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## Southampton Cuts Ruled Illegal



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Stony Brook Southampton Students protested President Stanley's decision to close residence halls and relocate academic programs to West Campus.

By ALESSANDRA MALITO  
Staff Writer

Southampton students may have a difficult time transitioning to life on the main campus, but at least there's news that it may not be a permanent change, officials said.

On Aug. 27, New York State Supreme Court Justice Paul J. Baisley Jr. ruled in favor of the six students who sued the university and sought for the re-opening of the Southampton campus. Baisley ruled that the decision to close the campus without the Stony Brook Council's approval violated New York State law.

"We just wanted to prove that

Stanley bypassed the Stony Brook Council, because they need to discuss major issues with the school and this is obviously a major issue," said Tara Linton, one of the students who filed the lawsuit against the university. "They completely bypassed the correct procedures he didn't take and we wanted to call him out on it. They aren't above the law."

According to Lauren Sheprow, director of media relations, President Stanley did consult the council.

"On May 11, 2010, at a regularly convened meeting of the Stony Brook Council, President Stanley apprised the Council and members of the public then in attendance,

about both the budgetary impact of residential operations at Southampton, and his intention to relocate a number of academic programs from Southampton to the Stony Brook campus," she said.

University officials say that by closing the residence halls and moving the academic programs to West Campus, the university will save \$6.7 million.

"The entire process lacked transparency and openness," said State Assemblyman Fred Thiele in a statement on the decision. "The reason is obvious. The closure of the school cannot be defended in an open discussion."

This does not mean that the campus, which was an investment

of \$78 million from New York State, is officially reopening. Instead, it means that the case will have to be discussed with the council.

"They have to redo the entire case now and although we may get the same ruling, like although Southampton may be shut down legally, it's good to know they need to take the correct process now," Linton said.

Lawmakers, such as Thiele and State Senator Kenneth LaValle, would like to see the currently unused campus become its own SUNY campus. Thiele has sponsored legislation to establish a task force of 13 people to study the possibility of a new college

where the Southampton campus currently resides.

"Let's restore the college at Southampton, reinstate the environmental sustainability programs, bring back our students and faculty first," said Julie Semente, Linton's mother and an advocate of the Southampton campus.

Until then, students, such as Linton, will continue transitioning into main campus.

"This past week was one of the hardest weeks of my life," Linton said. "Just from the class sizes to dealing with lines for a simple coffee in the morning. The volume of people here and their attitude towards everything is just completely different."

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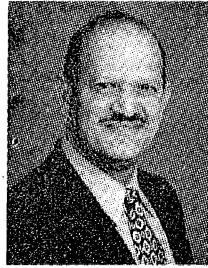
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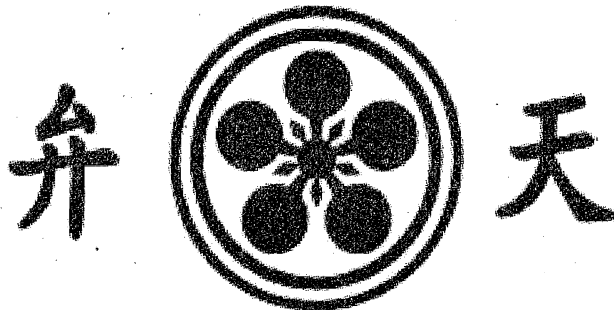
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# NEWS

## Students Cool Off at Annual RHA Block Party

By ELVIRA SPEKTOR  
Staff Writer

Tickle-me-pink cotton candy teases the drooling freshmen students waiting in the never-ending line. Ice cold water splashes from the 'dunk tank' as one volunteer attempts to dunk the unlucky guy who is about to test his diving skills. Harmonic jazz musicians play

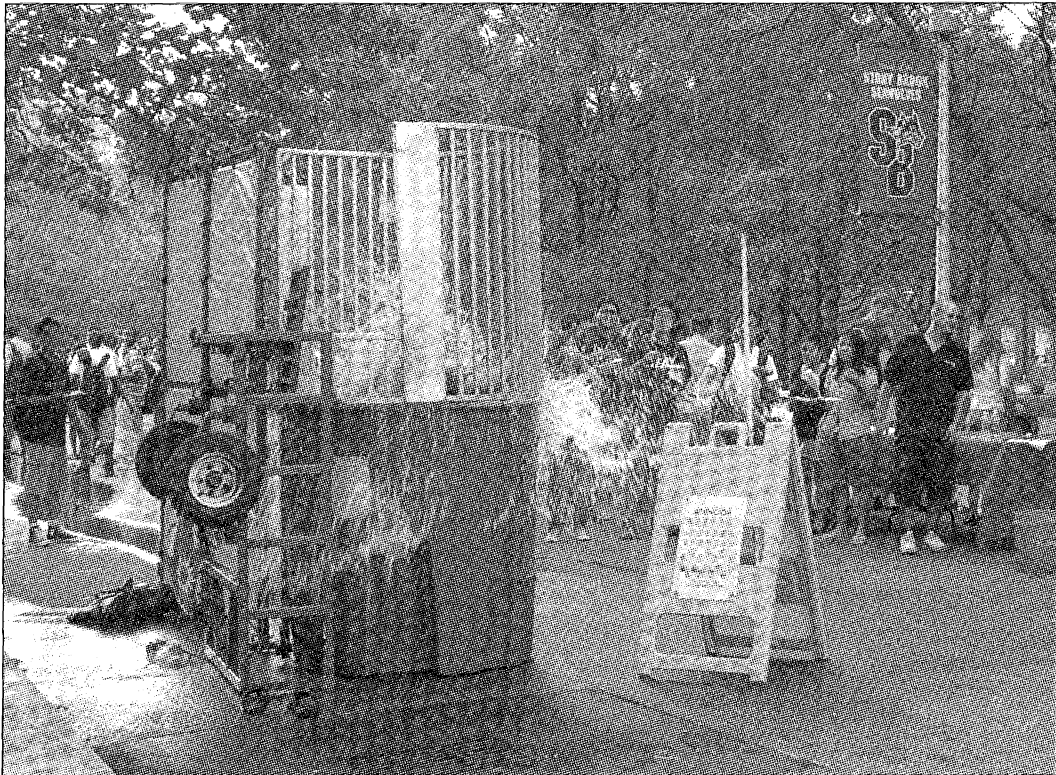
hours.

This, undoubtedly, was the bubbly and unwinding atmosphere experienced by anyone who attended the Residence Hall Association Block Party. Hosted by the Residential Hall Association, or RHA as well as the National Residence Hall Honorary, or NRHH. The party was the perfect interlude for students who grew weary of being trapped in sizzling dorm rooms.

Jaime Poynter, a 20-year-

Most students really enjoyed themselves. Timsal Ghani, a 21-year-old biology major and also a recent transfer to the university, had a blast at the Block Party. "It's a great venue to bring out new students from sitting cooped up inside and to get them accommodated at this campus," he said.

Kevin Thorp, a freshman student and electrical engineering major, was "lovin' the vibe" of the Block Party. "I like that Stony



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The Residence Hall Association's annual Block Party featured carnival games, free cotton candy and the popular dunk tank.

melodic tunes, providing a New Orleans kind of vibe. Students crunch on salty popcorn while discussing the house parties they have thus attended. Fraternity brothers challenge one another at the palm tree-themed "moon bounce" obstacle course.

Walking through the academic mall Wednesday night, it felt like Stony Brook had magically transformed into the boardwalk at the Jersey shore, minus all the fist pumping and Sammie and Ronnie drama. Colorful ring toss loops and slimy frog leap games were seen left and right. Belittling basketball hoops hung far too high for anyone to successfully score a three-pointer. And all at once it felt like the summer had never ended - at least for four

old psychology major and Vice President of RHA, explained that the main goal of the Block Party was to provide Stony Brook students with a cheerful kickoff to the year. Blueprint planning had begun in the spring, which allowed for an ample amount of time to prevent unnecessary nuisances. One such avoided problem was compactness.

According to Poynter, this year's annual Block Party was specifically set up in a way that "provides more room between stations."

Matthew J. Carnes, a 20-year-old marine biology student and Public Relations chair for the National Residence Hall Honorary, felt the event was a huge success.

Brook is beginning to show us new students things to do on this campus and ways to get involved."

One mode of involvement that definitely turned a few heads was the Stony Brook Belly Dancing club, one of the very last performances of the night. Shimmying dancers with vibrant gold trinkets 'strutted their stuff' on the main stage in front of hundreds of enlivened spectators.

Hillel, Campus Residences, SBVAC, C-CERT, the Belly Dancing club, SBU Live and the High Cs also sponsored the event.

All organizations look forward to an even more successful Block Party next year. The students look forward to a second helping of cotton candy.

## POLICE REPORT

August 31 - September 5

Pictures were reported stolen from a showcase in Harriman Hall. The case has been closed.

A netbook computer and external hard drive was reported stolen from the North P Lot. The case is now closed.

