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Arts

Very Young Girls: An Exposé on the U.S. Commercial Sex Industry

I remember my life at 13, living in New York. I can recall the lives of many 13 year old girls that I knew living in New York. We were loud, uncomplicated 7th graders, barely developed enough to fill out our clothes. We mostly talked about our schoolgirl crushes and questioned if they even noticed our existence. But I was only 13. What did I know about boys?

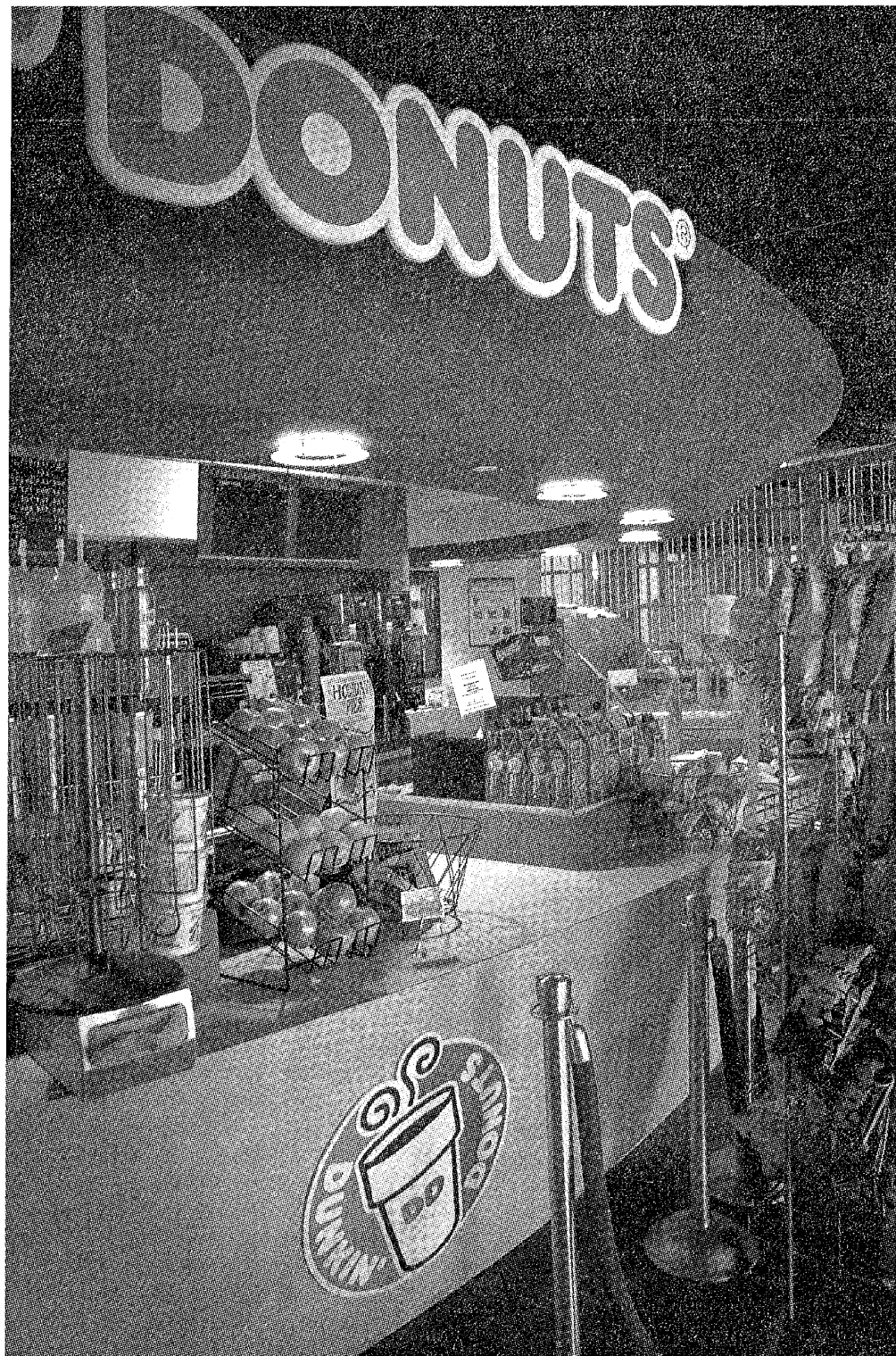
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Sports

Seawolves Trump Blue Knights

Over 1,200 Seawolves fans packed Pritchard Gymnasium Monday night to support the men's basketball team in its home opener. What they witnessed was a blowout, an 87-53 rout of the Mount Saint Mary College Blue Knights, as the Seawolves rolled to a 2-0 record with the win. The Seawolves never trailed in this game and enjoyed a 10 point margin midway through the first half.

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Tabler Cafe was cited for three health violations, including failure to monitor food temperatures.

Tabler Cafe Cited For Three Health Violations

By RACHELLE JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

A recent restaurant inspection revealed three health code violations by the Tabler Cafe that included failure to monitor food temperatures, keep temperatures logs and have sneeze guards.

Among the violations was a failure to have an appropriate sneeze guard. According to the report by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, bins of raspberries and blueberries were found openly displayed at the front counter subject to patron contamination. The crepe station with raspberries and blueberries could have easily been contaminated, because the "single vertical piece of Plexiglas" was inadequate to protect against contamination, the report said.

Unprotected and unpackaged food is susceptible to patrons and employees who may be suffering from a disease that is transferable through food.

According to Dr. Adrian Popp, an infectious disease expert at Long Island Infectious Disease Associates, there are some common bacteria that are not particularly harmful. However, he added, "If a patron or an employee has an upper respiratory illness and contaminates the food by sneezing or coughing, the virus may survive on the food depending on how long the food is on display."

Sophomore Saira Ahmed grimaced when told about the code violations at the cafe. The 19-year-old economics major lives in Roth Quad, but sometimes orders crepes and coffee from the Tabler Cafe. "It's a little scary," Ahmed said. "But it's a college campus, if you don't get sick [in the cafe], you'll get sick somewhere else."

The school has made improvements. "We installed proper sneeze guards as soon as we received them, which was within about two weeks," said Angela Agnello, marketing and communications director for the Faculty Student Association, which oversees campus dining. "Logs and procedures were established to record and monitor food temperatures during the transport of product from Roth Food Court."

There was no word on whether the

Students Voice Concerns Over Construction of Campus Hotel

By PATRICK JACQUES
Contributing Writer

Among those who oppose the construction of a Hilton Hotel on campus, the strongest reaction on campus has come from the members of Stony Brook's Environmental Club. Students say the cutting down of trees in order to construct the building is unnecessary.

Spokespersons for the university remain adamant that

all environmental issues have been taken into account and the clearing of the area behind the administration building was the school's only option. This leaves little hope for those who want to save the area, as the university pushes forward with its agenda to achieve prominence and make itself a flagship for the entire SUNY system.

"The hotel is supposed to be a benefit to us, instead a lot of people are worried about what

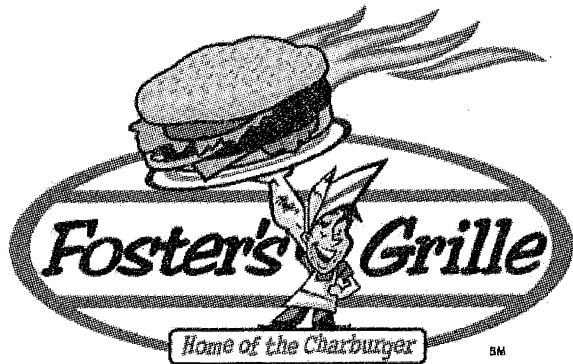
could happen," said Michelle Pizer, president of Stony Brook University's Environmental Club.

