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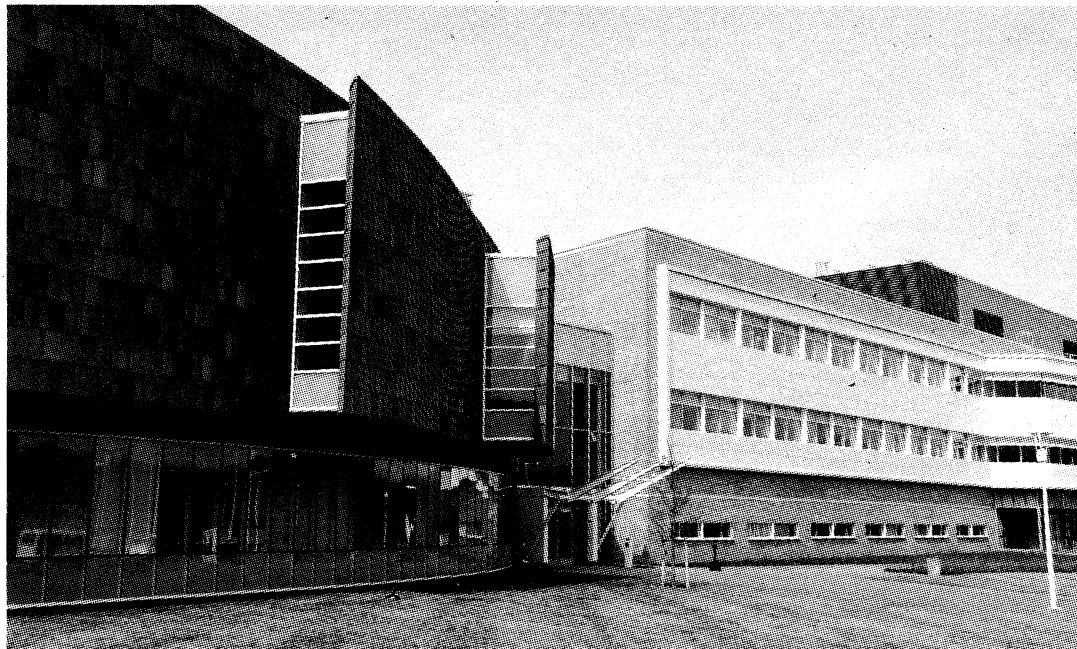
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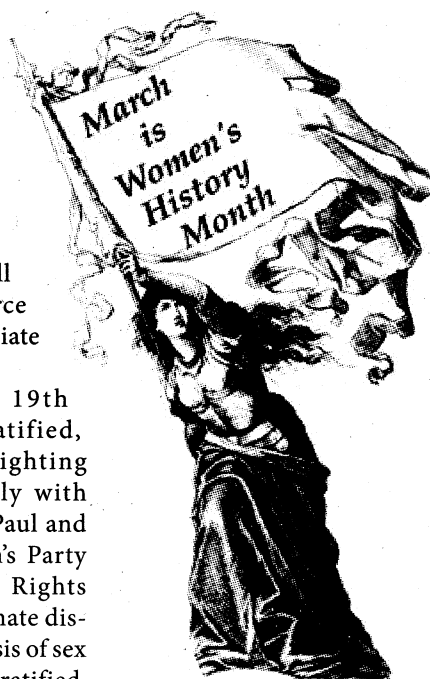
In 1777, Abigail Smith Adams, wife of the second president, John Adams, wrote that women "will not hold ourselves bound by any laws which we have no voice." She was a woman who was thinking ahead of her time.

It was only on Aug. 26, 1920 was the 19th Amendment ratified, which states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Even after the 19th Amendment was ratified, women still were fighting to be treated equally with men. In 1923, Alice Paul and the National Women's Party proposed the Equal Rights Amendment to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex which has never been ratified. Also, it was only in 1970

that 50,000 people marched in New York City for the first Women's Strike for Equality.

In the past four years, women have been making a lot of history in the news. In 2005, Condoleezza Rice became the first African-American woman to be appointed Secretary of State and in 2008, Hillary Clinton became the only First Lady ever to run for president.



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International Undergraduate Population Doubles Since 2003

By CAROLINA HIDALGO
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University's international undergraduate population has nearly doubled over the past five years. International students now make up 7 percent of the undergraduate student population, up from 4 percent in 2003.

In this, Stony Brook reflects a national trend. The most recent Open Doors report, which is released annually by the Institute of International Education, found the number of international students on American campuses to be at an all-time high.

At Stony Brook, the proportion of international graduate students -- 20 percent of all graduate students -- has remained constant over the past few years, but the number of international undergraduates has increased about 93 percent in the past five years.

The university has established increasing the enrollment of out-of-state and international students as a main goal, said

Information Technology Industry Lacking Students

By ERIC LUU
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February's unemployment rate of 8.1 percent is dismal news for job seekers, but there is some good news. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the number of professional information technology jobs would increase by 24 percent by 2016, an increase of about 854,000 jobs.

Both nationwide and on Long Island, the information technology industry is growing, but companies are left scrambling to find qualified workers because enrollment for tech majors is down. The Outreach Program for Long Island Technology Education is geared towards enlightening young people about IT and encouraging students to pursue it as a career. The outreach program collaborates with Stony Brook University and is part of the Center of Excellence for Wireless and Information Technology.

Technology is ingrained deeply into our culture, encompassing every aspect of Americans' lives. People amble to the local coffee shop listening to music on devices that are smaller than a deck of playing cards while other people chatter with their friends on laptops that are smaller than the size of a spiral-bound notebook. The industry is growing exponentially and will become vital to people searching for jobs, especially in an economy that is spiraling out of control.

"I just want to be able to secure a job in this market," Binghamton accounting student, Michael Dea, said.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, students

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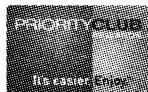
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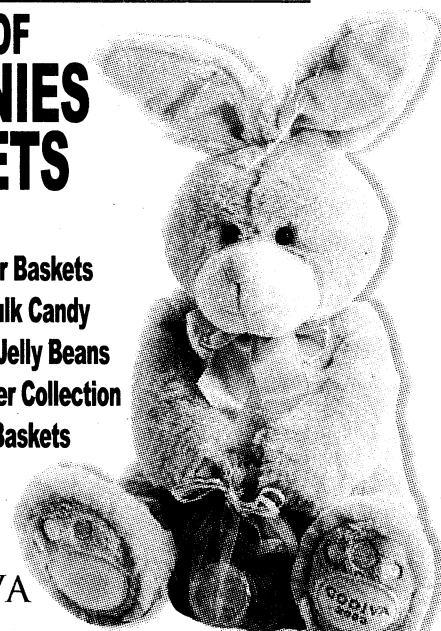


