

Police Chief Advocates Common Sense for Campus Security

By SARAH KANTHARIA
Asst. News Editor

Concerns about campus safety and security flood the minds of Stony Brook University parents as students flock onto campus for the start of the fall semester. The worry of some parents, usually those of Freshman students, is novel and sometimes aggressive while for many of the parents of returning students it amounts to just a quick reminder to their children to keep safe.

With the ample change the campus has endured this summer alone, ranging from construction and the introduction of new facilities to rises in student population and changes in their demographics, safety and

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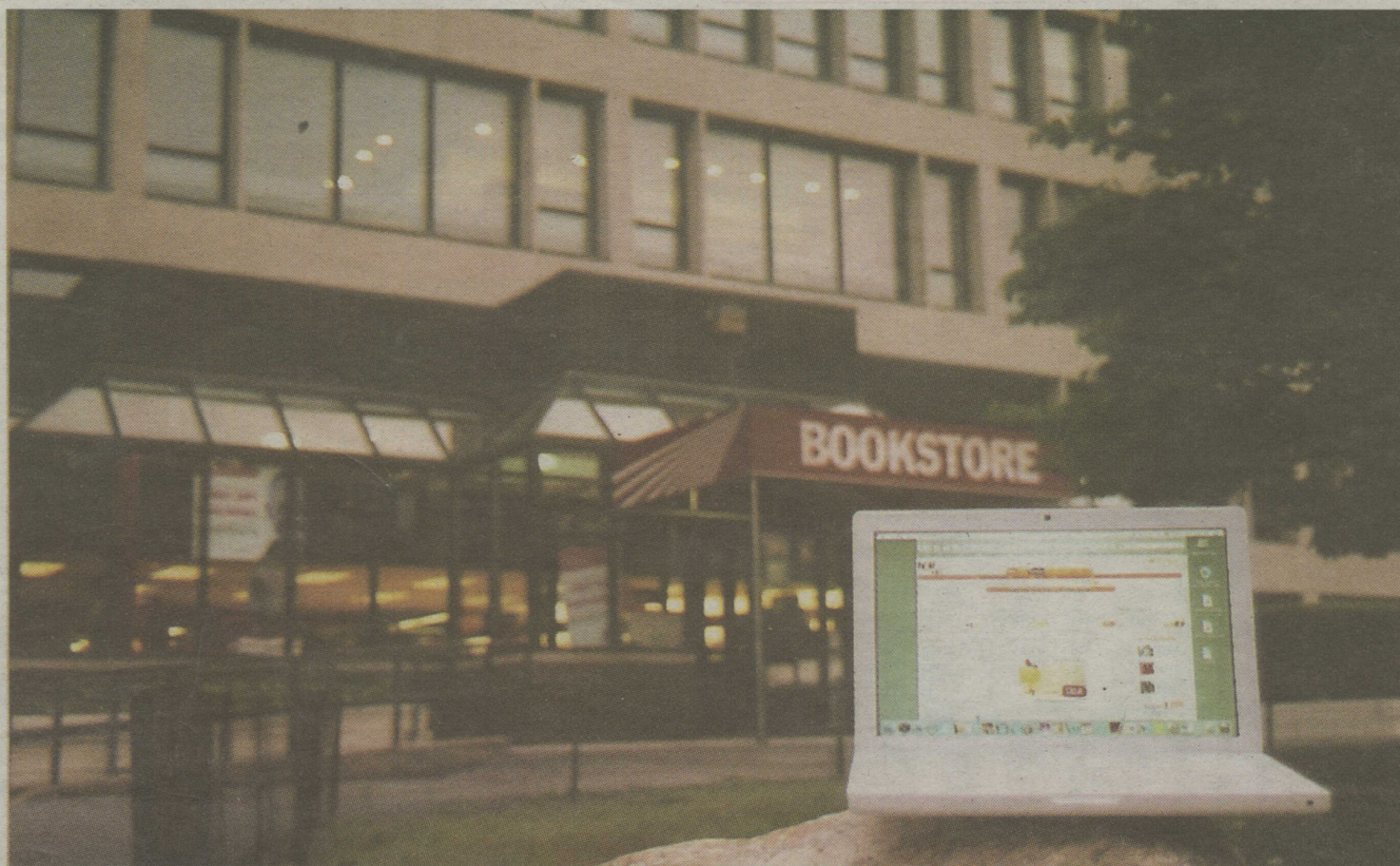
Campus Revamp Not Over Yet

By BRADLEY DONALDSON
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Stony Brook's main campus has recently undergone, and is still undergoing many changes in appearance. This includes the landscaping and greenery, the fountains, and the overall appearance of the campus, especially in the area of Academic Mall.

Sprucing up the campus was perhaps a very good move on the university's part. In 2006, Stony Brook saw its largest full-time enrollment of new freshman: 2,709 students. This was an increase of approximately 8.4% from the previous year and an all time high for Stony Brook. Undoubtedly, appearance is a key factor when it comes to choosing a college, and the renovations made to campus could have influenced many of

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Determined to find a bargain, students go online to buy their books.

John Callejas / Statesman

Much More than Pocket Change Online Book Bargains Add Up

By SURAJ RAMBHIA
Editor-in-Chief

College education, even at a public university, comes with a hefty price. The cost of tuition, boarding, transportation, even the application process itself, forces students to pay thousands of dollars for the simple right to say: "I'm going to college." Unfortunately, the buck doesn't stop there.

The Statesman reported on January 26, 2006 about the exorbitant prices of books, "from a baseline of 250 dollars to the upper reaches of 750 dollars per semester," depending on the number of credits taken. In the span of 20 months ever since, retail prices for books remain at the same extraordinary highs.

Data from the Faculty Student Association concerning the Barnes & Noble affiliated Univer-

sity Bookstore shows an increase in the revenue from used books by over 200% from \$324,353.28 in the 2001-2002 academic year to \$652,357.00 in the 2006-2007 academic year.

According to Angela Agnello, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Faculty Student Association, used books at the University Bookstore sell at the relatively standard rate of 75% retail value. These are used books that have been purchased from students at 50% retail value through routine end-of-semester buy back programs. However, 50% buy back is only offered for books that will be used by professors in following semesters in the same edition. If for some reason, a professor decides to use a different book, or if a new edition of the book comes out, Agnello stated, the book value can drop to 0%.

So given all numbers and percentages, is this the best a student can do? Purchasing books for 75% and hoping for a decent resale value is a start but it isn't enough for some students.

