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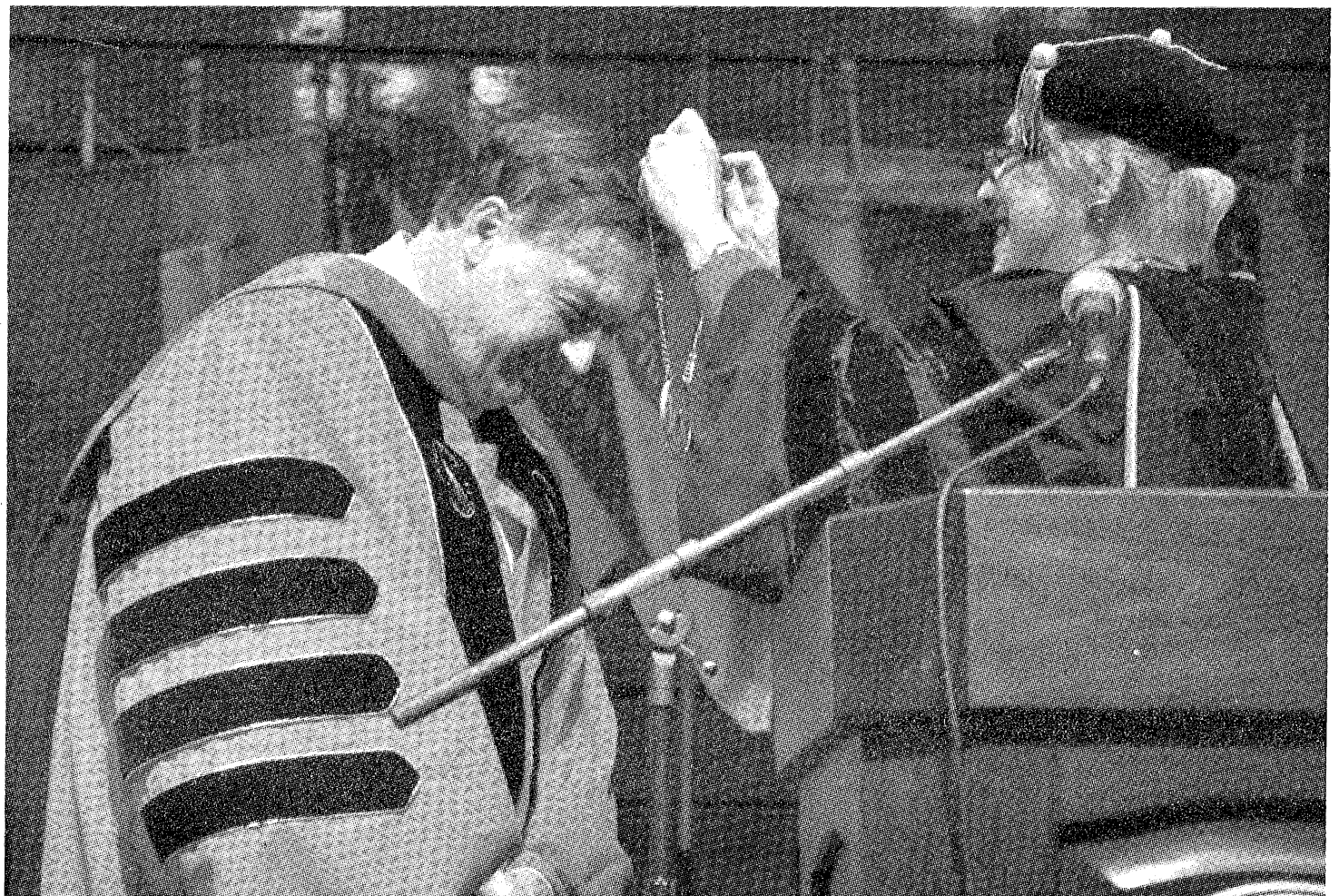
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Off came the suit and tie, replaced with a large t-shirt, with "Seawolves Athletics" sprawled across the front. The church shoes were gone too, replaced with tightly laced Nikes, low tops to be specific. President Samuel L. Stanley traded his usual attire for a few games of pick-up basketball.

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Samuel Stanley Takes Office During Tough Times



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Samuel Stanley is officially made president of Stony Brook University by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher.

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APRIL WARREN
Managing Editor

One hour before the fifth president's inauguration, the guest of honor was still fiddling around with his speech.

"It's like staying up cramming for something," President Samuel Stanley joked the day before to a group of colleagues at a morning gathering in the Staller Center.

Many of those same faculty members melded into the inaugural parade procession that included the marching band, more than 160 faculty, 38 students and 16 delegates from other college campuses that marched through the academic mall, down the Zebra Path and into the back of the Sports Complex Friday afternoon.

The inauguration replaced the annual convocation ceremony where the president would have delivered his State of the Campus address, according to Christine Quinn, assistant director for the

Office of Conferences and Special Events. Planning for the inauguration ceremony started back in August and used funds already allotted for the convocation.

Through the pageantry, references to the challenging realities of surmounting state budget cuts, a threat of swine flu and rising tensions from graduate students over contracts and wages highlighted some of the trials the fifth president will confront.

Stanley, a graduate of Harvard Medical School and expert in the field of emerging infections including SARS, West Nile and Ebola and other tropical diseases used the ceremony to make a demonstration of how important receiving the swine flu shot is – he stripped off his presidential medal, ceremonial gown, rolled up his sleeve and before a bewildered crowd of about 1,000 received the injection in his right arm.