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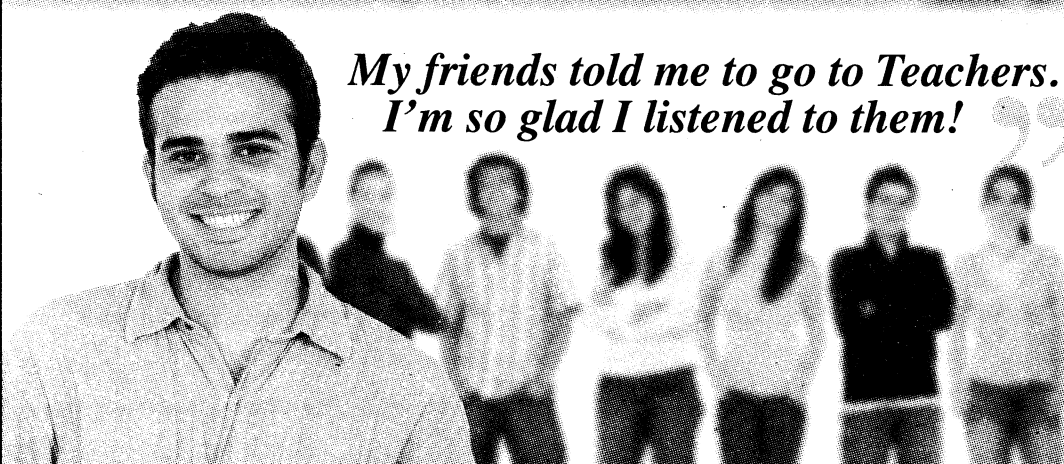
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Judith Burke-Berhannan, the dean of admissions.

"We want to continue to establish a stronger reputation across the nation and the world, which means bringing top students to our campus from all over," Burke-Berhannan said.

"We have more than doubled our applications from international students in the past five years," she added. "We're admitting roughly the same proportion."

The marked increase in interested international undergraduates is a result of various factors. Stony Brook continues to receive high international academic rankings, drawing attention from overseas students.

This past year, the university

received its highest ranking ever in the Times Higher Education - QS World University Ranking report, published by the Times Higher Education magazine and Quacquarelli Symonds, a global education network. Stony Brook moved up to number 127 from the previous year's 224.

Stony Brook has also begun overseas recruiting efforts and has made all necessary forms and applications available on the Internet for easy access.

"Prior to about 2002, the university did virtually no [overseas] recruiting at all," said Elizabeth Barnum, assistant dean for international services.

Last semester, the international admissions travel schedule made 46 stops in seven countries -- India, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Hong

Kong, Singapore and Thailand.

"But a lot of it is still word of mouth," said Barnum, explaining that many students apply after their friends or relatives return from America and share their stories.

"My cousin came to Stony Brook from South Korea, and that's how I heard of Stony Brook," said Yumi Kim, a South Korean student studying applied mathematics and statistics at the university. "I had been wanting to study in America to learn English better."

Barnum said that more students are able to afford to study overseas because of recent economic booms in India and China. The majority of international undergraduates come from South Korea, China and India. According to 2007 data from the CIA World Factbook, China has one of the

highest numbers of broadband users in the world, second only to the United States, and followed by Japan and India. The widespread use of the Internet in these countries, as well as the growth of Internet users all over the world over the past decade, allows large numbers of students to connect to the web sites of American universities.

"We do a lot of outreach to international students through our web site, e-mail and online communications," said Burke-Berhannan.

Volha Astrouskaya, a Stony Brook student from Belarus, said she found out about the university through the Internet.

"I was just browsing and looking at schools," she said. "Stony Brook's website described the international population, the pro-

grams available, and it had descriptions of the campus."

Mailing informational material overseas is not easy, but the Internet has allowed more international students to receive advice and help from admissions advisers and send in applications. Universities across the country have made all instructions and materials available on their websites.

"We've cut down a lot of our mailings. It's been almost impossible for us to mail overseas. It isn't cheap or reliable," said Joseph J. Hindrawan, director of international enrollment management at SUNY Buffalo, which ranks twelfth in the country in total international students, according to the Open Doors report.

"Now we steer students to our web site," he said.

Information Technology Industry Lacking Students

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are not flocking to this industry even though 10 of the 15 fastest growing jobs in the nation are in the technology sector. Here at Stony Brook University, the number of students enrolled in computer science plunged to 550 from 1,100 between 2001 and 2006. The total IT job availability in the 10-year period is estimated at 1.6 million, when replacement jobs are considered.

Professor Robert W. Bednarzik of Georgetown University has studied the industry for years. In his research report in 2005, he assessed that the tech worker shortage is a result of the fear of outsourcing and the lack of education about IT.

Scott Passeser, the founder of the outreach program, realized that there was a problem years ago in his 20 years of tech staffing experience. The trend triggered Passeser to establish the outreach program with Judy Murrah, who is involved in IT at Motorola.

After the dot-com bust in 2001, the tech industry collapsed. The industry lost 30,000 computer software engineers and many other IT jobs. That is all changing. "The tech industry is healthy and expanding again, but the enrollment in tech majors is dropping like a stone," he said.

Murrah is the co-chairperson, and she believed that major companies are redirecting their resources and developing new computer programs that require technicians, mathematicians, programmers and engineers. The problem has shifted to finding qualified people for

those jobs.

"I shared first-hand experiences on the difficulties of finding, recruiting, and retaining technology talent in our Long Island companies," Murrah said.

The outreach program plans to visit high schools to teach students about IT opportunities. It also plans to organize field trips to different research laboratories in the tech industry, but these efforts will take time.

Job fairs are also a key part of the outreach effort. The program is aiming to attract students in a holistic approach.

Jeanne Greenfield, a parent of a college-bound student in Smithtown, said that the technology fairs the Outreach Program for Long Island Technology Education holds are effective in getting the message across. "I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations, and they gave me food for thought," Greenfield said in a testimonial.

Passeser emphasized that the esoteric language of computers is a myth. "Computer language is not computer language anymore because it's in English," Passeser said in an effort to topple preconceived notions about the tech industry that are entrenched in students' minds.

Aries Kaufman, the chairman of the computer science department at Stony Brook

University, explained that enrollment also began to decline across the country because of the fear of outsourcing. But many didn't understand what jobs were actually outsourcing.

"Outsourcing was primarily for low-level jobs," Kaufman said. Low-level jobs include answering phone calls that are incorrectly considered part of the tech industry.

"Technology is moving forward in the United States," Kaufman said, to stress that technology industry is growing.

Though IT is transforming, many still aren't motivated to pursue it as a career.

Computer science student Christian Perez, 20, explained that computer science is tedious work. Students work hours on assignments, and one small error can ruin the entire project.

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Statistics student Holly Grodsky, 20, was required to take a computer science class for her major. She enjoyed the computer sciences, and it is her minor today. "It's a growing field, and everyone wants computer science," the Stony Brook student said as she left her computer science class in the Physics Building.

Edwin Lee, 21, was a studying abroad last year. When he got back, he heard that the economy was teetering at the brink of collapse and decided to major in computer science. "I wanted to diversify my skills," he said.

Chairperson of the computer science program at Suffolk Community College, Mike Russo, said it is common to see an

increase in enrollment in the tech major during times of recession. "We're bracing for the enrollment, but we're ready to accommodate them," Russo said.

Statistics on the outreach program's web site show that the current shortage of workers in the

increasingly intertwined with the economy and people's lives. The United States will stagnate and lag behind other nations in technology if the trend is not reversed.

According to "Did You Know," a series of videos that encapsulates the changing role of technology, 10 of the top professions in 2010 will be jobs that did not even exist in 2004. Students are being trained for jobs that do not exist yet.

