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## LIHTI: A Long Island Gem

By JOSH SEIDMAN  
Staff Writer

After January's work force numbers were released, early signs of a recession were reinforced in the minds of Americans. On top of the recent swings occurring in stock markets worldwide and the fiasco in the United States' housing market, 17,000 American jobs were lost during the month of January.

While the Federal Reserve is attempting to combat the looming recession by lowering its benchmark federal funds rate, other institutions across the nation are doing their part to help stimulate both the local and national economies. These institutions are incubators, and on Long Island, the Long Island High Technology Incubator (LIHTI) is playing its role in boosting the local market.

LIHTI opened in 1992 as Long Island's first high technology business incubator. Since its debut, over 70 companies have been associated with the incubator in some way, and by the end of 2003, 44 of those companies had successfully graduated from the incubator's program and were still in business. At that time, these 44 companies were generating more than \$2.5-billion into the national economy and were employing upwards of 500 employees.

"The incubator was created to help Long Island with the creation of enterprises utilizing new technology created here at Stony Brook or at Brookhaven National Laboratory," said Dr. Yacov Shamash, an LIHTI Board Member as well as an associate of several of the companies that have been involved with the incubator. "It leads to the development

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## A Message for SB from University Police

By LYNN HSIEH  
Editor-in-Chief

In the wake of the most recent attack on campus, concerns about campus safety and security are in the minds of many members of the Stony Brook University community; including faculty, and parents.

With a population of over 35,000 including faculty, the university's police department views Stony Brook as "a small

city," said Assistant Chief of Police, Douglas Little.

Keeping the university safe and protected is the responsibility of university police as well as the campus community, Little continued.

While campus police employed a comprehensive approach to protect the university including greater transparency to alert students in times of emergency, school administra-

tion also maintained that students were also responsible for their actions.

The administration is emphasizing three goals for the campus community.

The first is fostering greater communication and transparency among students, faculty and police. In times of emergency, the university will be

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Fraternity and Sorority Night in the Student Activities Center.

Ilya Rabkin / SB Statesman

## A Taste of Greek Life

By ALLISON MICCO  
Contributing Writer

Usually when someone mentions Greek Life, an image of John Belushi funneling cheap beer in a dingy house comes to mind. However, try to associate the Greek community at Stony Brook with that image and you'll be confounded.

Greek life at Stony Brook boldly breaks free of that mold and, instead, follows a tradition reminiscent of being in college, having fun and making

lifelong friends.

At Fraternity and Sorority Night, organized by the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council and held in the Student Activities Center on Thursday night, the Greeks showcased themselves marvelously.

Inside, one group of five girls seemed full of energy as they practiced their dance. "Tonight is basically for people interested in joining the Greek Community," Jennifer Meck, one of the girls in the group and a member of Alpha Kappa

Delta Phi sorority, said. "We give them information about what it is like to be Greek, and all the different fraternities and sororities will perform in a showcase for everyone."

At one table, which Sigma Delta Tau set up, the girls spoke about the different aspects of Greek life, even to those who weren't particularly interested in joining. When the girls talked about Greek Week, a weeklong event in which the entire Greek

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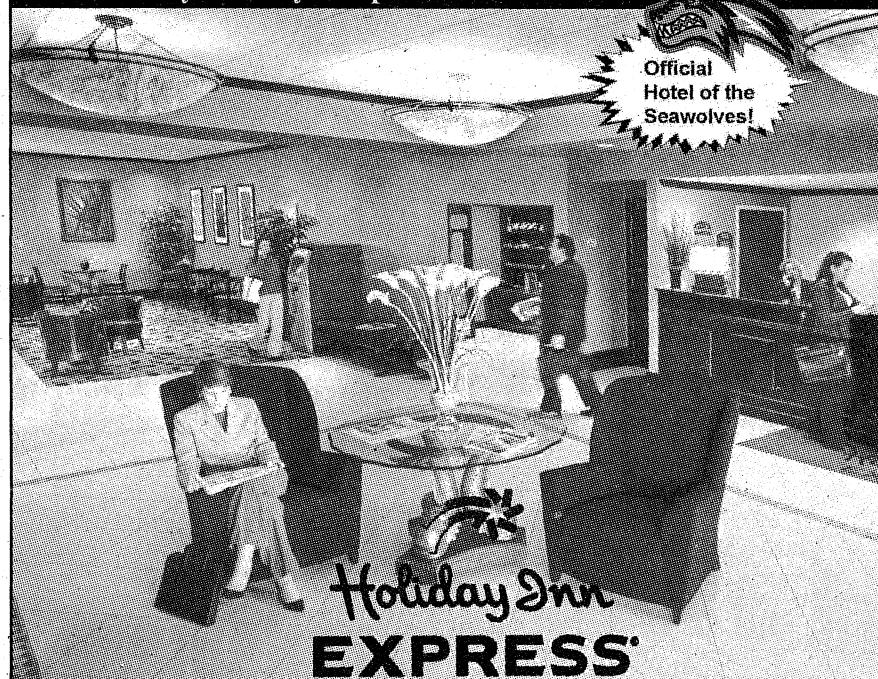
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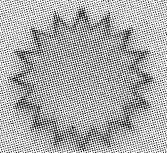
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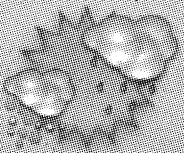


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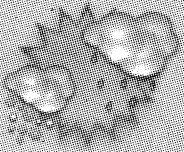
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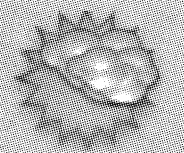
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**Wednesday:**  
High 39/Low 22  
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**Thursday:**  
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Partly cloudy.



**Friday:**  
High 38/Low 22  
Mostly cloudy



**Saturday:**  
High 32/Low 20  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of flurries



**Sunday:**  
High 40/Low 28  
Mostly cloudy with chance of rain or snow showers

An area of high pressure funneling cold Arctic air into the region will remain over the area today. It will exit on Tuesday as a low pressure and its warm front moves north over Long Island. The trailing cold front will move through Wednesday. Another area of high pressure will build in Wednesday night and Thursday but another area of low pressure and an associated cold front forces its exit on Friday. Another area of high pressure will enter the region behind the front, bringing Arctic air back to Stony Brook for Saturday. It will be short-lived as a low pressure area makes its way towards the area on Sunday.

by Alex Kahn

## NEWS

# Advice from Campus Police

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using SB Alert to send messages to the campus population.

Depending on the severity of the situation, the administration may decide on different forms to alert students. For less serious situations, administration will send emails to the campus community.

For more serious situations, administration may use, in addition to emails, text messages and phone messages. However, this would depend on the situation.

Last Tuesday's attempted robbery was deemed "not a major threat," Little said, so students were only sent an emails, instead of text messages.

The second message for students is the "see something, say something" policy, said Jerry Stein, the dean of students and vice president of student affairs. University police and administration need help and cooperation from the students.

Finally, following the first two objectives, Stein wanted to emphasize another policy to follow. Similar to the previous two, he encourages the campus community to assist police and administration in times of crisis by following procedures and communicating any concerns.

"Students must have an awareness of their surroundings. Most students trust too quickly... but trust is earned!" Little said. "One tenth of one percent of the population [is] bad. The vast population of the community [is] good folks. We need to get the good folks to stand up."

Many university officials also encourage students to look for the Center of Prevention and Outreach.

Established last May, the center focuses on three areas: sexual assault, substance abuse and depression and suicide. The center offers programs and workshops for students in the fields of health education and alcohol and substance abuse.

The center also holds private sessions for students to discuss other problems that may be bothering them from domestic issues with friends or dorm mates to serious problems such as depression and suicide.

Both Stein and Jenny Hwang, the associate dean and director for the Center of Prevention and Outreach, emphasized the fact that everything was confidential. The university would be following HIPAA, health insurance portability and accountability, regulations that would keep all the information private.

"We want to give people the freedom to choose to proceed, it is not about collecting names," Hwang said.

For those students who may feel wary about walking alone at night, Stony Brook also offers two programs for students.

The first is the Residential Safety Program, RSP, where students may call for a free escort anytime from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. In addition, the Ride Program offered by university police will escort students anytime from "dusk to dawn."

Maintaining their stance on campus safety, university officials encouraged students to cooperate with the police.

"We can't do this alone. We need help," Little said.

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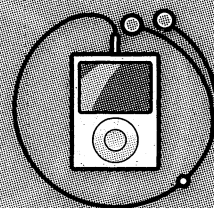
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# Wired Science: Vaccines for Drugs?

