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Come One, Come All to the Circo Precario *GSEU Protests for Better Salary, Healthcare*

BY MANSOOR KHAN
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Yells of protest filled the air Wednesday as members of the Graduate Student Employees Union marched through main campus to President Shirley Strum Kenny's office in the administration building. In an effort to bring about awareness and push for change, dozens of graduate students chanted phrases such as "good health-care is our right, fight fight fight" and "student power."

The protest march was part of the "Circo Precario," a mock-carnival organized by the GSEU to shed light on what they deem an absurd situation for graduate students. Advocating for increased salaries and health care coverage, members of the GSEU held performances and contests to illustrate their plight.

"We're trying to demonstrate how ridiculous the situation is," said Hernan Pruden, the business agent for Stony Brook's GSEU. "Our salary is \$11,000 and we pay \$7,000 for rent. That's over 60 percent of our salary. That's ridiculous."

Members of the GSEU dressed in suits, donned top hats and blew on cigars, posing as rich fat cats of the administration unconcerned with the problems facing their "sweat-shop" graduate student workers. They yelled sarcastic remarks such as "Isn't terrible synonymous with poor?" and "What's outrageous? Living wages!"

"We're trying to put things out to undergraduates," said Krista Sajber, a member of the GSEU and a teaching assistant in the Philosophy graduate program. "We are their TAs. We are the people who teach their classes."

Pruden believes that the protest will promote awareness and send a message to the administration that graduate students "won't take it anymore." He also hopes that students will take the opportunity to sign the GSEU petition advocating for change.

In the meantime, the GSEU used the protest as a comedic and entertaining way to get their point across. Passers by were handed packets of Ramen Noodles with a label reading "The best food a TA can buy" on them. One of the featured contests was an eating competition called "Who can eat more than a starving TA,"



illustrating the lack of resources left in graduate student budgets to afford food.

A proverbial race (to complete a dissertation) between the tortoise, Stony Brook TAs, and the hare, Ivy League TAs, was held to accentuate the drastic difference between pay and living conditions for the graduate student employees at the two types of schools. Acting very bourgeoisie, the Ivy League "hare," complete with money hanging out of his pockets, remained unhindered and speedy, while the Stony Brook TA was bogged down with assignments and health care costs.

Sajber described the situation of the Stony Brook TA as a difficult one. After paying rent, utilities, food costs and other necessary expenses, TAs are left with only 97 cents per day, she said. The GSEU proposes the minimum salary for TAs should be \$18,347, in order to live reasonably, contrasted with the roughly \$11,000 that they are paid now.

"A lot of us have to take out loans or just eat very cheaply," said Karen Burke, a Ph.D. student in philosophy who serves as a graduate assistant. "The Ramen noodles are not really a joke."



Members of the GSEU protested in the Administration building, calling for reform. Contestants tried to outdo the starving TA, famished from eating nothing but Ramen Noodles, in a donut eating contest.
Photos by Mansoor Khan/Statesman

Forging a Path for Weekend Life

Committee Discusses Ways to Get Students to Stay

By INUR MAMOOR
Statesman Contributor

During the school week, Stony Brook University's campus is bustling with students going to class, visiting the SAC or hanging out by Javits. But when Friday rolls around, not only do the commuters disappear but so do many residents.

This is a growing concern for the faculty and staff at Stony Brook. In an effort to address this concern, the "Weekend Life Committee" was formed by the administration.

"President Kenny saw a need to enhance campus pride," said Dean of Students Jerrold Stein, the committee chair. In June of this year, the committee had its first meeting, and met thereafter on a biweekly basis to discuss ways of enhancing student life and weekend life. The 20 members of the committee were broken down into subcommittees, each discussing a specific area of interest, such as programming or communication.

"This committee is a plan to better respond to the needs of students," Stein said. This is the first attempt, on this large a scale, by the university to try to keep students on campus during the weekends.

The committee's efforts have already produced progress, Stein said. The start of this academic year saw an increase in student participation in events, and with the help of the Student Activities Board, clubs have been working together to have cohesive themes for their activities.

One problem facing many students was the lack of communication about events. The committee confronted this issue with a new online events calendar.

This two week calendar can be found at the Stony Brook University home page. In addition, fliers have been posted all around campus, publicizing events. Because of these efforts, Stein said, student participation has been recorded at record highs for all types of events. The COCA movies, shown on weekends at the Student Union, topped out at an average of 600 students per show this semester.

The Committee wants to appeal to a diverse audience, so different organizations have been working together to bridge the gap between the large number of cultural clubs and everyday events that appeal to the entire campus community. According to Stein, having more diverse events will appeal to a larger group.

"All the commuters I know don't stay on campus," said sophomore Meghan Murray, a commuter. "They go to class and then home. Some even go home between classes." This attitude towards campus life is why so many commuters are reluctant to come back on campus, especially on weekends, she said.

Residents like Chrystal Landry, also a sophomore, stays occasionally on weekends, but only for academic reasons. "If I am on campus, I'm studying with a group of friends," she said.

New dining options have been created as a way to cater to residents who do stay back. The Kelly Coffee House is bustling with students, even during its new weekend hours. It offers students a place to go, drink coffee and hang out. Jasmine, a new Asian Cuisine dining center located in the Wang center, is expected to open Oct. 20th. These dining options offer residents who cannot get off campus an appealing place to eat on the weekends.

The committee still must find a way to deal with

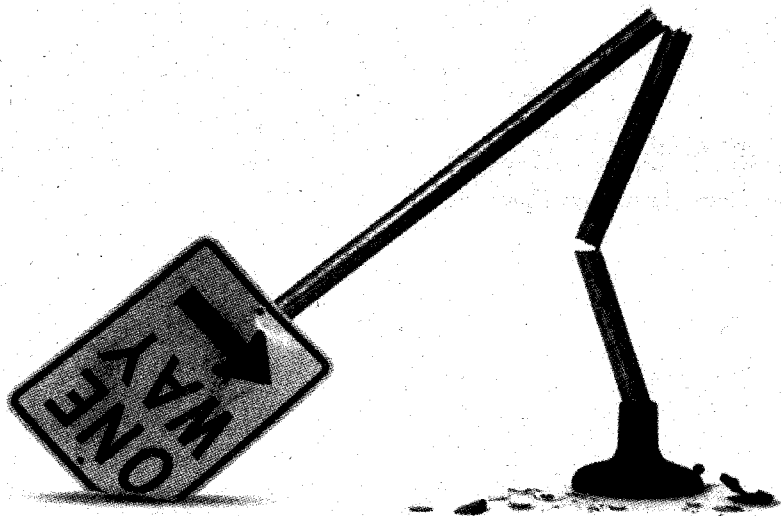


Jerrold Stein, Dean of Students, is the chair of the Weekend Life Committee

long weekends, as far as campus life goes. Three-day weekends are an invitation to all residents to go home, Stein said. Many of these students live close enough to go home for the weekends, but those who live too far usually take time out on the weekends to catch up