There are other outreach efforts to educate students about IT. Recently, Stony Brook University, Motorola and Microsoft teamed up for DigiGirlz Camp, a day camp that is geared towards encouraging women to pursue a career in the information technology sector. Passeser believed strongly in getting women into the field because ratio of men to women is staggering, with 14 men to every woman in information technology.

Jack Poon, 19, noticed the lack of girls in the math and sciences at his school. The low number of girls pursuing the math and sciences bewilders the mechanical engineering student at Polytechnic Institute of New York University. He said that something should be done to encourage more females to pursue careers in the math and sciences. "There are way too many guys at Poly," Poon said with a chuckle.

Technology is advancing and expanding rapidly. Changes are coming soon as technology slowly merges with every aspect of society. "No matter what you major in, be prepared for change because change is coming," Passeser said.



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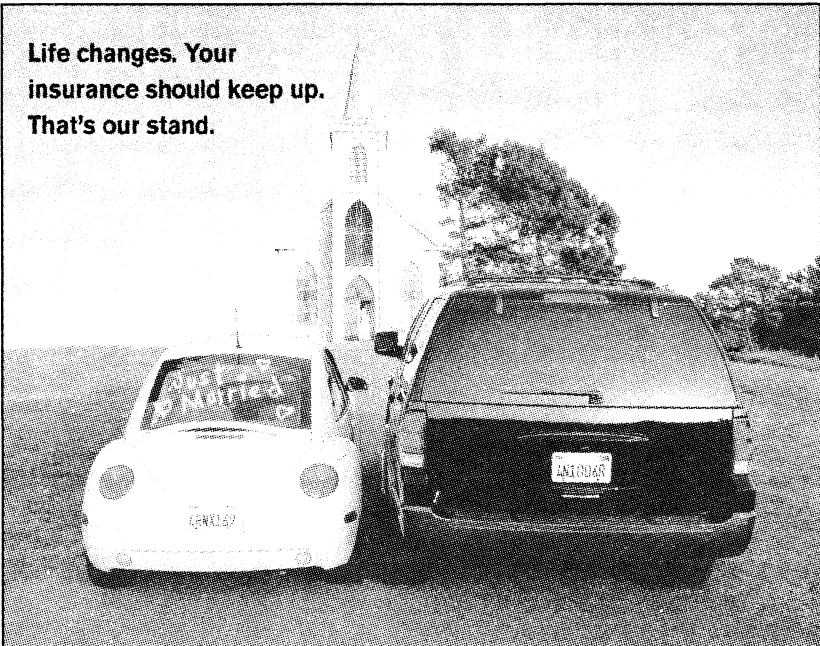
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The Hunter College student from Forest Hills, Queens, isn't enjoying the computer science major and is considering switching to economics. "I just don't want it to be my life," Perez said.

Others have gotten the mes-

United States is expected to skyrocket because U.S. companies will need an additional 400,000 tech workers in 2010, but U.S. universities are only able to produce 60,000 tech workers. This has a serious negative effect because technology is becoming

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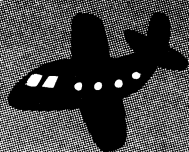
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Obama Holds a Press Conference

By JOSEPH LABRIOLA
Columnist

Okay, maybe it was just a formal press conference but in the subject matter was definitely serious. From the overwhelming emphasis on economic recovery to ethical, environmental, and national security issues, Obama's rhetoric was much of what the American people heard over the past few months. On some subjects the president was specific, on others he was vague, but overall, he stuck to the overarching idea that the country's path to recovery will be a long and arduous one.

You might as well have muted your T.V. for the first five minutes of the hour-long press conference. Obama's soaring speeches are might be loftily inspiring, but we've

all heard them enough by now to want some fresh facts instead. The media was eager to get right down to things, questioning the president's multi-trillion dollar deficit budget proposal for example. Obama was quick to defend both his spending plans and the long-term growth that he thinks will result from stable investments in education, reforming healthcare, and grappling with energy supply.

It's difficult to criticize a man who's been in the white house for only a couple of months now. Both the public and press are rightfully demanding answers to the possible further explosion of the national debt and how exactly Obama's policies will help reduce spending over the long haul. That seemed to be the president's main emphasis, that bubble and bust economics that this country has grown so accustomed to will not and cannot sustain economic growth. By retooling American industry and innovation through investments in education, alternative energy, and reforming the shat-

tered healthcare system, Obama seems certain that this country will emerge stronger and more stable years down the road. The biggest question perhaps is not so much how he plans to accomplish this so much as if these mechanisms will work towards extended economic growth.

That's the real multi-trillion dollar question. Obama's clearly trying to use the state of the economy to promote his agenda; and why shouldn't he? The people elected him on the basis that he would act where action had been avoided over the past eight years. After only a couple of months, there's no denying that he's got a lot done. From closing Guantanamo Bay, to passing three quarters of a trillion dollar spending bill, to reversing the ban on federal funding for stem cell research, "change" whether you agree with his politics or not, has undeniably come.

The president does deserve credit for what he's done so far given the fact that he inherited a country with a nearly 10 trillion dollar debt, trillion dollar deficit, backwards domestic and foreign policies, and a pair of wars to top things off. He seems to still be riding this idea of passed down problems, but we all know that these

issues will eventually surely and soundly transform into Obama's sole responsibilities.

There's sensible resistance to some of Obama's policies, particularly regarding the exorbitant spending increases in the national budget. While the president claimed in the press conference that all of this spending is geared towards investments now so that they'll have to spend less later, there is legitimate concern that much of this money funneled through bureaucratic government channels will be lost or inefficiently used. This is what both Obama's policies and his presidency will hinge on. If the economy "recovers" then he will be praised. If the economy flounders then he will be cursed.

Part of the problem stems from that fact that this country has ignored many key issues for years. While we should have been focusing on insuring healthcare for all, preserving economically important ecosystems, and paying off debt, we deferred important matters in favor of lackadaisically living our lives as if we could continue on like this. What Obama is trying to do now is to address some of those dire concerns head on. In short, dealing with

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What's the Rush?

By RUCHI VIKAS
Staff Writer

I'm now three quarters of my way through my junior year. I have reached the point that everyone older than me has talked about- the time when all my friends cease to be my friends and become pre-med, pre-grad, pre-rocket scientist, etc. While I support them in whatever they choose to do, the MCAT and applications are not what I would like to spend all my time talking about. Understandably, it is a stressful time for everyone. Some people are anxious, some are annoyed, some are cranky, and some are show-offs. Yet what alarms me is that this experience has not seemed much different than the rest of college- or in fact, much different than the so-called 'real world' either.

Everyone around me keeps talking about things that they would love to do. A lot of people are talking about how they would love to travel, and they will do so right after they get their applications in, or right after their MCAT. Others still are talking about how they are very interested in taking a summer cooking class,

which they'll look into more right after they take their GRE. And there are others who are going to buy a puppy as soon as they can take care of it, call their best friend who they haven't spoken to in months, and so on, and so forth.

Some of these things don't seem as significant as others- yet, that doesn't mean people do them any more. How much does it really take to pick up a phone and call an old friend? Yet so many people don't make that call, and they lose touch with their friends. As people get older, the 'would-haves' more often than not turn into 'should-haves'. I know this because my own mother talks about how she wishes she could have traveled. It leaves me wondering why people aren't doing the things that they seem to want so badly to do.

