

30 Years Later: Is Gender Equality in Sight? Overcoming Obstacles for Women in the Corporate World

By ADIANEC ROSS
Statesman Contributor

It was once said that faith can move mountains, but now such a feat may require a force greater than faith. The task may now take the strength of a woman, according to Joyce Roche, president of Girls, Inc.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, Roche presented, "Are we there yet?," a lecture addressed to the university as a part of the President's Lecture Series. Coordinated by George Meyer, deputy to President Shirley Strum Kenny, the lecture carried a very powerful meaning intended to reach out to the women of Stony Brook. As one staff member put it, Roche was brought to the campus to "give women a sense that they can definitely move mountains." And that she did.

While relating the story of her life's successes and challenges,



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

Joyce Roche said that, since Civil Rights Movement, not enough action has been taken to prevent discrimination in the American

Roche taught a very valuable lesson to both men and women in the audience. She looked deeply into the background of African American women in the workforce in the 1970s, and compared

their experiences to those of women in the same boat today. She pointed out the pressing injustices and barriers for women in a time when the civil rights act had 'assured' equal rights for all.

She told the story of her work with Avon, a company that nestled her first bout with the male-dominated corporate world. She recalled the many times she sat in on meetings and kept all the flourishing ideas she had to herself, only to hear those ideas and thoughts later repeated out loud by a male colleague who was promptly acknowledged and commended. She said she learned a valuable lesson from those early moments of silence. She learned that she could no longer maintain it.

She encouraged all women to do more than what is expected of them at the workplace and to present their ideas with confidence. Roche recognized, however, that feelings of self-doubt may ensue in the white male-dominated world, and explained that this insecurity can impede any woman's drive for

Continued on Page 8

Student Community Leadership Symposium

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

On Tuesday, Feb. 17 the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the School of Social Welfare will be hosting the 2004 Annual Leadership Symposium, entitled "Value-Centered Leadership in Higher Education." This symposium is dedicated to promoting and sustaining a University community that fosters both individual and group development consistent with the University's notion of a learning community.

In light of recent ethical violations occurring in corporate, political social realms, this year's symposium promises to bring a wide variety of attendants from broad backgrounds.

"If you look nationally at the behavioral models of individuals who are supposed to be role models," said Fred Preston, Ph.D., vice president for student affairs, "you don't see what you should." Preston argues that those in leadership positions are not setting ideal examples for others to follow, and that administrators at higher education institutions should work to

Continued on Page 8

Tickling Neurons at Stony Brook Trivia

By TED LAI
Statesman Staff

In a challenge that pitted the university's top thinkers against each other, students battled for the coveted Team Trivia prizes last Thursday. Held in the Student Activities Center, the game hosted ten teams that answered trivia questions in a Jeopardy-style setup.

"It's a fun experience that makes you think quick on your feet," comments sophomore Jonathan Reinstein. "You never know what you learn in these types of competitions."

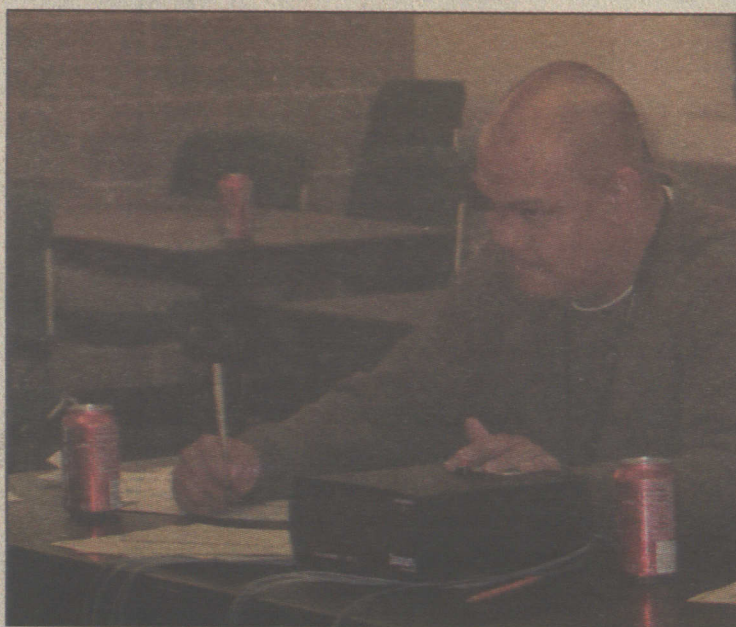
Teams were composed of three to four members which were made up of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff members.

The double elimination tournament had teams face off on questions from different categories ranging from Sports

and People, to Stony Brook. The team with the most points after the 15-minute set and final question won the match.

"Some of the questions were pretty difficult and their answers were very obscure," said Sunny Tang. "With questions ranging from what date was Stony Brook's first day of class to what cardinal direction [one would follow while walking] from the Student Activity Center to the Administration Building, I learned a lot about Stony Brook."

The ten teams were narrowed down to "The A-Team" and the "School of Thought" in the final match. After a close competition throughout the match, it was a dead heat going into the final question. In the end, "School of Thought" edged above "The A-Team" on the last question of the game.



Statesman/Mansoor Khan

Students intently wait for the opportunity to buzz-in and answer Stony Brook University Trivia Game questions.

Each member of the winning team went home with their own DVD players, while the runners-up left with carrying bags.

Campus Recreation, Student Affairs, Student Activi-

ties, and Campus Residences all sponsored the games that night, which tickled neurons and tested intellectual endurance.

Continued on Page 8

Index

President's Lecture.....	1,8
SBU Trivia.....	1,8
Student Leadership.....	1,8
World News.....	2
College News.....	3
Brook's Finest.....	5
School of Thought.....	5
Commentary	6
Calendar of Events.....	7
Neal the Real Deal.....	9
Sports	11,12

Under A Rock: Weapons, Stem Cells, Peace

By EMY KURIAKOSE
Statesman Editor

IRAQ

FALLUJA – Guerrillas in Falluja killed 15 officers and released several prisoners in an attack on that city's main police station. In the cross fire, four attackers were killed, and other Iraqi civilians perished, bringing the death toll to 25. Executed in a city which many consider to be the center of anti-American sentiment, this new attack has dampened American military efforts to hand over governmental authority to Iraqi forces by the end of June.

The attack was coupled with a simultaneous insurgency at an Iraqi civil defense headquarters. A total of 30-50 guerrillas came at each building with heavy gunfire, and showed a planned, and calculated mission. The violence comes at the end of week stained with two other suicide bombings in which more than 100 people died. Police suspect that the attack was staged to free several prisoners involved in a bus bombing that took place last week.

NUCLEAR POWER

WASHINGTON – Bush announced a proposal Wednesday to limit the number of nations allowed to produce nuclear fuel. The proposal outlines procedures for a "basic bargain," in which countries

that halt nuclear weapons production will be awarded with aid in creating nuclear fuel for power consumption. Bush will appeal to the 40 countries that comprise the Nuclear Suppliers Group, to refuse to sell equipment to any country that is not already equipped to make nuclear fuel independently.

The only states allowed to produce nuclear weapons will be those that have been named nuclear states, including Russia, the United States, Great Britain,

China and France. Heavy opposition is expected to come from developing countries, which argue that these nuclear states are simply trying to extend their power and policing policies.

STEM CELLS

MADRID – Debate has flared over Spain's first stem cell bank, which opened in late January at a public university hospital in Granada. The regional Andalusia government has donated over

\$6 million to support the research that will be done at this laboratory, which will include development of stem cells for tissue generation, diabetes research and investigation into alternative treatments for other diseases. Public protest increased drastically after South Korean scientists announced their creation of a human cloned human embryo. While Spain's bank is not a cloning facility, the bank will screen, cultivate and store stem cell lines, which are select groups of not-yet-specialized cells able to generate diverse tissues.

PAKISTAN & INDIA

ISLAMABAD – Senior Indian officials have arrived in Pakistan to launch the two nuclear-armed rivals' first formal talks in nearly three years. Disputed Kashmir will be high on the agenda of three days of discussions in the capital, Islamabad, designed to pave the way for peace talks. India and Pakistan have fought two wars over Kashmir since independence in 1947, but a ceasefire is now in effect. The officials aim to launch a dialogue on a broad range of issues on Feb. 16.