Emily Gover, a junior, was very positive about her experience with Half.com, an affiliate of Ebay, Inc., which provides individuals with the ability to buy and sell their books and other items for prices they choose. A cumulative review of Half.com found at Eopinions.com shows that 464 reviewers cumulatively gave Half.com 4 out of 5 star rating on the basis of ease of ordering, customer service, on-time delivery, and selection of books.

Gover commented, "I do buy my books through Half.com, and I have since my second semester at school. For the most part the savings are great, depending on the quality of the books you buy,

but the most I saved was probably \$50 on one textbook that came in great condition."

Another student, who wished to remain anonymous, also responded about Half.com, "It's basically a forum between many users so any return attempt has to be agreed upon by the seller not a company. But if the book is really damaged and clearly not in the condition it was bought in, then half.com [the company] can intervene if the seller is unwilling to go through with the return. It's a lengthy process to 'file a claim' but it's effective. You don't always get what you think you paid for but at least you save a lot of money....it's a lot better than feeling guilty about buying a book at full price."

It became necessary to investigate further, if Half.com could

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Aug 31 - Sept 5
by Jamie Waller

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High 78 Low 67
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Saturday:
High 76 Low 62
Sunny skies, drier.



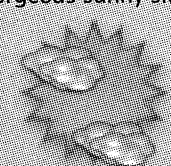
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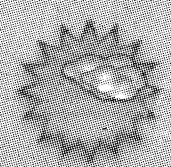
Monday:
High 80 Low 61
Abundant sunshine.



Tuesday:
High 79 Low 65
Gorgeous sunny skies.



Wednesday:
High 83 Low 65
Another sunny day.

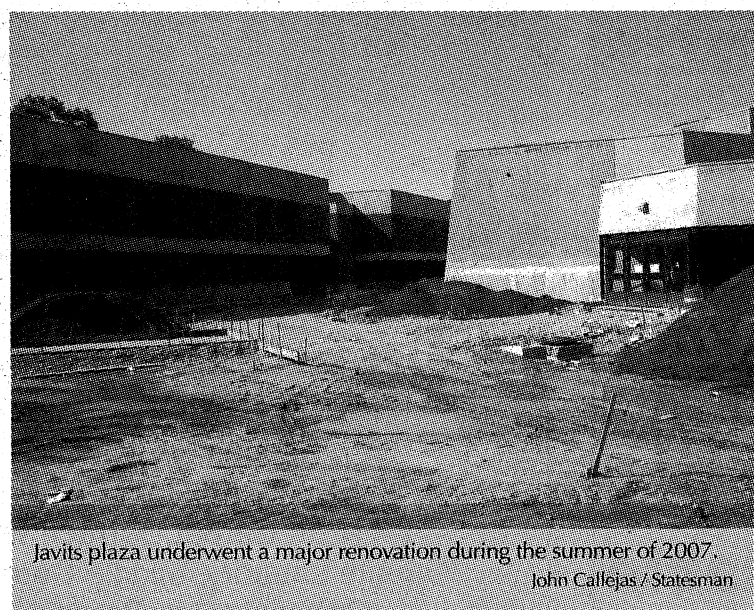


Thursday:
High 77 Low 65
Picture perfect skies

Behind the Numbers

You couldn't ask for a better time to start off the semester, as the weather is looking perfect so far. Our only chance for rain will come on Friday, when a weak cold front will make its way through the area on Friday morning. Scattered showers are possible, while the clouds will stay around until the evening. Skies will clear on Saturday morning, high pressure will build into the region, and skies will be sunny for the next several days. This dome of great weather will be with us all the way through the end of next week, so enjoy the fine weather while it is still here. An update on next weekend's weather, as well as a peek into the second week of classes will be in our second issue, next Thursday, so keep an eye out!

SB Rebuilds Itself



Javits plaza underwent a major renovation during the summer of 2007.
John Callejas / Statesman

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2006's freshmen's choice for Stony Brook.

"I like how there's a constant push for newness [at Stony Brook]...they're constantly building things and renovating," said Randy Tai, fall 2007 freshman.

Some students, however, are not as enthusiastic about the campus' cosmetic makeover.

Zackary Kurtz, a junior this Fall 2007, stated, "It's nice that the university cares about making our campus more aesthetically pleasing but it is the quality of the academics that draw students more than the quality of the shrubbery. The fact that there are students that have to wait several semesters to get placed into an organic chemistry lab due to lack of space

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Online Book Bargains Attract Students

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actually provide opportunities for savings.

Fundamentals of Biochemistry, a textbook, by Voet, Voet and Pratt 2nd edition for BIO361, costs 171.45 dollars from the University Bookstore to buy brand new, with the accompanying study guide. On Half.com, this same book was available in brand new condition for less than 50% of its original value, 70.00 dollars, as an individual book. While this bargain price did not last very long, one can still find bargains as such from actual booksellers. You may currently purchase a brand new copy of this book, Fundamentals of Biochemistry, for less than 140 dollars from actual booksellers "thebookpros" and "albooks_express," sellers with track records of over 90,000 previous transactions with an approval ratings above 95%.

Used copies of Fundamentals of Biochemistry are currently available at different levels of qual-

University Bookstore Revenue		
Academic Year	Used Books	New Books
2001-2002	324,353.28	3,213,723.91
2002-2003	400,018.47	3,427,461.66
2003-2004	490,143.16	3,292,312.23
2004-2005	585,877.68	3,235,907.96
2005-2006	558,231.17	3,557,196.00
2006-2007	652,357.00	3,825,607.00

Used book sales have doubled over the past 6 academic years at the University Bookstore.
Courtesy of Faculty Student Association

ity from items "Like New" to items of "Acceptable" quality with price ranges from around 135 dollars down to 100 dollars, approximately at 40% decrease retail price. The used price for this book is set at the University Bookstore for 128.60 dollars. Online purchasing from the Barnes & Noble website (bn.com) also allows for purchasing of used books based on quality, a level of flexibility that is not offered at the University Bookstore.

When asked about the potential savings for students, sev-

eral managers at the University Bookstore declined to comment. However, Bill Offerman, Manager of Matthews Medical Books and Uniforms at the Health Science Center, did come forth. Offerman stated, "Half.com is a great site. I love it myself, but it only can be depended on to a point. Being able to look at, leaf through, and inspect the condition of a product is paramount when your classwork may be depending on it. Often students

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Police Blotter

Aug 24 - Aug 28

Family Feud

On Friday August 24th, around 8:42AM a situation occurred when a dispute broke out between a parent and child. Situation was handled and dispute was broken up.

