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RA applications for the next academic year are up 40 percent, but the number of positions available are few.

## Number of Resident Assistant Applications Shoots Up

By ERIKA KARP  
Staff Writer

Rahat Ahmed remembers calling the university police on his own peers who were smoking marijuana at a party -- his job as a resident assistant (RA) calls for him to be "selfless." He makes decisions like this every day and the job is anything but simple. He can play the role of parent, friend, mentor and, in some cases, bad cop.

These roles come with the job, which puts its employees in situations from diffusing a simple disagreement to preventing a suicide. Even with the vital responsibilities that the job holds, more students than usual have applied for an RA position.

For the academic year ending 2010, 474 applications were submitted and 314 of those applications are eligible, according

to Anthony LaViscount, who is in charge of RA recruitment and the hiring process. For this school year, 338 applications were submitted -- a difference of more than 100. Presently, there are 63 RA positions available next year, making the acceptance rate 13 percent -- a comparable rate to admissions Dartmouth College, Brown University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

According to LaViscount, the number of positions available will rise as some students graduate, decide to study abroad or cannot work due to other factors. An exact number could not be predicted, but LaViscount estimated that about 50 more RAs could be hired.

The increase in selectivity this year has set the bar high for applicants. "More candidates, better quality," LaViscount said. "I have watched the quality improve."

Norbert Dunkel, president of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International, said that he has not seen a rise in applications like this in his 28 years in the field. Another new trend that he has seen is students who live off campus are applying for the job. In the past, students live on campus before applying.

"It is getting more difficult, obviously, to secure money to go to higher education," said Dunkel, director of housing and residence education at the University of Florida. "More parents are losing their jobs. When a student can find

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## Deconstructing the Theories on Global Warming

By JOE TROLLO  
Assistant News Editor

With average global temperatures on the rise, many scientists are still looking for the cause for modern day climate changes, hopefully before any serious effects occur.

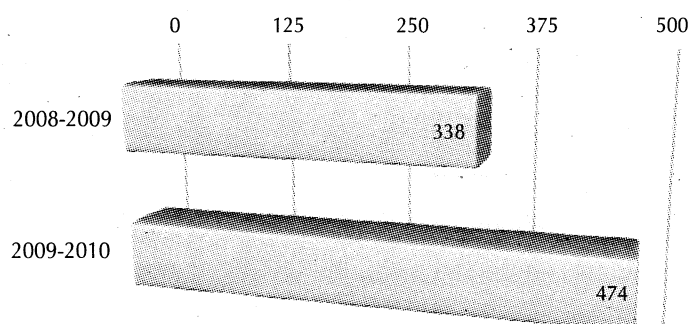
A common idea is that the increase in greenhouse gas emissions due to human activity has caused most of the warming observed since the 1990's. These greenhouse gases reflect outbound infrared radiation (heat energy) back toward the earth's surface rather than letting it escape into space, thus causing surface air temperature to rise.

Since the Industrial Revolution, the amount of carbon dioxide in the air has increased from the approximate 260 parts per million (ppm) evidenced by core samples of glacial ice to the 383 ppm measured in January 2007. According to studies performed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, even doubling what seems like a small amount of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere can raise the average temperature up to 8.1 degrees Fahrenheit and humidity by 20 percent.

Carbon dioxide, however, is only one of the many substances considered to be greenhouse

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### Number of Submitted Resident Assistant Applications



## The Statesman Wins Two Journalism Awards

By LAUREN CIOFFI  
Staff Writer

The Statesman recently received two awards in the New York Press Association's 2008 Better Newspaper Contest for its commitment to journalism on the Stony Brook University campus.

The paper won second place in the best news story category for Bradley Donaldson's article "Art Exhibitions Pulled from Arts Festival,"

and third place for "Graduate Student Employees Protest Unfair Wages" by April Warren.

This is the 79th annual Better Newspaper Contest, which is open to colleges and universities across the state. This year, 14 colleges submitted 186 entries in eight categories.

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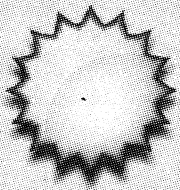
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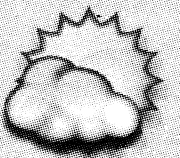


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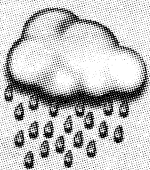
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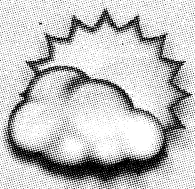
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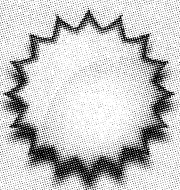
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## Number of Applications for Resident Assistant Position Rises

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a wonderful leadership opportunity like being an RA that comes with that compensation package, it really does pay for the student to go to school for the year."

Stony Brook RA's receive a housing bed-waiver, meal plan and bookstore stipend, according to the university website. "I think a lot of people going for the RA position is honestly because of money. Becoming an RA seems like an easy way to cope," said Ahmed, an RA in Toscanini College. "There are some

who genuinely want to help people and, while I say this, I don't think it's wrong to apply because of economic reasons. As long as you do your job and are a positive role model, then your title as an RA isn't making you a hypocrite."

There are a few reasons for the rise in applications at Stony Brook. "My hope is because we had a new marketing technique: the use of the Internet," LaViscount said. "Our best form of advertising is from our hall directors and RA's. Our students have great experiences with them so they want to become part

of that." However, he later said that the present economy might have had an impact.

SUNY schools, Geneseo and Buffalo, are part of the nationwide rise in RA applications as well. "I attribute this increase in interest to two factors," said Celia Easton, the dean of residential living at Geneseo. "First: the economy. RA housing and stipends are a valuable way to help pay for college. Second: outreach to students, particularly outreach to members of ethnic and cultural organizations, who were not active members of Residential Life in previous years. Beginning in 2008, we have received an increase in our pool directly connected to personal connections made with the Black Student Union and the Latino Student Association."

With a large group of applicants, LaViscount says certain qualities in a candidate stand out to him. "I look for people who are motivated," LaViscount said. "...For people who want to get others excited." For those students who don't get the job, LaViscount offered some simple advice. "The best you can do is get involved on campus. Join clubs and organizations that allow you to get involved. Try, try again."

The RA hiring process has a number of steps. First, students

who are interested submit an online application, which includes a cover letter, resume and two references. Qualified applicants -- undergraduate students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 (3.0 for graduate students), fulltime course load and good disciplinary standing -- can then attend a pre-interview workshop. According to LaViscount, this workshop is a new part of the process. It provides applicants the opportunity to ask any questions they may have and prepare for the actual interview.

"I was really nervous for my interview," said Nina Casiano, a sophomore and RA applicant. "But now that I think about it, it really wasn't that intimidating."

Next is the formal interview and mixer. "The mixer is a more informal opportunity to meet hall directors," LaViscount said, adding how it can be a more relaxed atmosphere than the interview for many.

"Sometimes we look like police people and party poopers, but we're just doing our jobs and we do it because we care about the residents," Ahmed said. "Some people end up hating your guts forever. For those guys you can just hope that they learn their lesson from what you were able to do and hopefully grow up."



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Although 474 RA applications were turned in for next year, only 63 positions are available.

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By SHIREEN JAYMAN  
Staff Writer

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Residents gathered around an assembly line-like table in the dormitory's main lounge and built hand-sized robots from materials like soda cans, metal wires and batteries.