Updates compiled from NY Times issues Feb. 7 through Feb. 14.



Holiday Inn EXPRESS

"The Value Speaks For Itself"

- **FREE** Deluxe Continental Breakfast
- **FREE** Local Phone Calls
- **FREE** Indoor Pool & Fitness Center
- **FREE** Shuttle Service to SUNY, Islip Airport & Local Attractions
- Priority Club Benefits
- Jacuzzi Rooms and Family Suites Available

Receive an additional 10% off our
SPECIAL SUNY RATE
with this ad

**WE HOST MEETINGS UP TO 100 PEOPLE
AND CHILDREN'S POOL PARTIES!**

For Reservations:

Call Direct: 471-8000/1-800-HOLIDAY or
Reserve Online: www.stonybrook.hiexpress.com

3131 Nesconset Highway, Stony Brook, NY 11720
(One mile east of Rte. 97/Nicolls Road, on Rte. 347)

INTERESTED IN SPORTS?

Etch your name
in fame, and write
about your passion.

Be a Sports Writer for
the *Stony Brook Statesman*.

**COME DOWN TO THE SPORTS OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH
DURING CAMPUS LIFE TIME - 12:40 PM
OR E-MAIL: STATSMN@IC.SUNYSB.EDU**

Long Island U. Shakes Up Campus Newspaper

By ERIC HOOVER
Chronicle of Higher Education

Long Island University at Brooklyn removed the faculty adviser of its weekly student newspaper, Seawanhaka, after the paper published the grades of a former student leader late last month. University officials also temporarily removed the newspaper's student editor and changed the locks on the Seawanhaka office.

The university contends the newspaper violated the student's privacy in publishing personal information, although journalism experts are defending the legality of the disclosure.

The shake-up involves a January 21 article about the resignation of the student-government president, Abdel Alileala. In the article, Mr. Alileala cited "personal problems" as reasons for stepping down.

"There has been speculation," the article continued, "that Alileala's academic struggles last year are the reason for his decision to resign." Mr. Alileala's grades in six classes, which included two failing marks, followed. The article did not contain a comment from Mr. Alileala about the grades. Obtaining a response to accusations or unfavorable comments is a standard practice in journalism.

Justin Grant, the author of the article and the newspaper's editor, said he had obtained information about Mr. Alileala's grades from another reporter hours before his deadline. Mr. Grant, a junior, said that the reporter had confirmed the information with several student sources and that the newspaper had not obtained Mr. Alileala's official academic transcript.

"I stand by my work," Mr. Grant said.



Courtesy of www.google.com

"The only thing I probably would have done differently would have been to let [Mr. Alileala] know we had the information after we got it."

Mr. Alileala did not return telephone messages left this week at a number provided by a member of the university's student government.

Both Mr. Grant and G. Michael Bush, the ousted adviser of the newspaper, said

students had a right to know about the grades because Mr. Alileala was an elected official and a public figure, to whom laws do not accord the same degree of privacy as they do to ordinary citizens. "It would have been wrong," Mr. Grant said, "if it had been John Q. Public student."

The decision was journalistically sound because the grades "were obtained legally and published accurately," said Mr.

Bush, who remains a professor of journalism at the university.

Some administrators, however, disagree. In a February 3 letter to Mr. Bush, David Cohen, a dean at the university, suggested that the adviser had violated "federal regulations" by directing students to publish the grades.

But Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, a nonprofit group, said that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which protects most student records, "is a limitation solely on the university."

The U.S. Department of Education has previously stated that the law, commonly known as Ferpa, was not intended to apply to campus newspapers.

Bernadette Walker, the university's dean of students, did not return a telephone call to her office. A statement released by the university said that the administration was investigating the incident and reviewing editorial procedures, "to ensure that they safeguard our students' confidential information."

Mr. Grant, who receives a tuition discount as editor of the newspaper, said his suspension is effective until the end of February.

In an opinion column that appeared in the January 28 issue of the Seawanhaka, Mr. Grant apologized for the "hurt and embarrassment" the article may have caused Mr. Alileala and his family.

"In spite of the gathering storm clouds, though, this year's Seawanhaka staff has set out to take this newspaper to the next level," Mr. Grant wrote. "We are not just a student club, we are a newspaper."

Panel Denounces Affirmative Action Survey

By PETER SCHMIDT
Chronicle of Higher Education

Forty selective colleges have been sent a survey, apparently from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that asks for in-depth information about their affirmative-action policies. The survey, however, has not been authorized by the commission. Rather, it has been sent by an assistant to one of the commission's staunchest critics of affirmative action, and the institutions that received it are under no legal obligation to respond.

The association has a policy of not commenting to the news media and would not discuss the survey or how it was handling members' questions. But Sheldon E. Steinbach, vice president and general counsel at the American Council on Education, said that "colleges and universities are under the impression that this is a formal survey being conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights."

That's not the case. The presidentially appointed, eight-member commission never discussed, much less approved, the survey, and the panel's leader, Mary Frances Berry, said on Thursday that she had been unaware of

its existence.

"I am outraged that opponents of affirmative action would go to these lengths to mislead people, to collect information that they will use to attack affirmative action," said Berry, who was appointed to the commission by President Jimmy Carter and has led the panel since 1993. "It is illegal, immoral, and unethical, in my view, for a special assistant to a commissioner to send a survey to colleges and universities that will be led to believe that this is the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights undertaking the survey."

The survey, which was printed on commission letterhead, was sent to the colleges' presidents by Christopher A. Jennings, a special assistant to Peter N. Kirsanow. Mr. Kirsanow, a Republican, was appointed to the commission by President Bush and has frequently criticized race-conscious college admissions in articles written for the National Review. In an interview Thursday, Jennings said he was "just acting on Commissioner Kirsanow's authority," and "this is not an official act of the commission as a whole."

"We are not formally investigating any schools," Jennings said. "This is just an informal survey. It's completely voluntary."

The chief purpose of the survey, he said, is to gauge how colleges are responding to the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings last June in Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger, two cases involving race-conscious admissions policies at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. "I want the experts to tell me how they are responding to Grutter and Gratz so I can give frank advice to the commissioner," Jennings said.

Jennings said that he had sent the survey to 40 "highly selective" colleges, half of them public, half private, and most with law or medical schools. In its introduction, the survey notes that the commission "has repeatedly recognized that affirmative action is instrumental in expanding educational opportunities to communities of color and promoting diversity at institutions of higher learning."

The survey then says: "The commission is not conducting an official review of this policy or a formal review of affirmative-action programs in higher education."

The survey asks the colleges to "provide any reports, directives, rules, or regulations that propound or explain the admissions process and criteria" used by their undergraduate and graduate schools. It then poses a series of 10 sets of ques-

tions. Among them, it asks whether the colleges "employ racial or ethnic targets, goals, or timetables in admissions" and have failed to meet any of those goals in the past 10 years.

It also asks what steps the colleges have taken to enroll a diverse student body; whether the colleges have tried, or plan to try, race-neutral alternatives to affirmative action in admissions; and when the colleges plan to cease using race-conscious admissions.

Jennings said that he had not requested the commission's authorization to conduct the survey because such research was "not on the commission's active agenda," and "we are not going to gin up the machinery of the commission to do a preliminary inquiry like this."

Part of colleges' confusion over the survey stems from the knowledge that the full commission has the power, under federal law, to issue subpoenas for witnesses and documents, if necessary, to gather information. Steinbach, of the American Council on Education, said that, given that the survey does not have the full commission's backing, "any response should be viewed as voluntary."

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Senior Portraits:
February 18-20, 23, 24

February 26-27

March 8-12

March 29-April 2

Please sign up in
SAC 202 or call 2-6460

Seniors should drop any photos they
would like to appear in the yearbook
in Sassy's mailbox in SAC 202 with
your name and number. Photos will
not be returned.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

**Apply to be the
May commencement
speaker!**

Applications are available in
SAC 219 and on the website:
<http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/sa>

Deadline:
Wed., March 17, 2004

Any questions, please contact:
Maria Terrana
Asst. Dir. for Students Activities
SAC 219 • 632-9392

COMEDY CONNECTION

Friday, February 20th, 2004 @ 9:00p.m.

