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## Huge turnout for election day at SBU

By Mansoor Khan Statesman Editor

Students crowded the hallways of the Student Activity Center Tuesday, elbowing their way through to get a chance to cast their ballots. The stakes were high: the leadership of the country, and talks of Kerry and Bush, the Iraq War and weapons of mass destruction echoed through the small path that held far more students than it comfortably

"This is the first time I have ever voted," said freshman Michael Steinberg. "I was too young during the last election, and now I am actually 18 years old. I'm pretty excited." Steinberg is one of the many new voters that broke out in record numbers in Stony Brook this election.

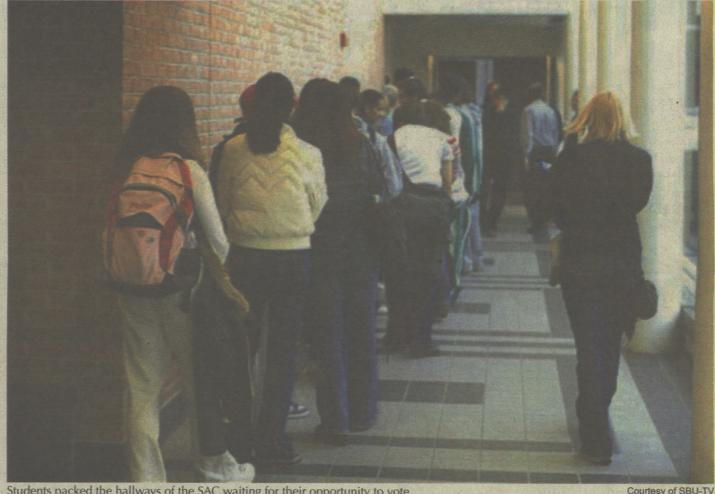
But that is no surprise, considering the Bush/Kerry battle of 2004 has been called one of the most important elections in our recent history. Stony Brook students reflected that sentiment by coming in droves to the SAC to vote, lining up around the walls of SAC Ballroom A.

"I've been waiting on this line for over an hour," said sophomore Jeanine Baptiste, who stood seemingly frustrated at the head of the line, counting down the minutes until she could cast her vote. "If I had known it would have taken so long, I would have brought my friends with me, instead of waiting here alone the whole time."

Indeed, many students did come in groups, using the occasion as a chance to meet up with friends and celebrate. Ali Hassan, a sophomore, convinced four others to come down to the SAC with him and vote. "They weren't originally going to vote, but I talked them into it," Hassan said with a smile. "I think it's important that everyone who can vote actually does. It's the future of our country in our hands."

Still, some students expressed frustration with the whole process. "Since I live off campus, I have to go to my local site to vote," said senior Tracy Beckam. Beckam could not vote in the SAC because that voting site was reserved for on-campus residents, to the dismay of many commuters. "I have class all day, and a ton of work to do, and I just don't know if I'll be able to make it to the polls," Beckam continued.

Even some of those who made it to



Students packed the hallways of the SAC waiting for their opportunity to vote.

Courtesy of SBU-TV

the polls, however, couldn't cast their ballots properly. Junior Justin Garcia was one of those students, turned away because he was not properly registered. "I definitely registered to vote, and I had a problem getting in to vote," he said. "They told me to fill out a provisional ballot, but from what I'm told, those don't even get counted."

Members of NYPIRG were there to help students like Garcia, who had problems getting their vote cast. "About one out of every ten people is having a hard time," said Greg Akselband, a volunteer from NYPIRG who stood outside the entrance to SAC Ballroom B, ready to answer questions for students in distress, and giving them a chance to fill out surveys about the accessibility of the polls. "People don't know that they're registered," he said.

Akselband said that if anything, the Board of Elections is to blame. "The Board of Elections could have been more effective," he said. "It's extremely difficult to contact them." Akselband and many other students tried, receiving nothing but a busy signal for five hours.

Eric Bruzaitis, project coordinator

for NYPIRG, took the initiative to try and prevent these types of complications. In a letter to Robert L. Garfinkle and Anita S. Katz, commissioners for the Suffolk Country Board of Elections, Bruzaitis wrote "In an effort to promote open elections and to educate the student body, the New York Public Interest Research Group and Stony Brook University Television request that a camera be posted within the polling site of Election District 223, located...on the campus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook." The request, forwarded by Bruzaitis and members of the media, was ultimately turned down by the Board of Elections. Accordingly, media was permitted at the polling sites under specific conditions.