As far as I can see, in America, you or someone around you is always tired and/or stressed. Few people are ever happy, content, and cheerful or will say that they are fine. Yet this is in stark contrast to every other place I have ever been. When I visited Venice, stores opened when they wanted to and pretty

much closed when they wanted to. The same thing happened in Fiji. Children attended school, but they also played outside for a great deal of the day (it could be argued that that was Fiji, of course children play outside) and for the most part, were relaxed and happy. The biggest blow came in Australia, when a guy around my age said to me: "You Americans don't go anywhere. We have the most passports issued in the entire world. You guys have the

least."

I'm not quite sure whether that's true or not, but I wouldn't be surprised if it was. In those countries, I so rarely heard the words "I wish I had." Somehow, people who live there do. Here, as early as high school and climaxing in college, I am already starting to hear "I WOULD travel, but I'm taking this test," or "I WOULD go to the beach today, but I'm just

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THEATRE

On Stage With "Sailor's Song"

By ELIZABETH WARD
Contributing Writer

Theater three, in the Staller Center, was filled to its capacity on Sunday for the final showing of Pocket Theatre's adaptation of John Patrick Shanley's "Sailor's Song," under the direction of Natalie Allen. "Sailor's Song," a fitting selection for the mostly student audience, offers a look into a young man's life while he struggles with the woes of being a young adult.

"Sailor's Song" follows Rich (Anthony Famulari), in his search for self-identity, love, the meaning of life and stability in an unstable world. The play opens with Rich drinking by himself in a dim bar. A few seconds pass and Lucy (Allison Cohen), another patron at the bar, approaches him and invites him to her table. Once seated, he

is introduced to her sister Joan (Brittney Lacey), who is continually writing on a yellow pad.

While Rich talks to both sisters, he informs them that he is visiting from out of town in order to be by his dying aunt's

The whole night isn't a waste for Rich, as he develops instant connections between both sisters, which results in problems later on. After he ends his night with the sisters, he returns to his uncle John (Boris Jacobson), who appears unfazed by his dying wife. Drunk and sounding like the sailor he is, John reminisces about his wife as well as other events that have affected his life.

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The performers executed their roles precisely. Famulari,

a first timer to the stage was the most convincing, as the whole audience felt his personal turmoil. Famulari, a sophomore, said he was "honestly surprised and excited" when he found that he would be playing the lead role. Jacobson's character added a lively feel to the whole production with his lewd and outrageous lines. Uncle John was a perfect fit for Jacobson, who looked forward to "cursing and

Rich's heart. Her sister, Lacey injected a mysterious touch to the plot with her mystical powers. Kerry Logan also performed a solo dance routine that allowed the audience a better understanding of her character's mysterious persona.

Natalie Allen, a senior, succeeded in bringing her creative vision of this play to the stage. She enjoyed her experience overall and noted that, "My actors were amazing, crew was amazing everything aligned, and just worked."

The audience agreed and responded positively with applause at the end of the last scene. "It was good, they did well," said Camille Freud, 18, freshman

"Choreography was superb."



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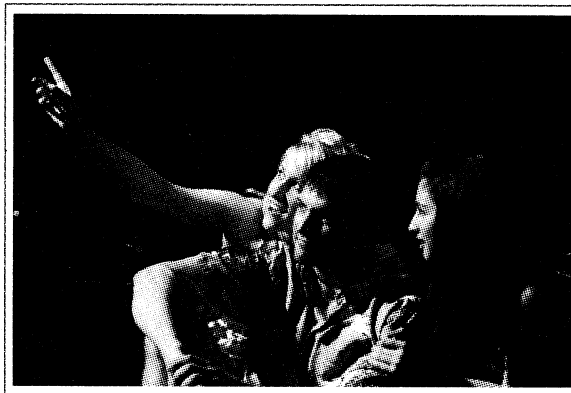
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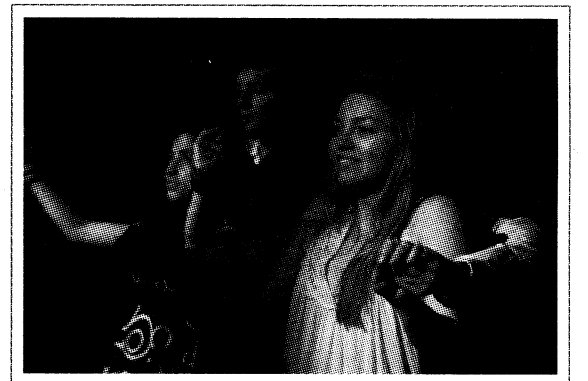
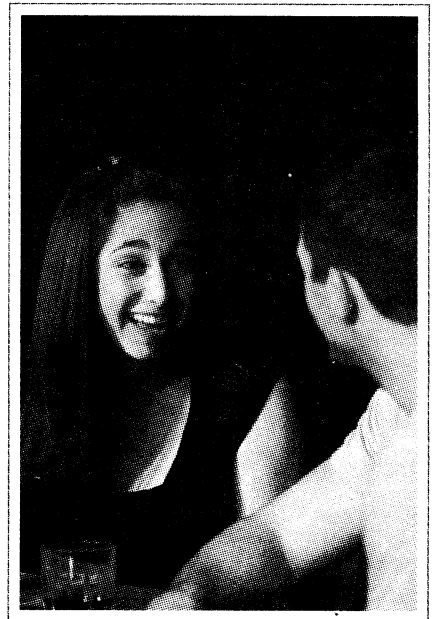


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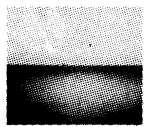
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MUSIC

Eleven Albums Later...

By ANTHONY DOBRINI
Staff Writer



U2
"No Line on the Horizon"
(Interscope)

U2 is back with their twelfth studio album -- certainly an accomplishment that every band aspires to but few reach.

"No Line on the Horizon" signifies everything the band has come to known -- making rock music for die hard fans while touching the lives of new ones every day. The record is still filled with the same song structures and similar musical styles that most U2 fans know and love. It is a little synth-happy in some spots, but the pop still really resonates as each track progresses.

Lead singer Bono belts out with his notorious voice, immediately at the start of the record

on "No Line on the Horizon," the title track, and on several other tracks, with a simple "Ohhh." The reputable rhythm section plays through a very similar sound that is certainly reminiscent of past records. "Unknown Caller" has a little bit of everything, including a brass section, leading directly into the wonderful guitar solo of



U2 in a scene from their music video for "Get On Your Boots," the first single off "No Line on the Horizon."

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lead-guitarist Edge, that always seems to please the ear.

The lyrics, though, are much more complex than they seem. A talented lyricist, Bono creates

deep meaning behind whatever topic he wishes to speak, or rather sing. Whether it's about a relationship, or various world issues (a common theme for him), he sings and belts some of his best words over the music. And in one case, "FEZ - Being Born" has some of the most direct lyrics about childbirth. But in a way, it works, because the verses are so drawn out, it hides what the song is really about.

The record, however, isn't as much experimental as it has been rumored to be but is still quite diverse in its tracks. From ballads, to dance, to radio singles, the songs jump all over the place -- in no linear fashion, either. It isn't really a difference from their

last couple records, but who said change was good? It's more like, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. And for U2, it's just fine the way it is.

