

DISASTER AVERTED?

Chabad Cancels
Documentary
After Pressure
from MSA

By EROL RUZHAJI
Asst. News Editor

3...2...1... and the film reel did not roll. The event "Armageddon" hosted by the Chabad Student Club of Stony Brook University did not show its intended film, *Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against The West*. A possible disaster may have been averted.

Obsession is a documentary film. The film aims to portray Islamic Radicalism as a worldwide threat to the way of life of most non-Muslim people, in particular the Western world.

On the film's website, the trailer, clips from the film and several post-production interviews with the filmmakers can be viewed. Some of the footage on the website shows scenes from the film that likens the global jihad movement to Nazi propaganda efforts.

Many Muslim students on campus were disgusted by the film's showing. The Muslim Student Association here on campus was asked to co-sponsor the event. Adam Osman, the president of the MSA, viewed the film prior to making a decision. "I was sickened by the one-sidedness of the film and its portrayal of a marginalized Muslim minority as a majority," Osman said.

Rabbi Adam, who organized the event, went into detail as to what the motive of the event was. According to the rabbi, the event itself was set up to be a venue to inform the campus community

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The university is gathering statistics on the drinking habits of incoming freshmen.

Tejas Gawade / Statesman

RE-EDUCATION

Freshmen Drinking Habits Under Fire

By AISHA AKHTAR
Staff Writer

Incoming freshman this year are required to participate in the pilot of an online alcohol education program. The freshman will be analyzed on their substance abuse behavior and how it changes before and after taking the course.

The AlcoholEdu is a national prevention program aimed at institutions by using a Population-Level Prevention method. Entire populations of a particular group of students, in this case first-year students, are assessed on alcohol-related knowledge, attitudes, and behavior. There are more than a quarter of a million students in the program, making it the largest alcohol and college student database.

Stony Brook is requiring all new students to complete the online course. In addition to freshman, any athlete who fails drug tests is required to take the course, as well as any student who has been written up for violating the campus alcohol

policies. Being a freshman, all the students have to take the Freshman 101 Seminar curriculum, which includes one class session on information from the AlcoholEdu course.

"As a peer educator, I have a more educated group of people coming in," said Kathleen Flynn-Bisson, Health Service Center peer educator.

The site features science-based research to educate students about alcohol and its effects. The tutorial has three chapters on alcohol-related content, case studies, and interactive exercises. The first chapter expands upon the family environment and advertisements influencing the attitudes and decisions about drinking. College patterns related to sports and competition are discussed among the general campus culture.

The second chapter focuses more on how alcohol affects health. Such topics include Blood Alcohol Concentration,

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Retraction:

By SB INDEPENDENT
EDITORIAL BOARD

The Statesman contained the headline "Chapin Arson Solved" in this space, on the front page, of its Monday Dec. 4 issue.

It has come to *The Statesman's* attention that the content of that article included quotes, words, and phrases that were identical to those in an article published two weeks earlier in *The Stony Brook Independent* on www.sbindependent.org.

The article by Steven Roberts had the headline "Resident's Teen Son Charged in Chapin Fire," which was published in *The Independent* on Wednesday Nov. 22.

What follows here is a retraction and the specific excerpts of these quotes, words,

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Radical Changes Rock MCAT

By WILLIAM LAHTI
Associate Sports Editor

The MCAT, the test taken by prospective medical students, is to change radically with the impending new year. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) announced these changes in July 2005, but they'll be going into effect very shortly. The most significant change involves doing away with paper-based testing, and switching to a computer-based format. This will allow the turnaround for scores to be much quicker, going from 60 days to 30 days. They hope to get it down to 14 days, eventually.

The test day will be shortened as well, with the entire test taking only 5 hours, instead of 8. The number of questions will be cut by a third. In addition, computerized tests can be conducted more quickly. With the changes to the content come improvements to the testing experience as well. There will be much more flexibility when it comes to when the test can be taken, with sessions available in the mornings and afternoons on weekdays and Saturdays. There will also be 22 test sessions across 7 months, offered per year, up from 2 sessions per year. However, it may only be taken 3 times per year.

Check-in for the test will be streamlined, in part through the use of fingerprint scanners. The computer labs in which the tests will be given are small, having only up to 16 stations, and are climate-controlled. According to Pre-Professional Academic Advisor Joanie Maniaci of the Melville Library's Academic & Pre-Professional Advising Center, schools tend to look at grades, and then MCAT scores. She also reminds students that a

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Student Forecast:

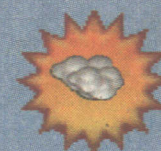
Dec. 7 - Dec. 13
by Britta Merwin



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Freezing Rain



Friday:
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Chance of Precipitation



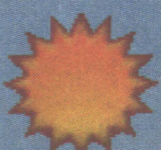
Saturday:
High 41/Low 25
Cold & Dry



Sunday:
High 46/Low 29
Average Temperatures



Monday:
High 43/Low 30
Fair Winter Weather



Tuesday:
High 42/Low 32
Cool & Pleasant



Wednesday:
High 40/Low 30
Next Storm?

Behind the Numbers

Mother Nature seems to be taunting Long Island playing the waiting game for the first snow. This past Monday campus was left high and dry while some locations to the west observed a few flurries. The end of the week will be similar with a cold front moving in on Thursday. There is some lift for precipitation to form but there might not be enough moisture to produce anything. For now there is just a slight chance of freezing rain or a few flurries but the main story is the blast of cold air behind this cold front. Friday will be the coldest day yet of the season! The weekend into next week looks mild bringing us average temperatures for this time of year on Sunday. The next storm looks to roll in late on Wednesday.

CONTINUATIONS

ADMIN AIMS TO CURB FRESHMEN DRINKING

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brain development, and the general consequences of drinking. The third chapter teaches how to deal with alcohol abuse in social situations and how to make them safe.

"The program also addresses non-drinkers because people need to learn to get along with other kinds of people," said Katherine Dillon, a second-year intern at the Student Health Service Center.

Before taking the online course, participants are asked to fill out a survey about their substance abuse habits, and take a pre-test to determine how educated the student is, coming into college. Then part I must be completed, which covers the first three chapters in about two-and-a-half hours. Following the course, the students must take a test and pass

with a grade of 75. If they do not pass, certain parts of the course must be looked over again.

"I already knew most of the information, it wasn't anything new," said freshman Gabriel Urquiza Leibin.

Part I was introduced over the summer, where each incoming freshman received an access code to sign in online. They had until the beginning of the semester to complete the survey and course. Thirty days into the semester, the participants were asked to complete the fourth and final chapter and refresh what they had learned from the previous three chapters. To see how their behavior and attitude had evolved after passing some time in a college environment, a part II 15-minute survey was taken.