The night soured for even more students, as the poll numbers favored Bush more and more. New York, commonly known to be a very Democratic state, was won by Senator Kerry, as expected. Around the country, however, more and more states piled up with red labels, dedicated to President George W. Bush.

"This is absolutely ridiculous,"

said junior Samantha Lesley, an avid supporter of the Democratic Party. "I can't understand how so many people could vote for Bush, when all he has done is tear down our country and send us to war for no reason." Lesley's sentiment was shared by a variety of students, venting their frustrations on the Republican Party and crying foul as the state of Ohio was shrouded in controversy and talks of recounts echoed through television media Tuesday

Still, some students were pleased with the outcome. "There's a pretty good Republican following at Stony Brook, even though we are in New York," said junior Matthew McBride, who was optimistic about President Bush's chances for victory.

One thing is for sure, however. Stony Brook students showed more political initiative during Tuesday's election than many can remember in recent history, and came to vote in record numbers. "The turnout was enormous," said junior Jason Ng, a first time voter. "I never saw that many students get together to do anything they didn't have to."

## How did we do?

As Reported by the New York Times

Pres	National			
<b>★ REP</b>	George W. Bush	ELECTORAL 274	popular 59,108,395	51.07%
DEM	John F. Kerry	252	55,554,114	48.00%
INP	Ralph Nader	0	395,871	0.34%

Sena	ate		New York State
★ DEM	Charles Schumer	70.7%	4,374,912
REP	Howard Mills	24.6%	1,521,424
CON	Marilyn O'Grady	3.4%	210,272
GRN	David McReynolds	0.5%	32,294
BLD	Abraham Hirschfeld	0.3%	18,778
LIB	Donald Silberger	0.3%	17,444
SWP	Martin Koppel	0.2%	15,275

Hou	se of Repres	sentatives	Dist #1, Suffolk County
★ DEM	Timothy Bishop	56.2%	150,916
REP	William Manger	43.8%	117,826

## Gyrodyne acquisition surrounded in controversy 3

By INUR MAMOOR Statesman Contributor

When Stony Brook University announced plans to acquire all 246 acres of Gyrodyne's Flowerfield, no one had anticipated the fever of emotions, both for and against the university.

The Flowerfield, which is located off of Stony Brook Road and owned by Gyrodyne Corporation of America, is currently rented out to various tenants. Stony Brook University, has acquired the land through the process of eminent domain, which is the government's right to take private property for public use, depending on the payment of its fair market value.

The acquisition not only affects the university, but also its student body and neighboring community, since the university plans to build ten research facilities on the property. Gyrodyne Corporation, on the other hand, wants to develop the Flowerfield into a community of condominiums and a golf course.

Stony Brook University's neighbors are siding with Gyrodyne because they are fearful of the impact the university would have with the new buildings. In the past, the University has been accused of not being a good neighbor. "I ask that the university to everything in its power to inform the community about its long term vision and plans for the Gyrodyne property," said Steven Fiore-Rosenfeld, Councilmember for the town of Brookhaven. FioreRosenfeld, a graduate of Stony Brook University, said he found himself aligned with the Stony Brook Conservancy, but his "eyebrows have been raised," about the type of neighbor the university has been.

Still, few can deny the hard statistics. Stony Brook University is the source of more than 47,000 jobs, creating \$2.5 billion in revenue for Long Island's economy. "The university is the main economic engine of our Three Village community," Fiore-Rosenfeld

The community members fear that their property value would decrease with the proposed research facility, while the surrounding community around the university fears the traffic, noise and pollution that will emanate from the new facilities, all of which have already increased since the building of the LaValle stadium. Some residents wonder at what point the university will stop expanding, claiming eminent domain destroys the concept of private property.

The issue of the Flowerfield was the main topic at the Stony Brook Environmental Conservancy committee meeting on Oct. 28. The committee's main concern is Clara's Woods, which is the largest piece of continuous wooded property on Long Island, and part of the university. The committee fears that the university will build a road through the woods to connect the campus with the Flowerfields.

Stony Brook has acquired the land,



The Gyrodyne property, part of which is shown above, is being acquired by SBU to the dismay of local residents.

but a dispute over the price remains. Gyrodyne Corporation feels the property's market value is worth more then what the university is offering. The official transfer of money may take a while, but the university is planning to complete construction on 73.5 acres of the 246 acres.

Some students are concerned with the motives behind the university's acquisition of the land. "This school is all about money," said Eva Lei, a sophomore. "New research facilities would be nice for the students, but overall the university thinks only about money."

