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## OPINION

### My Interfaith Journey to Israel

Over the break, I made my second interfaith trip to Israel, this time with an interfaith group called Heroes are Made Through Service and Action (HAMSA), founded by Kelly Vest of the Suffolk Y and Nazli Chaudhry of the Islamic Center of Long Island. A group of 10 college students, Muslims and Jews, visited Jerusalem to engage in workshops with five Muslims and five Jews from Israel. The objective was to better understand the conflict and its effect on the Muslims and Jews of Israel, but also to enable the two peoples to befriend one another.

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### What Deregulation?

One of the more laughable fantasies recently perpetuated through the popular presses, and by power hungry politicians, is that the U.S. economy has been failed by free market economics. They brandish the torches, ready to lead the witch hunt against those greedy hedge fund managers, all while pushing for billions in new deficit spending and concentrating their own political power with new regulations.

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### Taxing the Fat

A few months ago, Governor David Patterson proposed a soda tax. It may be true that 25% of New Yorkers are obese, and it is probably true that sugary sodas are contributing heavily to this. First of all, they're cheap. You can often find a 2-liter bottle for around or even under a dollar. Second of all, it's easy to get addicted.

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Dr. Karen Baab, of Stony Brook University, working in her lab on a modern human skull.

## Rising Trend in a Once-Uncommon Children's Disease Linked to Obesity

BY NICOLE INDELICATO  
Contributing Writer

When Stacy Anderson's teenage son CJ described feelings of dizziness and abdominal pain while eating two years ago, the 43-year-old mother of five suspected that her then 13-year-old son was just experiencing minor indigestion. But when such symptoms became routine and CJ often significantly lacked energy and frequently broke out in cold sweats during dinner, Mrs. Anderson knew something was seriously wrong.

"CJ would have bouts of feeling lethargic, having nausea, cold-sweats, headaches, chest pain and abdominal pain," the Missouri mother said. "He just had no gumption to do much of anything. It became a daily occurrence, which raised my concern."

After several blood tests performed by liver specialists at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis showed "elevated enzymes" and "fatty infiltration" in CJ's liver, he was diagnosed with non-alcoholic fatty liver

disease (NAFLD), a hazardous accumulation of fat in the liver, which can lead to inflammation, cirrhosis and premature death if left untreated.

But CJ was not alone. He represents a growing trend in the United States that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is struggling to identify and reverse. CJ is one of approximately 6.5 million children and teens nationwide who have been diagnosed with NAFLD, according to a 2006 study done by the University of California at San Diego.

Currently, initial stages of NAFLD are occurring in 2 to 5 percent of obese and overweight American children age five and older, according to the American Liver Foundation. Such statistics make NAFLD more than three times more widespread in teenagers that Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) and Juvenile Diabetes. Children suffering from NAFLD also have greater chances of developing serious heart diseases, according to experts at the American Heart

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## Researchers Conclude "Hobbit" Fossil Not Human

BY TARA DILLON  
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A new analysis conducted by researchers in the Department of Anatomical Sciences at Stony Brook University concluded a fossil found in Indonesia in 2003 -- known as a "Hobbit" -- is not human.

The researchers, led by Dr. Karen Baab, Ph. D., studied the size, shape and asymmetry of *Homo floresiensis*.

They used different analyses to study the LB1 skull of the hobbit and found the shape of the skull to be consistent with a scaled down human ancestor, but not modern humans.

Their findings, which were reported in the current online edition of the *Journal of Human Evolution*, add to the evidence that the hobbit is a new species.

The question as to whether the hobbit was human or another species remains controversial.

Some scientists claim the hobbit was a diminutive human that suffered from some

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## University Receives \$10 Million for Biomedical Research

BY SHIREEN JAYMAN  
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Two former Stony Brook University faculty members have announced a \$10 million gift to the university that goes towards both the establishment of a new interdisciplinary research center and the \$300 million capital campaign, "The Emergence of Stony Brook," university officials said.

The donation, made by Dr. Henry Laufer, a former math professor, and his wife Dr. Marsha Laufer, a former faculty member of the School of Health Technology and Management, will also be used to provide scholarships for students and expand programming at the Staller Center for the Arts.

"I can't think of a better holiday gift this year, especially in light of the severe cuts in state funding," said President Shirley Strum Kenny. "Their generosity is both an affirmation of the critically important mission of public higher education and of Stony Brook's position as a world leader in research, particularly in math and the sciences."

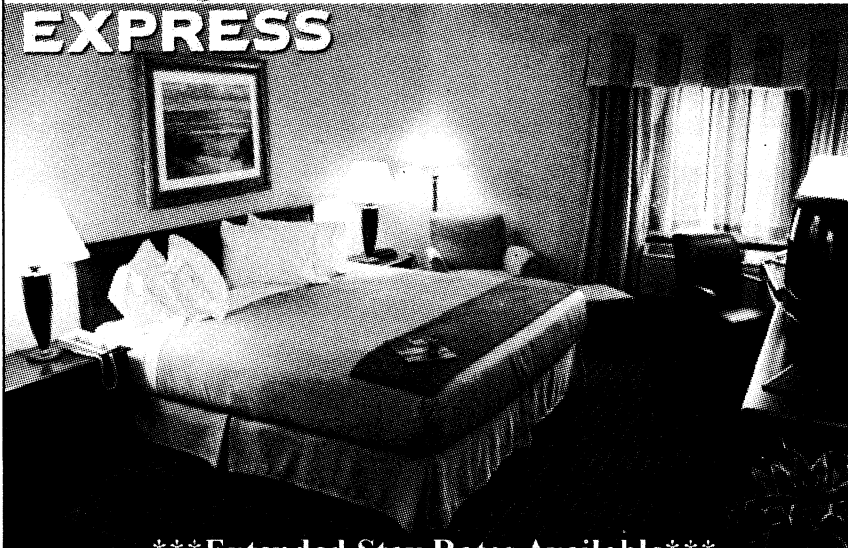
A large portion of the donation -- \$8 million -- will be used to establish an interdisciplinary research center that will bring together experts in math, genetics, biochemistry, engineering, and computer sciences to shed new light on biomedical research and health care.

"The university has played a pivotal role in our lives," Henry Laufer said. "And because of its international -- and well-deserved -- reputation as an institution both on the cutting-edge of research in math and the sciences and one that fosters collaboration among traditional academic disciplines, it is the ideal place for this new center."

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# Rising Trend in a Once Less Common Disease in Children Linked to Obesity

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Association.

"A lot of overweight people are starving to death nutritionally," said Dr. Eugene Charles, a chiropractor and diplomat on the International Board of Applied Kinesiology, who has treated patients with fatty liver disease using milk thistle, a natural detoxifier to cleanse the liver and "restore the endocrine system."

Obesity, defined by the CDC as having a body mass index (BMI) greater than 30, has been rising significantly in children as data from two National Health and Nutritional Examination Surveys confirm. Both examinations -- one taken between 1976 and 1980 and the other between 2003 and 2004 -- demonstrate that for children 2 to 5 years old, prevalence in obesity increased from 5.0 percent to 13.9 percent; for those 6-11 years old, from 6.5 percent to 18.8 percent; and for those 12-19 years old, from 5.0 percent to 17.4 percent.

"The rate of obesity is absolutely rising," said Elyse Weisen-

feld-Indelicato, a youth fitness trainer who owns her own gym for teenagers in Commack, N.Y. and a strong advocate for healthy food choices in the Smithtown School district. "Much of it is due to the sedentary lifestyles that many children lead as well as poor nutritional choices. It's things like that which lead to obesity and cause health complications like fatty liver."

Pediatric gastroenterologists warn of other serious illnesses that have been known to affect adolescents with NAFLD. Two of the greatest risks are cardiovascular disease and Type II Diabetes, according to Dr. David A. Rudnick, a pediatric gastroenterologist in St. Louis.

Cardiovascular diseases, such as hypertension and coronary heart disease, sit high on the list of consequences of obesity, according to the CDC. Overweight children with NAFLD had significant cardiovascular risks including higher levels of fasting glucose, insulin, total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein, according to an article published in the Journal of the American

Heart Association.

