

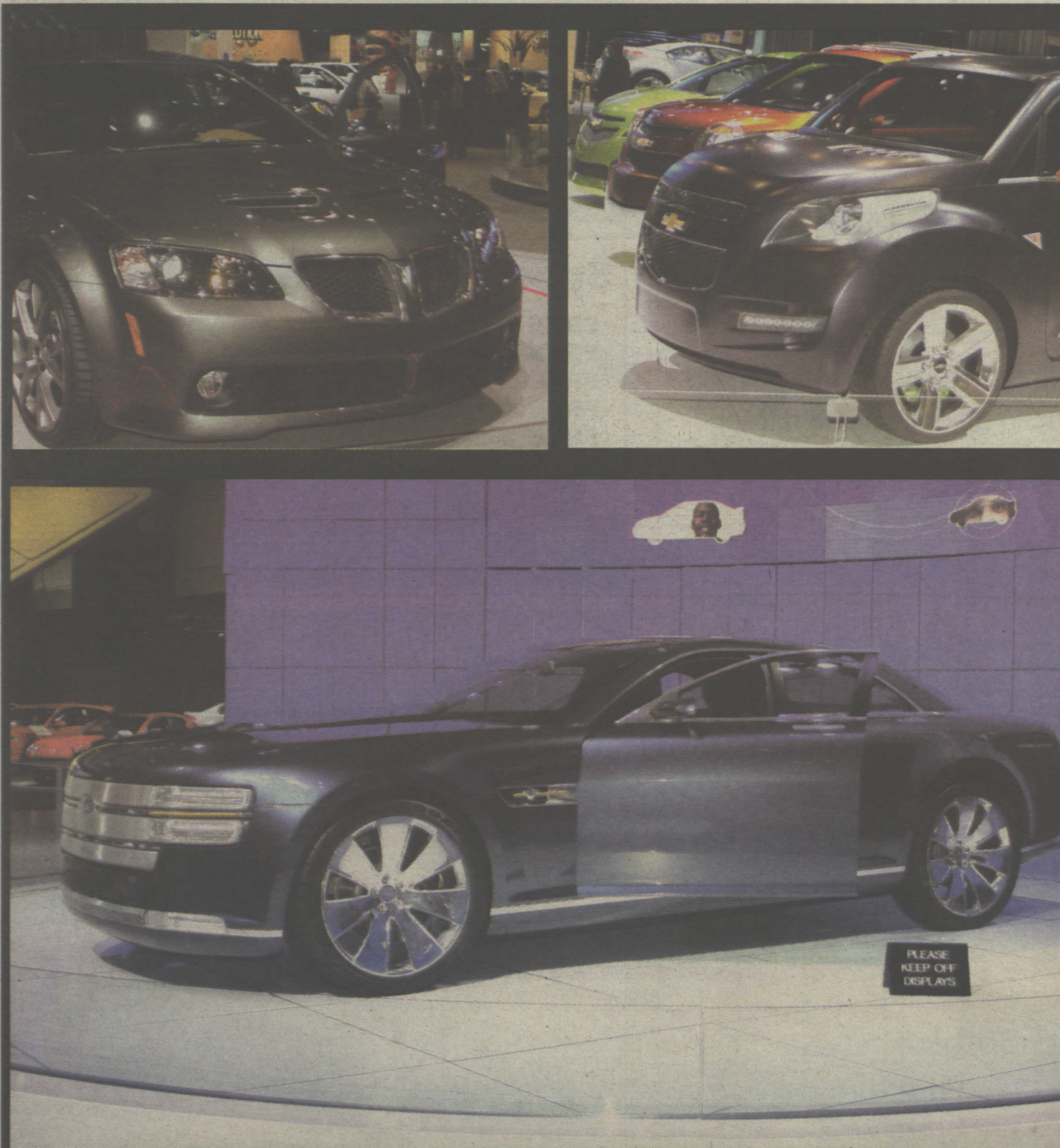
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SB Debate Team Hosts Hong Vs. Withers

By RASHAD EMANUEL
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, March 28, the Stony Brook Debate Team had two SB professors expressed their opinions on whether or not the United States should consider withdrawing the military personnel that it has currently stationed in Iraq. Professor Young-Sun Hong from the History Department was a proponent of American troops being pulled out of Iraq while Professor Harold Withers from the Political Science Dept discussed his views of why American troops should remain in Iraq.

According to the Debate Team's President, Erica Smith, the reason for hosting the debate was to raise awareness among the students.

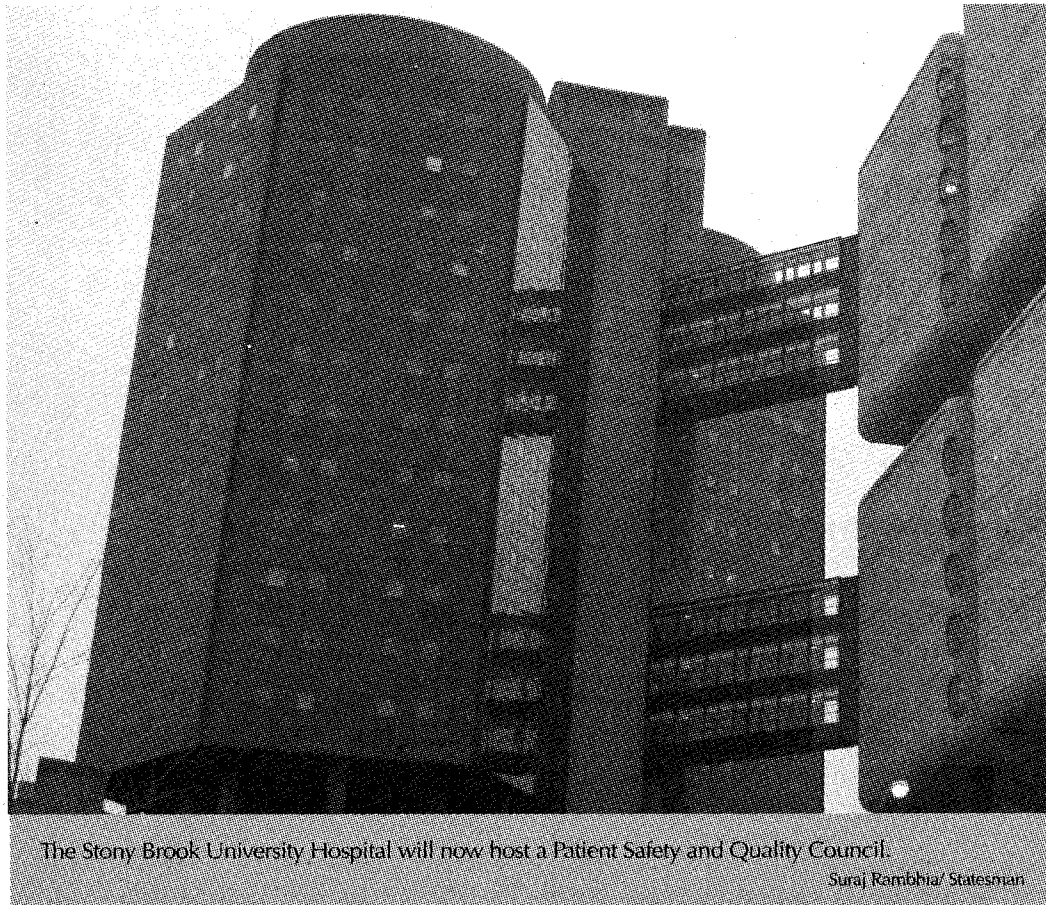
Regardless of the motives that everyone had for being at the debate that day, it seemed as if all in attendance left with a new perspective on the matter.

The debate itself lasted about an hour. Smith acted as the moderator for the event. The debate was given in a series of point/counterpoint exchanges between Withers, who was in favor of a troop surge, and Hong, who favored troop withdrawal. Both of the men respectfully listened to each other's opinions and articulated the evidence for their respective positions on American troop withdrawal rather well.

Hong's argument centered around the idea that the American presence in Iraq was doing more harm than good to both parties. He said that the American occupation wasn't helping the Iraqi government get a firm grip on the reigns of power. Instead, it was preventing them from doing so because they have grown dependent on US servicemen.

He also said that this prolonged occupation has become a

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The Stony Brook University Hospital will now host a Patient Safety and Quality Council.

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Patient Safety and Quality Council Established at SBUH

By SARAH KANTHARIA
Asst. News Editor

In an effort to promote patient safety, Stony Brook University Hospital CEO Steven Strongwater, M.D., announced the establishment of a Patient Safety and Quality Council (PSQC) during National Patient Safety Awareness Week.

The purpose of the PSQC is to promote dialogue between Stony Brook University Hospital and the nation's top patient safety experts and patient safety advocacy organizations in order to find additional ways to improve the care provided at SBUH.

With these "open discussion" council meetings of experts drawn from across the country, Strongwater hoped to gain "fresh, outside perspectives" of current SBUH patient safety initiatives and programs, as well as learn about similar programs other medical institutions have in place. This exchange of ideas

concerning patient safety and quality of care issues will help SBUH make readjustments to existing programs and processes in order to increase efficiency and leave patients more satisfied.

The council's first meeting took place on Mar. 20 and focused on sharing ideas. Patient safety and quality of care are evaluated according to a "structure, process, outcome scheme or how our systems are put together," explained Strongwater. "If the structure and process of our medical care is good, then a good [medical] outcome should follow."

At the first PSQC meeting, an emphasis on the structure and process of medical care resulted in the identification of potential efficiency analysis improvements. According to Strongwater, the PSQC discovered that simply determining and correcting the variables that lead to a given poor outcome is

not enough. A system for tracing the changes made to medical procedures to ensure consistent success is necessary.

In a high-pressure environment, such as a hospital, creating safeguards against unintentional medical errors is important. The first PSQC meeting also reaffirmed the need for strong motivation and leadership to ensure that any change is effectively implemented.

Members of the council included representatives from nursing, pharmacy, information systems and administrative fields. A patient representative, reverend and representatives from hospitals and medical institutions similar to SBUH were also present. Each of these representatives shared a unique perspective of patient safety concerns.

For example, while an administrative representative may-

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BODIES: THE EXHIBITION ASTOUNDS NEW YORK

By TEJAS GAWADE
Managing Editor

An exhibition featuring human bodies is currently drawing crowds to the South Street Seaport in New York City. Some of the displays included resurrection of the human anatomical structure through arteries and veins, dissection of a lung that suffered from emphysema, conjoined twins, and an embryo through weeks of development.

There were a total of about 20 bodies and more than 250 human organs and partial-body specimens and fetuses behind a glass. It is set up so that one starts at the skeletal system, and then moves onto deeper layers, such as the muscular, nervous, circulatory, digestive, respiratory, urinary, and reproductive systems.

Some of the specimens are arranged so that they are performing activities, including playing basketball or conducting an orchestra. Along the way are other displays showing a human intestine stretched out, the polluted lung of a smoker, and all of the arteries and veins without the body itself.

There is also a section devoted to fetal development. The fetuses displayed here died due to miscarriages. A sign explains that the deceased fetuses, which range from 18 days to 26 weeks, died due pregnancy complications, not abortions. They display disorders, such as anencephaly, spina bifida and visceral hernia.

"The bodies in question are unclaimed or unidentified individuals from China. As such, neither the deceased nor their families consented to the use of the corpses in the exhibit," said Dr. Roy Glover, the Medical Director of the Exhibition, in a "National Geographic" report. Glover is also a Professor Emeritus of Anatomy

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A Celebration of Earth Day

April 16 to 20, 2007

All events are free and open to the public.

Sustainability: The Future is Now

Monday, April 16

Golden Earthworm Organic Farm
Lecture and Slide Presentation,
SAC Auditorium, 12:30 pm

Tuesday, April 17

- "Reducing Your Environmental Tire Track"—Discussion on commuting and its impact on carbon dioxide emissions, SAC Commuter Lounge, 11:00 am
- Film: *Farming the Future: Farm Life on Long Island*, SAC Ballroom A, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18

Parliamentary Debate: "An Inconvenient Truth is an Incomplete Truth."
Charles B. Wang Theatre, 1:00 pm

Thursday, April 19

Discussion Panel with the Honorable Claudine Schneider, former U.S. Congresswoman, Rhode Island (1980-1990), and author of Global Warming Prevention Act, 4:00 pm

Friday, April 20

Earthstock Culmination Celebration

Academic Mall,
10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Rain Location: Charles B. Wang Center

Highlights include:

- Pride Patrol, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Live musical and dance performances on two stages
- Environmental and educational displays and exhibitors, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Green Pledge Ceremony, 12:15 pm
- Free Ice Cream Social, 3:00 pm

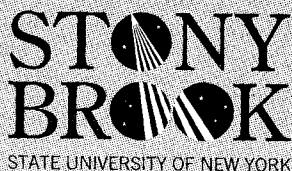
SAC Ballroom A

- Earthstock Environmental Research and Creative Activity Exhibition, 6:30 pm
- Provost's Lecture by the Honorable Claudine Schneider, "Solutions to Climate Change!" Sponsored by the Provost's Office, Living World Lecture Series, and Stony Brook's Templeton Research Lecture Series, 7:30 pm
- Concert: Rhythm-and-blues artists Begonia, 9:00 pm

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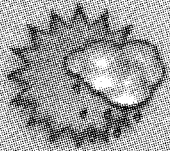
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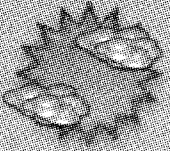
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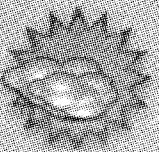
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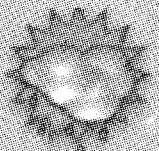
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lingering overnight



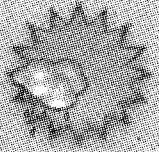
Friday:
High 52/Low 38
Mostly Cloudy



Saturday:
High 47/Low 35
Partly Cloudy



Sunday:
High 47/Low 35
Rain, heavy at times,
cold and windy



Monday:
High 53/Low 36
Lingering shower possible



Tuesday:
High 57/Low 35
Partly to Mostly Cloudy



Wednesday:
High 57/Low 38
Cloudy w/ possibly
breaks of Sun

Behind the Numbers

Lately, the weather in our area has been anything but average. Normally, highs should be around 57 degrees. Unfortunately, we will not be seeing these temperatures until next week. Today's weather will be cool and wet, with rain showers possible in the afternoon hours, continuing overnight. As this system moves out, another system will begin to take shape in the Southeast. After hopefully having a pleasant Saturday, clouds will thicken overnight, and conditions will deteriorate for the end of the weekend. Heavy rain showers will plague the region on Sunday, along with winds of 20-25 mph and highs not making it out of the 40's. The beginning of the work week should be drier, although there is a chance of rain early on Monday. Check back on Monday for an update on next week.

