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Anyone for Tea?

Tax season is coming to a close and across the country, the frustrated from both sides of the isle are taking to the streets in peaceful, but forceful, demonstrations. Thousands of 'tea parties' were held across the country on April 15th. We even organized and executed a tea party at Stony Brook University; handed out informational fliers and symbolically chopped the head of an Obama stimulus check with a guillotine.

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By Anthony Vertucci
Contibuting Writer

Last summer, before leaving for a trip to Japan, Dan O'Reilly said goodbye to his family and friends and prepared for a month of new experiences and culture shock.

"The Sith Lord has to sacrifice the love of his life for what he feels is right," said O'Reilly, a devoted Star Wars fan from Farmingville, N.Y. "I've had to sacrifice several friendships and relationships, and my Japanese minor, for theater. It was like being married to two women at once, with the demands on your time making it unable to see each other for months."

Living a life of moderate isolation is nothing new for the actor and theater major at Stony Brook University, as he is frequently forced to put personal relationships on hold in favor of pursuing his dream.

O'Reilly, 23, will be playing the role of Mercutio in Stony Brook's production of "Romeo & Juliet," which opens next week at the Staller Center.

A chance encounter during his freshman year at Centereach High School sparked his interest in theater arts. "I didn't originally have interest in acting," said O'Reilly, who has come to make acting and directing his life's ambition. As a dare from some of his friends

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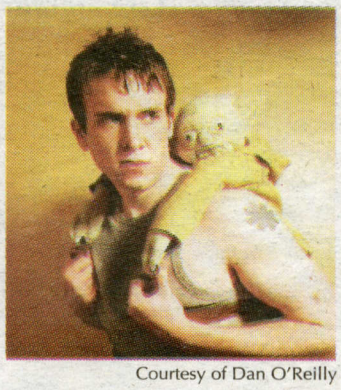

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The Glitz and Glamour of Prom Season

By Nicole Indelicato
Staff Writer

The chaotic crowd is a circus of shrewd comments, jealous glances and indecisiveness.

It's Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and about 40 young women and family members squirm their way through a labyrinth of sparkly gowns and dresses at Pzaz, a Centereach prom emporium. A line of chattering teenage girls and their mothers wrap around the far end of the store as they wait for their numbers to be called for one of the nine dressing rooms. Like a deli counter, except - as far as the shoppers are concerned - light-years more glamorous.

Each young woman clutches a pile of dresses like her life depends on it and glances around nervously at other teenagers to insure they aren't hugging the same ones.

"Isn't that the one you liked?" says one mother to her daughter as she points to a young woman with flowing black hair who is trying on a peacock print gown. "Didn't you originally want to try that one on?"

"Ugh, no, never," the daughter replies in disgust. "I hate the way the side of the dress fringes like that."

"But I thought you liked it?"

"Not anymore."

One petite teenager with long sandy blonde hair has an entourage of family members including parents, an aunt, grandparents, and a sister. All of them crowd outside the dressing rooms with the same suspense as if it were the bottom of the ninth inning at a Subway Series.

The young woman comes out of the dressing room with a banana yellow low-cut dress with glittery bands wrapping around her torso.

"Oh, wow!" family members cheer and yelp.

"I LOVE this one," she says with a raspy voice as she smoothes the sides of the dress.

"Oh my Gawd," a store employee with a Queens accent chimes in. "With a body like that, everything looks good on her. This is gawgeous! Everything she puts on is just gawgeous!"

The teenager smiles as she spins around on a raised block in front of a three piece mirror. It is the fourth dress she tried on but the only one she likes.

"Oh, the whole crowd is looking at you, Lindsay!" the grandmother says.

But members of the crowd are completely in their own world.

A young African American woman stands giggling in the corner clutching the loose fabric of a blinding lime green gown.

"Excuse me!" her mother says in a loud voice. "You look pretty!"

"Mom, she thinks she has a stomach!" says the teenager's sister while forming quotations in the air with her hands to accentuate the sarcasm.

"Oh, please!" the mother

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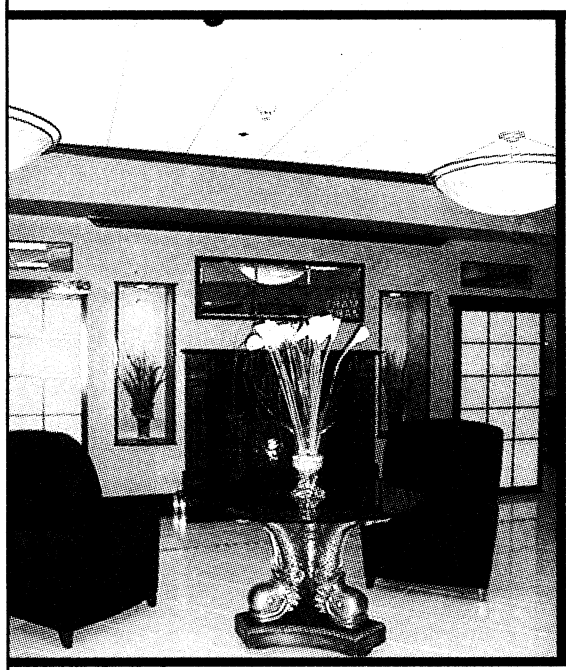

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On May 22, 2009, Stony Brook University will celebrate its 49th Commencement Ceremony by conferring degrees on those who have completed degree requirements for Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2009, and Summer 2009.

The main ceremony will begin on Friday, May 22, at 11:00 am in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

- **Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony** for all Ph.D., D.M.A., M.D., D.D.S., and D.A. degrees will be conferred on Thursday, May 21, at 2:00 pm in the Staller Center.
- **Baccalaureate Honors Convocation** recognizes candidates graduating with distinctions of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude, and those elected to either Phi Beta Kappa or Tau Beta Pi honor societies. This convocation will take place on Thursday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the Staller Center.

The CEREMONY ATTENDANCE FORM is available on the SOLAR system until May 8, 2009.

A CEREMONY ATTENDANCE FORM must be submitted on SOLAR to obtain tickets.

Additional information and a schedule of each department program is listed on the 2009 May Commencement Web site:

www.stonybrook.edu/graduation

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he jokingly tried out for the musical, "Pippin."

"I did the Dr. Evil monologue from 'Austin Powers' and people loved it. I was cast as one of the chorus members, based on what was basically a joke."

O'Reilly's smile screams of boyish innocence, but his powerful eyes tell a starkly different story. His wide, blue orbs become piercing and focused when he talks about the future and his words project a man wise beyond his years.

"I want to live a thousand lives," he said slowly, choosing each word meticulously. "As an actor I feel lucky to be able to experience something very intensely for very short periods of time. I get to do things and experience things every night for two weeks while getting to live as this person."

10 years and more than 20 productions later, O'Reilly is on the brink of earning a bachelor's degree in theater arts, while simultaneously applying to graduate schools and preparing for his post-Stony Brook life. Some of the numerous productions that he had, either leading or supporting roles, include Brad in "The Rocky Horror Show," Tom Joad in "The Grapes of Wrath," Christy Mahon in "The Playboy of the Western World" and Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof."

As he reclines on his living room couch, he takes a swig of his Samuel Adams White Ale. His slightly curly, yet almost spiky light-brown hair looks dark next to his fair, pale complexion.

"When I played Mercutio for the first time in high school, it made me realize that this is what I wanted to do with my life," he said. "In 'Boys of Winter' at Suffolk, we were Marines, and it showed me what it would take to be an actor for the rest of my life."

O'Reilly, almost lost in the moment, touched upon his performance in "Boys of Winter," in which he was forced to push himself to new limits through an emotionally-charged, grisly and bloody death scene, which he proudly referred to as "one of the most rewarding performances I've ever done."

"'Boys of Winter' was the most emotionally grounded work I've seen Dan do," said Stony Brook theatre professor and "Romeo & Juliet" director Valeri Lantz-Gefroh of Rocky Point, N.Y. "Dan uses the verse very well and he is a great fighter. I needed a good combatant for the role as the rapier fight he will perform is nearly four minutes long, which is extremely difficult."