Studies also show that NAFLD is more prevalent in overweight children who have a significant amount of abdominal fat. A study conducted by the Department of Medicine at the University of Illinois on ethnicity and NAFLD in 567 obese patients revealed that aminotransferase levels (the marker for NAFLD) is most common in Hispanics (39 percent), then Caucasians (28 percent), and rarely in African-Americans (12 percent), according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information. The study also revealed that males are more prone to NAFLD than females.

According to experts, the only way NAFLD can be treated and managed is by making healthy lifestyle changes.

"Good diet and exercise are still the only 'treatments' we have to offer non-alcoholic fatty liver disease patients," said Rudnick. "Many other ideas have been tested but none have been proven with benefit."

A study completed by a team of liver specialists led by Profes-

sor Li Liang that was published in the Mar. 14, 2008 edition of the World Journal of Gastroenterology suggested that Vitamin E is effective in managing NAFLD, but only in a small amount of cases.

Most liver specialists and health advocates agree that eating right and exercising regularly are also the only preventative measures that can be taken.

"Rather than waiting until children have health problems, we need to do what we can to make healthy habits a normal part of children's lives," said Emily Nuzzo, the educational program coordinator for the American Liver Foundation, whose Illinois chapter is currently part of a new outreach program to educate local public schools on healthy lunches and nutritional choices. "My life's mission is to increase the fruit and vegetable intake of every individual in the United States."

Positive changes in nutritional choices and exercising regularly made a huge change in CJ Anderson's life. He cut sugared drinks out of his diet completely

and lost 10 pounds within a week and a half. From this, he regained a significant amount of energy and was inspired to make more changes to his diet.

"At home, our dinners are now more grilled or baked foods rather than breaded or fried with lots of whole grain side dishes and vegetables," Mrs. Anderson said. "CJ also started taking our family dog for a 15-minute walk each day and we, as a family, joined the YMCA."

It has been two years since CJ's diagnosis with NAFLD and the changes he has made have benefited him physically as well as emotionally. Not only has CJ become more conscientious about what he eats, he has also lost several pounds, is able to sustain more energy and has been free from the troubling symptoms caused by NAFLD.

There is a general rule of thumb to follow in order to ensure that symptoms do not reoccur and that is consistency in lifestyle choices.

"CJ's done a great job of being consistent about it," Mrs. Anderson said.

## University Recieves \$10 Million for Biomedical Research

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Laufer said.

The Laufer Center will also play a part in the newly created Stony Brook Collaborative Research Alliance, a partnership between Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

"The center will help pave the way to explore new frontiers in research and education which will have a profound impact on the future of biomedical research and health care for generations to come," Kenny said.

The remaining \$2 million will

provide scholarship support for students in the School of Health Technology and Management as well as help to expand programming at the Staller Center for the Arts.

"The Emergence of Stony Brook" is the university's first comprehensive campaign, with goals for the future of Stony Brook University ranging from a five-year plan to advancements for the next 50 years. These plans include building research with a special focus on interdisciplinary issues and strengthening the school's reputation as Long Island's research university.

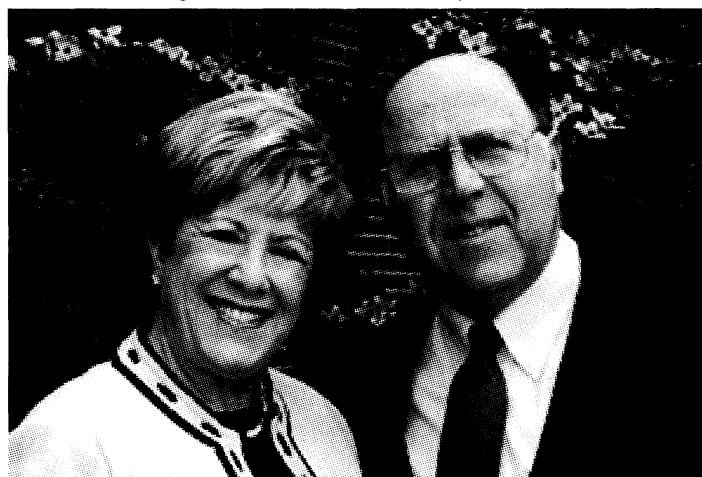


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Drs. Henry and Harsha Laufer

## Researchers Conclude "Hobbit" Fossil Not Human

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type of disease that results in abnormal growth of the brain and causes the cranium to be much smaller than the normal human cranium. This phenomenon is also known as microcephaly. But Baab and co-author Kieran McNulty, professor of anthropology at the University of Minnesota, believe their findings counter the disease theory.

"A skull can provide researchers with a lot of important information about a fossil species, particularly regarding their evolutionary relationships to other fossil species," Baab said.

"The overall shape of the LB1 skull, particularly the part that surrounds the brain (neurocranium) looks similar to fossils more than 1.5 million years older from Africa and Eurasia, rather than modern humans, even though Homo floresiensis is documented from 17,000 to 95,000 years ago," Baab said.

To carry out the study, Dr. Baab and colleagues collected 3D landmark data on the LB1 skull and a large sample of fossils representing other extinct hominin species, as well as a comparative sample of modern humans and apes. They performed several analyses on the different regions of the skulls. Taken together, these analyses indicated that the LB1 skull

shape is not a scaled down modern humans.

The results of the analysis of the asymmetry of the skulls, which refers to differences between the right and left sides of the skull, refutes the suggestion that the LB1 skull was that of a modern human with a diagnosis of microcephaly.

In modern humans, a high degree of asymmetry may indicate that the individual was diseased. At least one scientific study on the asymmetry of LB1 supported the argument that this individual had microcephaly. Conversely, Baab and colleagues found the degree of asymmetry of the LB1 skull was not high and therefore not supportive of the diagnosis of microcephaly.

"The degree of asymmetry in LB1 was within the range of apes and was very similar to that seen in other fossil skulls," Baab said. "We suggest that the degree of asymmetry is within expectations for this population of hominins, particular given that the conditions of the cave in Indonesia in which the skull was preserved may have contributed to asymmetry."

Baab recognizes that the controversy as to the evolutionary origins of Homo floresiensis will continue, perhaps without an answer. However, all the evidence that she and colleagues

illustrate in their article "Size, Shape, and Asymmetry in Fossil Hominins: The Status of the LB1 Cranium Based on 3D Morphometric Analyses," suggest that Homo floresiensis was most likely the diminutive descendant of a species of archaic Homo.

The results of this study are also in line with what other researchers in the Department of Anatomical Sciences at Stony Brook University have found regarding the rest of the hobbit skeleton. Dr. William Jungers and Dr. Susan Larson have documented a range of primitive features in both the upper and lower limbs of Homo floresiensis, highlighting the many ways that these hominins were unlike modern humans.

The Department of Anatomical Sciences is one of 25 departments within the Stony Brook University School of Medicine. The department includes graduate and doctoral programs in Anatomical Sciences. Fields of study include research on human evolutionary anatomy, morphology and vertebrate paleontology. Many faculty members in the department are also participants in an interdepartmental graduate program in anthropological sciences that is recognized worldwide for its faculty and research strengths in functional morphology and human evolution.



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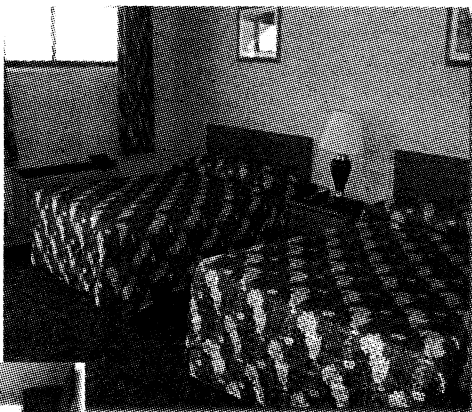
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- Off-campus housing is offered through Stony Brook University's website under off-campus housing. There you can search for apartments and search for rental listings as well as houses.
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- If a student is a commuter and cannot find parking, then you should leave your home earlier to find parking since University police enforces parking rules and regulations and issues tickets on a daily basis.
- If students receive a ticket, you can pay in person at the Bursar's Office located on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can also mail payments on the address on the ticket.
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## Dining

- Resident students in their first two semesters at Stony Brook or any students living in mandatory meal plan buildings areas are required to be on one of the residence hall meal plans. All freshman and transfer students will be billed an additional fee for required opening weekend meals.
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- Campus Dining also offers job opportunities within the dining services where students can work on campus.
- There are 13 locations of places to eat on campus, which include Campus Connection at H-Quad, Campus Dining Carts, Delancey Street in the Stony Brook Union, Kelly Coffee & Tea House, Kelly Dining Center, Roth Food Court, Student Activities Center (SAC), Tabler Café, The Union Deli, Union Commons, Wolfie's Restaurant and Starbucks, both located on the 2nd floor of the Union, and University Café, also in the Union.