AUTHENTIC HUMAN BODIES DISPLAYED AT SEAPORT

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and Cell Biology at the University of Michigan Medical School

The bodies were obtained through the Dalian Medical University Plastination Laboratories in the People's Republic of China.

Glover added that "the corpses and body parts used ... were 'legally obtained' from various medical schools and universities in China."

The exhibition, which visits several different states annually, began in 2004 and has drawn a crowd of more than 2 million. It preserves the bodies through a unique polymer preservation process. While organs can take a week to prepare, a full body can take up to a year.

According to the Exhibit Information Center, "[a] human specimen is first preserved according to standard mortuary science...[when] dissected, the specimen is immersed in acetone, which eliminates all body water. The specimen is then placed in a large bath of silicone, or polymer, and sealed in a vacuum chamber. Under vacuum, acetone leaves the body in the form of gas and the polymer replaces it, entering each cell and body tissue. A catalyst is then applied to the specimen, hardening it and completing the process."

It added that "the brain is dehydrated in cold acetone to maintain its original size and shape."

The preservation process has been successful so far. The last specimens were made in the 1970s and are still in existence. All specimens are preserved to last indefinitely.

All bodies in the exhibit died

from natural causes. However, several organs display medically-related problems. A healthy lung is placed next to the one that has suffered from emphysema to emphasize the difference.

A large glass bin requested smoking packs from visitors to illustrate the negative effects of smoking. Other bodies displayed what happens to the body when it suffers from unnatural causes, including obesity, breast cancer, colon cancer, cirrhosis of the liver, ectopic pregnancy, arthritis, osteoporosis, smoking and dietary excess.

Glover emphasized the importance of the exhibition when he stated on the website that "[s]eeing promotes understanding, and understanding promotes the most practical kind of body education possible. The body doesn't lie!"

The organizers have opened the exhibition to children of all ages. Audio tour guides and five age-specific teacher's guides are available, ranging from elementary to post-graduate levels.

The Exhibition is organized by Atlanta-based Premier Exhibitions, Inc. The organizers include Gunther von Hagens, Gerhard Perner and Genlife Biomedical.

According to a visitor comment, "this exhibit has shown me more anatomy than in two years of studying book after book."

"My husband smokes and when he saw the lungs the first thing he said to me was 'I'm going to quit,'" wrote another visitor.

The exhibition also maintains a website, bodiethexhibition.com, where one can find even more intensive information and classroom activities related to the human body.

SB Debate Team Hosts Debate on Troop Presence in Iraq

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drain on manpower of the US Armed Forces and is costing is a lot of money. Young advocated a gradual withdrawal program enforced by Congress that would give the Iraqi government some time to shore up its own military and political strength.

On the other hand, Withers was in favor of an increase in the current number of troops stationed in Iraq. Withers reasoned that it usually takes more troops to occupy a defeated nation than it does to invade and wage war with them.

Withers also said that if America leaves now then the sectarian violence will mushroom and other Middle Eastern nations, such as Iran will invade Iraq to take advantage of the chaos. He also said that the American presence in Iraq would give the Iraqi government time to consolidate its own power so that when the US does leave, it would not have to redeploy troops in the event that Iraq falls into a civil war.

After the debate, the professors took questions from the audience. All in all, both made very convincing arguments. After the event ended, it seemed that the issues broached by both sides shed some new light on what many people consider a difficult topic to discuss.

Police Blotter

Apr. 6 - Apr. 9

Car Crunch

On April 6, around 12:30PM a parked car was hit near Chapin Apartments. The first car was never found.

Skateboarders

Skateboarders were found on the Water Fountain near the Administration building around 1:30PM. Skateboarders left upon police arrival.

Found Substance

On the 5th floor of the University Hospital, a green leafy substance was found on a table around 4:30PM. The substance has not yet been returned to the rightful owner.

Suspicious Person

A suspicious person was found around the Chapin Apartments around 10:50PM. The person was gone upon police arrival.

Car Crash

A motor vehicle accident occurred in the University Hospital Emergency Room parking lot around 10:20 on April 7. No one was hurt and there was only minor damage to the cars.

Fire Alarm

A fire alarm went off in Baruch around 11:30 on April 8 due to burnt popcorn. Stony Brook Fire Department was notified and responded.

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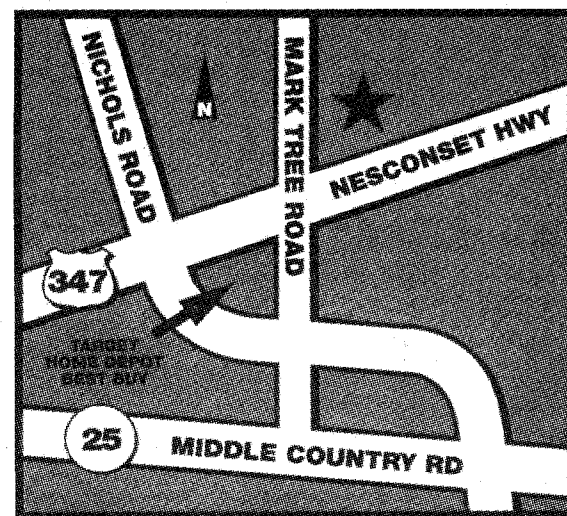
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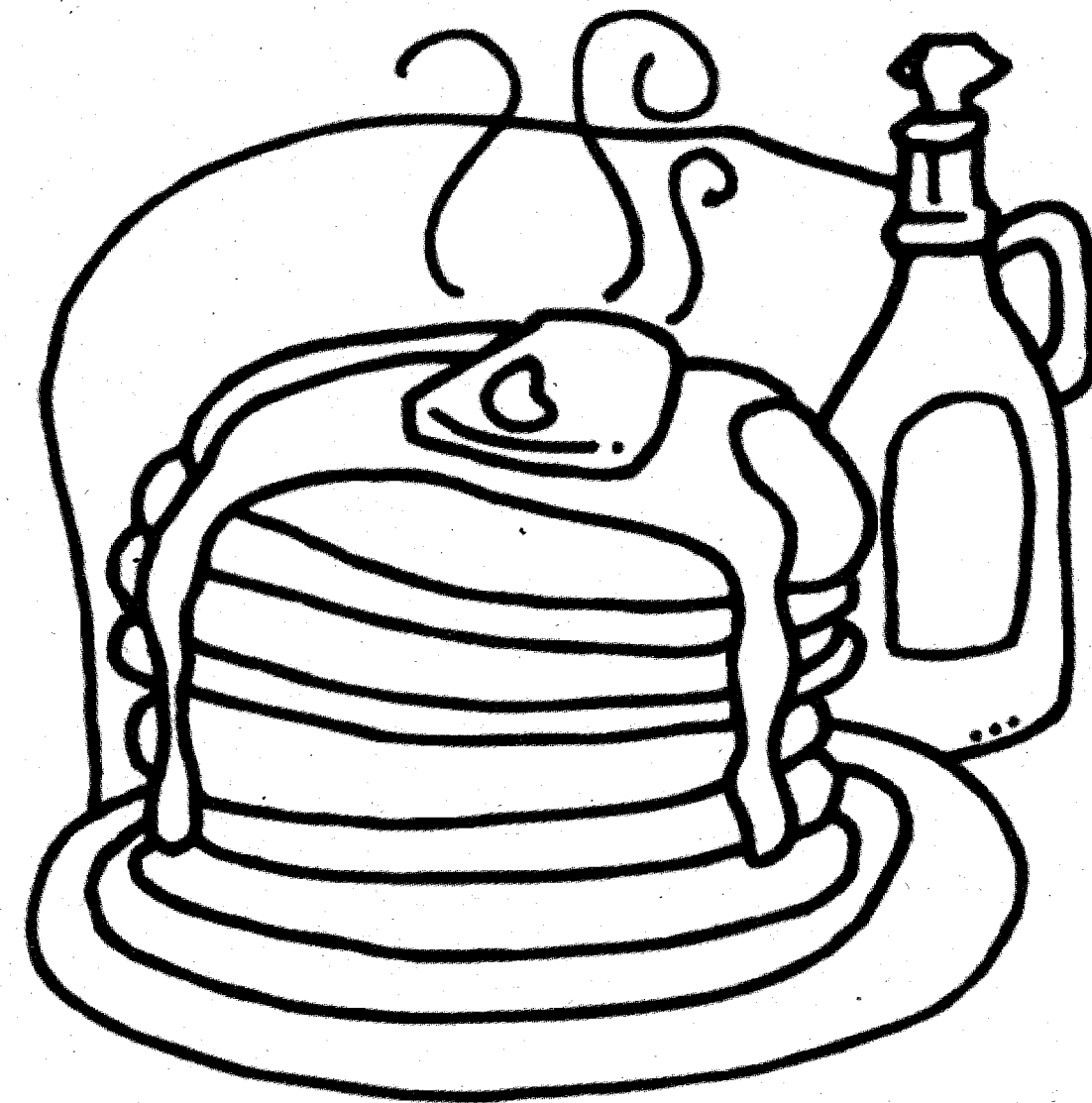
By JAMES FALLETTI
Staff Writer

There was a time when I would say that if I were captured by a terrorist and told to make them pancakes or I would be killed, I would just tell them to kill me and end my misery. It is amazing, how a person who can whip up a home made Italian cheesecake or a Baileys Irish Cream Crème Brûlée without breaking a sweat, could all of a sudden freak out over pancakes. I mean, seriously... pancakes.

We are not talking about quantum physics or molecular chemistry here. No sir. We are simply talking about a product which involves mixing two cups of Bisquick pancake mix, two large eggs, and a cup of milk (water if I am on a diet) into a bowl and then placing it on a medium high skillet for a matter of a few minutes until they turn a golden brown on both sides.

For some reason, these quick and easy instructions may have been written in ancient Sanskrit or something to that nature, because for the longest time as hard as I would follow these instructions the inevitable would occur. Either I would burn the bejesus out of them, or somehow I would turn them into something more like a crêpe. Not that crêpes are horrible, but when I want to have a fluffy pancake drenched in Grade A pure Vermont Maple Syrup with unsalted whipped butter spread between each layer of its golden goodness, then by God I want to have my pancakes. And who says that whom ever I am supposed to be sharing them with should be denied the satisfaction of savory decadence? It's just not fair I tell you.

I remember once the humiliation I endured from attempting to make a friend of mine pancakes. About six years ago, after a long night of partying and drinking, my friend Ray decided to crash at my place. Without hesitation I welcomed my guest into my home with open arms and a comfortable pillow to rest his head against. Once we both woke up I had asked him what he wanted for breakfast. Unfortunately for my friend, he had not only made up his mind that he wanted pancakes, but he had not heard about my little phobia pertaining to flattened



Courtesy of MIT

disks of fried batter. I begged him to change his mind. I even shared with him moments of embarrassment surrounding my mishaps of making pancakes, but my words of shame had fallen upon deaf ears. I realized at that time, that once again I would have to face my fears and give in to what used to be my friend, now a talking stomach, in need of pleasure which could only come from pancakes.

So I walked into the kitchen which I had visited on many many many occasions, and took my place in kitchen stadium for a re-challenge against my former opponents, honor and humility, in what felt like an Iron Chef Pancake Challenge. With the sound of a gong I began to race against the clock. As always I carefully combined the ingredients together as directed on the side of the Bisquick container, rigorously mixing the contents with my very special whisk which I bought at Williams Sonoma, but who cares about that, time is of the essence. All was go-

ing according to plan until it was time to pour the contents of the bowl into individual circles on the heated skillet. Skillfully I took some butter and spread it across the hot surface making sure to cover ever square inch with the melted sunshine.

I took a deep breath, wiped the sweat which was beading from my brow and began to pour the ladled batter onto the cooking plane. The tension was building - if I check the pancakes too early then they would turn out undercooked, and if I waited too long then the pancakes would wind up darkened masses of burnt dreams and wishes. Steady as the beating drum my heart was pounding. I knew that my whole reputation was on the line with my friend Ray if I didn't get this right. Friend indeed, ha! If he were any true friend of mine, he would have asked for an egg sandwich with bacon and cheese or perhaps a bowl of Captain Crunch cereal. But no, my "friend" needed to have pancakes.

Now was the time when I had to make my first flip from the spatula. It was either me or the pancake, and I was determined not to spoil this moment. This was my moment in the spotlight; this was my moment to shine. So I placed the spatula under the first pancake and with one swift motion, I flipped the demon cake onto its awaiting uncooked side. Eureka! Success. I had managed to complete the first in the series of flips and flaps. Now if I can only successfully complete the other three, then I would be golden.

All of a sudden I began to detect a faint stench of imperfection. I have at that moment realized my flaw in creating the perfect pancake. The heat in which I had set the stove top at was in fact set too high, causing massive catastrophe when ever I would make this horror of a breakfast meal. I knew that if I ruined this batch that I would not have a second chance to redeem myself for two reasons which were 1) because he would never let

this moment down for as long as I lived, and 2) I was officially out of pancake mix and I was not about to go out and buy some more for this selfish houseguest who is slowly but surely over-extending his welcome.