Flooding

The 3rd floor of the Health Science Center was found flooding around 9:56 Friday morning. Flooding was contained and the problem was fixed.

Dozing Student

A student was found sleeping in an unauthorized area of the Old Engineering building around 2:30PM. Situation was corrected when student was removed from the area.

Stuck Elevator

A University Hospital Elevator on the fifth level broke down when the doors would not close around 8:00PM. Maintenance crews were able to correct the situation.

Hiding Male

A suspicious man was found hiding in the woods outside of ambulatory surgery around 9:00PM on Friday. Male was escorted to the University Hospital Emergency Room.

Car Crunch

A car accident occurred in H-Quad Langmuir Parking Lot around 12:00PM on Saturday August 25th.

Bad Advertising

Unlawful posting and advertising took place outside of the Stony Brook Union near the parking lot. Situation was corrected around 9:30AM on August 27th.

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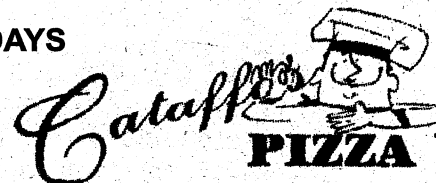
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tell me that they get old editions or books without CD's when they buy student to student. If this happens, then what? Returns are unlikely and you then have to go buy the book again."

It was made apparent to Offerman that there is, in fact, a return procedure on Half.com. Offerman, however, continued to comment on his experiences with Half.com and the potential problems students might face on the site.

He replied, "I have used it many times. Specifically, it seems to be more complicated to obtain textbooks with factors such as edition, packages, media included and how timely the shipment is from someone who is not in business but rather is just looking to unload unneeded items. Items becoming obsolete due to newer

items being available or being replaced with an alternate is a factor which pertains to most goods. The computer you are using to email, the monitor, the software, and even the desk or chair you sit at will be replaced and discarded thus losing most, if not all value. Books are no different."

Another, relatively new site, aimed at the bargain hunter crowd is Campusbin.com, slightly different from Half.com in that it allows for price comparing between available books on multiple websites. Campusbin.com, created in 2006, however, revolves around the same idea of allowing students the opportunity to buy and sell books at better rates.

A quick review of Fundamentals of Biochemistry at this site shows its availability in its newer 3rd edition at Bamm.com and Amazon.com in the price range of 80.00 to 90.00 dollars. The

retail price for the 3rd edition of Fundamentals of Biochemistry is 134.95 dollars.

Concerning the prospect of selling one's book, Campusbin.com advertises in its "About Us" section as a site built by college students for the purpose of spending less money. The site also boasts the ability of sellers to have students from their own university as a primary target audience, potentially eliminating the cost associated with shipping.

With all the evidence for lower prices, and increased flexibility, available outside the campus, the Faculty Student Association representative Angela Agnello, did comment about the benefits of setting up a Bookstore Campus Account as a zero interest credit card. Books can be purchased via the Bookstore Campus Account by individuals who are waiting for financial aid.

SB Campus Prepared for Emergency

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security concerns are natural.

The Stony Brook University population is comprised of an increasingly large student body with many commuters, residents and visitors, along with a large number of faculty and staff employees. Keeping the university safe and protected is the responsibility of all members of the campus community, according to Assistant Chief of Police, Douglas Little.

"The students as well as faculty and staff on this campus must enter a partnership with the campus police department to ensure the safety of all," explains Little.

He encouraged all individuals on SBU campus to employ the "common sense approach to safety and remain aware of their surroundings." Activities such as driving and walking around campus, according

to Little, should be met with basic precautions like looking both ways before crossing and obeying the speed limits. "With 35,000 people on campus and 21 miles of road, it's imperative that drivers refrain from speeding and that students and staff crossing the streets walk defensively."

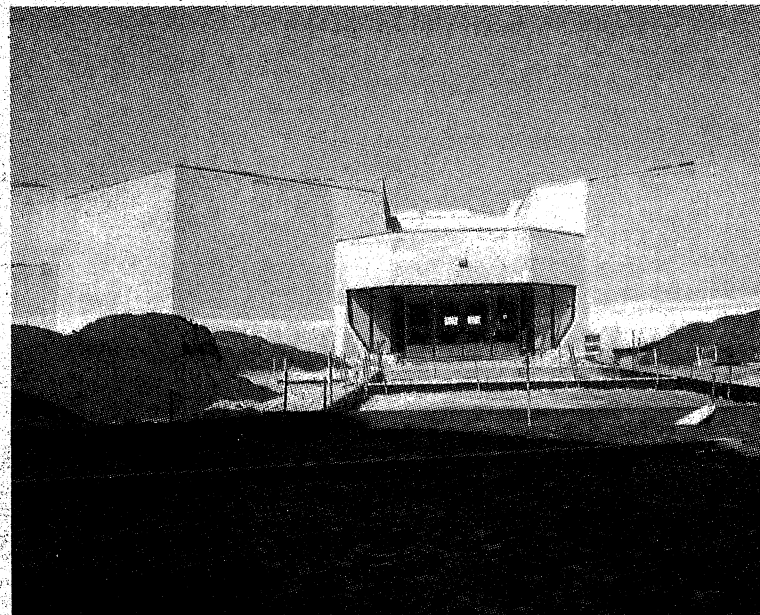
"We, at the police department, also consider ourselves educators," explains Little. "By writing summons and maintaining a constant police presence on campus we encourage safe behavior," he continues.

Living and eating on campus should be met with the same, simple approach. Most of the thefts occurring on campus, according to Little, can be prevented if students are more mindful of their belongings while moving around campus, especially at the dining halls, and

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Campus Construction Summer '07

Photos by John Callejas



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and resources while the Javits plaza gets a makeover tells you a lot about the school priorities."

While other students may or may not share the same opinion, at least some may find solace in the fact that Stony Brook's most recent construction update has many projects planned for the near future that fall under 'internal renovation.'

Plans for the rehabilitation of laboratories in Chemistry, Life Sciences and Health Sciences Center, the renovation of three residence halls and space for a Student Center at Stony Brook Southampton, as well as an addition to the Math tower on the main campus are in place. The Avram Theater at SB Southampton is also being refurbished and is expected to reopen

in Summer 2008.

In the coming years, students can look forward to the construction of four buildings focusing on scientific research: the 'Star Center', where research will focus on biomedicine, the 'Computation Neurosciences Building', the 'Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center', and 'CEWIT', a state of the art center (to be completed by Fall 2008) that will focus on wireless and IT technologies.

