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University hospital "poisoned her," family says

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Barbara Jean White's death was caused by Stony Brook University Hospital, her family claims. White, who was 42, received a routine liver biopsy last May to determine whether high enzyme levels from a recent blood test were a sign of a more severe problem.

What she got was an unexpected four-day stay, days of unendurable pain, and the worst outcome possible. White died a short time later, and an autopsy report showed that she suffered bile contamination and probable sepsis, which is caused by an infection of the bloodstream.

"They poisoned her," said Mildred White, 65, of Coram, who has filed a notice of claim against the hospital and the doctors who practiced on her daughter, Barbara Jean. "She kept complaining to them. The poor girl was dying, slowly dying for a whole week."

A biopsy involves inserting a needle through the patient's rib cage to excise a piece of liver tissue from the body. After White's biopsy, however, she called relatives and friends to say she was in pain, her mother said. Barbara White explained that doctors told her that the internist who performed the diagnostic procedure actually inserted the needle in the wrong place and punctured her daughter's gallbladder, releasing a stream of bile. Bile is an extremely acidic liquid used to emulsify globules of fat in the digestive tract, and it is usually contained within the gallbladder or stomach lining. Release into the bloodstream, however, bile can be extremely dangerous.

After the biopsy, White's family told investigators that she lay in a hospital bed for 2 1/2 days, and her condition worsened. White's abdomen began to swell, and her family grew wary. They said they

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A closer look at AIDS in India

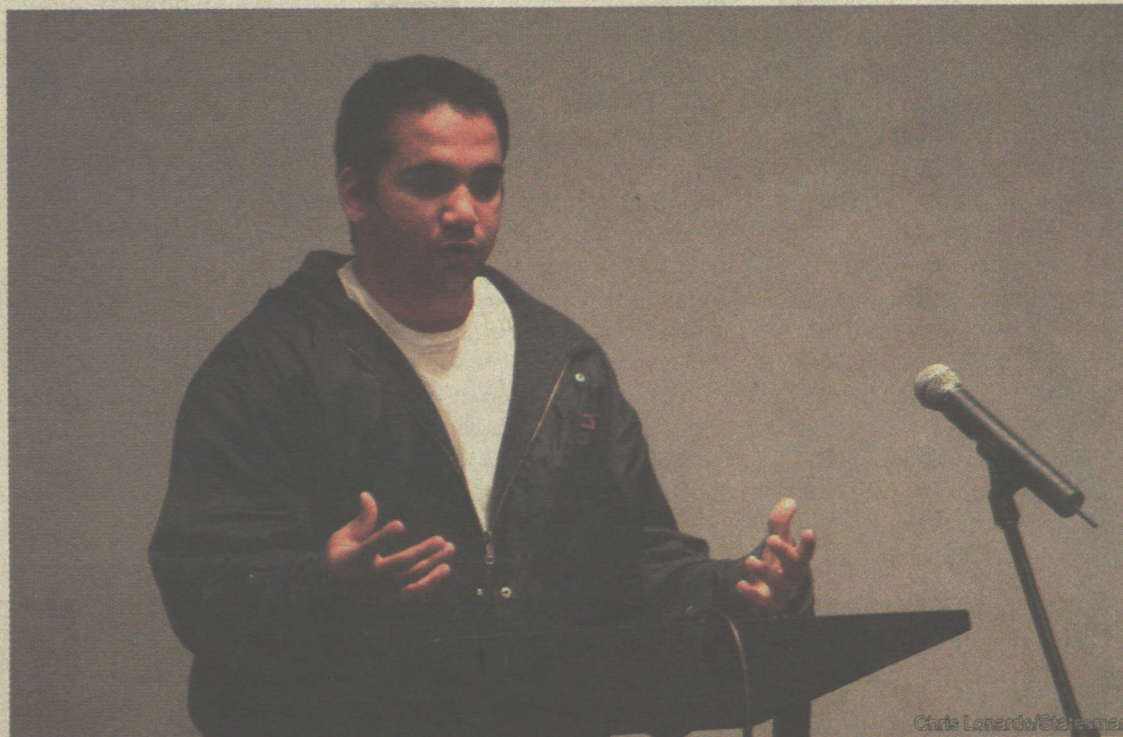
Visions Worldwide discussion at Wang

By RADEYAH HACK
Statesman Senior Staff

With the ever-increasing infection rates of HIV/AIDS worldwide, fighting the pandemic may seem hopeless to many. In the spirit of World AIDS Day, students from Visions Worldwide organized a presentation on HIV/AIDS in India last Thursday, while informing their fellow peers on how to make a difference in battling the epidemic through education and to not give up hope in combating the rising infection rates.

Fighting the apathy associated with the pandemic, particularly in India, was a central theme for the presentation. "What we have to do to fight AIDS is educate ourselves on the social, emotional and personal issues of those living with the virus," said Sameer Khanijo, vice president of Visions.

The presentation included a viewing of clips from the documentary "A Closer Walk" which was intended to "take you [the audience] into the heart of the



Sameer Khanijo, Vice President of Visions Worldwide, discusses his experience during his recent study abroad trip to Bangalore, India

epidemic and show you what it's like [to be infected]," said Emy Kuriakose, a member of Visions.

The film points out that the increasing feminization of AIDS has become a concern for many developing nations, espe-

cially in India. Women who are infected with the virus are considered nonhumans, and deemed worthless in India. They are often blamed for the infection, while the men who infect them refuse to take responsibility.

India's rising infection rates

is also a product of the government's apathy and refusal to acknowledge HIV/AIDS. Kuriakose pointed out that India has the fourth largest pharmaceutical industry in the world,

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Cancer researchers win big grants

By RAMAN VIG
Statesman Staff

With the national rate of breast cancer cases increasing from one in twenty in 1960 to one in eight today, two Stony Brook University researchers have been awarded a combined \$834,080 by the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program for proposed studies relating to early detection of breast cancer.

Luminita Tudorica, Ph.D., 36, received \$427,868 for her study to create better diagnostic tools for breast cancer, while Wei Zhao, Ph.D., 38, received \$406,212 for her proposal to improve detection of subtle breast abnormalities.

"Right now, poor diagnostic equipment leads to unneces-

sary biopsies and complications brought on by them," Tudorica says. "We want to better specificity and sensitivity."

Currently, the MRI is used to detect the presence of breast tumors. According to Tudorica's research proposal, "MRI shows 100% sensitivity and 76% specificity in detection of breast cancer." This means that while an MRI can show the presence of the smallest of breast abnormalities, whether these abnormalities are benign or malignant remains unclear. Tudorica proposes that after adding the two new sequencing techniques of spectroscopy and perfusion, the accuracy of an MRI will jump to 96%.

"I'm helping a lot of women," Tudorica says. "I always wanted

to study the breast, especially with what's going on in Long Island."

Long Island has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in all of New York State. According to the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System's website, "It is projected that 1 in 8 or 9 women in the region will have a breast cancer diagnosis in their lifetime."

The grant, which will be paid over three years, will be used to pay salaries, hospital charges and machine use.

"It is actually a very high amount," Tudorica says. "But what we really need are patients to study."

Before partaking in breast cancer research, Tudorica worked in research related to the brain.

She is responsible for bringing the stroke MRI program, which is the method now used to detect brain damage in stroke victims, to Stony Brook University hospital.

While her breast cancer research has become her main focus, Tudorica still devotes a lot of her time to work with the brain. Currently, Tudorica is also studying "brain imaging in children and adolescents with pervasive development disorder." As a mother of two children, Tudorica admits that working on kids took some getting used to.

"As a mom, it's hard to see what's happening to these kids," Tudorica says. "I feel for all patients. I feel for every patient

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International conference on languages held at SB

Stony Brook University hosts conference on South Asian languages

By S.N. SRIDHAR
Statesman Contributor

South Asia has often been described as a "museum of languages," and for good reason. The region is home to hundreds of languages ranging from learned languages like Sanskrit to tribal languages with thousands of years of history, reflecting vicissitudes of migration, invasion, colonization, and cross-cultural contact. Language is a salient and volatile force in South Asia, blamed for division and disintegration, and yet at the same time is associated with unity and progress. India is the cradle of linguistics and boasts of the richest tradition of linguistic research in the world.

Scholars from over 40 universities around the world gathered at Stony Brook on November 19th and 20th to discuss these languages at the 24th SALA (South Asian Languages Analysis) Conference, organized by the Center of India Studies, Stony Brook University, the Department of Asian

and Asian American Studies, and the Department of Linguistics. The speakers at the conference came from Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Hyderabad, Kuala Lumpur, Lahore, Nijmegen, Oxford, Toronto, York, as well as many universities in the US.

The scope, diversity, and intellectual rigor of South Asian linguistics was apparent in the range of subjects addressed: how South Asian languages confirm or challenge current linguistic theories; how to write grammars of Nepali, Hindi, Bengali, Rajasthani, Kashmiri, Indian English, and other languages; how children acquire Hindi and Tamil; what norms govern the use of honorifics; how the standard language in Bengali, Kannada, etc., are changing, reflecting the rising voices of formerly underprivileged castes; and language policies in British India and post-Independence Pakistan. A number of papers addressed tribal languages, such as Brahui (Dravidian language spoken in Baluchistan) and Bodo (a Tibeto-Burman language).

Two sessions, organized by



L to R, bottom row: S.N. Sridhar, Chair, Asian & AA Studies, E. Annamalai, Director Emeritus, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, India (Plenary Speaker); Ron Asher, University of Edinburgh (Keynote Speaker), Meena Sridhar, Director, Center for India Studies; Sunita Mukhi, Director of the Wang Center.

Professor Kamal K. (Meena) Sridhar, were devoted to a cross-cultural study of the maintenance and prospects of Desi languages

in the Diaspora in UK, USA, Africa, the Caribbean, and in Southeast Asia. Commenting on these sessions, Professor E.

