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Stony Brook Spirit Shines at Homecoming 2004

Floats and Festivities Bring Cheering Crowds, Despite Loss



By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

From the crowded stands at LaValle Stadium to the rows and rows of cheering students at the parade, this year's Homecoming Extravaganza was packed with students, faculty, staff and alumni supporters throughout the weekend.

"What a riot!" said Stony Brook freshman Jason Fernandez. "I have to say that I've never seen this much school spirit at Stony Brook before. This is my first Homecoming, and it was a pretty cool time."

All the events began appropriately with the homecoming of one of Stony Brook's most distinguished alumni, Carolyn Porco, one of the lead scientists in NASA's Saturn exploration

and imaging mission. Porco, who graduated from Stony Brook in 1974, served as the guest lecturer in the Provost's Lecture Series last Friday.

Later that night, the Homecoming Parade, boasting the theme of "Medieval Times," was packed to the brim with a variety of floats and performances by fraternities, sororities, residence halls, quads and organizations, each offering a different taste of school spirit. This year's winning float, designed by Roosevelt Quad, boasted a castle with a dragon, smoke filling the air above it.

Alumni filled the mountainous white tents next to LaValle Stadium on Saturday, sampling a variety of off-campus foods, beers and wines in the food pavilion. They listened to stories past, and breaking campus

news from their old friends and new acquaintances. "The school has changed so much since I graduated in 1986," said Haseeb Rahman, a Stony Brook alumnus. "I love coming back on Homecoming and seeing the people I went to school with and all the new things."

Kids played in huge inflated jungle gyms, rode ponies and enjoyed the petting zoo. Rounding together for games of football, they tumbled in the grassy fields that Stony Brook athletes use to practice. "My dad went to this school, so he made us all come here," said eleven-year-old James Reinstein. "I liked riding on the horses and playing in the big air things."

But despite the generally positive atmosphere of the day, many left disappointed as the Seawolves football

team lost their homecoming game to the Robert Morris Colonials, unlike last year's crushing defeat of St. Francis. "This was the first Stony Brook football game I have ever been to, and it was pretty intense," said Stony Brook sophomore Virginia Lorno. "Too bad we lost. It kind of puts a damper on the whole weekend."

Others were dissatisfied with the entire homecoming experience. "Yeah, we have a lot of people out there cheering and waving flags," said senior Eric Bernard. "But I don't even really see what's the big deal here. Most of these people don't even follow football, and we lost anyway. To top it off, it rained later on Saturday."

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Cassini Kicks Off the Homecoming Experience

Renowned Alumnus Lectures on Saturn Mission

By ROHIT DAS
Statesman Editor

Outer space is one of the few frontiers that humans have yet to conquer. The majority of us still look up at the night sky in awe, appreciating what we see. Yet, it is a superficial appreciation; we know little of what actually composes and characterizes those numerous bright dots immersed in a seemingly infinite black canvas. However, this lack of knowledge has not acted as a barrier towards understanding. As always, the great scientific minds of our race seek to satiate our human curiosity, as billions of dollars are invested into government subsidized space missions.

One of the most recent space exploration projects has been the Cassini mission. Cassini is a state of the art spacecraft, technologically adept at photo and surface imaging. Its goal is to elucidate various features of the Saturn system, a largely unexplored facet of our solar system.

The project is an international collaboration between three space agencies, and the team behind the logistics of the project is lead by Dr. Carolyn Porco, an SBU alumnus currently working at the Space Science Institute in Boulder, CO. Porco is a renowned planetary scientist, serving on many NASA advisory committees, and has done many television and radio appearances to bring new discoveries to the public. Porco returned to Stony Brook Friday evening, and as part of the Provost Lecture Series, talked about the many interesting discoveries Cassini has made in recent years.

One of the main questions asked about the project at its inception was why Saturn was chosen as its planet of interest. Porco pointed to the many opportunities Saturn

provided as a site for scientific study. "Saturn's system, with its physical complexities, gives some great insight into a wide variety of scientific objectives and interests beyond Saturn itself."