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The Science Club of Long Island

Educating the Masses about Science

By WIDAAD ZAMAN
Statesman Editor

"Quantum Chromodynamics describes the forces and interactions of quarks and gauge bosons, called gluons, in hadrons." Like most of you, this definition is beyond my capacity to comprehend or even see past the words – that is assuming that I can even pronounce the words. In fact, when it comes to science, there isn't much that a non-science major, per say, could relate or even make of such definitions. But until now, there has never been a widespread effort by Stony Brook University to educate the general public on the minutiae of hard core scientific knowledge.

"People in general are very illiterate in science," said Oleg Dei, founder and science director of the Science Club of Long Island, one of few organizations around the country that endeavors to educate those not necessarily part of the science field, who may possess an interest for science. "The club was originally founded for science enthusiasts," Dei said. "Our goal is to bring science to the general community."

Formerly an accountant, Dei and his wife Joy, director of programming for the club, began their work at the Patchogue Library, but have since relocated to the Melville Library at Stony Brook in an attempt to provide a forum through which scientific knowledge could be disseminated free of charge, and where students can benefit from the expertise of leading scientific researchers right here at their own university.

"Most of the lectures we have are done by Stony Brook professors, who are experts in their fields,"

Dei said. In addition, the club has hosted numerous connoisseurs from Brookhaven National Lab, Cold Spring Harbor Lab, General Technical Services and NASA. Their lectures cover a wide array of topics in science, "anywhere from biology to chemistry to physics," and tend to focus particularly on the issues affecting society, Dei said.

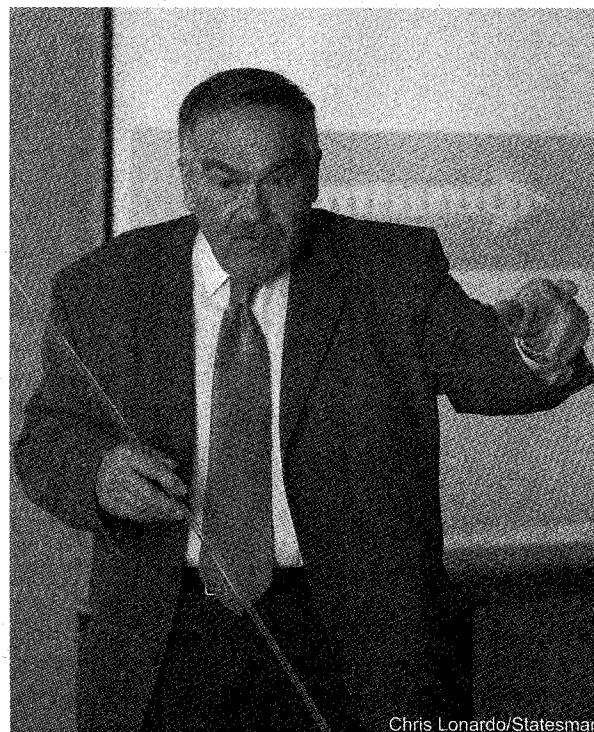
Citing the variety of interesting lectures covered by the club, Dean Everhart, Ph.D., board member of the Science Club, noted that although "most people don't know it, herbs actually operate through the placebo effect." This, as well as various other lectures on topics such as the expanding universe, the physiology of space travel, dinosaurs of Madagascar, and the next transit of Venus, embodies the primary goal of the club to educate the public in areas beyond their grasp.

"So many great discoveries are made that are not filtered through to the general public," Dei said. "[These lectures provide] a capsulized version of what the field is about that may encourage some to pursue that field."

Currently, the lectures attract mostly Stony Brook professors and staff, many of whom are already well-versed in the various sciences. Dei and his wife, however, see countless benefits for students, and hope to increase the number of students via a variety of means, including collaborating with professors to possibly give course credits for attendance.

"Someone not sure if they want to major in a particular field [can get] an overview of what the field is like," Dei said. "[Students] get a hands-on view of what the anthropology field, per say, is about, how the field develops, and new findings [in that field]."

Additionally, the club plans to expand its focus



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Dr. Richard Hahn lectured on solar neutrinos as part of the Science Club of Long Island's lecture series.

to the less popular areas of scientific research, such as psychology and sociology, especially considering their dominance at Stony Brook. Yet, despite its concentration on the hard sciences and the lack of students, the reception from the audience has been overwhelming, with as much as 70 people attending

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Commentary

Molding the Ideal President

A Standard to Expect and Live By

BY LAURA POSITANO
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Imagine if you could design the ideal president. Forget about the moral implications and the scientific implausibility. He (all presidents have been male thus far) would be well versed in both domestic and foreign policy. A sensitive man, he would be unafraid to show compassion to opinions and cultures that were not his own. This utopian vision of a president would have traditional masculine traits of rationality, courage and ambition.

Yet he would not become obsessed with the concept of looking macho in front of other nations. This perfect president would lead by the example of integrity. He would perceive the United Nations, organized in the twentieth century to settle conflicts between nation-states, as a friend. He would use diplomacy in as many situations as possible. Resorting to war, especially in a time when nuclear and biological weapons exist, as last resort.

Terrorism, a complex, horrible strategy employed by those who hate Americans, would be investigated. This ideal president would meet with American political, economic, and religious leaders to come to an understanding of why terrorism exists. Realizing the cause of the terrorists' grievance, besides envy or hatred, would lead to a better, more successful war on terror. This utopian president would know that terror is a concept, a desperate method to be stopped, but not a nation-state.

Democracy and simple reforms that benefit workers can coexist, he would reason. Rights of working Americans-universal health care funded by taxes, a minimum wage that can actually support a worker and their family and workplace safety measures-would result. *A healthier worker is a happier worker* would be one of his credos. Gays would not have to fear amendments to the Constitution limiting their freedoms.

