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## Kanye West Rocks the House at SBU

By PAUL AKINS JR. AND CHEALYNN FEASTER  
Statesman Staff and Contributor

Despite a slow start at his Stony Brook performance, Kanye West ended the night with the crowd on their feet, applauding the rapper/producer's talent and dynamic presentation. As part of his College Dropout tour, West made an appearance at Stony Brook May 3 in the Sports Complex and drew a little over 2,000 students, out of a 3,300 capacity.

West was chosen for his upcoming popularity on the music scene. "He's an upcoming star and emerging artist of the month in Maxim magazine," said Jonathan Neman, USG vice president of student activities.

The show, which costed roughly \$100,000, was the second major event held and sponsored by USG this year. The enormous success of the Dave Chapelle show shadowed this Sunday's performance, however, as the crowds did not fill the stadium nearly to the same capacity.

"We didn't have a long time to promote it," said Jerry Stein, dean of



Courtesy of Jonathan Neman

Students dance the night away on stage at the Kanye West concert at the Pritchard Gym Sunday.

students. "The whole event went up in about ten days."

The concert was marred with delays at the start of the night, when students were left waiting in the rain for an hour because the doors opened late. Once

inside, the audience waited another hour for the opening act by a BET Comic View comedian. The show finally started when another comedian from

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## Elections Ongoing

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government elections ended in a runoff for several positions, and votes can once again be cast for certain student government positions right now.

The positions of President, Vice President of Clubs and Organizations, Senior Representative, Junior Representative and Sophomore Representative have been placed on the ballot for the runoff elections. Students can sign on to Solar System from now until Friday at 9 a.m. to cast their ballot.

The race for the presidential election was too close to provide a decisive victory. Under the USG Constitution, any candidate or decision must be elected by winning the support of at least 51 percent of the student constituency. The presidential election ended with current USG President Sandy Curtis winning 997 votes, which is 46.72 percent of the total votes, and Jared Wong winning 757 votes, which is 35.47 percent of the total. Accordingly, both students will be placed on the ballot for the runoff election.

The race for Vice President of Clubs and Organizations will include Virginia Morgan and Theodore Johnson. This election is resorting to a runoff because Johnson, who attempted to run for the position of USG Treasurer previously, met with the grievance committee Tuesday and made his case to run for VP of Clubs and Organizations instead. He was removed from the ballot for the treasurer position because of various circumstances, he said.

Log on to Solar System to vote in the Runoff Elections

## In Their Own Words

### Sandy Curtis

Thank you all for voting last week. Now there is a run-off election for myself and Jared Wong. Please don't wait: vote for SANDY CURTIS. Your vote can make the difference!

Please vote for someone with Experience, Dedication, and a Passion for service. Vote Sandy Curtis, someone that supports the needs of Clubs/Organizations here on campus.

It is important that we build a strong foundation. A Government that is student-run, student-based, and student-governed. I envision building a stronger Government that is sensitive and connected to the needs of the student body. Our goal will be to maintain constant communication with the student body. My commitment to the campus community over the past 3 years is evidence that this position is not a resume builder. Mr. Wong has attended only one Executive Council meeting, and not even one Senate meeting. He has not taken the initiative to understand the dynamics of the Organization.

My goal is not to slander my opponent in anyway. It is to provide the members of Stony Brook University's Clubs and Organizations with enough information so that you can make a wise assesment. Choose someone that is willing to build on strengths and learn from past mistakes, someone that is sincere and committed. Members of Clubs and Organizations: Our goal as student leaders is to empower and mobilize the spirit of service in others. So Vote for Sandy Curtis. We are here to fulfill a purpose: a purpose that is service driven. Thank you.

(see accompanying article on page 8)

### Jared Wong

My name is Jared Wong and I am running for student government President. Many of you may have already met me in class or bumped into me walking the halls of Cardozo or perhaps heard me speak at the numerous club meetings I have attended. Let me first say that I cannot stress to you enough how important it is to vote in these student government elections. The leaders and representatives you elect will be in charge of allocating a little over 2 million dollars of your student activity fee money. It is therefore crucial that you choose leaders who are responsible, ethical, and whose sole interest is your needs. Over the past month I have been trying to outreach to as many students on this campus as possible, including visiting with as many clubs and club leaders as possible. These clubs have ranged from the Commuter Student Association to the Society of Hispanic Engineers. I have found that the most common problem among our students is that they feel the current government is out of touch with their needs and concerns. I do not want to go into the specifics of my plans to address this growing problem but I do urge you to visit my website at [www.wong4president.com](http://www.wong4president.com) where you can find a comprehensive list of the innovative ideas and reforms that make up my platform. Also please email me with your questions and concerns. I want to know what you expect from your next President as well as the student government as a whole. Voting has begun on the Solar System and I hope that you will elect me as your next USG President.

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# CAMPUS VOICES

BY JACI HIRSCHFELD & JAMES CASTON

How do you plan on relieving stress during finals week?



"Study, smoke up, study again and pray for the best"

Sophia Santiago  
Social Sciences  
Junior



"Eat a lot of junk food, especially sweets, and drink a lot of caffeine."

Julie Nakadai  
Psychology  
Senior

"When I'm stressed out I listen to some Christian music & play guitar."

Daniel Kim  
Art  
Junior



"If the weather is nice I'm going to go to the beach and relax."

Steph Barlett  
Social Sciences  
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# Undergraduate Student Government 2004 Election Results

Line		Grand Total	
<b>President</b> (runoff)	<b>Sandy Curtis</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>46.72%</b>
	Brandon Fuchs	380	17.81%
	<b>Jared Wong</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>35.47%</b>
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	<b>Esam Al-Shareffi</b>	1758	
<b>President of Communications &amp; Public Relations</b>	<b>Ebony Omede</b>	1029	56.11%
	Ilan Nassimi	805	43.89%
<b>President of Student Life, Programming &amp; Activities</b>	Tatiana Pottoratskaia	898	49.26%
	<b>Rosario Minier</b>	925	50.74%
<b>Vice President of Academic Affairs</b>	<b>Diana Acosta</b>	1376	76.95%
	Reijo Saajasto	412	23.04%
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Rajat Gupta</b>	1666	
<b>Senator (College of Arts and Sciences) (Top 16 Won)</b>	Erica Samuel	848	
	Jackey Wu	828	
	Katie Ashwill	828	
	Jacqueline Bachman	825	
	Jonanna Medrano	816	
	Gianna Crespo	806	
	Andrew Thompson	790	
	Farrah Sattan	782	
	Kfier Kuba	769	
	Matt Rammelkamp	764	
	Milap Patel	747	
	Mehruha Anwar	738	
	Madhu Suryadevara	726	
	Richard Hsu	700	
	Reubin Davoudzadeh	689	
	<i>Amol Amin</i>	661	
	<i>Simon (Sin Kong) Wong</i>	656	
<b>Senator (College of Engineering) (Any 3)</b>	Taurean Dyer	213	49.19%
	Joseph Sambriski	220	50.81%
<b>Senator (I-SC Schools)</b>	Bryan Hull	22	61.11%
	Chris Dolley	14	36.88%

## Student Groups in Opposition to Governor's Budget Proposal

By NYPIRG  
Special to Statesman

Over 400 student groups, today, sent a letter to legislative leaders with a resolution in opposition to Governor George Pataki's 2004-2005 higher education budget proposal. Student governments, cultural groups, and Greek organizations from some of New York's top institutions were among the signers of the resolution.