SAC Auditorium

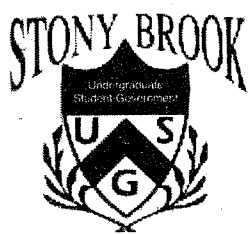
Free for Stony Brook Students

XXX

Featuring: Lisa Lampanelli "Comedy's Queen of Mean"

Mature Audiences Only

Student Activities Board Presents an
Uncensored Look into Real Life Situations



Brought to you by Student Activities Board (SAB)
"Your Student Activities Fee at Work!"



The Brook's Finest: Diana David, Churchill Scholar ⁵

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

She has the aspirations necessary for success, and the will to make it happen. Diana David has worked against adversity to become one of Stony Brook's most celebrated high-achieving students, recently winning the prized Churchill Scholarship. She'll embark on a program that sends academically outstanding students pursuing a career in science to Cambridge University in England for two years with all expenses paid.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Diana came to Stony Brook as a student in the Women in Science and Engineering program. Since childhood, she has always possessed a penchant for engineering, but her passion lies specifically in robotics, she said.

Inspired by her love and concern for her learning-disabled brother, she adapted a



Courtesy of Academic Affairs

drive for change that pushed her to succeed. "I wanted to try and figure out a way to help him live independently," she said. "My ultimate career goal is to develop robotics

that can help disabled people."

Through her years at SBU, Diana has pursued this task with vigor and dedication. As the Team Leader of Stony Brook Robotics Team, she has taken a significant role in designing robots that compete in national and local competitions. The team's most recent robot, ButlerBot, received 2nd place at the 2003 International American Association for Artificial Intelligence robot host competition in Acapulco, Mexico.

Diana's robotics research has drastically shaped her career aspirations, as she is now a proficient student robotics designer.

"I use part of my research with the club projects," she said. Diana's active role in student life on campus is accentuated by her 3.92 GPA.

In addition to her work at Stony Brook, Diana has also collaborated on research projects at Los Alamos National Laboratory and NASA. Her novel ideas and research ventures earned her the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, a competitive undergraduate scholarship given to students pursuing careers in science. Beyond that, she is the only second round finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship in Stony Brook history.

Despite Diana's focused passion in robotics, she is still sorting out her career choice. "Part of me really wants to be a professor, and part of me wants to do just research," she said. "But another part of me wants to make a business way down the line."

If you would like to suggest students for "The Brook's Finest," write to statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu.

School of Thought: English, and Japanese Lions

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS
Statesman Staff

In the middle of the Serengeti, there is a hotel so expensive that no one claiming the pretense of wanting to "rough it" could possibly afford to live in. For the last three days, I had been roughing it alright, but today, in this hotel, I can visit the greatest invention in the history of civilization: indoor plumbing. In major cities, including my hometown, New York City, indoor plumbing serves as a means of expelling sewage out of city boundaries. But in the middle of a natural park, I wonder as I wash my hands: where is the soap going?

Once I walk back outside, I stand on big boulders and look out at the acacia trees that remind me of the ones Disney drew. This is my third warm beer of the hour. In Tanzania, a pint of beer costs a dollar, and every hour is happy hour.

I've heard this logic before: We're helping the people that we so long ago hurt.

Two pink European women are whispering to themselves on the next boulder over.

"You from around here or something?" I ask them.

"No, we're from America," they say. "That's not around here at all."

"Could've fooled me," I tell them. Americans always think they're funny.

"Have you heard of Montana?" they ask me.

"No, have you ever heard of Queens?" I reply, obviously an American.

I'm out of beer. To my left are Japanese businessmen eating nuts with their beer. They seem so happy. They

must be on vacation. I hum that song about turning Japanese. I raise my beer towards them and we all drink together. I wonder, "If an African lion were born in Japan, would he be Japanese?" I'm also still wondering where the soap went.

The women are whispering again. I turn around.

"What brings you to the Serengeti?" I ask.

"We're here to teach English," they tell me.

Teach English? I turn around to the Japanese businessmen, look back at the ladies, and then again at the businessmen. I point to the Japanese.

"No, not to them," they say, in grammatically spotless English.

I look over the horizon at the soft purple hues that tend to accompany late African afternoons. I see an endless sea of acacia trees over the Serengeti, which is Maa (the Maasai language) for endless plains. I see the brush sway to the wind. I see the great zebra migration moving across the horizon. And finally, what must be the ugliest, fattest rat I have ever seen walks in front of us. I point at it.

"No, not to him either," they answer in perfect grammatical English.

Where does the soap go? If an African lion is born in Japan, is it Japanese? Teach English to whom?

"So, who is learning this English, the lions?" I ask.

They giggle, though it wasn't funny. Not even a bit. "We teach English to little African children," they tell me, as if there were big African children.

"And where do these children live?" I ask. Africa obviously isn't specific enough a place.

"All over the place," they said. "We concentrate on a village on the outpost of the Serengeti."

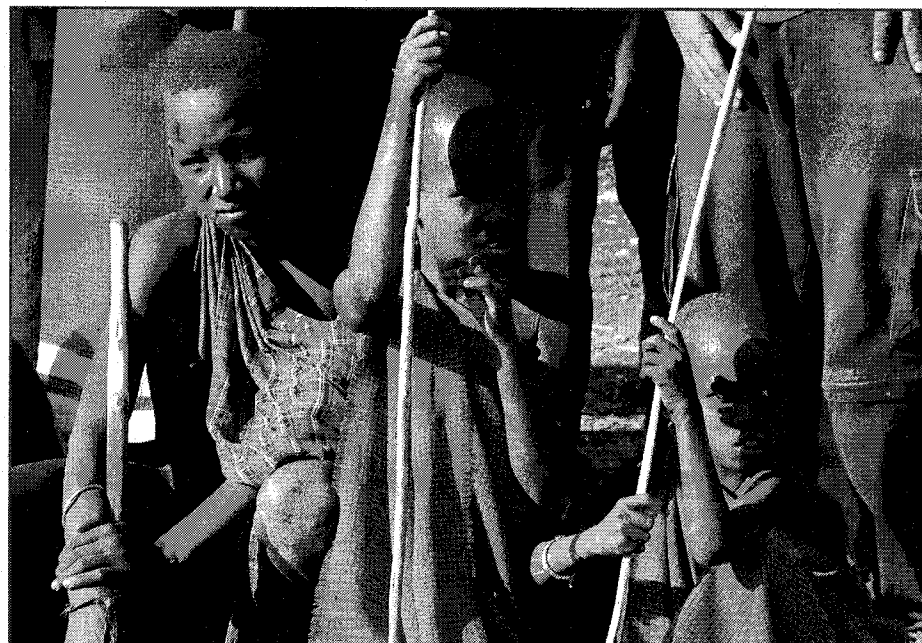
People like the Maasai, who named the Serengeti, have been evicted from all natural parks in Africa. In fact, all the people have been shunned. Well, all people who don't own hotels, or teach English, or study anthropology at some university at

the end of Long Island, that is.

"What are these people going to do with English?" I ask them.

"Oh," they answer casually, "they need English to survive."

Of course, how could I forget? The fundamental necessities of life: food, shelter, clothing, and English.



Statesman/Emy Kuriakose

"Teaching English to little African kids." Do they look really like they need English?

"They can't get jobs," they continue, unaware that I have already heard their logical process a thousand times, from a hundred different morons, "without speaking English. And if they can't get jobs, then they can't provide for their families."

"What did they do before English then? They never got jobs?" I ask.

"No, well before English, they didn't need jobs like they do today. But times have changed. Now they need English," they tell me. They add: "Times have changed. You have to accept that," ending their sentence with a preposition.

I've heard the logic a thousand times before: They need English because they have to get jobs. They have to get those jobs to make junk. Big piles of junk. Big piles of junk that they ship off to people

far, far away.

