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University Drops Coca-Cola As Pepsi Wins Bidding

By LYNN HSIEH
Editor-in-Chief

In a few weeks time, Stony Brook University will be entering into an exclusive ten-year contract with Pepsi. Since last June, when the ten-year contract with Coca-Cola expired, the university has been restocking over 140 vending machines as well as the dining halls on campus with Pepsi products. These areas include the West Campus, Stony Brook Southampton, the University Medical Center and Long Island State Veterans Home.

The bidding process by Pepsi, Coca-Cola and a few other beverage companies occurred last spring after the Faculty Student Association, which is a not-for-profit auxiliary service on campus, sent out Request for Proposals, or RFPs, to the bidding companies.

The last contract, with Coca-Cola brought in over \$5 million to the university. The University Controller, Lyle Gomes, says that this contract will use the net revenue to fund scholarships for about 1850 students.

Some 90 percent of the shelf-space will be allocated to Pepsi products with just ten percent to



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The University entered into a new, 10-year contract with Pepsi, officially dropping Coca-Cola.

non-competitive alternatives.

One caveat to the new contract includes a provision that allows the FSA to sell Poland Spring bottles--although Pepsi is already offering Aquafina water. This is because the new contract differentiates between filtered and spring water, something that was not included in the Coca-Cola contract.

The Bid Evaluation Committee, who decided on Pepsi, con-

sisted of representatives from different campus organizations including: the Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Organization, Social Justice Alliance, University Procurement and the FSA.

Adhering to the university's mission for environmental sustainability, the new vending machines' refrigeration equipment will be more energy-efficient by meeting the Energy Star

requirements set by the state, said Kevin Kelly, the executive director of FSA. The machines also have hard-wired controls that convert to a low power consumption mode during periods of inactivity.

Only the vending machines on campus will be operated directly under Pepsi with a planned 25 cents increase in prices in the third and seventh year.



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Students can expect to a change on campus as the Faculty Student Association replaces Coke with Pepsi.

Attempted Robbery In Roosevelt Quad

By LYNN HSIEH
Editor-in-Chief

An attempted robbery was reported to university police last Saturday at Wagner College in Roosevelt Quad.

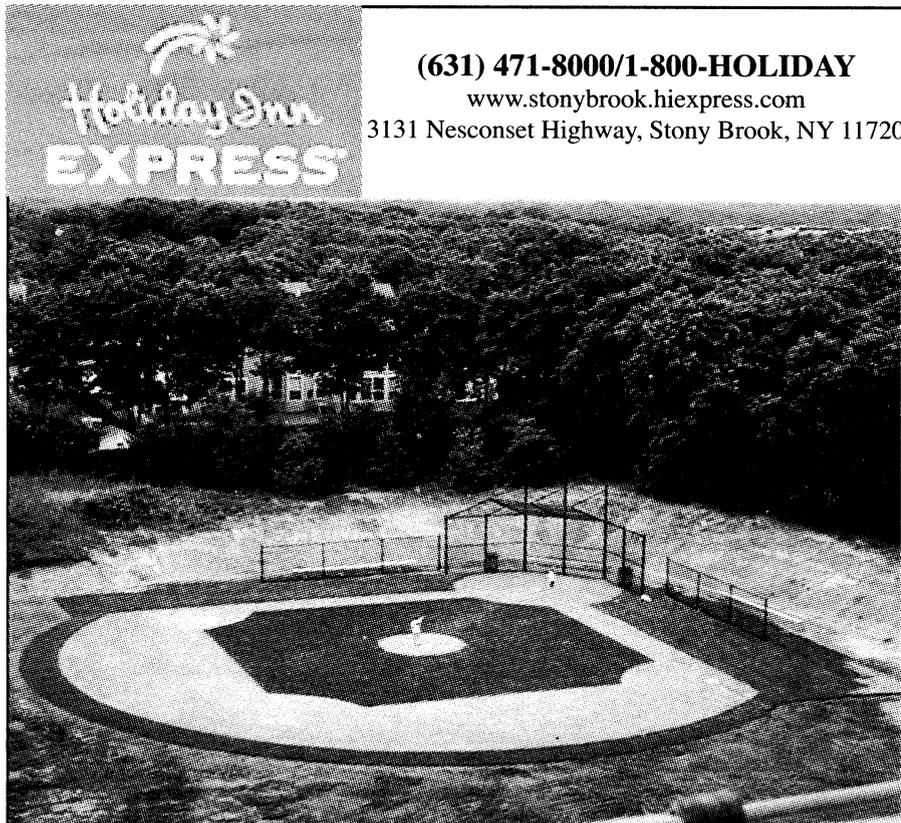
Three men approached a male student in the hallway of Wagner and pushed him against the wall, according to Doug Little, the interim chief of police.