The student groups sent the resolution as a last minute plea to legislative

leaders as their summer breaks begin and the final state budget—and along with it the fate of New York colleges and students—remains undecided.

In a letter addressed to Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senate Higher Education Chair Kenneth LaValle, Assembly Higher Education Chair Ron Canestrari, Senate Minority Leader David Paterson, and Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, the student groups said, "there is resounding dismay for the Governor's recommendations to

restructure and cut the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and reduce funding for opportunity programs and the state's community colleges. We understand that New York faces challenging budgetary decisions, but the state's budget should not be balanced on the backs of college students and their families...Our public colleges provide needed economic development to New York and should be invested in."

In his Executive Budget for 2004-2005, the Governor proposed to restructure the Tuition Assistance Program

(TAP) by withholding one-third of current financial aid awards until after students graduate. Governor Pataki's budget also includes cuts to opportunity programs (EOP, HEOP, and SEEK), community college funding, and Bundy Aid. These cuts were proposed in a year following massive tuition increases at the State and City Universities of New York.

Student groups urged the Governor and legislature to pass a final budget that would "restore these cuts and preserve TAP, opportunity programs, and increase support for higher education."



# Student Activities Board Brings Kanye to Campus

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Chicago took the stage.

Both tried with little avail to warm up the now restless crowd. When West finally took the stage at about 10 p.m., the tired and anxious audience rushed the stage and jockeyed for front row positions, some standing on chairs to get a view of the rap star.

West, outfitted in a lime green shirt, jeans, and a gold and diamond Roc-A-Fella chain, was greeted with cheers from the audience before opening the show with "Get'em High," a song from his album "College Dropout."

West performed most of his hits from this platinum selling album "College Dropout," including "Slow Jamz" and "The New Workout Plan." He also performed some new songs and hits he produced, like Twista's "Overnight Celebrity," and songs from Jay-Z's Black album including "Lucifer," "Encore" and Alicia Keys' "You Don't Know My Name" as well as "If I Don't Have You."

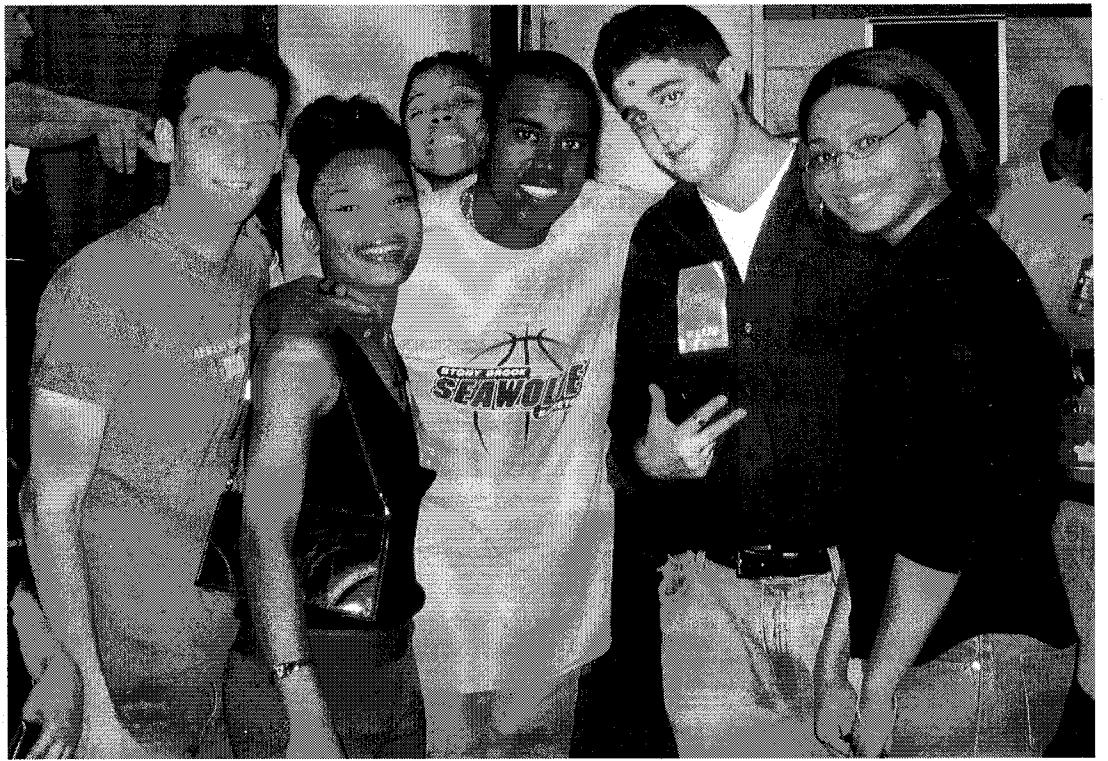
Memorable moments of the show included the step routine performed by members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. during West's song "School Spirit." Salih, one of the steppers, referred to Kanye as a "cool dude" and expressed his respect for the rapper/producer. Another such moment was when West

recruited several ladies from the audience to join him on stage for a few songs. Natasha Houston, one of those ladies said the experience of being on stage "was great."

West's enthusiasm and passion for music was conveyed throughout his show. West said he tries to "reach the most people in the least amount of time," rapping about what he knows as truths. His approach to rap differs greatly from that of other rappers, whom he says only "rap about themselves."

When asked what inspired him to create a song like "Jesus Walks," West said "it was something that needed to be said; it's the first song with Jesus and profanity but it's not the profanity, it's the intention."

His lyrics, he said, are crafted with intent, thought and consideration. He insists that each song be written out on his album covers to ensure that listeners



Courtesy of USG

Members of USG, including Jon Neman, VP of Activities (far left), were responsible for organizing Kanye West's concert.

understand his intentions and thoughts well.

West ended the show with "Never Let Me Down" and as the title suggests, it certainly did not let the audience down. The energy and hard work that he put to in his performance and music

succeeded in invigorating an audience which was lifeless after enduring the long delay.

Stony Brook was one of the last stops on his three month "College Dropout" tour in which he performed at college campuses across the nation.

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

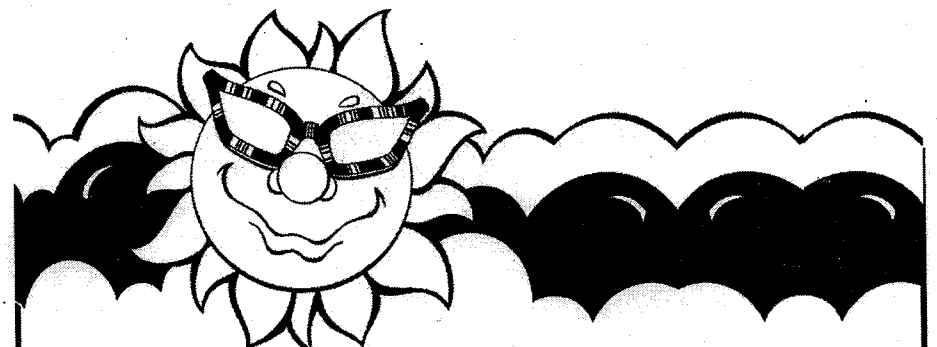
### Executive Council Meetings

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# SBU Addresses Race, Civil Liberties and Human Rights

By MARIA BROCK  
Statesman Staff

College campuses across the country are erupting in heated discussions about the War in Iraq, civil liberties now and throughout history, and America's approach to ensuring human rights. On April 29, the discussion took center stage at SAC Ballroom A during "Race, Representation & Reality," the topic of the fourth annual "With Liberty and Justice for All..." symposium.