"I really wanted to convey how important it is to receive the vaccination," Stanley said after the ceremony. The university is currently providing all Stony Brook students with vaccinations.

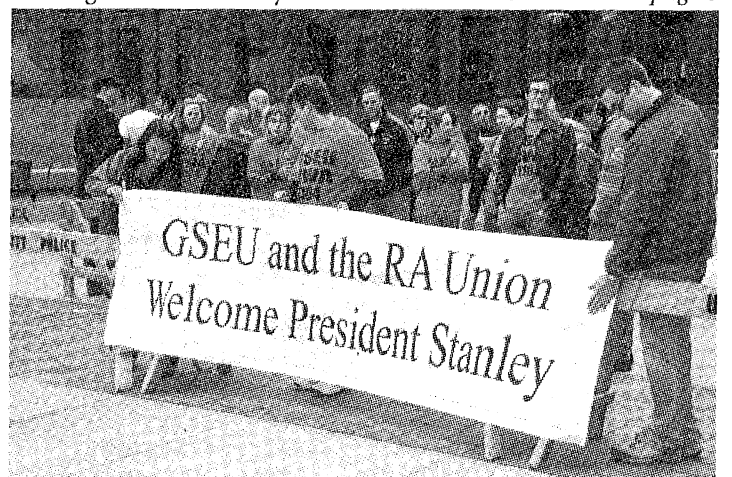
One hurdle that can't be cured by injection is the New York State budget deficit. In order to plug up some holes, Gov. David Paterson has repeatedly slashed money from higher education. "We're not a quick fix but we're very much the long-term solution," Stanley said during his speech.

Even with financial constraints, the president vowed to recruit over 400 faculty members within the next decade and explore a rational tuition system that would give the university more

control over funds.

Graduate students who started protesting under Shirley Strum Kenny's administration for a renewal and revision of their contract that expired in 2007 demonstrated quietly along the parade route – although some faculty members in the procession cheered them on – to urge the president to meet with them and hand him a greeting card welcoming him to campus.

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Students Rally for Right to Marry

BY ANGELICA FUSCO
Contributing Writer

President Obama has promised the lesbian gay bisexual transgender community that his administration will end the controversial "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which currently prohibits openly gay men and women from serving in the United States military.

At a recent annual fundraising dinner for the Human Rights Campaign, a gay civil rights advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., President Obama reiterated his commitment to the community, but warned that "our progress may take longer than we like."

At the state level, New York is dealing with a different set of gay rights issues that are taking longer to change than most activists had hoped for. The same-sex marriage bill, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA), and the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) are all currently stalled in the New York State legislature.

On Oct. 14, Stony Brook University's Social Justice Alliance and the Resident Hall Association sponsored a "Rally for Equality" to help increase awareness for LGBT issues. Students repeated the chant "Gay, straight, black, white, marriage is a civil right" and held "GENDA now" and "equality for all families" signs, while the Stony Brook Pipettes, beat boxers and belly dancers provided entertainment. Henry Ha, 20, a political science major organized the equality rally with the help of his boyfriend, Chris Moran, 20, also a political science major and the main speaker at the rally.

Moran's booming voice echoed through

the crowd, spreading the message to Stony Brook students that sexual orientation, non-discrimination and equality are vital issues for the community.

In a compassionate speech, he spoke about an openly gay man who was brutally beaten in Queens, indicating that discrimination and violence are still prevalent today. Christine Sapienza, a senior and Italian major, remarked, "I just don't think discrimination is acceptable because you cannot choose your gender or sexuality or whom you are naturally drawn to."

Other rally guest speakers and attendees included Andrea Callan, from the New York Civil Liberties Union; John Cooper, an openly gay majority leader for Suffolk County; and Joanna Solmonsohn, Long Island Program Organizer at Empire State Pride Agenda. "The U.S. Senate has blocked our rights, but we can make a change in New York State," Callan said.

If passed by the New York State legislature, the GENDA bill will provide anti-discrimination protection for transgender New Yorkers.

"There should be justice for all people, gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual," said America Marcos, 20, a psychology major, who is a member of the Social Justice Alliance.

One passerby, however, held an opposing viewpoint on the issue. "I take a religious stance," said Tiffany Villalobos, 21, a political science major. "It should be one man and one woman, and if the same-sex marriage bill is not passed, I will be happy."

Also awaiting passage, the DASA bill specifically prohibits discrimination and harassment, including verbal threats based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion,

religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex. This bill would apply to school employees and students on school property and during school-related functions.

Same-sex marriage is the most controversial of the three equality bills currently before the state legislature.

Four states have already legalized same-sex marriage – Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa and Vermont. Vermont was the first state to do so through its state legislature, while the other three were through court rulings. New York State recognizes same-sex marriages performed in other states, but cannot perform them within the state.

