

Above, people make their way to their seats before the convocation begins on Sept. 19th.

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Mixed Results for SB in College Rankings

By SONAL HARNEJA
Staff Writer

From being ranked by U.S. News and World Report for the sixth time as one of the top 100 National Universities and among the top 50 public national universities to being recognized as one of the leading research institutions in the U.S., Stony Brook University has had its share of accolades. So it came as a surprise to many in this community that Stony Brook University has had some bad press this past summer.

Recently, The Princeton Review came out with its annual college rankings in its 2008 edition of "Best 366 Colleges," which lists SBU in several top spots but for all the wrong reasons.

The rankings, which were based on 120,000 student surveys on 80 questions, has placed Stony Brook in the #1 spot for least happy students. The hit parade continues,

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SB Celebrates 50th Anniversary Former Presidents Speak During Convocation

By TRISHA BARUA
Managing Editor

On Wednesday, Sep. 19, at the State of the University Address, people walked into the main theater of the Staller Center. They received a brooch that bore on it "Stony Brook University Fiftieth Anniversary" with the number 50 in bold letters. President Shirley Strum Kenny showed her SB pride dressed in red, and began the convocation with an introduction of the many guests seated on stage, of which "most but not all [were] named John," Kenny said. Included in this group were the new provost Eric Kaler, Senators John Flanagan and Kenneth LaValle, and past SB presidents, John Toll and John Marburger.

During the first part of the convocation, a number of the guests were asked to speak.

Senator Flanagan said, "I turn 46 this year and I cannot believe how young Stony Brook is," and called SB "youthful and vibrant." Senator LaValle commended all three presidents for their work and ended his speech by addressing the new faculty, "you're joining a school [which] maybe 50 years young, but is a nationally prominent and internationally prominent university ... make it even greater."

In relation to SB's rise to a nationally recognized institution, Kenny addressed how much the number of students and faculty increased since 1957. Freshman applicants grew from 365 to 24,059. Freshman enrolled grew from 128 to 2,700. The total number of students initially was 148 and now it is around 23,300. The number of faculty members went from 14 to about 2000. In the last 10 years, the average

SAT score jumped 110 points from 1111 to 1221. Out-of-state admissions have doubled in the last three years.

"Stony Brook is red hot," Kenny exclaimed. It is ranked in the top 2% in the universities around the world, in the top 50 out of public universities, and in the top 100 in North American universities.

Kenny discussed Stony Brook's many advancements, including the medical miracles that have taken place at the hospital. One of which included a little boy who was hit with an SUV, but has fully recovered. She also emphasized the strength of our sports teams including, the football, soccer, and lacrosse teams.

SB's second President Toll and third President Marburger were given an opportunity

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UF Student Tasered by Campus Police

By TEJAS GAWADE
A&E Editor

On Sep. 17, University of Florida student Andrew Meyer was arrested and tasered during a forum speech by Senator John Kerry. According to a released police report, he was charged with "resisting officer with violence," "disturbing peace," and "interfering with school administration functions" for a principal misdemeanor second degree and a principal third degree felony. Meyer has since been released from Alachua County Jail. The incident has sparked widespread internet coverage and publicity leading to a student campaign against the use of tasers.

Meyer, a senior telecommunications major who is also a journalist for the school's Independent Alligator asked a three-part question to Kerry after being recognized by the Senator. In a Fox News report, Dennis Jett, a UF political science instructor and forum moderator said that this occurred when there were no more questions being taken.

Although the police report of the incident acknowledges this fact, its version states that "As Senator Kerry was ending his speech, a man disrupted the senator by screaming, yelling, and flailing his arms. The man moved his way down the aisle yelling, 'Why don't you answer my questions, I have been waiting and listening to you speak in circles for the last two hours ... These officers are going to arrest me.'"

However, in a YouTube video titled "UF Student Tasered at Kerry Forum," Meyer began his question by quoting from the book Armed Madhouse, whose author Greg Palast claimed that millions of votes in the 2004 election were not counted or kept from being cast, which prevented what would have been Kerry's win.

Kerry responded to this by saying that he owned a copy of the book, to which Meyer responded "Isn't that amazing! -- Isn't that amazing, you won in 2004! In fact, there were multiple reports on the day of the election of disenfran-

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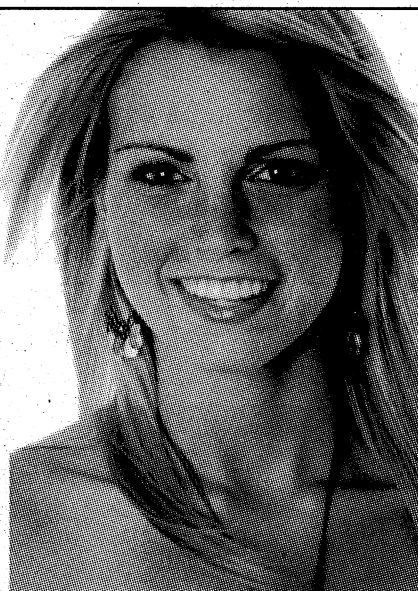
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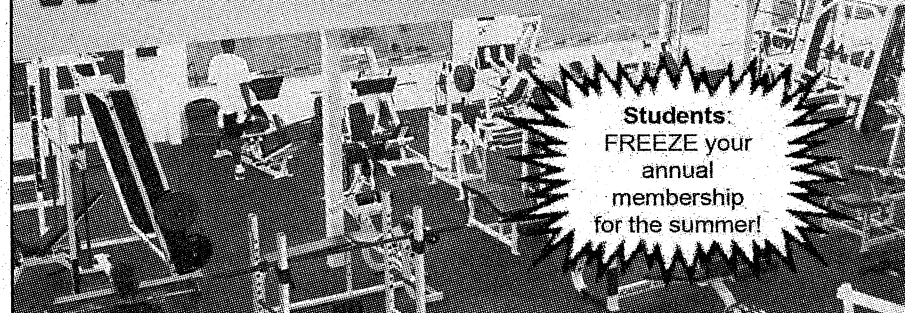
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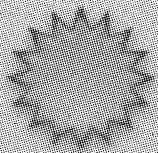
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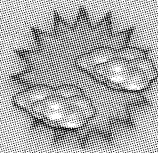
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Fulbright Recognizes Three SB Students

By AMANDA MAYO
Staff Writer

Last Spring, three Stony Brook students learned that they were awarded with grants to study overseas through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, the prestigious international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Efie Spentzos, the Fulbright Program advisor at Stony Brook, said students are able to choose the country they want to study in, and the Fulbright program offers a certain number of grants to each country. According to a Stony Brook press release, the three students chosen will study during the 2007-2008 academic year in Greece, Madagascar, and Thailand.

Spentzos said that the students had to apply a year in advance, in September 2006, in order to be considered for this competitive scholarship. The students were not simply chosen based on academics and merit; they had to submit a 2-page proposal stating what kind of work they would like to pursue in the host country they choose as well. In addition, a 1-page autobiographical statement must be submitted. "It's not need-based," she said, referring to other types of scholarships that pick students based on income levels.

"The basic purpose is to promote cross-cultural understanding, it's not just to study," Spentzos said. She added that students are expected to create relationships with locals, do volunteer work, and learn the local language.

According to the 2008-2009 Fulbright information book, distributed by the Institute of International Education, the program had 6,071 applicants for the current academic year, and was only able to distribute 1,444 grants,

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U.S News And World Report Kind to SB; Princeton Review Tells Another Tale

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with SBU making appearances on lists for "class discussions rare," "long lines and red tape," and "professors get low marks."

This has sparked much debate on campus on whether SBU should have been placed on these lists at all. One student said upon hearing the news, "That's terrible! I love Stony Brook! I'm actually pretty happy with the campus and the classes." She did concede however, that "the administration has given me problems with tuition and financial aid."

Other students agree. Sophomore Fabio Lima said, "I think the report is crazy. We have tons of interesting, fun things to do on campus like the Gym Class Heroes concert, intramural sports, the thousands of clubs, and the hundreds of places to eat on campus." He goes on to say that coming to SBU was the best decision of his life.

Senior Warda Zaman however, wasn't too sure about Stony Brook. "Personally, I started SBU and I was ready to transfer right away." She continued by saying, "I started getting involved in the campus community...and I decided to stay."