The-Dream's 'Love vs. Money' a smooth, sexy treat

By RAQUEL PARKS
The Michigan Journal / UWIRE

The-Dream tops the charts with his sophomore album, "Love vs. Money." The album debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard charts, selling 151,000 copies its first week. "Love vs. Money" is No. 1 on the top R&B/Hip Hop charts, pushing Jamie Foxx's "Intuition" album down to No. 3.

If one didn't know any better, The-Dream might seem like an overnight success. Dream, also known as Terius Nash, has been in the music industry for years as a songwriter for artists like Mariah Carey, Madonna, Britney Spears, Rihanna, J. Holiday, Usher, Ciara and LL Cool J.

Nash got his first break as a songwriter when he wrote "Everything" for B2K's "Pandemonium" album. With the success of "Everything" he began writing for other artists, including his then wife, Nivea. He also paired up with R&B producer, Christopher "Tricky" Stewart. In 2003, Nash's "Me Against the Music" track attracted two music icons: Britney Spears and Madonna.

In a 2007 MTV interview, Nash said, "...You got two of the biggest pop stars on the record - like, that's crazy for anybody. I don't care if you 'hood [or] you

not, that was crazy to me. I was just fortunate and blessed that that happened to me."

However, it wasn't until Nash wrote Rihanna's 2007 mega hit, "Umbrella" that he really gained recognition. During this time he also wrote the hit song, "Bed" for R&B artist J. Holiday. After the success of both tracks, Nash signed with Def Jam records and released his debut album "Love Hate (Love Me All Summer, Hate Me All Winter)." The album debuted at No. 30 on the Billboard charts, peaking at No. 5.

"Shawty is a 10" was the first hit single that was spawned by the album, peaking at No. 6 on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart. "Falsetto" and "I Luv Your Girl" were the other hot singles on the album.

With the release of "Love vs. Money," The-Dream returns with his masterful song writing and addictive hooks. Mariah Carey and Kanye West make cameos on the album. The-Dream, Tricky Stewart and LOS Da Mystro produced the album. The first single, "Rockin' That Thang" is a mixture of laidback bass and a contagious R&B groove that will definitely get you dancing. The-Dream's silky, smooth vocals outline the catchy, loveable song.

The second single, "My Love" featuring Mariah Carey, is a sweet, slow track. Carey's mellow hook of "My Love" is sweet and subtle. Carey compliments Dream's smooth vocals and tone in the song. The finger-snapping tempo and Carey's voice add a sweet contrast to the sexual and upbeat tracks on the album.

"Sweat It Out" showcases Dream's playful lyrical style with an equally seductive, very slow tempo groove to it.

"Mr. Yeah" is a clever use of songwriting and utilizes an addictive, mid-tempo. With lines like, "I'm harder than Superman, I bounce back like a rubber band" The-Dream exercises smart, charming, and distinctive songwriting from most artists out there today.

"Mr. Yeah" is also somewhat reminiscent of R. Kelly, but splashes much of Dream's song and lyrical style to it for a modern twist. The-Dream also taps into a little of R. Kelly's musical style with his "Kelly's 12 Play" track.

"Love vs. Money" is an upbeat, smoothly sexy R&B album. It's a hot R&B album and proves that The-Dream has undeniable skills as a songwriter and as an artist. He is the new triple threat.

MOVIES

Bueller Takes It Easy

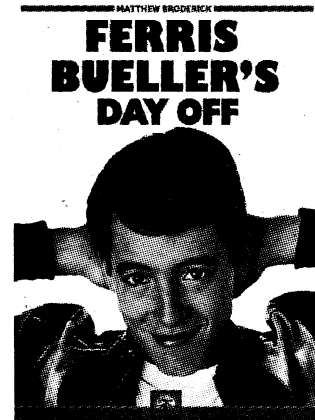
By SAMANTHA BURKARDT
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

Skipping school, smooth talking, driving a 1961 Ferrari 250GT California, being the center of attention during a parade, catching baseballs at Wrigley Field during a Cubs game, and exploring the city of Chicago with his best friend and his girlfriend are all what makes the perfect day for Ferris Bueller. The popular high school senior does all this and more, while barely dodging being caught by his parents, sister, and the person who wants to bring him down the most... Mr. Rooney, his high school principal.

The 1986 comedy film and one of John Hughes's classics, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," stars Matthew

In the beginning of the film, Ferris's first hurdle to jump over is faking sick so he can get out of school. We've all done that, but he even includes instructions so that you don't land in the doctor's office. The next step is getting his girlfriend out of school. All he really has to do is make a phony phone call to the principal pretending to be Sloane's father saying her grandmother has just passed away. Then Bueller has to make sure Mr. Rooney (Jeffrey Jones) won't call back to the real father asking how everything is. After that ordeal, he just has to borrow Cameron's father's Ferrari because what else would the principal think Sloane's father drives?

The way Bueller's mind works in the movie is genius. He's prepared for everything, except for trying to race his sister home on foot while she speeds in her car. He also doesn't know that Mr. Rooney has been trying to catch him all day. I would suggest this movie to anyone who is looking for a laugh and a movie that they would want to call a favorite. Watch the

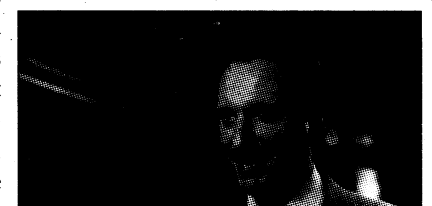


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Matthew Broderick is the famed protagonist, Bueller, in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

Bueller's Day Off," stars Matthew Broderick as the title character who has one of the best days off from high school: a kid can ever have. It's Bueller's last chance to have a great escapade and he knows exactly what he wants to do. Going along for the ride beside him is his best friend Cameron (Alan Ruck) and girlfriend Sloane (Mia Sara) who can never really figure out how Ferris is able to pull off everything.



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Jeffrey Jones, as principal Mr. Rooney, in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

