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## From War-torn Paths to the Zebra Path

*Students from Iraq Study Archaeology at SBU*

By MANSOOR KHAN  
Statesman Editor

Helen Malko does not worry about whether she will be alive tomorrow. She no longer listens for the sounds of distant explosions. She worries instead about what her classes will be like, and she listens instead for the voices of her friends asking her what movie to see tonight at the local Loew's Cinema.

Helen is one of four new Stony Brook students from Iraq, brought here by Elizabeth Stone, faculty in the anthropology department. Last year, Stony Brook University received a \$4.1 million grant to develop academic programs in environmental health and archaeology to strengthen the capacity of Iraqi universities. Stone and a number of other professors, researchers and physicians from SBU were entrusted with carrying out the effort, which included, among other things, bringing students to the United States to foster their education here.

Stone and her colleagues interviewed dozens of students interested in studying archaeology in the United States and selected four graduates from Baghdad University: Helen Malko, Zainab Mohammed, Zaid Ibraheem and Lina Mahmod. The students were brought here in an attempt to ameliorate the damage wrought on Iraq in the days following the official end of the war. Post-war looting led to the destruction of much of Iraq's historical sites and museums, which were often left in ashes. Stone hopes to train the four students in archaeology and send them back to their country to educate others so that the mistakes of the past can be rectified.

"The moral thing to do is to try and do everything you can to make things better," Stone said, "and that's what we're doing." Two of the students, Zainab and Zaid, worked in the Iraqi Museum, which is one of the historical sites looted by Iraqis and American soldiers alike during the war.

Zainab hates to be reminded of that past, however. At the sound of the word war, she shifts in her seat and gives an uneasy look. "In the beginning, when Americans entered my country, they did not do anything to control the situation in Iraq," she said. "I saw what happened to the antiques. Americans

did not do anything to protect our history from the looters."

Zainab recalled the terror she lived through during the war. "All you hear is bombs crashing day and night," she said. "It drives you crazy. You could die any moment."

Helen also responds anxiously to talks of war. "Once an American soldier asked me, 'How was the war? We bombed, and we didn't know what we were doing,'" she said. "I just told him it was horrible."

Nonetheless, Helen, who is one of roughly three percent of Christians in Iraq, is optimistic of the opportunity before her today. "Some Iraqis like Americans, and I'm one of those people," she said. "I want to know

them first, because years ago we could not know them. After I came here, I see we can be friendly."

Zaid, however, is more reluctant to accept his new surroundings. After one of his close friends died in his arms during the war, his own situation became much clearer, he said. "Before the war, we had safety, we [could] go anywhere," he said. Taking out his Arabic-English digital translator, Zaid searches for the perfect word to describe Iraq after the war. He finally decides upon "anarchy".

"People can do whatever they want now; kill people, steal cars, anything," he said. "There is no law, no police, no government in Iraq."

He finds himself having a hard

time getting past the situation in his home country. Pointing to his chest, he insists, "In my heart, I am a real Iraqi."

Away from their war-torn past, the students are now faced with an entirely different challenge: graduate level education. All of them are enrolled in the Master's in Anthropology program, specializing in archaeology. Sponsored through the United States Agency for International Development, they are pioneers for the country. According to Stone, they are the first four Iraqi students to study in the United States following the war. After completing their degrees, the students will either



From left to right: Zainab Mohammed, Helen Malko, and Zaid Ibraheem. (Lina Mahmod is not shown.)

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## Stone & Colleagues Welcome Iraqi Students to SBU

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enter a doctoral program or return to Iraq to put their newly acquired education to use, Stone said.

"Our studies are focused on the Middle East area," Helen said. "We can push our country to development and lead the archaeology field there."

But while they are here, the students are just settling in and getting used to living in a completely new environment. "The thing that nobody can get their minds around is just how cut off [the students] have been from the rest of the world," Stone said.

Indeed, the students are all a little uneasy in their new home. "At first, I

just felt that I was lost and that I knew nothing," Helen said, describing her initial experience when she arrived in the U.S. "I have to learn to do everything for the first time. It's so simple to Americans, but it is difficult for me."

"It's hard because I have to do everything by myself," Lina said. "I have no family here, and I miss them. Everything is different than in my country."