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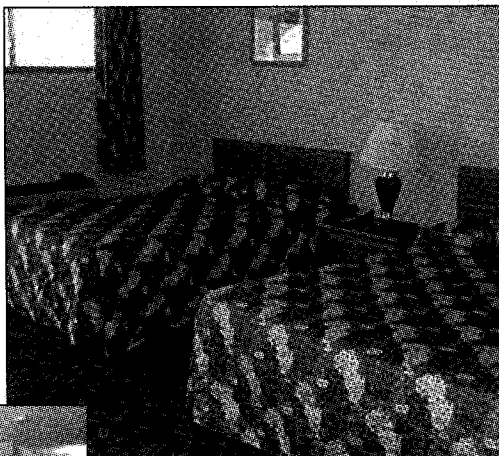
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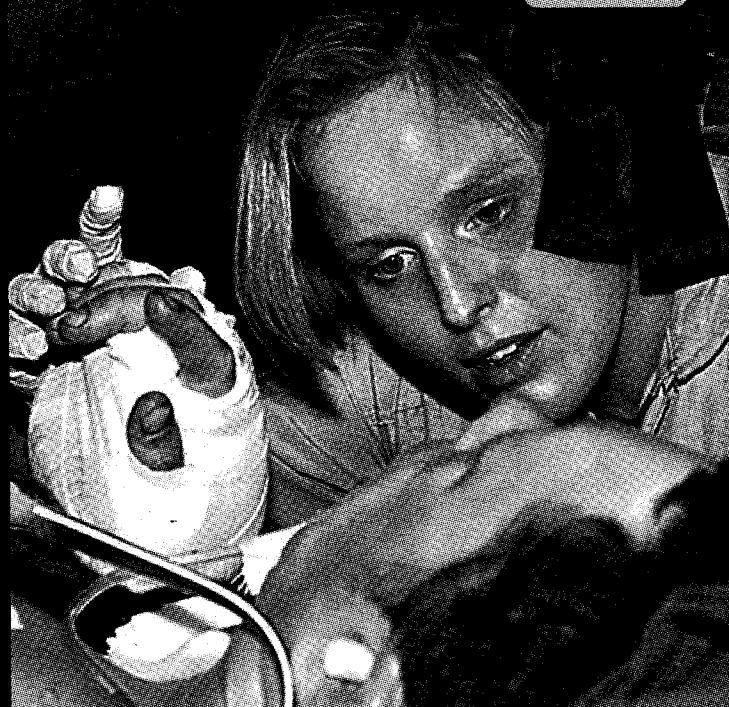


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The skinny on the bus transportation

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By AMANDA RUBENSTEIN
Statesman Editor

Mohammad Malik, a student who has early classes but can never wake up on time, is no stranger to the bus system on Stony Brook's campus.

"The campus is quite large and we get pretty sudden changes in the weather. I view the buses as a lifeline when I need to get somewhere quickly or in bad weather," said Malik, about his experiences with the bus system. Malik has lived in Kelly Quad, which is the farthest residential quad from the academic mall and the center of most bus routes on campus. "I was very satisfied

in the past with the bus service but am thoroughly disappointed so far this semester."

Terence Harrigan, the interim director for transportation and services, receives the brunt of the students' complaints and decides, with his bus advisory group, what to do about the problems that are occurring. "We have been active this past Summer and Fall semester in trying to make the bus service more reliable and timely," he said.

According to Harrigan, there are currently 18 buses on campus that range from 4 to 14 years old. Harrigan is hopeful that there will be two new buses on campus in the middle of the Spring Semester to serve the 900,000 riders who use the bus

service annually. The bus advisory group, which consists of graduate and undergraduate students as well as faculty, has recently finished conducting a survey that estimated the number of students and faculty that rode the buses yearly.

Surveys are the way the bus advisory group gets most of their information. "The service hours on campus are currently determined by the ridership survey information and by customer input into the routing," Harrigan says. "The current routing is now being looked at by the bus advisory group to determine if the campus is being served efficiently by the current routes."

Still, the students claim the

Stony Brook bus service is currently not efficiently serving the campus. When her father came to campus, Hilda DeJesus, a sophomore who's family lives in Brooklyn, told him he could take a North Local Bus to the LIRR station on campus. On a Saturday afternoon, her father waited at the Roth Quad bus stop for an hour before a bus picked him up to go to the train. "My father didn't miss his train," said DeJesus, "but it's very easy to see how someone could."

There are seven different bus routes on campus, each running between two or three buses at any given time, according to

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I see."

After studying in the University of Bucharest, in Romania, where she earned her PhD in physics, Tudorica came to Stony Brook University to be with her now-ex-husband and completed her PhD in chemistry. While, she does enjoy research, Tudorica says her true love is teaching. "I always really loved teaching. I taught high school physics in Romania," Tudorica says. "My mom was a teacher. I got it from her."

Another Stony Brook University researcher, Wei Zhao, also was a recipient

of a grant from the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program for her proposed study on ways to improve digital x-ray mammography.

Zhao states in her research that "The best method of detecting early stage breast cancer is x-ray mammography." She refers to it as "the gold standard of abnormality detection," and says, "We want to improve detectors and make images better."

Currently, the newest detectors provide images that are two times better than old detectors. However the current regular dose of radiation, which Zhao feels is too high, is maintained. "We would like to lower the dose of radiation given and still maintain

that image improvement," Zhao says.

According to Zhao's research proposal, "Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed malignancy in American women and the second leading cause of cancer death."

Zhao has been working with mammography and digital detection for 12 years. After earning her degree in Biomedical Engineering from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, Zhao then attained both her Masters in Science and PhD in Medical Biophysics from the University of Toronto.

Zhao's other projects in mammography include an National Institutes of Health sponsored study on a different type of

detector imaging in which she is attempting to create a three-dimensional image to better detect breast abnormalities and lesions.

In addition to her research, Zhao also teaches students at Stony Brook University's Health Science Center as the instructor of BME 530: Medical Image Formation. While she enjoys teaching and finds the student interaction exciting, Zhao remains devoted to her research.

"We don't know the causes of breast cancer," Zhao says. "The only effective means of reducing mortality for breast cancer is early detection and early treatment."

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Open Letter

The impeachment details

Jared Wong said that his actions are not impeachable and that people only get impeached for things such as "receiving oral sex in the oval office and murder," amongst other things.

What Jared Wong does not realize is that not complying with the constitution to carry out his duties is negligence, defined as "Failure to exercise the degree of care considered reasonable under the circumstances, resulting in an unintended injury to another party." The students that expect to have their concerns heard in a court (but can not because only three of seven justices to hear a case is unfair to students) of law have suffered.

Jared has made things worse for himself by illegally appointing a vice president (his roommate and assistant) without consulting the Executive Council or the president pro tempore of the Senate (both USG constitutional violations). Jared has defied the United States constitution, which explicitly states that charges of impeachment carry precedent over anything else; he did this by directing his illegally appointed vice president (who also chairs the meeting) to mishandle the agenda, moving his own impeachment case to a later time in the agenda. The chair of the senate, since he was not legally appointed, was running an illegal meeting and furthermore prevented the case to be brought forth.

Jared states that he did not commit murder and so does not deserve to be impeached. No one can be impeached for murder—that is tried in the Criminal Courts of Law.

However, individuals who make material violations of the constitution such as misusing his powers as president to undermine the democratic

system of checks and balances and then making a unilateral, illegal, appointment of someone who would later chair his roommate's own impeachment proceedings...this is grounds for impeachment.

Furthermore, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York asserts that acts which undermine the integrity of the government are appropriate grounds for impeachment. The Bar of New York further contends that grounds for impeachment extend to acts that undermine the degree of public confidence in the probity of executive officers that is essential to the effectiveness of government in a free society.

Finally, Mr. Wong stated that I was "disrupting a senate meeting and started going crazy," what he forgot to mention was:

The first thing that I mentioned when the time was **yielded to me** by the previous speaker was that I pointed out that **the meeting was being run unconstitutionally** and therefore the chair did not have the authority to recognize anyone. At this point, the meeting was called to recess and I continued reading my charges against Mr. Jared Wong, something that as a concerned student, I had every right to do. (How can one disrupt recess or a meeting that isn't legitimate?)

As for his statements about me going "crazy," that's slander.

Sincerely,
Vlad Frants

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the schedule posted in the bus stop. The schedule also says the buses should stop at each stop every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends between certain hours. "Buses, even when they are running during the correct time are few and far between," Malik agreed.

Sometimes, bus drivers even shorten their schedules so they end their shifts earlier according to students. On Sundays, for instance, the buses are supposed to run until 12:05 A.M. "At 9 P.M., when the bus driver dropped me off at H-Quad, he told me that this would be the last run for the day" Malik said.

Since there was no way to get a bus to take him back to his residence hall after eating at the H-Quad Cafeteria, he was forced to walk back to his residence hall. "Although I normally wouldn't mind the walk," Malik said, "it was freezing outside, so I really didn't appreciate that the buses stopped running."

"The bus service on the weekends was determined by the amount of ridership needing the service," said Harrigan. "There is service currently to the local Malls as well on Sunday. There are many times the bus runs empty on weekends." Harrigan emphasizes that it is difficult to predict when students will want bus service during the weekends when campus is much less crowded.

"Unless there is equipment trouble," Harrigan said, "all runs should be running

their published schedules. There are instances that we have all equipment running but there are not enough drivers to cover the runs because of sickness or vacations."

Many students feel that broken buses shouldn't be an issue at all. "I understand mechanical problems with buses will arise," said Malik, "but it is the responsibility of the bus services to make special arrangements." When buses are broken, Stony Brook often uses vans as a substitute, but before those vans can be brought to campus, students are left in the cold. "As students, we pay an ever increasing transportation fee as part of tuition," Malik said. "For this money, buses should be repaired promptly."

"Currently, we are running an 18 bus fleet. We need 9 buses on any given day to run the routes fully. We do have periodic breakdowns due to the age of the equipment and weather conditions," Harrigan said. "We currently seem to be on average running 12-14 buses most days while we repair and maintain our fleet. This could explain why students see buses at South P that are not running." Harrigan hopes that two new buses will be available for service during the middle of spring semester.

In the meantime, Harrigan said that students can call 2-6418, which is the dispatch office for the buses, to find out exactly which buses are running, if there are equipment failures, and whether the buses are running on time. This number is also located on the back of the bus map and

inside every bus stop.