When these far away people receive their junk, they feel so grateful that, in return, they send some of their own children to its place of origin. These children teach the children who made their junk to speak English, so that they can make more junk for the next generation.

And these two ladies sitting in front of me are two of those generous souls that are dedicating so much of their time and effort to ensure that a whole new generation of little African children grows up knowing enough English to make that junk.

I've heard this logic before. It's beautiful. Change their lives so that they have to work for you, and then honor yourself for helping them work for you. I smile at them, and get up to get another warm beer. I nod at the Japanese men. Maybe it would be an African-Japanese lion.

I've heard this logic before: We're helping the people that we so long ago hurt. I go to wash my hands again. Indoor plumbing is beautiful—your hands get clean, and who cares where the soap goes? Then I leave this hotel because I can't afford it.

The Stony Brook Statesman

State University of New York At Stony Brook

Stony Brook's
Only
Twice-Weekly
Newspaper

Publisher Mansoor Khan	Editor in Chief Emy Kuriakose
Managing Editor Peter Sunwoo	News Editor Michael Nevradakis
Assoc. News Editor Rohit Das	Assoc. Sports Editor Dana Gomi
Asst. Copy Editors Jaci Hirschfeld Widaad Zaman Kerry Keegan	
Asst. Layout Editors James Caston James Bouklas	Asst. Sports Editor John Noble

Business Manager
Frank D'Alessandro

Advertising Assistant
Patricia Gallo

Webmaster
James Caston

Editor Emeritus
Jeffrey Javidfar

Now circulated to over 100 off-campus locations,
with a weekly readership estimated at 30,000.

The Stony Brook Statesman, which serves SUNY Stony Brook and its surrounding community, is a nonprofit literary publication produced twice weekly during the academic year and bimonthly during the summer. First copy is free. Each additional copy is 50 cents. For advertising information, call us at (631) 632-6480 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Editorials represent the majority opinion of the Editorial board and are written by one of its members. The Stony Brook Statesman welcomes letters, opinions and information about events and issues on or around campus.

All letters and opinion pieces must include the author's name, address and phone number for verification purposes. Please type all submissions. Anonymous and handwritten submissions will not be printed. Please keep all submissions to a maximum of 650 words. Statesman reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity, language and readability.

Views expressed in columns or in the Letters and Opinions section are those of the author and are not necessarily those of Statesman, its employees, staff, or advertisers. All contents Copyright 2004.

The Statesman has been a member of the Associated Collegiate Press since 1994.

E-mail: statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu

Website: www.sbstatesman.com

Submit letters to:

Stony Brook Statesman
P.O. Box 1530
Stony Brook, NY 11790

or:

Room 057 / Student Union
Campus Zip 3200

Phone: (631) 632-6479
Fax: (631) 632-9128



Commentary

Bush and Iraq: A Nation Deceived?

By TODD THOMAS
Statesman Staff

Almost four years ago, Americans went to the polls to choose their new president in a controversial election that resulted in George W. Bush's slight victory over Al Gore. In his oath, Bush swore to protect the nation from internal and external problems and to be a man of truth. Therefore, it was surprising when the President contradicted his once certain claims of Iraq's weapons arsenal. Unless you live under a rock or have no interest in the people who run this nation, Bush's appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert may come to mind. Bush himself made arrangements for the interview in order to present his side of the intelligence that led to the U.S. war in Iraq.

After the first Gulf War, America made the mistake of refusing to remove Saddam Hussein, Iraq's tyrant ruler, from power. It is nothing new to realize that Hussein was someone who couldn't rule Iraq forever. In March of 2003, Bush launched an epic battle to protect America from

a nation equipped with weapons of mass destruction. We had diagrams; we had proof. We even pinpointed palaces that were supposed to contain these weapons of mass destruction, according to Bush. After September 11th, we weren't about to risk having Hussein hand over weapons to some rogue party, because we knew all too well that the receiving end could very well be an American city. The nation and the world divided over the war. Nevertheless, America proceeded on a crusade to protect itself.

Almost a year later, Hussein was deposed and the Iraqi people were freed, but over 500 soldiers were dead and many troops still remained in Iraq. The problem is: "Where are the weapons Mr. Bush?" When asked about the intelligence in his interview, Bush responded with grade-level responses, stating that his intelligence was

legit. When asked about the whereabouts of Osama Bin Laden, he made no comments.

If, in fact, any nation poses a threat to America, as Bush claimed of Iraq, then our nation has an obligation to go to war to defend itself and its interests. However, after having been in Iraq for a year and not finding any lethal weapons, the question lingers: did the nation go to war for a cause that didn't exist? If the war was about liberation from a tyrant's oppression, then why go to Mesopotamia when 90 miles away from America lies Cuba? Would it not make sense to liberate this nation that, for years, has been oppressed? If Bush is looking for weapons, do we not have intelligence that North Korea

has lethal weapons? North Korea even admits to having such weapons.

If America is to be the respectable, sole superpower of the 21st century, then we need to ensure that the decisions our leaders make are well based. To make a decision to go to war based on supposed credible evidence, and only later find out that the evidence wasn't

If America is to be the respectable, sole superpower of the 21st century, then we need to ensure that the decisions our leaders make are well-based.

credible at all, should cause us to raise our eyebrows. In office, is a man who has access to a nuclear arsenal that can end the world; this is the most powerful man in the world. With the power we entrust him, we expect that he will make planned, well-executed decisions. Currently, we tend to forget that soldiers are still stationed in Iraq, many believing in their hearts that their duty was to defeat a nation with a deadly arsenal of weapons. How betrayed our soldiers must feel to have found none of the so-called weapons that Saddam had.

Bush took advantage of a post-September 11th nation that wanted action against anyone believed to be a threat. It's one thing to bend the truth when campaigning for office, but it's another to bend the truth in order to take a nation to war.

Why Are SBU Students Unhappy? Part II

By MARK GOLD
Statesman Contributor

In my last article, I discussed the issue of professors on campus. This time I will discuss a couple of other issues that are smaller, but nonetheless important to students.

The first topic I will discuss involves the appearance of the campus. On the outside, many of the buildings on campus look relatively good. The SAC graces the academic mall, and the new Humanities building should look nice once it's completed. But with all the focus on the outer appearance, has anyone looked on the inside of some of these buildings?

Take, for instance, the Melville Library. For administrators, the library should be the most well maintained building, because this is where students go to study. Has anyone been there recently? The quality of the place is horrific. When I step into the Central or North Reading Room or the Stacks, I feel like it's a time warp back to the 60s and 70s, because I doubt any of the furniture or rugs have been replaced since they

were first installed. And the lighting is so atrocious, it makes you want to sleep more than study.

Administrators are all about improving the level of academic excellence here on campus. So enough with the talking. How about some action by giving students the tools needed to succeed. A library that actually promotes studying and doesn't have those horrific colors and odors would be a nice start.

Furthermore, just in case administrators didn't know, Old Chemistry lives up its name and is very old and in desperate need of repair. Better yet, take it off the edifice respirator and demolish it. Javits also needs some help. Students in Javits 100 need hard hats to avoid the falling tiles. The Union has so many leaks in the ceiling that I feel like I'm playing dodgeball with water pellets when it rains.

Another issue that has to be addressed is the lack of student involvement with the decisions made on campus. Sure there might be that handful of students

Continued on Page 7

Statesman Staff Writers

Saina Ahamad
Yu Sze Ang
Djamel Beldjilali
Ian Cook
Samantha Earley
Sarah Goshman

Regina Glick
Maury Hirschhorn
Marie Huchton
John Imossi
Mira Kinariwala
Ted Lai

Greg Lubich
Patricia McCabe
Jonathan Reinstein
Arpana Rayannavar
Amanda Rubenstein
Amanda Sosulski

Ian Rice
Susan Thomas
Todd Thomas
Jenny Wang
Michael Zannettis
Adam Zimmerman

Why SBU Students are Unhappy

Continued from Page 6

who have their say, but what about every other student? How about having referendums for students to vote on when elections are held?

Take for instance the demolition of the bridge to the Union a couple of years ago. Even though it took place during the summer, word still traveled and it bothered a significant number of students and alumni that their input was not sought. It isn't hard to get students' opinions; it just takes the effort and willingness of administrators.