Also, on the main campus, a new residence hall is scheduled to open in Spring 2008 and a new residence hall complex is scheduled to open for Fall 2009. Plans are also being put in place for a Student Recreation Center that would include a gymnasium, a multi-purpose indoor arena, office space and facilities for dance and aerobics as well free weights

and cardio machines.

With the upcoming building and construction, Stony Brook will be able to look forward to considerable expansion in the fields of medical science and information technology. Students will also benefit from the increase in research facilities.

The new residence hall complex will also allow the university to accommodate more students in a more comfortable setting and maybe we would see an end to tripling.

The total approximate budget for the construction of CEWIT, the Star Center, the C.N. Building, the A.E.R.T. Center and the new residence hall and complex is an \$205 M. However, the benefits that these facilities will provide make the \$205 M money well spent.



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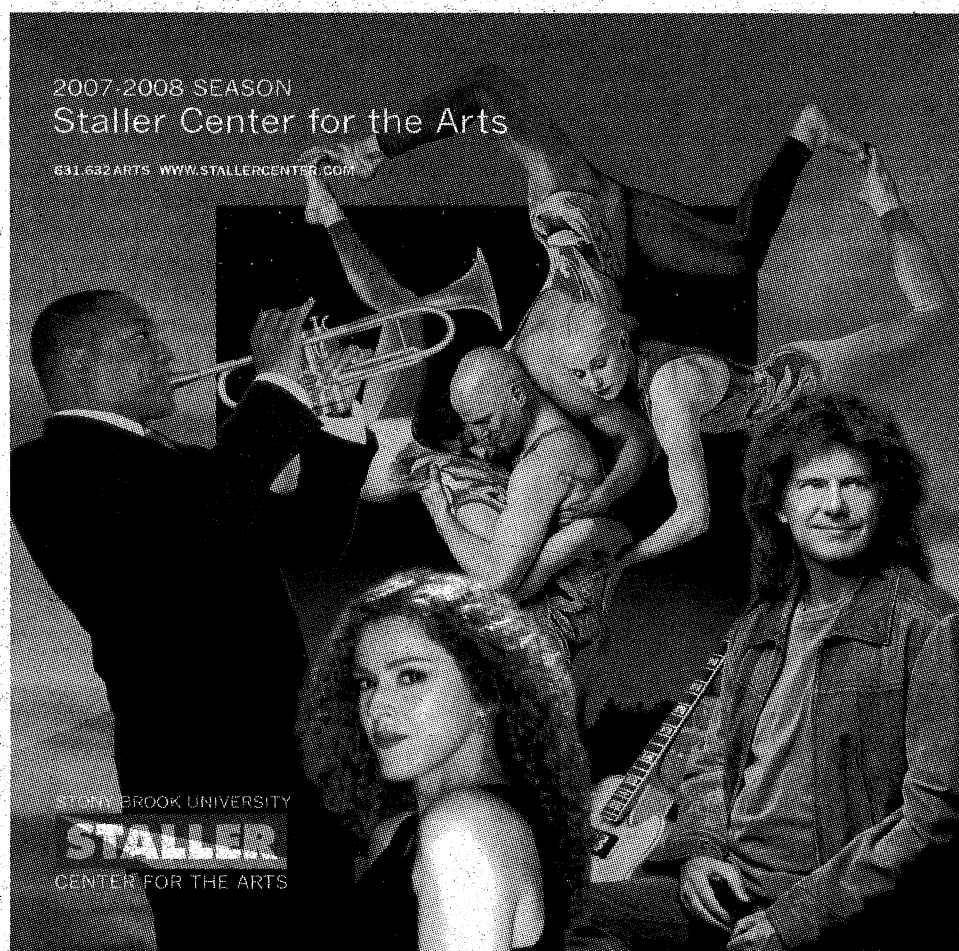
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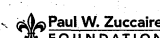
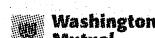
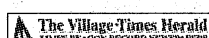
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A Guide to Your First Few Days at SBU



Orientation Leaders teach new students the SBU Fight Song.

Courtesy of Orientation and Family Programs

By TEJAS GAWADE
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Both new and old students at Stony Brook are in for another memorable start-of-semester Experience Stony Brook. Experience SB will begin on Saturday, Sept. 1 and Sunday, Sept. 2 when incoming students will receive their new ID card, a planner and guide to success, all of which are indispensable for anyone new. Even as their families get a taste of everything that Stony Brook has to offer, students will continue to experience this for a whole month after.

At Experience SB, families will get to bid farewell to their loved cubs at a BBQ at the Student Activities Center Plaza from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Students should also be able to spot off-campus vendors here - a great way to pick up free samples. And while they are at it, they should make a visit to the Seawolves Spirit Dinner at 4:00 PM in the Stadium Field. What better way to build spirit than to watch the kickoff game against the Georgetown Hoyas afterwards. The night does not end there. Several first night out activities have been planned from 9:00 PM to midnight the same day at the Student Activities Center and the Stony Brook Union. This is required for residents, but encouraged for commuters (the Resident Advisors will be hounding new students to attend these, and with good reason too!).

On Sunday, Sept. 2, students are required to attend the New Student Convocation at 11:00 AM at the LaValle Stadium. This is their chance to meet the higher-end of the administration, including President Shirley Strum Kenny and the respective deans of several colleges. This will be followed by an Undergraduate College Programming Activity and Lunch session where students will get to know their faculty and staff and mingle with their fellow students. The team-building activities are theme-based and have received

incredibly positive reviews in the past. So, although they are required, students should make an effort to try some.

Later in the evening, commuters will have

can mull over the dinner at carnival games, inflatable interactive activities, and even more food at the Sunday Spectacular.

Unlike most universities, SBU's wel-



Orientation Leaders Kyana Gordan and Meaghan Kasprzyck give new students a tour of campus during summer orientation.

Courtesy of Orientation and Family Programs

a chance to meet others in the SAC Commuter Commons at 5:00 PM. Whether it is carpooling or simply meeting students who empathize with your exhausting travel to SBU, this is a great networking opportunity. This is also a good time to take a "Class Building" tour, so that when classes start on Sept. 4 and you have to walk from the Health Science Center to the Union in under ten minutes, it will be a piece of cake. What better way to end Experience SB than with a Welcome Dinner at the SAC and Fountain Plazas from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM? From 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM, students

come for new and old students continues at opening activities which take place all of September. Director of Student Activities, Alexandra Duggan, said, "For Opening, the most popular activities are Bingo for Books, the Involvement Fair, Texas Hold 'Em, Craft Night, Fitness Jam, etc." Some of the on-campus organizations involved in making this experience complete are the Student Activities Board, the Hillel Foundation, the Residence Hall Association, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Association, Omega Phi Beta and more, according to Duggan.