Eight SUNY schools are participating in this program as well. Final results from the surveys will be released in spring, comparing

Stony Brook with other campuses across the nation. Based on results, steps will be taken to address substance abuse issues around campus. "There will be a prevention committee with representatives across campus to see how to address the issues," said Flynn-Bisson.

"I had seen the program advertised at a Manhattan conference about AlcoholEdu a couple years back, but we didn't pursue it because of the costs," said Ellen Driscoll, project coordinator and substance abuse counselor of the Student Health Service Center. SUNY central in Albany approved the program this year, after processing a grant application. Access to the online program itself costs \$37,000. Aside from that, promotional campaigns cost \$107,400. These norms cover program design, advertisement posters, flyers, curriculum development, and mailing.

Changes Come to LSAT, GRE, MCAT

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particular score is not a "brick wall cutoff" for medical school admission. She adds that students have more freedom than before with the changes, and she hopes less stress.

One pre-med student soon to take the new MCAT said that the old test was like "running a marathon," but feels that the new one will be much better. Students will not be without preparation for the changes, though. Maniaci says, "Test prep companies have been getting ready for this move for some time, and students are reading what the AAMC makes available about the new MCAT." She is also hopeful that things will run smoothly, despite the inherent potential for problems when a large organization makes a change on this scale, but says to

"fasten your seatbelts."

One example of a potential problem is people getting on the wrong testing computers after breaks. One student who has taken a computerized test like this told a story where the "victim" had to retake the test at a later time.

The GRE, which is to graduate school what the SAT is for undergraduate admissions, will undergo a major overhaul in Fall 2007. Where the GRE is offered almost every day now, it will only be offered around 30 times a year, and questions will no longer be repeated on future tests. Analogies and antonyms will be replaced with more critical reading and thinking. Quantitative math questions will now feature more word and data interpretation problems, replacing some of the geometry. The 200 to 800 grading scale will be replaced by a 110 to 150 scale.

The changes were delayed

from this Fall for a myriad of reasons, including too few test centers. The ABA, which accredits many law schools, has changed their policy on LSAT scores. They prefer to have the LSAT reported. Whereas previously, the average scores of all completed exams were reported, they will now ask schools to report their highest score. This is a major benefit to students who may have had a bad day the first time, but did very well the second time. Under the old system, the two scores would've "washed out" to an average score.

In June 2007, they will also add a comparative reading section, and only offer a decision prompt for the writing section, instead of either an argument or a decision chosen at random. The writing section had been based on the random-choice prompt for two years.

Police Blotter

Dec. 5 - Dec. 6

Suspected Marijuana Unfounded

On Dec. 5, smell of marijuana was suspected twice in Stimson College at 4:50 P.M. and 7:04 P.M. In the first instance, the smell of marijuana was gone upon police arrival. In the second instance, the RHD was notified, but the complaint was unfounded. Toscanini college also received complaints of a marijuana smell at 10:01 P.M. The complaint was unfounded. On Dec. 6, smell of marijuana was detected in Eisenhower college at 1:56 A.M.

Male Trapped in Restroom

On Dec. 5, at 10:59 P.M., a male was trapped in the north fifth floor men's restroom of the Frank J. Melville Library. When he was freed, he refused to receive medical attention.

Window Smashed

On Dec. 5, at 10:52 P.M., criminal misdemeanor occurred on the first level room of Dreiser College when a window was small from the outside. The suspects were gone when police arrived.

Medical Emergency

On Dec. 5, at 5:29 P.M., in the music building of the Staller Center for the Arts, a medical emergency occurred at 5:29 P.M. A female was transported to the University Hospital through the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The fire company and the Suffolk County Police Department was notified.

Impersonated Call

On Dec. 5, a nurse on the University Hospital's North 11 level received a phone call transferred from the operator at 6:43 P.M. The person on the other line was impersonating a detective from the third precinct.

Party Breakup

On Dec. 6, a party was broken up by a Resident Assistant in Gershwin College at 1:39 A.M. Three students were referred. However, all appeared in order.

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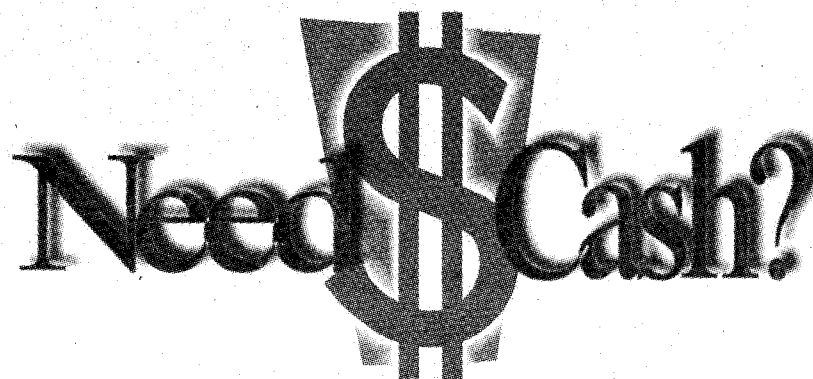
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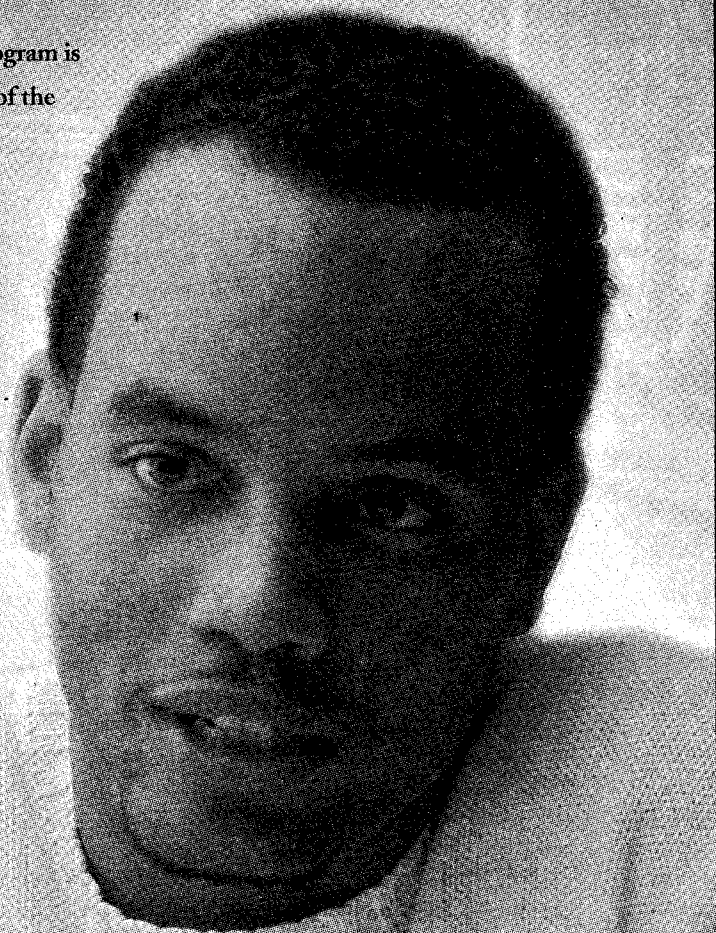
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about biblical prophecies of Armageddon, and that students here on campus should foster a friendly environment for the Messiah to come. The Messiah is a prophesized Toranic/Biblical savior of mankind. According to Jews, the Messiah has yet to come.