He would allow for progress in technology and the economy, while respecting the environment. Tax cuts would not exist in times of war, allowing

enough money for war expenditures. When war ceases, tax cuts would be geared to the middle class on down. Businesses that promise not to move their company overseas and keep their jobs right here will be given a nice tax cut.

Education would be a priority of this idealist president. He would make sure there was enough money for children to be tested for disabilities that impair equal educational access. Mainstreaming, when possible, would work better when more attention is paid to appropriate services for the student. Competent, caring teachers, both mainstream and special education especially, would be paid accordingly. Good schools would be proven to be good not by test scores-since different socioeconomic factors influence test results. Instead, the number of students going on to college or trade school will show how successful the school was.

The ideal president knows that even with a sensible economic and foreign policy plan, a polluted environment renders his reforms less enjoyable. After working at a utopian workplace, the future American would like to run outside with their children. Yet the air is too dirty to breathe in, and the trees are all gone. Stars cannot be seen at night with a sky of smog, over areas once so unpolluted that constellations could be spotted.

This great president refuses to deny his grandchildren the ability to admire the stars, or simply to breathe freely. He encourages alternative energy sources. He passes strict legislation against polluting companies. Conservation of trees and land is one of the many environmentally sound policies he becomes proud of. The air is clean to breathe once again. Stars are no longer hidden by smog.

Who will most resemble this ideal president? Who will stop trying to please conservatives? Who will stop trying to pander to liberals? Bush has some characteristics found within this great leader. So does Kerry. Politicians, conservative and liberal, live to please. Maybe when they start doing what is right, regardless of how it plays with the team they are on, they will lead.

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at times.

"I find these lectures a good way to pursue my scientific interests outside the classroom," said Trina Kokalis, night manager of the Melville Library. "[These are the people] who are actually doing the research, which makes it extremely interesting."

For the organizers, not only are they quenching their own thirst for scientific education, they have also succeeded in providing the medium through which science enthusiasts not part of the science field, such as Kokalis, can profit without facing the burdens of expense and the pressures of classroom learning.

"The lectures have kept me busy, as well as I gain the beneficial knowledge from each of them," Joy said. "But most of all, it gives me great satisfaction to know that I organized this and to see so many people coming."

Upcoming lectures include the "Gap between Genetics and Paleontology" on Oct. 19, "Detection of Gravity Waves" on Nov. 9, and "Oncoproteins and Cancer" on Nov. 23. All lectures are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Javits room, on the second floor of the Melville Library. For more information on lectures and activities of the Science Club of Long Island, go to www.sciencecluboflongisland.com, or call (631) 421-1523.

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Welcoming Students to Food, Shows, and Leisure

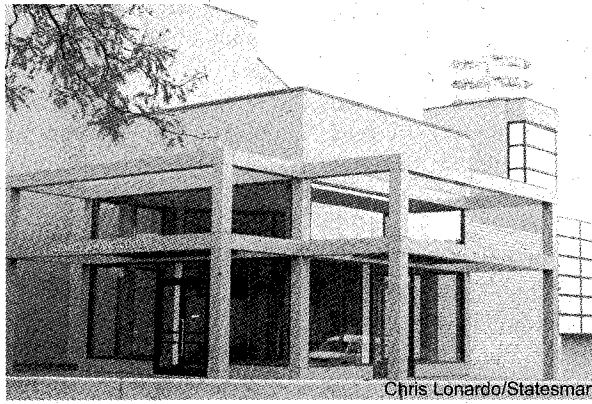
By KRISTIE A. SCHLAURAFF
Statesman Contributor

On October 22, 2002 the Charles B. Wang Center was presented to Stony Brook University. Filled with natural elements like fountains and leafy bamboo plants, the Charles B. Wang Center is one of the most serene places on campus. However, the Center is more than just a peaceful place to study. Many activities go on there that students should know about.

"Charles B. Wang is an amazing, wealthy, philanthropic man," said Sunita Mukhi, Director of Asian and Asian American Programs at the Center. Wang, educated at Queens College, wanted to give something back to the country that has done so much for him. Apart from the Charles B. Wang Center, he has donated a health community center in China Town and sponsored a number of charities such as "Smile Train," which is an organization that helps children who are born with clefts.

Charles B. Wang wanted to give Stony Brook University a building that would have a modern Asian background. "He also wanted a space where different kinds of people can exchange ideas and create something new," said Sunita. Architect P.H. Twan came up with the perfect design that fit all of Wang's desires for the new Center. With lunar zodiac head fountains, an outdoor pond complete with fish and vegetation, and stunning sculptures, the Wang Center is a beautifully crafted environment that brings the outdoors in to you.

Though there are no academic classes given in



The Wang Center is open for all types of events this semester and even has upcoming food court called Jasmine.

the Wang Center, there is a plethora of other activities that go on there. "We do a lot of programming with academic departments," said Sunita, "a lot of academic departments have their programs here" as well.

Some upcoming events at the Wang Center include a Japanese Animation Film Series, Latif Bolat performing on the Turkish long-necked lute and a Theatrical Performance by Lushin Dubey.

Sunita said that she would love to do more programming with the medical program, the other cultural programs and especially with the students. "I want [the Wang Center] to be a buzzing, vibrant, exciting place where one can celebrate multiculturalism," Sunita exclaimed. "We have a clear mission statement, so that we can have more multifaceted,

intellectually sound and humane understanding of Asian American cultures and their relationship to other cultures."

One of the major projects in progress right now is the new restaurant "Jasmine." "Jasmine," which is expected to open on October 20th of this year, will provide students with a variety of Asian foods including Indian, Thai, Chinese, Japanese Grill, and Sushi. Café Spice, a reputable restaurant based in New York City, will be managing the new restaurant that will accept student meal cards.

With fountains, gardens, cushy leather chairs, and a wonderfully relaxed and culturally enriching environment, the Wang Center is a place for students to relax during their free time. "[Student's should know] that we're here and that they should come to all the programs," Sunita said. "Thus far my programs are free."

Students should also remember that "the Center is for them to use and appreciate, even to sit around and enjoy the atmosphere," Sunita explained. "It's a very full experience."

Whether you want to study, discuss or just meander while deep in thought, the Charles B. Wang Center is the perfect place. One of the more exotic buildings on campus, it provides a diverse and soothing environment where every student can have an enriching experience. Take a trip to the Wang Center and experience a bit of Asia on campus.

For more information about the Charles B. Wang Center and upcoming events students can go to <http://www.stonybrook.edu/wang>.