Here are some of the highlights this semester that the Statesman recommends you do not miss:

Tuesday, September 4

Bingo for Books

SAC Ballroom A

9:00 PM to 11:00 PM

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SAC Lobby

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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Thursday, September 6

Friends Art Exhibit Reception

SAC Art Gallery and Ballroom B

5:00 PM

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Monday, September 10

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SAC Auditorium

7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

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Tuesday, September 11 9/11 Memorial

Alumni Arch outside Humanities Building (Rain Location: SAC)

12:00 PM

Craft Night

SB Union Ballroom

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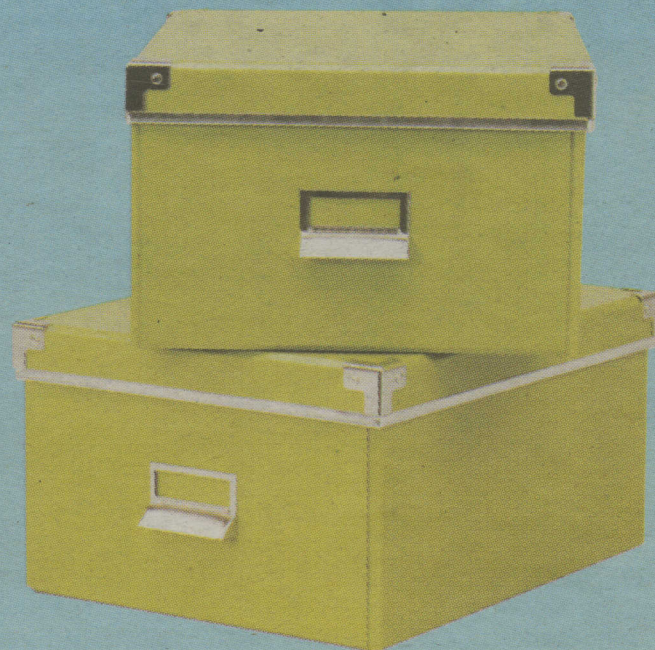
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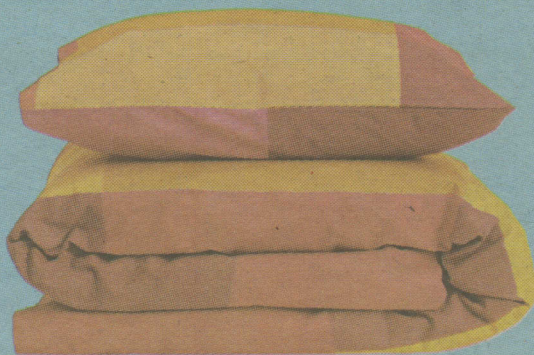
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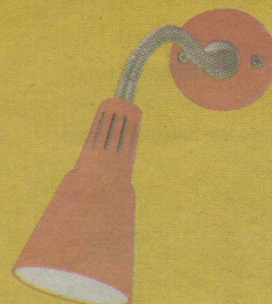
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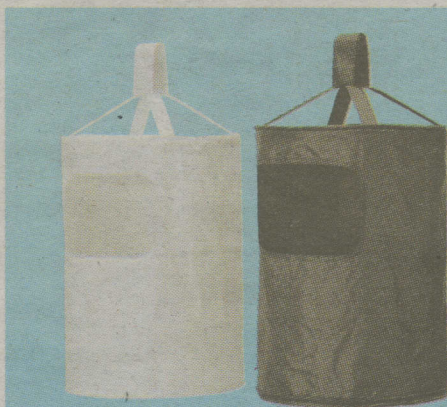
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As Campus Grows, So Does Concern for Security

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by remembering to lock their dorm doors before leaving for the day.

"Unless an individual comes forward and admits to committing theft, it is near impossible to recover stolen property," he says.

The campus police department has also initiated safety services that cater to the specific needs of the student body, and especially to commuting students. "The walk service and the ride program were created with student safety and comfort in mind," says Little. After a late night of studying at the library, students can be walked back to their dorms to avoid walking alone at night or get a ride back to their car from an officer or security vehicle after bus service hours have ended.

As the SBU campus slowly becomes more crowded and as the student body continues to grow each subsequent semester, safety concerns involving relationship issues and personality disputes become increasingly important. "We try to provide proactive services, not just reactive ones in response to the quality of life issues of our growing community," says Little.

With overcrowded dorms, the stress of living and studying together can quickly escalate into something more serious. "Our most valuable asset with respect to these issues is our student affairs department," says Little, "we work with them to try and make campus life more comfortable." Campus resources such as the Judiciary, Women's Center, Campus Residences and the Health Center all provide services that address the needs of students in precarious personal situations.

Lessons learned from the Virginia Tech Massacre have prompted an official committee to look into the communications capabilities of SBU campus in emergent conditions. The possibility of using campus-wide text messages and the "NY Alert" system in order to relay critical campus and state news, respectively, through cell-phone text messages is being discussed.

"Our emergency management team and communications structure are already in place and more extensive than in any other local community," insists Little. "The police department at Virginia Tech responded confidently and with appropriate discretion," he explains, "they acted on the information that they were given."

In the event of any type of emergency disaster or situation, the emergency management team responds through an incident command system. All officials, from officers all the way up to the president, act through a chain command system. Students would be informed of news through the email, telephone, television or the university website. "Our officers would respond normally in any situation and inform students as necessary in a timely fashion," explains Little.

"Stony Brook campus is adequately staffed daily by campus officers, says Little." On any given day there are a number of foot officers monitoring the campus as well as approximately six patrol vehicles. The campus is staffed with 43 patrol officers, 50 security officers for the HSC tower and over a dozen administrative officers as well as a full fleet of vehicles. In addition, the Suffolk County Police Department is under a "memorandum of order" with the Stony Brook Police Department. "We always have backup," he notes.

Our police department responds to approximately 20,000 calls annually, covering all types of cases, medical and criminal alike.

Overall however, Assistant Chief Little maintains that SBU has an exceedingly safe campus. "I believe 99.9% of [the members of] our community are good, decent people. It's simply the 0.1% that keeps us in business."