Zainab takes a lighter approach to the matter, however. "I'm suffering most from the SAC food," she said, stifling a laugh. "But I like the freedom here the most. It's wonderful. People respect each other and respect what you want to do."

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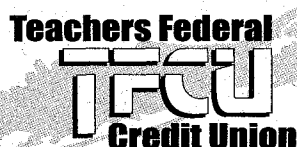
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## Commentary

# Are We Electing a President or an Army?

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In his 1st inaugural speech after being elected president in 1801, Thomas Jefferson astutely observed: "The supremacy of the civil over the military authority I deem [one of] the essential principles of our government, and consequently [one of] those which ought to shape its administration." In that same year, in correspondence to the short-lived Secretary of the Navy, Samuel Smith, Jefferson wrote: "No military commander should be so placed as to have no civil superior." Indeed, Jefferson, while not a pacifist, harbored a great disdain for standing armies. He was once quoted as saying, "The spirit of this country is totally adverse to a large military force."

The consequences of excessive military authority that the president as Commander-in-Chief could wield are most eloquently and clearly described by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Douglas in the famous case of *Youngstown v. Sawyer*. At the time American troops were engaged in combat in Korea, president Truman, under an executive order, seized private steel mills in the business of producing steel for military use after a nationwide strike of unionized workers threatened the military's steel supply. Rejecting the argument that the president had the authority under the

office..."

So, it should therefore be a wonder how today, with the 2004 presidential election looming, discussion has turned to the "military fitness" of the next president to serve as Commander-in-Chief. Both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions were overshadowed with levels of jingoism that seemed to subvert and pervert common sense principles of American democracy and constitutional law. What is even more extraordinary and outrageous is the willingness of a substantial portion of the American public, after being deceived into committing to a glaringly fraudulent case for war with Iraq, is nonetheless enamored with the prospect of electing an individual who will engage this country in more violence. Both candidates comforted the American public with their eagerness to continue the war with Iraq. Both candidates seemed to share a similar vision of fighting a war on terrorism with increased military intervention. Rather than promising less war, each touting their military record and ability, both seemed to suggest they were preparing for more drastic and prolonged conflicts with no clear end in sight. The prospect of such an outcome should be appalling to any citizen within a democratic society. The dangers of "subordinating the Presidential office" to the military could not be more grave. Equally disturbing should be the

## The Fear of losing our democracy to the whims of a militaristic president should far outweigh our fear of terrorism.

circumstances to do so, Justice Douglas expounded:

"[N]o doctrine...would seem to me more sinister and alarming than that a president whose conduct of foreign affairs is so largely uncontrolled, and often even is unknown, can vastly enlarge his master over the internal affairs of the country by his own commitment of the Nation's armed forces to some foreign venture."

He went on outlining what the role of the president as Commander-in-Chief should be:

"[The president's] command power is not such an absolute as might be implied from that office in a militaristic system but is subject to limitations consistent with a constitutional Republic whose law and policy-making branch is a representative Congress. The purpose of lodging dual titles in one man was to insure that the civilian would control the military, not to enable the military to subordinate the presidential

danger such a presidency would have on the future of democracy in this country.

The rubric of Justice Douglas in *Youngstown* makes the obsession and heated debate regarding George W. Bush's and John Kerry's military service during the Vietnam era seem misplaced and irrelevant in an election supposedly designed to pick the man who will head the highest civilian office in the land. Nevertheless, each candidate seems more willing than the other to show how able he is to subordinate the office of the president to a "militaristic system." The passive manner in which both parties' supporters accept and foment this debate is even more alarming. The fear of losing our democracy to the whims of a militaristic president should far outweigh our fear of terrorism. Electing a president solely out of fear for another terrorist attack will, in a very real sense, mean the terrorists have won.

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# Goodbye Resident Points, Hello Flex Credits

## *Meal Point System Gets a Facelift*

By UCHE ABANOBI  
Statesman Contributor

It's over! After many years together, the often-mismatched pair of resident and campus points have finally called it quits. The long awaited dissolution of the resident point system was completed this semester through a collaborative effort between the Faculty Student Association and Campus Dining Services.

In the past, resident students with meal plans were forced to use a system that combined campus points, which could be spent on main campus locations such as the Union Deli and SAC Dining center, and resident points, which could only be used at residential dining halls. This required students to eat at the less busy, and often less appetizing dining centers near their dormitories. With the new system, campus points can be spent at all locations, including the Campus Connection @ H-quad, Kelly Dining Center, Roth Food Court, Kelly Coffee & Tea House and Tabler House Café.

