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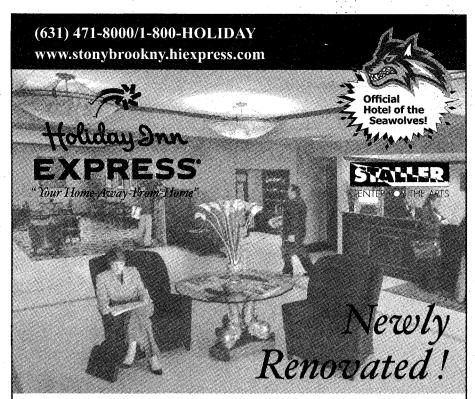












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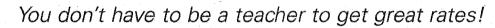
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# PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY SHUT DOWN

By Tejas Gawade

The probe into the death of three infants under Stony Brook Hospital's pediatric cardiac surgery program has culminated in the shutdown of the program and an independent investigation of the entire hospital. The hospital is currently under investigation for its organization, management, operational performance, market strategy, and financial

The investigations began in June. when the University hired BDC Advisors, a healthcare consulting firm based in San Francisco. Early this August, the University President, Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny, established a ribbon commission. The commission is comprised of five members chosen from "national leaders in health care, clinical outcomes, and patient safety," with the goal of evaluating SBU Hospital's overall performance. The commission is fully supported by SUNY Chancellor, John R. Ryan.

The SUNY Board of Trustees, a body of 16 members, has called for an external investigation panel. Dr. Harvey Wachsman, the head of its Health, Science and Hospitals Committee, has said that the rib-

bon commission will not be independent enough. Dr. Irvin Krukenkamp, Associate Dean of Cardiothoracic Academic Affairs, had originally raised concerns over the quality of the pediatric program. He said that a panel set up by Dr. Kenny "will be very difficult to have an objective review if people being reviewed are writing their own reviews."

The Hospital is also under scrutiny for not addressing "issues that have remained open over the last few years." According to a letter issued by the Department of Health, the Hospital is treating a number of patients that "remains at or near the minimal acceptable per regulation to maintain" its program. The Department also cited the unavailability of a surgeon both "pre-operatively and post-operatively in order to have questions answered and concerns addressed.'

The concern is that the hospital does not perform enough of these delicate surgeries to have sufficent practice and expertise in the field. According to Dr. Krukenkamp, the Hospital's pediatric cardiac surgery program handles "40 to 50 cases per year, but North Shore handles 300 per year, and Columbia does



SBUH's troubled pediatric center

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Charles Cullen: Infamous Nurse

Courtesy of www.bonet.info

# **Serial Killer Donates Kidney to SBUH Patient**

By Suraj Rambhia

According to local news sources, Charles Cullen, the infamous serial killer, was successfully able to donate a kidney to a dying New York man at Stony Brook University Hospital. Cullen is currently serving out twelve life sentences for the murder of up to 40 individuals during the 1980s and 90s while working as a male nurse at various New Jersey and Pennsylvania hospitals.

Apparently, Cullen would not appear for Hospital.

his sentencing hearing unless he was given permission to donate one of his kidneys. Although Stony Brook Hospital officials were not able to divulge the name of this individual, local news sources do cite that the recipient of the kidney was a relative of one of Cullen's friends.

Due to the difficulty in physically moving Cullen out of the purview of the State of New Jersey for the surgery, Cullen's kidney was removed in New Jersey and subsequently flown by helicopter to Stony Brook University



Police and fre fighters survery the scene at Chapin Apartments.

Photo Credits: Douglas Little, University Police

### **Dormitory Fire Displaces Sixty-Five Students**

By Suraj Rambhia

On August 23, 2006, around noon, a fire set ablaze the rooftop of Building J in the Chapin Apartment complex. Sixty-five residents live in Building J. All who were in the building at the time were evacuated and no one was injured.

According to Douglas Little, Deputy Chief of the University Police Department, the cause of the fire is unknown. Little commented, "We're not sure if there was any foul play involved. Investigations are currently underway.3

Little also applauded the Setauket Fire Department for its prompt arrival to the scene as well as individuals with the Department of Campus Residences for evacuating the residents efficiently. All sixty-five residents of Building J will be relocated around the campus.

# New Investigation Brings SBUH's Dark History to Light

By Tejas Gawade Editor-in-Chief

Stony Brook University Hospital, the largest tertiary care center in Suffolk County, is currently under fire from the State Department of Health for allegedly falling short on its promise to deliver effective pediatric care.

The investigation came about with the death of an 11-month-old girl. Amee Martin, of Mastic. Hospital spokesperson Lauren Sheprow confirmed that Amee died in the operating room on May 13.

Both the Suffolk county medical examiner's office and the Department of Health declined to comment, citing federal medical privacy laws. However, there have been allegations of medical overdose. Amee's mother, Judee Martin, was told by the Hospital that Amee received an undiluted dose of 27-fold papaverine, a drug that expands blood vessels.

Stony Brook Hospital has a history of medical overdose. Petra Fiel, a premature 8-day-old infant in the neonatal unit, suffered from respiratory distress. In August 1995, she was given a 10-fold overdose of morphine. In February 2002 there was the death of 6-day-old Gianni Vargas. His death was a result of a 10-fold overdose of potassium chloride.

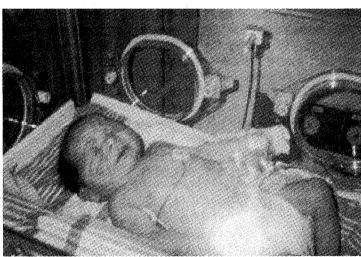
Beyond instances of overdose, further deaths plague Stony Brook's recent history in pediatric

to a heart illness after cardiac surgery. On June 26, 7-year-old Tyler Poole, of West Islip, died of tachycardia during routine adenoid surgery. Poole suffered from Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. According to the Health Department, Poole died because the Hospital relied on outdated test results to assess his heart and lung functions.