Some students also feel like the bus system works well on campus. Aimee Pak was stranded at South P-Lot, which is a long walk from her residence hall. "A bus driver was on a break before her shift, talking to a friend," Pak said. "Before leaving, she asked me where I was headed, and I told her where I lived. She took me straight there. It was very nice."

Whether the service is punctual and practical to use or not, students tend to

agree that it is necessary on a campus like Stony Brook. Considering the large area the school encompasses, buses are sorely needed, especially with the coldest months of the year approaching. Harrigan and the rest of the bus advisory group are working hard to make sure the buses serve the campus community. It seems like the system is not yet perfect. In order to accommodate students' busy schedules, Malik says, "the bus service needs to be absolutely seamless."

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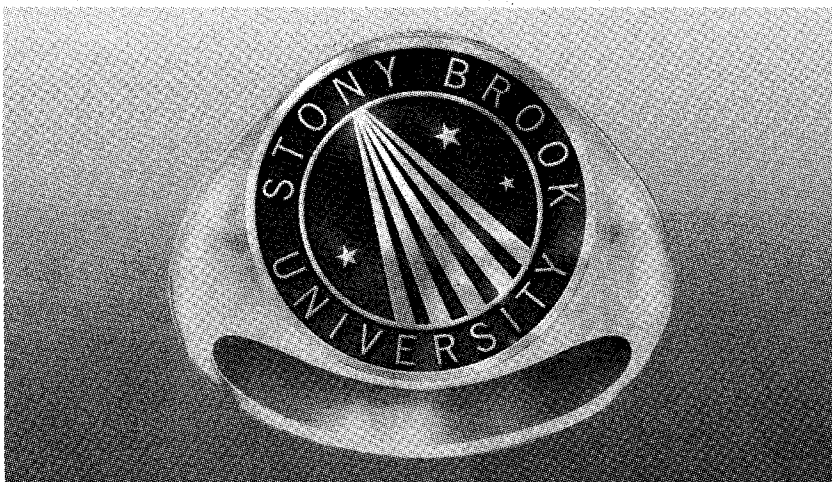
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‘How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb’ explodes onto scene

By AMANDA RUBENSTEIN
Staff Writer

When fans of the band hear the new album's title, *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, they probably imagine a U2 album like *War*, filled with lead singer Bono's political views. Yet, the new album is surprisingly apolitical and definitely more personal. "I write feelings, not thoughts," Bono told Spin Magazine. "Feelings are much stronger than thoughts. We are all led by instinct, and our intellect catches up later. This album proves that point."

From the peppy intro track, *Vertigo*, to the emotional *Sometimes You Can't Make it On Your Own* to the *Joshua Tree*-like *City of Blinding Lights*, this album is everything U2 has done before with modern twists to it.

The band's first single, *Vertigo*, introduces the group with a hyper flair similar to many of their previous albums. The excitement from the first track of the album definitely helps carry through to the next tracks.

"U2 are [sic] not really a rock 'n roll band, that's the truth, we've never really been a rock 'n roll band," said the band's guitarist, The Edge, on their official website, "But with 'Vertigo' I was trying to come up with a sound and guitar riff which was unashamedly full-on rock 'n roll, like the best of that form which I do love, whether The Pistols or The Stones, whether punk or the best of metal."

City of Blinding Lights is the most reminiscent of the *Joshua Tree* era that captivated many U2 fans. The song is extremely powerful and flows in classic U2 fashion. Upon hearing the song, fans can picture the live show where Bono runs toward the artist singing "Oh, you look so beautiful tonight." Surrounded by all the hands of Madison Square Garden-sized crowd, the

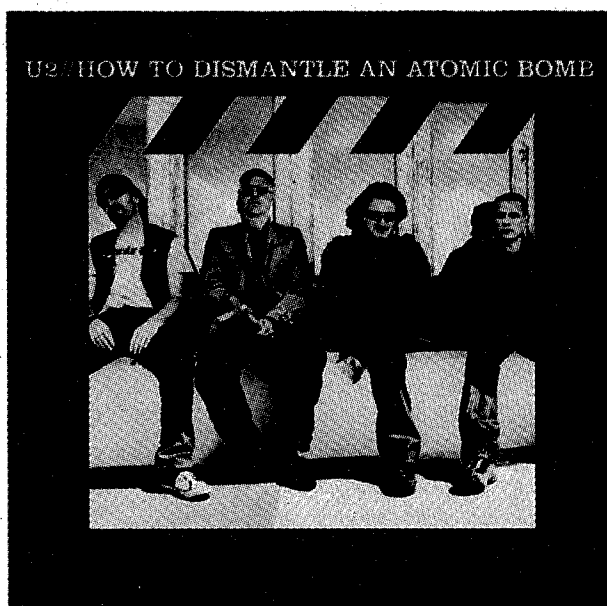


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The cover of U2's latest album, "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb"

image is beautiful and chilling.

By far, the most personal song on the album is *Sometimes You Can't Make It On Your Own*. The song was premiered at the funeral of Bono's father, who died of cancer in August of 2001. The lyrics tell listeners just how Bono's father has haunted him since his death and reveals a lot about their relationship when he was living.

"The song 'Sometimes You Can't Make it On Your Own', was dedicated to [my father], and, it's a portrait of him - he was a great singer, a tenor, a working class Dublin guy who listened to the opera and conducted the stereo with my mother's knitting needles," said Bono of the song. "He just loved opera, so in the song,

I hit one of those big tenor notes that he would have loved so much. I think he would have loved it, I hope so."

The bridge of the song is where Bono hits those high notes as he sings "Can you hear me when I sing? You're the reason I sing. You're the reason why the opera is in me... Don't leave me here alone." This is definitely one of the most moving moments on the album; it is extremely powerful live, as many people heard on Saturday Night Live on November 20th of this year.

The only obviously political song on the record is the fourth track, *Love and Peace or Else*. The song opens with the command, "I don't know if I can take it. I'm not easy on my knees. Here's my heart; you can break it. We need some release, release, release... we need love and peace."

In the song, Bono echoes the sentiment many are feeling about the wars breaking out all over the world. Although *Love and Peace Or Else* is extremely political, U2 fans were probably expecting something much more political from an album entitled *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*. They will still love the album, however, because it is just like the U2 of the past, only more mature and personal.

The album comes in three forms. Fans can buy a copy of just the 12 track CD. Another version comes with the CD as well as a DVD containing several music videos of different versions of the song as well as band commentary about the music. The deluxe version comes with the CD, the DVD, as well as a book featuring color photos of the band as well as pages from their notebooks, drawings and lyrics from songs.

No matter which version of the album fans buy, they will get an up close and personal look into the band's feelings. "It's just such a personal record," Bono said, "it may just be our best."

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We all know where to go within the campus. If you want questionable Chinese food, drop by Roth cafeteria and get a sampling of Deng Li's. If you want a tall cup of fancy coffee, and you're willing to wait on line, mosey on down to Kelly Café. Heck, if you want "Manhattan's best" Asian food served right to your cafeteria table, try Jasmine at the Wang. But as far as off-campus eats go, the community has done a poor job informing students what's out there. Most students are familiar with the large food chains and fast foods, like Applebee's and Taco Bell, but we may have no clue about everything else out there. There are a variety of restaurants around the university that offer different and tasty foods, some even at highly affordable prices.

The *Statesman* is here for you. This insert is dedicated to all types of eating areas in the vicinity of the university. Our goal is to inform you of some of the more interesting dining hotspots around campus. Along the way, we'll even give you a tip or two about eating around campus.

Bon Appetit.

Insight into eating disorders *Some advice for Stony Brook students*

BY LAUREN MUTZ
Statesman Staff

With all the recent media focus on proper dieting and obesity, an equally (and possibly more) debilitating problem lies at the opposite end of the spectrum: Eating Disorders. More than 5 million individuals suffer from an Eating Disorder, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia, overeating, binge eating disorder and pica.

Indeed, the repercussions of eating disorders can be profound. The use of drugs and other laxatives by anorexics may induce heart failure. Starvation can also

damage vital organs such as the heart and brain. Medical complications accompanying bulimia include: rupturing of the stomach and heart failure from purging, as well as rotting of the teeth.

One would think that the rampant nature of eating disorders would attract drastic reform and media attention. As I see it, this is just not the case. Instead, the media and entertainment industry continues to place excessive emphasis on the pursuit of thinness and the so-called "ideal" body. Walk into Borders or Barnes and Nobles and you will be swamped with books on dieting (a method to reach this goal): "South Beach Diet:

Good Fats/Good Carbs Guide;" Dr Phil's "The Ultimate Weight Solution Food Guide;" or "The Zone." Even 7-11, Applebees, and TGI Fridays are caught up in the diet frenzy. Fridays actually has an entire section dedicated to "Atkins Approved" dishes, including the "Bunless Burger" and "Grilled Buffalo Chicken Salad."

While this focus on nutrition may prove valuable to overweight individuals, millions of thin girls agonize over their appearance and the foods they eat. Go to the SAC and observe what many girls, and specifically the

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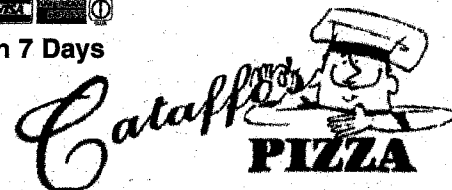
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thin ones, choose—too often I see female students who just order a salad as their meal. Yes, it's true that a salad is healthier than a burger, but it does not provide the calories (and energy) that we need to stay healthy. As I see it, there is a rift in our society's eating behavior: while many eat far too much, there are also a large number who eat far too little. Unfortunately, we can't seem to strike a balance.

It is my sincerest belief that clinical eating disorders, as well as disordered eating behaviors, stem from our society's obsession with thinness. Day after day we are bombarded with images of how we should look, while always reminded how much and what we should eat, so that we may achieve our "ideal."

One of the best ways to combat these problems is to teach people to love, value, and realistically evaluate their bodies. We need to be more accepting of ourselves and our physical imperfections—and everyone has some imperfections. If you or a friend have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk, you can contact the Wo/Men's Center at 632-9666. They offer free and confidential one-on-one counseling as well as a group discussion on body image and eating.