The men threatened the student for money and hit him. The attackers fled

immediately after in the direction of Kelly Cafe, according to an email from Campus Residences, which was sent late Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon around 6:30 p.m., Little said.

"The student was not injured and did not go to the university hospital" for medical relief, Little said. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact university police.



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An Attempt to Shatter Stereotypes

“Guess The Straight Person”

By **CHER ARMSTRONG**
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 10 a crowd over 100 students filled the Student Activities Center Ballroom B to participate in an event titled, “Guess The Straight Person.”

The event, put on by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance has occurred annually for many years on the campus. This year it took place during Campus Lifetime, which is between 12:50 and 2:10 p.m.

“We do this to fight stereotypes and close-mindedness,” said Hazel Wodehouse, one of the organization’s presidents and a double major in marine biology and anthropology. “You can never lump a group of people into one category because everyone is different.”

In the event, several students sit behind a table covered with a rainbow cloth and answer questions posed by audience members. The audience then attempts to guess which of the panelists are heterosexual and which are not. When the panelists reveal whether the audience guessed correctly, the spectators are then asked to reveal why they believed each panelist was or was not gay.

Stony Brook’s LGBTA is the second-oldest club on campus and among the oldest chapters nationwide, according to one member.

The organizers hoped to emphasize how everyone is an individual, not a label, and that one aspect of a person does not divulge all that they are.

The fifth year expressed hopes that everybody that watched even one round of “Guess The Straight Person” would leave with an open mind and a sense of acceptance for everyone.

“Stereotypes do come to exist for a reason, but there are always many exceptions,” said Hillary Weiss, the club’s secretary and a sophomore majoring in philosophy.

Wednesday’s questions spanned topics such as movie, television and actor preferences, hobbies, innuendos and fantasies. As for reasons behind guesses of sexual orientation, students judged based on an-

swers and appearance factors such as short hair, whether panelists wore jewelry, I-CON t-shirts, political alignment, and the panelists’ opinion of Texas.

A large number of the audience came because they believed the event “looked interesting,” as one male student said, or because they believed in the LGBTA’s crusade to augment awareness, tolerance, and acceptance of alternative lifestyles.

Even those students that merely came for the free food ended up lingering to enjoy the insightful and entertaining responses of the panelists.

Evelyn McCabe, a senior and English major, lauded the performance. “You can never really judge somebody by what they look like. [The panelists] are very brave to put themselves out there because some people can be very judgmental.”

The club members were very pleased with the outcome of the performance.

Panelist Kyle Manley, a LG-BTA member and second-year computer science student, was attracted to the club a year ago when he attended the event. “I had a lot of fun serving as a panelist.” In response to the audience questions Manley said, “I was very relieved there was only one question about a food innuendo. A lot of the questions were very predictable, but there was one that greatly surprised me -- the one where one student asked about everybody’s biggest goal for the year.”

The success was mainly attributed to the large amount of advertising that took place this year. “I think the event went really well, especially because of our amazing promoter Katie Flanagan,” reflected co-president Nathan St. Louis after the event.

Before the performance, Flanagan could be seen with a colorful sign and calling out “Who wants to guess the straight person? SAC Ballroom B! You can get free pizza!”

Flanagan’s advertising tactics proved to be highly successful - something reflected in the vast turnout of students.

Students Sound Off High Gas Prices Hurt Students’ Wallets

By **ANNIE FRIEDMAN**
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University junior Julianne Walton-Rantz, from Fairbanks, Alaska, didn’t spend any of her own money on gas this summer.

Walton-Rantz, who worked for Pepsi this summer and was given compensation for some of the gas her car consumed, spent almost \$60 per week on gas.

“I could’ve made more money from my job if gas wasn’t so expensive,” said Walton-Rantz.

Stony Brook University junior Andrew Califano of Massapequa, said he had to budget his money and carpoled to work because of the high gas prices.

Califano, who owns a 2000 Mercury Sable, said, “I like my car because it’s a V6 but a V4 would more fuel efficient, so I’m stuck between the two.”

Gas prices on Long Island were on average over \$4 a gallon this summer. Blasting the air conditioner and burning fuel while sitting in traffic didn’t help your wallet.