Lantz-Gefroh, 42, has known O'Reilly for about five years. Her husband Steven Lantz-Gefroh directed several of O'Reilly's performances at Suffolk.

"I can see Dan having a long career as a professional actor and later director," said Steven Lantz-Gefroh, a director of five of O'Reilly's performances at Suffolk County Community College. "The passion he brings to his work every time out is already professional grade. He always brought a sense of professionalism to the work, always memorized before the schedule's due date, always emotionally connected to the work, always striving to be the best, stubborn at times but never the prima donna, always led by example and totally dedicated to the craft."

Lantz-Gefroh, 54, has also worked with O'Reilly at the American College Theatre Festival, a regional collection of aspiring actors and playwrights. "Off stage Dan is a naturally funny guy, smart, instinctive and a little insecure," said Lantz-Gefroh. "On stage he is focused and driven, always going the extra mile in research and actor-homework to perfect and deepen his character. I see him as a young character actor in the vein of Paul Giamatti."

O'Reilly discussed the act of getting into a role, and the struggle of stepping back out of character. "It can consume you, but you make the character who the character is, not the other way around," he said. "The greater the risk the greater the reward, and you grow throughout the entire performance. It changes you, and if it hasn't then it probably wasn't worth doing."

O'Reilly is full of advice for aspiring theater students. "If you ever think about the word 'emotion' during a show then acting is not for you," he said. "The trick is making it look effortless. Half of the skill of acting is being able to take what you're given and achieve your goal no matter what."

The Department of Theatre Arts will present eight performances of "Romeo & Juliet" from Apr. 23 to 26 and Apr. 30 to May 3.

Summer Work Is Drying Up

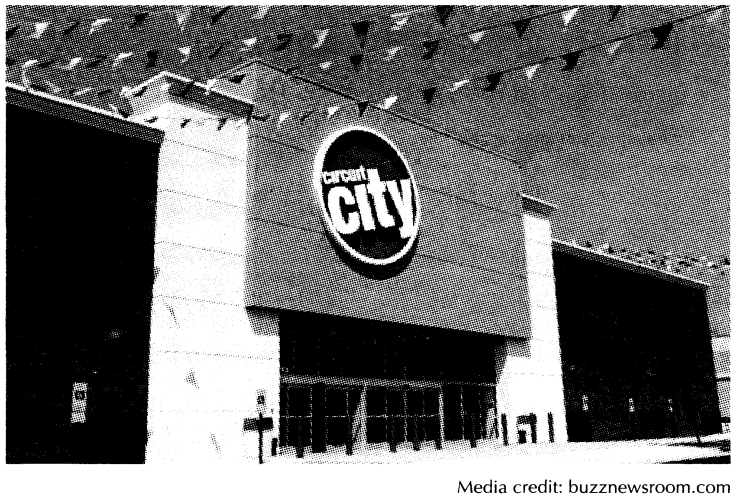
BY ERICKA A. BOLTE
Staff Writer

"It has been very difficult for me to find a part-time job," said Rebecca Cheng, a freshman at Stony Brook. "Being a student, it's hard to find a job that is accommodating to your school schedule. You have to be able to have time to dedicate to studying and doing homework."

For months it's been reported that we're in a full-blown recession. Stock prices keep falling, the automotive industry and banking industry require bailouts from the government and the unemployment rate keeps on climbing. Retail stores such as KB toys, Circuit City, Fortunoff, and The Sharper Image -- which - stores where many college students seek part-time work -- have also struggled with the current economic conditions and have had to file for bankruptcy and close their doors within the past year-leaving college students with less options for work or even laid off.

A survey that was conducted in March by hourly job website Snagajob.com and research firm IPSOS Public Affairs found that 46 percent of managers that usually hire hourly summer employees will not be conducting any job searches this summer. The survey also found that 48 percent of the managers who are hiring will be hiring 10-50 percent less employees than they did last summer. Overall, employers expect more applications this summer than last year.

Shamell Forbes, a junior, found his part-time job at Express because a friend on campus told him they were hiring over the holiday season. His concern now is working hard so he still gets hours at his job. "People get laid off all the time. They just tell you that you aren't needed anymore, so you have to work extra hard for hours," Forbes said. "The store is constantly losing money so we have to cut back on shifts and we won't be getting our annual raises."



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Places where students usually find work are closing their doors.

Karen Clemete, a student employment coordinator at the Career Center, is very optimistic about students finding part-time positions within the community-they just need to use the resources available to them on-campus. According to her, 190 students acquired jobs through the Career Center's job listing site ZebraNet, since August 2008, and that number only reflects the number of students that gave feedback to the Career Center. Overall, the Career Center has earned students a combined 1,740,323 since August 2008.

"The best advice for our students is to really get your resume worked on," Clemente said, "Build your resume whether you don't want to leave campus and get a job on-campus. Even in a club or organization, take a position, it shows leadership." The Career Center has resume workshops from 1-4, Monday through Friday.

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Although summer work is scarce for students, jobs are available throught ZebreNet.

For Clemente, she strives to see students get part-time positions that relate to their major. "I really like to see students go towards the field they want to go into. It gives them an opportunity to say, 'is this really for me?'" Clemente said. She used the example about how if a student wants to become a doctor, they should work in a doctors office because they will get to experience first hand what a doctor actually does before getting into the field.

Balancing the hectic schedule of college classes, studying, and working appear to be a roadblock for a lot of students. Nicole Alimario, a senior, just wanted a seasonal position at the University Bookstore in order to save money and have time for her studies. "It's easy because the bookstore needs many people to work the floor during rush week," says Alimario, "It's a nice environment with friendly people. I made a lot of friends that week." As for now, Alimario is just focusing on finding a full time position for after graduation.

While part-time jobs may be harder to come by, especially within the retail business, Stony Brook students at the very least can get the guidance from the Career Center on how to find a job to help them get through college. "I would love to see students come [to the Career Center] more," Clemente said. "I'll have students come in here saying 'just find me a job.' They need to focus more, but even if they are unfocused, still come in, I'll see any student if they need direction."

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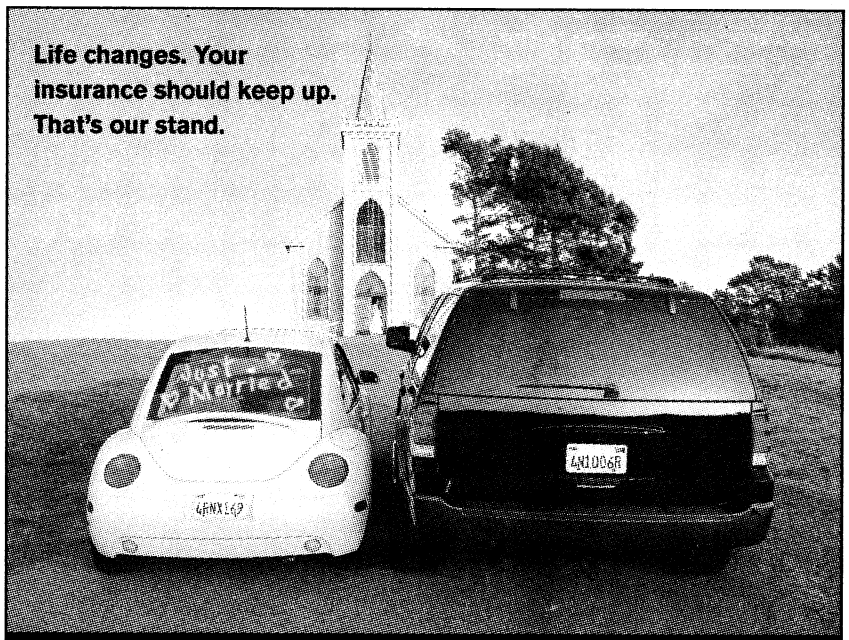

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They're Not Your Jack Sparrow

By Joseph Labriola
Columnist

Twenty years ago, the world of piracy seemed like a long lost part of human history. With Russian and American navies ruling the seas around the globe, the threat of vagrant hostage-takers wasn't an issue. With the collapse of the Soviet Union however, a power vacuum was created on the unguarded seas, and the pirates returned.