The latest case under investigation is of a premature infant at 23 weeks, who weighed about one pound. The infant suffered from a heart defect and was scheduled to be operated on by Dr. Jan Quaegebeur, from the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Because he was unavailable for the surgery, it was rescheduled to be performed by an adult cardiac surgeon. Eventually the surgery was canceled because of concerns over the pediatric experience of the surgeon. The infant died waiting for treatment.

Quaegebeur is a specialized doctor hired by the Hospital on a contract. The contract requires him to come to the University Hospital once a week. Dr. Irvin Krukenkamp, Associate Dean for Cardiothoracic Academic Affairs said that these doctors "don't come back" and "the chain or continuity of care is broken." He later mentioned, "The surgeon has an obligation to see patients in a pre-op to explain risks. [The surgeon on contract] does that. Then the surgeon does the operation, but does not follow-up every day."

Krukenkamp raised concerns about this in 2003. care. In September 2003, "Baby Doe" died due He said, at that time, "the leadership tried to fire me



Gianni Vargas died. He was only 6 days old. Photo Credits: Vargas Family

instead of dealing with the problem, which is a violation of the first amendment." Twenty-one months later, Krukenkamp received a \$3.3 million settlement. University officials denied "wrongful conduct or liability or violation of any federal, state or local statute, ordinance or law... whatsoever." Krukenkamp has been asked to resign from his role effective 2007.

David Raimondo, the lawyer who handled the Gianni Vargas case, said that the Surgery Unit has exhibited "many instances of departure from standard care, such as medical students attending to patients without physician approval." Mr. Raimondo is currently investigating two similar malpractice suits. He will be filing claims in two weeks.

The State claimed \$54,000, the maximum possible, for Gianni's

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### Caution! New Traffic Pattern

By Aisha Akhtar

As students return this fall, they will find many changes on campus grounds. Over the summertime, various roadways had been reconstructed, and some of the buildings have been upgraded.

Most prominently, a new main entry way has been remodeled. The entrance leads directly into the administrative circle, as opposed to previous curving roads that reached the Administration building and the Staller Center for the Arts. "The administrative circle opened ahead of schedule," said Barbara Chernow, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services.

The remainder of the project includes landscaping, and the addition of a fountain. Cherry blossom trees will border along the circle, to replace most of the trees that were cut down in the process of reconstruction. The traffic light signals need minor timing adjustments for traffic calming effects.

A more controversial roadway project is the installation of a "roundabout" at the intersection of Circle Road and Marburger Drive. The construction began June 15th, and will be completed right before school opens. Originally planned to be a traditional T-section, the Campus Environmental Committee suggested the roundabout alternative for safety reasons. "The Campus Environmental Committee wanted a roundabout, it's what

they believe to have a traffic calming effect," said Louis Rispoli, Director of Facilities Design and Construction.

The Department of Transportation reports that "roundabouts" are safer by eliminating left turns, which contribute to angle accidents at intersections. There is also a 76% reduction in injury crashes and 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes. There are 75% less conflict points at intersections. Some students are apprehensive of how the roundabout works, despite the signs to guide and caution drivers. Other students would disagree. "Its not confusing, and its safer," said sophomore Christian Videbaek. "Its pretty convenient because it maximizes space and allows more people in a smaller area," said sophomore

The roundabout was constructed in an environmentally efficient way through the process of reclaiming. "The machine walks the road on all the existing asphalt and oil binds to compact it. Then that becomes the base for the new asphalt paving," said Rispoli. Other specific roadways have generally been improved. These areas include nearly half of circle road extending from Kelly Quad to the North Entrance, Stadium Road around Mendelsohn and H quad. and South Drive from the South P-lot till the School of Dental

All the road work including the



Behold: The new Circle Road in progress

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new entrance way and roundabout clude locker rooms for visitors at be changed into a 450-475 bed totaled to a 6.6 million dollar project. Interior building work had been completed over the summer: Javits Lecture Center had three rooms with ceiling and lighting renovations. Harriman Lecture Hall had similar work done as well. The fourth floor of the main library now has 2 new classrooms, and a new Athletic Development Center has been established in the Pritchard Gym.

the Stadium. The Bookstore has been completely renovated, and the SAC dishwasher room has a new entrance. Future projects are underway and being planned. Roth Food Cafeteria will be renovated by the end of the fall semester. A new 172 bed facility in West Apartments is anticipated by the end of the academic school year. A couple of years down the road, the Roosevelt Quad cafeteria, which Other smaller additions in- has been shut down for years, will million.

Off campus, the Center for Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology will begin its construction in the middle of September. The center will provide grounds for research and development on the 246 acres of what was previously the Flowerfields preserve. This project will take a couple of years to complete, and the cost will total to about 36

# Campus Dining Gets Hip

#### Expect Vegetarian Dining, Starbucks, and a New Roth

By Aisha Akhtar

Campus dining is undergoing some major upgrades to serve students over the

Returning to school this fall, students can anticipate the opening of "Dosa Delhi," to accommodate the vegetarian diet. The Indian cuisine will serve dishes such as sambar soup, sweet and savory dosas, and

"It's a great option for vegetarians," said Angela Agnello, Director of Marketing and Communications. "The foods are gluten free, which is good for people with wheat allergies," said Agnello.

Upcoming this January is the installation of a full licensed Starbucks at the Stony Brook Union. The café will be located close to the staircase at the Fireside lounge, and style seating for a 40-50 people capacity. University Café will still remain open.