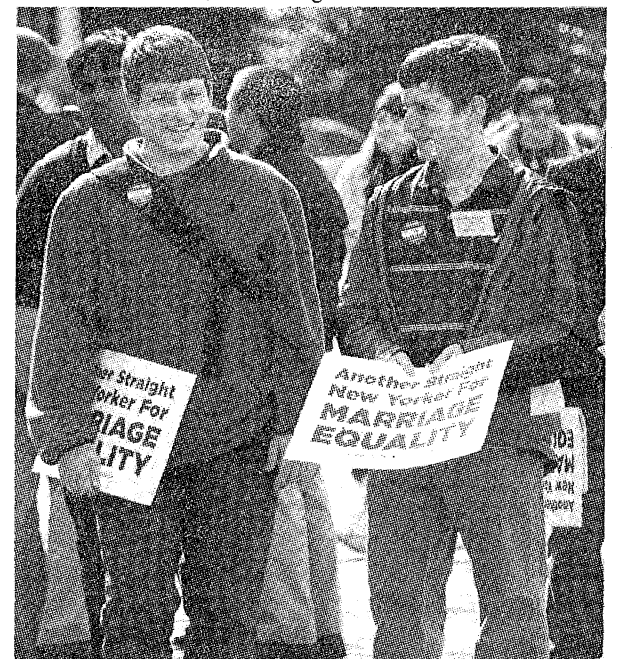
According to the New York State Pride Agenda, "While most New Yorkers utilize marriage as the primary legal device to support their families and gain access to the literally 2,462 rights and responsibilities that the state and federal governments automatically bestow on married couples, same-sex couples in New York are prohibited from marrying here in our home state."

In 2008, Democrats won control of the New York State Senate for the first time in more than forty years. The LGBT community grew optimistic since Democrats are generally in favor of equality issues, and saw their victory as an opportunity for legislative

action on same-sex marriage, GENDA and DASA. However, hopes for immediate action were quickly dashed because Republican state senators, now in the minority, were still able to block and stall these bills and prevent a full vote in their chamber.

Suffolk County Republican State Senator John Flanagan's office was not available for comment before this article went to press.

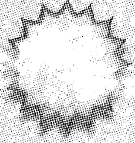
Ha delivered a final message for continued advocacy and activism at the Rally for Equality. He looked at the crowd and said, "Do you have a voice? As a voting constituent, you have the right to get involved. So, let's call our senator John Flanagan and tell them how we feel."



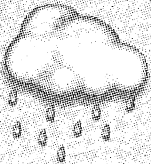
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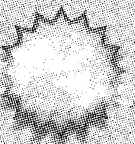
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During his October address to the University Senate, Stanley recognized graduate students as vital members of the campus community and the importance of providing them with research grants and affordable housing.

In an August 12 letter responding to a meeting request, Stanley explained the State University of New York is not a part of negotiations between the Research Foundation and its employees and therefore a meeting would be "inconsistent with the state's neutrality policy."

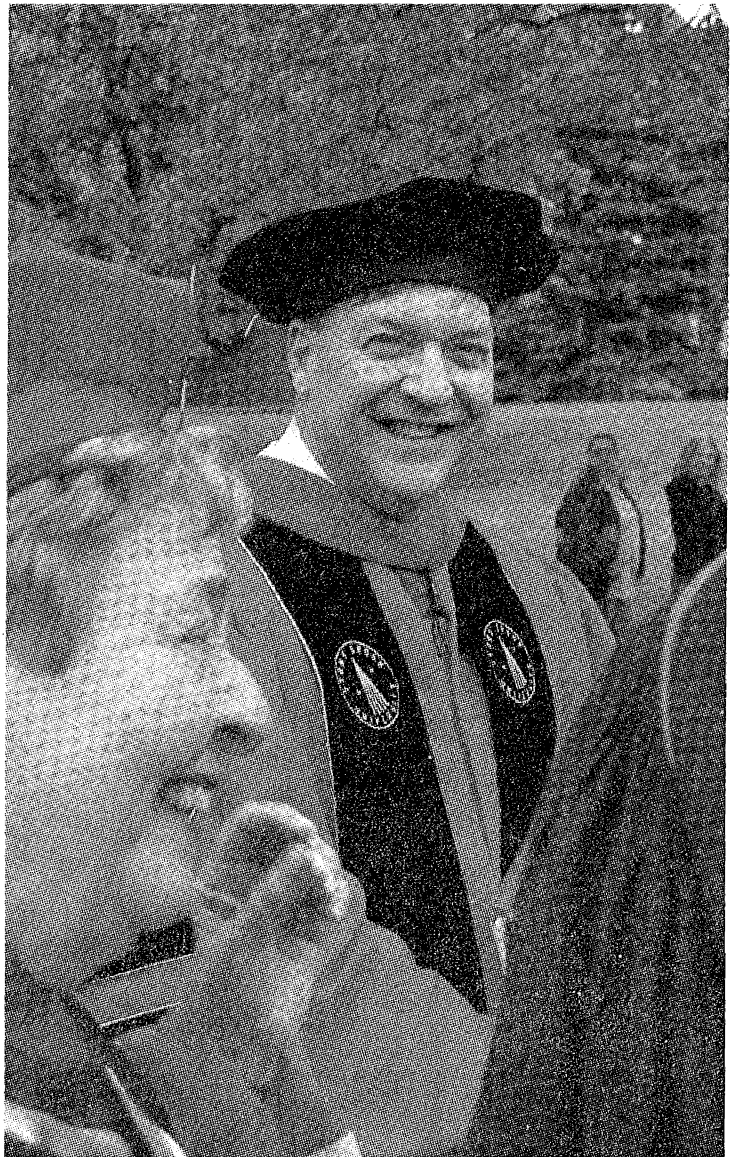
During the ceremony, Kira Schuman, 25, a graduate teaching assistant and business agent for the Graduate Student Employees Union was escorted out of her V.I.P. section seat and the gym when she reached for her red union shirt.

