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# SBU Goes Green Earthstock 2006

By WILL JAMES News Editor

On Friday, April 21st, Stony Brook University celebrated the third annual Earthstock – a home-grown campus holiday that is intended to correlate with Earth Day, on Saturday. Over sixty organizations and schools were involved, contributing to the expansive border of green-clothed tables surrounding the academic mall, distributing fliers, pansies, and Frisbees made

of recycled plastic. The theme: "Sustainability: The Future is Today."

Beginning early in the morning, scores of student volunteers were seen in their pale green t's, unloading tables and bustling about as the construction of two elevated stages commenced on either side of the Melville Library lawn. Throughout the day, acts like Little Toby Walker, Buddy Merriam, the Mary Lamont Band, and Afro-Dysia mounted the stages to provide the "-stock" element, and invoke the already sunny day with a further festive, celebratory atmosphere. Furthermore, the air was constantly rattled by the sounds of Native American and Korean drumming,

and the day concluded with a performance by Grammy-winning folk artist, Tracy Grammer.

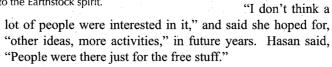
Earthstock was co-chaired by Malcolm Bowman, a scientist at Stony Brook's Marine Science Research Center and a local environmental activist, who also presides over the Stony Brook Environmental Conservancy, and Jenny Wang, a biochemistry major and student activist. The event was largely staffed by student volunteers, like freshman Clare Tao. When asked why she volunteered, Tao said, "I'm a first-year freshman - The first day I came to Stony Brook to visit, it was on Earthstock day,

so it's a good thing, and it's a special thing for me."

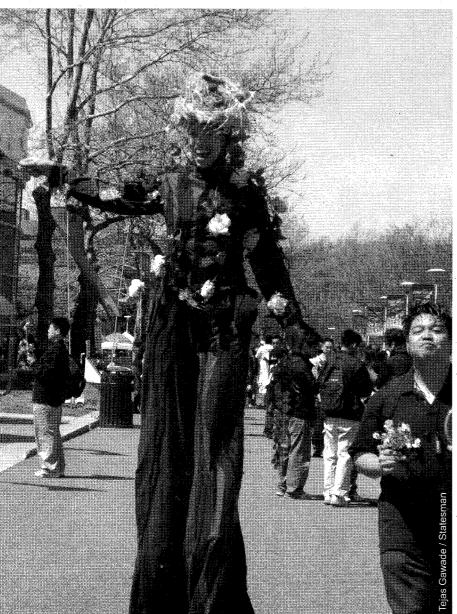
New to Earthstock was the Green Pledge Ceremony, where attendees become part of a promise to spend their lives focused on reducing their "ecological footprint." Also, Earthstock featured a recycled art show and design contest, where novel artists have a chance to display their earth-friendly work at the Shirley Strum Kenny Arts Festival. Toward the end of the evening, Robert D. Cess, a professor of atmospheric science here at SBU, gave a lecture on global warming.

In the middle of the day, performers dressed as flowers and trees, and people on stilts, paraded the academic mall. When Munirah Hasan, a SBU student who attended Earthstock, was asked whether the characters made her want to save the environment more or less, she replied, "More - if someone's going to do that to themselves, they're really passionate about it." She continued to say that the stilted performers were, "a little creepy."

Despite the passion that went into the event, though, some students felt that Earthstock wasn't fully appreciated. Tao, the volunteer, said, "I don't think a



However, whether Earthstock's message was received or not, it is swiftly becoming something that students look forward to in the springtime, along with the multitude of other events that populate the university's calendar at this time of year. With questions of oil and energy rising to the top of the national debate circle, it also threatens to become an increasingly relevant and political statement for students in future years.



Costumed characters helped SBU students get into the Earthstock spirit.

# State Senate Overrides Pataki's Higher Ed Cuts

By James Bouklas Editor-in-Cheif

After weeks of discontent among students over the governor's veto of adequate higher education spending, the New York State Senate voted yesterday to reinstate these formerly-proposed cuts.

"This year's legislative budget is the best budget we've seen for higher education in many years with restorations and enhancements to financial aid programs as well as increased funding for the state's colleges and universities," said Miriam Kramer, Government Policy Analyst for NYPIRG.

Funding restored includes nearly \$120 million for TAP, \$56.6 million for SUNY operating assistance, including \$25 million to bolster the amount of full-time faculty, in addition to over \$500 million for programs relating to the CUNY system.

The Republican-controlled senate's decisions to defy the governor comes just days after the assembly voted to restore these cuts. The governor had previously intimated that he would challenge the state legislature legally, but has allowed at least the higher education restorations to remain.

# USG Report: BUDGET PASSED

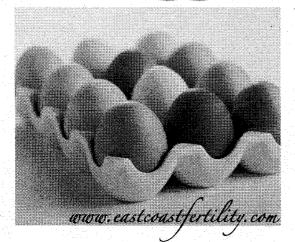
By CECILIA J. KIM Staff Writer

As the final USG Senate meeting approaches, the Senators were presented with a slew of emergency grants, marking the end of the allocation of funds for the spring semester, at their April 25th meeting. First, though, they used their second-to-last meeting to put their stamp on a revolutionary academic proposition.