An intoxicated female was found lying in the grass by the Engineering building. She was brought to the hospital.

Shortly after 1:00 a.m. a fight broke out at the Student Activities Center. Police responded and an arrest was made.

Police responded to a report of two males smoking marijuana on a dorm room balcony in Eisenhower. One referral was issued.

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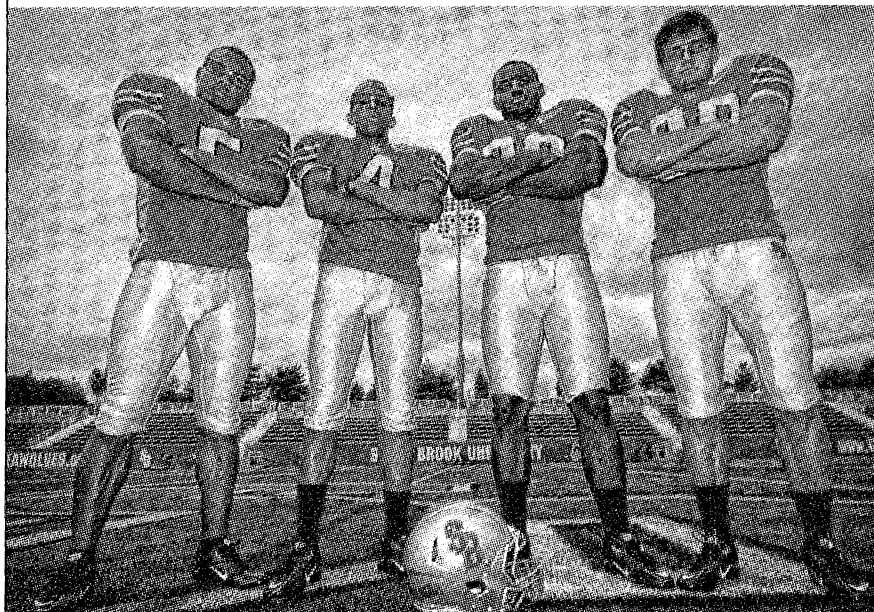
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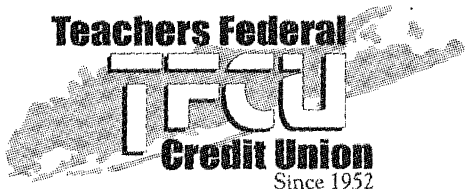
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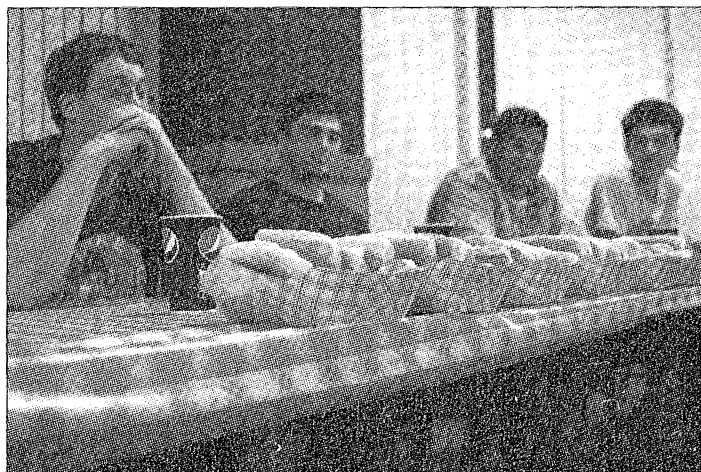
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# Hungry in H-Quad

## Students participate in hot dog eating contest

By HANNE PAINE  
Contributing Writer

At the Welcome Back BBQ Hot Dog Eating Contest, a crowd of spectators cheered on a table



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of frantically eating competitors. "Eat the meat first!" "Get in there, catch up!" "Come on, it's not over!"

Thursday's competition took place over two high-intensity rounds, beginning with seven students. In the first round, only two competitors managed to clean their plates, qualifying them for the finals. Justin Miller and Jeremy Vasquez, both graduate students, then raced to finish five more hot dogs each.

Although both contestants

started out strong, Miller soon pulled ahead and held a two-hot dog lead, finishing in less than five minutes. He consumed a total of nine hot dogs in less than a half-hour.

Joey Chestnut, the current defending champion of the Nathan's International July Fourth

Hot Dog Eating Contest, holds a record of 68 hot dogs in ten minutes.

Miller, a biomedical engineering major, had never competed in a hot dog eating contest, but learned quickly from the strategies of those around him, dipping the hot dogs in a glass of water to make them easier to swallow. Other competitors tried more complex methods, sometimes eating the dog and buns separately.

According to Miller, his strategy had been to take bigger bites

and chew quickly, but he later adapted to taking smaller bites and swallowing almost immediately. He advises future contestants to follow his example.

Vasquez, a biology student, had competed in other hot dog eating contests. He could only offer one piece of advice.

"Just try not to choke," Vasquez said.

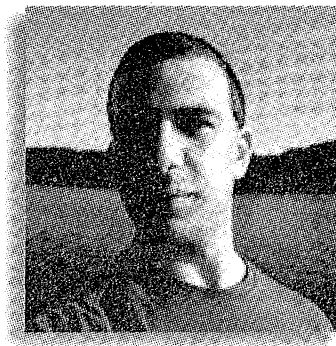
Miller and Vasquez are good friends and frequently compete for fun in events such as power lifting, strongman competitions and Olympic weightlifting.

The two succeeded in the J&R's Steakhouse 76-oz Steak Challenge and various hamburger eating challenges. Vasquez recently won the Long Island Scottish Highland Games, where contestants lift and throw rocks, tree trunks and other traditional objects while dressed in kilts.

Several freshmen entered the contest as their first competition at Stony Brook. Jon Freeman, majoring in technical systems management, reported being excited to be part of the community, despite losing the first round with only one hot dog eaten.

Contestants in high-profile hot dog eating contests often go to extreme measures to prepare for competition. In addition to training to expand their stomachs, many eat complex diets and fast before competing. Miller followed no such protocols. Laughing, he reported having eaten a full lunch on campus before the competition.

# NIGHT FEON REALITY



By CHARLES COSTA  
Columnist

To all the women out there: how many times have you had your phone blast an embarrassing ringtone and you weren't able to stop the beat because your phone was buried in your purse?

Well, there's now a miraculous solution to that problem. It's called the M-Dress, made by an appropriately named company, CuteCircuit. According to the retailer, "The M-Dress is an elegant silk jersey dress that is also a functional soft electronics mobile phone. The M-Dress accepts a standard SIM card and allows the wearer to receive and make calls without carrying a cellular phone in their pocket or purse.

Simplicity is elegance."

For once, the description does not lie! The one-piece black silk dress will always look great during a night out. Since the earpiece is located right by your palm, when you're bored at the bar counter, you can call a friend or cab simply by resting your head on your hand - a skill that is mastered by virtually every student who has had to sit through a single calculus lecture.

For those who care to know about the technical details (I had to add them for my column), the dress works by slipping your SIM card underneath the garment label. When a call arrives, the user puts her hand to her ear, and the sensors of the dress will put the call through. The dress also has a standard ring tone (the boring ring), and dropping your hand ends the call.

Due to limited space for the hardware, the outbound phone capability is limited to a few pre-programmed numbers. For those worried about radiation, the antenna is located at the bottom hem, unlike most phones that require you to keep the antenna at head level.

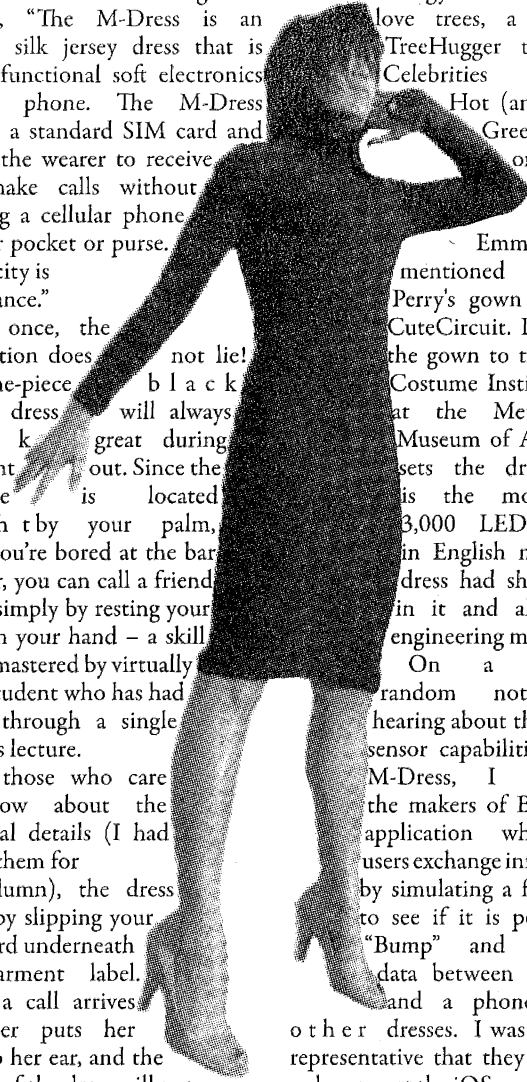
While the dress won't be available until 2011, CuteCircuit

is not a stranger to unique dresses and notoriety. CuteCircuit sports a wide array of clothing fitted with sensors, such as their Hug-Shirt, which connects to your phone via Bluetooth and lets you send hugs as an SMS message. In return, you'll feel the "warmth" of a hug received via sensors that emit heat.

