



Niraj Patel, a former Virginia Tech student, speaks at the Vigil.

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Campus Remembers V-Tech at Vigil

By SURAJ RAMBHIA
Editor-in-Chief

On the eve of Wednesday, Apr. 11, 2007, students, staff, and faculty gathered in the Student Activities Center Ballroom A to remember the tragedy at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Religious organizations headed the candle lighting at the memorial service.

Two SB students who transferred from Virginia Polytechnic University presented a wreath, donated by the Undergraduate Student Government, alongside Dean Jerrold Stein to remember the loss.

Information concerning counseling for individuals affected by the shootings was also available at the event.

URECA Celebration Gets an Early Start

By SURAJ RAMBHIA
Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, Apr. 20, 2007, students and professors from the SB Departments of Ecology and Evolution, Chemical and Molecular Engineering, along with visitors from nearby SUNY Farmingdale and Brookhaven National Laboratory, showcased their environmentally friendly research as a part of this year's Earthstock 2007.

Topics such as arsenic removal from soil, coral bleaching, biologic production of hydrogen, and even a case study of the recent nor'easter on Apr. 15 were presented during the hour prior to the Earthstock 2007 keynote address.

Devinder Mahajan, a professor of Chemical and Molecular Engineering at SB, who had overseen five of the projects on display, commented, "We are trying to lessen fossil fuel use, develop renewable, CO2 neutral sources of energy."

One of the projects on display described the process of using

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Earthstock 2007

Leading Environmentalist Encourages Change for the Better

By YI-JIN YU
Staff Writer

As Earthstock 2007 began to draw to a close on April 20, after a weeklong celebration of sustainability and environmental activism, keynote speaker the Honorable Claudine Schneider emphasized the importance and the need to stay committed to conservation and efficient energy consumption.

Part of the Provost's Lecture Series and co-sponsored by the Freshman College of Science and Society, Schneider presented her lecture "Solutions to Climate Change" on Friday evening to a diverse audience of students, faculty, and interested community members. The event was held at the SAC Ballroom at 7:30 PM, leading up to a recitation of the Green Pledge and the final Earthstock event, a free concert by performing artist trio Begonia.

Before the lecture began,

Earthstock Chair Malcolm Bowman introduced Co-Chair Gloria Gill and briefly discussed this year's Earthstock success, as well as Friday's festivities by the SAC Plaza and along the Academic Mall. Provost Robert L. McGrath introduced the night's distinguished guest, Hon. Schneider to the audience, describing her achievements and prominent career in government and the corporate world.

Schneider is a former Rhode Island Congresswoman and a Republican House Representative, who served for ten years from 1980-1990. Her extensive knowledge of environmental and global warming issues stems from her experience as an elected member of the Science, Research, and Technology Committee.

While she was a committee member, Schneider focused on cost-effective management and solutions to energy and environmental issues. Currently, she is

an independent consultant to top companies and Forbes 500 corporations on environmental issues. Attributed as the leading author of the Global Warming Prevention Act, Schneider is known as "the solution woman," whose own energy reinforces her simple message. "I really do believe that there are three types of people -- people who make things happen, people who let things happen, and people who wake up on day and say, 'What's happening?'" Schneider highly encouraged the audience to take the plunge towards working to improve our collective environment and warned, "The fate of our communities and children are [all] in our own hands."

After Hon. Schneider finished giving her speech, she took questions and vows, a different approach to the single Q&A session after each lecture. The audience was asked to divide

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USG Budget Passes Successfully

By TIM MCHALE
Asst. News Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government Senate passed the budget for the 2007-2008 school year 18-2 on Tuesday night. The USG Senate ended the meeting 45 minutes early.

The Muslim Student Alliance received \$3,245 after asking for \$25,000. NYPIRG received nearly a \$25,000 decrease in funding, when club member Cheryl Lynch was asked why they had lost so much money, she responded, "they had to cut money somewhere."

Amnesty International did not receive any money; no budget application was submitted from the organization. The Asian-American

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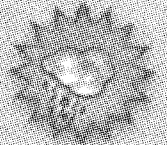
Student Forecast:

Apr. 26 - May. 5

by Jamie Waller



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Friday:
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AM rain showers,
PM T-storm possible



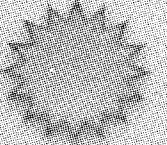
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Sunday:
High 62/Low 47
Partly Cloudy



Monday:
High 66/Low 46
Partly Sunny and pleasant



Tuesday:
High 63/Low 48
Great start to May



Wednesday:
High 68/Low 48
P. Cloudy AM,
clouds increase PM

Behind the Numbers

In the past few days, we have been seeing superb weather, with highs 5-10 degrees above normal. Temperatures have been cooling off slightly, and will continue to fall until the beginning of next week. A passing shower may fall today in our area, but the bulk of upcoming rain will arrive on Friday, as a low pressure system is making its way towards the Ohio Valley tonight. The Roth Regatta may be a wet and soggy one this year, as rain showers, and possibly some rumblings of thunder, will dominate the skies in the afternoon. Highs may only top 60 degrees, so be sure to bring an umbrella. Conditions will improve for the weekend, as skies will clear by late Saturday and into Sunday. The beginning of the work week will also be pleasant, with highs climbing into the mid to upper 60's.

Fourth Annual Earthstock



Keynote speaker, Claudine Schneider, addresses an audience on energy conservation and consumption.

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into small groups and discuss what they wanted to change about current environmental problems, actions they vowed to do after leaving the lecture to help lower present extensive energy consumption, and how they were going to take a more proactive role in being a part of the environmental solution.

In her speech, Schneider recommended an assortment of websites and small actions that the general public could look into. "Lead by example," she said, a theme echoed by her clients, businesses such as Bank of America, Staples, and Campbell's Soup -- "The corporate world is moving ahead [for they] want mandatory controls [and] are tired of a lack of federal controls," so are alternatively looking into renewable energy.

Three important things one can do are to vote accordingly and informatively, switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, and lower the thermostat by two degrees. Schneider explained that although upfront costs may seem too expensive now, they save everyone money very quickly. She stressed that everyone needed to "accept a cultural shift" and "re-think creatively."

Jean-Baptiste, Cohan, Romano Out of USG

By TIM McHALE
Asst. News Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court convicted President Romual Jean-Baptiste of "wrongful acts of substance" and removed him unanimously from office on Monday night. The trial was held about a month after the impeachment of both Jean-Baptiste and Michael Cohan, who attempted to fraud election posters making political opponent Joseph Antonelli appear as a racist and misogynist.

Michael Cohan resigned from office hours before the trial took place. In addition, Robert Romano

has resigned as President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

There have been charges filed against Michael Cohan and Romual Jean-Baptiste by Joseph Antonelli to the Non-Academic Judiciary and a hearing will take place Friday night. The judiciary is headed by Gary Mis, and has the power to expel both Jean-Baptiste and Cohan as undergraduate students. Robert Romano has stated that all of the proceedings and findings of the judiciary are confidential.

According to Nathan Shapiro, impeachment manager, Jean-Baptiste testified in court that he was guilty of the specific crime.

Jean-Baptiste, when asked

about why he didn't resign, stated, "everyone has a right to defend themselves."

Amy Wisnoski has now accepted the position of acting President of the Undergraduate Student Government and will remain President for the remainder of the semester. President-elect Joseph Antonelli will take over shortly after graduation. Senator Shapiro has been appointed Executive Vice President.

There have been very few in the USG coming to the defense of either Jean-Baptiste or Cohan. Most Senators have stressed the coming of a new Executive Council this fall and a fresh start for USG.

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Police Blotter

Apr. 23 - Apr. 25

Stolen Laptops

A laptop was stolen from a room in the Health Science Center on the morning of April 23rd. Laptop was never recovered.

Lost Documents

Government documents and personal property were found around West Apartments around 3:30PM on the 23rd. Owner was not found.

Smell of Marijuana

The smell of marijuana was founded in Keller College around 8:00PM. The source was not found.

Suspicious Person

A suspicious male was found in Mount College on the morning of April 28th. The male was reported but not found after.

Another Suspicious Person

A suspicious person was found in the University Hospital taking pictures around 1:00AM on the 24th. A search of the hospital was concocted and person was not found upon police arrival.

Skateboarders Warned

Skateboarders were founded in the Academic Mall around 2:00PM on the 24th. Skateboarders were released with a warning upon police arrival.

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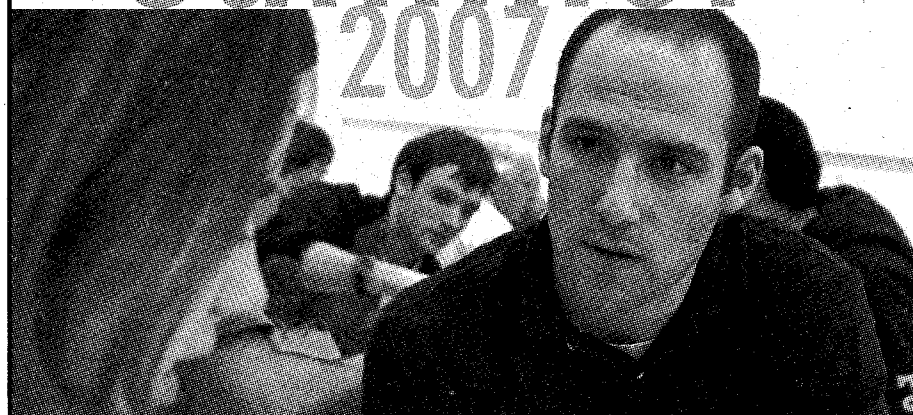
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Recording Secretary Informs: Senate Now Falling Apart

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an elected body, which having been dissatisfied with mild criticism from their constituents, decided instead to put their proverbial fingers in their ears and scream "la la la la la." These Senators are all given the option of being paid for their services, an opportunity that most Senators take, and it is shameful that they would not do their duty of listening to their electorate by adjourning prematurely.