According to Rabbi Adam, the Messiah will only come to the world when it is in a state of peace - a state the world is currently far from. Rabbi Adam went into further detail about both the Toranic prophecies and the current political affairs around the world. The Rabbi stated that there is a prophecy that declares "the destruction of Israel will come with the rise of Iran."

The Chaplain of the MSA, Sister Sanaa, persuaded Rabbi Adam not to show the film. She was successful in her attempt. MSA member Abdul Rahman Mirza served as an emissary and thanked the rabbi on behalf of the MSA for not showing the film. Several students angrily stomped out of the auditorium. Mirza stated in his address, "The Jewish people, more than others, are a group of people who would understand the outcome of prejudices and hate crimes caused by stereotypes."

After the Rabbi's lec-

ture, there was an open floor. A student brought up a question about Kahanist Jews and Kahanist ideology - the Jewish equivalent of violent religious radicalism. The rabbi addressed the question by saying that "the Kahanists are few and they are extreme." He went on to say that "nobody respects them" and referred to them as "Jewish Jihadists." There was laughter in the audience.

Though the rabbi's intent was for the film to serve as a vehicle to demonstrate how radicalism is a growing force that is contributing to the coming of Armageddon, it raises the question as to why such a potentially disruptive and inciting film would be shown, especially if the message of the event was to foster friendship on campus.

Feliks Khantsis, a student, said "I'm glad that the movie wasn't shown. The detriment caused by the film would have outweighed its benefits." Another student, Max Wolfson, said he believed that the film was "propaganda for Evangelicals."

Despite the film, the rabbi's message of peace and friendship was genuine. Many Muslims on campus were thankful that another anti-Islamic stereotype wasn't propagated. The message of peace and friendship was well-received by the audience.

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Senate Surprises - Special Article

By ESAM AL-SHAREFFI
USG Senate Recording Secretary

Dear Editor,

The penultimate meeting of the Senate ended a few minutes ago and there is a great deal of interest to report to students.

First, several members of the USG Reform Party have renounced their party affiliation and vowed on charting an independent course.

Senators Maiorella, Antonelli, Shapiro, and Borodkin all made brief statements indicating their intentions, with Senator Shapiro perhaps the most critical, stating that he saw "Reform as an obstacle to actual reform" before announcing the withdrawal of the Enduring Freedom Alliance from the Reform umbrella.

In response to these statements, Senator Romano delivered a long diatribe. There was no surprise that it sounded a great deal like a resignation speech, recollecting the past and going through his various "achievements" in such a rapid fashion that he was barely able to keep his breath. Sadly, it appears that the gesture from his former party members did not register with Romano.

A great leader, for instance, would not have allowed a significant portion of his party to resign, but would have been able to keep his house in order and successfully addressed the needs and concerns of those he led. A good leader would have acknowledged the views of his colleagues and would have offered a vote of confidence in his position as PPT, giving the Senate an opportunity to register either their continued support or their desire for change.

Senator Romano did none of that, however, and I can only hope that his desire to do what is best for the student body, something I have never questioned before, shall remain his top priority.

The Senate also considered a variety of interesting legislations, the most provocative being the "Protection of Religious Activities and Texts Act." While there is much in the bill that deserves support, the major point of contention arises when the bill explicitly allows religious organizations to purchase religious texts or items to be used in actual religious ceremonies.

For instance, if the act had passed, a religious club would have been able to purchase large

amounts of religious texts or material, say a large collection of Bibles or Korans, and could have used them in order to convert Stony Brook students to that religion.

Luckily, the USG has not quite become a theocracy yet, although the final vote of 6 in favor, 9 against, and 4 abstentions is quite disconcerting. I hope Senator Romano's perceived indications that he would challenge the rejection of the bill in the courts will be set aside, and that in the future a revised bill can be presented.

This gives religious organizations the freedom to operate in a similar fashion as to any other club, with the exception that student government funds will not be used in order to support a club's actual religious services, even if said services are open to all students on paper.

Towards the conclusion of the meeting, several clubs, namely Men's Rugby and The Stony Brook Independent, registered their disapproval with the decisions made by the Budget Committee. Men's Rugby sought a straight answer on why their high school tournament funding request was rejected.

The SB Independent com-

plained about the inefficiency of the Budget Committee in informing the club that they are not eligible for funding, and suggested that media organizations, in particular, should not be funded directly by the Student Government.

Instead, the USG should set aside a portion of the budget for the media organizations, which they can allocate amongst themselves, in order to avoid any conflicts of interest between the media and the government.

At any rate, I believe it is important to recognize the role of the Budget Committee, which spends several hours meeting every week and which has to make the toughest decisions regarding proper allocation of USG funds. At the same time, it seems as if communication between the committee and the clubs can and should be improved, in order to avoid these difficulties.

Overall, the meeting was filled with surprises and there was some drama for those USG political junkies. In terms of actual legislation that benefits students... well, there is always next meeting.

Sincerely yours,
Esam Al-Shareffi

CORRECTIONS

Retraction:

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and phrases as they appeared in *The Independent* and *The Statesman*.

The article in *The Statesman* was 163 words along, and at least 30 of those words matched those in *The Independent*; not just in the order of the words, but in punctuation and logical structure of the sentences.

The Statesman concedes that the reporter Katy O'Dette never spoke to Detective Sergeant Edward Fitzgerald. Those quotes by Fitzgerald should have been attributed to Steven Robert's work in *The Independent*.

The Independent has cited the following as examples of plagiarism, which we make available to our readers here (STA is *The Statesman*, SBI is *The Independent*).

ent). Emphasis has been added to the SBI quotes for words taken verbatim.

STA: "He is a minor, so the matter will be adjudicated through the family court system," says Detective Sergeant Edward Fitzgerald of the Suffolk County Police Department's Arson Taskforce.

SBI: "He is a minor, so the matter will be adjudicated through the family court system," said Fitzgerald.

STA: His mother was staying on campus at the time of the incident.

SBI: "His mother was staying on campus," said Detective Sergeant Edward Fitzgerald of the Suffolk County Police Department's Arson Taskforce.

STA: The teen was charged with fourth degree arson. If found guilty,

the maximum sentence would be five years and the minimum would be no less than one year."