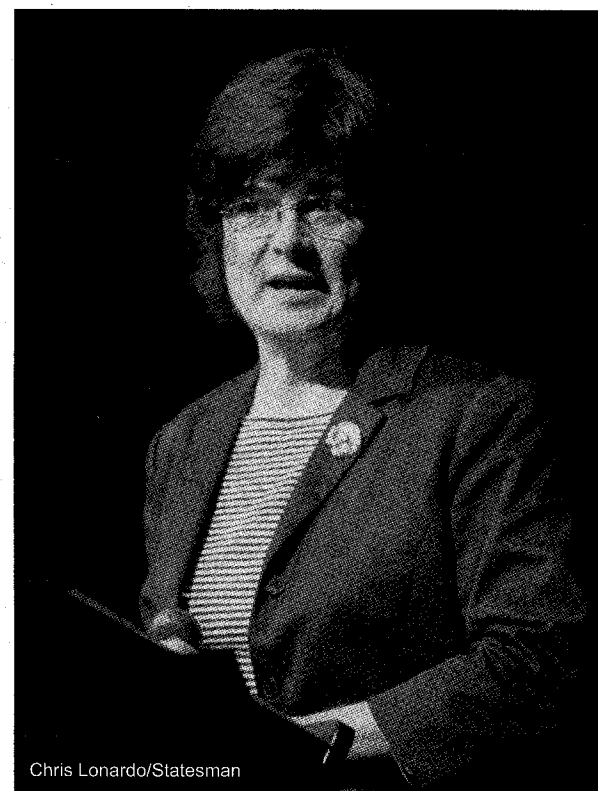
One focus of the mission is to look closely at Titan, Saturn's most interesting satellite moon. Out of the many planets and satellites studied in our solar system, Titan has an atmosphere most similar to that of Earth.

"There is a great interest in studying Titan from an astrobiological perspective," Porco said. "The precursors of living organisms were simple pre-biotic molecules, like methane and hydrogen cyanide, and these molecules are present in the atmosphere of Titan."

Porco's presentation featured many illustrative pictures, taken directly from the Cassini spacecraft. In pictures depicting Saturn's ring system, Cassini was only a few thousand kilometers away from its target. The audience indeed saw firsthand what it would be like to be in the vicinity of the huge planet. "I always like presentations having to do with astronomy and the like," said Rob Park, a sophomore at SBU. "They always seem to offer absolutely interesting pictures and illustrations that you would otherwise never see."

It was very fitting to have Porco, a distinguished SBU alumnus, kick off Homecoming weekend. "One of the main purposes of homecoming is to obviously bring back some of its graduates, just as a reflection of SBU spirit existing outside of campus," said Robert McGrath, provost for Academic Affairs. "I really can't think of a better alumnus than Dr. Porco to bring back to Stony Brook."

Overall, Porco offered the potential to significantly expand on our scientific knowledge and bring to light



Chris Lonardo/Statesman

Carolyn Porco, pictured above, is one of Stony Brook's most distinguished alumni.

things that have as yet remained in the darkness of uncertainty. "We're the new interlopers of Saturn, and we're here to stay," she said. "We will collect a huge body of revolutionary information and will continue to establish a great new era of space exploration. Don't miss it."

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A Cut and Trim, Just Around the Corner

New Hair Salon to Open in Student Union

By KRISTIE A. SCHLAURAFF
Statesman Contributor

Hair can be a problem. It frizzes, knots, tangles and worst of all, grows. With miles between you and your local salon, getting a hair cut can be a hassle. However, if you're looking for a new hairstyle, you soon won't have to look much further than the Student Union. From simple trims, to hair braiding, to stylish nails, "Beauty in Brains," the new and upcoming on-campus salon, will provide students with a place to go for beauty management.

Worried about cost? With prices ranging from eight dollars for a men's cut to 35 dollars for a full blown, prom-like do, Beauty in Brains will offer students a cheaper alternative to off-campus salons. For those ladies looking for a wash, cut and blow-dry, it will only cost twelve dollars. Despite the fact that Beauty in Brains is geared toward students, it is not, however, operated entirely by students.

"The hair stylist has to be licensed with experience," said Ibibia Altraide, a Materials Science and Engineering Ph.D. student who proposed, and will be managing, the business. The assistants and receptionists, however, will be students. Ibibia also said he is thinking about hiring a student manager assistant.

"There's supposed to be an educational purpose to having the business there as well," said Donna Klingel, associate director for retail services of the FSA.

Ibibia Altraide brought up Beauty in Brains as a student business proposal last fall. "There is a student business process on campus where if the student thinks of a particular business, the campus decides if it's feasible and they support the opening for it," said

Kevin Kelly, executive director of the faculty student association (FSA). Once a student proposes a business like Beauty in Brains, a board reviews the proposal and suggests certain changes. Once the proposal is set, "the Vice President for student affairs has to agree that he wants the business," Kelly explained.