Emae Kiyaei, a concerned student, came before the Senate to introduce the Triple Major Resolution, which will allow students to complete and gain recognition for up to three majors and three minors. Stony Brook University's academic policy currently restricts the number of majors and minors a student can study during their academic career. Kiyaei urged the Senators to support his cause saying, "No artificial barriers should be placed

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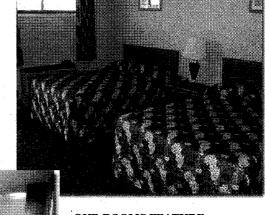
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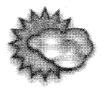
Saturday: High 55/Low 40 Cooler, with passing clouds



Sunday: High 61/Low 42 Mostly sunny, warming up



Monday: High 63/Low 43 Partly cloudy with a chance of late day showers



Tuesday: High 62/Low 42 Cloudy



Wednesday: High 61/Low 41 Mix of sun and clouds

## USG Senate Passes '06-'07 Budget

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on learning, expanding one's knowledge." He further explained his frustration with the administration and the importance of the Senate's endorsement of the resolution when he said, "As a student trying to get a better education, I thought I would be welcomed. I want the student body's support. The Senate's support will show the administration the importance of this resolution. I'm still trying to get through the system, and I need all the support I can get." According to Senator Lynch, many SUNY schools allow ambitious and able students to take three majors and three minors. The Triple Major Resolution was passed unanimously with applause for Emae Kiyaei who had taken to initiative to bring about change for the benefit of the student body.

As the spring semester is winding down to an end, it was time for the budget committee to present the Undergraduate Student Government 2006-2007 budget, which is responsible for allocating money to clubs, organizations, LEGs, and administration funds.

This important step in the annual U.S.G. cycle opened up a lot of issues regarding specific allocations, to which the budget committee was obliged to respond. Questions were raised about the lack of funds granted to the dance team for next year. Upon questioning, the budget committee explained that the dance team was exclusive to ten people and has been approached by Senators about

increasing student involvement. The budget committee further explained that the dance team may be able to receive funds through grants, but that the lack of money allocated to them will be an incentive to find ways to incorporate more students into their club. Another question was raised about the \$1 granted to the F.S.A., which contrasts their requests and grants, estimated to be around \$250,000 in previous years. The Budget Committee explained the dramatic decrease was also an incentive for the F.S.A. to meet with the committee in order to discuss the breakdown of funds. Senator Lynch explained that after numerous attempts to meet with them, the F.S.A. finally decided to set up a meeting after the proposed \$1 grant was announced. Senator Lynch stated, "We finally got a meeting to discuss the breakdown of funds. They need to know we'll give you what you need, but not more than that."

Senators also questioned the large amount of money given to the U.S.G. Executive Council for stipends, at the amount of \$55,000. The Budget committee then responded, explaining that such stipends were in the constitution and, thus, mandatory. However, some gallery members hinted to Senators that since such a large portion of student activity fee money is used to fund Executive Council stipends, Senators should think about amending the constitution for the upcoming year. Despite minor debate and questioning, the budget was passed unanimously with yet another round of applause, this time for the committee.

At the end of the meeting, President Diana Acosta approached the Senate with copies of the amended constitution, to answer questions and to hear suggestions. President Acosta described the amending of the Constitution to have been, "quite a monumental task with students, lawyers, members of press and numerous senators participating in the process." While minor changes in format and rewording were passed over, the major changes were questioned for their ambiguity, especially concerning the impeachment of Executive Council members, Senators, and Justices. The constitution was amended to state that the Supreme Court can remove an Executive Council member or a Senator by a three-quarters vote of its filled positions, as opposed to the previous two-thirds vote. The Senators also questioned the amendments made concerning the Student Activity Fee Collection Referenda, due to its ambiguity concerning who would have the power to raise the fee. However President Acosta responded, saying that the actual amount of the fee was never in the constitution. President Acosta reminded the Senate that she will take into account their questions and recommendations, and work with others in amending the constitution.

Although the agenda was not completed, the Senate meeting abruptly concluded due to time. Issues will further be discussed at the final Senate meeting next

## Newsday Reporter Speaks to SBU Journalism Students

By JENNIFER CHOI Contributing Writer

a desk with her hands folded, her nails manicured a pale pink. She looked casual in a black blazer over a black and white striped shirt, blue jeans and black laceup boots. She waited patiently as eight students stared, ready to ask her about her life as a journalist.

"I'm not used to being on this side,"

a good exercise for me to shut up, listen 2002.

nalism students about her experiences as where it snows. a reporter covering crime.

of Southern California with a bachelor's degree in print journalism and Asian American studies, she worked for a year at the Los Angeles Times as part of Tribune Company's Minority Editorial Training said Kelleher, a reporter for Newsday. "I'm Program. She was then hired by Newsday

"That's how I ended up in New York Kelleher, 27, was in a classroom at with no family and no friends," Kelleher Jennifer Sinco Kelleher sat behind Stony Brook University speaking to jour- said. "I've never even been in a place to me," she added. "Sometimes, all it takes

> She resides in Astoria, Queens, which After graduating from the University is a fascinating place with so many ethnic groups, she said. "The diversity gives me a sense of home. I need to be around people who are from all over the world."

Born in Hawaii to a Filipina from the Philippines and an Irishman from New Jersey, she grew up in a multi-cultural usually the one asking the questions. It's and began her career there in September environment. Her upbringing and culture

are traits that help people open up to her,

"All kinds of different people open up is plain and simple, good old fashioned being nice."

But there are times when simply being nice just doesn't work. While covering her first crime story at Newsday, she said she went to interview an elderly driver who had accidentally crashed her car into another elderly woman who was gardening

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## Jennifer Kelleher Admits: Reporting "...can get a little crazy."

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the situation with as much niceness as possible, the driver did not want to speak to her. really helped to talk to you." "She freaked out and the cops came," she Sometimes, you just need to let it go."