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Wall Street and Law Day at SBU

By NEHA MULTANI
Statesman Contributor

Imagine people with professional attires, suitcases in their hands, most of them in their late twenties to late fifties, all heading toward the SAC. Yes, these professionals were once students of Stony Brook, returning last Wednesday for Law/Wall Street Day. The event took place in two separate ballrooms in the SAC, one for law professionals and the other for business professionals working for firms like J.P. Morgan and Citigroup. Stony Brook students had the opportunity to discuss with alumni career choices as well as options for law and business degrees. Some students even came prepared with resumes in hopes of applying for jobs and internships.

Students walked to various numbered tables in each ballroom, conversing with alumni about their career choices, listening to them share experiences about working in the business world and handling legal issues.

Many alumni working in law firms graduated from Stony Brook with degrees in psychology, political science or economics. Jerry Canada, a 1994 Stony Brook graduate in psychology and now a seven-year associate in the New York City office of Kenyon & Kenyon, works in patent litigation matters. "My degree in psychology along with the leadership position as vice president in USG helped me deal with people," Canada said. "I learned how to manage and influence people. These skills are not only transferable to the law profession but many other professions out there."

Robert Shapiro, a member of the Shapiro Firm, LLP, has a legal clinic

set up in the SAC, which operates from 4 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday. "We deal with very broad issues like motor/vehicle accidents, divorce issues where students might want to know what their rights are and what lawyer to seek, paternity/adoption, academic dishonesty, and business issues where students want to set up some sort of business on campus, etc," Shapiro said.

Most of the alumni were surprised at the new look of Stony Brook. "There is no more mud," said Howard S. Richman, who graduated in 1973 from Stony Brook with a Bachelor's degree in psychology, and now has law offices in mid-town Manhattan and Englewood Cliffs, NJ. "Most buildings didn't even exist, and I didn't recognize a single building except Earth and Space Sciences until I came into SAC."

When asked how they felt coming back to Stony Brook, most of the alumni expressed a very positive attitude, and appeared enthusiastic about giving students advice.

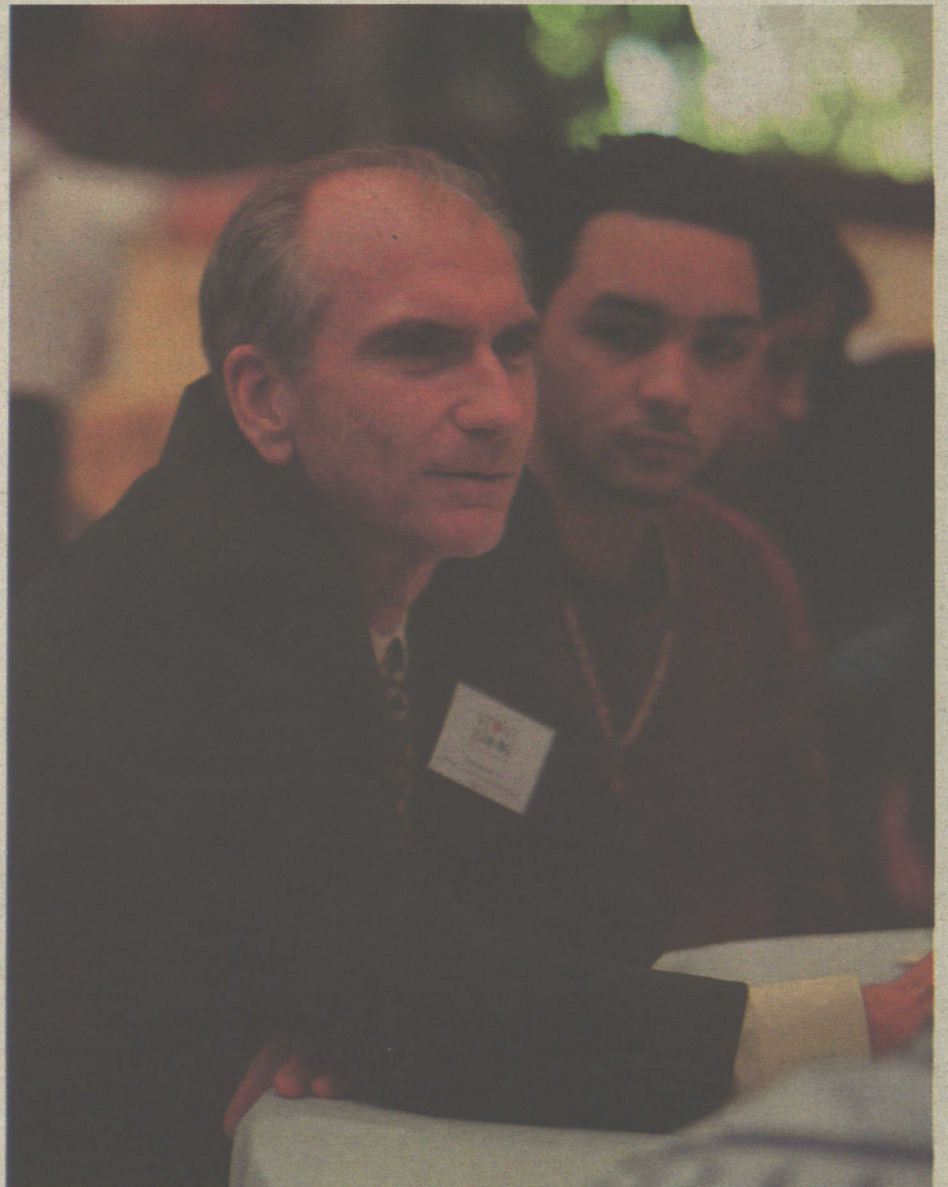
"This program of Law/Wallstreet Day started in 2000, a year before I graduated," said David Valetk who graduated from Stony Brook in 2001 with a degree in economics and political science, and is now a partner in First Allied Mortgage. "We are here to give them advice and sooner or later they will have to face realities of the business world. Not every school offers this program and it is very important [that] you get [the] right advice at the right time."

Students had mixed responses about the event. "I wish it could have been more organized by putting a time limit on people so everyone gets a chance to talk to these professionals," said graduate student Abhishek Datta, who

nevertheless thought the event was informative and helpful. "There were about 14 to 15 tables and I was able to go to only two of them," Datta said.

J.P. Morgan funded Wall Street Day, while Kenyon and Kenyon and the Alumni Association funded Law Day.