Stony Brook University junior Erin O’Sullivan spent her summer in Port Jefferson, and drove home to Mastic Beach only when she had to.

“My vacations were driving home,” said O’Sullivan, who spent around \$50 a week in gas and planned out where she would go.

Jennifer Angley, a Stony Brook University senior from Albany, said she will be making the trip home less this semester because of high gas prices and would consider buying a Toyota Prius Hybrid.

“Companies are thinking of new ways to use energy,” said Angley. “We need to start learning how to use other resources since the resources we have now are running out.”

Stony Brook University sophomore Meagan Mollerlgren owned a sport utility vehicle last summer and had to ask her boss for a raise in order to drive from her home in Setauket to Huntington for her job. Mollerlgren spent around \$65 dollars a week in gas with her sport utility vehicle, and now owns a Mazda 3.

“I would never go back to an SUV,” said Mollerlgren. “I was broke.”

Oil prices have been dropping slightly over the past two weeks at some stations.

Student will continue to see a little relief at the pumps as the price of crude oil decreased slightly Wednesday according to Oilmarketer.co.uk, a news service specializing in oil production and output.

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So that time passes unnoticed like it does when the sky goes from peaceful black
to playful blue

Close my eyes and wish what we could just be
So affable, honest safe and carefree

I hope he wishes the same, I hope he wishes for me

VMA's

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been a fixture at the VMAs for the better part of a decade now. For the past two years she has been a big part of the hype. And yet, anyone who watched last year walked away either scratching his or her head or wondering what the hell happened to the poor girl.

This year, in sharp contrast, sees this once and future Pop Queen rise again from the ashes as she takes away not one but three moonmen. Is it believable? No. This is the stuff of fairy tales (Jonah Hill is apparently her Frog Prince). It's at this point that MTV's credibility- the whole "try to take us seriously" department as was mentioned- collapses on itself. Her winning the award was met with some well-deserved controversy later that night. Still, what more can we do but nod our heads and go along with it? The show must go on.

So there it is. The 2008 Video Music Awards have come and gone. We laughed a little, girls cried, and life goes on after the post-shows and after parties. Were we impressed? Probably not. Still, if there's one thing MTV can be sure of, it's that we'll be watching next year's show. Confused as ever, but with nothing better to do than to shut up and enjoy it.

OPINION

Oust the Vampires Get Real Campaign Reform

By ZACHARY KURTZ
Opinion Editor

New York Governor David Paterson was right on when he labeled some of our nations legislatures and lawmakers as vampyric "bloodsuckers" last Monday. He made the characterization in reference to how grassroots activists are ignored on Capitol Hill in favor for the rich lobbyists and unions. The people and the public good are getting overlooked, he said, in favor of corporate interests.

Paterson was referring to congressmen and women in particular, but the same can be said of presidents, governors, state and local legislators as well.

When it comes to getting elected and re-elected (and re-re-elected) politicians know to follow the money.

As long as they can get the corporate donations, they can run as many ads as they want, make as many empty campaign promises as they want, break those promises as many times as they want and be confident that their cushy offices will still be their every November.

Even though oversight and accountability is improving, with web-based watch groups keeping track of what candidates are raising, how much and from whom, lobbying is so pervasive in politics that the public is only peripherally aware of it and the mainstream media largely ignores it. The voters have demonstrated, year after year, that they aren't willing to think for themselves, and do their own research in seeing how badly their own politicians are serving them. Without overhauling campaign laws,

we have no hope of removing these parasites from their beloved offices.

The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act -- or the McCain-Feingold Act as it's known -- which was passed in 2002, is legislation that assured that we would never be able to elect a decent political candidate ever again. For anyone who tried to donate to a political campaign this year, you'll know that the most an individual can donate to any candidate is \$2,300. For corporations, with plenty of bodies to go around, this pricetag isn't an issue. For non-profit, grassroots organizations with a political agenda, this isn't so easy. These organizations shilling for lesser known candidates are in trouble, because they can't rely on a few big donors to kick off their campaigns. This gives a huge advantage

to the personal wealthy and incumbents, who's names are already known.

Another, hopefully unintended, consequence which affects the grassroots as a result of McCain-Feingold, is that organizations aren't allowed to run ads on the airwaves controlled by the Federal Communications Commission in support or against politicians who are running for office. The limit of this type of "electioneering" which pretends to level the playing field, does exactly the opposite. The ability of the citizen and non-profit groups to express their political opinion is drastically reduced. In essence, only political opponents are allowed to attack each other through television and radio advertising. Unless an issue is brought up by the national media, it won't be aired and

voters won't know about it.