Now let's talk about those cell phone antennas atop the Chemistry Building. What, you didn't know about them? I'm not surprised. I doubt many students and faculty do know about them, but they are there.

Just look up at the Chemistry building roof and you'll see the white vertical strips. The people who put them up were also

quite clever to "camouflage" some of them. There were a couple of them facing the SAC that stuck out like sour thumbs against the black backdrop for a couple of weeks, so they painted the antennas black so you wouldn't know they were there.

Although there is still inconclusive data concerning the health hazards of the radiation emitted by cell phone antennas, communities around the nation are usually opposed to them being placed in their neighborhoods. But here at Stony Brook, there was no such uproar because there was no public forum

held regarding them. I know as a student I wasn't informed about them, and I'm sure faculty wasn't either.

The cell phone antennas atop the Chemistry Building might not pose a threat, but then again, they might. I don't want to be one of those professors or students that have to be on the 7th floor of the Chemistry Building or on the top floors of the Library facing the Chemistry building all day. The thought of every cell phone call made on the eastern part of Long Island being beamed off antennas literally on top of my head makes me a bit uneasy.

Administrators are all about improving the level of academic excellence here on campus. So enough with the talking. How about some action by giving students the tools needed to succeed.

Some might argue that the school is just trying to make the campus a better place by ensuring adequate cell phone reception, but I doubt this is the reason. For starters, my cell phone works on most parts of campus, but the dead spots I had last year on campus still exist, even

with the addition of these antennas. The only reason why cell phone antennas are atop the Chemistry Building is because the school is collecting rent from cell phone providers.

Over the past two columns, I hope I have made clear to some administrators what students want and are concerned about. I encourage other students to do as I have and make their voices heard. In order for Stony Brook to improve, students must speak out and administrators must not only listen, but also comply.

SBU Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 16

Dr. William McAdoo Memorial Health Lecture Series: "Prostate Cancer and Breast Cancer: Risks and Prevention"

12-1 p.m.

HSC Level 2 School of Social Welfare Faculty Conference Room

Lecture Series by Kenyan Author, Dr. Ngugi wa Thiong'o

4:30 p.m.

SAC Auditorium

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Poetry Reading by Kenyan Author, Dr. Ngugi wa Thiong'o

10:30 a.m.

Wang Center Lecture Hall 1

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. presents: A Slave's Story

8-11:30 p.m.

SAC Auditorium

Wednesday, Feb. 18

"Souls of My Sisters"/ "Souls of My Brothers" Workshop with authors Dawn Marie Daniels and Candace Sandy

3-5 p.m.

Wang Center Theater

Women's Basketball vs. Albany

7 p.m.

Sports Complex Arena

Taiko Drumming Workshop

7:30-9:30 p.m.

SAC Aerobic Studio

Thursday, Feb. 19

Black Men at Stony Brook: Achieving Success in College and Beyond

7-9 p.m.

SAC Auditorium

Blackworld Spades Tournament

8 p.m.

SAC Ballroom B

Friday, Feb. 20

Movie: Boyz n the Hood

4:30 p.m.

Melville Library E4340

Movies: The Cuckoo 7 p.m. & Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World 9 p.m.

Staller Center

SAB Comedy Show

9pm - 11pm

SAC Auditorium

Totally Free Checking...

NO STRINGS ATTACHED



On-campus banking services for Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and their families.

Our **Free Checking Account** is one of the best benefits of membership.

- No minimum balance
- No monthly fees or per check fees
- Free online banking
- Dividends paid on balances over \$500
- Unlimited check-writing privileges
- Free Visa Check Card for easy access at ATMs and shopping
- A savings account, with a minimum balance of \$50, is required to open your TFCU membership account.

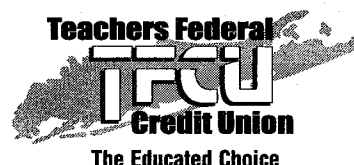
Really, no kidding! No annual fee!

On-campus branches:

Student Activities Center and Health Sciences Center

Other TFCU branches: Amityville, Bay Shore, Bohemia, Commack, Farmingville, North Babylon, Port Jefferson Station and South Setauket.

Proud sponsor of the Staller Center for the Arts



www.teachersfcu.org
631-698-7000

Equality in the Workplace

Continued from Page 1

success. This feeling is accentuated even more so for woman of color, she said.

When an African American female student asked the speaker for advice regarding her own position in the corporate world, Roche replied saying that the key to keep moving and excelling in life lies in taking on careers that are enjoyable and specific to your own interests and needs. This way, your own passion for your work will prove your worth.

Roche raised the issue of Affirmative Action, citing that in the debate which came to the Supreme Court last year, many of decision makers involved came to an agreement. They believed in the misconception that affirmative action gives unequipped people chances, she said, and that it takes away opportunities from those that rightfully deserve them.

The success stories of African American men and women should not go unnoticed, however, when considering the merits of Affirmative Action, she said. In truth however, in no way 'are we there yet'. 'There,' being used in this case to define a state of equality.

Women still earn less for the same work, still raise their children on their own, and are still represented as sexual objects in the media. One in five women is reported to have been physically or sexually abused, with African American women in particular being twice as likely. Girls, she argues, are conditioned to play a particular role in society; that of a passive, nurturing, and giving entity.

As president of Girls, Inc., Roche heads an organization that has worked vigorously to uplift girls between the ages of six and 18 for 140 years. The company mission is to 'inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold.'

They deal with the prevention of teen pregnancy, drug abuse, and work to educate girls in math and science, among other areas such as budget planning and proper etiquette. Girls Inc. encourages girls to dream big and gives them the confidence to pursue their goals.

Roche said that one of the major problems that shape a girl's role in society today is the box that girls are raised to accept and live inside. This box is the ultimate problem. The solution, unfortunately, is not as easy to characterize.

SB College Trivia

Continued from Page 1

"It has become an annual event where, students, faculty and staff can come together and play a great game of trivia. It is a collaborative effort amongst four different departments to provide an interactive and cohesive program," Terrana said. "The teams had the opportunity to test their trivia knowledge against other students, faculty and staff."

"Each semester I assist with the team trivia because it is a great way to meet new students as well as support the ones I already know," said moderator Lisa Ospitale of Campus Dining Services. "Team trivia is a great Stony Brook tradition that builds community and that more students should get involved with."

Leadership Panel

Continued from Page 1

overturn that notion.

"The people in Enron—how seriously are they actually taking it?" he said.

The goal of the symposium, according to its program, is to "enrich leadership training by better equipping educational leaders to engage today's social problems in ways that enhance a sense of trust and acceptance of social responsibility among their student populations."

In an effort to accomplish that goal, the symposium will feature an interactive panel discussion, allowing for meaningful dialogue between participants. Panelists will include Dr. Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, President of the George Washington University, Thomas J. Schwartz, Esq., President of Purchase College State University of New York, and Dr. Barbara White, Dean of the School of Social Work, Texas University—Austin.

The panelists will speak about their own perceptions of the problem and its causes as well as proposing ideas for instituting changes. The symposium, Preston said in a letter to the university's deans, "seeks to better equip educational and community leaders to engage today's social issues in order to enhance trust, acceptance, safety and responsibility amongst student-community populations."

Over 400 people attended last year's symposium, which received widespread support and positive feedback, and students are highly encouraged to attend this year as well, Preston said. Past guests have included the presidents of Ohio State University and Pace University, among others.

"I really look forward to hearing what the presidents have to say," said Joseph Capri. "It's interesting to hear the perspective of someone in that position."

The symposium will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the SAC Auditorium.

**Why Do
Long Island's
Technology
Professionals
Choose the
Stony Brook
I.T. Center?**

**STONY
BROOK**
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Because We Have What They Need to Succeed.

- Microsoft-certified Training Academy
- Trainers with real-world industry experience
- High, first-time pass rate on certification tests
- Unlimited class repeats on a space-available basis
- Assurance that comes with a Stony Brook credential
- Textbooks and materials are included
- Small classes held in comfortable, ergonomic labs

CISCO

Interconnecting Cisco Network Devices

Comptia

ITNF—Information Technology Networking Fundamentals (A+, Net+, and Security+ Certifications)

Certified Security Network Professional Program

CNSP Hardening the Infrastructure and CNSP Defense and Countermeasures

Microsoft

Full range of Microsoft networking courses

For details on all of the above plus additional programs offered through the Center, visit us on the Web at www.stonybrook.edu/spd/computer.

