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Lady Seawolves Off to a Blazing Start

Seawolves Hold Off Cajuns For Holiday Inn Express Invitational Crown

The Ragin Cajuns would not go away. Louisiana-Lafayette erased three double-digit deficits in the second half and got as close as one point but could not break the barrier.

In the end, a Sherry Jordan jumper and clutch free throw shooting by the Seawolves were the difference. Stony Brook (5-1) walked away champions of the Holiday Inn Express Tournament title with a 62-58 victory over the Ragin Cajuns (4-2) in the championship game Saturday evening at the USB Sports Complex.

It is the best start for the women's basketball program since the 1993-94 team started the year 6-1.

Jordan earned Tournament Most Valuable Player honors by torching the nets for 27 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Her most important basket came with Stony Brook holding on to a 56-55 lead with 1:17 to go. Jordan hit a 15-foot jumper from the left wing to give the Seawolves a three-point edge.

LoParrino iced the game with four free throws in the final 32 seconds.

All 14 of LoParrino's points on the night came from the charity stripe where she was perfect (14-14).

The Seawolves led 22-13 at the half as both teams shot poorly from the field. ULL hit just three of its

first 28 field goals (.107) and committed 13 turnovers. Stony Brook wasn't much better, going 8-of-33 (.242) from the field.

Jordan's jumper with 19:04 left gave the Seawolves a 24-14 lead and its first double-digit advantage. A 7-0 Ragin Cajun run ensued as Dekita Williams cut the lead to 24-21.

Stony Brook answered over the next 5:30 with a 16-7 run that gave it the biggest advantage of the night at 40-28 with 10:43 remaining.

Breanna Evans buried a three-pointer and Kim Chance's layup with 7:00 left closed a 17-8 run and the Cajuns were within 48-45.

Again, the Seawolves countered with the game's next seven points to take a 55-45 lead with 5:16 left.

Evans' three-pointer and pair of free throws coupled with Billie Popovska's three off glass at the top of the key once again gave the Cajuns life, down 55-53 with 3:10 remaining. Evans buried a 12-footer that closed the gap to 56-55 before Jordan and LoParrino closed things out for the Seawolves.

Jordan and LoParrino were selected to the All-Tournament team. Jill George led all rebounders with 10 on the night.

Courtesy of www.GoSeawolves.org

Stony Brook Withstands Army Surge

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook women's basketball team led by the scoring freshman duo Sherry Jordan and Theresa LoParrino improved to 3-1 for the year, as they managed to edge out the Black Knights of Army, 59-53.

The Seawolves captured a victory in similar fashion to the way they won their 18 games last year—tough, stingy defense and solid shooting.

Stony Brook held Army to 35 percent shooting from the field while they themselves shot 67 percent from the behind the 3 point land. The Seawolves further wreaked havoc on the defensive end with seven steals and two blocked shots.

The turning point of the game was the USB timeout called by a then disgusted Coach Roberts, at the 12:13 mark in the first half when the Seawolves trailed 9-10.

Stony Brook came out of the timeout fired up, and went on a 6-2 run to recapture the lead. Sound basketball and timely shots allowed the Seawolves to never trail again.

Coach Trish Roberts, recipient of the 1999-2000 Coach of the Year Award by the Basketball Coaches Association of New York, showed that not only is she a very good basketball coach, but that she is also pretty adept at recruiting, as well.

After the devastating loss of last year's leading scorer Julie Szabo, who transferred out of the program, into a Division II school, Roberts did more than simply reload.

She upgraded the team with an infusion of new talent. Jordan, who leads the team in scoring and rebounds, scored 20 points and pulled down 13 rebounds against Army.

Point guard Theresa LoParrino who is the team best 3-pointer threat, chipped in with 17 points in the victory over the Black Knights. She showed great poise by making four clutch freethrows in the waning moments of the game.