Luckily, these rules don't yet apply to the Internet or print media. Republican Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas), who has since suspended his presidential bid, made use of the Internet during the election to great affect. His loyal donor base was able to raise an astounding amount funds through the Internet from millions of people in small increments. Libertarian Party Candidate Bob Barr is trying to copy this success.

However, the Internet is still a relatively young medium and politicians still rely on television and radio ads to gather their voters. Unless there is a media revolution in the near future, campaign finance must be reformed or we'll be stuck with the "bloodsuckers" forever.



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THE 2008 MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS

By KWAME OPAM
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On Sept. 7, MTV presented its 25th Annual Video Music Awards, a show that, in recent years, has been having more and more trouble living up to its own hype. Not for lack of trying, of course, seeing as this year's awards was as drenched in glitz, glitter, and glamour as any previous year's shows. MTV just seems to fall short in the whole "Try to take us seriously" department. This year, unfortunately, was no different. On the whole, the show can be described as occasionally entertaining and mostly confusing, due in no small part, perhaps, to the apparently revived and refreshed Britney Spears.

So what happened? The night opened at the Paramount Theater in Los Angeles, Calif., with British comedian Russell Brand as host and emcee. Dressed in what must have been a post-punk-meets-'80s-hair-metal outfit, his brand of comedy was a mix of political humor (nowadays, sex with a running mate's daughter will turn you into a Republican. Who knew?), self-deprecation, pop culture commentary, and sheer earnest to entertain his audience. He managed to entertain only about

half the time, with the other half having the audience wondering, "Who is this guy?" I would wager that he represents MTV's honest attempt to stay relevant to its au-



Rihanna performs her latest single, "Disturbia" at MTV's VMAs. Courtesy of vma.mtv.com

dience and industry, but squarely missing the mark, as it did when "The Hills" became popular.

In terms of performances, most of them were good both on and off the main stage. Stand-outs definitely include Pink's performance of "So What" and Rihanna's "Disturbia," both of which recalled the over-the-top performances of past VMAs. The Jonas Brothers wholly embraced their teen heartthrob images as they sang "Lovebug" to insane fangirls. Lupe Fiasco, LL Cool J,

The Ting Tings, and the oh-so annoying Katy Perry all performed with the house band TRVSD-JAM, and Kanye West ended the evening with a performance of his new single, "Love Lockdown" (from his forthcoming album), with fireworks and backing drum ensemble.

However, no show is without its low points. Christina Aguilera's performance of "Genie in a Bottle/ Keeps Getting Better" had far too much lip-synching than could be excused, and, for a show whose focus was supposed to be the future, recalled 1998 more than anything. T.I.'s performance overall was good, but he languished in the "Whatever You Like" portion of his set. "Live Your Life," with Rihanna's presence, was a much stronger one. Lil Wayne had a mixed showing as well. "Misunderstood" went over well with the audience, while Leona Lewis singing Nina Simone was definitely a treat. Wayne rhyming over Kid

Rock's "All Summer Long" was much less so.

And then there were the awards. There were generally no surprises this year as this portion of the ceremony is consistently, and ironically, boring. The winners of the night were:

Best Female Video: Britney Spears, "Piece of Me"

Best Male Video: Chris Brown, "With You"

Best Dancing in a Video: Pussycat Dolls, "When I Grow Up"

Best Rock Video: Linkin Park, "Shadow of the Day"

Best New Artist: Tokio Hotel, "Ready, Set, Go!"

Best Pop Video: Britney Spears, "Piece of Me"

Video of the Year: Britney Spears, "Piece of Me"