Many students, although initially surprised with the rankings, seem to understand. Zaman believes there are issues that still need to be worked out. "I think our campus has a lot to work on. Yes, the campus body is humongous, but they need to work on better accessibility when the students are in need of guidance and make the campus more happening to keep the students who are here over the weekends away from depression."

Another student, who wishes to remain anonymous, agrees. "I love Stony Brook, but the administration does need to start making an effort to reach the students."

SB Turns 50, As Past Presidents Address University

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to speak. Both commented on the accomplishments of the university under their own terms. President Toll discussed the initial adversities of building the institution and how it was still able to persevere. President Marburger brought the first and last part of the speech from the State of the University address from October 26, 1982, during Stony Brook's 25th anniversary. He wanted everyone to see the "contrast between 25 years ago" and the present. Both received standing ovations.

This was followed by a slide show of pictures from the past

and present, as well as some statistics that conveyed the advancements made by the university. First, Kenny welcomed everyone, including the new faculty members. Then she started her presentation by indicating how "time flies" since the establishment of Stony Brook in September 17, 1957, when it was originally known as the Long Island Center. With only 148 students at a small estate in Oyster Bay, it started with a small number and eventually grew to a vast university.

Kenny spoke about the first president of the LI Center, John

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Police Blotter

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Burglar Alarm

Around 8:30AM on the 19th in the Queen Ann center on the Southampton Campus, a burglar alarm was activated. Cause of activation turned out to be an accidental cutting of a wire.

Car Accident

A motor vehicle accident took place in the University Hospital Parking garage around 12:20PM on the 19th. No injuries occurred.

Another Car Accident

Another motor vehicle accident occurred in the gym parking lot around 3:45PM on the 19th. None of the passengers of either car were injured.

Noise Complaint

Large crowds were reported drinking and violating noise regulations in the inner quad area of Kelly Quad, near Baruch College around 12:38AM on the 20th. Crowd dispersed upon police arrival.

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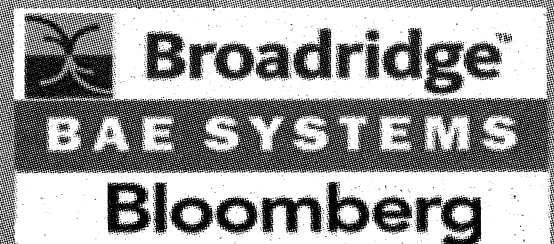
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University of Florida Student Tasered by Campus Police

Second College Taser Incident in 2 Years

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chising of black voters in Florida and Ohio." As Kerry affirmed this, a police officer interrupted Meyer for the first time.

When Meyer went on to say, "So, amidst all these reports of phony, bogus stuff going on, how could you concede the election on the day? How could you concede the 2004 election on the day? In this book, it says there were five million votes that were suppressed and you won the election. Didn't you want to be President?" the officer interrupted Meyer again.

Meyer then continued to ask two other questions, first asking why President George Bush is not being impeached for invading Iraq, when former President Bill Clinton was impeached for "a blowjob." He also asked Kerry whether he was a member of Skull and Bones with Bush, at which point his microphone was turned off by the event organizers. Skull and Bones is a purported secret society at Yale University. At this point, two police officers began to seize Meyer and forcefully escort him outside. According to head of Accent Speakers Bureau Steven Blank, one of the organizers of the forum, the microphone was cut after the mention of a term for oral sex while talking about impeachment.

Although Kerry said at this point, "That's all right, let me answer his question," two more officers joined the others to remove Meyer from the premises managing handcuff of the hands of a struggling Meyer. Although Meyer wanted to leave on his own at this point, the officers said that he had no more say in this matter. They threatened to taser him to which Meyer yelled, "Don't tase me bro, don't tase me." According to the police report, he was contact tased in the shoulder by officer Nicole Lynn Mallo using a department-issued X-26 taser.

At this point, Kerry joked about Meyer's exit, later saying that he was not aware of the use of a taser. Valerio Gallo, recent Stony Brook University graduate, said that "What strikes me most about this, is the lack of personal action ... We have to remember police and government are institutions that have power ONLY because we all agree to give them that power. Police are just people

in uniforms with weapons, and if they are attacking citizens they are supposed to be serving, we've got a domestic enemy army."

In relation to the use of the taser, one of the involved officers, Pablo De Jesus Jr. said, "Due to Meyer's erratic flailing, the inability to attain Meyer's left arm from his resistance, and increased potential for injury with one cuff on, Sgt. King attempted to deploy a contact tase to no avail. He then instructed Mallo to apply a contact tase to gain compliance in order to place Meyer's left hand into the other cuff ... Once Mallo applied the tase, Wise assisted Meyer's left arm to where I was able to apply the other cuff. Once he was restrained, he was escorted out of the Auditorium where I checked the fitting and applied the double-locked function on the cuffs."

This is the second nationally-publicized taser incident involving campus police and students. The first occurred at the University of California-Los Angeles and was covered by the Statesman. In relation to the recurrence of such an incident, Gallo said, "With incidents like this seeming to be more and more common, I think it is important to ask yourself what you'd do if you were watching that situation. It is hard to think clearly in that kind of situation, so if you think about it before hand you'll be confident you know what to do when it happens ... That was a room full of people, if everyone decided what was going on wasn't right they could have stopped those police."

The police report also mentions a conversation between Meyer and a woman next to him who was purportedly "there to film him." The report record an exchange which involved Meyer asking her, "Are you taping this? Do you have this? You ready?" before asking his questions. The 22-year-old woman claimed that she was in line to ask a question and taped Meyer only upon his request.

Meyer or his attorney, Robert Griscti would not comment on the incident, only stating they will seek to have the charges dismissed. Organizations, such as the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, believe that Meyer can sue the police for use of excessive force, according to

its President, Greg Lukianoff. Fox News has cited two experts who affirm this.

In a press conference held Sep. 18 at 2 PM, UF President J. Bernard Machen said that the situation was "regretful" and that the officers involved were placed on paid administrative leave until a conclusion is derived from an external investigative probe. Because Kerry is no longer a Democratic nominee, he is not assigned Secret Service protection. He did not bring his own security to the event and thus the UF police were in charge of security.

The university officials would not comment on whether the incident was a prank. Meyer is known for pulling and posting political pranks on his websites. The site in question criticizes the Iraq war, and the news media for not covering the conflict enough and the American public for paying too much attention to celebrity news.

The same day, about 300 UF students conducted a protest march at the Emerson Alumni Hall with signs such as, "Stop police brutality," "Taze Pigs," "Freedom of Speech not a Felony," "Tasers Kill," and Meyer's words, "Don't Tase me, bro." Their demand was the complete ban of tasers on campus and filing of charges against the involved police officers.

In a press release, Machen said that "University of Florida Police Chief Linda Stump has requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement conduct a formal investigation into the arrest of UF student Andrew Meyer. An independent review such as this will make sure the results are objective and impartial. Chief Stump's priority is to ensure that the public remains confident in the department's ability to keep the campus safe."

Furthermore, the University plans "to assemble a panel of faculty and students to review our police protocols, our management practices and the FDLE report to come up with a series of recommendations for the university ... Administrators and police officials plan to analyze the incident and conduct an internal review and will consider changing protocols in response to this incident, if necessary." The State Attorney's office will also review charges against Meyer.

Stony Brook Students Awarded Prestigious Fulbright Scholarships

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making the application process highly competitive.

"You have to have a good proposal," Spentzos said, adding that the application process could look very intimidating at the beginning, but as long as one takes the necessary steps to submit a well-prepared application, it isn't so bad.

Carly Kenkel, a recent Stony Brook graduate who majored in Marine Science, was one of the students awarded with the Fulbright scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. She said she is going to Thailand to study coral disease in the aftermath of tsunamis in Southeast Asia. According to the information book, 27 applications were received for Thailand, and there were only 4 grants available.

Kenkel, who originally studied at Southampton College before the campus was purchased by Stony Brook, said that the school had a strong Fulbright following, and that's how she found out about the program. She said she didn't know exactly what she wanted to do until she attended a speech at the New York Aquarium about physical damage of the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia. She found out that no one was studying coral disease in the area, and decided to make this her proposal for her Fulbright application.

"I think this is very worthwhile," Kenkel said. "I'm really excited. I think it's going to be one of the best, if not the best, experience of my life to date."