Roberts also got solid contributions from freshmen Maggie Triggs and Tamika Cox. Shooting guard Triggs is third in the team in scoring. Cox provided much needed grit and height to the frontcourt, in relief of Jill George, who fouled out early in the second half.

Afterwards, Roberts talked about her new players. "I have confidence in them," she said. "I want the ball in their hands. The freshman carry this team."

Indeed, the *Fantastic Freshman* have thus far accounted for nearly 60 percent of the team's scoring.

The Seawolves look to be on track for another winning season.



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**A Thought
From
Rabbi Adam**



Nothing happens by chance. Though it may appear that things happen by coincidence, yet in truth everything is by the hand of Personal Divine Providence. For life is really being navigated "above". Most of the time we are oblivious to this navigation. It is only when we experience the phenomenon of coincidence do we wake up and start to think about how this is too amazing to have happened just by chance. For example: Being a Rabbi who runs a Chabad House - a Jewish student's home away from home - I try to decorate our house with pictures of Jewish themes. One central theme in Judaism is that of the Ancient Temple of Jerusalem, destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E., then again by the Romans in 70 C.E. and to be rebuilt with the coming of Moshiah (the Messiah). For one reason or another, posters depicting the Temple are hard to come by. And even more difficult is finding a print that will pass the fine taste of interior decor of my wife, Esther. Last week I happened upon the best print of the Beis HaMikdash (the Temple) I had ever seen. It not only awoke in me the desire for the Moshiah to come and rebuild the Temple, but also a desire to pay \$35 so as to be able to take it home. Once home, the verdict was clear and final, "It's ugly! It looks fake! You spent \$35 on that?!" There was no room for debate. The next morning a young woman came to our house. She had just been to Israel and she had a number of questions that she was looking to have answered. She had brought us a gift from Jerusalem. It was a poster and she was anxious to know if we liked it. I gasped upon unraveling the print - for it was a painting of the Beis HaMikdash! And as if that wasn't enough, by Personal Divine Providence, my wife liked it too. (P.S. If you would like to come over for a piece of cake and see the print, you can reach me at RabbiAdam@hotmail.com)

Ramadan

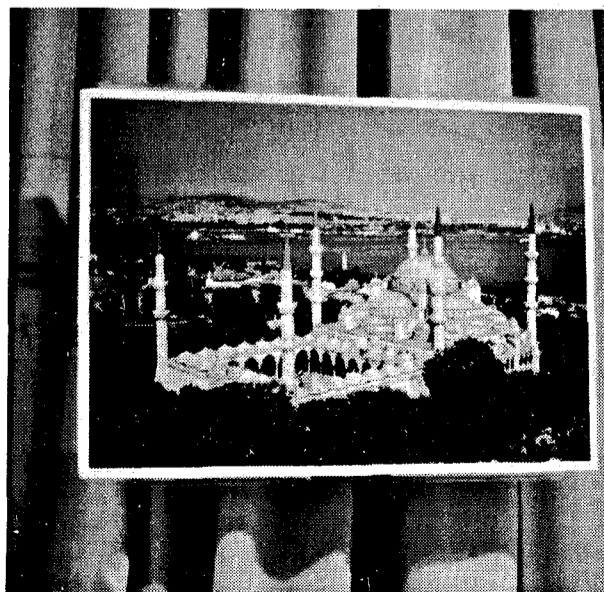
Muslim Students Juggle Religious Fasting With a University Lifestyle

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Staff

While most Stony Brook students are either on an eating spree to use up the remaining points on their meal cards or are barely eating due to the lack of money on their cards, a small group of students are putting food secondary. For about 300-400 Muslim students on campus and Muslims in general November 27 marked the first day of Ramadan, the Islamic celebration of the Holy Quran. During Ramadan, which lasts for a month and begins on the ninth month of the Islamic calendar which is lunar, Muslims abstain from food, drink and intercourse from sunrise until sunset. According to Sanaa Nadim, USB's Muslim chaplain, Ramadan is a time when people cleanse themselves physically and mentally and gain a high sense of social responsibility. "It's a time of spiritual cleansing," said Nadim, "identifying with the poor and knowing what it's like to be hungry. It's also a way of showing your faith in God."