Campus points, however, are still prohibited in the SAC food court between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This rule is in place to mitigate the afternoon rush of students that often plagues the SAC. In an attempt to sandwich itself in during these crucial midday hours, campus points can instead be used at the Seawolves Marketplace to buy a boxed lunch.

Like the old system, students will have a limited timeline when spending their meal points. Campus points must be spent at a rate of at least 40 points every two weeks. The remaining surplus will be surrendered at the end of every other Wednesday. As usual, the last chance to spend unused points is at Kelly Deli until 3:00 a.m. Thursday.

In place of campus points, the FSA and Campus Dining have introduced flex credits, 100 points each semester, which can be spent at the Jasmine Food Court, set to open later this semester, in the Charles B. Wang Center. Although flex credits cannot be refilled, they can be used at any Campus Dining location once campus points are exhausted.

"Flex Credits offer [residents] more variety," said Angela Agnello, the director of marketing and communications for the FSA. But according to Doreen Sanchez, a supervisor at the Union Deli, too many students do not know where their money is going, and do not understand the new system.

"A lot of kids say they don't use the flex points," Sanchez said. "But I still think it was a good idea."

The Meal Plan Structure Committee, made up of students and FSA board members, are responsible for this drastic change. Last year, they came to an agreement on what students would like, and to no one's surprise, resident points were not on the list.

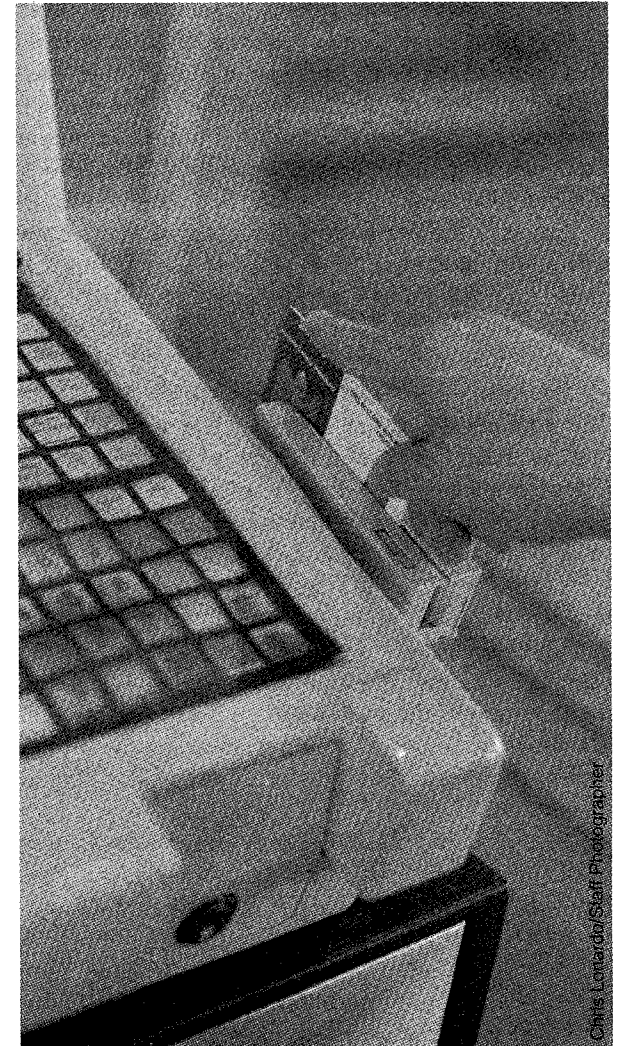
To emphasize the change of the new meal plans, generic names have been substituted with more Olympian titles. Meal Plan I is now the Bronze Plan, costing students \$1,325 per semester and consisting of 1,000 campus points and 100 flex credits. Meal Plan II, the most popular, has been renamed the Silver Plan, costs \$1,425 per semester, and includes 1,100 campus points and 100 flex credits. For those who strive for the gold, Meal Plan III, which costs \$1,625 per semester, is now titled the Gold Plan, and consists of 1,300 campus points and 100 flex credits. If gold is just not enough, then students can take their dining habits to the next level with the Platinum Plan. It costs a whopping \$2,125 per semester, and comprises of 1,800 campus points and 100 flex credits.