Even if you don't appreciate the technology or fashion, but love trees, a post on TreeHugger titled "10 Celebrities Wearing Hot (and Weird) Green Fashion on the Red Carpet," written by Emma Grady, mentioned Katy Perry's gown made by CuteCircuit. Perry wore the gown to the annual Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. What sets the dress apart is the more than 3,000 LEDs, which in English means the dress had shiny lights in it and also is an engineering marvel.

On a relatively random note, after hearing about the motion sensor capabilities of the M-Dress, I contacted the makers of Bump, the application which lets users exchange information by simulating a fist bump, to see if it is possible to "Bump" and exchange data between the dress and a phone and/or other dresses. I was told by a representative that they currently only support the iOS and Android sensors and that that is their primary focus for the time being. However, down the road they are open to exploring other avenues.

Could society be drifting towards a shift where instead of a pickup line, men "Bump" into women and rather than spill a drink in return, the men will have their iPhones, or Droids' erased? If by some chance that does catch on, who knows, maybe tin foil will be the next hot thing, just like those Duct Tape wallets and bags.



## Undergraduate Student Government Senate Brief

### 2010 PROMOTE WEEKEND LIFE ACT- PASSED

The act will discontinue the ALIRRT program, which uses the student activity fee to sell discounted LIRR tickets to students. The act would allocate the \$55,000 typically spent on tickets to weekend life events. David Mazza, vice president of communications, collected over 150 signatures for the act.

### 2010 WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE ACT- PASSED

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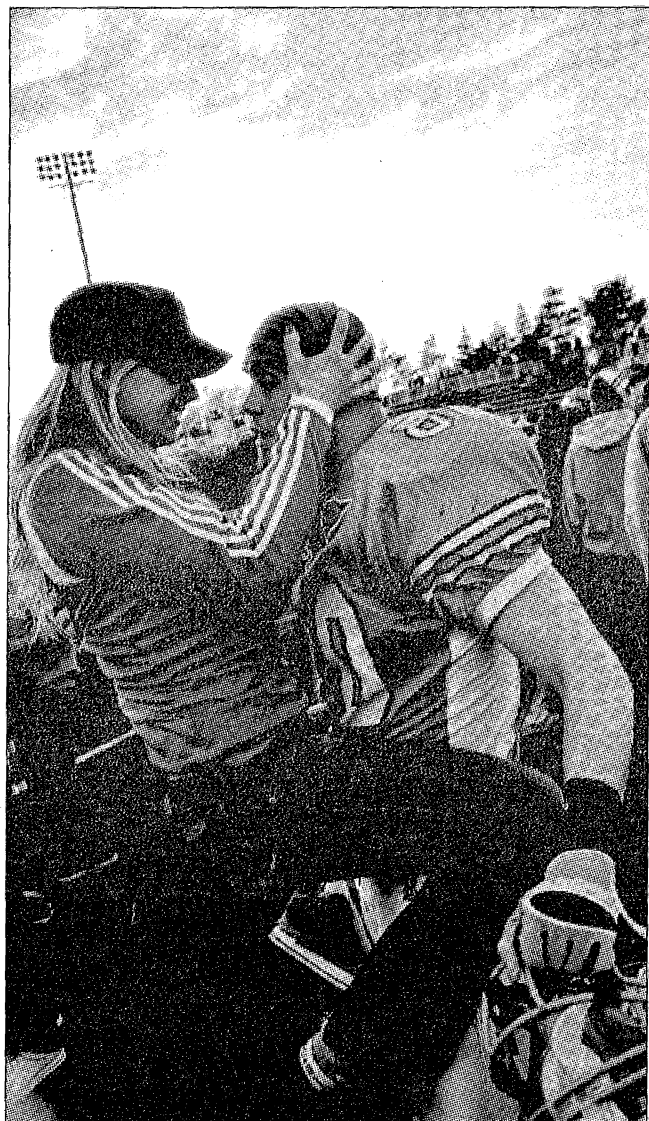
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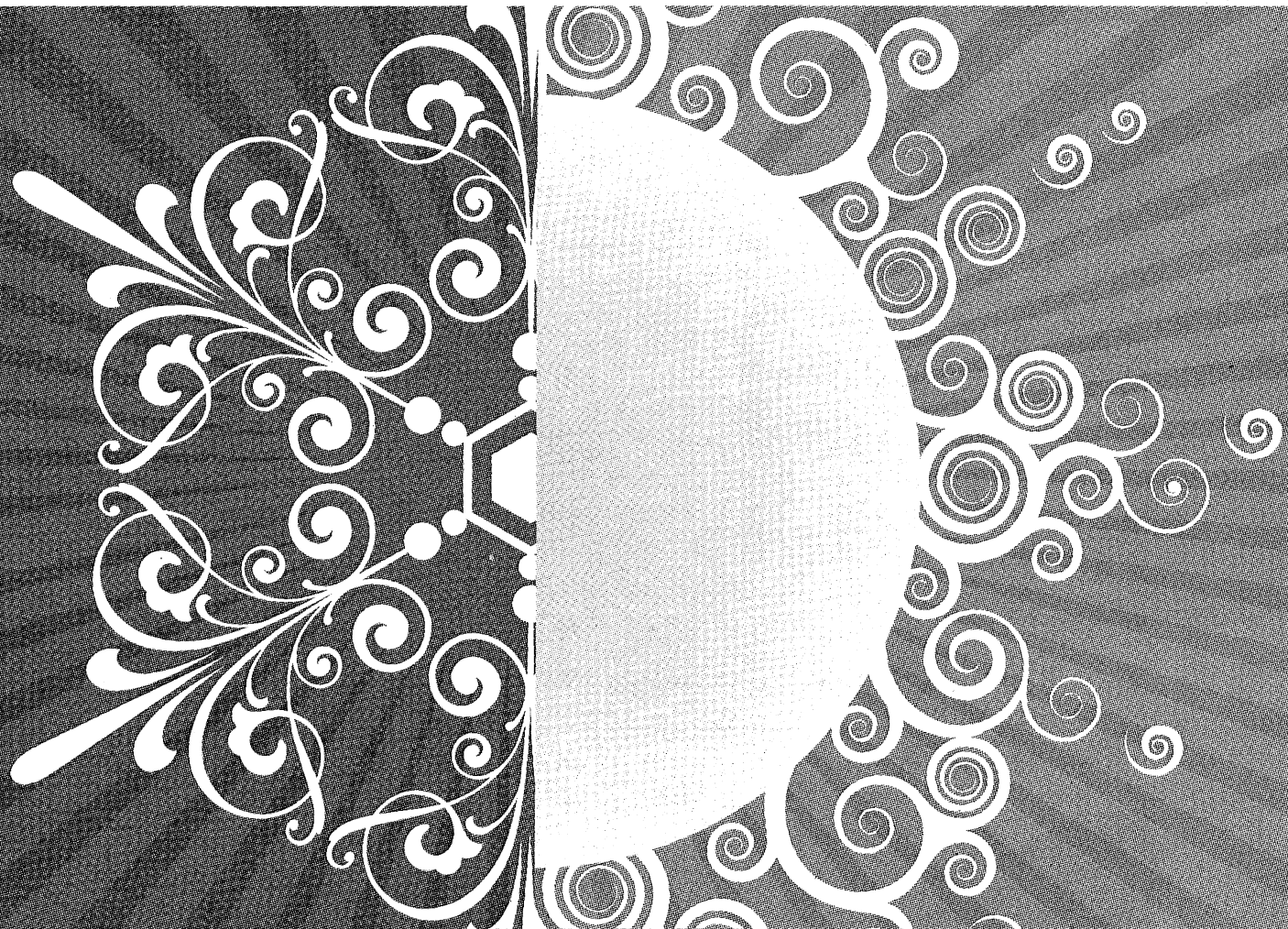
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# OPINION

## Manhattan's "Ground Zero" Mosque Defense Of Civil Rights or Insensitive Move

By RAKIB HASAN  
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Is there such a thing as a Ground zero mosque? I myself don't know if such a term exists. It seems that the area where great towers once stood and were taken down in an unprecedented and horrific attack is the center of conflict once again nine years later.

The attack was by a group of people we know and define as terrorists. Some people can make the distinction between the 9/11 terrorists and all people who follow Islam; some, however, say that there is no distinction and that all Muslims are the same.