Rahman explained how the electricity flowed in a ready-made robot, a specific model called the "beetle-bot," during his crash course in robotics.

"Mendelsohn's theme is Information Technology Studies," Rahman said. "A lot of the students are focused on

engineering, information sciences, computer science. Their classes involve learning about circuits and building things, so I thought it would be fun to have a program about simple robots: Robots 101."

The Undergraduate College of Information Technology Studies is, according to the Stony Brook University web site, "designed for students

interested in the growing areas of technology development." Their mission statement expresses that the undergraduate

college "seeks to infuse students with a sense of wonder as they discover the power of information and technology and consider their own role in shaping the future."

At the end of the night, the students who attended got to take their beetle-bots home, as a souvenir of a program that combined technology with creativity.



Shireen Jayman/ SB Statesman

## Political Panel Discusses Long Island Politics and Internships

By JASMIN FRANKEL  
Staff Writer

A handful of political leaders were brought together by a former Stony Brook student on March 26 to discuss politics on Long Island and how newcomers can break into the business.

James Klurfeld, a Stony Brook University journalism professor and experienced panel discussion mediator, conducted the discussion. He began the panel by asking how and why Long Island politics have changed over the past 40 years.

Currently, Democrats hold the majority seat on Long Island, which raised questions as to why such a change occurred. Brian Beedenbender, a Suffolk County legislator and democrat, claimed the cause to be the term limit law in 2005 that opened an opportunity for the Democratic Party to take over.

However, Beedenbender says it is only a matter of time before the tables turn and the Republican Party is in the majority.

It may be some time before the table does turn, though. A special election held on March

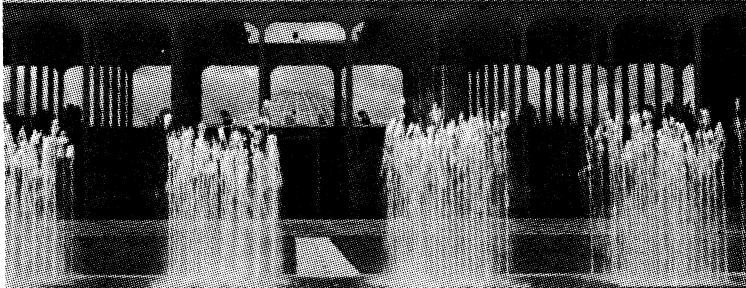
31 showed that Long Islanders want to keep Democrats in power by electing democrat Mark Lesko for Brookhaven Town Supervisor. The political newcomer's unexpected win allows the Democratic Party to stay in power.

As for Stony Brook students who are newcomers that hope to break into the business, the unanimous response was to participate in an internship. By taking an internship, students learn the ropes and are able to network. "Motivation and good work ethic makes an impression," said Alan Schneider, Director of Suffolk County Personnel. Schneider suggests working on a campaign.

After the panel discussion, each panelist joined in a question and answer session. Stony Brook student Parker Ince thought the panel discussion helped open the doors for students. "The elected officials were making themselves accessible to everyone," Ince said. "I thought it was productive -- they [the panelists] didn't dodge any questions and gave students a sense of direction in politics."

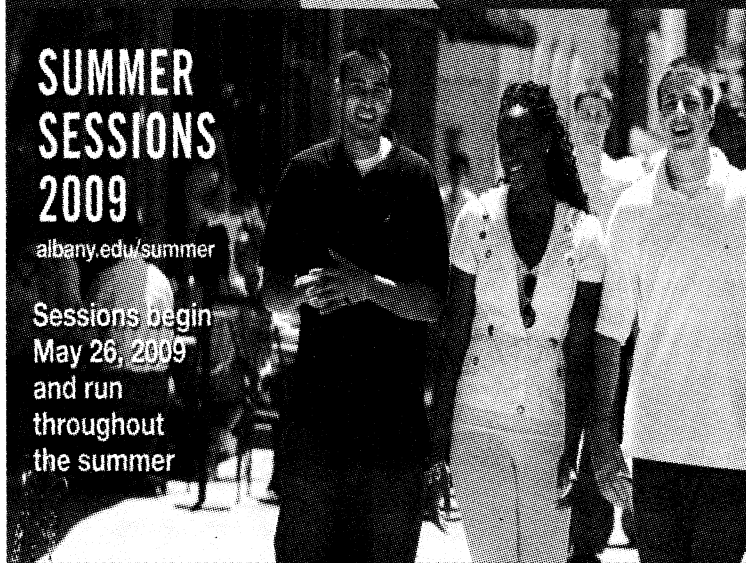
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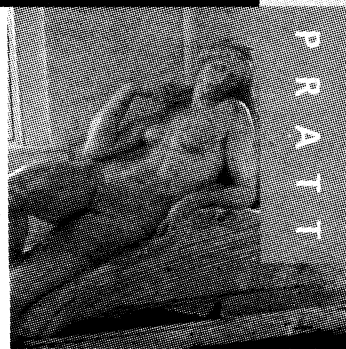


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## Drunk Driving: A New Sport

By PATRICK JACQUES  
Contributing Writer

Sports figures have become defined by many things in this modern age; exorbitant contracts, international expansion, self-centered attitudes, and a general demeanor of athletes that has prompted delegation of the title, "the good ol' days," to the previous sports era. A far more sinister trend is occurring in today's sports world — a growing number of drunken driving incidents and nobody cares.

Athletes from all across the sports spectrum have been involved in an alarming number of DUI's and the results are getting more and more gruesome. Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth is facing charges of DUI manslaughter after he struck and killed a pedestrian after returning from a party in Miami on March 14. The question the Browns are asking: will Stallworth be able to play for them this season?

All be it this is a starkly more serious situation where someone has died which makes

one wonder even more at the tame reaction of the franchise, the Browns aren't alone in taking a pass at a chance to make a statement against athletes drunk driving.

Joba Chamberlain, star Yankees' pitcher, was arrested October 18th of last year on DUI charges. Two days later Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner told the Daily News he would welcome Chamberlain back with open arms. Steinbrenner went on to say, "It happens, everybody deserves a second chance - or even a third chance." Hopefully Joba won't kill anyone on his subsequent chances. It would make Steinbrenner's firm stance all for not.

The teams don't take all the blame for this lack of an outcry against athletes drunk driving. The news media has failed to take these athletes and franchises that stand behind them to task for their dangerous actions. In the case of Chamberlain, the video of his DUI arrest has gotten far more attention than the actual reason for his arrest. On it he calls New Yorkers rude and Yankee

legend Yogi Berra short. No comment from Steinbrenner on whether that mistake still counts as his first.

Instead of being treated as something at least dangerous and at most deadly, athletes drunk driving is treated as an embarrassing mistake that requires an immediate apology and an even more immediate brush under the rug. For example St. Louis Cardinal Manager Tony La Russa's DUI arrest after he was found asleep at the wheel of his vehicle March 22, 2007, where La Russa apologized, the Cardinal organization stood behind him and no one spoke of it after that.

What you have heard and will continue to hear is how Nick Adenhardt, a 22 year old Anaheim Angels pitcher, was killed April 9th after a hit-and-run car crash. A minivan, driven by an alleged drunken driver, ran a red light and killed Adenhardt and three others. You will hear about the alleged drunk driver, Andrew Gallo, 22 whose trial will be well documented and you will hear about the Angels continuing their season in the midst of

this tragedy.