"You've got to be patient and persistent," Klingel said, "meaning a student submitting a student business proposal shouldn't expect that they'll be up and running in three months."

Stony Brook has had an on-campus barbershop in the past, but it did not bring in enough customers and eventually closed. Despite this, all those working on Beauty in Brains are quite optimistic. Kevin Kelly believes that part of the problem with the old barbershop was that the hair stylists who had been hired did not understand that business would be bad during breaks when a lot of students go home. Ibibia hopes this won't be a problem.

"The barber that I have and the hair stylist that I have are flexible," he said. "[The stylist] knows the business; she's been in it for like twenty years now." Judging from the proposal and the services of the new salon, it will be a wonderful shop.

"Ibibia is trying to cater a little more to the ethnic

diversity of the campus community and keep that in mind," Klingel said. "I'm not sure the other shop was as ethnically diverse. They didn't always have the skills to cut everyone's hair."

Students seem to agree that a salon is a good idea. "It's good for residents, especially if they don't have a car and can't get to places off campus," said Lisa Pankowski.

"I think it is a good idea..." agreed Sarah Nasir. So far this is one of the first independent business proposals. Located in the lower level of the Student Union across from the fraternity and sorority office, it's off to a stylish start with a fresh classy look. "A lot of development is the marketing of it, which is not only advertising," said Kelly, "it's identifying what the market is. If I open up a business, will somebody come?"

Mark your calendars, because Beauty in Brains will be opening between mid and late October. Though their hours are subject to change depending on usage, the new salon plans to be open from about 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the weekends. Start choosing those hairstyles, because, as the slogan of the new salon says, "beauty begins from the head."

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Commentary

Why Muslims Must Vote This November!

By HASEEB AHMED
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"I want to say if the republicans are closer to the truth, then I am with them, if the democrats are closer to the truth, then I am with them. But in this case, *anything but Bush!* This country has to send a message to the rest of the world that the last four years were a mistake! Abu Ghraib was a mistake! Abu Ghraib does not represent the good people of the United States. And Abu Ghraib goes right to the top! And just like Truman said, the buck stops here!"

Hamza Yusuf Hanson, ISNA 2004

There are an estimated 5-8 million Muslims living in the United States. Not only is this a large community, but Muslims are concentrated in important "battle-ground" states that can swing elections in favor of one candidate or another. In 2000, if 550 more Floridian Muslims had voted, we could very well have had a different president today – this is assuming that Bush actually won Florida. We Muslims hold great power in our numbers, and the candidates both know it, and are actively trying to win our votes. This is why we need to participate in the political system.

Muslims are obliged in the Qur'an to enjoin the good and forbid the evil (22:41), and to establish justice (5:8). We live in a society where voting plays the only direct role a citizen has in affecting policy makers; a democratic republic in which we elect representatives who theoretically reflect our views and values when they go on to propose governmental policies locally,

all acts of terrorism and has spent decades raising money for numerous charities. Is this supposed to be the government representing us? This is what we have allowed to happen by not letting our voices be heard.

We are all angered by the situation across the globe; we are all aware of the billions of dollars of our tax money that goes into the "war on terror" to bomb Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as our tax money that funds our own real weapons of mass destruction. Since 9-11, our government's policies have hit Muslims harder now, more than ever before. This includes international issues, including the unjust, brutal wars against Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as domestic issues, such as the discriminatory Patriot Act.

Generally, Muslims share a common set of views and values that we must support and make known publicly. As far as the supposed "war on terror" and American foreign policy are concerned, I cannot understand how any Muslim can support the current Bush-Ashcroft-Rove-Cheney view. Since the beginning of the "war on terror," over 15,000 Iraqis and 3,500 Afghans have been killed, and even these are highly conservative figures. We have lost over 2,000 American troops! And for what? This is completely against everything we stand for as Muslims. Islam forbids the killing of women and children. American ideals and Islamic values both agree that war should only be a last resort. I can go on for pages listing all of the corruption and deception by our current leadership. From the horrific scandal at Abu Ghraib, the corrupt business dealings with Halliburton and other companies profiting from the war, the turn of the largest surplus ever into the largest deficit ever, the

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domestically, as well as internationally.

Muslims have taken for granted our living conditions here in America. Most of our families immigrated here for better education, better jobs and generally a better standard of living than that in our Muslim countries. So for most of us, it has never been important to become involved politically, for governmental policies did not affect us. However, times have changed; we have reached a point in time where the people who are supposed to serve and represent us are almost completely against what we stand for.