Tomie Arai, Coco Fusco, David Haekwon Kim and Angela Davis took to the stage, speaking on topics of race, art, history and politics. The audience, representing the greatest racial diversity Stony Brook has to offer, responded to their talks with affirmation and inspired applause.

Arai, a New York City activist and artist whose résumé reads as a collection of national recognition and awards for her community driven projects, expounded on several of her major works. The native New Yorker displayed a number of slides, addressing the racial and cultural impor-

tance of her works.

"I am less concerned with fact than with a kind of truth," said Arai, who began her career in the 1970's working with city youth as a community muralist. "I explore the relationship of history and memory."

Coco Fusco, a performance artist, writer and associate professor at Columbia University's school of the Arts, followed in like, with slides of her latest project, a recently published book that explores race through photography. One slide, displaying myriad naked African-America babies bore the title "Alligator Bait."

"Visual arts expose our likes and dislikes," Fusco said. "This is something that we may not be comfortable with." Fusco, like Arai, reminded the audience that art about race is not necessarily about racism.

David Kim, program coordinator for Asian American Studies at the University of San Francisco strayed from the pack, addressing the Korean American community's role in the Los Angeles riots. April 29 marks the anniversary of the riots, an event known in the Korean American

community as the Sa-I-Gu, translated from Korean to literally mean "4-29." The riots, which Kim sees more as a rebellion, presented Korean Americans with a tough decision. Kim pointed to the Korean American community's extreme sense of disappointment in witnessing what they believe to be a shattering of the American

"People need to act for change and the youth, with their energy and originality are the best for that."

Angela Davis

Dream. Many struggled between a desire to save their community, which translated as a desire to call the cops, and an understanding of the intense police suppression that existed in Los Angeles, Kim said.

Angela Davis finally came to the stage with a confidence and intimidat-

tion through which she proposed "on the ground, struggles for democracy," calling the war on terror a war *against* democracy. Davis pointed fingers at the Bush administration as perpetrators of the present crisis. "Dr. Martin Luther King must be turning in his grave," she said.

In a brief interview with Davis, who has been a visiting professor in the philosophy department for the past three weeks, she explained the importance of political action among American youth. She called attention to the fiftieth anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education and spoke about prisoners here and abroad as part of a conversation about human and civil rights. Her discussion integrated theories and ideas of human rights and ethics from the past with the backdrop of current events. "People need to act for change," said Davis. "And the youth, with their energy and originality are the best for that."

The most important lesson of that day, she said, was to never trust your sources. She advised students "to think critically, and not to take anything for granted, not even what I say."

## Stony Brook Police Blotter

COMPILED BY MAURY HIRSCHKORN  
Statesman Staff

### April 27, 2004

[A male harassed his ex-girlfriend three times. At 11:18 a.m., it was reported that he harassed and stalked her near the Student Activities Center and the South parking lot. At 1:37 p.m., it was reported that he harassed her at the Melville Library bookstore. At 2:24 p.m., it was reported that he harassed her at Dewey College in the Kelly Quad. She pressed charges against him for each incident. He was arrested and taken into custody.]

4:42 p.m. - Larceny, Student Activities Center, wallet with credit cards taken.

8:02 p.m. - Assault, Trespass, Resisting Arrest, Student Activities Center, ballroom B, [A person, William Schwalback, was disrupting a USG meeting by yelling. The police were called, and he struggled with them.], transported to 6th precinct.

### April 28, 2004

5:32 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Chemistry lot.

7:14 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Stadium Rd./Circle Rd.

### April 29, 2004

8:44 a.m. - Larceny, Administration building, room 173, computer equipment taken.

2:54 p.m. - Larceny, Social Behavioral Science building, textbooks taken.

5:03 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Melville Library loading zone.

6:44 p.m. - Larceny, Gray College, [Two wallets were stolen from two victims.]

### April 30, 2004

12:34 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, near Computer Science building

2:25 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Roosevelt Roadway by Keller College, One vehicle overturned after hitting several parked, unoccupied vehicles, Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps at scene, [It was reported at 3:02 a.m. that the driver of the car, a female, was arrested and taken into custody for driving while intoxicated (DWI). She was taken to the 4th precinct.]

8:50 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, near Health Science building.

9:44 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Stadium parking lot.

10:46 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, near Sullivan Hall.

4:13 p.m. - Larceny, Indoor Sports Complex, theft of wallet with credit cards.

5:17 p.m. - Larceny, Mount College, theft of PA system from Roth Regatta.

### May 1, 2004

7:02 p.m. - Larceny, LIRR lot, silver Schwinn mountain bike taken.

11:18 p.m. - Larceny, Chapin College, credit card taken.

### May 2, 2004

11:48 a.m. - Larceny, James College, computer and wallet with contents taken.

### May 3, 2004

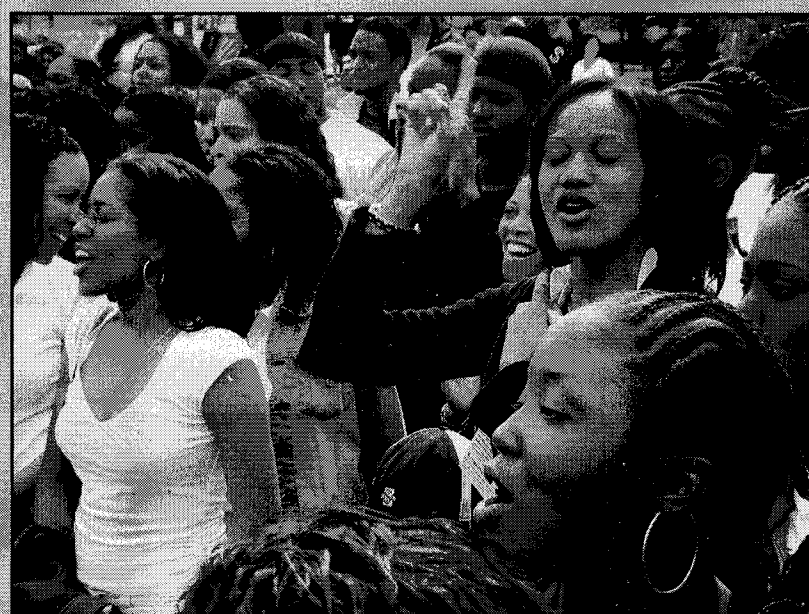
12:43 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Circle Rd. East.

3:46 p.m. - Larceny, Melville Library, textbook taken.

4:04 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, Life Sciences lot.

## Calendar of Events

Get your mind off Finals...