"It's like when you exercise and have a goal to get fit," said Akhtar, "only this is exercise for your soul."

For this month, Muslim students observing this fast wake at around 5 in the morning to eat and begin their morning prayer. At approximately 4:30 in the afternoon when the sun goes down these students gather together in the Union, the new home of the Interfaith Center, to break fast. This year Nadim said that they have been



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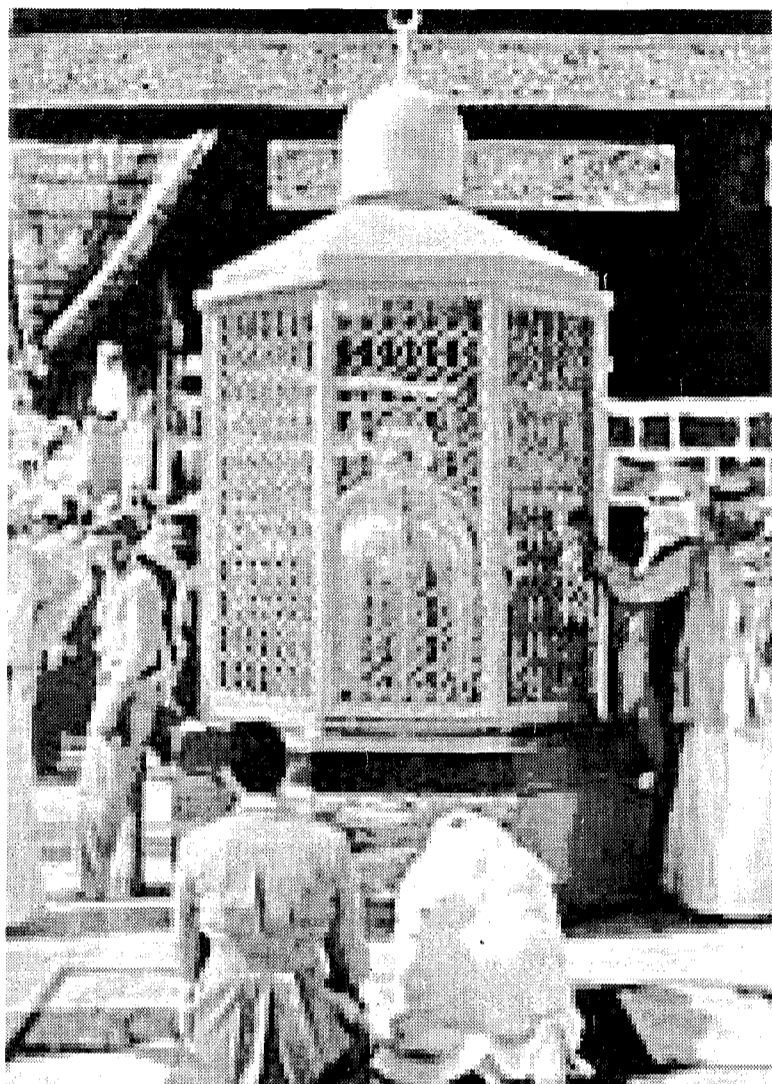
The Islamic Prayer Room at Interfaith Center is located on the second floor of the Union.

fortunate since the time has been short and the sun sets early. "In order to break fast, we first have dates and milk as said by the prophet Mohamed," said Nadim. Nadim along with Maham Khan, a volunteer, cook the food for the students who break fast on campus. "All the students who observe Ramadan gather together find camaraderie and support," she said. Nadim said it would be nice if the students had a dining hall that would serve them in the morning but for now students bring food to their rooms for the morning. Maheen Akhtar, a sophomore observing Ramadan on campus, said it is not a problem. "A couple of us friends bring food from home or buy food from Kelly and share with each other," she said. One of the things Nadim is hoping to work on is getting more places, preferably the Union, where Muslim students can have halal meat on campus. Halal meat is from an animal whose throat is slit mercifully and the whole blood is drained from the animal. "We can not eat something that has been shot, choked or electrocuted," Nadim said.