To most of the modern world, piracy is still a remote threat. America and Europe have little to worry about with their well-developed and well-funded coast guards protecting their shores. Even developing nations like China are able to keep pirates at bay by enforcing strict death penalties for maritime crimes committed in their waters. Like their swashbuckling ancestors, modern pirates have no desire to attack armored enemies. They prey on the week by hiding out of sight and staying out of reach of authorities.

But pirates are prevalent in much of the rest of the world. Undeveloped nations with large tracts of unprotected coasts are particularly at risk. Even developing countries like Brazil can't counter piracy on something as huge as the Amazon River. Just like in the olden days, mercenaries and madmen are willing to risk their lives in search of fortune. So what is the treasure they seek? The answer: ransom money and millions of dollars of it.

The recent rash of attacks in places like Somalia is a testament to how pirates operate. The simple equation is unprotected waters equal pirate activity. This is a serious issue since a nation's inability or refusal to fight piracy creates a dangerous climate for anyone who travels through that nation's waters. Pirates particularly prey on expensive vessels that they think they can make the most money off of. It is important to realize that, like most things, this all comes down to money. Pirates know that by hijacking pricey yachts or huge cargo ships that they can ransom off the crew for millions of dollars. They don't necessarily want to kill their captives. If they do, then their only bargaining chips for their livelihood and lives would be gone. They want to get their money and get out.

The key question is: how are we going to stop it? The U.S. has acted boldly so far, sending warships and using Navy SEALS to take out pirate hostage-takers. Despite this swift response however, our options are limited. The most obvious solution is to press other nations - especially one's like Somalia where these attacks are occurring - to vamp up their efforts to fight piracy. Only through a unified effort will the problem be ended.

This is an issue that concerns everyone that is in favor of trade on the seas; whether they are friend or foe. Nations need to come together to continue countering this common threat. In the 21st century, piracy should be a thing of the past. Giving into pirates means conceding to demands that would further escalate the rate of violence. The response has been good so far, but we need to keep pressuring pirates by both not paying them off and by fighting them off before they capture vessels. This has to be done both at sea by ships and on land by governments. Only then will the seas be safe for all.

Spring Awakening

By Nicole Roach
Contributing Writer

The grass is just a touch greener, the sky is just that little bit bluer. The sun shines longer (and it's not just because of our ridiculously early day light savings change this year,) it is officially spring. Even if it has snowed at least twice. Amid the ever present Ugg boots, flip flops have made their first appearance outside the shower stalls on campus. Spring coats are being worn, over sweatshirts of course, and everyone seems to be in a better mood. And of course the most curious thing about spring... love.

I must admit, that I too am smitten. A wonderful boy, with dark eyes, a big heart, and the ability to make me laugh even when he wakes me at three a.m. (again) has stolen my heart. If I could keep him from sleeping on my head, I might love him more even if I doubt that that is really possible. We got a puppy. In the short week and half that we have had him I have fallen completely and totally in love.

It has been a very long year for my family; we have experienced several deaths, two devastating break ups and innumerable changes to our routine. Our house, which was once a

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Solitary Confinement

By Ruchi Vikas
Staff Writer

There has always been a debate over capital punishment- whether people, judge jury or not has the right to decide to kill another individual. Yet, too often we don't question other punishments that still flourish in our prison systems. For example, America quite frequently subjects people to solitary confinement without so much as a second thought. This doesn't get much attention, possibly because the person is still alive in solitary confinement. However, how alive the person is after some time is questionable.

It's well known that people need human contact. Without it, we would not survive. Close relationships- friendships or romantic- are preferable, but simple person-to-person interaction is absolutely necessary. Without it, people begin to disintegrate and lose the thread of the person that they once were. Although in many cases (in this country, at least) the prisoner is given a television and a few books, they often describe their time in solitary confinement as the most miserable experience of their lives.

One French prisoner survived years in the Bastille by befriending and naming rats. He made schedules for them, and developed a sort of relationship with them in which they came to visit him at the same time each day. Thus, he was able to cling to survival by imitating social contact in any way that he could.

Solitary confinement is nothing less than a more socially acceptable form of torture. Supposedly, it became a form of punishment because it was thought that time alone would leave the prisoner with time to reflect on his or her wrongdoings and thereby reform them. This was quickly disproved when all prisoners who were subjected to it suffered a relatively rapid mental breakdown.

The U.S seems to have the most prisoners currently in solitary confinement. The ultimate purpose now is not for reform, but for control. Inmates who refuse to adhere to prison rules and regulations or who otherwise give prison guards a difficult time- and especially those who try to escape- are likely to be put into solitary confinement. Their only form of social contact, then, will be attempts to shout at other prisoners down the hall, or with the guard who comes to supply them with food.

As prisoners fall apart mentally, they are very likely to do things that are not necessarily in their character. For example, one inmate recently threw a bucket of urine at a guard who came in to deliver food. This ensures that he remains in solitary confinement, which in turn will ensure that he keep disintegrating. It is a vicious cycle, and I am not sure how many people stuck in it will ever be able to lead a normal life in society.

Solitary confinement may be convenient for prison officials, but it is the most detrimental thing that could possibly be done to a person. Throwing a person in a small cell by himself is often the equivalent to killing the person- often the person they once were dies in there as they become more and more unable to handle the isolation. We cannot look away from it anymore.

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says. "It would look better if you didn't have that bright pink bra on underneath though." All three women laugh.

A tall smiling brunette admires her dress in a mirror next to the young woman in lime green. She seems genuinely happy until another shopper interjects.

"You look pregnant."

"Ugh!" the brunette says in disbelief. "Gee, thanks, I'll work on that."

"No, no," says a third woman in a softer tone, while touching the brunette's arm to comfort her. "The dress is just flowing, you know? It's not that classy. It's really not that classy."

The ridiculed teenager returns to her dressing room.

Meanwhile, Lindsay in banana yellow beams with satisfaction. And so does the rest of the family.

Lindsay looks down at herself grinning. Her excitement immediately turns into a frown as she notices that one of the beads on the front of the gown is missing.

"Oh, nooooo!" she whines.

"What?!" says her grandfather who is squinting from a couch three feet away. "Is it a stain?"

"It's just a loose bead," interrupts a store owner. "We can fix it at no cost. But now she's going to need some shoes." And she ushers the mother over to the shoe section as the rest of the family continues to admire the again-smiling Lindsay and her gown. Mission accomplished.

But for Lindsay and other prom-goers, the mission doesn't end with the perfect dress. It is an adventure that continues with finding the perfect date, the perfect after prom plans, the perfect limo deals, and the perfect group of friends who are willing to cooperate and make it all happen - preferably, without the drama.

Teresa Nicole Moser feels relieved. On her fourth shopping spree, the Smithtown High School East senior finally landed the perfect prom dress: A replica of the beaded chiffon Faviana that Eva Longoria wore to the 2007 Golden Globes. Exactly the same, except in white.

"When I tried it on, I was like, oh my gosh it's so nice!" the 17-year-old enthuses. "I liked how it was really tight and I looked skinny!"

Just days after she purchased the dress, she discovered that a girl from her school had bought the same one in pink. So, she decided to do the honor of creating a Facebook group designated for seniors to post pictures of their prom dresses so that no one buys the same one.

"I figured I'd let her know that we have the same dress because I wasn't going to change mine," Teresa says. "Besides, it looks uglier in pink. And I also feel a little threatened, like, what if it looks better on her?"

The group, which has now ballooned to 124 members, is home to an array of prom dress photos, some even taken with cell phones inside dressing rooms. The young women type comments below each photo, most of which are exploding with positive praise and exclamation points.

But now Teresa's biggest concern is not the $368 she must lay out for her breathtaking gown - "It's not that much," she says because a friend of hers paid $600 - but finding a date to escort her to her prom at Atlantis Marine World in Riverhead.

Teresa has been going on dates with various classmates to seek a potential prom date, rapidly weeding out the ones who seem "too weird." She really thought she'd hit it off with one young man until things went sour without any explanation.