In this instance it is the athlete who is the victim of the drunk driver. Perhaps the outpour of grief for this person of notoriety's death might trigger a somber reminder of those who were and were not hurt by the countless number of athletes convicted of DUI's.

La Russa and Chamberlain each received probation and community service for their DUI convictions and it is unknown what type of punishment Stallworth will receive.

A fitting penalty for these athletes would be a public flogging at the hands of the same press that glorifies their successes and a stricter set of punishments by the franchises that employ these players.

Since the start of April three more athletes have been arrested on suspicion of drunk driving: Los Angeles Clipper and Former Knick Zach Randolph on the 6th, and Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Leon Hall and Florida State Seminoles wide out Rod Owens on the 5th.

## No, Really, Think of the Children Tough Choices for the Suffolk County Budget

By ZACHARY KURTZ  
Opinion Editor

"I am a centrist who understands that to serve the taxpayer, you have to make tough and often unpopular decisions. Unfortunately, my opposition to unnecessary spending is often interpreted by others as being inflexible."

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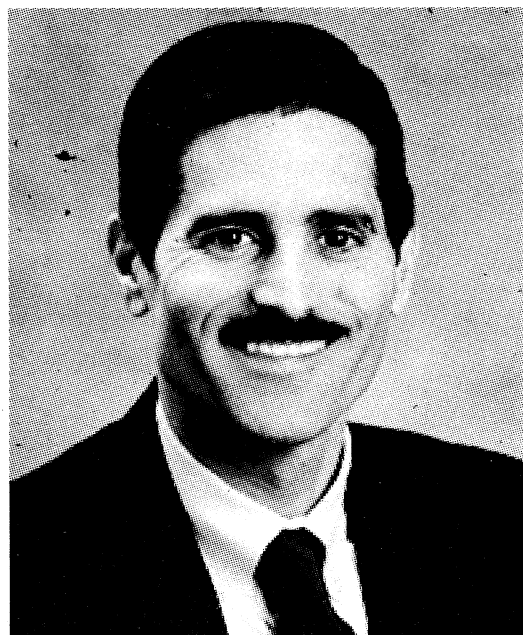
The question has sparked a

feud between Levy and Suffolk's other top-elected Democrat, Presiding Officer William Lindsay (D-Holbrook). Last year, the two butted heads over a decision to close or sell a county-owned Nursing home in Yaphank. This time, Levy is proposing to cut restaurant health inspector jobs. Lindsay has criticized this move as being dangerous to public health.

Despite my disagreements

with Levy in the past -- his image as the champion against illegal immigrants is a hysterical, and cheap, political ploy -- I must admit that I find myself siding with him on this fiscal budget issue. During times of budget shortages, we have to find areas to cut. While that's going to come at someone's expense, we have to think of

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## MUSIC

## Up-and-Coming: Astellaway

By IVANNA AVALOS  
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

The social networking web site MySpace.com, once known mainly for a way to keep in touch with friends, has quickly grown popular as it develops new features. One of its most popular features is its music profiles which makes it easy for music lovers to discover new bands from just about anywhere.

MySpace and similar sites make it easier for local, unsigned bands to reach fans from just their hometown or neighboring towns. One of these particular bands that are reaching a far audience via their MySpace profile is pop/punk rock band, Astellaway.



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Astellaway's second EP, titled "This Time," was released Mar. 6, 2009.

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The Oklahoma band released their second EP "This Time" in early March. The band comprises lead singer Kacy Chronister, 22, bassist Josh Gilbert, 22, drummer Jeremy Smith, 19, and guitarist Luke Chronister, 24.

Kacy and her brother Luke were not strangers to the scene -- before starting Astellaway they had been in another band named Tiger Eye Lily. They decided to form a band together after writing their first song "Headlights." That band eventually dismantled because of differing opinions about where to take the band. They have performed with their current band for over a year after they found their current drummer Jeremy.

According to lead singer Kacy, the band's name comes from her misunderstanding of one of the lines in her favorite Disney movie "Beauty and the Beast."

"It's kind of funny," she says laughing at the memory. Kacy thought Bella called one of the cups "astellaway" and thought it was a cool name for their band. The phrase in the movie is actually "a stow away."

Since the formation of Astellaway, the band has spent time working on their new EP.

Their latest release is a seven-track EP that includes a 48-second

introduction entitled "This Time" that then leads to their next track "Some Things Will Never Change."

Since the band is not a part of a record label, their guitarist Luke records all of their songs off a com-

As well as touring, the band makes time to personally comment on their friends' MySpace profiles.

"Jeremy keeps up with that," says Kacy. "We want fans to be our friend. We try to talk to all our friends."

"Our ultimate goal is to be signed," says Kacy. She adds, "We don't have



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From left to right, Jeremy Smith, Josh Gilbert, Kacy Chronister, and Luke Chronister of Astellaway, from North Tulsa, Oklahoma.

puter. Though they do not have the backing of the best producers, it is clear that Astellaway does not need them to make a good album. Their EP is filled with tight guitar riffs that mesh well with Kacy's sweet, yet tough, vocal styling that provides audiences with a great pop album that puts listeners in a good mood.

Astellaway follows in the pop-rock footsteps of some of their biggest influences, which include Blink-182, Taking Back Sunday, and New Found Glory.

Their first eponymous EP was released last year. Both EPs can be found on iTunes.

In May, Astellaway will be on tour along the west coast. The band has hopes of planning a second tour for the east coast.

to be signed to a huge label." During a phone interview with singer Kacy, it is apparent that this group of musicians has the dedication and commitment to music.

With their talent and hard work, Astellaway is on their way to grab the attention of both music fans and record label executives; it's only a matter of time.

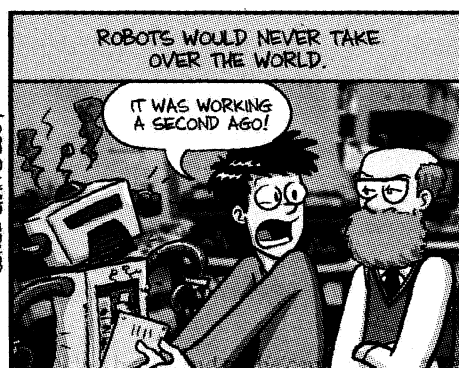
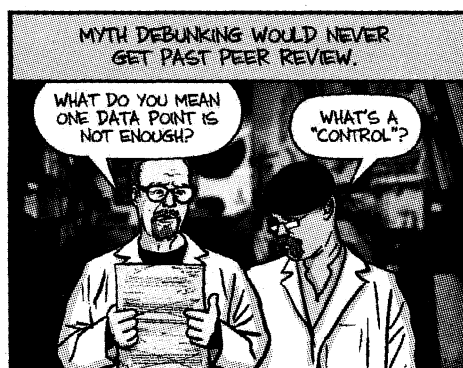
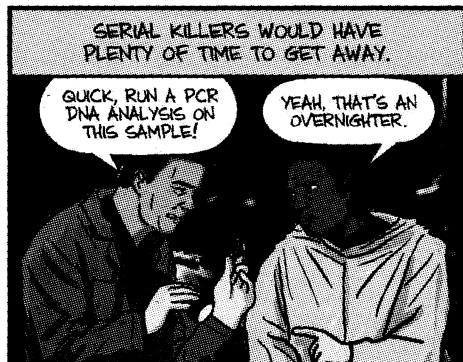