SBI: The teen was charged with one count of fourth degree arson, an E felony. Fourth degree arson is defined as when a person recklessly damages a building or motor vehicle by intentionally starting a fire or causing an explosion. Persons found guilty of an E class felony will usually be sentenced to no more than 5 years, with no less than 1 year of this sentence served in prison."

STA: The suspect, whose [sic] had no previous arrests, could not be identified by police because he is a minor."

SBI: The suspect is a 13-year-old child of a resident and could not be identified by police because he is a minor.

Re: Newsday Faults...

In the Nov. 9 issue, the article entitled "Newsday Faults SBUMC Leadership, Sees Rise in Second-Class SBU Citizens" misrepresented the opinion of Prof. William Lennarz. On Nov. 4, he said, "The focus has been more on the physical plant and less on faculty." He did not make a comment on misinterpreted "second class faculty." As mentioned by Lennarz, since he offered these opinions, it has been reported that 50 new faculty lines have been allocated to the University.

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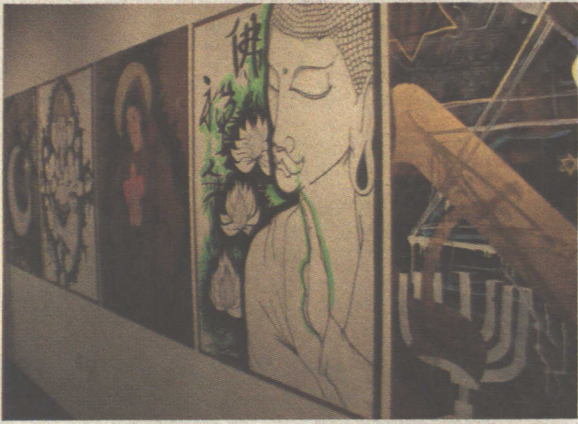
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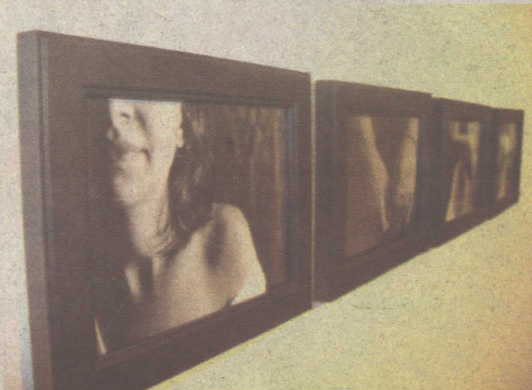
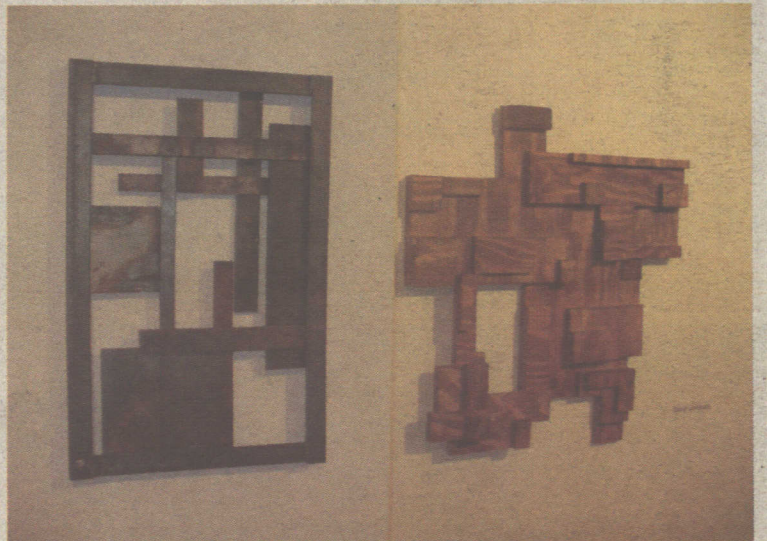
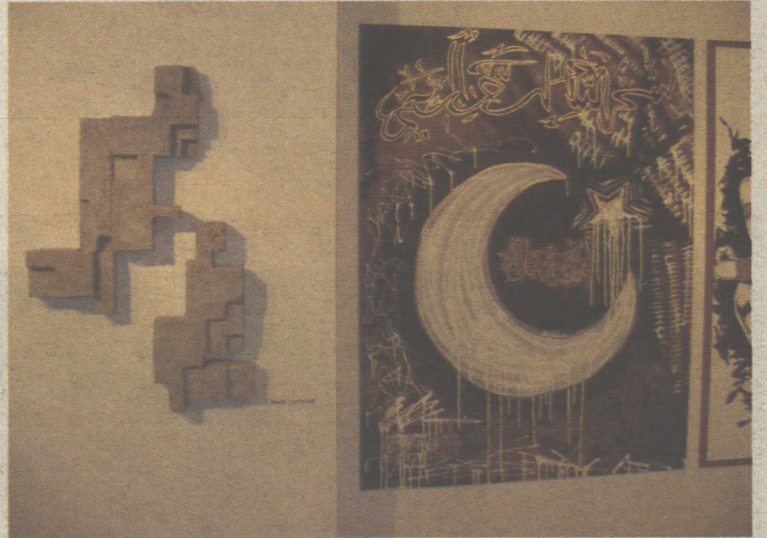