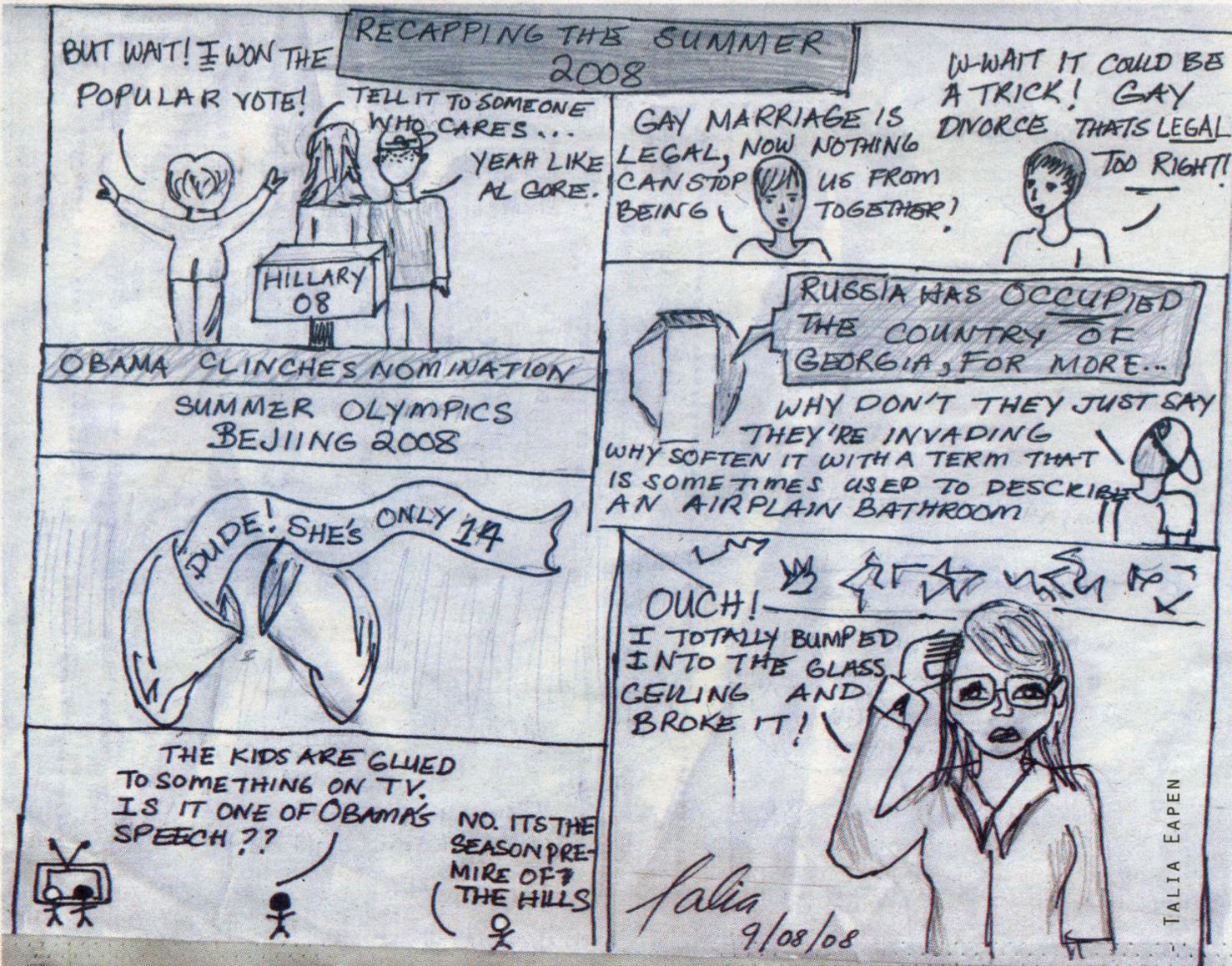
Hopefully, something should have struck the reader as odd. Britney Spears, without ever winning the eponymous award, has

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By TERI SCHWARTZ
Contributing Writer

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- hear the orphans
- hear the nightmares
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- hear the silence
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A President Wishlist

By NICOLE ROACH
Contributing Writer

The entrance to Javits has become a lush floral paradise, every color of plant and decorative stone work is present. This is all thanks to Shirley Strum Kenny's renovations and "landscape initiatives" over the past 14 years. The era of Kenny as Stony Brook can easily be dubbed "Beautification." This can be evidenced by the addition of the Wang Center, the redone main entrance, the bloody Zebra Path, and our now Eden-esque Javits.

It is easy to see why the campus needed a face lift, but last spring, the bureaucracy increased even as classes were cut. How could we be wasting money on landscaping when my class choices are being diminished? It became apparent, however, when Kenny's retirement was announced, she is trying to leave

a visible footprint with which to be remembered.

Her actions will be appreciated, but it is decidedly unfortunate that the changes she will be most remembered for are cosmetic. Even with all the missteps during her tenure, she has helped expand the university and improved its standing in the collegiate community. With this groundwork in place, I have a wish list for her successor.

The first task should be to tackle the parking problem. It is no secret that the parking situation on campus is lacking at best. A reorganization plan along with the addition of more convenient parking facilities would really create a more attractive environment. If they really wanted to win points with the students, it would be free or at least a fraction of what it is now.