Nadim says the development of her ministry and the Interfaith Center have helped increase the number of students who observe Ramadan on campus. "Stony Brook has become a home for a lot of students," said Nadim. "Families want their children coming here more when they know that in Stony Brook they will be exposed to the Islamic practices."

Akhtar also agrees the number of students who choose to celebrate this tradition on campus has increased. "I did it last year too and there seems to be more people this year," said Akhtar. For Akhtar the fasting is not an obligation but an honor. "It's like when you exercise and have a goal to get fit," said Akhtar, "only this is exercise for your soul." He also said that fasting has led him to realize that when you abstain from food you discover your only resource for all things is Allah. "It's a both outward and inward cleansing," said Akhtar. "Every night we pray for an hour and reflect on the way to treat others and ourselves."

Nadim is thankful to Stony Brook especially President Shirley Kenny, Fred Preston and Dean Carmen Vasquez for their constant help and cooperation. "As the chaplain for the last eight years I feel very honored to have this job and serve my Muslim brothers and sisters," she said. "We have an Islamic saying, 'He who doesn't thank people does not thank Allah'."



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People praying during Ramadan.

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NARISSA MOORE
Statesman Contributor

Sylvia Geoghegan thought that in her physical condition, she wasn't capable of painting. Quadriplegia, a spinal cord injury that resulted from a skiing accident, drove her into a state of depression for many years, until one day it happened. Painting became her life before her death and it has kept her memory alive after it. Stony Brook celebrated what is becoming a fall tradition that involved friends, wine and food in memory of the late Geoghegan in the SAC auditorium Thursday, November 30. The program sought to build an endowment fund to benefit Stony Brook students with disabilities.

In spite of her disability, Geoghegan brought enthusiasm, skills and a spirit of community to Stony Brook where she worked in the Affirmative Action office up until an accidental death on November 7, 1999. Geoghegan was a beloved colleague to many at Stony Brook and a strong advocate locally as well as nationally for employing people with disabilities. The Sylvia Geoghegan Fund commemorates her passion for full participation by people with disabilities.

Ed O'Connell, chairman of the Celebrate Sylvia Committee, welcomed everyone to the program. "We have guests here from all over the country," he said, "from out east, from upstate, from New England, and a very special guest from Colorado, Sylvia's daughter Kasey, who made the trip to be with us tonight." O'Connell thanked those who helped contribute to the event and those who came to share their memories of the advocate "There's no expense attached to this

event," he said. "All of the money is going to the Sylvia Geoghegan Fund." O'Connell discussed that the Sylvia Geoghegan Presidential E.A.R.N (Employ Ability Right Now) Program was created to increase employment and provide financial assistance and support services for people with disabilities. He explained that the key to the success of the program is the interest of the hiring department, the University's Human Resources offices, the Disabilities office, the office for Diversity and Affirmative Action, and ongoing communication with vocational and educational services for individuals with disabilities (VESID).

Speaker George Meyer, assistant vice president for presidential initiatives and deputy to the president, shared his thoughts on Geoghegan. "Sylvia is light, she's warmth, and a cool breeze on air," he said. "I think Sylvia would have been proud. We need to trust that whatever happens in life was meant to be." Warm pastel colors of pink, blue, orange, white and yellow balloons were a reminder of the colors used in Geoghegan's artwork which was displayed in the back of the auditorium.