A quick calculation reveals that \$225 worth of points has been deducted from each meal plan. This money goes toward the facilities fee, which covers maintenance of dining centers. For instance, Kelly and Tabler Dining Halls were renovated with money from the facilities fee, and Roth is set to follow in their footsteps. This fee is also used to pay for equipment, vending machines in Tabler and Campus Connections @ H-quad and extended hours at the Kelly Coffee-house and the SAC, which is now open till 8 p.m. on Sundays.

But many worry about whether the new system will flood the main campus dining locations. "It sounds like more people will be eating at the SAC and the Union, which means longer lines," said senior

Darrel Williams, who is a commuter student. "Since I never had to worry about resident points, this may be a bad thing for me."

Nonetheless many students, particularly residents, believe that the meal plans have been changed for the better. Lovie Huynh, a resident in her junior year, is one of them. "I think it's a smart change," she said. "Now we don't have to worry about dividing our time between resident and campus dining halls."



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Describing the process that starts with Rosh Hashanah (last week) and concludes on Yom Kippur (this coming Friday & Saturday Night), the Jewish prayer book writes, "On Rosh Hashanah they are inscribed (for blessing) and on the fast day of Yom Kippur they are sealed (for blessing)." This process can be likened to a strategy planning committee where after an idea is agreed upon, it takes many more committee meetings before the idea is adequately formulated for implementation. Since Rosh Hashanah is when G-d determines what will happen for the upcoming year, our prayers represent a sort of "committee brainstorming" upon which G-d formulates the coming year's blessings based on the input of our supplications. However, the final "committee meeting" isn't until Yom Kippur. Where on Rosh Hashanah a person's blessing is "written," on Yom Kippur it is "sealed" for immediate implementation. The difference between "written" and "sealed" is the degree of the surety of implementation. That which is written, but yet to be sealed, is not as sure to be implemented as that which is already sealed. Similarly, on Rosh Hashanah we redirected our hearts towards G-d and our Jewish identity. But for full implementation, our actions must mirror the redirection of our hearts. Thus the days leading up to Yom Kippur are called "Days of Repentance" where we work on changing our actions for the better; we ask forgiveness from friends we may have insulted and regret past wrongs. It is not until Yom Kippur that we resolve towards the future. The last step before implementation. The "sealing" of our blessing for a sweet new year.

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# Making Staller More Stellar

## Staller Center Plaza Undergoes Reconstruction

By COURTNEY MCKAY  
Statesman Contributor

Lights... Camera... Reconstruction? The epicenter for theatre and performing arts on campus has been virtually uprooted, allowing for the arrival of a more inviting outdoor façade to the building. President Shirley Strum Kenny and the rest of the SBU administration have made it their mission to beautify the Stony Brook campus. Ever since the end of the spring 2004 semester, and following the departure of the majority of SBU's students from school grounds, construction has been in full force.

Staller's redesigning, tentatively set to be completed by the end of the academic year, was undertaken as an operation to "turn the 'pit' into a plaza," said Alan Inkles, director of the Staller Center. The cement grounds surrounding the building were, in recent years, given the title "the pit" by several Stony Brook students. Originally not conducive to outdoor classes and inaccessible as a meeting place, the new ambiance will allow for classes to be situated outside and will make way for outdoor performances that will bring different cultures to the masses passing by the Staller Center, Inkles said.

The main word associated with this project is "flow." The anticipated outcome of this endeavor is to ensure that the Staller Center is easily accessible from the main ground of campus. The newly grassed area and planted borders will allow for an easy transition from one part of school to the other, according to Inkles.

The university's intentions are reflected by a structure adjacent to the Staller Center, the fountain near the Administration building. The boundaries of the campus do not end at a flight of steps; they begin with the continuity of the ever-flowing water of the fountain. The buildings within our campus should not be seen as separate entities, but as parts of a whole, according to Inkles.

"I always thought of Staller as being a separate part of the campus, physically and academically, considering that SBU is such a science oriented school," said



Chris Lonardo/Staff Photographer

The Staller Center Plaza is currently undergoing construction, and will later make way for outdoor performances and classes.

Leonard Goldman, a sophomore at SBU. "It's good to see that they are trying to make students see that Staller is indeed a part of campus, and not just some building that we don't have to worry about."