Kelleher said she wasn't really interested in covering crime at first because she wanted to cover race relations or government. "I had said. "But I really enjoyed covering crime. It's a really good base because crime happens everywhere. I think it's the basis of human drama.'

whose wife used to be Kelleher's editor on the Criminal Justice beat, agreed with the importance of covering crime. "It teaches young reporters the basics in a way they can never learn in school," Schreiber said. "In addition to asking the who, what, when questions, cop reporters must be on the lookout for color and detail and context. They also learn of situations."

Schreiber said Kelleher is one of the most enthusiastic people he's ever met. "Kelleher is gutsy and resourceful," he said. "She has demonstrated her willingness to do what it takes to succeed, from leaving her home in Hawaii my friends call and say we're meeting in the to getting into the Minority Editorial

Training Program to coming to a seemingly scary place like New York and adjusting and doing well in all of them."

covering criminal justice, she has had to face to say about her. Andrew Smith, the deputy some terrifying moments. When covering a Long Island editor for Newsday who has been story about a man who died of an overdose, Kelleher's editor for about a year and a half, she said a woman came out of the house said she is remarkable. "She has this gift to waving a hammer and chased her down the get people to open up and talk," Smith said. street. On another occasion, a burley guy screamed in her face. "I thought, 'I'm gonna she's been able to talk to people who have die today," she said.

But then there are others with whom she makes connections. While recently covering Police Department with whom Kelleher has the death of a bakery owner who was shot in worked closely also praised Kelleher's abilihis car, she said she played with his children ties. "She can be very aggressive but always in

minutes, I forgot that I was there to cover in Patchogue. Even though she approached death," she said. "After the publication of a story, some people even call to say, 'Wow, it

Kelleher said her greatest moment was said. "So I interviewed the husband instead. covering a story for the Los Angeles Times about the murder of a woman whose neighbors believed had been a victim of cannibal-

She said the cops denied it, but a prelimigrand dreams of what I wanted to do," she nary hearing later uncovered that the police were lying and that the medical examiner found a lung with teeth marks next to the victim's body.

Kelleher said her advice for starting jour-Former Newsday editor Paul Schreiber, nalists is to question stuff. "Nobody likes to question the police," she said. Another piece of advice she gave is to learn a foreign language. Kelleher, herself, is currently learning

> Even with her busy schedule, she said she has time for a boyfriend because he lives

"He understands that my job is demandhow to interview people in the most difficult ing and we can't make plans like a normal couple," she said. "Fortunately, he cooks. So when I get home, there's food."

She added that her busy schedule is "kind of a bummer" because she doesn't get to spend much time with her friends. "When village at eight, I say, 'Fat chance, I'm in Yaphank," she said.

But sacrificing part of her social life seems to have paid off because people with whom Even though Kelleher said she still loves she has worked have many positive things "Even under really emotional circumstances, suffered a great deal."

Police officers from the Suffolk County

while waiting for the widow. "For those 10 a polite manner," said Robert Boden, a police officer in the department's public information office. "I respect Jen a lot. She developed good relationships with the public information officers. She plays well with others."

> Boden added that Kelleher's ability to remain impartial and fair was very important. "Sometimes the press isn't too fair," he said. "A lot of them are anti-government, anti-police. But she was always fair."

> Joan Jesinger, another police officer in the public information office, said Kelleher was very easy to work with. "She always asks the right questions and knows how to be patient," she said. "She perseveres, yet in a kind way. She has a heart and knows what's news and what's not. When she had to deal with a sensitive issue, she always knew where to draw the line."

Kelleher said her favorite part about being a reporter is the unpredictability of what each subsequent is going to be like. "You're not a banker," she said. "You don't check in at nine and check out at five. Your day can get a little crazy."

Besides working as a reporter, she said her ambition is to write a novel. Another goal is to work in a Latin American country. "I want to become fairly fluent in Spanish so I can work as a correspondent."

Starting March 13, Kelleher has moved on to the education beat for Newsday. "I started to feel comfortable about covering crime and I didn't like that," she said. "That's not good for my health, so I had to reevaluate."

Even though her family supports her journalism career, she said she sometimes gets stress from her aunts who don't agree with a single girl living alone in New York. "I'll eventually go home," Kelleher said. "I wanna go home when I'm ready."

As for her friends, one has taught her the most important lesson in life by giving her a business card holder as a gift. The gift itself seems fairly boring, she said, but the words inscribed on it have been the motto by which Kelleher gets through her hectic days. So for one last bit of advice, "Let your soul be

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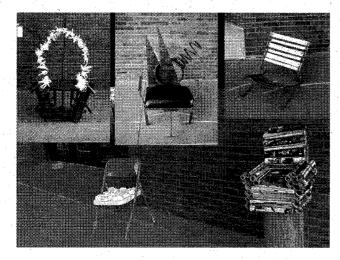
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## The Shirley Strum Kenny Students Arts Festival:

### Unbound

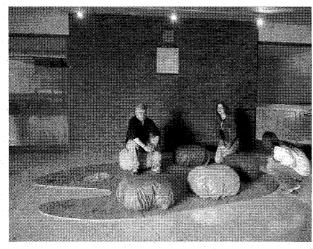
Unbound invites students and faculty to exhibit work of any kind anywhere on campus. It is an initiative on the part of Alton Frabetti, creator and curator, and approved by the direction of the Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival. Information from altonfalcone.net