The Statesman encourages everyone to eat responsibly.

Zesty Mexican at Salsa Salsa: It's tasty tasty

By EUGENE KOZLOVSKY
Statesman Editor

Salsa Salsa
142 Main St, Port Jefferson,
NY 11777
(631) 473-9700

When was the last time you had good Mexican on campus? Unless your roommate was born south of the border and loved to cook, the best shot for Mexican is the delectable Taco Bell and "Grade F" meat in H Quad or Caliente Cab Mexpress at Kelly. Not that I have a problem with eating "Grade F" meat or the stuff they call meat at Caliente's, but I'd just rather not, given the option. So what can you do for great Mexican? Take a ride to Port Jeff where you will find Salsa Salsa.

Enter Salsa Salsa, and catch a taste of Mexico. Walk right up to the counter and make your order. They will start preparing your food fresh. That's right, I said fresh. That means no more beef paste. Although it won't make you feel like your in Mexico, it's a nice clean atmosphere. There are no waiters, which means a great value for you. Whether you crave burritos, fajitas, quesadillas, tacos, chili or some zesty salads, you are sure to be satisfied.

Their burritos are stuffed with brown rice, black beans, Jack and Cheddar Cheese, Salsa fresca and wrapped in a



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warm flower tortilla with your choice of vegetables, meats (including their savory pork), or shrimp. At around six bucks, it's quite a bargain.


For those that like their vegetables, go for the fajita. It's overstuffed with grilled Bell Peppers, Red Onions, tomatoes, chopped lettuce, blended cheese and of course, your choice of meats or shrimp. At \$6.75 with the meat or \$7.75 with the shrimp, your taste buds will thank you.

For those of us with simple tastes, tacos hit the spot just right. Always made perfect, they are sure to please the most demanding food critic and at 2.50 a pop,

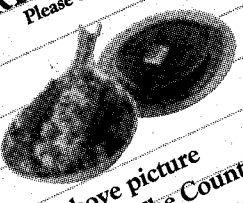

get as many as you want.

To top it all off, literally, there is the salsa. Ahh, the salsa. After all, the name of the place should hint at what makes it so great. Always fresh, and available in plentiful quantities, you may just fall in love. Not too thick and not quite runny, not too spicy and in no way bland, it's perfect. Add a little, add a lot, but make sure to give it a try.

After your meal, you can come back to campus, or just hang around the area. With unique shops, a Starbucks, the Gap, and great desserts in the area, taking the 15-minute ride into Port Jeff is well worth it.



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4A Eat healthy, if you're wealthy, at Tiger Lily

By PETER SUNWOO
Statesman Editor

Tiger Lilly Cafe
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The best health/organic spot around is none other than Tiger Lilly. This health joint offers a great jazzy atmosphere with its Indie music, and paintings from various local artists that decorate the entire area, including the restroom. It offers a plethora of colorful plush couches and stools to make your dining experience comfy, and gives you a nice place to devour delicious wraps and salads, later to be washed down with a flavorful fruit smoothie or protein shake.

The café is located in Port Jefferson Village, slightly difficult to find, but ask anyone walking around, they will know of it's location. Commuters can easily take the LIRR to Port Jeff Station, and walk for a few minutes. It's worth the brisk walk if you're planning to hangout for a bit; the village offers many things to do, from looking at puppies, to shopping for antiques and vintage clothing, to barhopping. If you're looking to take someone on a first date, this is the place to go. It's moderately priced, somewhat romantic in a hipster fashion, and comfortable for your lady friend to open up.

The regulars at Tiger Lilly are usually in their 20s-30s, and typically either artsy, health conscious, or down to earth, kind of like the crowd you would find in Tribeca. You won't find much fraternity/sorority types here, not that that's a bad thing. The service is quick, and at most times friendly, plus the employees are cute. As far as the food goes, it matches up with the rest of the experience. The wraps are creatively combined with different sauces, vegetables and meats, usually chicken. Each bite will leave a tantalizing sensation in your mouth, and at the end of your healthy meal, you will be left satisfied. My favorite has to be the Southwest Wrap. This wrap packs a big punch with its pepperjack cheese, red cabbage, scallions, bell peppers, salsa fresca, house chipotle cream and chicken.

If you're looking to get in shape the healthy way, try the protein shakes, smoothies, and wheatgrass shots (\$2.25) that are available. If you work out, you definitely want a lot of protein in your system. The Earthshake will give you what you need; the super green shake is protein packed with a delicious granola taste. Doesn't sound appealing, but trust me, you have to try



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it. The actual taste is hard to explain, since they mix the concoction with several ingredients.

At Tiger Lilly, you pay for what you get. As a student, I know what it feels like to be on a budget. I can't say that this scene has the cheapest of foods; most wraps will cost you around six dollars and smoothies five. In my opinion, it's a way better deal than what the school has to offer, but again you're not just paying for the food here, you're getting the experience, atmosphere and your well being.

Yes, there is in fact a way to eat right, without having to sacrifice taste, and Tiger Lilly is the place to do it.

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Curry Kabob House is "something special"

By SUMERA AKRAM
Statesman Staff

Curry Kabob House
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After being seated at the Curry Kebob House several waiters asked us, "Good evening. Would you like to see the menu?" The waiter helped us decipher the menu filled with Indian delicacies. Although the restaurant is casual, this gentleman's blend of welcome and authority told us we were in for something special. We ordered the appetizer and dinner together, so they could prepare our dinner while we ate the appetizer.

The eating area has grapes hanging from the ceiling, and grape vines going all across it. The atmosphere is very peaceful

with dim lights, and shiny silverware, and soothing quietness, with a little Indian music playing in the background. Each table has a variety of sauces and pickles already placed in jars.

The appetizers arrived shortly and included a small plate of Fish Pakoras (\$4.99), which are basically fish nuggets dipped in spicy batter and fried, and Samosa Chaat (\$2.99) are fried pockets of crispy dough filled with vegetables, and later cooled and topped with onions, tomatoes, yogurt and chutneys. The dishes were as marvelous as expected. The waiter kept our glasses filled, and quietly removed all the dishes.

Curry Kebob offers a variety of Indian Breads; from Tandoori Naan - plain white fluffy bread (\$1.00) to Garlic Naan - baked leaven bread stuffed with garlic and herbs (\$2.50), the breads are wonderful, and go

well with the meals.

Our dinner took a while to prepare, but it was worth the wait. It included Chicken Tikka - succulent boneless breast chicken pieces marinated in spice and herbs, cooked in a clay oven until tender, and served with mint, and tamarind chutney (\$7.99) for a large plate.

We also got Haleem - shredded beef cooked overnight with lentils, spices, and ground to a fine sauce topped with ginger, green chilies, browned onions and a hint of lemon (\$7.99) also for a large plate, and 2 Tandoori Naan, salad and Raita are included for free.

The service was excellent; not once was it necessary to signal or prompt anyone. That freedom brought on the euphoria that steals over you in great European restaurants. The room receded like a pageant in the clouds. Our banquette

became a self-contained universe where time felt suspended - but for the arrival of the dishes. I loved it.

Other specialties include Chicken Biryani - chicken marinated with spices and saffron, then steam cooked in a naturally fragrant basmati rice (\$4.99 for a large bowl), and their famous Kebob Roll - grilled chicken kebob rolled in Tandoori Naan with salad and chutney (\$4.99). I recommend anyone interested in dining at Curry Kebob call ahead at (631) 654 - 5400 to find out about the "special for the day" and also to make sure they have what you want.

Curry Kebob restored my faith that new restaurants can be adventurous without being gimmick-driven or completely nutty. I'm rooting for it to win a lot of fans and bring the whole menu up to the level of its most dazzling creations.

Sushi lovers: hit up Hoshi for lunch

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Hoshi Sushi

1320 Stony Brook Road,
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If you're addicted to sushi, and your wallet seems a little thin, Hoshi Sushi is the place for you. With a wide array of sushi and sashimi, as well as an especially inexpensive lunch menu, this little Japanese haven is the perfect getaway from a schedule crammed with difficult classes.

The best time to go to Hoshi Sushi is between 12:30 and 3:30 on weekdays, when the famed lunch specials hit the menu. Ten bucks gets you a three-roll special, complete with salad and Miso soup. Eight bucks gets you the same, but with two rolls instead of three. Thirteen bucks gets you the sashimi lunch special, also packaged with the salad and soup. These prices may sound high for a simple lunch, but the Hoshi specials will get your stomach filled fast and efficiently, guaranteed. Sushi is, after all, an expensive luxury. On-campus sushi sells for no less than five bucks for a single roll (six pieces), so three rolls at six bucks is a pretty sweet deal. I don't need to explain this to sushi fans, but for those just getting into this Japanese treat, rest assured, you're getting a great deal.

Apart from the prices, the sushi rolls at Hoshi rank up there (for Long Island, at

least). The spicy variety (including spicy tuna, salmon, scallop and white tuna) are especially tasty, particularly for those with an uninhibited tongue. The other sushi rolls are generally good as well, although not quite stellar. Ask for some spicy mayonnaise on the side for some delectable dipping action. The sashimi is good as well, although I personally think that a lunch full of sashimi is not quite as belly-filling (and it hits the wallet a little harder, too) as a lunch of sushi.

For those that like to dine-out at night, Hoshi Sushi may not be the best option, especially if you're keeping a close watch on your currency. At five bucks a roll for the spicy variety, you'll be out fifteen bucks before you can say Kunichiwa. A good idea is to stick with the cheaper rolls, like the California or Avocado, and just ask for the spicy mayonnaise on the side to bring out the zesty flavor. Soup and salad are a luxury when the sun goes down, so don't expect those complementary extras.

But if you are willing to shell out the cash, you might even consider one of the many special rolls that grace the Hoshi menu, such as the Spider Roll, Dragon Roll, or even some of the Hoshi original special rolls. The Spider Roll, running seven bucks for four pieces, is particularly tasty. These special rolls can run you up to 13 bucks for eight pieces, but if you're trying hard to impress, you may want to splurge a bit.