"The alumni serve as a resource and they make themselves available," said Jane Macarthur from the College of Arts and Sciences, who organized the event. "I hope that the students have their eyes open to many opportunities out there and the career paths through this event."



Above- Stony Brook students interacted with business and legal leaders in their professions, aiming to glean a bit of knowledge and get their foot in the door.

The Muslim Community at Stony Brook University ⁷

By MARWA ABDALLA
Statesman Contributor

In most universities across America, each religion has its own chapel. For the Muslims, this organization is called the Muslim Students Association (MSA). The MSA at Stony Brook University claims to be one of the most active in New York, hosting a wide array of events from weekly Friday prayers and lectures about Islam to the upcoming Fast-A-Thon for Ramadan and Eid celebrations.

"[The MSA is a] second home... since most [Muslim] students are either international students or commuters," said Ahmed Mousa, president of Stony Brook's MSA. "[It] helps [Muslim] students stay on the right track both spiritually and educationally, and builds up a very strong brotherhood and sisterhood."

One of the main objectives of the MSA is to disseminate knowledge about Islam to Muslims as well as non-Muslims on campus and the surrounding community. Stony Brook's MSA achieves this through its monthly newsletter, *The Minaret*; free, independent, non-credit Arabic classes; and study circles. Sister Sanaa Nadim, chaplain of the MSA, holds regular Wednesday meetings with students during campus lifetime.

From these events, some Muslim students have found a plethora of benefits.

"[The] MSA helped me develop my own identity," said Haroon Naderi, vice president of the MSA. "Self definition is very important; I didn't allow myself to conform to any particular society's view of me. My identity's foundation is Islam. MSA

provided the environment for me to start up this new identity, which was a very radical change."

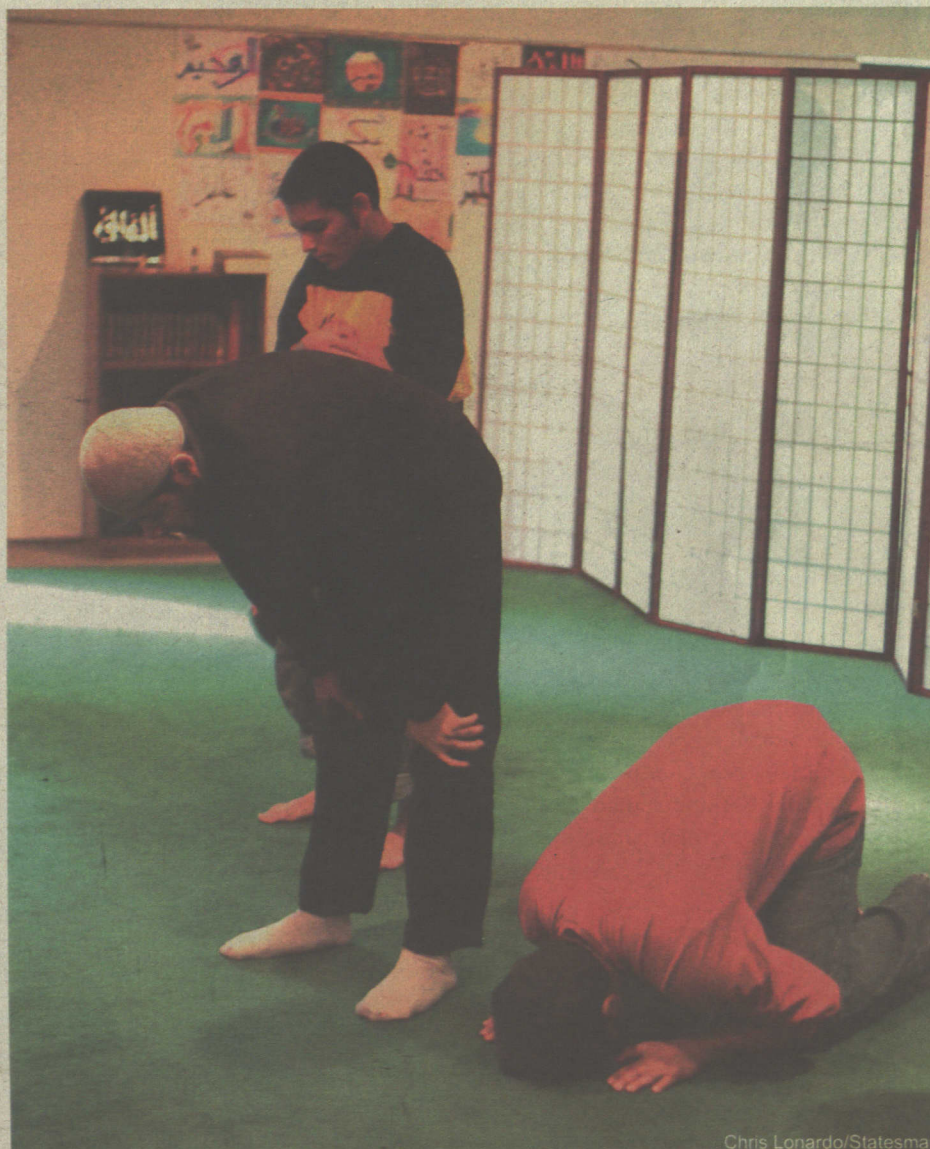
Stony Brook's MSA also hosts events geared specifically towards female Muslims. "Sisterhood in Islam is a beautiful aspect," said Rubina Madni, women's representative of the MSA. Their events include women's-only lectures and study circles, "secret sister" gift exchanges on Eid, henna nights, and women's-only volleyball and racquetball games.

"Muslim women share close bonds with one another," Madni said. "The fact that we are females who follow the examples set forth by our beloved Prophet, peace be upon him, unifies us and helps us to see beyond each other's physical markings such as race or ethnic/national origins. Sisterhood at the Stony Brook MSA is like a mosaic of sisters from a large array of nationalities and backgrounds. With every new sister that comes around and hangs out with us, our mosaic gets larger and more intricate."

For many Muslims, it has been a great boon to be in a community where people understand and support each other.

"I'm from the south and I even have a southern drawl for crying out loud," said Lamya Karim, active member of the MSA. "Even though I had lots of Muslims from every ethnic background in the communities that I grew up, the number was not nearly as large as the amount of Muslims we have here in New York. So my exposure to all of these people has been a great experience and a blessing within itself."

The 12-year-old MSA at Stony Brook is located on the second floor of the Student Union in rooms 247,



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Muslims use the MSA prayer room, shown above, to pray between classes.