Andrea Charles, Ardjent Kalezie, Christopher Oliveri, Jason Unima, John Flynn, Jennifer Small, Tommy Chui, Tracy Teagarden various interpretations of chairs, 2006 Location: Staller Center



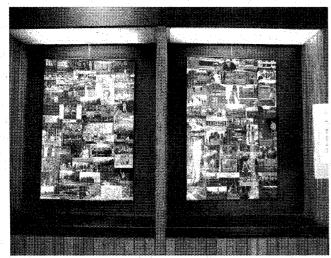
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Untitled, 2006
12 x 15 x 7 feet
plastic bags, colored water, microfilament
Location: Ashley Schiff Nature Preserve



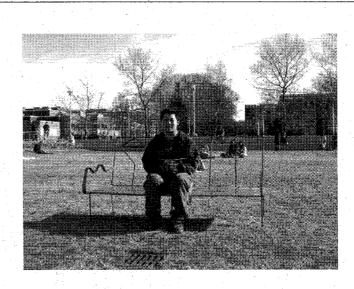
Kevin Carroll
Giant Artist Pallette, 2006
wood, mixed media
Location: Second floor Staller Center (by Fine Arts office)



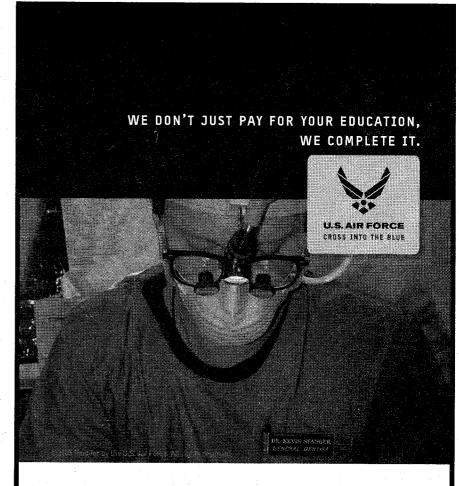
Alton Falcone
Variation on a Theme by Ide, 2006
recovered wood, scrap iron
Location: Staller lawn by Admin building



JoAnn Campise, Lucy Cuervo, Michael Lombardo, & Jowy Romano Connecting Generations, 2006 photo collage, Student Union, main entry



Tommy Chui Study for a chair, 2006 welded steel



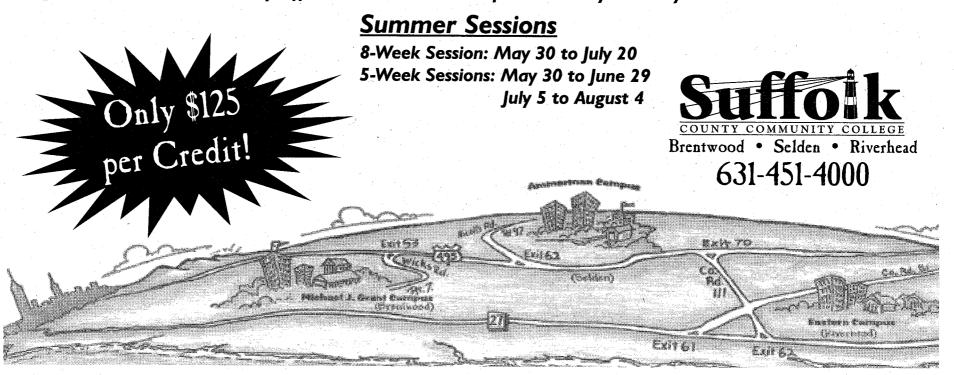
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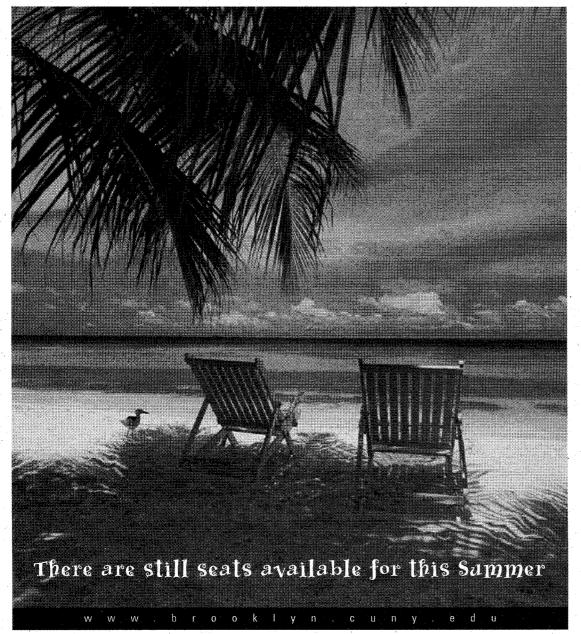
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#### **Rockin' the Brook:**

### Inches



Courtesy of Les Savy Fav

By INUR MAMOOR
Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

Artist: Les Savy Fav Album: Inches Release Date: French Kiss, April 2004

Reviewing a CD which came out two years ago may seem redundant, but when speaking of a band like Les Savy Fav, one can never say enough. In their early days, this art-punk band vowed to release nine seven-inches on nine different labels and the fruits of that project is *Inches*. The 18 track collection is seven years worth of A and B sides, but beware this isn't your mother's ordinary compilation.

Punk died in the 70's, yet through the decades it has continued to be reinvented. *Inches* takes that sound and morphs it into a trashy, abrasive and original punk noise. While terms like punk and trashy conjure images of scattered noise and sloppy music, every track on *Inches* is consistent and brilliantly crafted.