Speaking of dates, Hoshi Sushi is a great place to bring one. The chic atmo-



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sphere is appealing to almost anyone. A small bed of rocks surrounds a little pond with full size fish swimming aimlessly around, welcoming guests. If it's your first date, you might even consider sitting at the bar and watching the chefs at action, dicing slabs of fish and meticulously rolling white rice together (it's always good to have a specific point of interest, like Japanese men with knives, on first dates to avoid awkward silences).

Hoshi Sushi is an excellent restaurant for sushi enthusiasts. Connoisseurs may

not find the sushi quite up to par, but most dabblers will appreciate having a source of decent sushi so close to campus. The sushi at Hoshi is certainly much better than the sushi sold at Stony Brook dining facilities, but that doesn't say much. Overall, if you have time between 12:30 and 3:30 on weekdays, and you want a grand, relatively inexpensive lunch, hit up Hoshi.

Hoshi Sushi is located in the shopping plaza on the corner of Stony Brook Road and Route 347, right next to Ralph's Italian Ices and J&R Steakhouse.

A big helping of Italian at Carnival

By AMANDA RUBENSTEIN
Statesman Editor

Carnival Restaurant and Pizzeria
4900 Nesconset Hwy.
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
(631) 473-9772

From the bustling, crowded pizzeria outside the dining room, Carnival Restaurant and Pizzeria looks as if it is just another pizza joint. Yet, walking into the dining hall behind the pizzeria, customers know they are in for a treat.

The restaurant's lighting gives a deep purple glow, with Christmas lights decorating wreaths and vines strung along the walls. There are also plants all around the dining room to create a lush, romantic atmosphere.

From the dark, ambient lighting to the cold antipasto bar and dessert case, the restaurant beckons diners to enjoy the Italian delicacies it has to offer. From traditional Italian fare like baked ziti and lasagna to the vast array of seafood dishes, Carnival has something for everyone - and lots of it.

Most Italian restaurants serve large portions of their pasta dishes, but Carnival really stands out. Most of the customers come out with bags of leftovers, and most can't seem to finish even half of their food. Although the prices are slightly high for a college student's budget, there is a definitely a lot of value from the amount of food in each order.

Carnival's quantity of food doesn't win over quality, though. Each of the dishes has a unique flair from the slightly sweet tomato sauce that makes Carnival's pasta so delicious.

While offering perfectly cooked and spiced Italian standard specialties, Carnival has many different entrees.

Unless college students are looking for a way to relax, eat slowly and unwind, Carnival is not for them.

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The restaurant has amazing seafood combinations loaded with mussels and shrimp along with the pasta.

Carnival also has truly unique turns on Italian dishes. For instance, the Penne a la Vodka contains the standard delicate pink sauce, but is embellished with shredded beef, sun dried tomatoes and onions for a delicious combination.

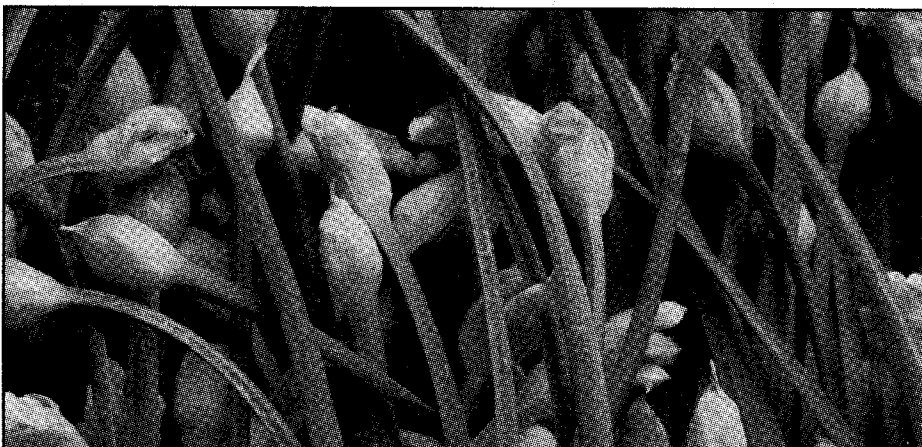
For the college student, Carnival may not be the most practical of places to eat. The prices are pretty high even though there is a large quantity of food available.

Also, the restaurant is not a quick place to eat. The food is all extremely fresh, so it takes a long time for the restaurant to cook every meal from scratch. Even the tomato sauce in some of the dishes tastes different, so it seems as if even that is not pre-made.

All in all, Carnival is a great restaurant that may not appeal to college students as much as the families and couples it generally serves. Unless college students are looking for a way to relax, eat slowly and unwind, Carnival is not for them.

Pizza lovers may also dislike Carnival because they do not seem to offer pizza in the dining room. Of course, people can sit down outside the restaurant in the pizzeria and eat pizza, they can. However, if one person wants pizza and the other wants pasta, this can turn out to be a real problem.

Still, the pizzeria outside Carnival's restaurant fills with families and couples waiting for a table in the dining room for dinner. It is easy to see their reasons for waiting for this Italian food.



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By JAMES BOUKLAS
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**J & R's Steak House
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Looking for a great prime rib for under \$8? Then look no further than J&R's Steakhouse, just minutes from the campus on Stony Brook Rd. and Rte. 347. They've got it all: great food at great prices with service to match.

On weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., they have lunch specials, which include some of the best deals for steak around. A Prime Rib is \$7.99, while other entrees, including Chicken Parmigiana, Baby Back Ribs, and Shrimp Scampi (to name a few), can be had for no more than \$8.99. But then again, why mess with success? It's not just that their Prime Rib special is cheap: it's good. It's great, really. The Prime Rib there is softer and just plain tastier than any steak I've had at the Outback for twice the price.

Low prices do tend to climb, however, outside of lunch hours, though not by much. The \$8 Prime Rib becomes an \$11 Prime Rib for dinner, which is still highly reasonable considering what other places in the area charge.

While J&R's serves a variety of dishes ranging from burgers to seafood, I recommend going there for their steaks first. It is, anyway, a steakhouse first and foremost. For those so inclined, their burgers are on par with most restaurants of its size and caliber, as are the chicken entrees. Although, even during lunch, their burgers are \$7.99 and chicken sandwiches are \$6.99, which can put quite a dent in your wallet considering you can

buy eight burgers from Wendy's for the same price.

All lunch meals come with a platter of pickles, potato, and a soup or salad. A salad is a salad, so far as I can tell, and J&R's is no different. The portions are a bit larger than other restaurants in the area, and for only \$2.99, you can get the salad by itself, for the ever growing vegetarian population. They also have grilled salads that sell for between \$6.99 and \$9.99 and include Greek, Garden and Caesar salads with shrimp, chicken, or steak.

J&R's also sports a bar complete with Happy Hour, half price appetizers and two for one cocktails for those with ID.

I don't know how much atmosphere matters to most college students, but it doesn't matter much to me. J&R's definitely outdoes any fast food joint in the area when it comes to environment, and for similar prices. The menus are large, trifold \$100 bills, which are easy to read quickly, unlike other places that make you look through fifteen pages of colorful pictures to see what they offer. It's nicer than a diner, but isn't as polished as some of the chain restaurants in the area. It might not be the best place to propose to your fiancée, but it certainly suffices for a good meal.

For the adventurous, J&R's has a 76 oz. Steak Challenge: if you finish the steak in one hour, it's free. Otherwise, it costs you \$50. Winners get free t-shirts and their names put on the Wall of Fame. If you have an hour to kill and the build of Schwarzenegger, this might be your calling.

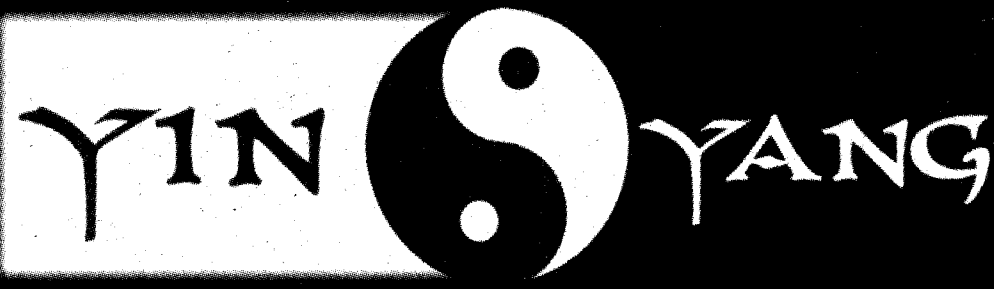
All in all, J&R's Steakhouse delivers nothing short of a great meal for a great price. That is, of course, if you go there for the steak.

Quote of the Week:

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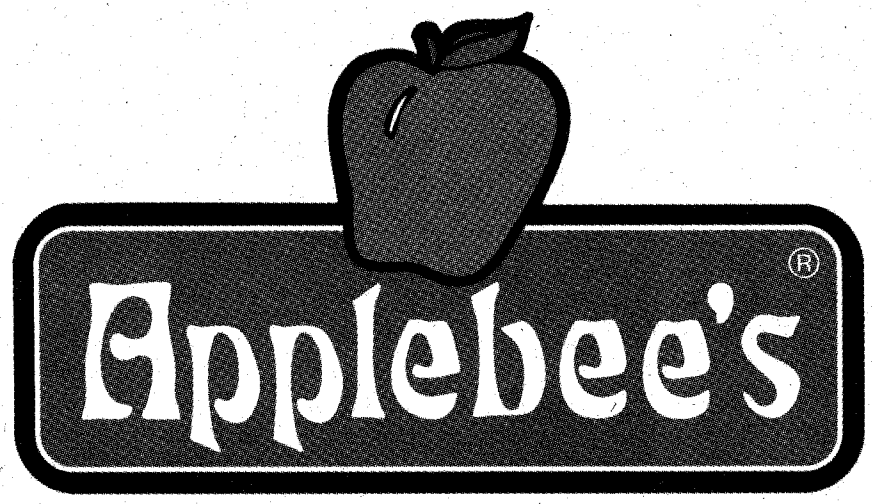
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Elegant Italian: Pasta Pasta in downtown Port Jeff