Junior Jason Bates, a commuter who

lives on Stony Brook Road, in close proximity to Flowerfields, echoes the sentiments of the surrounding community members, but with a reservation. "The neighborhood is pretty peaceful, and there are kids and families living in these houses," he said. "All of the bustle would probably disturb life for some of these families, but I don't think it's really the end of the world for them. I mean, there's a potential to get something good out of Gyrodyne for them, too, like jobs."

Still, other students are just fearful of a tuition raise, believing that the land acquisition would come at their expense.



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# Open Letter John, you let us down

Dear Senator Kerry,

John, what happened? There were a bunch of great guys, progressive at heart and resolute in their convictions, running for the Democratic nomination. Each one was forced out of the race many months ago simply because you outspent them. You won the nomination not because of your superior platform or speaking skills. In fact, it's arguable that you were in fact the least attractive candidate set out to beat George Bush. But Big Money was on your side. That, and that alone, cemented your nomination: Big Money. You won over the Democratic electorate and proceeded to lead them to miserable failure.

You thought you could waffle on some issues and not be forceful when it came to certain topics. You thought wrong, John. When you speak, you talk about having a plan to make America better. You were going to give tax cuts, just like George, only your tax cuts are going to be well reasoned. You refused to stop outsourcing, just like George, only you said you didn't approve of it. Unlike George, however, you insisted that your platform was nuanced, filled with wonderful gray areas that couldn't be expressed in simple slogans. That is where you failed, guy. You didn't just fail yourself: you failed America.

Howard Dean ran for the Democratic nomination a while back, and when he spoke, the audience listened. He rolled up his sleeves, he looked you straight in the eye, and he told you what he was going to do for this country. "The president had enough money to give \$3 trillion of our money, if you include the interest, away to his friends like Ken Lay," Dean told 10,000 supporters. "Who do you think is paying for that money? That's right, your taxes went up because he wouldn't fund No Child Left Behind. Your taxes went up because he wouldn't give you the homeland security money, so you had the choice between raising taxes or laying off firefighters or police officers. Taxes went up because he decided it was better to give \$3 trillion to Ken Lay and the boys instead of funding special education, making the schools better, and taxes lower."

John, you never spoke like that to an audience. Ever. I don't recall the words Enron or Ken Lay ever passing your lips. Why? Because men just like Lay supported your campaign. Men including George Soros, a multibillionaire and fraudulent businessman, were aggressively behind you in a bid to unseat George W. Bush. Dean didn't get momentum and rile up crowds with heavy investors in his pocket: he was genuine. He was, and still is, genuinely a progressive Democrat who speaks with moral clarity and resolution, something you could never do.

You never said, "When elected president, I will end corporate corruption." You never said, "George Bush told a group of supporters four years ago to expect a 'kinder and friendlier SEC', and damn it, that'll change when I'm in." You're a supporter of NAFTA, short for the North American Free Trade Agreement, which allows companies to buy materials and products from Mexico and use Mexican labor in a ploy to circumvent paying American prices. Does the average consumer benefit when Mexicans are paid below minimum wage to build cars for GM? No, they don't. They still sell overpriced and unreliable pigs. Where is all the money that GM is saving? The consumers don't see a penny of it; only corporate executives do. You never mentioned any of this during your campaign.

You didn't lose because Bush is a more attractive candidate. With his Neoconservative platform full of gaping holes, this election was an easy win for a real alternative to Bush. You failed to provide this nation with a clear choice. You offered four more years of the same, with the continuing lack of government regulation of corporations. Shame on you, John Kerry. You masqueraded as a Massachusetts Liberal when you were nothing more than a Classic Conservative in sheep's clothing. You let us all down, and that is unforgivable.

Respectfully,

James Bouklas **Managing Editor** 



### USA, v2.0: The Democrats strike back

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS

In the wake of George W. Bush being elected president (technically for the first time), a reinforcement of Republican control of both houses of Congress, and a pending overtake of the Supreme Court, one may wonder what is a Democrat to do?

A hundred and fifty years ago when the North half of the country began moving away from the South half, the Southerners had the decency and common sense to do one simple thing: secede. Today, when the Red Southern states no longer represent the needs and wishes of the great Blue Northern states, we New Yorkers have but one civil duty: start our own country.