Pizer organized a protest of the hotel the weekend of President Samuel L. Stanley Jr.'s inauguration. The club has also circulated a petition for the development of an alternative plot that does not require the clearing of forest.

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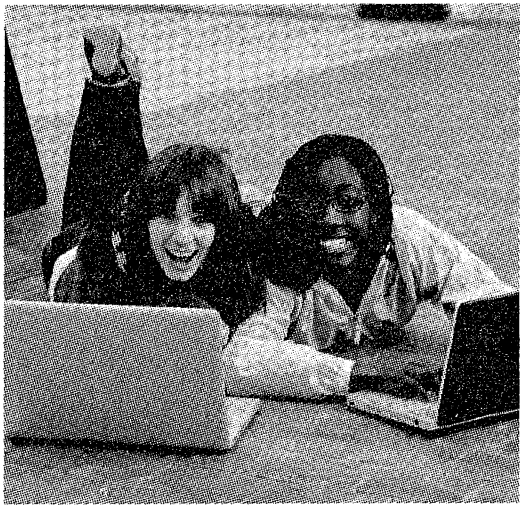


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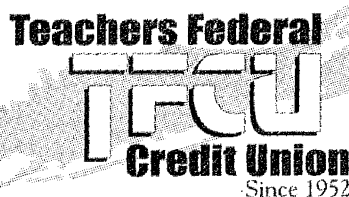
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crepe station was shut down or whether they continued to make them during the two weeks.

Tabler Cafe received two other code violations for failure to properly monitor food temperatures. A bayonet thermometer, a tool used to measure the temperature of thicker foods such as stock pots or soups from vendor Au Bon Pain, was also unavailable. In addition, there were no food logs to monitor the temperature of potentially hazardous foods transported from Roth Food Court.

Potentially Hazardous Foods (PHF), according to the Food and Drug Administration, are foods that are natural or synthetic and require temperature control because they are in a form capable of supporting Salmonella enteritidis, rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms, or the growth and toxin production of Clostridium botulinum.

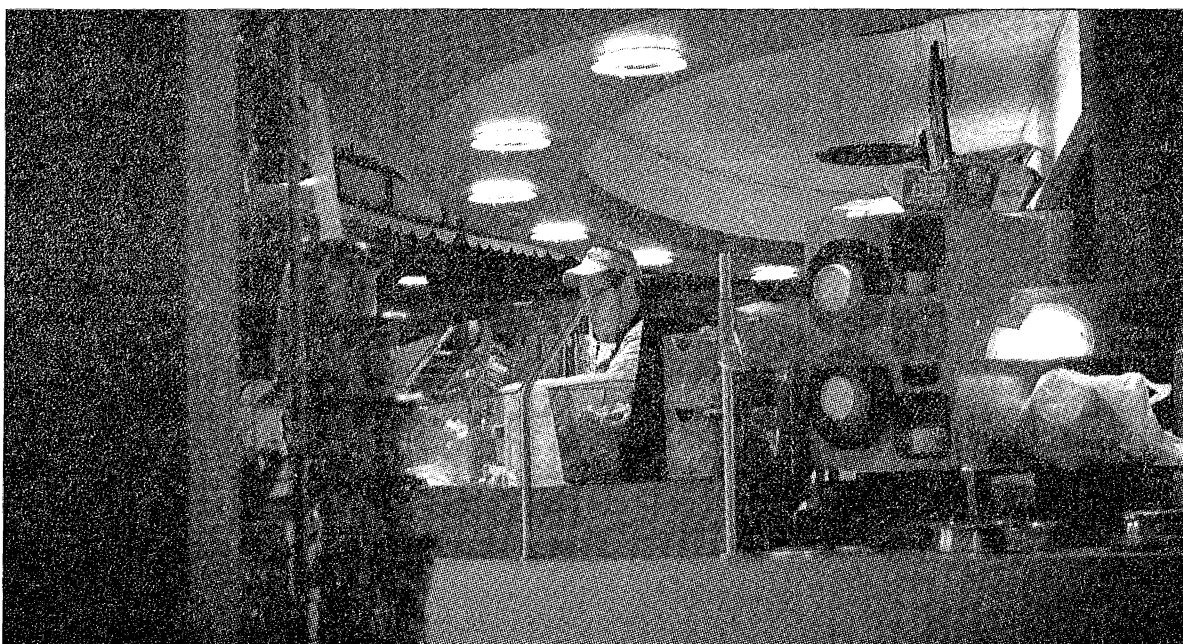
Agnello said there are quality assurance plans in place to control risk factors, including temperature logs for point of entry of potentially hazardous foods and storage units. Food service employees must wash their hands five to six times per hour and are instructed to leave their station, if possible, to sneeze or cough. Employees are to use a tissue to cover their mouth, wash their hands, and change gloves prior to returning to their station. Employees with flu symptoms are not to report to work and must be "fever free" for 24 hours.

Merrily LeBlanc, 18, a pre-nursing major, said she eats at the Tabler Cafe "every now and then." Although LeBlanc was "grossed out" by the code violations, she also said "I would eat there again if they fixed it."

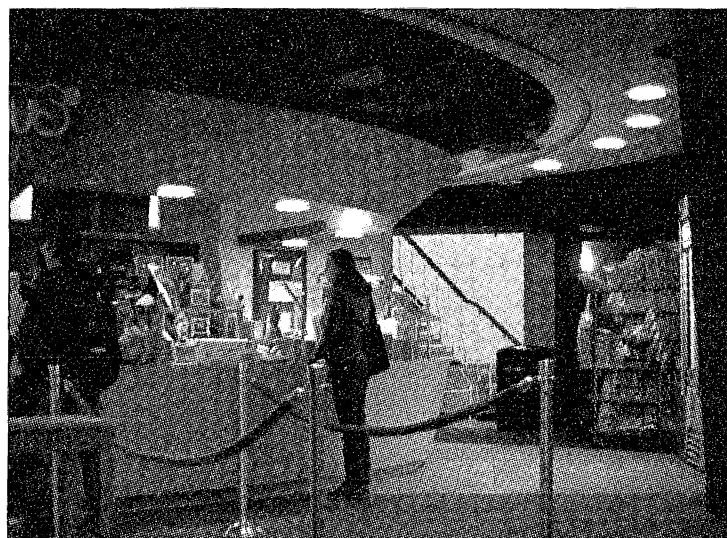
Without proper temperature controls, it's difficult for food managers to determine whether the temperature should be adjusted or if food should be discarded.

According to Dr. Popp, temperature controls are important. If the temperature is kept too low "there is a likelihood you're serving bacteria with your food." Lower temperatures allow bacteria to multiply and grow.

This was the first offense for Tabler Cafe.



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Students Voice Concerns Over Construction of Campus Hotel

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"There are so many places to use that don't require clearing forest," said Pizer. "Parking lots, decrepit buildings—they're just doing what they thought of first and this is turning out to be a really bad idea."

The club has floated the idea of possibly building an addition on top of the Student Union to replace the need for the destruction of the forest.

According to Barbara Chernow, vice president for facilities and services, the only way to have an outside developer build on campus is to have a ground lease, and currently the only lease the school has specifies that 11 acre parcel where the hotel is going to be built.

"We have so many projects being built on campus, I can't think of another place that would be better," said Chernow. "Certainly, we don't want a hotel in the middle of the campus...we don't want a hotel where Ashley Schiff Preserve

is now or the area near the South P lot."