People are allowed to make such judgment under the freedoms allowed by our country. However, this type of stereotyping can lead to major trouble and pain for a community of people.

MSNBC's Keith Olbermann made an interesting statement about the "Ground Zero Mosque." In that statement he mentioned a terrorist attack connected to a mosque on American soil.

On May 10 in Jacksonville, Florida, a pipe bomb went off near an Islamic Center where approximately 60 people were performing evening prayers.

Fortunately, no one was injured, and a security camera caught footage of the possible perpetrator. Is it safe to call this a hate crime and a terrorist against Muslim people?

Is Kieth Olbermann being too bold saying that American Muslims have a greater risk of being victims of terrorism in the United States than non Muslim-Americans?

It seems that Muslim-Americans are being forced to consider their place in American society, and they may feel that their fellow citizens do not feel like they belong and are not equal. This encompasses legal equality.

Are Muslim-Americans covered under the Equal

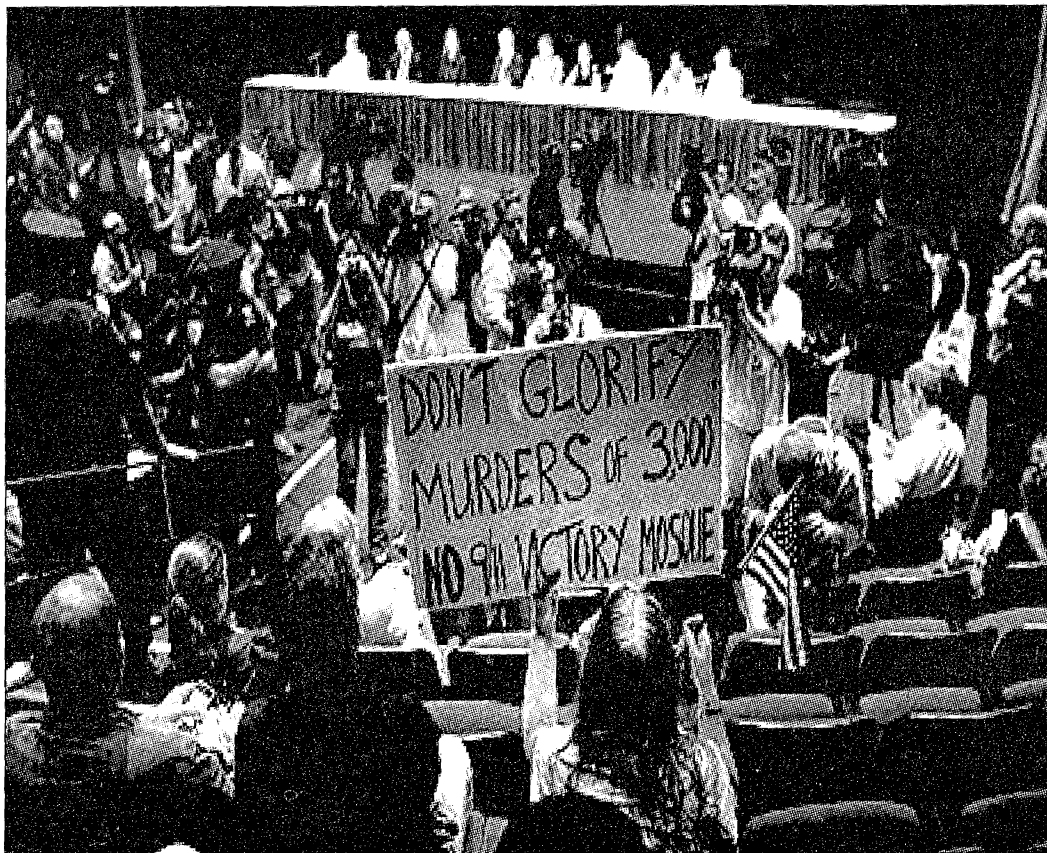


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Protection Clause of the 14th amendment to our constitution? History shows that we have had problems with that clause before with different races of people.

We are fortunate that the judicial system has not made the same mistakes that it has in the past. Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and before Brown vs Board of Ed, there was the Dred Scott decision and Jim Crow laws and numerous other examples of court sanctioned racism and stereotyping.

During WWII, hundreds of thousands of Japanese Americans were put into internment camps after being forced to sell all their property.

The Japanese-Americans that were imprisoned were loyal Americans and the Army 442th Infantry Division was comprised of mostly Japanese-Americans who had family in these internment camps.

The unit became the most highly decorated fighting unit to ever exist in the United States armed forces, proving to

everyone that an American loves his nation no matter his color.

It often seems to turn out that those you fear and hold down the most can sometimes be the most loyal of all citizens when it comes time to face a common enemy.

There is a similar type of segregation and hate occurring with the people who are against the building of this Islamic center. Not only will it be a mosque but it will act as a community center with a culinary school and basketball courts.

It is to be built two blocks away where pedestrians at ground zero would not see it. It is only fear and anti-Muslim sentiment that is causing any uproar to be created at all. It does not seem to me that the American Muslims behind the planned mosque have any malice towards the United States or are building the mosque for any other reason than just having a place to gather and pray.

Instead of conflict, American-

Muslims and Americans of every creed should come together and realize that they are all trying to defend this country that we all hold so dear.

Different communities need to come closer during this difficult period in world history, and one way to do it is for both sides to show mutual understanding and to address this issue peacefully, respectfully and publicly.

Now inside the media, this struggle to build the mosque is taking on fascist-esque types of names like "islamization." If "Park 51", or "The Ground Zero Mosque" as it is better known, is built two blocks away from where the World Trade Center stood tall, many Americans will claim that Muslims are trying to plant a flag of victory over Ground Zero.

It is hard for me to believe that this is the intention of American Muslims, who work and love America just as much as any other citizen of the United States.

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# ARTS & entertainment

## Stony Brook Fashion Tips: How to Be **RED** Hot

By **ELIZABETH BRENNER**  
Staff Writer

Red-It's easy to see that it's Stony Brook's color.

All over campus, you can see red. In the LaValle Stadium and Pritchard gym, there are red hot sections designated for students. Fridays are referred to as red Fridays, where faculty and students show support and pride for the school by wearing red.

Red is such a vital part of the Stony Brook campus. So important that it's not quite enough to just have school spirit, you should strive to show it by how you dress. You may now be asking, how can one show their school spirit without breaking the bank? Well here are some tips on ways to get some red hot items for a cheap price.

For students living on campus, you can make your room red hot, save money and also be energy efficient with a 12-piece Melamine Dinnerware Set in Red for only \$24.99 at Target. What else can you get from Target? Their Room Essentials® Comforter in red is great to keep you warm during the cold winter months. It is normally priced at \$17.99-29.99. Students can get to Target on the weekends by riding the Stony Brook buses, free of charge.

You can also get red hot for sporting events by painting your nails, dying your hair, and buying Wolfie temporary tattoos. N.Y.C. Cosmetics has some great red nail polish colors. The price ranges from \$.99-1.99. It's also easy to remove and

is long-lasting. You can find N.Y.C. Cosmetics at nearly any drug store.

Another way to show your school spirit is to use your hair. Many students have either thought about or have used dyes on their hair at one time or another for homecoming or another university sporting event. However, those sprays are messy and can damage hair. There is an easier way you can get red hot hair without dye-you can just clip it in.

Easihair by Jon Renau has six inch clip in hair extensions made out of REAL HAIR. They have a great color aptly named Red Hots. They are only \$4.00 when ordered from the company.

You can also buy temporary Wolfie or SB tattoos at the Seawolves Marketplace. These are great additions to the perfect red hot outfit on game day.

The University Bookstore and the Seawolves Marketplace, located in the basement of the Melville Library and Student Activities Center respectively, are two of the best places to get official Stony Brook products. They have some great items such as Seawolf flip flops for only five dollars as well as multiple t-shirts designs, some for as low as \$10. They also just launched an option for custom apparel where you can put almost anything printed on selected pants and shirts.

As you can probably see, the color red is a rite of passage here on campus. When you start out as a freshman you may receive red hot shirts at football games, but upon graduation, you receive a red hot gown. The red



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Students show their school spirit by wearing red and painting their bodies at a packed seawolves athletic event in the LaValle Stadium.

gowns are a recent addition to our Stony Brook traditions after a group of students campaigned for the change.

According to Associate Dean of Students, Ronnie Paschkes, the change was done to "augment

the tradition and spirit of the campus, all in keeping with the school color and the phrase that SBU is RED HOT."

Red hot items and apparel are something that brings together freshman, professors

and everyone in between. From red laptops, to red bed sheets, to shirts and even hair, it's a unifying color here on campus that takes you from being just another student, to a member of the Seawolf pack.

### Arts at the Brook

#### DANCE:

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Visit the Pollock-Krasner House in East Hampton. Photos taken by photographer Tony Vaccaro in 1953 are now on display. Never before published, these photos show Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner at their home.