By TEJAS GAWADE  
Editor Emeritus

Here is what seems to be a novel concept: a vaccine that builds resistance against drugs. As reported recently in the New York Times, several trials conducted in the United States have been relatively successful

in developing a cocaine vaccine strong enough to build resistance to the infamous drug for as long as six months. The key is that the vaccine, now known as TA-CD, will not alleviate your addiction to cocaine. Instead, it will simply keep you from experiencing any high from

the drug.

I say that it seems to be a novel concept because several vaccine-like substances have tried to combat addiction in the past. Naltrexone, for example, blocks the pleasure centers of the brain, known as opioids. The drug user gives up the drug because it fails to produce a high.

Another drug, Antabuse (or disulfiram, technically speaking), gives a hangover barely minutes after taking an alcoholic drink. In what has been nicknamed "aversion therapy", it inhibits the enzymes that are responsible for breaking down alcohol in the liver.

The company that is currently manufacturing TA-CD claims that it is aimed at those who do not want to become re-addicted, especially if they have undergone rehabilitation.

Unfortunately, addiction is lifelong and often comes in pairs (cocaine addicts tend to be heroin addicts as well). So, if addicts cannot successfully experience a high from cocaine, they are likely to move onto

another drug.

Also, only half of those who were given the vaccine in the U.S. study were able to successfully stave off the drug.

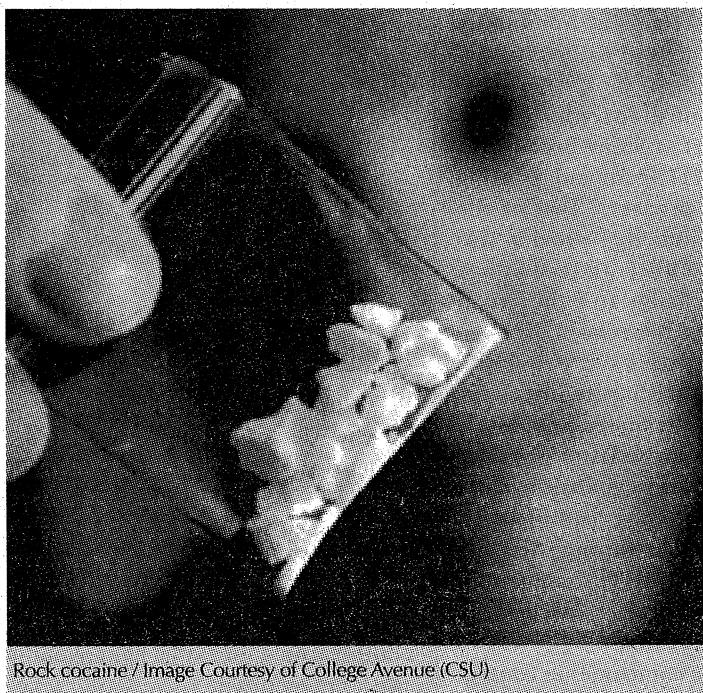
Regardless of the long-term benefits of the vaccine, what is most captivating is the mechanism through which it works. The vaccine is made by attaching cocaine to deactivated cholera toxin molecules. The toxin molecules then stimulate the body's immune system, which mounts a response of antibodies upon recognizing the drug. This keeps the cocaine from crossing the blood-brain barrier, which also happens to be the point of a high.

At the most basic understanding of the immune system, the question that comes straight to my mind is, what if a significant amount memory cells fail to form and the body's secondary immune response is not strong enough? The British Broadcast Corporation (BBC) reported, "the vaccine must stimulate a very strong immune response so that every single

cocaine molecule is mopped up if someone uses again. Otherwise a small number could get through and act like a teaser, causing the person to take even more to satisfy their cravings completely."

At a non-medical level, even more confounding ethical questions will be raised. Who gets inoculated is not as simple as the flu shot anymore. The vaccine will also need to be documented in your medical records. In that case, who has access to it? If we were to use it on pregnant addicts to protect their fetuses, is it comparable to taking folic acid or designing babies?

If we do eventually use the vaccine as a prevention method, will everyone come forward? What about the inevitable side effects? And does it stop at cocaine? From what I know, works are in place for a methamphetamine, heroin and even a nicotine vaccine. Whether for better or worse, this concept is now very much experimental and in a few years might even get executed.



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# The Long Island High Technology Incubator

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of jobs and hopefully the creation of profitable companies on Long Island."

An incubator's primary purpose is to support early businesses and to provide them with a chance to develop and grow into fully-functional entities.

LIHTI has been housing companies for over 15 years, and since the facility opened, there has been a waiting list for companies to enter the program. Currently, the typical waiting time for a company to enter the program is anywhere from six months to a year.

"LIHTI has always been full," Dr. Shamash said. "There were simply more companies than we had space. That's one of the main reasons why two additional incubators were added to the campus."

In addition to LIHTI, Stony Brook University also contains a Calverton Incubator and a Software Incubator. The purpose of these two facilities was to both increase the amount of space available to the companies as well as to focus on developing specific types of products such as software or agricultural-based items.

However, the road to get into and remain in the incubator is not an easy one to travel.

Each company has to submit an application as well as a business plan to LIHTI's Tenant Selection and Review Committee prior to entering the facility. After interviews are completed and the committee feels that the company has

a clear outline, as well as a chance to be assisted by the incubator, then they are added to the waiting list.

Finally, after their admission, companies have to submit forms and demonstrate their progress to the committee which determines if the company is fulfilling its initial goals.

"While the entrance process and the graduation program are tough, it's definitely beneficial for the companies," said Mary Walton, an Administrative Assistant at LIHTI. "One of the things we try to do to make it easier on the companies is that we don't have a set time limit for them to graduate. We don't want to kick the companies out if they aren't ready, so as long as they perform well they can stay for as long as they need."

Currently, the LIHTI building accommodates 18 companies. Some of these companies include Applied DNA Sciences, Inc., a company whose platform is to use DNA to prevent the counterfeiting of various products, and GotFrag.com, the leading online society and resource for competitive computer gaming information, features and content.

Applied DNA, Inc., has been at the incubator since 2005 and was recently interviewed by Newsday about their current "Cotton Project" where they are using DNA sequences to verify the authenticity of various items made out of cotton.

GotFrag.com has been cited in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other publica-

tions as the most recognized source for the analysis of games and gamers, and for the reporting of trends and content in the gaming world.

"We're pretty much a permanent resident here," said Ben Liang, the Chief Technology Officer of Applied DNA, Inc. "The incubator has provided us with a lot of help. We have resources to use that allow us to gather information, and scientifically we have a great community to discuss ideas with and to help us develop new ideas."

There are about a dozen organizations that are a part of Stony Brook University that aid LIHTI's companies during the development process. Two of the primary organizations that provide this assistance are the Office of Technology Transfer and Licensing and the Small Business Development Center.

The former focuses on answering questions dealing with patents, copyrights, technology transfer and intellectual property and the latter provides business start-up and expansion help, business plan development and financial planning lessons. It is through the use of these groups that LIHTI's companies transform from general research ideas into profitable companies.

"LIHTI puts the companies in contact with these resources, which wouldn't be available to them if they weren't working with an incubator that is housed by a state university," said Walton. "It's the ability to offer this kind of help that makes LIHTI a successful incubator."

## Police Blotter Feb. 6 - 8

COMPILED BY BEN HAYASHI  
Staff Writer

### Job-Related Injury

At around 8 a.m. on Feb. 6, a job-related injury occurred on the fourth floor of the Melville Library when an adult female fell off a ladder. No transportation to the University Medical Center was necessary.

### Driving on Train Tracks

At around 1:50 p.m. on Feb. 6, a black truck was found driving on the Long Island Rail Road train tracks. Both the University Police and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority responded to the truck and all trains were held. The driver was arrested by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### Car Accident

A motor vehicle accident occurred at around 2:40 p.m. on Feb. 6 near the south parking lot traffic light. No injuries were reported.

### Marijuana

Two referrals were issued in Mount College for marijuana at around 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 6.

### Petit Larceny

Petit larceny occurred around 1:20 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the Student Activities Center. Subject was arrested by University Police.

### Arrest

One male was arrested for domestic violence in Chapin Apartments at around 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 7. Subject was transported to station for lodging.

