

Arts & Entertainment: 7
In Pictures: SB IDOLS!

Sports: 11
Baseball Loses 3 of 4 Against
Binghamton

Be on the lookout for our **EARTH DAY** issue, coming out April 23. We have a lot in store. Plus, it'll be in color.

ARTS

NDS Review: Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles

As the latest addition to the Crystal Chronicles vein of the long-running, highly worshiped Final Fantasy series, Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: Echoes of Time arrives as a revamped, improved version of its predecessor, Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: Ring of Fates. Learning from its predecessor's pitfalls, Echoes of Time keeps what worked, reforms and redesigns what was broken, and includes a few new trimmings.

>> page 6

OPINION

No Clemency for Torturers

President Obama is in a bind. If he acknowledges that the atrocities perpetrated on terrorism suspects by the CIA during the previous administration constitute torture, he will be taking moral and legal responsibility for prosecuting them. If he continues to describe the waterboarding, insect, walling, and sleep deprivation practices as "harsh interrogation techniques" and not "torture," he cannot fairly or meaningfully prohibit their use in the future.

>> page 5

Celebrating Earth Day the Free Market Way

There is a dangerous and false dichotomy between the environmental movement and the conservative-libertarian philosophy in modern day America. Go ahead and turn on the radio, surf through the popular blogs or watch the major TV networks and you'll get the same message: the right wing doesn't care about environmental issues and the left does.

>> page 9



Frank Posillico / SB Statesman

Although the amount of applications to the university are up, enrollment will stay the same for the 2009-2010 school year.

MTA Fare Hikes Make Students' Commute Harder

By ANNIE FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

"I used to take the bus to work since I didn't have a car," Diane Wyland, a Stony Brook University sophomore, said about the recent mass transit fare hikes. "Now with the drastic increases in bus tickets, I'm going to start to find rides or ride my bike."

In an effort to raise money to close the \$1.2 billion budget gap, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority released a list of subway and bus fare increases beginning May 31st and toll fares in mid-July.

The New York City subway and bus fares would increase from \$2 to \$2.50, and the monthly MetroCard will increase from \$81 to \$103.

Long Island Railroad rates will increase between 20 and 30 percent, depending upon location.

Victor Rodriguez, a Stony Brook University senior, rides the Long Island Railroad from campus when returning to his home in Queens.

"It's going to be more of a nuisance to travel now," Rodriguez said. "But it's still cheaper than having a car and it's still a better option, especially for those who work in the city."

One-way E-ZPass and cash tolls on major bridges and tunnels

will rise as well. On the Robert Kennedy Bridge and the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, fares will rise from \$4.15 to \$5.26. One-way cash tolls will rise from \$5 to \$6.50.

The Long Island bus line, which operates mostly in Nassau County, will experience some of the biggest fare increases from \$2 to \$3.50.

After the vote for the increases was approved, the MTA said there is a possibility they will insist even higher fares from passengers next year unless the state Legislature proposes a rescue plan.

David Campbell, a Stony Brook University junior, relies on public transportation to get to his home in Kings Park from and hopes that lawmakers need to come up with a

rescue plan.

"This is a tough economic time we're all in," Campbell said. "The last thing they should do is ask for more money from us, especially when jobs are hard to come by."

While it is unknown how much LIRR ticket prices will be raised, Stony Brook University students who travel home frequently will be paying an average of 23 percent more out of pocket.

Alyssa Oliveras, a Stony Brook University junior, used to travel to her home in Queens on the LIRR almost every weekend.

"I can't afford to go home as much because it's too expensive," Oliveras said. "To raise the prices of the most important means of trans



Frank Posillico / SB Statesman

Fare hikes are having an effect on Stony Brook students who depend on the train.

Though Applications Pile Up, Enrollment to Remain the Same

By ERIC LUU
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University has received 27,000 applications from prospective students so far this year, up from a grand total of 25,000 last year, according to school officials, but enrollment will remain roughly the same.

With the economy still in shambles, admissions officers are seeing a jump in applications. Students and faculty at Stony Brook are concerned about how the growing trend will affect the university.

According to State University of New York, there are approximately 440,000 students enrolled in its 64 campuses in the current academic year, up almost 30,000 from 2003. It received nearly 300,000 applications, an increase of nearly 25 percent from five years ago.

The university's resources are already stretched to its limits, some students complained. Incoming freshman are tripled in rooms designed for two students, and the tuition increased by roughly \$300 last semester. Students simply don't want Stony Brook shouldering more than it can handle with its current resources.

Deepa Ganesh, 19, was concerned about the increased applications for Stony Brook because she thought that enrollment rates would increase too, further exacerbating the institution's resources.

The assistant provost of admissions and financial aid at Stony Brook University, Matt Whelan, said that is not happening. "We are not looking to increase the number of freshman that we bring in this year," Whelan said in a question and answer session in the university's newsroom.

According to Whelan, the number of New York residents applying for Stony Brook increased by roughly 5 percent

Continued on page 3

 (631) 471-8000/1-800-HOLIDAY
www.stonybrookny.hiexpress.com



EXPRESS

Make reservations for graduation **NOW!**

The management team
at the Holiday Inn Express
Stony Brook would like
to thank you for your
continuing business.

Proudly Serving L.I.'s Freshest
Seafood for over 25 years!

Takeout Available
Open for Lunch & Dinner
7 Days a Week

**LOBSTER
THURSDAYS**

**BUY ONE
LOBSTER
GET ONE
FREE**

**THE
STEAM
ROOM**

(631)928-6690
4 East Broadway, Port Jefferson
www.steamroomrestaurant.com

Free items must be of equal or lesser value.
Availability and price are subject to change without notice. Dine-in only.



Luxury Rental Communities

Babylon.....	(631) 587-6096
Bay Shore	(631) 665-3263
Bay Shore 55+	(631) 665-3263
N. Bay Shore	(631) 665-3263
Bohemia	(631) 567-1144
Calverton	(631) 369-3884
Cedarhurst.....	(516) 927-0379
Centereach	(631) 698-8344
Commack	(631) 462-9150
N. Coram 55+.....	(631) 451-1282
Deer Park	(631) 587-6096
East Islip.....	(631) 581-1475
Farmingdale	(516) 753-0417
Farmingdale Village	(516) 753-0417
Farmingville	(631) 451-0969
Hauppauge	(631) 366-3446
Hewlett	(631) 462-6060
Holbrook	(631) 218-9044
Islip.....	(631) 665-3263
Lake Grove.....	(631) 580-1657
Medford	(631) 698-3262
Middle Island	(631) 924-1100
Moriches.....	(631) 475-1667
Northport	(631) 261-7662
Oakdale.....	(631) 567-6333
Patchogue	(631) 475-8922
N. Patchogue	(631) 475-1667
Patchogue Village 55+	(631) 475-8922
Port Jefferson	(631) 928-7250
Port Jefferson 55+	(631) 331-4407
Port Jefferson Village	(631) 928-7250
Riverhead	(631) 727-1919
Ronkonkoma.....	(631) 585-1280
Sayville	(631) 567-6333
Selden	(631) 698-8344
Setauket	(631) 737-9030
Smithtown.....	(631) 366-3446
Valley Stream	(516) 924-0379
W. Babylon.....	(631) 478-1141
W. Babylon 55+	(631) 587-6096



See our NEW Locations in
Hewlett (*Nassau County*) & East Islip!

Bring in this ad for
**NO
APPLICATION
FEE!**

*Restrictions apply. Call for Details!

Fairfield Properties

•Luxury Garden Apartment Locations

Beautifully Landscaped Communities With Studio, 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments – Some Senior 55 And Over Communities. Most Featuring Updated Kitchen & Bath, Wall-To-Wall Carpeting, Gas Heat & Hot Water, Dishwasher, Microwave, Central Air Conditioning Or A/C Units, Terrace And Private Entries. Detached Garages & Storage Units Available.

•Newly-Constructed Rental Townhouse Communities

Award Winning Ranch, Duplex and Villa Style 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Floor Plans Each Featuring Two Full Baths, Central Air Conditioning, Wall-To-Wall Carpeting And Ceramic Tile Kitchen With State-Of-The-Art Whirlpool Appliances, Including Washer/Dryer. Some Layouts With Den, Loft, Fireplace, Direct Access Garage and Full Basement.

•Decorator Designed Clubhouses

Outstanding Recreational Facilities Featuring State-Of-The Art Fitness Centers. Some With Party Kitchen, Business Center, Library, Laundry Room, Pool, Playground, Sport Court, Sauna And Locker Room. Available At Select Communities.