## Computing

- There are 15 SINC Sites on campus with ones in the Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Fine Arts, Harriman, Humanities, Life Science, Math/Physics and SBS buildings, as well as the Language Center and Computing Center. These are often closed in the beginning of the semester but open up as the semester progresses.
- The SINC Sites that are open usually and have the best hours is the SINC Site in the Melville Library, open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday. Thursday it's open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Other SINC Sites like the North Reading Room and the SINC Site in the Union basement are also generous with their hours. The North Reading Room is open from 8:30 am to 11:30 pm Monday through Thursday and on Friday it closes at 7:30 pm. It opens again on Sunday from 12:00pm to 11:30pm.
- The SINC Sites have a printing quota that is meant to improve problems like long lines at the printer, the waste paper piles, and printers breaking down. Each student is given a \$2.00 balance, allowing them to print up to 40 or 50 sheets per day double-sided. Once you have used your daily allowance you cannot print for the day at any SINC Site, but you may print from the computing centers in the residential quads.
- There is no color printing in SINC Sites and using your own computer paper is not allowed.
- There is no eating or drinking in SINC Sites.

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- Transportation services make trips to over 15 destinations on Stony Brook University West Campus, as well as to a variety of weekend Lake Grove/Smith Haven Mall destinations and Stony Brook Southampton. Stony Brook Southampton's local service goes to varying destinations, including Southampton, Hampton Bays and Riverhead Townships.
- Stony Brook University encourages the university community to use bicycles to navigate the campus. There are bicycle paths which provide environmentally friendly and convenient ways to travel about campus. The university community can also utilize the various bike racks on campus free of charge.
- Stony Brook University bus service is scheduled to adhere closely to MTA's Long Island Rail Road arrival and departure times, picking up and dropping off passengers near the North Parking Lot bus stop (campus side of the station).
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## Safety

- Residential security includes residence halls that are locked 24 hours a day, "blue-light phones" that are located across campus so students can call for help from any location, and also the campus participates in Crime Stoppers, a program to prevent crime on campus.
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## MOVIES

## BENJAMIN BUTTON'S INSPIRATIONAL STORY

BY RUCHI VIKAS  
Contributing Writer

In the past few years, newly released books and movies have been trying to get us to live life, experience our dreams, and appreciate every moment we are given. Phrases, though initially inspirational, get mundane and passed over when seen on the covers in bookstores and coffee tables, as well as on infomercials. I don't know many people who pay much attention to them, although I'm sure the advice is sound.

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is a subtle epic that wants you to live life, experience your dreams and appreciate every moment you are given without ever saying it in those words. It is a movie about a man who ages backwards. He is born a healthy baby, except with the physical attributes and problems of a 90-year-old man. His mother dies in childbirth, and his devastated father gets rid of the baby,

coincidentally, at a nursing home. Luckily, Benjamin Button finds a mother there.

Benjamin grows up (or down) in a nursing home, experiencing loss frequently and at a far younger mental age than many of us ever

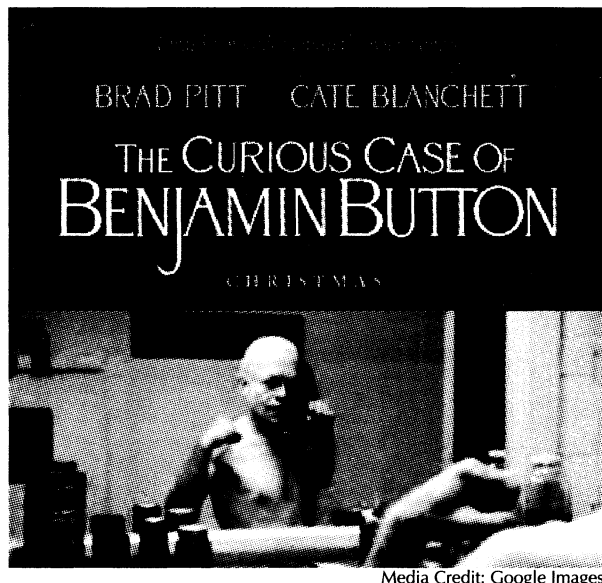
Although the film is funny and enchanting for the most part -- in essence, it's a fairy tale that will sweep anyone off their feet. At the back of your mind you know that Benjamin can't be truly happy or lead a normal life, since he and

Daisy, or anyone he could love and befriend, are aging in opposite directions. So when it seems like he has finally found true happiness, you have to wonder how long it will last, and how he can possibly have the courage to make the difficult choices that lie ahead.

This movie, though very sad, and at times heart-rending, will leave you with the satisfying thought of a

life well-lived, despite the complications. Hopefully, it will also help everyone to realize that Benjamin Button lived an accomplished, well-lived life, despite his limitations. Since everyone that doesn't happen to be in a sad fairy tale ages forwards, how much can we accomplish in our lifespan?

do. As soon as he can work, he gets a job on a ship. In his life, he is a sailor, he is a soldier, he is a traveler, he is a friend. Benjamin Button loves many times. However, as is often the case, one time matters the most. Daisy, his one true love, is the thread that ties together much of the story.



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## MUSIC

## Thinking of Katy

BY SAMANTHA BURKARDT  
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

After releasing two hit songs, "I Kissed a Girl" and "Hot N Cold," Katy Perry has decided to slow things down with her newest song "Thinking of You". It will touch your heart and you will discover how powerful Perry's vocal range is. It's a totally different song compared to her first big hits because it's not as upbeat or fast-paced. "Thinking of You" is a slower, more passionate ballad. The song is about losing a love and feeling awful for trying to move on and be with another lover. The story line is sad, but it's a beautiful song.

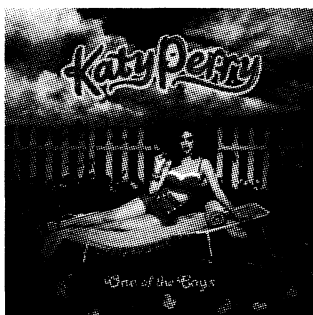
The melody and lyrics create a captivating mood. Perry sings, "You're like an Indian summer/In the middle of winter/Like a hard candy/With a surprise center." Comparisons like these stand out and keep the song fresh and different. In the music video you see Per-

ry's character lose her love because he is shipped out to war and won't be coming home anytime soon. She tries to love again but the pain is too much for her. She's constantly pushing her new man away and looks

at an old picture of her soldier, while remembering the times they spent together. In the last stanza where she sings, "Oh won't you walk through/And bust in the door/And take me away/Oh no more mistakes/Cause in your eyes I'd like to

stay" is one of the more genuine parts of this song. Her voice grows stronger yet shaky, as the emotions gradually bubble up. Overall, the song is moving and Perry keeps it convincing.

"Thinking of You" appears in "One Of The Boys," Perry's first album, which was released by Capital last June. It is the third single off the debut and is currently one of the most requested songs in the pop scene. After listening to these three singles, the rest of the album seems promising.



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## TOP 10

## DOB'S BEST OF 2008

BY ANTHONY DOBRINI  
Contributing Writer

# 10. The All American Rejects "When the World Comes Down"

Alright, so this record did just come out. It sounds similar to their old stuff, like their original record. I think some of the songs are very poppy, but in a different sound than the radio. They tried some new things. However, I feel as if the production value could be equal to a local band.