Secondly, make eating on

campus more affordable. I know the president does not set the prices, but he or she can help get us a better food service contract. This year Jasmine, which is run independently of the general contract, introduced a value menu. If they can afford to do this, the multi-million dollar companies the other campus dining halls contract with can do it, too. Or, in a truly unique move, organize it to be run by students. I'm not just talking about the preparation of food, but the management as well; set it up as a class or internship for the business school.

The next president must make the effort to stop tripling freshman in the residence halls. Most resident halls were built to house two or less people per room and it should be kept that way. There are two options here, build more dorms or limit the

number of people residing on campus.

We need a president who is more approachable. I know the job as president is busy, but maybe once in a while walk around campus. Talk to students, find out what we want and need before making decisions that have tremendous impacts on us.

Finally, please restore the Zebra Path. Last time I checked, Zebras are black and white, not red.

Although we all have our individual complaints regarding the university and its management, Stony Brook's national recognition has increased. If we can keep things continuing in this trend and make these additional adjustments, we just might have a school that we can all be proud of and happy to attend.

Letters to the Editor

Palin Criticism Isn't Sexist

Re: Can Palin Juggle It All?

Recent criticisms surrounding Republican VP nominee Sarah Palin have been perceived as inappropriate and even sexist by many, including author of "Can Palin Juggle It All?" (April Warren, September 8, 2008) Although attacking a female politician for her negligence to her "motherly duties" would normally appear uncalled for, Palin warrants such criticism precisely because her role as a mother of five is what she prides herself on.

At the Republican National Convention, Palin was introduced as a "hockey mom." By repeatedly identifying as such, Palin has invited the country to recognize her as a mother among the many other things she allies herself with such, as a National Rifle Association supporter and fiscal conservative.

Just as her "tax-relief" policy in Alaska is being analyzed, so is her maternity. Palin is only being held to her responsibilities as a mother

because she has chosen to identify as one. As a pro-lifer with a six-month-old child with Down syndrome, it is equally as important -- not as a woman, but as a parent -- to rear her child. Warren mentioned that prominent female politicians such as Hillary Clinton did not receive criticism for giving preference to their careers. Clinton did not become a prominent politician in her own right until she was elected to the Senate in 2000, by which time her daughter, Chelsea, was 20 years old. Clearly her situation as a parent cannot be compared to that of Sarah Palins'. Palin does, in fact, have plenty of other gaffes working against her as a politician without us having to assess her role as a mother, but by holding the positions she does regarding abortion and doting on her role as a mother, she has asked for such criticism that is in no way sexist.

- Hira Ahmed

Musical Theater is a Serious Medium

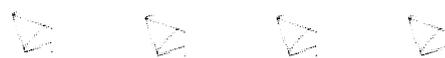
Re: "Mamma Mia"

Kayla Rose's review of "Mamma Mia" (September 8, 2008) displays an ignorance that is unfortunate for a theater reviewer. She writes, "A young couple beside me actually left at intermission because they felt the acting was too 'phony.' However, that is musical theater." No, it's not. Mr. Rose needs to get out more. That has not been true of

musical theater since the 1930s. How about a little less bias born of ignorance? She should try seeing some serious musical theater done by serious artists and she'll see how wrong she is. No art form can be, in and of itself, trivial or phony -- only the uses to which it is put.

- Scott Miller

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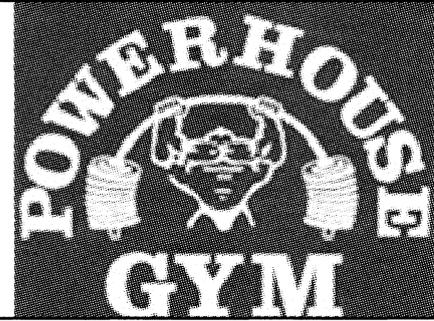
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MEN'S SOCCER OPENS HOME SLATE WITH VICTORY

By GENE MORRIS
Sports Editor

Nothing has come easy for the Seawolves men's soccer team so far this year. But that only makes Sunday afternoon's frantic comeback victory over Long

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Island University (LIU) even sweeter.

The game was scoreless throughout, until the 69th minute when LIU's Jukka Lehto scored the games first goal off a give-and-go with Ryan Vignonna.