248, 271, and 272. The bathrooms opposite the MSA prayer room are both equipped with Wudu' stations, where Muslims can cleanse themselves before praying.

To learn more about the MSA

at Stony Brook University, its activities, events and facilities, go to www.stonybrookmsa.com, visit the "sisters' corner" at www.ic.sunysb.edu/Clubs/msasis, or e-mail us at msa@ic.sunysb.edu.

Donating Blood: Students Work to Make a Difference

By JENNY WANG
Statesman Staff

Of a room filled with a hundred people, ninety will need a blood transfusion at some point in their life. According to the National Blood Data Resource Center, U.S. hospitals transfused close to 14 million units of whole blood and red blood cells to 4.9 million patients in 2001; averaging almost 38,000 units of blood needed a day.

In response to this need, the Stony Brook University Student Blood Drive Committee held a blood drive last Monday and Tuesday in the Student Activities Center Ballroom B from 11AM to 8PM. For the past seven years the New York Metro Blood Drive Service has named Stony Brook University as the winning institution for donating the most blood among colleges and universities in the area.

This need for blood is driven not only by technological advancements in medicine, allowing patients who would have died earlier to now live (and therefore need more blood transfusions than if they had died), but also new knowledge and the basic understandings of illnesses and pathogens in blood have led to more exclusions in those who can



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donate. These exclusions have, as Carl E. Hanes, Advisor to the SBU Student Blood Drive Committee put it, "cumulatively affected those who can donate" and therefore as "the need for blood is growing, the pool of those who can donate is shrinking."

Due to the new guidelines put in place, less people are eligible to donate, but those ineligible to give blood can still help. They can help the Student Blood Drive Committee hand out fliers and put up posters, pass out orange juice and cookies to those

who have donated, or help fill out the paperwork. "For any student that wants to volunteer, we would love to have them come," Hanes said.

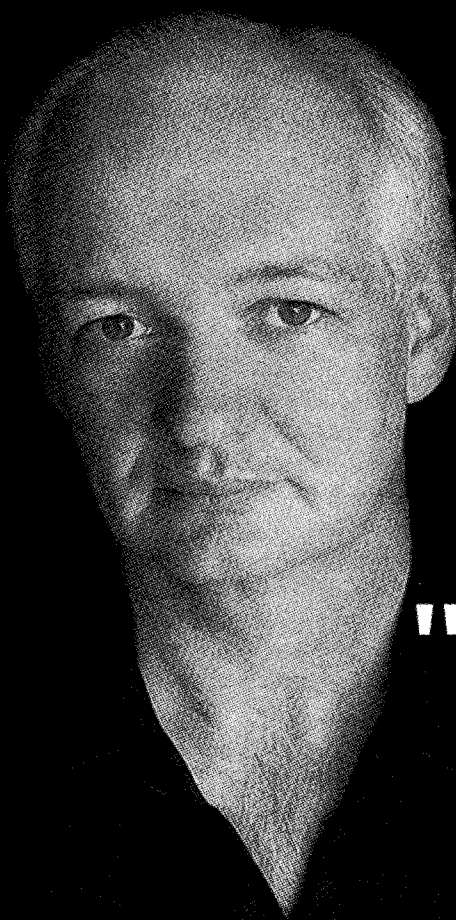
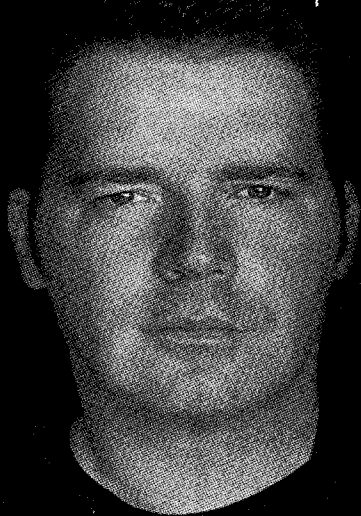
Former secretary and current treasurer of the Student Blood Drive Committee, junior Ruth Andre, joined the group second semester of her freshman year because she decided to help out. "I like to give back to my community. I just wanted to get involved," she said.

Morgan, the daughter of former Stony Brook University employee Rod Zuck, is one such example of those who are now living beyond the point previous medicine could have allowed. Morgan came down with leukemia when she was two years old. In the early stages of treatment, she needed three pints of blood daily. As Hanes points out, she is not alone.

It is for people like Morgan that students like Sophomore Hilda DeJesus donate blood on a regular basis. "You save up to five lives with a pint of blood, that's what's up," Hilda said. That's her motivation for donating blood.

The Student Blood Drive Committee will also be holding residence hall blood drives later on this year, in November and next semester. More information will be posted as the blood drives draws closer.

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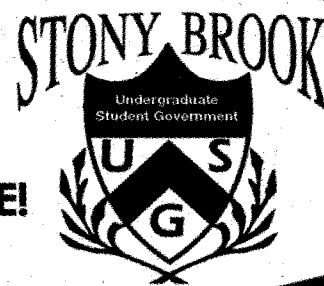


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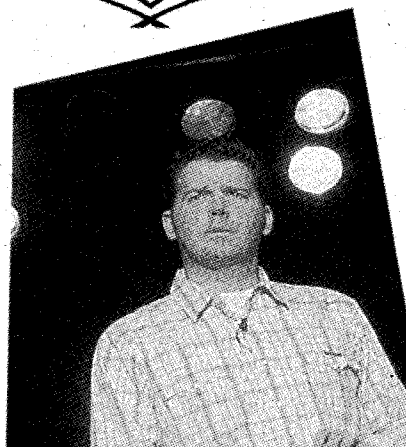
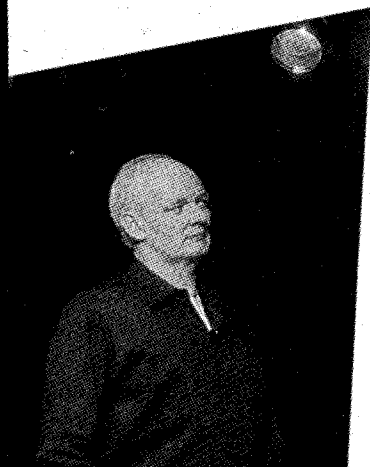


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A Little Bit of Halloween Fashion

By JESSICA LANDRESS
Statesman Staff

Fall is in the air, and hopefully your closets by now...the leaves are turning, the mornings and nights are cold, and we begin yet another semester at Stony Brook University. I've given you the tips on how to look great while in class, out on the weekends, and for those nights out on the town...but what about the one day this fall when all fashion rules come to a halt, and the mismatched animals within us are called to come out?