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# Fraternity and Sorority Night

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community at Stony Brook works for charity together, it was clear that being a member of a sorority or fraternity at this school does not limit you to your individual chapter. As a member of a Greek organization on campus, events like Greek Week and Fraternity and Sorority Night allow you to meet with members of other chapters as well.

As time passed, I could tell that the energy level in the room was high.

Some guys from Sigma Alpha Mu and Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity decided to make themselves examples of how entertaining and refreshing it can be to talk to a group of fraternity members. However, they weren't the stereotypical fraternity members you might expect. Not only were they well mannered, but intelligent as well -- a complete deviation from any 'frat boy' stereotypes.

They explained how the showcases, like those tonight, normally work: chapters would be randomly chosen and

given three minutes to perform a routine on stage.

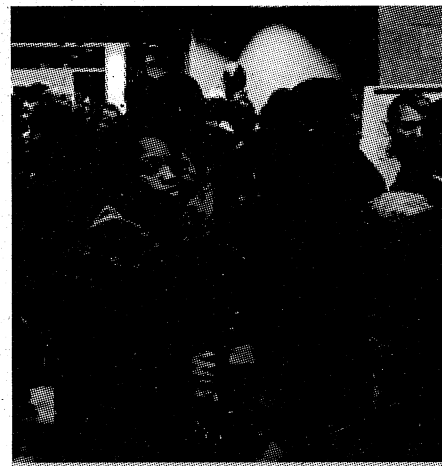
Each group that performed was as unique as they were entertaining: from perfectly choreographed hip-hop routines to jaw-dropping step routines. One fraternity, Malik, even wowed the crowd by performing a three-minute dance shirtless.

A few acts later into the night, a three-minute countdown appeared on the large projection screen behind the stage. A few members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity stepped on stage and were greeted with roaring; they performed a mesmerizing step routine.

Whether it was a group of girls singing along to the Spice Girls or a perfectly choreographed routine, the energy of the performers was felt throughout the audience and was reciprocated with overwhelming support.

The Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council's Fraternity and Sorority Night excitingly showcased the vibrant Greek community that lives at Stony Brook.

The next time you see someone walking on campus proudly displaying Greek letters across their chest, remember that those letters are backed by tradition and honor. The bond that you receive while earning those letters is something that seems unmatched by any other organization on campus.



Fraternity and Sorority Night.

Ilya Rabkin / SB Statesman



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By MADGESTIC  
Staff Writer

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Because we would have fun and always, would U want to be mine

...Today, I am no longer in denial...

Because, now I finally need a prince  
So, won't U be the moisture in each one of my fingerprints?

# Beatific Soul: Jack Kerouac On the Road

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tortured journal entries from Kerouac's alcohol days and manuscripts of "The Town and the City" and the "Legend of Duluoz." Also on display, are a collection of Kerouac's fantasy sport games that he created for baseball, Thoroughbred horse racing and college football. These works look like a primitive form of the fantasy sports thousands of Americans play online today.

"Beatific Soul: Jack Kerouac On the Road", will be open until March 16 at the New York City Public Library, located on 5th Avenue and 42nd Street. All are welcome to walk through the exhibit at no cost. Kerouac's works will be on display normal library hours which are; Monday, Thursday- Saturday between 11 am and 6pm, Tuesday-Wednesday, 11am-7:30pm and Sunday 1-5pm.

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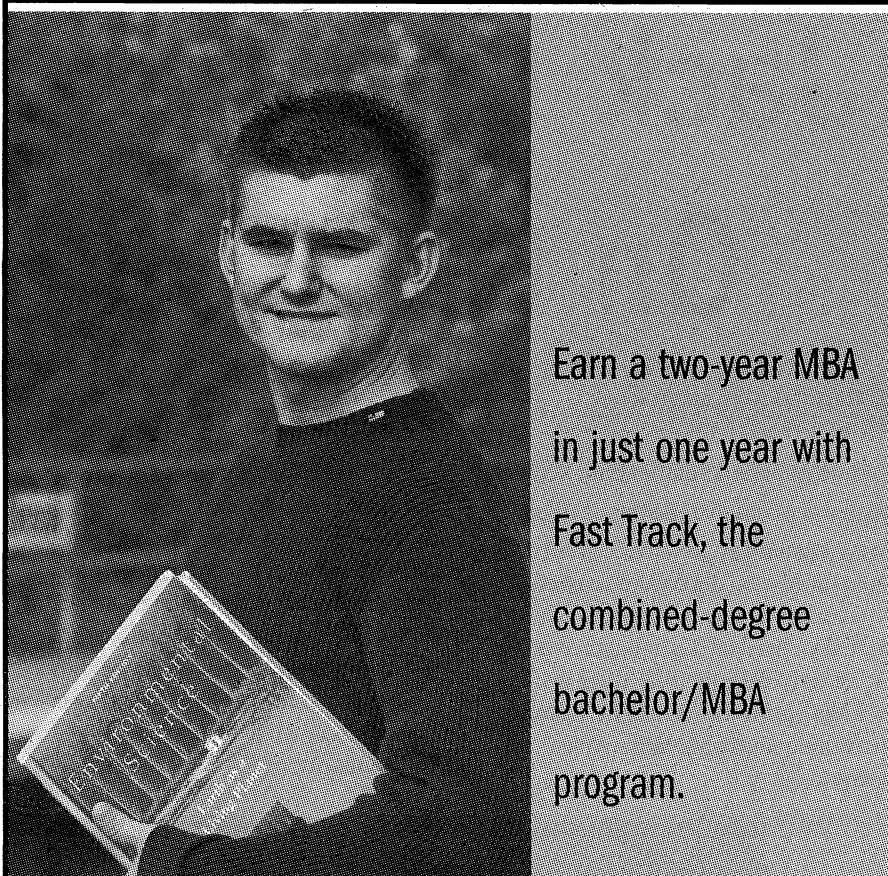
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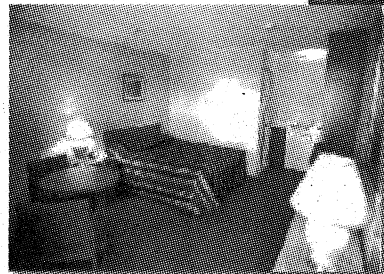
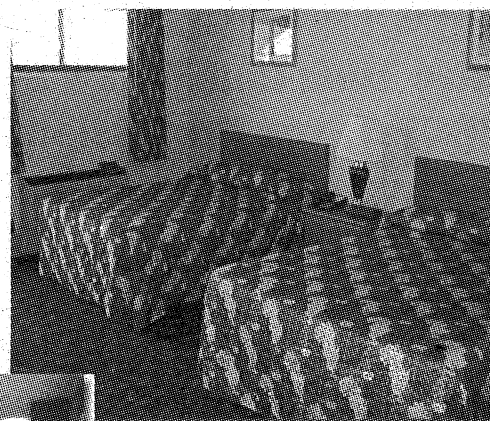
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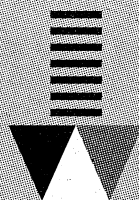


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# Confessions of a Shopaholic

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The constant lure of consumerism is everywhere. Even on her way to work, Becky is drawn toward brightly colored signs displaying that glorious four letter word; Sale. The temptation is an all too familiar one for Becky who can feel her feet moving towards the door to buy a \$15 dollar lip gloss that she can't afford. But to shopaholics like Becky, she just struck a deal and is now the proud owner of an adorable little make-up case.

As the novel continues, Becky develops a filthy habit of telling little white lies to

hide her disease. She even goes as far as to ask a sexy high profile businessman, in the middle of a press conference, to borrow 10 dollars to purchase a designer scarf for her "dying aunt." Not even this humiliating stunt can discourage Becky from shopping.

The lies have gone too far and Becky decides it is time for a serious life change. She tells her roommate that she took care of that large stack of bills ages ago and is now seeking professional help from a self-help book on how to manage her money more efficiently. She is turning over a new leaf by following the one simple rule that the author promises that if followed correctly, will give you the bank account of a millionaire. All Becky has to do is limit her spending to necessary items only. Simple.

Things finally seem to be progressing in the right direction for Becky. But just as Becky begins to get a sense of control a curve ball is thrown her way. She finally comes face to face with one of the many bank managers who has been hassling her through letters and nasty voicemails and in a moment of desperation, finds herself telling one of the worst lies of all. With a new romance in the mist and a lie so huge even Becky can't find her way out of, will this addict finally get the break she deserves?