Money is always an issue when it comes to high-profile projects, however. "The seating being replaced in the Staller Center main hall is a \$1.1 million project financed by state funding," said Patrick Calabria, University media relations officer. "The refurbishing of the Staller Center plaza," which includes terracing, landscaping and general beautification, "is a \$2.5 million project funded by the Stony Brook Foundation."

Other newly transformed aspects of the existing center will include a refurbished ticket office and a coatroom. Furthermore, there will be a newly constructed room within the center that was donated by the Staller family themselves, according to Inkles. This room will be an exclusive reception room, the first of its kind within the Staller Center. The room may also be used during graduation for various purposes.

Even though there is extensive work inside and around the Staller Center, officials want to stress to students that the building is still open. Performances are scheduled, tickets are on sale, and the doors are open.

# Changing the Face of an Ancient Artifact

By ARPANA RAYANNAVAR  
Statesman Contributor

Since the 1960's, residents of Roth Quad, home of the Roth Pond Regatta and the shortest walk to main campus, have been dredging their way to the same

dining hall day after day. Constructed in the decade of hippies and the first Woodstock, the Roth Quad dining hall has never been renovated. The Food Court, home of Burger King and the infamous Deng Lee's, will be receiving a complete makeover within the next few

years.

The Roth dining hall was one of the traditional "all you can eat" buildings, according to Kevin Kelly, the Executive Director of FSA.

The food court had originally been set up with two serving lines and students did not need meal plans to get food.

The meal plan system was only instituted in the Roth Food Court 12 years ago, and although the traditional "all you can eat" plan was removed, the infrastructure of Roth Food Court remained the same.

The food court will be renovated drastically to look more like Kelly Dining Hall. According to Kevin Kelly, the future of Roth Food Court may hold a Wendy's, a coffee bar with bakery, mini vegetarian food court, a stir-fry and a few other food choices.

These plans, however, are not yet finalized, but are the "leading candidates," Kelly said. He expects to receive a very positive response from Stony Brook students regarding this renovation, hoping that the renovation will bring a similar response as that of the Kelly

Dining Hall, which was never heavily used before its own renovation. Since then, it has become the most utilized food location on campus, according to Kelly.

Many students are excited at the prospect of having a newer food court in their backyards. "Roth Food Court will look much better and be easier to use when it is more open," said Elizabeth Reicher, a Roth Quad resident. "Deng Lee's and Burger King barely have space to walk, so it would be nice to have breathing room when you order a burger."

Sophomore Natalya Rosada is also enthusiastic about the new dining choices. "I really like the idea of having a coffee bar, so that I can get up in the morning and get some decent coffee without having to go all the way to the SAC," she said. "But I just hope that construction won't take too long."

The Roth Food Court reconstruction will occur over an eighteen month period starting sometime in the year 2005, Kelly said. Architects and engineers are currently working on the reconstruction details.



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# Privacy, Spaciousness, & Tiny Showers

## *The West Apartments of Stony Brook University*

By EVAN HSIEH  
Statesman Contributor

Routinely cramped into tight spaces and tripled up into dorm rooms fit for only two, students have complained ceaselessly about the inadequacy of campus residence halls. In an effort to alleviate some of that stress, Campus Residences erected the West Apartments, the newest of which, buildings E and H, arrived on the scene only this semester. Two more, buildings G and I, are still under construction.

The additions of buildings E, F, G, and H were not part of the original plan for the West Apartments. "We did not have intentions of putting up more buildings," said Dallas Baumann, assistant vice president for Campus Residences. "But when the need for housing increased, that location proved to be the logical choice." "Phase two," as Baumann calls it, then became additions to the original undergraduate apartment complexes.

Unlike the west apartments that opened in 2001, formerly known as the Undergraduate Apartments, the planning and construction of the E-H buildings were met without any



The new West Apartment buildings E and H have received mostly positive reviews, with a few mixed complaints.

problems. The original A-D buildings which opened in spring of 2001 had encountered much trouble with the contractors that caused delays in its opening.

"Things really went quite well with this project," Bauman said. "Everything went pretty much according to plan."

