

## SBU Police Donate 50 Vests for Humvees

By MAURY HIRSCHKORN  
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In a public ceremony at the Wang Center last week, the spokesmen for the Stony Brook University Police announced the police would donate 50 bulletproof vests to the American 1-69th Infantry Division in Iraq. These vests will be used to armor Humvees.

Of the 15,000 Humvees in Iraq, only 1,500 to 2,000 of them are armored, according to figures used by the Associated Press. Most Humvees in Iraq are covered in lightweight aluminum and fiberglass and are vulnerable to rocket-propelled grenades, roadside bombs and bullets. Around one-fifth to one-half of the American troops killed and wounded in Iraq were victims of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) that penetrated Humvees and trucks.

These 50 bulletproof vests

were used by university police officers. After five years, they purchased new ones, and Philip Ramos, university police officer and quartermaster, got the idea to donate the old ones to reinforce Humvees in Iraq when he heard about other police departments doing the same. "We didn't know what to do with [the vests]," Ramos said. "We thought of donating them to the army or other police departments who didn't have them. Then we thought of the Humvees."

Jeffrey Mott, Suffolk County police officer and first sergeant of the 77th Regional

Readiness Command, will be responsible for transferring the vests to the 1-69th Infantry Division. He helped transfer such vests in the past. "[An army unit] was generous to fly over 400 vests so far to the 1-69th from my police department

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## NYPIRG Student Action Meeting

By LIANNE HONG  
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Activists from the New York Public Interest Research Group held a Student Action Meeting in the SAC this week in hopes to incite action and spark passion in students about the causes that NYPIRG fights for.

"We're here because we need your help," Eric Bruzaitis said before even introducing himself. A regional and project coordinator for NYPIRG, Bruzaitis reinforced with urgency the need for students to stop the legislature, which he said was "balancing the state's budget on your backs—on students' backs."

Speakers at the meeting included NYPIRG project coordinators who presented their campaigns for higher education, environmental issues, homeless and hunger outreach and election day registration to a crowd of about 30 students.

Yvonne Baker, project leader for the higher education campaign, spoke about steps NYPIRG members will take in order to fight Governor Pataki's tuition hike. "We're trying to get students to be involved, to get in the know," Baker said. She encouraged students attending the meeting to participate in the letter writing campaigns and to make phone calls to representatives concerning the issue, emphasizing the need to "put a voice to the name." She also urged students to attend Lobby Day in Albany, which will be held on March 7, where masses of students from across the state will congregate for their chance to speak face to face with legislators about such issues as the tuition hike.

Juliet DiFrenza addressed environmental issues for this meeting as the environmental

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The Stony Brook University Hospital as seen from Nicholls Road.

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## University Hospital celebrates 25 years

By RADEYAH HACK  
Statesman Editor

This year, the University Hospital that dominates the skyline and welcomes undergrads celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary while recognizing its many achievements and rapid growth in its short history.

The hospital includes a complex of three buildings, including the Health Science Center. Construction for the center began in 1976 and is composed of the Basic Sciences Health Tower, the Clinical Sciences Tower and the University Hospital, which opened its doors to treat patients in 1980. The hospital, however, was at the center of controversy amidst its construction, since legislators claimed that the hospital construction bankrupted the state. Despite this, Stony Brook University Hospital has flourished to become one of the largest hospitals on Long Island.

Stony Brook University Hospital is ranked one of the best in the Northeast as well as a top teaching hospital. Stony Brook is the only public school in New York that has its own medical school and the only school in the SUNY system that has both a dental and medical school. "Everything we do, we

think about both the academic and scientific aspect," said Bruce Schroffel, Director and CEO of the hospital. "We have a partnership with the School of Medicine and couldn't provide this level of care without them."

Over the past 25 years, Stony Brook University hospital has expanded to become the region's tertiary care center and the only Level 1 Trauma Center on Suffolk County. The hospital provides around-the-clock availability of a specialized trauma team and treats patients with the most serious medical conditions.

"Our patients come from all over the country," said Schroffel. "Historically people felt they had to go to New York City to get high quality care, but we've raised the bar."

Catering towards the ever changing and growing Suffolk County demographics is a key aim for Stony Brook University Hospital. In 2004 the hospital expanded its facilities to include state-of-the-art diagnostic and interventional cardiac equipment and is the only hospital in the county that performs open-heart surgery. The hospital also has the only federally funded Pediatric and Maternal HIV/AIDS Center to treat the grow-

ing HIV/AIDS infection rates in Suffolk County.

The recent expansion of the hospital has been immense, with a new Blood and Marrow Stem-Cell Transplant Program and a Comprehensive Psychiatry Emergency Program that provides 24-hour emergency psychiatric care.

Conducting innovative and groundbreaking research has always been at the core of Stony Brook University Hospital. With its Long Island Cancer Center and General Clinical Research Center, the University Hospital is studying ways to improve methods for prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

With its Major Modernization Project, Stony Brook University Hospital is investing millions of dollars to renovate its facilities. The Project will include further expansion of the Heart Center, Women and Infants' Center, Operating Rooms, Emergency Departments and a new 65,000 square-foot Ambulatory Care Pavilion.

