

Statesman

Circulated to over 100 off-campus locations
Weekly readership estimated at 30,000.

VOLUME XLV, NUMBER 7

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

PUBLISHED TWICE WEEKLY

Ambassador Lectures on Unity

BY KELLY BROWN
Statesman Staff

As part of Stony Brook's "Divided We Fall" series, sponsored by International Service and the Graduate Student Organization, a panel of guest speakers appeared Monday at the Student Activities Center to share their thoughts on recent events.

The program, entitled "Tolerance and Healing in the Aftermath," was advertised as an "interactive forum" for the "discussion of peaceful resolutions" to problems that have arisen in the wake of the terrorist attacks on America.

The distinguished guest panel included Bill Zimmerman, former Bureau Chief of ABC News in Lebanon. Zimmerman introduced each speaker and served as moderator for the open discussion session that followed the main presentations.

Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny commenced the conference with an extension of thanks to the University Police and campus

religious leaders, whom she recognized as "heroes" in a time of upheaval.

The diversity of the student body, she recognized, is simultaneously an asset and a challenge to the college. She called for a show of "collective will and collective understanding" by the entire campus.

Deputy Chief of University Police Douglas Little was the first of the panel to address the small crowd. Speaking briefly, he focused on the importance of debunking rumors and exposing the truths about what crimes—particularly crimes of hate against Muslims—are being perpetrated on campus.

"Crimes do occur. Harassment does occur. And people don't report it," Little said. "But we're here for you."

Each speaker's approach to the day's topic was distinct from that of the next.

Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, Esq., Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Stony Brook and

former principal officer of the United Nations Secretariat, chose to examine the crisis through an explanation of the global political climate.

But the crux of his message was simple, and it was echoed by all those who followed him. "Islam has nothing to do with the criminal actions undertaken by bin Laden," he said.

El-Ayouty spoke for more than 40 minutes, concluding with the declaration that "the age of Oprah Winfrey is over. We cannot be afraid. You just have to go about your lives in the same way."

The crowd thinned when El-Ayouty finished, nearly an hour and a half into the program. The next presenter, Rabbi Joseph S. Topek, was well-received by those who remained.



Statesman/Mike Cortez

Faculty and Staff met at the SAC on Monday to discuss tolerance and healing.

"It pains me no end that religion is mixed up in this mess," said Topek, who has been Chairperson of the Interfaith Center since 1988. He condemned the "spiritual arrogance" of terrorists whose distortions of Islam lead to the "dehumanization of those who do not believe similarly."

Topek's colleague, Islamic Chaplain and Muslim Student Association leader drew on passages from the Koran, Islam's holy book, to illustrate the peaceful, benevolent nature of the Muslim faith.

Despite an outpouring of support from many, the

Continued on Page 3

CSA Prepares for New School Year

BY ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Staff

More than half of the Stony Brook University student body is composed of commuters. When classes are over, most of them simply go home, or to work.

According to junior Michael Bernardin, vice president of the Commuter Students Association (CSA), the organization gives "commuter students an outlet and a voice."

Bernardin said that as one of the oldest and largest groups on campus, CSA attempts to maintain no other agenda but that of fighting for students' rights.

In recent years, though,

that fight has become a difficult one. "CSA has had a lot of problems with Polity regarding elections and impeachments."

The group remains a strong political force, however. Because it holds 27 seat in the Senate while each residential building only holds one, CSA maintains a slight majority in student government.

As in the past, CSA hopes to play an active role in campus politics.



Statesman/Christopher Latham

President Rod Hamilton and Vice President Mike Bernardin.

Some goals it hopes to achieve in the political spectrum are to help pass the budget and aid in making the election process more efficient.

"[CSA] is less about action [than] it is about reaction," Bernardin said,

referring to the group's political involvement.

But CSA is more than just a political entity. The organization hosts a number of social events, and the current programming chair, Godfrey Palaia, who has been involved with the group for about a year, hopes to continue this tradition.

Along with the annual Fall Fest and Spring Fest, CSA hopes to make the Mood Indigo semi-formal and casino night, which was a great success last year, a yearly event.

"We hope to make this year's [Mood Indigo] even bigger and better," Bernardin said.

Since it is one of the

largest organizations on campus and has one of the largest budgets, CSA plans to cosponsor many events as it has done in the past. One such event is the Great Adventure trip, planned for the fall and spring.

CSA president Rod Hamilton spoke of many goals he hopes to achieve this year.

Continued on Page 9

Index

UN Ambassador.....	1,3
CSA.....	1,3
Local Firefighter.....	3
Muslim Rally.....	3
Entertainment.....	5
Commentary.....	6
Sports.....	12

CRP

Administrative Spotlight: Dawn Villacci

By GREGORY KANHAI
Statesman Staff

Dawn Villacci says that she is very people oriented and I totally agree. This is what she had to say:

Greg: What is your job description?

Dawn: I am the Customer Advocate for the Faculty Student Association (FSA). I concentrate mostly on campus dining because that is our largest business. I also handle or refer comments

from our other areas such as the Seawolves Market, the bookstore, the student health insurance and the SINC sites.

Greg: Are you the person I would speak to in order to see a new item on the menu?

Dawn: Right. I like to be out there and speak to students, however our managers of the units are there and students should feel free to ask the managers directly since they are the ones that do the ordering.

Greg: How long have you been here?

Dawn: I have been here since 1984. Now I am only here part time because I really feel that I couldn't give raising my family 100%



Courtesy of FSA
Dawn Villacci is the Customer Advocate for the Faculty Student Association.

decided to take a step back.

Greg: Now I want to ask you about the vegan selection on campus because I've noticed that you try to offer a lot of vegetarian items but they are not vegan.

Dawn: Well, quite honestly we really need people who are vegan to step up and tell us what they want. We don't have anyone who is vegan on our staff. What I would need from you or your vegan friends is to come to me so that we can organize a meeting so that our Executive Chef can sit down and understand their needs.

Greg: What about a special meal plan for the vegans like the Kosher meal plan?

Dawn: That sounds like a great idea if there is a substantial demand for that idea. I need to have a lot of backup statistics to support implementation of capital on a new facility.

Greg: I've heard that Roth is going to be renovated.

Dawn: No, not until next summer. What I will be doing this fall is finding out what the students would like to see there and perhaps this vegan theme could be located there.

Greg: What is the toughest part of your job?