•Corporate Furnished Apartments Available



Fairfield Properties

66 Commack Road, Commack, New York 11725

(631)462-6060 www.fairfieldproperties.com



Student Forecast

Apr. 20 - Apr. 24



Monday:

High: 45°F

Low: 45°F

Windy and colder with rain.

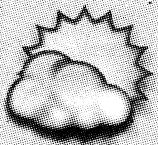


Tuesday:

High: 61°F

Low: 46°F

Breezy and warmer with scattered showers and t-storms.

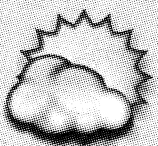


Wednesday:

High: 56°F

Low: 51°F

Breezy with clouds and sunshine; an afternoon shower possible.

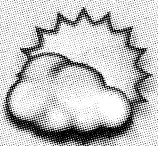


Thursday:

High: 57°F

Low: 50°F

Partly sunny.



Friday:

High: 67°F

Low: 64°F

Partly sunny and warmer.

From weather.com

Though Applications Pile Up, Enrollment to Remain the Same

Continued from page 1

from last year. When Whelan first joined the university in 2006, there were roughly 22,000 applications. Even though the number of applications has increased drastically in recent years, the SUNY institution is going to be more conservative in accepting students.

Currently, the school has accepted 3 percent fewer student than it did at this time last year, Whelan said. Being more selective in choosing students is helping it to raise its academic standing. "It's the only university I've worked at where the academic substance exceeds the academic reputation," the assistant provost said.

After an explanation of the situation, Ganesh changed her thought about the issue. She agreed that the school was underrated.

Alice Yu, 20, was happy to hear that the school was being more selective. "As a student at Stony Brook University, I would have more prestige," the economics and statistics student said. She jokingly added that she was glad that she already goes to Stony Brook.

But some students disagree. "I think that's crap," Ron Kangas, 29, said. The economics and business student believed that SUNY schools were the stepping stones for those who come from community college. It is a second chance for people to step into the academic setting.

Those close to the admissions process are predicting

the same will happen across the nation.

The hard numbers have not come in for the current year yet, said the associate executive director of external relations at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Barmak Nassirian. The numbers are expected to have increased significantly from last year, but he stressed the point that these are only predictions. "There is no way that we can predict enrollment," the director said.

Nassirian explained that, in past economic recessions, public universities experienced a jump in applications. He saw the opposite happen in private universities. "But not at Harvard or Yale and other elite schools," Nassirian said with a chuckle.

Prospective students explained that they applied to public universities because of their affordability.

Raymond Harris recently found what he was looking for in his mailbox, a bulky envelope from Stony Brook University.

Harris, 17, is a student at Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx, and he avoided any private schools when he was going through the long application process. He believed that it was not feasible for his situation.

His parents own a small furniture store in Queens. After the housing market collapse, fewer people are buying homes and fewer people need furniture.

He explained that public universities have been under-

rated. "Education is education no matter where you go," Harris said.

Harris was enthusiastic, but he realized that financial aid coverage would be inadequate.

Federal and New York state aid will increase this year, according to Whelan. A student from a low-income household can get nearly \$9000 in aid on the state and federal level.

Kenny Lin, 17, is a high school senior from Williamsburg, Brooklyn. He is currently a student at Brooklyn Technical High School, one of the city's specialized science high schools. He said that the slumping economy will affect his choice of school, and the affordable price of Stony Brook was enticing.

He was accepted into Stony Brook University as well as Syracuse University. Even with financial aid, the price tag for the private university was a hefty \$50,000 a year, excluding loans. At Stony Brook, he pays about \$5,000 a year, including loans.

"Aside from the fact that the country has this crazy debt, I don't think that [the economy] has affected me personally," Lin said.

Even though the slumping economy is driving more students to apply to SUNY schools and driving their academic standing up, they are experiencing budgetary cutbacks.

Sharwat Jahan, a biochemistry student, was at the commuter lounge doing the budget for her club. As the treasurer of the archery club, SBU Company

of Archers, she noticed that the Undergraduate Student Government is enforcing its policies more stringently -- funds have tightened.

"If it's not really necessary, USG might not give it to you, because they need to make adjustments to budget cuts," Jahan said while she looked over her work.

Ganesh was an employee at the campus bookstore last semester and noticed budget cuts there as well. "I don't think they'll rehire me for next semester," the psychology and biology major said. The bookstore cut its staff and Ganesh is concerned that the economic crisis will inhibit her search for another job.

Kangas believed that the economic downturn took a toll on class availability. Searching for classes became frustrating for him because he works. He takes classes in the morning and works with mentally ill children later in the day.

The budget cuts have not been the only woe of the dismal economic condition. Some students work to make ends meet, and the sluggish economy is creating an even greater obstacle for some students.

Kangas noticed that overtime is no longer given, but there hasn't been a reduction in the number of workers. "Luckily in my field, you can't really fire people," Kangas said.

Yu tutors in Brooklyn on the weekends, but recently, she has had less work. "Parents just call up and cancel on the spot," Yu said.

President Kenny Holds Student Media Briefing

By JOE TROLLO
Assistant News Editor

In a student media briefing held on April 1, President Shirley Strum Kenny discussed the budget issue that the SUNY system is faced with, including the tuition increase.

Usually, after a round of budget cuts, the SUNY schools are allowed to increase their tuition to help soften the blow, which Stony Brook University did.

However, after the increase took effect, the state passed another set of cuts that requires the university to hand over all but 10 percent of the money from the tuition difference to the state, effectively counteracting the effect of the increase.

Next year, the school will be allowed to keep 30 percent of the tuition difference, 40 percent

the year after, and 50 percent the year after that. It is unclear if and when the university will be allowed to claim all the tuition.

According to Kenny, the perception that private higher-education institutions are inherently better than public institutions is false.

It is because of this inaccuracy that Kenny thinks that public higher-education systems -- such as the SUNY system -- should be funded accordingly to protect what she sees as the K-16 birthright of Americans.

Additionally, Kenny thinks that the state is not taking all the opportunities it can to save money. She cited the fact that Nassau and Suffolk counties have a combined 124 school districts, whereas Fairfax and Loudon counties in Virginia have one district each. Consolidating and economizing administrative af-



JC Chan / SB Statesman

President Kenny speaking at an event in the fall.

fairs in the educational systems across Long Island is just one of the ways the state could potentially save significant money.

Kenny continues to encourage students and parents to fight

for funding and assist the SUNY system in any way they can, and said she would continue to advocate for public higher education, even after leaving her position and president of Stony Brook.

Financial U

**Your Money,
Your Future**

Brought to you by

**Teachers Federal
TFCU
Credit Union**
Since 1952

The Educated Choice

10 Cash-Smart Tips for College Students

Managing money may not come naturally, but it does pay off. Here are 10 surefire ways to start you on the path to financial security.

10. Where does it go?

It's easy to go to the ATM (another twenty missing) and not track the money you're taking out. Set a limit on how much you take out each time and how many times per week.

9. You download music, why not your account balance?

With online access to your accounts it's easy to check your balance and see what transactions have been processed. And TFCU offers Free Online Banking and Bill Payer.

8. Create a spending plan to control your money.

Write down your fixed expenses such as rent and utilities. Then account for debt payments and some savings. You can use what's left for fun, so plan for it.

7. What's in a name?

Whether buying beverages or clothes, look for bargains. Name brands don't always mean an item is better—remember that \$250 sweater that fell apart?

6. Stay out of the red.

This is simple—don't spend more than you take in. And remember, student loans aren't income: Borrow what you need, not what you can.

5. Split it.

Dating can get expensive, but this is the 21st century. Take turns buying dinner or movie tickets.

4. Shop around to find the best value.

Believe it or not, where you shop makes a major difference in what you spend.

3. Avoid eating out (every night).

Eating out adds up. Cook dinner several nights a week and share the responsibility with roommates to cut down on the time commitment.

2. Stash some cash.

Do yourself a favor—try to put away \$10 a week for one semester. Use this as an emergency fund when you're in a jam.

1. Keep the credit card balance low—like at ZERO.

What you owe adds up, and interest accumulates quickly. Paying off credit card bills each month helps keep your cash flow steady and helps your credit record. Remember—your future employer may be watching.

Teachers Federal Credit Union, **Stony Brook's on-campus banking services partner**, offers a complete range of financial services to Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and their families.