We have New York's very own Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY) claiming that "85 percent" of American Muslim community leaders is "an enemy living amongst us" and that "no [American] Muslims" cooperate in the war on terror. Coincidentally, the Democratic National Committee condemned this. Our government denied a visa to Tariq Ramadan and deported Yusuf Islam. Ramadan is a respected professor of Islamic studies and philosophy as well as a man described by Time magazine as one of the 100 most likely innovators of the 21st century. Yusuf Islam is known to have condemned

never-ending lies and deception to the public to gain support to enter war, and ultimately, the transformation of our internationally respected model city on a hill into a militaristic and imperialist empire.

I believe that Muslims have to truly enjoin in the good and forbid the evil of the Bush regime. Given, we may not completely agree with what Kerry has to say about many issues, but these are all miniscule compared to what is going on under our name. American Muslims not only must denounce all the terrorist acts committed under the name of Islam, we must also denounce the injustices done under the name of our country, the United States of America.

"Islamist terrorists" do not represent our Islam any more than Bush represents our America! It is our duty to support the candidate with whom we most agree, and the one we think will serve the Muslim community the best. And although I don't agree 100 percent with John Kerry, I am in 100 percent accordance with Shaykh Hamza Yusuf in his speech last month at the Islamic Society of North America's annual convention: *anything but Bush!*

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Making a Big Difference for Little People

Stony Brook Students Volunteer as Mentors for Local Middle School

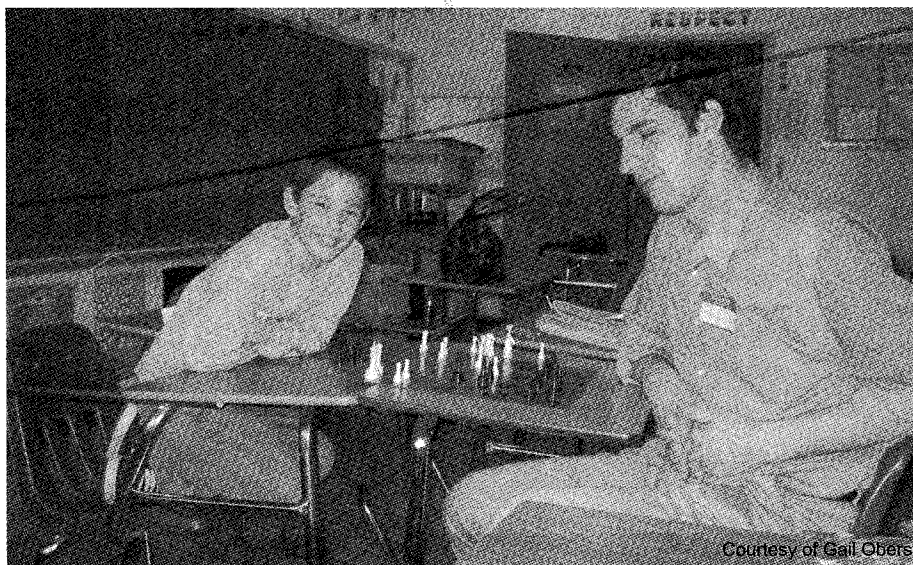
By SARAH NASIR
Statesman Contributor

College is not only a time to earn your education and get a degree, but also a time to reach out to your community and experience the world. Students at Stony Brook are involved in all types of activities that broaden their horizons; one of them is the JFK Mentoring Program.

The program is a collaborative effort involving Comsewogue Youth Club, JFK Middle School and Stony Brook University student volunteers. Much like the Big Brother/Big Sister programs so popular in the volunteering community, the JFK Mentoring program unites older college students with younger middle school students, forming a mentor/mentee relationship.

"The purpose of this program is to bring people together to learn from each other," said Gail Oberst, coordinator of the program for the middle school. JFK middle school students are usually referred to this program if they are at risk for academic failure, have attendance problems or need assistance speaking English.

Volunteers come to the program expecting to lend their experience and support. In return, the middle school students are provided with role models, according to Stony Brook senior Mansoor Khan, the university coordinator of the program.



Mentor Michael Zannettis, right, plays a game of checkers with his mentee, Brandon.

Currently, the program meets three times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, whenever both the public school and the university are in session. Middle School students usually meet with Stony Brook students after school, and the pairs engage in sports, card games, eating healthy snacks and working on homework problems together.

The Mentoring Program has recently become acquainted with the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island, leading to increased one-on-one mentoring in which a mentor and a mentee actually sign a "contract" committing to work at least for

one year together, Oberst said. Goals are set and interests are shared between the middle school students and the college students, thus enabling them to better understand each other.