According to its website, the Fulbright Program for U.S. Students is designed for recent BA or BS graduates, master's and doctoral candidates, young

professionals (including writers and journalists), artists and musicians. The website states that the program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide, and preference will be given to candidates who have not had prior experience in studying abroad.

The Fulbright grant covers the living expenses of students for 10 months. During this period, students are able to develop relationships and understandings of the cultures they are surrounded by. She added that many students also take the opportunity to become an English Teaching Assistant in their host country.

Applicants must apply the September before their target year of study, and they will know if they are accepted by spring, giving them a whole summer to prepare paperwork and take care of travel concerns. Spentzos said that some students may need to arrange certain permits, especially those for labs, in advance.

"When students go there, they don't go unprepared," Spentzos said, and added that there are professionals on the other side expecting the students' arrivals.

According to the 2007-2008 information book, Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas established the program in 1946. Since then, more than 105,400 Americans and 174,100 participants from other countries have benefited from the experience.

Spentzos encourages all students interested in the Fulbright program to contact her at the office of International Academic Programs, by phone 631-632-7031, or by e-mail efie.spentzos@stonybrook.edu.

50th Anniversary Celebration Brings Out Former Presidents

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Francis Lee. After Francis' term of less than a year, Toll took office in 1965 to continued building the establishment. The institution grew under his guidance, until Marburger's arrival in 1980. Coinciding with his arrival was the beginning of construction of the hospital. Under Marburger's administration,

the hospital was completed, the Health Sciences was established, and many more advances were made. Today, Stony Brook has expanded to include branches of SB Manhattan and SB Southampton, the Research and Development Park, and Brookhaven National Laboratory. Kenny summed this development as she ended the convocation saying the "50th anniversary is really the beginning."



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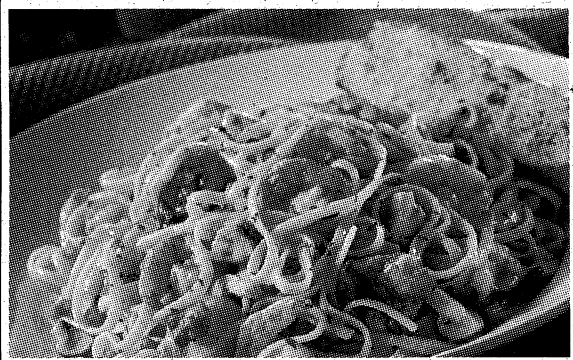
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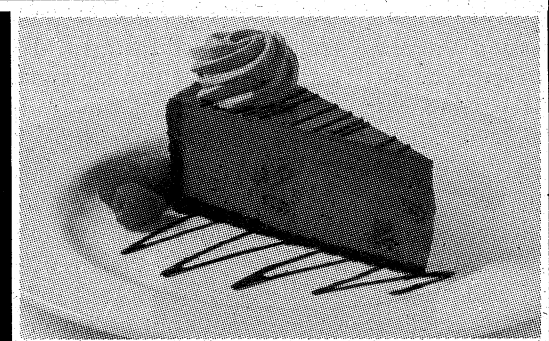
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Till Death Do Us Part

By GABE FARACI
Columnist

I searched far and wide over the World Wide Web and received the same answer from the majority of sites. The current divorce statistics in America state that just about 50% of first marriages end in divorce while second and third marriages have no chance in heck of succeeding. I'd give you those percentages too but it's unbearable to even mention let alone search for them. Almost a decade has past since my parents ended their marriage. Almost a decade has passed since sanity took flight leaving me fixated on the idea that everyone is destined for separation.

The other day I saw a picture. Now mind you it was an everyday picture, one that could be hanging on your wall at home. It was a photo of a family sitting on a beach. It entailed a mother, two beautiful children, the family pet and a sunset that looked as if Thomas Kinkade himself stood on a thousand foot ladder and used every bit of artistic ability he had to make the picture perfect. They had smiles on their faces and took no notice of the shadowed outline standing thirty yards away.

You wouldn't notice the ghost either because it's a figment of my imagination.

The shadowed figure is a husband. The ghost is an example of why I feel marriages today are doomed. To me, raising children in a broken home is the worst thing possible for their sense of belonging, their sense of pride and fulfillment. Granted in today's world many parents need to work two or three jobs just to make ends meet while the child comes home to an eerie silence. They come home to their Playstations and Ipods; some come home to abusive alcoholics or deranged television addicts. I know that sounds extreme but could it really be far from the truth? Could it be that many of us (myself included) be so wrapped up in our own problems that we forget about little Jimmy's soccer game or little Susie's band practice?

Why are we so quick to get divorced? Why are we so quick to throw in the towel and say forget it? Is it so hard to agree to disagree and let bygones be bygones? It's a sad day in America when the only option is to sign a piece of paper and destroy our children's lives.

When I was younger I worked

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The Conservative Comeback

By ADAM PECK
Asst. News Editor

The last time I attended a rally in Washington D.C to protest the war in Iraq, there were counter-protesters there, holding their own signs and American flags and other memorabilia you would expect to find at an NRA convention. There weren't very many of them, and most of the thousands of people that were at this rally paid them no mind as we marched on by. I, of course, couldn't help myself. Many of the posters read like Fox News talking points: "Support our Troops!" and "Stand with the President!" There was one, though, that caught my eye. It was held by a short, plump woman in her mid-40s or so, and said something along the lines of "I don't listen to liberal elitists from New York." If she weren't standing next to the other counter-protesters, I would have taken her sign as a compliment.

Of course, the woman didn't come up with the slogan all on her own; judging by her looks, she seemed the type of person who couldn't find the U.S on a world map, let alone New York. Rather, she likely picked the phrase up from one conservative radio program or another, or perhaps even from a book by Ann Coulter, queen of insanity-land and empress of all things wrong with the world. The phrase "liberal elite" has been making the rounds on all of the conservative media outlets these past few years, and I still have been unable to decide whether to be offended or honored.

The remark is clearly meant as an insult. "Those liberal elitists," they say. "They don't know what they are talking about." Call me crazy, but when someone labels me as "elite," offense is not an emotion I quickly arrive at. Even more surprising is that many conservative pundits see liberalism as a whole as "elite". Naturally, I couldn't agree more.

This all speaks to the brilliance of conservative media personalities. While liberals

From the Desk of the Editor Our USG Coverage Needs to Improve

By SURAJ RAMBHIA
Editor-in-Chief

I realize that in the past two weeks many individuals in the Undergraduate Student Government were taken aback by our coverage of SBVAC's budget cut, the reason being that we did not speak to any officials as part of the story that was printed, "SBVAC Cringes as USG Cuts Budget."

More recently, the opinion column by Adam Peck, "Campus Media and the USG" did make some strong, unsupported, and arguably false accusations about the relationship of USG with Campus Media.

We have received numerous letters from students on the Executive Council, many of whom were previous members of the USG Senate. To all those who have written to us regarding our coverage, let me point out that we could have done a much better job in providing the facts.

As noted by Jonathan Hirst, our USG coverage in past semesters has also lacked journalistic prowess. On several occasions the last name "Hirst" was misspelled as "Hirsch." When referring to Romual Jean-Baptiste, on certain occasions we referred to

him as the "Former USG President" when he was impeached but the USG Supreme Court did not yet decide his fate.

It seems that even now we are trying to get our coverage of USG right. For us, it shouldn't be such a difficult task. In any situation, I can say that we always make an effort to provide the facts to the students. However, because of our tight production schedule, time does not always permit the flawless coverage we would like to provide. This is a problem that we are constantly trying to improve, our efficiency of coverage.

Regarding our SBVAC piece, I think our major point that we wanted to get across was the need for more transparency on the part of USG in its Budget Process. While the Budget Process, according to several former USG senators in their letters to us, seems to have been its most "transparent" this past spring, I think the student body needs to see more.

I hope that the current set of individuals in power at USG will use their power for the benefit of the entire 15000 students of the undergraduate campus, more so than we have seen from certain individuals in the past.

can rightly lay claim to most, if not all, of the greatest ideas in American history, conservatives routinely take liberals to task over mastery of wordage. Just look: some conservative fellow managed to turn the word "elite" from a sign of wealth and class and excellence into a shameful label that is used to degrade and deride the opposition.

The most frequent target of the "liberal elite" branding are the Ivy League colleges dotting the Northeast. Harvard professors are all liberal elites, Yale students are all liberal elites, Columbia administrators are all liberal elites.