This spring, End of the Bridge will be closed down for renovations for its reopen in Fall 2007. The new restaurant will feature Italian cuisine and be open for lunch and dinner hours, unlike End of the Bridge which was open just for dinner. The menu is planned to be more affordable.

Over the summer of 2007, the Bleacher's Club will be completely renovated for the following fall. The food court will have an international cuisine theme with places like Coyote Jacks for American grill, Jawiings Chinese food, Carribean cuisine, a full line of hilal food, and an authentic New York City gyro cart.

these new restaurants, we need more dining options other than the SAC and Jasmine, or

the lounge will consist of soft and bistro Roth," said sophomore Ling Yeung.

So how much is being spent for the 2006-2007 year? "We have about 2.3 million [dollars] budgeted for dining services capital renovations for this year," said Agnello. The Food Standards Agency routinely invests about \$1 million each year in dining service facilities anyway," she said.

All the upgrades during the 2006-2007 academic year are in preparation for extra business for when Roth cafeteria shuts down in fall 2007. Even an additional 260 people seating at the Bleacher's Club and Union Ballroom will be made before the Roth food court closing. The seating arrangement will accommodate the additional

The Roth dining hall project is meant "Well I'm really looking forward to all to provide dining services to the increasing student population by Loop Road and meet up with dining preferences of students.

Also, the building is over 30 years old, and needs maintenance with new electrical systems, plumbing, roof, and energy efficient windows. A ramp will be added to access the building for Tabler residents.

"The idea is that when Roth gets renovated, its going to have a Wendy's, a made to order pizza shop, a made to order sub shop, a multi cuisine meal shop, and a coffeehouse," said Agnello. Since the final plans still need to be made, there is no estimation of cost at the time.

In preparation for Roth food court closing, other eating sites will open in fall 2007 as alternative dining options. Tabler café will host a Dunkin Donuts and a "meals to go" type variety of pizzas, burgers, soups, paninis, and sandwiches.

"It's not gonna be like a campus, but more like a food court in the mall," said neurobiology employee Fareya Khalid.

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## Department of Health Shuts Down Hospital Program

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700 per year." He said that there are "not enough cases to keep sharp." Schneider Children's Hospital, the only other pediatric cardiac surgery program in Long Island, handles 270 cases per year.

Earlier this week, the Hospital was fined the maximum amount of \$38,000, or \$2,000 for each of the charged 19 violations. According to the Health Department, the pediatric cardiac surgery program has been ordered to "immediately cease and desist" due to "imminent danger to the health and safety of pediatric cardiac surgery patients." Dr. Richard Fine, the Dean of the University's Medical School, insists that the 3 infant deaths are unrelated to the program.

Gift of Life, a program that flies in children from outside the United States for specialized heart surgeries, is suffering because of the shutdown. According to the program's Suffolk Chapter co-chairman, Howard Essenfeld, "47 of 60 Gift of Life kids from all over the world who were treated at Stony Brook required

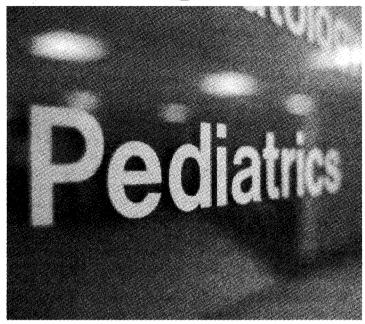
heart surgery, and a dozen others were treated with catheterization."

Around 10 children are scheduled to arrive from the Honduras to the Hospital between Sept. 2 and Oct. 3. Schneider Children's Hospital has agreed to treat 8 of the children, matching Stony Brook's rate of \$4000. The actual surgeries cost \$50,000.

The pediatric program will resume when Stony Brook hires a qualified full-time surgeon affiliated with another hospital, and specializing in heart surgery for

David Raimondo, the lawyer of the Vargas family, said that "the shutting down of the program is in the best interest of Long Islanders." The Vargas' son, Gianni, died due to overdosage by the hospital, while under the care of the pediatric cardiology program.

On August 18, the Trustee Board passed a resolution with a 2-1 vote calling for an external panel of three to five "nationally recognized physicians." The physicians will conduct a review. Wachsman believes will this review will "restore confidence in the hospital."



SBUH pediatric cardiology department under fire.

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# USB to SBU

### The Changing Face of Stony Brook University

By Shanza Malik

At the end of August each year, many college freshmen anticipate moving away from home in their first steps towards independence and continuing education. At Stony Brook University, move-in weekend is quite an exciting event, with Welcome Wagon, Orientation exercises, partying, organizing dorm rooms, and most of all, making life-long friendships. Few of these precious first moments at Stony Brook University are dedicated to contemplating the architecture or history of the campus, however interesting it may be.

Stony Brook University is known as a commuter campus, hosting a population of approximately fifty percent commuter students; however, this was not always the case. The idea of a State University of New York branch on Long Island was originally contemplated in 1948, and

founded in 1957 at the famous Coe Planta- adequately set in the ideal suburban lotions [and Mansion] in Oyster Bay, Long Island [Nassau County]. The location was later moved to Stony Brook in 1964, on land (480 acres!) donated by well-known Long Island philanthropist Ward Melville, after whom many famous buildings and organizations are named. In recent years, the campus has become more than double this size and is still growing. The first class to study at Stony Brook University featured students given the option of living in sex-segregated dormitories with strictly enforced curfews or commuting from their homes, however most students at this time lived on campus.

Originally founded to be a small teaching college, it quickly grew from its starting class of 148 all white co-ed students to the multiracial population of 22,000 including approximately 7,000 graduate students and 1,900 faculty members. Stony Brook University, although intended to be a small teaching college cation quickly and surprisingly became a leading research university that has been on the Top 100 Universities in America as rated by U.S. News and World Report. As recent as 2001, Stony Brook University has also been inducted into the Association of American Universities, an invitation-only organization.