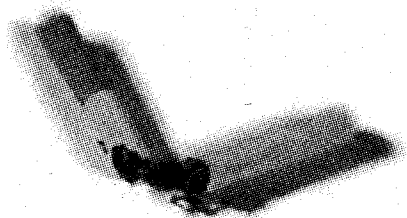
I began to flip the other pancakes over, one by one, when all of a sudden the unthinkable occurred. I had dropped one of the pancakes prematurely turning it into a pile of unrecognizable modern art. At this point I didn't want to throw in the towel, but I knew the unfortunate fate which was destined for me that morning. I continued to flip the final pancake, and that golden brown colorization which I hoped for had disappeared, leaving only an idea reminiscent of a hope I once had. It was official, Pandora's pancakes had prevailed once again, and it was time to face to music. The challenger had won again in kitchen stadium.

I gathered up what was left of the salvageable pieces, placed them uncaringly on the serving platter, and topped them off with fried eggs which incorporated the same fate as the less than perfect pancakes. Nonetheless, I picked up the servings of food and presented them to my friend; my friend indeed. Knowing very well what I did and what I went through to fulfill my duties as a gracious host and that SOB had the nerve to scoff at me! But I remained a perfect gentleman, and laughed it off with him as I continued to eat my Picasso-like pancakes drenched in Grade A Vermont Pure Maple Syrup, which somehow made the entire disaster feel less like a pimple on the end of a nose and more like a small inconvenience.

Ever since that moment, I have dedicated my life to perfecting the pancake, with hopes of regaining my reputation with my friend Ray in the field of pancakeology. I can honestly say that with a little patience and a lot of practice I have finally prevailed over this annoyance, and am eagerly waiting to redeem myself and reclaim what was once lost to me in a wager which should have never occurred. One day I will recreate my masterpiece for him and he will bow down to me and proclaim me the Prince of Pancakes. In the meantime, I look forward to our encounter in the future and hope that the next challenge will be worth the calories.

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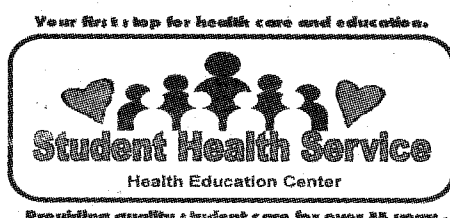
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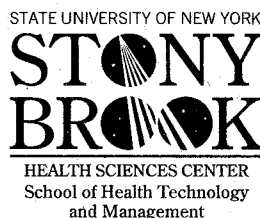
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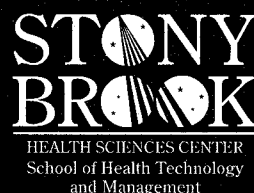
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Former Student Questions USG Decision

By CHRISTOPHER SOROCHIN
SB Class of '83

It was good to read that the USG Senate went to bat against the Draconian punishment meted out to the Rugby Team, but I was disappointed to read they also "condemned the actions of those involved in providing alcohol to underage persons."

Really? Does this mean that none of the USG Senators drink/drank as "underage persons" and that they don't know anyone who does or attend functions at which "underage persons" drink? Adding this to the resolution gives the appearance that the USG Senate considers the law to be a fair and just one. Is this representative of the sentiment of the students the Senators supposedly represent? It seems to me that the Senate missed a golden opportunity to officially condemn the unfairness and hypocrisy of the drinking age laws and call for their modification.

Until there's a nationwide, visible movement to lower the drinking age, incidents like the one involving the Rugby Team will keep happening. And there's no better time than now, that many of our fellow citizens who are "underage" to drink are not considered "underage" to kill, die and be maimed physically and psychically in the obscenity of the US occupation of Iraq. All it takes is for someone to introduce a formal call for the laws to be changed and it could spread and the politicians might have to take notice.

In case you don't know, a lot of "adults" also think the laws are idiotic and unjust.

Chris Sorochin Class of '83 (We drank like fish, and that includes the present-day administrators, politicians and cops who make and enforce these laws).

SENATE MUDDLES OVER BUDGET PLANNING

By ESAM AL-SHAREFFI
USG Recording Secretary

Dear Editor,

This Senate meeting was dominated by the debate over the 2007-08 USG Budget, which allocates over 2.6 million dollars that is requisitioned by the Student Activity Fee that almost every student pays each semester. This money is allocated to the hundreds of clubs and organizations on campus, as well as to USG agencies such as the Student Activities Board, and to USG initiatives such as the PASS tutoring programs and the subsidized LIRR tickets that create long lines in the ticket office every week.

The allocations, at least in theory, are based on the long and considered deliberations of the Senate Budget Committee which is chaired by the USG Treasurer, and those deliberations include information obtained from "Budget Packets" that each club or organization seeking funding must fill out, as well as a budget hearing with several members of the

Budget committee. Considering the number of clubs and organizations seeking funding, the various requests for budget increase on a limited budget, and the other duties that Senators must do, the work of the Budget Committee is truly arduous.

That said, the Senate meeting was an absolute embarrassment to the Budget Committee and to the Senate as a whole and the Senate's performance last night greatly undermined the professional reputation that it has enjoyed in recent weeks.

The initial debate on the budget was enlightening and promising. Some eyebrows were raised over the \$0 funding of certain groups as well as major cuts in a few others, but the Budget committee, led by Senator Hirst, expertly and effectively explained the criteria used to allocate funding and it seemed as if a majority of Senators were satisfied with the explanations given. During the debate, however, a budget committee member discovered a blank cell in the Excel sheet

containing the budget, meaning that a \$43,000 dollar allocation was inadvertently left out and now the overall budget was \$43,000 in deficit.

At this point the Senate looked like it did not know what it was doing. Some Senators suggested an across-the-board cut of 2-5%, just enough to fund the missing \$43,000, while others suggested that the Budget Committee reconvene and go over the budget line by line, cutting the budget where possible to make up for the shortfall. The debate was complicated by several factors: the fact that the shortfall increased from \$43,000 to over \$100,000 when another error was discovered, as well as the need for the Senate to approve the budget at that meeting in order to avoid a deadline which would force the budget decision to be shifted to the Executive Council.

The situation continued to fall apart as no one option seemed to be devoid of serious flaws, prompting one Senator to jok-

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OPINION

Target Tehran

By KHALIL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Rational policy planning should consist of a few basic principles. One would like to assume policy planners, like all rational people, make their decisions according to the possible outcomes of their actions. Secondly, states should apply the same standards to themselves that they apply to other states. We should all remember these principles when we judge the capturing of British personnel in disputed waters on Mar. 23. The background information leading up to this event is significant and as far as I'm aware, was not seriously reported in the U.S. press.

From 1951 till 1953, Iran had its first democratically elected President. American and British citizens should all be aware of this fact. We should also be aware of the fact that it was the U.S. and Britain that put an end to this experiment with a military

coup, installing the Shah who terrorized the country until 1979. The U.S. has never accepted Iran's defiance and has punished the nation ever since: supporting Saddam Hussein's invasion, endless threats, several bombings, and covert operations. Then on Jan. 29, 2002 President Bush declared Iran a member of the "Axis of Evil." Since then, relations have soured to their worst in years.

Brian Ross and Christopher Isham, of ABC News, reported on Apr. 3, that "a Pakistani tribal militant group responsible for a series of deadly guerrilla raids inside Iran has been secretly encouraged and advised by American officials since 2005." The group "has taken responsibility for the deaths and kidnappings of more than a dozen Iranian soldiers and officials." Furthermore, "Pakistani government sources say the secret campaign against Iran by Jundullah was on the agenda when Vice President

Dick Cheney met with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in February." The article concludes that "former CIA officers say the arrangement is reminiscent of how the U.S. government used proxy armies, funded by other countries including Saudi Arabia, to destabilize the government of Nicaragua in the 1980s," which lead to thousands of deaths.

On Dec. 24, 2006 the U.S. detained five Iranian officials in Baghdad. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mohammad Ali Hosseini, said "This action is not compatible with international law and it will have unpleasant consequences."

Promptly after this affair, the U.S. took further action. To my knowledge it wasn't reported in the American press. British journalist Patrick Cockburn, from the Independent, reported that American soldiers raided an Iranian office in the Kurdish

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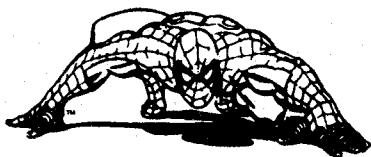
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Budget Plan Returned to Committee

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ingly announce something to the effect of: "How about we just put the money in the Treasurer's office and just have all the clubs make a mad dash and grab what they can."

The hilarity grew when a Senator discovered a constitutional provision that allowed the Budget decision to be postponed, if permission was granted from Dr. Baigent, an administrative official. After being given Dr. Baigent's home phone number through a member of the gallery (who searched it online), Senator O'Connor called and asked for an extension, and after hushing the Senate for a few seconds, he announced that Dr. Baigent approved a one-week extension of the Budget decision.

And so, with one more week to make a decision, the Senate promptly returned the budget to the Budget Committee, with instructions that it return with a balanced proposal next week, and

it appeared as if widespread relief was on every Senator's face.

The question remains, what will the Budget Committee do now? Cuts from the current allocations will have to be made to make up for the \$100,000, but who will suffer? More importantly, I believe that the lack of professionalism expressed last night will add insult to injury to the various clubs receiving budget cuts, who will be outraged at the Senate's behavior.

Despite the fact that the Senate Budget Committee may have legitimate reasons and months of deliberation to back up its legitimate findings, I believe that the last-minute display of incompetence will truly hurt the authority of that committee and its decisions. This is most unfortunate, because the committee, which at times would meet until after midnight to get its extensive work done, deserved to have a crowning achievement to end its awesome task. Unfortunately, in the USG there are few happy endings.

Women's Lacrosse Over Boston U

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time, the game was tied 4 times after the first goal.

SB drew first blood, with Taylor scoring a goal 1:51 into the game. Within minutes, the game was tied at 2. BU scored halfway through the 1st half on a free position shot to take a 3-2 lead. Their lead had grown to 7-3 within 4 minutes of that goal. Then, SB mounted a 5-1 run of their own, to tie the game at 8 going into halftime.

BU took the first goal of the second half to take the lead, but SB came back with a 5-0 run with goals from 4 players to gain a 13-9

lead. BU took 2 more goals, coming 11 seconds apart, to close the SB lead to 2, but that is as close as they would get.

On offense, SB was led by attacker Carlee Buck and midfielder Taylor, both seniors. Each had 7 points. Attacker Emily Jaissle had 5 points in the effort, including a team-leading 4 goals. Goalkeeper Jen Sandtorv managed 15 saves.

Head Coach Allison Comito said, "The girls wanted this team so bad. BU ended our season last year, so it was a little revenge."

The Seawolves begin a 3-game road trip on Wednesday with a game at 1:00 PM against New Hampshire.

Patient Safety at SB Hospital

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have an organizational and efficiency-rooted perspective, a patient advocate may be able to provide insight into maintaining sensitivity of care and preventing medical processes from becoming too rigid and inhuman.

The council will provide medical professionals with insight into the difficulties faced by practitioners and into the necessity for convenience and efficiency in patient-centered care. According to Strongwater, any discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of a given system of care, which include tools used, methodology implemented and convenience of location, helps elucidate areas of potential improvement.

In its consistent commitment to patient safety awareness and concern, the PSQC is yet another example of SBUH's efforts as a mentor hospital. "This is part of a 500-year plan for SBUH," Strongwater concluded, "We will always be working towards providing excellent care for our patients."

Previous efforts of SBUH to promote patient safety and quality of care include its participation in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "Preventing 5 million lives from medical harm" campaign, as well as the recent establishment of a SBUH "promise" issued to all incoming patients to help outline the smaller initiatives taken up by the medical staff.

"We have our tentacles in many different places," explained Strongwater with reference to the many quality goals and programs in which SBUH participates. "With the PSQC, we hope to share discussion between SBUH and national patient safety experts to re-energize our system with new ideas that can ultimately help improve care," said Strongwater.

The Patient Safety and Quality Council will continue to meet semiannually or annually, as needed, to further discuss patient safety and quality of care programs. The recommendations of council members will be reviewed and slowly introduced at SBUH.

Men's Lacrosse Led By Adams' Career Day

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and Ryan Duggan to tie the game up before time expired. Duggan's tally with only 1:32 remaining sent the match into overtime.

In the sudden death play, Owen Adams found himself in perfect position and ripped one past Sienna goaltender Brent Herbst to end the contest. The win gives SB a 6-2 record, while Sienna drops to 6-4.

The Seawolves win is their sixth in seven games and comes

after a tough loss to America East Conference leading Albany. So far SB's only losses this season have come to the #1 and #2 ranked teams, Virginia and Albany, respectively. Otherwise, the Seawolves have found a way to win, with either blowouts or close games won in the final few minutes.

The Seawolves are back on the road this Saturday to face conference rival Hartford, who has struggled this season, with only one win in their first 10 games. Face-off is at 6:00 PM.

Target Tehran

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capital, Arbil, and detained five other officials. Cockburn writes that "the US raid could have had even more significant consequences if the Americans had captured the Iranian official they were targeting... Fuad Hussein, the chief of staff of the Kurdish President, Massoud Barzani, told The Independent that 'they were after Mohammed Jafari, the deputy chairman of Iran's National Security Council.'" They had also attempted to capture "General Minojahar Frouzanda, the chief of intelligence of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard."

Cockburn also states, which is fundamental if we accept the second principle, that "the attempt by the US to seize two senior Iranian security officers openly meeting with Iraqi leaders is somewhat as if Iran had tried to kidnap the heads of the CIA and MI6 while they were on an official visit to a country neighboring Iran such as Pakistan or Afghanistan." These are the direct affairs that led up to the capture of these British sailors. It appears that Iran wanted a prisoner swap and achieved its ends.