"During the Inaugural Ceremony, University Police observed an individual who appeared to be preparing to make a public dem-

onstration in an attempt to disrupt the event. To prevent a disruption, University Police advised the individual that if her intent was to disrupt the ceremony, she should leave. The individual exited by the front entrance of the sports complex," Lauren Sheprow, interim director of Media Relations at Stony Brook University, said in an email.

"Although graduate student union leaders were disappointed with how the police treated grad students at the inauguration ceremony, they still look forward to working collaboratively with President Stanley and to meeting with him soon," Shuman said.

Although politicians, members of the SUNY Board of Trustees and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher exited the campus after the inauguration, they will return in April 2010 when Stony Brook University will play host to one of many statewide conversations on how to improve the SUNY system as part of Phase II of a new strategic planning process.



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President Stanley with former President Shirley Strum Kenny.

The Campus Speaks Out

Compiled By: Amanda Smith

"I feel like he's ambitious and can relate to the students. I feel comfortable with him that he cares about the needs of the school system."

- Karthik Rao, 18, biology

"I believe he has a great potential to change Stony Brook for the better. I am excited to see what new innovations he has for both the undergraduate and graduate classes."

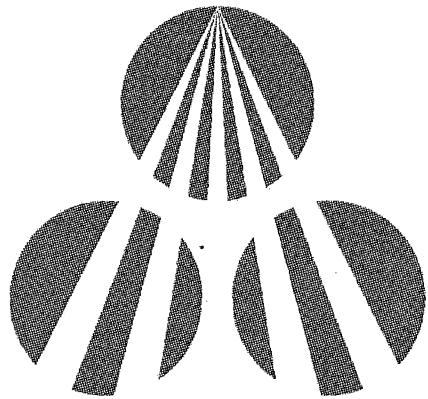
- Mary-Kate Gramulgia, 18, bio-chemistry

"He seems very personable, well spoken and gives me the sense that good things are to come. I know the budget thing is an issue but he makes things seem as if they are not going to be that bad."

- Sandra Brennan, Linguistics Department Staff

"He seems like he has got a good plan for Stony Brook's future."