What makes *Inches* an oddball misfit in terms of compilations is that this CD is a backwards chronology of the bands discography. "Meet me in the Dollar Bih" is an interesting dance-punk sounding opener framed with robotic drums and intense vocals. And the contrast of sound on tracks like "Our Costal Hymn" and "The Sweat Descends" display Les Savy Fav's range. The albums' concept transcends into the variety of style and sound of each track.

With lyrics that range from preaching papa's, to prissy sixteen year old botox-filled girls, the songs are sung with humor and energy.

Inches is accompanied by a bonus DVD which contains live footage from a 2003 show in Brooklyn. Les Savy Fav shows have their own myth and lore thanks in part to lead singer Tim Harrington's antics. This bonus DVD highlights the bands spontaneous nature and use of stuffed props.

Inches ties together what is Les Savy Fav; the sound, the style, the image. Everything is original and well crafted while remaining true to the bands signature sound.

#### Les Savy Fav Inches

- 1. Meet Me in the Dollar Bin
- 2. Hold On to Your Genre
- 3. We'll Make a Lover of You
- 4. Fading Vibes
- 5. The Sweat Descends
- 6. Knowing How the World
- 7. Hello Halo, Goodbye Glands
- 8. Obsessed With the Excess
- 9. One Way Window
- 10. Yawn, Yawn, Yawn
- 11. No Sleeves
- 12. Reprobates Resume
- 13. Reformat [live]
- 14. Reformat
- 15. Bringing Us Down
- 16. Our Coastal Hymn
- 17. Blackouts on Thursday
- 18. Rodeo

# Gamers' Lounge The Godfather



Courtesy of amazon.com

By WILL WULFF Staff Writer

Francis Ford Coppola's 1972 epic film *The Godfather* is one of the greatest movies ever made. It's a fact. Ask anyone who has seen it and they will tell you that there are few movies that can compare. So when Electronic Arts announced a few years ago that they were going to make video game based on the film, everyone was concerned. Could a game of a thirty four year old masterpiece possibly live up to expectations? Surprisingly, yes it can.

One of the things Electronic Arts does extremely well when it comes to their movie games is presentation (they've done games based on the Lord of the Rings and James Bond franchises). The game looks, sounds, and feels like the film. All the characters form the movie (except for Michael Corleone, because Al Pacino refused to be in the game) are represented exactly as you remember them. The addition of the most of the original actors, including James Caan, Robert Duvall, and even the late Marlon Brando, just make it all the more authentic.

While recreating the movie from an audio/ visual standpoint is great, that means nothing if the game play doesn't hold up. Fortunately, this game lives up to the presentation. The events of the movie are used as an outline for the events in the game rather than a strict script. This allows EA to make a game that is more than just a typical movie to game transition. For starters you don't play as a character from the film. Rather, you play as an all new character that you create with the games Mobface feature; one of the best create a character features ever. Once your character is created, you will start off as a low level, "unofficial" enforcer for the Corleone family. After a brief but informative training session (you'll need it to understand the games unique combat system), you're off to explore New York as you please. This is one of the biggest features that EA has advertised about the game, and it's true. You can do one of the many side missions or a story mission. You can just finish the story or you can work your way up to becoming the Don of the whole city. The choice is yours. This helps to extend the total play time to well over

The way the movie scenes are worked into the game is one of the games best features. It is

your character that is does all the things you don't see on screen. For example, you are responsible for getting Don Vito to the hospital after he is shot. While it's fun to be feel like you're part of the movie, it is important to reiterate that the game does recreate the movie scene for scene. EA has added many side missions in addition to missions inspired by the film. These side missions range from assassinations to taking over businesses. The latter of those two proves to be one of the best gaming this year. You will find many businesses that you can take over and add to your empire. Sometimes the owners will give in peacefully, while others will require some more persuasion. This is done by doing things like braking things in the store, shooting customers, and attacking the store owner. Be careful though, because it is possible to push a store owner to fight back, and if the owner dies, then you won't get that business. Each owner acts and reacts differently, which makes each time you attempt to take over a business a suprise.

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More than anything, the biggest disappointment is in the character of Michael Corleone. As stated before, Al Pacino refused to take part in the game. Because of this, EA has created a Michael Corleone that doesn't look or sound anything like Pacino, and that does have a major effect on the way the whole thing is represented.

Despite the setbacks, this is truly one of the best games to come from the genre created by the Grand Theft Auto series. The positives outweigh the negatives in every way. You will find yourself constantly coming back to this game to continue working your way up to top. There are so many great things about this game that I wish I could talk about, but there is just no room for it. All you need to know is that if you overlook this game, you will miss one of the best games of this generation.

The Godfather gets a 9/10.

## Tabler Center's

## International Film Festival The Rules of the Game



Courtesy of amazon.com

By CANDACE ISHMAEL

This past week, the Tabler International Film Series joined up with the Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival teamed up to present The Rules of the Game by French director, Jean Renoir. When the film was originally released in 1939, it was given a terrible reception; the French people were enraged by how they were portrayed. It was banned twice: first by the French government when war broke out because they felt it was demoralizing, then again by the Nazi invaders.

Renoir edited the film in an attempt to salvage some sort of commercial success, but each new version was met with the same outrage. The original copy of the film was destroyed in an air raid in 1942, but in the fifties, a group of students managed to salvage enough negatives to put together a nearly complete version.

country estate where the characters Renoir's satire is so successful, because gather for a weekend hunting party. As it is done with such a light touch. the story unfolds, it becomes apparent that no couple is safe from the temptation of affairs. And this temptation is by no means limited to the aristocracy that dominates the main action of the film. The follies of the upper class are reflected in the actions of their servants.