There are several differences with the new buildings. The A-D apartments offer two doubles and two single rooms, while the newer apart-

ments have six rooms, all of which are singles. Each of the two bathrooms in the newer buildings has shower stalls instead of bathtubs. There are laundry rooms on each floor of the buildings, and the rest of the suites remain almost identical. Each suite includes two bathrooms, a living room, and a fully equipped kitchen with range, full size fridge, and microwave. An extension to the E building is scheduled to open in October. The building will house a

meeting room, quad office, computer room and fitness center, Baumann said.

Residences of the new buildings have already encountered problems, however. "There was no refrigerator and stove when I moved in here," said a senior who wished to be referred to only as Mark. "They had it installed about a week after I moved in."

The mailboxes in the new buildings also have not been completed. Residents must walk over to Kelly Quad in order to pick up mail.

Some residents are disgruntled about the new showers, as well. "It's way too small for such a big bathroom space," said Carmen Gong, also a senior. "They should have sacrificed some bathroom space in order to make the kitchen larger."

Although much of the area remains under construction, residents have responded positively overall to the buildings. "The singles are bigger, and the laundry room is right around the corner, so that's very convenient," Mark said.

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Media Open House  
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.,  
Tabler Center

### Tuesday, September 21

President's Lecture Series  
Speaker - Paul C. Lauterbur  
4 p.m.  
Charles B. Wang Center Theatre

International Game Night  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Wang Center, Main Lobby

### Wednesday, September 22

Homecoming Kick-off  
12 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.  
Student Activities Center (SAC) Plaza

Fitness-A-Thon  
12:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.  
Student Activities Center (SAC) Auditorium

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament  
8:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.  
SAC Ballroom B

Lecture: "A Place for Edward Said in Asian America"  
12:45 p.m.  
Wang Center Lecture Hall 1

University Convocation  
4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Wang Center Theatre

### Thursday, September 23

Provost's Lecture Series: "Inclusivity and Excellence in Science and Engineering Education: Stony Brook University as a Rising Star"  
Spkr: Professor David Ferguson  
4 p.m.  
Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2

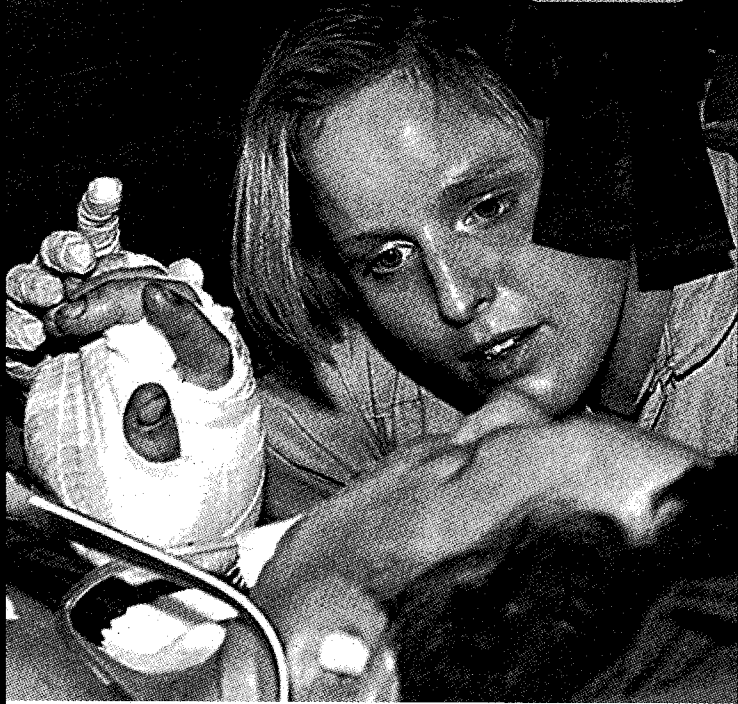
Club Om Carnival  
6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.  
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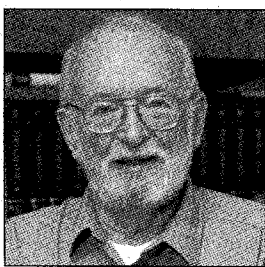


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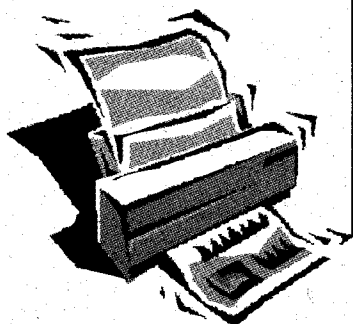
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Win, 3-2  
Buffalo, NY

Women's Volleyball  
Connecticut UConn Invitational  
Lose, 3-0  
Storrs, Conn.