Some other activities include utilizing library resources, getting to know teachers and spending time together working in creative, constructive ways of doing things. This encourages bonding between the students and their mentors, so that they know they have someone to rely on when there's a problem, Oberst said.

The program has made some definite improvements in the lives of its students,

She cited an instance when a student who enjoyed the mentoring experience immensely actually brought his younger brother to the group sessions. Oberst said. Many of the middle schoolers who have had previously dissatisfactory grade reports have shown significant improvements in their studies as a result of being involved with the program. Parents of the students have also shown an interest, discussing their children's involvement activities with other teachers and taking an active role in their lives.

Last spring, the kids from the middle school were brought on campus to observe a typical day of college. "We took them out on a simple tour of the campus," Khan said. "We visited the sports complex and ate in the SAC. Some of the kids even wanted to know what the dorms looked like, so we showed them some of our rooms." This was all done in part to show them the college experience that many of them may also be experiencing in a few years.

Anyone interested in joining the mentoring program, should note that there are no more spots available for the current semester, but interested students who wish to mentor in the spring semester can email Mansoor Khan at mtkhan@gmail.com.

"The program is such a great way to get out there, volunteer and have a fun time doing it," Khan said. "You can't really reproduce this experience anywhere else in Stony Brook."

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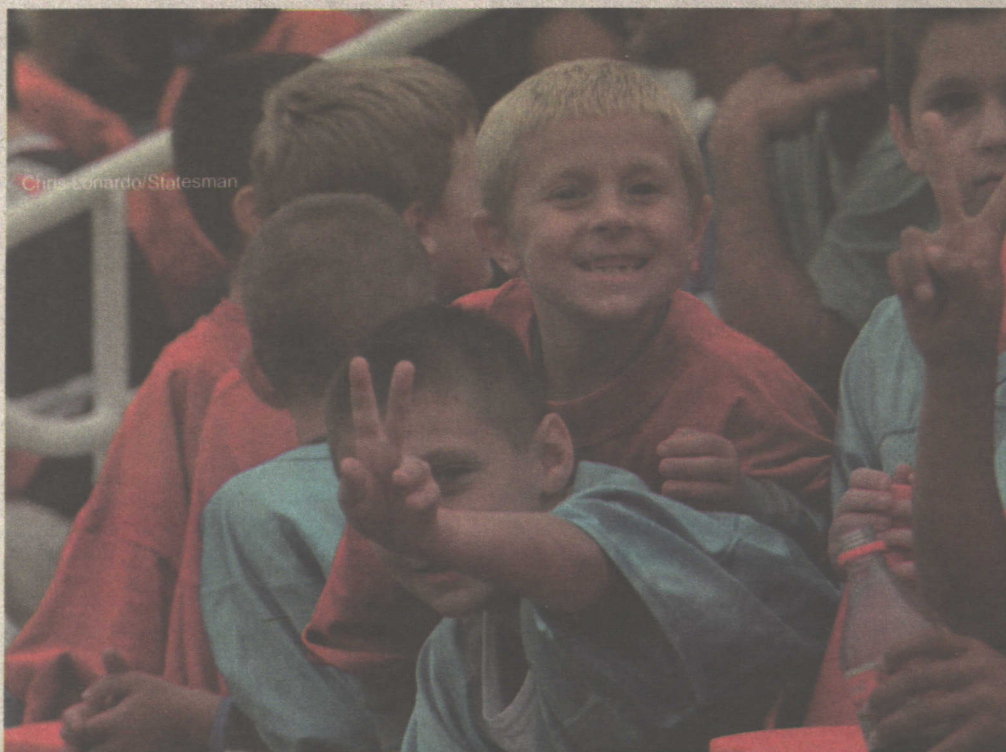
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Homecoming 2004



Stony Brook Celebrates School Pride
at This Year's Homecoming



Clockwise, starting above: 1- Even children were involved in the festivities. 2- Students promoted the medieval theme during the parade. 3- The 2004 Homecoming Royal Court. President Shirley Strum Kenny and Wolfie watch on as the candidates await the announcement of the winners. Right Page- 4- Running Back Clinton Graham prepares to receive pass from Quarterback T.J. Moriarty. 5- Despite loss to Morris, SB fans yelled and cheered with enthusiasm. 6- Even referees show their lighter side. 7- Michael Prodromou and Tejus Bale pose for a picture after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

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Tuesday, October 5th

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Student Activities Center Art Gallery

Undergraduate Student Government
Senate Meeting
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
SAC, Ballroom B

Lecture: "The Magnetics
Revolution"
7:30 p.m.