I was under the fervent hope, dear reader, that with the removal of former USG President Jean-Baptiste and the resignation of his accomplice, Mr. Cohan, that the worst in USG was exorcised and that the organization can move on. Sadly, this incident indicates that USG has learned very little about responsibility and ability to take criticism and I truly fear for the future of the organization.

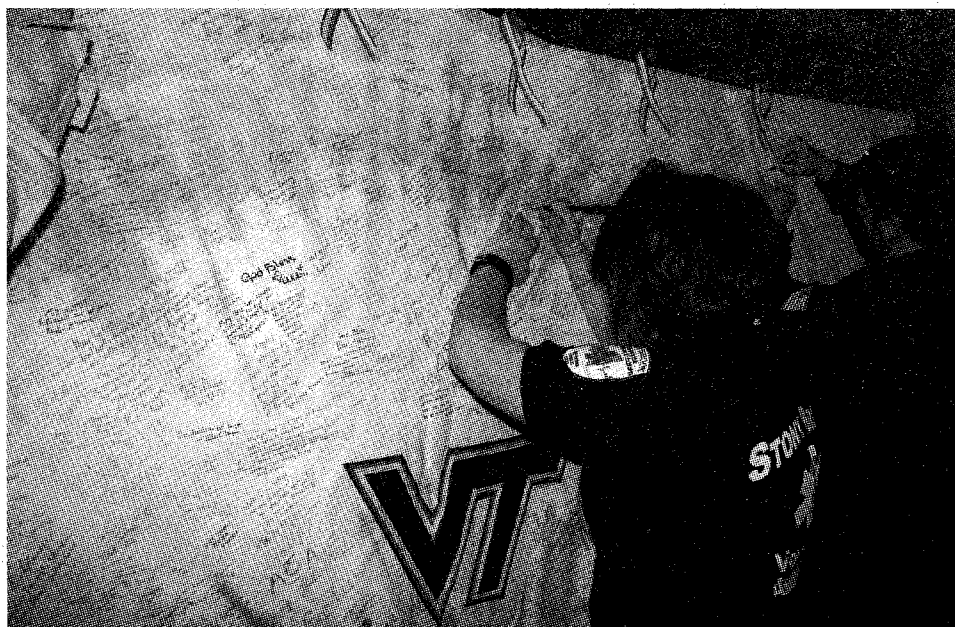
This is not the first time that doubts have been raised about the future USG officers. Shortly after the previous elections, which suffered from a record low turnout of less than one thousand students, most of the winning candidates from the "SUCCESS" party got together in order to celebrate their great achievements, which with two exceptions were really the result of uncontested election victories. At that dinner most of the future officers assembled were passionately discussing not how to implement their lofty campaign promises of reforms to the meal plan for residents and parking space improvement for commuters, but rather what kind of USG shirts they would allocate for to wear at their Executive Council meetings, at student expense.

I could go on, dear reader, and on and on about the numerous short comings of the organization to date and about several of those recently elected officers, and I may yet do so, but I believe that it is not appropriate to air out all of the "dirty laundry" of USG without giving its officers a chance to reflect and apologize for their actions at the last Senate meeting. Those who were silenced last meeting deserve an apology; students everywhere demand an apology for the way their representatives and leaders who attend the thoroughly boring Senate meetings in order to assert their rights to petition their government for a few moments are treated; and I for one, as USG Recording Secretary, also demand it. I was once proud to serve this USG Senate; in fact since my appointment in the fall

V-Tech Banner Signing

Students Gather at SAC to Remember Last Week's Tragedy

Photos by Tejas Gawade & Trisha Barua



of 2006 I have attended every meeting and e-mailed all Senators their meeting minutes, for no financial compensation, because my personal reward for this dreary, tedious, and thankless duty was to serve a small part in the great work that I had hoped this organization was capable of.

Unfortunately, the last meeting has shattered this belief and has opened yet another gaping wound in the already fragile body politic. Unless Mr. Joseph Antonelli delivers an apology to all students, both in his capacity as USG President-Elect and as the Senator

who made the motion to adjourn the last meeting prematurely, I will have to resign from any and all offices, duties, and services to the Undergraduate Student Government, in protest at the repugnant acts it has chosen to partake in of late.

Stay tuned for my final article next week, where I will report on whether or not an apology was delivered, and where I shall provide a summing up of the USG Senate's work for this past academic year.

Thanks,
Esam Al-Sharëffi

Little Things to do to Make a Big Difference

By AMANDA ZANFINI
Staff Writer

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chemoangels.com, is made up of volunteers who sponsor a patient while they undergo chemotherapy. The volunteers send cards and small gifts to their patients. They can even just send emails as a pen pal. The organization stresses a large commitment to the patient because the volunteer's support and unwavering friendship, tremendously eases the daily difficulties of the patient's experience.

Dress for Success

dressforsuccess.org, provides disadvantaged women with professional attire and support to achieve economic independence. This organization provides women not only the foundation to find a job, but the ability to sustain it as well. To contribute to this organization many people donate suits, corporate apparel, footwear, and accessories.

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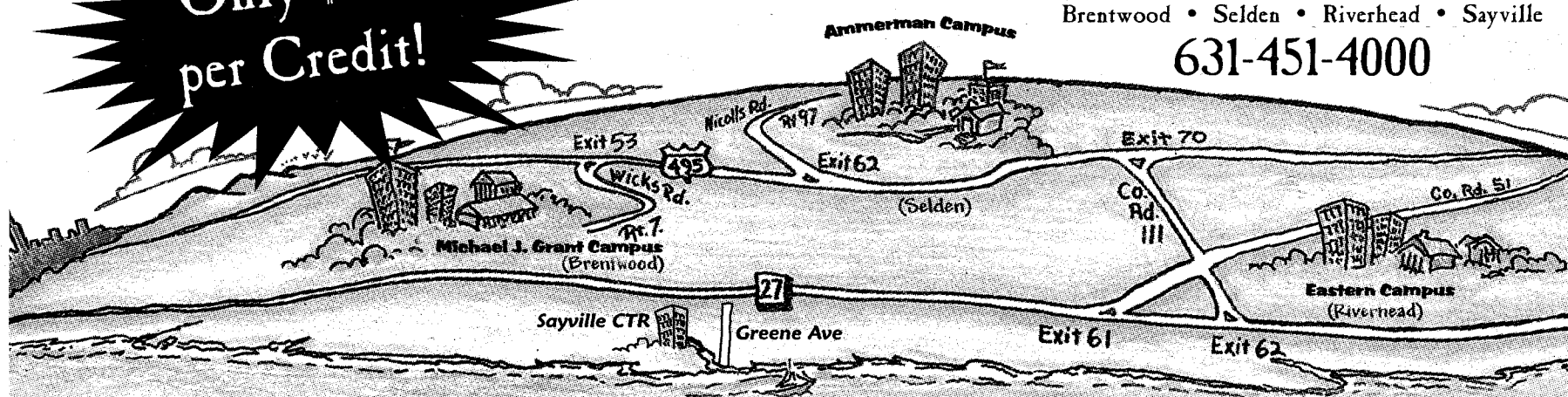
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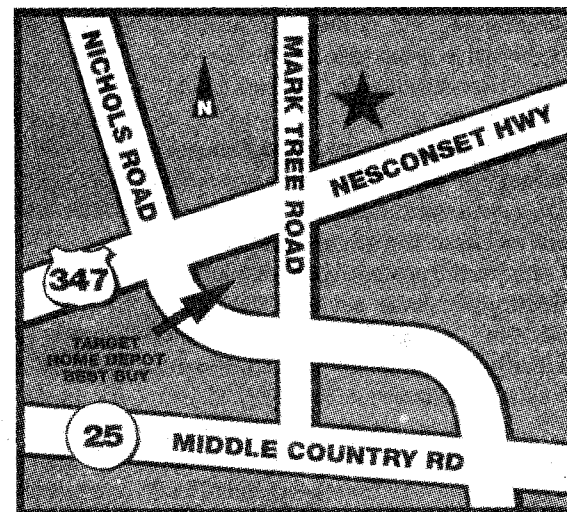
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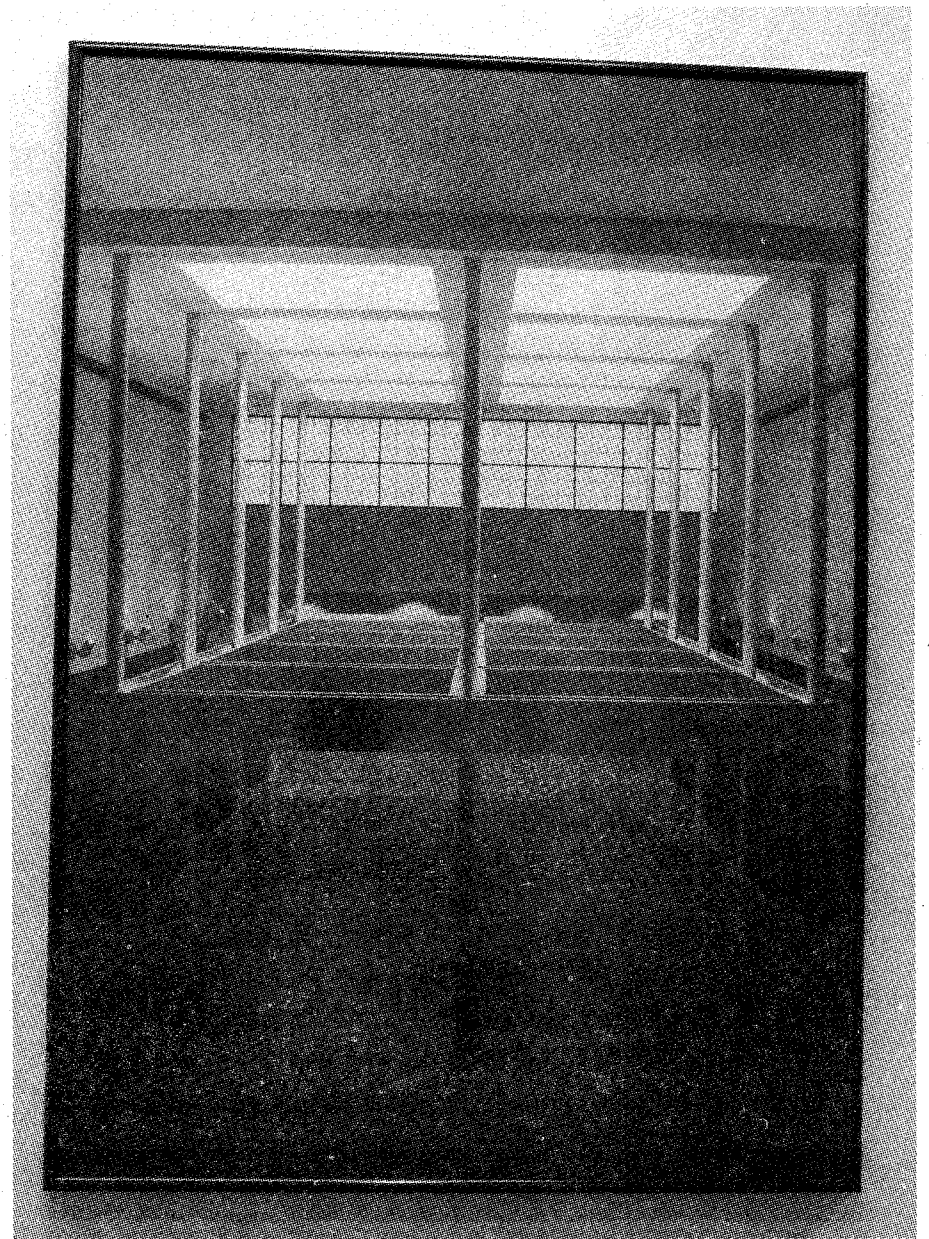
The Wang Center Proves Its Worth