A quick aside: It should be noted that the nation's smartest people are the ones that gain admittance to the United States' premiere institutions of higher learning, and that if they of all

people agree with liberal ideologies...

Personally, I am totally cool with folks labeling me as elite; Roger Federer is an elite player, Tiger Woods is an elite golfer, liberal minded scholars are elite humans.

In the end, the question that begs to be asked is what to call our conservative counterparts? The two sides are as different as night and day. So therefore, if liberals are elite, it stands to reason that conservatives are morons. If your typical liberal minded person is a Harvard-educated, extremely wealthy philanthropist, then it seems the typical conservative should be a high school dropout with a dental bill that rivals a modest Long Island mortgage payment.

What, is that offensive? Then how dare you call me elite!

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Till Death Do Us Part

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in the catering business. I would watch as the bride and groom kissed and made nice in front of everyone, but once alone the bickering would start. The fights would come and the next thing you know the brides Aunt Sally has cake in her face and the groom's father has fried Calamari in his hair. Call me crazy, call me paranoid but I'm the type of guy who can see ten years down the line. I guess I had a knack for figuring out which couples would make it and which ones would make it to their lawyers first thing on Monday morning. I think the key elements to any marriage are love, trust, and companionship. If those three things are nonexistent then do yourselves a favor and save the fifty thousand dollars it would cost to get married.

Some of you may laugh and others may cry but a couple of nights ago I was flipping through my piece of junk Jensen T.V and to my dismay nothing good was on. As I cruised something caught my attention. A show called Bridezillas came in to view and I watched in abject horror as one of the brides actually yelled at her wedding party! I mean who in their right mind does that? I'll be honest and tell you that I didn't watch it long because I wanted to throw my bowl of Frosted Flakes at the groom! I wanted to pick him up by his stupid collar and shake him till his sloppy grin disappeared. I mean how in the heck can you marry someone who curses out the baker who's baking the overpriced,

three-tiered cannoli cake! Some of you ladies out there are probably wondering why I'm singling out the women. I'm not and if you give me a minute I will be coming to your defense just about now.

Guys are dumb, plain and simple. I was never one to believe in the whole strippers thing at bachelor parties. I mean if you get lucky enough just to stand at the altar with the women you love isn't that enough? Isn't it enough to know that you'll be going to bed with the most precious creature on God's green earth every night for the rest of your lives? I don't know about you, but I look forward to growing old with my girlfriend. I look forward to the day when we could sit down in our Lazyboys and look at our photo albums from years gone. I think that's a gift in itself.

It's a real shame because I think most people today see marriage as something old school, something their great-grandparents did and as of the twenty-first century it's no longer cool to be devoted to one person. It's no longer necessary to take the bad with the good; it's no wonder why so many children today are screwed up. That's right I said it. They're screwed up and it's because family values have plummeted while immorality has sky rocketed. The book on raising children has been revamped and the idea of "letting them be their own person" has taken over. I don't think a ten year old knows what is and what isn't good for them. That's why they have parents to teach them, that's why we need to put our selfish ways behind us and

start living up to the responsibility that we've been given. I don't have kids and I'm too broke to ask my girlfriend to marry me. But when I finally make it to that point and the children come, I know for a fact that my kids won't be sitting in front of the television for twelve hours a day or frying their brains on the internet.

To end this I would like for you to read a few statistics that I think you'd like to be aware of. I found them in the back of a book entitled "To own a Dragon" by Donald Miller. It's an amazing read and if any of you have a chance go and pick it up. It struck a nerve in my soul and that's not easily accomplished. Here it goes:

-63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes-five times the average.

-85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes-20 times the average

-80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes- 14 times the average

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-75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes-10 times the average

-70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes-9 times the average.

-85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes-20 times the average.

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College Football SEC Showdowns

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game would have to be settled in overtime.

In overtime, Alabama started with the ball and after allowing 10 straight points, Georgia's defense was finally able to stop John Parker Wilson and the Crimson Tide. Alabama only gained two yards and had to kick a 40 yard field goal. After the field goal was converted by Leigh Tiffin, who went 3-3 on his field goal tries throughout the game, Georgia took over on offense, and only one play was needed to decide the game. On first and ten from the 25 yard line, off play action, Georgia's quarterback Matthew Stafford threw a perfect 25 yard touchdown to Mikey Henderson to win the game for the visiting Bulldogs, with the final score being 26-23.

The SEC will definitely be a tight division all season, and the conference champion will be most likely be decided the last week of the season. LSU is the favorite, but Florida (ranked #3) who won 30-24 against Ole Miss this past weekend can definitely win as well, especially if they beat LSU on October 6th, which will be played in Louisiana. Both LSU and Florida are undefeated and have tough schedules remaining, so the SEC title may come down to who wins the game.

A Need For Good Nicknames

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a wildcard but announcers and writers can be looked at. Back in the day writers were more buddy-buddy with athletes. They traveled together and often would eat together. Journalists were more likely to write a fluff piece, speaking in glowing terms about an athlete. Increased fawning over an athlete would lead to nicknames that are just as positive and deferential.

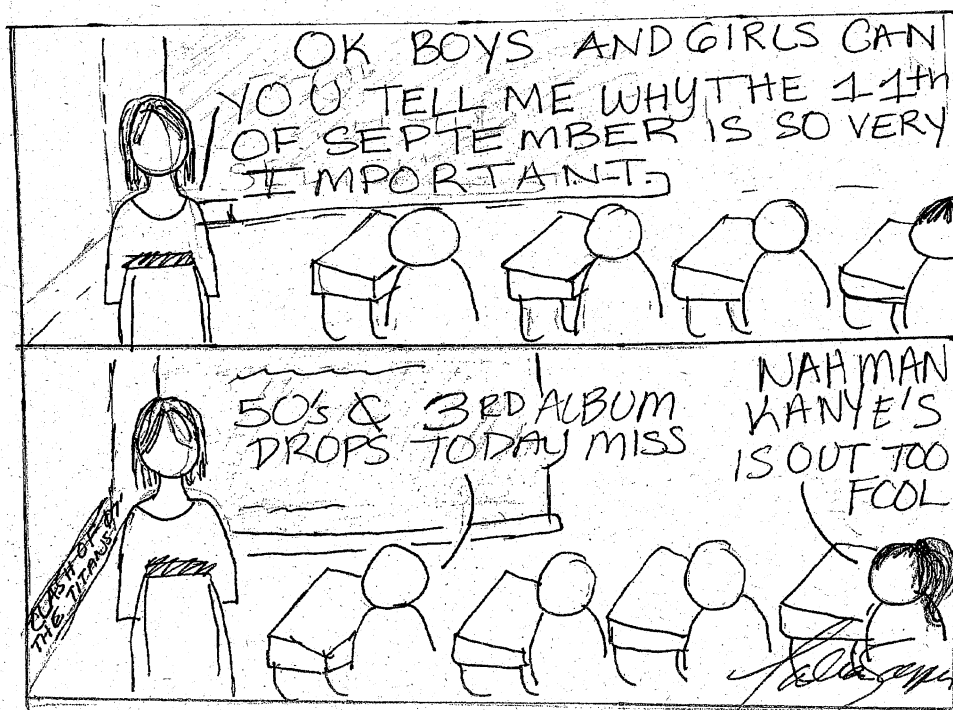
Announcers were a prime source of quality nicknames. They were known to prepare nicknames and then throw them out during the broadcast. Imagine the bravado involved here! Where has that gall gone? Deciding that you were an important enough mouth piece to change what an athlete is known as in the public consciousness. We need this to become an accepted and official part of modern sports. I nominate Marv Albert, because of his experience and history as a great announcer, to be the official NBA Nickname Bestower. I want to tune in to a game and hear "Carmelo backs him down, he's double teamed, oh and he dunks on both of them! The Muffin Man just baked up a batch right in there faces!" Like you wouldn't watch this? It is my opinion that this would increase viewership around ten-fold.

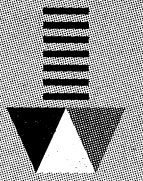
All is not lost in the modern nickname stratosphere however. There are a couple winners around. Dwyane Wade is 'Flash', LeBron is 'King James', Sidney Crosby is 'Sid the Kid', and Shawne Merriman is 'Lights Out'. But we could do so much more. I call upon you, our loyal readership to gather your quills and parchment and help out. I'll start off.