# 9. Anberlin "New Surrender"

This record is on repeat a lot for me, well, the first couple tracks anyway. Its very rock. Straight-forward, fist-pumping sing-alongs, particularly songs like "Breaking."

# 8. The Hold Steady "Stay Positive"

I love these guys. The speaking vocals might be what gets me on their stuff, and it continues throughout this record. I'm also happy that "Sequestered in Memphis" got airplay on RXP this year.

# 7. Death Cab for Cutie "Narrow Stairs"

These guys got to go mainstream a bit in 2008. Some of their singles were really good, but the album versions of the songs as opposed to the radio-friendly versions are so much better. With tracks like "Cath..." and "No Sunlight," it's obvious that DCFC = love.

# 6. Panic! at the Disco "Pretty. Odd."

Yeah. I did it. This album, reminiscent of The Beatles, has made it through. It's fresh. I don't like hearing the crap they had on the last CD that spawned the ridiculous amount of synth bands. "The Green Gentleman" is AWESOME. The pop into

the verse gets me every time. It also helps that "Nine In The Afternoon" is so good that it's the beginning of four of the tracks that aren't "Nine In The Afternoon" (...Yeah, I downloaded it, so that's the version I got. Jealous?) By the way -- I love the loss of the punctuation in the name, but the extra in the album title. Classy.

# 5. Hit the Lights "Skip School Start Fights"

I was worried when their singer left that they wouldn't be back. But they came back with Nick singing and I think it is the same, 100 percent. I like that they even mentioned the whole deal on the first track. Everything on here is what you would expect after hearing their debut album. A little heavy at times but deep.

# 4. Fall Out Boy "Folie à Deux"

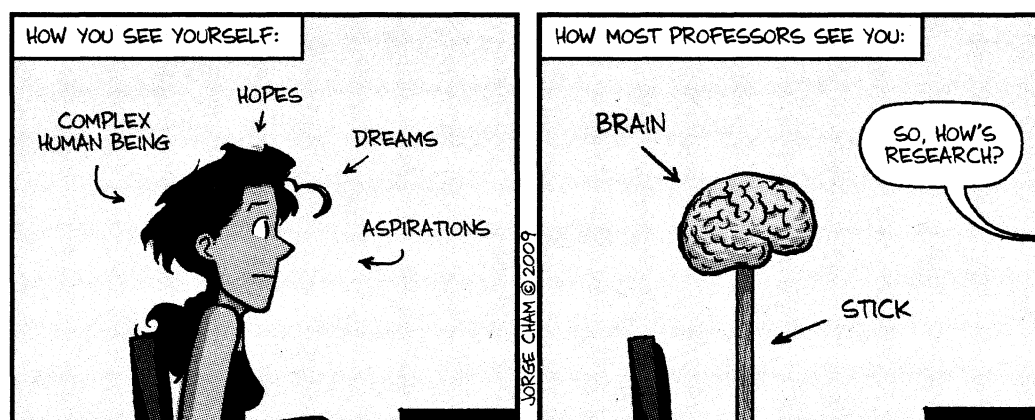
I didn't know if I should put this on since it's only been a week, but I purposely waited to make this list for this to come out. The hype intrigued me and I think they definitely delivered. They grew up. Never again will there be a "Take This To Your Grave," but I am okay with that. Patrick's vocals are solid. Pete even gets a bass solo (hah). Seriously though, "What a Catch, Donnie" is my favorite song. I won't even ruin it for you.

# 3. Valencia "We All Need a Reason to Believe"

Just because I was friends with them, I got into it. But argueably one of the most underrated bands, this is one of the best sophomore records I have heard in a LONG time. Shane sings beautifully, while the rest of the band backs him so well. These guys are great. I felt bad downloading it so I had to buy

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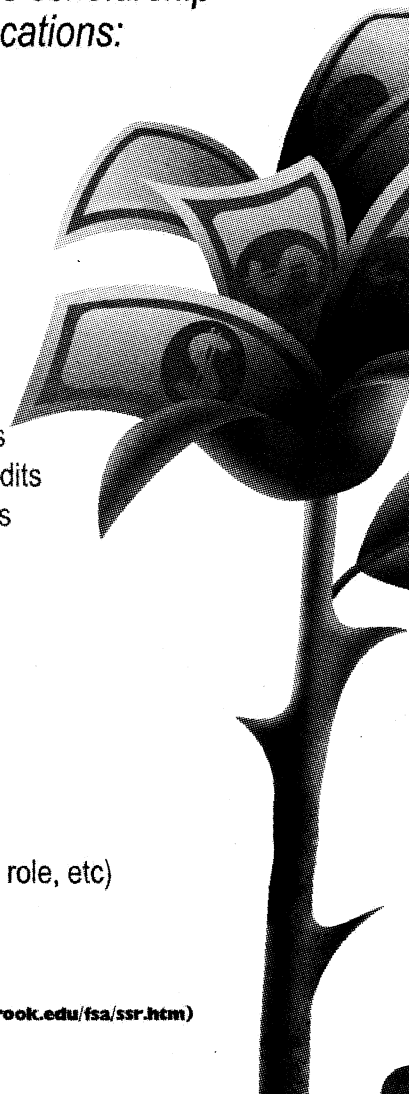
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## INTERCOLLEGIATE

# San Diego State U. Grad Student Wins at Sundance

By WENDY FRY  
The Daily Aztec / UWIRE

JAN. 27 – Destin Daniel Cretton is one senior who won't have to worry about finding a job after graduation this May.

The graduate student will likely be busy turning "Short Term 12," his 22-minute film which won the U.S. Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, into a full-length feature movie.

But first, he needs a few days of rest. After spending several days attending a whirlwind of award ceremonies, film viewings, interviews and luncheons in Park City, Utah, Cretton arrived back in San Diego late Sunday afternoon, and has plans to leave for Paris on Thursday for the 2009 Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival.

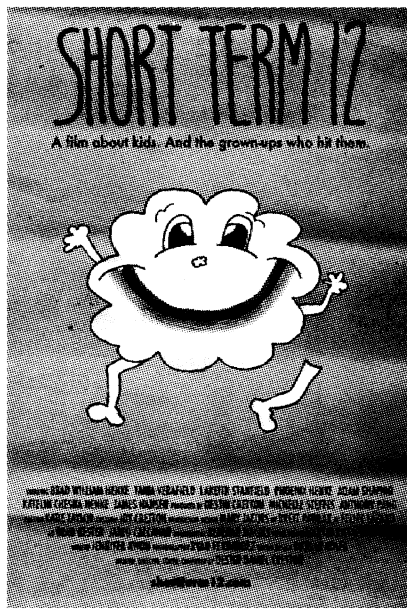
Cretton, who will receive his master's degree in television, film and new media production from San Diego State University this spring, was selected as the winner in the most prestigious competitions for independent filmmakers in the nation. "Short Term 12" was chosen from 5,632 submissions and entered into the Sundance Film Festival's Short Film Program where it was selected from 96 short films.

"I'm still pretty much in shock, but I'm also really exhausted," Cretton said. "Sundance was insane. I averaged only about three hours of sleep per night the entire time I was there."

"Short Term 12" is a movie that highlights one terrible day at a residential facility for troubled and abused teenagers.

Cretton wrote, produced and directed

the film as his thesis project, drawing on his own experiences working as a childcare provider in a similar residential facility in San Diego which houses abused and neglected children.



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"One of the most powerful characteristics about art is its ability to help the artist explore something that they may have questions about or something that may be unexplainable to them except through artistic creation," Cretton said, adding that his two years working in the residential facility was one of the most life-changing experiences he has ever had.

"Up until that point, I had not been exposed to that kind of ugliness—it was shocking. It ripped open my narrow worldview and exposed me to the sickness that certain kids are forced into at a very young age."

Cretton received his bachelor's degree from Point Loma Nazarene University and teaches video production to high school students at Canyon Crest Academy.

The moment Cretton found out that the film had been selected for the competition, his heart dropped into his stomach, he said.

After working on six or seven films, he has submitted a short film or feature to Sundance for several years.

