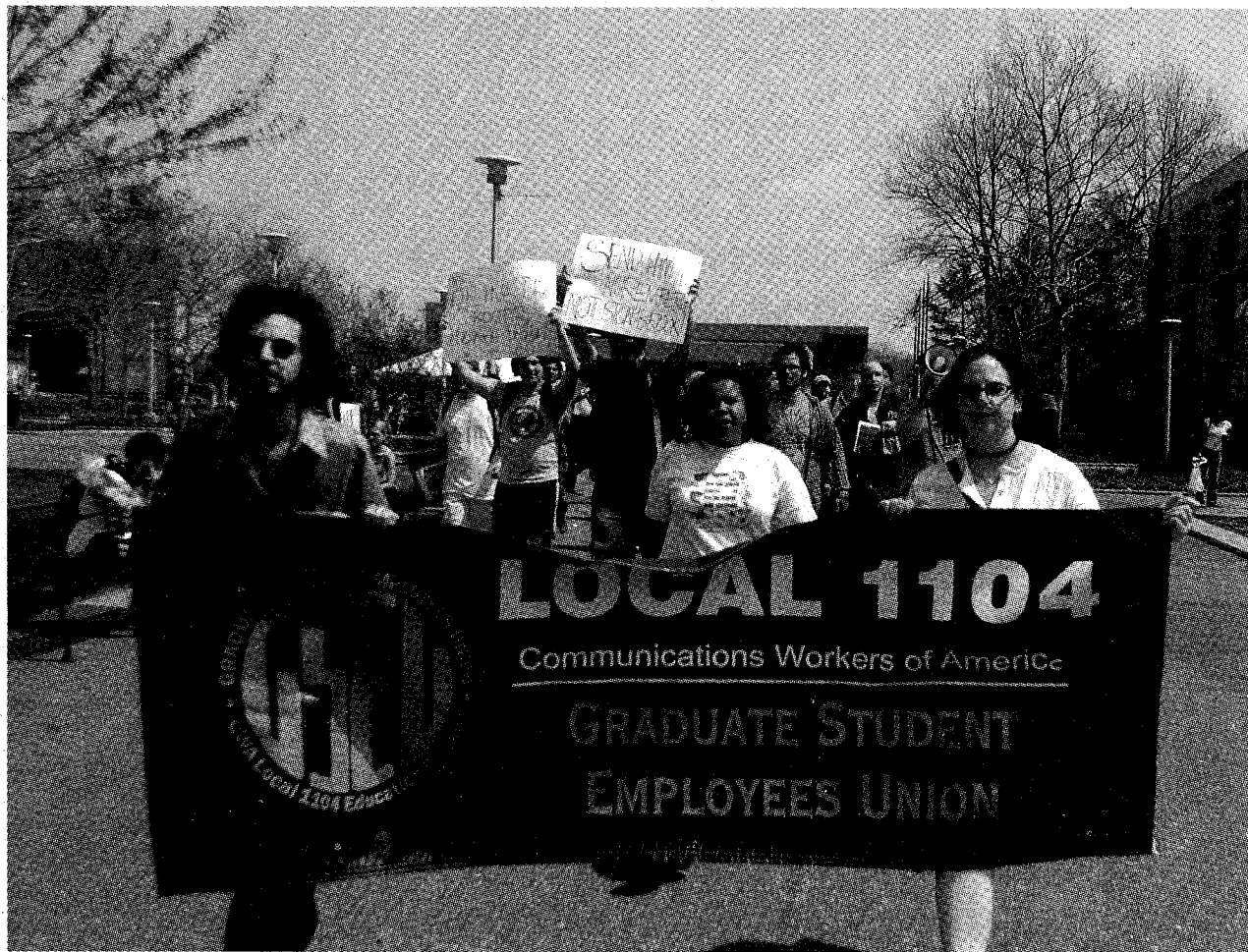
The next part of the tournament will be a volleyball game on Friday (4/22) during Earthstock Day at 3 pm, and the final part will be a dodge-ball game next Wednesday (4/27) at Noon during Strawberry Fest/Diversity Day.

