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Hearing it Firsthand from the Soldiers

SBU Veterans Speak About their Iraq Experience

By RADEYAH HACK
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Playing soccer with kids; raising funds to assist an impoverished couple; enjoying a relaxing evening of native food with locals – all are things that we consider mundane activities in an ordinary day, not the things that we associate with a war-torn nation. However, the experiences of our Iraq war veterans paint a different picture; one that shows a humanistic portrayal of serving in the armed forces.

Stony Brook students who put their education on hold to serve their nation shared their experiences with their fellow peers and members of the faculty on Tuesday during the Iraq Veteran Forum. The event, sponsored by the Veteran Student Organization, consisted of four panelists who discussed their perspective of military life.

“The purpose is to make Stony Brook aware of how close to home the situation in Iraq is and the sacrifice made by [our] peers who served in Iraq” said Jane Drelick, the moderator of the forum. The panelists discussed a number of issues concerning their military service, ranging from the emotions they felt during a firefight to a description of their daily routine.

Through their answers to the moderator’s questions, the panelists tried to convey to the audience the extent of what life in a war zone was like. The danger involved with war was frequently manifest for the panelists as they were stationed in Iraq. “There was a constant threat on the first base I was assigned to [since] every ten minutes you could hear gunfire,” said Jon Lawson, a medic for the U.S. Army Reserves. “The second base was worse [because] we were attacked four of five times.”

“Adrenaline is a wonderful drug,” said Corrado Grant, a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, as he described the emotions involved during a firefight. “You don’t feel or think about what you’re going to do [you rely on] instinct and what you learned.” Grant, who was called to war in May 2002, said that he joined the Marines for the challenge and travel opportunities.

Overcoming the grief involved with losing a fellow soldier was one of the toughest challenges the soldiers were faced with. Rose Gonzalez, a sergeant



Jon Lawson, one of the panelists, is a medic for the U.S. Army Reserves.

in the U.S. Army Reserves, described the death of a soldier she knew as one “I will never forget [since] he was family man who was always taking care of others.” She found his memory particularly difficult to forget, because he died saving his fellow soldier from being hit by a Humvee.

But despite the frightening war stories and tales of sorrow, the veterans also had their share of pleasant moments during their experience in Iraq. “I wondered if I was in the right place,” said Grant. “When we arrived, there were kids everywhere showing their appreciation and cheering you on.”

“I didn’t expect to see how many kids would come out to meet and greet us and sell us things like birds,” said Gonzalez. “I got to interact with a lot of kids and men [who] seemed to be nice people that had their own careers and businesses. The women didn’t talk much but they smiled a lot, and the kids just wanted to play soccer.”

For the panelists, interacting with the people of Iraq was not just limited to training prison guards and treating

prisoners. Gonzalez described her most exhilarating experience in Iraq as witnessing the joy on the faces of a young married couple after “a group of women in my unit got together and raised money to buy baby supplies and a heater for the [impoverished] couple working on the base.”

The war experience was not always easy to bear for the soldiers, however. The panelists described their days as being long and arduous as they worked under exhausting heat, with no air conditioning to relieve them. Lawson said he “treated 20 to 50 patients a day for various illnesses and injuries, [usually] for dehydration.”

The panelists described their living conditions as being particularly hard to endure. “We slept on the ground [and] constantly moved,” said Grant. “The food was mostly from rations, so after a week you would rather go hungry.” Towards the end of his stay in Iraq, salvation from the limited selection of food rations came when local dishes became available.

After the moderator presented her

questions to the panelists, the audience was given the opportunity to have the panelists address theirs. To the disappointment of many students the questions could not have a political connotation, since the panelists were not allowed to discuss the politics of the war while in uniform.

Despite this factor, the audience was curious to question the panelists on a number of issues, such as how the war has changed them and the things they missed the most. “The forum was educational,” said freshmen Andrea Gallego, “it gave people insight on what the war was really like and encourages you to take part in society by going out to vote [since] our fellow peers sacrificed so much for our nation.”

President of the Veteran Student Organization, Lissette A. Linan, said that the club “plans on hosting a number of different lectures and forums in the future that will be aimed towards educating the Stony Brook community on the affairs of student veterans, and also to promote the lives of veterans on campus by coordinating community service events.”

Emphasizing the Traditions at Stony Brook

By KRISTIE SCHLAURAFF
Statesman Staff

"Sit back and learn something new about pride and tradition at Stony Brook University," exclaimed Marissa Tachtenberg, Undergraduate Student Co-Chair, as she and Mira Kinariwala, undergraduate assistant to the dean of students welcomed guests to the Student-Faculty-Staff Pre-Retreat Ceremony last Monday.

