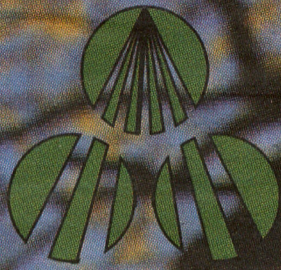


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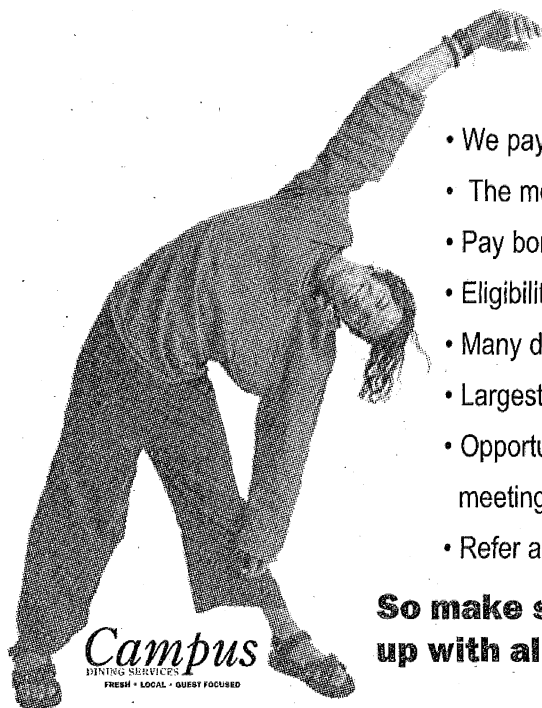
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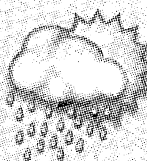
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**Friday:**  
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## A Low Turnout for the Death of Public Education

By ANDREW ZAJIC  
Staff Writer

Students held a funeral at Stony Brook University's West Campus on Wednesday. But the black coffin was not meant for a person.

With more than five eulogies, the sound of bagpipes blasting through an amplifier and the words "public education" pasted onto the black plastic cover of the hand-made coffin, the grassroots group of students tried and tried to rouse their fellow students in front of the Staller Center for the Arts during campus lifetime.

But when the call came, only a handful of the students crowding the Staller steps joined the funeral procession. The event, "The Death of Public Education" which was organized on Facebook, protested tuition hikes that could arise from the proposed Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act, or PHEEIA.

Since New York State Gov. David A. Paterson, put forward PHEEIA legislation in January, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. and students have been at odds over tuition hikes as an answer to the university's budget woes. If PHEEIA is passed, the SUNY Board of Trustees would set tuition costs instead of the New York State legislature. The possible power shift raised the question of whether or not Stony Brook University's higher education will still be considered public.

"Education makes society more equitable," said Timothy Paules, 22, a psychology major and one of the organizers for the event. It was his answer to why he thought education was a civil right. "If the SUNY Board of Trustees started setting tuition, only people who can afford it will get to come here."

Under PHEEIA, students protested that SUNY could hike tuition



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anywhere from 6 to 10 percent every year. Last Wednesday, Stony Brook students predicted tuition could be doubled within 10 years.

If New York State will be footing less than 17 percent of Stony Brook University's two billion dollar operating budget next year, more costly student tuition may help close a budget gap. With less taxpayer money going to Stony Brook University, students that have relied on it lowering tuition costs protested what endangered their future enrollment.

"Honestly, I won't be able to come here anymore. I can't afford it," said Usama Khalid, an economics major, at the funeral. "When they'll put the prices up, let's face it, only the richer kids will be able come here."

Three students hoisted the more than five-foot-tall coffin onto their shoulders and carried it around the Frank Melville Jr. Library, through the Academic Mall, and up to the President's Office inside the Administration Building. Next to the doorway of the President's Office, the students leaned the coffin against the wall. About 40 students waited in the hallway for their turn to touch the flower

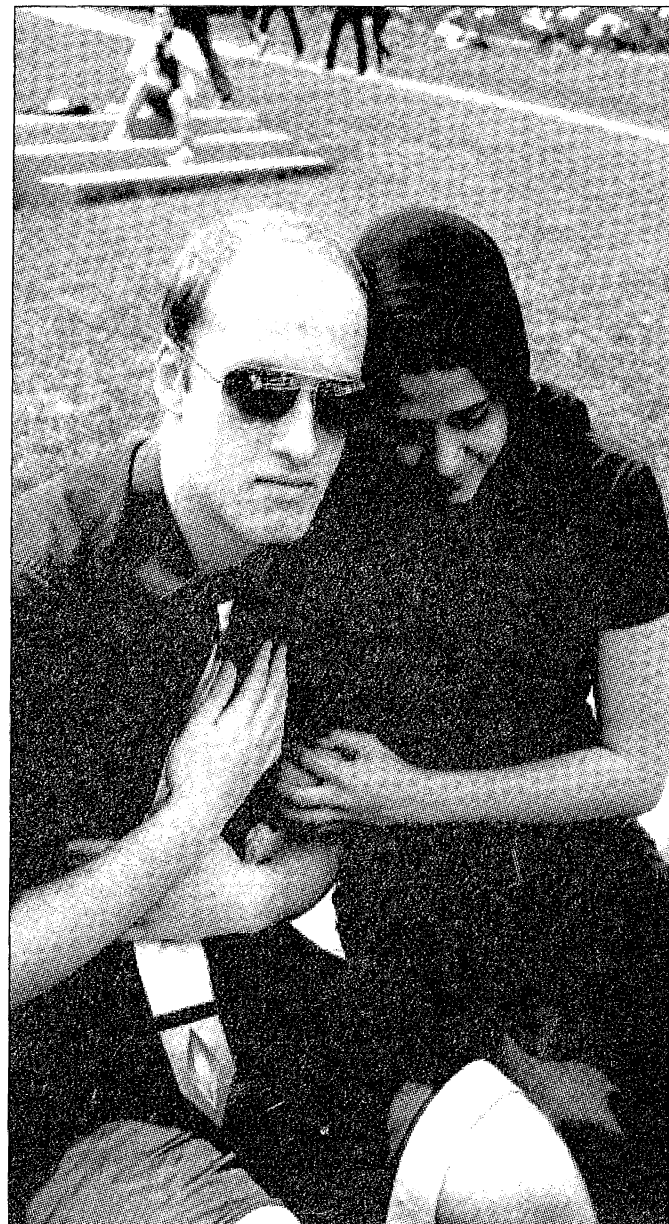
bouquet tacked to the base of the coffin.

President Stanley could not be reached for comment.

University spokeswoman Lauren Sheprow, responded in an email that there is nothing in PHEEIA that "implies or points to the privatization of the university." Sheprow did not respond to requests for a telephone interview.

Tuition for four-year public colleges in America rose 6.5 percent in 2009, according College Board's Trends in College Pricing.

"I'm a freshman so I'm worried about the future cost of my tuition," said freshman Brittany Barnett, 19, after the funeral. "We all have a right to pursue happiness. I need to afford college so I can get a good job."