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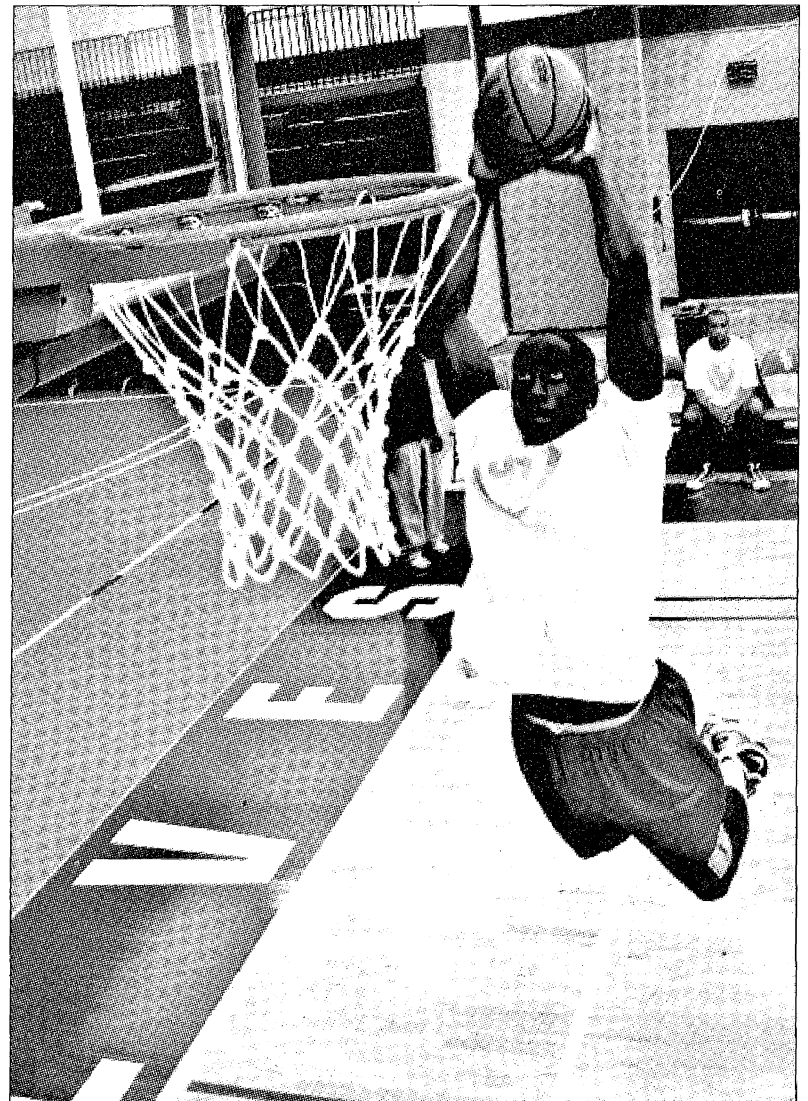


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# Questions About Iraq And Afghanistan

## Will The Wars There Ever Really End?

By RAVNEET KAMBOJ  
Opinion Editor

As "major" combat operations come to an end in Iraq, the future of that nation is still unclear. With up to 50,000 American soldiers being left behind, and with U.S. and NATO forces being ramped up to 150,000 in Afghanistan, many are left wondering if the wars that America is waging in the Middle East will ever truly come to an end.

Even though combat operations are over in Iraq, the U.S. troops that remain will most likely still face many dangerous situations day in and day out. The war in Iraq has so far cost tax payers about \$800 billion dollars and only now is it appearing to slow down and come to any sort of conclusion.

Although the war in Iraq may be slowing down for the U.S., it is far from over for the Iraqi people. Six months after elections in the country, they have still failed to form a government, and the security situation in the country still remains on edge as terrorist groups seem to be able to attack freely.

Only time will tell whether Iraq has a successful future ahead of it. Perhaps after being judged by history, the Iraq war was the one major conflict that started



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As the war in Afghanistan begins to take center stage, it seems that the Taliban is making a comeback.

Leaders in Afghanistan are willing to bring the Taliban back into the government in order to appease them and stop the violence. If the Taliban comes back into the fold of Afghan government, women's rights and other new freedoms are sure to suffer.

come to expect as our resources and will power have all been stretched too thin with these two wars.

With the political climate that exists in the world, it is easy to foresee more conflicts of a similar nature that erupt. With a possible future that includes so much prolonged conflict, perhaps it is best if America stabilized Iraq and Afghanistan as much as possible and focused purely on its own survival and well-being rather than feeling responsible for spreading democracy around the world.

With the economy in shambles and the wars we fight, it is easy to see why young people are not optimistic about the future. As students in college today, America is our nation to inherit, and it is best to begin thinking now about our place in the world and about how much we think we can change it. We may have to be content with just being safe and looking out for ourselves in such an uncertain world.

Whatever the thought process of future generations of Americans, it is clear that we must bring these two conflicts to an end as quickly as possible so that we may divert our focus on fixing the many problems that we have inside our own country.

The best way to end these conflicts is to give Iraq and Afghanistan the best chance at a good future and then leave major responsibility to them. If America is always there to fight their battles, we will never be able to leave.

It may take many years before the United States is able to be free and clear of the Middle East, or it may never happen at all. The best we can hope for, however, is that after all this conflict we still have something left with which to fix the struggling economy and morale of our own nation.

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RAVNEET KAMBOJ,  
Statesman Opinion Editor

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the reign of democracy in the Middle East, or perhaps it will become known as the catalyst that started a major conflict between world powers and Islamic radicals that stretches on for many bloody decades.

In the near future, Americans will still be asked to sacrifice money and lives to help bring peace to these countries that seem so far away.

of victory that will have to be altered in order to live in this post 9/11 world. We perhaps cannot get the Afghans to make sure women's rights are protected or that freedom of speech is ensured, but maybe we can make sure that the country is as stable as possible so that extremists cannot use it as a training ground.

This definition of victory may be all that we as Americans can

## STATESMAN POLL

Last week we asked you on sbstatesman.com if you think PHEEIA should be passed and Stony Brook should be able to set it's own tuition. Here is what you think\*:

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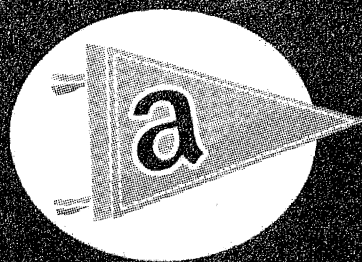
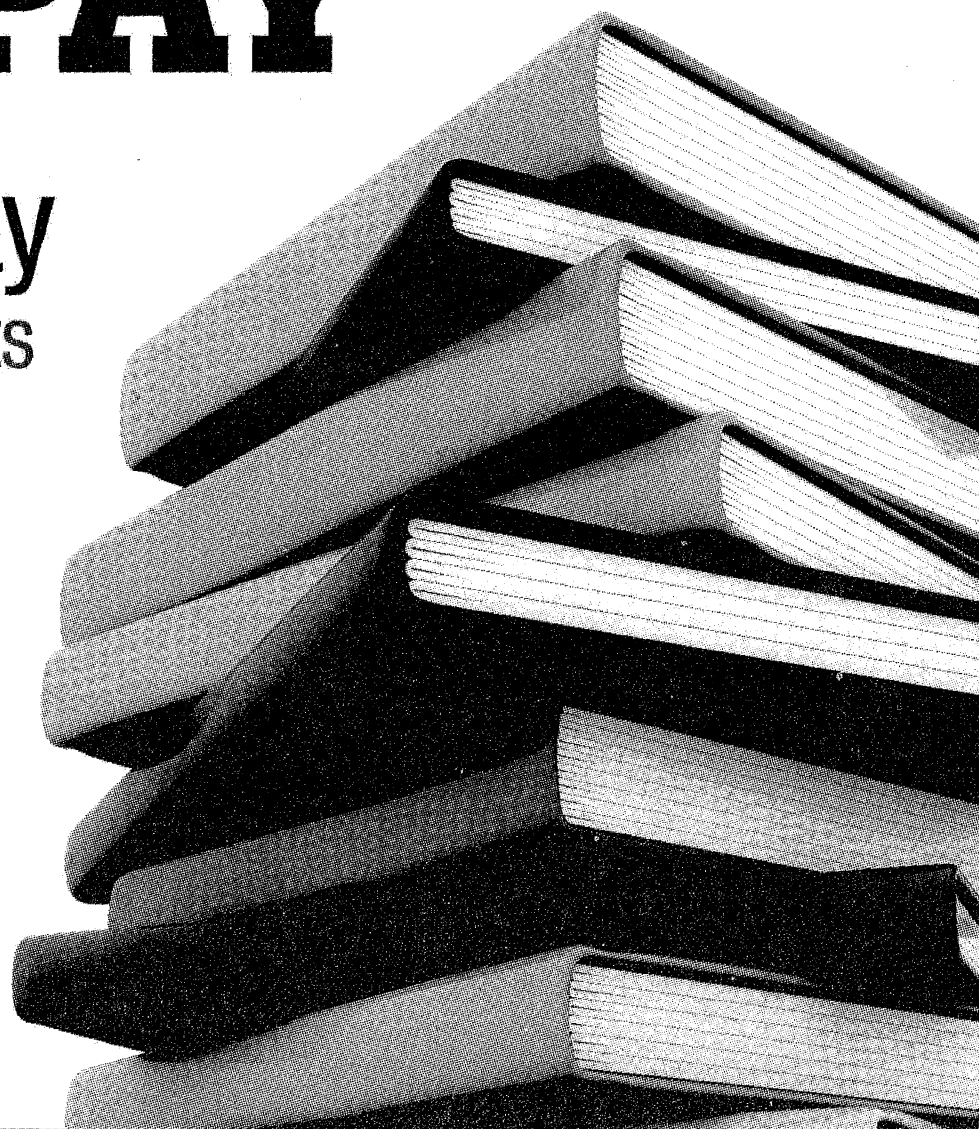
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# The Politics of Place