Dawn: The toughest part of the job is when I am trying to explain how business works on campus and the reasons for the pricing and they

Continued on Page 9

IF YOU THINK CARRYING A BRIEFCASE IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT,

SEE IF YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO CARRY THIS.

It's tough work to become a leader in the corporate world. It's even tougher to be a leader in our company. It takes strength, wisdom and determination. These aren't easy characteristics to develop. But if you're willing to try, then Officer Candidates School (OCS) is your chance to perfect these skills and become an Officer of Marines. See **Marines** if you've got what it takes to carry the title — United States Marine Officer. *The Few. The Proud. The Marines.*

www.Marines.com
MARINE OFFICER

If you have what it takes,
contact Captain Waller at 1-800-435-9860 ext 74
or wallerbm@1mcd.usmc.mil.

The Stony Brook Statesman Thursday, September 27, 2001

YIN YANG

GRAND BUFFET

Come celebrate the opening of
Stony Brook's finest oriental buffet!
Always the freshest and most delicious ingredients!

[formerly Stephanie's]
2548 Nesconset Hwy.
Stony Brook
(631) 689-8585

Directions:
We are located at the intersection of Stony Brook Rd. and Rte. 347 (Nesconset Hwy), between Hess gas station and Burger King.

Student Discount!
Stony Brook University students presenting valid student ID's receive 10% discount all day Monday to Thursday

712 Route 25A (631) 751-8190
STONY BROOK TOBACCONIST
(1/4 mile East of Nicoll's Road)
(Next to Stony Brook Beverage)

LOWEST PRICES IN TOWN!

MARLBORO

PARLIAMENT

VIRGINIA SLIMS
ALL STYLES

\$3⁹⁰ / \$19⁵⁰ / \$38⁷⁵
PACK HALF CARTON CARTON

(ALL TAXES INCLUDED)

...AND LOTS OF OTHER GREAT DEALS AND PRICES!

WE ACCEPT VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX

Surgeon General's Warning: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy.
SALE OF CIGARETTES to persons under eighteen years of age is prohibited by law.
All Promotional Costs Paid by Manufacturer

Firefighter from Long Island Dies in WTC Collapse

By ANA MARIA RAMIREZ
Statesman Staff

Home videos of the Brethel family library captured four-year-old Daniel wearing a firefighter helmet and swinging a lantern Santa had given him for Christmas. Years later he traded in his helmet and lantern for a radio scanner. He would race his hometown East Meadow fire trucks to the scene. Sometimes – not often, but sometimes – he would beat them. When he finally became 18, Daniel became a volunteer firefighter.

Ever since anyone could remember Captain Daniel Brethel wanted to become a firefighter.

"It was a childhood dream that never dissipated," said Mike Domino as he reminisced about his late brother-in-law. "Everyone in the family was concerned, but how can you stop someone who had a mission?"

Brethel lived and died doing just that – fulfilling his mission. He was among the nearly 300 firefighters who gave their lives to save others when terrorists toppled the World Trade Center two weeks ago.

Giving the Fire Department 22 years of service, Brethel, at 44, had been one of the youngest captains in the NYFD. From being a volunteer for three years, at the age of 21, Brethel moved on to be an official firefighter and requested to be assigned to the Bronx Fire Department, where he stayed for nearly a decade.

"That was where the action was most fierce," said Domino. "It was the busiest and most active house."

After those ten years in the Bronx, Brethel transferred to Ladder Co. 24 in midtown where he climbed all the way to captain.

But on September 11, 2001, having just 10 more minutes to finish his 24-hour shift, Brethel received the call that a plane had crashed into the Twin Towers.

Having heard that people were jumping out of the buildings that many people had already died, he picked up Rev. Mychal Judge at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and rushed to the World Trade Center.

One of the first trucks on the scene, Brethel began to direct the

firefighters into the building.

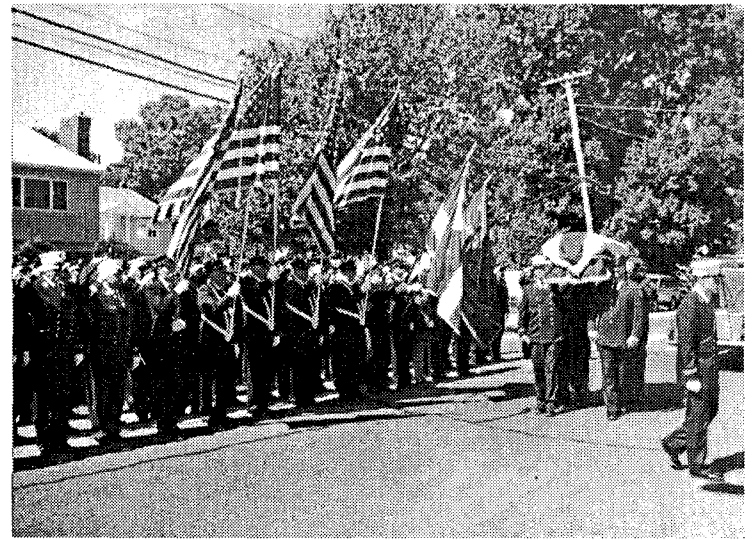
"He was at ground zero," said Domino. "I believe that he was outside directing firemen. Leadership was needed on the ground." As the events of the day began to unfold, family began to fear the worst. "We started worrying late in the afternoon when the city began to empty out," said Domino.

By midnight the Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced the death of Father Judge. At the time of his death, Father Judge had been giving the last rites to one of the dying firefighters.

"We knew that something terrible had happened when the off-duty firefighters came to Brethel's [house]," said Domino.

The other captain from Ladder 24, the Acting Department Chaplain and the Battalion Chief Keys, drove to Brethel's home and told the worried family of the late Captain's fate.

Keys had stated to a newspaper that an hour after the first plane crashed, Tower Two began to collapse. Brethel dodged for safety under one of the fire trucks, taking several other young firefighters with



Courtesy of Newsday

Capt. Daniel Brethel of Ladder Co. 24 died battling the flames in the WTC.

him. The debris from the building's destruction had crushed Brethel and his men.

"His body was the second to be recovered from the wreckage," said Domino. Over 200 firemen went to Brethel's funeral, volunteers from both East Meadow and Farmingville departments came.

A trust fund has been started for Brethel's surviving widow and children, which will cover the expenses for their upbringings.

Donations as little as five to as much as \$1,000 checks have been received. Checks can be made out to the Captain Daniel Brethel Trust c/o the Bank of New York 1395 Route 25A, Setauket, NY 11733.