LaDainian Tomlinson will henceforth be known as 'The Specimen'. Announcers should also only refer to Derek Jeter as 'The Captain'. Wikipedia had him down as 'Captain Clutch'. What is that? A cereal? A superhero? The lesson as always kids: don't listen to Wikipedia. 'The Captain' should probably be mandated by the commissioner's office to be safe. Baseball should stop wasting time with steroid investigative reports after the fact when we know most athletes were under pressure to cheat to stay on an even playing field and focus on something important. But I've digressed. We could take this nickname thing far. Reggie Bush should be 'elected' 'The President'. And while we're on a roll, let's make sure that this player's career gets off on the right foot. Kevin Durant should be called 'The Pick-up Artist' because he's a complete player...

On second thought maybe this nickname thing isn't as easy as I thought.

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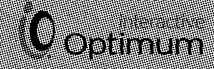
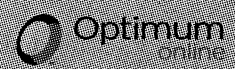
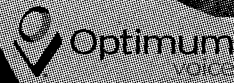

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EASTERN PROMISES



Courtesy of Focus Features

By NATALIE CRNOSIJA
Contributing Writer

From the opening frames, "Eastern Promises" unfolds in layers, releasing mysteries like a Russian matryoshka doll, revealing worlds within worlds, people within people and secrets within secrets. It seems to be a simple, cinematic Dantean jaunt into the criminal underworld soon shown to be a puzzle, where pieces of greed, power, suffering and humble humanity are pushed together, yielding an extremely complex and powerful film.

The story unfolds in the immigrant pockets of London, where foreigners hooked on the dream of prosperity are caught and easily abused in the shadows. The particular focus is a Russian quarter, where the Russian mob quietly conducts "business" under the oily London rain, with gurka in palm.

We are brought into this world by a midwife, Anna (Naomi Watts), who delivers a baby to a 14-year-old prostitute, who dies soon after giving birth. Finding the girl's diary and with the hope of finding a home for the baby, Anna is led to a Russian restaurant, quietly lorded over by Semyon (Armin Mueller-Stahl). When not making borscht, Semyon charmingly commands the Vory V Zakone, a Russian gang where a resume is composed of the prison tattoos each member wears.

Anna, hoping for Semyon to translate the diary, is drawn into the discreetly hidden, cut throat world of the Russian mob. Her attention to the life of the dead girl and her baby leads her into the path of Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen), a soft-spoken chauffer who keeps Semyon's hard-drinking son Kirill (Vincent

Cassel) in check. Anna is attracted and drawn in by her own line of questions to an enigmatic Nikolai, whose hints of decency are obscured by a tattooed body and a history of violence. Nikolai rises quickly within Semyon's ever-hardening circle of control without losing his own basic decency.

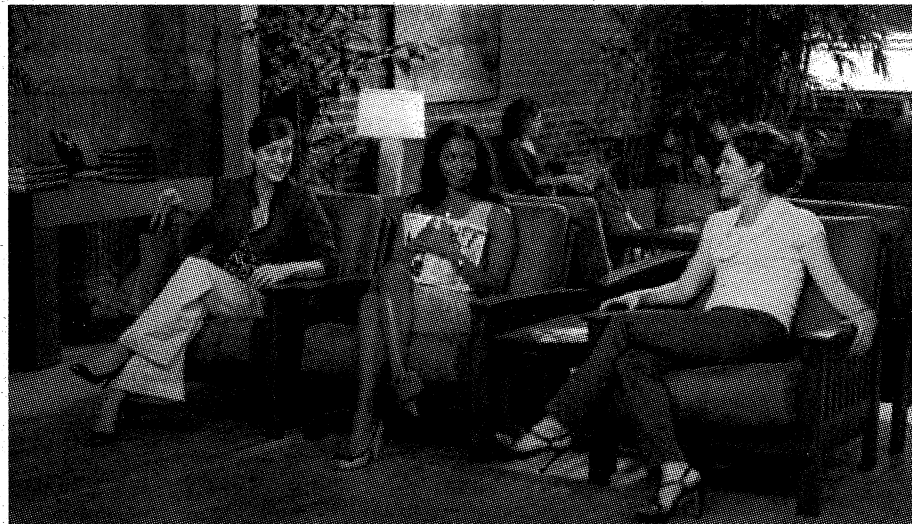
As Anna falls deeper into the world of the Vory, her mother (Sinead Cusack) and Uncle Stepan (Jerzy Skolimowski) warn her against reading into the dead girl's life, even as they too begin to investigate the diary. As Nikolai is repeatedly sent to block Anna's search and secure the diary, which could blow open the world of the Vory to the police, he falls more intensely under Semyon's hand and becomes a pawn in his grander schemes.

Through the gory murders and cover-ups, the trenches of sexual slavery and the money these enterprises make, the audience is led through the world of a London of foreigners, a brotherhood based in abuse and a murderer's kindness. Every minute is a measured descent into the darker end of the immigrant experience, narrated by excerpts from the dead girl's Cyrillic diary, telling her life from beginning to end in heartbreaking bullets.

Screenwriter Steve Knight makes more of the mob movie genre, avoiding simplicity by digging deeper, unflinchingly illuminating the ability of human beings to destroy other human beings and benefiting off their bones. For all the reserve of the characters and the brilliant calculation of each scene, director David Cronenberg creates an ultimately emotional thriller about the human right to be human and regarded as such.

TV Nation

Private Practice



Courtesy of abc

By PRIYA MADHAVAN
Contributing Writer

From the creator of "Grey's Anatomy" comes a story about starting over with the rest of your life. This new television series "Private Practice" premieres on Wednesday at 9:00 pm on ABC. The main character in the show is Dr. Addison Forbes Montgomery, a renowned neonatal surgeon. Addison decides to leave Seattle Grace after realizing her life was not advancing and moves to Santa Monica to start a new life. There she reunites with her med school friends, Naomi and Sam Bennett, who are divorced and others at the Oceanside Wellness Center.

Each of the characters in the series has a story of their own to tell. For example, the center's resident pediatrician Dr. Cooper Freedman is successful in his profession but has a rocky personal life where he is always attracted to the wrong women. Then there is Dr. Pete Wilder, an alternative medical specialist, who has caught Addison's eye. His confidence conceals a man reeling from his wife's tragic death. An individual who is unable to connect with a woman since his beloved wife passed away.

This new beginning for Addison gives her the chance to start on a clean slate. A new life that is full of promise and surprises. The show's content seems to be another medical series tied in with the drama of each of the character's life. The storyline illustrates the idea that everyone gets a chance to start over with the knowledge of their past experiences.

The biggest appeal of the show is Montgomery. As Addison, she is able to bring out the potent combination of a woman losing the dream of having a husband and her children, and the playfulness of a woman who is becoming younger every moment. She flirts, but holds back, blushing like she would if Wilder were a college frat boy completely out of her league. Her friendship with Naomi, Freedman's ex, is a genuinely warm-hearted instance of (perhaps, the only) stable relationship in Addison's life.

The biggest turn-off though is that this show is hardly original. Sure, all stories are the same. But there are actual medical cases here that are taken out from the trash of other ones only to be mended for a distasteful second version - from the undesirable pregnancy case to the little head-to-head over sperm and of course, the quintessential woman completely torn by a breakdown. Honestly, is there anything new?

Perhaps, Addison's most famous line in the show is "everyone screws up once in a while." And that is the only redeemable quality of the show. Second chances. After all, who wouldn't waste a few minutes of their day for watching something hopeful. What better delivers sugar-coated truths than television? To be honest, I personally think that if you have that much time on your hands, I would recommend picking another hobby. But this show will definitely gain a following, and if you want to join in, go for it.

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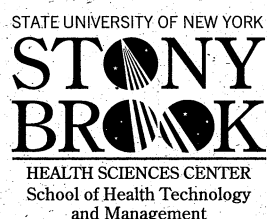
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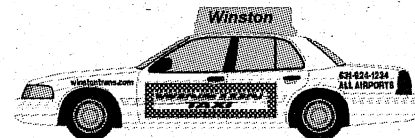
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Artist Scoop Sonu Nigam



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Sonu Nigam is an amazing artist who over the years has become a major force in the music industry in India. He has been a playback singer for a number of Indian movies, including regional films done in languages from Kannada, Punjabi, Bengali, Telugu, and Tamil. He has released many self-titled albums with his own written songs and even came to New York recently for a concert at the Nassau Coliseum in Long Island, which was part of his North-American tour.