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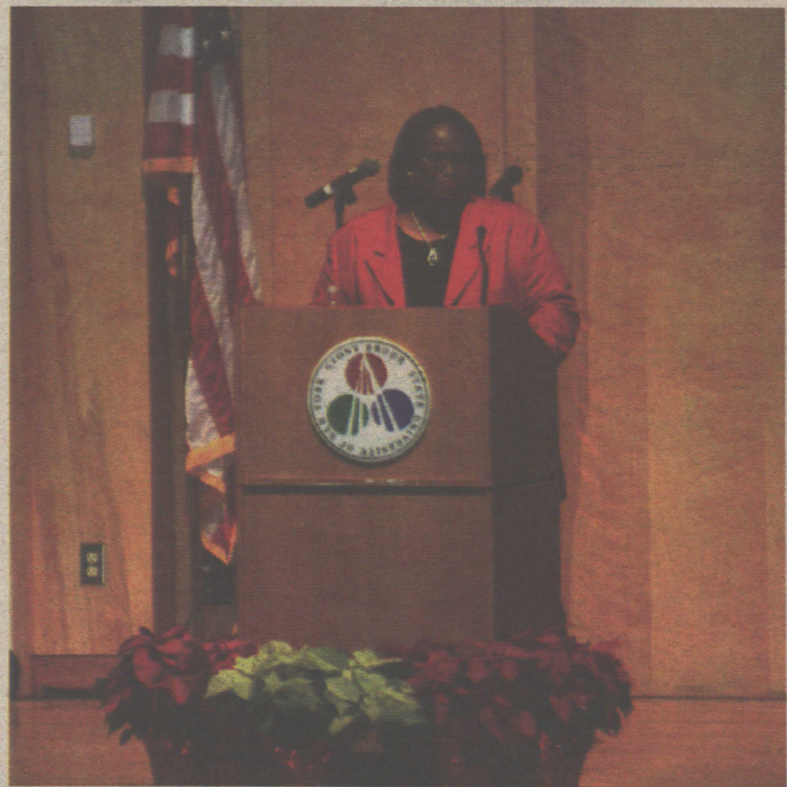
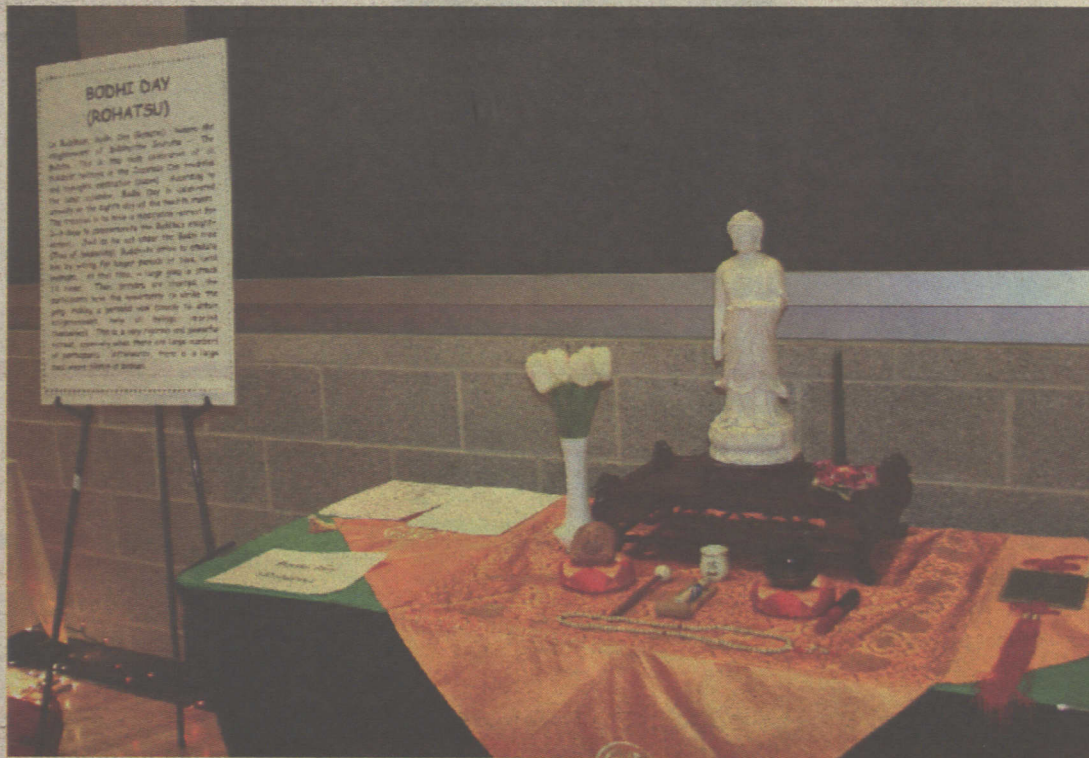
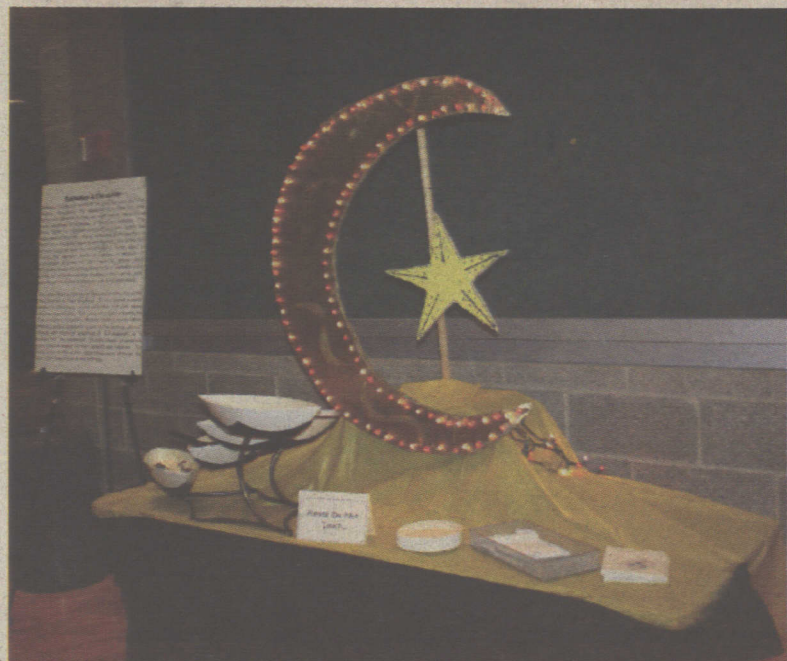
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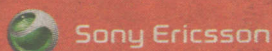
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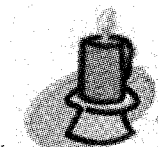
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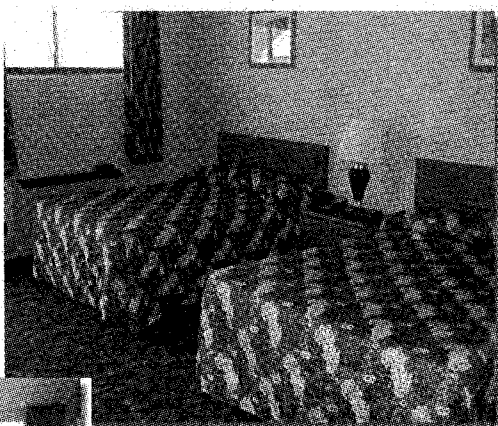
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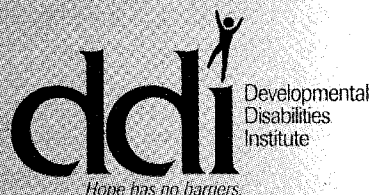
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Women's Swimming and Diving Falls Deep to Boston