Javits Room, Second Floor, Melville
Library

Speaker: Dr. Herbert Leupold from
General Technical Services

Wednesday, October 6th

Wall Street Day
12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Student Activities Center Auditorium,
Ballroom A & B

Jam Session at the University Café
8:30 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Thursday, October 7th

Film: Japanese Animation Series:
Spirited Away
7 p.m.
Wang Center Theatre
Spirited Away

Homecoming 2004

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But regardless, the Homecoming traditions still went on. During halftime, the royal court strutted onto midfield, and President Shirley Strum Kenny and Dean of Students Jerrold Stein crowned the 2004 Homecoming King and Queen, juniors Michael Prodromou and Tejus Bale.

"I was honored," Prodromou said. "The Homecoming King represents the spirit of Stony Brook and the willingness to give back to the community in gratitude for all that Stony Brook has done so far."

Bale, too, was grateful for the opportunity. "In the moment, I was simply ecstatic and stunned to hear my name announced, and it took quite a while to sink in," she said. "Now that it has, I'm filled with pride to have yet another capacity in which to represent the university."

Tasheka Sutton, assistant director

for fraternity and sorority life, was thrilled at the course of events in this year's homecoming king and queen competition. "Because of the publicity we did, a lot more students came out and participated," she said. "The contestants are the best that Stony Brook has to offer, and the competition was so fun this year."

During the game, the new version of Wolfie, the Seawolves mascot, was also unveiled. Strutting his newfound Styrofoam muscles, angled jaw and razor sharp teeth, Wofie danced his way across the field and threw punches into the air, presenting himself as a force to be reckoned with.

Wolfie represents the newfound effort at Stony Brook. Having paved its way as a Division I athletic competitor, AAU accredited university, and having passed Middle States review with flying colors, Stony Brook aims to present itself now as a force to be reckoned with as well.

seawolves scoreboard

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Stony Brook, N.Y.

Football
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Stony Brook, N.Y.

Sunday, October 3rd

Women's Volleyball
Seton Hall

W, 3-0
Stony Brook, N.Y.

Men's Soccer
UMBC
W, 3-0
Stony Brook, N.Y.

Women's Soccer
Albany
W, 4-0
Albany, N.Y.

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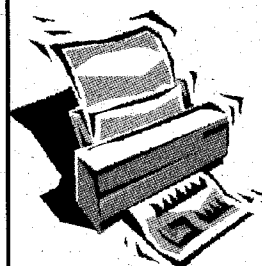
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Seawolves Come Out Winners in Long Island Rivalry

Men's Soccer Beats Adelphi Panthers, 3-0

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By MELISSA MESEROLE
Statesman Contributor

After beating Hofstra last week, and now handing a loss to Adelphi, the Seawolves can now claim sole ownership of bragging rights in Division I men's soccer in Long Island.

The Seawolves posted a 3-0 win over the Panthers of Adelphi. Hard work and determination were the key factors in the win. "It was great to hand a loss to Adelphi," said senior Mike Salvador of the men's team. "This is our fourth shutout this season and it feels great."

The first half started with high intensity from both teams. Adelphi was penetrating hard offense, while the Seawolves counteracted with strong defense. This intensity went on for most of the half until the last 29 minutes of play. The Seawolves were producing more shots on net, when finally an opportunity given was an opportunity taken.

The first goal of the game came from the Seawolves. It started on the 40-yard line with a pass from Michael Palacio that led on a full sprint down the left flank by Chris Megaloudis. Megaloudis then passed the ball across the net to Anthony Barberio, who rocketed a shot into the upper 90 of the net, just hitting the crossbar and dropping in for his first goal of the season.

"You can't have a good finish without an assist," Barberio said. The Panthers' goalie had no chance against the Seawolves' lightning fast passes and shots. Their goal was right out of the playbooks, perfected and well read by all Seawolves players.

By the end of the first half, Adelphi started losing momentum, formation and focus. After Stony Brook saw this, they began dominating in speed and

determination.

Many shots were taken in the second half, but some just could not find the back of the net. Like many on the team, Megaloudis had a chance for a goal, but came up short on the angle of his shot, and the Panthers' goalie, Rich Skoblicki, extended his reach by barely pushing the ball outside the post.

Adelphi almost gave the Seawolves and their fans a scare. There was mass confusion in front of the net, with shots coming from all angles, but the Seawolves' defense, along with goalie E.J. Xikis, came up with more disappointment for the Adelphi team.