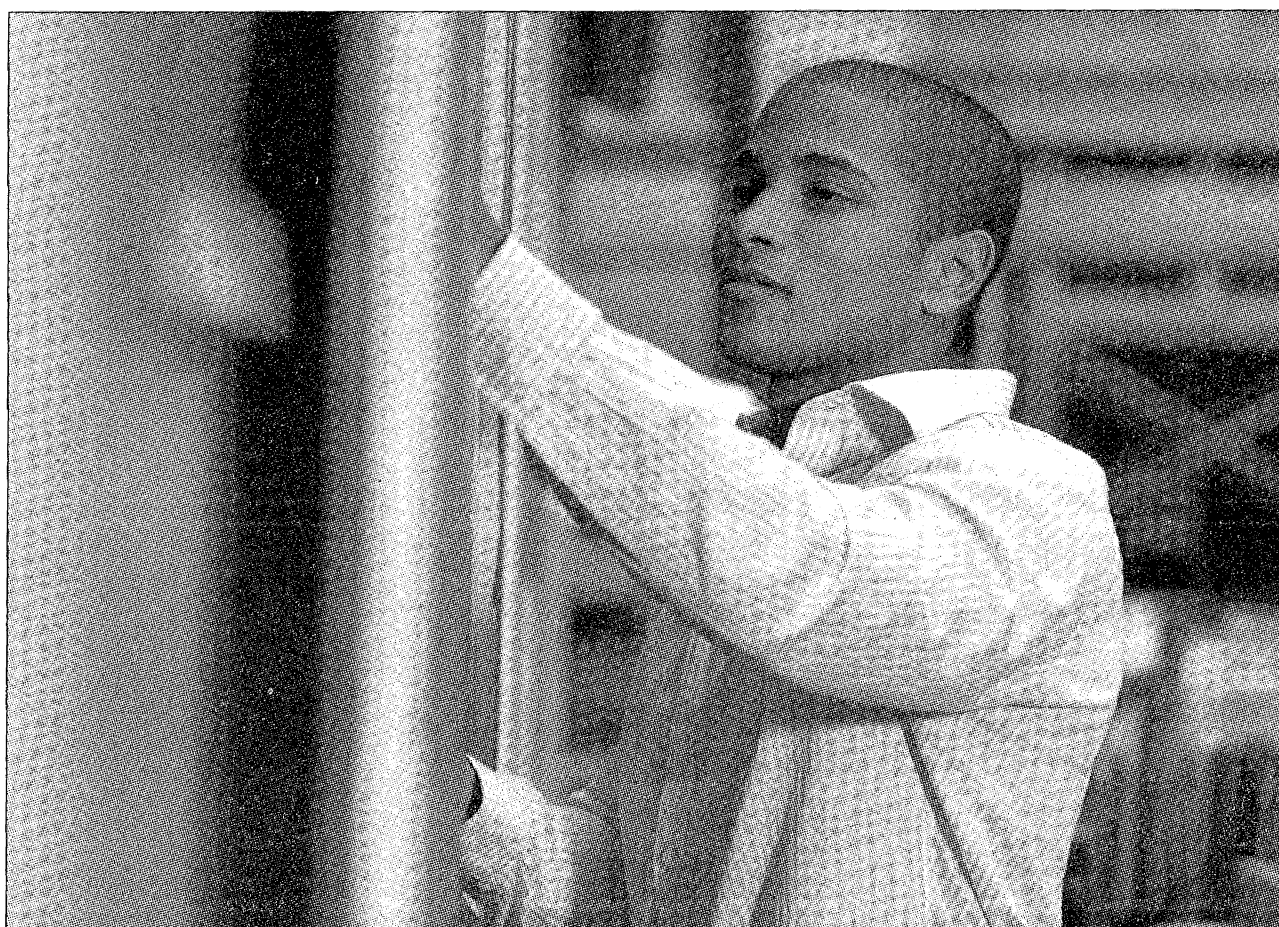


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## Earthstock: Saving The Green

### *Saving Us From Ourselves*

By RAVNEET KAMBOJ  
Opinion Editor

Whether one is a conservative or liberal it is extremely hard to deny that actions we take every day affect the Earth, from driving our cars to school to not sorting out bottles into recycling in our rooms. All of these things damage our planet.

Saving our planet has to start with each single student on this campus, we cannot feel unattached from our planet, the media must also do its part to stop portraying those who are environmentally conscious as hippies and liberals.

A big part of why a lot of people don't pay attention to how their actions affect the environment is because of this stigma. While Earthstock is a play on words on Woodstock the greatest gathering of hippies and musicians ever Earthstock is an attempt to inject environmental stewardship into the lives of everyday people.

Every student must take a few moments to stop and think about what they can do every day to lower the impact that they have on the planet.

It already feels that we are leaving our country in terrible shape for future generations, so shouldn't we at least try to ensure that our planet is healthy? It may seem that something small like Earthstock on a college campus can do little to staunch the global trend of environmental

destruction, however this is exactly the kind of small-scale change in attitude that is required around the globe.

If every town, city or college dedicated a week or a day to real environmental education and then continued from there, that shift in thinking could be what is needed to save our planet. This may all seem grandiose, but Stony Brook has always been a very large player in the sciences and a lot of great research and development has been born here.

Stony Brook also has the potential to make huge strides in "green" technologies, the talent and resources are there - it is up to students to push the science department into this vital area.

This push for green technology will not only be great for the Earth but could potentially make Stony Brook a leader in such fields and could propel our university to new heights as a center for such research.

Many influential movements have started on college campuses. Stony Brook Southampton's main cultural focus was the environment and sustainability and since the students there are to be integrated onto main campus starting next semester, it now seems like the perfect time for this to become one of our main agendas as well.

Students who are making the difficult transition from Southampton to main campus will appreciate this as well



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as show us what we can do to spark real enthusiasm from the student body when it comes to the environment.

The consequences of us not taking care of our planet are huge and almost painful to think of, one day perhaps in the near future our children or grand children will have to

suffer because we decided that we were going to be too lazy to make an effort on this front.

Scientific facts are hard to ignore and according to most scientists, the earth's health is in rapid decline. Lets all do our part and make sure there is still some green left on this planet in the future.

## A Socially Networked Lifestyle

### *Is it all good? Or Can It Hurt Us?*

By LAMIA HAIDER  
Contributing Writer

I can recall with some fondness the memories of watching students exuberantly bombarding each other with fusillades of neon foam bullets two weeks ago. Humans vs. Zombies gave the inhabitants of Stony Brook a diversion from the mundane routine of collegiate life and academic pursuits. Then an amusingly

obvious thought occurred to me. It all could not have been possible without Facebook.

Social networks are given a ridiculous amount of importance in current times and the kingpin of the operation is Facebook. Though once reserved for college students, it now reaches a much more expansive variety of consumers. According to the official Facebook statistics page it boasts 400 million users.

Facebook proves to

be very useful to college students, particularly for organizing events such as the aforementioned Humans vs. Zombies. In fact I do not think I would be aware of half of the proceedings, gatherings, rallies and festivities that occurred at Stony Brook were it not for Facebook.

Let's also not forget the role of Facebook during Undergraduate Student Government elections. It allowed for the candidates to

access a much wider audience than mere posters ever could. I found many invitations to join Facebook groups that supported one candidate or another.