# Beatific Souls: Jack Kerouac's On the Road

By MAUREEN HINE  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Perhaps times were different back in the 1940's, more relaxed, giving the youth of America time to really contemplate and question society. But, maybe not. Maybe this was only the mentality of four college dropouts, who believed that life was a spiritual quest, something more than politics, money and work. So what if they had no

education, money and a food supply that barely fed one person, they were leading a generation.

The "Beat generation" was a time of inspiration, poetic brilliance, uppers and downers. It was a time for creativity and experimentation that paved the way for aspiring artists. Jack Kerouac led the revolution of writers who together, created some of the most insightful literary pieces ever written, with the exception of Hunter S. Thompson.

The New York City Public Library seems to be in agreement and is paying tribute to Kerouac and the beats in the exhibit, "Beatific Soul: Jack Kerouac on the Road." The exhibit focuses on Kerouac's accomplishments and his obsession with literature that drove him to drop out of Columbia University, twice.

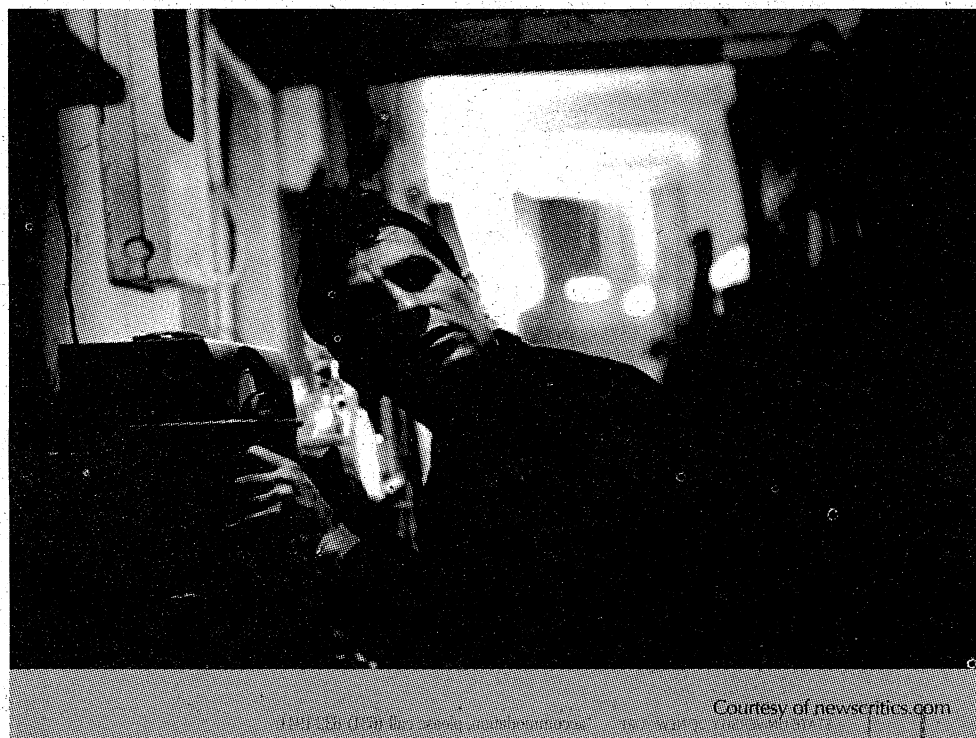
The tour starts with an introduction to Kerouac's roots. On

display are a collection of memorabilia that includes real family portraits of his neurotic mother, depressed father and his dead nine year old brother. But the most captivating part of Kerouac's family life, were the hand written letters his mother sent him during and post college, pleading with him to choose another profession and stay in college for the family's sake.

Despite his mother's desperate plea, Kerouac drops out of Columbia and leaves town for his cross-country road trip with best friend, Neal Cassady. This section of the room is filled to the brim with Benzedrine induced notes that Kerouac made during his 3 road trips to California and one to Mexico. These small fragments and journal entries were the same notes that Kerouac used to compose the only novel that could truly capture the spirit of beats, "On the Road".

The most exhilarating part of the tour is the fourteen-inch-long manuscript of "On the Road." Kerouac claims to have written the manuscript in three weeks without breaking, but scholars have questioned this notion. The scroll is full of grammar corrections, side notes and cross-outs which reflect Kerouac's inability to compromise with his editors.

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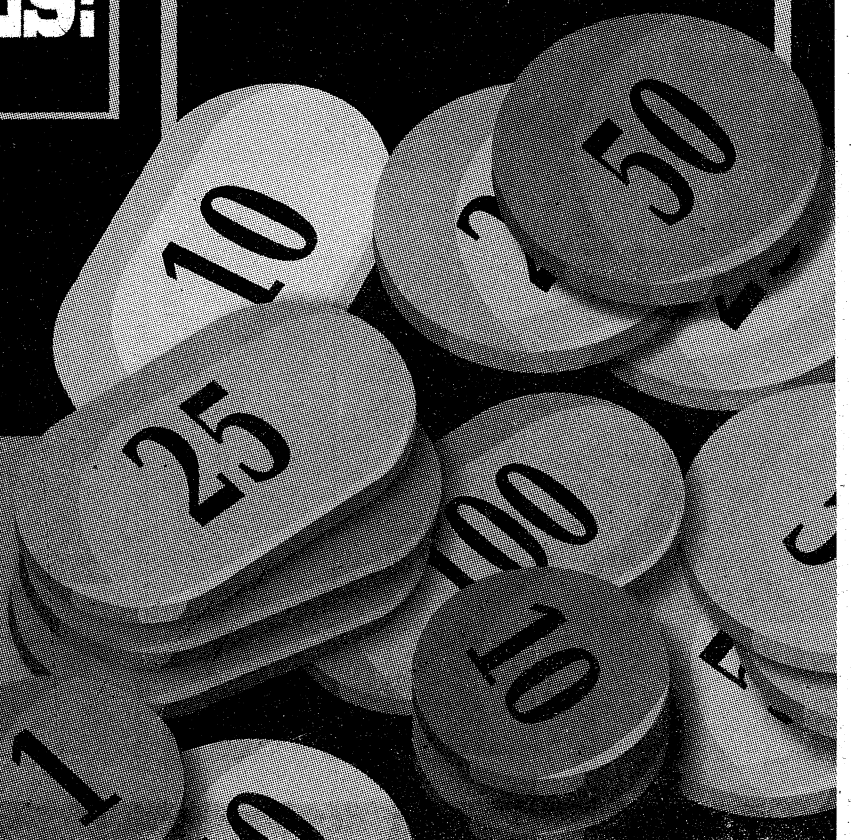
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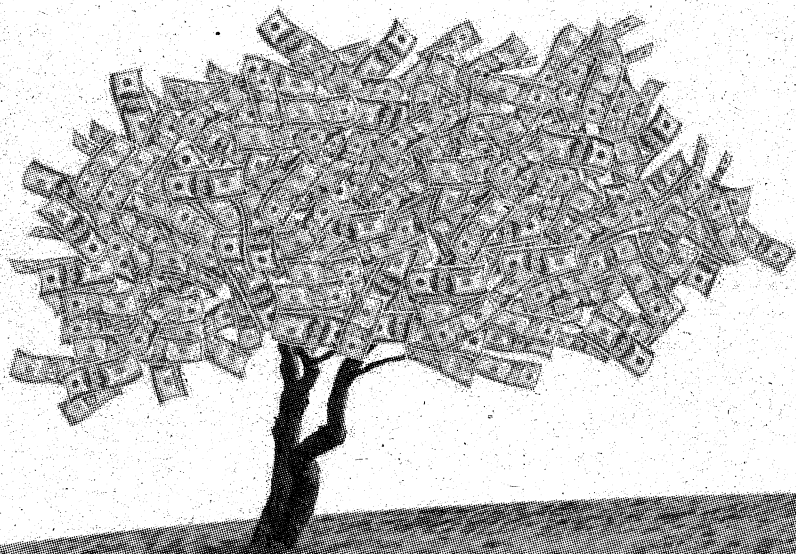