Halloween, which seems to remain a popular holiday among many college students, can be a ton of fun. Even though we are getting older, and supposedly more mature, who says that dressing up is just for kids?

There are many options for a Halloween costume that do not involve fairy wings and a white sheet. These days there are costumes that give us the option to be anything we want to be, without switching our major.

For the ladies, Halloween can be a great time to dress a little risqué, and still maintain your class. For the men, you can have those boxers hanging out over your pants and be covered head to toe in dirt, without anyone turning their heads. The more you think about it, Halloween is like meditation for a fashion conscience mind!

A few ideas for do-it-yourself costumes are as follows:

1) Be an animal – Use face paints to create the whiskers of a cat,

the spots of a cheetah, or the makeup of Marilyn Monroe. Get together with your friends and do each other's make up. This is a fun way to get the holiday started. When finished, wear a monochrome outfit that correlates with the character you are going to be. For example, if you were to be a black cat,

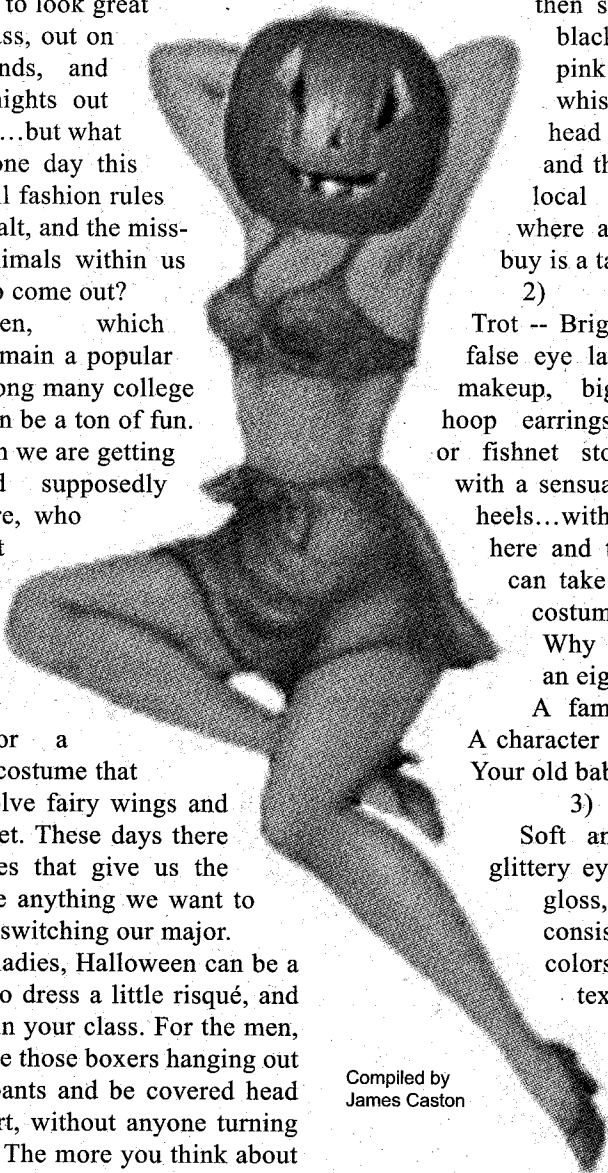
then spray your hair black, draw on a pink nose and black whiskers, dress in head to toe in black, and then head to the local costume store where all you have to buy is a tail!

2) Be Hot to Trot -- Bright red lipstick, false eye lashes, a ton of makeup, big hair, large hoop earrings, tight pants or fishnet stockings paired with a sensual top and high heels...with a few tweaks here and there this look can take you from one costume to the next. Why not represent an eighties teenager? A famous celebrity? A character from a movie? Your old baby-sitter?

3) Angelic -- Soft and wavy hair, glittery eye makeup, lip-gloss, and an outfit consisting of pastel colors and soft fluffy textures. This can be an angel, a fairy or anything innocent.

These are just some suggestions that have seemed to work well in the past, but anything you can think of will look great for Halloween. Be creative, have fun, be careful and look amazing on yet another fall day.

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SBU Weekend Life

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schoolwork or study. The committee wants to get students to use this time to participate in campus life.

Many events have had a positive response. The white water rafting trip earlier this semester sold out and Homecoming showed a record number of students attending. Football games have also showed an increased attendance this semester. The most recent game against Hofstra packed the stadium with thousands of Stony

Brook fans.

"In the first month," Stein said, "110 activities were planned, 30 of those on the weekend." The wellness center is also extending its hours to accommodate residents who decide to stay the weekend. Residents who stay on campus during the weekend to study will also have access to more research facilities, like the Melville Library.

"We just started this past summer," Stein said, "so we have a lot of work to do." But the committee seems to have gotten off on the right foot.



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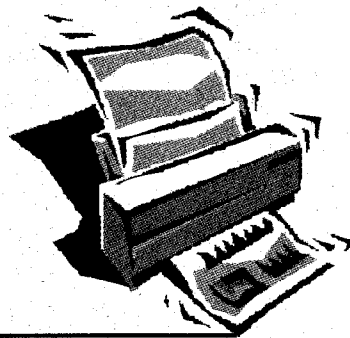
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The Med School Experience

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Gross Anatomy Through the Eyes of a Cadaver

By FRANKLIN CHIAO
Statesman Contributor

Welcome to the med school experience. Not too long ago, I was a pre-med who was working hard and curious about science. My studies required a lot of time and late night study groups; I was always curious to learn more about the medical school experience and how the physicians of tomorrow are initiated into this world. Well, now I am here at Stony Brook Medical School and wanted to share the great experience it is to prepare myself for this wonderful profession with some curious minds. Just a small piece of information that you should know: it will be through the eyes of my cadaver, George.

So, I have been lying here for hours, and they finally opened the bag. This white bag has really been an unpleasant experience and the formaldehyde...it is very odorous. Wait a second, I hear footsteps coming and the light is getting brighter. I overhear lots of conversations and four students are staring at my body. I never thought it would be like this after death, but I guess it is nice that I have donated my body to science. Yes, I had to fill out forms to donate my body to the Health Sciences Center. All of this out of sheer good will and respect for the needs of medical education.