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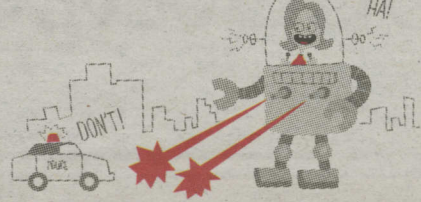
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SB, You've Got a Long Way to Go

From the Desk of the Editor

By SURAJ RAMBHIA
Editor-in-Chief

Normally, I write these opening letters every semester as a welcoming statement for new students, potential writers, and the rest of the campus in general. Today, I don't really feel like welcoming the rest of the campus because frankly, I'm tired of Stony Brook. I don't really like it here, and I don't know why students get suckered into coming to this place. Read further and I'll explain my disgust.

The administrators always say that we have some kind of "Red Hot" campus. Sure there's a lot of building going on, but that's necessary to quell the overcrowding. SAT scores are rising, but they rose from about 1000 to 1250. We still can't compete with the nation's best universities. We have achieved absolutely nothing.

The problem here, at SBU, is the student's expectations are so low, that any little improvement is hailed as a big accomplishment. We now have a greener atmosphere as noted by the added flora around main campus. Wow, it took about

48 years for someone to realize that we should have students live in a nice environment.

And still, we have the entire freshmen class living in tripled dormitories to the point where campus residences had to ask certain students living in the surrounding area to become commuters. Whose idea was it to admit this many more students? The administration claimed that there was an increased demand in housing over the past several years, something that that is being dealt with by other universities. Friends, let me say that the solution to our housing troubles is to admit fewer freshmen one year, or as many years as it takes to build the extra housing. Even then, there's no guarantee that there will be enough housing to quell the "demand" for SB.

I don't understand the entire reasoning behind all the decisions that have been made, but rest assured, this coming academic year, the campus is going to be packed. We won't have any room to move

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A Patriot By Any Other Name...

By ADAM PECK
Assistant News Editor

I have always considered myself a Patriot. For better or worse, I am an American, and I see no reason why I should hide that fact from the world. Sure, America has not been on the good side of the rest of the world for quite some time now, but a Patriot, a true Patriot, sticks by his or her country no matter what. It is after all the goal of Patriots to work towards improving the nation they inhabit.

The reason I talk about my Patriotism now, just days before the six year anniversary of September 11th, is because my Patriotism is being called into question, and has been for quite some time now, and it is high time that I and my fellow Patriots defend ourselves.

Ironically, my American-ness is being challenged by a group of people that have hijacked the word "Patriot" and transformed it to mean something completely different from its original definition. Now, a "Patriot" is someone who blindly supports the actions of our government, a defender of the status quo. "Patriots" support our military, "Patriots" want to close our borders, "Patriots" hate gay marriage. "Patriot," it would stand to reason, has become synonymous with "conservative."

Even on our campus, the word

has been perverted. The Patriot student paper, published by the oh-so-American-sounding Enduring Freedom Alliance, is an outlet that is used to spread conservative talking points to all twelve of their readers.

The brilliance of the Republican party has been their deceitful and silent takeover of the political lexicon. "Liberal" conjures up thoughts of raving anarchistic lunatics, "illegal immigrants" paints a picture of savage and primitive people entering our country and stealing our jobs and our cars. And now "Patriot" has been twisted and convoluted as well, to further a political agenda and use as a recruitment tool.

Most Americans see through the thin layers of distortion.

For example, when counter-protesters hold up signs at anti-war rallies reading "Support our troops," what they mean is send more of them to suffer injury or worse and leave the ones we have stationed in Iraq there longer. These people don't support our troops, they support our President. I support our troops, real Patriots support our troops, by pleading with our officials to bring them home and out of harms way.

While most Americans can detect the scent of a coverup,

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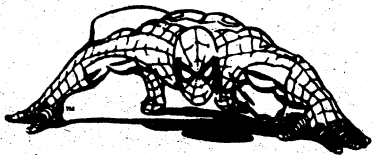
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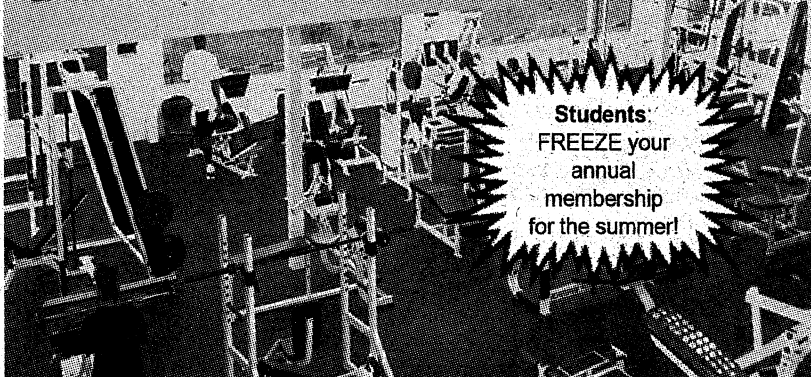
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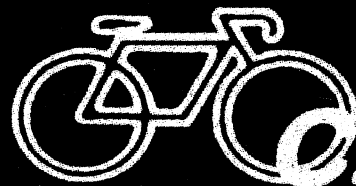
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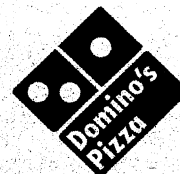
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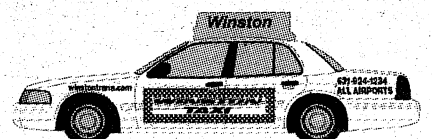
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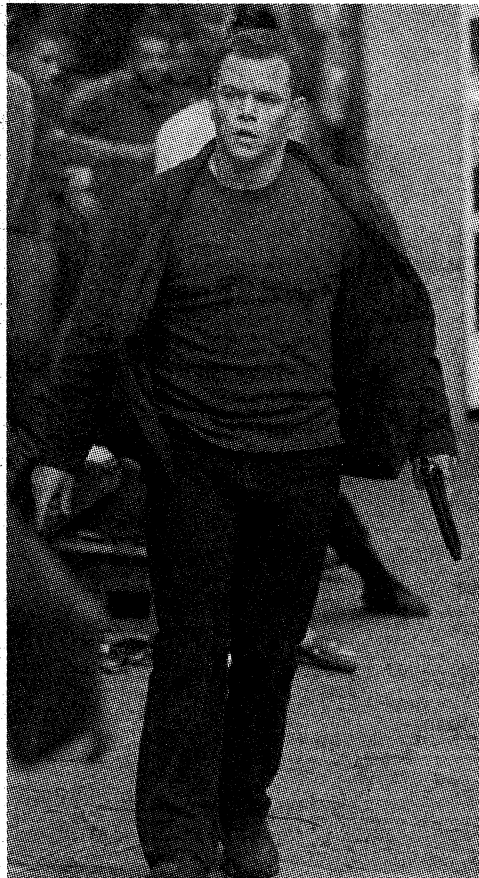
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THE GOOD