"Now he's being weird!" says Teresa. "He's not talking to me much anymore, and I don't know. I'm trying to give boys more chances because I don't want to be left alone for prom."

Even the young men are feeling the pressure. College freshman Brian Farkas created the Facebook group "Tyler Thomas Anthony Taormina III Needs a Prom Date" to help one of his best buddies of four years find a lady to latch arms with at the Smithtown High School West prom. "Tyler is a Sagittarius with hazel eyes, 5'9 and a wild imagination," Brian wrote in the description section of the group.

"I don't think Tyler will find a date through this group because of his standards and the fact that his social interactions overshadow the web," Brian explains. "Even though it did start as a joke, at the same time it might open up something, which would be awesome."

Tyler, on the other hand finds the group embarrassing. "I hope people take this group as a joke and don't think I had any part in making it," the young man says with a laugh.

Tyler has more important things to focus on, like how to budget his money. He's uneasy about splurging on a limo because he knows the group won't spend that much time in it and he's opposed to his friends' suggestions to have professional pictures taken.

'I think that it's ridiculous," Tyler says. "And of all the times I will look back on these years, I am sure that prom will be the least eventful and memorable."

Commack High School senior, Nicole Cohen is also concerned with budgeting. She spent five hours shopping for the perfect dress last Sunday, put several on hold, but still isn't sure which ones are worth the money. And after purchasing a dress, she must also be able to afford transportation and a two night stay at Baywatch Motel and Marina in the Hamptons - the place that she and nearly 70 other seniors will be staying after prom.

"For me, the biggest problem is finding the money," Nicole says. "With the economy doing so poorly, it seems that most kids are responsible for finding the money on their own."

And stores are trying to cope with this reality as well. Many have been advertising sales and priding themselves on the idea of a "one stop shop" where girls can purchase the dress, shoes, jewelry, handbags and get alterations to the dress all under the same roof.

"Sales have been a little softer this year than the last year," says Frank, a store owner of Pzaz who would not give his last name. "I do a lot of promos though, like direct mailing coupons."

Flair, a boutique in Stony Brook Three Village where dresses range from $300 to $900, has advertised incentives as well. A few weeks ago, free earrings were being offered with the purchase of a dress and the store is now offering 20 percent discounts on dresses. According to the store owner, Hasmik Buzzetta, sales this year are "pretty compatible" to last year.

Cut out dresses and animal print dresses are selling well right now, Buzzetta explains with a grin. She also points to a Sherri Hill gown that looks like a piece of painted artwork. "This dress is very popular too," she adds.

Jessica Both, a senior at Smithtown High School East purchased a Jovani dress from Flair for more than $600 for her prom. For her, it was Hasmik's helpful attitude and the quality of the dresses that ultimately sold her.

"I decided to go to Flair rather than Estelle's or Pzaz because these dresses are a lot more conservative and elegant," Jessica said. "Even though it was a little expensive, it was well worth the money."

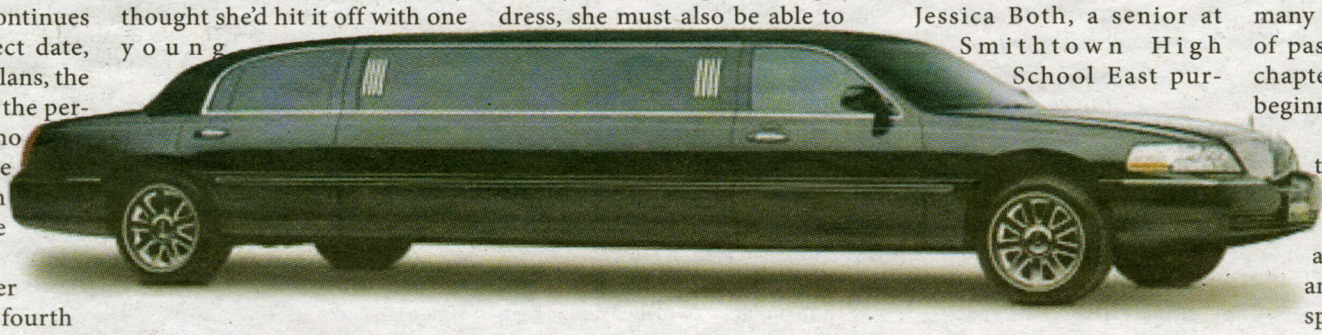
On the other end of the spectrum, non-profit organizations like Operation Fairy Dust Project in New York City have teamed up to provide financially challenged high school girls with prom dresses and various accessories that they otherwise could not afford. The organization could not be reached for comment.

But even those who've splurged on dresses have been finding small ways to budget themselves. Teresa is wearing the same shoes she wore to her junior prom and getting her hair done for a 20 percent discount at a salon where a friend works. Still, Teresa vows to spend at least $50 for acrylic tips on her nails because she "doesn't like" her "real nails" and at least $40 at the tanning salon.

"All of the girls spend way too much time and effort into getting ready with their clothes and appearance in every way possible," Tyler says. "By the time they start dancing it all gets undone anyway."

And most girls say they won't even wear the dress again or that they'd cut it and refashion it for more casual wear. But this is senior prom and it only happens once in a lifetime. For many young women, it is a rite of passage, a conclusion to a chapter in their lives and the beginning of a new one.

"It's an excuse for you to get all dressed up and pretty," Teresa says. "I love being all dressed up and getting my hair done, and now I have an excuse to spend all this money on it."



FASHION

TOPSHOP FROM ACROSS THE POND

BY CAROLINA HIDALGO
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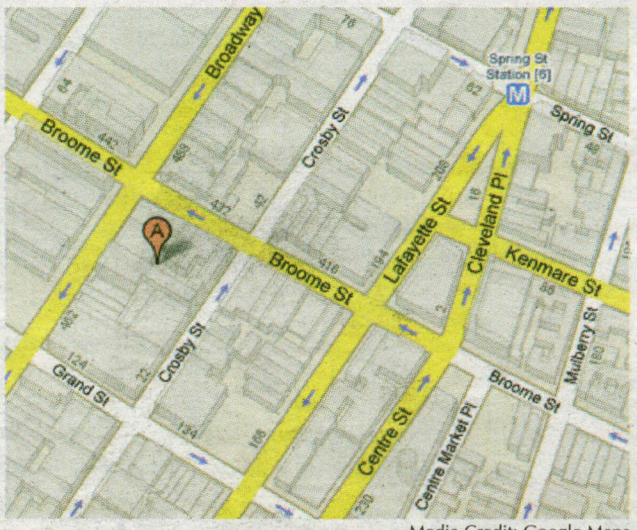
Crowds of fashionistas eagerly lined up in lower Manhattan early this month for the opening of TopShop, a popular British fast-fashion chain store. The New York flagship, which is the first TopShop in the United States, boasts 25,000 square feet of selling space spread out over four levels in a neo-Grec style building just off Broadway and Broome Street.



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TopShop's first store in the U.S. is located at 478 Broadway at Broome Street in New York City.

Several construction problems delayed the store's launch, originally set for last fall, and built anticipation for the April 2 opening. Owner Sir Philip Green, who told reporters that the new store is the best TopShop ever built, has suggested that it's just the first of many U.S. locations.

The 45-year-old chain already has a strong worldwide presence in addition to 300 stores scattered across the United Kingdom. Now TopShop hopes to achieve the same success that similar international fast-fashion chains, such as H&M and Zara, have achieved in the United States.

The store will receive new shipments daily and will be stocked with 200-300 new styles every two weeks, according to Time magazine. This is an even faster rotation than that of Swedish retail giant H&M, which averages three weeks. Most American chains stock new designs every six to 10 weeks.

Topshop can easily be compared to its fellow foreign fast-fashion chains, in that it constantly and quickly pumps out new styles to keep up with trends. The New York store is currently stocked with floral prints, statement jewelry, sky-high heels and a lot of suede and fringe. It also carries some unexpected pieces, such as a short, strapless party dress made out of the same cotton-polyester blend used for sweatshirts.

But the one thing that really sets TopShop apart is the shopping experience it delivers. Former brand director Jane Shepherdson has referred to Topshop as a "fashion Disney" -- a place that gets customers to return by entertaining and surprising them.