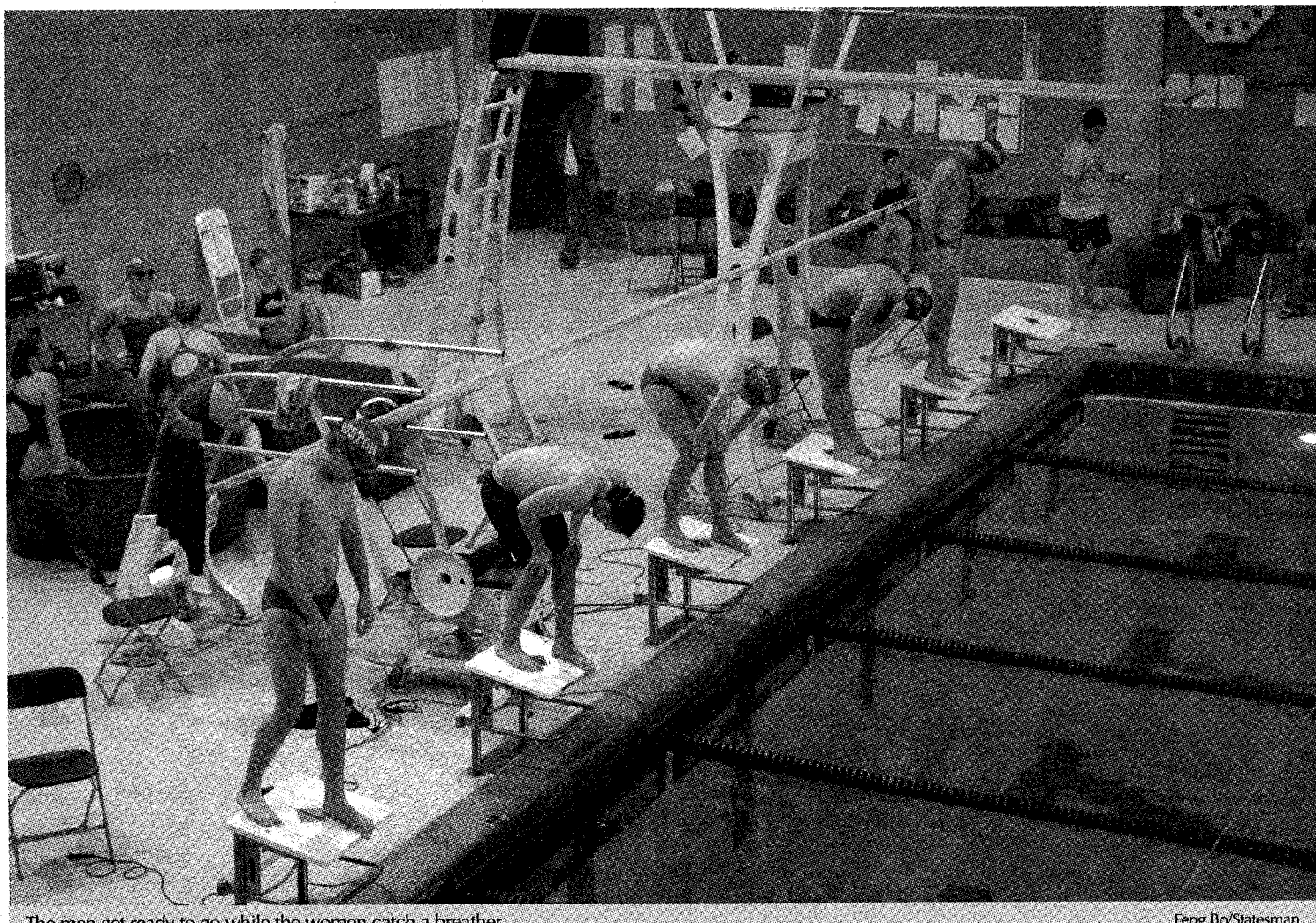
BY TEJAS GAWADE
Editor in Chief

The women's swimming and diving team faced Boston University on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the University pool. The team had a disappointing loss of 172-111. It now stands at 2-4.

Team 'A' started out well by taking second place in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 1:56.32. The team composed of Maeve Leong, Brittany Whipple, Angelica D'Esposito and Autumn Griggers. But the team was much less impressive henceforth. In the 1000 yard freestyle, Boston took the first three spots. SBU's Lucy Liu finished fourth with a time of 11:22.07, losing third place to BU's Morgan Sawin who had a time of 11:16.12.

The Seawolves did begin to pick up the pace when Rebecca Sayles placed second in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.16, to BU's Eve Kinsella's time of 1:53.86. As she has done in the past, Liu performed better in the 100 yard backstroke. She came in third with a time of 1:03.04, losing second place to BU's Christina Ruggiero who was barely ahead with a time of 1:01.66.

Brittany Whipple once again gave a strong performance, winning second place in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:09.06, losing first place to BU's



The men get ready to go while the women catch a breather

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Lidija Breznikar who had a time of 1:07.75. Angelica D'Esposito also finished strong, placing second in the 200 yard butterfly with a time of 2:21.87, losing first place to BU's Tanaz Irani who had a time of 2:16.51.

In the 50 yard freestyle, the Seawolves took first and second place, as Courtney Teague finished second with a time of 25.70, losing first place to BU's strong performer Kinsella who had a time of 24.72. Whipple followed Teague with a time of 26.16. In the 100 yard freestyle, Sayles placed first with a time of 55.29, followed very closely by Teague who had a time of 55.45. Sayles was also impressive in winning second place in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:21.05, close to BU's Ruggiero who had a time of 5:14.84.

Unfortunately, wins like these were scarce. BU took the first three places in the 200 yard backstroke. SBU's Leong came fourth with a time of 2:26.26, close to (but not enough) BU's Katie Buchta who had a time of 2:23.62.

The same placing occurred in the 200 yard breaststroke. SBU's Krista Klicpera placed fourth with a time of 2:41.51, close to BU's Katie Buchta, who had a time of 2:36.77. The 100 yard butterfly was no different, as SBU's Jaclyn Lohrer placed fourth with a time of 1:03.07, extremely close to BU's Kelly Strait who had a time of 1:02.67.

Senior Hailey Lewandowski, the strongest performer of the day, placed first in the 1 meter diving with a score of 242.12. She was followed by SBU's Lina Pachon who earned a score of

124.65. BU's Alex Oleinik and Alex Crerar scored 184.65 and 253.35, respectively, but were later disqualified. However, Crerar won the 3 meter dive with a score of 269.40, while Lewandowski closely placed second with a score of 246.00. Pachon placed a disappointing fourth with a score of 96.90.

SBU's Shelby Mirabelli won the Individual Relay (IM) by default with a time of 5:18.83 after the other three competitors, all BU athletes, were disqualified. The team ended strong with a first, second and third place win in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Team 'A' finished first with a time of 1:42.33.

The Seawolves will next compete against the Bearcats to face Lafayette in a tri-meet. They will meet on Jan. 17, 2007.

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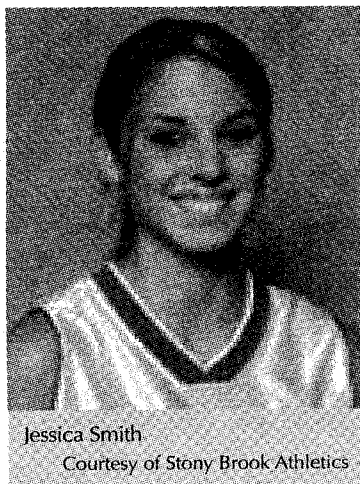
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Athlete of the Week



Jessica Smith
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Jessica Smith, a forward/center for the women's basketball team, is the Stony Brook Statesman Athlete of the Week, thanks to some impressive performances recently. The senior had her second double-double of the year on Saturday, and averages 15 points per game, second only to Mykeema Ford. On Saturday, she led the team in scoring, with 23 points in a losing effort against George Washington University. She averages nearly seven rebounds per game, and is an extremely accurate shooter, averaging 56% on field goals, easily the highest on the team.