Although many students find the campus unappealing and drab, often complaining of the far-set buildings and the ghost town effect of the weekend clearing-out, the campus has undergone many changes that make it much more appealing than it has been since the five decades of its debut. The sprawling layout of the current Stony Brook campus is due mostly in part to the era in which it was built. Since the move from Oyster Bay to Stony Brook took place in the 1960s, and student activists were a main attraction, buildings were set far apart to prevent too much rioting, which could turn into a

dangerous event, often involving Suffolk County Police intervention. The campus was often described as "neo-penal" with the dorms compared to low-level secured facilities for lesser criminals; featuring almost no benches, outward facing buildings, patchy blacktop and mud banks and continual construction and scaffolding.

In recent years, Stony Brook University has undergone an extreme makeover, featuring the long awaited Wang Center (a \$25M project; the most expensive donation the university has ever had), several fountain installations, and general aesthetic appearance correction. The current President, Shirley Strum Kenny, an English major and the first-ever female president of this relatively young university has provided most of the enthusiasm and the push needed for these changes. Her changes have not gone unnoticed, being featured in an article in The Chronicle, proudly presenting the new improvements to this once drab campus.

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The Stony Brook Patriot, April 7, 2006

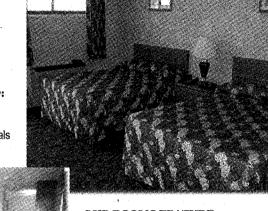
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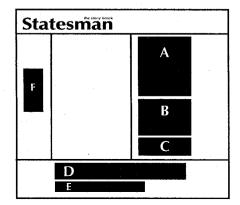
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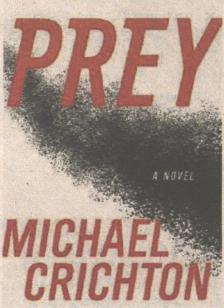
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By JEREMY FALLETTA Staff Writer

Even before the Jurassic Park movies, Michael Crichton had long been considered one of our bestselling novelists. As I have recently discovered, this is for very good reason. I was considerably impressed by Prey, not to mention slightly upset that I had not latched onto him earlier. If you're not into thrilling page-turners, stop reading now.

Prey is divided into four books, each of which deals with a different setting as the plot's energy progresses from 'Calm with a Side of Suspicion' to 'We Have a Problem' to a 'Frantic Struggle Against Time'. In each book, more peripheral characters come to the fore, which not humans. only builds very strong characters by the climax of the novel, but saves the reader the trouble of getting to know new people when all he or she wants to do is find out what happens next. As well as having a healthy supporting cast, the first-person voice of Jack, our hero, rings true and proves reliable. He is an intelligent, loving husband, slow to anger and quick to silently ask for the reader's commiseration. After learning that his wife will disappoint his son by not making a game: "I sighed. It was, I told myself, a sign of her caring." While this seems untrue to the reader, it allows us to sympathize with Jack. As the narrative progresses, it is a sympathy his because it all seems so entirely plaucharacter will require more and more.

So what is the book about, anyway? case of further interest, he provides an And if you have, Prey is a sure bet.



entire bibliography of his own research in the appendix. This book is, more than anything else, assiduously researched. Crichton's knowledge of the subject he is writing about is first-rate. And although it is a very complicated technology, he does a fantastic job of making it palatable to the common reader as it comes off the page. He makes nanotechnology scary to the average Joe, which is no easy task. He quotes K. Eric Drexler, saying "There are many people, including myself, who are quite uneasy about the consequences of this technology for the future." Without giving too much away, this book features tiny computers acting in unison learning to think almost as if they were

Prey is akin to The Matrix in that it deals with artificial intelligence and the human effort to combat it once it has exceeded the scientists' locus of control. Concerning artificial organisms, Crichton quotes Doyne Farmer and Alletta Belin, saying "[T]hey will reproduce, and will 'evolve' into something other than their original form; they will be 'alive' under any reasonable definition of the word." As any of my long-time readers will know, I have a soft spot for the [mostly] horrific proliferations of Stephen King. I found this novel to be just as scary as anything Mr. King has ever written, perhaps even worse,

In summary, Prey is intelligently In a word: nanotechnology. If that written and researched, extremely doesn't mean anything to you, don't compelling, and interesting to boot. worry; you're not alone. However, It is certainly food for thought. It is Crichton offers quite a sufficient ex- the perfect techno-thriller. I will be planation of this very interesting and returning to the Crichton section at my somewhat frightening technology in earliest convenience; if you've never the introduction to the novel. And in the experienced him, it's time you should.

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# Indie Flicks:

#### Indie fall Film Guide



By RACHEL BROZINSKY

School is beginning again, and fall is just around the corner. With the new season comes a whole new selection of exciting independent films being released. As usual, there's something for everyone, as long as you know where to look.

Opening August 25th at the Cinema Arts Center in Huntington, Quinceañera is the story of fourteen-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), a Mexican-American high school girl planning for her fifteenth birthday. Just before the big celebration, she becomes pregnant; and when her highly religious parents find out, she is kicked out of her house and moves in with her benevolent great-uncle Tomas (Chalo Gonzalez), who is already housing Magdalena's trouble-making cousin, Carlos (Jesse Garcia). The cousins get off to a rocky start, but find common ground when Tomas is at risk of losing his apartment to the increasing gentrification of Los Angeles neighborhoods. Written and directed by Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland, Quinceañera is a poignant and moving coming of age story and was the winner of the Sundance Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award.