- The non-stop action and stunt choreography.
- The "surprise" when Jason finally makes it to NYC and calls Pamela Landy.
- Julia Stiles helping Jason.
- Mixing memories and references from the first and second into the third.
- The new characters.
- As Marie's brother, Daniel Bruhl makes his American film debut. He is one of the best German actors of German and European cinema; most notably Good-bye Lenin. His talent is ten times better than any of Hollywood's pretty boys. If he chooses the right American films, good acting will need to be met by higher standards.
- The Bourne Ultimatum is the capstone to the spy action thriller trilogy that appeals to and pleases a very broad audience.

THE BAD

- Some of the camera movements were too harsh and jumpy.
- What was Nicky's past with Jason?
- How does Jason move so easily between borders?
- How does he outsmart teams of Federal agents?
- If the writers let Jason swim away, what will happen next?

SHREK THE THIRD

Directed by Chris Miller. Written by Andrew Adamson. Starring Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Julie Andrews, Rupert Everett, Justin Timberlake, and some female SNL cast.



THE GOOD

- Everything.
- Shrek's fear of fatherhood expressed in his nightmare.
- The baby ogres are so cute.
- Prince Charming's revenge.
- Snow White's opening of Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song."
- Merlin
- Medieval High School.
- One of the best trilogies in a long time.

THE BAD

- No complaints here.

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From the Desk of the Editor

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during peak hours. For all I know, the SAC lines will have to start outside the building. When we sleep at night, we'll hear the freshmen below us and above us, taking over the campus. This is the SB we live in, not the "Red Hot" SB that's presented to unsuspecting freshmen.

The food here is too expensive, the books in the bookstores are brand new but they're way too expensive as well. As I wrote on the front page, we can buy our books used and new elsewhere at much better prices without all those extra unnecessary study guides they package together to increase the cost.

There is such a lack of interest in the Undergraduate Student Government here. With all the controversy from last semester with

hate crimes and the Men's Rugby team needing disciplinary action that I can only hope that USG will resurface as a prominent, fair-minded organization with enough student interest. To do that, we need USG to make a concerted effort to improve its image.

Yes, SB is a great public institution. You get a good value for your education. But unfortunately, the undergraduate campus I don't think will ever exceed the expectation of being a public institution. We'll just be SB, not MIT, Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, Johns Hopkins, Brown, etc. Unless as an undergraduate unit, we make the attempt to strive for excellence, to remove ourselves from the shadow of the post-undergraduate schools on campus as intellectuals, things aren't going to change here, ever.

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some cannot. It is these citizens, the malleable Fox News viewers, that keep the conservative movement afloat. Already, a majority of Americans agree with liberal views on everything from health insurance to gay marriage to immigration. And yet we the majority are called traitors and un-American and even godless by a few real wackos.

Worse, today's "Patriots" subscribe to some of the most inhumane sections of the conservative charter; that is, flat out discrimination against gay people, racism towards both Latin American immigrants (think Minute Men) and the black population (as evidenced by the mysterious exclusion of their votes in recent elections), and the idea of one nation under Jesus Christ. Now this is not to say that all conservatives are like this. Many subscribe to the Goldwater brand of conservatism. Barry Goldwater, the father

of the conservative movement, isn't too fond of today's "Patriots" either, declaring that "people have the right to live life as they please as long as they don't hurt anybody in the process," a concept lost on many a conservative.

Of course, logic, reason and truth all stand by my side when I argue that these people who call themselves "Patriots" stand in the way of progress. In fact, it is today's "Patriots" who are doing the most harm and irreversible damage to the country they claim to love. My shining example is the aptly titled USA PATRIOT Act, which won near unanimous support following the events in September 2001. The act, as many have come to realize, effectively overrode our basic rights as Americans and jeopardized the very foundations on which Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and others founded this country. Every great idea, every revolutionary change that this country has seen, from the civil rights move-

ment to women's suffrage, has been led by a Patriot and firmly opposed by "Patriots."

The whole debate over the word Patriot really plays no significant role in our day to day lives. For 364 days out of the year, I couldn't care less what people were calling me and my beliefs. But for one day, every September 11th, I have to care. On that day six years ago now, the discourse of our country changed for good, and the word Patriot was thrust into the spotlight, where it was reworked and redefined by warmongering vengeful men. We have been at war for six years now, four of which have been against a nation free of blame for the deaths of 3,000 of our citizens. And while the "Patriots" among us scream and shout for "stay the course" and continued support for politicians that seek to undo the fabric of the nation, Americans are in dire need, perhaps more than ever, of the Patriots among us to step forward.

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SUMMER REVIEW (PART I)

By Amanda Shapiro

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SPIDERMAN 3

Directed by Sam Raimi. Co-written by Ivan Raimi. Starring Toby Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Topher Grace, Thomas Haden Church, and Bryce Dallas Howard.



THE GOOD

- Sam Raimi invited his brother, Ivan, to help write the script. Sometimes peoples' expectations for a beloved character override publicly giving family a piece of the pie.
- Not enough of it to make the audience completely hate Peter after being influenced by the alien tar. He is supposed to be redeemed.
- Too many villains = too many subplots = too many problems.
- Too much self-awareness of its franchise popularity.
- Spiderman giving Gwen the upside down kiss he shared with Mary Jane (private to them, infamous to us).
- Peter waking his aunt past midnight to get a ring and then almost lose it more than once because he didn't keep it safe.

THE BAD

- The special effects, especially for the highflying swinging battle between Harry and Peter.
- Bruce Campbell as the waiter who turned a small role into a great scene as Peter tries to propose to Mary Jane.
- J.K Simmons as Jameson -- a big difference from Dr. Skota of Law and Order.
- Topher Grace as the villain Venom. Sandman's intentions.
- Harry was more involved and had more character than most of his co-characters.
- Bryce Dallas Howard making Gwen likable by apologizing to MJ after realizing evil Peter used her as a pawn to make MJ jealous.
- Pink Floyd covered the Spiderman theme song; joining The Ramones, Aerosmith, Michael Buble, and Will Smith.