It's unlikely that the location of the hotel will change, but the university feels even with the clearing of the forest they're making efforts to complete the project in the most environmentally friendly way. This includes constructing the building to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards, which is a green building rating system.

"We have a program with campus operations—for every tree that needs to be removed, they replant two some place else in the campus," said Amy Prevezanno, executive director of environmental stewardship at Stony Brook University. "We work very closely with the construction folks to try and limit the amount of trees that need to be disturbed."

The school has not yet completed an environmental impact

assessment of the area, which is required by New York State for building projects by universities. The point of the assessment is to make sure that there are no unexpected negative impacts to the environ-

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ment as a result of the construction. This is one of the reasons why Pizer doesn't understand the haste with building the hotel.

"Everything seems to be so secretive," said Pizer. "We need to bring this out to the public, so there can be a discussion about it.

And their plan is to break ground this fall."

"They have not done one yet and these don't take a really short time," said Pizer, about the lack of an environmental impact assessment. "I asked [Stanley] when he plans on doing it, he said don't worry about it, all that's going to get done. If they start building without that impact assessment, it's against state law."

Pizer's disapproval of the new president goes beyond his lack of a definitive answer on the assessment. According to Pizer, the president hasn't been here long enough to develop any type of consensus on such a controversial issue like the building of a hotel. His desire to make a big splash and build up the school's standing is being done without engaging the campus community first, she said.

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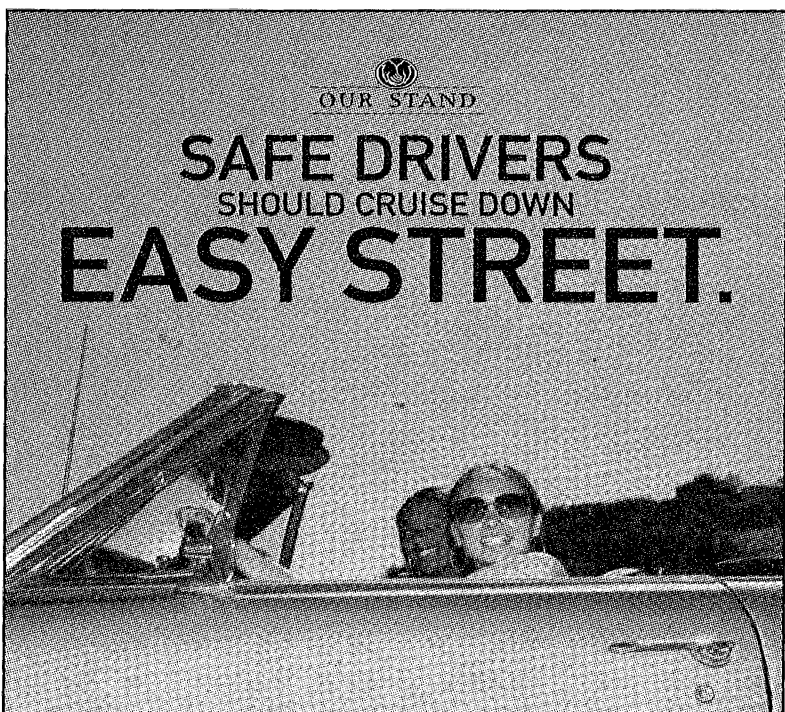
environmental example," said Pizer. "What's he going to do next, clear Ashley Schiff Preserve?"

Chernow said the assessment will get done once the developer gives them the site plan. She also said that the advantages of having a hotel are enormous.

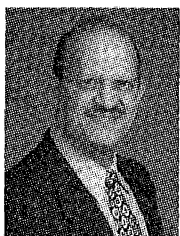
"It's going to give us an opportunity to have beds for the families that visit patients in the hospital," said Chernow. "It gives us the opportunity to have our athletic teams host more games here, the Staller Center the opportunity to have artists that wouldn't come here because there's no place to stay... and it's going to give professors the opportunity to invite others to have conferences on our campus."

The benefits won't be known until long after the first shovel hits the ground on this project. To Pizer and others in the environmental community, their minds have already been made up.

"This isn't going to help Stony Brook," Pizer said.



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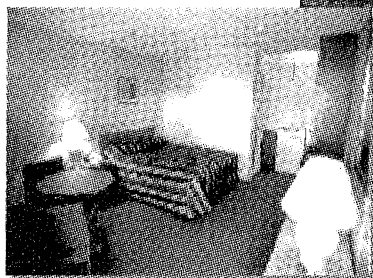
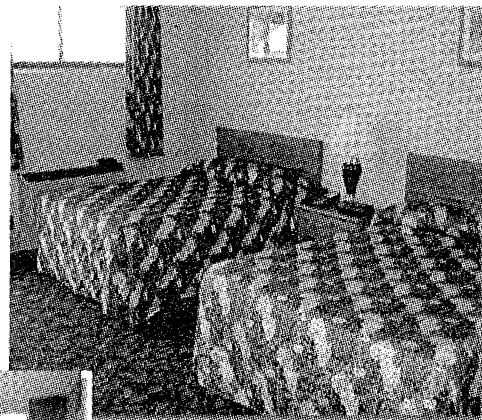
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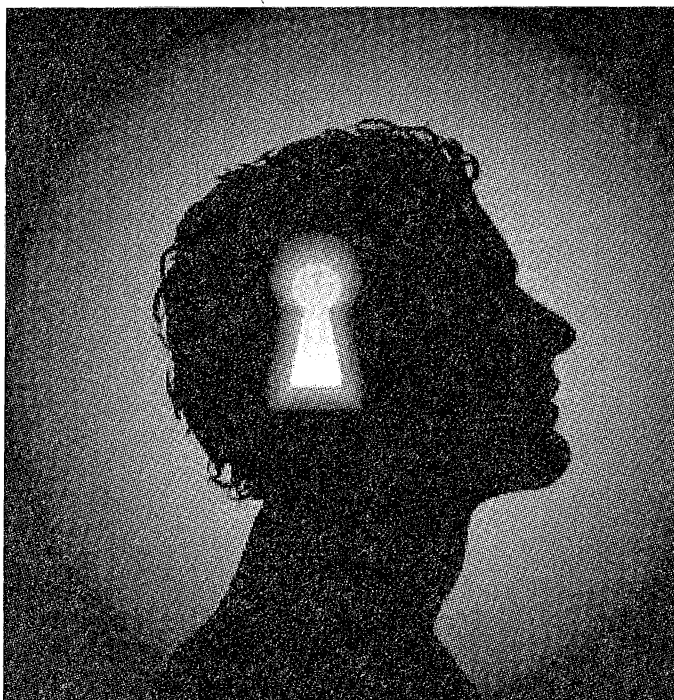
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These shootings and countless others beg the question: why does there seem to be so much violence in America recently? The American people are under a lot of stress, embroiled in two major wars and suffering from the worst economic depression in recent memory. Perhaps the violence is coming from individuals who cannot cope with the increase in tension. While we all do live individual lives, I believe that America as a whole, or any country for that matter, has a collective mood to it. The shooting in Fort Hood was carried out by Major Nidal Malik Hasan. What makes this shooting even more striking is that he was a psychiatrist, one of those entrusted with protecting the mental health of soldiers back from the battlefield. He was a devout Muslim, who was feeling major apprehension about deploying to Afghanistan. Did the military and family members miss key red flags in all of these cases of mass murder?