### Thursday, May 6

1:30 p.m., Wang Center Theatre  
Lecture: "Asia and America: Emerging Opportunities"

4 p.m., Physics Building, S-240  
Title: Chamber Music Festival with the Emerson String Quartet

### Tuesday, May 11

6 - 8 p.m., SBU Manhattan  
Culinary Program: "A Taste of Calabria: Peperoncino"

7 p.m., Department of Music, 0113  
Summer Sessions Choral Auditions

### Wednesday, May 12

4:30 p.m., Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2

Provost's Lecture: "Peace Stabilization and Nation Building: Lessons Learned in Bosnia"

8 p.m., Staller Center Recital Hall  
Stony Brook Chorale and Camerata Singers

### Thursday, May 13

8:30 - 10:30 p.m., Wang Center  
The Joint Chambers of Commerce Meeting



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## Candidates for Vice President of Clubs and Organizations

**Virginia E. Morgan**

Dear Fellow Students:

My name is Virginia E. Morgan and I am running for the Undergraduate Student Government position of Vice President of Club and Organizations. As a candidate for this position my platform is rather simple, focusing on communication, accountability and responsibility. If elected V.P. of clubs and Organizations, I would like to see increased communication between the clubs and organizations on campus and USG. I plan on accomplishing this by holding regular meeting with the executive officers of the various on campus clubs and organizations as well as by having an open door policy. I want the members of the clubs and organizations on campus to know that should they have a concern, problem, question, or complaint I will be there to listen to and address their concerns whether it be via office hours, e-mail or phone. A second issue that I would address as V.P. of Clubs and organizations is accountability. I would hold clubs and organizations accountable for how they spend their portion of the Student Activity Fee. I would also expect them to do the same and hold myself and the rest of the Undergraduate Student Government accountable for how we spend our portion of the Student Activity Fee. I would also expect them to do the same and hold myself and the rest of the Under-

graduate Student Government accountable for how we spend our portion of the Student Activity Fee. Along these lines, I would like to publish and make public an itemized list of where and how each club or

As a candidate for this position my platform is rather simple, focusing on communication, accountability and responsibility.

organization spends their allotted budget. That way students can be assured that the clubs and organizations on campus are spending their money wisely. Finally, I want to assure the students that should I be elected V.P. of Clubs and Organizations, I will make it my duty to see to it that everything USG does, in particular with regards to clubs and organizations, is done with accordance to the SUNY Chancellors Guidelines. I thank you for taking the time to read this and should you have any further questions you can visit my web-site at <http://www.geocities.com/>

**Ted Johnson**

Dear Fellow Students:

My name is Ted Johnson, and though you may not know me I am running for the position of Vice President of Clubs and Organizations. I feel that I

...I am asking for the opportunity to help more, I want the chance to guide and aid the Clubs and Organizations on campus to reach their fullest potential.

am the most qualified person for this job. My goals include improving the communication between the Undergraduate Student Government and the club E-Boards, as well as providing the thorough and extensive training that E-Boards will need in the following year. A detailed knowledge of the inner workings of USG and Club Policies is required for

this job and I feel that I possess that knowledge.

For my credentials: I am the James College Legislature Secretary, and in that position have participated in the two training sessions held this year by USG for E-Board members. I also was a regular attendee at the Residence Hall Association meetings and occasionally acted as an alternate for my building's representative. I have been the USG Senate Secretary for the Spring Semester, and while in that position have observed and recorded USG's growth, in the Senate and the Judiciary. Also during my work for the Senate I was a member of two Senate Budget Committees (Cultural and Media), and so I was an active part in the creation of the USG Budget for the next Academic Year. I am also a member of the Student Activity Board, and while there I have helped with comedy shows, concerts and the Kanye West Concert Event.

My resume speaks well of me, and it shows a diverse and active campus background, from my residence hall to the Residence Hall Association; from the Senate to the Budget; from Recycled Percussion to Kanye West. This is what I have helped with on campus, now I am asking for the opportunity to help more, I want the chance to guide and aid the Clubs and Organizations on campus to reach their fullest potential.

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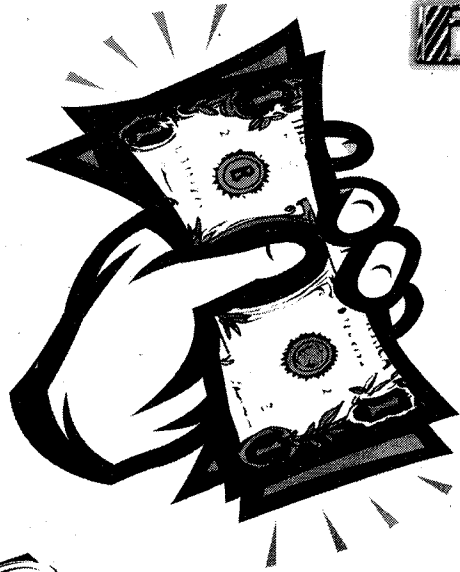


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## Berhane Ghebrehwet: Taking the Winding Road To Success

By AMANDA RUBENSTEIN  
Statesman Staff

Berhane Ghebrehwet hangs up the phone after an intercontinental call has kept him from attending a seminar in the Health Sciences Center of Stony Brook University. He was talking to the President of the University of Asmara in Africa to resolve an environmental issue concerning \$60,000 worth of chemicals from American Research companies that will be sent to the University.

This is part of the Health Linkage Program that Ghebrehwet founded and of which he is now the principal director. It serves as a connection between the University of Asmara and SBU, the University of California at Berkley and Johns Hopkins University. Ghebrehwet is a Professor in the departments of Medicine, Pathology and Cellular and Molecular Biology at SBU.

Yet, for Ghebrehwet, his current position is not as important as the overwhelming journey he took to get where he is now. Ghebrehwet was born in the troubled African country of Eritrea, which only became independent in 1992.

Ghebrehwet received a full scholarship to go to Poland for medical school, where he graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine after six years. After graduating, he did research in a program for molecular biology and virology in West Berlin.

Soon after, Ghebrehwet received a scholarship to study at the School of Veterinary Medicine in France, where he received his masters in Pathology from University of Paris.

Ghebrehwet intended on going back to Ethiopia, but he wanted his English

to be good enough to teach at the university there. Since he had learned German, French, Polish and several other languages, he needed some help perfecting his English skills. Thus, Ghebrehwet's next destination was the United States. He was awarded a fellowship at Scripps's Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California to train as a postdoctoral student. He stayed in La Jolla for five years, until the World Health Organization offered him a job in Kenya.

process containing 30 proteins called complement. Without that process, the immune system will be completely deficient. Ghebrehwet said his greatest accomplishment is that he has "discovered the proteins [he] is working on and has taken [complement] from an enigmatic field into a field that is now becoming very important and well known." Ghebrehwet's research now centers on the fact that autoimmune diseases occur when waste material from cells that have died are still left

own horn. He says he wants people to "recognize what [he does] because of what [he does], not because [he] screams and shouts. He also makes his laboratory a team situation. Although Ghebrehwet is the "team captain," the students can challenge him and know that everyone on the "team" is equal.

Ghebrehwet is very giving and generous, which comes through when he works with students. He shares all his information, saying, "sharing knowledge and reagents to advance the field is his top priority." His generosity underlies his passion for working at the bench in research as well. He said when asked for his own definition of his job, "I should like to think that by doing the research that I'm doing, I am advancing knowledge that human beings can benefit from. Sooner or later, the pieces of the puzzle made in laboratories will come together to form a medical revolution. Hopefully, my work will help humanity in the long run."

While most of his friends from high school and college spilled blood to save the country of Eritrea in the revolution, Ghebrehwet hopes to give back to his homeland in a different way. The Health Linkage Partnership program provides the country with American research supplies and faculty to help develop the country's educational system.

Reflecting on his journey to his current position, Ghebrehwet said, "In retrospect, the arm of coincidence twists and turns until you finally reach your goal. It's destiny in a way. I wanted to be the youngest doctor when I was a kid. In the end, I did become a doctor, but it wasn't the way I wanted. It was not a straight line. Still, in a roundabout way, all my dreams came true."