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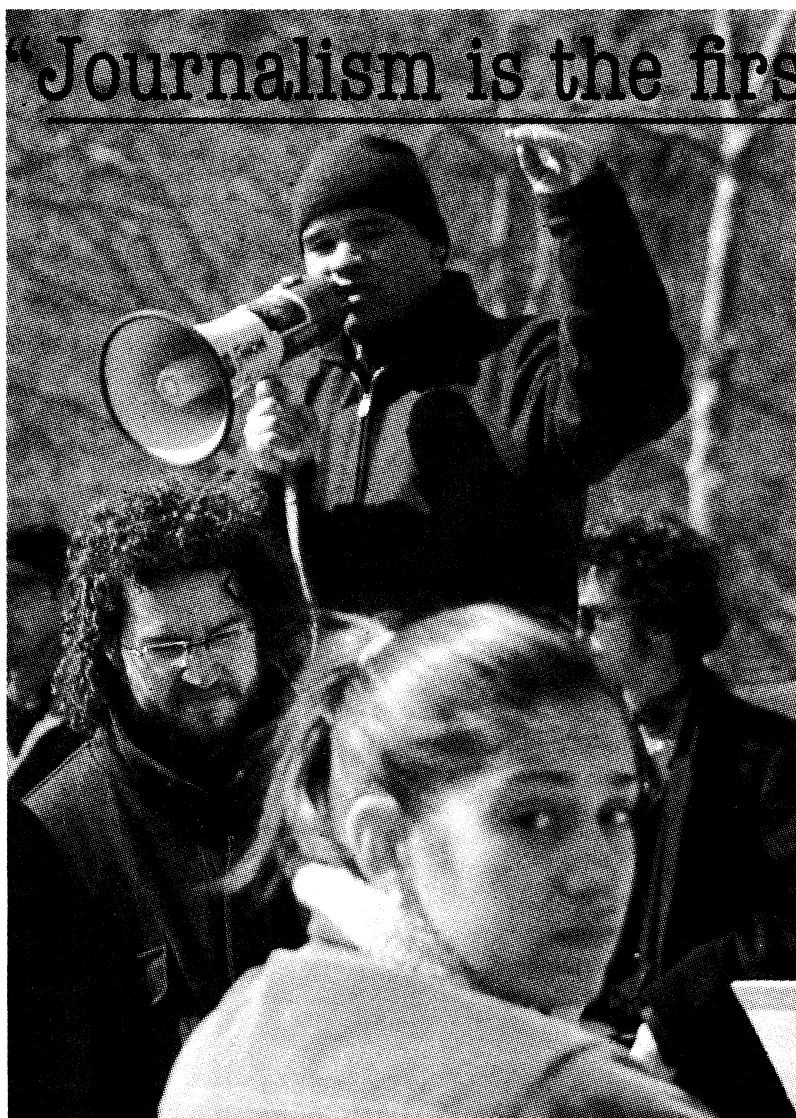
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Inflating the Road to Serfdom

By ZACHARY KURTZ
Opinion Editor

The world is eying US policy in regards to dealing with the current recession, and is now thinking about opting out of their stakes. Such movement could fundamentally change the economic structure of the world for good.

Emerging in the aftermath of World War II, the United States became the economic leader of the free world. Due to its industrial superiority over war torn Europe, it used this advantage to liberalize barriers trade where US products could favorably compete. The superiority of US manufacturing, and later, hi-tech, ensured the continued reign of global domination. In 1971, the US Dollar was taken of the fixed gold standard, and so become the primary reserve currency used in international finance.

To understand how the game is changing, we have to first try to

understand what's been happening. The value of currency, like all goods and services, is determined by the relative differences between the supply and demand. It may be weird to think of currency as having a price, but currencies are traded on the global market place - and traditionally valued with respect to the dollar.

There is one main way by which a country can affect the value of its currency; that's by changing the supply in its domestic or global markets. By printing more money, the marginal value of each unit lessens. The process of adding money - but not value - to the economy is known as inflation. But why would a country want to devalue its currency in the first place?

Consider China, with which the US has the famous trade deficit. China doesn't actually devalue its currency by inflation, but instead

sells its currency, the Yuan, at below the market value. Because the value of the Yuan is officially tied to the dollar, when the Yuan is devalued, products and labor that's priced in Yuan - goods produced in China - become cheaper by comparison. The result partly accounts for the trade imbalance.

The dollar floods into to Chinese markets, to buy cheap Chinese goods, and the Chinese people exchange dollars for yuan. If this was the end of the story, the US would be in good shape. Because the US dollar is valued overseas, we get to ship little bits of green people in exchange for products.

However, the Chinese government doesn't want to just hang onto dollars. As more dollars come in, the value goes down and there reserves are worth less. What they have done over the past decade is take their US reserves and invest in US treasury bonds. This gives the

US treasury the ability to engage in deficit spending and it lets the Chinese make a profit on their reserves. This is all profitable under the assumption that the US will not default on their bonds - an inconceivable notion only a year ago.

The problem, now, is that through Treasury money which the housing bubble was partially fueled - abetted by low Federal Reserve interest rates - expanding the amount of credit available to lend to homeowners. The problem continues, because the Treasury needs Chinese reserves to fund Obama's and Congress's trillion dollar spending plans.

The only way to pay this money back is if the US economy experiences real growth and taxes are levied. However, there is an increasing risk that the treasury bonds are junk, and will need to turn on the printing presses to repay the mounting debt. Obama

has been promising that deficits will be cut after his first term, but this presumption is only true if he can actually reinflate the economy through deficit spending - a dubious claim, because his spending policies are actually hindering the economy's ability to restructure its assets to more profitable ventures.

The entire US economy has been inflated with debt and now the current administration is trying to save it with more debt. It's no wonder that Chinese officials are floating the idea of a new international reserve currency and European leaders are chastising the US for its deficit spending. The world is rethinking how it views the US dollar in the context of global finance. If the US economy suffers because we have given the government inordinate amount of control our currency and economy, we'll get exactly what we deserve.

People Need to Move Past Bush Jokes

By CLAIRE TAYLOR
The Lariat, Baylor U
UWire

With a nickname like "Dubyah," how could he be taken seriously? Former President George W. Bush has endured a lot during his two terms as president. Not only did he lead the country through some of the most devastating times, but he was also unscrupulously mocked and mimicked along the way. Now he is ready to write about it.

Bush announced at his first speaking engagement since leaving office in January that he is planning to write a book.

The book, tentatively titled "Decision Points," will be published in 2010.

It will cover 12 personal and presidential decisions the former president faced while in office.

Topics include his decision to run for president, the Sept. 11 attacks, the response to Hurricane Katrina and his decision to stop drinking.

Like many decisions Bush made during his presidency, the announcement has elicited a strong response from online newsreaders.

Comments left on a Waco Tribune-Herald article about the book echoed the same degree of mockery Bush faced while in office.

"Will it be a picture book?" read one post. "Will crayons cost extra?" another reader commented.

"I heard that it will be written like a choose-your-own adventure book," one poster wrote. "(It) will have many fun scratch-and-sniff photos."

Granted, someone who asks the question "Is our children learning?" like Bush infamously did, does ask for some type of criticism.

But the fact is that Bush led this country for two terms and he was elected by the American public to do so.

With Bush out of office, hurling insults isn't going to change anything, so why do it?

To some, Bush's years in office can be summed up with war, pretzels, a Texas ranch, Hurricane Katrina and, of course, Sept. 11.

His approval ratings soared to 90 percent in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks and dove to a record low of about 30 percent in the final months of his presidency.

But one thing separates Bush from all the rest: He has to be the most disrespected president in history.

Not only was he the butt of many jokes during his eight years, but still continues to be the punch line even though he isn't in office anymore.

He is writing a book, not going back into office. It's time for America to move on from the Bush years.

He follows in the footsteps of several presidents before him in writing a book, so why is it such a big deal?

If Paris Hilton and Miley Cyrus can write books without catching flak, then why can't Bush?

The book may provide some insight into the tough role of being the president. Bush seems to be opening up about his time and is willing to share with the public insight to some of his toughest times.

Whether he should be writing a book shouldn't be a debate. The fact is that Bush is sharing a huge part of his life and that, at the very least, deserves respect.

Anyone can point the finger and place the blame, but only 43 (although Grover Cleveland is both the 22nd and 24th president, he is only one person) people truly know what it's like to be the president of the United States.