This allows Facebook to function as a type of interactive yellow pages. The conveniences of Facebook are many, and by this point it has become indispensable. As college students we rely on it heavily

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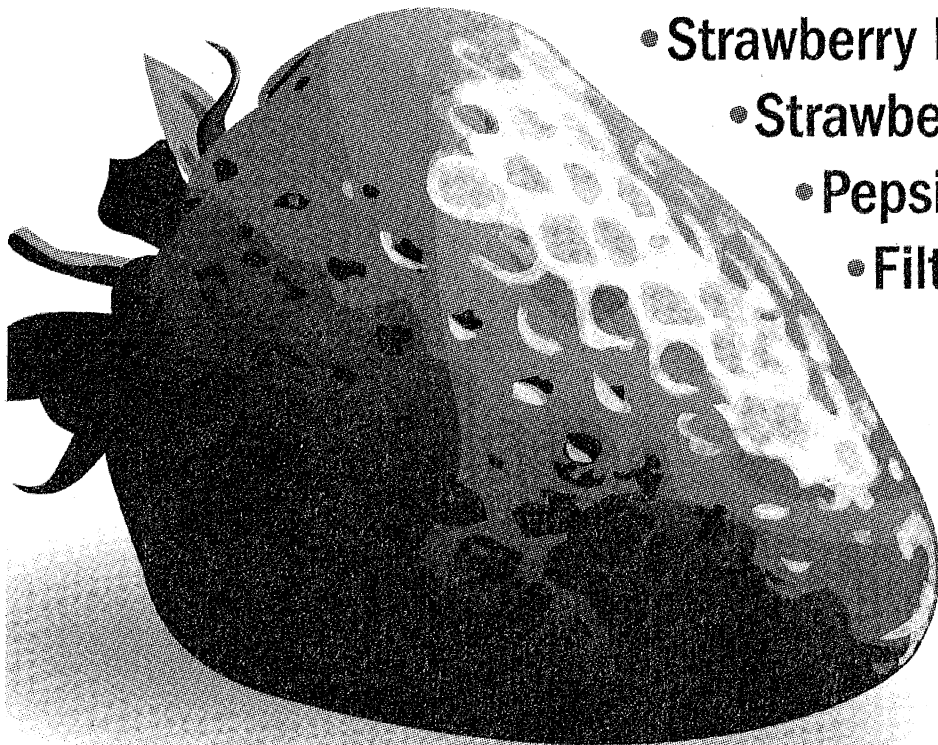
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# Ann Jones to Obama: "Get the Army Out of Afghanistan"

By SURAIYA AFRINA  
Contributing Writer

Ann Jones, a writer, photographer, and lifelong advocate for civil rights, and women rights told the Stony Brook students with confidence that United States should withdraw its army from Afghanistan immediately.

Ann Jones, who has lived in Afghanistan for four years as a humanitarian volunteer after September 11, came to Stony Brook University and spoke at the Tabler arts center on Wednesday March 11, for the provost's lecture series.

Jones spoke about the role of invasion and occupation of Afghanistan for the provosts lecture series and her new book "Kabul in Winter: Life Without Peace in Afghanistan," where she wrote about her experience in Afghanistan.

The show began with Allegra De-Laurentiis, the Faculty director of Global Studies, who gave a brief speech about significance of women and Jones's work in Afghanistan.

De-Laurentiis mentioned that Jones was able to live with real people and had the inside sights to everyday life. She also mentioned that Jones has worked

as an English Teacher for Afghan high schools and worked for Non-Government Organization, or NGO, to help Afghan people.

Ann Jones began her speech by talking about long war the United States has been involved in since September 11th. According to Jones, this war is expected to last at least 50 years.

"United States has been involved in every war since World War II," Jones said as she reminded the audience that we are paying for the war.

"After the 1941 World War, America faced a global enemy that is out to get us," She said. While mentioning the Cold War with Soviet Union, "United States didn't disarm its military since then," she added.

"Our National security and military budget are much larger than many countries," Jones said with concern.

In between the long wars, like the war on terror, we have short wars as Jones has explained. Some of the short wars include the war in Afghanistan and war in Iraq.

According to Jones, so much of what is going on is secret to American public. America's purpose on going to war was to capture Osama Bin Laden. However, in Jones' point view this is a false reason. "United

States went to war to pursue the natural resources such as oil," she said.

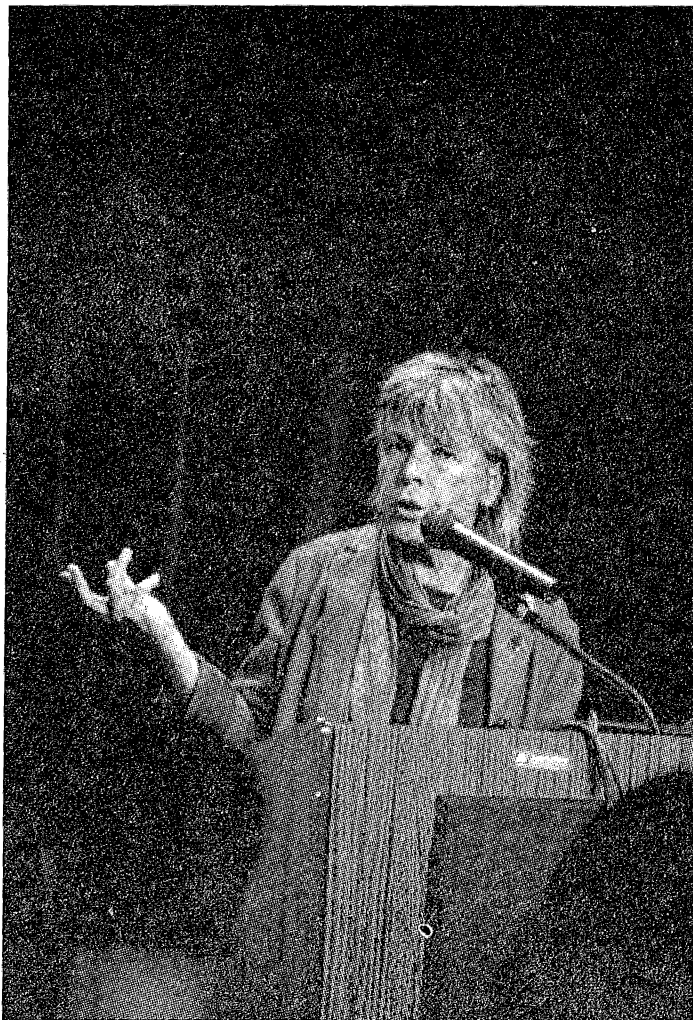
"War in Afghanistan was only way the Bush Administration could later declare war on Iraq," She said. "The Bush Administration gave us false enterprise, their intentions were not real," she added.

"Afghans are profiting on the rich," she said on the corruption that is going on in Afghanistan. The veteran officers of U.S. army are also said to be involved in the corruption as Jones explained.

"Many people from congress also worry about terrible corruption in Washington," Jones said. "In Washington, Inspector General Corporations and private companies are scrambling," she said.

Media is also said to be deceived, according to Jones, when talked about public not getting to know everything that is going on in Afghanistan and Iraq.