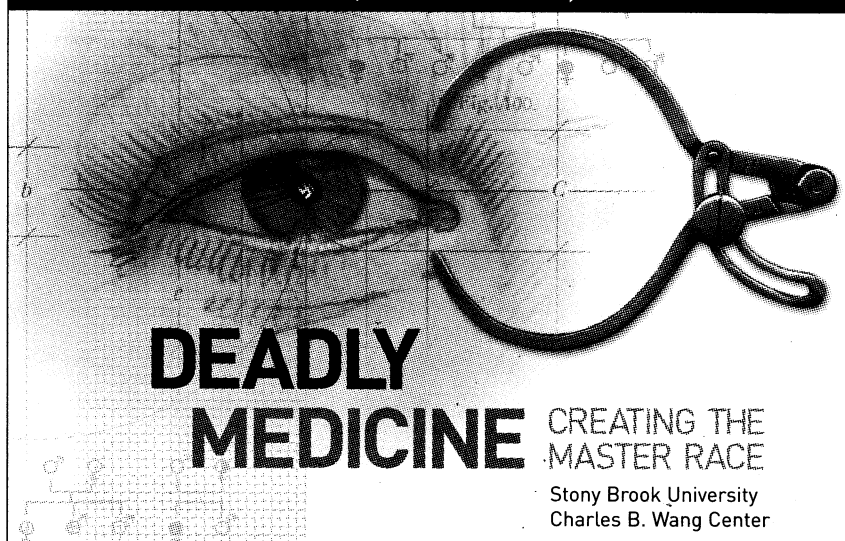
**Call 631-698-7000 or visit
www.teachersfcu.org**



Savings federally
insured to \$250,000

© 2009 Credit Union National Association
Brought to you by TFCU.

APRIL 6, 2009 TO JUNE 12, 2009



DEADLY MEDICINE

CREATING THE
MASTER RACE

Stony Brook University
Charles B. Wang Center

This stirring and thought-provoking traveling exhibition, created by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with individuals in professions traditionally charged with healing and the public good, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide.

Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race is organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and has been made possible by the Lerner Foundation and Eric F. and Lore Ross.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics of the School of Medicine (www.stonybrook.edu.edu/bioethics), and is presented by Stony Brook University with the generous support of the Samuel H. and Maria Miller Foundation. It is co-sponsored by the Center for Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Relations.

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY/SUNY IS AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATOR AND EMPLOYER. 0903063

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

APRIL 6, 2009 TO JUNE 12, 2009
MOST MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS
12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

FOR THE SCHEDULE,
INCLUDING EXTENDED HOURS,
VISIT THE WEB SITE:
www.stonybrook.edu/deadlymedicine

**STONY
BROOK**
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

A Celebration of Student Expression

April 22 to 30, 2009



Join us for the
Shirley Strum Kenny
Student Arts Festival,
which showcases
the diversity of our
students through their
creative endeavors.

For information on event locations and times, visit our Web page:

www.stonybrook.edu/artsfest

**STONY
BROOK**
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Stony Brook University/SUNY is an affirmative action, equal opportunity educator and employer. 0903077
For a disability-related accommodation, please call 632-4378.

Editors-in-Chief
Lynn Hsieh
Bradley Donaldson

News Editor
April Warren

Arts & Entertainment Editor
Yi-Jin Yu

Sports Editor
Gene Morris

Opinion Editor
Zachary Kurtz

Copy Editor
Emily Gover

Business Manager
Frank D'Alessandro

Accountant
Arthur Golnick

First issue free, additional issues cost 50 cents.

GET INVOLVED

Statesman production meetings are held throughout the day on Wednesdays and Sundays in RM 057 in the basement of the Student Union. Anyone wishing to contribute to the newspaper is welcome to attend these meetings.

The Statesman encourages readers to submit opinions and commentaries to the following address:

Stony Brook Statesman
PO Box 1530
Stony Brook, NY 11790

phone: (631) 632 - 6479
fax: (631) 632 - 9128

Email us at:
comments@sbstatesman.org

To view previous issues, extra material, and to learn about how to get involved with the Statesman, visit our website at sbstatesman.org.

For advertising inquiries, call us at (631) 632 - 6479 or visit us online at sbstatesman.org/advertise.

WHO WE ARE

The Stony Brook Statesman was founded as "The Sucolian" in 1957 at Oyster Bay, the original site of Stony Brook University. In 1975 "The Statesman" was incorporated as a not-for-profit, student run organization. Its editorial board, writing, and photography staff are student volunteers while its business staff are professionals.

The Statesman is published twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Disclaimer: Views expressed in columns or in the Letters and Opinions section are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Statesman. All content Copyright 2009.

No Clemency for Torturers

By ZEB A AHMAD
Staff Writer

President Obama is in a bind. If he acknowledges that the atrocities perpetrated on terrorism suspects by the CIA during the previous administration constitute torture, he will be taking moral and legal responsibility for prosecuting them. If he continues to describe the waterboarding, insect, walling, and sleep deprivation practices as "harsh interrogation techniques" and not "torture," he cannot fairly or meaningfully prohibit their use in the future.

He has set up a precedence of choosing middle ground. In his first week, President Obama prohibited the use of sleep deprivation and other significant torture tactics. He made a poignant point on the matter in his speech to Congress: that "living our values" would only serve to strengthen us. However, in a more recent memo to the CIA, he assures that operatives performing under the counsel of their superiors and the Department of Justice will not be prosecuted for using harsh interrogation techniques during the Bush administration.

This is potentially disastrous. His ideas of a clean slate or fresh start are, in this case, more outrageous than uplifting. As civil rights organizations such as Amnesty International have pointed out, we are obliged to take punitive measures against those responsible to protect the rights of the accused and to set a fair precedent for the future accused.

By failing to prosecute or, thus far, even investigate the actions taken over the last eight years by CIA staff and the Department of Justice, President Obama is compromising his own positions. He is overestimating the effect that his personal values, and ours, will have on future action; the next administration, or his own in the face of any future crisis, may not accede to his philanthropic interpretation of basic human rights in favor of his cryptic actions.

In refusing to recognize past crimes against humanity that were committed by our own government, we create an environment where these tactics can be used in the future. Without full knowledge of what practices were used in the past - and it is laughable to pretend that none of these constituted torture - the government is effectively calling the inefficacy and inhumanity of torture into question. Without fair and due prosecution for the people committing it, we're not eliminating torture; we're simply putting it on the shelf.

No matter what the exigencies or circumstances, governmental organizations such as the CIA need to be taught that torture and other crimes against humanity are inexcusable and impermissible. More than ordinary citizens or soldiers, CIA operatives are responsible for complying with the law at all times; granting them immunity raises a dangerous illusion that they are exempt from or above it. Without concrete consequences for illegal actions such as torture, these officials and their successors will

continue to believe that denying human rights is their prerogative. In a statement to the Associated Press cited in a BBC article, Gen Michael Hayden typifies this unrepentant, blasé attitude: "If you want an intelligence service to work for you, they always work on the edge. That's just where they work." The "edge," as Hayden describes it, ought to represent the height of justice; grave crimes committed by serious criminals certainly don't warrant grave crimes committed by government officials representing the United States. Unfortunately, the CIA's past suggests no such sense of accountability.

Conversely, the CIA deserves the right to represent itself in a fair trial, and the opportunity to establish a code of fair interrogation techniques.

Prosecution will deter future similar action and mean much to the American people and the international community. Our international image and soft power will lend directly to our safety and security in the future.

President Obama and his entire administration are certainly aware of all this. One of the reasons they will not prosecute, however, is that it is very difficult to understand who is most directly responsible. The labyrinthine chain of command and legal exceptions, exemptions, and wrangling within the CIA and the Department of Justice collectively guarantee that no single party can be immediately accused for the entire crime. Meanwhile, this allows the higher-

ups that are actually responsible to throw their subordinates under the bus. Where, exactly, does the buck start and where does it stop?

The most just solution has already been put forward, but has not been acted upon. A "truth commission," external to the CIA or the increasingly culpable Department of Justice, needs to be established for the sole purpose of addressing torture cases over the past eight years.

Investigating what was ordered, whether those orders were just, and who flouted those orders and for what reasons, is essential to codifying a new system that does not depend on the abuse of human rights for perceived justice. Unfortunately, following the public desire for immediate guarantees, there is little indication of progress in this regard.

The new, determinedly forward-looking administration has chosen to abstain from judgment. Instead of prosecuting everyone, President Obama seems to have settled on prosecuting no one.