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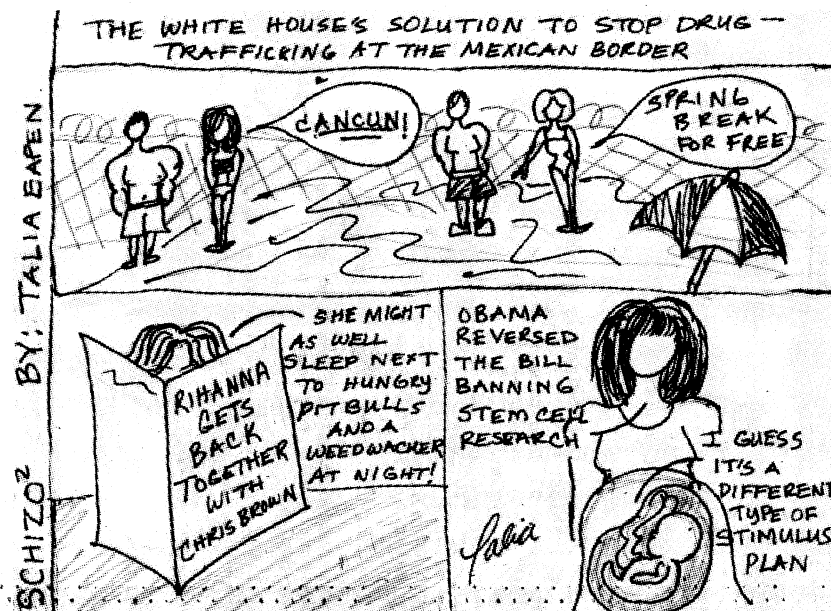
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# Deconstructing the Theories on Global Warming

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gases, such as methane and chlorofluorocarbons, the latter of which never existed naturally. An increased concentration in any of these could have similar effects.

Another thought is that pollution is depleting the ozone layer, a layer of various configurations of oxygen molecules in the stratosphere that protects us from a specific type of radiation from the sun, known as UVB rays. As the ozone is depleted, the increased radiation can cause rises in surface air temperatures. This radiation is also known to cause skin cancer and damage to plants and plankton, the basis of many ecosystems.

Despite all of this information, scientists are still far from the answer.

The presence of the atmospheric pollution could counteract its own warming effect through a phenomenon called "global dimming." The idea says that the particles in the air can reflect incoming sunlight, preventing it from striking the surface of the earth and making the sun seem dimmer, reducing the amount of light reaching Earth and therefore reducing surface air temperatures.

Efforts to reduce air pollution could have reduced their countering effect, leading to a faster rise in surface temperatures. A National Aeronautics and Space Administration report on this layer of airborne particles, called aerosols, says that "the thinning of Earth's 'sunscreen' of aerosols since the early 1990's could have given an extra push to the rise in global surface temperatures."

"When more sunlight can get through the atmosphere and warm Earth's surface, you're going to have an effect on climate and temperature," said Michael Mishchenko from NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, also known as GISS, in a NASA article. "Knowing what aerosols are doing globally gives us an important missing piece of the big picture of the forces at work on climate."

Satellite estimates have shown a steady decrease in sun-blocking aerosols since the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991, which caused a 10 percent reduction in the amount of sunlight reaching the earth's surface, and by consequence a global temperature reduction of 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

The NASA report later says, "The combined results from nine state-of-the-art climate models, including three from GISS, showed that due to increasing greenhouse gases and aerosols, the planet warmed at the same time that direct solar radiation reaching the surface decreased," which means that although less sunlight is reaching Earth's surface, our climate is still warming.

This could be attributed to the idea that, even though the aerosols are reflecting light, they are still absorbing radiation from the sun and releasing it in the stratosphere.

Because of these two contradictory circumstances, the effects of climate change have not been as apparent as scientists would have predicted. "Less sunlight reaching the surface counteracts the effect of warmer air temperatures, so evaporation does not change very much," said Gavin Schmidt, also

from NASA's GISS, in the article. "Increased aerosols probably slowed the expected change in the hydrological cycle."

Unfortunately, scientists lack quantitative data for the effects of the small but steady decline in aerosols, and presently only have measurements of the spacial thickness of the aerosol layers.

In addition to global dimming, the cause of climate change is further obscured by the solar cycle of the sun.

In a NASA study, scientists found that during times of "quiet" sunspot activity, the amount of solar radiation has increased by nearly .05 percent per decade since the 1970's. Sunspots are regions on the surface of our sun that experience intense electromagnetic activity and therefore lower temperatures, making them appear as dark "spots."

"Historical records of solar activity indicate that solar radiation has been increasing since the late 19th century," said Richard Willson, a scientist affiliated with NASA's GISS and Columbia University's Earth Institute, in a separate article by NASA. "If a trend, comparable to the one found in this study, persisted throughout the 20th century, it would have provided a significant component of the global warming the IPCC reports to have occurred over the past 100 years."

Still, some claim that records of data have been distorted, and that the earth is still in a cooling phase, or that there is not enough evidence to prove that the changes aren't natural.

Any number or combination thereof could be the cause of the climate change we are experiencing today, and will be experiencing tomorrow.

The IPCC projects that over the course of the 21st century, the average surface air temperature will rise by 3.2 to 7.2 degrees Fahrenheit, but unevenly distributed around the world.

Stony Brook's campus hasn't been affected much by the climate change in terms of temperature and precipitation, having the same average yearly temperature and nearly the same amount of precipitation in 2008 as in 1992, but rises elsewhere have the potential to affect the entire globe.

According to the IPCC, an increase in the average global temperature is very likely to lead to changes in precipitation and atmospheric moisture because of changes in atmospheric circulation and increases in evaporation and water vapor. Precipitation events, from rain showers to thunderstorms, would be expected to increase in intensity, along with the overall precipitation amount, but during summer seasons there would be limited rain inland due to increased evaporation.

It would also be expected that tropical storms and hurricanes increase in intensity and wind speed as they would be energized by warmer sea surface temperatures, according to a World Meteorological Organization study from 2006.

In addition to weather changes, the global average sea level is estimated to rise by 7.2 to 23.6 inches by the end of the century, as reported by the IPCC.