The ceremony took place in the warm, vibrant room just next to the SAC food court, which, during the ceremony, was officially dedicated as the "Traditions Lounge." The lounge showcases various photos and awards from some of Stony Brook's traditions, and is a space designed to "make students aware and celebrate the traditions for students and with students," said Associate Dean of Students Ronnie Paschkes.

Since the student-faculty-staff retreat started in 1985, it has become an annual tradition, and so the ceremony provided the ideal setting for the dedication of Traditions Lounge.

"The retreat...enabled us to focus on specific suggestions...to rally together and set a tone for the other students," said Norm Prusslin, assistant director of Student Activities and director of student media, while

giving a historical overview.

Frederick Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, recalled his first tour of the campus: "The grass [in Kelly Quad] was so high we'd probably be better calling it bulrushes. It was decorated by refrigerators...and that was the high point of the tour."

Preston, who is responsible for the year of community themes and the development of the retreat, reflected on how much Stony Brook has changed over the years. It's hard to believe that the University, a campus now known for its outstanding academics, campus, and community atmosphere, was once only noted for "the political activism of the students, the academic reputation, and the unbelievably bad physical plan," Preston said.

"The retreat," he continued, "very well mirrors the evolving of the campus." A tradition that started out as a problem-oriented discussion that tended to put teachers in the hot seat is now more of a forum for ideas, Preston explained. This year's theme for the retreat is "Who Are We? Who We Are! SB Pride and Tradition."

"History is a very important part of the campus. Trying to understand where we are and where we're going," said Jerrold Stein, dean of students. "While our institution is a young one, a lot has happened to make us proud."



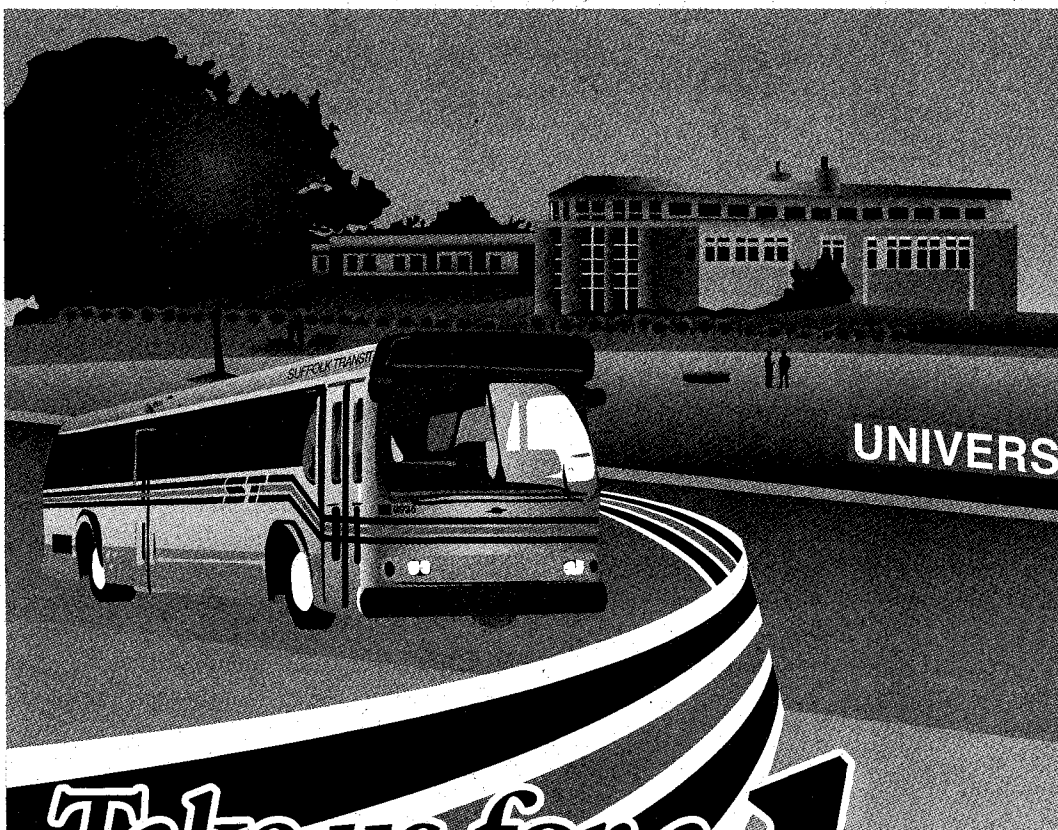
From Left to Right- Norman Prusslin, Director of Media; Mark Aronoff, Deputy Provost; and Jerrold Stein, Dean of Students.