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A problem arose when the director of the WHO resigned and all new employees were going to be delayed. Thus, he stayed in La Jolla until he got a call from Alan Caplan from the Health Science Center at SBU. He was looking for a complementologist and invited Ghebrehwet to study at SBU.

According to Ghebrehwet, he decided to come to Stony Brook because as a junior faculty member, he would have his own lab, which would allow him to "grow as [himself], as an individual and a scientist as opposed to constantly being overshadowed by [his] mentor [in La Jolla] who was a giant of a man intellectually."

Ghebrehwet's field of study is a

in the body. He is researching the exact components of the system that cleans out these dead cell fragments. Without the system, diseases like lupus may occur.

Ghebrehwet has served as a mentor to over 30 students in his 25 years at SBU. His students learn more than research by working in his laboratory. Ghebrehwet said that the most important quality he teaches is honesty. He explains: "integrity is the most critical component of research and of everyday life. It is better to starve and keep honest, rather than to prostitute yourself to gain something you want." The other piece of advice that he gives to his students is not to toot one's

## From Sandy's Point of View *Why She Says She's the Better Candidate*

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

The *Statesman* recently had a chance to sit down and interview Sandy Curtis, the current USG President who is hoping to be reelected next year. Curtis, a junior political science major, is currently facing off with Jared Wong in a high stakes race that could very well go either way.

The original USG elections ended indecisively, as no candidate for president (Brandon Fuchs was also running) received a majority vote (see front page article: "Ongoing Elections"). That is, no single candidate garnered 51 percent of the student vote. Curtis took 47 percent, still higher than Wong's 35 percent, but not enough. Accordingly, runoff elections are currently being held between the top two candidates: Curtis and Wong.

Curtis' new campaign is intense. "I'm knocking on doors, speaking at meetings, doing everything I can to let people know," she said, running down a list of every place she had to go to campaign that day. "I'm trying to build up a base. I would love to reach out to every student, but of course that is not possible."

Still, Curtis is trying. Her opponent, Jared Wong, is not fit to be president, she said. "I'm not trying to be slanderous. I'm just questioning whether it is in the best interest of USG to have a completely new president," Curtis said. Fuchs, who took in a mere 18 percent of the student votes in the first election, has offered his own support to Curtis, backing her instead of Wong.

What bothers Curtis most, however, is the reason why many students actually do vote for Wong. Too many people are discontent with USG, she said, and they are pinning that on her. "I take full accountability for my organization," she said. "But in reality, I had three council members joining Greek organizations this past semester!" She admits that USG has made its mistakes, but insists that perfection takes time. With a new, more motivated council, she can work toward that goal of perfection.

Regardless of the negative publicity, she is confident in her ability to win student votes. "I am optimistic about the runoff election," she said. "Jared appears to be very committed to the campaign. But commitment to the campaign does not define commitment to the cause."



Sandy Curtis, above, is running, along with Jared Wong, for USG President. Students can vote for USG President on Solar System until Friday at 9 a.m.



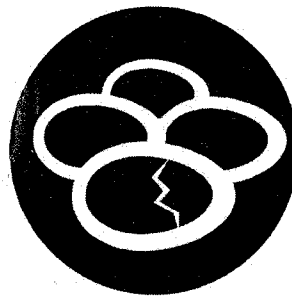
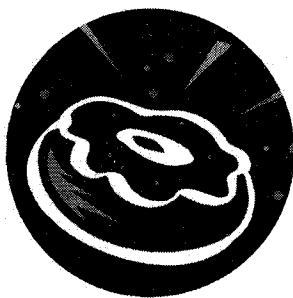
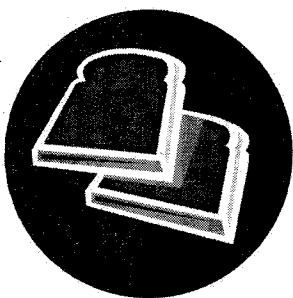
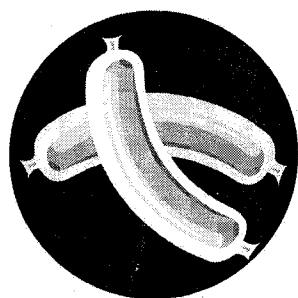
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# Finding Character in an Immigrant Poetry Café

## "I. A.M. A. P.O.E.T. T.O.O."

By **SABRINA HOM AND ROBERT ROSENBERGER**  
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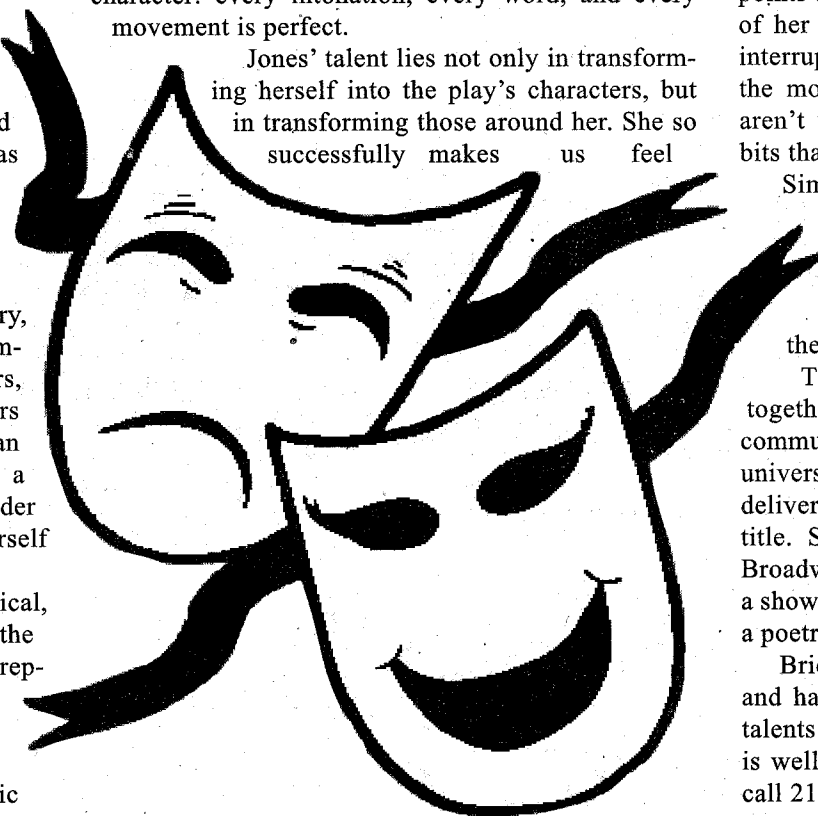
Nestled among the streets of South Queens, there's a café called the Bridge and Tunnel, and it is home to an annual poetry open mic for immigrants titled "I. A.M. A. P.O.E.T. T.O.O." Although the U.S. government suspects that the event is a front for subversive activities, the host, a Pakistani accountant named Mohammed Ali (no relation), is as hale and ingratiating as ever. One by one he introduces the poets: an elderly Eastern European woman, a young Australian hipster, a paraplegic Mexican man, and so on. Some tell stories, some tell jokes, some read accented or perilously translated poetry, and a few make more or less overt pleas for immigrants' rights. This café is unlike many others, however, in that every last one of these characters is played by a young African-American woman named Sarah Jones (also the playwright and a producer). So once you're done laughing in wonder at her chameleon-like skill, you may find yourself forgetting that this is a one-woman play.

Jones' characters are self-consciously typical, like the "traditional" Chinese woman and the Jamaican nanny, but they are never generic or representative. Many have distinctive stories and personalities, and even those who don't are set apart simply by taking the stage as poets.