If you are a fan of contemporary art, particularly Andy Warhol, then it might be worth your while to take a trip to the West Village where Film Forum will be playing Ric Burn's epic documentary, Andy Warhol: A Documentary Film. The four-hour film (broken into two parts by a fifteen minute intermission) portrays the life and highly influential work of a great innovator in the Pop Art Movement. Narrated by Laurie Anderson, to start.

the film also includes interviews with Irving Blum, Stephen Koch, and Paul Morrissey amongst others. Andy Warhol will be playing from September 1st until September 14th.

The Science of Sleep, which will play in select theaters starting September 22, is romantic film of internal fantasy. Stéphane, played by Gael García Bernal (The King), is an introverted young man who moves back to his hometown to pursue an exciting new job.

Throughout his life, Stéphane has experienced vivid dreams that are often more real to him than the real world. When Stéphane meets his neighbor, Stephanie, the confidence that he feels in those wild dreams begins to come through. Ultimately, it is up to Stéphane to take control of his own life before his dreams take control of him.

Running with Scissors is a dark comedy that proves that fact is stranger than fiction. Written and directed by the creator of Nip/Tuck, Ryan Murphy, and based on the memoir of Augusten Burroughs. Young Augusten (Joseph Cross) is forced to move in with his mother's therapist when she feels she is no longer capable of taking care of him. As Augustin spends time living with Dr. Finch (Brian Cox) he learns that the families of therapists are no less strange or more functional than any other family he knows. The film also stars Annette Benning, Alec Baldwin, and Gwenyth Paltrow and opens on October 11th.

These are only a few of the great independent films that will be playing in the area this fall. So if you feel like venturing out and trying something new, these films are a wonderful way

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# From the Desk of the Editor

By Suraj Rambhia and Tejas Gawade Editors-In-Chief

Here at the Statesman, the editorial staff is finally settling in after a busy summer. While planning for the upcoming semester has resulted in its share of hardships and windfalls, we feel we are more than ready to focus on delivering a comprehensive, cohesive newspaper for the campus and surrounding local community. The Statesman, this semester, features a host of changes aimed at bringing the reader's experience to a new level.

The Statesman website has been redesigned to express a more modern outlook not just in terms of viewing experience, but also with added features including flash based slide shows, web forums, calendars, and also, an e-mail edition of the paper for registered users.

Flash based slide shows will be a part of a new section this semester, 'In Pictures,' to be featured once a week, highlighting some aspect of our university. The pictures might highlight an event at the Staller Center, a club or sports team on campus, or possibly the staff of a particular department. We might just decide to have a photo shoot of the campus as it changes from season to season (in all different types of weather). As always, suggestions or requests for photo shoots can be sent to comments@sbstatesman.org.

For the Arts and Entertainment section this semester, the editorial staff has decided to try something new. Anyone who has a passion for a given discipline will be given the opportunity to write. The area of interest could be something like making paper airplanes or following rugby teams around the world or even reviewing the popular television shows and movies like *House MD*, *LOST*, or *American Idol*. Again, the area of interest is up to the writer. Arts and Entertainment will also feature "Shout Outs!" this semester along with a new advice column, "Ack Stella Star."

Our Sports section will be expanded from previous semesters, and adequate coverage will be given to all major sports teams on campus. More emphasis will be placed on the many intramural clubs students participate in. The Statesman recognizes the need for more of these types of intramural activities to increase the quality campus life, removing the old label of SBU as a commuter school.

As always, students are encouraged to diversify themselves in their curricular and extra-curricular activities. Just because one may be a science, engineering, or business major doesn't mean that participating in a journalism oriented organization such as the Statesman will be of no value. On the contrary, participating in the Statesman can truly broaden one's horizons, allowing one to enhance communication skills, learn about the organization of the campus, and actively participate in a vibrant academic atmosphere. Any professor, anybody with a college degree will tell you the value of remaining motivated, enterprising, and focused. The skills one can gain working from working with the Statesman are intangible, and arguably, more valuable than any individual course that one can take at this campus.

As part of the new School of Journalism, students will be able to work with the Statesman for academic credit. While an internship with any one of the media organizations on campus will be required for all declared Journalism majors, students of all majors should definitely consider working for the Statesman for the aforementioned reasons.

With the upcoming semester almost here, our focus on the campus community is already underway. News and Features sections will focus primarily on the Stony Brook campus, the students, staff, and faculty who make our university what it is. Coverage of events on campus will continue as usual but with an eye for the big picture. How does a particular club or organization fall into the big picture on campus? How are students affected by a particular program or event? What are the long term consequences?

We emphasize the fact that we are a progressive newspaper focusing on the future of our university. Our paper does not express any political, social, or moral bias, and we do not discriminate based on religion, race, or ethnicity. We look forward to covering events such as the 9/11 Memorial Service, Wolfstock Homecoming, and the Philadelphia Dance Company coming to the Staller Center. Our news editor, Will James, will also be commencing a campus safety exposé, following up on several of the major incidents on campus last semester.

In addition, the Statesman will feature periodic issues of the Statesman Lite, a magazine-like insert to accompany our regular newspaper issues. Each edition of the Statesman Lite will place emphasis on a certain aspect of campus life. For example, Shanza Malik, our Arts and Entertainment Editor will be organizing our Dining Guide, places to eat at Port Jefferson. Candace Ishmael, our Sports Editor, will be organizing an insert on Holidays, around the time when finals will be rolling around.

We encourage all interested students to come down to our office and share their talents with us. We always have room for more people on our team.