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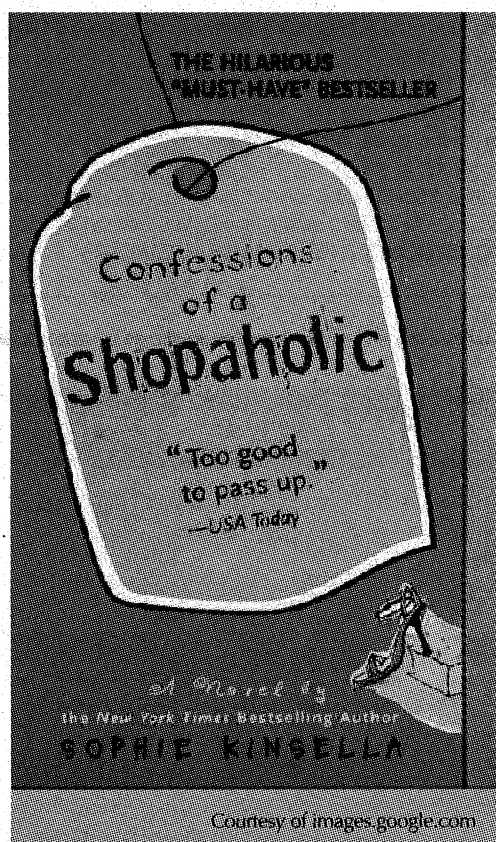
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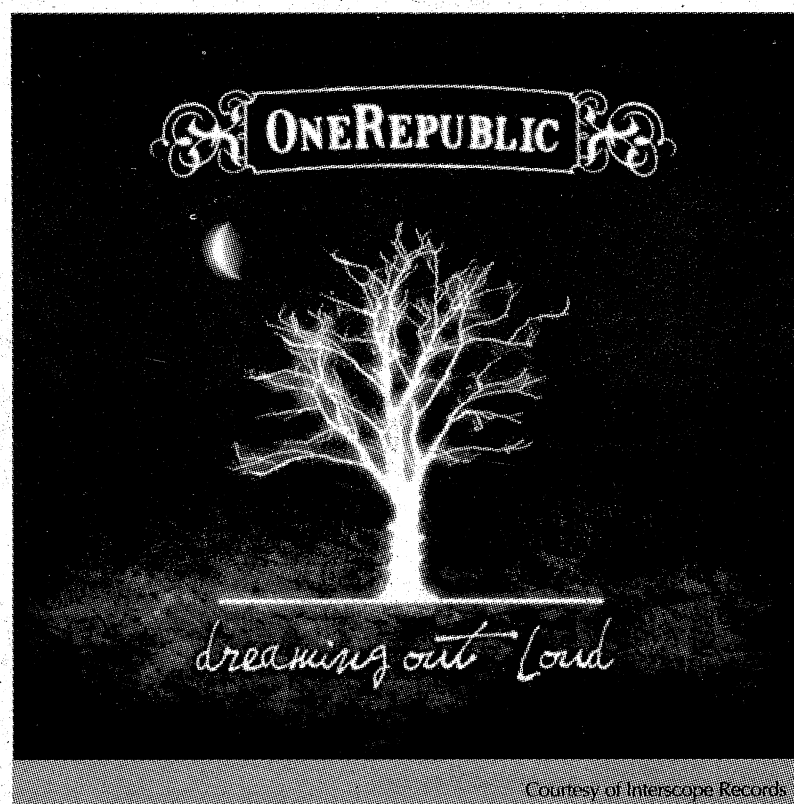
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# Move over Critics, One Republic is Here to Stay



BY IVANNA AVALOS  
Contributing Writer

OneRepublic created a radio hit when they worked with producer Timbaland on the remix for their song "Apologize." They have created a big fan following on MySpace, yet some critics don't seem to have anything good to say about their debut album, "Dreaming Out Loud."

"Dreaming Out Loud" was released Nov. 20, 2007, and was voted the second worst album of 2007 by Entertainment Weekly. Rolling Stone Magazine gave the album a two out of five star rating and some music critics have also said that lead singer, Ryan Tedder, is just mimicking the lead singer of another popular rock band, Coldplay's Chris Martin.

All I have to ask is, what where they thinking? I have to disagree with the negative reviews the band has received because I happen to think that "Dreaming Out Loud" is a very good album.

Lead singer Ryan Tedder, a producer himself, started the band in 2003 with high school friend, Zack Filkins. OneRepublic first gained popularity through, of course, none other than good old MySpace.

While their first hit single broke them into the music industry their debut album will, in my opinion, keep them around for awhile. OneRepublic's debut album is filled with several piano-infused ballads such as "Come Home," "Tyrant" and "All We Are." These songs have a perfect combination of smoothly piano mel-

odies, smooth lyrics and beautifully soft vocals.

"Dreaming Out Loud" is the type of album you can listen to when you just want to sit back and relax and slip into the melancholy melodies of the tracks. Unlike some records this is one where you won't be distracted by over the top poppy, dance tracks and can really enjoy and appreciate the honesty of Tedder's lyrics.

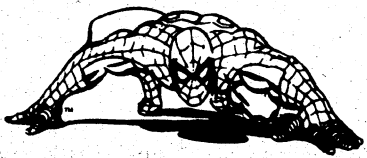
My grade for this album is a solid B, but don't take my review or the review of Rolling Stone as the final say. I say to give the album a listen to and decide for yourself if the critics are right. Whatever you decide, it can't hurt to explore something new. That is the beauty of music, there is always something to new to discover.

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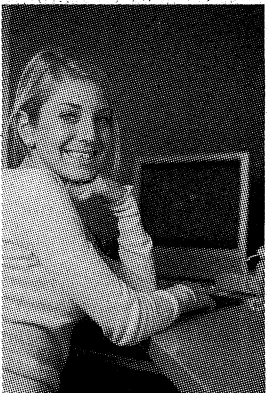
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# Long Aisle-land or Long Island?

If you live on Long Island, raise your hands. Okay, all of you are excluded from this exercise. If you are still with me, name me five towns near Stony Brook University. I have found that this proves to be a hard task for mainlanders. Some of you I'm sure succeeded: Port Jefferson, Setauket, Centereach, Hauppauge, Lake Grove, etc. But for every one of the knowledgeable folks there are at least two who say, "um, Smith Haven?"

Now, it is important to note that this is not their fault. It should be no surprise that most non-Long Island Stony Brook students get their lay of the land courtesy of the S60 bus route to the mall and back. It is a shame that this is the case, though.

Adventurous individuals may allow curiosity get the best of them and travel the other direction on the bus, but a majority does not. And since that is the case, a majority of students do not know about some of the hidden gems within spitting distance.

Take for instance Port Jefferson. This small village is the perfect college town, minus college students. Nice restaurants and cutesy shops line the streets on one side, the Long Island Sound on the other. Fine, so it may not be the nicest place

in the winter, but come spring, the town will remain peacefully devoid of Stony Brook students.

Again, this is not the fault of students. Whose fault is it? We don't want to place blame on the university because there hasn't been much (if any) dialogue to ease the commute to the surrounding neighborhoods, but consider this the first polite request. On the weekends, is it too much to ask for a bus or two to make stops in Stony Brook Village, Port Jefferson, etc.?

In doing so, the university may find that it accomplishes a few things. A) It provides students with something else to do on the weekends besides stomping up and down the aisles of Target, and b) it just might encourage students to stay on campus on the weekends, something that I'm sure any university official would admit to being a big deal.

In the meantime, I encourage everyone to do some exploring beyond the borders of the university and the strip malls. Somewhere nearby there could be your new favorite coffee house or the perfect chic clothing store or an independent movie house with your name on it. And if not, don't worry. I'm sure there's a Starbucks nearby.

# Letter to the Editor

Let me first begin by welcoming you and the entire new group of editors of the Statesman. I am sure that I am joined by everyone here at Stony Brook University (SBU) in wishing you success in your new position. You are now at the helm of one of the campus' most prominent news publications.

Unfortunately I have to begin your new tenure with a very critical review of your comments on Stony Brook University's appointment as a flagship campus of SUNY. It's regrettable that, as co editor-in-chief of the Statesman, you begin your time in office with such a negative view of SBU. A person in your position should be more impartial and optimistic. You state that there is nothing commanding or majestic about SBU. On the contrary, how many universities, public or private, can boast having accomplished as much as SBU in just a short 50 years? Granted, we do have a way to go to match the world's greatest universities but we have made some remarkable headway. As a graduate of SBU I am proud of SBU's past accomplishments, excited about its present undertakings and energized about its

future. SBU, under the direction of President Kenny, is on the road to even more tremendous, groundbreaking achievements.