"I've been denied three years in a row!" Cretton said. This year, however, 2009 Short Film jurors Gerardo Naranjo, Lou Taylor Pucci and Sharon Swart said Cretton's film stood out far beyond the rest.

In one of his daily blog entries posted on KPBS during his trip, Cretton described the moment they announced his film as the winner.

"They called our name and I thought I was hallucinating," he wrote. "Joy, Michelle, Jared, Brad and Brett (actors in the movie) all started screaming but their voices sounded like little chickens to me ... I managed to stumble through some kind of thank you speech and get off the stage without fainting."

Shot at MacLaren Children's Center in Los Angeles, the film takes viewers inside the walls of an actual facility. They witness lead character Denim (Brad William Henke), the facility's supervisor, ride an emotional roller coaster while connecting with and caring for abused teens.

Cretton said his time working at the facility was so difficult because he became emotionally invested in some very distraught kids.

"You get really excited because they're making progress, but then in a very instant those kids can switch and do something kind of dramatic and go downhill," Cretton said in a video interview for the Sundance Film Festival.

The movie was made as a way for Cretton to deal with questions he had about working in the facility, but the movie leaves the viewer with a lot of questions as well, Cretton said.

It was not intended to provide many answers.

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a copy. I think you should do the same. Listen to "Holiday" - just because it is rather timely.

## 2. Jack's Mannequin "The Glass Passenger"

I miss Something Corporate. This will be the closest I will ever get. Andrew has gone through a lot, and really connects with fans because of it. I think that some of these tracks may slip a bit -- wait, who I am kidding? I love everything. "Swim" is so good and "Caves" is just amazing. The complete change in feeling is just poppin'. I just said that.

## 1. Forgive Durden "Razia's Shadow"

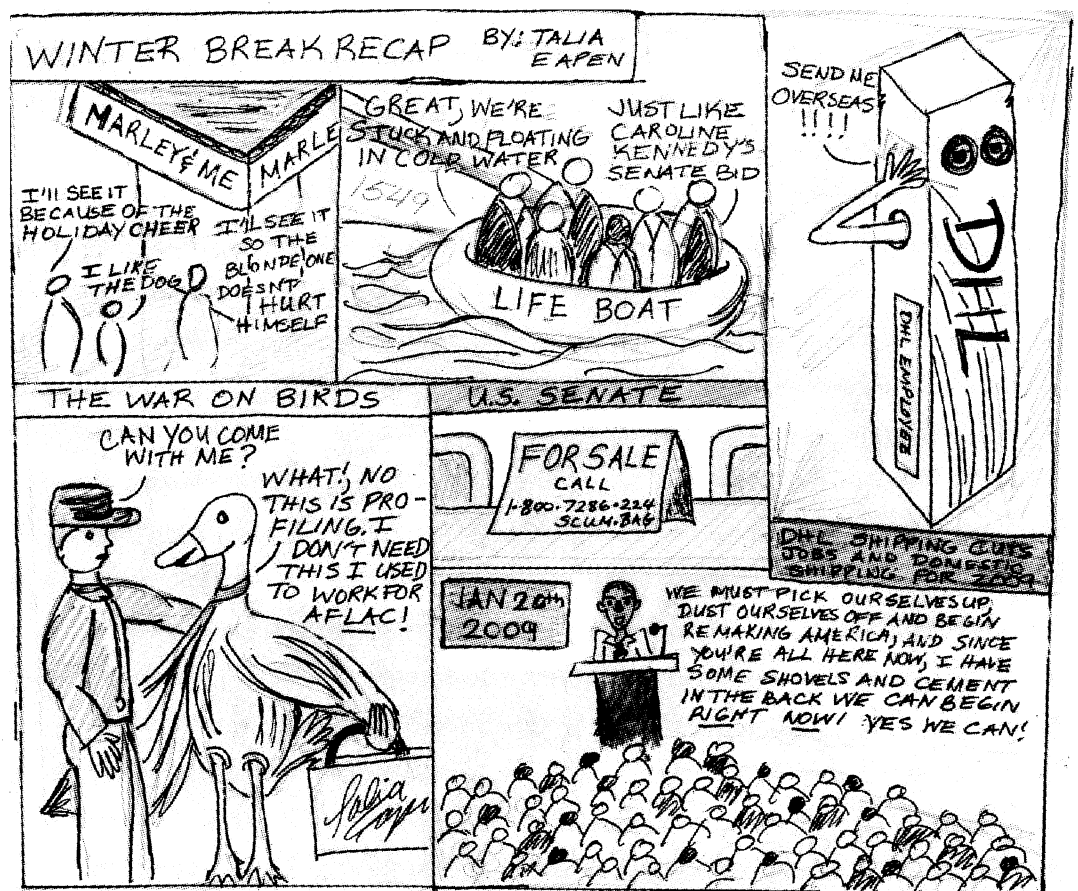
I knew I had to put this on here. I wasn't sure where to throw it. I had never really given the band a time of day in the past. But because of all of the marketing online, I got really psyched for it. This was the first pre-order I have ever spent money on. Some of my favorite guest vocalists are featured, too. Perhaps the Chris Conley and Max Bemis tracks are the best. But as cheesy as it may be at times, as a whole piece of work, it is brilliant. Whether they pull it off at Bamboozle this year or not, I do not know, but I can't wait either way. Props to these guys, mainly Thomas Dutton, who has been going at it for a while under the radar and out of no where impresses the entire Internet generation.

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## My Interfaith Journey to Israel

By HIRA AHMED  
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Over the break, I made my second interfaith trip to Israel, this time with an interfaith group called Heroes are Made Through Service and Action (HAMSA), founded by Kelly Vest of the Suffolk Y and Nazli Chaudhry of the Islamic Center of Long Island. A group of 10 college students, Muslims and Jews, visited Jerusalem to engage in workshops with five Muslims and five Jews from Israel. The objective was to better understand the conflict and its effect on the Muslims and Jews of Israel, but also to enable the two peoples to befriend one another.

The subject of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is commonly regarded a danger zone. However, adhering to such rules would allow the continuation of misunderstanding and mistrust between two peoples, since policy-making can't legislate communication and friendship. To many skeptics, such interfaith efforts sound overly idealistic. Most mean it

as an insult, but I take it as a compliment. Such "idealism" which may not have a direct impact on international relations, had a profound impact on the lives of those who shared in this experience, and has the power to change the attitude of a society.

In an interfaith workshop in Jerusalem, as a larger group, we discussed the discrimination we face in our respective societies. A Jewish man in his late 20s told us about how his relative was abducted by Hamas and how since then, he is haunted by the sound of Muslim prayers. However, the Muslim friends he had made throughout the trip cried for him and his suffering as he shared his devastating loss.

Meanwhile, another Muslim girl shared with us how she is often treated as a second-class citizen, and viewed as an outsider in her country because she covers her head and people automatically assume she is a terrorist. These stories are real, yet they capture just a fraction of what

these people have to live with on a daily basis. However, the friendship they built, and the mutual understanding they developed of each others' suffering is vital to the alleviation of their own pain.

It is important to understand that acknowledging the suffering of our supposed "enemy" doesn't lessen our own. More importantly, simply talking to one another brings down so many walls of myths and stereotypes. One Jewish man on the trip was embarrassed to say that he had thought that most Muslims were extremists prior to the dialogue, but also took delight in being proved wrong.

It is often said that the number of people willing to engage in such dialogue is too small to make a difference, or that getting a bunch of liberal people together, to revel in seemingly liberal ideas is ineffective. I don't know the numbers, and I can't confirm the political leanings of those of us involved in dialogue, but the cause is human life, one

that all people of all ends of the political spectrum should have value for.

If we continue to count losses and dig into history, we will never be able to coexist with the other. Even worse, if we continue to neglect learning about and knowing one another, we will keep killing each other until no one is left.

Amos Oz, the Israeli novelist, articulates perfectly, the mantra of our group, when he said, "If a huge fire is burning, you can run for your life and let those who cannot run burn. You can wag your finger at the blaze and demand inquiry and resignations. Or you can fill a bucket, a glass, at least a teaspoon of water, and pour it on the flames. The fire is huge, the teaspoon is very small, but every man and woman has a teaspoon. I would like to establish 'the Order of the Teaspoon.' Each of us, who share this hope, will wear a tiny teaspoon on their lapel, so that we know. Let us not only remember the best and hope for the best, but do our best."