BY NANDITHA DAS
Copy Editor

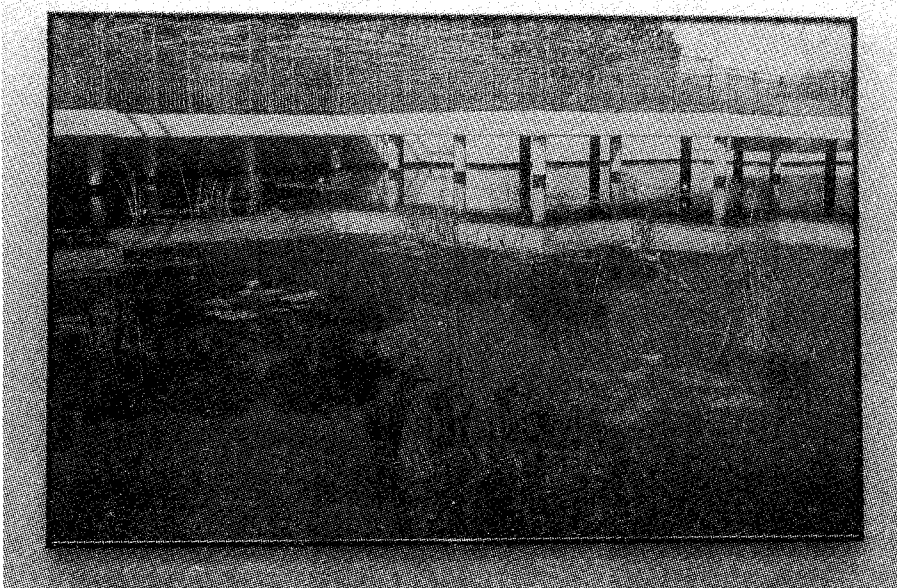
As a freshman in college, I was more open to ideas, absorbing what people told me and not necessarily questioning it. Today, as I walk with more confidence and rely on my own opinions rather than allowing others to impose them upon me, I can't help but remember something someone said to me. The Wang Center, they said, was a waste of space because the sponsor, Charles B. Wang, didn't want classes to be held there, only special events. At the time I did not contest this statement, but now, more than ever, I think about what the Wang Center does for me and I can only disagree.

have every inch of its campus swarming with the hustle and bustle of learning and hormone-raged madness. Anything different is novel. It is nice to have a place where the ancient culture meets the contemporary modernization of culture.

The structure of the Wang Center is very futuristic. The smooth surfaces and restricted color palette give it a sleek, modern, elegant demeanor. The addition of the water fountains is also interesting, namely because of its therapeutic effects. The sound of the water, when it is turned on, drowns out all other sounds. But despite what one might expect, it is soothing. Again, the water is just one of many parts of the Wang Center that juxtaposes opposites—water is symbolic of nature, which we



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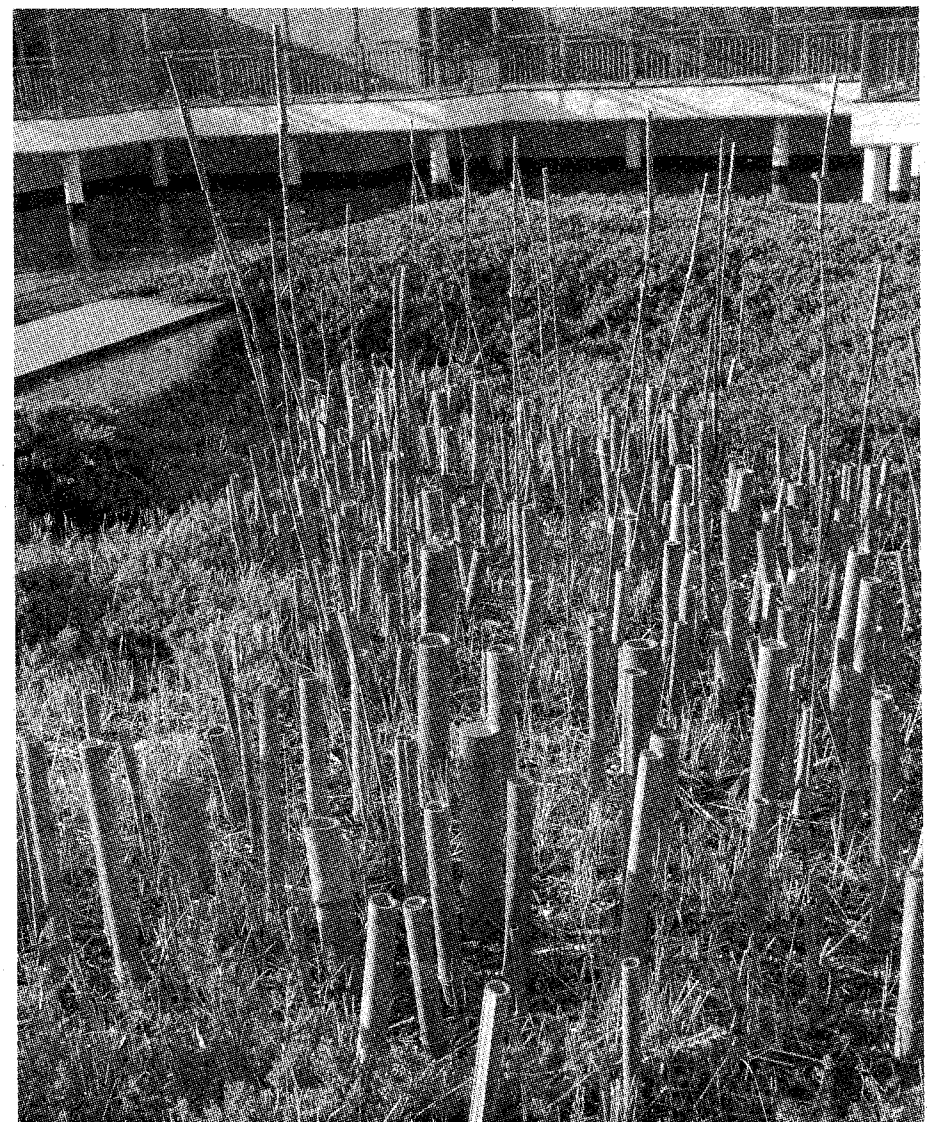
It's a place of calm, a place to relax, listen to the running water, and admire the architectural aesthetics. "Reinterpretations: Art Healing Space IV" is ideal then, because it is a tribute to the Wang Center as an architectural marvel. The exhibit encourages viewers to discover and recapture through personal translations, the true essence of the Wang Center. The exhibit is open from Apr. 9 until May 11, and is presented at the Skylight Lobby, Zodiac Gallery, and the Garden. It is curated by Sunita S. Mukhi and A.C. Frabetti, and the faculty advisor is Nobuho Nagasawa. The featured artists include Alton Falcone, Shannan Hayes, Alan Goodrich, Veronica Pena, TJ & Yana KM, Jin-Kang Park and the Asian-American E-Zine Photographic Art Collective.