Included in this United States of America, Version

2.0 will be our neighbors and allies in liberal thought: Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. We can bring along California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. Illinois is a hairy issue, but with our northern stronghold of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, we should be able to protect it from an attack by gun-loving

In USA, 2.0 we'll have gay marriages, high taxes, not too many guns, healthcare, abortions, social security, welfare - and we'll like it! We'll call ourselves Liberals without feeling bad about it. In fact, a Liberal will be our mascot when we host the 2012 Olympics. That's

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## What do you mean by traditions?

Dear Statesman,

While I enjoyed the well-written and organized design of your article, "Emphasizing the Traditions at Stony Brook," I was immediately, negatively struck by the implications held in Fred Preston's statement that the university was once only noted for "the political activism of the students, the academic reputation and the unbelievably bad physical plan." Hold these three up next to the supposed current achievements of the campus ("outstanding academics, campus, and community atmosphere"), and you'll see a marked lack of an important component of any campus in the latter: "students."

As I read over Frederick Preston's description of the campus in its earlier days, Kelly Quad overgrown and laden with refrigerators, I got a nostalgic image of students shut away, meticulously planning another protest, having philosophical discussions or perhaps just getting high. Nonetheless, the early days of this school I see as its heyday, and the word "only" diminishes the political activism that makes them such. The political apathy inherent on this campus presently is palpable, alleviated only by the efforts of strong-willed individuals in groups such as NYPIRG, SJA, Students for Peace and Humanity, the philosophy department, the sociology department, Campus Republicans, Democrats, and the Enduring Freedom Alliance.

Their efforts create tradition richer than that of the fun but relatively uninspiring Roth Regatta or Strawberry Festival. I personally am more deeply moved by memories of the joint FSA/Anti-War protest of early 2003, Take Back the Night, and my experiences registering students to vote, and any student with a spark of idealism in him or her is likely to be as well. Political activism is an age-old tradition of all college students and should not be belittled, but instead included on our SAC walls. Let's not take away all students' right to name and own their traditions, innocuous and controversial alike. The administration sees what it creates, commands and deems appropriate as tradition; we create tradition every day with our own creativity, moxie and youthfulness.

Sincerely, Kathleen Ashwill

#### Democrat comeback

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right, Crawford, New York City is ours! We were the victims of terrorism, but we won't be waging "wars" on nouns. No war on crime. No war on drugs. No war on anything. We're going to live peacefully, and we're going to like it!

V2 is going to have the best shopping and eating. We're going to be in better health than Original USA. We're still going to have the best rivalry in sports (Boston-New York), the reigning NBA Champions (Detroit Pistons), and Super Bowl Champions (New England Patriots). We're going to buy Canadian airspace so that we can travel from Los Angeles to New York. We'll have all the best movies, make most of the cars, and the most obnoxiously beautiful international supermodels! We'll have the tallest buildings and the richest mayors.

And best of all, since we get the District of Columbia, all those Republicans are going to have to find a new capitol! I suggest Houston. It's in Texas. They have three major sports teams. And they're one of the fattest cities in the world. Perfect.

Our only problem is that V2.0 will be a little short on cows. And corn. We just don't have that many farms in the North. Remember: It gets cold up here. But that's why we're holding onto Hawaii.

#### **Quote of the Week:**

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"I was surprised about how many people went to the voting polls happy about the status quo and wanted to see this again for the next four years."

Robert Shane Graduate/Art History Major

"I feel like there wasn't a need to go into war with Iraq." Bush didn't find any weapons he claimed Iraq had. But I believe America sti'l wants this war because in general Americans don't like Arabs and people in a third world country do not like Americans."

Joe Benson Junior/Business Major

> "Personally I want to see what Bush will do in his second term. He can do things he couldn't do before without worrving about being re-elected, I'm glad he won."

Anthony Pesiri
Freshman/Biochemistry

"It was a disappointment. There were a lot of new young voters supporting Kerry. I'm worried about what's going to happen in the next four years."

Lizette Hinojosa Graduate/Biology Major

"I'm glad about the voter turn out, but a little bitter about Bush winning presidency again due to the prior events of the last elections. Overall, I'm just glad how many people participated in the election."

Chantel Rico Nunez
Freshman/Undecided

"Well basically I voted for Bush because he stood to his word, he was decisive. If he said he was going to c'o something he'd do it. Although he isn't as articulate as Kerry, I'd rather see a man of action than a man of words."

Scott Lino
Freshman/Undecided

# Wang Center hosts spiritual showcase's Maitreya project a buge success

By Rohit Das Statesman Editor

Many people look at religion as a type of inculcating dogma, something that is forced upon us rather than accepted through understanding. Indeed, the strict edicts and doctrines of today's religious institutions reflect this type of perspective.