The students are trailing behind and hope to catch up in the next game. "I can't believe [the students] lost," said Amol Amin, student and participant of the SFS Challenge. "We'll need to try harder for the volleyball and dodge-ball games."

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# Students protest Iraq war



By JAMES BOUKLAS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Students protested the war in the Iraq by organizing in front of the library in a demonstration organized by the Socialist Alternative, Fashionistas Against Fascism, Stony Brook Coalition Against War, Stony Brook Protestant Ministry, GSEU/CWA, Social Justice Alliance, and People Against the Draft. Protests of this fashion occur with some degree of frequency on campus, the goal being to show unified opposition against the current occupation of Iraq.

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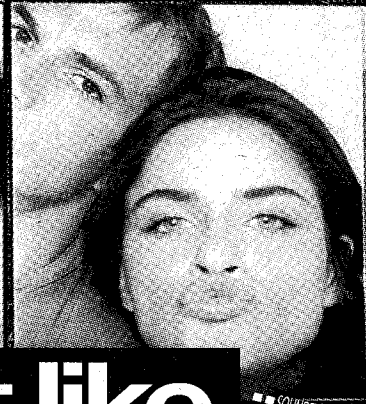
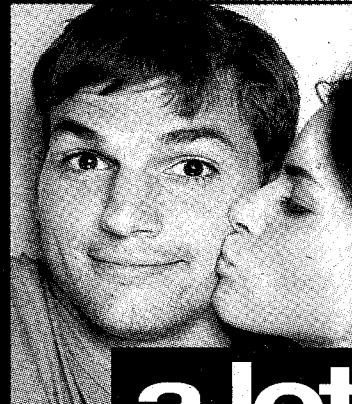
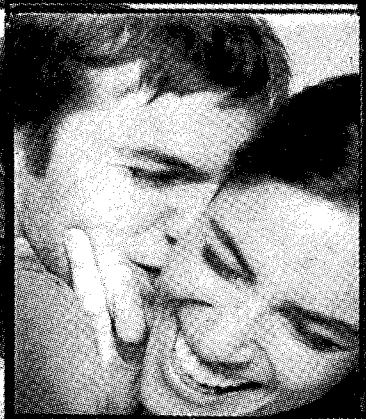
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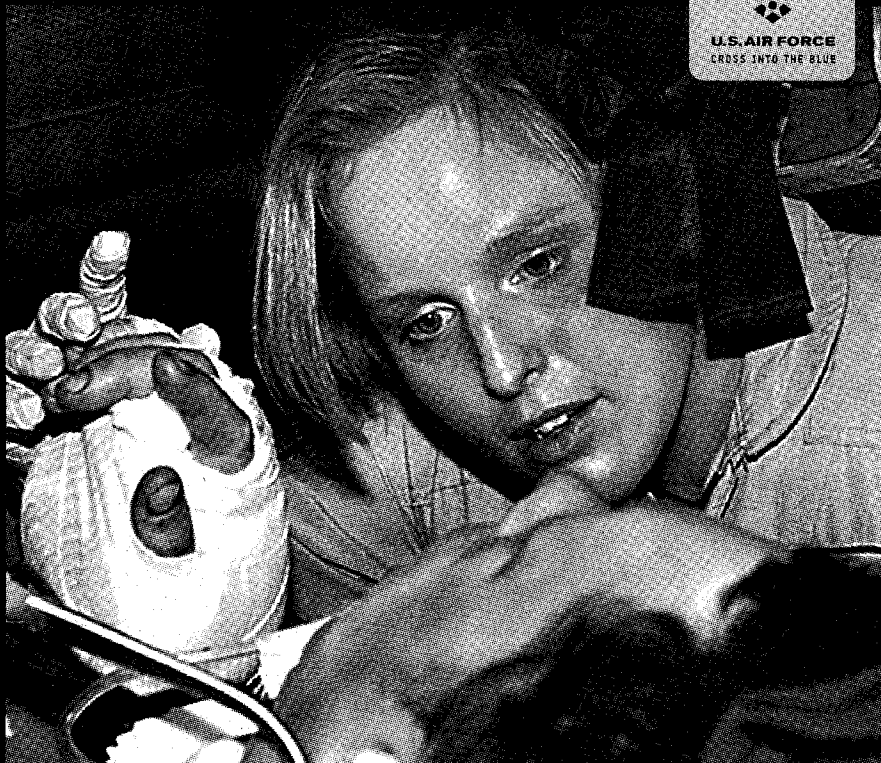
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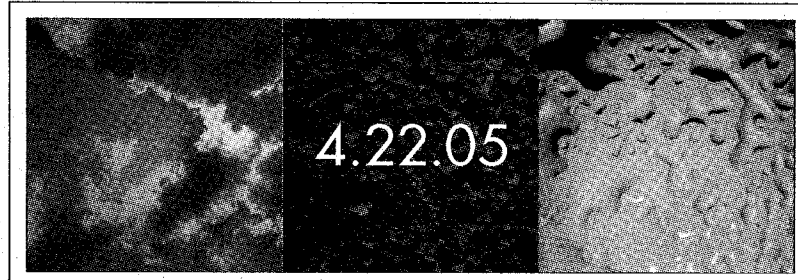
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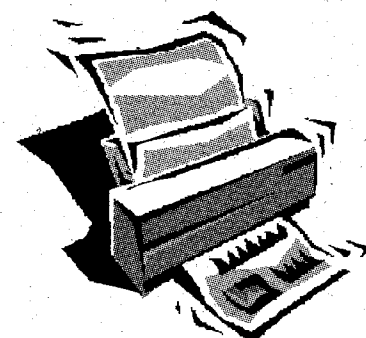