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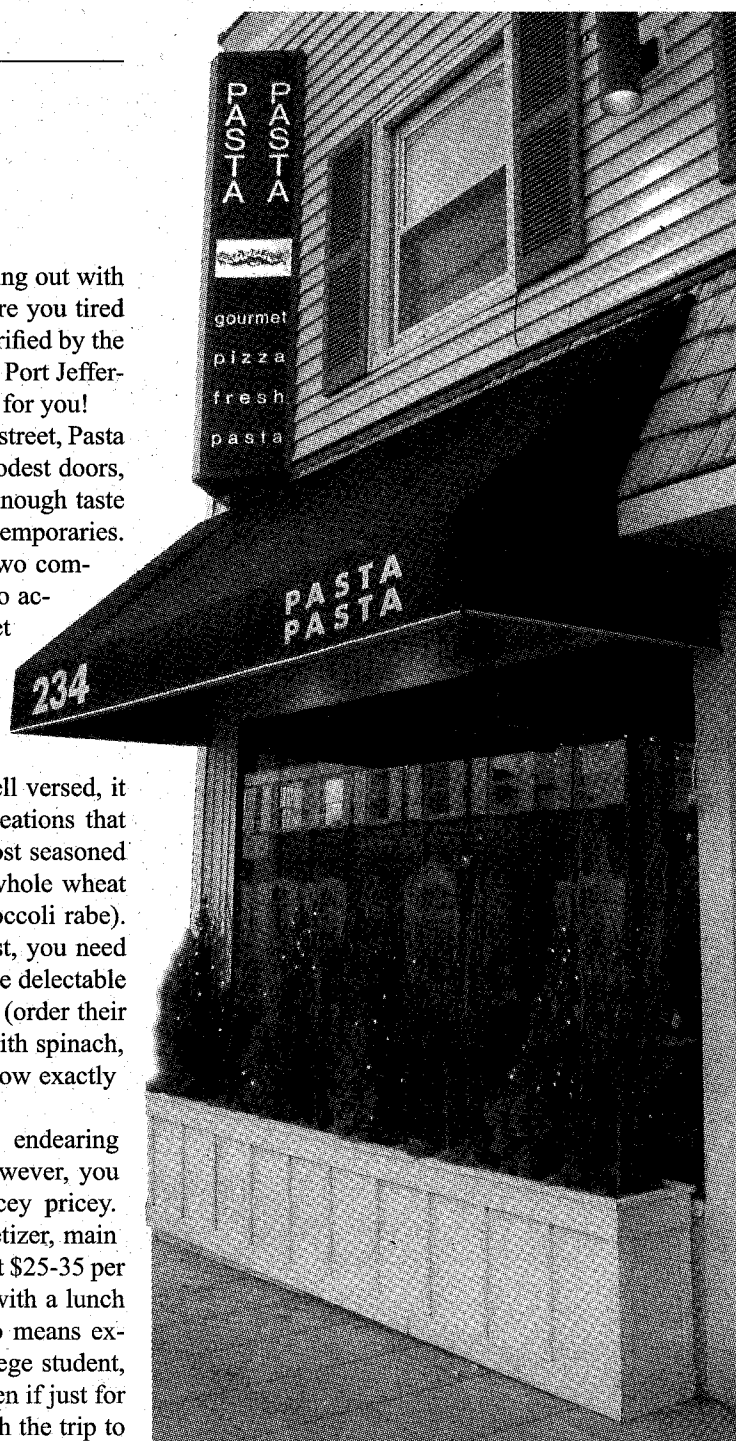
Pasta Pasta
234 East Main Street
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Are you planning an unforgettable evening out with family, friends or your special someone? Are you tired of the Olive Garden's generic menu and horrified by the drab décor of J&R's Steakhouse? If so, then Port Jefferson's premier Italian trattoria, Pasta Pasta is for you!

Tucked away on a charmingly quiet side street, Pasta Pasta dons a humble façade. Beyond the modest doors, however, awaits a dining experience with enough taste and class to rival its New York City contemporaries. The restaurant's interior is equipped with two commodious dining rooms with enough space to accommodate up to 95 patrons. Luxurious yet simple, Pasta Pasta's aesthetically pleasing décor creates a comfortable and private atmosphere for you to enjoy your company and your meal.

Although the menu is not incredibly well versed, it does have a number of unique culinary creations that are sure to intrigue and delight even the most seasoned restaurant-goers (might I recommend the whole wheat fettuccini with grilled shrimp and fresh broccoli rabe). However, if you are more of a traditionalist, you need not worry; Pasta Pasta's menu includes some delectable "spins" on old favorites for you to feast on (order their version of chicken parmigiana, enhanced with spinach, sun dried tomatoes and ricotta cheese to know exactly what I mean).

The food is great, the atmosphere is endearing and the service is amicable and timely, however, you should be forewarned; Pasta Pasta is pricey pricey. For a complete meal, consisting of an appetizer, main course, beverage and tip, expect to pay about \$25-35 per head. You may even be able to get away with a lunch between \$10 and \$14. Granted, it is by no means excessively expensive, but for the frugal college student, money isn't always a liberal commodity even if just for special occasions, *Pasta Pasta* is well worth the trip to Port Jefferson. Reservations recommended.



James Caston/Statesman

Halaal dining areas: a resource for Muslims

By WIDAAD ZAMAN
Statesman Staff

Are you a Muslim, but constantly at a loss for good Halaal food to eat? Well your days of wandering around campus, searching for the most edible vegetarian dish you can find are officially over, because despite the seemingly conspicuous lack of Halaal food courts on campus, there are plenty of places on and off campus that provide delicious, just-as-good-as-home-cooked Halaal food.

Let's start with on-campus facilities. The Bleacher Club, located on the first floor of the Student Union, provides at least one Halaal meal a day which, although it may be a tad more expensive than regular food, is often worth the price. The food often ranges from standard American dishes, such as baked ziti and pepper steak, to more traditional Indian food like tandoori chicken. And while you're at the Bleacher Club, you might also want to try Papa Joe's pizza (only the pies without meat though).

Since Bleacher closes at 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and 3 p.m. on Fridays, the best place to head for a tasty Halaal dinner is End of the Bridge restaurant, found on the second floor of the Union. EOB, open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weeknights, provides one Halaal special every night, but with the added option of having any chicken dish on the menu made Halaal upon request.

Granted, Bleacher and EOB can become tiring day after day, so some of you may want to head off-campus once in a while, which is not a bad choice once you know where to go. There are several options for students who may crave a healthy Halaal meal in a proper restaurant.

The most popular off-campus place for Stony Brook Muslims, Silver Spoon, located on 1024 Portion Road in Stony Brook, serves anything from Pakistani and Chinese food, to pizza and burgers at an affordable price for all students. Silver Spoon offers reduced prices for Stony Brook students and a great, relaxed atmosphere for dining with friends. Interested students can call (631) 716-0070.

Curry Kabob House at 585 Route 112 in Patchogue, offers a great-tasting variety of traditional Pakistani dishes, including home-style biryani, chicken tikka and lamb chops, for a price that may exceed what Stony Brook students can afford; but the food is well worth the price. To contact Curry Kabob House, call (631) 654-5400.

Tandoori Kebob, located in the shopping center opposite the Selden Mosque, at 1236 Middle Country Road, boasts a horde of different foods, from Indian to Middle Eastern, vegetarian to non-vegetarian. It also offers a ten percent reduction to Stony Brook students who dine in. Tandoori Kebob can be contacted at (631) 696-8244.

Indian Kebob Diner, with its tandoori, curry and kebob specials, offers an assortment of conventional Indian food for affordable prices, and is conveniently located at 1310 Liberty Plaza, Middle Country Road. The Diner can be reached at (631) 698-3900.

And finally, for those of you who want a change from the ever-present Indo Pakistani food, try Istanbul Café, located at 2139 Middle Country Road. It offers a wide variety of Turkish and Greek food which, although expensive, is well worth the money for the quantity and quality of food served, which ranges from mouth-watering shish kebobs to burgers and gyros. For more information, call (631) 738-6704.

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“Alexander:” a complete waste of time and money



Angelina Jolie, co-star of “Alexander.”

Courtesy of Warner Brother Pictures

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS
Statesman Staff

Alexander is one of the worst movies ever made. Certainly, it's the worst movie I've ever seen. For context, that list includes: *Spawn* (the former champion), all the *Robocop* movies, *The 6th Day* (almost ruined Arnold's run for public office), *Bed of Roses* and *Rocky V*.

Many movies are doomed to failure because of a lack of budget, star power or leadership. *Alexander* had all three at its disposal: a multi-million dollar expense account; some of Hollywood's biggest stars (Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer and Colin Farrell, then to a lesser extent Rosario Dawson, and in the weren't-you-beat-up-in-Fight-Club sense, Jared Leto); plus, one of this planet's most famous directors, Oliver Stone. Despite these assets, *Alexander* fails epically. It has been said that the more specific a topic, the easier it is to write about. I find myself in the opposite predicament: *Alexander* is so bad, and on such a wide scale, that I just can't isolate one aspect of it. I've

given up constructing a metaphor around it. Nevertheless, here goes a laundry list of what makes the movie so bad, beginning in haiku form:

1. Alexander likes men.
A lot. More too than women.
OK, we get it, Stone.
2. See above.
3. Rosario Dawson
Ruined her career in one scene.

What were you thinking?

Also, in non-poem form: Colin Farrell can't act; neither can Angelina Jolie. Anthony Hopkins was woefully underutilized as a base narrator. And for a story about one of the world's greatest military successes, there was not one good battle scene. Indeed *Alexander*, you are no William Wallace. You're not even Robert de Bruce. Let's not get started on how you're not Maximus. Hell, you're not even Captain Kirk. If I needed a leader, I'd pick Molly Ringwald over you. At least she could inspire a generation.

Alexander is the campiest movie since *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, which doesn't make it bad in and of itself, but this is supposed to be a story

about one of history's boldest men. Instead, it's about some Greek guy's wardrobe. *Alexander*'s one redeeming aspect is the costumes.