The bright, lively new store is decorated with Union Jacks and fashionable mannequins lying on clothing racks and hanging from ceilings. Music pulsates through the store, whose main floor houses the latest clothing and accessory trends. The second floor is home to the popular Kate Moss collection and a boutique area featuring pieces by high-end designers like Jonathan Saunders. The lower level is reserved for TopMan, the brand's men's line, and nearly half of the top floor is dedicated to a shoe lounge stocked with trendy, geometric heels.

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Amazingly, accommodating salespeople staff the 32 fitting rooms, running out to grab pieces for shoppers who bring ill-fitting outfits in with them. There are two salon-style chairs for customers who desire a haircut in the middle of their shopping trip, as well as a manicurist. Topshop also offers free individual appointments with personal stylists who help customers pick out clothes and put together outfits.

Another great surprise: TopShop offers 10 percent student discounts year-round. You're gonna need them, because the only time the store reduces prices is during four sales every year. And although TopShop is most readily compared to H&M, its prices are significantly higher. Dresses average $80, blazers and jackets average just over $100, and leggings run for about $40.

These prices in U.S. dollars are higher than what the exchange rate calls for. For example, a cute viscose empire-waist dress with frilly sleeves is listed for £40 on TopShop's U.K. website. With the current exchange rate, that's equal to about $60. The dress sells for $80 in New York.

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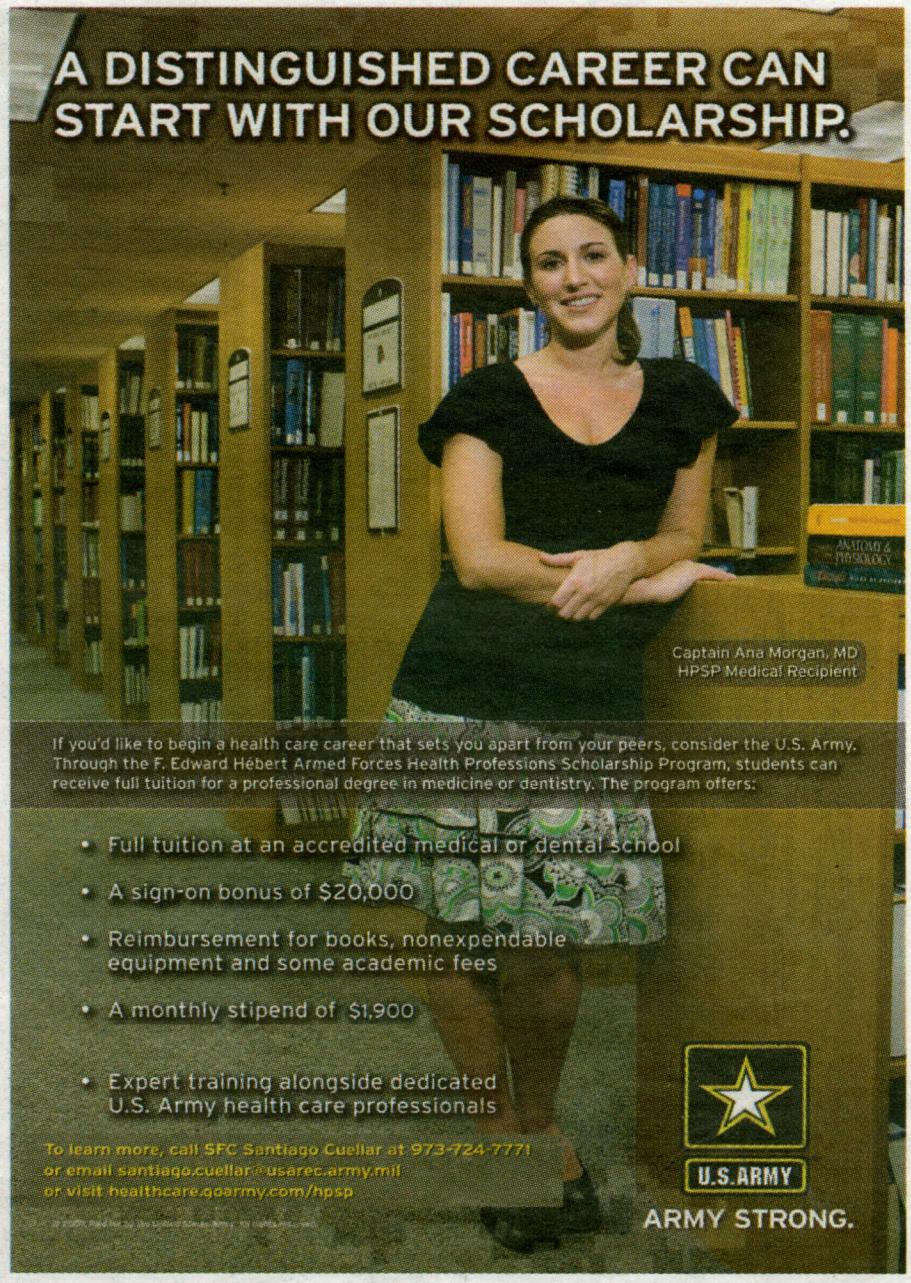
The other downside is that TopShop's sizing is off. Be warned that this information is based purely on anecdotal evidence. TopShop sizes seem to run about one size too big in comparison to H&M's women's sizes (not to be confused with H&M's junior's sizes which are slightly smaller). This presents a terrible dilemma to those who wear an H&M size 2. But Topshop does produce select items in a size 0 for its petite's line.

If you're looking for basics, TopShop is not the place. The jeans, priced around $80, are not very expensive, but the tees and tanks can get pricey. Topshop is, however, the perfect place to find a special outfit or edgy, trendy accessories while having a fun, customer-oriented shopping experience.



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Anyone for Tea?

Why We Should End the Fed

By Zachary Kurtz
Opinion Editor

Tax season is coming to a close and across the country, the frustrated from both sides of the isle are taking to the streets in peaceful, but forceful, demonstrations. Thousands of 'tea parties' were held across the country on April 15th and future events are being planned. We even organized and executed a tea party at Stony Brook University; handed out informational fliers and symbolically chopped the head of an Obama stimulus check with a guillotine.

So whats all the fuss? Protesters are holding tea parties to spread awareness and concern about the huge deficit spending being pursued under the Obama administration. According to an estimate from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the cumulative deficit from 2010 to 2019 under the President's fiscal policy proposals would total $9.3 trillion. Truly, the amount of debt currently being undertaken by our country is unfathomably great.

Concerned citizens are worried that deficit spending, which was started at the Bush II's term, will not only fail to bring about economic recovery -"you can't spend your way out of debt" is the logical mantra - but when it comes time to pay the piper, we'll be worse off.

We're taking money from main street to prop up wall street. The force of free markets is that when business fail, it leaves room for other ones to take their place. Recession is the cure for mistakes, gives time for resources to be reallocated and allows the economy to continue on an efficient and positive growth path.

This covers Obama's fiscal, tax-and-spend policies but it misses part of the picture. On February 4th, Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas) introduced H.R. 833 AKA The Federal Reserve Board Abolition Act AKA End the Fed Act. It's exactly what it sounds like. With this bill, though its unlikely to ever get out of committee, Paul proposes to eliminate the Federal Reserve bank, which acts as the central bank of the United States.

But why would we want to get rid of the Federal Reserve? The Fed helps control the money supply in the economy by setting targets for interest rates for interbank loans and by buying and selling treasury securities to banks.

Because the United States operates on a fiat currency system, money creation is a relatively easy matter - although I've simplified the process here. This has allowed the subsistence of fractional reserve banking; that is, banks only a hold in reserve a fraction of the money has been deposited. This is a problem in the event of a bank run. A run on a bank happens when lots of people try to retrieve their money out all at once. Because banks lend out most of their money, a bank run can cripple a fractional reserve bank.

Central banks prevent this from happening. If a bank has run out of money, they can sell securities to - or get a bailout from - the Fed and consumers get insurance from the FDIC. In this way banks can create credit by lending out more money than they would actually have in reserve.