As the main character, Christine, innocently and somewhat unknowingly entices three of her fellow partiers, including her cheating husband, the encounters become more and more absurd.

What begins with one woman trying to deny the man who loves her to maintain her marriage evolves into a knot of characters completely intertwined by their attraction for each other. Before long, the lovers are chasing each other around a masquerade ball at the country estate, while their other guests look on.

Throughout the film, Renoir uses a light touch to satirize his characters. He plucks the strings like an expert puppet master, only when the situation becomes too simple. Strange coincidences are expertly woven into the natural flow of events to quickly advance the circumstances to its breaking point. The laughs begin innocently enough, but through the film they seamlessly blend into a sense of discomfort.

While the characters are amusing, one must be a bit disconcerted by their frivolity in their relationships. The party consists of leading military men, government figures and their wives; they are the peak of society, and they behave without The film mainly takes place at a responsibility to anyone. This is why

But as always, it's all fun and games until someone loses an eye... or their life. Just when the film reaches its most ridiculous point and the characters are at their most absurd, true love and murder stuns the action into a dead end. It is as effective as it is surprising.

Next week's film is The Bicycle Thief by Italian director Vittorio De Sica. The story follows a poor man as he tries to maintain his job after his only source of transportation, a bicycle, is stolen.

# Statesman Internationale

## Lost in Translation, or Just Plain Lost

By Carrie Cotton Staff Writer

I saw a man having sex with the street, and my roommate got an ugly figure because she hit someone in the face with a shrimp. These stories may sound unbelievable, but at one point in time they were believed to be true.

it for granted that I can convey my feel- I want to sweep. ings, needs and desires by simply opening my mouth. Have you ever thought what it would be like to have to think carefully how to say that you're full, that you went running, or that you want to exchange something? I never did. Now I find myself well aware of it on a daily it comes to telling a story, I often have be particular like that. to simplify details, sometimes even leave them out. For someone like me, this is torturous, and when this problem arises I

translation. The first is the obvious mixing up of words that are very similar. One morning I was lost for hours, wandering the streets of Rome from 6:00 AM until I finally reached my apartment at 8:00 AM. When I arrived at my apartment, my roommate took one look at my bloodshot eyes and tear-streaked cheeks and immediately asked me what was wrong. I explained my dreadful morning, and told him I finally got home when I saw a man sweeping the street who told me where to

go. He unexpectedly burst into laughter, as I stood in the doorway with a quizzical expression. When my only English speaking roommate awoke, I discovered that I told him I saw a man having sex with the street, who told me to go away. He explained that there is only one letter difference between the verb 'to sweep' and the verb 'to have sex'. Let's just say I I never realized just how much I take learned really quickly not to tell someone

Another day, I was sitting in one of my roommate's room and she told me she felt like she had an ugly figure because she hit someone famous in the face with a shrimp. I could not make a connection between the two, but I immediately assured her she was beautiful as any good basis. Sure I can say I am full, but when friend would do, being that us girls can

A few weeks later she ran into the same mis-connection as I had, when I told her that I couldn't wait for my boyfriend often find myself missing America more to come visit. She kept asking me why, just as many times as I had assured her There are many ways of getting lost in she was beautiful. That is when I realized that expressions do not transfer at all, and are often taken literally. Just as I had thought she felt she had an ugly figure, she thought there was something wrong with me. As if I had an ailment that made me incapable of waiting. It turns out that when an Italian tells you they had a bad figure, it means that they were really embarrassed, just as being unable to wait means you are really excited. I guess telling someone that they are phat is out of the question.

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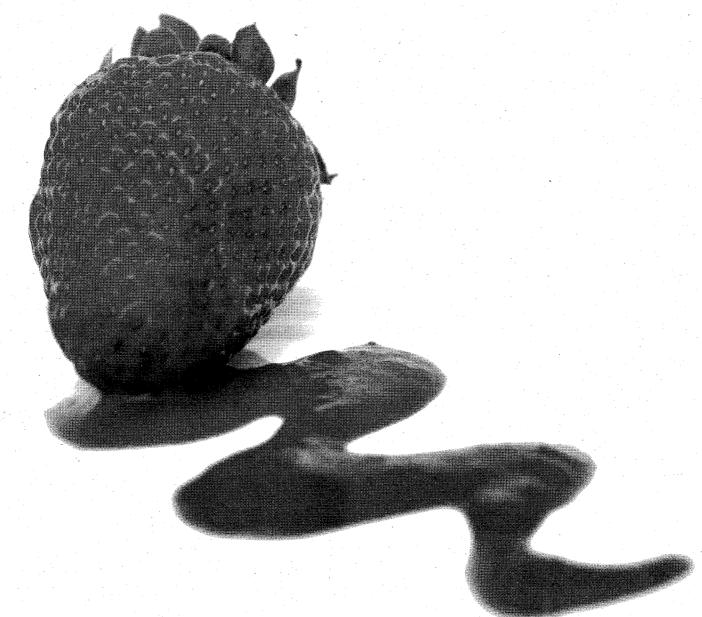
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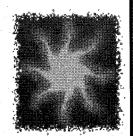
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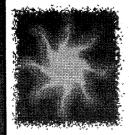
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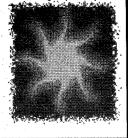


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# The Stony Brook Statesman Thursday, April 27, 2006