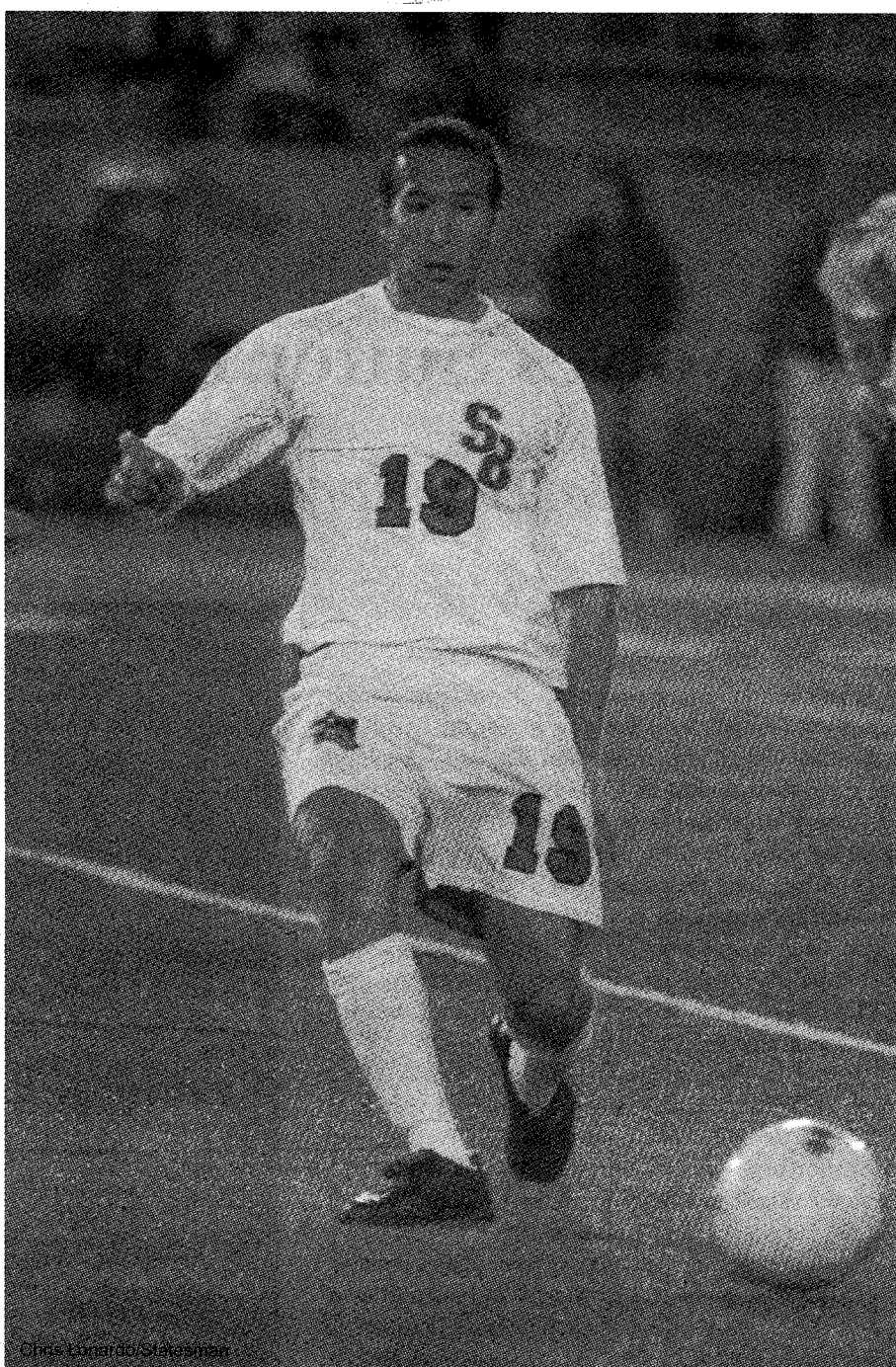
In the second half, Seawolves' Shanniel Headley took on three Panther players with exceptional dribbling and skills (making Pele look like an amateur) to score an unassisted goal. The Panthers' goalie had no chance, watching in awe as the ball went in, almost as if he was screened on the play.

The last goal of the game was scored with just 10 minutes of play left. Palacio gave another assist in the game, this time to Megaloudis, who then took on two players and knocked in a beautiful shot that just outreached the goalie's hand.