I overhear a few things..."Frank, did you think anatomy lecture would be so long?" Yes, I never imagined medical school would have lectures for anatomy outside of the anatomy lab. It did surprise me, though Dr. A is a very active lecturer, and it will be exciting to see these famous videos all the second years keep mentioning.

"Sue, my legs were not quivering like the neighbor next to me, nor was my stomach growling like the person behind me...I sat effortlessly thinking that this moment would come when I entered the lab, as soon as I stopped thinking, I was there changing clothes in the locker room as an odor swept under my nose and the formaldehyde smell surrounded me like the sun in Greece."

These students are making me tired with all this talk and energy. I wonder if they will be able to find out all my illnesses. They didn't call me I-Robot



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without reason. It will be suspenseful to me because the first year medical students are piecing together my life. All they have is a cause of death, but they don't know anything else about my past history.

"KJ, do you really get frightened that much? I think it's not the right time to look at his face either, but don't worry we do not have to look today. A few months from now, we will be dissecting the face. That is how the schedule works; first we will start with upper back, then chest (thoracic area) and then abdomen"

Wow, they are starting to tickle me and turn me over. I never knew it would be like this. They are not very strong since I am six feet tall and had a high fat diet. Ouch! Someone is poking me with a knife now. It is very cold, and she is rushing into it. Perhaps this lady is a leader going ahead on her mission. It is not uncommon since I hear other cadavers now talking about how the groups are rotating dissectors

and readers. Readers generally look through Grant's Dissector and Netter's for the pictures and descriptions how to cut open the body. These two are the bible of anatomy since all the students have it. Cut, cut, cut, what an interesting thing they have to do. I hope to teach them a lot. The spray of water on top of me is actually quite cooling; I wonder what it is for...I wish they would tell me. And they are putting tight things on my hands and feet, what is this for? I want to ask them...

I am beginning to wonder what time it is. They must have been looking and poking at me for a long time because I am starting to get cold. Oh, wait, they are covering me with a sheet, and zipping the bag. Slowly the sounds disappear and I am able to sleep again...

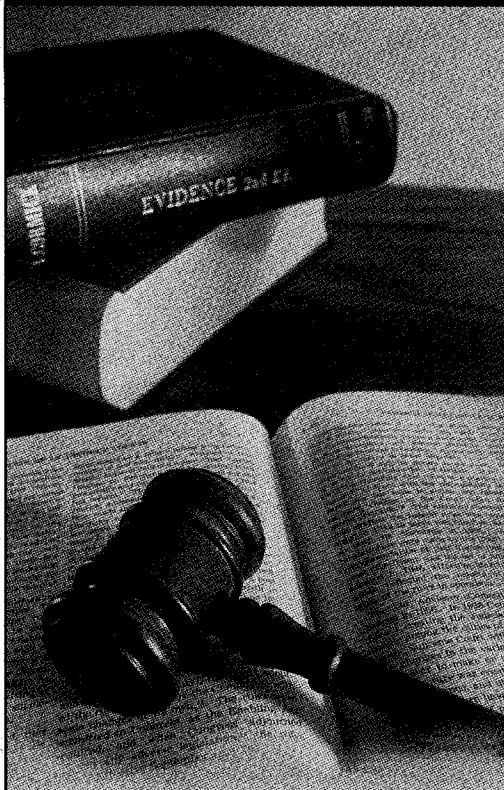
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Statesman SPORTS

Moschella, Megaloudis Gallantly Lead Men's Soccer Against BU

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS
Statesman Staff

On a ball that never should have even been in play, Stony Brook Forward Anthony Barberio slid in the first goal of the afternoon. Barberio was awarded for his hustle, after an attempt to dribble past a Boston University defender resulting in a loose ball in BU's penalty box. BU goalkeeper Chris Comroe, preoccupied with allowing a corner kick, fumbled the ball. At the right moment and time, Barberio was fortunately there to put it in.

BU's gift was greeted with excitement and cheer, but not with the relief that usually accompanies a lucky goal given to an overmatched team. The fact is that SBU had deserved to be winning at the time, whether or not they earned the goal. Standout Seawolves star Chris Megaloudis had several opportunities early in the game, including a lob that went wide left, and a slide shot that missed an empty net. It was a disappointing pair of plays for a deserving Megaloudis looking to put his team ahead. Nonetheless, creative midfield and strong defense had the Seawolves well in control early on.

Goalkeeper John Moschella, portraying the usual sure-handedness and stellar quickness of undersized handlers, preserved SBU's lead for over sixty minutes. BU, benefiting from the true bounces of La Valle Stadium's synthetic playing field, lobbed a series of volleys at SBU's goal. None were good enough to evade the sprawling Moschella. He made 10 saves in total.

The Seawolves started seven of Coach Cesar Markovic's St. Peter's College transfers. When it comes to college sports coaches, it's the recruitment-stupid! More promising than the Seawolves on pace to quadruple their win total from last year is Markovic's ties to the New York soccer youth development camps, which should provide the Seawolves with a steady import of nationally recognized talent.

Barbiero's hustle goal, reflective of his bulldog demeanor and relentless pressure, was enough to keep the Seawolves ahead until the Terriers

tied the score in the 77th minute when Cooper served a long, sweeping indirect kick into the box. Husky center back Erik Evjen headed it past a diving Moschella.

From that point, the Seawolves proved their moxie. In a game they should have won, and looking down the barrel at a disappointing tie, the Seawolves put on the pressure. Gaining a corner kick only four minutes after the equalizer, Zach Norwood sent a cross to the far post where Mark Zajkowski headed it towards the goal, where it found Megaloudis who redirected it past Comroe for the game win. It was a transcendent moment for Megaloudis who grew up playing soccer on the dirt and rock fields of Con Edison in Astoria. He went from walking past a power plant and a poultry processing plant to get to his games, to a multi-million dollar stadium at one of the world's premier research universities.

Megaloudis, one of Markovic's transfers, is a promising reason why the Seawolves should be confident to build a superior soccer program. St.

John's successful program proves that local New York talent can compete at the national level. With strong recruitment of the dearth of international and first-generation talent of the New York cosmopolitan soccer world, it won't be long before the Seawolves

are seriously competing in the NCAA Tournament.

The Seawolves improved to 8-2-1 overall, 2-1-1 conference. The Terriers lost for the first time in the conference to fall to 4-5-1 overall and 2-1-1 conference.



The Terriers' rough play wasn't enough to deprive the Seawolves of their well-deserved 2-1 victory.
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