In a satisfyingly realistic stroke, this eclectic

group is sometimes annoying, embarrassing, foolish or maudlin. But at too quick a glance, Jones' presentation might be misconstrued as offensive caricature. This forethought, however, is soon mitigated by the loving and rigorous attention she gives to each character: every intonation, every word, and every movement is perfect.

Jones' talent lies not only in transforming herself into the play's characters, but in transforming those around her. She so successfully makes us feel



present in an audience of immigrant poets and poetry fans that it's almost a surprise to see the largely white Manhattan play-goers leave the theatre after the show.

Even when Jones uses her characters to make points about immigration issues, she never steps out of her perfectly crafted roles, but does sometimes interrupt the established rhythm of the play. Often, the more serious and politically pointed vignettes aren't well-integrated with the funnier and lighter bits that make up the rest of the play.

Similarly, those moments of poetry that seem to be the most sincere aspect of the performance come as all-too-rare surprises. The collection of poetry in the show molds itself into an inspired and merciless satire of the contemporary poetry scene.

Their love of poetry has drawn these characters together and has defined their relationship to their communities and to the state. With their zeal for this universal art, it's disappointing that Jones doesn't deliver on the promise of the poetry open mic's title. She and her co-producer Steve Colman, of Broadway's Def Poetry Jam, have the talent to craft a show that would be satisfying both as a play and as a poetry event.

Bridge and Tunnel had us laughing for an hour and half, and at moments left us in awe of Jones' talents as an actress and playwright. This experience is well worth the ticket price. Tickets \$25-\$50; or call 212-307-4100.

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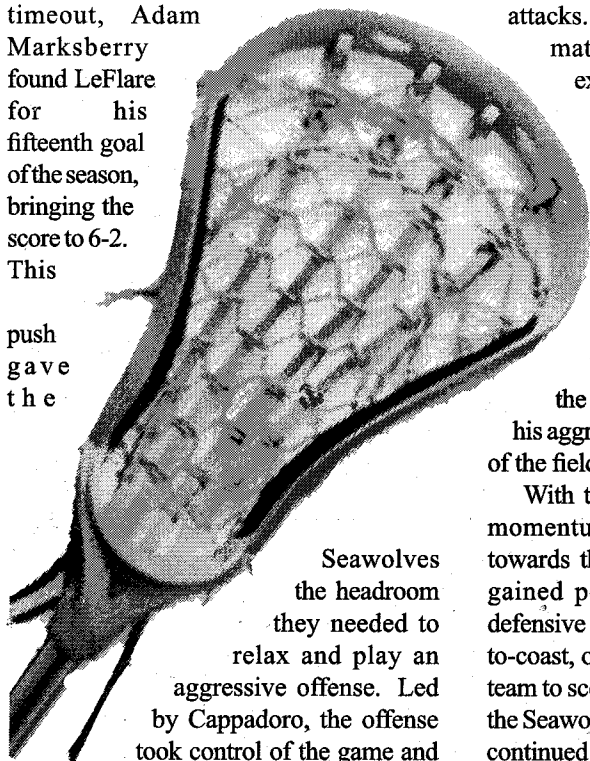
## SBU Burns Quinnipiac

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The seesaw battle continued with both teams exchanging several shots on goal until Espey called for a timeout with 8:28 to go in the half. In the seconds following

timeout, Adam Marksberry found LeFlare for his fifteenth goal of the season, bringing the score to 6-2. This

push gave the



Seawolves the headroom they needed to relax and play an aggressive offense. Led by Cappadoro, the offense took control of the game and

bombarded the Bobcats' net with 12 shots, scoring three goals within the last five minutes to increase their lead to 9-3 going into halftime.

The third quarter began slowly, with both teams putting a lot of emphasis on controlling the ball to craft more planned attacks. So the game became a chess match, as both teams exercised extreme caution with every play.

That pace drastically changed after Hatkewitz landed a gruesome body check on one of the Bobcat attackmen. The move sent the Seawolves crowd into a frenzy.

"We all wanted to stick out somewhere during our last game here, I'm glad I had the opportunity," said Hatkewitz of his aggressive play on the defensive side of the field.

With the crowd on their feet and the momentum slowly beginning to shift towards the Stony Brook sideline, Pearl gained possession of the ball on the defensive side of the field and took it coast-to-coast, outrunning the entire Quinnipiac team to score a brilliant goal that increased the Seawolves lead to 10-3. The Seawolves continued playing with high intensity and

relentless skill on both sides of the ball, never once allowing the lead to slip out of their grasp.

The beginning of the fourth quarter began with Stony Brook leading the Bobcats by a score of 13-4 and shooting for more. Marksberry scored the first goal of the quarter to make the score 14-4, pushing the Seawolves even closer to the first round of the America East tournament. Marksberry, who scored two goals on the day, added to his point total, now 24 goals and 7 assists on the season. Freshman Sean Chamberlain, who also scored two goals for the Seawolves, added to the thrashing of the Bobcats and scored the final goal of the season, bringing the final to 16-4. With minutes left to go in the game, the Quinnipiac players looked physically and mentally beaten, but did not quit. They came back to score 3 goals on the Seawolves' backup goaltenders before the final whistle sounded. With a five-game winning streak under their belt and high expectations, the Seawolves travel to Binghamton this week for the first round of the America East tournament.

"We want Binghamton," said Hatkewitz. "They beat us 9-7 in the regular season and we're ready to go up there and dominate."

## Men's Baseball

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Solano, who held a perfect 3-for-3 on the day, while scoring a run.

The team managed to consistently put the ball in play, only recording eight strikeouts and five walks in the two games combined. Often, making contact can be the difference between a win and a loss. Hartford struggled to get good wood on the ball, and lost numerous promising opportunities to score valuable runs.

Stony Brook was able to take advantage with their runners on base, while Hartford couldn't hold their own ground. Hartford left 16 men on base throughout the two games, failing to bring runners around to the plate.

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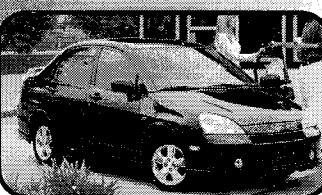
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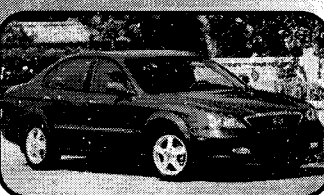
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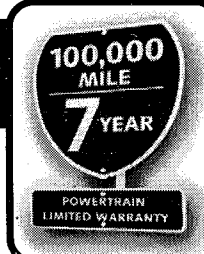
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# Grabbing Hold of Success, One Racket at a Time

By LAUREN CONCHING  
Statesman Staff

Three was the magic number of the day. Three doubles was the deciding match for the doubles point. Egil Anonsen and Michael Crooks both needed three sets to win their matches. Philippe Amireault and Jean-Francois Robitaille both lost in three sets. Three seniors played their last match for Stony Brook University. The team had only three losses the entire season. And it would be the third time in the last three years that the Stony Brook men's tennis team would leave the America East conference finals without the title.

Words do not do justice to the heart-break. They come from all around the world to play here: Senior co-captain Anonsen from Norway; Tal Meir from Israel; Matt Jacobson from Baltimore, MD; Robitaille and senior co-captain Amireault from Quebec; James Carpenter from Sayville, NY; Crooks from England; Alamgir Wali from Pakistan; Rushabh Shah from Rego Park, NY; and Kyle Natchioni from Seneca Falls, NY. As a team, they speak seven different languages. They come from different cultures, different lifestyles and have different experiences. Their personalities and appearances make up an interesting spectrum.