Many student organizations have approached those working on the lounge to ask if they could display photos and awards from events such as the Roth Regatta. "When we run out of wall space in the Traditions Lounge, there's plenty of wall space in this building," answered Stein.

"One sign of a neat place is people don't really want to leave it,"

said Preston before the unveiling of a "Community Traditions" plaque in appreciation for his "unyielding dedication to the development of our community," according to the plaque.

"I'm really humbled," he said. Dr. Preston, "I think this is the first time I've ever seen my name on a wall since elementary school, and that wasn't for a good reason," he laughed.



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Emphasizing the Traditions at Stony Brook ³

By MIRANDA MAN-WA CHUNG
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"Domestic Violence is more prevalent than you think it is," said Dr. Ajmal, a panelist at "Behind the Scenes: From Home to Hospital," giving one of many seminars held by the American Medical Student Association to let the public know that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

During the week of Oct. 4 through 8, domestic violence facts flew thru the air like bullets. From "Cultural Aspects of Domestic Violence," by Dr. Monahan; "Violence Against Children," by Dr. Quinn; "Behind the Scenes: From Home to Hospital"; and "Simulated Patient Interview" by Dr. Garra to "Intimate Partner Violence" by Briana Hofer, audiences in the HSC were given the opportunity to learn more about the nature and prevalence of domestic violence.

During "Behind the Scenes: From Home to Hospital," the panelists placed an emphasis on how physicians play such an important role in the numerous discoveries of abuse among both women and men of various cultures. This shows how a difference of up-bringing for doctors affects every decision they make.

"We instill it in our residents," said Dr. Schiavone, one of the panelists, so they will pass on their knowledge to the 1st and 2nd-year medical students in the School of Medicine at the HSC. Although physicians have uncovered many cases of abuse, anyone in general should still be aware of what looks like and is considered domestic violence, she explained. Domestic Violence is a pattern of controlling and coercive behavior that can involve physical, sexual, economic, emotional and psychological abuse. It

affects people who are married, divorced, living together, dating or in a gay or lesbian relationship, and it involves people from all social, economic, racial, religious and ethnic groups.

Domestic violence is a serious crime that often results in serious injury and even death, according to the panelists. One out of two women is a victim of domestic abuse. In the United States, battering is the major cause of injury to women aged 14-45, causing more injuries than auto accidents, muggings and rapes combined. One-fifth of reported domestic violence assaults involved the use of a weapon. One-half of reported domestic violence assaults result in serious bodily injury. In addition, almost 25 percent of pregnant women seeking prenatal care have been battered during pregnancy. Women are significantly more likely than men to be killed by an intimate partner. Of all female victims of homicide in the U.S., 30 percent are killed by husbands or boyfriends, a total of almost 1,400 women each year. In contrast, four percent of men are killed by intimate partners. This is regardless of socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, age, education, employment status, physical ableness, martial status or childhood history.

Batterers use emotional, psychological, economic and physical abuse as a way of controlling their intimate partners. Abuse is not caused by stress, anger or alcohol/other drug involvement. Many people find it difficult to understand why men batter. So, when batterers say that they "lost their temper," "had a bad day at work," or were "drunk and out of control," these explanations are often accepted by others. But battering has much more to do with an individual's attitudes and beliefs about how men and women should relate in intimate relationships than it has to do with the common excuses given by batterers. In

general, batterers believe that they have a right to enforce their will on their female partners. It is this belief, coupled with society's tolerance of domestic violence, which is at the root of domestic violence according to the panelists.

The majority of men who batter their female partners are also abusive to their children. Between 50 and 70 percent of men who abuse their female partners also physically abuse their children. The abuse of children is generally less severe than the abuse of the female partner.

Children from families in which there is adult domestic violence often suffer negative consequences, even if they are not the direct targets of abuse. Children who witness their mothers being abused by their fathers often exhibit health problems, sleeping difficulties, anxiety, acting out behavior and feelings of guilt, fear and powerlessness. They are at high risk for alcohol and drug use, teen pregnancy, homelessness and suicide. Research suggests that there is an increased risk for boys who grow up in homes in which there is domestic violence to perpetrate domestic violence in their adult intimate relationships. Despite popular belief, girls who grow up in these families are not at increased risk for being victimized as adults because of their childhood history.