Special donations and gifts were accepted toward the end of the evening. Donations included certificates by the Metropolis Neighborhood Bistro, Michael G's and Stony Brook Vision World. Other gifts were a basket of Pindar Wines, which at one point featured two of the late artist's works on the label, Estee Lauder's Beauty Basket, a certificate to Joseph Kent's Salon for a



Courtesy of the Celebrate Sylvia Committee

Sylvia Geoghegan's artwork has appeared on bottles of Pindar wine.

free haircut, and supplies from the Stony Brook bookstore. The Committee's goal was to reach a total of \$10,000, and when they realized their achievement, Meyer announced, "We have reached our endowment as of tonight."

"I have been reflecting all year on three aspects of Sylvia's affect on my life," said Meyer. "In preparing for this event it certainly has helped me connect with the healing memory, the guiding memory, and the sustaining memory that is Sylvia."

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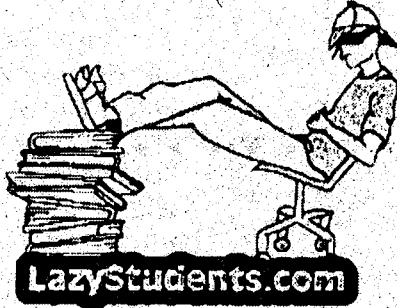
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Editorials

Dangerous Conditions Ahead

Anyone with a car can tell you that driving on campus can be a dangerous endeavor. If it is not fighting for parking spots within a reasonable walking distance, it is trying to avoid the wrath of ticket happy parking services employees. But there is a far greater danger lurking behind almost every blind bend and curve that makes up the roads on the Stony Brook campus.

In the past, this space has been dedicated to calling for something to be done to increase the safety that is practically non-existent on Stony Brook's roadways. But one semester and countless close calls later, nothing has been done.

The curvy roads are in themselves dangerous. But couple that with little hills and drivers that are late to class or getting home, and you have the recipe for crushed metal, people hurt and insurance rates going through the roof.

Arguably one of the most dangerous intersections on campus is at Forest and South Drives. Upon entering campus from Stony Brook Road, one must go east up South Drive to make a left to approach campus via Forest Drive. At any time of day this is a bad spot simply due to cars coming

west on South Drive. Going this way, there is a small hill just at the approach of Forest. This hill makes it impossible to see oncoming traffic until they are almost right at the intersection.

At this same intersection, there is also the added danger of cars coming off of Forest. Here cars can go either left or right. All of this traffic coming from every possible direction makes this site an accident waiting to happen. You can imagine how the situation is magnified at peak hours such as 9 am and 3 pm when not only the most cars are on the road but when the shuttle busses are bussing students back and forth to South P.

Another danger zone is at East Loop Road and the North entrance. Again it is hills that make for low visibility no matter what the time of day or what the weather. Entering campus from the North side, you do not have a stop sign once you hit East Loop. However, there are stop signs on both sides of the road, giving the right of way to those entering campus. But because the approach is from a hill, it is sometimes impossible to see an approaching car until it is in the middle of the intersection. It is possible to make a

full, legitimate stop and still run the risk of not seeing a car coming in.

There are more hot spots. The corner at SAC Drive and North Loop is a bad spot, aggravated by the heavy foot traffic that always seems present in the area. Yet another one is near the main entrance and the parking garage.

So what to do? For one thing, each campus driver can take it upon themselves to drive with extra caution. But as we have already seen, being careful may not be enough to protect you from an accident in these areas.

Another option is traffic lights. If there is concern over the further congestion that traffic lights might bring, even flashing yellows would be an improvement. At this point, there are not even traffic signs that warn of blind curves and dangerous intersections ahead.

With all the other construction that takes place year round on campus, putting in a few lights and signs to ensure the safety of not just the faculty, student and staff but to campus visitors as well seems like it should be easy. So how many more close calls are necessary before it is done?