Bush has stories to tell and maybe they will provide a better understanding of why he did the things he did.

Taking Time Off

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so tired."

Of course, people can't always hop on a plane and see the world. Not everyone has the time to call their best friend or devote to a new puppy. This is unrealistic - what concerns me is that so many people never do the things they wanted to do, or they will put it off for so long they might forget about it altogether. And since I have only seen it to a large extent in this country, I have to wonder - what is it that sets America apart from the other countries that I have

seen? In a positive light, it is becoming a more popular option to take time off before graduate school and medical school. I can only hope that people are utilizing at least some of this time to do all the things that they have wanted to do but haven't yet.

If I could convey one message from this article, and one message from my heart, it would be to do the things you want to do. To be cliché about it: live the life that you want to live, as much as you can. What is the point of putting things off and not doing it?

There is no problem with right now.

Obama Addresses the Nation

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matters quickly now that we should have been spending more money and investment on over many years is not going to be cheap or easy.

With the economy dominating the media's questions they did manage to squeak in a few non-financial issues. There was one fluttering attempt to get Obama to speak about how his race has affected his dealing both at home and abroad, but the president's response was basically that he's been too focused on the economy since taking office to really worry about how people perceive his race.

Someone else asked about the increasing drug cartel violence in Mexico and how the Obama views that as a national security concern. The president reassured that America was committed to curbing cartel related crime by increasing border control security through funding. He also briefly mentioned how they needed to work to keep weapons and money out of the hands of these criminals, but avoided the touchy subject of how that goal might be accomplished. It would have been interesting if he had mentioned the pushes in several states now to propose

legalization of drugs such as marijuana as a way to cut off cartels from funding. Economically and logically it makes perfect sense, but being the as socially and politically savvy as Obama is, he's wise enough to know to leave that issue for the states to deal with.

The press conference might be over, but the uncertainty over the future of the country lingers on. No amount of rhetoric or planning can change that yet. Only when things start to get better or worse will we be able to truly judge the merit of Obama's plans. Will his massive central planning result in a more stable state and long-term economic growth or a bureaucratic sprawling government full of waste and corruption? That's the key question in all of this and one that's worthy of fierce debate. Some have already made their decision, claiming that they rather see their president and country fail rather than have democratic reforms succeed at fixing many of the nation's ills. If that's what you truly believe in then you have serious issues of your own. Let's just give our new president another few months before we condemn his evil, anti-capitalist, and big government politics. After all, in many areas he's accomplished more change in two months than his predecessor George Bush did in two terms.

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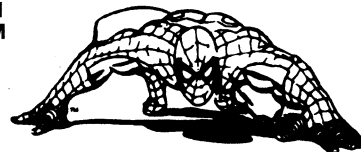
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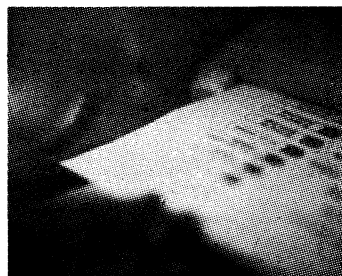
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Lucy Van Dalen: Stony Brook's Shining Star



By MIKE FODERA
Senior Writer

Lucy Van Dalen has been a household name among track circles throughout the entire America East Conference this past indoor track and field season.

She has almost singlehandedly made the Seawolves a team to be reckoned with; the very mention of Van Dalen has left a shudder in many an opponent that had to line up next to her at the starting line. An opposing force on the track, but a very quiet and reserved character off of it.

This writer had the chance to sit down with Lucy to discuss her long road to the National Championships last week and how it felt to be at the big dance.

Lucy is a sophomore who hails from Wanganui, New Zealand, a small city consisting of just about 40,000 people on the North Island of New Zealand. Like her sister, Holly, Lucy came here with her sister to Stony

Brook last year to run for a Seawolves team hungry for stars.

After enjoying moderate success her freshman year, Lucy has worked hard and countless hours honing her skill, which eventually landed her at the NCAA tournament.

The interview first started off with a few congratulations. Lucy was the sole representative from Stony Brook to run at the Nationals this year, finishing in 13th place, missing the cut by three seconds. When asked about the feelings that she was experiencing during her first trip to the Nationals, Lucy responded as if she were still there. "Wicked fun! What to expect is a big part of being there. It's all about experience." Competing at the 1500-meter event, "my event" as she described it with a wide grin on her face, were girls that had competed in the Olympics at one point, or had tried out. The butterflies in her stomach before the starting line were quelled with the help of Coach Andy Ronan, her biggest supporter, next to Holly, of

course. "He told me to give it my best and to run the way I had been running all season." As she set up behind the starting line, different outcomes raced through her mind. "What if I trip? What if I get out to an early lead?" These questions quickly disappear once the starting gun goes off.

Getting to this point has been an arduous task; getting to the NCAA's doesn't happen overnight, after all. The first step is to set goals, and that's just what Lucy did in the beginning of the season. "Cross Country was a build-up for the indoor season," as she says with a laugh. (Cross Country took place in the fall season.) "Holly can beat me in Cross Country, that's more her sport. But you have to set goals for yourself in the beginning. For me, I had certain goals in mind that I wanted to accomplish. My training has been based around that. I think that was a big factor in my running this season."

One of the more impressive feats this season has been Lucy's shattering of numerous Stony Brook

track records. "It was very cool and an honor to hold all those records. My teammates would come up to me during the season and congratulate, including Andy, so it wasn't easy to put it out of my mind." Which honors do you hold with the most gratification? "Definitely the mile and the 3K run, they're up there at the top. It's very exciting to break records for the first time. But it's also expected that once you break a record you get noticed a lot easier and the attention is heaped on you. It goes along with what you do."

What's next for Lucy? A win next year at the Nationals was suggested to her. "That would be nice," Lucy said with a laugh. Lucy will be training and competing for the first time in the outdoor spring season, not taking a break but working out straight through. "It's something I'm really looking forward to, and a little nervous at the same time." Could a National title be in her future? Only time will tell but at the pace she's at, anything is possible.

March Madness: NCAA should Nix Automatic Bids

By BRETT TALLEY
Daily Toreador/UWIRE

Why were Radford, Morehead State, Robert Morris, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Cornell, Portland State, Stephen F. Austin and Morgan State in the tournament?

Even other low-seeded teams that gave big name teams a run for their money or even won a game like Cleveland State, Cal State-Northridge and East Tennessee State should not have been in the tournament.

Teams seeded No. 13 or higher always are teams from weak conferences who gained automatic bids by winning their conference tournament and have almost zero chance of reaching the Sweet 16 and even less of a chance of advancing beyond that round. In fact, only two teams seeded No. 13 or higher have reached the Sweet 16 and neither of those teams made it to the Elite Eight.

The point is, quite simply, automatic bids for winning a conference tournament have to go.

Many analysts would disagree, saying the Cinderella element is what makes the tournament so popular and so great. What they fail to understand is it does not matter who "Cinderella" is, just that there is one.

Whether it is Radford or teams like Miami (#65 in the final RPI ranking this year) and Auburn (#64 RPI) that are get-

ting the last spots in the tournament, fans with no vested interest in either team will still root for the big upset every time. The only difference is that Miami and Auburn would have a chance and Radford, clearly, does not.