The major stressors that accompany living in the modern world perhaps bring out



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"People in America experience hardship together, and we should never turn a blind eye to the problems faced by our neighbors even when they are unaware of it themselves."

underlying psychological issues in people. Are there signs of their potential for violence that people miss? In the case of the Fort Hood shootings, there had been some indication for concern about Major Nidal, but nothing to warrant a full investigation. In the case of the Orlando shooting, the shooter was a disgruntled employee who felt that his life had been destroyed by being laid off by that particular company. This may be true, but there are many Americans who have had their lives destroyed by unemployment. What causes one person

to become violent and the other to cope in a healthy way? I feel that it may be the amount of real world violence or perceived violence that a person is exposed to. Some people are more sensitive to stories that involve violence and may become traumatized by them. Major Nidal had heard first-hand accounts of the most extreme and saddest cases of violence and tragedy; other people might be affected by accounts of violence they hear on the news or learn about from friends. Soldiers are particularly susceptible to being traumatized because of

the intense violence they witness. There have been cases in the past of military personnel lashing out violently against loved ones. A top priority of the armed forces should be to help them transition in and out of a battle zone. This extra counseling by another psychiatrist might have helped Major Nidal Malik Hasan deal with his issues and prevented this tragedy. Another issue that needs to be addressed is how easily a person can obtain firearms.

In this day and age, people have very open access to weapons, so what might start as a violent fantasy could very easily be turned into reality by loose gun laws. A person who is contemplating violence might be able to control themselves or get help if they had time to think about what they were doing and not be able to buy a gun so easily. The government should take steps to try and increase gun safety.

Violence is a very primal response and a crude mechanism for coping with stress. We all should look at our daily lives and try to find ways to deal with stress in a safe way. Sometimes a person is so busy that they do not take time to deal with his or her own inner health. I feel that the government should launch an awareness program telling Americans to really take time to watch how they feel and make sure that they are happy, or at least able to deal with all of life's issues. In the end, we need to remember that people living in a country experience problems together and we should never turn a blind eye to the stress and problems of our neighbors, even if they are not aware of it themselves. It is up to all of us to make sure that we all stay as happy and healthy as we can, and that we have ways to help those who need it.

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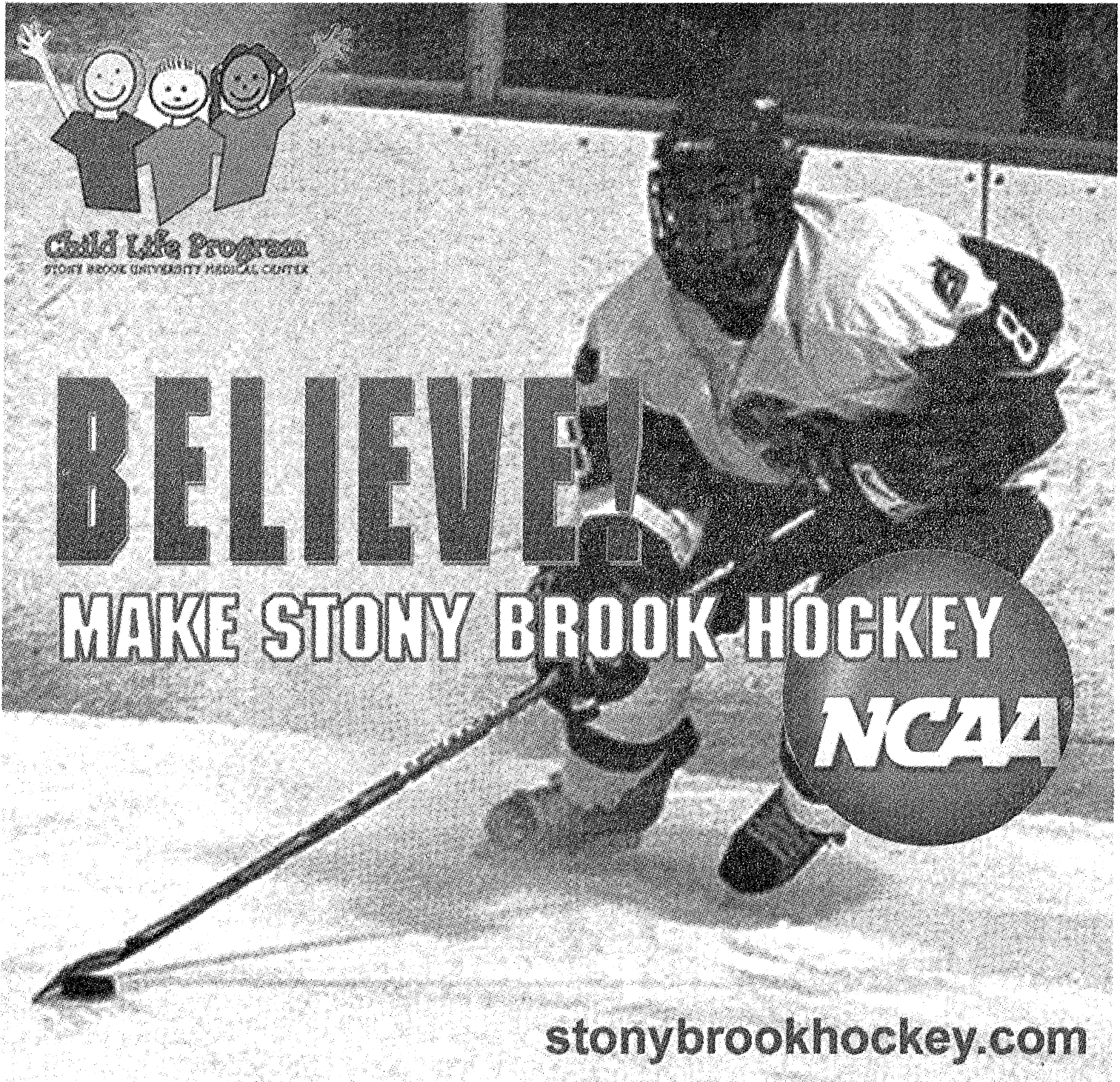
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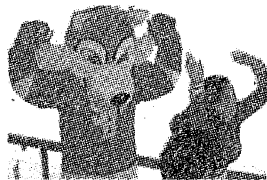
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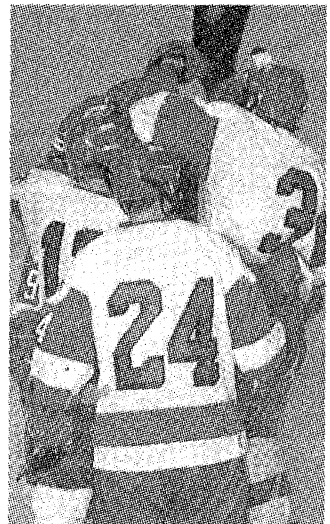


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Letters to the Editor: The Hotel's Unplanned Impact

To the Editor:

While there may be justifications for SBU having a hotel on its premises, I urge the administration and our new President choose one of the alternative locations that have been proposed that would be much less destructive of our environment.

We have a beautiful Campus now, after much attention was given to buildings and plantings in the last several years. A Hilton Hotel as the first structure greeting those who enter the Campus would so distract from the atmosphere of academic life that has been created. But that concern is minor compared with the negative impact that a building, as currently planned, would have on the environment of the Campus and the surrounding community. When I came to this Campus 20 years ago and served as a member of the Senate Campus Environment Committee, we had an understanding that for every tree that is felled, another one should be planted. This understanding was soon ignored and in the name of progress countless trees were felled to make way for the expansion of the University, i.e. buildings, roads, parking lots. Some of this may have been justifiable, but

much of it was done recklessly, for expediency, and without sufficient consideration of the environmental impacts.

We are now developing the Southampton Campus as a model of environmentally responsible building and with the mission to research and practice sustainability. Should this sensitivity not carry over to all of the University, so that mitigating environmental impact is always a top consideration in whatever we do?