This ability to create credit gives an enormous amount of power to bankers and politicians. Monetary inflation is a way by which politicians pay for projects, pay off debts and, indirectly, tax its citizens. Print too much new money, however, and you get hyperinflation - the famous cases being the Wiemar republic and, more recently, Zimbabwe.

The inherent problem is that printing money doesn't generate new value to the entire money pool, so each dollar in the economy becomes less valuable. This inflates prices and wages. It discourages savings because if the inflation rate is larger than the interest rates from your savings or investments, it makes less sense to hang on to your money.

Even more sinister, it may contribute to boom-bust cycles, according to some economic theories. Lowering interest rates encourages investors to take out loans, and in turn invest in risky, long term projects. The Fed creates money, investors put that money into risky investments, and when those investments turn out to be bad, sectors of the economy bust.

According to Ron Paul, " Federal Reserve policy harms the average American, it benefits those in a position to take advantage of the cycles in monetary policy. The main beneficiaries are those who receive access to artificially inflated money and/or credit before the inflationary effects of the policy impact the entire economy."

But is taking away control of the money supply from bureaucrats and technocrats a good idea? Surely, since the creation of the Federal Reserve was intended as a reaction to market panics, and abolishing it would get rid of much needed regulation.

There is logic to this, as is believed by the mainstream, but there is some evidence weighing against the idea. According to David Saied, the head of National Public Policy for the Government of Panama, Panama has no central bank and they do just fine. Although the US dollar is the money of choice, people are free to trade with what ever currency suits them. The result? Panama is the only country in Latin America that hasn't experienced a financial collapse or credit crunch since its independence in 1903.

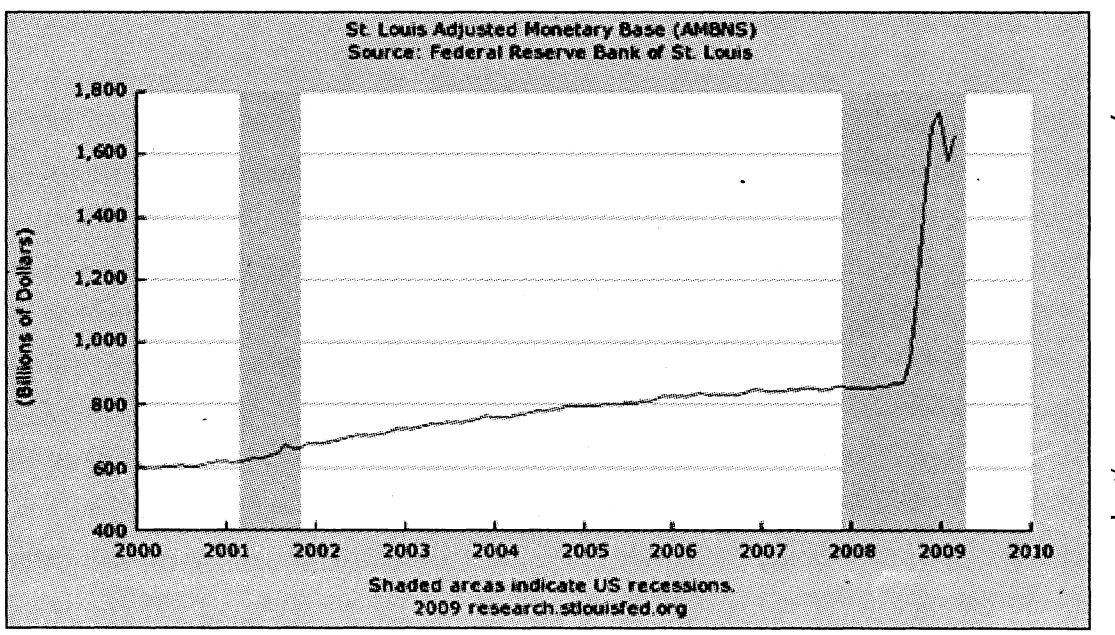
Since the Panamanian Treasury cannot simply print money to repay its debts, it must be more careful with its fiscal policy; knowing that only levying taxes can pay for policy decisions. Even though banks can't generate inflation, there have been no bank runs and bank failures do not spread. There is no FDIC or Central bank, so banks cannot make risky decisions, and assume the government will be there to bail them out. In Panama, excess foreign capital does not accumulate, but is lent offshore through international banks, and avoid monetary and trade imbalances. The macroeconomy of Panama is generally good, even though they experience deflation when resources get reallocated. Contrary to Keynesian economist predictions, the deflation does not spiral out of control in a paradox of thrift.

I'm not suggesting that America should unquestionably mimic the Panama model, but it seems that everyday, as the Fed prints more money to monetize deficit spending and Obama proposes more spending policies, that the road towards central planning does not seem sustainable. Politicians stand too much to gain, and the taxpayers too much to lose, by letting our 'representatives' play games with our economy.

We should be, at least, entertaining the idea of ending the Fed because, judging by the latest crisis - and dozens of others over the last century - it has failed in its stated goals of being able to stabilize the economy. President Obama and Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke are claiming that the economy is beginning to right itself and, no doubt, claiming that their policies are to thank.

However, the dust clouds are far from settled and we are a long way from seeing the full long term affects of the subprime bubble. Alan Greenspan, the old Fed chairman, didn't predict that the outcome of holding interest rates so low would be a housing bubble. Do we think this new round of politicians are somehow smarter, more farseeing, better able to control the affects of a mysterious economy? With every problem we use the government to solve, we may very well be generating a dozen new ones. Will government respond to that with even more regulation and micromanagement?

So grab some tea and hit the streets. We may not have all the answers right now - only egotistical economists claim that they do - but we all have something to be frustrated about.



In recent months, the Federal Reserve has expanded the money base to its highest ever peak. Source: St. Louis Fed Bank

Spring Awakening

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lively place, even if it was crazy, had lost its charm. In fact, it was down right depressing. The puppy, Aidan, has brought not only humor back into our home, but perspective. Things were and are still bad in many ways, but he serves as a minutiae reminder, that they are getting better and will continue to get better.

Another family I know of recently got a pooch too. Like us this family has experienced an incredible amount of change in a very short time. There was a large debate over what breed of dog they should get too, allergies being a major factor for them as well. I hope for their sake, that they also get to experience the simple joys of adding a four-legged family member and fall in love with him just as I fell in love with Aidan. I really don't want my Dad to run for President, but I hope that some of the similarities continue and that things get better for them as well. Because well, that would mean it's getting better for everyone. What a better time than in the spring, with its renewing feeling and all the fresh starts for our country to experience something uplifting.

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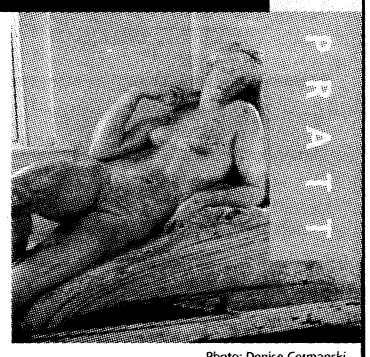

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Men's Lacrosse Needs To Beat Binghamton Before Looking Ahead to Hofstra, Albany

BY GENÉ MORRIS
Sports Editor

Check the America East Men's Lacrosse standings and you're sure to see a sharp divide.

At the top sits nationally ranked #8 UMBC, a team that came into LaValle Stadium earlier this season and beat the Seawolves. #18 Albany, who the Seawolves host on April 25, also sits in the top echelon.

The Seawolves are in the midst of a three game stretch in which they play the three teams at the bottom - 4-8 Vermont, 1-10 Hartford, and 2-10 Binghamton.

Stony Brook will host Binghamton this weekend after going on the road to beat Vermont and Hartford. To be considered in the top group with UMBC and Albany, the Seawolves need to finish off this stretch with another victory.

Although it wasn't pretty, the Seawolves took care of business the last two weekends.

On April 4, the Seawovles traveled to Burlington to take on the Catamounts. Stony Brook jumped out to a 5-1 lead and held a lead of 9-4 late in the third quarter before holding on for a 10-8 victory.