## What Deregulation?

By ZACHARY KURTZ  
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One of the more laughable fantasies recently perpetuated through the popular presses, and by power hungry politicians, is that the U.S. economy has been failed by free market economics. They brandish the torches, ready to lead the witch hunt against those greedy hedge fund managers, all while pushing for billions in new deficit spending and con-

centrating their own political power with new regulations.

Before blaming our economic problems on free markets, though, shouldn't we establish whether or not we actually, you know, had free markets?

Professor David Henderson, research fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, writes prudently about the deregulation myth in "Are We Ailing From Too Much Deregulation?" in

a libertarian think tank based in Washington, D.C., the Cato Institute's Policy Report. His study reveals some surprising results.

Firstly, the average number of pages of new regulation bills rose steadily from 50,000 to 75,000 between the Regan and GWB years. This indicates that regulations passed contain more information about new rules and red tape than in previous years. The number

of people employed by government regulatory agencies grew by 63 percent between 1980 and 2007 to almost 250,000. In the banking and finance industries, regulatory spending between 1980 and 2007 almost tripled, rising to over \$2 billion. Why the increased manpower and funds? To cover the increased demand created by all those extra pages in those

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Barack Obama signs an executive order to regulate fuel emissions from cars. He is expected to support new regulations for the financial sector as well.

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# Regulating the Economy

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regulatory bills.

While these facts don't necessarily tell us the details about all this regulation, it is clear that it was government regulation of the housing markets which helped inflate the bubble. The Clinton administration leaned heavily on semi-nationalized mortgage firms, like Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to grant sub-prime loans to those who couldn't afford them. The financial sector used the newly created demand from this sector and, for a time, successfully capitalized off of it.

Politicians like to blame those "greedy investors" for packaging, insuring, selling and, eventually, bankrupting on mortgage-based derivatives, but what about Clinton's greed, when he created an unsustainable business sector out of thin air for some votes?

We must also tread carefully when labeling government action as "deregulation" or "regulation." As part of Clinton's 1997 tax plan, he cut capital gains tax - a tax on money made through investments - on profits from the sale of a principal residence. On the surface, this type of tax cut looks like a deregulation event, but when the government has different tax rates on different sectors of the economy, investors will put their money where there is the most profit. As a result, the hous-

ing market became the least taxed sector and it went through a boom. This, coupled with the growth of the subprime mortgage markets and loose monetary policy, which helped supply easy money to investors, was how government interference in markets lead to the unsustainable growth of the housing markets.

It is demonstrably simplistic to say that our economy suffers from too much "deregulation," especially considering the known effects that the government had on the housing markets. The problem, now, is that how the markets will absorb the new regulations, in the short and long term, are largely unpredictable, so we can't say how they will ultimately affect the economy.

The public is, quite understandably, upset about how administrators of the failing financial industries are using their federal bailout money to finance bonuses and pay-offs to their executives. Nobody could have predicted this would happen, but the answer is not to pass new regulations that dictate how companies are able to spend bailout money, they will probably find loopholes anyway. The answer is to stop providing bailouts and let "greedy" investors learn from their mistakes the hard way. The government is pursuing new deficit and inflationary spending, all in the name of regulating the economy, and we really have no idea what we are in for.

# Taxing the Fat

By RUCHI VIKAS  
Contributing Writer

A few months ago, Governor David Patterson proposed a soda tax. It may be true that 25% of New Yorkers are obese, and it is probably true that sugary sodas are contributing heavily to this. First of all, they're cheap. You can often find a 2-liter bottle for around or even under a dollar. Second of all, it's easy to get addicted. I know this personally, since I was addicted to Pepsi until two years ago.

The tax that Governor Patterson wants to implement involves only non-diet sodas. Initially, it sounds like a good idea. Ideally, people will see the tax, be inspired to not drink sugary soda, immediately switch to healthier drinks and New York will slim down while making money off the people who quit drinking sugary soda more slowly than others.

Unfortunately, things rarely work like this. What will likely happen should this tax be implemented is not dissimilar what happened in most preschools when sugary snacks were banned. The banning of the snacks didn't stop children from eating them - it just upset them and, incred-

ibly, created a market where they could trade such snacks after school or behind their teachers' backs. While I'm not suggesting that a soda tax will create an underground black market of cheap, sugary soda, I do think that most people will feel similar to how those children felt - as if we're being punished for liking something. Being taught to reign in a sweet tooth can be a positive thing for kids to experience, but soda-purchasing adults are not children and government is not our parents.

The first problem with this tax is that it won't stop people from drinking soda, most probably plenty of people will be willing to pay more. Understandably, this persistence will raise money for the state, but one has to wonder; at what cost. If we allow ourselves to be punished for making choices that the government doesn't agree with, what other things do we enjoy that will be the next to 'fall' under the taxman's eye?

Secondly, if people begin to drink more diet soda, because of the tax on the real stuff, one also has to wonder whether that is a preferable alternative to regular soda. Diet soda uses artificial sweet-

eners and despite being "diet," still manages to pack in, on average, 140 calories per can. Additionally, scientific studies show that people who ingest artificial sweeteners don't simply stop there; they, in a complex physiological response, feel a drive to eat more, caloric, sugars as well. The studies point to a biological imperative to eat high calorie food, a trait that would have been selected for by the harsh conditions in our evolutionary past. What this means, is that we can't tax away the human desire for sweet sugars, so creating an economic preference for diet sodas could, in turn, result in people adding more sugar to their diets and worsening the obesity problem. This is not to mention the alleged affects of artificial sweeteners on general health, as well.

While this tax appears noble and seems to propose a good idea that might help society, it pays to remember that the government's job is to provide us with the information and security and let us have the freedom to make choices for ourselves. Should this tax be passed, that freedom is exactly what we might see beginning to slip away.

# Why I Won't Stand for 'National Service'

By CONNOR MENDENHALL  
Arizona Daily Wildcat / UWIRE

In a speech delivered this July to students at the University of Colorado, then-Sen. Barack Obama outlined his vision for a "new era of service" in the United States. "We need your service, right now, at this moment - our moment - in history," Obama said. "I'm not going to tell you what your role should be; that's for you to discover. But I am going to ask you to play your part; ask you to stand up; ask you to put your foot firmly into the current of history." As a good citizen, I will answer that call. I will stand up for national service - but my feet will be firmly athwart the current of history, and I will be yelling 'Stop!'

During his presidential campaign, then-Sen. Obama exhorted Americans to commit themselves to public service. National service, he declared, "will be a central cause of my presidency." To this end, his policy platform suggests a huge increase in government-sponsored volunteer programs. Under the

Obama administration, the federal government will not just sponsor the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps, but expand or create a passel of new corps, including "Classroom Corps," "Health Corps," "Clean Energy Corps," "Veterans Corps," "Homeland Security Corps," "Senior Corps," "Global Energy Corps," and "Green Job Corps." Don't worry: he didn't forget to include college students. Under Obama's plan, every Wildcat who completes 100 hours of community service will be able to claim a \$4,000 tax credit to offset tuition.

For most students, Obama's offer will be hard to refuse. After all, where else can you earn \$40 per hour for picking up trash or sorting canned food? This wage is double what most graduates will earn once they leave college, so only the very wealthiest students will be able to turn it down without paying a hefty opportunity cost. For most folks, the credit will go a long way - paying off both federal taxes and a portion of tuition. What's not to like?

For one thing, there are common sense objections to national service. First, it's bad fiscal policy. With unemployment at 6.5 percent and rising, why should government pay unskilled youngsters inflated wages to do jobs that plenty of hard-up workers would be willing to take at \$25, \$10, or even \$6.75 an hour? Sure, the plan is technically a tax credit - but since most students pay well under \$4,000 in federal taxes, they would receive government checks. The \$10 billion needed for the program will have to come from somewhere.