Remember, no one deserves to be abused. You have a right to be safe. No one has the right to abuse you. You are not to blame. Advocacy is always available, and all you need to do is take the initiative. No one can help you, if you don't help yourself. Take charge of your life and be proactive. You make life what you want it to be, not what others want your life to be.

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Commentary

Our Man Stewart

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Last week, in an appearance on CNN's *Crossfire*, John Stewart did the unthinkable: he told the truth. Yes, ladies and gentleman, John Stewart stood up, looked the anchors right in the eyes and said, "Stop hurting America."

Upon hearing this, I stood up in my living room, laughed loudly and applauded with joy. Finally, somebody got up and told it like it is. He went on to call them "partisan hacks" and to alert the nation that what they watch on "news" channels has as much truthful debate as pro-wrestling takes skill. We've all heard Ralph Nader say it, and Bill Maher says it constantly, but both have lost legitimacy with the populace. We take what they say with a grain of salt. John Stewart is an objectively brilliant man who manages to inform

his viewers of the political world in a way that no cable news station can.

The anchors could do nothing but try to exchange quips, and even tried to confront Stewart on his reputation as a journalist. Our man, Stewart, shot it back in their faces, saying, "You're on CNN. The show that leads into me is puppets making crank phone calls. You guys are on CNN! What's wrong with you?" Go John!

Carlson and Begala were basically stunned, possibly a first for aggressive "debate-show" hosts. They know that Stewart is right, and there is no rebuttal that the two could make that would dilute the truth. It's about time somebody got up there and called them on their bluff. They are "partisan hacks," nothing more, and to pretend that they're not is dishonest. After this incident, I have a newfound and deep respect for John Stewart, and I hope you do as well.

Open Letter

What's the Deal with the Library Hours?

Dear Administration,

Hello again to those of you who know and remember me from last year as an undergraduate student and an executive member of the Undergraduate Student Government. Hello also to those of you whom I have not yet met. I am writing to you to gain an understanding and/or to bring something to your attention. After the most fulfilling year of my educational career last year, I decided to continue my education here at Stony Brook, as a Dental Student. As an undergraduate student leader I believed that it was my duty to bring my concerns and my fellow students concerns to the proper authorities.

My concern, once again, is the library hours of operation, but more generally just a quiet place to study: somewhere a student can count on being open and available to meet in study groups or study alone. Currently, the Main Library (Melville) closes, by closes I mean locks its doors, at Midnight on the dot. Which means at 11:45 p.m. the lights are flashed, turned off, and library staff walks around the library informing students of the time, and proceed to give the "evil eye" to those students who are just finishing up one last thing before they leave. My question is **why?** Where is the love, the support, the understanding, the encouragement and motivation that this, or any university, should be giving its students. These students who SBU proclaims to be "the best and the brightest" are not given these fundamental necessities to achieve what only the "best and brightest" can accomplish. Well please tell me how closing the library, kicking students out, rudely in my opinion, fosters an enjoyable and effective learning experience? Isn't that what the library, the university, the administration is trying to accomplish?

I have discussed this same issue less than 2 years ago; the solution that was proposed and implemented was extended hours during finals week and the construction of two bathrooms in what was supposed to become a 24-hour commuter lounge. Which I can vouch is defi-

nately not 24 hours or in anyway conducive to learning. It is loud and busy. What do you expect when you put 50 angry students into a room, after they were just rudely shoved out of a comfortable studying environment?

Nevertheless, my point is that a university of this size, stature, prestige and accomplishment should have and needs to have a 24-hour library, at a minimum open until 2 a.m. Students do not need a fully staffed library after 11 p.m., just the space to study. A quick search of other comparable universities' library hours of operations shows:

SUNY Binghamton: Sunday-Thursday, until 2am

SUNY Albany: Sunday-Thursday, until 1am

SUNY Buffalo - Monday-Thursday, open 24 Hours

This is Stony Brook University; we are the pride of the SUNY system. We should be ashamed of this. This should not be going on, the university is not fulfilling its role because it is not providing adequate study areas for its students. What will it take for you to realize that the goals that this university has set for itself cannot be reached without providing the basic needs for its students? You must understand that you are hindering Stony Brook students' potentials. Is it a surprise that students go home on the weekends? It is not like they can go to the library and study.

I know this is not an easy quick fix for the university. It is, however, a must. This situation must be handled quickly and effectively. There are many students at the library at 11:00 p.m., even 11:30 p.m. Do you know how many? Do you realize what is going on right under your noses?