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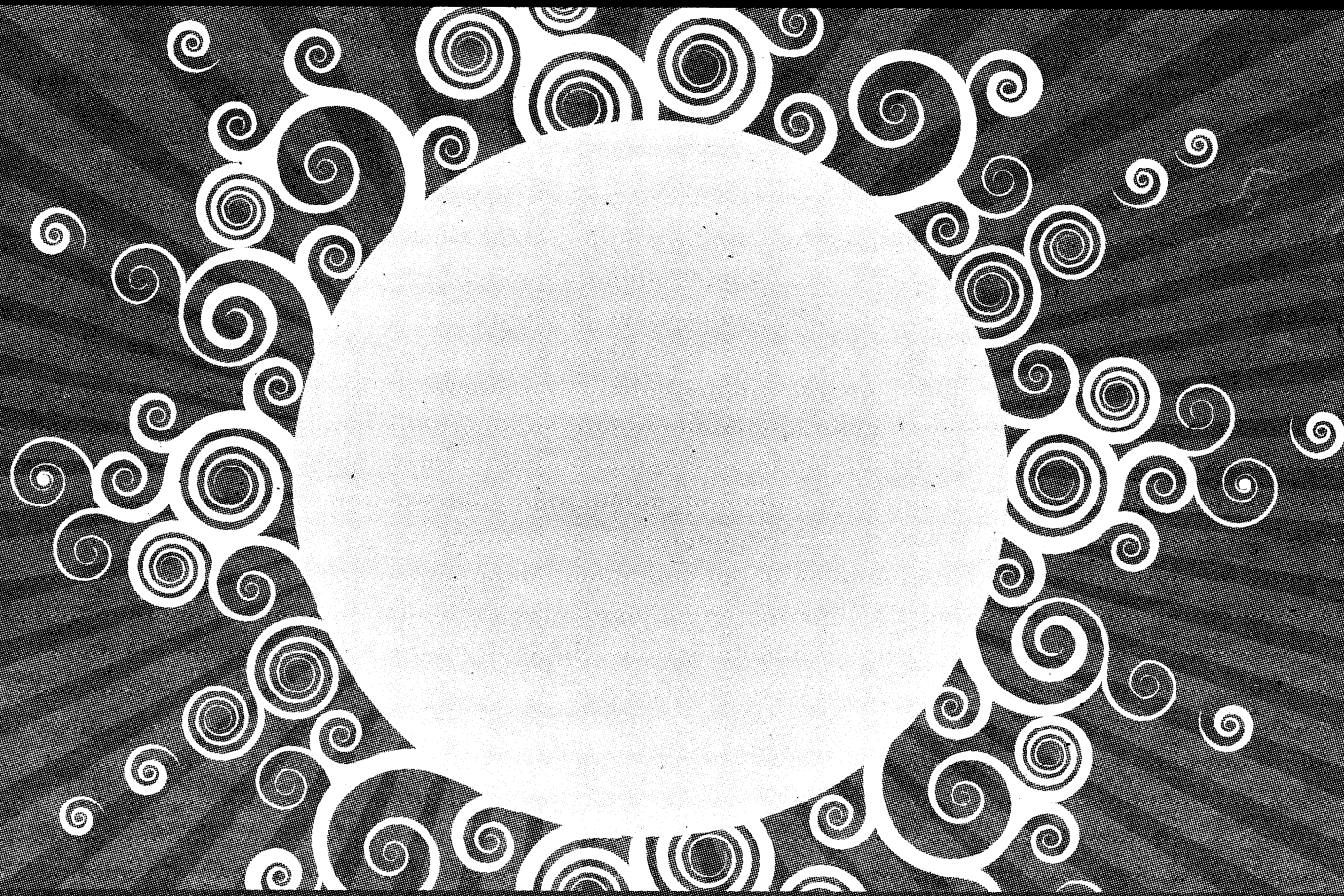
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# No, Really, Think of the Children

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the big picture here.

Lindsay's response is typical of the "big government" crowd and is expected, but must be ultimately dismissed. Lindsay's reaction reminds me of those politicians who sponsor new and expensive regulation by appealing to the "but, think of the children!" mantra. Does the legislation actually help protect children? Maybe they do, but the point is to push through expensive bills, give the government and politicians more power, and paint the opposition, usually the economically conservative-minded, as uncaring of, or even spiteful towards, mankind's weakest members.

It's this type of fallacious argument (an appeal to emotion, for logic buffs) is responsible for many -- sometimes wasteful -- government programs, such as No Child Left Behind, some gun control laws, gay marriage bans, and many more. The point of the appeal is to prevent critical thinking by evoking an emotional response from voters.

By proposing to cut health inspector jobs, does Levy not care about the state of the public health? No, not necessarily. More likely, he sees health inspection as large source of strain on the budget, but one that our country will be ok with less of.

Before you accuse me of not "thinking of the children," let me explain. Restaurants have a strong incentive to maintain high standards of public health. Neglecting high cleanliness standards will force restaurant owners to deal with law suits and loss of businesses.

In some ways, in fact, since consumers assume some government agent is going to be inspecting a restaurant we're eating at, we're actually worse off. How many of us check the Suffolk County of Health's Restaurant Inspection database, put online in 2002 -- even though the layout looks more archaic -- before dining out? We think the government has our back, but do they really?

I checked Stony Brook University's dining services. The Student Activity Center dining hall has no critical violations to report, but the last inspection was done in 2007. Jasmine and Kelly haven't gotten a visit since 2006. The food court in the Indoor Sports Complex -- 2004. At the Union

Deli, three different violations were found this past February with the "enforcement status" as "Litigation Pending."

The long time period between inspections and outright violations tell me that government cannot keep up with consumer demand when it comes to health inspection. Maybe governments should get out of the business altogether and let private inspectors take over. That way, restaurants would have to contract with an inspection company, so the tax payers don't have to foot the bill at all.

**"The point is to prevent critical thinking by evoking an emotional response."**

Furthermore, competition between inspectors would make sure

standards remain high, and inspectors would want learn how to communicate more effectively with consumers. If an inspector relies on consumer demand for business, they'll be more interested in keeping those consumers educated about when and what standards of health safety they use. Consumers would have to take a more active role in thinking about their health and safety, instead of misplacing their trust in the government.

How many more Salmonella or E. coli outbreaks will it take before we stop blindly-trusting the FDA? Politicians want to throw more money at the problem, but when has that ever helped? Free market competition keeps costs down by producing procedural or technological innovation. Maybe its time we apply this logic to the food inspection business. By giving the FDA, or the Suffolk County Board of Health, our complete trust and a market monopoly we shouldn't be surprised when we get disease outbreaks, health violations, insufficient inspectors and the need for more taxpayer money without guarantee of better results.

Levy hasn't floated this proposal yet -- and I doubt that he will -- but one thing is certain: We need to erase the budget gap, and we need to think of clever ways in which to do it. We have to look at the economics of the situation and figure out how to maximize results and minimize costs. We need to be innovative. We can't afford to let politics continue as usual and we can't afford to let the unions dictate policy. We all need to be ready to compromise and be willing to make sacrifices. Anything less than this, and we're not going to be able to survive the economic recession.

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Mary Pearl, Vice President and Dean, SB Southampton  
Avram Theater, Fine Arts Building  
1:00 pm

**Thursday, April 16**

- First Annual Green Film Series at SB Southampton, sponsored by the Sustainable Committee  
Film: *Build Green*  
Avram Theater, Fine Arts Building  
7:30 pm

**Friday, April 17**

- Green Formal, sponsored by the Hall Council  
Open to all Stony Brook students, one guest per student  
Bring a 7x7-inch patch of clothing for the Recycled Quilt  
Special Events Room, Student Center, 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

**Saturday, April 18**

- Boat Rides Around the Bay and Family Fun Activity, sponsored by the Marine Station, Marine Biology Club, and Scuba Club.  
Children 8 and up can ride in the boat and must wear a lifejacket. Make take-home aquariums and beach sanding.  
Marine Station  
(park on campus in Lot A)  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:00 pm
- Atlantic Hall Planting and Quilt Making, sponsored by Facilities, Environmental Health and Safety, and Student Activities  
Atlantic Hall Lobby and Outside,  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Sunday, April 19**

- Martin Schoonen Trailblazing 5K Walk/Run: "The First Trailblazer" Scholarship fundraiser for an SB Southampton student  
Fine Arts Parking Lot  
8:00 am check-in, 9:00 am start