Mr. President, please consider a different location for this new hotel and also make it a requirement that it be a LEED building. Replacing the old Student Union building with this hotel, or building it on land near the railroad station are but two of several better options.

Every effort should be made to preserve the remaining green spaces on this Campus and to keep the continuous greenbelt along Nicholls Road intact as habitat for wildlife, as a provider of priceless services that a mature forest gives to us, and for aesthetic reasons.

- Godlind Johnson

Johnson is the head of the Science and Engineering Library at Stony Brook University.

To the Editor:

I am appalled that my own university will soon enact a plan to destroy the woods next to the main entrance for a hotel, ignoring all entreaties about ecological disturbance, and aesthetic values of the community and campus. This patch of woodland is an essential area for birds, salamanders and other wildlife. It provides a corridor for wildlife to move along this area of Long Island. It is used for the ecological education of thousands of students each year. Most importantly, it is also a symbol of Stony Book University's commitment to sustainability. To destroy these woods also abrogates a promise made by our university to the community to maintain a wooded buffer along Nicholls Road.

The plan to locate a hotel at the entrance, despoiling 11 of the few campus acres we have left in woodland, is anachronistic. Who would destroy woods any more? We have learned so much, except apparently at Stony Brook where we pay lip service to sustainability

at Southampton but destroy our own terrain with eminent disdain.

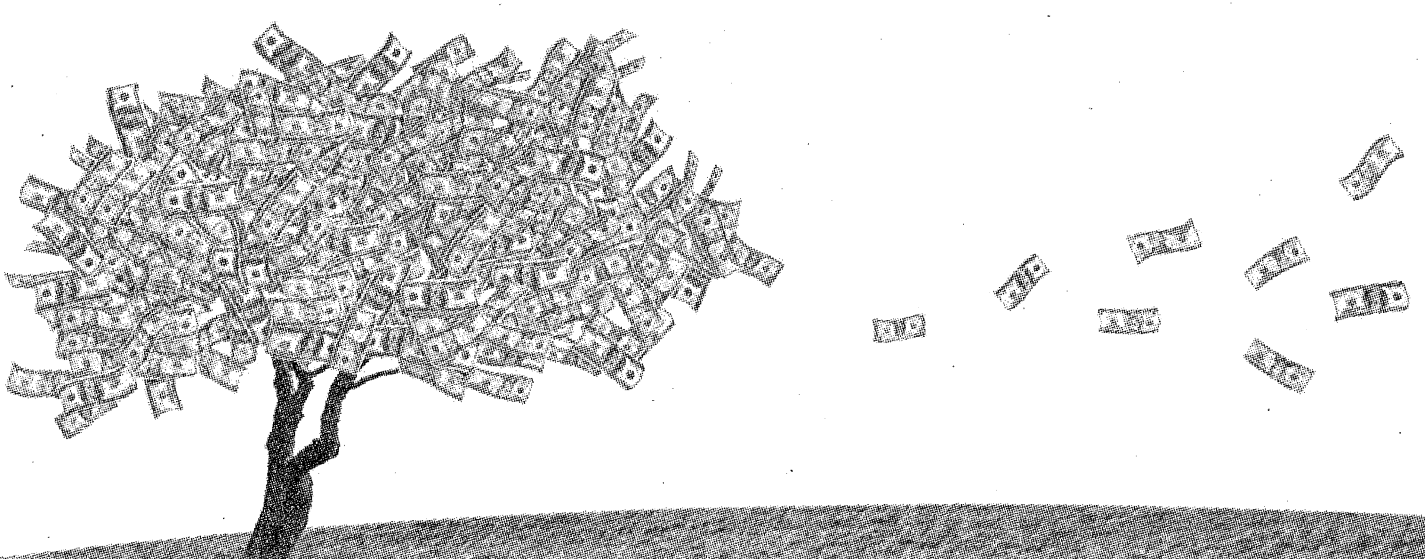
The hotel's location stems from a plan in the 1980s and, as was typical of the last presidential regime, no input was ever sought from competent ecologists, landscape experts, or even aesthetically minded members of the campus community. This is a very bad way to start a new President's era of leadership. I suggest that the President stop this plan immediately and seek input from the community, from its ecological experts and from its conservation experts.

I am not opposed to a hotel in principle. My own university department organized the largest meeting ever held at Stony Brook, with the help of campus offices. We appreciate the need for facilities. But why place this facility in just the place that does so much damage to our ecological structure and our last woods?

- Jeffrey Levinton

Levinton is a distinguished professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at Stony Brook University.

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"Very Young Girls"

An Exposé on the Commercial Sex Industry in the United States

JIHAN ANTOINE
Contributing Writer

I remember my life at 13, living in New York. I can recall the lives of many 13 year old girls that I knew living in New York. We were loud, uncomplicated 7th graders, barely developed enough to fill out our clothes or comfortable enough in our own skin. We passed notes in class, went to the movies, had fun at sleepovers, but mostly talked about our schoolgirl crushes and questioned if they even noticed our existence. But I was only 13. What did I know about boys?

It was truly a night at the movies at Stony Brook University on November 11th. The line was filled with young girls from every age and a few hidden boys, as they stood with their backs against the walls, waiting to hand in their tickets and find a seat in the SAC auditorium.

The evening event held by the Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Incorporated and the Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, presented the critically acclaimed documentary entitled "Very Young Girls," an expose of the human trafficking of young American girls in New York.

In New York City, the average age of entry into the commercial sex industry is 13 years old.

The room was silent, as the lights turned off and the projection screen turned on. The rows of seats were almost filled, though some empty ones were completely noticeable. Some of the students kept their jackets on, while others began to get comfortable for the 80-minute show. All eyes were on the solid image a young girl clapping her feet, with her striped mini mouse imprinted socks and perfectly tied shoelaces, waiting for the documentary to initially begin.