With loving concern,

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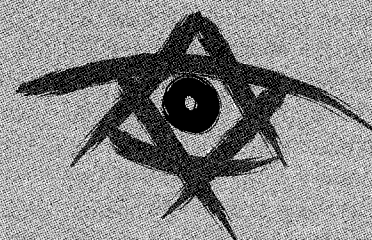
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6 Markovic Scores 100th Win, Makes SBU History

By MELISSA MESEROLE
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The ability to win, but most of all the desire to win, is what brought men's soccer coach Cesar Markovic to a 100th career victory on October 3rd, 2004. Having taken over the head coach position in the Fall of 2003, Markovic is already making strides as the most winning coach in men's soccer history at Stony Brook.

Markovic previously coached at St. Peter's College and Hunter College, where he received coach of the year twice, and made it into Hunter College's hall of fame. Along with his many accomplishments as a coach, he was a gifted player as well. He was a two-time all-conference selection and the men's soccer team's leading scorer as a defender at his alma-mater, Hunter College.

Markovic also participated in professional soccer. "Playing pro was a great experience for me," he said. "I got to travel and meet a lot of people who helped me understand different coaching styles and the different personalities of the players."

After graduating from Hunter College, Markovic started his coaching career at Hunter, then moved on to St. Peter's, and finally arrived at Stony Brook. "My biggest transition was going from a small private college to a university," he said. "The guys here have been great in my transition as head coach. They have done everything I have asked them to and they have been my biggest supporters."

Players agree that Markovic's relationship with the team fosters an atmosphere suited for well-played soccer. "He has a passion for the game; what I care about is what he cares about," said John Moschella, SBU men's soccer goalkeeper. "This drove me to him when I was deciding which college to go to."

Coming up to Markovic's 100th career victory, the players on the team felt no pressure at all from Markovic, they explained, and he treated that important game just like any other. "He said to focus on the game, don't think about the 100th win," said Anthony Barbiero, one of the players. "[He told us to] just think about each minute, play hard, know your role and don't be nervous."

Markovic's 100th career victory came from a win over UMBC. "UMBC was a good team, and afterwards I stopped and thought about the game and then it sank in as my 100th win," he said. "I then started to think back to my first ever win and how it felt just the same as it did now." The Stony Brook athletic department gave Markovic an award presentation after the game, along with the game ball.

Markovic lets the players be players. He let's them do what they wanted to do on the field, and then dictates to them what they should improve on or what they did well on. "He makes me want to work hard at every practice and makes us feel comfortable in our playing," said Jose Sura, another one of the players. "His 100th win was just icing on the cake, and the team celebrated by dumping buckets of water on him after the game."

For the future of men's soccer here at Stony Brook, Markovic would love to see his team win leagues every year and make appearances in the NCAA tournament. "Once you get there, you always want to go back," said Markovic, who has made it to the tournament in his previous roles as coach at other colleges.

Stony Brook, which came in last place in the league last year, was in second place earlier in the season this year. "We have as good a chance as anyone to win," Markovic said. "We just have to prepare ourselves mentally and physically at every practice."



Coach Cesar Markovic grabbed his hundredth victory of the season against UMBC earlier this month.

Driving While Impaired, the SADD Story

By MANSOOR KHAN
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Students had a chance to find out how it feels to "walk the line" yesterday during campus lifetime. Donning special goggles that impair vision and simulate how one feels after drinking four 12 oz. beers, students took their best shot at walking a straight line. Their arms flailed in the air and some almost fell over, each foot stumbling helplessly over the other.

"Everything leads up to the field solidarity test," said Officer Philip Morales of the University Police Department. Morales was in the SAC Plaza along with other officers representing the UPD, which took part in a presentation co-hosted by Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Commuter Student Association.

"The purpose of [the event] was to give students a taste of what it may be like," said Michael Prodromou,

president of SADD, referring to the experience of getting pulled over while impaired by drugs or alcohol. "They all have an idea what it's like, but no one really knows how the steel on your wrists feels or how it feels to walk the line drunk while having an officer interrogate you like that."

Officer Morales and Officer Allen LaPage simulated an incident along with Prodromou and Isaac, a member of the audience, to illustrate what exactly happens when someone gets pulled over while driving impaired. With lights and sirens blaring from their Chevy Malibu police car, the two officers walked over to Prodromou and Isaac, who took the role of the inebriated driver and passenger of the car.

Without much hesitation, Isaac, acting as the driver, was quickly examined to see if he was impaired, asked to walk the line, and then arrested. Prodromou, who acted as the drunken friend making one bad

decision after another, was also handcuffed and shoved into the back of the police car.