This is not a solution. We are responsible for our nation's recent past, including any crimes committed in it. A new presidency is not a fresh start; it is an assumption of all the values and individuals that constitute the nation, and their relation to the international community. We cannot continually ascribe Obama's failure to straightforwardly address issues raised by the past administration to high-mindedness or honor. At some point, we have to acknowledge that he is avoiding the problem.

A Republican Party's Tea Party

By HIRA AHMED
Asst. Opinion Editor

The Boston Tea Party of 1773 was an exercise in what would later become an American's right to assemble. American colonists protested on the Boston Harbor, chanting "No taxation without representation." "...Without Representation" seems to be the operative part of the slogan that the modern day tea party goes neglected to remember, as they derailed the current administration's economic policies. Whether or not the tea parties of tax day's April 15 were blown out of proportion by the media is secondary to the many ironies of the tea parties themselves.

Of greatest concern, is what the protesters, adorned in tea bags, are actually protesting. Some carried signs objecting to tax raises, while others expressed outrage over wasteful government spending. John Stewart astutely pointed out on the Daily show that these were the same

people who purchased one million tea bags to hang from their clothing, all to make a historically inaccurate statement. Jokes aside though, it appears many of these "Real Americans" have a warped idea of what Obama's economic policies in fact entail. As Paul Begala, CNN political contributor, expressed in his commentary, "April 15 is a Patriot's Day," Obama's tax plan benefits the majority of the protesters as he gives tax cuts to 95% of Americans this year and doesn't raise the taxes of the wealthiest 1% of Americans until 2011. The concern Joe the Plumber and his blue collar friends show for the wealthiest in America who benefited enough from Bush era tax cuts, and ruined the economy while they were at it, is baffling. The misplaced anger a lot of these protesters have been expressing, has caused many political commentators to wonder whether this is an attack on Obama's politics, or just on Obama.

The greatest irony is the outrage of "teabaggers" in Texas who are

threatening to secede from the Union. According to Gail Collins' April 18 New York Times column, "Twitter's from Texas," states like Alaska and Texas receive the most from the federal government, meanwhile they complain the most about taxes. Texas Governor Rick Perry's rejection of the stimulus package that gives Texas \$556 million, was based on various conditions the state would have to meet such as: extend unemployment benefits for laid-off workers who are in a retraining program, cover people who quit jobs for compelling family reasons - such as domestic violence - and improve health and unemployment benefits for laid off workers with dependents. Call me a liberal, but it seems these conditions laid out by the Obama administration are directed towards helping the many unemployed Texans affected by the economic strife.

Keith Olberman said it best on his show, Countdown, "the sad reality behind the corporate sponsored Tea

Parties, visual proof that this is not about spending, deficits, or taxes, but about some Americans getting riled up by the people who caused these things, and finally about some Americans who just hate the president of the United States." Olberman, of course, was referring to the unfounded complaints of protesters.

The over-exaggerated events of the April 15 tea parties, by Fox news and their cronies, will bow out ungracefully from our televisions soon enough. It hasn't been the silly protesting that's alarming, but rather the implications of it. It is evident that many of the complaints of protesters regarding tax policies and the stimulus package, are least informed. It is also evident that these supposed patriotic Americans need a history lesson. The small, convoluted outcry from the tea party goes, therefore, seems to be rooted in an unfounded hate for the president, something Janeane Garofolo would call "racism, straight up".

VIDEO GAMES

NDS REVIEW: FINAL FANTASY CRYSTAL CHRONICLES - ECHOES OF TIME

By PAUL TORONDEK
Contributing Writer



Media Credit: Google Images

As the latest addition to the Crystal Chronicles vein of the long-running, highly worshiped Final Fantasy series, Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: Echoes of Time arrives as a revamped, improved version of its predecessor, Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: Ring of Fates. Learning from its predecessor's pitfalls, Echoes of Time keeps what worked, reforms and redesigns what was broken, and includes a few new trimmings. Altogether, this new package is a refined version of the Ring of Fates prototype, but sadly not quite a final product; a few nagging traits continue to persist that its adoring fans will most certainly scrutinize in anticipation of the next Crystal Chronicles incarnation.

Echoes of Time begins as any hack'n'slash/action-RPG does, with a character creation screen of the Crystal Chronicles universe's canonical races: the magically-inclined Yukes, the agile Selkies, the SSS (slow, short, strong) Lilties, and your all-around Humes. Although there's very little by way of personal customization, this is made up by the fact that there's hundreds of different headgear and body armor, which is reflected in hundreds of different looks and outfits for each character; adapted from Ring Of Fates, this feature is tried, true, and probably didn't need any revising.

Whatever in-game avatar you fashion yourself, your story will be the same: you're 16, it's your village coming-of-age ceremony, and it's time to prove yourself as a (wo)man. Venturing into your local forest, it's up to you to fight your way through, on a brave pilgrimage to the world's final remaining crystal, hidden at the forest's center. Upon your triumphant return, one of your dear friends falls ill, and the others officially diagnose her with the 'crystal sickness.' Now a (wo)man, it falls to you to venture out into the world to find a cure and unravel the crystal mystery.

If you haven't figured it out by now, you should not be coming to this game for the story. Bearing no relation to the events that transpired in Ring of Fates, it's an entirely original story with not-so-original plot devices. To be fair, it's hard to be original with a story/fantasy in this day and age, so I harbor no ill will to Echoes of Time in particular. Gamers expecting hoards of enemies to fight and items and materials to collect will find it in droves, but those looking for a striking, gripping story will have to look elsewhere.

This game certainly has plenty to offer. In comparison to other games in its competition, one of Echoes of Time's most prominent features is its replayability, with several things going for it. Echoes of Time inherits the item crafting feature found in Ring of Fates, an extensive list for those with the time and desire to collect the necessary materials and ingredients, and inserts hundreds of gems for further customization, extending the options for the tweak-inclined gamer to tailor their equipment with boosted stats, resistances, or other bonuses.



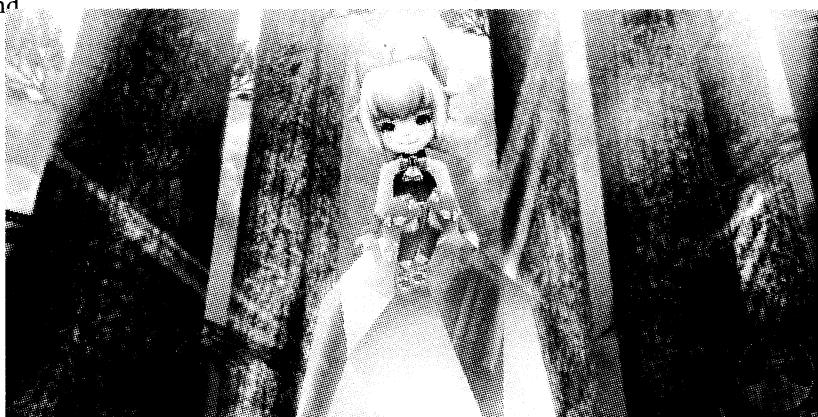
Media Credit: Gamespy.com

Aside from the massive amount of items to collect and craft, the game is far from over when the last cutscene plays out: yes, there is a bonus dungeon and a hard mode, along with a very hard mode, for the inner masochist. Of

course, with such harder challenges comes rarer equipment, as well as new, specialized heroes to recruit and play as.

Perhaps the biggest contribution to Echoes of Time's replayability is the much longed for and much awaited online multiplayer feature. Building on Ring of Fates' ad hoc multiplayer system, Echoes of Time features gameplay over the internet through the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connectio, allowing players to play with friends, with others in the U.S., or even others internationally. It is truly a magnificent endeavor and I personally applaud Nintendo for the effort. However, it is not without its flaws. While it sets an excellent precedent for future games, the multiplayer feature has a few kinks that need to be dealt with. First, latency, which tends to plague every other game played over the internet, rears its head in Echoes of Time. There is often up to a second in lag time before commands register, which is less than ideal when a dungeon requires timely acrobatic ability lest you fall into an endless

abyss that necessitates retry... after retry... after retry. Furthermore, another prominent issue is the lack of a filter system. As it stands now, players will often randomly enter the game world together at grossly different levels: either one will be overpowered, or the other will be under leveled, and the game ends shortly as frustration drives players to disconnect. Communication is also a



Media Credit: Gamespy.com

rather troublesome affair. Although every message possibly required in every situation is included, this means there is a rather complicated network of commands and categories to click through. It most certainly leaves ad hoc gameplay as the greener side of things.