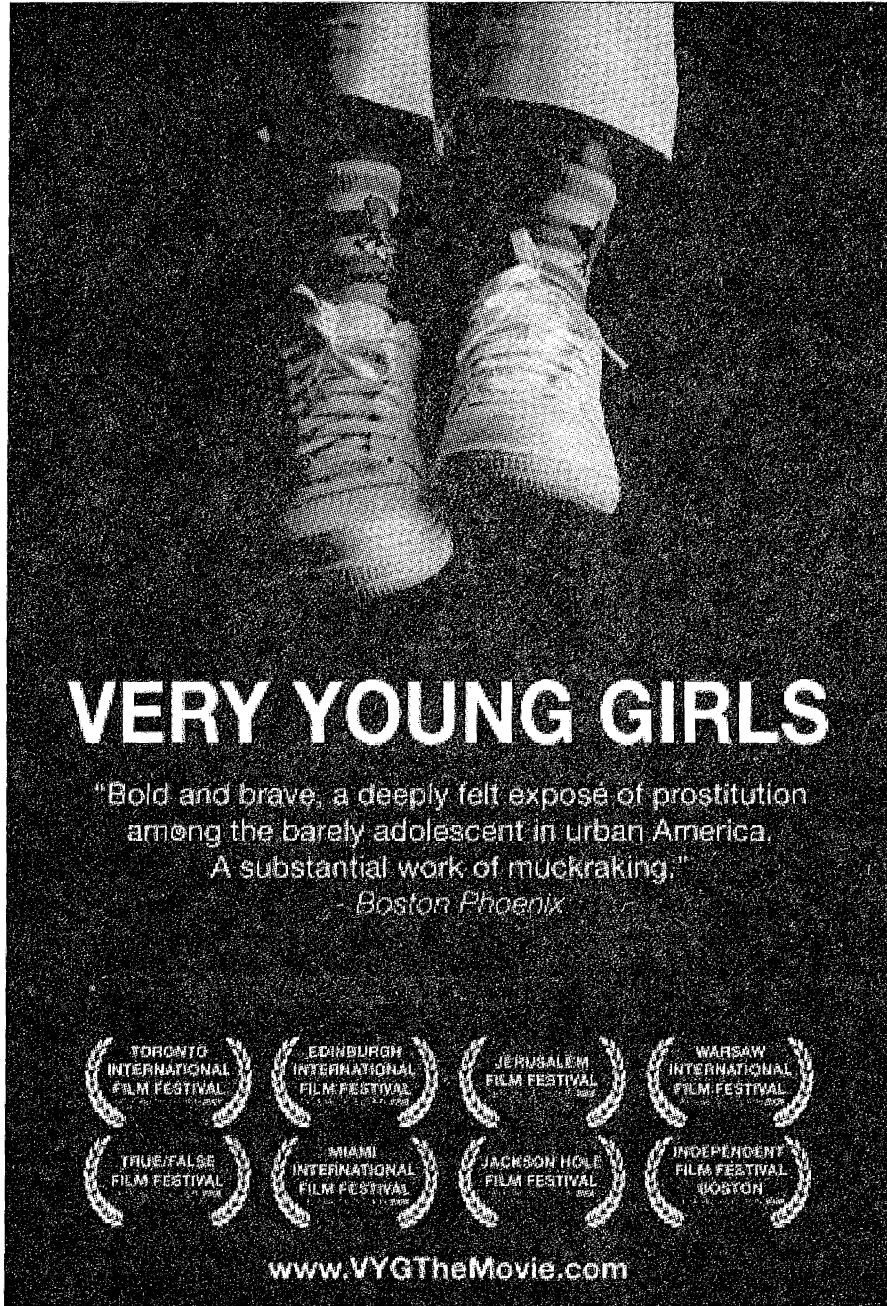
Shaneiqua was the first girl displayed on the screen, conducting this casual interview with the camera as if she was discussing her life interests. She was calm and personable as she squinted her eyes, trying to recollect how old her pimp was when she began working for him.

"I was only 12 years old," said Shaneiqua, 20. "At the time he was like, what, 29, 30?"

Many portions of the screening focused on the video recording of brothers Anthony and Chris Griffith, two New York pimps who displayed their version of "taxi cab confessions," as they scoured the streets of New York looking for new girls to recruit. As they sweet-talked the blurred image of a young girl standing outside the car window, she giggled loudly at the compliments that the pimps gave her. She let them in.

"I felt it was cool to be 12 years old and have an older dude interested in me," continued Shaneiqua.

Many of the girls in the documentary shared a central theme. It was not simply being in the same profession or working on that same "track" at all hours of the night. The "track" which included the street corners of Jamaica, Queens, Bushwick,



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Brooklyn and Hunter's Point, Bronx. The central theme was having a man in their life that they considered their "daddy." It was a skewed perception of the widely relatable notion of a daddy's little girl. These young girls looked towards their "daddy" as a support system, a confidante, and a lover, as a opportunity to leave their present lives with their families and establish a new life with many supposed luxuries. The reality was: obtaining many partners and diseases, many pregnancies and abortions, and many beatings that almost cost them their lives.

"He was like a father," said Dominique, 21. "He made that his role."

The male students in the audience shook their heads and looked at their female friends beside them as the documentary continued. They remembered being 13. Words like "daddy" and "pimp" sitting in the same sentence as if they were the same word startled the audience. Eventually, more girls of different ages with different stories, came on the screen discussing the "life."

"You are just a worker," said Staci.

"I was an investment," said Martha.

There were few segments of the screening that showed what the "real" parents of

these young girls felt or even did. Mostly single mothers and not one "real" daddy, showcased their "disappointment" and "disgust" to what their daughter were involved in.

"I think it's one of the most despicable things that a person can do," said Miranda, Dominique's mother.

A person, not daughter, as Miranda so candidly described, sat across the kitchen table and the conversation ended there. LaSharon, another mother who shared a similar situation, had a missing daughter. And as she anxiously ran down to the New York Police department and told an officer of the law about where her daughter may be, the only response from the officer moved the audience as a whole.

"What do you want me to do for you?" said the officer.

The "real" mother of these young girls, who served more as a savior than anything, was Rachel Llyod, who founded the Girls Educational and Mentoring Services' (GEMS) in 1999. She was also a young woman that lived the "life" and was sexually exploited as a teenager.

The mission of the GEMS is to empower young women, ages 12-21, who have experienced sexual exploitation and

domestic trafficking, to exit the commercial sex industry and develop to their full potential. GEMS houses 200 young girls a year in a small apartment in New York, and is one of the largest organizations that helps young girls who are exploited in the commercial sexual industry.

The screening ended with only the silence of a packed room. The second portion of the event was a panelist discussion which included: Jessey Oney, an intern from the Wo/Men's & Gender Resource Center, Dr. K. Mohanan, from the school of social welfare, and Mary Ann Lamneck, from the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk.

"It didn't seem real," said Oney. "It's difficult to watch from being brought up in such a sheltered background."

One of the questions posed to the panelists was how to put a stop to the commercial sex industry and why it is so difficult for these girls to leave their pimps.

"They have to tell us who these pimps are," said Mohanan. "There is this co-dependency, they both need each other."

"The pimp needs the girls for money, but for many girls, it because they need an emotional connection," continued Mohanan.

"It is a force that is so strong," said Lamneck. "It is done through manipulation, fear, and financial dependency."

The reaction to the documentary touched the Stony Brook students, mostly because it was a reality that hit to close to home. For many, it occurred in their own backyard and where they lived their lives at 13. The majority of the audience were women who can relate to being 13 and unsure of who they really were. The event unfortunately did not garner the attention of men at all. You could count on one hand how many men were present.

"I grew up in the Bronx community," said Christina Zayas, alumni liaison of Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated. "Thirteen is an age when we haven't established an identity for ourselves as women."

"It is society's fault," continued Zayas. "The issue is that we are educated about sex too late."

A teary eyed Geraldine Blanco, who is 21 and a member and secretary for Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Incorporated, also grew up in the Bronx community, and had a personal reaction to the film.

"These are my neighbors!" said Blanco. "Men know what they are doing, and know that these young girls are vulnerable."

"We need to bring a strong awareness about sex," continued Blanco. "Society has trained us into carry ourselves this way."

The life of a woman at any young age should remain precious and should not be exposed by those who are capable of taking advantage of her. These "very young girls," who lived in light of older women, looked for comfort, looked for direction, but most importantly looked for love in the wrong places. It is imperative that we as a young community create an awareness of this issue that is still ongoing and can be taking place in your very own neighborhood.