"I hope they get something out of this," Prodromou said. "I hope they realize it gets real real, real fast. You don't want something like this on your record."

Heather Kugelmass, vice president of SADD, stressed that the new legal drinking limit is .08, and that students need to know this to avoid driving while impaired.

The limit of .08 translates to roughly four drinks (one drink includes a 12 oz. beer; a 5 oz. glass of wine; 1.5 oz. of 80-proof liquor; or a 12 oz. wine cooler) for a 170-pound male or three drinks for a 140-pound female.

"That really doesn't sound like all that much alcohol," said a student who only wished to be referred to by the name Robert. "Four beers does not get me drunk, and I can usually drive after that."

For people like Robert, Officer Morales has a response. "There are certain people who can *drink*," he said. "They'll run the line, do the alphabet backwards, but as soon as you give them the test, you got 'em." Morales was referring to one of the involuntary muscle tests that officers use to determine whether an individual is impaired. Suspects are asked to follow a pen moving side to side with their eyes.

At the extremes of pupil movement, officers may notice a muscle twitch that is indicative of poor coordination, a sign of inebriation.

One of the important issues that the Morales, Prodromou and Kugelmass insist on, however, is that students understand that driving while impaired does not always mean driving while drunk.

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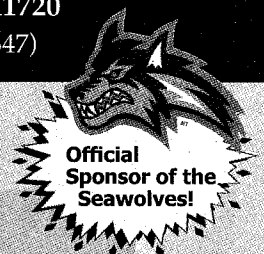
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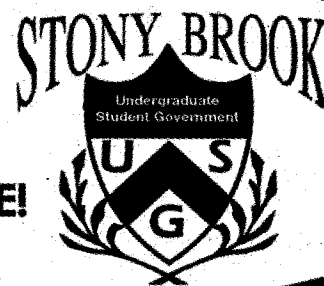
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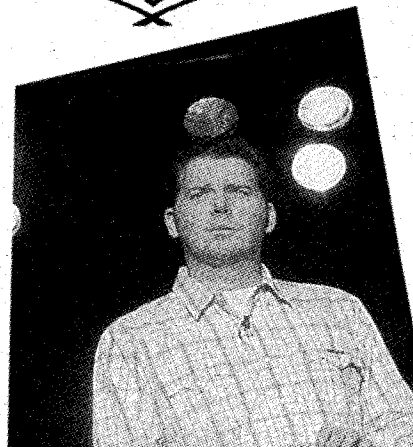
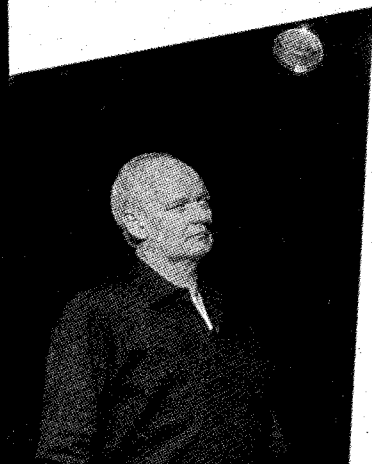


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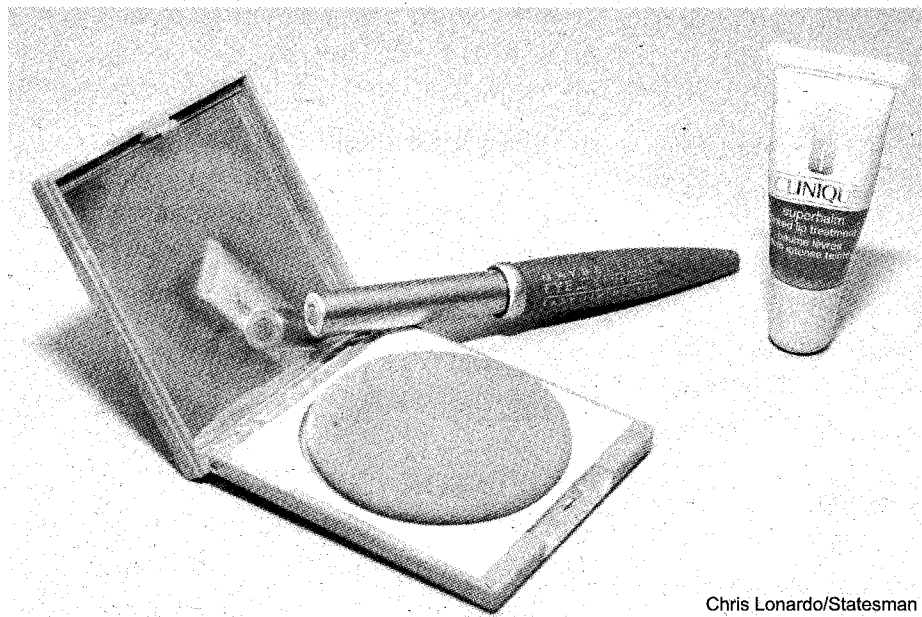
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To Buy or Not to Buy...