Sadly, the single player side of Echoes of Time also features its share of blemishes. While it is certainly easier having the computer



Media Credit: Gamespy.com

fill in with 1-3 cronies of its own to aid you in your adventures, its AI only has minimal changeability. Even then, you can find yourself idle in some of the thickest of moments. The dungeons themselves are only few in number as well, with less than ten to explore and fight your way through. Within those dungeons also lie things worse than your enemies and the 'boss' at the

end: the cumbersome puzzles interspersed in between. Often, you may find that your time spent fighting is less than the time you will spend solving a puzzle. Unfortunately, the puzzles are less tests in your problem-solving ability and more your patience, as most, typically involve pushing a block from one end of a room to the other, at a realistic but ultimately slow pace. Sure, your partners could speed up the process, but the AI is far too under equipped for such things, leaving you wishing you were in ad hoc instead of single player.

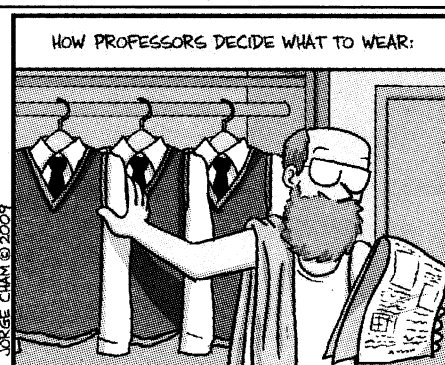
Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: Echoes of Time is most certainly a step in the right direction. Combat is fast, fluid, and far

from boring, with different types of enemies requiring different strategies -- from swinging your sword, to using a spell, to completely picking them up and smashing them against a wall. There's plenty of replay value for those who have finished the game (you

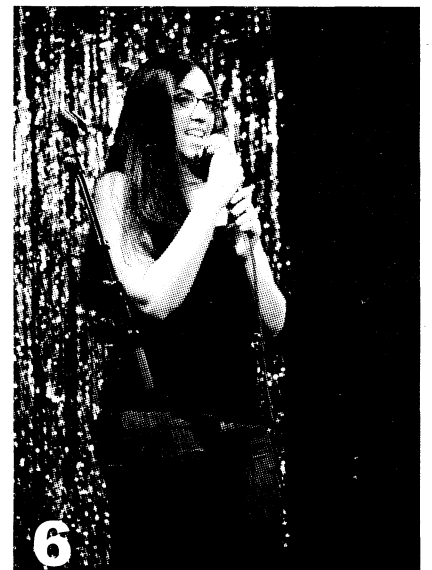
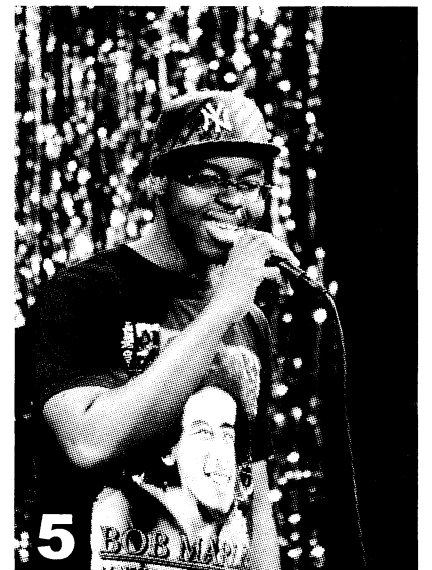
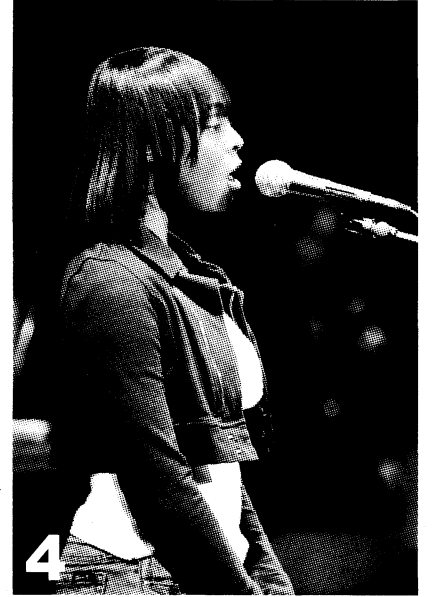
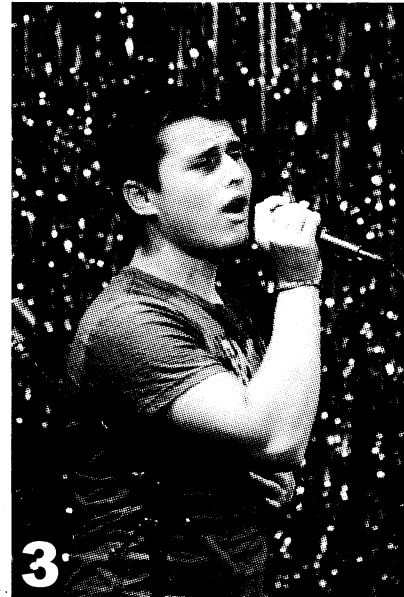
didn't really pick it up for the story, did you?), and multiplayer definitely adds in an exciting, if not flawed, facet to an already very fulfilling game. If you've never tried a Crystal Chronicles game before, this would be the one to start with. For veterans of the series or those just

looking for a good action-RPG game to play on the go, this remains an excellent choice, with multiplayer options that allow others to weave themselves seamlessly into the storyline. As they say, the friends that adventure together, stay together... just don't forget to equip your paddle (Yes, this is a VS mode reference/tip).

PHD COMICS BY JORGE CHAM



WWW.PHDCOMICS.COM



SB IDOLS!

Photos By Kenneth Ho

Stony Brook's answer to the extremely popular reality television show "American Idol," is the annual SB Idol competition. Staff photographer, Kenneth Ho, attended the semifinal rounds at the Black Box Theater in the Tabler Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities Wednesday. Anthony LaViscount, Mendelsohn Quad Director (farthest left in photo 8) and Joseph Vece, Coordinator of Community Standards (center in photo 8) were among the event judges from the Division of Student Affairs. The finalists go on to the finals round, which are being held this Wednesday during Campus Lifetime (12:50 - 2:10 p.m.) on the Staller Lawn.

New **CAMPUS CASH** Merchant

Cataffo's Pizza

Get **10% OFF** your order
when you use
CAMPUS CASH

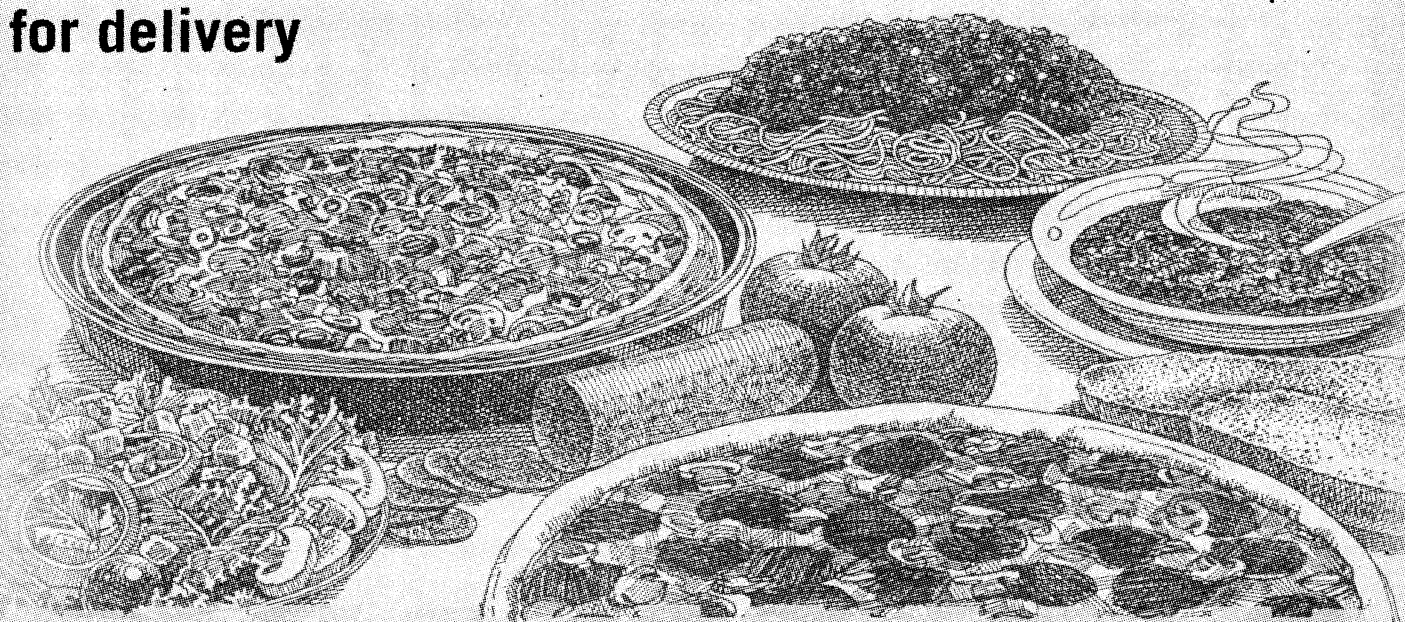
1320 Stony Brook Rd.,
Coventry Commons

Call 751-2302
or 751-2314

\$20 Minimum
for delivery

Add money to your
CAMPUS CASH
account through
SOLAR, at any
cash-to-account
machine or at the
FSA Office