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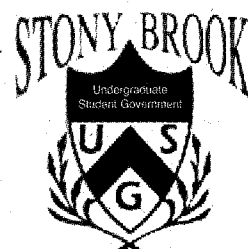
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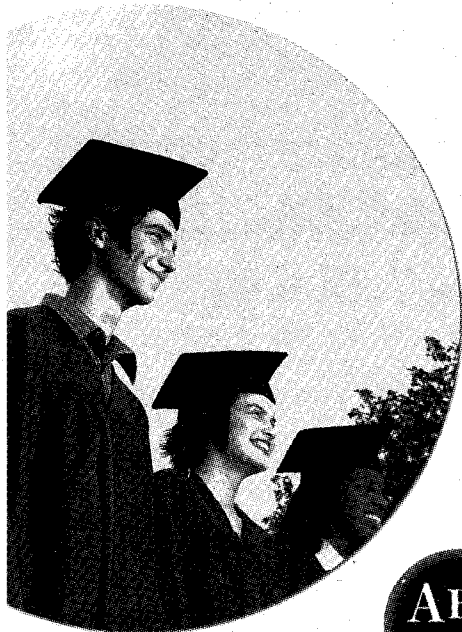
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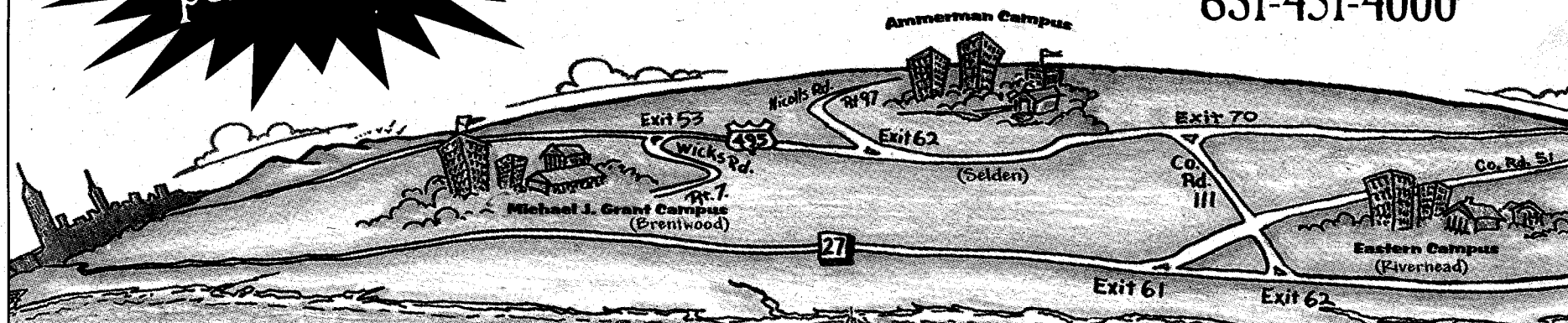
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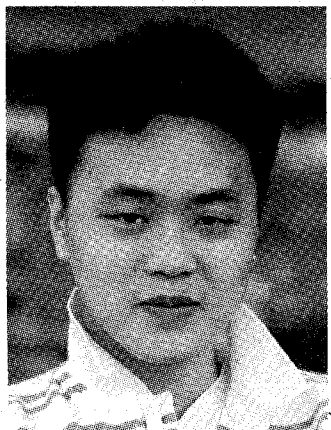
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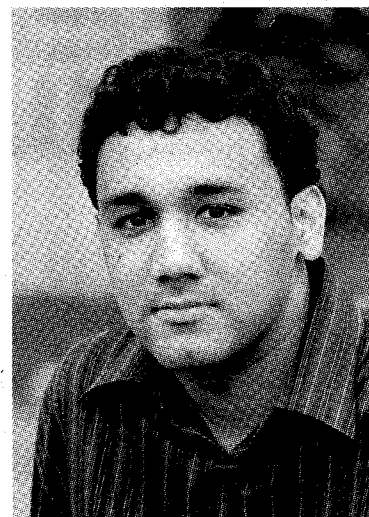
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Kyung Kim  
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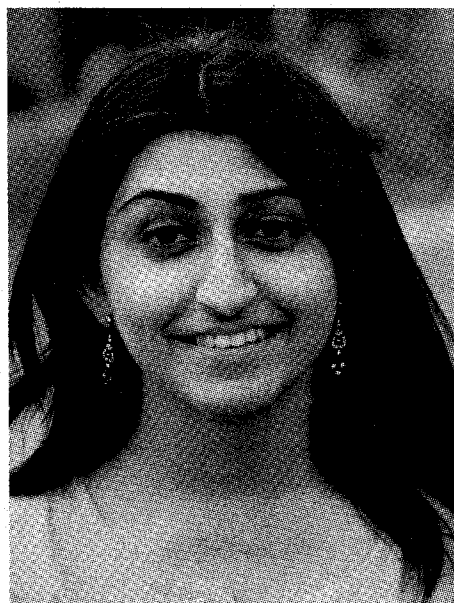
"I would love to see bands that are foreign, this being a diverse community, it would be great to have Asian and European type bands to play at our campus"