Born in Faridabad, India, Nigam and his family moved to New Delhi after his birth. His father, Agam Kumar, is also a singer who was quite famous when Nigam was younger. At age four, he started singing at concerts where his father performed.

Through singing at these concerts, Nigam was discovered and promoted by a man named Gulshan Kumar, who gave him his first break. He started to do music recordings and moved from New Delhi to Mumbai to pursue his career at the age of 19.

Nigam has won numerous awards for his singing, mainly his playback singing. Some memorable songs of his which received recognition include, "Suraj Hua Maddham" from the

film *Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham*, "Main Hoon Na" from the film *Main Hoon Naa*, *Saathiya*, *Kal Ho Naa Ho*, and "Aaj Ki Raat" from the film *Don*.

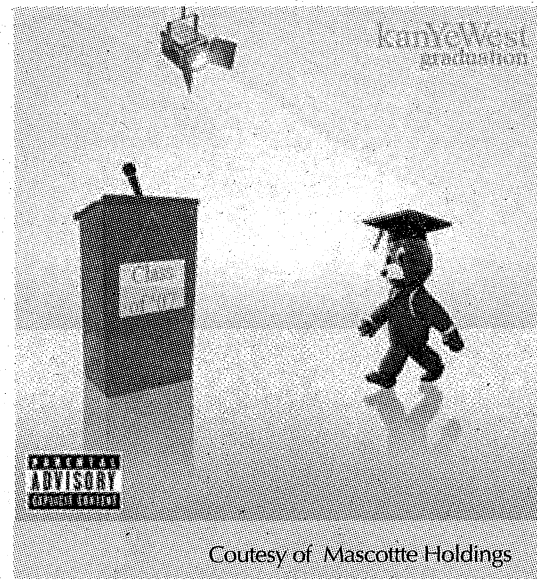
His latest album, "Colours of Love," which came out this year, is not as good as what one may expect from his singing. The beats to his latest album are very slow, there are no fast pace songs on it and some of the songs have a dull and boring feel to them. His albums are not always as enjoyable as his playback singing. The songs he has sung for recent Indian films are outstanding.

His music has touched many people due to his powerful vocal sounds, like in the song "Mera Rang de Basanti" from the movie *The Legend of Bhagat Singh*, a film about a freedom fighter during the time of British control in India. His voice sounds outstanding in the song, and one could feel all the emotions he put into that song to portray the theme of that movie, which was freedom for Indians.

There are some songs of his which he does sing in English, and the strength and clarity of his voice could be understood for those not familiar with his singing in the Indian music industry. Check out this artist who has become a legend in India by searching for him on smashits.com or soundclick.com.

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GRADUATION

By KWAME OPAM
Contributing Writer

Before the 2006 Grammy Awards, Kanye West is credited to have said, "I don't care what I do, I don't care how much I stunt - you can never take away from the amount of work I put into it."

We, as the listeners, watchers, and readers, know this only too well. The name Kanye West has become very much synonymous with wild braggadocio. The fronting, stunting, and going wild at shows. His proclaiming himself a rap and even a cultural icon well before his time is almost galling.

Still, you have to give the man the respect. Why? Sincerity. Sincerity in a dream to push himself, the industry, fashion, and music itself in new directions. Sincerity that he sees is lacking in rap at large, even as he does precisely what has caused people to lose faith in mainstream hip-hop. This makes for a fascinating contradiction that informs much of what he says and makes. As if to say, "I do this because, if I don't go hard in everything that comes out of me, I can't even dream I'm the best." he wears his now-signature Jeremy Scott sunglasses, rhyming on "Can't Tell Me Nothing"

"Don't ever fix your lips like collagen. Then say something when you're gon' end up apologi'n"

With honesty and no apologies, he brought us both "College Dropout" and "Late Registration." And it is with sincerity and trust in his hip-hop education and very much himself that he releases "Graduation." Not the valedictorian in terms of musical or lyrical quality, but a well-rounded, if (putting it lightly) idiosyncratic student.

West set the bar high with his previous efforts, and for the most part he hits that high watermark, faltering here and challenging there. From early on, the overarching theme of this album is clear: Cel-

ebration. True, West has been celebrating since he dropped "College" in 2004, and perhaps that fact dilutes the overall quality of the album. Nevertheless, his celebrating his hip-hop honors and the achievement of the dream continues to resonate, despite and in spite of three years of musical progression.

The need to celebrate is evident in songs like the runaway hit "Stronger," which utilizes Daft Punk's "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger" to great effect, and "The Glory," wherein he's become the hero of the game not unlike legends Biggie Smalls and Big Pun. Feel free to disagree.

Never without paradox, West on "Can't Tell Me Nothing" juxtaposes introspection with self-validation - champagne-splashing with social commentary - as a present-day artist and personality. Hypocritical or not, it works, and it works for him. There is something to be said for most of the songs, and much to be liked. Like Will Smith in *Men in Black* after tying his Armani shoes, he might as well be telling other rappers "You know what's this difference between you and me? I make this look good."

He stumbles, however, on the weaker songs of the album, "Barry Bonds" and "Everything I Am," and for contrasting reasons. "Barry Bonds" isn't a home-run; its weak rhymes go too far in spreading the good news of West's genius. Though not terrible musically, a hit this is not, and Lil Wayne's presence does little to elevate it stylistically. "Everything I Am," on the other hand, falls short simply because "[He'll] never be as laid back as this beat was." It's a beat that would suit a rapper like Common (who passed on it), and it shows as his rhymes, though on point, clash with the sober rhythm.

In terms of gems, "Drunk and Hot Girls" was the most challenging song on this album. Challenging

because I don't care for the song and few people do. Songs like this shouldn't be on albums. Having said that, I say this is one of the better tracks West's come out with. Here, West and Mos Def, through a veil of vapid lyrics, are attacking the kind of song people love this year by, at least from my perspective, making us hate the kind of song "Buy You a Drank" exactly is. The song is a layer cake of ironic social criticism. This may be West's Revolution 9.

Meanwhile, having penned a song like "Big Brother" seems to justify the excesses of the album by showing West, for perhaps the first time, humble. With candor and without holding back, he remarks on a kind of sibling rivalry that, though rocky at times, has made him the rapper he is, making him truly grateful of his idol and mentor, Jay-Z. Beautiful.

This is a great album. Imperfect, of course, but when compared to what the hip-hop community insists on releasing, it's a breath of fresh air. West poses challenges as an artist by simultaneously pushing the envelope while still retaining relevant formula. Paying homage to the old while offering something remarkably new. The very same dualism found in his persona as both "social advocate" and "trend-setter."

Even the cover, done by Japanese Super-flat artist Takashi Murakami, symbolizes a graduation from a strong hip-hop tradition into new heights for the genre. All this while still making some pretty good music. Filled with lush orchestration and skilled, sincere use of the pen, the album grows on you, going from a "I like this" to a "Damn, I love this." As a hip-hop fan, I'm finding I enjoy it more and more, flaws and all, as time goes on. Ask anyone who's taken the class; as much as the man can spout lines proclaiming himself the Louis Vuitton Don, you can't lie that he's pretty damn good at what he does.