AA/EOE

Living Learning Center for Media
and the campus chapter of
The Society of Professional Journalists Welcomes...

**Stu Vincent • Newsday
Carl Corry
Long Island Business News**

**For a conversation about the
newspaper industry...**

**Tuesday, February 17th
7:20-8:20pm**

*** Interested in Attending? ***
Reply to studentmedia@stonybrook.edu

Mark Murphy

www.mmurphyphoto.com

mdmadv@hotmail.com

Blue Point, NY 11717

Phone: 516-446-6977

Pager: 516-276-9861

events • action sports
photography

Neal the Real Deal: Excitement of WWE Disappearing

By NEAL KINARIWALA
Statesman Staff

To be honest, I am not looking forward to *No Way Out* in the slightest. To date, none of the matches on the card look remotely exciting, except for the Rey Mysterio match. Unfortunately, any excitement as a result of that match will be useless considering one of the matches is Nidia vs. Jamie Noble. You know the match will be unforgettably bad when its slogan reads: *Former lovers collide*. Nidia's inept depiction of the blind is not sweetening the deal either. She thinks wearing thick, black-hole Ray-bans and hitting every object within a 20-foot radius makes her look blind.

No she doesn't look blind, but she's got idiotic down perfectly.

Recently, Kevin Nash was stabbed on the set of *The Punisher*. Now I bet he wishes he hadn't taken that role. That makes two of us. But don't be worried, it's a flesh wound, Nash was fine and continued filming soon after.

Also in recent news, it appears that the gargoyle of a woman, Joanie Laurer, a.k.a. Chyna, will be joining the wrestlers at WWE's rival promotion, NWA-TNA. She originally quit the WWE under the belief that she would find her niche in Hollywood. Too bad the film industry is teeming with revolting man-beast hermaphrodites. No offense, but she's born-the-

wrong-gender ugly. Don't agree with me? Go catch her in *Elephant Man*. I ask you to look at a picture of her and not get squeamish. Let me save you some trouble and some nausea—it's not possible.

Coming as a shock to most, the WWE also released Zach Gowen. To me, it seems that they merely used him for P.R. purposes and once that was exhausted, they fired him. A regular wrestler surely would have been given more time to get over with the fans. For example, take someone like the Rock who was despised by the fans for a considerable amount of time before he became the Rock we know today. Regardless, I would assume that Gowen would go back to NWA-TNA,

but these things are never certain. While we're on fired wrestlers, I might as well mention that Ernest "The Cat" Miller was released as well. Apparently, he was not cat-like enough.

Finally, some wise words from *Seinfeld*:

"I've been lying about my income for a few years. I figured I could afford a fake house in the Hamptons."

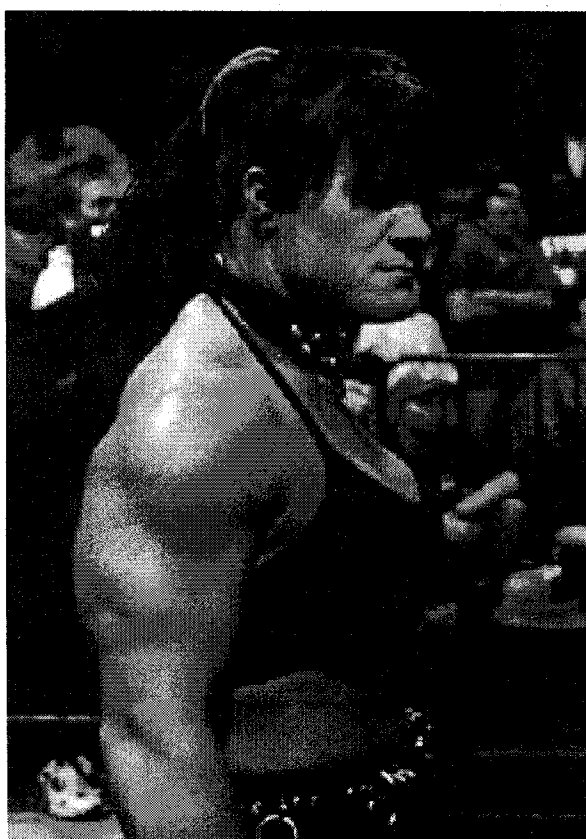
- George, in "The Wizard"

"What's a matter?"

"I was having lunch and I bit down on the fork."

"Boy, it's hard to believe with so much biting experience a person could still make a mistake like that."

- Jerry and Elaine, in "The Non-Fat Yogurt"



Courtesy of www.google.com
Joani Laurer, also known as Chyna, has reportedly signed a deal with NWA-TNA.



Walking Distance From Campus
Formerly The Park Bench
Across from Playing Fields and RR Station

**Brick Oven Pizza, Gourmet Burgers,
Salads, Wraps, Sandwiches & More...**

Open for Dinner 7 Nights - 3 pm
Open for Lunch Sat & Sun - 11:30 am
Kitchen Open Till Closing Every NITE • TAKE OUT & CATERING

1095 Route 25A • Stony Brook

Phone: 631.689.5999

Fax: 631.689.5885

Food & Drink Specials Every Nite

21+ & over • Proper Casual Attire Strictly Enforced • Proper ID Required

**"BACK TO THE BENCH"
THURSDAYS**

**LADIES NIGHT • DRINK SPECIALS
9-11:30 • DJ & DANCING • MILLER
& YUENGLING SPECIALS ALL NITE**

MONDAY "OPEN MIC NIGHT"

Everyone is invited • Live music auditions
Prizes & Gift Certificates for top performers

WEDNESDAY NITE

DJ KAREOKE NITE W/ LOU TURNER

Prizes & Gift Certificates for top performers
1/2 price drinks & appetizers for all Hospital & SBU Employees!

Calling all Commuters!

**Get Involved • Be a Leader
Help Others • Meet People**



Commuter Assistant Applications Available Now.

We will be holding two sessions for all commuter students interested in becoming a 2004-2005 Commuter Assistant. Current CA's will speak about their experience and benefits they have gained through volunteering. All interested students must attend one Information Session or schedule an appointment with Megan Conroy, Wells Fellow for Commuter Student Services.

Thursday, February 26

11:00 am-12:00 pm • SAC 223

Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, February 27

2:00-3:00 pm • SAC 223

Light refreshments will be served.

The Commuter Assistant Program is committed to helping new commuter students become active members of the Stony Brook campus community. Pick up an application today in Student Activities Suite #222 or contact Megan Conroy, at 631-632-4345 or E-mail: Megan.Conroy@stonybrook.edu
Applications may also be found online at www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/commuter



**A THOUGHT
FROM
RABBI ADAM**



Israel. The Holy Land. A place of G-d. A place of history. In the past 4 years, some 200 Stony Brook students braved all the tales of media headlines to accept the famed "birthright israel" free trip to the Jewish homeland in the hopes of connecting to their Jewish identity. The question begged to be asked: Where do I, as a Jew, belong? After the death of Moses, Joshua brought the Children of Israel to the Promised Land. There the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob flourished for 1,500 years till the Romans exiled them to suffer at the hands of persecution from without, and assimilation from within. And now, after 2,000 years of wandering, hints of the Messianic prophecies of the Torah/Bible, the "ingathering of the exiles" (Deut. 30:3-5), is happening- for the Jewish people are returning to the Land of Israel. Eighty years ago, 50,000 people, .003% of world Jewry lived in Israel, now, 1/3 to one half of the world's Jewish population lives in Israel, numbering some 5.5 million people. So the question is: Perhaps I, as a Jew, also belong in Israel. In the early 1800's a Chassid of the third Lubavitcher Rebbe felt spiritually inspired. He wanted to move to the Land of Israel and live a life of piety and prayer. Israel, at the time, was a deserted wasteland. A person needed a major blessing to be able to survive in such an environment. With this in mind, the Chassid approached his Rebbe for such a blessing. Instead, the Rebbe responded, "Make the Land of Israel, here" And there's a lesson for all of us. Holiness and spirituality are found here. Within us. Granted, it may seem hidden and afar where as elsewhere it appears close and revealed. But know, this is our mission, to reveal that which is hidden. To sift the truth from amidst the untruth. To experience the soul from within the body. And to turn the "unholy" land into the "Holy Land."