- Jacob Bartoloma, 18, multi-disciplinary studies

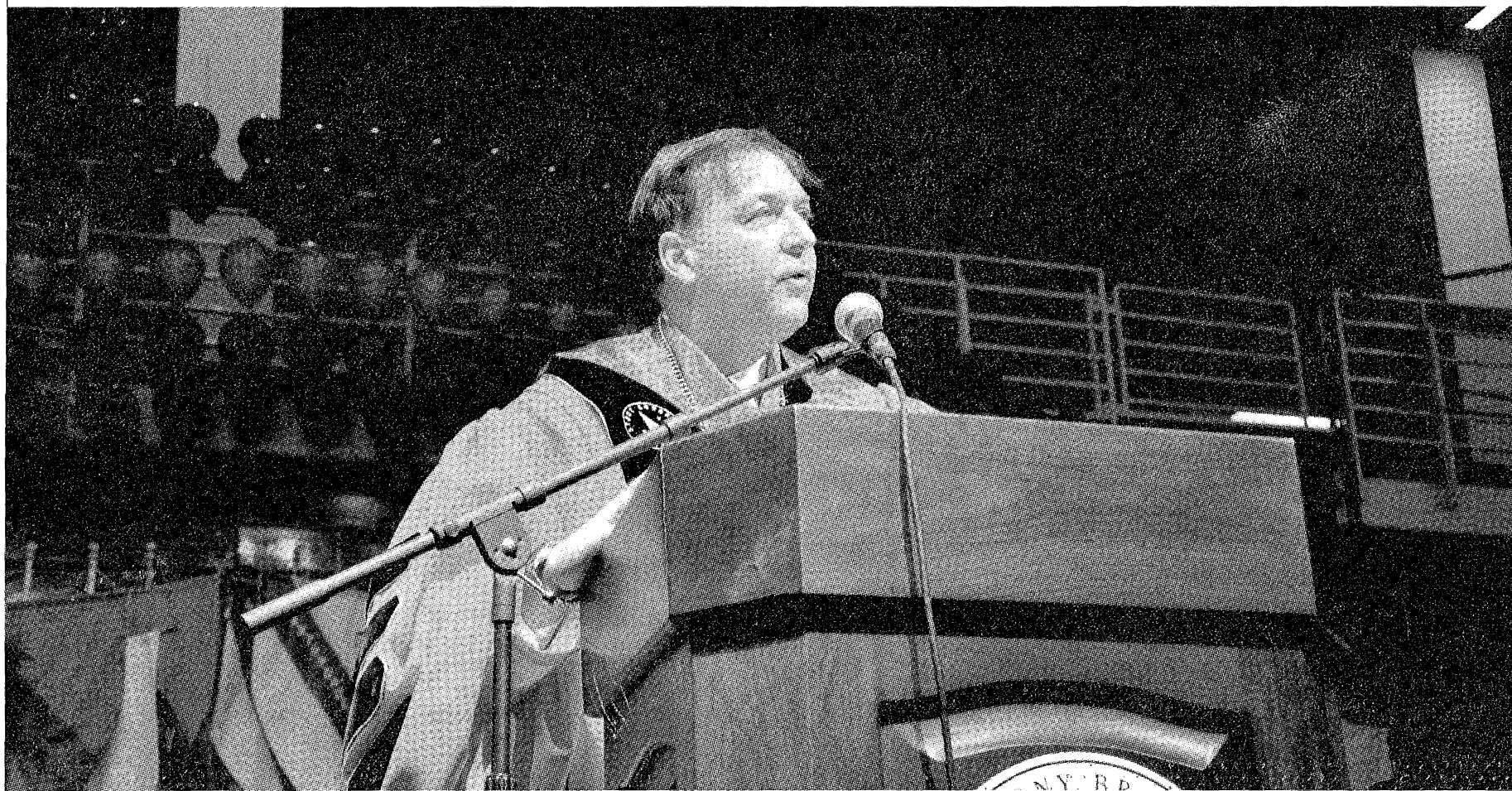


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*Thank you for your time and attention.
Sincerely,
Alex Poznanski (senior, Engineering Science)*

From the Editorial Board:

Hello readers:

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- The Statesman Editorial Board**

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Re: Medicare For All
Getting It Right

KEVIN YOUNG
Contributing Writer

In his Oct. 22 argument against single-payer health care, Brent Neenan notes, quite correctly, that my Oct. 12 op-ed reveals my "slanted perspective on social issues." I believe that free, quality health care is a basic human right, so in that sense I am admittedly "biased," as we all are. But Neenan also accuses me of dishonesty for allegedly ignoring certain facts and statistics that would undermine my argument in favor of single payer or "Medicare for All."

To prove his case he points out, again quite correctly, some of the serious problems with both the H.R. 3200 bill now in the House of Representatives and the Massachusetts state reform bill enacted in 2006. His main argument is that these "attempts at a single payer health care system" are fiscally unwise and unsustainable in the long run. He notes, correctly, that I did not address H.R. 3200 or the 2006 Massachusetts reform by name in my column.

What Neenan fails to tell readers, however, is that **neither of these two plans bears even a vague resemblance to single payer.** Neither constitutes an "attempt at a single payer health care system," and neither even claims to be. The expensive "premiums and out-of-pocket payments" of the Massachusetts plan to which Neenan refers reflect the dramatic differences between these plans and single payer: there are no premiums or out-of-pocket payments with single payer because private health insurance companies would be replaced by the government, just like under Medicare.

No one would pay a dime in premiums for basic health care, just like under Medicare. And the government and the economy as a whole would save hundreds of billions of dollars—some now estimate as much as \$1.2 trillion—each year because a radically inefficient and parasitic industry would be replaced by a system with overhead of less than 4 percent, as in the case of Medicare.^T

he best evidence of how such a system would work comes from the successful Medicare program enacted in the US in 1965 and from the experiences of every other industrialized country in the world, where single payer of one form or

another has been implemented with great success.

In short, Neenan's "evidence" is entirely irrelevant to his argument, because H.R. 3200 and the Massachusetts reform law are not single-payer plans; the only single-payer bill in Congress is H.R. 676, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act. Neenan's opinion piece reflects either an extreme level of ignorance about the meaning of "single payer" or a deliberate attempt to mislead, as the health insurance industry and most of the mainstream media have done so well. Everyone who read it is now dumber for having done so.

On the other hand, Neenan does unwittingly raise some important concerns about the feasibility of a "public option" plan. H.R. 3200 and the Massachusetts plan on which it is loosely based are the primary examples of the "public option" idea that has received so much attention yet which remains so vague and misunderstood (and understandably so). Although many Democrats and liberals are advocating a "strong public option," the public option proposals currently in Congress are deeply flawed and anything but strong. As in Massachusetts, H.R. 3200 and all the other reform bills except for H.R. 676 would institute an "individual mandate" requiring most uninsured persons to purchase expensive private health insurance or face steep fines (H.R. 3200 would fine the uninsured 2.5 percent of their annual income).² Such coercive measures would not only funnel vast sums of money into the insurance companies' pockets, but would also end up leaving tens of millions uninsured, as Neenan correctly implies based on the Massachusetts experience. By leaving the insurance companies intact and virtually unregulated, H.R. 3200 and similar proposals would do very little to reduce the staggering levels of waste, bureaucracy, and unnecessary costs of the current health care system. And yes, they would raise the federal deficit substantially. Moreover, anyone who currently has insurance would not even be allowed to buy into the public plan. In the end, the public option proposals now on the table would probably also increase the average person's disillusion with the Democrats,

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Alice In Chains Return With New Lead Singer and LP

"Black Gives Way to Blue"

By R.J. HUNEKE
Staff Writer

It has been almost 10 years since the band Alice in Chains was last heard from. The contributing inventors to Seattle's grunge-metal music have rebounded to pay tribute to their fallen lead-singer, Layne Staley.

The album "Black Gives Way to Blue" is the first LP-length recording by the band in over 14 years and you cannot tell that they ever stopped their art! The roaring screams, intricate harmonies, bleeding guitars and subtle acoustics bring Alice in Chains back into the limelight as surreal and innovative rock artists.

Layne Staley and guitarist/vocalist/lyricist Jerry Cantrell formed Alice in Chains in 1987 and helped spurn the hair-band metal of the 80's by pushing the underground music of the Seattle grunge scene into the main stream. Fierce rock and legitimate music, reemerged.