CAMPUS CASH
rolls over from
semester to semester



**Cataffo's joins the growing list of local merchants
who offer a discount when you use campus cash:
Subway • Domino's Pizza • Fratelli's Market Place**

Celebrating Earth Day the Free Market Way

By ZACHARY KURTZ
Opinion Editor

There is a dangerous and false dichotomy between the environmental movement and the conservative-libertarian philosophy in modern day America. Go ahead and turn on the radio, surf through the popular blogs or watch the major TV networks and you'll get the same message: the right wing doesn't care about environmental issues and the left does. Republicans don't believe that man-made climate change is a problem, or refuse to believe it exists at all, while Democrats believe that only government intervention can save the world from imminent disaster.

The worst part is that both sides are responsible for playing themselves into these roles. I've lost count of how many times I've heard Rush Limbaugh proudly proclaim that it's his right as an American to happily waste gasoline in his SUV. On the other side, leading NASA climate scientist, Dr. James Hansen, has said that global warming denialists should be "tried for high crimes against humanity and nature."

However, the free-market libertarians are not so far in their philosophy from the environmental movement as even their own members would have us believe. Environmentalism, in essence, is the idea that humans need to reduce their impact on natural ecological forces, a type of laissez faire mentality that libertarians also preach about spontaneously occurring economic forces. The typical environmentalist concern is that players in a free market are too self-interested to produce results that are ecologically beneficial. People will readily give up environmental concerns when there is a profit to be made.

While this concern is valid in principle, environmentalists too often forget that the self-interest which powers free markets in an

economy is the same self-interest which governs the biological players of ecological networks. This is the Darwinian drive to survive and reproduce that governs all organisms, from bacteria to people. And it is due to self-interested behavior that enabled the evolution a group of organisms to be ecologically successful on a massive scale.

Human evolution has produced a species that can cooperate on massive scales, improving the Darwinian fitness over non-human animals by orders of magnitude. By looking after everyone's "genes" we greatly improve our own chances at reproductive success.

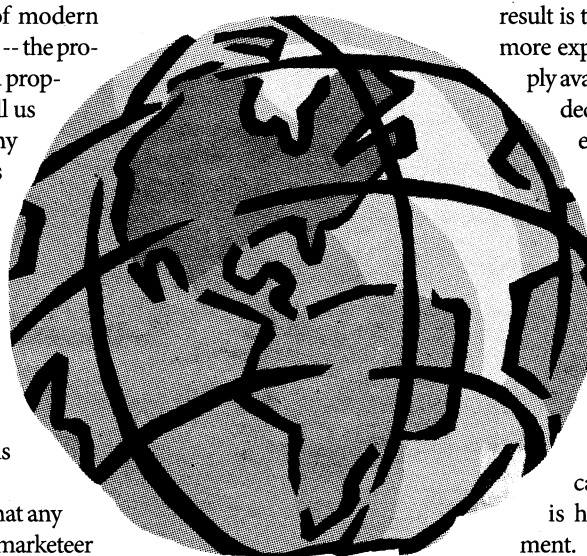
The result of this evolution is built into the basic tenants of modern democratic governments -- the protection of life, liberty and property. These principles tell us that no person can deny these unalienable rights to anyone else. Freedom must be preserved for the individual, and that any activity which violates someone else's basic rights will not be tolerated. Self-interested behavior, when it is exploitative of another, is an act of violation.

Have I said anything that any environmentalist or free marketeer would disagree with yet?

The free market works because a person's right to property is protected. This is why competition in the marketplace produces innovation and lowers costs, rather than generating the violence that you see elsewhere in the animal kingdom. The environment is protected from careless harm by the same protections of property. I could not dump toxic wastes into my neighbors property without getting sued, fined and probably jailed. Pumping chemicals into areas of common property, such as the atmosphere, holds similar punishments. Even if one's action doesn't seem to harm

another person, ecological degradation is a violation of nature's right to exist free from interference and to live "happily."

We should not be afraid of humans acting in self-interest as long as basic rights are protected. In fact, it is through self-interested behavior, the shameless desire to profit, by which technologies and products will become available and cost-effective to consumers. Environmentalists frequently call for alternative energies, greenhouse gas scrubbers, toxin-eating bacteria, cheap solar panels, gas-less vehicles and a whole host of ecologically friendly technology. How will these innovations come about



if not for a free and competitive market?

Aside, from these few basic protections of right to property and pursuit of happiness -- which should be enforced more stringently than they are - the government need not apply external incentives for people or businesses to pursue environmental protectionism. These, which take the form of special subsidies or projects such as carbon trading, often come with unintended consequences.

Unlike general, and universally-applied, protection of civil liberties, other types of incentives, which

tend to distort normal market signals, come about to benefit private interest because they are lobbied for by special interests. In contrast to the protection of liberties, special incentives take money from the taxpayers -- thus violating economic freedom -- to benefit a specific industry.

Furthermore, the consequence of doing this often comes to the opposite end as the original intent. For example, subsidies funded by the taxpayers, to corn farmers give incentives to produce ethanol for biofuel. However, corn is one of the most inefficient sources of ethanol production and can only be supported by government grants. The result is that ethanol for biofuels is more expensive and the corn supply available for food production decreases, making food more expensive. The taxpayers, in essence, are paying to make ethanol and food more expensive. Meanwhile, more efficient sources of ethanol production, such as algae farming, goes under-utilized because the farm lobby in Washington is too strong. The call for environmentalism is hindered by big government.

Consider, also, the following case. Four years ago, Congress passed a law to encourage industries to blend biofuels with fossil fuels to power their plants. However, pulp producers, a necessary ingredient of paper products, were already using a biofuel called black liquor, a wood byproduct, for fuel. Under the incentives provided in this law, the companies realized that they could get money from the government by blending diesel fuel into their sustainable biofuels. \$6 billion and four years later, in a NY Times report, Congress is only now trying to dump or amend the legislation, to eliminate the profit windfall.

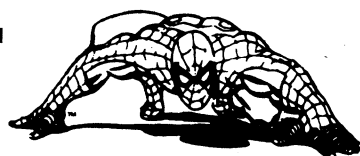
The inevitable response from Congress and the mainstream presses is to decry the greed of these companies and miss the true culprit in all of this. While humans have always and will always act out of self interest, and self-interest is responsible for human cooperation and economic success, reactive government legislation that fails to supply the ends it means to is a relatively new phenomenon. Governments are good at protecting individual and natural rights, but bad at improving general conditions by providing for the special interests. Even if the intent is not sinister, the effort is counter-productive and the ends abysmal.

The need to involve big government, to protect the environment through pin-point legislation, and create punishments through finger-pointing is counter-intuitive to the need to protect individual rights. It assumes that people don't want a healthy environment and that the market can't produce ecologically-friendly solutions. This simply isn't true and isn't supported by the facts. People are fine with reusing their fabric shopping bags and there is a market for purchasing carbon credits, even in our current economic environment.

If the globe is in trouble from carbon dioxide emissions, prove it in a court of law. Then, I would support fines for companies based on their specific emissions output in their particular environment. We can and should be punishing those who destroy natural property, but not rewarding special interest groups for being unable to compete in a market.

The environmentalists have a lot to learn from the free-market ideology. And, just as importantly, the right wing needs to read up on their political philosophy and understand that nature and its ecosystems deserve the protection of its property every bit as much as its people.