#### The Gamekillers OBITUARIES April 2006

#### Game Killed

Joe Magner Rashid Theodore Andy Tider

Ross Barton

Peter Moyse Mike Choi Judd Engelbrecht



MAGNER, Joe, Acton, MA

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Joe Magner's game. A game once respected for its ability to overcome great resistance. It was in the process of doing just that; charmingly dismantling the defenses of a bubbly blande sorority girl, when Joe turned and saw someone beside them, intently watching their conversation. Alas, this person was a Gamekiller, and none other than the over-educated, pseudo academic, knower of everything, known as IQ. The Gamekiller whose sole pleasure in life is using his enormous brainpower to extricate girls just like Joe's. And so it was that IQ quickly and seamlessly steered the conversation to the dilemma of quasi existentialism. Joe asked if the conversation was for real. Setting himself up for an intellectual pummeling. By the time Joe had finished struggling to hold onto IQ's train of thought, he had lost his hold on the girl. Natura non contristatur, Joe. Natura non



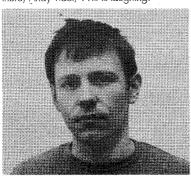
THEODORE, Rashid, New York, NY

Were it not seen by many a witness at the club, the death of Rashid's game would remain a mystery befitting one of the many crime scene investigators portrayed nightly on television sets. For it is a generally accepted truth that when men get off to a great start with a girl at a club, they soon expect to find themselves suavely working that woman's torso into a tangle on the dance floor. (With particular attention paid to the rubbing of the palms, the elbows, and of course the occasional posterior.) But, Rashid's case was peculiar, and no matter how fluid his conversational flow was flowing, his game saw no moment towards the aforementioned dancing routine, most especially as it pertained to the absence of any posterior knocking. Instead, Rashid's spicy prospect was beginning to show classic signs of eyedrift and to none other than, Man Candy, the sugar-sweet confection of a Gamekiller revered for his talents at topping cherries like Rashid's lady-friend. And indeed, another game met its demise, as it is also a generally accepted rule amongst women that candy is the truest way to a woman's heart.



TIDER, Andy, Teaneck, NJ

Andy Tider's game was alive and well. Busting up the place and making the ladies say, "Da-am." His game was a fine thingfull of one liners, well-timed nods and boyish smiles. He was firing smoothly while he talked to a lithe young American princess named Sharleece. Lines like, "You should be called Shar-LACE. Because you're beautiful, and so is lace," confirmed that his game was flying on all cylinders, until along came the future hall-of-famer himself, The Baller. The one Gamekiller with more moves than a nomad. Andy Tider could have kept his cool, could have shrugged off The Baller's play for his girl with a simple pump fake to the bar and a drive to the Sharleece lane, but instead he got caught in The Baller full-court trap. And before he knew it, Tider and the Baller were re-enacting Detroit vs. Indiana 2005. Andy Tider, you are the first player to turn an easy lay-up into a personal foul. Somewhere up there, Andy Tider, Wilt is laughing



BARTON, Ross, McDonough, GA

Approximately at dawn or sometime early like that last Saturday morning marked the death of Ross Barton's game. Which came as some surprise to Ross who thought for sure he was in the process of scoring at Club Voidance with a gorgeous pixie-raver named BunnyFlower.

#### Game Killed

But such is the fate of any man who tries to score while in the chill out room of a rove, especially if that chill out room is inhabited by the cuddly teddy-bear of a soul otherwise known as The Gamekiller, Sensitivo. For as cute as rave girls can be in a pair of neon purple pajamas, it is best not to tell them so when they are in the middle of wondering why the Earth doesn't orbit around love. Nor is it cool to try to cop a feel inside their fuzzy one-piece and pass it off as a momentary lapse of depth perception. Nor is it cool to mention that all this music seems to be stuck on repeat. And these were just some of the many lessons Ross learned from Sensitivo, the last of which came when Sensitivo took his BunnyFlower home at 9 a.m. to, "Just, you know, mellow out and lounge on his warm, velvet comforter."

#### MOYSE, Peter, Washington, DC

This is to mark the demise of Peter Moyse's game. Peter's game had been happily working on a pair of foreign exchange students. Well aware that there's so much that can be misinterpreted as charming and witty when there's a language barrier. Peter was about to go for broke, offering to teach them the meaning of his favorite (and only) French term: ménage à trois, when fate dealt him a cruel blow, for in walked The Gamekiller, The Balladeer. A walking repository of meter and rhyme, The Balladeer is more than a pair of ripped denim jeans and an unruly haircut. For as any music grouple would attestespecially those who could care less about lyrics—a song sung is like eight octaves better than one spoken. Peter could have kept his game alive if he'd just kept his cool. But did he? Hell no. He stepped out of his game and went all a cappella on the foreign beauties. Leaving the girls with no choice but to nightcap at The Balladeer's house where he delighted them to his latest chart-topping track, "Just the Three of Us."



CHOI, Mike, Queens, NY

The once valiant game of Mike Choi died this past weekend at a charming pub well known to locals as a killer pick-up scene. The evening had begun auspiciously when Choi was asked by a beautiful lass what he did for a living. To which, Choi replied convincingly, "Philanthropy." On any other night such a cavalier lie might be rewarded with an equally generous tongue-to-tongue reciprocation, but on this night, Choi was

#### Game Killed

unaware that within earshot of his gross misrepresentation was the Emirate for which the UAE was named after, the financier who prefers currency with his own likeness on it, The Gamekiller Switzerland calls on for financial planning, Kash Munni. And what a shame it was, to watch something as genuinely humanitarian as Choi's definition of philanthropy die a quick death at the 24-Carat gold watch laden wrist of Kash Munni who needed only to turn it over once and say simply, "The limo, my lady, awaits." Leaving Choi feeling philanthropic only to Glen, the regulal bartender.