Second, it could have harmful unintended consequences. Big, broad increases in student aid drive tuition inflation, which might make college more expensive. Considering the last few years of tuition increases at UA, it should be no surprise if President Shelton and the Regents try to claim their share.

Finally, Americans already serve and contribute to their communities. Each year, Americans donate over \$300 billion to charity and spend 8 billion hours volun-

teering in churches, schools, and nonprofits. We are far and away the most generous nation in the world - we just happen to prefer private philanthropy to volunteerism by presidential fiat.

But most champions of national service care more about moral arguments. Service, they say, will foster a sense of civic-mindedness, or encourage us to "serve a common purpose." This thinking can be traced back at least to President Kennedy's now-hackneyed inaugural entreaty to "ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." But, as Milton Friedman once noted, "Neither half of the statement expresses a relation between the citizen and his government that is worthy of the ideals of free men in a free society."

One of the great milestones along the road from serfdom to modern liberal democracy was the right to pay taxes in money rather than labor. Sometime near the end of the Middle Ages, vassals in England stopped paying their feudal

lords in hours mucking around in potato fields and started paying in cash. Eventually everyone earned the right to support the commonwealth by chipping in their bit, and the freedom to choose their own jobs and live their own lives without slaving for the state.

But a national service plan is a subtle inversion of this relationship, which puts corvée labor back on the table. Pay up, or get to work! Plus, it's not hard to imagine voluntary service becoming universal service. Obama has said before that he'd like to "require" rather than "encourage" national service, which would be, as Northwestern law professor James Lindgren puts it, "a basic assault on Anglo-American liberty." Not to mention wholly unconstitutional under the 13th amendment.

As much as I'd love to get out of paying taxes, Obama's national service refund is one credit I won't claim come April. The nation that I serve by paying taxes and obeying the law is a collection of free men, not a master to obey - even at \$40 an hour.

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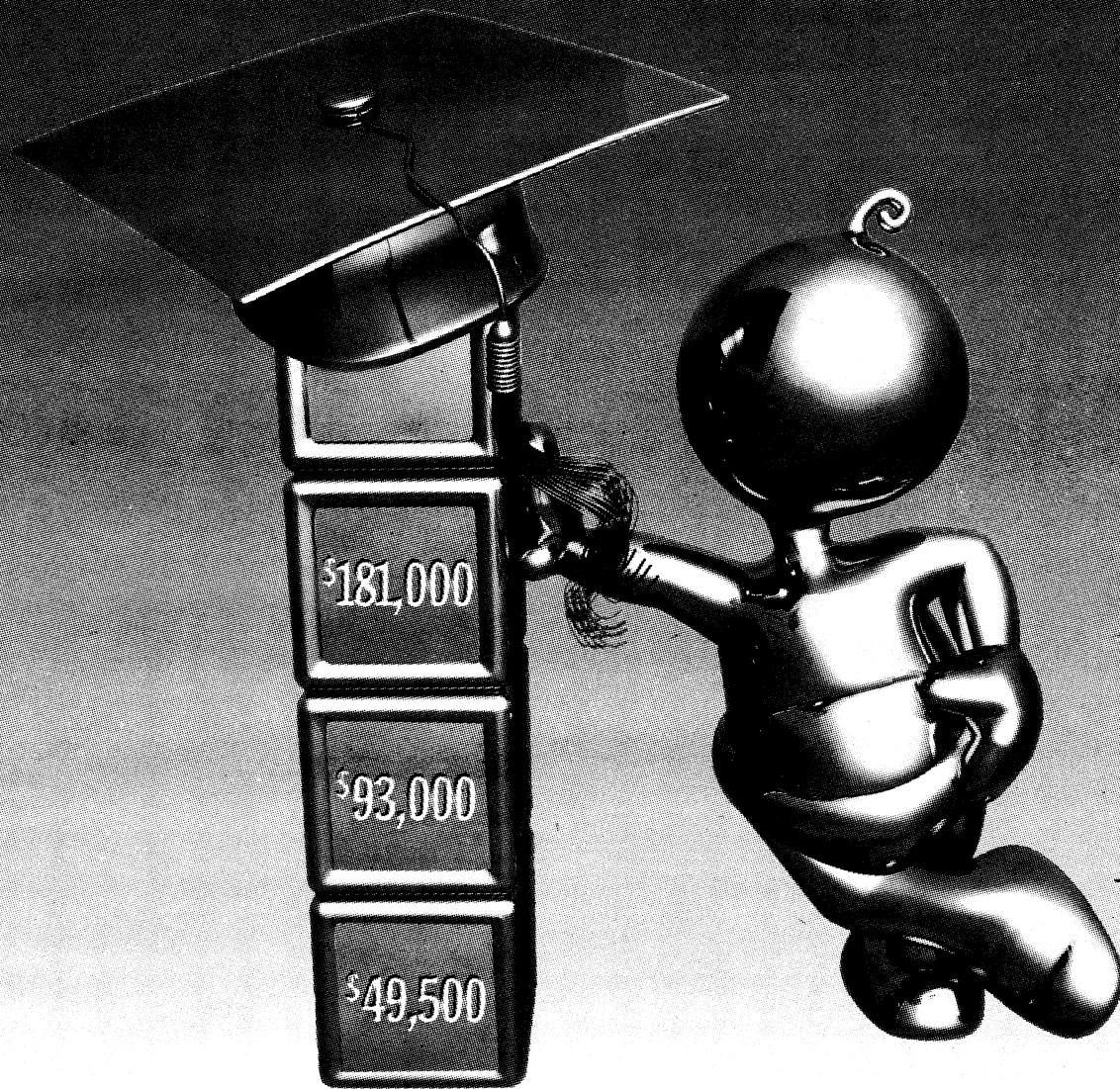
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# Building blocks of Time Well Spent



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- (\$93,000) for mid-career alum, and
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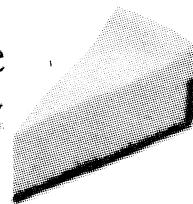
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# Men Blow Halftime Lead, Lose by 11

By SARAH KAZADI  
Staff Writer

A sluggish second half and deadly three point shooting from the New Hampshire Wildcats cost the Stony Brook Seawolves another conference game last night at Pritchard Gymnasium. After a stellar first half, the Seawolves struggled on both ends of the court in the second half, eventually losing 71-60. The loss dropped the Seawolves' overall record to 11-10, 3-5 in America East play.

The game was a tale of two halves. The first began at a fast pace, with the teams exchanging buckets and the score staying close. After the score was knotted at 10, Muhammad El-Amin (Lansing, Mich.) and Danny Carter (Windsor, Eng.) hit back to back trifectas to give the Seawolves a 6 point cushion. The Wildcats kept it close but the Seawolves were active, using their defense to create offensive opportunities at the other end. By the halftime break, the Seawolves had managed to build a 34-25 lead.

The Seawolves shot an impressive 57 percent from the floor in the opening half, and were led by El-Amin's 13 points. The Wildcats struggled however, shooting 39 percent from the floor and not having a single player in double figures.

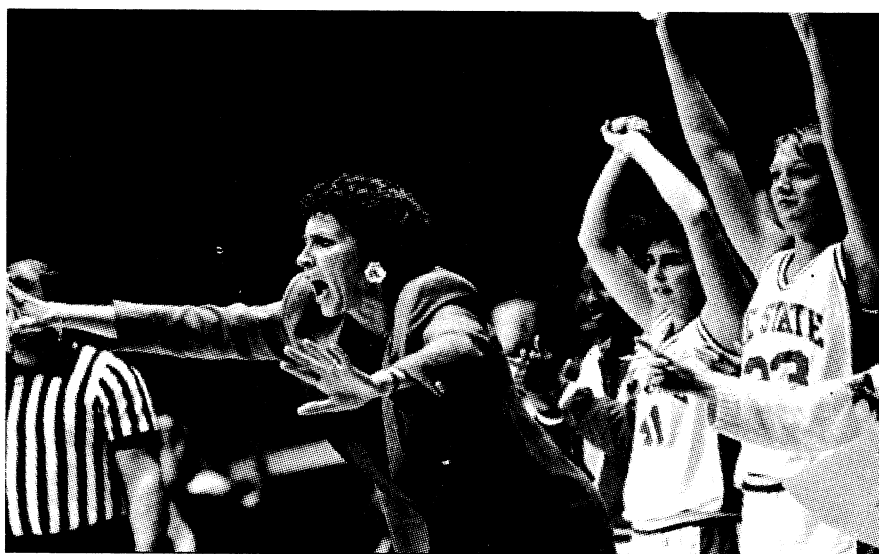
But the second half began with the

Wildcats storming back, using a quick 13-4 run to eliminate the Seawolves' lead and tie the score at 38 with a little over 16 minutes remaining in the ball game. The score stayed close, until a three-pointer by Eric Gilchrese kick started a 10-0 Wildcats run that gave the road team a 52-42 lead. Coming off the bench, Gilchrese would finish the game with 22 points, going a solid 5-7 from long range. The Seawolves battled back using a 10-2 spurt to draw within 3, at 59-56.