Staley's drug abuse took a heavy toll on the artist though and after a legendary perfor-

mance on "MTV's Unplugged," which gave birth to a phenomenal album made from the recorded show, he fell out of the public eye for some five years. Staley passed away in 2002, from a mixture of heroin and cocaine, a deadly concoction dubbed a "speedball."

As half of the creative force behind the band, and the infamous owner of one of the world's most unique singing voices, Alice in Chains would not be revived until they adopted William DuVall to step in as lead singer and help Jerry Cantrell shoulder the band.

The new singer, DuVall, is unmistakably Layne Staley-like in his voice and delivery on this album. "Black Gives Way to Blue" is a remarkable fusion of catchy harmonies and guitar, while words peruse through emotional work and tight drums.

This is no mere hard rock album. The all-acoustic "When the Sun Rose Again" tune is incredibly wrapped about bongos, poetic quips and singing that lingers. When Cantrell slices a

precise overdub of his electric ax subtly adding a scream, it does nothing but compliment the acoustic guitars and song.

For those who might consider Alice in Chains "MTV Unplugged" album to be their

greatest record, "Black Gives Way to Blue" will not disappoint. For those who are only interested in the harder licks of the band, there is plenty on this collection to appeal as well.

There are acoustic moments

on the title track where even the likes of Elton John contribute to the catchy "Black Gives Way to Blue." If you are not a fan of Elton John, listen to the song before you judge, because it is awesome!



Alice In Chains with new lead singer William DuVall.

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OPINION

Re: Medicare For All Getting It Right

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because when the much-anticipated reform bill fails to transform the system voters will blame the bill's proponents. Perhaps Mr. Neenan would agree with these points—in fact, his column is actually an attack on these flawed plans rather than on single payer, and inadvertently demonstrates why the current "public option" proposals are not acceptable solutions.

Many liberals and progressives agree that single payer is the best system, but argue that we must compromise in order to get at least a "strong public option" first. While I sympathize with this logic and recognize that a truly STRONG public option might do some good, none of the public option bills now in Congress qualify as strong, and there's reason to suspect that they might actually do more harm than good in the long run. They are the disappointing

results of endless compromises with the parasitic health insurance industry by centrist Democrats who, like Republicans, receive massive campaign funding from industry lobbyists, and by progressive Democrats who are too scared to withdraw their support from the deeply-flawed public option plans that President Obama favors. But more importantly, it's not our job as citizens to compromise. We're not politicians, and we don't vote on legislation. So why not demand something we actually WANT—free, universal health care with all its accompanying benefits—since it will inevitably get watered down in Washington anyways?

On Wednesday, October 28th, a large coalition of groups around the country will be staging sit-ins outside the headquarters of health insurance companies to highlight the need for Medicare for All. For a ride to the NYC sit-in, contact sbusja@gmail.com.

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Breaking News: The President Has A Jumpshot

By SARAH KAZADI
Sports Editor

Off came the suit and tie, replaced with a large t-shirt, with "Seawolves Athletics" sprawled across the front. The church shoes were gone too, replaced with tightly laced Nikes, low tops to be specific.

President Samuel L. Stanley traded his usual attire for a few games of pick-up basketball in Pritchard Gymnasium on Thursday, suiting up with and against members of different Stony Brook University teams.

Why basketball? Well, not only is it his favorite sport, but the president has been hooping since his high school days, and his love for the game runs deep.

"It's a lot of fun," he says. "It's a team game, and it values people working together, and I can still play, which is nice," he adds with a smile.

In the crowd of roughly 60 was Head Men's Basketball Coach Steve Pikiell, filling his familiar spot on the sideline. "It's nice to see him out there with the athletes," Pikiell said. "He's the most important person on the court."

Stanley played in all three games, with his team winning the first two and trailing by just one before the last game was called due to short time. The day, and the week for that matter, is a very busy one for the fifth president of Stony Brook University

Being formally installed on Friday is the culmination of a week-long affair, complete with various campus appearances, an inaugural ball, and a ceremony. But Thursday's pickup game was by far the winner in making the new president break the most sweat. He was greeted with a towel and an orange Gatorade

bottle at the end of the hoop session.

"It was great, I had a really fantastic time," Stanley says. "Everybody was really nice and they actually let me shoot a little bit."

And shoot he did. All of Stanley's scores were from long range, as he heaved them in from the wings and top of the key. His deadly left-handed stroke saw him hit 3 straight deep treys in the second game, earning cheers from the crowd.

On defense, the president was a pest, deflecting passes and being vocal. Although he was less active in the last of the three games, Stanley still showed glimpses of the type of basketball player he was when he participated in intramural hoops in his college days.