Commentary:

How the Oath of Office Might Sound in 2001

By Adam Zimmerman
Statesman Staff

On Tuesday, November 7, Americans headed to the polls to elect the man whom they wished to utter these words on January 20th, 2001:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Any political junkie worth his salt knows that, because of a longstanding tradition started by George Washington, the line "so help me God" will follow the official oath. Each of the 40 men following the Father of our Country as President has adhered to this custom, and there's no reason to doubt that this practice won't be continued by the next man elected (whose identity is still being hidden from the general populous).

Or is there reason to doubt? In our ever-changing political landscape, I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that this may very well be the year in which one

candidate has the chutzpah to modernize the good oath. After all, we've learned from this campaign to expect the unexpected; if chads can become pregnant, anything can happen!

This election has held rather special personal significance for me, as it was the first one in which I was able to vote, and was the first in which Katherine Harris tried her damndest to decide the outcome all by herself. Most Americans, of course, voted on the candidates' stance on the issues, personality, and/or character; perhaps this is why we still don't have an outcome.

Who's to blame for this election fiasco? We are! Why? Because we didn't cast our votes with the most important Presidential responsibility in mind: the Oath of Office! Since we still have no idea who will wind up winning this election, I propose that the entire country do a revote, with votes cast solely on the basis of which candidate might put the best spin on the Oath of Office. To make it even more fun, we'll even throw back in some former 2000 candidates, just for kicks. Who knows, one of them might even

wind up winning this thing. Take your pick...

Al Gore: "...so help me God, because you remember how James Madison and I worked together on that bipartisan coalition to create the Constitution, after which I made passionate love to Tipper in our favorite Buddhist temple, which resulted in her becoming pregnant with Chad; he will have such nice dimples!

George W. Bush: "...so help me God, because I'll need all the help I can get, since I need to set aside half of the Circle Office for Charlton Heston (who knows that as Mayor of Texas, Dick Cheney made all my decisions for me), half for Katherine Harris (who gets a 110% tax break if I win), and the other half (no fuzzy math here!) for my Daddy, since he'd become the real President if I win (shhh, don't tell anyone!)"

Ralph Nader: "...so help me God, because without legalizing marijuana our nation will be crushed by huge corporations (read: Florida), whereas if marijuana were made legal we could fulfill our number one domestic priority of a

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national speed limit (number two priority: blowing up the evil that is Florida), which would allow us to drive unsafe at any speed in our new automobiles made by the Cannabis Company and Hemp International."

Pat Buchanan: "...so help me God, because if we don't tear down the Statue of Liberty and the evil for which it stands, immigrants will flock en masse to our borders, which would cause chaos, anarchy, and an increase in the homosexual population, whose main goal is to create a world-wide conspiracy to make everyone more tolerant and understanding. I also pledge to make the "Butterfly Ballot" the national ballot, effective immediately. Who knew I had so many Jewish friends- Shalom America! Long live Israel! (just kidding)

John McCain: "...so help me God, because the "Straight Talk Express" took a wrong turn after I realized that the bus itself had wrongly not volunteered for the American military, just like every American should who is between the ages 3-106, in good shape, and knows who "Feingold" is, since nobody else does. I also guarantee

to reduce our alphabet to 25 letters- "W" is such a big waste, and will be permanently removed."

Steve Forbes: "...so help me God, because without a flat tax people will keep paying taxes in accordance with how much income they earn, which makes absolutely no sense, while a flat tax would allow me to spend more time promoting my other initiatives, which as of right now include the flat tax, and a tax which would have everyone pay at the same rate, like a flat tax. So, when's Election Day?

Bill Bradley: "...so help me God, because with your help, not only will we have national health care, national education, national housing, and national sidewalks, but I promise to have "The Hey Song" replace "Hail to the Chief" and I will retire the numbers of all the past Presidents at the new White House, located between 31st and 33rd Street on Seventh Avenue in midtown Manhattan. As far as who gets to be Vice-President, Al and Dubya can duke it out at The Garden. The Supreme Court will act as referee."

There you have it, folks. To ensure a fair election, all chads must be eaten for votes to count. Don't forget to cast your revote!