These actions on the part of all three of these states, Iran, the United States, and Britain, are extremely dangerous, reckless, and disgusting. Thousands of Americans and Iranians have been killed and wounded in the past 25 years due to the arrogance of their leaders. Both nations have been attempting to humiliate one another. However, when the dust clears and the smoke settles there may be countless other tragedies we can look forward to if these governments do not begin behaving rationally.

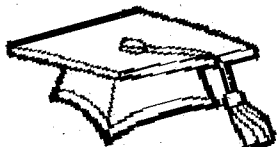
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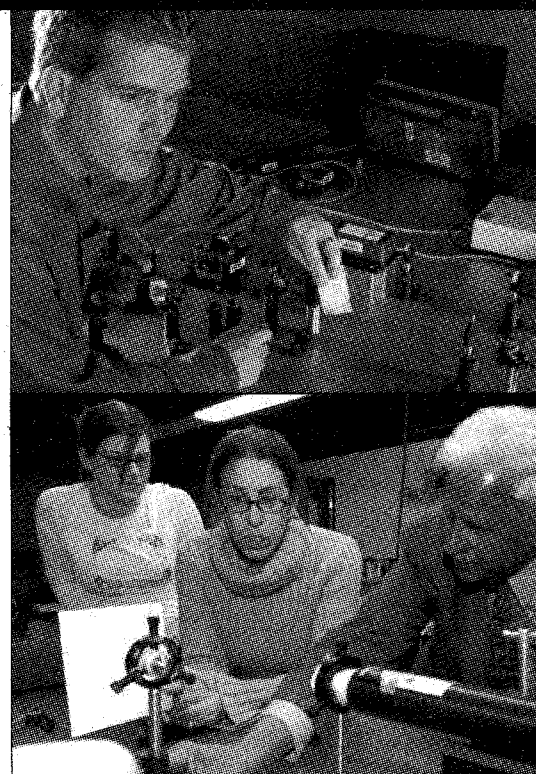
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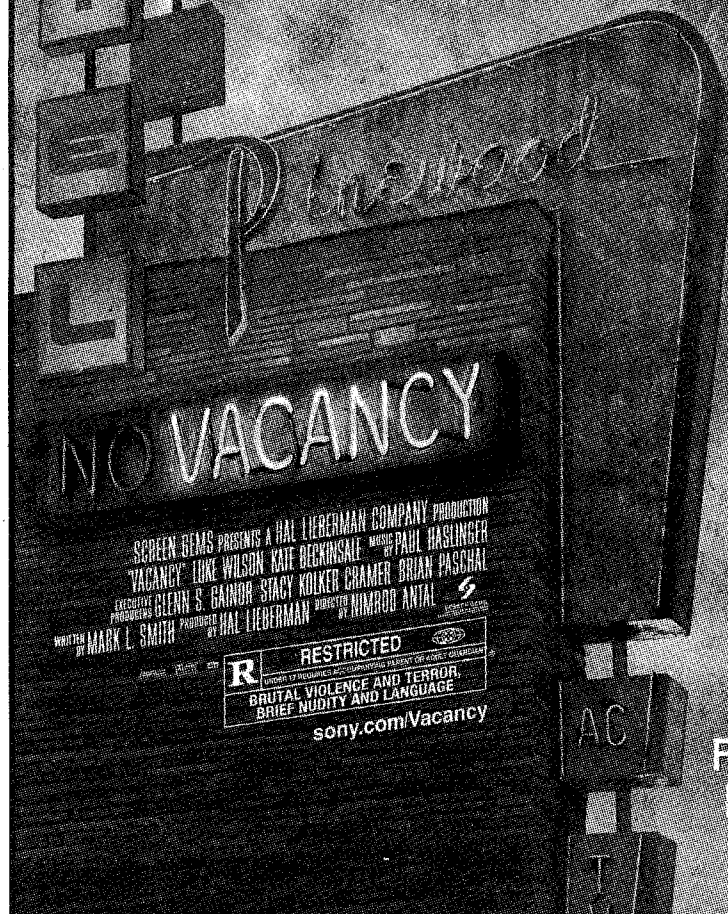
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Editor's Picks: Music

From All Ends of the Spectrum
Statesman staff share their favorite records.

Emily Gover, Copy Editor

Eyes Open
by Snow Patrol



Every six months or so I find myself discovering a new album that is constantly playing on my iPod. Snow Patrol's fourth album, "Eyes Open," is my most recent music obsession. Front man Gary Lightbody's voice made a drastic improvement from their previous album, and in turn has boosted the band's overall sound significantly. Top songs include the intro track, "You're All I Have," "Hands Open," "It's Beginning To Get To Me," the popular "Chasing Cars," and "Open Your Eyes." Okay, so maybe I listed almost half the album, but that's how good this record is. Similar to: The Fray.

You Gotta Go There to Come Back
by Stereophonics



Most people in the US have probably only heard Stereophonics in the closing scene of the film "Crash." A Welsh rock trio, Stereophonics have been very popular in the UK for about 10 years, but never managed to break the music scene in the US. Lead singer Kelly Jones has an extremely unique and unbelievably powerful voice, one reason that makes Stereophonics stand out amongst the rest. "Rainbows and Pots of Gold" is one of my favorite songs of all time, and to call it a top track would be a serious understatement. The music, Jones' voice, and the heart-wrenching (and true to life) lyrics will leave you speechless. Similar to: Oasis. ...Sort of.

Everything Goes Numb
by Streetlight Manifesto



Yes, yes, I know - "ska is dead," but hear me out. Tomas Kalnoky, the group's lead lyricist and singer, is a musical genius of sorts. "Everything Goes Numb" is Streetlight's first album and is absolutely fantastic. Personally, I don't think there is a single bad track on the entire record, but if I had to pick favorites, "Everything Went Numb," "Point/Counterpoint," "A Better Place, A Better Time," and "We Are The Few" would make the cut. The album has all tempos, all emotions, and brilliant lyrics, making this one of the few albums you can listen to anytime, anywhere. Step out of your trendy music shoes for an hour and take a listen, you won't be disappointed. Similar to: Reel Big Fish, Less Than Jake (and Streetlight will be touring with both over the summer!).

Tejas Gawade, Managing Editor

Pinkerton
by Weezer

Before Kanye, I only enjoyed hip-hop to the point of Eminem. Unlike Weezer, I discovered Kanye on my own. I found his music soulful, religious (I'm a sucker for music with a Christian touch, although I am not one). The album is realistic and universal. Kanye's devotional track to his mom is an antithesis to another one where he lies to her face. My favorite track, "Golddigger" brings forth the evils of diamond consumption, yet plainly puts down how they will make any girl go ga-ga. Most importantly, the album has a lot of warmth and meaning, and is still a rap album through-and-through.



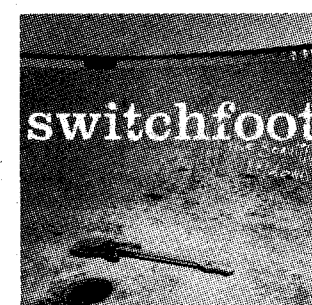
Late Registration
by Kanye West

The first time I heard Weezer, I was in a disagreeable position between two half-Japanese girls who were poorly lip-synching to something that went along the lines of "Goddamn you half-Japanese girls/Do it to me everytime/Oh, the redhead said you shred the cello/And I'm jello, baby." The words stuck in my head for several days, until I looked them up and discovered "Pinkerton." Besides getting me in touch with my inner nerd, I found a fresh sound that was artsy and riddled with lyrics that vented frustration pretty damn accurately. Although Weezer's "Blue" and "Green" albums have now become household names, especially with everyone (because nerd is the new cool) singing to "Beverly Hills," I have to highly recommend sitting down and listening to "El Scorcho."

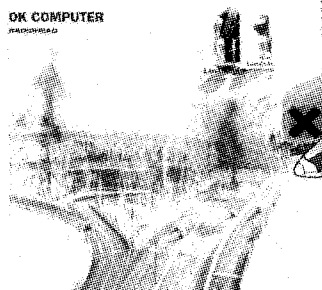


The Beautiful Letdown
by Switchfoot

Like I said, one of my favorite genres is Alternative Christian and this is where Switchfoot fits in perfectly. You have probably heard of the band's single, "Only Hope" in your prized "A Walk To Remember" soundtrack. But the true precious bit is "The Beautiful Letdown," which contains gems like "I Dare You To Move," "Meant to Live" and my favorite, "On Fire." Most of the tracks are ballads with a punk touch, but they vary with great power. The best part is the lyrics, which will not just motivate and inspire you, but will provoke some brain buds to decipher the spewed symbolism.

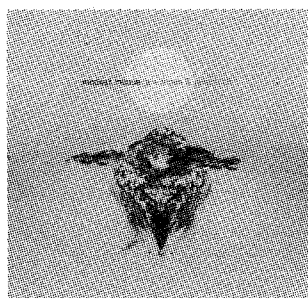


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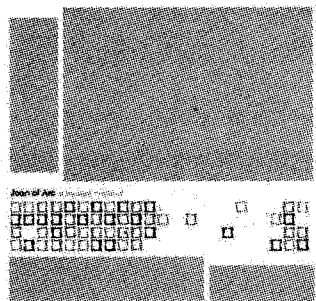
OK Computer by Radiohead

How original, right? This album is the closest thing we have to an objective "best album ever." Everything has already been said about "OK Computer." It shook the world, and it deserves all the hype it has accumulated over the years. Super-solid masterpieces like "Karma Police" and "Let Down" provide a foundation for the experimentation in "Paranoid Android." "Airbag" might be the best song of all time.



The Moon and Antarctica by Modest Mouse

Before I heard this album in my car, Modest Mouse was a joke to me. If I wasn't biologically incapable of crying, it might have made me. Isaac Brock addresses the absurdity of life more directly and sensitively than any other recording. He captures perfectly the sad beauty of death and the passage of time. No one song stands out above the rest, to me – it's best experienced as a complete album.



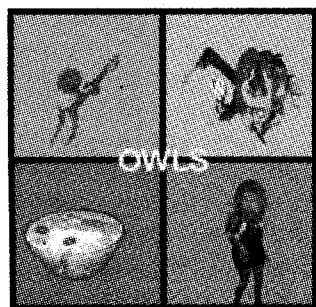
A Portable Model Of by Joan of Arc

Joan of Arc was always built upon stream-of-consciousness poetry and quirky, intriguing instrumental compositions. Only on their first album, "A Portable Model Of," did the band capture the perfect elemental blend. The first track "I Love a Woman (Who Loves Me)" is only finished when the record goes full circle and finishes with "(I Love a Woman) Who Loves Me." You'll never have your mind blown or your heart broken quite like this.



Roll On by The Living End

Some of the best rock and roll written since our parents were young. The Australian three-piece has managed to evoke the best elements of The Sex Pistols, AC/DC, The Clash and The Stray Cats. Somehow, the music is still very much their own. "Pictures in the Mirror" is a strikingly well-composed rock song. "Carry Me Home" sports some of the most insane guitar parts in recent history.



Owls by Owls

By all conventional wisdom, it should be impossible to be this weird and this compelling at the same time. Okay, you get it. I like weird music. Because it's not boring. And maybe I'm pretentious. The guitar work in "Whose Whorse You Wrote Id On" and "Life in the Hair Salon – Themed Bar on the Island" is mind-blowing. The last track, "Holy F*****g Ghost" is a beautiful epic. In every way, the music is brilliant - every element is functioning at its absolute peak.

Amanda Shapiro, Film Columnist

(What's the Story?) Morning Glory by Oasis



In the mid-90s we were in elementary school, at an age when we stopped singing children's songs and began listening to real music on the radio and watching music videos on MTV. Oasis was one of those bands everyone talked about - they were supposed to be the next wave of British rock 'n' roll. "(What's the Story?) Morning Glory's" "Wonderwall" (and later-released "Champagne Supernova") climbed the charts at great speed. To this day when either song plays on the radio, not many people would turn the station. I love this CD because it is great to listen to when I need stability in music, like concentration for driving long road trips - it flows like one long song with different verses. Oasis has gone on to make similar music to this day, and all of their albums continue to have a distinct sound that is easily recognizable as their own.

Nanditha Das, Copy Editor

Bollywood cinema and music is most commonly known outside of India as the nation's biggest contribution to the entertainment industry. But far south, at the tip of India, with her coast hugged by the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal, lies the state of Kerala, with her own vibrancy and sounds.

Recently, Indian music has seen a shift to modernization, combining traditional sounds of instruments such as the sitar, tabla and veena with the piano, violin, and guitar. Southern India is less prone to such rapid assimilation of western culture, which can be both a blessing and a curse. Malayalam cinema, unlike even its sister industries in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, still prizes traditional compositions, employing southern beats and rhythms. The most touching tributes to tradition include the albums "His Highness Abdullah" (1990), "Nandanam (Garden)" (2002), and "Mazha (Rain)" (2000), from the movies with the same names.

Ironically, all three albums share the same music director, Raveendran. The lyrics for "Abdullah" are written by Kaithapram Damodaran Namboothiri, while Girish Puthenchery wrote them for "Nandanam," and Usha wrote them for "Mazha." All three albums also feature K.S. Chitra and Dr. K.J. Yesudas, the pride of Kerala. They are arguably among the best vocalists in India. They both possess such strong, versatile and hypnotic voices. My favorite songs from these albums are: "Pramabhavanam" from "Abdullah," "Mauliyil" from "Nandanam" and "Ashadum" from "Mazha." For a glimpse of the tranquility and divineness that Kerala offers, listen to these albums.



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STRING THEORY:

Okay, I'll Admit It.

The Arcade Fire Is Good.