As one of the new editors of the Statesman it's now your obligation to impartially report the news, current events, and facts and figures. You are now expected to open-mindedly inform and educate the campus community on important campus issues and concerns. Lastly and most essential, you are counted upon to draw the campus community together, to foster camaraderie and display that SBU Pride. It's your opportunity to get all faculty, staff and students involved in all campus activities. You have the journalistic medium to fill each and every seat in the Sports Complex, LaValle Stadium, Staller Center and every other venue on campus to get everyone involved in the myriad of campus activities. It's your opportunity to make the "unhappy" SBU students happy. I eagerly look forward to your foreseeable accomplishments as one of the new group of Statesman editors and to your constructive contributions to SBU - a flagship SUNY campus.

Al DiVenuto  
Staff and Alumnus



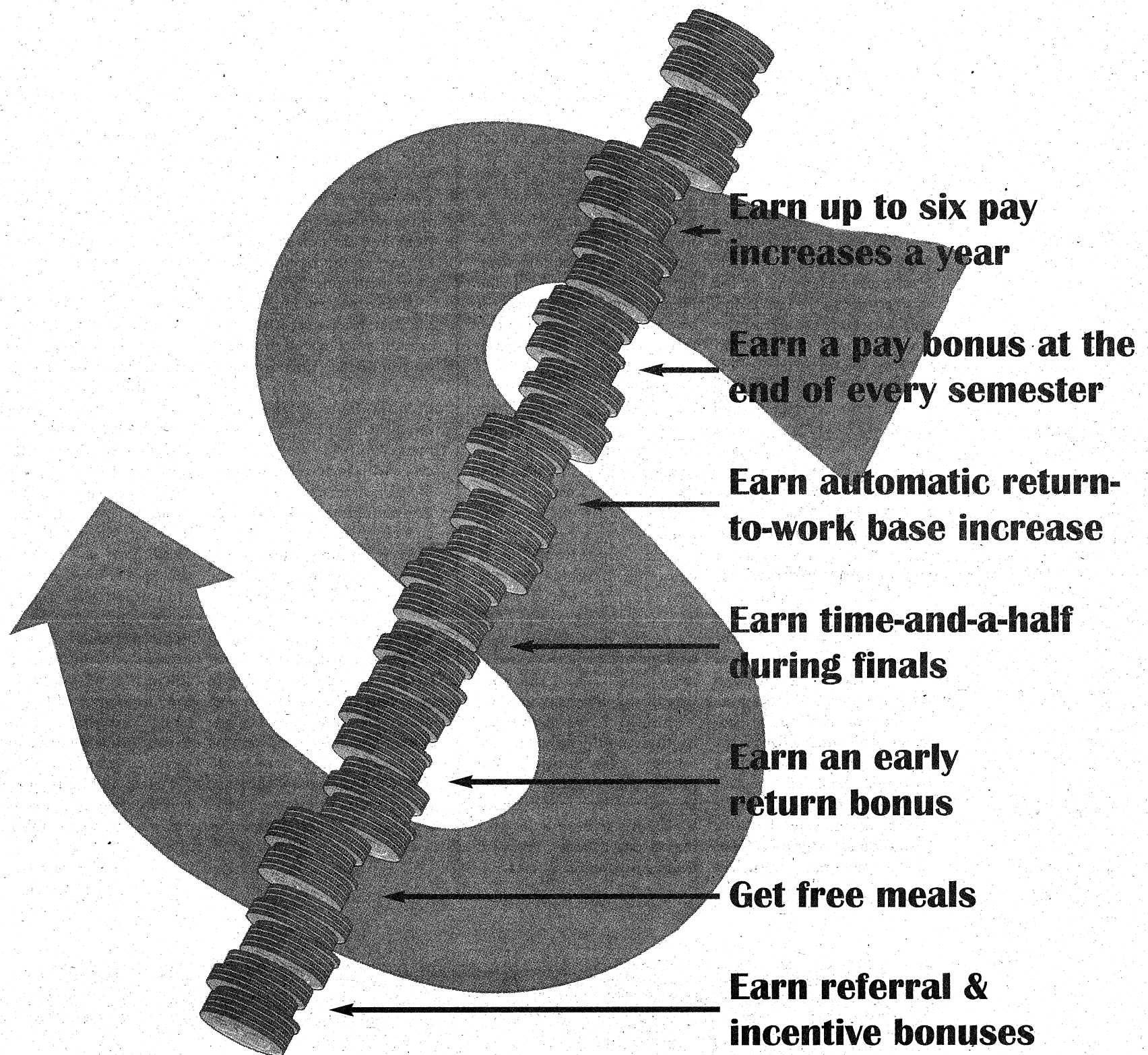
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# Shaq Traded to Phoenix- Staff Reactions

## The Statesman Sports staff provides their "insight" and "expert" analysis on the recent blockbuster trade.

### Shonto Olander, Sports Editor:

Everything in the NBA seems to revolve around the Lakers, and with this trade, where Shaq goes to Phoenix while Miami receives Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks, it's obvious the Suns over-reacting to the Gasol trade. While with Marion the Suns couldn't match up with teams with big front lines, it always seemed their goal was to run the bigs into the ground and bear them useless. Getting Shaq would be a great move for any other team, but not for this Phoenix Suns team. He is still talented but he won't keep up with Phoenix's offense. In a limited role he might be great to have, but don't expect the Diesel to give now what he once gave Miami.

### Adrian Carrasquillo, Asst. Sports Editor:

Its interesting because Marion is 29 and Shaq is 36. This is the move Phoenix has been criticized for not making in the past. Now with Shaq's arrival, its going to be like KG, its more about his impact on defense and leadership. They needed a guy who could match up with Tim Duncan. You wonder why the Spurs win, it's because they have the championship pedigree players. Phoenix just traded for some.

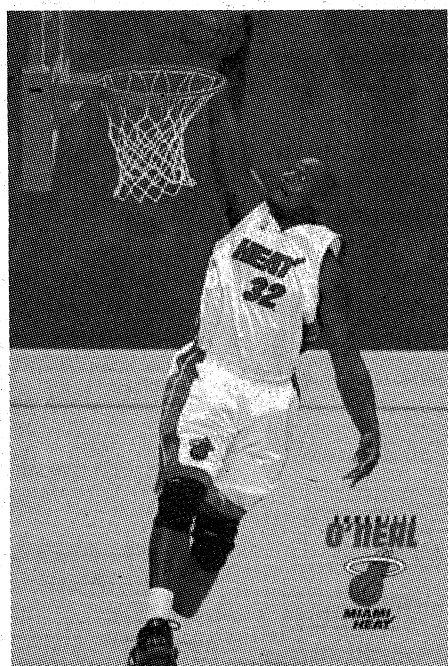
### Gene Morris, Asst. Sports Editor:

This is a dumb trade for the Suns. Shaq does not fit into their system at all. If this is a reaction to the Lakers trade, I am surprised. Phoenix has done a great job the last few years building a unique team that no one else could match up against. Marion was a key piece to that team. If not for Robert Horry's body check on Steve Nash in the Western Finals last year, Phoenix probably would have been the NBA Champions. Now there biggest advantage over every other team, offense, will not be as great. And having an overweight, injury prone Shaq will not help the defense that much.

### Brian Morgan, Staff Writer:

Shaq going to Phoenix is definitely

strange. Shaq is the last player, besides Robert "Tractor" Traylor, that would come to mind that would fit in the fast and up-tempo offense run by Steve Nash. It was most likely done in reaction to the trade done between the Lakers and Grizzlies, where the Lakers stole Pau Gasol from the lowly Grizzlies. Although he only has a couple years left in the tank, Shaq gives the Suns, along with Amare Stoudimere, the ability to compete in the post with Gasol and Andrew Bynum come playoff time. Shawn Marion is a high caliber



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player that can thrive in the East, but will this be the only season as a Heat? He has the ability to opt-out of his contract after this season, and he will look for more than the 17 million that he's scheduled to make next year, along with a multi-year deal. The Heat are still several pieces away from a championship team and it's seemingly impossible to think that they can even steal the 8th spot in the Eastern Conference. I can't say who will be on the better end of the deal until the beginning of next season. If the Suns win the championship because of Shaq, then they will have received the better end of the deal. If the Suns don't win the championship, then it

depends on whether the Heat manage to turn around their season and sign Marion to a multi-year deal.