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Falun Dafa was introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in 1992. Since then, millions after millions of people have joined the practice and most of them have obtained enormous benefit in health, mind and spirit. The practice has spread to all over the world including Long Island. Local practitioners have held workshops, seminars, and public practices in Syosset, Stony Brook, Shirley, Manhasset, Great Neck, Huntington and other places to teach Falun Dafa to any one who wants to learn free of charge.

In recognizing Falun Dafa's benefit to the general public, the County of Nassau, the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town of North Hempstead, the Town of Smithtown and the Town of Brookhaven have proclaimed Dec. 4th to Dec.10th of the year 2000 as Falun Dafa Week. During the week, Long Island practitioners will hold various events to further introduce Falun Dafa to the public including introduction seminars, exhibitions, and book fairs. In addition, an hour-long documentary film, "Falun Gong's Challenge to China", directed by an Investigative Journalist and National Emmy Award Winner, Danny Schechter, will be shown. The Falun Dafa Week events will be held in the following locations:



- Dec 7th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Great Neck Senior Citizen Center
- Dec 7th, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Syosset Public Library
- *Dec 8th, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Student Activity Center, State University in Stony Brook**
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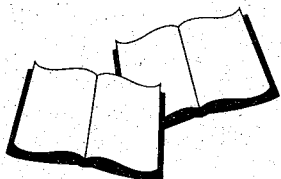
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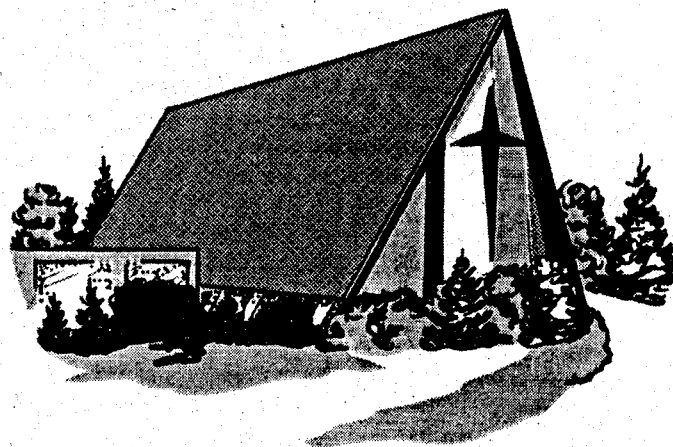
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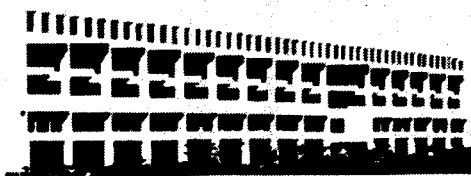
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Army Surrenders to Stony Brook

Seawolves Defeat Cadets 79-66

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Four players scored in double figures and the Seawolves shot 40 percent from three point land as Stony Brook rolled over Army, 79-66, to raise their record to 3-2 for the year. An overall sound performance paved the way for the men's basketball program to be above .500 for the first time since Stony Brook became a Division I school last year.

In only his second year as head coach, Nick Macarchuk's team showed great signs of development as they won their third game well over a month earlier than last season. He has done it by getting his team to do the little things well—execution, gritty defense, and smart shot selection have given Stony Brook the edge in 4 out of their 5 games. The Seawolves are now 3-0 when they hold their opponents to less than 50 percent shooting and in Saturday's game had a +8 rebound margin over Army.

Perhaps one of the most decisive statistics of the game was the Seawolves ability to get to the free throw line. Three players had 10 or more trips to the line as USB took a massive 50 free throws connecting on 37 of them. Conversely, Army only garnered 16 points from 27 trips to the free-throw line, a +19 margin in a game decided by 13 points.

The Seawolves were led by super-sub, Chris Balliro (#33) who recorded a double-double and led all scorers with 16 points.