## John Mellencamp: No Better Than This

By MICHAEL KIMMEL  
Staff Writer

Being authentic is a hallmark trait of millennials. Be true to yourself. Keep it real. It's so central to millennial identity that marketers have discovered that they can sell almost anything if they brand it as authentic. Pre-torn jeans? Weathered flannel shirts? Soap! Food and beverages! Hair dyes!

And this drive for authenticity has always been a major current of pop music. Consider rock's initial primal authenticity against the smoothly manufactured crooning of Crosby (that would be Bing, not David), or Perry Como. Or punk's hallowed rage against the disco machine.

Roots rock, garage bands, Americana—all describe an attempt to get at some musical essence that is distinctly American. Rarely from big eastern cities, Americana is usually white, southern, with occasional folk frills by banjos and fiddles. Even urban cosmopolitans believe that the "soul" of America lies in its industrial cities, teeming with ethnic and racial minorities, the "heart" of the country lies in the countryside.

Authenticity is defined by place. And two bands, long mainstays of the rock pantheon, experience place differently—but in ways that capture something essential, something authentic in their music.

John Mellencamp takes this search for authenticity to a new level. Like Bruce Springsteen, Mellencamp wants to put the pop back in populist. Over a

30-year and 25-album career, Mellencamp has harnessed simple populist homilies to a driving, often anthemic sound. And like Springsteen, his politics have always been out front—sitting on that rocking chair on the front porch of his Indiana home, supporting farmers in Farm Aid, and a host of liberal Democrats in recent elections. But his music's been too timid, too eager to uncritically embrace those Hoosier folkways, that his songs could be misread, while searching for something real, authentic and essential about America. He's been so adept at tapping this vein that "This is Our Country" became a jingle for another iconic American brand: Chevrolet. "Ain't that America" was used before that.

"On No Better than This," (his first record for the traditional, authentic, formerly folkie label Rounder Records) Mellencamp goes searching for those actual, literal places of authenticity and records new songs in old familiar places. (The sound is so familiar, the songs so obviously inspired by traditional folk and blues stylings, that the album packaging has to constantly make clear these are new songs).

He and Grammy-winning producer T-Bone Burnett pack a 55-year old Ampex mono reel-to-reel tape recorder, a single handheld microphone, and barebones backing combo, and head out to three iconic locations: The First African Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia (the first black church in America, a sanctuary for runaway slaves and a source of powerhouse gospel music), Sun Studios in Memphis



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(where the home made band stands on the original markers laid out for Elvis's band), and room 414 in the old Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, where Robert Johnson recorded his legendary acoustic blues in 1936. In those hallowed rooms, standing or sitting in the literal footprints of those who came before him, Mellencamp makes a case for transcendence through immersion.

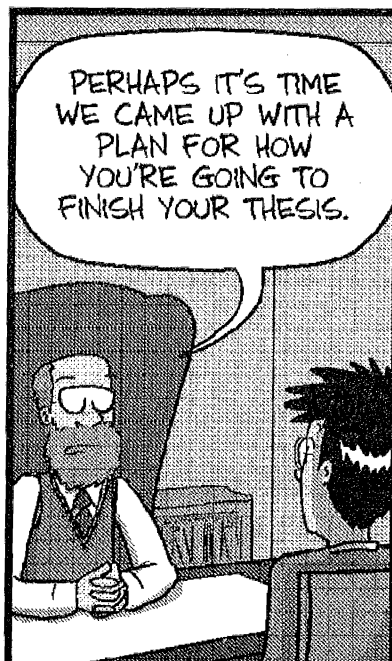
The songs are spare, acoustic, and Mellencamp's voice is hardly the arena rock bellowing he used to do. He's restrained, gravely,

scratchy even—as befits the songs he composed. (Apparently, he composed them during the tour he did in the summer of 2009 with Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan to a dozen minor league baseball parks). Punctuated by mournful fiddles, light acoustic guitar picking, his voice deliberately muddy—well, this must be the most constructed authentic sound of the year.

But somehow it works. It's haunting, mournful, melodic and inspiring. Singing about the little guy, who tries to make it, but fails, Mellencamp reminds us that the

American story is not about the ones who make it (the countless celebrities who parade their wealth) but about well-intentioned failure, the Edsels, the Gatsbys, the Charlie Chaplin characters, those down on their luck true believers who are undone by their faith in America. They do not fail America as much as America fails them. Ours is not a story of triumph but of resilience. And Mellencamp captures that defiance in the face of adversity, that willingness to pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and get back in the saddle.

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# FOOTBALL: Injuries on the defensive side didn't help the Seawolves cause

From FOOTBALL on 20

the USF punter to go down to a knee to pick it up--a move that in college football means the play is dead. The loss of 15 yards on fourth down meant that Stony Brook would take over at the Bulls 27.

It only took the Seawolves one play to score the go-ahead touchdown. Coulter found Hofstra transfer Brock Jackolski streaking down the sideline after a pump fake, and the running back held on and was able to easily get to the end zone to give Stony Brook the lead.

"We made a good connection," Jackolski said of the score.

Impossibly, Stony Brook was beating an FBS team, holding a one-touchdown advantage over a team that had five players drafted to the NFL last season, a team whose student section (12,501) is larger than the highest total attendance in LaValle Stadium history (10,024). But it was all downhill from there.

Stony Brook was playing against a USF team that was strong, fast and skilled. Coulter found that out the hard way, throwing four interceptions in the rout.

"They're big, and they can move," Coulter said. "I've gotta learn to throw those in the stands."

Several of his interceptions came when he was pressured and failed to throw the ball away or throw it far away enough.

By halfway through the second quarter, both starting cornerbacks had left the game injured. Senior Donald Porter, who led the team in receiving last year and made the switch to defense this summer, left with a knee injury. Coach Priore wouldn't say how long he expects Porter out, but recent reports indicate that Porter is out for the season.

Junior Al-Majid Hutchins, a transfer from Rutgers, left the game with a shoulder injury and will miss three to four weeks.

Bulls quarterback BJ Daniels threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Bulls played out their victory. The USF defense didn't allow Stony Brook another point.

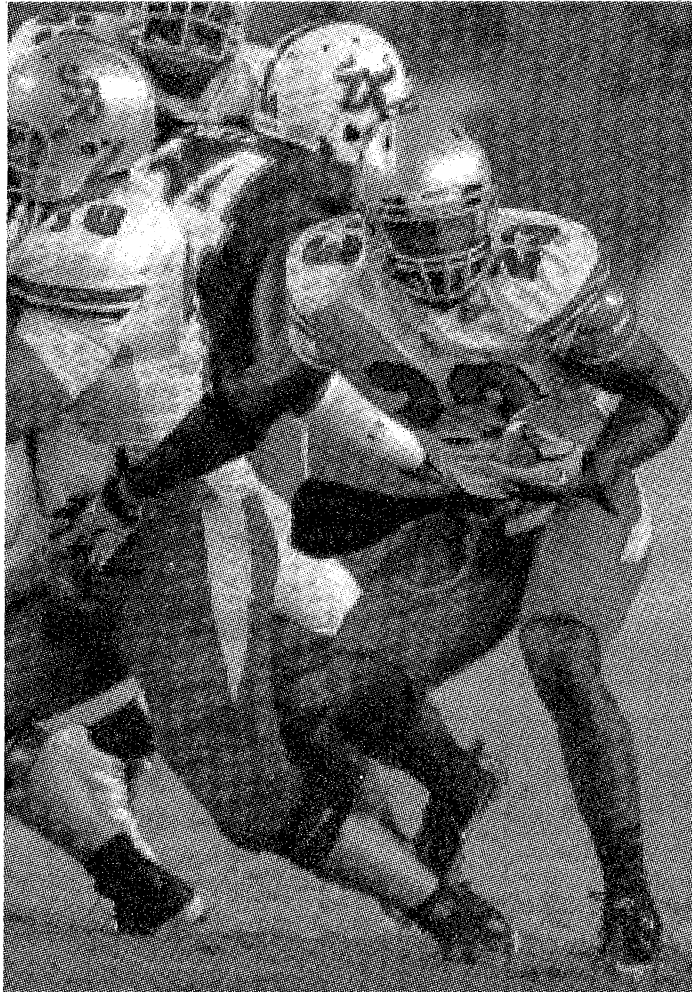
Running back Miguel Maysonet, another transfer from Hofstra, averaged 6.5 yards per carry, going for 72 yards on 11 rushes. Gowins finished with 54 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries.