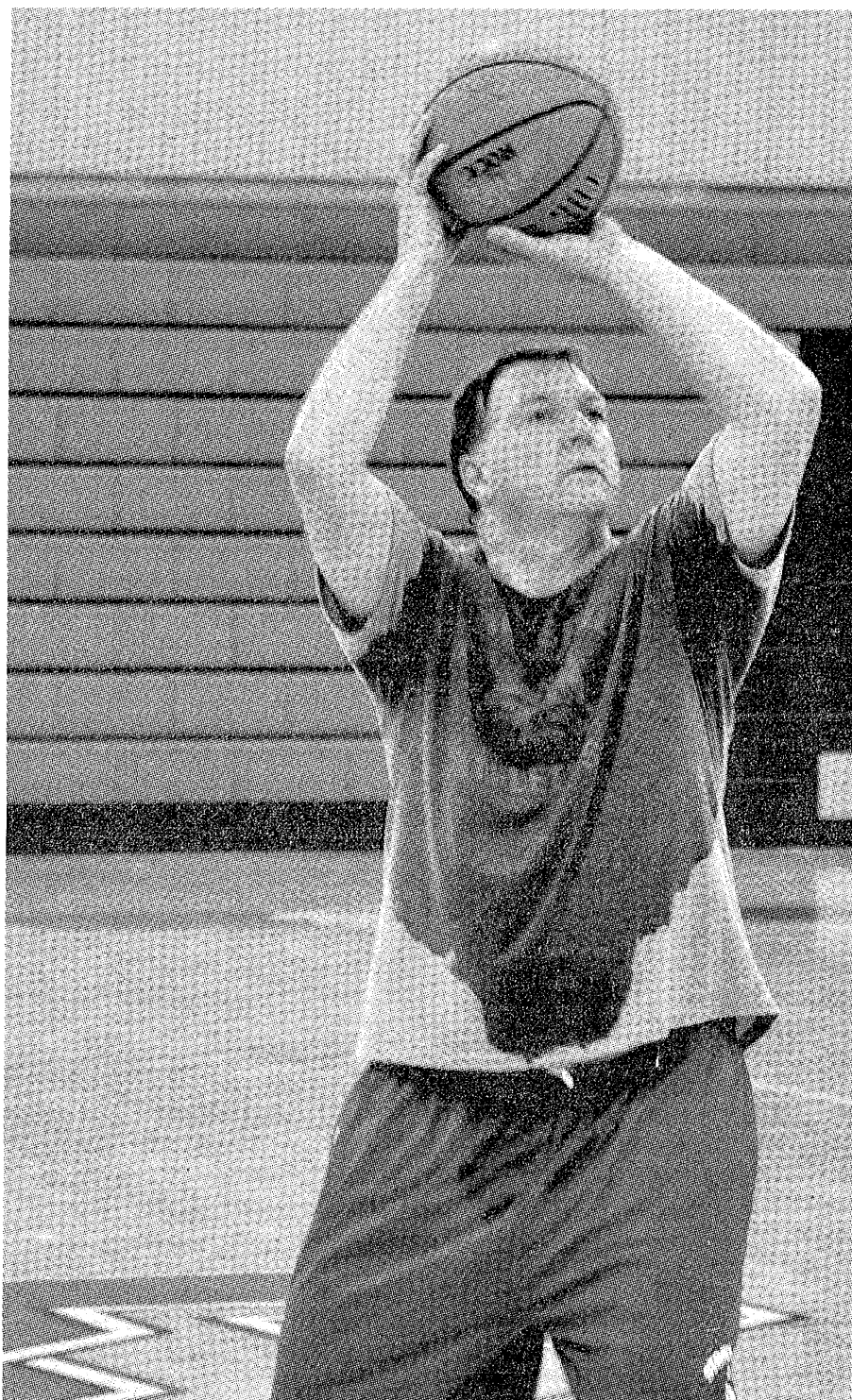
Like a real basketball player, he even got frustrated with himself after a missed layup, gently smacking himself on the face.

They say that the way a man plays basketball reflects his character and personality, and Stanley agrees. "I like to pass, and I like thinking about who my opponent is," he says. "And the strategy involved in the game, I think it does say a lot about you as a person."

If his basketball style reflects on his presidency, one can expect a new era of direct involvement between leadership and the student body, and a more aggressive push to make Stony Brook University the bearer of positive change in the economic state of the SUNY system.

Both the Stony Brook men and women basketball programs will be kicking off their seasons soon, providing entertainment until the next time the president takes the court.

Quick words of advice for whoever is guarding the president when he does: Force him right and keep your hands up.



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President Stanley during one of his three games at Pritchard Gymnasium.

STATESMAN SPORTS

Late Cuttino TD Lifts Seawolves Past Chanticleers

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The Seawolves survived a scare against the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers on a soggy Saturday, defeating them 16-10 in a hard-fought game. Stony Brook remained unbeaten at home and in conference play, improving their overall record to 4-4.

Senior running back Conte Cuttino (Uniondale, NY.) scored the game-winning touchdown for the second straight game, taking a screen pass from sophomore quarterback Michael Coulter (Yorba Linda, CA.) 28 yards to give the Seawolves the lead in the fourth quarter.

"It's a four-quarter game," said Head Coach Chuck Priore. "We had a beautiful 80-yard drive that was executed perfectly by a lot of different people. That is how you win football games."

After three straight punts between both teams to open the game, Coastal Carolina received the first good field position of the day after E.J. Brown intercepted a Coulter pass and returned it 26 yards to the Stony Brook 30 yard line. They couldn't capitalize, however, as the wind pushed Justin Durham's field goal attempt to the right, and it bounced off the upright and into the endzone.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Chanticleers began the second quarter on their own 30 yard line after an SBU punt. Senior Tyler Santucci (New Kensington, PA.) came up with the first big play of the game, sacking Coastal's Zach MacDowall for a loss of 13 yards. Two plays later, punter Ben Erdman failed to get the punt off and wound up fumbling, with redshirt

freshman Jordan Gush (Richardson, TX) recovering it on Coastal's four yard line.