The LIU goal created momentum for the Blackbirds, who turned up the pressure on the Seawolves. Senior goalkeeper Dawid Ditrich had to make three saves in a five-minute span to keep Stony Brook in the game.

After Ditrich gave his best effort to

keep his team in the game, the Seawolves offense finally broke through against Blackbirds keeper Adam Janssen. Freshman Kevin Zalewski put in a rebound after the ball had hit the post on a Stony Brook header and tied the game.

Less than two minutes later Oscar Leis headed a cross from James Palumbo into the back of the net to give the Seawolves a 2-1 lead.

The Blackbirds did not manage any shots after the Stony Brook goals allowing the Seawolves to escape LaValle Stadium with the victory.

Notes: The goal by Zalewski was the first in his Stony Brook career... The victory was the third straight time the Seawolves have won its home opener. The last loss occurred Sept. 1, 2005, against Hofstra University... The Seawolves travel to Washington, D.C. to play Georgetown on Sept. 10 after production time, and host Columbia on Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm.

Seawolves Football Set To Battle Maine

By KEITH KOBASIUK
Senior Writer

The Seawolves will take their 1-1 record to Maine to take on the Black Bears this Saturday, Sept. 13. Maine is 1-1, coming off of some last minute heroics by sophomore quarterback Adam Farkes. Maine beat Monmouth by a score of 21-17 after losing their opening week game to BCS team Iowa 46-3.

The Seawolves are 1-0 all time against Maine. Last year, the Seawolves beat the Black Bears on homecoming weekend 30-23. After tying the game on a last second field goal, it took two overtimes before the Seawolves finally punched one in. Running back Conte Cuttino had the winning score.

Maine's offense is led by senior running back Jhamal Fluellen. Last year, he rushed for over 1,000 yards in 11 games and has rushed for 223 yards already

this year. Maine's passing game is led by Adam Farkes, who started several games last year as a freshman. He has completed over 50% of his passes, with three touchdowns and two interceptions. No receivers have over 100 yards on the year. On the defensive side, 24 players have at least one tackle, one interception and two blocked kicks. They have two sacks on defense, while only giving up one so far this season.

The Stony Brook defense will have to contain the Black Bears' running game. The Seawolves have only given up 201 yards in two games, and have rushed for over 400. Maine has given up 421 yards on the ground. Look for the Seawolves to continue that number, as it appears it will be a favorable match up for Stony Brook.

The game is on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. Listen live on WUSB 90.1 FM.

PALACIO ON FAST TRACK AFTER SBU

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I had been drafted."

From there it was "crazy," as he put it. "The next day they flew me out first class to Long Beach, I got all my stuff together and they put me in a hotel in Jersey. From there it was L.A., Austria, and South Carolina."

Even though he has been on injured reserve since April 15 rehabbing from a torn ACL, which he tore in a freak accident during the third game of the season, and recovering from appendicitis, Palacio knows he's at the right place with the Red Bull. "I couldn't picture myself not playing soccer, these past five months have been the worst for me."

Growing up, he couldn't picture himself not playing soccer either. Palacio, from Uruguayan and Colombian descent, had soccer skills instilled at him from a young age. His father, who played soccer and wrestled at the University of North Carolina, was the one who taught him. And like his father and former coaches, he too teaches young players how to play the game he loves, coaching kids every day, ages 10 to 16.

The tough coaching and the extra attention that other teams paid to him made him a better player. He was a marked player at Stony Brook, meaning that a player on the opposing team shadowed him defen-

sively the entire game. Being marked led to quicker thinking.

"You have less time to think what you're going to do with the ball," he said. "In the pro's you have even less time."

Palacio also thanks Coach Markovic. "He deserves a lot of credit for making me a better player."

Today, Palacio lives with three other rookie roommates in New Jersey, including former Stony Brook soccer player, Chris Megaloudis. Everything has been a huge transition to him, "definitely a lot different [than my time at Stony Brook]."

"Everything from a lot more lifting and watching what I eat."

Even though Palacio has moved on from Stony Brook, he still holds the memories very close.

"Winning the America East Championship and going furthest in the tournament in School history is definitely my greatest moment at Stony Brook," he said. "Without a doubt."

Palacio will be returning to Stony Brook on September 20th for the Alumni game and for Stony Brook's game against Townson.