*Birthright is offering it's last free trips to Israel this summer.
First come, first serve. Register now at www.israelexpress.org*

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

BARTENDERS, WAITSTAFF & BARBACKS. Experienced only. Apply in person. Full Moon Cafe. 1095 Rte. 25A, Stony Brook, after 3 pm.

PIZZA CHEF, COOK, COUNTER. Experience necessary. Good working conditions. Full Moon Cafe, Stony Brook. 631-689-5999.

LIVE ACOUSTIC OR KEYBOARD ACTS WANTED. Call for auditions. Full Moon Cafe, Stony Brook. 631-689-5999.

You're pregnant?

You're frightened?

Please let us help.

Life can be a wonderful choice.

Alternatives to Abortion

Free pregnancy testing, information, counseling, and assistance.

Call 243-2373, 554-4144 or
1-800-550-4900

HELP WANTED

BARTENDER TRAINEES NEEDED. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. 1-800-293-3985 X209.

MAIL ORDER PRINTING COMPANY seeks F/T and P/T trainees in our shipping, bindery and customer service departments. Great opportunity for motivated individuals. Deer Park area. 631-254-0111.

DENTAL OFFICE. FRONT DESK. Part time afternoons. Days/hours flexible. Close to campus. 751-8338.

WAITSTAFF NEEDED For prestigious Catering Company with locations on both the North and South Shores of Long Island. Part time and weekend positions available. Experience is preferred. Please call 631-862-0100 or email scott.kehlenbeck@lovinoven.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRATERNITIES - SORORITIES - CLUBS & STUDENT GROUPS. Earn \$1,000-\$2,000 this semester with a proven Campus Fundraiser 3 hour fundraising event. Our free programs make fundraising easy with no risks. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so get with the program! It works. Contact Campus Fundraiser at 888-923-3238 or visit www.campusfundraiser.com.

LAND FOR SALE

HANCOCK, NEW YORK, CATSKILL MOUNTAINS 5 acres of wooded, level and surveyed property. Property taxes \$300 per year. Build, camp, hunt & fish. Great views of the Delaware River. 631-666-8107.

TRAVEL

SPRING BREAK 2004 WITH STS, America's #1 Student Tour Operator. Hiring campus reps. Call for Group discounts. Info/Reservations: 1-800-648-4849. www.ststravel.com.

#1 SPRING BREAK VACATIONS! Cancun, Jamaica, Acapulco, Bahamas & Florida! Best Parties, Best Hotels, Best Prices! Book Now!!! 1-800-234-7007.

www.endlesssummertours.com.

FOR RENT

STUDIO APARTMENTS Furnished, includes electric, water, heat. Walking distance to Port Jefferson Village. Starting at \$600. By appt. only. "The New Heritage Inn." 631-473-2564.

SERVICES

PROFESSOR ON CAMPUS who has experienced Bipolar Disorder would like to have one-on-one contact with and help students

who also have this illness. Also starting an evening discussion group. Confidentiality is assured. If interested, please contact Dr. Jerry Pollock at 631-632-8924.

Statesman Classifieds Work!
632-6480

ALEXAN BROOKHAVEN

The Only Thing Missing Is You.

BRAND NEW 1, 2 & 3 BEDROOM RENTAL APARTMENTS, TOWNHOMES, LOFTS AND RANCHES.

UP TO 1 MONTH'S FREE RENT
Limited time only. Call for details.



- Attached garages with automatic door opener
- Fully applaned gourmet kitchens
- Washer/dryer, fireplace, wall-to-wall carpet, vaulted ceilings, ceramic tiled baths
- Study with computer nook/multiple phone and high-speed lines
- Electronically controlled gated community/ponds with fountains
- 3 pools, fitness center, indoor basketball, yoga classes, tennis courts
- Game room with pool table, business center

RENTS STARTING AT \$1460/MONTH

CALL 631.205.1300 TODAY AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE YOUR NEW APARTMENT HOME, OR VISIT US AT WWW.ALEXANAPTS.COM

TCR 

FAX SERVICE

50¢ PER PAGE

(includes cover sheet)

Call 632-6479 or come to
Rm 057 in the Student Union

TOP SALARIES

Summer Positions for Students & Faculty

Swimming Instructors: Lifeguard/WSI

Counselors & Group Leaders

Sports Instructors: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Aerobics

Nursing: RN, EMT, LPN

Teachers: Drama, Dance, Music, Arts, Crafts, Science, Computers, Nature, Farming & Gardening

The Laurel Hill School
East Setauket

Please call for an appointment:

631-751-1154

Job Opportunities in Mental Health Services

Gain Valuable Work Experience Related to Your Career Goals

Flexible schedules, part time and full time positions
working in group homes.

Training Provided

Competitive Salary, Excellent Benefits



Options
for Community Living, Inc.

202 East Main Street • Smithtown, NY 11787

(631) 361-9020, ext. 133 or fax (631) 361-7087 EOE

Visit our website at optionscl.org

Stony Brook Seawolves Clip Hawks' Wings, 70-62

BY COLIN CHILDERS
Statesman Contributor

Mired in their six-game losing streak, the Seawolves came back last Saturday to beat the Hartford Hawks, 70-62. This win improved their record to 7-16 overall, with a 4-10 record in conference play. The America East Conference rivals had met six times prior to this win, leaving Stony Brook 0-6 in their meetings. The loss dropped Hartford to 9-13 overall, and 4-9 in the conference. Trailing by 10 points at the half, 36-26, the outlook seemed grim for Stony Brook. With their sketchy plays, the Seawolves didn't seem to have the scoring power to overcome this deficit. The Seawolves faced early offensive woes, making errant passes and collecting few rebounds. They also had trouble on defense, with recurring difficulty defending the 3-point shots. But Stony Brook's defensive strength, coupled with size advantages at several



Courtesy of Mark Murphy, www.mmmurphyphotoes.com

Stony Brook came back from behind to pull a crucial win against the Hawks, and end their six-game losing streak.

in the game. Soon, their shortcomings weighed down their offensive strength that had dominated the early minutes

the 3-point shot that ignited the spark that Seawolves' fans were waiting for. Munir, originally from Rhode Island, was nominated for the second time to the All-Eastern Conference second team this year. He finished the game with 8 points and 5 assists. Hendrik Feist continued the offensive attack with 2 additional 3-pointers in the second half, finishing with a total of 4 for the game.

The last shot from downtown, with less than 10 minutes left, capped the Seawolves' 12-4 point run. By the end of this scoring drive, Stony Brook had its first lead since early in the first half. Feist finished with a season-high point total of 12 and gave the Seawolves renewed energy.

Mike Popoko played a strong game and kept the Seawolves in striking distance throughout the night. He finished with an impressive 15 points, 7 boards, 3 assists and 3 steals. Popoko kept the team working as one. Cori Spencer, who came alive in the second half, was also a solid dominating force. He scored the field goal that gave the Seawolves a 56-54 advantage, which they would not look back from. Spencer showed great intensity by diving for a loose ball into a scorekeeper's table.

"I can't even explain it," Spencer said after the game. "We have been working hard to get this one and we laid it all on the line." His sentiment was shared by his teammates and everyone else involved in the men's basketball program here at Stony Brook.

Their teamwork paid off with the end of the six-game losing streak, culminating in a win over a formidable opponent. The final score, however, is not indicative of the close game that Stony Brook overcame. They played hard and deserved the much-needed win. The Hartford Hawks' scoring was led by Ryan Stys who had 23 points, the game-high total of all players. He was assisted by Charles Ford and Aaron Cook who supplied a combined 25 points. The Hawks were 16-31 from 3-point range. D.J. Munir has now moved into the fifth position on Stony Brook's all-time scoring list with 1,483 career points, a number just 17 points shy of making him the fifth student in Stony Brook athletics history to score 1,500 points or more.