BY WILL JAMES
Arts and Entertainment Editor

And here lies the primary reason my dreams of Rolling Stone and Spin have been trashed with the heaping remains of a dozen other teenage ambitions (I'm gonna be a writer!).

I have no artistic convictions.

I was defeated by a massive band of quirky Canadians, exposed in my own head as a Massachusetts flip-flopper incapable

wetted my lips. "This is going to be easy." Finally, I can write something I really believe. Something I can get behind.

But when I popped it into my car, I was the one deflated. It was good - really good, in fact. For an album so overwhelmingly epic, it deftly evaded ridiculousness. It ebbed and soared at all the right parts, and the message was spot-on. It reminded me touchingly of my beloved Radiohead. I wasted no time retracing my steps. Upon revisiting "Funeral" I found that

case of Pitchfork Reviews, "Tim Kinsella is the worst musician of all time."

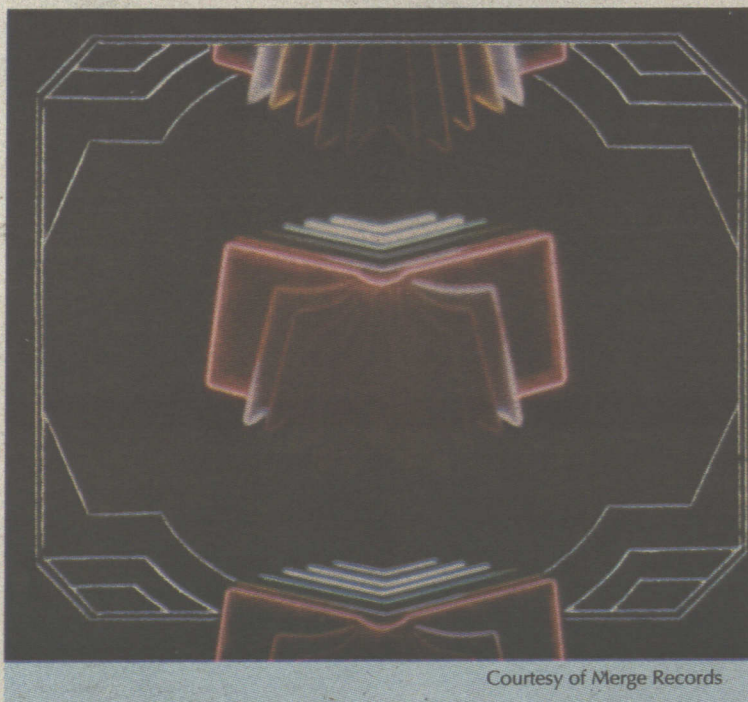
A great indie snob once told me, "Will, the first rule of being an indie snob is that you must speak as if your opinions are the absolute truth." For me, this has proven to be an impossible task.

Why do I like The Arcade Fire? It's the same reason I can write "punk rock is dead" one week and then wonder what I was talking about the next. It's the same reason I can say "guitar geeks are the scourge of music," and then think, "are they really so bad?" It's the same reason I can listen to an album and have no idea whether it's better or worse than any other album. It's the same reason I can love an artist one day and forget them the next.

"String Theory" implies an intellectual component to my criticisms. However, maybe I've been writing from the gut all along, impulsively more than philosophically. Maybe, like my long-time hero, I've been "adapting to win." Just maybe I genuinely considered the Arcade Fire lame at one point in my life, and maybe I genuinely respect them now.

And today, as the dust clears from the wreck of my critical foundation, it's boggling to think of how any critic manages to sustain these convictions. One piece of music can mean so many things to so many different people. In fact, one piece of music can mean different things to the same people on different days. Maybe to fail to acknowledge this is to misunderstand rock. So maybe the issue here isn't with my own flip-flopishness, but with the science of criticism itself.

But who knows what I'll think next week.



Courtesy of Merge Records

of even the most basic musical judgments. Rock critics, after all, have to strong enough to "stay the course."

At some point, it was so simple. "Funeral" was the most buzzed-about album of my brief earthly history. It was so easy to be disappointed - "Ha! That's it?" upon first listen. It was overblown. It felt good to call it lame.

So when "Neon Bible's" legend threatened to surpass the inflated hype of its predecessor, I

I had been wrong all along. *The Arcade Fire is good.*

The horror of this fact is difficult to explain. Obviously, criticism is a subjective science. However, critics (especially snobbish rock critics) base their careers on objective worlds they build in their minds. They must be able to speak about something as vaporous and diverse as rock music with absolute authority. "The new Modest Mouse CD is not as good as the previous one." Or, in the

REEL DEAL



Courtesy of DreamWorks Pictures

"Blades of Glory" Shines

BY AMANDA SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

This movie was a great way to kick off Spring Break. It was hilarious, energetic, and light-hearted. This is the kind of movie that deserves to be seen by a packed theater house - no screening should have an empty seat. Rarely does a film come along that doesn't loose a beat in its humor.

So how does "Blades of Glory" keep the viewer's attention? Until this picture, Josh Gordon and Will Speck directed TV commercials. Their experience in selling consumer products is really no different than selling an entertaining film. They took advantage of shot opportunities to feature the characters in their best light. As a result, "Blades of Glory" is a product of stylized conventions with their own perspective. They knew which moments mattered enough to be their frame's focus.

"Blades of Glory" stars comedy icons Will Ferrell, SNL alum and everything since then, and Jon Heder, better known as Napoleon Dynamite. These two had perfect chemistry as Chazz Michael Michaels and Jimmy MacElroy, respectively. After years of competition, they tie at the 2002 Winter Sports Games. Their poor sportsmanship on the podium results in a mascot catching fire and are thus stripped of their medals and banned from ice skating. Some years later, Jimmy's

stalker, Hector, played by Nick Swardson, tells him that, according to the League's rule book, Jimmy can still compete in pair skating. When Jimmy puts up a sign seeking a female partner he finds Chazz and they resume their brawl. It is caught on camera and played on TV. Jimmy's coach sees this, and while watching in slow motion has the idea that Chazz should be Jimmy's partner. At first they are against it but are later convinced.

The growing friendship between Chazz and Jimmy, their practices in a frozen flooded warehouse - especially for the Iron Lotus, their competitors - and Jimmy's budding romance with Katie van Waldenberg, all move at a respectable pace. The screenwriters and editors deserve major recognition for their immense contributions. Without them, "Blades of Glory" wouldn't be nearly as good. Almost every moment is a joke but when it does slow down, you can still hear giggles in the seats next to you. When it's over, your memory will be filled with the characters' lines and will just have to laugh.

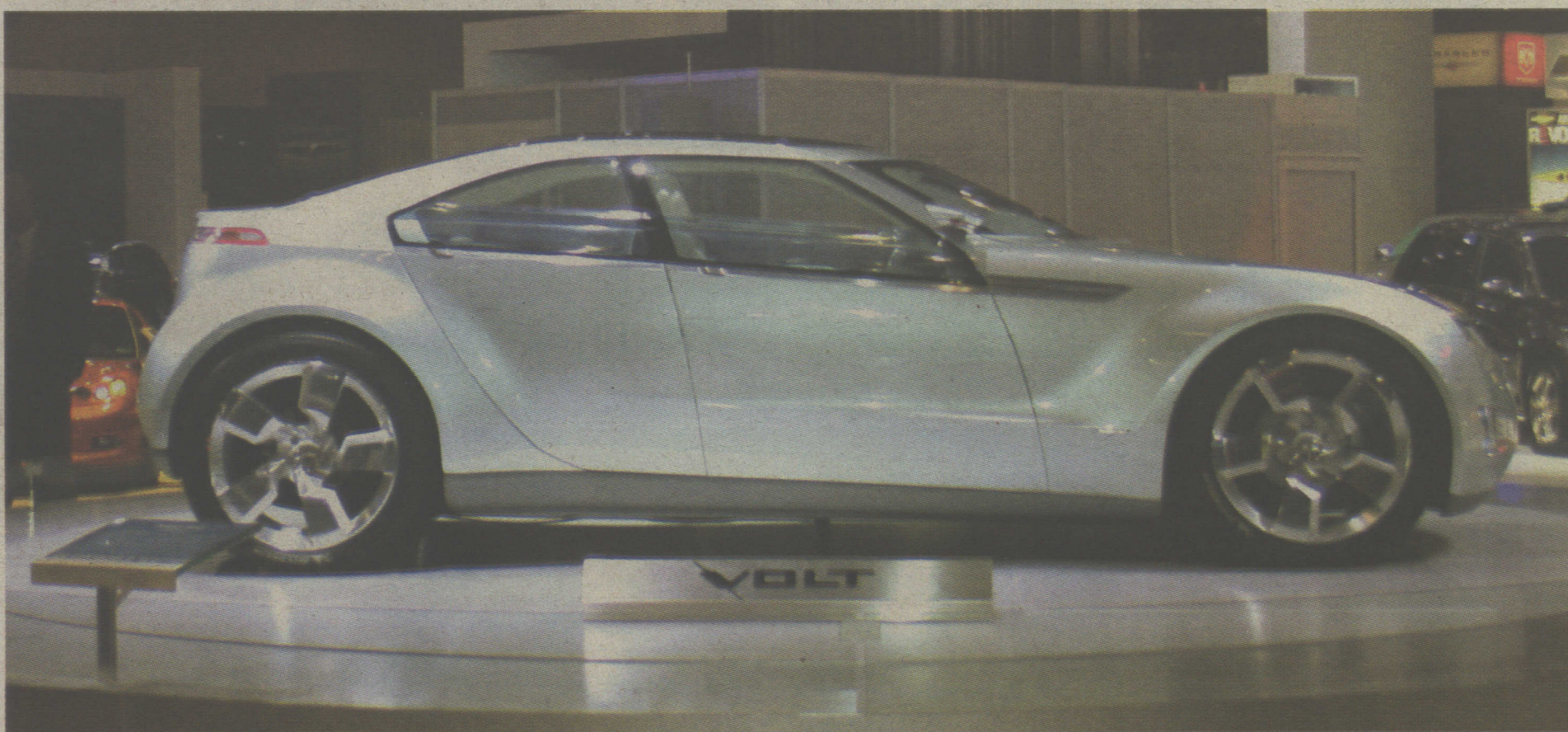
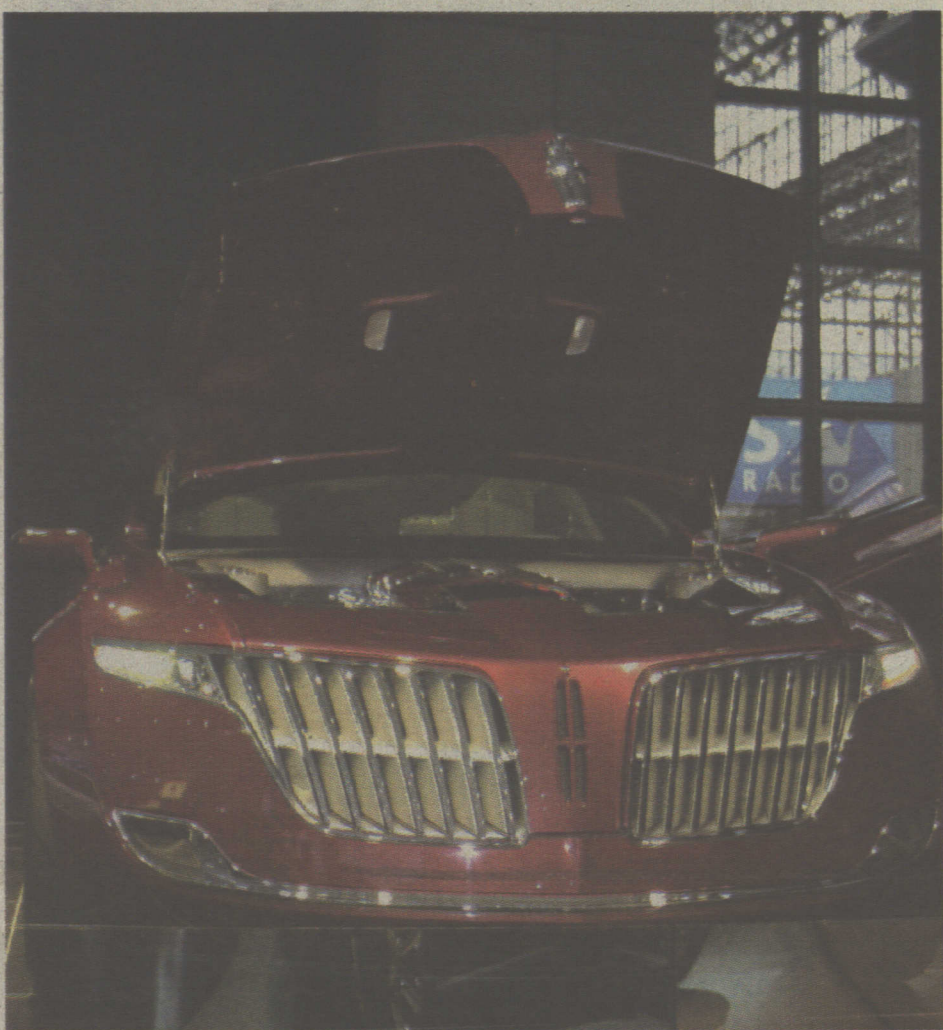
Another crew member that deserves acknowledgement is the costume designer, Julie Weiss, who is also responsible for "Bobby." All of Jon Heder's outfits are hysterical. Anyone who did not laugh and anticipate how good this film would be just from seeing his peacock costume in the trailer should save their money. To everyone else: Go See It!