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Cosmetics like the ones above are no different if they are name brand or not. All that matters are ingredients.

By JESSICA LANDRESS
Statesman Staff

I am commonly asked the question, "What are the differences between the products I find in the drug store versus the products I find at the department store?"

The truth is, there are very few products that offer a substantial difference. That difference is often the price that they are sold at mostly depending on the packaging and environment they are sold in. Of course there are exceptions to every rule, yet those we will discuss at the end of this article.

Upon entering the local drug store, a typical student is bombarded with all of the makeup, hair products and skin care imaginable. A trip to pick up a bottle of face wash seems to turn into a thirty-minute research project, and if you do not read every single label and compare every single price tag, you are sure to fail.

Yet what is it about these products that make them so much more affordable than what we see in department stores, or featured in beauty magazines? The answer is mere advertisement. Too often, you pay for the name of the product rather than the ingredients, a mistake that is sure to eventually burn some holes in those seven jeans pockets of yours.

When you are picking any product, be sure to read the ingredients found on the side of the package. For skin care, you first need to assess your type of skin. There are four categories: dry, normal, oily and sensitive. Dry skin feels tight, and normally produces flakes on the surface. Oily

skin gets a shiny look to it by midday, and sensitive skin is usually red or irritated, especially after using certain products.

Once you have determined the type of skin you have, pick ingredients that are right for you. Dry skin benefits from vitamin E, shea butter, cocoa butter and more. Oily skin does well with oatmeal, benzyl peroxide and other ingredients which are acne fighting. Sensitive skin needs products that are fragrance free and do not contain any harsh ingredients.

Once you have established that a product has the right ingredients, the price of that product does not really affect how well it works. An oil-fighting acne wash from *Loreal's* skin care line, *Plentitude*, is the exact same thing as *Lancome's* Face Gel. In fact, *Lancome* owns *Loreal*, and both products are made the same way with the same ingredients. The difference is that *Lancome* costs about thirty dollars more and is packaged in a black and gold piece of artwork, while *Loreal* is in a paper white box.

There are some products that are worth the cost, however. Many find that the TV Infomercial product, *Pro-Active*, works wonders on their skin. Exclusive department stores sell a product called *Kiehls*, which is made with all natural ingredients, and at specialty skin care boutiques you are sure to find some unique products that are worth the money.

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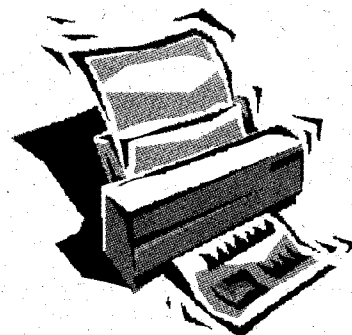
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5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Octoberfest
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8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Play: Romeo and Juliet
Fannie Brice Theater

8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Graduate Student Organization Tango Dance Lessons
Stony Brook Union Ballroom

October 22, Friday

6 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Binghamton
LaValle Stadium

7 p.m.
COCA Movie: Anchorman
Union Auditorium

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Play: Romeo and Juliet
Fannie Brice Theater

October 23, Saturday

Men's Swimming & Diving vs. Providence
4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Albany
6 p.m.
Sports Complex

Seawolves Football vs. Albany
7 p.m.
LaValle Stadium

COCA Movie: Anchorman
8 p.m.
Union Auditorium

11 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Latin American Student Organization Copa Cabana Party
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October 24, Sunday