This year they managed to pull off the best record held by any Stony Brook sport since the school's athletics became Division I. They finished the season at 19-3. Their first loss came from Princeton University while they were 6-0 in the season. Princeton finished their season third in the Ivy League Conference. Afterwards they won 11 matches in a row until St. John's University, who are placed fourth in the Big East Conference, broke their winning streak.

They lost their third game to Binghamton University in the conference finals.

Stony Brook entered the tournament, held at Yale University; undefeated in conference matches. They were the number one seed. This year, out of the 33 conferences in NCAA Division I tennis, more

than half the number one seeds won their conference.

However, the match between number three seeded Binghamton against number one seeded Stony Brook would not be a cake walk for the Seawolves. Earlier in the season Stony Brook narrowly defeated Binghamton 4-3. But last year at the conference final, they lost to Binghamton with the same score. The pressure was on, but they were confident. They breezed by Boston University in their semifinal match the day before, and were ready to win their first conference.

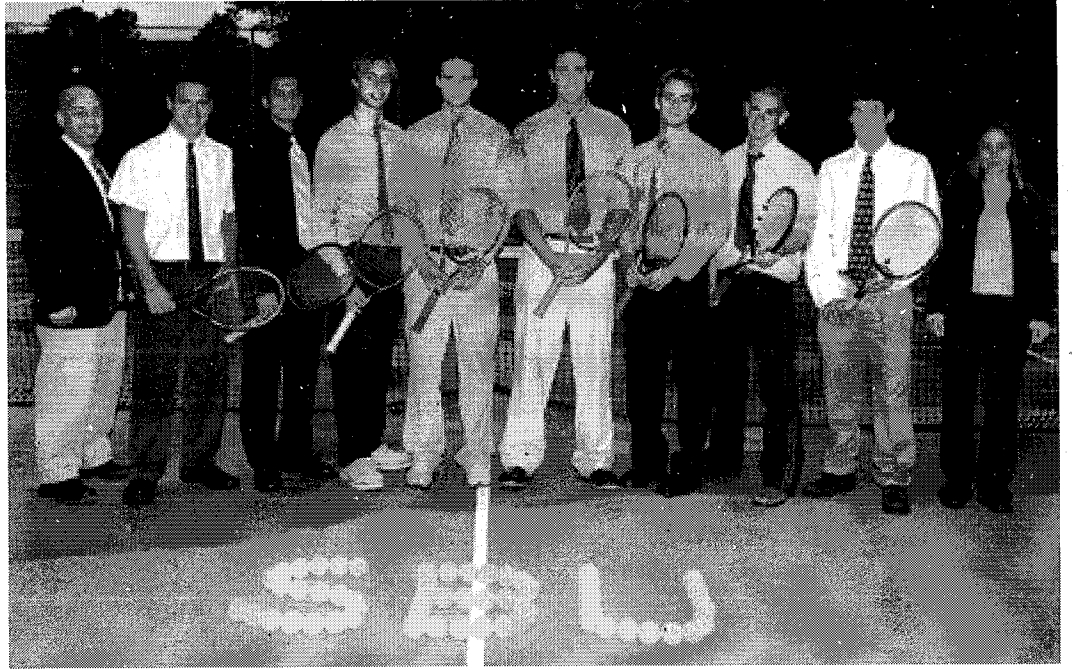
But Binghamton was also ready. College tennis is different from other team sports in that it is a composite of individual efforts and individual wins. Although a player may win his or her match, their teammates need to win their matches as well. One win is only a small part of the overall victory.

To win a match, a team must get four points. First there are three doubles matches. A school must win two doubles matches to get one point. Then there are six singles matches, each worth one point.

Often times, victory comes down to just a few points.

Stony Brook started off the match with an 8-5 win by Anonsen and Robitaille at second doubles. But a late comeback performance by Binghamton's number one doubles team evened the score at one a piece. At third doubles, Crooks and Carpenter saw two match points slip away. Binghamton captured the doubles point.

"We knew that the key was the doubles. They knew it too," said Meir, who plays number one singles and doubles. "Binghamton was praying for the one thing that would help them win: winning the doubles point. After that, I



thought that it was gonna be much harder for us to win. I knew it was gonna take a lot to break their confidence."

Number one through four singles went onto their courts and things became even shakier for the Seawolves.

After each player's first set, Wali at number three singles was the only one winning. Meir lost his first set 6-4. Crooks barely lost his in a tiebreaker. And Anonsen was down 7-5.

But things began to turn around for Stony Brook. Wali won his match, Anonsen and Crooks both took their matches to third sets, and Meir was up in the second set.

Anonsen and Crooks would both emerge with a "W" to put the Seawolves up 3-2.

With Robitaille and Amireault battling out their matches at fifth and sixth singles respectively, it was apparent that the title would be decided by just a few points. With both matches at a set each, the encouragement and cheering from each team got more frantic and passionate with every point.

The entire match took over five hours to finish, but in the end, the winner was determined in a matter of seconds.

Binghamton took fifth singles by winning the third set 6-4 to tie the match at 3-3. Seconds later, they won the sixth singles.

Once again, Stony Brook watched as the other team celebrated. Their look was easy to read. Their faces didn't hide their disappointment easily.

In defeat, some of the biggest accomplishments Stony Brook tennis and athletics has ever seen were quickly forgotten.

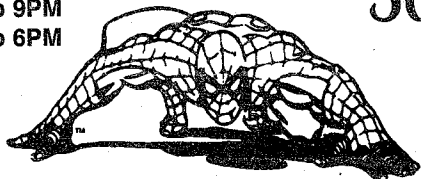
They finished the season with an .857 winning percentage. Out of the 283 NCAA Division I men's tennis teams in the country, only five other teams finished with a higher percentage of wins. Anonsen, Crooks, Wali, Meir and Robitaille were named to the America East All-Conference team. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranked them three times—an honor given only to the top 75 teams in the country.

They overcame arguments. They played through wrist, ankle, shoulder, elbow and stomach injuries. And each year after they've lost the championship, they come back better and stronger. If that says one thing, it's this: It's only a matter of time.

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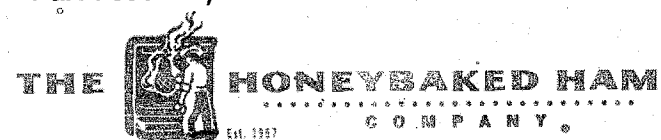
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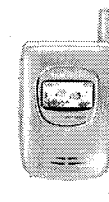
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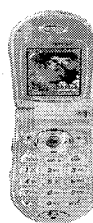
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
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# Statesman SPORTS

## Seawolves Baseball Sweeps Doubleheader

By JOHN NOBLE  
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook Seawolves defeated Hartford in both ends of a double-header Saturday afternoon at University Field. The Seawolves struck out a combined 25 batters in both games, winning the first game 6-3, and the second 9-1. The two wins put Stony Brook at 19-19 overall, and 5-6 in the America East. Hartford fell to 9-24, 3-8.

Kevin Fitzgerald had a strong performance on the mound in the opener, spreading eight hits through six innings of work. He gave up one earned run, and struck out eight, improving his record to 5-2 with the win. Fitzgerald recorded seven of his first nine outs via the strikeout.