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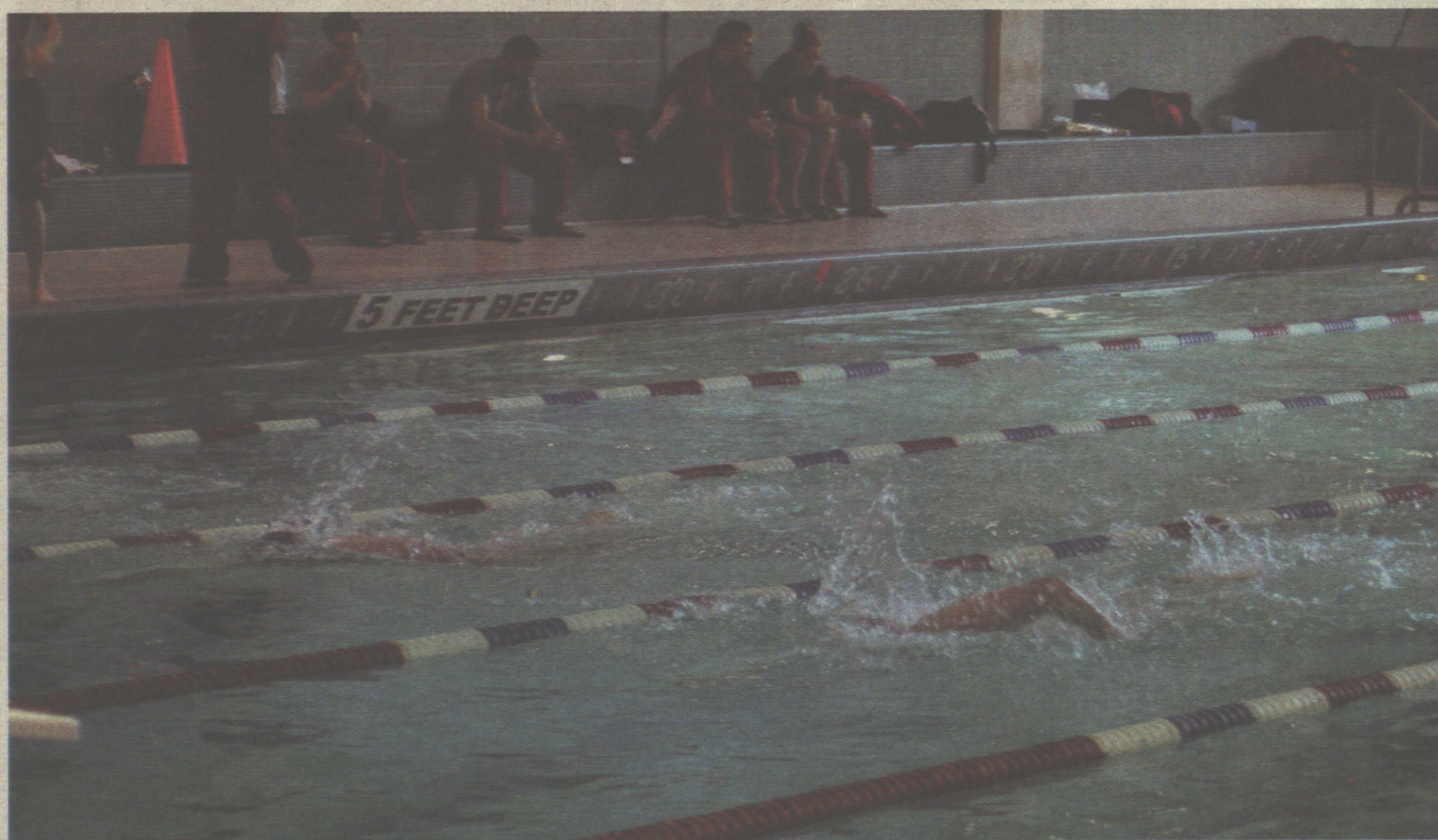
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Men's Swimming Picks Up Win



The men's swimming and diving team took a last-event win against Boston.

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The Seawolves regained strength in the 50 yard freestyle with Ozcan winning first place with a time of 22.19. This was a close match, as BU's Arik Seiler closely followed with a time of 22.49. SBU's Alexander Kissel came in third place with an extremely close time of 22.58.

They also placed well in the 100 yard freestyle. Although Ozcan barely lost first place to BU's Seiler (who had a time of 48.62) with a time of 49.34, he earned second place. His teammates, Dan Piastuck who had a time of 49.44, and Eldor who had a time of 49.90, came in second and third,

respectively.

Stony Brook really picked it up from there, taking first, second and third place in the 200 yard backstroke. Labour placed first with a time of 1:58.33, followed by Safarov who had a time of 2:01.22, and Sato who had a time of 2:04.39. In the 200 yard breaststroke, SBU placed first and second, as Jon Sigurosson glided to first place with a time of 2:12.69, followed by his teammate Sreckovic who had a time of 2:16.83.

The Seawolves slacked off a little at this point, as Cullinane was the only one in the first three in the 500 yard freestyle. Cullinane came in second place with a time of 5:03.52, losing to BU's Ben Kaiser,

who had a time of 4:57.82.

Cullinane was also the only one from SBU in the top three spots in the 400 yard Individual Medley (IM). He had a time of 4:26.51, closely losing to BU's Passaro who had a time of 4:26.25. The Seawolves did well in the 100 yard butterfly as Smirnov took first place with a time of 53.52.

SBU was not as impressive as the women's diving team. In the 1 meter dive, BU's Brian Lawler took first place with a score of 283.20. The Seawolves took second and third place with Alexander Demin earning a score of 191.18, and Matt Florio earning a score of 118.43. In the 3 meter dive, of the two competitors, Demin came in second

place with a score of 175.65. BU's Lawler beat Demin with a marginally higher score of 324.53.

Before the last event, the Seawolves were tied. Team 'A' composed of Ozcan, Kissel, Piastuck and Labour came in first with a time of 1:27.15. Team 'B' composed of Eldor, Sigurosson, Christopher Pai and Jake Dorfman came in second place with a time of 1:28.49, just ahead of BU's Team 'A,' which had a time of 1:29.19. Both wins added 15 points to earn the Seawolves a well-deserving victory.