The Seawolves wasted no time, as three plays later Coulter found senior Chris Tyler (Rocky Hill, CT.) for a nine-yard touchdown pass for the game's first score. The first quarter ended with Stony Brook leading 7-0.

After a scoreless second quarter, the Seawolves opened the second half on their 16 yard line. After a four-yard Cuttino run, the Seawolves had back-to-back big plays that combined for 41 yards. Coulter first found sophomore Matt Brevi (Tampa, FL.) for 19 yards. Cuttino then ran the ball 29 yards to the Coastal 32. Redshirt freshman Wes Skiffington (Brandon, FL.) ended the drive with his school-record 12th field goal of the season, converting from 37 yards out to give SBU a 10-0 lead.

The Chanticleers would not remain silent, as they were finally able to score three drives later, when back-up quarterback Jamie Childers ran for a nine-yard touchdown.

Coulter was then intercepted for the second time, this time by Carlton Mitchell, putting the Chanticleers on Stony Brook's 32. The defense held its ground and forced Durham to try his third field goal. He was able to make it from 38 yards out, tying the game at 10-10.

That score would not last for long, as the Seawolves were able to put together a seven-play 80-yard drive for a touchdown. The drive saw Stony Brook pick up three-straight first downs before Coulter found Cuttino, who broke a few tackles on his way to the endzone. A fumbled snap on the extra point left the score at 16-10.



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Running back Conte Cuttino breaks another tackle en route to the end zone.

Stony Brook's defense came up big in the final minutes of the game, shutting down Coastal Carolina in the 4th quarter. On the ensuing drive, the Chanticleers marched to the Seawolves 31, but on third-and-eight junior Joseph Kirkpatrick (Athens, TX) came up with a sack for a loss of 11 yards, forcing a punt.

After taking 4:24 off the clock, Freshman Drew Evangelista (Cedar Grove, NJ.) pinned Coastal Carolina on their three yard line with a perfect 40-yard punt. Three plays later, the Seawolves forced a fumble,

which senior Arin West (Toms River, NJ.) recovered to seal the victory.

Stony Brook's defense totaled a season-high five sacks and held the Chanticleers to 177 total yards, the fewest allowed this season. Cuttino finished with a season-high 96 yards on 20 carries, while Coulter went 10-for-19 for 144 yards and two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The Seawolves head south next week to take on Gardner-Webb in a key matchup between conference rivals, both of whom are undefeated in the Big South.

Men's Soccer Ties Wildcats in 2OT Battle

BY SAM KILB
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The Stony Brook men's soccer team stretched its unbeaten streak to four on Saturday, coming from behind to tie the first-placed New Hampshire Wildcats, 1-1 (2OT).

The Wildcats struck first, scoring their goal in the first half.

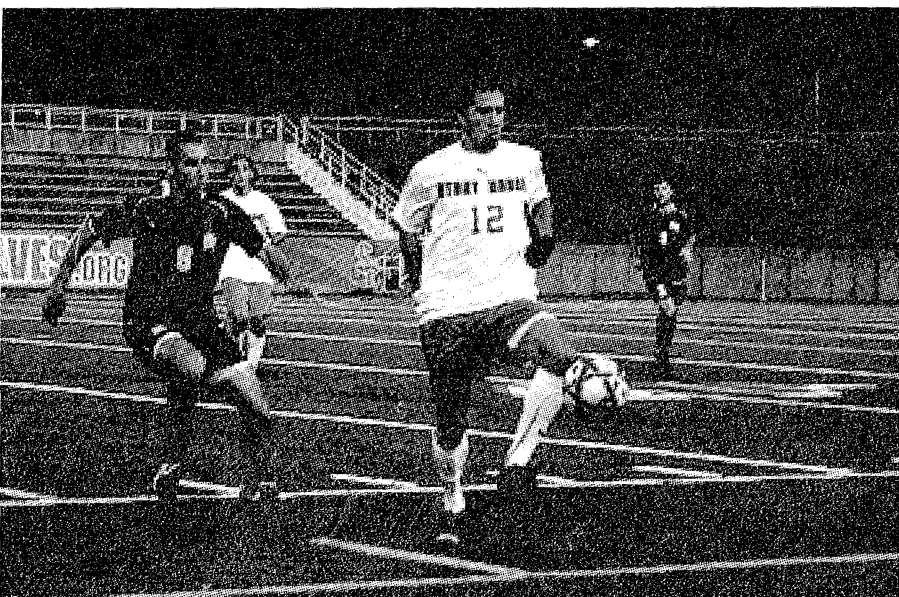
But a resilient Seawolves side was not to be denied, and came roaring back at the hour mark. Freshman forward Antonio Crespi (North Babylon, NY.) finished off

a scintillating run down the wing with a cross to the front of goal. A clearance by the Wildcat goalkeeper got only as far as freshman forward Berian Gobeil Cruz (Montreal, QC) who punched home the equalizer.

Cruz's goal ties him for the team lead.

Stony Brook is 4-9-3 this fall and 3-2-1 in America East play. The draw left the Seawolves in third place in the conference.

Stony Brook wraps up the regular season at 7 p.m. on October 31 at home against the Hartford Hawks. The team's seniors will be honored in a pregame ceremony.



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Freshman forward Berian Gobeil