The Maitreya Project Heart Shine Relic Tour, however, was a retreat from that sort of sentiment. The project, which was held at the Wang Center this past weekend, was a chance for students to embrace the spiritual side of religion, Buddhism in particular. The project featured an extremely rare collection of over 1,000 relics of the Buddha and many other Buddhist masters.

"The purpose of this project was to provide education and raise awareness of Buddhism and how it is practiced in different Asian communities," said Sunita Mukhi, Director of the Wang Center. "Additionally, we wanted to provide the Long Island community an opportunity to embrace Buddhism and get their blessings."

The name "Maitreya" is derived from the Sanskrit 'maitri' meaning 'universal love'. It is a mode by which Buddhists all around the world base their teachings, emphasizing love and religious passion as opposed to forced belief.

The Maitreya Project provided SBU, and the Stony Brook community in general, a unique opportunity to make a personal connection to the purely spiritual ideals of faith, and to perhaps see a side of religion that they otherwise would not encounter.

"I found that the project overall was extremely spiritually moving and as aesthetically satisfying experience," said Mukhi. "It really blessed the Wang Center."



The Maitreya Project hosted a score of Buddhist artifacts and decorative pieces, along with a variety of performances, to expose visitors to a spiritual experience.

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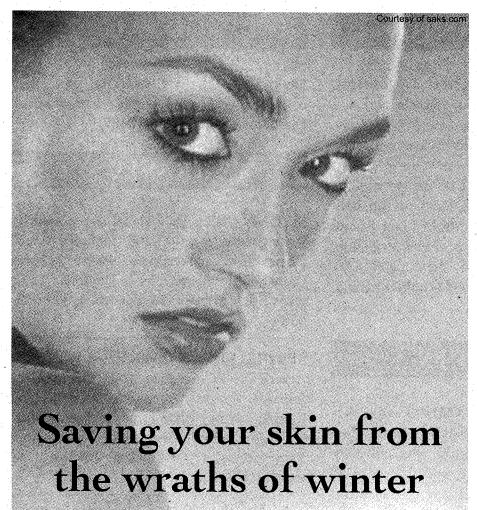
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By JESSICA RHAE LANDRESS Statesman Staff

As the leaves fall from the trees this season, Long Island becomes a beautiful landscape filled with bright colors and cool breezes. Unfortunately, these drastic changes in weather are turning complexions dull, eyes tired well beyond their years and skin dry and flaky.

Lack of sleep and an overwhelming amount of stress decreases blood flow to the skin, resulting in a washed-out appearance. Be sure to get enough rest each night and also try to find a few ways to release that stress! The harsh winds and change in weather are other reasons your skin is becoming dry and your lips chapped.

For your face, make sure that you cleanse, tone, and moisturize twice a day. Once a week, you should exfoliate and use a mask. Only use products that are appropriate for your skin type.

When it comes to face care products, make sure you do your research before buying. Most labels will promise you younger looking skin instantly, yet this is impossible. There are products that will drastically improve the feel, texture and appearance of your skin if they are used correctly for a period of time.

Some of the best skin care products can be found at upper-scale department stores such as Saks Fifth Avenue. With an increase in prices comes a large improvement not only in how your skin looks and feels today, but in what you can expect in the years to come.

Some of the better lines include Laura Mercier, Chanel and Bobbi Brown.

Laura Mercier has a moisturizer for every skin type. Their professional make-up artists are extremely knowledgeable about proper skin care, and are able to do consultations on an individual basis. Their Oil-Free Moisturizer (\$38) is fabulous for normal-oily skin types. It moisturizes, soothes and contains SPF 15. What makes this moisturizer unique is that it contains oil reducing and light reflecting ingredients that leave the skin matte all day. Red tea extracts help as anti-oxidants

and Sugar Beet Extract energizes the skin, while increasing cell turnover. The moisturizer is easily absorbed and perfect as a makeup base.

If you are looking for a skincare regime that will help prevent the signs of aging then Chanel's Age Delay moisturizers are what you need. This program has three goals; preventing the skin's aging process, rejuvenating the skin you have now and correcting the damage that has already been done. The Time-Fighting Rejuvenation lotion, which cost \$45.00 for 1.7 oz. and has SPF 15, is oil-free and works great during the day. The Time-Fighting Rejuvenation Night Cream (1.7 oz. for \$50.00) is a rich and hydrating gel cream that protects the skin from water loss at night, which is when the skin is in repair mode. There is clinical proof that your skin will improve after four weeks of using these products.