Brethel, a highly respected Captain, passed what in hindsight have become prophetic words to his team.

"Firemen will die here today, said Brethel. "Don't let it be you."

Muslims Rally for Peace and Tolerance

By BINAL ZAVERI
Statesman Contributor

The SAC Auditorium was the site of a Muslim rally on Wednesday. Several speakers attempted to verbalize the need for national peace and tolerance, following the terrorist acts on New York and Washington D.C. some two weeks ago.

The event, titled, "The American Family from the Muslim Perspective: A Rally for Peace and Tolerance," was organized by Sister Sanna Nadim, Muslim Chaplain of the Islamic Society of North America. Among the speakers present were President Kenny, Dean Vasquez, Sister Nadim and some student speakers.

"Till now, the American community was a united community. But since last Tuesday, this picture has changed," Nadim said. "A disease of violence and terror has encompassed the world. And because of ignorance this disease has been brushed upon the Muslims and Arabs in America and around the world."

President Kenny suggested that there should be an organized march in Stony Brook, having women cover their heads in order to make "visible statements of our solidarity."

"It is very important for all of us at Stony Brook to learn to share

the pain and work together, for our lives together as members of one community," Kenny said. "We cannot let anyone cause hatred and prejudice."

Dean Vasquez recited a prayer for strength United States, adding, "in times of crisis we need to revive our faith".

Sister Nadim called upon the president of the Muslim Student Association, Azlan Tariq, to speak about his experiences in the past two weeks. Tariq said he came to the United States two years ago, believing that this was a country that stands for freedom and tolerance. However, his perspective has recently been altered.

Tariq stressed that Islam has been misunderstood, claiming it to be a religion that stands for peace. He also expressed hopes for more understanding, adding that Stony Brook is probably the best place to live in New York because of its diversity.

Two student speakers, Humaira Syed and Marya Abbas followed the administrators. Ms. Syed spoke on the role of the family in Islam, saying that in Islam, the girl child is considered to be the diamond of the family, and a source of perpetual bliss.

Ms. Abbas spoke of the "Hijab" (i.e.: the obligatory covering worn by Muslim women).

She said the Hijab is a symbol of modesty and chastity, an act of faith and liberation. The woman, Abbas said, must be judged for her character rather than her looks. The Hijab acts as a realm of respect and bestows upon her a separate identity.

Sister Nadim, having spoken of the Islamic religion, summed up the meeting. She expressed her regret on behalf of the media, claiming that Muslims are not adequately represented and often targeted.

"Islam has been viewed as a state of aggression," Nadim noted. "Rather, it is a state of wisdom, peace, it reaches out to other people's needs".

She stressed that the only way to overcome the present situation is through communication. Nadim observed a moment of silent prayer, after which she called upon people from the audience to speak out their ideas and share their experiences.

She expressed her hope to hold several more of such meetings in order to bring the community closer together, thanking President Kenny and the Stony Brook Community for their support and co-operation.

This event, Nadim said, "is not to rally fear, rather this is a rally for the need for peace, to go up and communicate".

CSA Prepares

Continued from Page 1

They include "increasing the size of CSA and number of active members, have CSA running more efficiently, start doing a lot more smaller events, and to try not to alienate Polity Council, and work more closely with SPAB [Student Polity Activities Board]."

Currently, there are a number of executive council positions of historian, membership coordinator, media, facilities, and allocations need to be filled.

Bernardin, Hamilton, and Palaia constitute half of the CSA executive board. Treasurer Marisa Friedman has been involved with the group for three years. Secretary Mike Imprixis is currently a senior and has been in CSA since he came to SBU. And executive council member Gina Fiore, who is currently studying for a second undergraduate degree, has been involved with CSA for the past six years.

The CSA welcomes students to attend its LEG meetings which are held on Wednesdays during campus lifetime.

United Nations Ambassador

Continued from Page 1

terrorist attack has brought a tinge of prejudice and intolerance to the surface of American society. "It's been an uphill battle for many Muslims these past ten days," said Nadim.

Ambassador Harsh Bhasin, a visiting professor of International Relations, asserted that this bigotry is precisely what the terrorists want. According to him, if we promote "tolerance and healing in the aftermath, we defeat the long term goal of the terrorists."

During the question and answer session, students and other members of the community seized the opportunity to be heard. One graduate student expressed concern over racial profiling, while another woman said she believed there was a deep hatred of Americans in the Arab world. The panel members fielded comments and questions deftly, and the atmosphere was one of control and mutual understanding.

Although no fast solutions were offered, the discussions that resulted were, in the words of one student, "open, honest, and invaluable."

POLITY - YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MINORITIES IN MEDICINE

Join Minorities in Medicine and
change the face of the Medicine

Come to our General Body
Meetings
Every Wed. @ 8:30PM SAC RM302

For info call Parul 6-3092
or Lucero 6-4171

One Stop Back-to-School Shop • One Stop Back-to-School Shop

GRAND OPENING Centereach Body Piercing

THE BEST SELECTION OF:

- Gothic and Punk clothing
- Clubware
- Lingerie • Adult Novelties
- Graffiti • Dugouts

SHOES BY:

- Dr. Martens • Tredair
- Grinders • Airwalk
- Vans • Naot
- Rock Tees
- Posters • Tapestries
- Lavalamps
- Blacklights • Strobes
- Aroma Therapy
- Oils
- Incense Candles
- Body Piercing Jewelry
- Unique Gifts • Ska, Punk, Hardcore and Goth CD's, EP's & LP's and Much More.

Gift Certificates Available

50% off piercings with purchase of jewelry
Centereach only • Expires 10/31/01

Where the Uninhibited Shop

UTOPIA

3 Newbridge Rd.,
Hicksville
(1 Block North of LIRR)
(516) 935-6680

2436 Middle Country Rd.,
Centereach
(631) 467-5463

One Stop Back-to-School Shop • One Stop Back-to-School Shop

One Stop Back-to-School Shop • One Stop Back-to-School Shop

The Stony Brook Statesman Thursday, September 27, 2001

PREGNANT?

Confidential Counseling

NORTHPORT CARE CENTER

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE

266-3220

FREE
PREGNANCY
TEST

2 Blocks South of LIRR Northport
Train Station

Visit us at: www.northportcare.com

- On-line pregnancy test
- On-line counseling

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES THAT ARE CLEAR AND CONCISE. EVEN IF OUR NAME ISN'T.

Aside from our name, we've always been in favor of making things simple. So contact us for smart, easy investment techniques to help you reach your financial goals.