When asked about if Afghanistan will ever have peace, she didn't know what to say. "I don't know, the situation has been terrible all along; women have already been betrayed, women of my colleagues have been kidnapped and beaten," she said. "The threat of civil war has always been there."



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Ann Jones spoke to a group of students about her experience in Afghanistan and how she believes things are going.

To sum up her speech, Jones said, "get the army out of Afghanistan."

She mentioned that Afghans work themselves very well except

for the fundamentalists and the fact that they belong to a poor country. She however insisted that NGO should continue to work for Afghanistan.

# A Miscalculation of the Lazy Worker

By ANDREW ZAJIC  
Staff Writer

How can math boil down how lazy workers want to work?

Researchers at Stony Brook University turned workplace-scheduling problems inside out by studying how a "lazy" worker would manage his or her job tasks. The 2003 research is called the "Lazy Bureaucrat Problem," or LBP. In late January of this year, Marc Abrahams cited it on Guardian.co.uk, a news website popular in the U.K.

Guardian.co.uk gathered about two million visitors per day on its website last February, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations Electronics, or ABCe. ABCe appraises media performance by using traffic data from computers or mobile phones. The New York Times' website claimed to have more than 17 million visitors per month, which in last February

would average to about six hundred thousand visitors per day.

Abrahams wrote on Guardian.co.uk that researchers of the Lazy Bureaucrat Problem, or LBP, were themselves "taking the lazy approach." He mulled over the problem's name more than the math problem itself.

"The article citing us saw the Lazy Bureaucrat Problem as only a cute title," commented Steven Skiena, a Professor of Computer Science, while reading Abrahams' article on his computer during a telephone interview.

The LBP is an uncommon approach to schedule work for workers whom are not too thrilled about efficiency, as described by researchers. The researchers, Michael Bender and Steven Skiena of the Department of Computer Science and Esther Arkin and Joseph Mitchell of the Department of Applied

Mathematics, intended to devise algorithms that express a lazy worker's aim for optimal inefficiency. With the Lazy Bureaucrat Problem, a worker can adapt his or her goal to labor a little as possible against the workplace requirement to be busy.

"Laziness will always be around because people are complicated."

"The research is meant to model the problem, not solve laziness. Laziness will always be around because people are complicated," said Bender, who has a doctorate of Computer Science, in a telephone interview.

Abrahams never contacted any of the LBP researchers, as disclosed

in a Stony Brook University press release that followed his article on the Guardian.co.uk website. In the press release, Bender explained the purpose of the study was to model a real-life situation after workers whom often try to perform as little work as possible. He underscored that inefficient workers, rather than the efficient ones, compel much more complexity in scheduling.

"The workers are not permitted to do nothing, but they can make tasks go as slow and inefficiently as possible," Bender elaborated.

As for Abrahams and his article, he quoted the research abstract, which diagnosed the motive of a worker in the LBP as laziness. Still, Abrahams wrote that, "managing a problem does not necessarily solve it," and that the researchers offered, "no advice about getting ride of the lazy bureaucrats."

"I don't think there's an

## Correction:

An article published April 15, incorrectly stated the population of the campus and incorrectly attributed the number. The article also incorrectly attributed reasoning behind why commuter students don't live on campus.

academic subject out there that can solve laziness. Human nature can only get fixed by human nature," said Robert Wetzel an Applied Mathematics Major. He is a student of Esther Arkin whom worked and researched on the Lazy Bureaucrat Problem.

The LBP model can take advantage of a lazy worker's requirement to appear busy. For the do-as-little-labor-as-possible mindset, the Lazy Bureaucrat Problem can require more work from a worker by scheduling more short tasks as a substitute to performing a nearly daylong task.

"In one kind of setup, if you give jobs to lazy workers you can get more done only by enforcing the right objectives on them," described Steven Skiena.

Abrahams expected math as a means to cure laziness in the workplace. In fact, the Lazy Bureaucrat Problem aimed to mathematically express how workers try to be as lazy as possible and still look busy.

# Earthstock 2010



Photos by: Aleef Rahman



By JOE ARICO & MARY REILAND  
Staff Writers

Over a hundred blue, green and red tables coupled with sunny weather blanketed the Academic Mall Friday afternoon in celebration of Stony Brook University's 6th annual Earthstock to help bring environmental awareness to the campus community.

As Aztec dancers entertained students on the grass outside the Melville Library, junior Alicia Ryan, a linguistics major, had a small crowd around her commuter student services booth.

The Commuter Student Services table featured a board full of creative suggestions on how to lower emissions while traveling to school. It suggested carpooling, bicycling, and walking. To Ryan, the goal was simple -- to teach commuters how to go green. Ryan suggested carpooling to help save gas and lower pollution. "There's a carpool forum on Blackboard so commuters can see who to carpool with," she said.

Even Stony Brook's bus, the Kernel, which runs on vegetable oil, was on display. David McAvoy, the university's transportation fleet

manager, said the bus gets about seven miles per gallon. Although the number may not seem like a lot, he said city buses only get about 2.5 miles per gallon, and even the hybrid city buses only get 3 miles per gallon. The bus runs off vegetable oil from the Kelly Quad Dining Center that is converted to fuel in a small shed located in the South P lot.

Nardy Honda in Smithtown was also on site, giving out information on hybrid cars with three of their latest hybrid Honda Civic models available for students to look at. Just a few steps away, Jungle Bob's Reptile World could be found placing pythons on anxious students while a large tortoise moved slowly around their flip-flopped feet.

Psychology major, Rachel Roger, a junior, was passing out fliers and information for her booth with a few students from her Women Studies class. The class, Global Activism, asked students to sign a petition that they planned to send into the United Nations. "Today we'll be showing movies to promote awareness of the world water crisis. Because of privatization of water, its forced people to collect rainwater or drink muddy water because they can't afford to pay for clean water resources," Roger



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said. "We are having people sign a petition because water is a right to life and we would like it included in the universal declaration of human rights at the United Nations."

While the main purpose of Earthstock may be to educate students on how they can maintain

a healthier environment, the festival brought a festive mood throughout the campus. As students lounged on the grass and enjoyed the sounds of Peat Moss and the Fertilizers, thoughts of projects, essays and finals were far from anyone's mind.