The Seawolves will now compete against the United States Merchant Marine Academy on Dec. 9 at 1:00 PM.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Women's Basketball Beaten

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before GW went on a 13-2 run, and took a 2-point lead into halftime. In the second half, the Colonials would pull away and seal Stony Brook's fate. They led by as many as 18 points. Head coach Maura McHugh didn't hold back when talking about the loss, saying, "You have to credit the defensive pressure of George Washington but there is no excuse for over 20 turnovers." Jessica Smith and Mykeema Ford pulled most of the weight for SBU on offense, scoring 23 and 14 points, respectively. Foul trouble limited Smith's production, having had to sit about halfway through the first. The team made almost 90% of their free throws, but GW had around a 10% accuracy advantage on field goals and 3-pointers. They also had four players in double-digit points. The loss improves the Colonials to 7-1 and drops Stony Brook to 2-3 going into Wednesday's away game against Temple.

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Mitchell Beauford of the men's basketball team faced Hofstra. They lost 73-57.

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Men's Hoops Loses to Hofstra

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The game featured the return of Ricky Lucas, who had the last two games with a sprained ankle. He led the team in scoring with 18 points, twice what Mitchell Beauford, the next leading scorer, produced.

Hofstra Head Coach Tom Pecora wasn't all smiles about the win, however, saying, "We're not winning pretty ... we're winning ugly." He added that "40 minutes is not what 40 minutes once was," referring to frequent stoppages for things like TV timeouts.

Stony Brook coach Steve Pikiell was glad to have Lucas back, but expressed disappointment otherwise, saying "12 turnovers by the backcourt can't happen," and that the team needs another big scorer to support Lucas. He was happy to have some time to prepare for this game, unlike the Villanova game.

The Seawolves record slipped to 3-5 with the loss, while Hofstra improved to 5-3. Stony Brook's next game is on the road, against the New Jersey Institute of Technology on Monday. Tipoff is at 7PM.



Statesman SPORTS

Men's Swimming and Diving Swoops Unexpected Win

By TEJAS GAWADE
Editor in Chief

The men's swimming and diving team faced Boston University on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the University Pool. The team tied right before the last event, the 200 yard freestyle relay, to swoop a dramatic win by taking first, second and third place in the relay. With a winning score of 152-139, the team now stands at 4-2.

The Seawolves started out extremely strong taking first and second place in the 200 yard medley relay. Team 'A,' composed of Rafael Labour, Jon Sigurosson, Alexei Smirnov and Ozcan Omer, came in first place with a time of 1:36.98. Team 'B' followed closely with a time of 1:40.15.

The Seawolves were not as impressive in the next event, the 1000 yard freestyle. SBU's Bryce Cullinane came in third place with a time of 10:33.57 to BU's John Passaro who had a time of 10:28.44. The same placement occurred in the 200 yard freestyle, as SBU's Jonathan Eldor came in third place with a time of 1:51.72, losing to BU's Kyle Berg, who inched ahead with a time of 1:49.80.

SBU performed a lot better after these first few events. They dominated the 100 yard backstroke, with Labour placing first with a time of 53.47, followed by teammate Ruslan Safarov who had a time of 55.22, and Ray Sato who had a time of 55.86. SBU's Vladimir Sreckovic, with a time of 1:02.10, lost first place in the 100 yard breaststroke to BU's Griffin Moodie, who had a time of 1:00.37.

Stony Brook hit a down spot in the 200 yard butterfly, when BU took first, second and third place. SBU's Smirnov came in fourth place with a time of 2:12.52, losing to BU's Passaro who had a time of 2:06.46.

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HOFSTRA DEFEATS SEAWOLVES AS NATHAN'S NUMBER IS RETIRED



Former Seawolf Joe Nathan's number was retired upon his Hall of Fame induction

David Stevens/Statesman

By WILL LAHTI
Associate Sports Editor

The Hofstra Pride defeated the Seawolves men's basketball team by a score of 73-57 at the Indoor Sports Complex. Stony Brook had gotten out to an early 5-point lead, but Hofstra came back strong to win.

Attendance was again strong at 2,701, though nowhere near the nearly 4,300 people last week's game against Villanova drew.

SBU took the lead with the first shot of the game, a free throw by Emanuel Neto. The Seawolves would go on a 7-2 run, capped by an Eddie Castellanos jump shot, but Hofstra would tie it at 7 with 14:45 to play in the half. Stony Brook would reclaim the lead on a Mitchell Beau-

ford jump shot, but just over 7 minutes in, a Zygis Sestokas 3-pointer would give Hofstra a lead they never gave up. They would continue their charge, and take a 31-21 lead into halftime.

During halftime, Minnesota Twins pitcher Joe Nathan was inducted into the Stony Brook athletics Hall of Fame. The SBU alum also had his number, 22, retired during the ceremony. He was speechless during the ceremony, saying only how great it was to be back on campus.

Hofstra dominated the game offensively, with four players scoring 13 points or more, whereas Stony Brook had only one player scoring more than 9. Hofstra shot 80% from the free throw line to SBU's 75%, and 48% to 35% on field goals. They also had 9 more rebounds

than SBU on defense. The only places Stony Brook was stronger were on second chances and fast breaks.

In the second half, Hofstra would keep up the strong showing, with Stony Brook only getting as close as 8 with 16:58 left, on a free throw by sophomore Andrew Goba. Hofstra would pull away in the late stages on 6 free throws between Sestikas and Carlos Rivera in the last minute of the game to close it out.

By the end of the game, both teams were in heavy foul trouble, with three players on each side with four fouls. Stony Brook totaled 26 fouls to Hofstra's 22. Both also committed many turnovers, with Hofstra coming in at 18 and SBU with 17.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Track Team Wins 3 Titles in Bronx

On Friday, the men's and women's track teams started their season in the Bronx, at Fordham, for their first meet. Three Seawolves won individual events.

Justin Miller won the shot put with a throw of 47' 3.5". He would place fifth in the weight throw, coming in at 45' 4.25". Mubaarak Muhammad won the triple-jump, with a jump of 43' 5". In the weight throw, the best SBU could manage was a fourth by Rob Dantone. Muhammad was sixth in the long jump and fifth in the 400 meter. Brandon Leung was second in the 800 meter, Dennis Desposito was fourth in the 1000 meter, and Scott Ulberg was fourth in the 5000 meter.

For the women, Natalie Jasmin was the only winner, coming home first in the 400 meter. Heidi Thomas was second in the 60 meter, Rosanna Peralta was third in the 500 meter, and Angie Washburn was fourth in the 800 meter. Francine Joseph was sixth in the shot put and Danielle Smith was fourth in the weight throw. The Seawolves go back to Fordham on Friday for another meet.

Women's Basketball Beaten by GW

The women's basketball team fell to the George Washington Colonials on Saturday in their home opener. The score was 68-55. The Colonials came in ranked 20/21st in the country.

The Seawolves had a 9-point lead in the first half,

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