But that would be as close as the home team would get. The Seawolves shot a dismal 18 percent from the floor in the second half, with El-Amin being the only double digit scorer and finishing with a game-high 24 points. The poor shooting was accompanied by poor defense, as the home team allowed the Wildcats to hit 66 percent of their second half shots, including an impressive 8-11 from three-point land. After scoring easily and often in the first half, the Seawolves struggled to put points on the board in the second period, losing 71-60.

The Seawolves face the UMBC Retrievers in a the last game of this three-game homestand on Saturday evening.

**Note:** Coach Pikiell was not available for comment after the game



KAY YOW: MARCH 14, 1942- JANUARY 24, 2009

One of the most influential figures in the rise of women's sports in America died Saturday after fighting breast cancer for more than two decades. Kay Yow won 737 games in 38 seasons as a college basketball coach, nearly all of them

at North Carolina State; coached the U.S. Olympic team to gold in 1988; and was elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

- Courtesy of Uwire

## Super Bowl Predictions Continued...

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**Brian Morgan, Staff Writer:** Going into the playoffs, I didn't consider the Arizona Cardinals a threat like everyone else. But after their performance against the Falcons, I immediately jumped on the bandwagon. Of course their offense stole the show, but it was their defense that made me believe. Michael Turner was held to 42 yards on 18 carries and Matt Ryan was held to a 72.8 QB rating. I won't even bother talking about the Carolina game. In their game vs. the Eagles, Brian Westbrook was held to 45 yards rushing and 26 yards in the air. So they've shown they can stop

the running game in the playoffs, similar to the Colts a couple years ago.

With all that said, I have to pick the Cardinals. The Steelers offense is based around running the football and the Cardinals have shown they are worthy of stopping them. Coupled with their great defensive backs, I feel the Cardinals balanced defense will win the game for them. Of course the Steelers have a great defense, but so did the Panthers and Eagles. Larry Fitzgerald cannot be stopped, and with Anquan Boldin healthy, it will be extremely difficult for the Steelers to concentrate on both.

**My Pick: Cardinals 24 Steelers 13**

# Women's B-Ball Win 1st America East Game of Year

By GENE MORRIS  
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team used a 16-4 run to close the first half at a 28-28 tie, and played solidly in the second half to pick up its first America East Victory of the season Tuesday afternoon at Albany.

The 64-56 victory at SEFCU Arena pushed the Seawolves' record on the season to 3-15. The loss knocked Albany to 3-16, and 1-5 in America East play.

Sophomore guard Misha Horsey shot 7-10 from the field and scored a team leading 17 points. She also added seven rebounds, two assists, and two steals in her team leading 37 minutes of play.

The two halves of the game provided a marked difference for the Seawolves.

They shot only 36.4 percent in the first 20 minutes, and got to the free throw line only three times, making two.

In the second half, the Seawolves shot 60 percent, making 14 of 23 shots from the field, and hitting seven of 10 free throws.

The defense also stepped up as the game went on.

In the first half, Albany shot 42.3 percent, but the Seawolves held Albany to just 29.6 percent shooting in the second half.

The Seawolves were able to hold Albany's Britney McGee, the teams third leading scorer and leading three-point shooter to only six points in 34 minutes. McGee went 0-9 from the field, including 0-7 from beyond the arc. She was able to make all six of her free throw attempts.

The Stony Brook bench also contributed heavily, outscoring Albany's reserves by a 25-14 margin.


The Seawolves never trailed after being behind 32-30 following two McGee free throws with 18:16 remaining in the second half.

The women get back on the court Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., part of a doubleheader with the men's team as part of the "Celebration of Stony Brook Men's and Women's Basketball."


After the women's game and before the men's, the Department of Athletics will hold a reception for all basketball alumni.

# STATESMAN SPORTS

## SUPER BOWL XLII



### Statesman Super Bowl Preview



By Statesman Sports Staff

**Gene Morris, Sports Editor:** The Cardinals have the best player in this game in wide-receiver Larry Fitzgerald. But the Steelers have the best unit in their defense. Fitzgerald can run all the routes he wants and be as open as can be, but if the Steelers pass rush can consistently get to Kurt Warner, the Arizona offense will not be as explosive.

The Steelers are the more physically imposing team, but the Cardinals have played well against physical teams in their last two games--Carolina and Philadelphia. The Steelers have given up 88 rushing yards so far this postseason. And much of the success of the Cardinal offense in the playoffs is due to its new found ability to run the football.

I don't see it happening against the Steelers. If the game was played in Pittsburgh or even another cold weather city, I'd pick the Steelers by more, but I think the Cardinals ride stops here. Which is still further than I thought they would get.

**My Pick: Steelers 27, Cardinals 24**

**Carl Carrie, Asst. Sports Editor:** A lot of people are writing off the Cardinals for the Super Bowl, but a lot of people wrote them off the three previous weeks too. They came from behind and beat Atlanta at home in their first round game, then went off to Carolina, where the Panthers were 8-0 at home this season, and walloped them. Finally, in the NFC Championship game, they gave up the lead, but then came back and beat the Eagles.

Kurt Warner is playing his best football since his AFL days, Edgerrin James is playing like he's in Indianapolis again, and Larry Fitzgerald is proving to everyone that he is probably the best wide-receiver in football, and is closely followed by Anquan Boldin, who is in the top 10. Of course, the Cardinals have problems. With the exception of Rodgers-Cromartie, is anyone on the Cardinals defense a playmaker? And in a game against the Steelers, the field position battle is going to be a big issue, so can Ben Graham,

who was picked up off the scrap heap from the Jets, punt effectively?

Obviously, the Steelers aren't just a push-over. They have one of the most dominating, hard hitting defenses in the league. Even their wide-receivers hit hard, just ask Corey Ivey. (If you don't know what I'm talking about, youtube it) Even though he played terrible in his first Super Bowl appearance, Ben Roethlisberger is still a champion. However, they have their issues too. Hines Ward, the heart and soul of that team is injured. Even though there's no way he misses the game, he's going to be nowhere near 100 percent—and even if he was, Rodgers-Cromartie is a shutdown corner and Ward would have had trouble getting open. Also, the Steelers are a blitzing team, so they will have less people in coverage, which means if Warner has just enough time, he'll hit his big play receivers.

I think sometimes in the Super Bowl, you have to look beyond the stats—weren't the Patriots supposed to win last year? The Cardinals have the leg-up on some match-

ups, and are a good team in fair-weather days. It just might be their year.

**My pick: Cardinals 20 Steelers 14**

**Keith Kobasuik, Senior Writer:** The Cardinals are going to have a difficult time against the Steelers defense for one reason – Pittsburgh's 3-4. The Cardinals have not played a 3-4 team the entire season except for the Jets. It may not seem like a big deal, but it poses problems – where is the pass rush coming from? It allows the Steelers to blitz from many angles on the field, something Defensive-Coordinator Dick Lebeau loves to do.

Look for the ball to be on the ground quite a bit with Warner coughing it up and pressure in his face. Fitzgerald can't block James Harrison, too. Pittsburgh has finally found its running game, and Roethlisberger will be able to find holes in the Cardinals defense, just as McNabb did.

**My Pick: Steelers 28 Cardinals 17**

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