For the delicate skin around your eyes, de-puffing, de-circling and de-stressing can all be done with one simple thing – a tea bag. The active ingredient in tea is polyphenol, which reduces swelling. To use, wet the tea bags and place them in the refrigerator for a few minutes, then place the bags on your eyelids for ten to fifteen minutes. Some great eye-creams are Bobbi Brown's Hydrating Eye Cream (\$32), and their Extra Eye Balm (\$50).

For luscious lips, try using a good lip balm that combines vitamin E with sunscreen. Some good choices are Chapstick Medicated (\$1.89), Kiehl's Since 1851 Lip Balm with SPF 15 (\$5.50), or La Mer's The Lip Balm, (\$45). Do not use a lip protector made of 100 percent petroleum, for it will only retain the moisture already in your lips, rather than replenish the moisture lost during the season.

Moisturizing and exfoliating are essential for a soft and silky body. While in the shower, use a sponge or washcloth to remove the dead skin cells from the surface of your body, or use a body wash that has scrubbing beads. A few of my favorites are St. Ives Apricot Exfoliating

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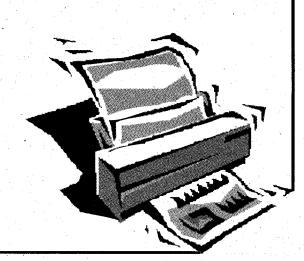
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## Tosca big hit at Staller

By Rosie Scavuzzo Statesman Staff

Arde a Tosca folle amor! Tosca is on fire with a mad love! The audience at the Staller Center last Saturday was also on fire with a mad love for the Stanislavsky Opera Company's performance of Puccini's passionate opera, Tosca. The Company played to a sold out, 1050 seat theatre, filled with an audience that was not only allured by the popularity of the company, but by the opera itself.

The performance kept a simple set, using a few drapes of fabric and a few small set pieces. Quiet but elegant lighting played an important role in creating the mood throughout. The costumes were incredibly beautiful, especially Tosca's, played by the only female leading the cast. It was, however, the voices of the performers that carried the show, as one might have suspected.

While a Broadway show is supposed to be about the singing, dancing, and acting, opera's main highlight is the voice. Although it has become a lot more expressive and emotional than in the past, opera's main concern is still vocals. And oh! What voices were projected from that stage!

Cavaradossi, a painter and the lead male role, played by Mikhail Vishyak, filled the stage with his presence and passion. With a huge voice and an almost chilling vibrato, Vishyak and Irina Arkadieva (Tosca) sang of love, lust, jealousy and hate. They say that Italian is the language of love and that Italians make the best lovers. Well, I'd have to agree, and not only because I'm Italian. After seeing Tosca, I can now vouch that Italians are in fact the best lovers. The passion and emotion that filled the hall was intense. Hey, "That's Amore."

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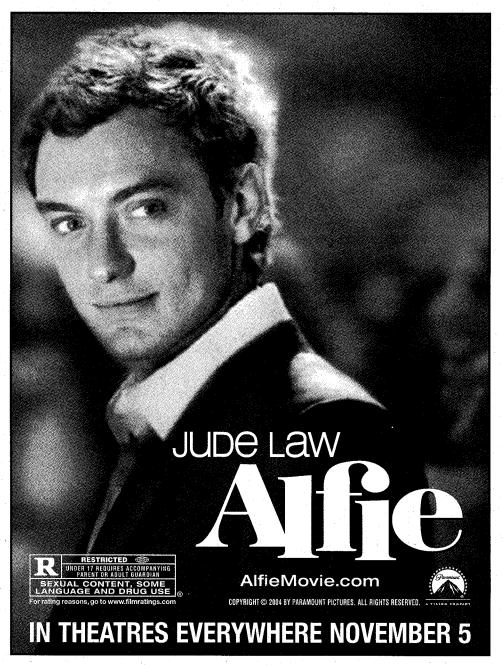
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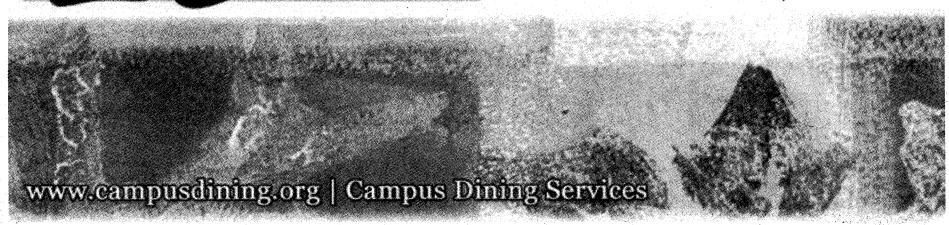
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### Seawolves swept in three