TIAA-CREF.org or call 1.800.842.2776



Managing money for people
with other things to think about.™

RETIREMENT | INSURANCE | MUTUAL FUNDS | COLLEGE SAVINGS | TRUSTS | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

TIAA-CREF Individual and Institutional Services, Inc., and Teachers Personal Investors Services, Inc., distribute securities products.
© 2001 Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), New York, NY, 08-20

Movies, Music and More Reality T.V.

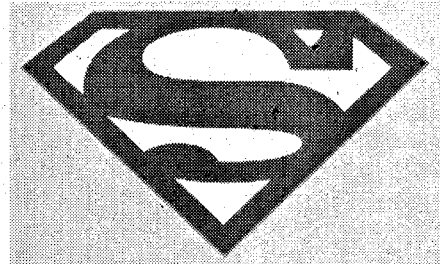
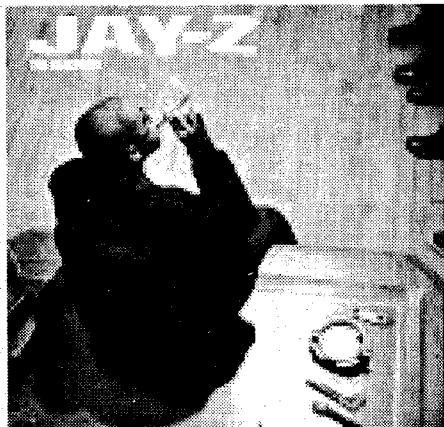
By CYNTHIA MBU-ETONGA
Statesman Staff

With the disastrous events of the past week, returning to normalcy is the advice our political leaders keep repeating. Today it seems everything is slowly moving in that direction. There is new music at the record stores, new movies at the multiplex and television is showing less news while introducing its new fall schedule.

Currently in record stores:

Blueprint-Jay-Z: Fueled by his first single "H-IZZO", Jay-Z's 4th album in one year is number one on the charts and despite the short intervals between albums, Jay-Z is back just as great as ever. Anyone who listens to the lyrics and not just the beats will be pleased to now that Jay gets back at Nas and Prodigy on "Takeover".

Glitter Soundtrack-Mariah Carey: We all know what Mariah is capable of and we have heard her at her best. In this album, we get the rare opportunity to listen to a less inspiring Mariah. The movie "Glitter" is set in the 80's, which the soundtrack is supposed to reflect this. However, besides "Last Night the DJ saved my life," the tracks are not reminiscent of



Courtesy of www.amazon.com

"Hardball", "Glitter", "Smallville" and "Blueprint:Jay-z" are either out now or will be coming out soon.

that period.

Playing at you local movie theater:

Hardball: This has been the number one movie in the country for two weeks and I think this is due to limited choices. Keanu Reeves stars in another sports flick. In Hardball, Reeves plays a gambler who redeems himself by coaching inner city kids.

Sure, the kids are cute, but they are the only saving grace of this movie.

On the Tube:

I decided not to go into detail about returning shows. By now, we all know the shows we follow religiously. Every fall, numerous new shows emerge, more than half of which are cancelled. You can try watching each

and every one. However, I thought I'd highlight those I believe may be worth your time.

Smallville: This is not the Superman we are used to seeing. The Clark Kent in this show is pre-Lois and pre-red cape. However, it would be fascinating to see how the producers handle telling us the story of a teenage superman trying to deal with his superpowers and very much different from his peers. The most intriguing bit is that Lex Luthor is his only friend at his high school.

Reality television is back and stronger than ever. We love it, we hate it but we can't keep our eyes off it. Each network has recognized the success of the genre and how inexpensive it is to produce.

Already on the air are two extremely similar reality shows: LOST and THE AMAZING RACE. However, THE AMAZING RACE, I think, is the better of the two. The show is a fast-paced, attention grabbing, and exhibits cutthroat competition.

Although FOX was in hot water last fall for being shamelessly tactless with "Temptation Island," they did not seem to care much. It was a hit, so why apologize. This fall they are back with LOVE CRUISE and this time, there is money to be won.

Get Tutoring for FREE in these areas:

AMS 101,102,151,161

Biology 150-202

BUS 210-214

ECO 107-109

Chemistry 121-132

Math 118-131

Physics 121-131

For additional information contact Mercy at 2-4465
or visit the Academic Advising Center, Library E 2360.

Editor In Chief
Christopher Latham

Managing Editor
Jeffrey Javidfar

Web Editor
Paul O'Flaherty

Associate Web Editor
Arif Rafiq

Assistant Features Editor
Carole Sierra

Assistant Entertainment Editor
Ryan Sobel

Assistant Op-Ed Editor
Adam Zimmerman

Assistant Photography Editor
Marie Huchton

Assistant Science Editor
Gene Tulman

Assistant Sports Editor
Christopher Hunt

Editors Emeritus
Erin Dueñas
Peter Gratton

Staff

Bhumika Balgobin	Ted Lai
Eisha Basit	Alice Lee
Paul Conrad	Kristopher Lee
Frederick Davis	Danish Nadeem
Ralph D'Ambrosio	Marc Newman
Anjali Dogra	Cynthia Nbu-Etonga
John Fletcher	Michelle Pirraglia
Gregory Kanhai	Ana Maria Ramirez
Ali Khan	Karen Rice
Megan Langille	Albert Scott

Business Staff
Business Manager
Frank D'Alessandro
Advertising Assistant
Dorothy DiFranco

Now circulated to over 100 off-campus locations, with a weekly readership estimated at 30,000.

The Stony Brook Statesman, which serves SUNY Stony Brook and its surrounding community, is a nonprofit literary publication produced twice-weekly during the academic year and bimonthly during the summer.

First copy is free. Each additional copy is 25 cents. For advertising information, call us at 632-6480 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Editorials represent the majority opinion of the Editorial board and are written by one of its members.

The Stony Brook Statesman welcomes letters, opinions and information about events and issues on or around campus. Write to:

The Stony Brook Statesman
PO Box 1530 / Stony Brook, NY 11790
or: Room 057 / Student Union / Campus Zip 3200
Phone: (631) 632-6479 Fax: (631) 632-9128
Web Site: www.sbstatesman.com
E-mail: statesmn@ic.sunysb.edu

All letters and opinion pieces must include the author's name, address and phone number for verification purposes. Please type all submissions. Anonymous and handwritten submissions will not be printed.

Please keep all submissions to a maximum of 750 words. Statesman reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity, language and readability.