Many of you reading this may be thinking, "Wait a tick, didn't George Mason come out of a small conference and make a run to the Final Four as an 11 seed?"

Yes it did. But most people assume the Patriots got into the tournament with an automatic bid when, actually, they were a highly controversial at-large selection by the committee.

And the selection committee has shown that it knows what it's doing.

The selections of Arizona and Wisconsin over teams like St. Mary's and San Diego State were unpopular but have proved to be good ones. Both teams won their first round games and Arizona is the highest-seeded team in the Sweet 16 as a No. 12 seed.

So why don't we let the committee do its job and give us a tournament with the best 64 teams in the country?

Because that is the way they always have done it, and college sports seem to have trouble changing to get things right (see: Rose Bowl, BCS). Don't take this the wrong way, March Madness may be the best event all year, but why not make

it better?

Still don't believe eliminating automatic bids would make it better?

Consider this. The most famous tournament of all time is the 1983 tournament when Jim Valvano's North Carolina State won the title as an at-large No. 8 seed. Given, Valvano's subsequent battle with cancer and the legacy he left behind had an effect on how that tournament is remembered, but the point is this was the ultimate Cinderella story, a No. 8 seed shocking the world.

A No. 8 or any seed higher may never win the whole thing again, but people love to see the underdog make a deep run in the tournament. With teams like Baylor, Georgetown and South Carolina along with St. Mary's, San Diego State, Auburn and Miami rounding out the tournament in the higher seed slots, you get teams that are, at the very least, capable of beating the best teams in the country on any given day.

The little guy taking down the giant is a story that has been written a thousand times, all the way back to David vs. Goliath, and one we still love reading, such as the Arizona Cardinals' Super Bowl run. So let's put the best 64 teams in the country in the tournament and see how many more giants fall. Remember, it does not matter who the little guy is, just that we have one.



Jordan McBride was named co-America East Player of the Week

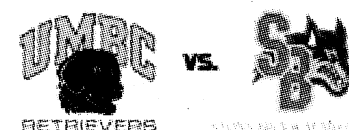
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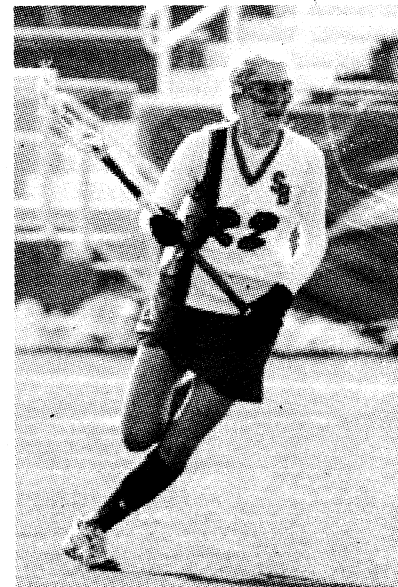


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STATESMAN SPORTS

Women's Lacrosse Hits Rocky Road

Senior Kaitlin Leggio
establishes new school
record for career
points.



By MIKE FODERA
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It has been a tough going this season so far for the Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse team. After winning two games in a row against Yale and Sacred Heart in convincing fashion, the women has been on a short slide, losing now three games in a row, falling to 3-7 now with six games left in the season.

Last Wednesday, the Seawolves faced a traveling Denver Pioneers team with a mediocre 4-4 record. It was a hard fought game of catch-up all day for the Seawolves. The kind of game that always seemed within reach until the middle of the second half, when the Pioneers seemed to pull away.

The Seawolves only lead came in the first period, on the first goal of the game from Melissa Cook, her eighth of the season. Karen Morton and Ali Flury combined for 15 goals, eight and seven respectively, and Denver broke a 10-10 tie with nine straight goals with a final score of 22-13. Senior Kaitlin Leggio, from Bay Shore, N.Y. had four goals and two assists. Her six points put her in a tie with Carlee Buck for the school record for career points with 224. Sophomore Courtney Bertolone, a local from Farmingville, N.Y., also had

four goals for the Seawolves.

At the closest point in the game, Stony Brook sophomore Victoria Cable, from Oakton, Va., and senior Amy Hallion, from Glenelg, Australia, both scored goals just 17 seconds apart to knot it at 10. After that, it was mostly downhill for the Seawolves. Lauren Ciccomascolo's goal broke the record and started Denver on a started a 9-0 run. Morton and Flury combined to score seven of Denver's nine goals during the offensive hemorrhaging. Melissa Cook scored with 6:58 left in the game on an assist from Leggio to put an end to Stony Brook's drought.

The first half of the game saw Stony Brook take two leads, 1-0 and 2-1, but each time the Seawolves would score, the Pioneers would answer right back. After Denver tied it at 2, they never looked back, giving up a tying goal but never relinquishing the lead, as hard as Stony Brook tried to break through on goalie Ashley Harmon. Leggio's 24th goal of the season knotted the score at seven but Denver buried a pair of goals to take a 9-7 lead. Senior Jenna Celano, from Farmingdale, N.Y., scored to make it a one-goal game but Megan Carver, who had three goals and four assists in her trip to Stony Brook, made it 10-8.

The next game came on Saturday,

when Stony Brook looked to break a two game slide against the UMBC Retrievers in both teams' first America East Conference game.

UMBC's Kara Dorr scored four of her six goals in the first half in cruising to an 11-5 lead at the end of the first half. The deficit proved too much for the women's lacrosse team to overcome as they lost 18-11.

Samantha Djaha, a sophomore from East Islip, N.Y., was Stony Brook's leading scorer with three goals and an assist. Celano and Cable each had two goals. The lone bright spot for this Seawolves team was Kaitlin Leggio, who broke Carlee Buck's school record for career points with a goal in the first half. The tally gave her 225 points in her tenure at Stony Brook.

With the loss, Stony Brook dropped to 3-7, but a crucial 0-1 record in the America East while UMBC climbed to 5-4, with a 1-0 record in the conference.

UMBC jumped out to a 3-0 lead before sophomore Melissa Cook could get the Seawolves to answer on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal at 18:31 of the first half. The Retrievers and Seawolves then traded goals that included Leggio's tally at 16:48 to make it 4-2. UMBC then gained momentum and started to pull away. Dorr buried

three straight goals in a span of two minutes, all the while taking a 7-2 lead. Dorr's fourth goal of the first half gave the Retrievers a controlling lead of 11-4 before senior Kim Wodiska's goal with 20 seconds left in the half got the Seawolves within clawing distance of six goals entering halftime.

The second half belonged to the Retrievers, as they padded their lead with goal after goal after goal. UMBC had a ten point cushion with a 16-6 lead when Stony Brook scored the next four goals, which included two free-position goals from Jenna Celano and one from Djaha, to make it a 16-10 game before UMBC stretched it until the final horn, with a score of 18-11.

The Seawolves will travel down the island to face rival Hofstra on Wednesday night with hopes of breaking this mid-season skid.

Editors note: The Seawolves dropped Wednesday nights game at Hofstra 15-7. Stony Brook was outscored 11-5 in the first half, giving up 10 goals in the final 17:01 of that half.

After jumping out to a 5-1 lead the Seawolves could only manage two more goals the rest of the way.

The offense was led by Jenna Celano and Melissa Cook, who each scored twice.