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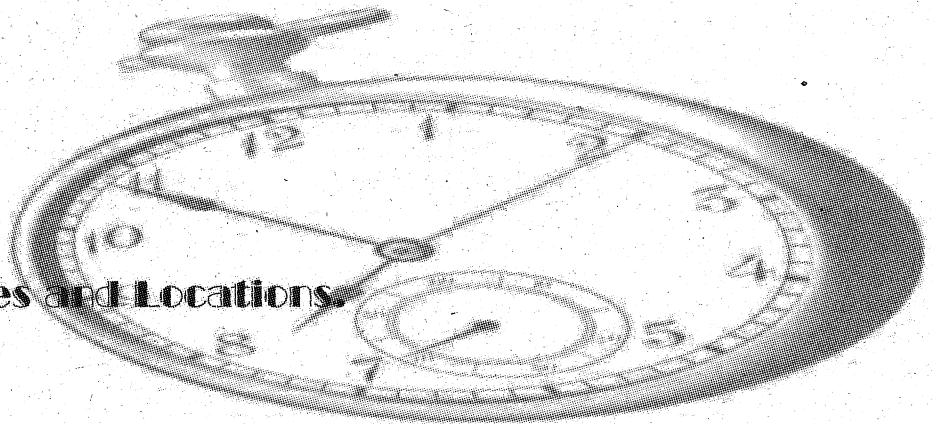
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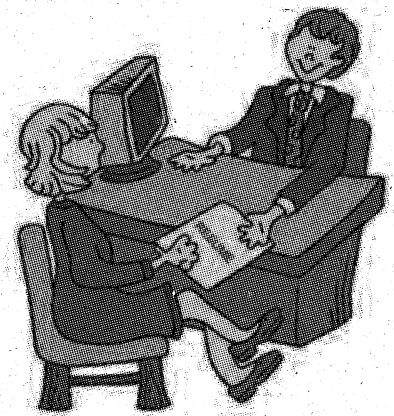
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Where Have All the Good Nicknames Gone?

By ADRIAN CARRASQUILLO
Contributing Writer

His Airness. Magic. The Sultan of Swat. The Great One. Mr. October. Sweetness. Whether you follow sports religiously or as a casual fan, most if not all of these nicknames will resonate with you in some way. Sports nicknames have their place in history and have become synonymous with the figures they refer to.

But what has happened to this aspect of sports, this linguistic dance pairing sports star with snazzy moniker in a blessed union once and forever? To clarify I don't mean players that are still around from the 80's and early 90's. Not 'Big Hurt' Frank

Thomas and not 'The Rocket' Roger Clemens. I mean recent stars like Tom Brady, Derek Jeter, LaDainian Tomlinson, and Steve Nash who all deserve a world class nickname. Why aren't writers working around the clock on this? Right after Jeter finished up the millennium with his fourth ring in 4 years someone somewhere needed to be on a payroll for this.

I believe there is actually a valid reason for The Nickname Quandary. For the most part nicknames are given to athletes by others. Friends, announcers, writers, and teammates are a pretty solid base to consider. Friends and teammates strike me as

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LSU and Florida Remain Undefeated After Big Weekend

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ranked #12), facing off in Louisiana. LSU came into the game with a 15 game winning streak at home and a 10 game winning streak versus the Gamecocks. South Carolina's head coach Steve Spurrier definitely wanted to break both streaks, and bring his career record against LSU to 12-1 (11-1 was as head coach of Florida). However the Tigers proved to be too much, and ending the day as one of only three teams undefeated in the SEC. The game was close for most of the first half, with the score being tied after the first quarter (7-7).

LSU led 14-7 for most of the second quarter, ending the first half with the momentum in their favor. With a little over a minute left in the second quarter, LSU extended their lead after a 15 yard run by the Tiger's kicker Colt David who scored via a fake field goal. The play call was brilliant, surprising everyone who witnessed the rare fake, including Steve Spurrier who could do nothing but laugh after LSU took the lead 21-7. Although there was a whole half still to be played, the Tiger's 21 first half points would be enough to secure the victory.

LSU would score the only points in the third quarter with the Tiger's feature running back, Jacob Hester, running for a nine yard touchdown to extend their lead to 28-7.

In the fourth, South Carolina shut out LSU, but could only add nine points to their score, off a field goal and a touchdown (they didn't convert on the two point conversion). Although they lost 28-16, South Carolina played a great game. Entering the game, LSU outscored their opponents 137-7 and if the game was played in South Carolina, the game could've ended in the Gamecock's favor.

#21 Kentucky Holds Off Arkansas 42-29

Later in the day, Kentucky (ranked #21) faced off against Arkansas. This game was exciting until the end, with the winner undecided until the final four minutes. Although the first half ended with Arkansas leading the Wildcats 20-14, Arkansas dominated the first two quarters. With less than a minute left in the second quarter, Arkansas was leading 20-7 and ready to enter the locker-rooms with the large lead. However, Kentucky recovered a fumble right before the half ended and scored with 26 seconds left in the second quarter.

In the second half, Kentucky's Andre Woodson proved why he's a Heisman candidate and led his team to victory when they needed him most. The Wildcats scored the third quarter's only points off a touchdown thrown by Woodson to Keenan Burton bringing the score to 21-20, giving Kentucky the lead for the first time in the game. In the fourth quarter, Arkansas would fight back; within 11 seconds, the Razorbacks scored 9 points via a safety and an 82 yard kickoff return by Felix Jones to bring the score to 29-21 in Arkansas' favor. Although the momentum seemed to be in the Razorback's favor, the game was far from over. Less than four minutes later, Kentucky would cut the lead to 29-27, after a two yard touchdown run by Kentucky runningback Derrick Locke.

It was still Arkansas' game to lose after the touchdown, because Kentucky did not convert a two point conversion to tie the game. Despite being down, Kentucky's defense didn't panic. Upon receiving the ball, Arkansas' Heisman candidate running back Darren McFadden ran the ball three straight times, but fell short of a first down, only accumulating 9 yards, forcing the Razorback's to punt. After the quick 3 and out, Kentucky had the ball once again with 5 minutes left to go. The Wildcat's started the drive with their running back Derrick Locke carrying the ball for 31 yards off 4 carries and after a five yard Arkansas penalty, Kentucky's offense found them-selves on the 32 yard line in Razorback territory. Then Woodson took over, and on the next play, Woodson passed to Keenan Burton again for a 32 yard touchdown and the lead changed for the last time with Kentucky bringing the score to 35-29 after they converted the two point conversion after the touchdown. When they took over on offense with a little less than four minutes to go, Arkansas had plenty of time to score and re-take the lead, but Kentucky's defense again was too tough for Arkansas. After four plays, Arkansas had to forfeit the ball, and Kentucky delivered the final blow with a minute to go, when Andre Woodson scored another touchdown, this time on the ground, off a one yard rush. That touchdown brought the game to 42-29, which was ultimately the final score.

#22 Georgia Outlasts #16 Alabama 26-23

Alabama (ranked #16) enter-

tained Georgia (ranked #22), and finished Saturday with a bang. Possibly the most exciting game of the day, Georgia and Alabama played a thriller until the end. Georgia led most of the game, but Alabama was always within striking distance. Defense and special teams played an important role for both teams in this game, with both teams yielding only two touchdowns each and the kicker's going a combined 4-6 on their field goal tries, including three field goals for over 40 yards or more.

In the first half, Georgia's defense seemed impenetrable, allowing only three points on a field goal which was kicked as time expired at the end of the second quarter. However, Alabama's offense woke up in the second half, scoring 17 points that included 10 unanswered points to end the fourth quarter. Georgia's offense was consistent through out the game scoring 10 points in each half. Although Alabama's team did allow the 20 points, their defense stepped up when needed.

With a little more than 6 minutes left in the fourth quarter, after an impressive drive lead by quarterback John Parker Wilson and running back Glen Coffee, Alabama had to settle for a field goal which brought the score to 20-13 in Georgia's favor. Once the Bulldogs regained possession of the ball, after a quick first down, Georgia's offense was shutdown by the Crimson Tide's defense. After only having the ball for 1 minute and 40 seconds, Georgia had to punt and gave Alabama the chance to comeback.

The Crimson Tide had only 4:38 to score from the 12 yard line in their territory. Three and half minutes later, John Parker Wilson capped an 88 yard drive with a touchdown and after the extra point; the score was tied at 20. Although there was less than a minute left in the game when they started their next drive, Georgia went for the win and managed to put themselves in field goal position with only a few seconds left in the game. Then as time expired, Georgia's kicker Brandon Coutu, who hit a 47 yard field goal earlier in the game, attempted a 48 yard field goal with the wind blowing against him and from the left hashes to win the game. The kick had enough distance, but unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the ball was a couple inches too far to the left and the

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Football Edges Monmouth at Home

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1:08 to go 71 yards, with no timeouts available. They drove the ball all the way to the SB 17, but Monmouth QB Brett Burke couldn't find his man, and the game ended.

About the choice to pass, Priore said his "approach is to be creative," and added that similar offenses have worked in the past. He complemented the defense, which was without 6 of their starters. Players who had little playing time were suddenly a big part of the game.

Monmouth's offense outdid SB by 105 yards, with a total of 366. Their undoing was their turnovers, losing 2 fumbles near the end zone. Monmouth held the ball a little longer, as well as converting on more 3rd downs, but SB's defense held the line the entire game.