### Matt Ehresman, Staff Writer:

Shaquille O'Neal's run in Miami is over. When he was sent there the expectations were to help bring them a championship. Mission accomplished. Miami also understood that at some point the Big Diesel was bound to break down. Well he has, and now he's getting towed off to Phoenix where the Suns are hoping he has one last ride in him. For the Heat, this was the steal of a lifetime. What they're getting back in Shawn Marion is a defensive stud, and a legitimate 2nd scoring option behind Dwyane Wade. For Phoenix this trade makes no sense to me. While I know they're lacking a big body in the middle to go up against the likes of Ming and Duncan, O'Neal is not the answer. O'Neal was never known for being a defensive force in his prime, and his arthritic hip may become problematic when asked to log big minutes. Now the Suns are not going to ask for the offensive production that the Heat needed, but how he'll fit into this offense is beyond me. I can't see O'Neal being able to run with this team. While everyone becomes a better player with Steve Nash, O'Neal will not provide the offensive production of Marion and will disrupt the continuity of this unit. I know Marion had grown tired of being the third man behind Nash and Amare Stoudamire, but this move only detracts from a team that has put together two 60 win seasons. There's no guarantee that O'Neal will stay healthy, and even if he does his days of carrying teams through June are over. The Suns are hoping he can take them to the next level. This team was a technicality (Stoudamire's ludicrous suspension) from heading to the Western Conference Finals last year. The biggest impact of this trade on the Suns will not be O'Neal's production, but the loss of one of the NBA's most well rounded players in Shawn Marion.

# Pro-Bowl Lacks Entertainment ...and Pros

By KEITH KOBASUICK  
Staff Writer

With the Super Bowl being played last weekend, everyone thinks the NFL season is over. But this weekend, the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl game was played in Hawaii.

The NFL's all-star game falls into the same trap as the NBA's, NHL's, and MLB's does, where no one watches nor do they care about it. It is only a reward to the players who have had an exceptional individual year.

The game itself is pretty boring. The coaches of the game are the losing coaches in the AFC and NFL Championship games. These coaches run their offense, meaning only a few formations and plays go into the offense. There are no blitzes allowed by the defense, meaning the teams can only rush four players. There are no block attempts on extra points or field goals, and usually no blocked punts (one in 2004). When a player gets hit with force, the play is frowned upon.

Players are picked to go to the Pro Bowl by the fans and based on their individual performances that year. Unfortunately, more and more players every year decide to opt out of the game and do not show up. Big name players such as Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Brett Favre and LaDainian Tomlinson decide not to go, either due to injury or to personal reasons.

Unfortunately, you cannot play the game in the middle of the season like most of the other all star games due to the chance of injury. Skill challenges are done, but often not shown or shown at difficult times. There is no purpose for the game, like there is in the MLB (World Series home field advantage for the winning side).

The NFL is in a tough spot. Out of all the professional sports, football has the greatest chance of injury. There are no incentives for one side to win, and the game is played after the season, meaning people forget the game is on most of the time. While the fan doesn't want to see injuries in a fun game, the fan does want to see football played at its best, with only the best players in the league.

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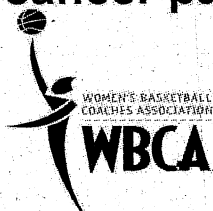
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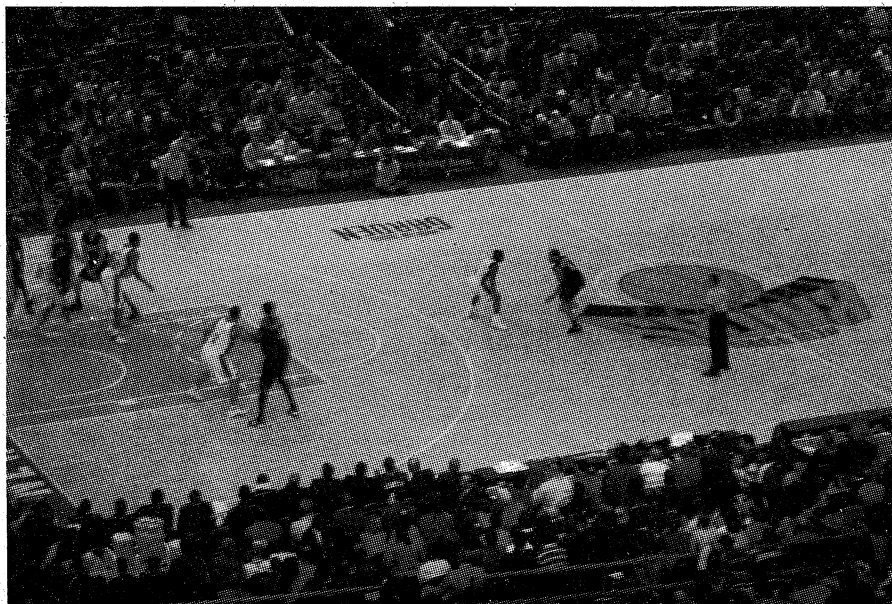
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# Franchises Cast a Shadow Over MSG



Isiah Thomas has been the Knicks team president for four years, but his efforts have done little for a franchise that hasn't won a title since 1973.

Shonto Olander/SB Statesman

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brought against Thomas and Madison Square Garden by former Garden employee Anucha Browne-Sanders. After bumbling testimony by some of the men supposedly in charge of a huge corporation, Sanders was awarded an \$11.6 million judgment.

Thomas has also installed himself as Head Coach of the team. Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown ran the Knicks during the miserable 2005-06 season, and lost his job after leading the team to a 23-59 record. Brown had a track record of turning around every team he coached, but Thomas refused to bend at all and bring in the type of players needed for Brown's style of coaching. The saga ended with Brown getting an \$18 million check to sit at home.

The roster is now filled with players that are individually talented, but don't mesh well together. Thomas has made a habit of trading players whose contract is soon to expire, thus giving him value, for guys who have talent, but for some reason or other don't fit in with their current team. Good teams with solid support structures can add one or two of these talented discontents and make it work. But Isiah's Knicks have no structure, no discipline, and it seems at some points that every man is playing for himself.

Garden owner and Cablevision CEO James Dolan's other toy is the New York Rangers. While the team has begun to redeem itself in the last few seasons, the seven year stretch before the NHL canceled the 2004-05 season is a dark one in team history.

Before the NHL implemented a salary cap to balance out the playing field between big and small market teams, the Rangers ranked either first or sec-

ond in overall team payroll in each year since 2000-01. The thought process of General Manager Glen Sather was to just add more stars if things weren't working out correctly. Sather built the 1980s Edmonton Oilers dynasty that was centered around Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier. But after being handed a blank check it seemed he forgot what made him so successful in Edmonton.

The key move in taking the Rangers back to the playoffs the last two seasons was one that seemed rather lucky. In the 2000 NHL Draft, the Rangers selected goaltender Henrik Lundqvist in the seventh round. Four years later, the team used a first round pick, number six overall, to select another goaltender, Al Montoya. When Lundqvist emerged after the lockout to become one of the best goaltenders in the league, it seemed obvious the team was surprised. Why else spend another high pick on a goalie? Part of the reason for the Rangers inconsistent play this year is due to Lundqvist.

After the first quarter of the season he was arguably the league's MVP. But as his play faltered, the teams lack of goal scoring was exposed, and the team that many predicted to win the Stanley Cup put themselves in the all too familiar position of having to fight for a playoff spot all the way to the end of the season.

It's frustrating to be a fan of these teams and watch all the wasted resources. If Dolan, who undoubtedly is the root of the problem, would hire competent employees to run his million dollar franchises, the potential would be limitless. Well, maybe for the Knicks, he should just worry about hiring people who won't get multi-million dollar lawsuits brought against the company. That would at least be a start.

# Fantasy Baseball Prose-ings

By ADRIAN CARRASQUILLO  
Asst. Sports Editor

"Baseball musings" is from a baseball website I've heard of. When I wanted a word that described the little opinions I had on the subject, "musings" was what worked. But then I wrote this piece and realized it was more prose-like. Hence, "prose-ings." But that's neither here nor there. This is a little primer to get everyone back into the fantasy baseball swing and to once again plug our Fantasy Baseball Challenge which will be awe-inspiring, mind-boggling and humbling; for anyone who attempts to take on our esteemed writers.

Each year my fantasy baseball addiction comes around slowly. I know that in January I start seeing a sprinkling of fantasy baseball magazines in places like Barnes and Noble. I resist the urge as long as possible but I eventually plunk down \$6 or \$7 and dive into one. Then February rolls around and I remember that Yahoo! opens its game up every year from Feb. 15 to the 20. And sometime before that my yearly keeper league sends out its first email.

As casual to competitive fantasy players can tell you, fantasy sports is about decision-making. The difference is in the amount of decisions that need to be made. Sure, fantasy football is just as important to many and each individual choice might hold more weight (fewer positions and scoring concerns), but fantasy baseball is like a complicated machine. There are lots of parts and if you mess up a couple you can easily be relegated to the bottom of the league.