Views expressed in columns or in the Letters and Opinions section are those of the author and are not necessarily those of Statesman, its employees, staff, or advertisers. All contents Copyright 2001.

The Stony Brook Statesman has been a member of the Associated Collegiate Press since 1994.



Editorial

Peace, Forgiveness and Prayer

In times of crises, we often find sanctuary in the divine realm. The Christians turn to Jesus, while the members of Islam turn to Allah. The Jewish population turns to the "one and almighty God."

The reality of the recent terrorist attacks has left several thousand dead, and even more to suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for a number of years to come.

At this time, it might be appropriate for each and every one of us, regardless of the specific

religious inclination, to turn to his or her own divine protector.

As it happens, the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur is once again upon us. According to Hebrew tradition, this day is not only the holiest one of the year, but is also the only day of complete divine forgiveness.

The customary fast, a most characteristic criterion for the right to ask for forgiveness, supposedly acts to humanize all believers. All men and women are equal in the

eyes of God, begging for forgiveness of each other and of God.

A certain notion of humanistic understanding is very much a part of this ceremonious day.

We all live in the same world, often forgetting the possible consequences (such as global nuclear winter) of our childish disagreements over such trivial issues as dividing territorial land. The entire world might benefit once its inhabitants realize that we are all on the same side.

Op-Ed

Terrorist Sympathizers Share Blame

BY SAMMY RINKOVSKY AND NATAN ALTMAN
Statesman Contributors

We are writing this letter in response to an article in the Statesman submitted on Sept. 8 by Arif Rafiq, who claims to know the correct answer to resolving the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

In justifying the terrorism carried out by Palestinian militants, he claims that Palestinians couldn't have obtained their "freedom" through academic and political means. This is completely false.

Ehud Barak, the former Israeli prime minister, offered Yasir Arafat 95% of the West Bank, including sovereignty over East Jerusalem. This offer was made just before the current intifada, armed uprising, began (which was September of last year).

Rather than accept Ehud Barak's offer, which would have given Palestinians the "freedom" that Arif Rafiq referred to, Yasir Arafat instead opted for more bloodshed. Apparently, it was not enough that Israel hand over all of the land on which Palestinians are

a majority.

Another aspect of Rafiq's article to which we take exception, is his claim that Palestinians are currently not "free". Most Palestinians do not live under Israeli rule, most live under the Palestinian Authority.

To back up his erroneous claims that Palestinians are oppressed, Rafiq quotes misinformed numbers. He claims that most of the 500 Palestinians who were killed were innocent civilians. This couldn't be further from the truth.

The vast majority of the 500 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces were grown men with guns, with intents to kill Jews simply because they are Jews (women and children included). Many of these men had explosives with which they were planning to launch horrendous terrorist attacks. Others were leaders and/or organizers of terrorist groups who send out young men to blow themselves up and kill Jews indiscriminately.

Furthermore, the vast majority of the 500 dead Palestinians were killed while

combating Israeli troops. In other words, Palestinians who didn't attack Israeli military posts and minded their own business were safe from death.

The 200 or so dead Israelis were mostly unarmed civilians who were not even near combat zones. They might not have even had political opinions. They just happened to be dancing, eating, or relaxing at the wrong place at the wrong time anywhere within Israel. To make any moral equivalency between the murders of peaceful civilians and the killings of armed combatants is unjust.

What is Rafiq's solution to this problem? That the U.S.A has to become more involved. Too late Mr. Rafiq, the U.S.A already did become involved. It was Bill Clinton who was finally able to convince Ehud Barak to offer Arafat 95% of the West Bank, only to be embarrassed at Arafat's refusal. We fear that Rafiq's idea of a fair solution would be to wipe Israel off the map.

P.S. We also object to any newspaper that publishes articles that justify terrorism.



Celebrating Our 10 Year Anniversary

FREE BREAKFAST BAR

- FREE local phone calls
- New Executive Level Floor
- Meeting Rooms
- Closest Hotel to SUNY
- Indoor Heated Pool
- New Private Jacuzzi Rooms
- Non-smoking Floors
- Handicapped Accessible Rooms
- Free HBO & CNN
- Fitness Room

"Official Hotel of
SUNY Stony Brook
Sports Teams!"



Holiday Inn

"Inn Keeping With The TimesSM"
3131 Nesconset Highway
Stony Brook
www.holiday-stonybrook.com

EXPRESS
TEL (631)471-8000
Or 1-800-HOLIDAY
FAX (631)471-8623

**Newly
Renovated!**

On Truth: Out Of Truth A New Faith Develops

By **FREDDY DAVIS**
Statesman Staff

Our perception of truth remains dynamic and not as static as it is forethought.

Truth appears then to be limited by our perception and knowledge while greater truth at the heart of the matter always remains beyond our current perception and knowledge.

This is where a peculiar factor to humanity in pursuit of this truth comes in. For the notion instilled in many human civilizations is the belief in that of something beyond the traditional logic that stands as a basis and metaphysical grounding to the physical life; that of faith.

For while there is efforts and great extents made in the attempt at individuality, a cut off from the masses and claims to independence, we find that amidst such beliefs is a great necessity for survival. Only by working together for the promotion of a security of the whole body in question can this greater necessity be achieved.

By one person watching the others back while they sleep and vice versa when their turn comes around, has humanity been able to survive the wilderness and emerge, as the claim is, to a civilized society.

It is in promotion of the security and benefits of the whole that has allowed the emergence of our currently developed nation states.

To do this though, there must have developed some sort of faith among the race to allow such trust to be placed upon another. In such valuation see the other as a partner in this struggle and not as the individual would see the other, as a barrier to the self-sufficient life.

This faith then, in the trust of other humans, came about by the need for a greater security among this dangerous world we inhabited so that they trusted the other to protect them in events of attacks from animals or other bands of humans.

In these protection efforts also came a division of tasks for the subsistence of their survival. While one group went out to hunt for food another trusted, had faith in, their return with food and they in turn prepared the fire for such.

This faith is essential to the very elevation of life to the greater inter-workings and, despite current denial, interdependence of every human being upon another. As this division developed it also gave man more time to specialize in varying fields.

This lead to great innovations that only furthered man's conquest of nature leading to the current technological enterprise we currently have today. All upon a faith of this other who would be a stranger but in the need for survival became a brother, a fellow man.

This faith is something remarkable to mankind, one that formed a cohesive network of dependence by a formation of trust in another for basic needs and survival of their own individual self.