Oliver Stone has made enough famous movies to merit a Christmas time box set. After all, he is the one responsible for the provocative *JFK*, the cutting edge *Natural Born Killers* and the college boy classic *Scarface*. So perhaps even though he failed miserably with *Alexander*, he may go on to make another movie worth watching. We should never let him forget this atrocity though. I am offended as a human being.

Stone doesn't care about his characters, only his ideas. Unfortunately, this movie didn't have any. If Stone were trying to make the point that *Alexander* was brave and bold, he failed. If anything, all we learned was that *Alexander* preferred the company of men. A lot. We got it.

So to summarize what we've been saying: *Alexander* is the worst movie I've ever seen. But if you have contempt for the money in your pocket, and the free time on your hands, then you should see it.


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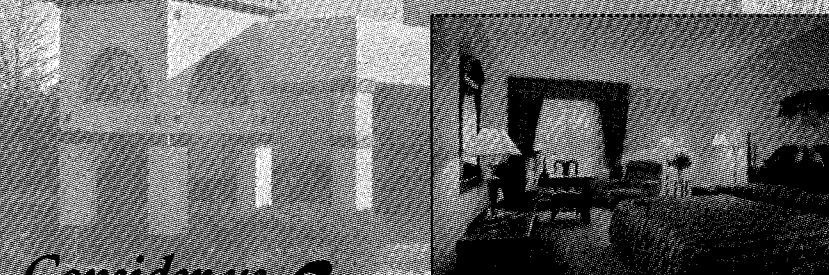
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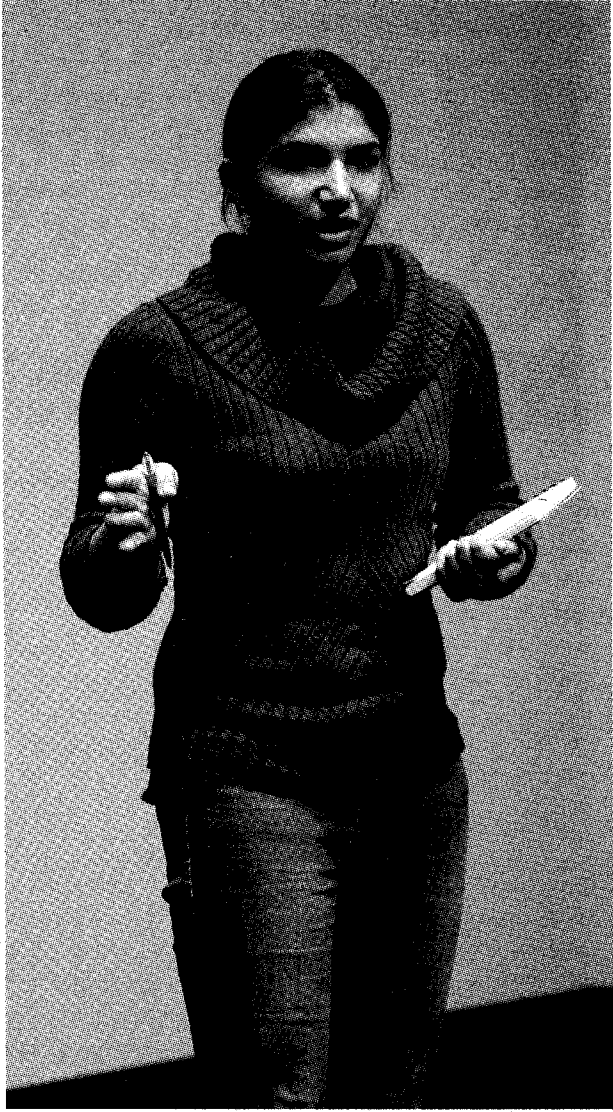
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A closer look at AIDS in India...



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Emy Kuriakose, a member of Visions Worldwide, discusses the misconceptions of AIDS in India.

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where they produce antiretroviral drugs. Unfortunately, India's government chooses to export the drugs to other nations such as South Africa, instead of providing the drugs for their own people.

A major problem in India is the social stigmatization associated with the disease. During an interview with a

rural, female, Indian physician in Bangalore who treats AIDS patients, it was pointed out that the stigmatization is a result of the middle class considering AIDS as a problem of the lower classes. "The middle class is in charge of the health care system, so you won't get proper health care if you're from the lower classes because of this disparity and racist inferiority," said the physician.

The physician also pointed out that India has the resources to treat this epidemic, since it has a number of government run health care facilities, but they are mismanaged. "Inadequacy of government facilities is where you get a breakdown in the system," continued the physician.

The dilemma of promoting education on prevention versus treatment of the disease is one that plagues the leaders of developing nations, such as India. "The problem of leadership is a problem of choice between competitive attractive choices," said Ambassador Kamal, a former Pakistani Ambassador to the U.N. "In countries like India and Pakistan, everywhere you look there is a tragedy," he continued, which he claims forces leaders to prioritize other disasters facing their nation over the epidemic of AIDS.

Members of Visions Worldwide discussed their study abroad trip to India last summer, where they designed and participated in AIDS awareness programs in the rural villages of Bangalore. The students were particularly surprised at the villager's lack of knowledge, not only about HIV/AIDS, but about sex in general.

"We had a presentation to show students how to use condoms and other things, but it turned into a myth breaking session," Khanijo said. Beliefs such as sitting on a toilet can lead to transmission of the virus and kissing can cause pregnancy were the myths that particularly shocked the members of Visions. It made them realize "the educational system we take for granted is not really everywhere," continued Khanijo. "The first step we can take to fight AIDS is to reach out and talk to those around us."

The pandemic of AIDS affects us all, and it is a problem that we all have to try and combat. "The world is spending one trillion dollars on military expenditures, and less than \$50 billion on AIDS," said Ambassador Kamal. "We are spending twenty times as much on useless things to kill each other, rather than trying to save each other. We are all guilty of this excess."

Stony Brook University hosts conference on South Asian languages...

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Languages, Mysore, currently teaching Tamil at Yale, said: "It was pleasing to listen to their papers of good quality. I could see from the papers the emergence of a new field of study -diaspora studies of South Asian languages and cultures, which broaden and strengthen the traditional South Asian studies. It transforms South Asian Studies from regional to global." Professor Annamalai gave a Plenary Lecture on the mixed history of the role of the government in the development of Indian languages.

The conference was dedicated to Professor Murray B. Emeneau of the University of California, Berkeley, who is celebrating his 100th birthday this year. I observed that Professor Emeneau's pioneering studies opened up several aspects of South Asian linguistics, including the study of India as a linguistic area, the study of endangered tribal languages, such as Toda and Kota in the Nilgiri hills of South India, and the reconstruction of Proto-Dravidian through his monumental Dravidian Etymological Dictionary (with Thomas Burrow), among others.

Professor Ron E. Asher of the University of

Edinburgh, UK, an expert on Tamil and Malayalam, editor of the Pergamon International Encyclopedia of Linguistics, and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society, delivered the Keynote Address, a magisterial overview that charted an ambitious agenda for research on the comparative syntax of Dravidian languages. Giving his assessment of the conference and of the sponsors, he said, "The papers that I heard presented were generally of a high standard. The organization of the conference left nothing to be desired. It ran with the sort of smoothness that is only possible through a lot of preparatory hard work. This feeling was strengthened by the social side of things, which included excellent catering as well as an hour of varied entertainment to follow the last academic session. I was very impressed by Center of Indian Studies. The pattern of courses in the Center is sure to be seen as a model for other institutions, combining as it does high academic standards with content that is of real relevance in a world of increasing globalization. I cannot remember enjoying a conference more."

S.N. Sridhar is a professor of linguistic and India studies at Stony Brook, and the chair of the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies.

Family says University hospital "poisoned her"...

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pressured doctors, requesting that they remove White's gallbladder, but physicians claimed the procedure was unnecessary.

Doctors eventually tried a second procedure on White, placing a stent inside her to access her gallbladder through her mouth and digestive tube, family members said. Not long after, White was released from the hospital and sent home, even as she complained of abdominal pain and appeared weak, relatives said.

It was clear to Robert and John White, Barbara White's brothers, that she was not well when they got home. They say she had been home for about 15 minutes when she went upstairs. Not long after, they heard a thump on the floor and rushed to her bedroom. She had fallen and her face was covered in what appeared to be bile she had vomited, the brothers said. White was taken to John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson, where she was pronounced dead.

The type of injury that White reportedly suffered is extremely unusual, according to Caroline Riely, a hepatologist who is associate medical director of the American Liver Foundation. While liver biopsies are common, deaths from them are rare, though a known complication of the procedure, Riely explained. Liver biopsies are commonly performed without the aid of an ultrasound, which helps doctors visualize underneath the skin using a monitor, exacting where the liver is in relation to the gallbladder. Riely said some studies have concluded that doctors usually find the right spot for the needle, with less than one percent of cases resulting in injuries.

Despite this, however, White's family blames SBU Hospital. Anthony White, Barbara White's brother, filed a complaint with the State Department of Health the day before her funeral, and the lawsuit is pending.

Some of the information in this article was obtained from Newsday.



**A THOUGHT
FROM
RABBI ADAM**



Throughout the course of history Jews have had two kinds of enemies—those who were interested in their physical annihilation and those that were interested in their spiritual annihilation. Hitler, for example, wasn't on some religious crusade, rather, he wanted to wipe out all the Jewish people. On the other hand, during the episode of Chanukah the Greeks valued the Jews as a cultured people, but they wanted them to stop adhering to religious Judaism. They didn't mind if Jew studied the Torah (the Bible) as long as it was studied as classical literature. However, to learn the Torah as something G-dly, something Holy—that was prohibited. To see the Torah as a source of wisdom with literary and historical content was fine. What troubled the Greeks was to consider the Torah as the work of G-d. Accordingly, the Greeks targeted their decrees against the Mitzvahs (rituals) that reflected one's faith, like eating only kosher—Mitzvahs that show subservience to higher metaphysical power. They would have been quite agreeable to the modern "culinary Judaism" in which one reflects their affiliation to the eating of felafel with humus and bagels with lox. For the Greek wanted to uproot the spirituality from the Torah. The Greek assault on the Jewish Holy Temple in Jerusalem wasn't an effort neither to harm Jews nor to take property. For when they took the Temple they didn't destroy it nor did they pillage its golden vessels. Instead, they merely rendered the Menorah oil impure. For the Temple's Menorah was always alit with pure oil serviced by the Temple priests, "Kohenim." According to the Torah, pure oil that comes in contact with an impure person becomes impure and, thereby, ineligible for use in the Temple's holy Menorah. The Greek raid on the Temple was to deliberately contaminate all of the existing bottles of oil, as if to say, "It's okay to light the Menorah, but just do it with 'secular' oil." And though the Kohanim only had one-day's worth of pure oil, it miraculously lasted for 8 days as if to say, "Judaism is not just a culture—but a way of life full of p holiness and G-dly spirituality."