If you would like to see a former Seawolf athlete featured in this section in the coming weeks, send an e-mail to Sports@sbstatesman.com

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Men's Soccer:	
9/12 vs. Columbia	7:00pm
9/17 at Yale	7:00pm
9/20 vs. Towson	7:00pm

Women's Soccer:	
9/12 @ Boston College	7:00pm
9/16 vs. Bryant	7:00pm
9/18 @ Hofstra	7:00pm

Football:	
9/13 @ Maine	6:00pm
9/20 @ Brown	12:30pm
9/26 vs. Hofstra	7:00pm

Volleyball	
9/12 vs. Manhattan	4:30pm
9/13 vs. Princeton	11:30am
9/13 @ Fordham	7:00pm

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STONY BROOK WOMEN'S SOCCER WIN'S TWO CLOSE GAMES

Victories Put Seawolves Back on Winning Track

BY MATT EHRESMAN
Senior Writer

On Thursday Sept. 4, Stony Brook's women's soccer team defeated Manhattan 1-0 at Gaelic Park in Riverdale, New York.

S e n i o r Trine Allenberg scored the only goal for the Seawolves in the 20th minute of the first half. Allenberg was able to tuck the ball inside the left post off a pass from freshman Colleen McKenna.

"Trine has really stepped up her offensive production so far this year," Assistant

Coach Steve Welham said. "Trine and Colleen McKenna are starting to really belnd together nicely... becoing almost our dynamic duo."

The Seawolves had a few chances later on in the half, but were denied by Manhattan goalkeeper Caitlin Tripiano, who recorded six saves for the Jaspers. The Seawolves were led by another strong performance by goalkeeper Marisa Viola, who recorded her second shutout of the season. Viola made seven saves, including a flurry of shots during the first ten minutes of the second half.

Stony Brook was able to regroup, as they dominated the possession game the rest of the way.

BY MATT EHRESMAN
Senior Writer

On Sept. 7, the Seawolves returned home to host the Fordham Rams in an afternoon affair at LaValle Stadium.

S t o n y Brook won an exhilarating game, scoring a goal in the final six minutes for a 2-1 victory over Fordham.

Stony Brook continued with a trend they've shown all season, by jumping out to an early lead. McKenna opened the scoring in the sixth minute of the game, taking a feed from Allenberg and chipping the ball over a charging Fordham goalkeeper.

In the 25th minute Allenberg almost extended the lead, but hit the crossbar from twenty five yards out. Viola once again was big in the net for the Seawolves, as she stoned Fordham striker Katie McDermott from point blank range right before the end of the first half. Viola also came up big late in the game, by pushing a header from Ram Kañe Sanchez wide.

But in the 84th minute Fordham finally solved Viola. McDermott was able to head a cross from Katie Boulos past Viola into the left corner of the net.

The game would remain tied for only a short while, as three minutes later senior Brooke Barbuto would score what proved to be the game winner for the Seawolves. Barbuto was able to deflect a loose ball past Fordham goalkeeper Jen Byer.

"We were able to take a lot of positives from the Fordham game" Coach Welham said. "We showed a lot of heart to come back from allowing a late goal that knotted up the score, to getting the winner through a kind of 'hustle and heart' play."

Notes: After their successful week the Seawolves were ranked 13th in the Norhteast Region in a poll released by Soccer Buzz magazine on Tuesday... Senior forward Trine Allenberg was named America East Player of the Week after scoring the game winning goal against Manhattan and then getting an assist on Sunday against Fordham... Stony Brook will travel to Boston College to face the Eagles September 12th... The Seawolves are now 3-2.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

From Seawolf to Red Bull: Michael Palacio



Photo Courtesy of New York Red Bull

BY CARL J. CARRIE
Asst. Sports Editor

Michael Palacio walked out onto the Giant's Stadium turf, wide-eyed and excited. It was only a short time after the Giants had finished their dream season.

But he was here for a different reason, his own dream.

Palacio was at Giant's Stadium to start his career as a professional soccer player for the New York Red Bull.

As a scrawny 6-foot tall forward, the Long Beach High School product Palacio was not heavily recruited.

"I was little," Palacio said. "I was 145 pounds, now I'm 175."

However, having played for Stony Brook's head soccer coach Cesar Markovic the summer before college, he opened up the coach's eye enough to be offered a scholarship. Four years later, even after leaving as Stony Brook's all-time assist leader, he was on his way to a tryout for a semi-pro soccer team, when he found out he had been drafted into the MLS.

"I was hanging out in Miami with one of my friends over there," Palacio said. "I was going to try out for a team in the USL, the league below the MLS, when I got a phone call from an unavailable number. I was like, 'I should pick this up,' and it was the sporting director at Red Bull telling to me

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