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"It would be great if we could get performers like Linkin Park, Hoobastank, or Black Eyed Peas. However, we pay a lot of fees for the school and its put towards events like concert, so the students should be allowed to go to these events for free, but at the same time, if people from the community want to go, they should pay for tickets"

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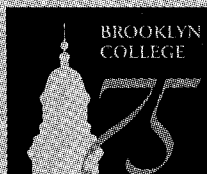
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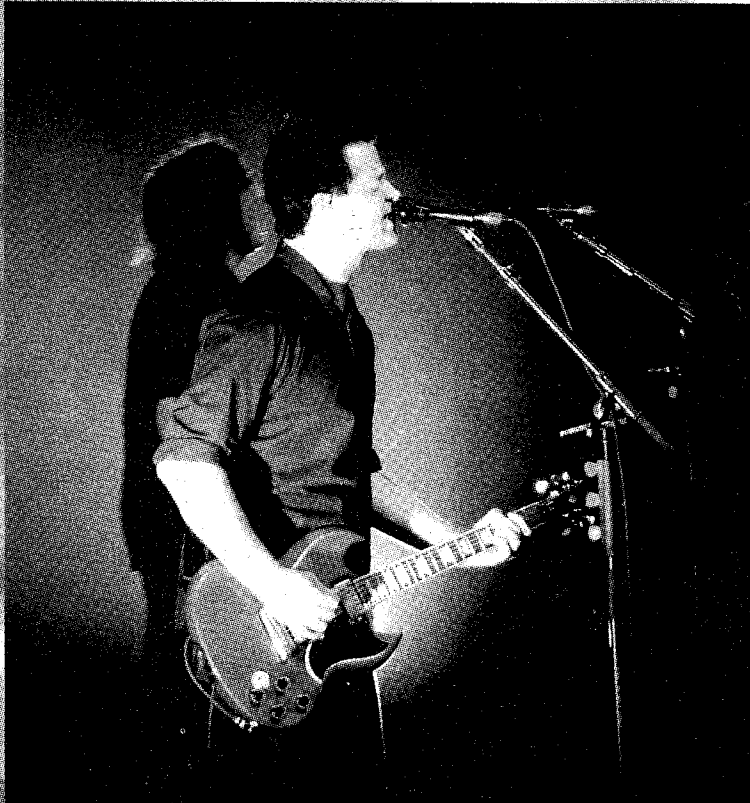
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## Jimmy Eat World, Taking Back Sunday play Stony Brook



By ROSIE SCAVUZZO  
Entertainment Editor

The Stony Brook Sports Complex was swarmed with emo fans, young and old. Thousands of them waited outside for hours in a line that stretched nearly to the University Café at the Student Union.

On Tuesday night, Jimmy Eat World, Taking Back Sunday and The Format played to a sold out show at the Stony Brook Arena.

The show was opened by The Format. Although from Arizona, the group got the crowd going with upbeat songs about Long Island and New York City. Playing a short set, they left the crowd pumped up for the headliners.

Jimmy Eat World played a 45 minute set starting with "Get it Faster" from their previous album *Bleed American*. Lead singer Jim Adkins began from in front of a black curtain. The curtain was then pulled back to reveal the rest of the band. The set consisted of disorganized stacks of old televisions forming a sort of futurist cityscape. The screens displayed static, interrupted frequently by unrecognizable patterns and pictures. A scrim was lit up with a city skyline as the band played songs like "Kill" and "Bleed American."

The band played mostly songs from their last two albums, "Futures" and "Bleed American." However, they also played some classics from one of their first albums, "Static Prevails" and popular favorites such as "The Middle" and "Sweetness." The crowd came surging to life to these classics, spawning several mosh pits and sending up extra waves of crowd surfers to be carried to safety by 'Mister Clean-like' security guards.

Fans gave a fiery welcome to Taking Back Sunday as they came back to their hometown. When they came on stage, the crowd went wild. The energy doubled from that during the Jimmy Eat World set. The band played for about an hour, their fresh energy contagious by everyone there. Lead singer Adam Lazarra kept himself entertained on stage by spinning the microphone cord around his neck between verses. Although he might have overplayed his microphone tricks, the band more than made up for it by playing two new songs and so many other crowd favorites.

It came as a surprise for many that Stony Brook allowed crowd surfing and mosh pits. However, the impetuous youth slowly tested the waters. Still, nothing got terribly out of hand. You could gage the excitement in the crowd by the frequency of "waves." Those Stony Brook students who attended the concert were excited and hopeful for events similar to those held at Stony Brook in the past. Concerts were a big tradition on campus, and Stony Brook welcomed such legends as Pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, the Doors, and Janis Joplin. One student said, "Hopefully this concert will pave the way for other big names on campus. It would promote unity and give us something to do on the weekends."