Going back to the argument that the Wang Center is a waste of space, I could not disagree more. I personally believe that the Wang Center is able to preserve its sanctity because a lot of traffic is avoided by not holding classes there. An academic institution cannot

consider wild. But the entire appearance of the Wang Center is anything but untamed.

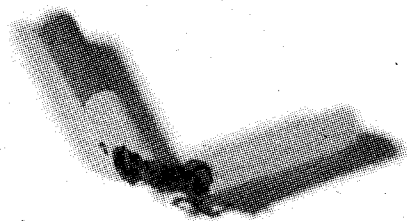
The exhibit consisted of a collection of photographs of the Wang Center, a choice of medium which I thought was highly appropriate. Photography, because it has only been in existence for a short while when compared to other media, and because of its use of an external device to obtain artistic expression, can be considered contemporary. It also takes a lot of creativity and style to take photographs with intention. In this exhibit, the large-scale of the pieces worked to its advantage, especially because the Wang Center is built with a feeling of openness and freedom, where a lot of wide space is available. The photographs were manipulated well, giving viewers a nice, new perspective to what the Wang Center is or could be.

"Reinterpretations" is stylish in its presentation. Catch a glimpse of these contemporary masterpieces before it closes. Come to the Wang Center, enjoy a meal, sit by the Garden, and appreciate the Wang Center for its sculptural modishness.



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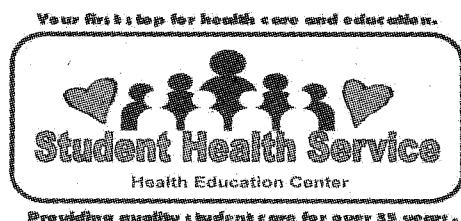

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Revelation XII:

From Tragedy, We Must Build a Nation of Heroes.

By JAMES BOUKLAS
Senior Columnist

From the devastation of the Virginia Tech tragedy came a powerful lesson. It is not a lesson in gun rights or arms control, nor was it a lesson in mental health. It is a lesson in the bravery that still exists in humanity; courage has hidden itself so well in this day and age that it takes a disaster on the scale of the worst school shooting in history to show itself. Professor Liviu Librescu, your heroic acts of April 16, 2007, has put a face on the force of good in the battle against evil.

Liviu Librescu endured one of the worst evils of the 20th century as a young person. He is a man who was well aware of evil- he has seen it in the Germans of World War II, and he has seen it again in that crazed man who killed him and so many other people just weeks ago.

This entry is not intended to minimize the damage of Virginia Tech students and faculty. As a college student myself, I suspect my reaction would have been the same as my peers in Virginia. I suspect I would have ducked for cover at the sound of gunshots, moving for the window as quickly as possible. But after reading of the sacrifice that Librescu made so that others could live, I feel I need to thoroughly examine my impulse to duck and hide. One day, I hope to be the man who fights directly against the worst of the world, regardless of the consequences, as Librescu did.

One conservative columnist wrote that the students' reaction was endemic of the larger issue that plagues our society. He wrote that it is a shame that this society classifies young people simultaneously as children in need of protection, as in the case of college students at large, and as men and women, in the case of soldiers. Rather than view this as children-on-children violence, this columnist wrote, we have to address this as a grown-up issue.

And that means standing up and acting like adults when the time calls for it.

I do not endorse this viewpoint and its callous delivery. Regardless of age, the students and faculty who were targeted at Virginia Tech reacted as you would expect anyone to react when confronted by a crazy gunman. I do think, however, that this columnist's viewpoint deserves careful consideration on a personal level. There is a difference between the man who hid under the table, waiting for the gunfire to end and hoping to survive, and the man who blocks the door, ushering the other people out of the room and dying as a consequence. The man who hides under the table did nothing shameful- he acted out of fear and we can all relate to that. But the man who sacrifices his life so that others may live needs to be recognized a hero whom we should all learn from.

I think it is no coincidence that the greatest hero of that day was a member of the Greatest Generation and a Holocaust survivor. I fancy that things were different back then. People were taught about sacrifice and struggle. They lived through the greatest struggle for society in modern history, a true fight between Democracy and Fascism. Men and women like Librescu truly know the value of human life and that certain things are fighting and dying for.

We've lost some of that clarity over the years, it would seem. This story is reminiscent of the people aboard Flight 93 on 9/11, the citizens who rose against the hijackers, potentially sparing the destruction of the White House. These are the stories that need to define our culture. These are Americans at their best, and we need to tell their stories with pride. I feel nothing but sympathy for the families of the victims of Virginia Tech and for those who died that day. And I hope that the nation takes away this lesson and this lesson alone: that we need to rise up against evil, against tyranny,

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FRACTURE

By AMANDA SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

"Fracture" takes after "Law and Order: Criminal Intent." It is a very popular show, so I'll assume you understand the reference and the plot formula. Like the show, the film is not a murder mystery because the audience witnesses the murder. And yes, he confesses to the crime. The case seems like another win for young A.D.A. Willy Beachum but as the investigation and trial progress, it becomes evident that Ted Crawford's plan involved more than just killing his wife.

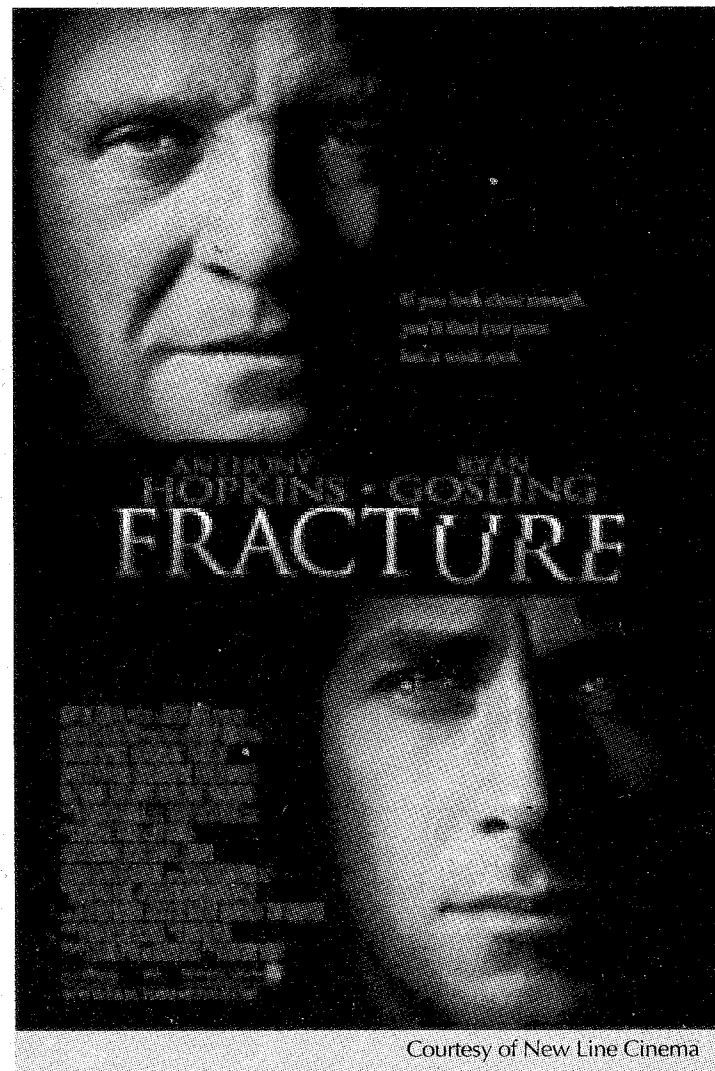
Ted Crawford's wife was much younger than him and found enjoyment being with another man who was practically a stranger to her - due to mutual secrets and agreed upon rules. Ted is not the kind to be disrespected without punishing those who caused him humiliation.

However, there was one glitch in his plan. Willy Beachum was an arrogant winner that was forced to balance his job as a civil servant while on his way up to a corporate office and salary. Though this case could have jeopardized the latter if he lost, it would validate his greatness if he won. If he could convict

and against all odds, without fear. In the immortal words of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and will prosper.... Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself- nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

It is time to stop talking about the minutiae of situations, time to stop talking down to this nation's young people. It is time to once again build a nation of heroes, and this comes first by telling their stories.

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Ted, he could convict anyone. All he needed was to find the gun.