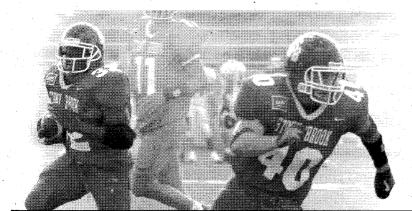


#### ENGELBRECHT, Judd, Brainerd, MN

Judd's game was proceeding along nicely as it followed closely behind the toned and tanned posterior of his athletic date, Beth, on a bucolic mountain bike ride through the hills of San Francisco. When all of a sudden something punctured Beth's tire, leaving it and subsequently Judd's game, gasping for air. For, while Judd tried to repair the tube, along the path came The Gamekiller who has never consulted the thesaurus, known simply as Early Man. And, as all damsels in distress will do, while Judd tried in vain to remove her tire from the wheel frame, she gradually grew weary of his laundry list of excuses and began to turn her attention to Early Man whose brain might resemble a slime mold, but whose biceps require their own zip code. And before Judd could say, "Uh, Beth I thought we were on a date here," Early Man had picked up Beth, perched her on his shoulders, and took a caveman-like pride about showing her each and every hill of San Francisco, then Sacramento, then Santa Barbara, and finally, San Diego.



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# PORTS

# Seawolves Succumb to #2 Hofstra's Dominant Attack, 18-8

By Rob Dwyer Sports Editor

The Stony Brook men's lacrosse team did not play a perfect game Tuesday night. Perhaps they didn't need to play a perfect game against the nation's second ranked lacrosse team, who is currently on a 13-game win streak. But to pull off the unlikely upset the Seawolves needed consistency. For the first 20 minutes, and at various stretches throughout the game, Stony Brook played good lacrosse. Not perfect. But the defense was giving Hofstra's potent offensive attack real problems while the offense was putting shots on the net and helping the Seawolves take an early 2-1 advantage in the 1st quarter. However, the lead should have been bigger. When you are the underdog playing an opponent who is supposed to be much superior, you need to capitalize on every opportunity that your opponent gives you. Unfortunately for Stony Brook, a rare Hofstra turnover would be given right back to the Pride after a sloppy pass, or a nice fast-break opportunity would be negated by a foolish crease violation. Time after time, the Seawolves were unable to make Hofstra's mistakes hurt, and it was obvious that the Pride would not continue to let Stony Brook stay in the game with silly mental errors. Sure enough, John Keysor scored 3 of the first 4 Hofstra goals as the Pride's offense came to life and the Stony Brook defense wilted. After being held to just 6 shots in the 1st quarter, Hofstra exploded for 13 in the 2nd and rode the momentum of 2 goals in the final 2 minutes of the half to a 6-3 halftime lead.

at the end of the 2nd quarter carried over into the 3rd. While Hofstra's defense was physical and aggressive, Stony Brook's was soft and tentative. As a result, Hofstra out shot Stony Brook in the 2nd half 27-13. They doubled up the Seawolves on 2nd half ground balls, 24-12. They converted 75% of their extra-man Brook's offensive focus shifted from looking for goal opportunities (3 of 4) while the Seawolves managed just opportunities to trying to maintain possession while try-25% (2 of 8). Stony Brook managed to score 5 goals in ing to find an open passing lane. Most often there was the half, which was 7 fewer than they surrendered. And while it looks like an offensive explosion for Hofstra, the real story was the stifling D that held Bo Tripodi scoreless and was constantly knocking the ball from the Seawolves' sticks and feeding the offense. It didn't help that Seawolves goalkeeper Brendan Callahan had one of his less stellar performances, but the fact that Athan The score was quite lopsided. Stony Brook's 6-game Let's hope they don't.



Adhip Karmaker/Statesman

Iannucci scored 6, while four of his teammates scored multiple goals really is a testament to Hofstra's ball control and Stony Brook's passive defense. Honestly, the most aggressive play on the Stony Brook defense came from the goalie.

On the offensive side, Ryan Maehr recorded a After the break, trends that had started to develop hat trick for the Seawolves while Adam Marksberry added a pair. Early in the game the offense was running smoothly and efficiently, but poor passing took away many scoring opportunities. As Hofstra's defense began the Pride really applied the pressure defensively, Stony not, so the Stony Brook attacker would run around with the ball until a double team knocked the ball out of his stick, or he would try to make a very difficult pass or ill-advised shot. Hofstra got more relaxed while Stony Brook became desperate.

winning streak comes to an end. And the game dubbed the "Battle for Long Island" was won by our rival, Hofstra, who managed to defeat our sports teams each time we faced them this year. But the worst part is that the 1st quarter convinced me that Stony Brook could have beaten this team. Bad passing is usually a result of nervousness. Bad passing is what started to swing the momentum in Hofstra's favor. If this team can play consistently, and apply a little more pressure defensively, I believe they can hang with any team in to adjust, scoring opportunities became scarcer. Once the country. But when they get discouraged, or intimidated, or nervous the level of play plummets and the game can quickly slip away. When the Seawolves face UMBC this Saturday in Maryland, the America East conference title will be on the line. UMBC will be the toughest opponent they face in conference play, and the game will likely be a preview of the conference tournament championships, barring any unlikely upsets. If the Seawolves can pull together for a full 60 minutes, they will send a very clear message that the NCAA berth for The loss is tough to stomach for many reasons. the America East conference is Stony Brook's to lose.