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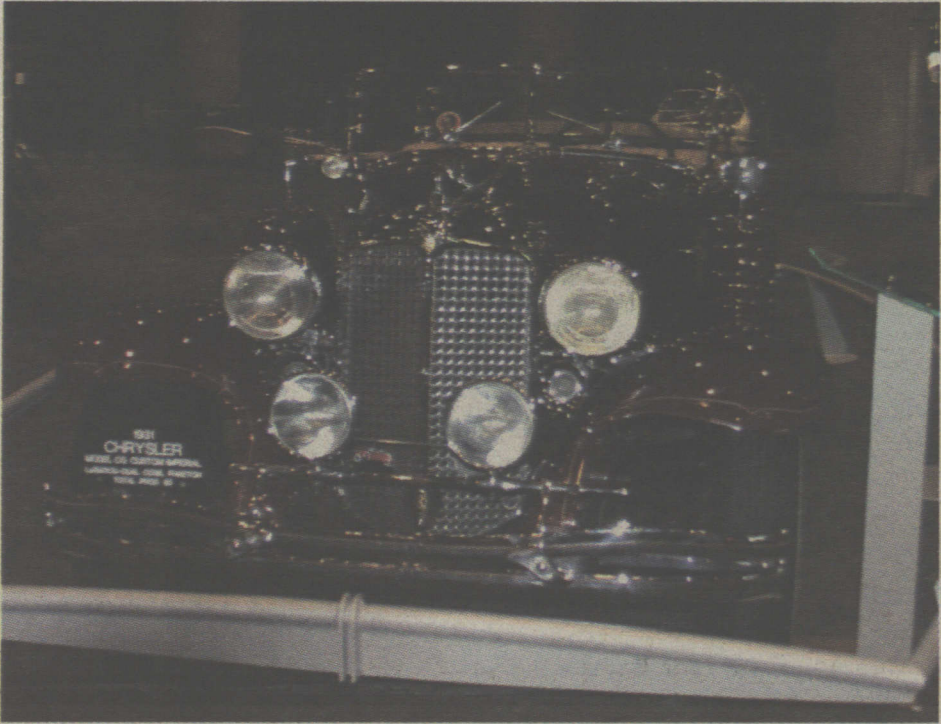
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Best of Show

New York International Auto Show, 2007

BY TIM McHALE, JAMES BOUKLAS
Staff Writers

In 1936, Eleanor Roosevelt said, "America is all about speed. Hot, nasty, badass speed." While this quote remains dubious, it did appear in the 2006 film "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." So, as far as I'm concerned, it's perfectly legitimate.

The American muscle car is built to accelerate, with absolutely no regard for fuel efficiency and handling, and that's just the way we like them.

Two concept cars match up to the American ideal: the Ford Interceptor, and the Lincoln MKR.

The Ford Interceptor seems to be the replacement for the Crown Victoria, and could very well replace the Dodge Charger as America's police automobile of the future.

Built on the Mustang platform a 400 hp, 5.0 liter V-8 Cammer engine is capable of running on E-85 ethanol. It's a rear wheel drive with sleek 1960's style windows.

The Lincoln MKR interior is about the size of a bowling alley. With a large interior, it's reminiscent of Lincoln's 1950's models with muscle to spare. Under the hood is a twin turbo direct injection V-6 that runs at about 415 hp. The car, like most new concepts, is being built to run on E-85 ethanol.

Currently the American auto manufacturers are taking a beating from Toyota and Honda. The Japanese car market has just been making better quality sedan. By 2010, these two concepts will help put America back in the fight.

After seeing the great work coming out of Ford Motor Co. with the Lincoln and Ford brands, it was admittedly depressing to walk by the Mercury vehicles. Each one could be easily identified as a Ford model

derivative, which begs the question: why Mercury?

Moving on to another domestic favorite, the Chevrolet Volt was shown in all its glory. When GM VP Frank Lutz first debuted the Volt a few months ago, it sent shockwaves throughout the auto industry. The Volt promises 100mpg as a plug-in hybrid. And get this: Chevy wants them on the roads by 2010. Caveat: that 2010 date is contingent upon the battery technology being up to snuff, which Lutz says is doubtful. The concept was amazing and captivating and beautiful, but the broken promises precluded us from getting too excited.

GM tested the waters this year with three concepts: the Groove, the Beat, and the Trax. The Groove is a boxy, Scion xB-esque compact, meant to resonate with the "youth." All three of these concepts are. GM was trying to strut its street cred by giving us three concepts, implying that it will pick one to produce. We say, fat chance. The Beat is more geared as a mild off-roader, though will small wheels like that (15"?), nobody will be doing any offroading in a Beat. The styling is all too reminiscent of aesthetically-challenged Dodge Kahuna of years past. And the Trax is a traditional sharp-lined compact, the likes of which are popular in Europe and the emerging Chinese market. If Chevy's track record is worth anything, the bland Trax has the best chance of making it to market.

Mazda continued to grab attention at the show with its wild Japanese concepts, one of which will hopefully become a compact SUV slotted below the popular CX-7. Kudos to Mazda.

There were a plethora of run-of-the-mill cars at the NYC Auto Show this year, none of which we would bother to bore you with.

The Book of James Revelation X: European Autos, Like Hot Wheels, are Toys

BY JAMES BOUKLAS
Senior Columnist

I am about to reveal to all of you one of my intellectual shortcomings: I don't understand Europeans. Specifically, European cars. They seem like toys, engineered, styled, and built without any regard to actually being driven. If America lives on planet Earth, Europe is somewhere between Mars and Pluto.

Like many expensive toys, European cars are pretty. Maseratis, Lambourghinis, and even Fiats can be aesthetically pleasing at times. But like momma always said, you ought not be judging a book by its cover. Under the hood of that cute little Fiat might reside a 3-cylinder engine, producing well under 100hp. Still think it's cute? It's enough to make a real American, from the Heartland, turn ill.

There is a reason why they don't sell 3-cylinder cars that get 60mpg in the US: they are unAmerican. I'd go so far to say as they are anti-American. Not only do they not pass the minimum standards of safety that we have in the good ol' US of A, they are simply impractical. Imagine selling this to a family of four: a car that barely fits two adults, kills you in a car crash, and takes three years to get to 60 mph? And yet, Europeans seem to buy them. Go figure.

Why are Europeans so grossly disconnected from reality? This is a question that might never be answered. I do think it is important to address that, in terms of automobiles, they are quite insane. Europeans, including

the British, hate cars. They mark up the price of gasoline to an extreme, have small little roads (with the exception of Germany and the like), and charge astronomical rates for automobiles in general. Europe is anti-car.

Whenever somebody talks about the great little cars that GM or Ford sell overseas, do not believe them. Those cars are neither wonderful nor worth your time. I would rather drive an SUV that gets 15mpg and sit comfortably (secure in the knowledge that if I hit a tree, I will live) than drive a little toy car built by the French.

It's easy to trash the bottom range of cars in Europe, you might think. I think the same criticisms can be leveled against European luxury models. Between Maserati, Bugatti, Lambourghini, Rolls Royce, and a slew of other niche brands, Europe gives you umpteen chances to blow your money on fancy toys that serve little to no purpose. They are cool, granted. But so is a slinky.

Where is the middle of the range? Where are the European people haulers that are fun to drive? Where is the European equivalent of the Infiniti FX, or the British Honda Pilot? They don't exist. I call upon the European auto industry to grow up. Or die completely. Whichever.

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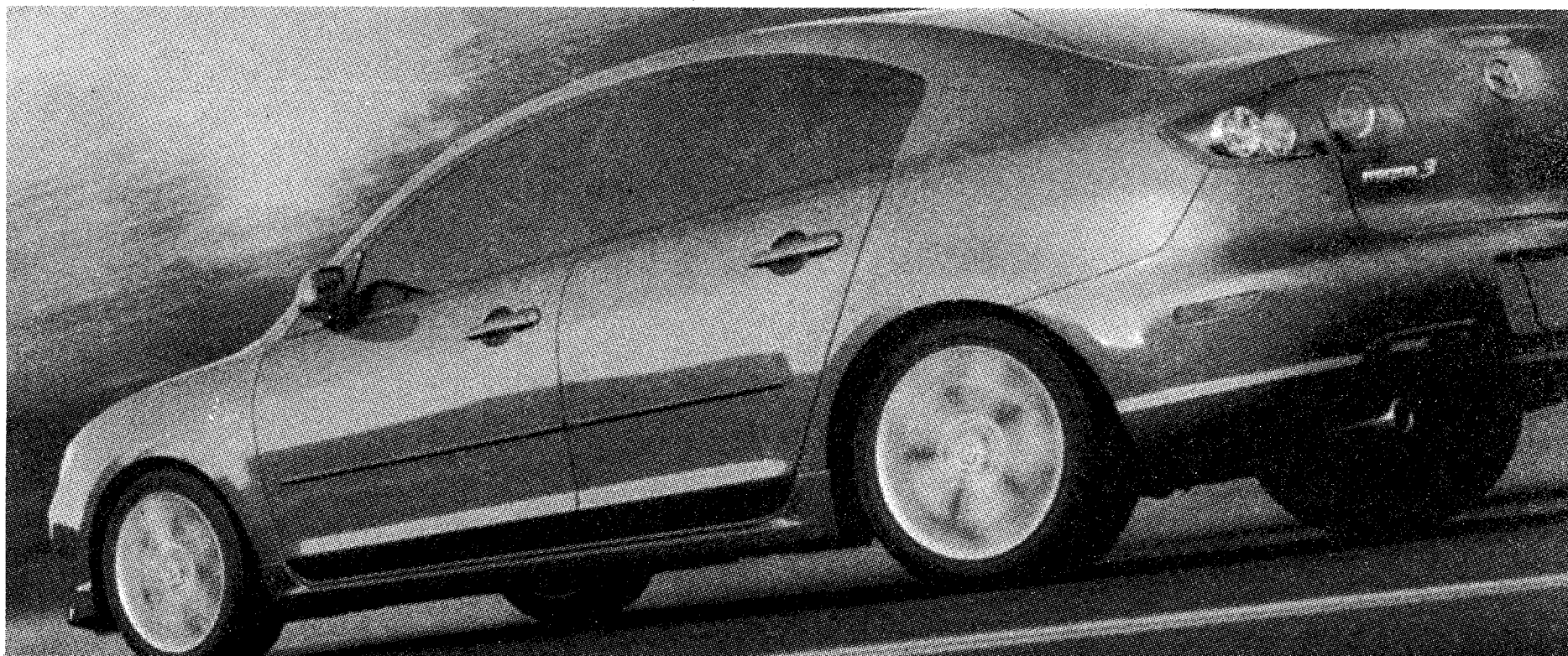
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Statesman Car of the Year

Mazda3

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Courtesy of Mazda

Once again, the Mazda3 takes the Statesman compact car of the year. Since its redesign in 2004, no other car in this segment offer the level of refinement and performance that Mazda does with the Mazda3. Starting at around \$14,490, the Mazda3 is comparable in price to popular competitors such as the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla, with a much smoother powertrain. Even in its base trim with the 2.0-liter I4 engine, the Mazda3 presents a much better value than its competitors. Its interior fit and finish is what you might expect in a much more expensive car- it's hard to tell that the Mazda3 is a budget car from the inside. It is available in a 2.0-liter I4 that makes 148hp, and a class-leading 2.3-liter I4 that makes 156hp. The smaller engine gets 28mpg in the city and 35 on the highway, while the larger engine gets a respectable 26/33. Not only is the Mazda3 the Statesman's choice for the compact segment: it is the Statesman car of the year.

2nd Place:
Nissan Sentra
(\$14,750)

3rd Place:
Mitsubishi Lancer
(\$13,990)

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Best Sport MazdaSpeed3 \$22,835



Courtesy of Mazda

To risk sounding redundant, Mazda has redefined the compact sport segment with the MazdaSpeed3. Pushing a whopping 263hp and 280 pounds of twist, with a limited-slip differential, through the front wheels and a six-speed manual was all but unheard of- until now. What's even more exciting is the lack of a turbo. The MazdaSpeed3 manages this massive amount of raw power through a direct-injection version of the same 2.3-liter engine that powers its lesser sibling. Separating it from the run-of-the-mill Mazda3, this car boasts an improved suspension for a tighter, albeit harsher, ride. Casual drivers may want to look towards the mushier VW GTi as their general people hauler. However, priced at only \$22,835, this is more car for the money than has ever been offered in this segment. Ever. It even manages to get a respectable 20/28mpg in roughly 6 seconds- rivaling a V8 Mustang. This is one hell of a car for one hell of a price. Mazda, you've done it again.

2nd Place: Nissan Sentra
(\$14,750)

3rd Place: Mitsubishi Lancer
(\$13,990)

Best Compact SUV Mitsu. Outlander \$21,370



Courtesy of Mitsubishi

Mitsubishi seems to be the forgotten child of the automotive world. While everybody's attention has been captivated by rise of Toyota and Honda, and the struggling domestics, the world has turned a blind eye to Mitsubishi for years now. In that time, they have developed a strong lineup, which includes the Outlander. Priced below both the Honda CR-V and the Toyota RAV4, the Outlander is simply a better car for the money. The interior is very polished, and the exterior is styled in a much more compelling way than its fellow Japanese rivals, who have often set the benchmarks in the compact SUV segment. With a brand new 3.0-liter V6, producing a powerful 220hp, the Outlander is definitely a strong performer for the price. It may not offer the same refined ride as the RAV4, but priced several thousand dollars less for the similarly equipped V6, it is a shortcoming that is easily forgiven. Cinching the deal is a fuel economy of 19/26, with AWD, all backed by a 10 year warranty. What's there not to like?

2nd Place: Toyota RAV4 (\$20,950)

3rd Place: Dodge Nitro (\$19,885)

Buying Guide

Best Compact Lux.

BMW 328i

\$32,400



Courtesy of BMW

The BMW 300 series remains an excellent example of what precision engineering looks like in an affordable package. Its inline 6-cylinder engine producing 230hp is perfectly smooth and strong throughout the entire gear spectrum; it handles like no car in its class; and to top it off, the interior is what you would expect from a more expensive BMW model. BMW still manages to get a thrifty 20/29mpg in this powerful package. In short, just because it costs less than their pricier flagship models, the 328i does not disappoint. To be fair, had the contest been between the admirable Infiniti G35 and the last generation BMW 300 series, the Infiniti would have won hands down. However, the Germans have not been resting on their laurels, instead choosing to perfect an already amazing piece of machinery. It is because of this point that the 328i comes out on top in this very competitive and very important segment. Add optional AWD to the mix, and nothing even comes close.