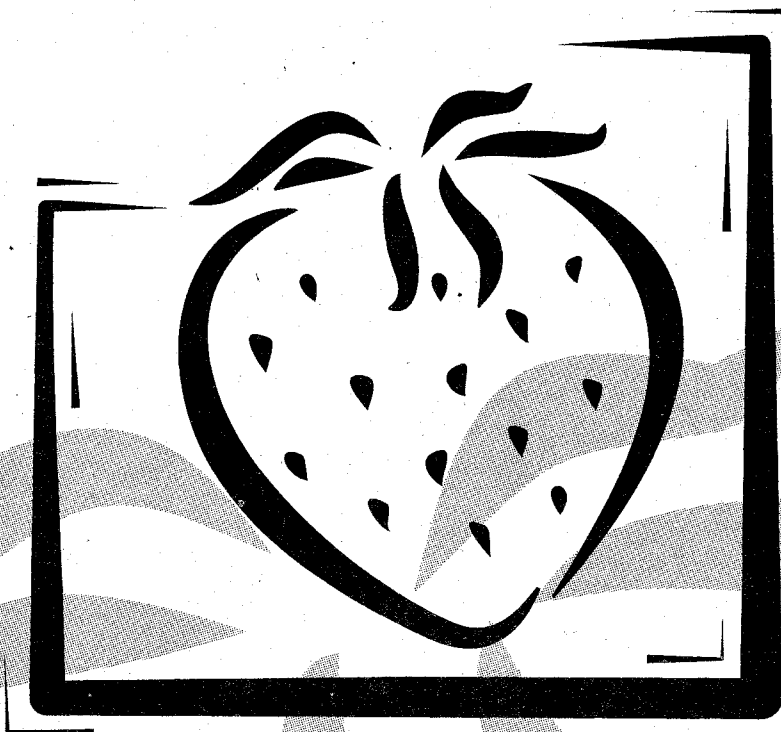
There are only two main female characters in the film - Ted's cheating and almost dead wife, Jennifer Crawford, played by Embeth Davidtz, and Willy's new boss / girlfriend, Nikki Gardner, played by Rosamund Pike, who was a 'Bond-Girl' in 2002. These women were to be nothing more than the male viewers' eye candy. Whatever professional life Nikki had was not shown except for dressing like a female attorney. Feminist theorists would have a field day with this film.

Casting Anthony Hopkins as a clever and careful murderer was bordering on typecasting but he doesn't seem to mind. He has been in the business a very long time and has played enough other characters. A lawyer is new for Ryan Gosling though he too had played a clever and careful murderer. These men had great chemistry. Their differences in age and attitude were well matched

and contrasted.

It is interesting that even though the story was set and filmed in Los Angeles, Hollywood culture was not involved. The murderer, his wife, her lover, and the A.D.A. were regular people. It was as if the film business did not exist there, as if it were more like Miami than L.A. As a result, the city is not home to only celebrities and they are not the only victims of crimes in this location. Normal people live and die near Sunset Blvd., too.

Though some of the details of the characters are different, both men (and supporting characters) are the latest of long-performed conventions. Though some of the details in the case are different, it's solution is the latest of long-utilized conventions. There is no innovation. For two hours you are watching a genuinely good movie that could have gone straight to television and or DVD. And due to today's market, "Fracture" will be on shelves soon.



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A Fresh Start for the USG?

This spring semester has finally come to a close and so has the final chapter of former President Romual Jean-Baptiste's deceptive actions. The travesties that occurred during his reign have finally come to light and it has both soiled and made a mockery of the USG.

Using student funding for a private "presidential discretionary fund" to purchase office supplies costing over \$8,000 is a huge oversight by the USG as well as the Stony Brook Community. But scheming and attempting to frame political opponents only illustrates the corrupt and over the top actions of a dishonest politician deluded by his own power.

Jean-Baptiste lacked the dignity and pride reserved for a position maintaining responsibilities, and one can only hope that the USG Senate's unanimous decision to remove Jean Baptiste will spring

a fresh start to an administration satiated with deceitful actions.

Both the USG, as well as the rest of the campus community is also responsible because of their apathy towards the USG and their actions. If motivated and interested students were more involved and aware of the politics on campus, perhaps Jean-Baptiste would not have been given the opportunity to commit those travesties especially since the USG holds the purse strings to a large sum of money in the form of the student activities fee.

Granted the USG Senate should be commended for discovering and quickly reacting to the corruption that Jean-Baptiste and his team of officers practiced. Perhaps there is still hope for the USG residing under a new administration.

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Virginia Tech and Columbine: A Revolution of the "Dispossessed"

BY KHALIL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

"You guys will all die, and it will be f--king soon! I hope you get an idea of what we're implying here. You all need to die! We need to die, too! We need to f--king kick-start the revolution here!" These are the words of Eric Harris approximately a month before the Columbine shootings. "I know we're gonna have followers because we're so f--king God-like. We're not exactly human -- we have human bodies but we've evolved into one step above you, f--king human shit. We actually have f--king self-awareness." These are the words of Dylan Klebold, spoken during the same recording. These two boys could never have truly known the impact they were going to make on American culture.

These were not the first American school shootings, but they were the most sinister. Harris realized this too. He informed the world, "Do not think we're trying to copy anyone. We had the idea before the first one ever happened. Our plan is better, not like those f--ks in Kentucky with camouflage and .22's. Those kids were only trying to be

accepted by others." Harris and Klebold were not looking for the acceptance of others. They made this remarkably apparent. What they intended was the biggest massacre in U.S. history. They wanted to surpass Timothy McVeigh. They knew when their "masterpiece" was complete "directors [would] be fighting over [their] story." In the end, they really hoped for a "kick start," "a chain reaction." They talked a great deal about a revolution of the "dispossessed."

Harris and Klebold could never have known similar sentiments would be expressed less than a decade later. Cho Seung-Hui would follow in the footsteps of these two "martyrs" as he said. Seung-Hui also chose to die "like Jesus Christ, to inspire generations of the weak and defenseless people." The rejected, the loners, the "dispossessed," are who are asked to rise up. The continuity is remarkable.

In 1993 and 1994 there were two school shootings in Kentucky. In 1996 the shootings gained notoriety. These shootings gained popularity in rural towns like Moses Lake, Washington, West Pa-

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USG Senate Falling Apart

By ESAM AL-SHAREFFI
USG Recording Secretary

Dear Editor,

What started as a rather friendly and optimistic penultimate meeting of the USG Senate has ended in the worst moment of that body this year, and possibly since its inception. I will first start with the "good" news, before going on to address where it all fell apart.

Soon after the meeting was called to order, a moment of silence was observed in order to reflect upon the recent Virginia Tech tragedy, and announcements were made regarding a candle light vigil Wednesday night at 8 pm to honor the memory of those affected that day. It was a moment of genuine feeling, from the students of one University to another, and I was truly proud to bow my head along with my student leaders, to pay tribute to the memory of those peers who were so tragically taken.

Afterwards, announcements were made regarding the action of the USG Supreme Court, which after a public hearing that lasted several hours on Monday, April 23rd, 2007, convicted and removed former President Romual Jean-Baptiste for wrongful acts of substance in contravention of the USG Constitution. The Court

ruled with wisdom and grace, and has sent a clear message to all who would ever try to use misleading campaign materials, or otherwise cause irregularities in elections. That message being that USG will never tolerate such reprehensible actions and shall act swiftly to punish anyone who would go that route.

After those golden moments, everything seemed to collapse. The only significant Senate business was consideration of the 2007-08 USG Budget, which, inter alia, funds all clubs and organizations, with debate entering its third week. Senator Borodkin, among others, questioned several significant last minute modifications to club budgets, which in some cases resulted in over a 50% decrease to that club's allocation and in others to significant increases. Debate was rather short on this matter, certainly understandable given the thoroughness with which it was debated in previous meetings, but significantly the Senate failed to entertain USG President Wisnoski's suggestion that the Senate open the floor to members of the gallery, composed of various student leaders and club representatives, for their input. Instead, those voices were silenced

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Message from Your USG

By THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

To the Undergraduate Student Body:

The past month has been a difficult period for the Undergraduate Student Government, culminating in the removal of our President. The process of impeachment and removal was emotional and painful, but we have learned one essential truth from this process: it works. The process, never put to the test before, worked. The Undergraduate Student Government is growing everyday, becoming stronger, as it should as an organization that is less than five years old. We must and will move forward from this event. And as we move forward, let us remember what the Undergraduate Student Government is about, our organization was created, as our own Constitution states, "to foster a spirit of commu-

nity, diversity and fellowship..."

We are a diverse group of people; on the surface we have nothing more in common with each other than our status as college students. But we know that we have more in common than that. Each one of us strives to make our campus a better, more fun, more enriching place to be. And each one of us strives to do that well and with honor. We are similar in that we all hold ethics and tolerance above all other principles. We are diverse, but we are not unlike. We will recover from this and carry on. And as we carry on, let us not forget that this year has seen some incredible victories for the Undergraduate Student Government.

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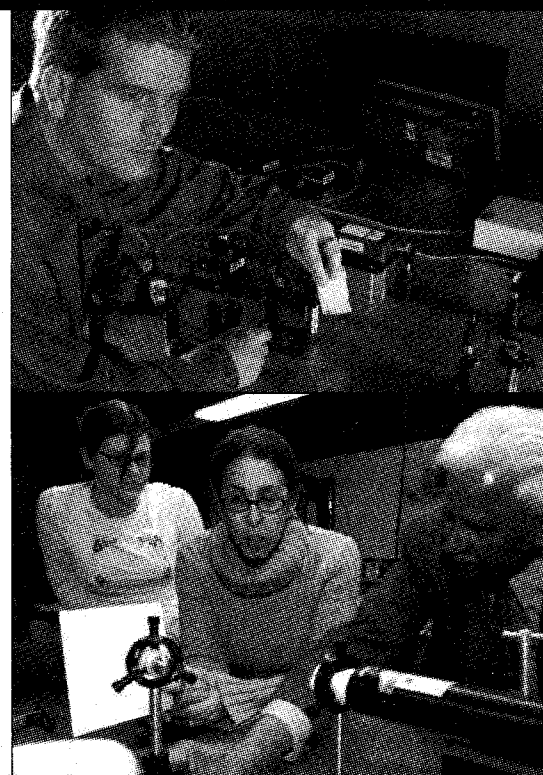
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Another Columbine?