Coulter went 9 of 21 with a touchdown and four interceptions.

"We have to learn from it and stay positive," Coulter said after the game.

Jackolski, in addition to the touchdown, shined on kick returns, taking six of them for a total of 111 yards.

Stony Brook's next game is



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**Junior running back Eddie Gowins scored Stony Brook's first touchdown on the way to 54 yards rushing.**

its home opener on Sept. 11 against Division II American International. Kickoff at LaValle Stadium is scheduled for 6 p.m.

#### Around the Big South

**#20 Liberty 52, St. Francis (Pa.) 7**

The Flames threw for 452 yards and six touchdowns against the Red Flash on Saturday. Liberty's biggest ground gainer on the day was Chase Barnett, who finished his first game in a Liberty uniform with eight rushing attempts for 56 yards. Defensively, newcomer Chris Mayo led the team with 10 stops in his first collegiate football game, including seven assisted tackles and a tackle for a loss.

**Charleston Southern 41, North Greenville 31**

Charleston Southern used a big second quarter, scoring 20 unanswered points to take a lead that they would not relinquish, winning their home opener 41-31 over North Greenville on Saturday at Buccaneer Field.

A.J. Toscano put up 223 yards through the air, completing 17 of his 26 pass attempts for four touchdowns. Four different CSU receivers had 35 receiving yards or more, with Kwame Krakue scoring once with 76 yards. Teddy Allen was the leading rusher, averaging

8.8 yards per carry and garnering 44 yards on five carries.

**Gardner-Webb 28, Brevard 14**  
True freshman Juanne Blount carried 18 times for 134 yards and a touchdown Saturday night to lead Gardner-Webb past Brevard, 28-14.

**West Virginia 31, Coastal Carolina 0**

Coastal Carolina battled the 24th-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers and its Heisman Trophy candidate Noel Devine, but ultimately fell 31-0 in the teams' 2010 season opener at Mila Puskar Stadium. Coastal only trailed 10-0 at the half, having a golden scoring opportunity go by the wayside after an interception late in the second quarter. Also, Devine, who finished with 111 rushing yards, had just 56 yards on 20 attempts for an average of 2.8 per carry through three quarters.

**VMI 48, Lock Haven 6**

VMI jumped out to a 20-0 lead and never looked back, en route to a 48-6 win over the Lock Haven Bald Eagles in the season opener for both teams, played Saturday afternoon at Foster Stadium in Lexington.

**Wake Forest 53, Presbyterian 13 (Thursday)**

# Women's soccer still winless

By DAVID O'CONNOR  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook University women's soccer team fell to nationally ranked Maryland (5-0-0) in their third away game on Sunday, 2-0, its fifth loss to start the season.

Freshman goalkeeper Chelsea Morales (Temecula, Calif.) battled valiantly to keep her team in the game, making four saves. However, it simply wasn't enough to stop the Terrapins.

Maryland's substitutes came up big for the team. Sade Ayinde and Danielle Hubka scored a goal each for the Terps.

Hubka headed the ball into the goal in the 41st minute, Maryland's 10th shot on goal, and Ayinde secured a 2-0 lead in the 69th minute.

Olivia Wagner and Jasmyne Spencer each recorded an assist for

their efforts.

The Terrapins had the overwhelming edge in shots and corner kicks.

While junior Dana Adamkiewicz (Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.) had the only shot for Stony Brook, Maryland collectively recorded 20 shots, and the Terrapins had seven corner kicks to Stony Brook's one.

Stony Brook could not even manage a shot on goal, failing to force a single save from Maryland's goalkeepers.

The Seawolves next match will be an away game against Sacred Heart (3-2) at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Sacred Heart lost their last game on Maine's home pitch, 3-2, in overtime.

The Seawolves will next be playing at home on Sept. 16th against Fairfield.

The team begins conference play on Sept. 26th in a home game against Hartford.

# Cross country runs well

By CATIE CURATOLO  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook's cross country track team opened the season with an invitational on its home turf. The Seawolves, who were voted to finish in first and second place (for the women and men respectively) in the American East conference, began the season with an impressive start, taking second place overall for both squads.

In the women's 4100 meter race, Stony Brook's Hayley Green, a junior, ran first with a time of 14:39.77 minutes.

Patricia Barry, also a Seawolf junior, took second place in

14:59.77 minutes.

The women's team placed second, with a total of 48 points, to invitational champions Quinnipiac University.

Senior Iain Whitfield ran a close second in the men's 6200 meter race.

His time was 20:00.49 minutes, barely four seconds behind the lead runner from Iona College.

Eric Speakman, a freshman, ran third with a time of 20:17.29 minutes.

The men's team totaled 46 points and placed second, behind Iona.

The Seawolves return to competition next week, racing at the Boston College Invitational.

# Basketball adds center

By SAM KILB  
Sports Editor

Stony Brook athletics announced on Sept. 1 the signing of Anthony Mayo—the 84th-ranked center in the country according to ESPN.com—out of Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mayo earned an 82 rating from the scouts at ESPN, which falls into the range of a "high major prospect."

This rating means, according to the site, that Mayo "has the potential to start or significantly contribute as a freshman for most top national Division I programs."

The scouting report says that Mayo's strengths are on the defensive end, where he is a good rebounder and shot-blocker.

Offensively, the report says, Mayo can run the floor well and has good hands and a nice jump-hook.

The 6-foot-9-inch Mayo joins Stony Brook after a prolific career at Roman Catholic. Mayo was a 2010 honorable mention All-Catholic league selection by the Philadelphia Daily News in his senior year, when he averaged 10 points, six rebounds and three blocks per game.

Mayo led Roman to the PIAA Class AAAA quarterfinals. He was the 35th ranked player in Philadelphia by PhillyHoops.net.

Mayo joins highly touted prospects Dave Coley (guard), Anthony Jackson (guard) and Al Rapier (forward) in signing to play for Stony Brook in the 2010/11 season.

# Men's soccer drops two straight games

## Fri.: SBU 1, Lafayette 3

## Sun.: SBU 1, Colgate 2 (2OT)

By JASON VAN HOVEN  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's soccer team lost to Lafayette, 3-1, at the Lafayette Soccer Classic Friday evening.

Will Casey (Setauket, N.Y.) scored his first collegiate goal in the 60th minute, which broke a scoreless tie.

Lafayette, however, responded with three goals that sealed their second win of the season.

Wilber Bonilla (Brentwood, N.Y.) fed Casey, a three-year letterwinner in high school, helping to open up scoring.

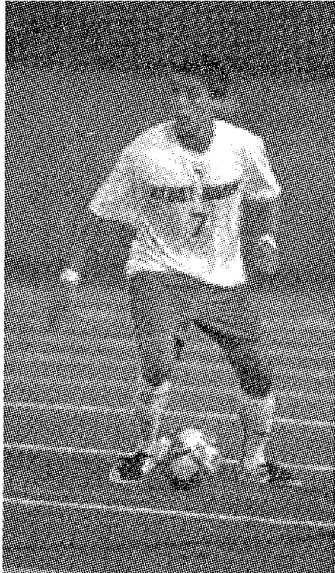
Lafayette (2-0-0) would nevertheless come from behind. Sam Feldbaum started in the rally in the 72nd minute to tie the game at one.

Rob Bedson tallied his marker eight minutes later.

Stephen Macurdy put the game away for the Leopards, beating sophomore Stefan Manz (Bronx, N.Y.) in the 84th minute.

Stony Brook was in control in the first half, as Lafayette had only one shot on goal, which Stefan Manz saved.

Senior goalkeeper Andrew Pianko kept the score deadlocked with four huge saves. Pianko



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Soph. Cristian Quevedo

finished with eight saves for the Leopards, while Manz had only three.

The Seawolves also outshot its opponent for the second straight game.

Casey, Marc Godelman (Paramus, N.J.) and Mehdi Belakehal (St. Hubert, Quebec) each took three shots.

After this game, Stony Brook's record falls to 1-1. The Seawolves defeated Hofstra in both teams' season opener.

By JASON VAN HOVEN  
Staff Writer

Freshman Will Casey's (Setauket, N.Y.) first college goal against Lafayette on Friday wasn't enough to give the Seawolves a win.

Neither was redshirt freshman Marc Godelman's (Paramus, N.J.) first one this afternoon against the Colgate Raiders, who rallied late to beat Stony Brook 2-1 in double overtime.