2nd Place: Infiniti G35
(\$31,450)

3rd Place: Acura TL
(\$33,625)

Best Midsize Sedan

Nissan Altima

\$19,800



Courtesy of Nissan

Industry Leading. Innovation. Awe inspiring. Mostly awe inspiring. Nissan led the way with their 2003 redesign of the Altima, and now they've done it again. The 2007 Altima is easily the most aesthetically appealing midsize sedan on the road today, and has one of the best powertrains available. The base 2.5-liter I4 engine produces an admirable 175hp, while the 3.5-liter V6 produces a staggering 270hp, both through an all-new CVT. Both cars are great performers and easily beat their Japanese brethren, the Toyota Camry and the aging Honda Accord. Even the up and coming Hyundai Sonata doesn't stand a chance. Driving with a CVT after you've spent the past umpteen years driving a more conventional automatic can be a bit jarring- I would equate the learning curve to when ABS was new. The bottom line is, you'll get used to it. And you'll learn to love it. Courtesy of this new CVT, the 2.5-liter I4 Altima gets an astounding 26/35mpg. The only drawback, and it is a minor one, is the lack of an AWD option. In fact, the only car worth looking at in this segment with an AWD option is the Ford Fusion. If AWD isn't a major sticking point, then the Altima is definitely the way to go.

2nd Place: Ford Fusion (\$17,995)

3rd Place: Saturn Aura (\$20,345)

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Best Full Size Sedan

Ford Taurus

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Courtesy of Ford Motor Co.

And it's back: after being unceremoniously killed nearly two years ago, new Ford CEO Mulally decided to resurrect the venerable Taurus brand. Some of you might be disappointed to learn that the Taurus, which once reigned supreme over Accords and Camrys, is simply a rebranding of the Ford Five Hundred. Fear not: the Taurus gains a great 3.5-liter V6, producing 260hp, and a new six-speed automatic transmission, in addition to the new three bar chrome corporate grille. Pricing is expected to remain close to the \$23,375 that the Five Hundred currently commands. Consumers will also be able to add an AWD as an option to the new Taurus, bringing the price to roughly \$25,500. This will be the only full size sedan with AWD in its price and size class when it debuts this summer- not a moment too soon. It may not look like a million bucks, but the new front end is a welcome change. Under Mullaly's reign, it looks like Ford is starting to respond to the needs of the market. Thank God.

2nd Place: Chrysler 300
(\$24,320)

3rd Place: Toyota Avalon
(\$24,895)

Best Convertible

Pontiac Solstice

\$22,115



Courtesy of Nissan

The Pontiac Solstice/Saturn Sky: six of one, half a dozen of the other. They are the same car with slightly different sheet metal, and both motivated by a 2.4-liter I4 Ecotec engine that makes 177hp and 166 lb-ft of torque. The upgraded engine is a 2.0-liter turbo that makes an even 260hp and 260 lb-ft of torque. While the ride may not be as refined or sporty as the Mazda MX-5, looks must count for something. Both the Sky and the Solstice are gorgeous examples of what cars are meant to look like. A two-seater sports car isn't meant to be utilitarian in the least, and the styling of these two roadsters says this in spades. At \$22,115, the price isn't unreasonable, though if you are looking for raw performance, the MadaSpeed3 might be the compact for you. The base engine gets 20/28mpg with a manual transmission, while the turbo 2.0-liter gets a great 22/31mpg with the same manual (you wouldn't dream of buying a two-seater with an automatic, would you?).

2nd Place: Mazda MX-5 Miata
(\$21,180)

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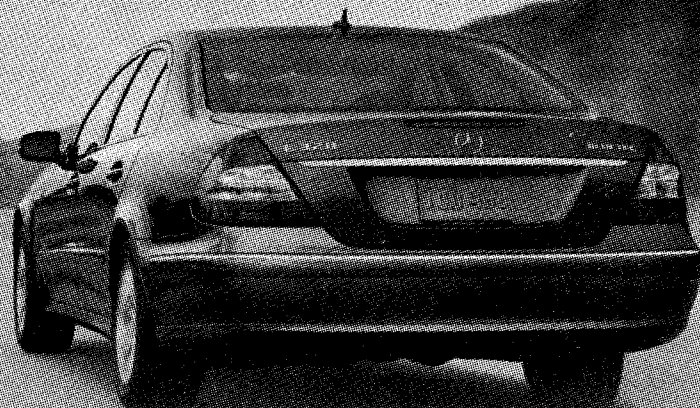


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Buying Guide

Best Hybrid Car

Nissan Altima Hybrid
\$23,375



Courtesy of Nissan

No, the Civic Hybrid did not make the cut, and for a good reason: the Altima Hybrid is simply a far superior car in every respect. Nissan took nearly everything that is likeable in the standard Altima 2.5 S, detuned the engine and added in a hybrid system, and the result is a slick midsize sedan that gets 36mpg the city and 41 on the highway. That's better fuel economy than a subcompact in a midsize sedan. Wow, to say the least. The Camry Hybrid is a close second, but the Altima is just too great a car to pass up, especially at over \$2,000 less.

2nd Place: Toyota Camry Hybrid
(\$26,820)

3rd Place: Toyota Prius
(\$26,820)

Honorable Mention:
Honda Civic Hybrid
(\$22,620)

Insured Yet?

A Statesman Guide to the Pitfalls of Auto Insurance

By TEJAS GAWADE
Managing Editor

Why get insurance? I mean, other than the fact that you can't drive legally in New York without it. For starters, an accident may make you liable for the damage to others' cars, or worse, their health. And the possibility of a lawsuit, or incurred repair or medical expenses, could scar you for more than that second it took you to crash into each other. Without insurance, anything you own, including your home, savings and even future wages and assets may be forcibly taken to pay for the losses. The gecko in the Geico advertisement is not so annoying now, is he?

Now that you have decided to get insurance, the first step is to familiarize yourself with the law.

New York requires a minimum level of auto insurance protection in each of three categories. The first type is the "no-fault" personal injury protection. In 1973, New York passed legislation requiring all New York State drivers to be covered for up to \$50,000 in medical expenses in the event of an auto accident, regardless of who was at fault. Because of this "no-fault" law, lawsuits can only be brought in instances where economic losses exceed the maximum \$50,000 coverage and for non-economic damage, such as pain and suffering, when "serious injury" is sustained. No-fault coverage protects you when driving anywhere in the U.S. and Canada. It also covers passengers who are New York state residents.

The second type, minimum liability coverage, protects you (and anyone driving your car with your permission) in the event that your car injures or kills another person or damages another person's property, and a claim is made against you for being negligent or otherwise at fault. In addition, liability insurance covers the cost

of legal defense if such a claim is made against you. If you, a member of your family, or an occupant of your car is injured in a hit-and-run accident or by an uninsured motorist, you can get compensation under New York law. You will be eligible for a minimum of \$10,000. There is also an optional coverage, the underinsured motorist insurance, which will pay for your "pain and suffering" claims after the other driver's coverage has been exhausted.

Of course, as a college student, I empathize with the size of your wallet. If you are in that position, go for the minimum insurance. Just make sure you take every precaution to safeguard your locks (even if it means investing \$10 for the wheel lock) and don't over blow your engine by street racing (as much fun as it is) with your car. The important thing is your safety, and you can't bargain with it. So, going for the most comprehensive (regrettably, most expensive) plan might be in your best interest.

The next step — where to get your insurance. Any "experienced driver" out there will tell you that you will spend around \$300 for claim-free adult drivers, over \$650 if you have made a claim, more than \$1300 for a family with a young driver (unfortunately, the category I fall into) and up to more than \$1700 for a young driver alone (often the case with most independent college students).

The good news is that once you find the lowest insurance quote, you can save even further. You can also get up to 70% discount if you sign up for a no-claim bonus (NCB). Just beware that you will need up to six claim-free years to be entitled to the maximum NCB. You can also nominate drivers and/or restrict the use of your car to drivers over a certain age,

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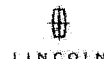
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SB returns to action on Apr. 7 as they look for their ninth win of the season when they face off against Boston University. Oregon's record to 8-5. "Our girls really turned the game around in the second half," said head coach Allison Comito. "Oregon is a very good team and this was our best win of the season." From the onset of the

game, both squads recorded goals early and often. Amy Hallion scored the game's first two goals merely 43 seconds apart giving SB an early lead. However, Oregon immediately responded with two goals of its own. But, the Seawolves answered this surge with goals from Taylor and Leggio 14 seconds apart.

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preferably over 25. So, do involve your parents. If your car has an immobilizer or if you have another policy with the same company (such as homeowners) then you can get more discounts.

Another significant way to reduce your auto insurance cost is to buy policies with higher deductibles. A deductible means that you agree to pay for a designated portion of the cost of repair to your auto. For example, if you incur \$5,000 in damages on your car and you have a physical damage policy with a \$250 deductible, you receive from your insurance company payment for everything after the first \$250 - in this case, \$4,750.

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Finally, your safety is not guaranteed even after you have gotten the perfect insurance. Claim outcomes are sometimes unsatisfactory. That doesn't mean you can't fight it. First complain to the company. The issue will usually be resolved at that step. If not, you have the option to contact the General Insurance Enquiries and Complaints Scheme (IEC).

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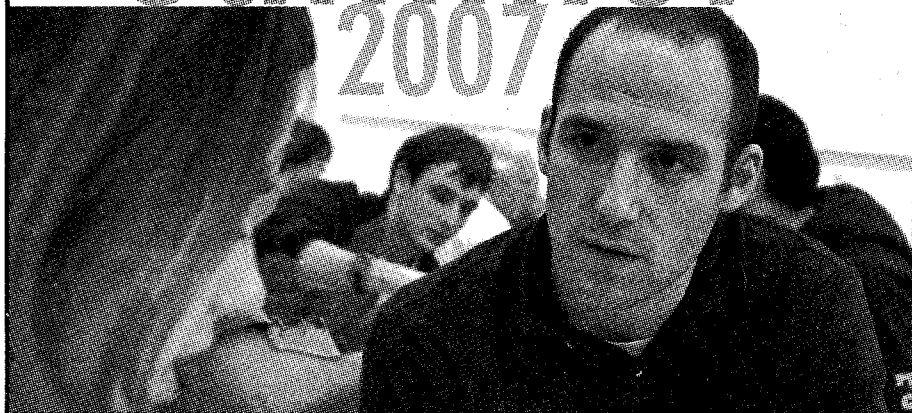
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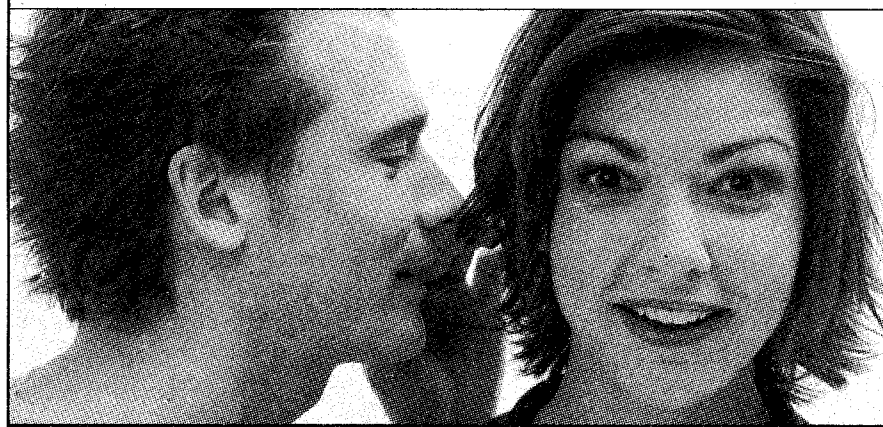
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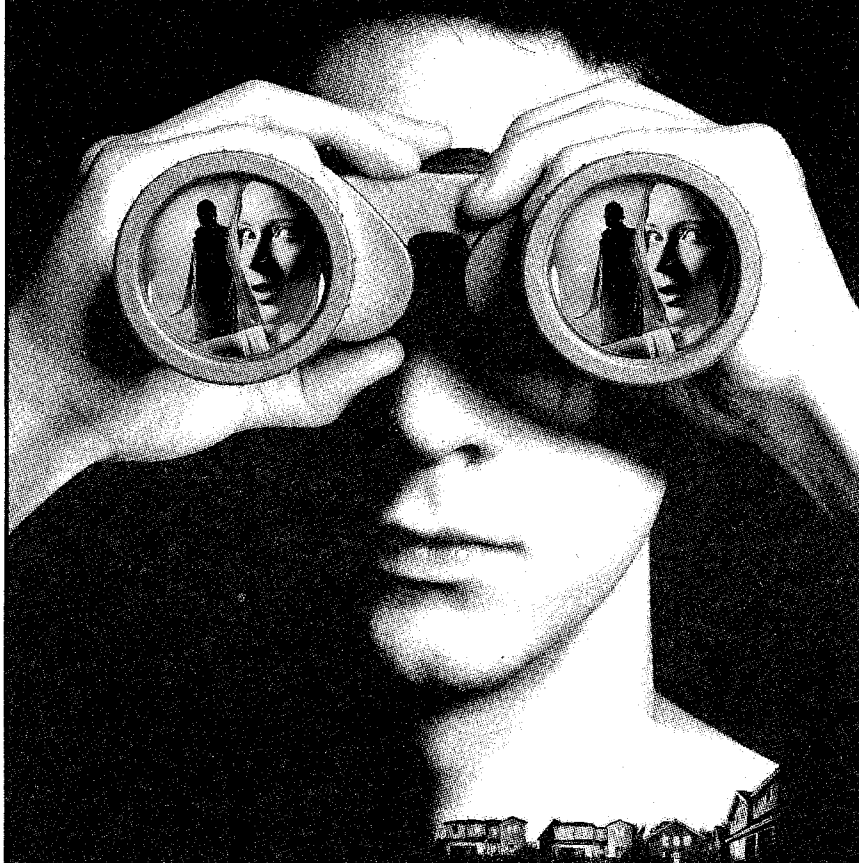
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SBU broke open the game in the third inning with eight runs. The outburst included back-to-back home runs by center fielder Kelsi Fanelli and catcher Melissa Fleury. The second game also lasted five innings, and starter Christina Voth pitched a three hit shutout.