Directed by Steve Hicks. Written by Carol Fuchs. Starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, Aaron Eckhart, and Abigail Breslin.

THE GOOD

- Aaron Eckhart is always adorable.
- Kate does her best to balance work, Zoe, and her relationship with Nick.

THE BAD

- Did you know No Reservations is a remake of the acclaimed 2001 German film, Mostly Martha?
- If you had seen the original, you might be disappointed by the re-

make.

- In the original, the young girl's father was a good man who didn't know he had a daughter until Martha contacted him. While in the remake, he is dismissed and never mentioned again.
- The ending of No Reservations was sweet, too sweet.
- Including the songs, "You Can Count on My Love," and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."
- Ten year old Zoe made it alone from Manhattan to a graveyard in Brooklyn.
- Nick and Zoe make an Italian dinner of pizza.

HAIRSPRAY

Directed by Adam Shankman. Written by Leslie Dixon. Starring Nikki Blonsky, Zac Efron, Amanda Bynes, Brittany Snow, John Travolta, Christopher Walken, Michelle Pfeiffer, Queen Latifah, and James Marsden.

THE GOOD

- Nikki Blonsky is Long Island's newest star.
- The choreography, costumes, and music.
- The cast.
- The makeup and hair that transformed John Travolta into a woman. Goodbye Danny Zuko. Hello Edna Turnblad.
- Jerry Stiller as Mr. Pinky, who was Wilbur in the original film. And Ricki Lake's cameo.
- Spunky Little Inez.
- The scene matched against Tracy's opening number, "Good Morning Baltimore."
- The easy adaptation from film to Broadway back to film.
- Less expensive than seeing the play.

THE BAD

- Amanda Bynes as Penny when transitioning from dialogue to song.
- Zac Efron riding off the High School Musical phenomenon. Although he did well, he was miscast against Nikki Blonsky.
- Wilbur and Edna's musical interlude taking attention away from the story.
- Allison Janey's dry wit was not used enough.



KNOCKED UP

Directed and Written by Judd Apatow. Starring Katherine Heigl, Seth Rogen, Paul Rudd, and Leslie Mann.

THE GOOD

- All of the cast, direction, and writing.
- Allison liked Ben before she got wasted.
- The progression of the story and its characters.
- Making fun of Hollywood and Ryan Seacrest.
- Z100 said this film was about the not so good looking loser getting a woman so out of his league, and their mutual acceptance. But it is also about how appearances can be deceiving. Allison's personality was the right match for Ben regardless of Katherine Heigl's physical appearance.

THE BAD

- Nothing worth mentioning.

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SPORTS

Stony Brook's Athletes of the Year University Honors Ford, Dudash and Leggio

By SHONTO OLANDER
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Before school finally let out for the summer, Stony Brook announced its Student Athletes of the Year, honoring Josh Dudash, Mykeema Ford, and Kaitlin Leggio. Ford and Leggio shared the honor as Co-Female Athletes of the Year.

Senior Mykeema Ford captained the Women's basketball team as its starting point guard. Over her career, she was named to the America East All Conference team three years in a row. Her 2006-2007 campaign saw her average over 19 points a game along with 3.6 rebounds and 3.9 assists. For leading SBU to a 14-2 conference record and the number two seed in the conference, she was also named the America East Player of the Year.

Josh Dudash made his mark as the quarterback for the up-and-coming Seawolves football program. Last season Dudash passed for 15 touchdowns with only four

interceptions, and was an efficient and accurate passer, completing over 62 percent of his passes. The senior helped pull the team out of early season slump to finish 3-4-1 in conference, and 6-12-1 overall. With several new additions to the squad, Dudash will try to lead the Seawolves in their first season after leaving the Northeast conference.

Sophomore Kaitlin Leggio led both the Women's lacrosse team and the America East conference in points (4.25) and assists (2.06) per game. Leggio was selected to the America East First Team after tallying 35 goals and 36 assists. As the reigning America East Rookie of the Year, she helped the Seawolves to a 13-4 record overall and 1st place in the conference. Leggio is just the fourth player in league history to earn both Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year awards in their career.

With both Dudash and Leggio returning, the Seawolves athletic program has a chance to improve on last season's successes.



Stony Brook's 4 quarterbacks practice taking snaps and dropping back

William Lahti/Statesman

Football Gears Up for 2007 Season

By WILLIAM LAHTI
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The Stony Brook Seawolves football team has been hard at work in training camp since Aug. 6 in preparation for the season, which begins Sep. 1. The team will play host to Georgetown, and a large crowd is expected, with the students alone expected to number in the thousands. Last year, Stony Brook fell to Georgetown on the road, by a score of 7-0.

This will be a year of transition for the team. They have left the Northeast Conference (NEC), and will play this year as an independent team, before joining the Big South Conference in 2008. This year's schedule will feature some traditional NEC rivals, such as SUNY rival Albany, and Cen-

tral Connecticut State University, the team that defeated SBU in last year's finale, robbing them of a 2nd-straight conference championship. This year's homecoming game will be against Maine, on Oct. 20, which will begin a 3-game homestand. They will play Long Island rival Hofstra, as well as do some unprecedented traveling, playing games in locations as far away as Ohio and North Carolina. However, this will become a fact of life next year, when they have conference games on the road.

The team's head coach will be Chuck Priore, now in his second season at SBU. The team features 2 captains; quarterback Josh Dudash, and defensive lineman Kyle Brown. Both are seniors, and in their final season. Among

Dudash's awards last year is the Stony Brook Male Athlete of the Year. Brown is coming off a knee injury that ended his 2006 "senior" season, and he returns via medical redshirt.

Many more of SBU's stars are returning this season. Wide receivers Dwane Eley and Lynell Suggs, who led the team in receiving yards last year, will both be returning. Cory Giddings, last year's freshman sensation, will return at cornerback. Giddings won the NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year Award. Conte Cuttino, another standout 2006 freshman, will be returning at running back, along with junior Steve Austin.

2007 looks to be a promising year for Stony Brook Football. Kickoff for the first game is Sep. 1, at 6PM, at LaValle Stadium.

HOME SCHEDULE

Sep. 1-7

FOOTBALL

GEORGETOWN

Sep. 1, 2007
6:00 PM

CROSS COUNTRY

SEAWOLVES
INVITAIONAL

Sep. 7, 2007
2:30 PM

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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Sep. 2, 2007
7:00 PM

MEN'S SOCCER

HOFSTRA

Sep. 7, 2007
7:00 PM