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ducah, Kentucky, and Jonesboro, Arkansas. The massacres in these schools spawned something that was already there but must have been suppressed.

It also appears that these shooters consciously made these decisions; planning them for quite some time. Michael Carneal murdered three fellow students in high school prayer class in West Paducah. Author Michael Ames wrote authorities found Carneal had downloaded "the Unabomber's manifesto as well as something called 'The School Stopper's Textbook: A Guide to Disruptive Revolutionary Tactics; Revised Edition for Junior High/High School Dissidents,' which calls on students to resist schools' attempts to mold students and enforce conformity." It was later discovered he had been relentlessly bullied in school.

Luke Woodham, a student murderer from Pearl Michigan, who's killing spree had been two months prior to Carneal's, was very precise about his motives as well. Right before his rampage he handed a letter to a friend. In it he wrote, "I am not insane. I am angry. I killed because people like me are mistreated every day. I did this to show society, push us and we will push back.... All throughout my life, I was ridiculed, always beaten, always hated. Can you, society, truly blame me for what I do? Yes, you will.... It was not a cry for attention; it was not a cry for help. It was a scream in sheer agony saying that if you can't pry your eyes open, if I can't do it through pacifism, if I can't show you through the displaying of intelligence, then I will do it with a bullet."

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Island Rail Road tickets - making it affordable for students to enjoy one of the greatest cities in the world, we hosted a lecture from world-class athlete and role model Tiki Barber, and we have brought headlining music acts Ne-Yo and Gym Class Heroes to Stony Brook. For the first time in years, we are making use of our voices on University-wide committees and councils, and are finally beginning to bridge the

It was Columbine that brought school massacres to mainstream attention. However, the media could have never guessed the results. There was shock, disgust, and despair but what else? The most disturbing and censored result was a legion of young kids emerged who found new heroes; the "martyrs" for Seung-Hui. Now Seung-Hui is becoming a martyr as well, as school after school closes down with V-Tech graffiti, future Columbine warnings, and threats of impending massacres. On a message board from Yahoo! in 2000, a fifteen year-old girl wrote about Harris and Klebold; "They are really my heroes. They are, in a way, gods...since I don't believe in 'GOD' or any of that other crap that goes along with it. They are the closest thing we can get to it."

Now the media slowly fades away from another "old story," moving on to bigger and better things while there was never even a serious examination of the problem. We were bombarded with passionate sermons on the killer's unparalleled evil, on the police failing to respond adequately, and gun control debates. But the crux of the problem will remain and these truly subversive acts will remain in the back of our minds until the next massacre occurs.

If we don't bother to come to the realization that the institutions, the individuals within the institutions, and the killers are the cause of these problems, if we prefer to retreat back into our collective amnesia, and not even listen to what these students told us loud and clear, then as Seung-Hui warned, "now [we] have blood on [our] hands that will never wash off."

gap between the students and the administration.

We are not without flaw, we have made mistakes and may continue to make them. But we have taken important steps towards real efficiency, and along the way have made great improvements to student life. Let this be our legacy. Let us take what we have done and what we have learned this year and build onwards and upwards.

Signed,
The USG

Senate Falling Apart

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and the Budget was passed by an overwhelming margin, a vote of 18 in favor with only 2 opposed.

After three separate budgets have been filed and considered by the USG Senate, it is difficult to inform the reader whether due diligence and viewpoint neutral criteria were used at all in this process and in the final budget approved at tonight's meeting. Senator Shapiro declared at the April 17th Senate meeting that the first budget was several hundred thousand dollars above budget at an initial stage, and that in order to make up for the shortfall the Senate Budget Committee arbitrarily cut clubs and organizations, not based on their need but rather on how much money they had, until a seemingly balanced budget was obtained. In reality, this first budget, which was based on untested assumptions and haphazard guessing, was put to the floor of the Senate and was extremely close to gaining approval, if not for the discovery of two technical errors which left the budget at over \$100,000 in deficit.

After obtaining a Budget extension through unorthodox means, the Senate debated a second budget on the April 17th meeting, one that was composed by Senators Shapiro and Maiorella. This budget had the benefit of being balanced and of being created after thorough and careful consideration by the two Senators as to viewpoint neutral criteria, and most importantly was not based on random allocations but reflected information included in the Budget applications and hearings of the clubs and organizations seeking funding. Unfortunately, the Senate did not see it fit to approve this budget, because after the review of Senators Shapiro and Maiorella, a few favored clubs lost significant amounts of funding, and the Senate chose to extend consideration for yet another week.

Finally, on the third week, we are presented with the Budget that has now been officially approved. But, is it any good? The Budget Committee claims that the dozens of changes made in the last week were only an improvement on the Shapiro / Maiorella budget. But please remember, dear reader, that this is the same Committee that approved an initial budget which was based on pure speculation and conjecture, and which would have likely passed if not for a technical error that forced the Committee to reconsider its il-

legal approach. It seems therefore that this Budget, like its predecessors, is suspect and tainted with numerous violations of viewpoint neutrality principles.

At any rate, the final item on the April 24th meeting was "open agenda," a time in which any student attending the meeting could seek recognition and address the USG Senate. Ms. Cheryl Lynch, who was visibly holding her hand for over thirty minutes, was finally afforded an opportunity to address the Senate, making several suggestions and comments on the recently passed Budget. After a few Senators spoke, another member of the gallery, Mr. John Gemma, took the floor to comment on the Senate's treatment of a couple of budgets belonging to Sports Clubs. Ms. Lynch was a former USG Senator and former Budget Committee member, with extensive experience in the budgetary process and in student government, while Mr. Gemma is the President of the Men's Rugby Team and an officer of the Sports Club Council, an umbrella organization that promotes and defends sports clubs on campus.

This gentle criticism, stated after the Budget had already been passed and intended mostly as advice by student leaders on how the Senate should act in the future, since it was now too late to change the budget which was already approved, seemed to have rattled the Senate chamber. Senator Antonelli (who is also the USG President-Elect) seemed personally offended by the gallery's admonitions and after stating that the Budget Committee had thoroughly considered the Budget, he angrily called for the meeting to adjourn, more than 45 minutes before its scheduled end time and before many in the gallery would have the chance to speak, including Ms. Kate from NYPIRG, who wanted to announce several worthwhile programs, her comments unrelated to dissatisfaction with the Budget. The motion to adjourn, which silenced all criticism and trampled on the public's right to petition its elected government, was supported by Senators Antonelli, Borodkin, Cho, Connor, Dautruche, Etienne, Flanagan, and Kim, while Senators Curran, Maiorella, Markow, Owade, Rayburn, and Vincent did not have the courage to vote either way and simply abstained.

Never before have I been witness to such a blatantly arrogant act of arrogance and hubris from

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Hofstra Alumni Disappointed by SB Police

By CHRISTINE SAMPSON
Contributing Writer

Dear Editors,

An incident on April 17 is the reason I'm writing in response to Monday's article "Security safety at LI schools." If I were a student at Stony Brook University, I'd feel extremely disappointed in the way my school's security officers handled unusual situations.

I was attending a workshop sponsored by the L.I. Music Hall of Fame on the campus of Stony Brook University, which ended at approximately 11:15 p.m. Upon returning to my car, which I had parked in a pay-for-parking garage, I discovered that the garage had been locked for the night, and that my car was stuck in the garage.

I began walking around the campus to try and find assistance. To my dismay I could not locate any "blue light" emergency phones, which I knew of from my days as a Hofstra University undergrad. I was able to walk into several buildings, no swipe-card required, to try and find assistance. When I was a student at Hofstra, I needed to swipe my student ID to access almost every building on campus - right down to the Student Center and the radio station.

At about 11:45 p.m., I walked into the library. At the front desk, a student clerk dialed the campus police and handed me the phone. After I finished asking for help, I chatted with the student for a few minutes.

"The officer said they were in the middle of a shift change," I told the student. "He said it would probably be a little while before they can send someone to help me."