D.J. Munir has now moved into the fifth position on Stony Brook's all-time scoring list with 1,483 career points, a number just 17 points shy of making him the fifth student in Stony Brook athletics history to score 1,500 points or more.

positions, would eventually take a toll on the Hawks. Hartford faced early foul trouble, which later became a problem

of the game.

After the half, Senior Captain D.J. Munir, a Seawolf guard, opened with

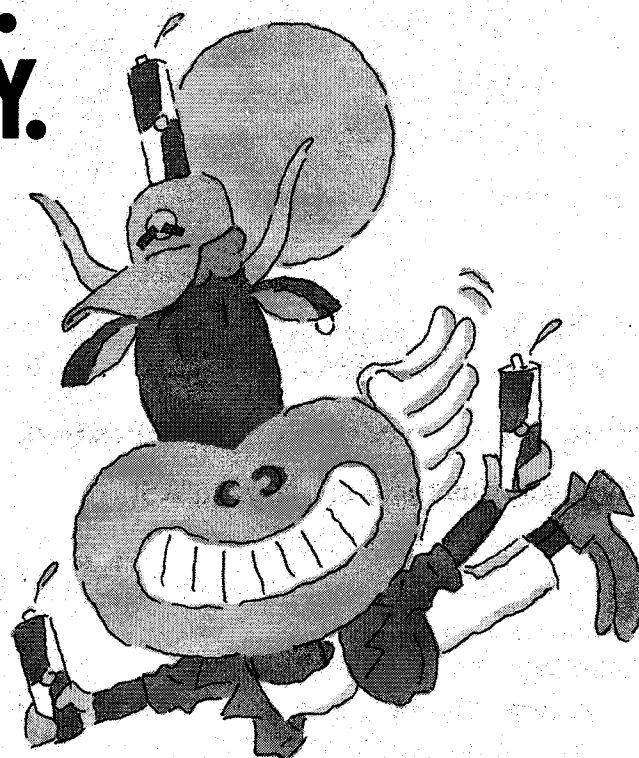
RED BULL GIVES YOU WIIINGS. OH, AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Red Bull is on the lookout for a Student Brand Manager (SBM). An SBM is a reliable and motivated student whose responsibilities include brand development on campus, market analysis and having a great time.

Our expectations from you are the following:

- You're going into your second year or higher at this school.
- You have a good knowledge of when/where things are happening.
- You're interested in marketing and have good communication skills.
- You have an entrepreneurial spirit and are outgoing.

Does this sound like you? If so, go to: www.redbullu.com.



Circulated to over 100 different locations
Weekly readership estimated at 30,000

Sports

Stony Brook Seawolves Hockey Tames Wildcats, 8-5

By JOHN NOBLE
Statesman Editor

When evenly matched teams square off, it's the little things that can make a big difference. This was the overlying theme of the night when the Stony Brook Seawolves defeated the Villanova Wildcats 8-5, at the Rinx. Stony Brook played a fundamentally sound game, with plays that proved to make a difference in the contest.

With a shaky start, the Seawolves fell behind early in the first period. Villanova won the opening face-off and immediately penetrated the Stony Brook defense, leaving them with a one-on-one rush and a great scoring opportunity. The Wildcats took the advantage, nailing the first goal of the night just 9 seconds into the game. But that was all the action for the Wildcats for a while. After that early gaffe, the Seawolves settled down and played solidly. Stony Brook created plenty of good opportunities as they won repeated face-offs, put shots on net, and kept the puck out of their defensive end. They neutralized the threat on defense, by pushing Villanova's forwards to the outside. Meanwhile they took advantage of planned,



Courtesy of Mark Murphy, www.murphyphotos.com

Despite allowing a goal just nine seconds into the game, the Seawolves were able to come back and defeat Villanova.

skillfully executed plays, pushing through two power-play goals in the game. Although they also surrendered a power-play goal, they did an admirable job of killing penalties. Stony Brook spent almost 20 minutes in the penalty box. The penalty-killing unit also scored a short-handed goal.

Although the final score was high, this was a defensive minded game. The goalies from both sides did a good job blocking

shots and handling the puck. Stony Brook did dodge a bullet once when their goalie came out of the crease to clear the puck, and missed. In those tense seconds, Villanova took a shot at an empty net, but hit the post.

On the other side of the rink, Stony Brook broke through the Villanova defense, creating a two-on-one rush. A quick pass left Kelly Coyle open to score the go-ahead

goal; his second of the game. Stony Brook would not trail behind again.

There were a few edgy moments in the third period, as the tension between the two teams came to a head, and fighting erupted. Both teams took numerous penalties, but Stony Brook got the 5 minute major for a facemask, which would have left Villanova with a 3 minute power-play to close out the game.

Fortunately, Villanova's penalties late in the third offset those of the Seawolves, which ensured that Villanova would not have the opportunity to tie the game. They did score a goal, however, with 48 seconds left in the game. But by then, it was too late. This game is a testament to the little details that can change a team and bring about a solid victory. Although they are often overlooked, little moments like winning face-offs and killing penalties can often lead to a win. Stony Brook spent more time in the penalty box, but was more successful at killing those penalties. The two teams were fairly even in talent, but Stony Brook did more of the little things correctly leading to a victory. This was the Seawolves' last home game this season. The alumni game is on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Rinx in Hauppauge.

Women's B-Ball Takes First Ever Victory Over Vermont

By DANA GOMI
Statesman Editor

The Stony Brook Women's basketball team played a great game, defeating the Vermont Catamounts, 87-71, on Tuesday night at the Sports Complex. It was the Seawolves' first-ever victory over Vermont. Stony Brook has now won three games in a row for the first time this season, and is now tied for the eighth spot with Vermont in the America East standings.

Vermont took a quick lead to start the game, but the Seawolves soon tied at six. Kelly Watson and Sherry Jordan hit consecutive 3-pointers to ignite a 21-7 run that gave Stony Brook a 27-13 lead. Vermont then started to chip away at the lead thanks to the help of Aaron Yantzi. Yantzi scored 18 of her 27 first half points during a 23-14 run that saw Vermont come within 41-36 lead with 2:06 left in the first half. The Seawolves recovered, and closed the half with a 3-pointer by Akia Booker, giving them a 48-39 halftime lead.

The Seawolves increased their lead at the start of the second half to 57-48, before putting together a 9-2 run, capped by Theresa LoParrino, who hit a layup

which gave Stony Brook a commanding 66-50 lead. Vermont never got closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Vermont found itself in foul trouble during much of the game. In both the first and second half, they went over the foul limit, giving the Seawolves opportunities to score from the free-throw line.

Jessica Smith had an awesome game, with 21 points and five rebounds. Jordan scored 17 points and got six steals. Watson hit four treys as part of her 16-point effort. Danielle DeGiorgio pitched in with 11 points and LoParrino added 10.

For Vermont, Yantzi set a new career high with 33 points, along with 13 rebounds. Lani Boardman scored 14 points.

Stony Brook has now won three games in a row, against Vermont, #6 Northeastern and #10 UMBC. The Seawolves have received a lot of help from Smith, a freshman from Butler N.J. She was recently named America East Rookie of the Week.

"It was a nice accomplishment. I've been working hard and everything. Obviously you can't do it without winning and



Courtesy of Mark Murphy, www.murphyphotos.com

The Seawolves took their third consecutive win, tying for eighth place in America East.

playing well with your team. It felt good being a freshman and everything. Basically it was nice," said Smith on her selection as Rookie of the Week.

The Seawolves had lost their previous five meetings with Vermont but this last game changed everything for them. "The first time we played them it was pretty rough. We didn't come focused, we didn't

come prepared, we were on a losing streak. Tonight we won two games in a row, we came prepared and we've been working so hard. We just mesh so well today. I don't think they were ready for it," said Smith.

Stony Brook still has to face some tough opponents in coming games. Their next home game is Feb. 18th against Albany. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.