The next day, SBU hosted a double header against Manhattan. The first game was won 3-2, with Fleury driving in the winning runs on a single at the bottom of the fifth inning. In the second game, SBU shutout Manhattan 8-0 in five innings. Hoffman pitched another complete game shutout, striking out five in the process.

Mar. 31 saw SBU host rival Vermont in a double header. The two teams split the games, with Vermont winning the first with a score of 4-0, and SBU winning the second with a score of 3-2. SBU won the series the next day with a 7-3 victory. The team was led by home runs made by freshman Jade Clare and Fanelli.

On the weekend of Apr. 7 and 8, SBU hosted the Maine Black Bears for three games. The series was originally scheduled to be played in Maine, but was moved to Stony Brook due to inclement weather. SBU swept all three games, including a 25-0 final in the middle game.

The first game of the series was 2-2 heading into the eighth inning, when freshman Victoria Kavitsky broke the tie with a solo homer. Alyssa Struzenberg pitched the final two innings to make the win. To complete the sweep, SBU got a well pitched game from Struzenberg, who started and gave up only one unearned run over the complete seven innings. The victory moved SBU to 17-9 on the season, and 5-1 in the conference.

SBU hosts Hartford for two games on Apr. 11 before heading to Boston to take on Boston University in a three game set over the weekend.

Baseball Sweeps Maine

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Brian Witkowski singled, bringing in Steve Mazzurco who had a previous base hit. Stephan, America East Rookie of the week, followed with a double, bringing in Witkowski. The final score was 7-2, for the Seawolves second conference win.

Pitcher, Gary Novakowski threw five innings scattering eight hits and giving up only two unearned runs. Lyons returned in sixth inning of the second game, only giving up one run.

The Seawolves bats exploded in the second game, scoring 12 times with 14 hits. Three runs were scored right off the bat; two of the runs were unearned because of an error by Maine. Tansey scored the third run from an RBI, bringing in Chris Sipp. The Seawolves scored three more runs in the fourth inning after Stephan, Cruz, and Echevarria each knocked in a run. SB scored two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings, with two RBIs from Sipp and an RBI each for Witkowski and Leonard. The Bears only scored three runs, making the final score 12-3.

Jon Kalkau threw seven strong innings, for the complete game only giving up two

earned runs.

Sunday was the last and final showdown for the four game series. The Seawolves got started in the second inning when Leonard scored from a double by Tansey. Echevarria then brought Tansey in when he hit his second homerun of the weekend series. Tansey got an RBI of his own when he knocked in Stephan in the fifth inning. The Bears were two runs shy and beating the Seawolves with a final score of 5-4.

Senior, Kurt Jung pitched seven innings for the Seawolves, striking out five batters and only giving up two unearned runs. Lyons recorded a save when he came in the 8th inning. He struck out three batters and gave up one earned run.

SBU's victory puts them at the top of the conference. The Seawolves take on their next conference series this weekend when they travel to Hartford to battle the Hawks. Catch the Seawolves at home when they take on Fordham next Wednesday. The time will be announced at goseawolves.cstv.com. The Seawolves have another series this weekend when they battle it out with Albany. The first pitch is set for 3:00 PM on Friday.



Freshman Jade Clare scores one of two runs in Stony Brook's 25-0 blowout against Maine.

William Lahti/Statenman

Men's Lacrosse: Defense Leads the Way

By SHONTO OLANDER
Assistant Sports Editor

While nearly everyone fled Stony Brook for Spring Break, the Men's Lacrosse team traveled to Vermont on Mar. 31 in hopes of capturing their fifth straight win. The Seawolves did not disappoint and took home a low scoring 9-4 win, led by a stingy defense that allowed only 16 shots.

With the game tied at 3-3 after the Catamounts' Andrew Kelleher put one in the back of the net at the 8:38 mark, the Seawolves would step up their intensity and allow only one goal in the rest of the contest. SB would also turn up the offense, and closed the game out on a 6-1 run. Captains Ryan Hughes and Sean Chamberlain would each score two goals and combine for 4 assists. Helped by strong play in the backfield, Senior Captain Brendan Callahan stopped 5 shots, continuing his impressive season play in net.

Overall, SB is 5-0 against Vermont, with their last win on Apr. 1st, 2006. Vermont's record falls to 3-6 while the Seawolves' season record improves to 5-1 before their highly anticipated match up against undefeated Albany. The Seawolves would eventually fall short in the match 14-5, for only their second loss of the season.

Women's Lacrosse over Oregon

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Oregon's record to 8-5. "Our girls really turned the game around in the second half," said head coach Allison Comito. "Oregon is a very good team and this was our best win of the season." From the onset of the game, both squads recorded goals early and often. Amy Hallion scored the game's first two goals merely 43 seconds apart giving SB an early lead. However, Oregon immediately responded with two goals of its own. But, the Seawolves answered this surge with goals from Taylor and Leggio 14 sec-

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Men's Lacrosse Led By Adams

By SHONTO OLANDER
Assistant Sports Editor

From start to finish, Owen Adams made his presence felt, scoring the game's first and last goals on his way to a career outing. The Seawolves needed all 4 of his goals to get past non-conference opponent Sienna in their 10-9 overtime win.

Owen's opening goal in the first minute was part of a 3-0 run, helped by Robert Trenkle and Rhys Duch who also found the back of the net. Sienna would immediately respond with goals at 2:06 and 1:55 to end the quarter only down 3-2 and would keep it close the rest of the game.

Owen Adams 4 goals led the Seawolves, who also got help from Rhys Duch (2 goals), Larry Cerasi and Robert Trenkle (2 goals and 2 assists combined). Sienna's Ryan Duggan and Matt Girsh each tallied a hat trick for the Saints.

Half way through the 4th quarter, the Seawolves found themselves up by 2 goals, but faltered down the stretch and allowed the Saints Matt Girsh

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SEAWOLVES BASEBALL SPILTS WITH NYIT

By JESSICA GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Seawolves baseball had a double header against NYIT on Mar. 31, playing only seven innings in each game. They split with the NYIT Bears at the Seawolves' first home game of the season. The chilly weather did not discourage fans from supporting their teams. Seawolves had trouble in the beginning of the first game. NYIT scored two runs in the third inning when a double was hit and brought in two runs. They scored again in the fourth from an RBI single. The Seawolves finally got started up in the fourth. Robert Dyer had a single that advanced two runners and Chris Cruz knocked them both in to score with a single. However, it wasn't enough for the Seawolves and they fell 4-2 to the Bears.

Pitcher Gary Novakowski took the loss with nine strikeouts. He allowed five runs, only two of them were earned.

The second game turned out better for the Seawolves. Pitcher Jon Kalkau fought pitch for pitch with the NYIT pitcher, but came out on top for the win. The Seawolves struggled in the beginning of the game, but got started in the fourth inning when Steve Mazzurco hit a double, knocking in Michael Stephan for another run. Mazzurco later scored because of an error by NYIT. Kalkau had a strong fifth inning, striking out nine batters and only giving up two runs, where only one was earned. Marc Brown replaced Kalkau in the sixth, just before the Bears scored their first run. In the bottom of the ninth, the Bears kept the Seawolves on their toes when they loaded the bases. Matt Lyons came in and shut down the next three batters, striking one out and allowing no runs. The Seawolves battled hard and won the game with a score of 2-1. Brown had two strikeouts and allowed no runs. Mazzurco went 2-3 with one RBI.

Men's Lacrosse Falls to Albany

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contingent from Albany, with about half the stands dressed in their purple and gold colors, and chanting "Albany, Albany!" with every goal. The loss moved SB to 5-2, 1-1 conference, while Albany stayed a perfect 9-0, 2-0.

In the first quarter, Albany got out to a 3-0 lead, following 3 unassisted goals from 3 different players.

In the second, Albany started to run away, outscoring SB 5-2. SB got on the board with a goal from Bo Tripodi. The Great Danes answered with a 5-0 run. During the run, Albany's goalie, Brett Queener picked up an assist, a rarity for a goalie. With :16 left, Larry Cerasi got SB their second goal of the game, to go into halftime down 8-2.

In the third, the game got ugly, with some scuffling between the two teams, which appeared to

be instigated by Albany. During that quarter, Albany's Queener got a 1:30 penalty for holding and unsportsmanlike conduct. He would not return to the game. Later in the quarter, another incident resulted in Albany's Mike Ammann getting 2 minutes for unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary roughness, and SB's Jason Joiner getting 1 minute for unsportsmanlike conduct. 6 of Albany's 7 penalties came in that quarter, and all involved pushing and shoving in some way or another. In terms of scoring, this was the closest quarter of the game, with Albany outscoring SB only 3-2.

In the fourth, Albany drove the last nails into the Seawolves' coffin, outscoring them by 3-1. SB's only goal was from junior attacker, Michael Trojanowski.

The first thing SB Head Coach Rick Sowell said in the post-game press conference was,

"You guys ever got your butt kicked before? You know how it feels?" He called Albany "well coached," and added that they were "playing with purpose."

Albany's offense dominated the entire game. They took 49 shots to SB's 31, and won 14 of the 22 face-offs. Frank Resetarits led the way for them, with 5 goals and 2 assists. Merrick Thompson had 4 goals and 1 assist.

For SB, Robert Trenkle, with 1 goal and 1 assist, was the only player with more than 1 point.

SB failed to capitalize on some of their opportunities, scoring 1 goal in 6 extra man opportunities, where Albany went 2 for 4. They also struggled on defense, with goalie Brendan Callahan beaten up all day, with 14 goals against, and only 10 saves, before freshman Rob Camposa replaced him with 4:29 to play. He had no saves or goals against him.

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Women's Lacrosse Comes From Behind, Beats BU

By WILLIAM LAHTI
Sports Editor

At times, it appeared as though the Boston University Terriers had the upper hand on the Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse team, but in the end the SB seniors accomplished what midfielder Amy Taylor called one of their "major goals." SBU got their long-awaited, first-ever win against BU, beating them 16-13. Going back-and-forth the whole

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Softball Wins Big Over the Break

By GENE MORRIS
Staff Writer

The SBU Softball Team recently finished a dominant stretch at home, winning nine out of ten games. The team outscored their opponents with a combined score of 75-14.

On Mar. 28, the team played a double header against Army. Both games were shutouts. The first game was won with a score of 12-0, while the second game was 8-0. In the first game, Sarah Hoffman pitched a one hit shutout over five innings. The game lasted five innings, and

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Tom Koehler had 5 strikeouts in seven innings pitched in Stony Brook's 7-3 win over Maine.

William Lahti/Statesman

SBU Baseball Sweeps Defending Champs

By JESSICA GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The April weather was far from spring-like last weekend, during the first conference series for Stony Brook Baseball. There was a surprising turn out to last weekend's series against Maine. Despite the cold weather, fans kept warm with blankets, gloves, and hot coffee. However, the cold did not stop SBU Baseball from sweeping the Maine Bears, who are the defending champions of the America East Conference and the unanimous pre-season choice to win again this year.

On Friday, SBU got a jumpstart on the Bears in the first inning when Robert Leonard hit an RBI single, bringing in Chris Sipp. The Bears answered back

with three runs in the second and third innings. In the bottom of the third, SBU tied up the score with two more runs, when Chris Cruz hit a sacrifice fly, bringing in one run, and Michael Tansey hit a double, bringing in the second. The game was decided in the fourth inning when SBU loaded the bases and Leonard racked up four more RBIs with a grand slam, making the score 7-3.

Pitcher, Tom Koehler had seven strong innings with five strikeouts, giving up three earned runs. Reigning America East Co-Pitcher of the week, Matt Lyons came into the game for the final two innings, not allowing any hits and striking out three.

On Saturday, the two teams came back for a double header, playing 7 innings in each game.

Leonard struck again- two RBIs in the first inning gave SBU a 2-0 lead against the Bears. After a lead off double, Justin Echevarria scored in the second inning, when two sacrifice hits lead him around the bases. Echevarria scored again when he hit a solo homerun. Another run was scored in the fourth, while the bases were loaded. Michael Stephan was hit by a pitch, bringing in an unearned run.

Maine scored their first run in the fourth inning when the Bears hit an RBI single, bringing in a man at third base. The Bears scored again in the sixth when a sac hit brought in a run. The Seawolves did not let the Bears get far, earning two more runs, after

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Albany Ends Men's Lacrosse Winning Streak at 5

By WILLIAM LAHTI
Sports Editor

The #18 Stony Brook Seawolves Men's Lacrosse team hit a stumbling block on Saturday at LaValle Stadium, with a crushing 14-5 loss to their rival at #2 the Albany Great Danes. Albany scored the first goal 35 seconds into the game, and never let SB get close. 2,609 people attended the game, including a large

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Women's Lacrosse: Best Start in School History

By JOSH SEIDMAN
Staff Writer

Kaitlin Leggio and Amy Taylor combined for eight goals and Carlee Buck had five points in the Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse victory over Oregon at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Mar. 30. The Seawolves won 16-14 in the offensive shootout on the last day of classes before the spring recess.

The win improved the Seawolves' record to 8-1 on the season, the team's best start in school history. The loss dropped

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