**Monday, April 20**

- Aquarium Making with the Children's School  
All students interested in volunteering sign up in the Wellness Center; open only to the SB Southampton community.  
Children's School  
9:45 am and 1:45 pm

**Tuesday, April 21**

- Completion of Atlantic Hall Planting, sponsored by Facilities and the Division of Student Affairs  
Atlantic Hall Steps  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Speaker: Scott Chaskey, Quail Hill Farm  
Duke Lecture Hall, Chancellors Hall,  
7:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 22**

- Strawberry Festival, hosted by FSA  
Student Center Café  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Plant Your Own Strawberry Patch in the Organic Garden, sponsored by the Garden and Greenhouse Club  
Organic Garden, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Green Career Fair, sponsored by Academic Advising and Division of Student Affairs  
SB Southampton students only  
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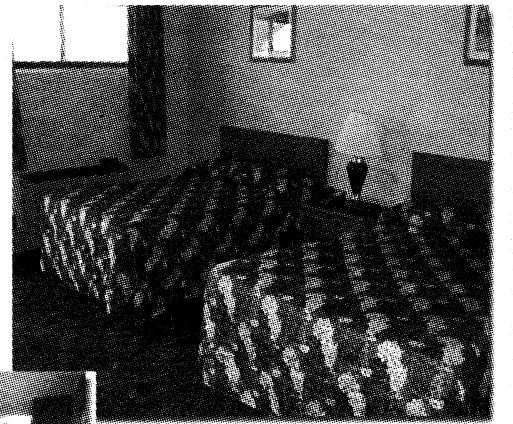
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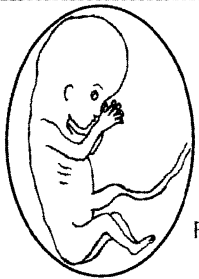
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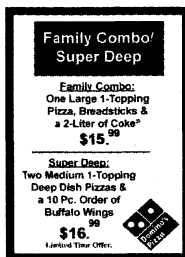
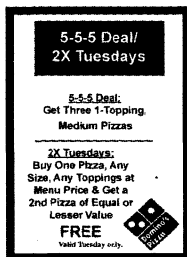
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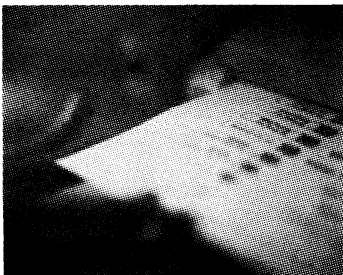
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# Women's LAX Ends Losing Streak

By MIKE FODERA  
Senior Writer

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team was busy over Spring Break, trying to salvage their season and keep a respectable face.

On April 4 the Seawolves played host to the 7-3 Boston University Terriers, who came to LaValle Stadium ranked 12th in the nation. The Seawolves began the day 3-9 and put up a tough, robust fight that ended just out of their reach. The loss extended their losing streak to six games.

The game started off with a bang with Boston taking a 1-0 lead off a free position shot on junior goalie Mickey Cahill, (Bay Shore, NY). Stony Brook answered less than two minutes later with an unassisted rip from senior Kaitlin Leggio, (Bay Shore, NY). The tying goal was Leggio's 28th of the season, good enough for the team lead in goals on the year. But Leggio's day was far from over. In the span of the next three minutes, three goals were scored almost at will.

The Terriers broke the tie with an unassisted shot from McKinley Curro but Stony Brook answered half a minute later with a blistering shot from sophomore Victoria Cable, (Oakton, VA) off a beautiful feed from senior attacker Kim Wodiska, (Lake Ronkonkoma, NY). Wodiska then joined the party with a goal of her own from the free position, her 12th of the year, to break a 2-2 tie.

The wheels then started to come off the bus as Boston proceeded to go on a 6-0 run, including a hat trick from Sarah Dalton, to take an 8-3 lead.

Not content to sit back and watch the Terriers take over the game, Stony Brook came alive to score four more goals before the end of the half. Unfortunately, Boston answered and traded every goal Stony Brook offered up. With a half over, the Terriers were up 11-7. Goals from Courtney Bertolone, a sophomore from Farmingville, NY, Samantha Djaha, a sophomore from East Islip, NY, and two more goals to complete the hat trick from Kaitlin Leggio capped the scoring.

The second half provided "less" action with 12 goals being scored rather than a hefty 18, but Stony Brook tried scratching and crawling their way back into the game. Not helping was the two goals the Terriers scored in a blink of an eye to pad their lead to six goals. Jenna Celano, a senior from Farmingdale, NY, stopped the bleeding with a quick shot off of a Leggio feed to start the scoring. Melissa Cook helped the team pull back to within four goals with an unassisted goal with 23 and a half minutes left.

Sarah Dalton proved to be the pesky middle of the day by scoring her fifth goal of the game, but Cable answered with her own notch at 10:50 of the second half. The Seawolves scored three more goals, including Leggio's fourth, but at the end of the day the Terriers proved to be too much, and behind Dalton's seven goals

in the game, Boston held off Stony Brook for a 17-13 finish.

A hard fought game proved to be not enough for a team in the midst of a six game losing streak with three games left in the season.

Yet all was not lost. Stony Brook would not give in and head coach Allison Comito would see to it that this slide would end once and for all.

With a week of training and words of encouragement, the Seawolves took on the Bearcats of rival Binghamton University this past Saturday at LaValle Stadium.

Binghamton came to the Island with an equally unimpressive yet deceiving 3-9 record.

Stony Brook stormed out of the gates, determined to set aside an ugly losing streak. Getting off to a good start was pertinent, and get off to a good start they did. Senior middle Amy Hallion, from Glenelg, South Australia, got the Seawolves going with a free position shot four minutes into the game. The Bearcats and Seawolves then traded goals back and forth to end up at 2-2, with two Binghamton goals sandwiching a Cable goal with an assist from steady shot-feeder Wodiska.

Then, something miraculous happened. Perhaps it was something in the wind on this dreary day, or the fact that a losing streak was starting to sting, but the Seawolves then went crazy.

Like many occasions against themselves throughout the season, the Seawolves went on a 7-0 run with goals from Leggio, two each from freshman Abby Ford, (Baltimore, MD) and Victoria Cable, which handed her a hat trick in the first half, Kim Wodiska, and Samantha Djaha.

With the flurry of goals stopped by two Binghamton goals, one with no time left on the clock, the Seawolves ran into the locker room with a defiant 9-4 lead.

The two teams traded goals back and forth within the first 16 minutes of the second half to end up at 12-7, with notable goals from Kaitlin Leggio, her astounding 33rd goal of the season and two goals from Melissa Cook, who also assisted on Leggio's goal giving her three points in the 16 minutes.

The closest Binghamton got to tying the game was four minutes later when they pulled to within two goals with nine minutes left in the game.

Victory, however, was in the air, and the fat lady was clearing out her throat preparing to sing as Stony Brook sealed a long awaited victory with four goals in the remaining minutes from Cable, Ford, and two from Celano, and behind a strong and audacious showing in net from Mickey Cahill, the Seawolves broke their losing streak with a 16-10 win.

The Seawolves will have a week to savor this rare victory and have a chance to go on a more positive streak, the winning variety, when the Great Danes of Albany, another rival, travels to Stony Brook on April 18.

# Baseball Over The Break

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gained the lead, Witkowski's two-out RBI single to center field sent the game into a 10th inning. In the 10th, senior Keith Fier (Armonk, N.Y.) bunted down the third base line, bringing senior Michael Tansey (Valley Stream, N.Y.) home for the winning run.