Shooting 67 percent from the field and 6 for 6 at the free-throw line. The forward has demonstrated leadership and sacrifice by coming off the bench and making the most out of every minute he plays. "Chris is playing great," said Macarchuk. "He's playing with a lot of enthusiasm and having fun. He definitely deserves to start, but as I told him we need his offense off the bench and he's never once complained."

The newest Seawolves carried the remainder of the offensive load. Four-fifths of the starting line up is composed of players new to the program. Center Leon Brisport (#45) transferred into the program at the end of last year and in his first season leads the team in points, rebounds and blocked shots.

Stony Brook's freshman squad is reflective of Macarchuk's recruiting ability and his adeptness at rapidly building a strong I program. Point guard Dawud Munir (#15), forward Jairus McCollum (#30) and forward Mike Konopka (#41) started against Army and all scored in double figures. Subs Lee Church (#20) and J.B. Bennett (#35) provided solid play and intensity off the bench for the Seawolves.

Munir and Church both share time at the point guard spot and provide Macarchuk with two sound decision makers who can drive to the basket and create open shots for their team mates. The high-flying McCollum brings raw talent to the Seawolves starting lineup and is always looking to put points on the board. Then there is Mike Konopka the smooth shooting big man who is playing with a fractured thumb in his shooting hand, but that hasn't stopped him from taking the ball strong to the basket or fighting for rebounds. At 6'8", Bennett gives Macarchuk another big body to throw at the opposition's front court. In relief of Brisport, Bennett made his presence felt with two blocks, four rebounds and went 3-6 at the free throw line against Army.

However, Stony Brook's coasting at the end was not representative of the early tread in the game, which saw ten lead changes and four ties.

The low scoring first half was due to sloppy finishing on the offensive end and the high-pressure defense played by both teams. The Seawolves were the first team to reach double figures thanks to a huge Balliro three point basket nearly eight minutes into the contest that signaled a shift in momentum.

USB kept up the intensity, as Coach Macarchuk made an adjustment midway through the first half, when he opted to press Army as they were bringing the ball up. This caused several turnovers by Army and some easy baskets for the Seawolves in transition.

Good interior passing among Stony Brook's frontline led to some easy shots and trips to the line, and the subsequent clutch free-throw shooting allowed USB to take a 12 point lead into the half.

However, in the second half the Seawolves came out flat on offense. USB turned the ball over 2 times and couldn't score a point in its first four possessions of the second half. This allowed Army back into the game as they managed to whittle the lead down to single digits.

Nevertheless, shooting guard Josh Little (#3) a senior co-captain stepped up big as he confidently took and made a three point shot from the elbow to restore USB's double digit lead.

Fueled by a 12-4 run Army showed that they wouldn't give up as they cut Stony Brook's lead to four points. With seven and a half minutes left in the game, it appeared as if the Seawolves would not be able to withstand Army's surge.

But once again, Little stepped up to take the tough shot. In what Macarchuk dubbed "the play of the game," Munir penetrated and kicked the ball out to Josh who with a hand in his face made the 3 pointer from the wing.



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Balliro led all scorers with 16 points.

Then on the ensuing Army possession Little came up with a huge block on a shot by Chris Spatola.

This series paved the way for a USB run that saw them reestablish a double-digit lead, which they wouldn't relinquish for the rest of the game. Afterwards Little said, "That was my shot on the wing, I told him [Munir] in the time out to get me the ball, and that I was gonna make it."

Little's two huge 3 pointers in the second half helped Stony Brook withstand Army's runs and each time recaptured the momentum for the home side. All in all, big time shooting by senior's Balliro and Little allowed the Seawolves to have what Little called, "a must win game."

After the game, Macarchuk was satisfied. "For little old Stony Brook, this is very good. I'm happy with them," he said. "They worked very hard and deserved the win."

The Seawolves play their next four games on the road, beginning in College Park against ACC powerhouse Maryland on December 6.