The Seawolves (1-2-0) showed defensive prowess and maintained their 1-0 lead for a majority of the game, holding off the opposition until the 89' when Colgate's (1-0-1) Steven Miller capitalized on a pass from Jeff Leach to tie.

Stony Brook's goal was the third straight it has scored in the second-

half.

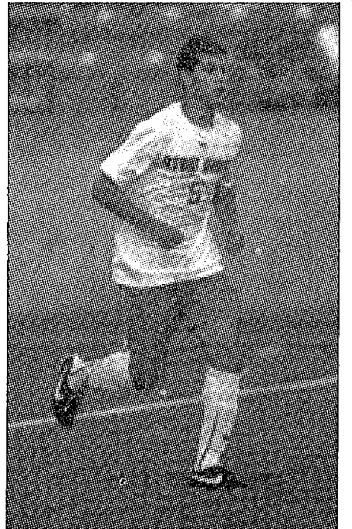
Godelman took a through ball near midfield from sophomore Cristian Quevedo (Smithtown, N.Y.) and beat Raiders goalie Grant Reed for the lead.

Colgate's Mike Reese put in the game-winning goal as the ball was headed inside the box.

Godelman led the Seawolves with three shots on goal. Sophomore Danny Bonomini (Holbrook, N.Y.) made five saves in his second career start, three in the first overtime.

He made a save 43 seconds into the second overtime to stop the comeback, but it came up short moments later when Reese won the game for the Raiders.

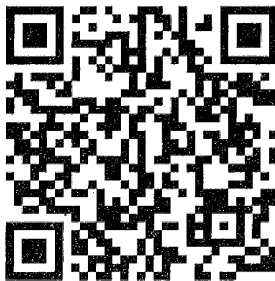
The Seawolves continue non-conference play at South Florida on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.



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Soph. Mehdi Belakehal

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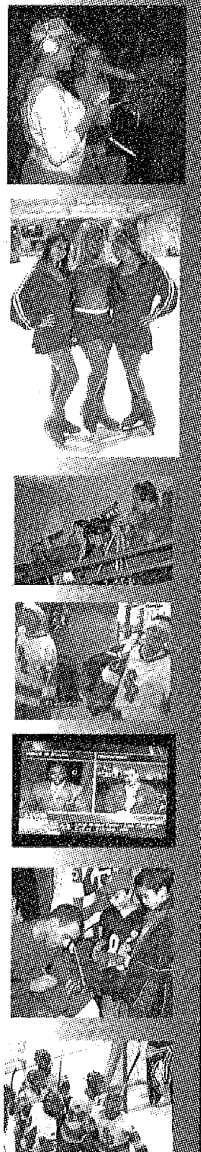
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# SPORTS

## Injury bug bites Seawolves

By SAM KILB  
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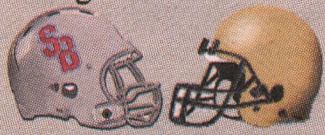
Stony Brook's defense paid a severe physical price for the pounding it took during the 59-14 loss to South Florida on Saturday.

According to team spokesperson Adam Gutes, the team suffered four injuries, two of which signal the end of the player's season.

Senior cornerback Donald Porter, who last season was the team's leading receiver and made the switch to the defensive side this summer, suffered a season-ending knee injury on Saturday.

Redshirt freshman Reginald Francklin will also be out for the

### Next game



### Stony Brook (0-1) vs. American Int. (0-1)

When: 6 p.m., Sept. 11

Where: LaValle Stadium, Stony Brook, N.Y.

Listen: WUSB 90.1

**Fast Fact:** Junior RB Eddie Gowins is one TD away from second place all-time in Stony Brook history.

year with a leg injury. Francklin was playing in his first game at Stony Brook since transferring from Hofstra.

Junior defensive back Al-Majid Hutchins, Stony Brook's other starting corner, will miss three to four weeks with a shoulder injury. Hutchins transferred from Rutgers before this season.

Junior defensive lineman Michael Marino will also miss time with a shoulder injury. Gutes said that Marino is a week-to-week decision but has definitely been ruled out of Saturday's clash with American.

Stony Brook was forced to rely on its third, fourth and fifth cornerbacks for about two and a half quarters against USF on Saturday, a factor that head coach Chuck Priore said after the game was definitely a factor in the final score.

Sophomore Dominick Reyes, junior Cedrick Moore and freshmen Tony Jefferson and Davonte Anderson are listed as cornerbacks on the depth chart.

## RUN BY THE BULLS

Stony Brook football drops season opener, 59-14

By SAM KILB  
Sports Editor

No one could believe it. The Stony Brook fans were ecstatic, to be sure. Raymond James Stadium was brought to a standstill as 40,000 stunned fans watched Brock Jackolski stroll into the end zone to give the Seawolves a 14-7 first quarter lead.

"It seems that these sort of games are usually close in the first quarter," Stony Brook head coach Chuck Priore said after the game. "And then the sleeping giant awakens."

When the giant did get out of bed, there was no turning back. The University of South Florida Bulls scored 52 unanswered points and went on to win, 59-14, in what was Stony Brook's first-ever game against an FBS opponent.

For one quarter, Stony Brook ran with the Bulls, though there were early signs of things to come.

After the Seawolves stalled on their first drive, USF scored a 59-yard touchdown on its first play from scrimmage when sophomore quarterback BJ Daniels hit Dontavia Bogan for a short pass and Bogan did the rest, streaking down the sidelines past the Stony Brook defense to give the Bulls an early 7-0 lead.

On the ensuing drive, Stony Brook was forced to punt. Drew Evangelista kicked it away for the Seawolves, but the USF kick returner fumbled on the return



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP PHOTO

University of South Florida wide receiver Dontavia Bogan runs past the Stony Brook sidelines on his way to a touchdown on the Bulls' first play from scrimmage.

and the ball was grabbed by Stony Brook's Rich Vitale.

The Seawolves were set up on the Bulls 35 yard line.

After a Gowins run for one yard, junior quarterback Michael Coulter hit sophomore wide receiver Jordan Gush, who took it down to the USF 1-yard line.

On the next play, Gowins

scored Stony Brook's first-ever touchdown against an FBS team with a run down the middle, sending the approximately 300 Stony Brook fans in attendance into wild celebrations.

With the score knotted at 7, Stony Brook's defense held the line at about midfield on the next possession, forcing a USF punt.

On the first try, USF downed the ball inside the Stony Brook 5-yard line, but a flag on the field meant it was coming back. The Seawolves were bailed out by an illegal formation penalty, and, on the re-kick, a low snap forced

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## Volleyball picks up first win

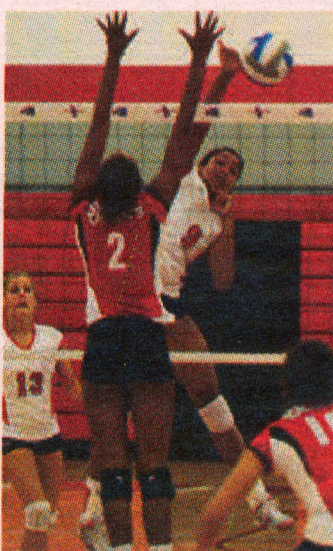
By NOAH KIM  
Staff Writer

It took seven tries, but Stony Brook finally secured a victory on Saturday against Quinnipiac for its first win of the season, 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-20). The Seawolves (1-6) came back to sweep their opponents just hours after losing to Rhode Island.

Senior Ashley Headen and junior Alicia Nelson combined for 36 kills to overpower Quinnipiac in the final game of the Yale Invitational, ending the trip on a high note.

Senior Jeanette Gibbs led the Seawolves with 16 digs while junior setter Kelsey Sullivan added 21 assists. Freshman Masa Balandzic contributed 5 aces.

The Seawolves inconsistency was a big factor in losing six



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consecutive games. They often had fast starts only to eventually lose the game.

However, the Seawolves kept the momentum after jumping off to a good start against Quinnipiac.

In the first set, Stony Brook led 16-6, but Quinnipiac closed the gap to two late in the set.

This seemed like the same story again for Stony Brook, but the team maintained composure to close out the first set with five straight points to go up 1-0 in the game.

Balandzic served three aces during the five-point span.

In set two, Stony Brook grabbed a 17-11 lead, but Quinnipiac took a one-point lead after a seven-point run.

However, the Seawolves bounced right back with the combination of strong play from freshman Kaitlin Costello and

Quinnipiac's unforced errors. They took the set for a 2-0 lead.

Stony Brook opened the third set with a 6-1 run, only to see that lead dwindle down to one, 16-15.

But the Seawolves went on another 8-1 run to eventually close out the set and win the game, 3-0.

The Seawolves have to feel as if the monkey is off their back in winning their first game of the season. Now, they can look ahead and concentrate on improving their record as conference play draws nearer.

Next up for the Seawolves will be a game in the Bronx, where they face Rider in the Fordham Invitational on Sept. 10.

This will be the beginning of four games in the span of two days. The Seawolves also face Syracuse, Harvard and Fordham at the invitational.