Making his first pitching appearance, junior Chris Maier (Farmingdale, N.Y.) notched the victory, allowing one run in 2.0 innings, and Chad Marshall paced the Seawolves' offense, scoring 3 runs and going 5-for-7 and adding an RBI.

The Seawolves won 3 of the 4 games in the series against the Catamounts, and left the series with a 12-11 overall record, 3-1 in America East play.

**Virginia: 4/7-4/8**

The Seawolves then traveled to Virginia to face off against the number 11-ranked Virginia Cavaliers in a two-game series. In the first game, the Seawolves were shut out, 8-0, and took the L. In the second, the Seawolves pulled off the upset and defeated the Cavaliers, 6-2.

In the first game, the visiting Seawolves managed to load the bases with two outs in the first inning. However, they were unable to capitalize as Michael Tansey struck out to end the inning.

An RBI double from the Cavaliers' Phil Goselin gave the home team a 1-0 lead, which was extended in the second inning on a two-run double from the Cavs' Jarrett Parker. The Cavaliers added three more runs in the fourth, pushing their lead to 6-0. The Seawolves continued to struggle to score, despite getting on base multiple times.

The Cavaliers scored yet again, on Parker's two-run homer to right center field. The 8-0 lead was the final margin, and senior right hander Jonathan Kalkau (Bellmore, N.Y.) picked up the loss for the Seawolves, dropping his record to 2-3.

The Seawolves got off to a hot start in the second game. A series of run scoring singles and a Robert Dyer two-run double to left center field gave the Seawolves a 5-0 lead. The Cavaliers managed to trim the lead to 5-2 in the fourth inning.

A Nick Thode (Huntington Station, N.Y.) single to right field earned him an RBI and extended the Seawolves' lead to 6-2 in the fifth inning. That was the final gap, as the visiting Seawolves relied on stingy pitching to keep the Cavaliers scoreless for the rest of the game.

Freshman right hander Tyler Johnson picked up the win for the Seawolves, improving to 3-1, and the visitors improved their overall record to 13-12. The victory over a ranked opponent was the first for the Seawolves since joining Division I baseball in 2000.

**UMBC: 4/10-4/11**

The Seawolves then traveled to UMBC to kick start a 4-game conference series against the Retrievers, with the games split into two double-headers.

The first doubleheader was a split, with the Seawolves shutting out the Retrievers to win the first game, 8-0, then unraveling late in the second game to lose 7-4.

In the first game, the Seawolves built a 3-0 lead by the end of the fourth inning, capped off by an RBI single from senior Chad Rebecca. The visiting team poured it on again in the fifth inning, tallying

four runs in the inning and stretching their lead to 8-0, which was the final margin.

Freshman right hander Tyler Johnson secured the victory, pitching a three-hit shut-out and improving his record to a team-best 4-1.

The second game saw the Seawolves score three quick runs in the first, capped off by a Jeremy Nowak (Cheektowaga, N.Y.) RBI single. The Retrievers rallied back to trim the lead to 3-2 by scoring on a couple of singles. Then, the home team went ahead of the Seawolves, 4-3, in the third inning, off of a solo home-run and an RBI single.

In the sixth inning, senior Steven Mazzurco (Selden N.Y.) scored on a UMBC error to tie the game at four. The score remained even until the ninth inning, when the Seawolves pitching gave up clutch hits that gave the Retrievers the lead. After right hander Jeremy Nowak came in to relieve senior right hander Mike Errigo (Bayside, N.Y.), the Retrievers' Tom Meaney hit a three run bomb to left, giving his team the 7-4 victory.

Errigo took the loss for the Seawolves and dropped to 1-3, after pitching 8.1 innings and allowing 4 earned runs.

The visiting Seawolves swept the second doubleheader against the UMBC Retrievers. The Seawolves won the first game 9-6 and the second game 11-5.

The Seawolves jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, capped off by an RBI double from senior Steven Mazzurco (Selden N.Y.). But the home team Retrievers bounced back nicely to tie the game at three in the second inning. After the Retrievers went up 4-3 in the third, the Seawolves scored on a senior Rob Dyer's (Selden, N.Y.) RBI in the fourth inning. Then, the road team stretched its lead to 7-4 in the fifth, with Keith Fier's (Armonk, N.Y.) two-run single capping off a three-run scoring spurt in the period.

The Retrievers managed to trim the lead to 7-6 by scoring twice in the sixth inning, but that would be as close as the home team would get. Senior Michael Tansey (Valley Stream, N.Y.) blasted a two-run homer to left field, extending the lead to 9-6 and creating the final gap.

Freshman right hander Nick Tropeano (West Islip, N.Y.) picked up the win for the Seawolves, improving to a perfect 4-0 by striking out six and walking two.

In the second game, the Seawolves tallied six runs in the second inning, including hits from seniors Rob Dyer and Chad Rebecca (Mt. Prospect, IL). After the Retrievers scored on a two-run double in the third, Rebecca sent a solo homer over the right center field fence and extended the Seawolves' lead to 7-2. The Seawolves scored two more runs in the seventh inning, capped off by an RBI single from sophomore Nick Thode (Huntington Station, N.Y.).

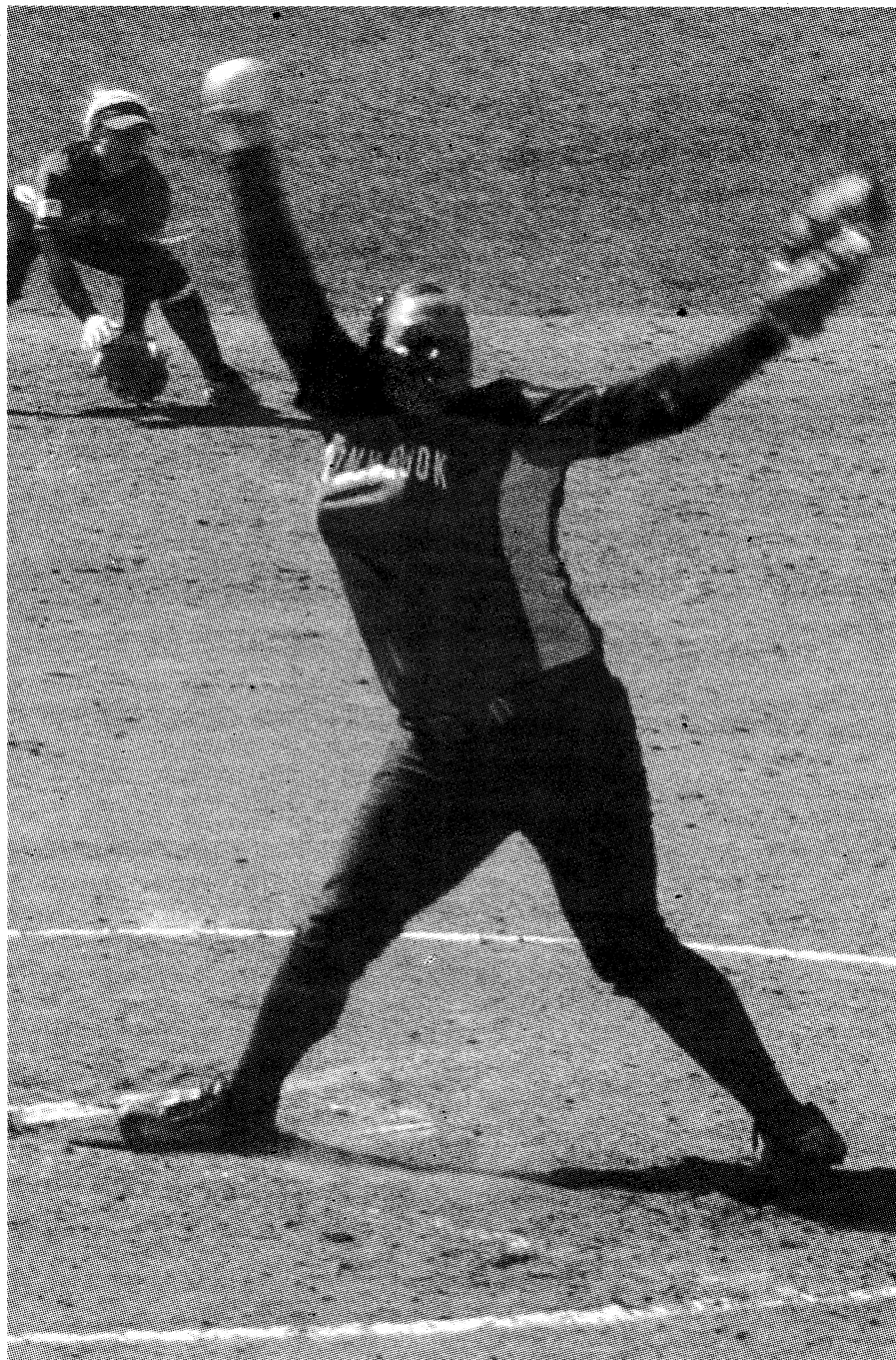
The Retrievers showed signs of life in the eighth, trimming the Seawolves' lead to 9-4 on a two-run homerun from Dustin Ferguson. But two solo homeruns in the ninth, from Michael Tansey and Rob Dyer, gave the Seawolves a 11-4 cushion that held as the final score.