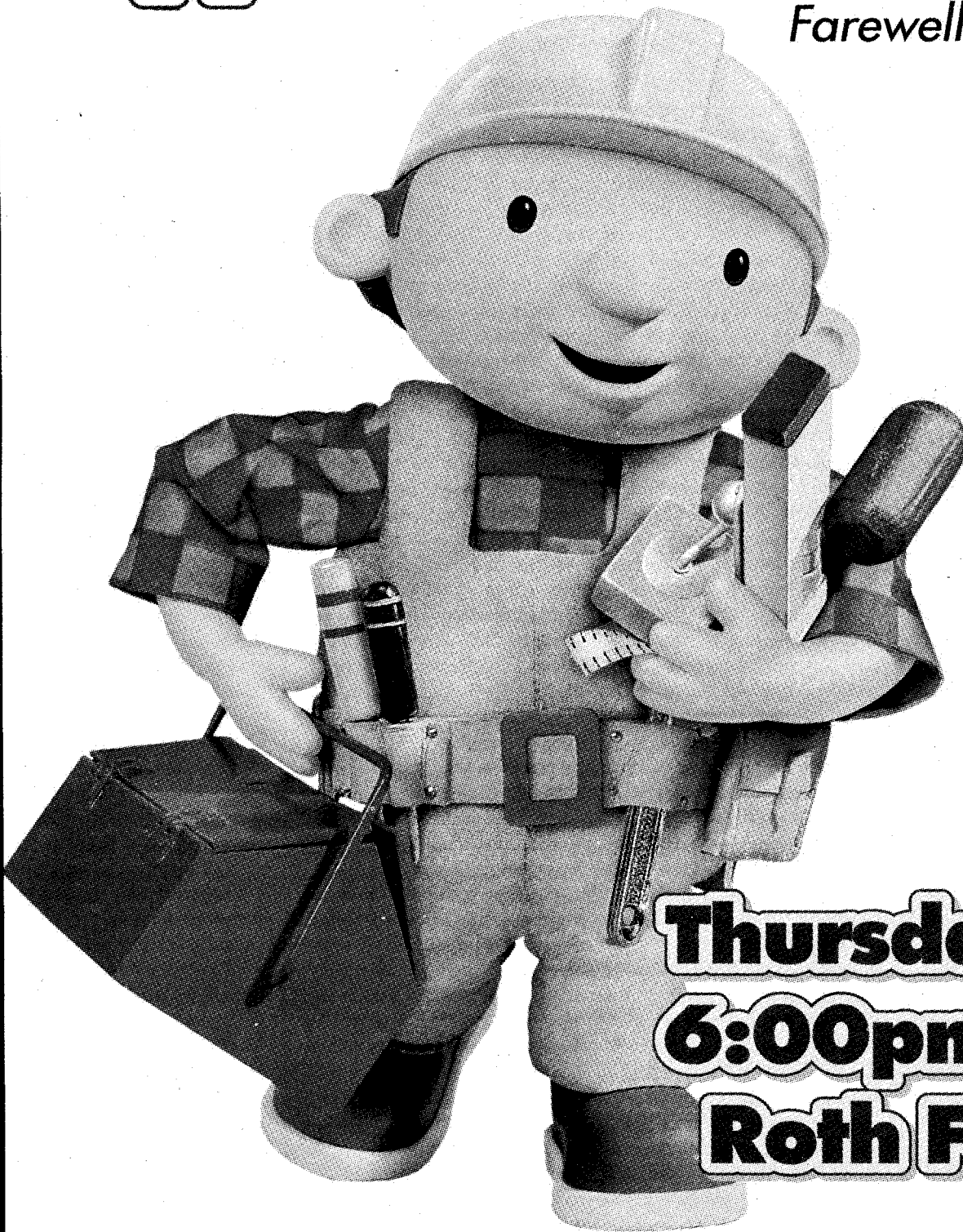
Laughing a little, the student responded, "Yeah, I'm not surprised. That's what they always say."

I returned to my car by midnight, locked the doors and pulled up to the exit gate to await my officer-in-shining-armor. I watched people come and go, students walking in pairs or by themselves, cars passing the garage on a nearby

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Adams Gives Men's Lacrosse OT Win

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solidified the comeback with the first of his two heroic goals.

"We knew we were never out of the game," said Adams. "We have been underestimated all year but we came out and played and I am so proud of my teammates. We never stopped believing."

The Pride got off to a fast start as they took a 3-1 lead with 5:04 remaining in the first period. However, Sean Chamberlain's transition goal cut the pride lead to one at the end of the period. After the Pride's Tom Dooley netted the first of his five goals of the day, the Seawolves went on a 3-0 run to knot the game at four. During this run, a man-up tally from Ryan Hughes and Palmer's first tally of his career got SB back into the game.

Momentum shifts characterized the remainder of the game. The Pride took the lead 7-4 with 4:57 left in the second stanza, but SB rallied to tie the game at seven going into the half. After the teams swapped scores coming out of the locker rooms, Tripodi gave the Seawolves their first lead since 10:52 of the first quarter, as he finished a Bobby Trenkle feed in front of the cage giving the visitors a 9-8 lead. This score was answered by a 4-0 Hofstra run, which was then answered by SB 4-0 to close the game.

Adams finished the game with four goals while Hughes added a hat trick. Duch and Palmer each added a pair of goals while Trenkle ended with three assists. Brendan Callahan was the defensive force in the cage as he made a plethora of saves and finished the contest with 17 stops.

The Seawolves wrap up their regular season at home on Saturday evening when they face off UMBC in an America East showdown. The game is scheduled for 7:00 PM.

Baseball 2-1 Against Albany

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Jonathan Kalkau picked up the win, moving his record to 4-0 on the year. He pitched 5 innings and allowed eight hits and four runs while striking out seven. Matt Lyons and Marc Brown each pitched an inning in relief to close out the victory.

On Sunday SBU fell behind early again, trailing 3-0 after the top of the third. After an RBI single by Robert Leonard cut the score to 3-1, Albany scored again in the fourth to restore the three run lead. SBU chipped away with another RBI single in the bottom of the fourth by Leonard and a sacrifice fly by Fier in the fifth. They tied the game in the sixth with an RBI groundout by Tansy, and then took the lead when Leonard scored on a balk.

Albany tied the game in the top of the seventh off of Leonard, who relieved Kurt Jung. Jung pitched six innings and gave up five runs, four of which were earned. In the bottom of the seventh, SBU answered right back. Chris Sipp hit an RBI double and then stole home to put SBU ahead 7-5.

After loading the bases with one out, Albany was able to get only one run across on an RBI ground out, which allowed SBU to hold the lead into the ninth inning. Leonard hit the first batter of the inning, and after a fielders choice, allowed consecutive singles to tie the game. Another ground ball that was not hit hard enough to turn a double play allowed the go ahead run to score.

In the bottom of the ninth SBU loaded the bases with no outs. Three consecutive singles by Fier, Brian Witkowski, and Sipp, who led the offensive charge with three hits and an RBI, put the pressure on Albany. But a failed squeeze play left Fier out at the plate. Steve Mazzurco hit a fly ball to right field, and Leonard struck out looking to end the game.

SBU continues their season with a home game against Marist on Apr 26 at 3:30 PM.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE FALLS TO HOFSTRA

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Diana Caroleo would combine for three straight goals to give SB their final lead of the game. The momentum did not last very long, as Hofstra would take only 17 seconds to respond, closing the door with their own three goal run.

SB plays one more game on Saturday, Apr. 28 against Vermont. The contest is SB's final game of the season and last chance to place first in the America East conference, which would give them home field advantage during the tournament. Game time is 1:00 PM.

URECA Celebration Gets an Early Start

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methane under the ocean floor as a source of fuel. Mahajan explained the significance of this research, "We have about 200,000 trillion cubic feet of methane. We would need 20 trillion [cubic feet of methane] to power the U.S. for one year. If we can extract and use the methane, we would have enough energy for 1000 years."

Another SB professor at the event, Michael Bell, who studies fish evolution, spent some time describing his upcoming adventures in Alaska and Kenya. Bell described the study of ecology as, "understanding how ecosystems work and how actors in the ecosystem have evolved."

The theme of Earthstock 2007, "Sustainability - The Future is Now" was exemplified by Bell's subsequent statements.

Bell continued, "We have big problems today that have continued to rise since 1850." What happened in 1850? Bell stated, "We began to use fossil fuels."

USG Budget Passes Successfully

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E-Zine suffered a 29% decrease in funding. Blackworld lost about \$21,000 in funding for the coming year. Men's Rugby received about a \$15,000 increase in funding.

Senators made it clear during the meeting that if clubs need more funds they may apply again during fall revision.

\$11,000 of the budget was allotted to an emergency fund that was left over and could be used to fill in any of the holes that the current budget had not filled.

However, President-elect Antonelli commented on the fact that USG had no money to send to Virginia Polytechnic Institute after the tragedy had taken place, although this fund is meant for such tragic events.

Senator Robert Romano, who has had a long tenure in the senate, remarked upon the fact that this is one of the few times that the budget has gotten through the USG Senate in recent years. "There have been three impeachments and a passed budget... this has been the most successful senate ever."

Hofstra Alumni Disappointed by SB Police

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road. At 1:00 a.m., I was still waiting for assistance. I called the campus police again, and was told to continue waiting.

"This is a police department, miss," the officer said. "We have emergency situations to attend to."

To me, this was an emergency. Just the previous day, a student at Virginia Tech decided to make a statement by shooting 32 people. As a young lady marooned in that parking garage while the campus police successfully completed their "shift change" - well, I felt like a sitting duck.

At about 1:30 a.m., an officer pulled up and attempted to open the gate with an access card. He was unsuccessful, and called another officer for assistance. A few minutes later the second officer arrived, and tried his own access card. This too failed. They made another call, talked amongst

A Fresh Start for the USG?

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One of the first actions the new USG Senate enacted was passing the new USG budget for the 2007 to 2008 year. Yet, many clubs found a decrease in their funding for the upcoming year while others received a boost in funding. There seemed to be a bias in the form of the amount of money allocated to certain clubs and one has to wonder how the USG made their decisions in granting the proposals.