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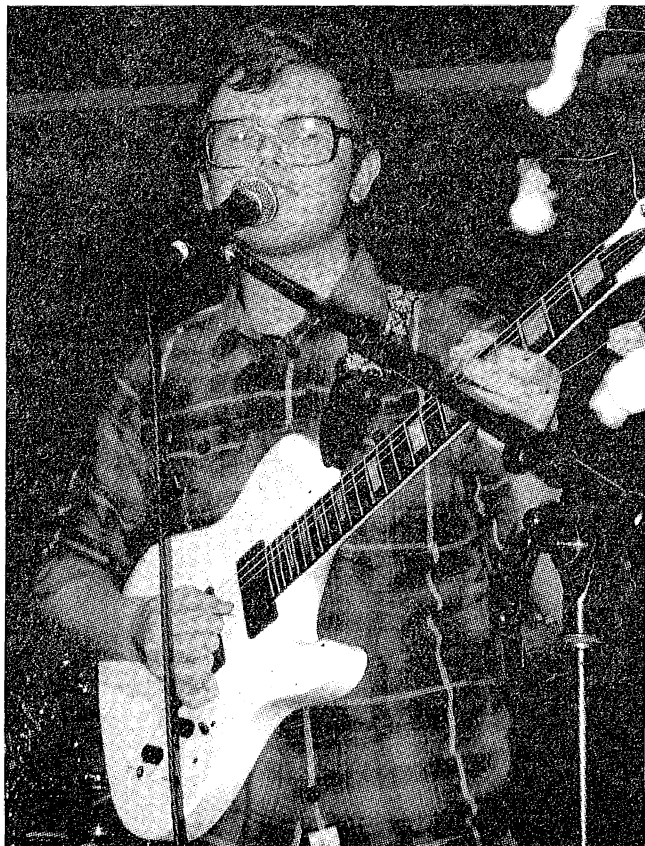
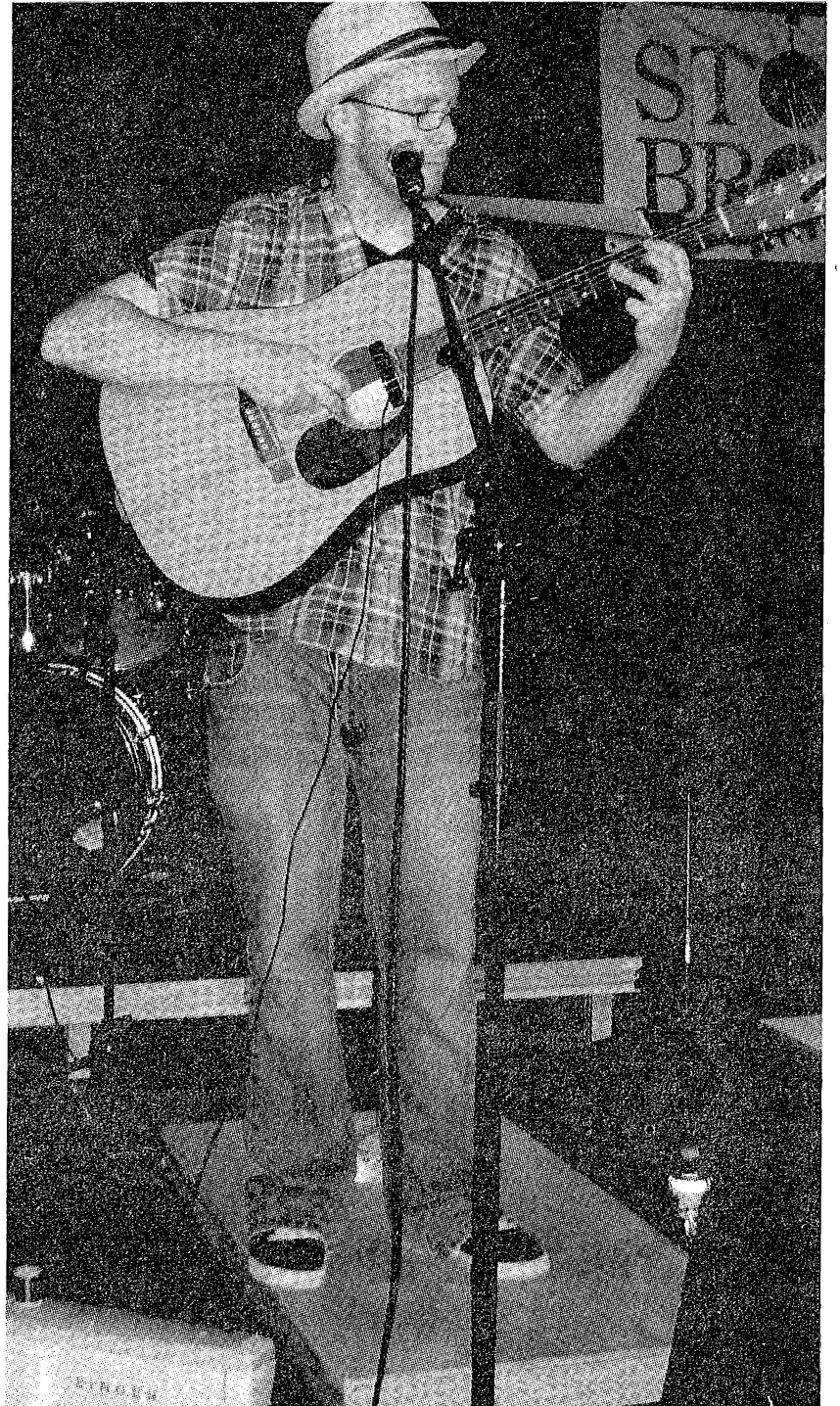
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## *Arts, Culture, Humanities & Science Society 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands*

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# Campus Bands Play in 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands Finals Competition

By IVANNA AVALOS  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Students and parents waited anxiously for the start of the third annual Arts, Culture, and Humanities and Science and Society Battle of the Bands Finals competition in the Tabler Arts Center's Black Box Theatre Thursday night.

The Battle of the Bands competition first started in the spring of 2008 semester by students who wanted to develop a music scene on campus and the Arts, Culture, and Humanities Council and the Science and Society Council.

The competition allows each of the five bands a 20-minute set and a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card, but it's clear that these bands are there just to have a good time and play music.

In the three years since Battle of the Bands, the campus music scene has changed significantly. And with the help of students Patrice Zapiti and Carlos Parreno, who created the popular RockYoFaceCase event in the University Cafe, student musicians now have an outlet to perform,

and students have a place to watch free, live music without having to travel off-campus.

"They [the bands] are judged on a variety of categories, musicianship, stage presence," said Norm Prusslin, director of the Living Learning Centers for Media Arts and Interdisciplinary Arts.

The musical environment on campus is as diverse as the university's student body. Thursday night's Battle of the Bands showcased that musical diversity.

This year's event featured Bedtime is Boring, Hello Jupiter, Magnificent Beast, The Given Motion, and Mother F'Nature.

Bedtime is Boring, a self-described three-part harmony group was the first band up to perform to an small and intimate crowd. Bedtime is Boring's set featured mellow harmonies and unique instruments, including a makeshift drum set made out of three different pots. Following them was trio Hello Jupiter that performed a range of different musical genres in their four-song set, including funk beats blaring under rock-infused vocals and a

hip-hop song played to a rock tempo.

"We are just a band that doesn't really care about genre. We're just kinda looking to push things forward," said bassist Maxwell Rudkin. "We're just trying to express the visions of three different song writers."

"Hello Jupiter has a great sound to it," said a freshman in the audience to one of her friends.

As the night went on the audience grew larger and the black box theatre was becoming increasingly crowded with an audience filled with anticipation and energy as though they knew the best was yet to come

The third band to perform was Magnificent Bear and featured singer and guitarist Carlos Parreno, a founding creator of RockYoFaceCase. During the performance, Parreno said he was glad Battle of the Bands was still going.

Down a bass player and a drummer, The Given Motion performed an acoustic set. Their performance is a prime example that less can be more. They may have been down two members, but they put together a great

performance.

Following the Given Motion was Mother F'Nature, which put on an entertaining and lively performance that gave the event a genuine concert feel.