Students who wish to engage themselves as Statesman writers can contact the editorial staff by filling out some basic information online at http://www.sbstatesman.com/join or through an e-mail to joinus@sbstatesman.org. Our office is located in the basement of the SB Union, Room 057. Editorial meetings are on Sunday evenings at 4PM, Wednesday afternoons during campus lifetime (12:50-2:00) and Wednesday evenings after 5 PM. If these times are inconvenient, contact is there through e-mail, and someone is always present in our office during normal business hours from 9-5, Monday through Friday.

Good luck, and God speed,

Suraj Rambhia Tejas Gawade Editors-in-Chief

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# PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY SHUT DOW

#### **Correspondence From State Department** of Health to SBU Hospital

Coutesy of Newdsay

**Right:** Letter from Dr. Antonia C. Novello, Commissioner of Health highlighting "inconsistencies with New York State Code Rules and Rgulations" of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department at SBU Hospital. The letter was written after two onsite reviews of the SBUH department, conducted by the Department of Health.

Below: Letter from Dr. Novello to Dr. Richard Fine, Dean of the School of Medicine informing him of inconsistencies highlighted in the previous letter.



State of New York Department of Health ning Tower, Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

March 22, 2006

a C. Novello, M.D. M.PH. D. P.H.

Richard Fine, M.D. Dean, School of Medicine Stony Brook University

Health Sciences Cente Stony Brook, New York 11794-8430

Thank you for your letter of January 12, 2006, regarding the pediatric cardiac surge volume and mortality rates at Stony Brook.

Stony Brook's pediatric cardiac surgery program has been and continues to be of concern not only because your volume has been under or just at the regulatory minimum of 50 cases a year, but how this impacts the quality of care. This low volume not only brings into question the need for this program at Stony Brook but the ability of support staff, such as anesthesiology and nursing to maintain the skills required to provide quality services to this very vulnerable population. I am also concerned about the lack of morbidity and mortality conferences and the or or absent documentation by the pediatric cardiac surgeon including in

Enclosed find a copy of my letter to Dr. Biancanielle outlining our concerns following the two site visits and the previously issued Statement of Deficiencies.

You can be assured that the needs of the pediatric cardiac surgery patients for appropriate access to high quality care will be my primary concern as together we try to resolve these

Sincerely.

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March 22, 2006

Thomas M. Biancaniello, MD, FACC Vice Dean for Clinical Affair School of Medicine School of Medicine
Chief Medical Officer
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Dear Dr. Biancaniello

This letter is to inform you of the results of the New York State Department of Health' review of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Program at Stony Brook University Hospital. The one review was completed in October of 2005 with a follow-up visit in January of this year. The review was conducted as a result of concerns of low patient volume and the part-time status of the pediatric cardiac surgeon at your institution. Although not cited in the February 10, 2006 Statement of Deficiencies (SOD), the following issues require correction in order to continue Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Stony Brook.

The following items were found to be inconsistent with New York State Code Rules and Regulations (10NYCRR):

- Based on the review of data and medical records the pediatric cardiac surgical program did not perform the 50 procedures annually per 405.22 (d) 5 ii in 2004 and 2003.
- Based on the number of pediatric cases performed the facility was required to contract with a "high volume" program for program advice and expertise. Under Article 28 of the Public Health Law that agreement must be made with an Article 28 provider, not a medical school or university in which NYSDOH has no jurisdiction.
- Based on observation, record review and interview with facility staff, the Based on observation, record review and interview with facility staff, the pediatric cardiac program failed to comply with general provisions of 405.22 (d) 2 (a) as evidenced by the limited basis the pediatric cardiac surgeon was onsite. The pediatric cardiac surgeon works onsite only 1-2 days per week. Although the files state that the MD identified as back-up was oredentialed with full pediatric privileges, upon interview the same physician denied he had the experience to head the province of the same physician denied he had the experience to head the province of the same physician denied he had the experience to head the province of the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the province of the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied he had the experience to head the same physician denied head the same physician denied

In addition

- (a) The review of the morbidity & mortality of your institution's pediatric cardiac surgery cases are reviewed at Columbia University and not at Stony Brook.
- (b) There are no records of pediatric cardiac surgery conference Stony Brook and no documentation that your staff participates in the conferences at Columbia
- 4. Based on interview and medical record review, the facility failed to ascertain the ped cardiac surgeon is present and onsite, communicates with or is involved in the pre or post-operative care or the discharge planning of pediatric patients as evidenced by:
  - (a) There is no documentation to confirm the surgeon's involver post-operative care of each patient from the time of arrival in the PICU to the time of discharge.
  - (b) There is no documentation that the surgeon was aware that one of his patients returned for readmission following surgery.
  - (c) There is no documentation indicating consultation with the patients and the families.
  - (d) There is no documentation that the patients and parents received enough information about the procedures, or had the time to ask questions, or had the time to understand and absorb the answers.

All issues noted herein have been identified by the Department and the Cardiac Advisory Committee in the past, but have not been resolved to date. Therefore, this correspondence serves as notice to the facility to correct the non-compliant issues addressed above. Please submit a written plan describing how these issues will be corrected by April 3, 2006.

Again, if these issues cannot be corrected, it may be necessary to close the Pediatric Surgical Program at Stony Brook University Hospital for failure to meet the NYS 405 regulatory

Should you wish to discuss this correspondence please contact Lisa Wickens Deputy Director for the Office of Health Systems Management at 518-474-1988; or John Merley M.D.,

We would be pleased to schedule a meeting in Albany, if you feel it would be beneficial in correcting these issues and moving forward.

Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr. P.由 Commissioner of Health

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# Stony Brook In Vogue Got Clips?



Courtesy of cutlerandgross.co.uk

By Amy Dragani

The semester has begun and in only a few weeks we will approach the beginning of fall, my favorite season. With the cooler temperatures and shorter days comes the opportunities to sport new fall styles.