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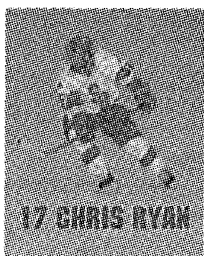
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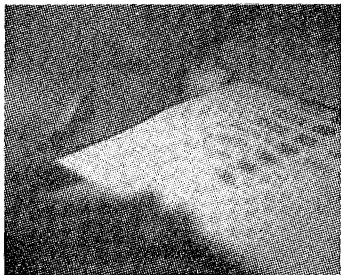
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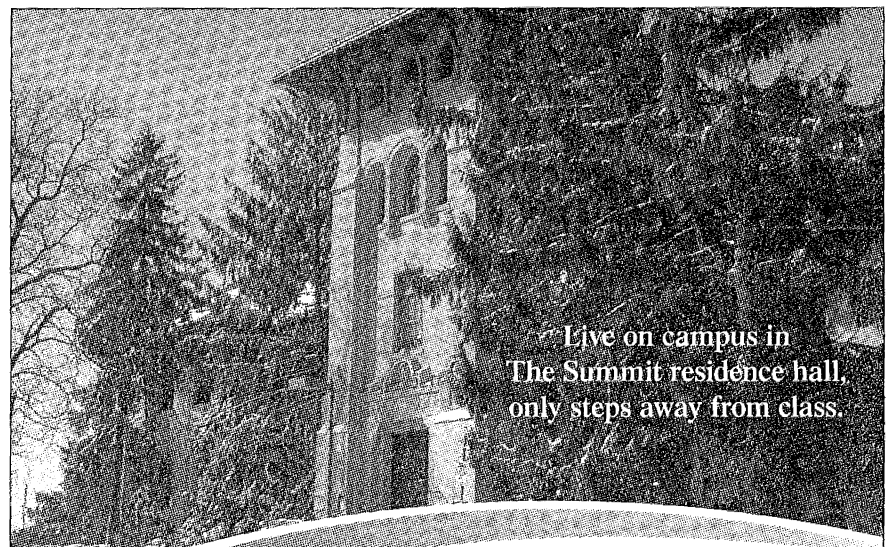
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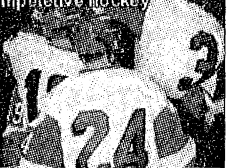
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Bring On Brown!

By SAM KILB
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team and its fans will take a seven-game unbeaten streak to Rhode Island, when the America East champion squad takes on Brown in the NCAA College Cup at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Providence, R.I.

The Seawolves have not lost since Oct. 7. The run produced a second-place finish during the regular season of the America East and culminated in an America East championship when Stony Brook defeated UMBC, 2-0, in front of 1,000 fans at Lavalle Stadium.

The winning streak is the longest men's soccer has enjoyed since the team was known as the Patriots and started the season

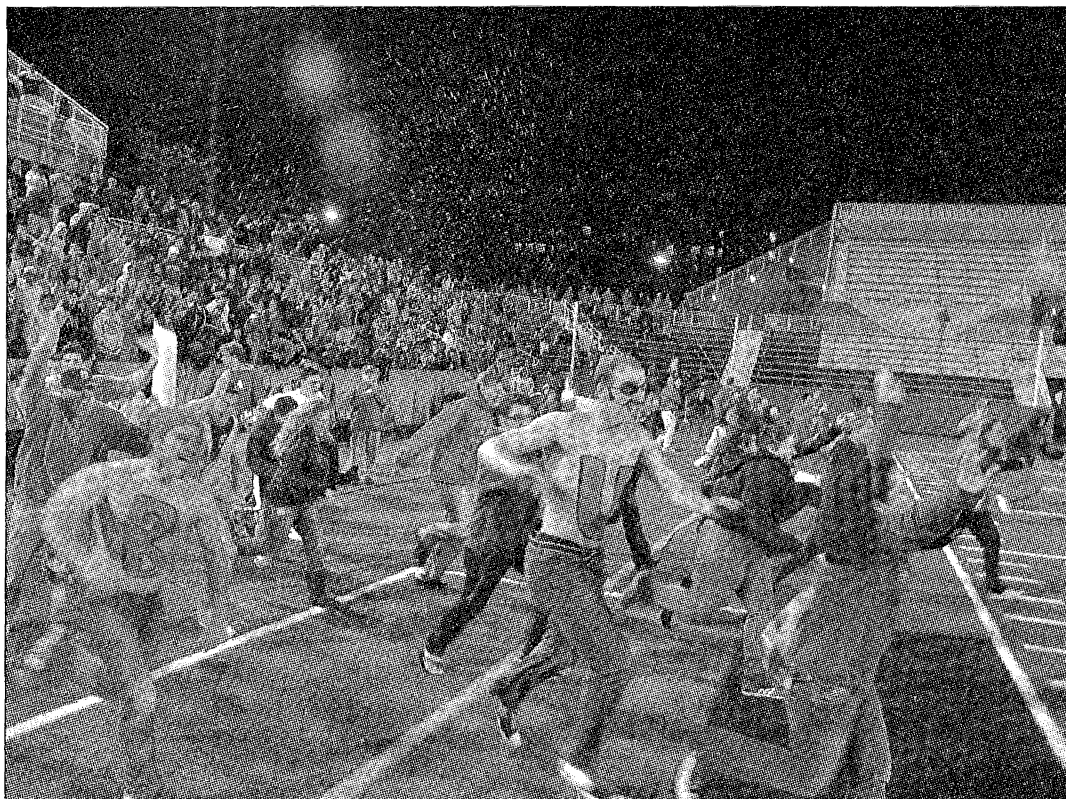
7-0-1 in 1980.

Freshmen have been pivotal to Stony Brook's string of results. America East Rookie of the Year Leonardo Fernandes (North Babylon, N.Y.) leads the team with seven goals. Freshman striker Raphael Abreu (New York, N.Y.) scored the game-winning goal in the America East championship game.

Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Anthony Rogic (Boonton, N.J.), named the Most Outstanding Player of the America East Championship, did not allow a goal in the postseason tournament and has five shutouts over the Seawolves' streak.

The Seawolves head back to the NCAA's highest tournament for the first time since 2005.

Brown, one of four Ivy



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Body painted fans stormed the field to celebrate with their team.

League schools handed a bid for the national championship, finished the season with a 10-2-5 overall record, 5-2-0 in the Ivy League. Senior Nick Elenz-Martin (five goals, four assists)

and sophomore Sean Rosa (four goals, six assists) lead the Brown Bears with 14 points each. Goalkeeper Paul Grandstrand has recorded four shutouts.

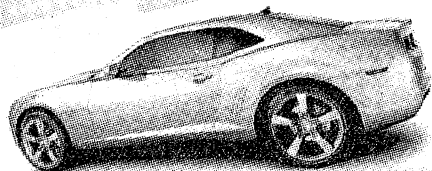
Brown and Stony Brook

have never met on the soccer field. The last time Brown faced America East competition in the NCAA tournament, the Bears defeated the University of Vermont, 2-0.