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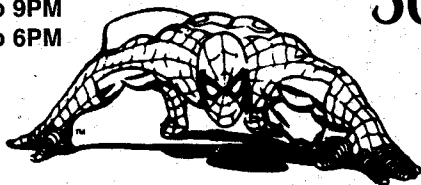
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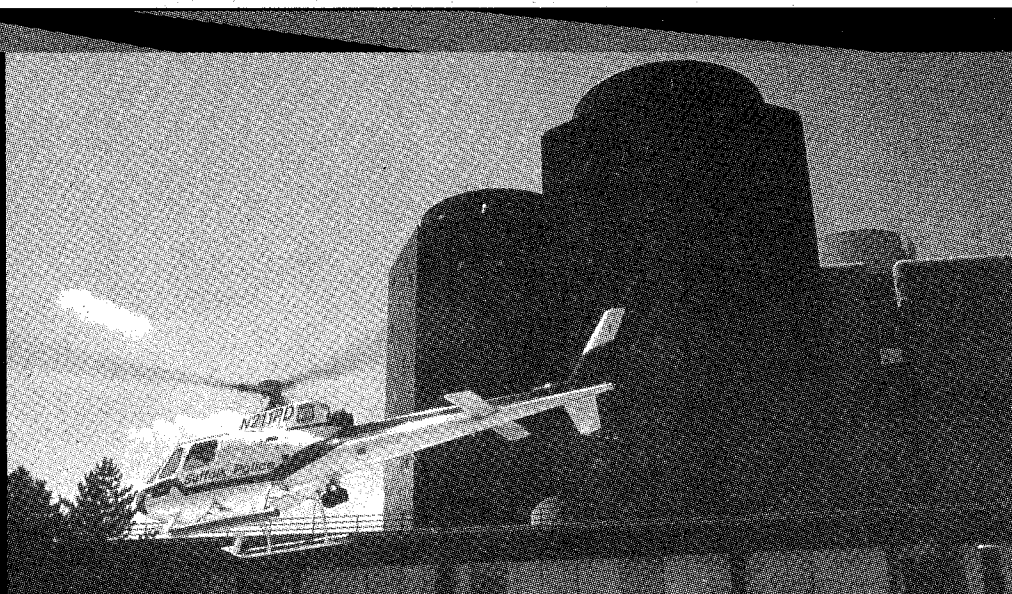
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Statesman SPORTS

Men's Basketball takes down Hawks, 56-49

By SAMEER KHANLJO
Statesman Staff

"I'm very proud of the way we played, we found a way to win," said Stony Brook Head Basketball Coach Nick Macarchuk. "We persevered, played hard and when we finally got the lead, we held onto it," he added. It was this toughness which helped the Seawolves top the Lehigh Mountain Hawks 56-49 on Saturday afternoon. "It wasn't a pretty game but it was exciting," Macarchuk said. In front of 1080 raucous fans the Stony Brook men's team demonstrated their mettle and lifted their record to 3-2.

The Seawolves started the game off poorly digging themselves into an early 13-2 deficit. In the first seven minutes Lehigh's top scorer, Jose Olivero, torched the Seawolves defense for 9 of his game high 23.

Behind 14 first half points from Cori Spencer and the energy of

substitutes Jairus McCollum and Antwan Hardy, the Seawolves began their uphill battle pulling themselves to within 2 points, 32-30, at halftime.

This was a great position for the Seawolves considering that they had allowed a 55.6% opposition shooting percentage, rebounded poorly, committed turnovers, and hadn't received the great play expected from their standout backcourt of Bobby Santiago and Mitchell Beauford.

Coming out of halftime the Seawolves put forth a defensive clinic. The Seawolves clamped down and held the Mountain Hawks to a measly 6.5% shooting in the second half. "During halftime we pounded the importance of defense into our teams head; we appealed to their egos and they came out and stepped up," said Macarchuk.

"[Jairus McCollum] is a great defensive player and he brings a great defensive energy to this



Mitchell Beauford, one of the stars in the Seawolves backcourt, executes on an easy scoring opportunity.

team," said Stony Brook Head Basketball Coach Nick Macarchuk. It was this defense, 5 rebounds 2 steals and a block for McCollum that helped the Seawolves shut down Lehigh in the second half.

This intensity spread throughout the team as the Seawolves were running, trapping, and creating transition offense.

The importance of Stony Brook's guard tandem became

apparent in the second half. "They [Santiago and Beauford] are the ones that make our team go," said Macarchuk. "They are a very good backcourt," he added. The duo transformed a lazy second half into a Seawolves charge. The Seawolves tying and go ahead baskets came on fast breaks with Santiago feeding Beauford, who ended with a team high 16 points. With these baskets the Seawolves pulled ahead 36-34 and never relinquished this lead.

For the remainder of the game the Seawolves withstood every Lehigh charge. Buoyed by defensive energy, key rebounds from Mike Popoko and Spencer, and crucial free throw conversions the Seawolves iced their third win of the season. "It was a good win before conference play starts," said Macarchuk. The Seawolves will next play two road games on December 8th and 11th and then return home on December 21st to face Northeastern.

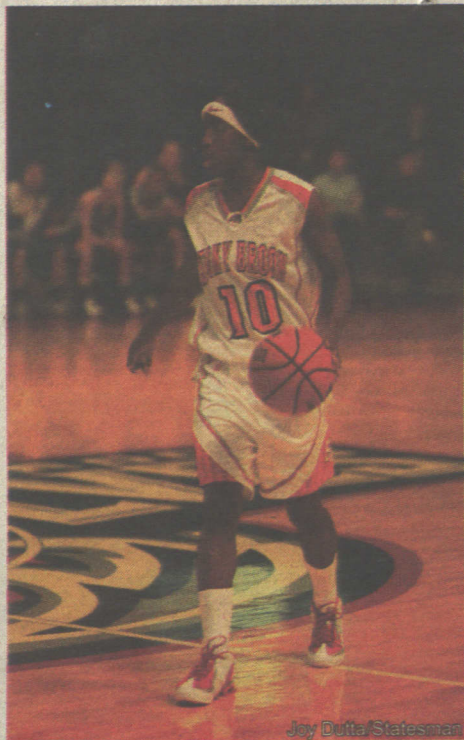
Seawolves falter at home, lose two consecutive games

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Coming into Saturday's game against Pittsburgh, the Seawolves Women's Basketball team was 0-2 and looking towards a fresh new start on their home court. Despite their greatly improved play, the Seawolves fell to both Pittsburgh and Long Beach State this weekend by the scores of 89-86 and 88-82 respectively. The Seawolves now fall to 0-4 as they slowly approach the America East Conference portion of their very tough schedule.

Against a solid, undefeated Pittsburgh team, the Seawolves certainly showed what they were made of. The game was a seesaw battle until the very last seconds, as a three pointer by Pittsburgh's Katie Histed at the 28 second mark ultimately proved to be the game-winning basket. The victory gave Pittsburgh an impressive 6-0 record.

The Seawolves' Sunday afternoon contest with Long Beach also proved to be a nail-biter. Neither team held a consistent advantage over the other, as both teams were playing well on both sides of the court. The game only got away from the Seawolves at the tail end of the game, as Long Beach center Petra Glaser sparked a 9-2 run from which the Seawolves could not recover.



Mykeema Ford, the Seawolves' top scorer, sets up the offensive attack.

Glaser was truly a force to be reckoned with, as her height proved to be a crucial factor in Long Beach's victory. "It's really very hard to do anything against a 6-6 center

when your tallest girl is only 6-3," said Maura McHugh, Seawolves Head Coach. "We tried to mix up our defenses, played some trap and some zone, but we were unable to apply enough pressure on her when she got the ball."

Another crucial aspect of Long Beach's victory was their transition game, which was very apparent right from the first whistle. Long Beach's frontcourt was too fast for the Seawolves, and many early baskets were created through easy transition lay-ups. "Run, run, run; that's what we really emphasized before the game and during halftime," said Coach McHugh. "Although at times we did show some good defense in transition we unfortunately couldn't do that consistently."

One of the positive aspects of the game, from the Seawolves' point of view, is the performance of their young, developing players, particularly Center Jessica Smith and Point Guard Mykeema Ford, both of whom are sophomores. Smith led the Seawolves with 21 points and also led all players with 14 total rebounds. Ford contributed with 18 points of her own, and led all players with 8 assists. Thus far this season, Ford has led the team in scoring and assists and has proven to be one of the main offensive catalysts on the team.

The most disheartening characteristics

of both games this weekend was that they were both games that the Seawolves could have won, and it was their own mistakes and turnovers that prevented them from getting a victory. "We've made mistakes offensively and defensively, and we've a lot of key shots in the final minutes," said McHugh. "The worst part is that when we're not scoring we're not making the defensive stops either."

Nonetheless, the Seawolves are still a very young team, and as all young teams do, they need a significant amount of time to find the chemistry that makes for a good basketball team. McHugh hopes that the early part of the schedule will give her team the experience it needs to go up against the America East Conference teams they will later on this season. "We're facing big schools that are in big conferences, and we're a very young team," said McHugh. "I think we're progressively getting better and it's key to maintain a positive mentality as we build up to conference play."

The Seawolves will be on the road for the rest of the month and will not come back home until January 5th, when they will face UMBC at 7pm. The Seawolves will undoubtedly be road-tested by that point, and come January, they will inevitably be a far-improved team.