6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Special Olympics
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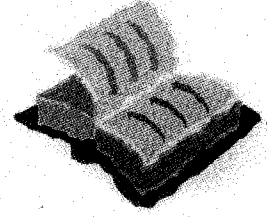
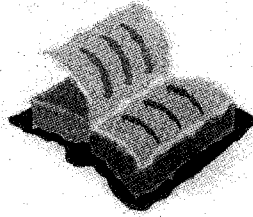
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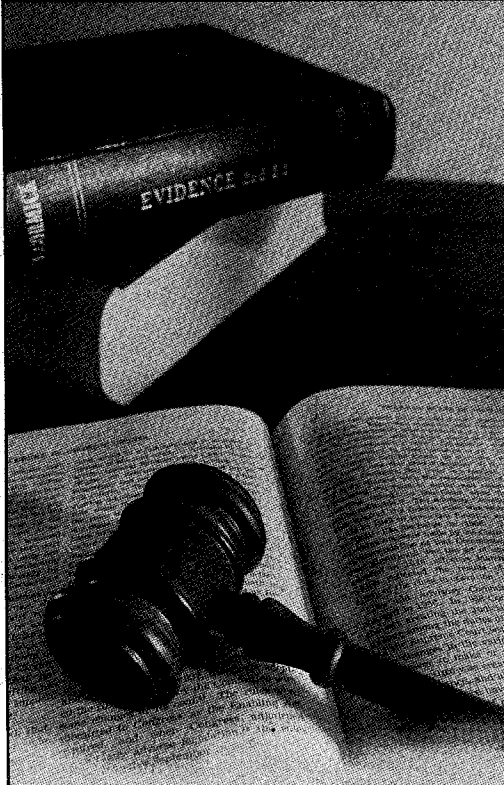
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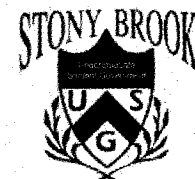
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Statesman SPORTS

Seawolves and Wildcats Fight to A 0-0 Tie

Missed Chances Haunt Seawolves

By ROHIT DAS
Statesman Editor

Entering Wednesday's evening game against the University of New Hampshire's Wildcats, the men's Seawolves' soccer team had lost two straight games, and are at a low point of their season. They have fallen to fifth in the New York region, and are looking to right the wrongs of recent lackluster performances.

The Wildcats are undefeated in the conference thus far this season, and are undoubtedly one of the Seawolves' toughest opponents this season. In a very hard fought game, the Seawolves and Wildcats battled to a 0-0 tie. The tie leaves the Seawolves at 2-2-2 in the conference, 8-4-2 overall, and the Wildcats at 3-0-3 in the conference, 4-3-6 overall.

Coming off two consecutive losses was definitely something lingering in the minds of the Seawolves, and they looked at tonight's game as a chance to reassert the dominance they showed in the beginning of the season. "We were a tired team during those last two games," said Head Coach Cesar Markovic. "We had a couple of days off coming into this game, and we looked a lot more energized and ready to play."

Both the Wildcats and Seawolves showed their defensive strengths, as both goalkeepers had relatively quiet nights. Both goalkeepers came up with only six saves over 80 minutes of play.

Nevertheless, Stony Brook had plenty of chances to win the game Wednesday night. Their best chance came at approximately the 16:00 mark of the second quarter, as Seawolves forward Chris Megaloudis raced down the sideline, and put a clean pass right in front of the Wildcats net. Unfortunately, the Seawolves were outnumbered and the Wildcat's defense came up big, knocking the potential gamebreaker out of bounds.

The Wildcats only major chance of the game came at the 3:16 mark of the first overtime session, as a loose ball was fired towards the Seawolves net, only to be smacked away by goalkeeper Brian Tepfer.

The Seawolves had numerous chances in both overtime sessions, but could not come up with that last play to finally put the ball in the net. Senior Jose Scura in particular used his speed several times to get past the Wildcat defense, but his passes seemed to always end up on the foots on Wildcats, not Seawolves. "We broke through several times, but it was just one of those unlucky days," said Markovic. "The bounces weren't going our way - we're still trying to find that rhythm to get us back to scoring goals."

Senior Mike Salvador was the defensive stalwart for the Seawolves, constantly redirecting Wildcat rushes towards the Seawolves side of the field. However, Salvador was unhappy with the tie, feeling that the win was within their reach. "It was a hard fought game, and our team played really well," said Salvador. "We missed out on a lot of chances though, and we could have had that win."

The tie doesn't help the Seawolves

in the conference standings, but their hard play against the Wildcats is still a step towards the right direction. The Seawolves will be in Albany this Saturday, as they face off against one of

conference's top teams. Their next home game will be against Maine University on Halloween, October 31st, and will be the second to last home game of the regular season.



Top- Seawolves forward Yahaya Musa (#15) tried to pull a move on a Wildcat defender. Below- Midfield defender Josh Allen (#8) heads a ball away from the Wildcat offensive attack.

Chris Lonardo/Statesman