Spring styles introduced us to the legging by pairing it with long tees and tanks. The combination of a long top and skinny bottom has transcended into the fall styles as well. Long sweaters with dipping V-necks or wide boatnecks paired with skinny jeans and pencil skirts are becoming somewhat of a staple. From boutiques to H&M an dExpress, oversized sweaters are in every store. Long cardigan sweaters paired with skirts or slacks are an alteration of the oversized sweater, better suited for the workplace.

Let's backtrack a few lines to skinny jeans. Skinny jeans gained popularity throughout the spring and summer, but they are absolutely booming for the fall. Skinny jeans are not your moms old straight legs but rather, they are a specific cut. Express, Urban Outfitters, H&M, and many, many more retailers have caught on to the skinny jean. My advice: try them on! These are the type of pants that look

entirely different on the hanger then on your body. Just like any other jean, they are available in different shades and washes, but the must-have for the fall is the skinny jean in gray. It's on the darker side, while not being too dark for season (after all, fall is a transition period). I'm loving skinny jeans with heels and maybe a layered jacket OR with a neutral or darker colored flat.

There is a hint of naval influence in the fall styles. Navy, white, and gold are the color staples appearing on tops, skirts, slacks, and jackets. Tops with horizontal stripes, high waisted pants, short peacoats, and the use of gold or brass symmetrical buttons are part of this trend. And talking about peacoats, how can we talk fall styles without talking jackets? Jackets for the fall are lightweight and mid-length. The use of light tweed, texture, and lightweight leather create fitted jackets that are classic in shape but have a modern edge in their length and cut. Even herringbone has made a significant mark in this season's styles. Just remember, a fall jacket is not a coat. This will not be the item you'll wear through March. Also keep in mind fabric and weight when you're looking for the perfect fall cover-up.

And good luck with your first couple weeks back at Stony Brook!

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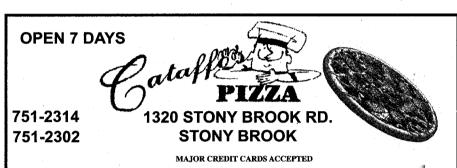
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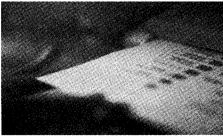
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# Tennis Rocks SBU

By CANDACE ISHMAEL

The Stony Brook Men's and Women's Tennis teams are led by Head Coach Gary Glassman. In his six years with the Seawolves, Glassman has set a number of records for team wins, including the most wins in a season for the women's team with a 16-8 record. He has an overall combined men's and women's record of 225-137 for the past six seasons and has never had a sub-.500 season since arriving at Stony Brook. He also led the men's team to a 19-3 finish in the 2003-04 season.

In 1999, Glassman's first year as head coach, he oversaw the transition to competing as a Division I program. In that year, he was able to turn the women's team around. They finished with a season record of 9-4; an immense improvement over the previous year's 5-7 record.

American East Conference. That year, both the men's and women's side made it to the finals of the title run, proving that they were ready to compete at the highest levels of the conference. For his success in leading his team to new heights, Glassman was named Women's Coach of the Year by the league. The team also posted a combined total of 28 wins, besting the previous school record by six victories.

The 2003-04 season saw the men's team reach new heights of the their continued success when five members were named All-America East, including Egil Anonsen, who set the school record for career singles wins at 71 and won Athlete of the Year awards for his success. They finished the season with a 19-3 record and achieved its first national ranking, at number 70, on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) list.

The women's team has continued their competitive rise since the beginning of Glassman's tenure with three

semi-finals.

For the men's side, their success has only increased from there. Last season saw them take the first American East title in the program's history and took them into their first appearance in the NCAA tournament. They finished the season ranked at number 14 in the ITA Northeast Region poll, the third consecutive year they were placed in the top 15.

But the Seawolves don't just enjoy success on the court; Glassman stresses the importance of academic success as well. Both teams were named ITA All-Academic teams in 2006, with a combined GPA of at least 3.20. Victoria Vovsha was also named an ITA Scholar Athlete, with a GPA above 3.50. The team's immense diversity allows each player to bring something different to what is a very united group. While there is a mix of different cultures and faces among the local talent and internationally recruited players, Two years later, the Seawolves became a part of the consecutive seasons putting them in the American East they all have one goal in mind: a team championship.

### Football Profile

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ing experience under his belt, including three seasons as running back coach at Hofstra. Shawn Daignault serves as inside linebackers coach and Jason Martin will take on the defensive line. The secondary coaching position is filled by Ky Cowen who mentored rookie free agent Brandon McGowen, now with the Chicago Bears. Finally, Jon Woods returns as outside linebackers coach.

On the field, the Seawolves will be led by captains Michael Cosentino, Assad Hafiz, Chris Tomasky, and Dan Michitsh. At wide receiver, Cosentino has seen action in every game from the 2003 season, and led the team in receptions last season. Hafiz returns for his final season at running back after joining the team last season during which he totaled 393 yards on the ground. Tomasky and Michitsh will lead the defense. Michitsh took over in the 2005 season after Tomasky was sidelined with an injury and led the team with 95

This season also welcomes the first recruiting class in the team's history. With a shift in the Northeastern Conference (NEC) guidelines on the awarding of scholarships, the team was able to actively recruit players with the promise of full athletic scholarships, rather than the needbased awards that were previously offered. The Seawolves inked National Letters of Intent with 14 incoming freshman: Josh Auerback, Benjamin Clements III, Conte Cuttino, Jason Figorski, Cory Giddings, Anthony Hamilton, Jerome Johnson Jr.,

Donald Lee, Robert Montejo II, Emmet Phillips, Stephen Schwicke, Jefferson Santos, Tyler Santucci, and Chris Tyler. The players will be expected to back up their veteran teammates and challenge them to reach new levels in their play.