By Melissa Meserole Statesman Staff

The Seawolves took on the Black Bears of Maine on Saturday afternoon for one of their conference games. In a dominant performance, the Seawolves swept the Black Bears last Saturday, 3-0. Stonybrook won set matches with victories of 30-24, 30-26, 30-23 against Maine. With the win, the Seawolves improved to 13-13 overall and 5-5 in America East play. The Black Bears of Maine fell to 12-10 and 6-4 with the loss.

Stonybrook got off to a fast start in taking the first game with a 30-24 victory. Morgan Sweany had four kills in the first set, while Danielle MacKnight had three kills. The Seawolves continued to prove their superiority over the Black Bears as they took the second game 30-26. First year Amy Oleksiej had six kills and Sweany and MacKnight also added four kills in the win. The Seawolves went into game three in a professional manner, knowing that they could win the match in three. That is exactly what they did as they won the third set 30-23. Melissa Votruba contributed six kills in the attack for the win.

Morgan Sweany led the Seawolves in the win with 13 kills. Danielle MacKnight also added 10 kills and five blocks, while setter Julie Zub contributed with 40 assists. Head coach, Deborah Matejka-DesLauriers had this to sav about her team, "The team keeps on coming together with every game and is proving to be a powerhouse with in the conference. I am proud of how they are playing and hope for good things in the future."

Carmen Morgan led the Black Bears with a match-high 15 kills, while Brittany Howe added 13 kills in the loss.

The Seawolves travel to take on Albany this Friday at 7:00 p.m. for another conference match.

## Seawolves struggle to climb out of hole

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"Although we had a strong game defensively, we definitely missed a lot of chances offensively," said Coach Markovic. "The game really didn't have to be as close as it ended up being."

An exciting moment in the game was when Seawolves midfielder Chris Scarpati rushed towards the Maine net, attempting to put a loose ball past Maine's goaltender, Chad Mongeon. Mongeon ultimately ended up with the ball, but not without a cost. Scarpati inadvertently kicked the Maine goaltender in the groin, which led to a small skirmish between both teams.

"I had a 50/50 chance of getting to

the ball and all I was doing was trying to get to the ball before the goaltender," said Scarpati. "I understand why his defenders reacted in the way they did, you have to protect your goaltender."

Facing the last game of the season, the Seawolves are in an excellent position to make the playoffs. They currently place sixth in the New York Regional Conference, and as a result, control their own fate in regard to their playoff status.

"Whenever you control your own destiny, it's an encouraging sign of your play in the season," said Coach Markovic. "We've played good enough to not depend on other teams in order to make the playoffs."

### Seawolves defeat Maine

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by a wide margin at .819. She is second in the conference in Goals Against Average (0.80), shutouts (8), and has played every game for the Seawolves this season.

Along with the strength of their defense behind star goaltender, Cindy Bennett, the team's offense is in great shape for next season. The promise of Feliciano, freshman Tiffany Fassulo, and a solid group of young forwards, the Seawolves have a potent offensive lined up for the future.

Although this win wasn't enough to put the Seawolves into the America East tournament, it sent a message to the teams in the conference. Maine was then the top seeded team in the conference, with a 12-4-1 overall record before the

game. To get into the tournament, Stony Brook needed a win, and also needed Hartford and Vermont to tie in the later game. Hartford ended up beating Vermont, and Stony Brook was knocked out of qualifying for the tournament.

The America East conference is one of the most competitive conferences out there. "On any given night, any team could beat any other team. Every game means something, and you've got to play hard every minute to be competitive," Ryan said. The Seawolves ended the season with a 7-8-4 overall record, and 4-4-1 in the conference. The youth of the team looks to be very promising, so expect the Seawolves to have a significant impact on the makeup of the America East conference next

#### TEAM LEADERS

#### Goals:

Feliciano, Victoria (Jr.) ... 8 Fassulo, Tiffany (Fr.) ... 4

#### **Assists:**

Feliciano, Victoria (Jr.) ... 4 Three tied with 2 ...