So the first round of decisions in my keeper league involved which seven players I would keep. Now I don't want to bog this article down in numbers but a little perspective is necessary. It's a typical 12-team, 5 x 5 rotisserie league, with 20 starting positions and no bench. The seven keepers is great because it really helps to give our team's an identity, but we also include the flexibility of keeping, say, four players and plucking unprotected players in a supplemental round before our draft.

Ah, the draft. The jewel of fantasy sports. Most casual players come for the draft and don't stay for the six-month marathon, but who can blame them? Fantasy baseball can become tedious at times. But we're so far from that now. Fantasy baseball before the season starts is much like spring training. Hope springs eternal. Everyone thinks the draft will be their ticket to first-place.

But it was down to business, I had to somehow pare down my awesome core

of players into seven keepers. I had Joe Mauer, Travis Hafner, Chase Utley, Hanley Ramirez, David Wright, Ryan Braun, Vladimir Guerrero, Alex Rios, Tim Lincecum and Phil Hughes. That's ten players and seven spots. A competitive player reading this is undoubtedly scoffing at this collection of talent as a byproduct of an easy league. I'll admit the competition in this league is much less than I'm used to but that's why it's the first league I get into before the season. Its nice to ease into fantasy baseball.

With a Feb. 8 midnight deadline to post our keepers to the website, I had to decide which three players I would let go. Utley (top second baseman), Ramirez (arguably the top shortstop, Wright (top three third baseman), and Braun (top young hitter in baseball and reigning rookie of the year) were no-brainers. Guerrero came soon thereafter. I'm not so high on him, I think his knees will give out any day now but I was persuaded that he is nonetheless a top outfielder. And we start five outfielders. The dearth of top options led to his inclusion. Alex Rios followed because he's young and trending upwards, meaning his best years are still ahead of him.

I eliminated Hughes first. As a Yankee fan I wanted to hold onto him, but you can't have team-allegiance in fantasy sports. Lincecum has everything Hughes has except the wins potential. So it was between Mauer, Hafner and Lincecum. I was down on the two hitters because they under-performed last year so I wanted a fresh perspective. I posed the question to non-biased fantasy players and they pretty much agreed that Mauer could be dropped from consideration based on the merits of the other two.

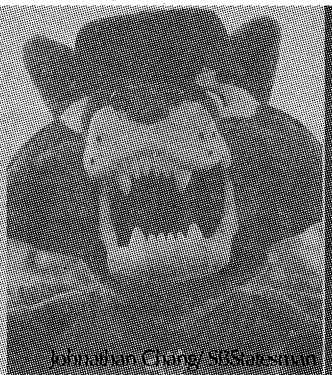
It was between a top 10 first base option and a top 15 pitcher because it's a keeper league and he's so young. I ended up making my decision based on how many top hitters would be left as opposed to top pitchers. Other managers posted their keepers first and a surprising array of pitchers were left available, while top hitters were retained. Its all about supply and demand in that regard.

I kept Hafner but not without the fear that the release of Lincecum could come back to haunt me. And here I thought this was the time of optimism.

Email sports@sbtatesman.org if you want to participate in the fantasy baseball challenge. It will be a competitive, 12-team, 5 x 5 rotisserie league on Yahoo!. We will post a league update in The Statesman and talk about the league in our upcoming baseball podcast, including interviews with participants and analysis on the happenings in the league. We have six spots available.



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# STATESMAN SPORTS

## Knicks and Rangers: A Deadbeat 1-2 Combo



Both teams continue to dissappoint fans despite limitless resources to improve.

Gene Morris/SB Statesman

By GENE MORRIS  
Asst. Sports Editor

Madison Square Garden, "the worlds most famous arena," sits in the heart of Manhattan. It hosts the biggest shows and events in the world. Unfortunately, it's also the home of two of the most dysfunctional franchises in professional sports.

The New York Knickerbockers have been around since 1946. The New York Rangers first skated in an NHL game in 1926. In those combined 144 years, the teams have brought home six titles to the Garden.

Big salaries and bigger disappointments have been the norm for the two tenants of the Garden. According to the USA Today salary database, the Knicks have had the leagues highest payroll in five of the six seasons in which the information is available. In the 2006-07 season the Knicks trailed only the Phoenix Suns by less than one million dollars. For all that spending the Knicks have a 15-36 record to show for it and haven't won a single playoff game in seven years. The one time they did make it over that stretch they were swept in the first round by the New Jersey Nets.

As terrible as they have been on the court, the off-court issues have turned the once proud franchise into the laughing stock of the league. After former General Manager Scott Layden was fired, fans were fooled into believing that Isiah Thomas was the answer to replace him.

Thomas had been known for being a good evaluator of young talent, which was something the Knicks needed to infuse into their lineup. But it's now been four years into Isiah's reign, and the franchise has gone through a litany of embarrassing incidents. The most recent was a sexual harassment lawsuit

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## Seawolves Sports Update

### Two Writers Take a Look at the Latest Gameday Action

By BRIAN MORGAN  
Staff Writer

#### Men's Basketball:

The Men's basketball team played on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 9, and lost both matches. In their first game at UMBC, the America East Conference's #1 team, the Seawolves lost 63-75. Leading scorer for the Seawolves was Emanuel Neto, who had 14 points of 6-8 shooting, 8 rebounds, and blocked 3 shots.

The second match was also away, where the Seawolves traveled to Boston University. Stony Brook fell short again, losing by a score of 64-60. Leading scorer for the Seawolves was Ricky Lucas, who had 19 points.

The Men's team has lost their last nine games and now has a record of 4-19, 1-10 in conference play. Their next game is this Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7:00PM where they host America East conference opponent Hartford. Last time they played the Hawks, was an 83-81 loss.

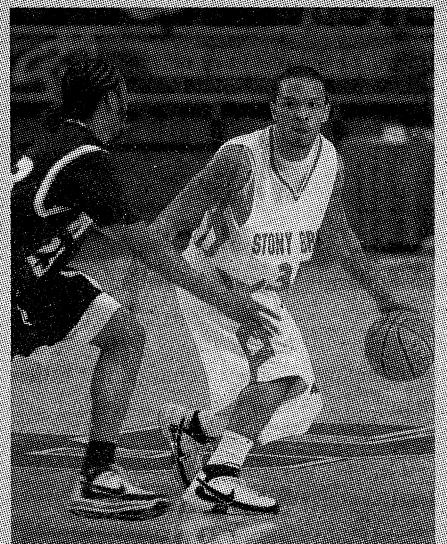
#### Women's Basketball:

The Women's basketball team played on Wednesday, Feb 6, and Sunday, Feb. 10, where they fell in both matches. At New Hampshire the Seawolves lost 55-64. Top player for the Lady Seawolves was Dana Ferraro, who led the team in both scoring with 12 points, and rebounding with 15 boards.

The Lady Seawolves second game was against Vermont, where Stony Brook lost 71-51. The team was lead by freshman Kirsten Jeter, who led the team in scoring with 16 points, and rebound with 5.

The Women's team has lost their last six games and now have a record of 6-16, 1-8 in conference play. The next game for the Lady Seawolves is this Wednesday, Feb. 13, where they will host UMBC, at 7:00 p.m. Last time they played UMBC, they lost by a score of 61-56.

Track & Field:



Men's Basketball plays Hartford this Thursday at 7:00 PM.

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By MATT EHRESMAN  
Contributing Writer

On Feb. 9 the men's and women's track and field team competed at the Valentine Invitational at Boston University. Mubaarak Muhammad placed sixth in the triple jump by breaking his own school record with a distance of 14.35 meters. Senior Melvin Genao finished 19th in the 500-meter with a time of 1:05:81, while sophomore Tim Hodge came in 16th in the mile with a time of 4:12:41. Senior Justin Miller placed 18th in the shot put with a distance of 14.66 meters.

On Feb. 8, the women competed. Highlighting the women's day was freshman Lucy Van Dalen's performance in the mile. Her time of 4:46.10 was good enough for fifth place. Her teammate, Laura Huet, came in tenth with a time of 4:55:08. Senior Dana Hastie ran the 3,000 meter in 9:41.46, which was good enough for seventh place. Sophomore Lisa Voltaire placed tenth in the 1,000 meter with a time of 2:58.76. Both the men and women are off until Feb. 22, when they'll compete in the America East Championship.