Women's Tennis  
Fairfield Doubles Festival  
Win, 0-0  
Fairfield Conn.

## Sunday, September 12

Men's Soccer  
Niagara  
Win, 1-0  
Buffalo, NY

Women's Soccer  
Navy  
Lose, 1-0  
Annapolis, Md.

## Wednesday, September 15

Women's Volleyball  
Fordham  
Win, 3-2  
Bronx, N.Y.

Men's Soccer  
St Francis NY  
Lose, 1-0  
Jamaica, N.Y.

## Thursday, September 17

Women's Volleyball  
Loyola St Francis Patoum  
Win, 3-0  
Loretto, Pa.

Women's Soccer  
LIU  
Lose, 1-0  
Stony Brook, NY

## Saturday, September 18

Women's Volleyball  
Iona St Francis Pa Tourney  
Win, 3-2  
Loretto, Pa.

Football  
Wagner  
Lose, 21-13  
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## Stony Brook Council Meeting

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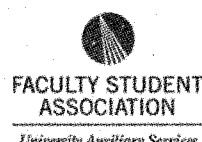
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# Statesman SPORTS

## Seawolves Take a Pecking Women's Soccer Falls to LIU Blackbirds, 1-0



By SAMEER KHANJO  
Statesman Contributor

The Stony Brook Women's soccer team is "very young and very talented," said Head Coach Sue Ryan. On Friday night, this talented group battled the LIU-Brooklyn Blackbirds under the lights of LaValle Stadium.

In their sixth game of the season, the Seawolves played the seasoned veterans of LIU-Brooklyn. Although Stony Brook put forth a valiant effort, it was not enough to defeat LIU, as the Blackbirds, behind a second half goal won 1-0. This dropped the Seawolves' women to 1-4-1 and lifted the Blackbirds to 3-3-0.

Despite being up against a bigger, faster and more experienced Blackbird team, the Seawolves' women treated their fans to a defensive gem. "Our defense has been the mainstay of the program," said Coach Ryan. Stony Brook's most heralded player, goalie Cindy Bennet, anchored the Seawolves' defense with 5 saves against a tenacious Blackbird attack.

"Our defense is strong, and our offense is young and developing," said Stony Brook sophomore midfielder Victoria Feliciano. "We are changing forms and styles,

and continually adapting to new teams." Throughout these changes, the young offense is becoming more cohesive, and is garnering the potential to consistently create havoc for opposing teams.

With the first half ending deadlocked at 0-0, the game seemed to turn after halftime. The Blackbirds emerged from the break more energized than the Seawolves. Twelve minutes into the second half, LIU's energy paid off as they scored the game's lone goal. LIU's Selima Berisha raced up the right sideline and put a shot towards the middle. Her attempt drew out SBU's Bennet, which left an empty net for Nichole Lopez. This single play was the only dent in SBU's armor.

"Soccer becomes crazy after a goal, and I think we reacted really well to LIU's goal," Feliciano said. And crazy it was. The women's soccer team unleashed a furious attack against LIU after they fell behind. Stony Brook went on the attack firing an array of shots. Unfortunately, they were rebuffed by LIU's defense and could not convert their chances.

"We have gotten better with every game, even though it may not show in the score column," said Coach Ryan. One definite positive the SBU women can take away

from this game was a clear show of heart. After being backed into a corner, the Seawolves came out much more aggressive than they had been at any point earlier in the game.

"[The game] was a tough battle and both teams grinded it out to the end," Ryan said. "It was a hard fought contest," Feliciano said. The Friday night fight was also a treat for the spectators. The fans were given an outstanding game, and showed their approval by getting loud and excited. The Seawolves seemed to feed off of this energy and gave their fans an intense final 15 minutes of soccer.

Even though these final minutes did not result in a goal, they provided a boundless amount of hope. The young Stony Brook team, which has no seniors, is growing and gaining experience.

This combination is a promising sign both for the team and the fans.

As these young women continue to develop as a team, they will inevitably be a pleasure for the Stony Brook community to watch. The Seawolves' next home game is this Friday night, Sept. 24, against Howard University. The game will start at 7 p.m. in LaValle Stadium.