The 2005 season saw the team take a share of the NEC championship for the first time in its history. The Seawolves. have been an associate member of the NEC since 1999 and the 2006 season will be the final time that the team competes as part of the conference. In 2007, the team moves on to compete as a Division I-AA Independent. This will act as a stepping stone as Stony Brook attempts to make its way into the highest level of Division I-AA ball. The number of athletic scholarships offered by the team will increase incrementally over the next few seasons until it reaches the highest level allowed by the division.

Scheduling changes for the next few seasons will also challenge the team as they hope to further elevate their level of play. The 2006 season includes non-conference games against Hofstra, University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts, and Georgetown University. In 2007, the Seawolves will face even tougher competition in Georgetown, Bucknell, Youngstown State, Monmouth, Hofstra, University of Albany, University of Richmond, Wagner, Central Connecticut State and Elon University. The Seawolves kick off the 2006 season with a game against Hofstra University at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium, where they have played since 2002.

# Seawolves Exposed

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Perhaps what is more important than what a Seawolf actually is, is what it means to be part of the Seawolf community. Perhaps the best part of having a mythical creature for a mascot is that it can represent almost anything you think is important. Some say the Seawolf is all about having fun and cheering on our student-athletes. Others feel something stronger.

When asked what she thought it meant to be a Seawolf, Jackie Boyle of the Women's Soccer Team responded: "Literally, a Seawolf is a mythical creature. But being a Seawolf means Stony Brook University. It means teamwork and leadership... knowledge and individuality. Seawolf means education and friendship... it means

commitment and self-confidence. It is everything that Stony Brook University tries to instill in us everyday to help us in the future. A soccer player is a Seawolf, but so is a biology student, and even a psychology professor. Although we don't realize it, every member of the student community, athletic team, faculty and staff has a little bit of Seawolf in them. Being a Seawolf means pride."

So the next time a friend asks you, what exactly is a Seawolf? You can respond with anything that you want; anything that is important to you, because the Seawolf represents us all at Stony Brook, and is everything that the University is. It's not just about athletics, but every student, faculty member, alumni, and administrator. That's what is means to be a Seawolf.

Stay Tuned for Continuing Seawolves Coverage!

The Stony Brook Statesman Friday, September 1, 2000

# **Building A World Class Football Team**



Kenneth P. LsValle Stadium, which opend in 2002, is the home of the Seawolves.

Daniel Kim/ Statesman

By CANDACE ISHMAEL

The Stony Brook Seawolves have been hitting the gridiron for 22 seasons now, but their 23rd season will usher in more change than some fans might be able to wrap their minds around. Head coach Chuck Priore steps in as only the second person in the team's history to hold that position and brings along an entirely new coaching staff to back him up. After six seasons at Trinity College, three of which saw the team hold an undefeated streak, Priore steps in to lead the Seawolves as they embark on the road to bigger and better things.

Priore brings with him the experience of four consecutive New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) titles and a staff that is no stranger to success on the field. Joe Tricario comes on as defensive coordinator after eight years at Fordham University where his team ranked as the top defense in their league in 2002. The position of offensive coordinator is taken on by Jeff Behrman who spent several seasons at both Trinity College and Hofstra University. Damien Wrobleski is the offensive line coach. He served in the same position at Hofstra for two seasons. Wide receivers will be coached by Carlton Goff who has ten years of collegiate coach-

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### What is a Seawolf?

By CANDACE ISHMAEL

Friday, September 1, 2006

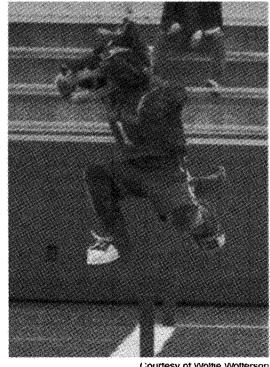
If you've ever talked to friends at other colleges or universities about their athletic programs, you've probably been asked what the Stony Brook mascot was. Chances are, you didn't know what to say. Well, rest assured, because that question is about to be answered. What exactly is a Seawolf, and why doesn't Stony Brook have a "normal" mascot like a bear, a tiger or a knight? Normal is boring and who wants that in a mascot?

athletic program was first established, the teams were called the Soundmen. But this nickname only lasted for three years. For a six year stretch in the sixties, Stony Brook was known as the Warriors. Then, in 1966, the University changed the name again to the Patriots and Lady

This nickname lasted for thirty years, but with Stony Brook's transformation into a Division I program, a new mascot was needed to take on the challenge. A 32-member committee of students, faculty, administrators and alumni was The fact is that the Seawolf wasn't formed to choose the next Stony Brook always the representative of Stony Brook mascot. Out of 200 suggestions, the athletics. Wolfie is the fourth mascot to Seawolf was chosen. At the beginning

be chosen by the University. When the of the 1994-95 school year, Dr. John H. Marburger III, the president of the university at the time, announced the debut of Wolfie as the new Stony Brook athletics representative.

> The Seawolf is a mythical creature that does not exist in any known culture. According to University lore, the Seawolf is a sea creature that brings good luck to anyone to lay eyes on it. But did you know that our Wolfie is not the only one? That's right; Stony Brook shares its unique mascot with the University of Alaska Anchorage. They won't say who came first, but as far as Wolfie's concerned; he's the only one that matters.



Courtesy of Wolfie Wolfe

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#### We Will Never Forget

#### The Five-Year Commemoration of September 11

to honor alumni and other members of the Stony Brook family who were lost. Their deaths strengthen our resolve as a University community to foster the most basic ideals of freedom and equality.

#### Friday, September 8

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Rain Location-Humanities Building

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