This faith has lead to the stratification and development of current civilizations like none other among the animal kingdom. A faith that is very base in nature, of which logic fails to explain.



Faith: Belief in things not seen. But how can they be true if you have never seen them?

I have been alive for 8 weeks



- After 18 days, you could hear my heartbeat.
- After 40 days, you could measure my brainwaves.
- After 45 days, I felt pain and responded to touch.

Please choose life for me.

Alternatives to Abortion
Free pregnancy testing, information, counseling, and assistance.
Call 243-2373, 554-4144, or
1-800-550-4900

The Atlantic Brook Statesman Thursday, September 27, 2001

SBU Concert Committee, Student Polity Association, Inc., SBU Alumni Association

PRESENT
A HOMECOMING WEEK CONCERT

Sugar Ray



Photo Credit: Chapman Baehler '99

Murphy Karges

Stan Frazier

Rodney Sheppard

Mark McGrath

D.J.Homicide

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

Show 7:30PM / Doors Open 6:30PM

Stony Brook University Sports Complex Arena

(L.I.E. Exit 62/Nicolls Rd. North)

Tickets; \$20 for SBU Students/\$30 Public

Tickets on sale NOW

at the Student Activities Center Box Office,

all Ticketmaster Locations and Ticketmaster.com

For information call 631-632-6464

Campus Spotlight

Continued from Page 1

don't want to listen to the mechanics of contracts, union processes and other market forces.

Greg: What did you want to be when you were growing up?

Dawn: I wanted to be a teacher but then as I got a bit older I thought about going into law. I have sort of retired the teaching interest, but I would like to get into law in the future.

Greg: So why did you get a degree in accounting?

Dawn: When I was in high school, I took accounting and did very well. Then I went to college and I realized by my sophomore year that I didn't want to do. I went to my parents and they said that I

should stick with it. I always did well in accounting but I didn't like what the profession was. Also, I went back for my masters in teaching not that I did that either. I am certified to teach at the secondary level and if I took 3 more credits I could teach at the elementary level as well.

Greg: What else would you like to say to the readers?

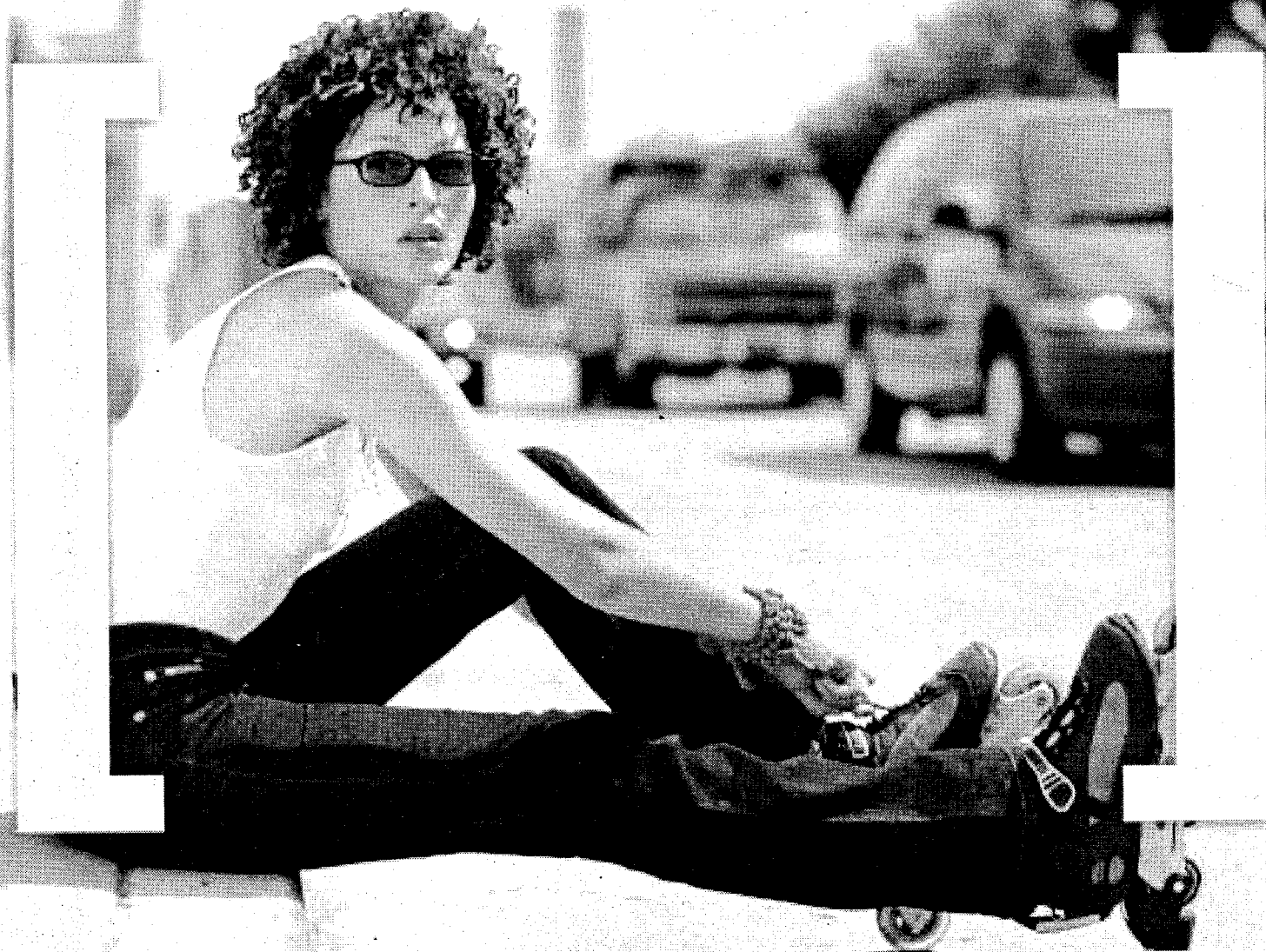
Dawn: I know that I have been able to help many students but there are so many more that I would like to reach. Students are easily intimidated and it is a challenge to get the students not to feel that way. They should come by my office in Kelly and meet me.

Next week meet your University President and the Dean of Students.

Join the
Statesman
Writers, photographers,
cartoonists and
copyeditors welcome.

Room 057 in Student
Union. Call 631-632-6479.

[FREEUP!]




Hang out. Hook up with **[FREEUP!]**. It's new and it's only at Verizon Wireless. Hip phones with tight features, like Text Messaging that lets you Spk 'n Txt.