HOURS:
Mon.-Sat. 10 AM to 9 PM
Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM



366-4440

FOURTH WORLD COMICS

33 Route 111, Smithtown, NY 11787

(Uncle Giuseppe's Shopping Center)

NEW AND BACK ISSUES

STAR TREK • DR WHO • TOYS • STAR WARS
SCIENCE FICTION • POSTERS • T-SHIRTS
JAPANIMATION • VIDEOTAPES • MODEL KITS
MAGIC: THE GATHERING • ROLE PLAYING GAMES

**10% DISCOUNT W/VALID
STONY BROOK ID CARD**

Job Opportunities in Mental Health Services

Gain Valuable Experience Related to Your Career Goals by working in community residences with individuals who have psychiatric disabilities.

Part Time - 2 overnights per week or on every other weekend

Full Time - Monday to Friday daytime schedules available

Access to car and clean license required

Paid Training, Competitive Salary, Excellent Benefits



Options
for Community Living, Inc.

202 East Main Street • Smithtown, NY 11787
(631) 361-9020, ext. 105 or FAX (631) 361-7087
Visit our website at optionscl.org

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT

STUDIO APT starting \$600 and **1 B/R apt** starting \$900. In the heart of Port Jefferson Village. All utilities included, cable, water and heat. Free wireless internet. Parking and bus stop across the street. By appointment only. 631-473-2579.

HELP WANTED

DOMINOS PIZZA DELIVERY DRIVERS AND INSIDE HELP WANTED. Flexible hours, great pay, need your own car for delivery. 631.751-0330

NURSERY AIDE to watch infants - toddlers during church. \$27.50 per Sunday. Approx. 1 1/2 hrs. Please call First Presbyterian Church 473-0147. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

SUMMER WORK. College Pro Painters Now Hiring. Full time work. Outdoors with students. Earn 3-5K. 1-800-32-PAINT. www.collegepro.com

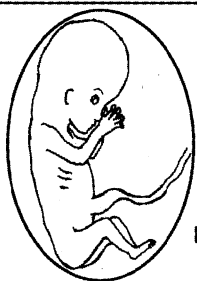
SERVICES

THE CARPET SPECIALIST. Installations, repairs, & restretches. Free estimates. Over 30 years experience. No job too small. 631.567.1426

KAPLAN COUNSELING CENTER, LCSW-R Specializing in: addictions, anxiety, depression, panic and phobia disorders, pre-marital. Also DWI Evaluations, DMV approved. **FREE CONSULTATIONS, COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.** 631.842.0841.

WIPE YOUR DEBT AWAY! Affordable Loans for every Situation and Budget. Call now. Get an answer in 24 to 48 hrs! Call: 888-964-7111

FAX SERVICE. \$0.50 PER PAGE (including cover sheet). Call 632.6479 or come to Room 057 in Student Union.



I have been alive for 8 weeks.

- After 18 days, you could hear my heart beat.
- After 40 days, you could measure my brainwaves.
- After 45 days, I felt pain and responded to touch.

Please choose life for me.

Alternatives to Abortion.

Free pregnancy testing, information, counseling and assistance.

Call 243-2373 or 1-800-550-4900

you could pick it up
on the way to class...
...but sometimes that's
just too much effort.

www.sbstatesman.org

*Stony Brook's only twice-weekly paper
now available online*



Make the most of your summer.

Get ahead this summer—attend Summer Session at St. Joseph's College. Complete a required course. Study a special topic. Speed your progress toward a degree. At SJC, you'll choose from a wide variety of courses. You'll learn from expert faculty. You'll study in small, highly interactive classes. So make the most of your summer. Study, enjoy, get ahead—at St. Joseph's College.

To register or for more details, please call 718.636.6868 (Brooklyn) or 631.447.3219 (Long Island), or visit www.sjcnj.edu.

SUMMER SESSIONS INCLUDE COURSES IN:

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Child Study
- Community Health and Human Services
- Computers
- English
- General Studies
- Literacy/Cognition (Graduate)
- Management (Graduate)
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Speech Communication

REGISTER NOW! Sessions are available on both the Brooklyn and Long Island campuses. Session I: May 26-June 12 • Session II: June 28-July 23 • Session III: May 26-July 20

**St. Joseph's
College**
NEW YORK

Transforming lives—
one student at a time.

BROOKLYN CAMPUS: CLINTON HILL • LONG ISLAND CAMPUS: PATCHOGUE

Attend Summer Session in New York City

Four sessions running from June 1 to August 6

Queens College has it all

- Hundreds of undergraduate and graduate courses for academic credit
- A breezy, 77-acre campus on the highest point in Queens
- Cybercafés and free use of athletic facilities, including a tennis center and olympic pool
- Interesting students from across the globe

For more information, and an online application form, please visit www.qc.cuny.edu/summer_session or call 718-997-5890.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students are welcome.



QUEENS COLLEGE IS **CUNY**

The Summit, QC's first residence hall, opens in August; apply today at www.qc.cuny.edu/thesummit

Baseball Loses 3 of 4 Against Binghamton

By SARAH KAZADI
Senior Writer

The Seawolves traveled to Binghamton to face the Bearcats in the first two games of a 4-game series. The result was two losses, as the Bearcats managed to sweep the doubleheader and drop the Seawolves overall record to 16-15, 6-4 in the America East.

The Bearcats got on the scoreboard early in the first game, which went 7 innings. After a solo homer in the bottom of the first inning gave them a 1-0 lead in the first inning, junior Robert Dyer (Selden, N.Y.) sent a three run bomb over the right center field fence to give the Seawolves a 3-1 advantage in the second. The Bearcats eliminated the gap on a two run single in the third inning, and the two teams were knotted at 3.

But the Seawolves unleashed a flurry of

runs in the fourth. The road team scored four times in the inning, highlighted by another home run to right-center field from Dyer. The score stayed at 7-3 until midway through the seventh inning, when the Bearcats began to rally and put the Seawolves on the ropes.

After the Bearcats loaded the bases, a two-run single from Corey Taylor sliced the Seawolves lead to 7-5. The Bearcats loaded the bases again, and followed that with a sacrifice fly to center field that brought in another run, cutting the lead to just 1. A batter later, the Bearcats tied the score on an RBI single.

Still not done, the Bearcats loaded the bases a third time, setting up a Jeff Abrams walk off RBI, and giving the home team a come-back win over the Seawolves, 8-7.

Freshman right-hander Tyler Johnson (Chatsworth, Calif.) started on the mound

for the Seawolves, allowing 6 hits and 3 runs in 6.0 innings of work. Junior righthander Jeremy Nowak (Cheektowaga, N.Y.) took the loss, after pitching 0.1 innings and allowing 5 hits and 3 runs, and dropped his record to 0-1.

The second game was a low scoring one. The Seawolves got on the board in the top of the third inning on a Brian Witkowski (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) solo homer to right field. The Seawolves held the 1-0 lead until the sixth inning, when the Bearcats tied the score on a sacrifice fly RBI.

The pace of the game quickened in the seventh inning. The Seawolves tallied 3 hits and 2 runs in the period, highlighted by an RBI groundout from Robert Dyer (Selden, N.Y.) and a Keith Fier (Armonk, N.Y.) bunt that brought in a run.

But the Bearcats clawed their way back into it in the eighth inning. After a couple

of run scoring singles tied the score at 3, the home team loaded the bases with one out in the ninth. Then, a Corey Taylor single brought home another run, which proved to be the winning run and gave the Bearcats a 4-3 victory.

Senior righthander Mike Errigo (Bay-side, N.Y.) pitched a stingy 7.1 innings, allowing only 3 runs and 4 hits. Lefthander Marc Brown pitched 1.0 innings, allowing 2 hits, 1 run and picking up the loss to drop to 1-2.

Editors Note: The Seawolves also lost the first game of the Sunday doubleheader, 8-7, blowing a 3-0 lead. They won the second game 7-6, scoring 6 runs in the seventh to tie, and 1 in the ninth to win. Steven Mazurco finished 3-4 in the second game and Mike Stephan drove in the winning run.

The Seawolves record now stands at 17-16, 7-5 in the America East.

Men's Lacrosse Drops Binghamton

continued from page 12

the next three goals to make it interesting, but unassisted goals by Jordan McBride and Jared LeVerne sealed the deal for the Seawolves.

Crowley led all scorers with three goals and two assists, while McBride added three goals and an assist of his own.