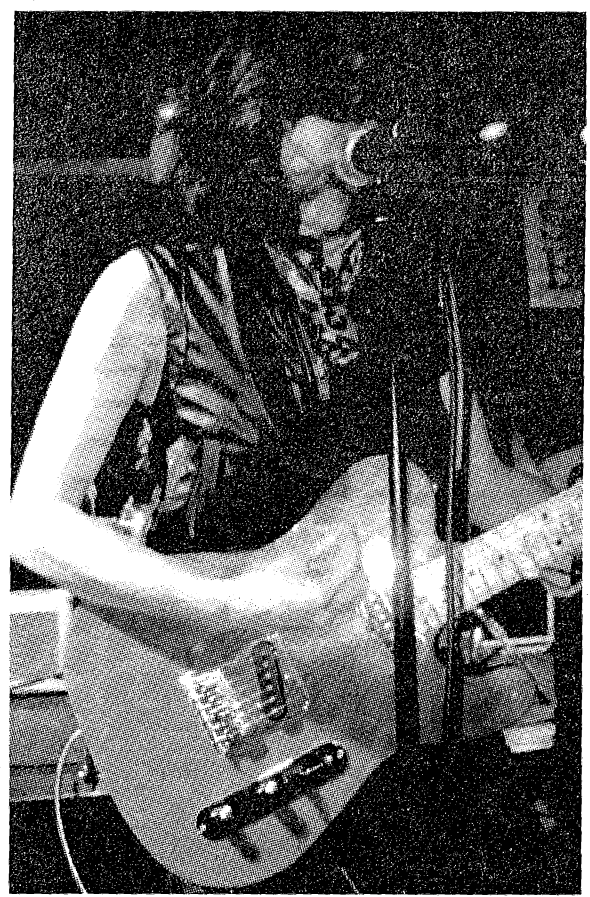
The room was filled with darkness and the sounds of guitars chords and pounding drums for a full minute until lead singer, Patrice Zapiti came up to the mic with a pink, glittered star painted over her left eye.

"This is a battle of the bands," screamed Zapiti over the music. "I'm taking this seriously." They headed into their set and the crowd went crazy.

For a moment, it was as though you weren't standing on the second floor of the Tabler Arts Center, and instead were in the middle of a concert in New York City. Their performance ended the night on an adrenaline-fueled rush that almost made you forget it was a band competition but then the judges called the audience to silence and announced the night's winners.

The Given Motion came in third place, Hello Jupiter came in second, and Mother F'Nature won first place.

Regardless of the results,



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Mother F'Nature won the third annual Battle of the Bands competition.

each band that performed that night gave the audience an amazing show that illustrates just how much the

campus needs, and wants, events like RockYoFaceCase, Battle of the Bands and Open Mic Night.

## Arts at the Brook UNIVERSITY CAFE:

Mother F'Nature, Honus Wagner, Black Taxi and War N Beats will perform on Monday, April 26 in the University Cafe's RockYoFaceCase.

**STALLER CENTER:**  
The University's music department's is hosting a Chamber Music Festival in

the Staller Center's recital hall from April 28 through May 1.

**Wednesday, April 28:**  
The festival begins at 12 p.m. with "Jazz in the Plaza" (it will be moved to the recital hall if it rains) and an Opening Gala Concert at 8 p.m.

**Thursday, April 29:**

The Contemporary Chamber Players will play a concert in the recital hall at 8 p.m.

**Friday, April 30:**  
At 12 p.m. there will be a Harpsicord Recital. At 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. there will be two student chamber concerts.

**Saturday, May 1:**

At 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. will be the last two student chamber concerts.

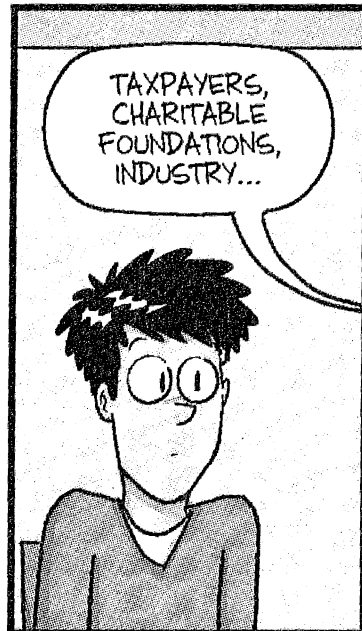
For a look at the full program, see the Music Department's website.

This Friday, April 30 marks the end of the 2009-2010 Film Series in the Staller Center.

Rounding out the series at 7 p.m. is "The

Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus" featuring the late, Heath Ledger, Judd Law, Colin Farrell, and Johnny Deep.

"The Lovely Bones" will show at 9: 30 p.m. The movie is based on the novel by Alice Sebold about a young girl who watches over her family following her murder.



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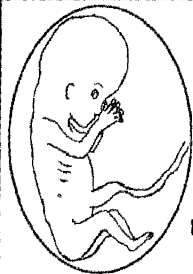
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To apply for and receive this scholarship, students must meet the following qualifications at the time of application:

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- B. Completed at least 24 Stony Brook University credits prior to the year that the scholarship will be awarded
- C. In good academic standing at the completion of the spring semester prior to the fall semester award
- D. Submitted unofficial transcript(s) of undergraduate courses and grades
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Colleges For Change Programs focus efforts specifically on those aspects of the community and college environment that most influence tobacco use among young adults.

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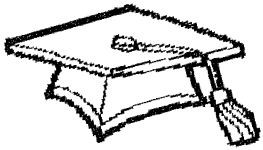
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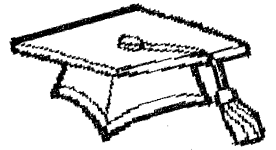
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# Class of 2010 May Commencement



**On May 21, 2010, Stony Brook University will celebrate its 50th Commencement Ceremony by conferring degrees on those who have completed degree requirements for Fall 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010.**

**The main ceremony will begin on Friday, May 21, at 11:00 am in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.**

- **Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony** for all Ph.D., D.M.A., M.D., D.D.S., and D.A. degrees will be conferred on Thursday, May 20, at 2:00 pm in the Staller Center.
- **Baccalaureate Honors Convocation** recognizes candidates graduating with distinctions of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. This convocation will take place on Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the Staller Center.

The CEREMONY ATTENDANCE FORM is available on the SOLAR system until May 7, 2010.

**A CEREMONY ATTENDANCE FORM must be submitted on SOLAR to obtain tickets.**

Additional information and a schedule of each department program is listed on the Commencement Web site:

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## OPINION

# Socially Networked

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perhaps too heavily - as our online supplement to our social lives. However, this does not mean we are not aware

of its shortcomings.

Some students going through the rigors of exams often deactivate their profile during such trying times, so as to eliminate one of the biggest forms of distraction.

A study done at Ohio State University showed that an increase in Facebook usage is correlated with a decrease in GPA.

Knowing this deactivating, accounts might be a smart move to make.

Another trick of the trade to recently come into vogue is disabling one's account just before graduation.

I recall one of my first Arts Culture

And Humanities classes at this university, where the instructor attempted to instill in us the fear of having our Facebooks discovered

*"Allowing Facebook to function as a type of interactive yellow pages."*

by future employers.

There have been students who make the preemptive move of deactivating their accounts before venturing off into the real world.