Join in.

Voice Mail and domestic long distance are included. It's all **[UPFRONT]** so you **[REUP!]** when you want. **[FREEUP!]** so you can keep up.

1.800.2 JOIN IN
verizonwireless.com



To **[FREEUP!]**, visit one of the 1,200 Verizon Wireless Communications Stores coast-to-coast.



Also available at your
University Book Store

The State Book Store Statesman Thursday, September 27, 2001

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

Telemarketing P/T Mon-Thurs, 5-9pm. Flexible hours for right person. \$10.00/hr. Setauket location, call Tom (631) 246-5700.

Waiters, Waitresses, full time/part time. Busy caterer. Will train. For information call Majestic Caterers 631-744-9500 or apply in person.

Waiters, Waitresses, POSITIONS AVAILABLE NOW! Events in Suffolk & Nassau County. \$10-\$15/hour. Will Train! FT and PT work avail. Call AYS (631) 563-2475 Ext.2

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS GET FREE BOOKS!!! VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS!! GREAT PAY! UP TO \$10 PER HOUR

Flexible hours. Day, night, weekdays & weekends available. (Weekends a must!) Please call Executive Parking Service Inc. at (631) 979-9482

Port Jefferson Country Club Immediate: Waiters/ Waitresses/ Bus People. Part Time/Full Time. Experience preferred 473-1440

Waiters/Waitresses/Bartenders. Up-scale caterer. Excellent pay-Flexible hours. Great for students, will train. (631) 271-5600 Jason

FOR SALE

Nordictrac Walkfit, never used \$300. (631) 567-2035 Leave message.

LEARN TO

BARTEND

Our Staff trained over 6,000 Bartenders on L.I. since 1988. Ask about our "Earn While You Learn" program.

NEW ONLINE JOB PLACEMENT

Visit us@

www.bartendersacademy.com

BARTENDERS ACADEMY
580-1400

Job Opportunities in Mental Health Services

Gain Valuable Work Experience Related to Your Career Goals

Flexible schedules, part time and full time positions working in group homes

Training Provided

Competitive Salary, Excellent Benefits



Options
for Community Living, Inc.

202 East Main Street • Smithtown, NY 11787

(631) 361-9020, ext.105 or fax (631) 361-9204 EOE
Visit our website at optionscl.org

HELP WANTED

Fraternities • Sororities • Clubs • Student Groups

Earn \$1,000 - \$2,000 this semester with the easy Campusfundraiser.com three hour fund-raising event. Does not involve credit card applications. Fund-raising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact Campusfundraiser.com at (888) 923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com.

FUND RAISERS

Looking to earn money for your organization or yourself? Try Fund-U, a no cost fundraising program that's easy and reliable. Call 1-866-48-FUND-U or visit www.fund-u.com

SERVICES

Professor on campus who has experienced Bipolar Disorder would like to be in contact with and help students who also have this illness. Confidentiality is assured. Please contact Dr. Jerry Pollock 632-8924

Fax Service 50¢ per each page sent 632-6479 or come to room 057 Union.

ELECTROLYSIS Medically approved permanent hair removal. Sterilized equipment and disposable probes. Free consultation, certified, 28 years experience Betty Triarsi C.P.E., Lake Grove 631-981-4293.

The Difference Between School and Experience

Part or full-time, overnight, or per diem positions in Suffolk for counselors working in our residences with mentally ill adults or homeless families. Excellent benefits. Valid NYS driver's license/car needed.

Call (631) 231-3619 or Fax (631) 231-4754

Transitional Services
Haven House/Bridges
840 Suffolk Avenue
Brentwood, NY 11717

Equal Opportunity Employer

TRAVEL

#1 Spring Break Vacations! Cancun, Jamaica, Bahamas, & Florida! Book early & get free meal plan. Earn extra cash & Go Free! Now hiring Campus Reps. 1-800-234-7007 endlesssummertours.com

#1 SPRINGBREAK operator! Check our website for the best deals! www.vagabondtours.com Cancun, Bahamas, Jamaica & Florida. Group organizers EARN FREE TRIPS & CASH ... call today! **1-866-BREAK 00**

Spring Break Insanity! www.inter-campus.com or call 1-800-327-6013. Guaranteed lowest prices! All destinations! Fifteen years experience! Wanted: representatives and organizations, earn top \$\$\$, build your resume!

Spring Break 2002 Cancun, Jamaica, Barbados, Bahamas, Acapulco, Padre, Florida & More. FREE MEALS for a limited time!! FREE Parties, drinks and exclusive events!

Visit www.SUNSPLASHTOURS.com for details or Call 1-800-426-7710

"IT'S A NO BRAINER."

FOR RENT

Studio apts. furnished, includes electric, cable, water, heat. Walking distance to Port Jeff Village. Starting at \$500. By appointment only. 473-2499

St. James house rental, \$1800. South Setauket house rental \$1800 includes all. Karen Cohen, Century 21 North End Realty 631-724-8500 x26

**Acapulco
Cancun
Jamaica
Bahamas
Florida**



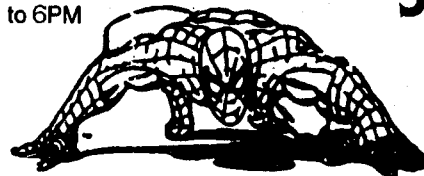
Promote Trips on campus
Earn Cash and Go Free
Call for details!!!

**SPRING
BREAK!**
2002

**STC STUDENT
TRAVEL
SERVICES**
Information and reservations
1-800-648-4849
www.ststravel.com

HOURS:
Everyday 10AM to 9PM
Sundays 10AM to 6PM

366-4440



FOURTH WORLD COMICS

33 ROUTE 111
(WALDBAUM'S SHOPPING CENTER)
SMITHTOWN, NY 11787

NEW AND BACK ISSUES

- STAR TREK •DR. WHO •TOYS •STAR WARS
- SCIENCE FICTION •POSTERS AND T-SHIRTS
- JAPANIMATION •VIDEO TAPES •MODEL KITS
- MAGIC -- THE GATHERING