Sophomore Adam Rand was once again dominant in the faceoff circle, winning 15 of 20. Overall the Seawolves were 16 of 25, including nine for nine in the third quarter. Stony Brook also picked up 44 ground balls compared to Binghamton's 24, and was 19 of 21 on

clear attempts.

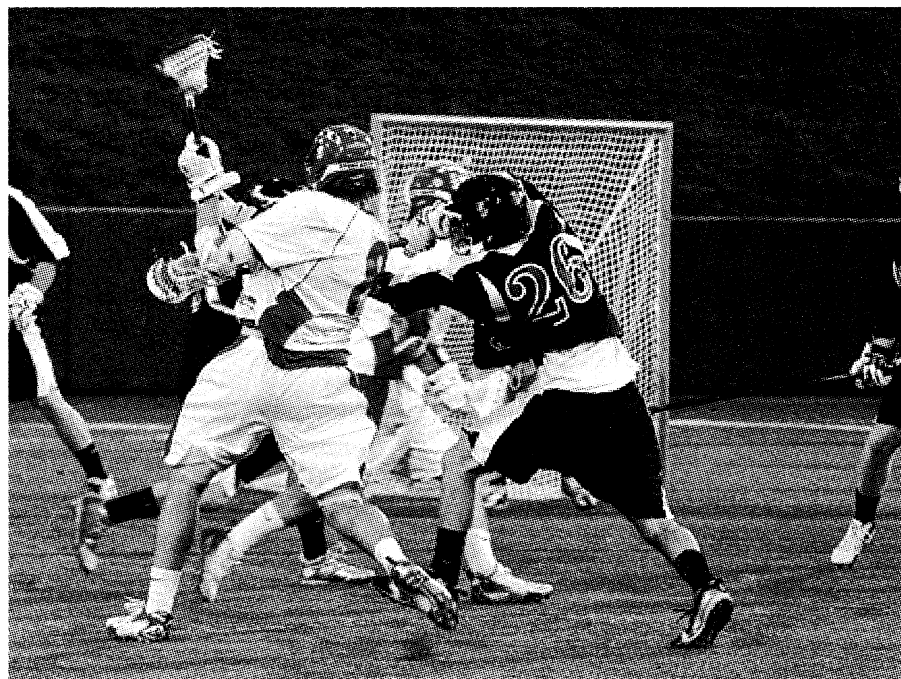
Charlie Parr was in goal for the Seawolves and stopped nine of the 16 shots he faced. Rob Camposa got a brief relief performance and made two saves on four shots.

In all likelihood next weekend's Stony Brook-Albany game will be a preview of a semi-final match up between the two teams in the America East tournament. Tuesday's night's matchup against Hofstra, in Hempstead, should prove to be an interesting matchup, with the Seawolves looking to avenge a loss suffered at the hands of the Pride in a closely contested game at LaValle Stadium last season. First face-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.



Alex Berkman / SB Statesman

Sophomore Kevin Crowley led tall scorers with three goals and two assists.



Alex Berkman / SB Statesman

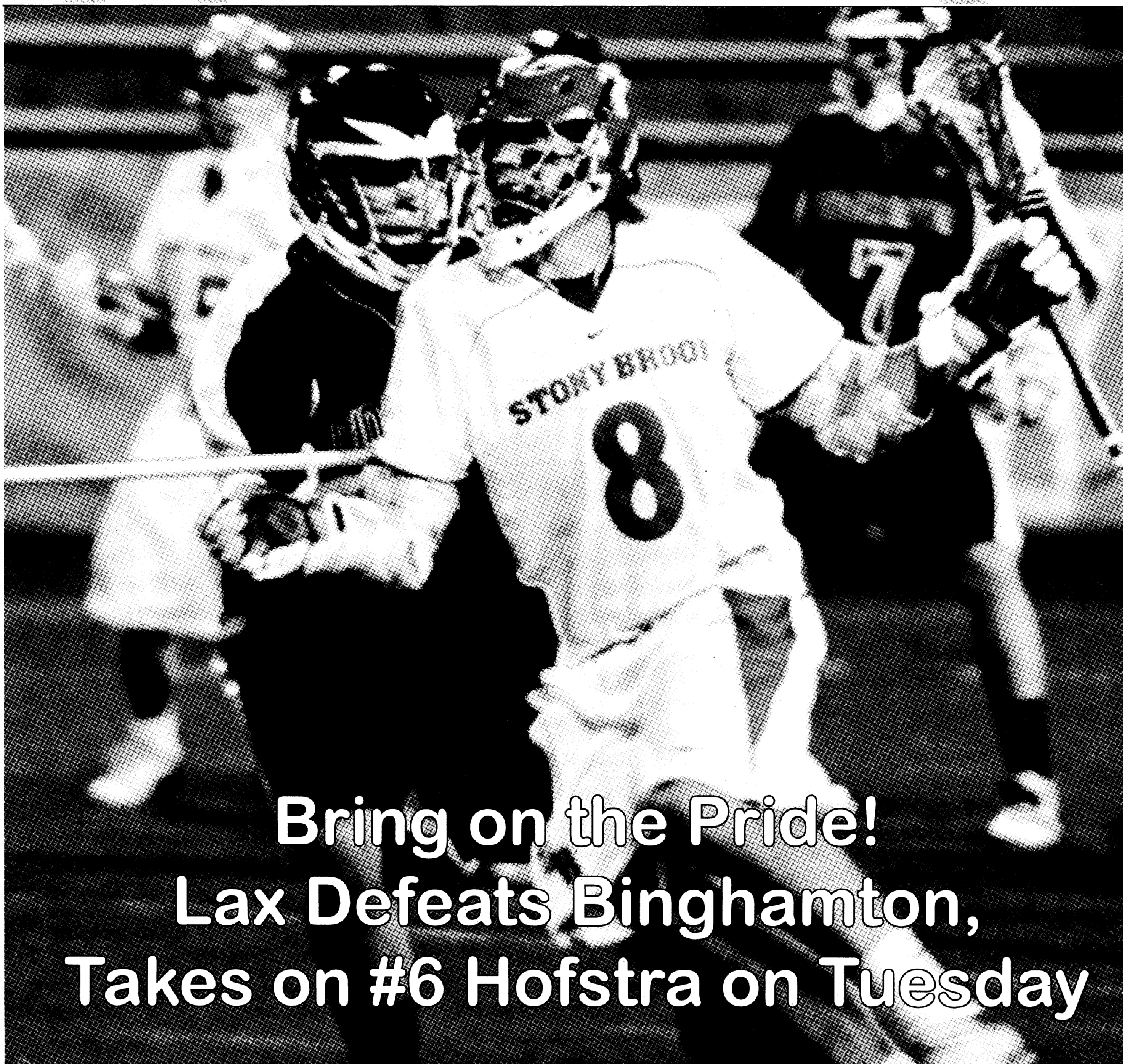
Freshman Jack Hewitt (#8) takes a shot against Binghamton.



Alex Berkman/SB Statesman

Freshman Graham Adams (#45) evades a Binghamton defender.

STATESMAN SPORTS



Bring on the Pride! Lax Defeats Binghamton, Takes on #6 Hofstra on Tuesday

Alex Berkman/SB Statesman

By GENE MORRIS
Sports Editor

The Men's Lacrosse team clinched a top four seed in the America East conference, and a spot in the postseason tournament with a 14-9 victory over Binghamton Saturday night at LaValle Stadium. The Seawolves pushed their record to 7-4 overall, and 3-1 in conference.

The game was a classic "trap" game for the

Seawolves. Binghamton came into the contest with a 2-10 overall record. Stony Brook plans to travel to play Long Island rival Hofstra Tuesday night, and host Albany in a match up that could decide which team gets top seed in the conference tournament on Saturday.

But the young and talented Seawolves squad focused on the task in front of them, and essentially put the Bearcats away with a five goal run that spanned the second and

third quarters, and left Stony Brook with a 10-2 lead.

Securing the win was especially important considering the UMBC Retrievers, the top team in the America East, was shocked on Saturday by Hartford. Both Stony Brook and UMBC are tied with 3-1 conference records, but the Retrievers hold the tie-breaker with a head-to-head victory.

After Kevin Crowley opened the scoring

for the Seawolves with 13:24 remaining in the opening period, Binghamton's Frank Donlon answered back at the 7:50 mark to tie the score. It would be the only time the Bearcats were really in the game.

Stony Brook scored nine of the next 10 goals and by the 8:10 mark of the third quarter held a 10-2 lead. Binghamton scored

continued on page 11