However, deactivating one's account does not mean it has been deleted but merely that it will lay dormant. Deletion is another process altogether, one that is irreversible.

Though it is debatable

whether a graduate's Facebook should play any role in an employer's decision to hire or not, perhaps it is better to play it safe.

After all, is showing off that photo of you holding two empty bottles of Jack Daniels really all that vital? Didn't think so.

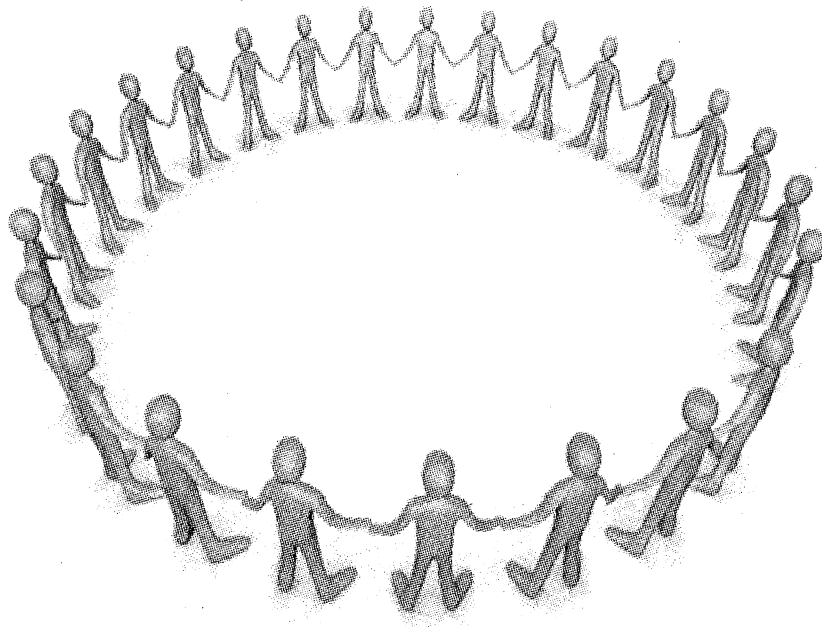
However, it does allow us, as students with disparate

interests, to still unite through the different groups and events that take place at SBU.

We can find causes we believe in, pastimes we can enjoy and groups we can feel like we belong in.

Facebook has become our wellspring of socially relevant information.

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# Baseball Owns Saturday, But Sunday Gets Away

*Stony Brook sweeps first doubleheader against Albany, Great Danes get revenge and take both in second set*

BY PATRICK JACQUES  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Seawolves baseball team swept a double header against Albany on Saturday and then was swept itself on Sunday, going 2-2 over the course of the weekend.

Stony Brook is now at 6-3 and in third place in the America East conference.

In Saturday's first game, what was scheduled to be a seven inning affair was pushed into extras as Stony Brook sophomore Nick Tropeano pitched eight innings, giving up two runs and striking out 10 while allowing only three hits in picking his fourth win of the season.

Albany pitcher David Kubiak matched him every step of the way, striking out nine Seawolves over his seven innings.

After getting the first two outs in the top of the ninth, Albany's Greg Lutton walked freshman outfielder Travis Jankowski. Sophomore rightfielder Pat Cantwell then doubled for the Seawolves to drive in

the deciding run. Cantwell went three for five on the day, leading the Seawolves to a 3-2 victory.

Game two, a seven inning game saw the Seawolves trailing going into the sixth inning 2-1.

Stony Brook's lone run was scored on a Ryan White wild pitch that plated game one hero Cantwell.

The Seawolves busted out in the sixth for four runs, highlighted by a two run double by Canadian freshman Tanner Nivins.

Nivins would follow up in the seventh with a two-run single preceding a three run homerun by another freshman, William Carmona.

Sophomore Tyler Johnson earned the win, pitching six innings and allowing two runs in the 10-2 victory.

The Seawolves entered Sunday's second round of double headers against Albany just one game under .500 at 16-17, but with the best record in conference play.

Sunday was an entirely different story, as the Seawolves were themselves swept by Albany in a doubleheader.

In game one, Stony Brook had an early lead, scoring two in the first and another six in the second.

But Albany was unphased, and used a four-run fifth and a six-run sixth to take the lead.

The Great Danes went on to win, 11-10.

Game two had the Seawolves again out in front early, scoring in the first courtesy of a Michael Stephan solo home run.

But the day was to belong to Albany, who came roaring back with four runs in the third.

The Great Danes then took advantage of below average Seawolves defense, scoring three in the sixth without registering a single hit.

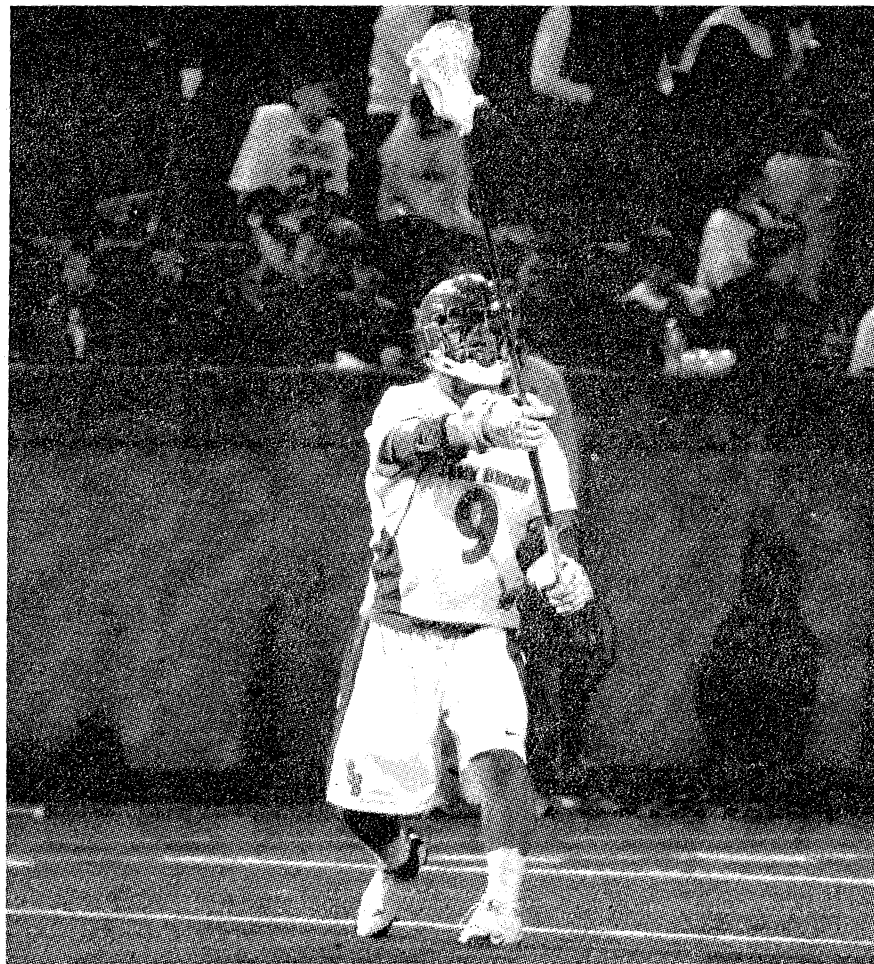
A late Seawolves rally scored four but came up four short, as Stony Brook fell, 14-10.