Charlie Parr was in goal for the Seawolves, and was forced to make 18 saves. Vermont out shot Stony Brook by a 44-23 margin for the game, including 26-12 in the second half.

It was once again British Columbian sophomores Kevin Crowley and Jordan McBride who led the Seawolves attack, scoring two goals apiece. Timmy Trenkle, Tom Compitello, and Robbie Campbell also contributed with a goal and an assist each.

Parr only need to make one save, and the Seawolves blocked two other Vermont shots in the last 3:26 of the game. The Catamounts Liam Thomas had struck quickly to bring the score to 10-8 at the 3:26 mark, but the Seawolves found a way to hang on.

On April 11 they traveled to West Hartford to take on the winless Hawks.

Stony Brook again jumped out to a quick lead, going up 4-0 with 12:38 left in the first quarter. Crowley scored two of the goals and assisted on a McBride goal, while McBride assisted on both of Crowley's markers.

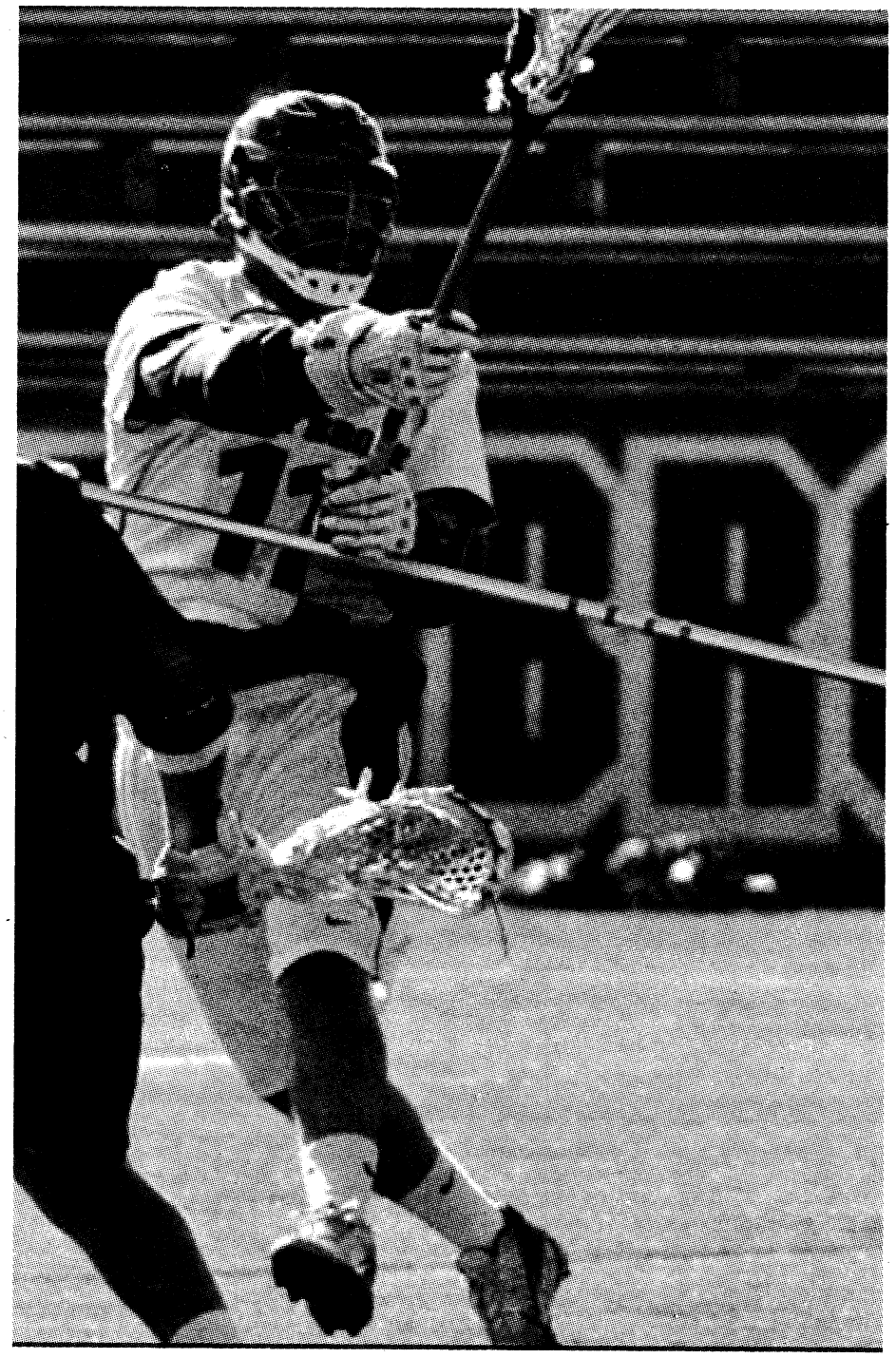
But Hartford went on a 4-0 run itself, eventually tying the game in the middle of the second quarter. The first 30 minutes ended with the score tied at five.

Hartford tallied the first goal in the second half. It was at that time the Seawolves stepped up and answered back. An assortment of Stony Brook players combined to score eight of the games next 10 goals, and by early in the fourth quarter the Seawolves led 13-8.

Freshman attack Kyle Belton added two insurance goals before Hartford scored two goals at the end of the game to push the final score to 15-11.

In this game the Seawolves held the shot advantage by a 39-26 margin, and sophomore Adam Rand was dominant in the face off circle, winning 25 of 28 face offs.

It may be tough for the Seawolves to not look past Binghamton this Saturday night, as they travel to Hempstead on Tuesday night to take on #6 Hofstra, and return on April 25 to host Albany in the last game of the regular season.



Sophomore sensation Jordan McBride and fellow British Columbian Kevin Crowley have once again led the Seawolves offense this season. The Seawolves have only three games left in the season before going into the America East Tournament, where they will most likely face Albany for a second time.

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Softball Overpowers Vermont In Weekend Sweep

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America East rival Vermont visited Stony Brook over the weekend for a three game series against the Seawolves. They went home having scored only a single run, losing the three game set a combined 26-1.

In the first game of a double header on Sunday, the Seawolves got another strong start from Alyssa Struzenberg, who pitched all five innings without allowing a run. She allowed only two hits and walked two while striking out eight.

The Seawolves jumped out to a commanding lead early by scoring seven of their nine runs in the bottom of the third. Vermont did not help their starting pitcher Alison Daggett by committing two errors in the inning. The errors led to only two of the Seawolves seven runs being earned.

Stony Brook's Vicki Kavitsky and Molly Kestranek accounted for six of the Seawolves runs in the inning, with each hitting three-run homers.

The Seawolves ended the game in the bottom of the fifth before any outs could be recorded. Kelsi Fanelli walked to lead off the inning, and Marissa Fluery hit a home run to center field to end the contest at 9-0.

In the second game, Stony Brook got another strong pitching performance from Casey Jacobs and rolled to a 9-1 victory.

The only Vermont run was unearned in the fifth after Kellin Haley reached on an error and scored without the Catamounts getting a hit.

That was the only blemish on Jacobs line on the day. She pitched the complete six innings, allowing only three hits and one walk. She struck out four batters.

The Seawolves attack was balanced in the game, as they scored at least one run in every inning, culminating with a three run sixth inning to put the game away.

Once again it was Marissa Fluery who put the final dagger in the Catamounts, slamming a two-run home run to left center field to end the game.

In the finale that was pushed back to Monday due to inclement weather, the Seawolves pitching once again locked down the Catamounts and Stony Brook cruised to an 8-0 victory.

Struzenberg pushed her record on the year to 15-3, once again throwing a complete game shut out. Like her first start of the weekend, she allowed only two hits and two walks, and in this contest she struck out seven.

A Crista Cerrone two RBI double was the key blow for the Seawolves in a three run second inning. The Seawolves put up three more runs in the third after an RBI double by Brijette Martin scored two runners.

The Seawolves had runners on first and second in the bottom of the sixth with two outs, and an error by Vermont right fielder Bree Cassidy allowed Cerrone and Kavitsky to score the game ending runs.