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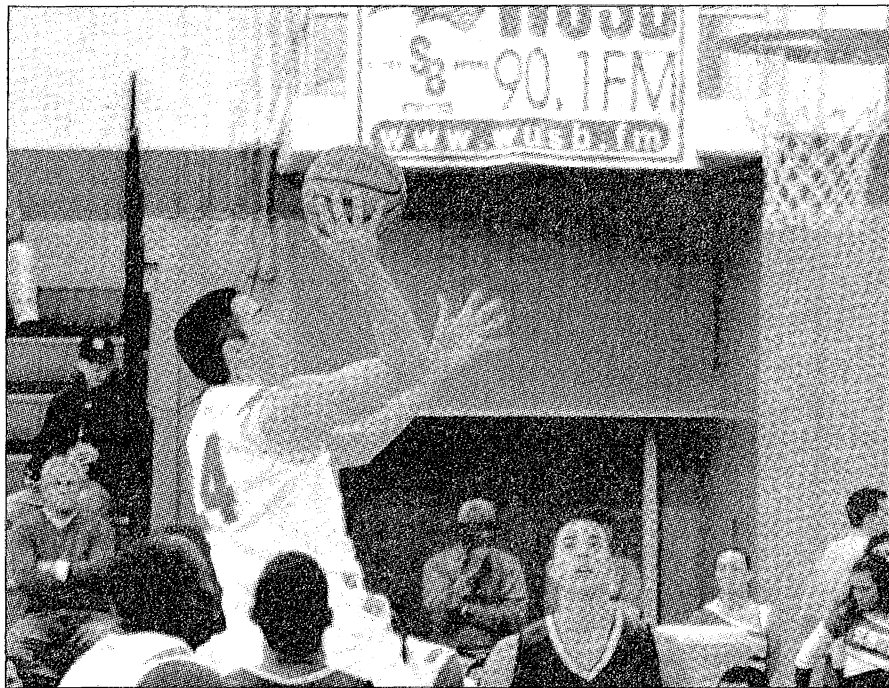
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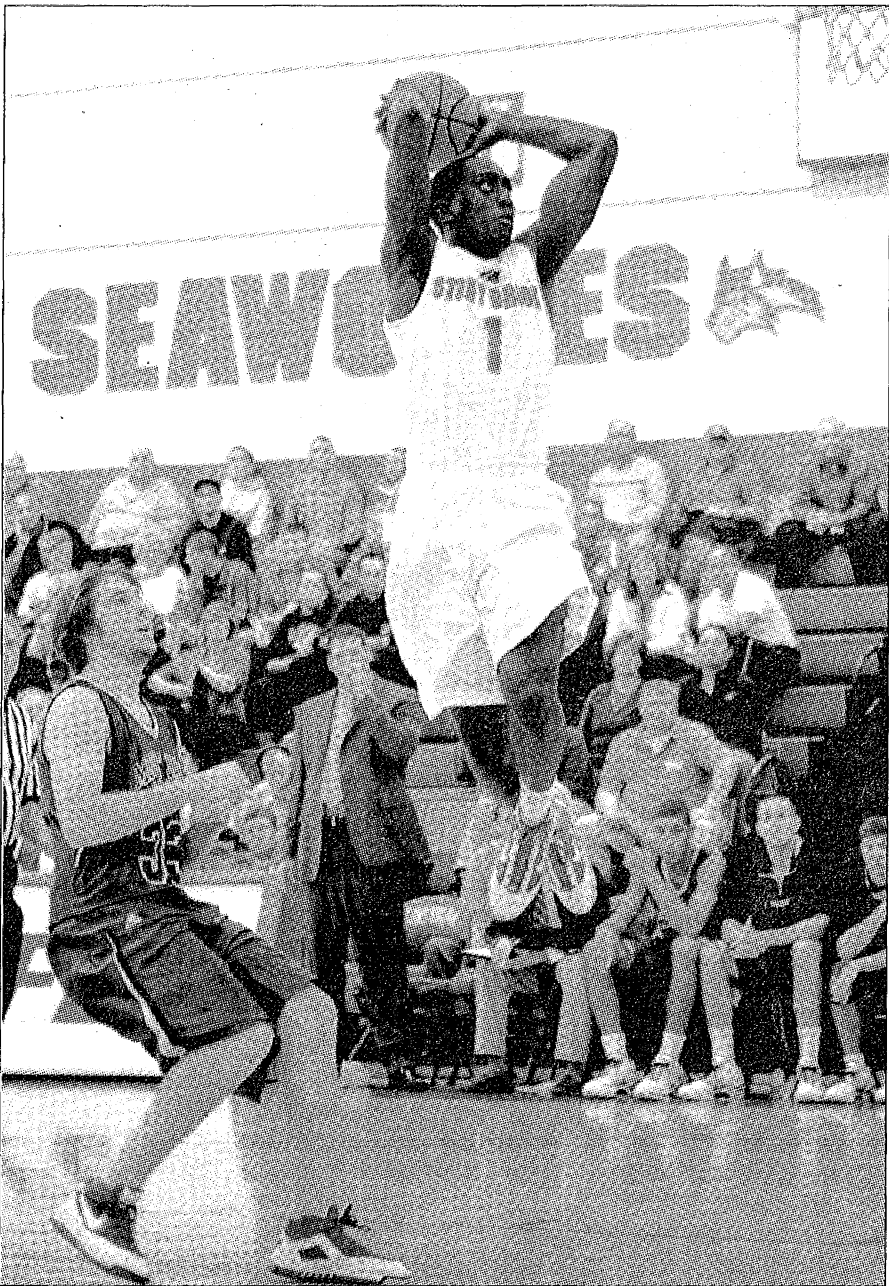
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STATESMAN SPORTS



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Sophomore forward Tommy Brenton (above) rises for the floater in the lane, while freshman Preye Preboye leaves a Blue Knights defender in the dust as he soars for one of his 4 dunks on the night.



Seawolves Trump Blue Knights, Move To 2-0

By SARAH KAZADI
Sports Editor

Over 1,200 Seawolves fans packed Pritchard Gymnasium Monday night to support the men's basketball team in its home opener. What they witnessed was a blowout, an 87-53 rout of the Mount Saint Mary College Blue Knights, as the Seawolves rolled to a 2-0 record with the win.

"There were some good things, and it was a good game," said Head Coach Steve Pikiell, "The outcome is what it is. We're 2-0 and we've got 4 of our next 5 on the road."

Many story lines were woven into this plot that, on the outside, may seem somewhat dull.

The Seawolves never trailed in this game and enjoyed a 10 point margin midway through the first half. Stony Brook managed to put together a couple of scoring runs in the first 20 minutes, and went into the halftime break with a comfortable 43-27 lead.

The home team kept it pouring on in the second, kicking off a 14-0 run a few minutes into the period to establish its biggest lead of the game at 61-31. The gap would not get any smaller than 28 as the Seawolves picked up their second straight win.

Senior center Desmond Adedeji (Landover Hills, Md.) chose this night to erupt for a career high in points, tallying a total of 16 on solid 7 of 9 shooting.

The senior lost 42 pounds over the summer, committing himself after the season to getting in shape and being a bigger factor come next year. "It's my last year and I wanted to put everything that I had in it, so that I have no regrets," said Adedeji.

There was nothing to regret about his performance on Monday.

After subbing in about 4 minutes into the first half, he immediately made his presence felt by connecting on a layup to give the Seawolves a 12-10 lead that it would

never relinquish. "That's what the big feller can do," he said about his career night.

Sophomore forward Tommy Brenton (Columbia, Md.) fell two assists shy of a triple double, filling the stats sheet with 11 points, 15 rebounds, a career-best 8 assists, and 4 steals.

The gritty fan favorite even drew two technical fouls, one for hanging on to the rim after a thunderous throwdown, and another for tauntingly staring in the face of a Blue Knights player after a tip-slam.

"I've rarely even gotten one tech in a game," said Brenton. "I shouldn't have done that, they were unlike me," he added.

In a game in which nearly every Seawolves player saw action, including junior guard walk-on Patrick Dame (West Greenwich, R.I.), many other contributions were key to helping the home team cruise.

Freshman small forward Preye Preboye (Springfield, Mass.) saw 18 minutes of court time and made the most of them. Seemingly feeding off the crowd's energy, an enthusiastic Preboye picked up 12 points on 50 percent shooting, including at least 3 monstrous fast break dunks.

"He scores, he's high energy, and he's got a lot to learn," said Coach Pikiell. "He's athletic and he's strong in the post, and he's going to bring a lot to our program. I'm excited about where he could be, but he has a long way to go," he added.

Despite the favorable outcome, the coach, like all coaches do, managed to point out some areas in which his team could have made some improvements.

"I was disappointed with our defense. We didn't play with a lot of energy on the defensive end at the start tonight," he said.

The Seawolves have some time to make some adjustments before their next game, when they take on Wagner on the road Saturday evening. The game kicks off a stretch in which Stony Brook plays four of five games away from the comforts of home. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.