#### **Points:**

Feliciano, Victoria (Jr.) ... 20 Fassulo, Tiffany (Fr) ... 9

- \* -Firstin the conference
- \*\* Second in the conference

#### Saves:

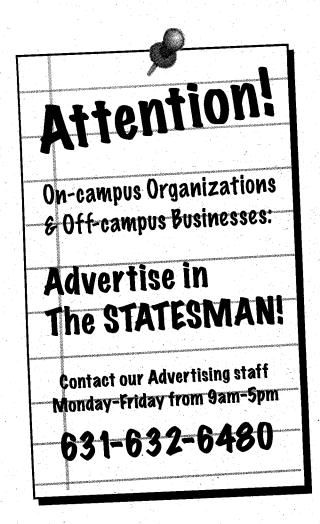
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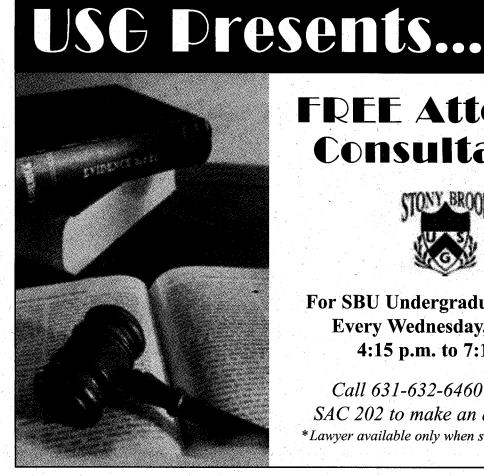
#### Save Percentage:

Bennett, Cindy (Jr.) ... .873\*

#### **Shutouts:**

Bennett, Cindy (Jr.) ... 8\*\*





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## Men's Soccer takes important victory, 1-0

## Seawolves struggle to climb out of hole

By ROHIT DAS Statesman Editor

The Seawolves Men's Soccer team has faced a roller coaster type season. After losing only one game in their first nine contests, they have suffered four losses in their last eight games. The competition is certainly getting tougher, and Stony Brook has been forced to play the best soccer of their season.

Stony Brook's contest against Maine demonstrated an effort to play better soccer, as they defeated Maine 1-0. Although this victory seems marginal on paper, Stony Brook dominated throughout the game, and Maine seemed to have only a slight chance for victory.

The only score of the game occurred at the 43-second mark of the first half. Forward Zach Norwood sent a crossing pass into the middle and found Chris Megaloudis, who headed in his teamleading 8th goal of the season. Megaloudis has been a mark of offensive consistency throughout the season and

has certainly become one of the premier leaders on the Seawolves soccer squad.

"Every team we face knows what Megaloudis can do, and he's a target every game," said Head Coach Cesar Markovic. "But he's still doing the things he needs to do, and he's giving us big goals in big situations."

The rest of the game was marked by great Stony Brook defense and spurts of strong offensive attacks. Although Maine controlled the ball for a significant amount of time after Megaloudis' goal, their shots did not come from inside the box. Consequently, goaltender John Moschella, with four easy saves, notched his team-leading 5th shutout of the season.

Despite the strong play of the Seawolves defense, the offense certainly did not stand back and watch. Stony Brook had many chances inside the box to score a second goal, but often sent shots that went barely wide of the net.

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Senior Midfielder Jose Sura uses his speed and ball-handling skills to begin another

## Seawolves defeat top seed Maine, 1-0

BY RUPESH DAS Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook women's soccer team had an up and down regular season, but on Saturday afternoon, they showed why they will be a team to be reckoned with next year. A team that boasts youthfulness shut out one of the top teams in the America East conference, Maine, 1-0. With not even one senior on the team, they can and will only get better in the future. The last game of the season exemplified their strong competitive nature, and their willingness to give 100 percent every minute of the game.

At the 14 minute mark of the first half, Victoria Feliciano notched her 8th goal of the season on a high arching kick that just managed to slip over the hands of Maine goaltender, Tanya Adorno. Feliciano leads the team in goals, and points, averaging more than a point a

game. After a long, strenuous second half, this goal proved to be the difference in the game.

Maine came on very strong in the second half, out-shooting the Seawolves 9 to 1. Within the first 5 minutes of the second half, Maine hit two posts, and goaltender Cindy Bennett came up with huge saves time and time again. Stony Brook managed to hold their one goal lead despite the seemingly endless pressure from Maine. Some may call it luck, but Coach Susan Ryan puts it into perspective: "We've got Cindy, and they don't."

earn her 8th shut out of the season and the 20th of her career. Bennett ends the regular season as the leader in the conference in save percentage (.873), with

Cindy Bennett made seven saves to Mariel Wilner of Northeastern trailing



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