**10% DISCOUNT W/VALID
STONY BROOK ID CARD**



**MARK
THIS
DATE**

Executive Chef's Kitchen

@

Kelly Dining Center

October

October 2nd	1pm	Mexican Cuisine
October 2nd	5pm	Jerk Cookery
October 3rd	6pm	Italian Cuisine
October 4th	7pm	Mexican Cuisine
October 8th	7pm	Breads & Pastries -tentative
October 9th	7pm	Spanish Cuisine
October 10th	1pm	Spanish Cuisine
October 10th	6pm	The Tea Guy
October 11th	5pm	Stir Fry
October 15th	1pm	Cuban Cuisine
October 16th	6pm	Cuban Cuisine
October 17th	7pm	Grilling Techniques
October 18th	TBA	Caribbean Dude
October 23rd	6pm	Legumes
October 24th	6pm	Mexican Cuisine
October 25th	1pm	Corns and Grains
October 29th	6pm	Pumpkin Carving Contest
October 30th	7pm	Apple Cuisine
October 31st	12pm	Pumpkin Soup

www.campusdining.org

Sports

SBU Women Lose to Princeton

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Editor

Three goals in a 12 minute span during the second half by Princeton University were enough to keep the Stony Brook women's soccer team winless as they fell to a 0-5-1 record overall. The Princeton Tigers remained unbeaten improving their record to 4-0 as a result of the 3-0 victory.

The Seawolves came out and battled hard for the first 60 minutes of the game, but were clearly overmatched by the Tigers who capitalized on all three of SBU's major defensive mistakes.

"We played well up until [the half]. I think we surprised Princeton a little bit," said head coach Susan Ryan. "They pushed it up a notch in the second half and we had three break downs."

Princeton who is ranked number one in the competitive Ivy League side, dominated in the second half by directing eight shots on goal and finishing with a 20 to 10 shots advantage for the game.



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org
SBU goalie Lori Nelson allowed three goals on 20 shots.

Renalda Negron and Krista Ariss of Princeton notched goals 1:11 apart in the second half, breaking open a scoreless game and helping the Tigers defeat SBU on Tuesday night. A little more than 10 minutes later, Janine Willis put the game out of reach with her goal in the 75th minute.

"If you play against a really good team, like Princeton and you

make mistakes it's going to cost you," said Ryan.

Joan Cundey, Alex Fiore and Heather Deerin each recorded assists for Princeton. Seawolves' goalie Lori Nelson made eight saves on 11 shots to keep the score line respectable.

"We were more focused today than in previous games," said Ryan. "We really competed with [Princeton] on the field."

Everyone in the program realizes that moral victories are not going to help them to play in the post season. The pressure is clearly mounting on the women's team to pick up a win. Unfortunately for the Seawolves, the schedule does not get any easier as they will be traveling to Ithaca to take on Cornell this weekend.

"We're at the point that every game we play in the next two weeks is going to be a tough game," said Ryan. "We have to come to play for every game...[we need] something better than an emotional win."

Volleyball Beats LIU

By ANAJLI DOGRA
Statesman Staff

The Seawolves women's volleyball team was victorious in its match against the Long Island University Blackbirds despite having lost two of the first three games at 26-30 and 24-30.

However, new players, LaToya Byerly and Vallerie Maloy helped the team win three games with scores of 30-20, 30-25, and 15-8. Rachel Goldsmith also played a key role in the victory collected four kills in the fifth game alone.

Byerly had 18 kills and 15 digs in this match while Maloy had 21 kills, two service aces, and 16 digs. Both girls were formidable forces to be reckoned with throughout the match.

Cara Strzelczyk and April Danzy led the Blackbirds with 11 and 14 kills respectively. Loressa Berona had 13 digs



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org
Rachel Goldsmith had four kills in game five.

while Annie Landreth collected ten. This loss to Seawolves has continued the Blackbirds nine game losing streak.

This was an important win for the Seawolves as it ended a three-game losing streak. Despite their slow start, the Seawolves gelled by the end of the match and completely dominated the fifth game.

Amazin's Still in Pennant Race

By MOHAMMAD GHUMMAN
Statesman Staff

Yogi Berra said it best decades ago, "It ain't over until it's over." New Yorkers are only beginning to find out the true meaning of such yogiism. Aside from Barry Bonds' assault on McGwire's HR record, the recent resurgence of the Mets is turning out to be the sports story of the fall.

Playing at a blistering pace the past month, the Amazins have shaved 9 games off Atlanta's lead in the National League East. Prior to Armando Benitez's meltdown this Sunday, the Mets won five straight and eleven of their last twelve. Over the past thirty games, only the Oakland A's have won more games than the Mets. Shea is raucous and brash once again.

Not even the most diehard Mets fans will claim they foresaw such a remarkable

turnaround in such a short span of the season. A month ago, the Mets were languishing near the NL East cellar. Any hope of a repeat of the magical 2000 season had been dashed early by their abysmal first half.

Not only did the Mets disappoint, but they did it in horrific fashion. The team's ERA was hovering over 5.00 at one point. Their offense was dead last in the Majors in runs scored. They were at or near the bottom of the league in virtually every offensive category.

Rather than contend for the pennant, the Mets had entered the NL cellar sweepstakes with the mediocre Marlins and the hapless Expos. The Flushing faithful had resorted to various methods to occupy themselves, such as deriding other teams. Derogatory chants towards the Yankees bellows of "Laaaary, Laaaary," referring to the Braves' Chipper Jones had

found their way into Shea Stadium much earlier this year.

The month of September brought a quick change in the Amazins fortune. The baseball gods once again smile on the Mets. The little things like sacrifices, stolen bases and hit and run plays now go in their favor instead of turning into double plays.

Even the light hitting Rey Ordonez has chipped in with timely hits and RBIs. Things are so exciting in Met land these days that the unthinkable might soon occur. Fans may dare to admit they like Bobby Valentine after all.

Sitting only 4.5 games back going into this week's series with the Expos, the Mets have a chance to complete the greatest regular season comeback in NL history. The schedule also seems to favor the Mets in their miracle run at the pennant. Nine games with

the lowly Expos and Pirates are sandwiched around three do-or-die battles with the Atlanta Braves.

But the Braves have more to worry about than the Mets' late charge. They have six games with the Marlins, along with three against the Phillies who currently share the NL East top spot with the Braves.

The Phillies have six easy games with the Cincinnati Reds, but three against the Marlins who continuously play tough, and a three-game showdown with the Braves. If the Mets truly deserve to make the



Courtesy of www.sports.yahoo.com
Mike Piazza's bat is one of the many reasons for the Mets' resurrection.

postseason, they should do what any good team does: beat the bad teams when they need to. A week from now, the Mets might complete the greatest comeback this city has ever seen or tease us and fall just short of a miracle.