The Seawolves season continues with a double header against Sacred Heart on April 16. Stony Brook then travels for a weekend series against conference rival Boston University.

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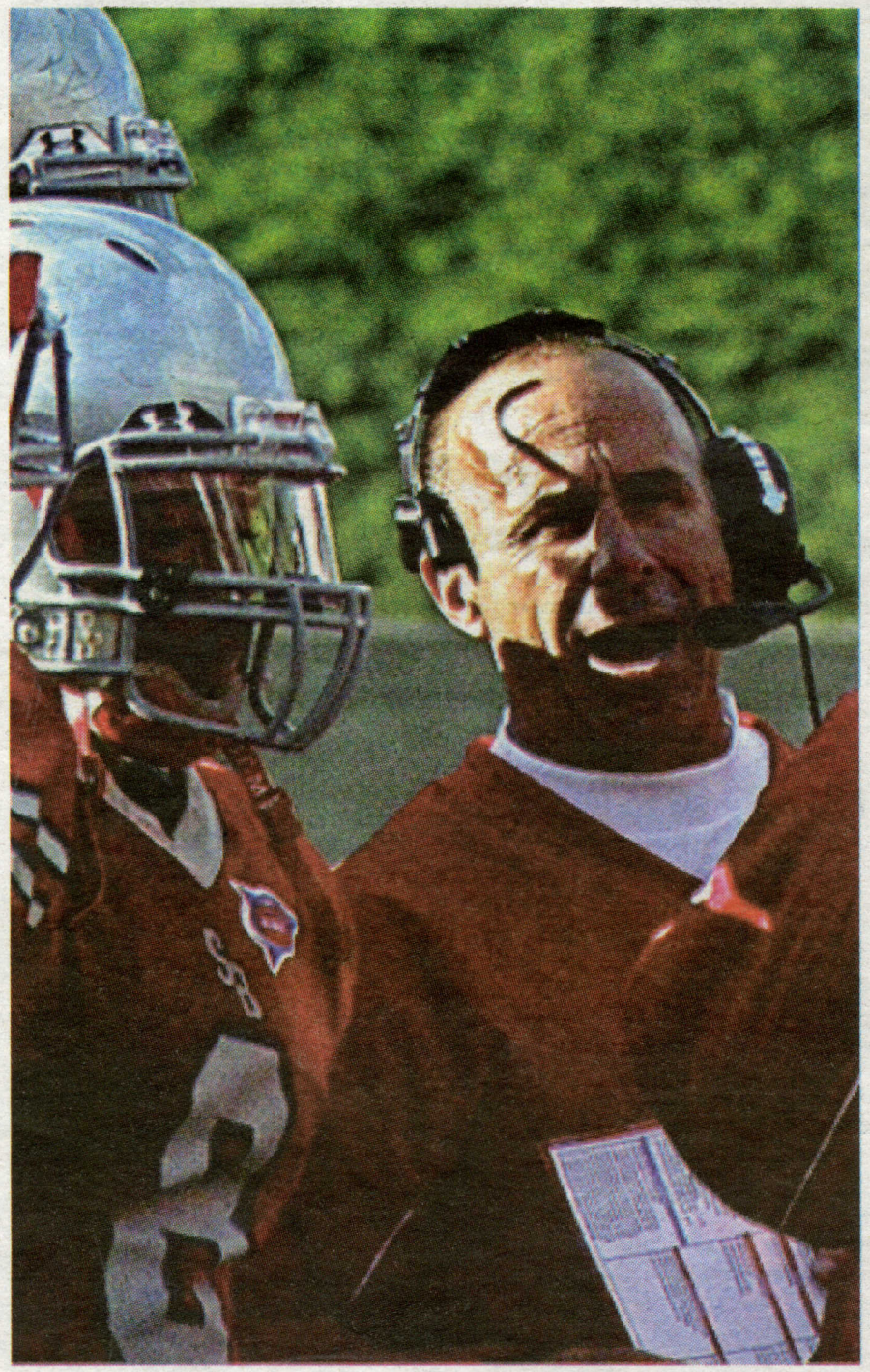
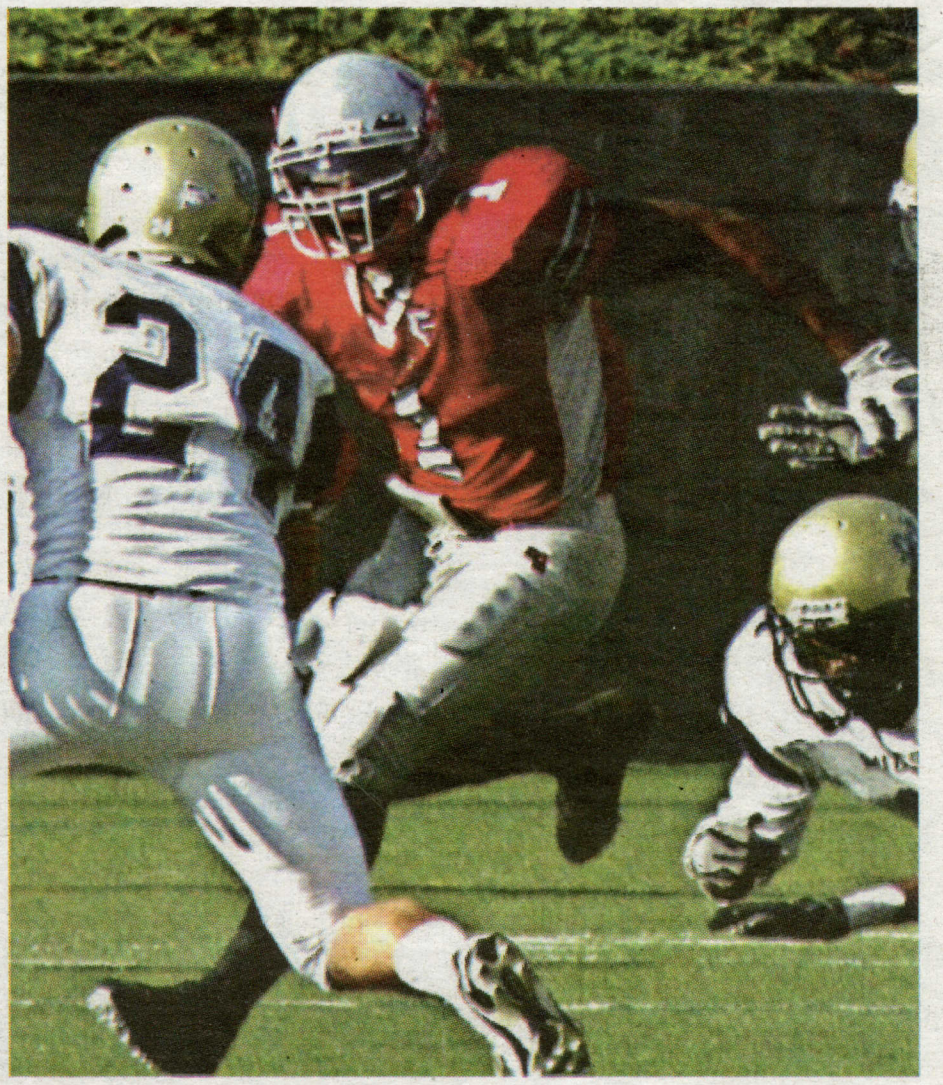
Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	at Hofstra	TBA
Sept. 12	at Colgate	TBA
Sept. 19	Brown	6:00 PM
Sept. 26	at UMass	TBA
Oct. 3	Presbyterian*	3:00 PM
Oct. 10	at N. Dakota	1:00 PM
Oct. 17	at VMI*	1:30 PM
Oct. 24	Coastal Carolina*	6:00 PM
Oct. 31	at Gardner-Webb*	1:30 PM
Nov. 14	at C. Southern*	1:30 PM
Nov. 21	Liberty*	1:00 PM



Head Coach Chuck Priore and the Seawovles are entering their second season in the Big South, and travel up the east coast to take on rival Hofstra and UMass in 2009.



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The Seawolves will be counting heavily on returning running back Conte Cuttino and Eddie Gowins to lead the offense this coming season.