The Seawolves scored their first run on back-to-back doubles by Nick Theoharis and Chris Sipp, who each drove in two on the day, and proceeded to trade runs back and forth. Eventually, Stony Brook took the decisive lead when Theoharis delivered his second double of the day, giving the Seawolves a 3-1 advantage.

Nick Abel impressed in relief, striking out four in 2.1 innings of work. Hartford would threaten to take control of the game again, but Matt Restivo held them back in the

ninth, picking up his second save of the season.

Stony Brook maintained their solid performance in the second game. Jon Lewis picked up a career-high 13 punchouts, while giving up seven hits in a seven inning complete game.

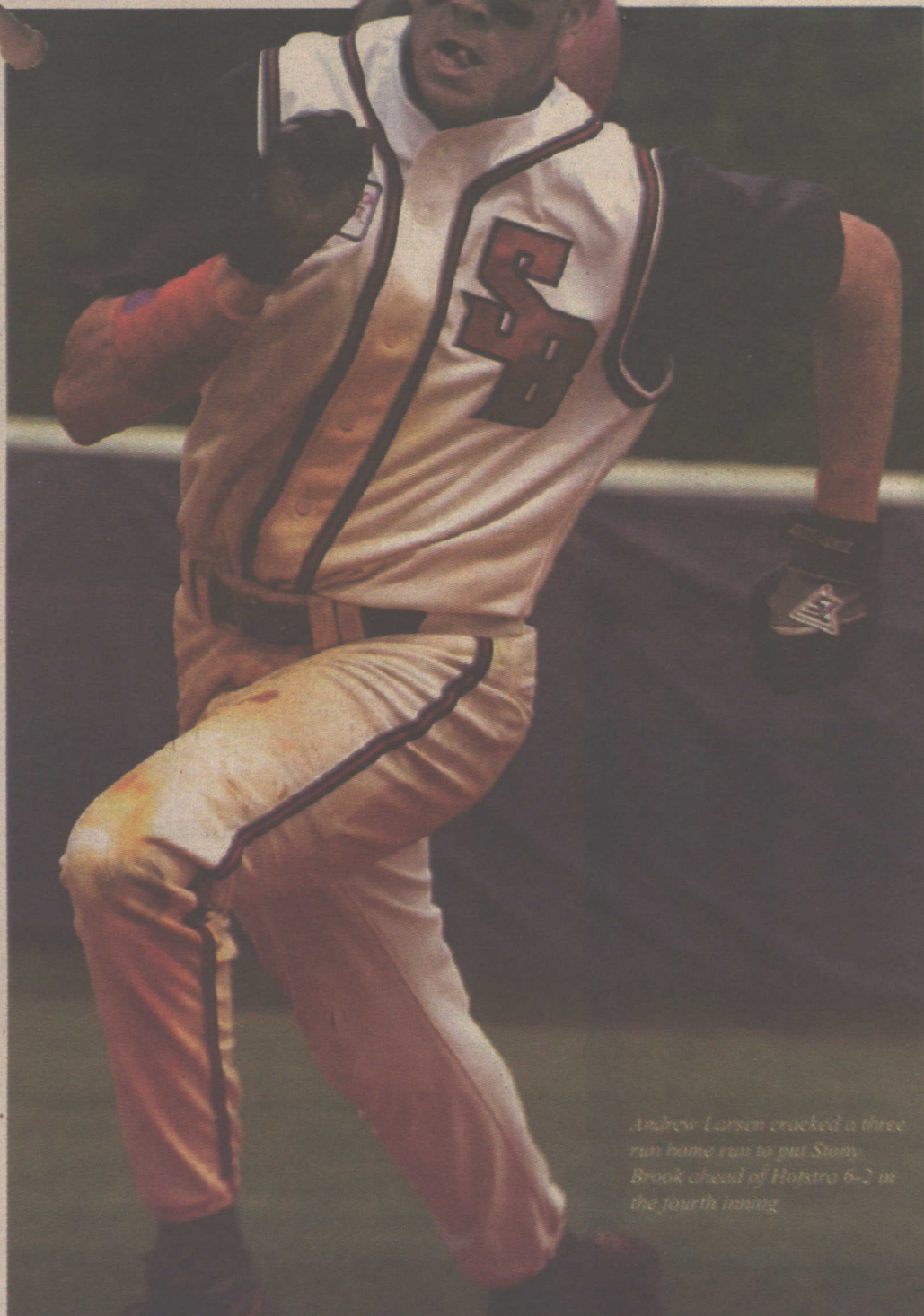
He overcame some early bumps by wriggling out of a second-and-third, no outs, jam unscathed. He managed to strike out the side, never giving Hartford a chance to plate the runs. Hartford would not have such an opportunity again, as Lewis remained strong. He struck out the side again in the seventh to close out the game.

The Seawolves opened the score in the third with three runs, and never looked back. Cole Cicutelli picked up two RBIs on his home run.

Stony Brook would break open the game for good in the sixth, stringing together six base knocks, and scoring six runs to take the final 9-1 lead.

Turning in a notable performance on offense was shortstop Matt Devins, who went 3-4 with an RBI and one run. Will Brumfield and Isidro Fortuna both picked up two RBIs on the day. Also turning in a strong performance was Kevin

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*Andrew Larsen cracked a three run home run to put Stony Brook ahead of Hofstra 6-2 in the fourth inning*

## Seawolves Dominate Quinnipiac in Season Finale, Advance to America East

By JAMES FITZPATRICK  
Statesman Staff

Coming off an exciting 9-6 victory against first-time opponent and Long Island counterpart Hofstra last Tuesday night, the Seawolves men's lacrosse team was back at home in LaValle Stadium on Saturday afternoon to take on the versatile Quinnipiac Bobcats team whose 2-10 record doesn't do them much justice.

A crowd of more than 700 spectators was on hand to cheer on their hometown Seawolves and the four seniors playing their final regular season game. Among those honored during the "Senior Day" ceremony were Brian Alfano, Reed Darby, Aaron Weiss, and team captains Eric Hatkewitz and George LeFlare.

At the close of the pre-game festivities, the teams

took to the field, emotions running high and the intensity heightened on both sidelines. The atmosphere had all the makings of a great lacrosse match, and ended as a dominating example of solid play. The Seawolves jumped ahead early in the game, crushing the Bobcats 16-7 and putting an end to their dismal season. The offensive tempo was soon established with two goals scored by Larry Cerasi and Jason Cappadoro, who had a game-high 5 goals, raising his total to 26 for the season. Cappadoro, who also had two assists on the day, leads the team both in scoring and assists. He commented later that the Seawolves will need to turn up the intensity an extra notch to make a run at the NCAA tournament.

"Heading into the America East playoffs couldn't be a better time to step up and win five games in a row," Cappadoro said. "We have to play physical, stay composed

and just play our game."

The first quarter whistle sounded and the Seawolves jogged off to the sideline with a 5-1 to meet with Coach Espy. The scoring spur came after attacking Quinnipiac goaltender James Nastro and gaining three quick goals. The Bobcats came out strong in the second period, rushing down the field and storming the Seawolves' defense and goal tender Brendan Callahan with several shots. Callahan, who had 13 saves on the day, made two consecutive saves before being beaten with 13:21 to go in the second period. The score was now 5-2, giving momentum to Quinnipiac.

The Bobcats' offense continued to apply pressure, but Seawolves defensemen Hatkewitz and Kyle Pearl stood strong at the net and stifled future attempts at the goal.

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