Sophomore right hander Evan Stecko-Haley (Coral Springs, Fla.) notched his first win of the year, improving to 1-4 after pitching 3.1 innings of relief.

The Seawolves improved their overall record to 16-13 overall and 6-3 in America East play. The next game is April 18, when the Seawolves head to Binghamton to kick start a 4-game series against the Bearcats.

# STATESMAN SPORTS

## Over the Break, Softball Wins 4 of 6



Gene Morris / SB Statesman

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Pitching was the key for the Seawolves over spring break. Reigning America East pitcher of the year Alyssa Struzenberg contributed heavily to the Seawolves 4-2 record over the break, pitching in every game and picking up three wins.

Struzenberg struck out 40 hitters over her 27.1 innings of work, including a pair of starts against America East rivals Maine and

Hartford where she struck out 10 in each. She allowed only 23 hits over those innings, and pitched to a 1.97 ERA.

The offense exploded in the second game of a three game set at Maine on April 4, scoring 13 runs. Crista Cerrone and Kelly Oberto went 4-5 in that game, and Oberto, Jade Clare, Kelsi Fanelli, and Marissa Fluery all hit home runs.

Before this weekend's series against Vermont, the Seawolves record stood at 23-7, including 12-1 at home and 6-2 in America East play.

## Baseball Picks Up First Victory Over Ranked Team in DI History

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Vermont: 4/4-4/5

The Seawolves looked to bounce back with a four game series against the visiting Vermont Catamounts, kicking off America East conference play. The games were divided into two doubleheaders.

The first doubleheader was a split, with the Seawolves winning the first game 5-4, then dropping the second 9-7.

Senior Steven Mazzurco (Selden, N.Y.) gave the Seawolves an early 1-0 lead in the first game, on a homer to left field in the bottom of the second inning. Then, a bunt from junior Michael Stephan (Patchogue, N.Y.) brought senior Brian Witkowski (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) home and stretched the Seawolves' lead to 2-0.

But the Catamounts bounced back nicely. After cutting the lead to 2-1 in the fourth, the visitors scored three runs in the fifth inning, building a 4-2 lead. But the Seawolves rallied to tie the score heading into the sixth inning, capitalizing on a Vermont error to bring two runners home.

Then, junior Robert Dyer (Selden, N.Y.) led off the sixth inning with a homer to center field for the Seawolves, creating a 5-4 lead which proved to be the final margin. Senior right hander Jonathan Kalkau picked up the win after relieving senior right hander Mike Errigo (Bayside, N.Y.), who pitched 5.1 innings.

The Seawolves got on the board early in the second game, with a Witkowski homer to right field in the bottom of the first. Then, the home team added two more runs in the next inning, stretching their lead to 3-0. But the visiting Catamounts battled back to tie the score at 3, after a solo homerun and a couple of run scoring singles.

In the fourth, the Seawolves regained the lead on sophomore Nick Thode's (Huntington Station, N.Y.) double down the right field line, which earned him 2 RBI and gave the home team a 5-3 cushion. In the next inning, Keith Fier's (Armonk, N.Y.) RBI double and a run scoring single from Wikowski gave the Seawolves a comfy 7-3 lead.

But the Catamounts rallied back in the seventh inning, scoring four runs and eliminating the deficit. Then a solo homerun to left field from the Catamounts' Tom Jackson gave

the visitors the lead, which was extended later in the inning to 9-7 on a RBI single. This was the final score, as the Seawolves threatened to tie the score on multiple occasions but failed to do so. Sophomore right hander Evan Stecko-Haley remained winless at 0-4 after pitching 2.0 innings of relief.

The Seawolves swept the second doubleheader against the Catamounts, winning the first game 6-3 and needing an extra inning to win the second game 21-20.

The visiting Catamounts built an early 2-0 lead in the first game, scoring on two singles in the second inning. In the fourth inning, the Seawolves halved the lead on a sacrifice fly that brought sophomore Nick Thode (Huntington Station, N.Y.) home.

In the sixth, the Catamounts added another run, but the Seawolves rallied to score five runs of their own in the same inning. Hits by senior Chad Rebecca and sophomores Chad Marshall (Paris, Ontario) and Nick Thode gave the home team a 6-3 lead that held as the final margin.

Senior right hander Jonathan Kalkau (Bellmore, N.Y.) picked up the win for the Seawolves, improving to an even 2-2 record.

The second game was suspenseful and needed an extra inning to determine a winner. The game lasted four hours and 13 minutes, resulting in 41 runs, 39 hits, and 14 pitchers.

The Seawolves built an early 5-1 lead, which included a Brian Witkowski (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) homer to center field. The Catamounts rallied back though, scoring five runs in the fourth inning to regain the lead at 6-5.

In the fifth, the Seawolves added two more runs. The sixth inning saw both teams unleash a flurry of runs. The visitors scored seven times in the inning, capped off by a grand slam from the Catamounts' Matt Duffy. The Seawolves answered by scoring eight runs in the bottom of the inning, capped off by a Witkowski homer to right field that earned him two RBI.

In the seventh, the home team stretched its lead to 17-13 on hits from Michael Stephan (Patchogue, N.Y.) and senior Robert Dyer (Selden, N.Y.). But the Catamounts scored six runs in the eighth inning to create a 19-17 advantage, which was erased when the Seawolves tied the score on two run-scoring doubles.

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