"We played great as a team and it's just the beginning of the season," Barberio said. "But this is a big win."

Xikis also finished the game with five saves for his second consecutive shutout of the season. Adelphi's Rich Skoblicki also made five saves in the loss. Megaloudis led the Seawolves with a goal and an assist, while Palacio added two assists in the win over Adelphi.

The Seawolves improved to 6-1-1 on the season, while the Panthers fell to 2-4-0. Come support the Seawolves as they take on their next opponent, Boston University, this Saturday at 11:00 a.m.



Stony Brook Seawolves Senior Forward Anthony Barbiero starts another offensive attack with a solid pass downfield.

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Statesman SPORTS

Seawolves Suffer Devastating Homecoming Loss

Robert Morris Colonials Steal the Win, 31-24

By SAMEER KHANIJO
Statesman Staff

It was Homecoming weekend. It was time for the Seawolves football team to show up, for the first time, in front of their home crowd and play a hard fought game, and they did just that. Unfortunately, a devastating Robert Morris score that came with 37.7 seconds left in the game lifted the Robert Morris Colonials to a 31-24 victory over the Seawolves. The touchdown was the result of a beautiful pass by Robert Morris' Drew Geyer, who hit receiver Dante Settles for a 45-yard touchdown right in front of the Stony Brook sideline. The loss dropped the Seawolves to 1-3 overall, and 1-2 in Northeast Conference Play.

"It was a great game," said Stony Brook Head Coach Sam Kornhauser. "Both teams played very hard right to the end." Despite putting up a good effort, and dominating in the second half, Stony Brook fell to their division rivals. The victory lifted the Colonials' record over the Seawolves' to 5-1 all time.

This homecoming match-up, in front of an estimated 5700 SBU fans, pitted Robert Morris' top rated offense against the Seawolves' top ranked defense, and was a battle right to the end.

For the first two quarters, the Robert Morris offense dominated play. They demonstrated a balanced attack, running and passing on the Stony Brook defense. The Colonials took a 21-7 lead into halftime. Stony Brook's lone score came on a dazzling special teams play. Senior Chad King fielded the Robert Morris kick-off, eluded defenders, and ran it back for a touchdown. This 86 yard touchdown, reminiscent of King's heroics during Stony Brook's first game at LaValle Stadium two years ago, gave the fans something to cheer about, and created a homecoming-like atmosphere in the stadium.

"We're going to do a better job on offense, a better job on defense, and a better job on special teams," said Kornhauser while heading into halftime. These words appeared to have affected the team as they came out firing on all cylinders in the second half. The second half saw the Seawolves creating and capitalizing on turnovers, and making magnificent special teams plays.

Stony Brook's first step was watching quarterback T.J. Moriarty scamper for a 22 yard touchdown, on a crucial third and 19. This brought the score to 21-14 and reenergized the fans.

The Seawolves' defense answered this energy, and played like a #1 ranked defense by shutting down the Colonials. However, his play was far more important than its statistical significance. The Seawolves' defense was able to come through on their side of the field, and it was time for the offense to step it up.

The offensive unit answered this call with 4:16 left in the third, when they hit a quick 73-yard touchdown pass. Moriarty hit star receiver Londre Blocker on a slant across the middle. Blocker's touchdown tied the game at 21.



Above- Wide Receiver Londre Blocker makes a reception and races down the sidelines past the Colonial defense for a Stony Brook touchdown. Right Top- Senior Defensive End David Bomiro executes a solid hit on Colonial quarterback Drew Geyer, forcing an incomplete pass. Right Bottom- Seawolf player moves to tackle opponent. Photos by Chris Lonardo/Statesman

After a couple of quick drives from both teams leading to field goals, the score was tied at 24. The score remained this way until there were 37 seconds left, and Robert Morris, behind the arm of Geyer and the legs of Settles, broke the hearts of Seawolf fans, and handed the Stony Brook football team a disheartening loss. Despite the importance of this final 45-yard pass, the game was not lost on this sole play. The Seawolves' offense allowed 5 sacks, and countless hurries on Moriarty. To compound this, SBU was only 2-12 on third down conversions. The defense also faltered, surrendering 237 yards on the ground, and 232 through the air.

All things considered, however, the Seawolves put up a valiant fight. They followed the medieval theme of homecoming and fought until the end. They left their hearts out on the field, giving the fans a full-fledged effort. The Seawolves will try to make up for this loss next Saturday at 6 p.m. in LaValle Stadium when they face their Long Island rivals from Hofstra.