SB goes to Hempstead next to again seek their first win against Long Island rival Hofstra on Saturday. The game starts at 7PM.

Women's Soccer Goes to OT Against Columbia

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Stony Brook's last solid chance to score, off the crossbar.

Seawolves keeper Marisa Viola made 9 saves, two coming off of tough, one-on-one opportunities.

Coach Ryan believes that her team took the next step. "Columbia's RPI is in the 60's," speaking of the index used to measure strength of schedule, "ours is in the 100's. They are considered the best Ivy League school. They won the championship last year."

Asked what she would like to see her team improve on Coach Ryan did not hesitate. "I'd like to see us stay with the game plan in crucial situations. We were so passionate to score but we are a possession oriented team."

This was Stony Brook's second double overtime tie in a row. But if Stony Brook continues to improve then some of these ties may well become victories. "We outran Columbia and each of our last three opponents has been 'statistically' better but we haven't lost to any of them," said Coach Ryan.

The women's next game is Wednesday at 7 PM. vs. Manhattan. The game will be hosted by Stony Brook.



SPORTS

Football Squeaks by Monmouth Seawolves Improve to 3-1

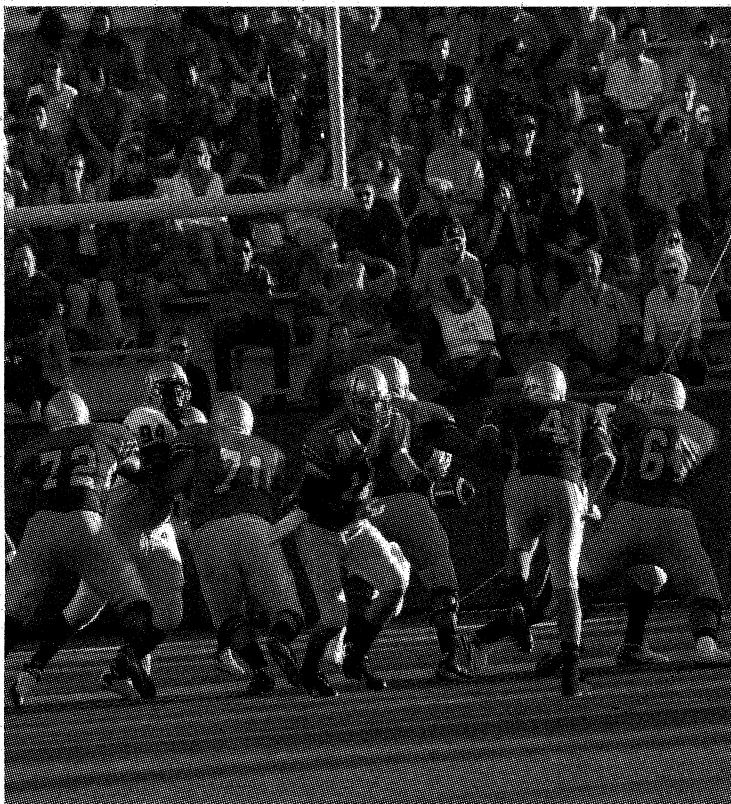
By WILL LAHTI
Co-Managing Editor

The Stony Brook Seawolves football team improved to 3-1 on Saturday with a nail-biting 21-15 win over the Monmouth Hawks, who have yet to win this season. The game began as an offensive stalemate, with only 7 points scored in the first half, and ended with SB holding off a late Monmouth charge. A crowd of over 4,000 saw the game at LaValle Stadium.

The Seawolves had the ball to start, but did very little. Their first series brought the ball to midfield, but the Seawolves were forced to punt. However, they downed the ball deep into Monmouth territory, on 2-yard line. The Seawolves defense held, and with Monmouth unable to get a first down, they were forced to punt. SB got the ball at midfield, added 15 yards on a pass interference penalty, and scored after 3 rushes by Brandon Mason.

The teams went back-and-forth with the ball throughout the rest of the half. SB had an embarrassing beginning to the 2nd, with a disastrous end to a drive. They had a 10-yard holding penalty, a loss of 13 yards on a rush, and a 9-yard loss on a sack to draw 4th & 42. Monmouth got close to scoring late in the quarter, after an interception that gave them the ball at SB's 9-yard line. They were unable to go the remaining 9 yards, with Monmouth's David Sinisi fumbling the ball at the 1. The half ended uneventfully, with a 7-0 score.

The 3rd quarter didn't see any scoring until midway, when Monmouth got on the board with a field goal. SB suffered a disaster on the following drive, which ended in a punt attempt. The snap



QB Josh Dudash (#11) and RB Brandon Mason (#4) led an offense that only totaled 261 yards, but still found the endzone three times in Saturday's home win.

Will Lahti/SB Statesman

was botched, and Monmouth regained the ball on the SB 15. Worse yet, punter Andrew Powell left the game with an injury, and was replaced by QB Josh Dudash. Powell was one of several players to leave the game. Others included Will Martinez and J.J. Cox.

On the ensuing Monmouth drive, SB caught another lucky break, when Monmouth lost another fumble, this time in the end zone, giving SB the ball back at the 20. They scored, after Dudash completed a 46-yard pass to an unguarded Dwayne Eley. SB was up 14-3, and seemed to be in control of a game with very little scoring.

Monmouth struck back in the 4th, with a touchdown following

a 12-play drive. The 2-point conversion failed, putting the score at 14-9. SB went up 21-9 on another TD pass from Dudash, this time to Kevin Halonski. Monmouth scored another touchdown on the ensuing drive, with the 2-point conversion ending with QB Brett Burke being sacked.

SB got the ball back with 2:11 remaining. Junior RB Brandon Mason rushed for no gain on the first play. Head Coach Chuck Priore then made the surprising decision to go to the air. Dudash's pass was incomplete, stopping the clock. The following play was a run, and they drew a 4th down. They punted, giving Monmouth

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Women's Soccer Plays Third Overtime Game in a Row

By ADRIAN CARRASQUILLO
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Women's soccer battled Columbia to a double overtime 0-0 tie on Friday at Columbia. Each team had 22 shots but the Seawolves played the better game, leading Coach Sue Ryan to say that it was "our best effort of the year thus far."

Columbia controlled the first 10 minutes of the game until Stony Brook took charge. Brooke Barbuto had a terrific opportunity to score but was denied by the keeper. In a span of five minutes, Jackie Timmes and Danielle Tenaglia each narrowly missed chances to score by hitting the crossbar. Trine Allenberg continued the onslaught with a strong shot that was just tipped away by the keeper.

In the 68th minute Aisling Toolan fired a shot but it met the far post. Minutes later, the keeper deflected Toolan's shot,

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SEC Thrillers and Upsets

By BRIAN MORGAN
Staff Writer

All eyes were on the SEC on Saturday, and the most dominant conference in college football delivered some great games and amazing finishes.

#2 LSU Drops #12 South Carolina 28-16

The day started with two undefeated teams, LSU (3-0, ranked #2) and South Carolina (3-0,

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Men's Soccer Falls to Towson

By GENE MORRIS
Assistant Sports Editor

Men's soccer lost 2-1 to the Towson Tigers on Saturday afternoon, wiping out their four game win streak. The loss dropped the Seawolves to 4-3 on the season. Towson now stands at 3-2-1.

Sophomore defenseman Petar Rakovic scored his second goal of the season in the 39th minute to give SB the lead. The goal was assisted by freshman forward Maurice Brown and the current America East player of the week Michael Palacio. It was Palacio's team leading fifth assist and ninth point.

Towson managed only three shots on goal, all by junior midfielder Cesar Cisneros, who was able to connect on two of them. He tied the game in the 80th minute after he found a loose ball in the box and fired it past SB goaltender Dawid Ditrich. The game remained tied after one overtime, and in the second OT, in the 102nd minute of the game, Cisneros was able to rifle a strike past Ditrich from 25 yards out after a throw in. It was Towson's only shot in the overtime periods. The Seawolves managed to hit the target three times in the first overtime, but were turned away each time.

The game was the fourth all time meeting between the two schools, and Towson now holds a 3-1 advantage.

The Seawolves season continues on Tuesday night when they host Marist at LaValle Stadium. The game is scheduled to start at 7:00 PM.