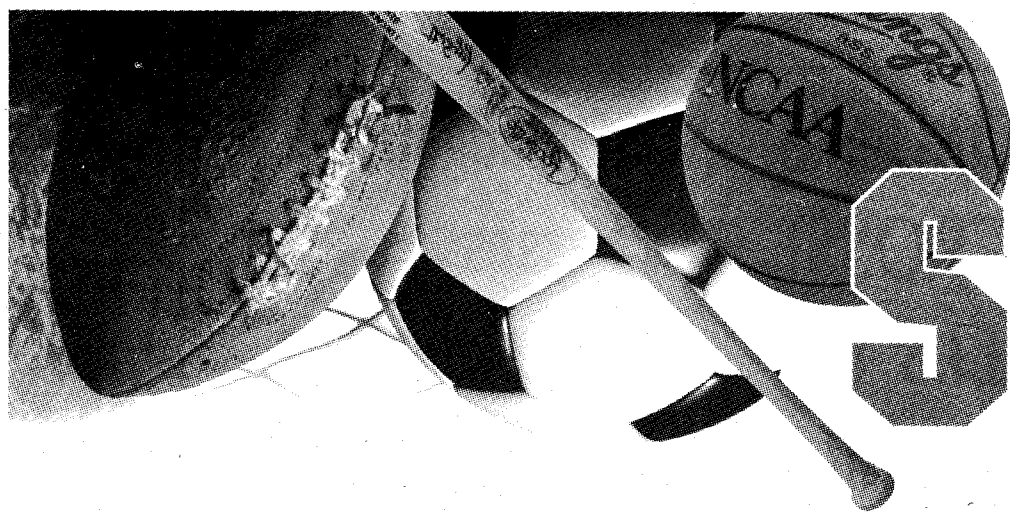
For instance, the Men's Rugby Club received about a \$15,000 increase in funding. Was their recent scandal with the Suffolk Police regarding underage drinking forgiven and forgotten? Other more active organizations suffered a dramatic decrease in funding.

The Senate has made it clear that a fall revision of the budget may change things in the form of the \$11,000 reserved for emergency funds. Hopefully, the new regime will learn from the past's mistakes and make objective decisions rather than choosing undeserving friends.

themselves for a moment. Finally, their solution was to tell me how to have my car jump the curb and maneuver around the gate. Which I was reluctant to do in my little Toyota Corolla - but I was faced with no other alternative. Had my car been damaged in any way, I'd have been stranded again, an hour's drive from home without a car.

The overall picture painted by the Stony Brook campus police was their shift change was more important than the fact that a young woman was stuck in a parking garage. I got the impression that Stony Brook is a collection of fragmented pieces, rather than one whole unit that worked together for a common goal. Additionally, it really made me appreciate the ways that Hofstra University made me feel safe when I was a student there.

Sincerely,
Christine Sampson
Hofstra Alumni '02



Statesman SPORTS

WOMEN'S LACROSSE TAKEN DOWN BY HOFSTRA

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Hempstead, NY- Tuesday's anticipated battle between Long Island rivals lived up to its billing, but ended with a disappointing result for the Stony Brook Seawolves. In their loss to Hofstra 15-14, the game was decided by a crucial 3-0 run in the game's final minutes.

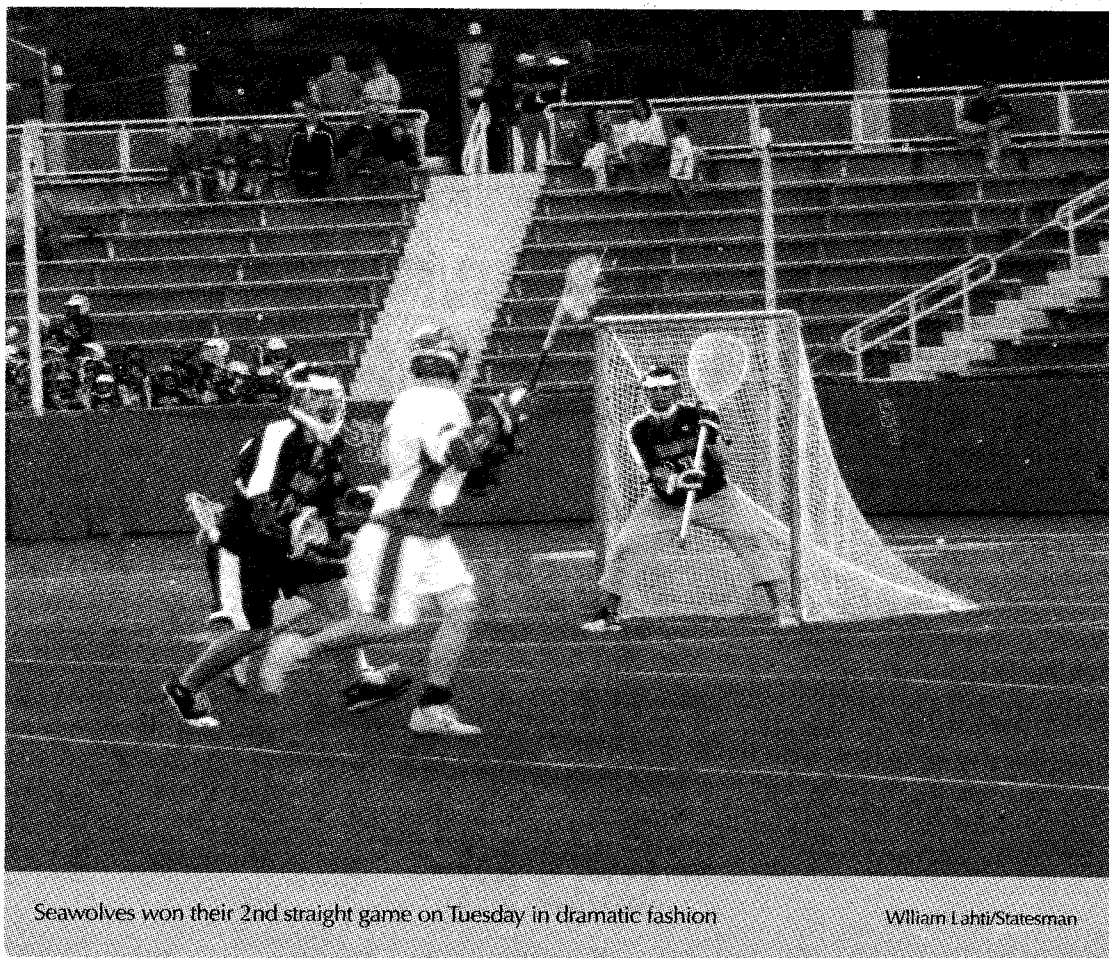
Facing 41 shots, goalkeeper Jen Sandtorv managed to stop eight. The 15 goals that she allowed are the second most number of goals an SB opponent has netted this season.

Flashing to the second half, the Seawolves found themselves still down 9-7 by the 27:43 mark, after closing in on an early five goal deficit. Katie Savino found the back of the net twice for the first tie since the games opening minutes. Hofstra's Casey McGrath would then score, setting off a goal for goal tradeoff over the next seven minutes.

Hat-tricks by Savino and Amy Taylor were not enough to give the Seawolves their 13th win of the season, although the loss does not affect their chances for winning the America East Conference. For Hofstra, McGrath had a game-high five goals along with Lauren Whitcomb's four goals. Hofstra needed only one assist in the game, as 14 of their 15 goals were either unassisted or counted as free position goals.

With 11:05 left in the game, SB's Amy Hallion, Taylor and

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Seawolves won their 2nd straight game on Tuesday in dramatic fashion

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Men's Lacrosse Wins Overtime Thriller Adams Scores Game Winner

By JOSH SEIDMAN
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Owen Adams netted the game winning goal with 1:49 remaining in overtime to give the Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse team a come from behind victory, 13-12, against No. 20, Hofstra. On two separate occasions, the Seawolves were able to rally from a three goal deficit to earn the win and improve the team's overall record on the season to 8-3. The loss dropped the Pride's record to 6-6.

"We knew that it was going to be a battle going into the game," said head coach Rick Sowell. "I am so proud of my guys for never giving up and getting this

win." Adams ripped a shot from 12 yards out past the Hofstra goalie with 1:49 left in the overtime period to complete the Seawolves' comeback. The junior midfielder was a hero twice in this game as he was responsible for the goal that sent the game into overtime as well as the game winner. With just ten seconds remaining in regulation, Adams broke free from his defender and fired a shot from seven yards out into the back of the opposition's net.

The Seawolves were trailing the Pride by a score of 12-9 with 8:38 remaining in the game. From that point on, the Seawolves' players on both ends of the ball stepped up and went on a 4-0 run to close

the game.

Mike Palmer initiated the offensive explosion when he wrapped around the cage and found the goal with 5:10 left in the contest. Less than a minute later, Rhys Duch cut the lead to one as he retrieved a bouncing ground ball in front of the Hofstra net, leapt and buried a shot from 12 yards out with 4:26 on the clock. With 29 seconds showing on the clock, it appeared as though the Seawolves had tied the game, but Larry Cerasi's shot made contact with the post and bounced off the crossbar. After the Pride turned the ball over on the clear, Adams

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Baseball Defeats UAlbany 2-1

By GENE MORRIS
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The baseball team swept both games of a double header against conference rival Albany on Saturday, but dropped the finale on Sunday. The first game of the double header was 7-4, while the second was won by a score of 8-4. Sunday's game was an 8-7 defeat. After the weekend the team stands at 17-16 on the season, and 8-4 in the conference.

SBU scored early and often in the first game. After the second inning they were ahead 7-0. The offensive assault was led by first basemen Robert Leonard and right fielder Michael Tansey. Both were 3-3. Tansey had 3 RBI's on the day, including a pair of RBI singles in the first two innings. Gary Novakowski scattered eight hits over five plus innings, giving up four runs and striking out five in the process. Novakowski is now 3-1 on the season. Matt Lyons got the final five outs to pick up his third save of the season.

In the second game SBU fell behind 1-0 after the top of the first, but struck back with runs in each of their first five times at bat. The offense was led in this game by Jeremy Nowak and Keith Fier, who were both 2-3 with two RBI's. Catcher Michael Stephan added a solo home run in the third inning.

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