Stephan had three hits and three RBIs for the Seawolves in game two.

Stony Brook plays its next game on Wednesday, April 28.

The Seawolves will be taking on Fairfield in a game that is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

# LAX: Clinches AEC Crown



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**Stalwart senior defender Chris Gignilliat will be among the seniors recognized prior to Saturday's game against Vermont.**

## From LAX on 16

shutout for Stony Brook. The Seawolves' normal starter, senior Charlie Paar (Huntington, N.Y.) recorded 11 saves, while junior John Bella (Oceanside, N.Y.) had three saves and freshman Nick DiGiacomo (Centereach, N.Y.) had one.

Stony Brook led five to nothing after the first quarter, and didn't look back.

Seven different players scored for the Seawolves, including two from standout junior Jordan McBride (New Westminster, British Columbia).

Junior Adam Rand (Niantic, Conn.) went 11-for-15 on faceoffs and collected seven ground balls.

The game was Stony Brook's third straight win over the Great Danes.

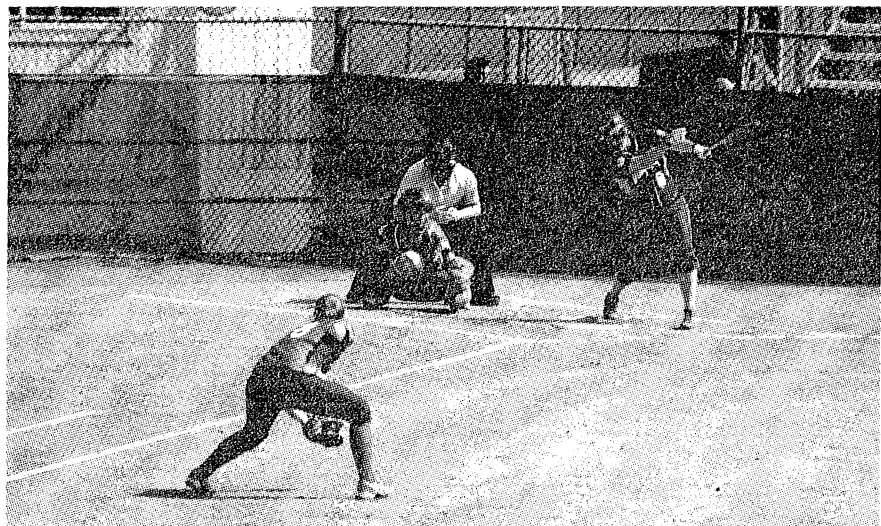
It also was the first time since 2002 that the Seawolves have held Albany to less than 10 goals in one

game. The last time Stony Brook accomplished that, they defeated the Great Danes 8-6 in the America East Championship final.

The Seawolves wrap up the season at home at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 1 against Vermont.

Prior to the game, seniors Chris Gignilliat (Cicero, N.Y.), Paar, Steven Waldeck (Levittown, N.Y.), Paul Randazzo (Smithtown, N.Y.) and Chris Scott (North Babylon, N.Y.) will be honored.

# Softball Splits Saturday doubleheader with Albany



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**Softball is in third place in the America East.**

BY PATRICK JACQUES  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University's softball team split a double header against Albany, winning the first game 1-0 and losing the second in a 9-1 romp to bring their overall record to 24-14-1.

Senior shortstop Vicki Kavitsky became just the fifth player in the history of Stony Brook's softball program to record 200 career hits when she singled to left field in the seventh inning.

Kavitsky is batting .388 with a .486 on base percentage in her senior

season.

Senior Alyssa Struzenberg (Cooper City, Florida) allowed just four hits while striking out seven in the game one victory.

Struzenberg got her team-leading 16th win on the season and lowering her earned run average to a miniscule 1.64.

In game two, four Stony Brook errors destroyed any hope of the Seawolves earning their eighth conference win of the season.

Stony Brook out-hit Albany, 10-9, but failed to capture the big hit that

would have started them scoring.

Albany, on the other hand, coupled a three-run homerun in the third and a solo shot in the sixth, combined with sloppy Seawolves play, to keep runs crossing the plate, giving Albany the victory in game two.

What would have been the rubber match on Sunday was cancelled due to poor field conditions caused by overnight rains. The game has yet to be rescheduled. The Seawolves move on to play Sacred Heart on Wednesday.

# SPORTS

## Stony Brook Extends Pikiell's Contract

*New deal secures men's basketball coach through 2014-2015 season*

By SAM KILB  
Assistant Sports Editor

Men's basketball head coach Steve Pikiell signed a contract extension through the 2014-2015 season, the athletics department announced on Thursday.

"I'm honored and humbled to have the opportunity to continue building our program at this great university," Coach Pikiell said in the release.

Pikiell had been the subject of hiring rumors, with Holy Cross mentioned as the most likely landing place. Some reports went so far as to say that Holy Cross, which finished in second-last place in the Patriot League this season, was set to hire Pikiell.

Pikiell is coming off his fifth and most decorated year as Stony Brook men's basketball head coach.

Last season, Pikiell guided the Seawolves to a record-breaking 22-10 overall record, setting program marks in overall wins (22) and conference wins (13) on the way to Stony Brook's first-ever America East title.

The Seawolves won 12 of 13 home games throughout

the season, including all eight conference games.

Stony Brook also earned its first-ever postseason berth. The Seawolves were competitive in the first-round of the NIT, eventually falling to top overall seed Illinois, 76-66.

Pikiell has led Stony Brook to 38 wins over the past two years, the first back-to-back winning season in the school's Division I basketball history.

For taking the Seawolves from the laughingstock of the America East to the reigning champions and potential powerhouse, Pikiell was recognized as the America East Coach of the Year, the first Stony Brook basketball coach to receive the award.

He was also named the All-Met MBWA Peter A. Carlesimo Coach of the Year by members of the media in the tri-state area, the first coach in school history to earn the award.

Pikiell returns with many familiar faces next fall, as the Seawolves will field four returning starters in Tommy Brenton, Bryan Dougher, Chris Martin and Dallis Joyner.



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Stony Brook men's basketball head coach Steve Pikiell will be at the helm through the 2014-15 season. The Seawolves will be favorites in the America East next season.

## Men's Lacrosse Wins Fifth Straight

By SAM KILB  
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook's men's lacrosse team won its fifth straight game in style, shutting out the Albany Great Danes, 15-0, on Saturday night.

The #12 Seawolves are 4-0 in conference play this season and have clinched at least a share of the America East regular season championship. Vermont's loss to UMBC on Saturday means that Stony Brook will be the number one seed in the playoffs and will enjoy home-field advantage throughout the America East Championship tournament.

The #12 ranking is the highest Stony Brook has been all season.

Senior Tom Compitello (Hauppague, N.Y.) led the Seawolves with five goals and two assists. Junior Kevin Crowley (New Westminster, British Columbia) added three goals and three assists.

Three goalkeepers combined to earn the



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See LAX on 15 Seawolves lacrosse shutout Albany, 15-0. The team was led by senior Tom Compitello, who scored five goals and added two assists.

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