"We are continuing to try and build a nationally recognized, academic, tertiary hospital that offers high end health care and smart medicine," said Schroffel.



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and others," he said. Mott also served in the Gulf War and in Bosnia.

The vests will be sent to the 1-69th Infantry Division to honor Sam Ramos, a university police officer and 1st Lieutenant in the National Guard, who is serving in that division in Iraq. At the ceremony were Ramos' wife, Phyllis, and their three children. She briefly spoke about her husband and a friend Henry Irizarry, 38, who was killed in Iraq. Irizarry was killed on Dec. 3, 2004 when his Humvee hit a roadside bomb near the town of Taji, 30 miles north of Baghdad. Irizarry was in the army reserves and a father of four children.

"He was a very good friend," Phyllis Ramos said of Irizarry. "[He was] an all around honest

man. His wife has children. We all feel it."

In March 2004, the idea to armor Humvees with bulletproof vests was first suggested by 1st Lt. Christian Boggiano. Before he was shipped from Kuwait to Iraq, he asked his mother to find old bulletproof vests and ship them to his unit. "Once I get up north, we'll use them on the doors and floors of Humvees so when roadside bombs go off, they'll catch a lot of shrapnel," he wrote. Later, Boggiano's mother and father, who is a Jersey City detective, began a campaign to contact Jersey City police precincts, asking for old vests to be sent to army units in Iraq. Then their friend, a Jersey City police lieutenant, asked for old vests over the police teletype that reached throughout New Jersey.

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project leader. The focus this semester will be on improving New York's bottle bill. DiFrenza talked about the current bill, which she said insures a high rate of recycling or reuse of carbonated beverage bottles by requiring a minimum refundable deposit, as well as the goal of a new bottle bill, which will extend the old bill to cover non-carbonated beverage bottles as well. Also on the agenda, DiFrenza said, is a push for Congress to put caps on power-plant pollution. NYPIRG members have already held press conferences protesting power-plant pollution and endorsing a four-point plan that would reduce power plant emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury.

A representative from the Small Claims Court Action Center (SCCAC), which works out of NYPIRG, also made a presentation inviting students to join the organization and to volunteer by manning phone lines for small claims court counseling. Greg Akselban, coordinator for SCCAC, said the aim of the center is to prepare people for the court process. Since people represent themselves in small claims court, Akselban said, SCCAC is available to answer procedural questions and to build up confidence levels, though they

do not offer legal advice. At the same time, he said, SCCAC also provides worthwhile experience to those interested in going into law. Jennifer Joseph, one of the students interested in joining SCCAC, said she plans on going into public interest law and believes in the causes for which NYPIRG fights. "This is right up my alley," she said.

The NYPIRG board chair, Joel Kelsey, closed the meeting by speaking about his experiences with the organization. One of his first efforts with NYPIRG, he said, involved successfully taking on a multi-million dollar company and pushing them to clean up the toxic chemicals it was dumping in the Hudson River.

On more than one occasion, Kelsey noted that NYPIRG has proven consistently over 31 years that students can fight and make a difference. "I reject the idea that students are apathetic," he said. "They're not easy fights, but you can't win the fight if you don't play the game."

Kelsey stressed to the students the importance of not forfeiting control of the factors that influence their lives, and insisted that there are many different ways to get involved in NYPIRG's campaigns. "Do it for selfish reasons or for NYPIRG service credits," he said. "But do it—because no one else is going to save your future."

# Informing the Students: "SBU Uncut"

By RADEYAH HACK  
Statesman Editor

The numerous media outlets on campus each bring a different opinion to the Stony Brook community. The campus TV station, SBU-TV, is no exception, especially with its innovative and original weekly show, "SBU Uncut."

Like most of the media outlets on campus, every aspect of "SBU Uncut," from the programming to reporting, is entirely run by students. Developed three years ago, the goal of SBU Uncut "is to be a source of entertainment for all ethnicities and all people on campus," said Makarios Americanos, producer and creator of the show.

Though relatively young, "SBU Uncut," has developed an extensive and dedicated fan base. Americanos points out that the show is so popular that the school was forced to rethink his suspension from working on the show due to the pleading of droves of fans.

The extensive fan base is a result of the quality of the issues that the show addresses. "Our topics allow us to go and talk to different students about issues that affect everyone on campus," Americanos said, "like tuition increases, homecoming, meal plans; things that everyone



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Clockwise from top left: Tinika F., Manny Thomas, Mak Americanos, Dwight Gentle, Cathlyn K., & Gabrielle Robergeau.

should have a voice on." The show has had guests like Jared Wong call in to defend himself during last year's USG controversy. It also aims to inform students about what's happening on the campus by showing actual footage from USG Senate meetings.

SBU Uncut also gets exclusive interviews with celebrities such as Ben Stiller, Sean Paul, Mark Paul Gosselaar and Dennis Franz. "We're a hub for talented people," said Americanos, "On or off campus," Americanos said.

SBU Uncut, however, is not just a news show with intriguing interviews. "We've had skits that talk about issues of sexuality

and the recent facebook phenomenon, along with original comedy acts." With shows like 'Campus Cribs' and numerous singers, performers and rappers, SBU Uncut has grown into a "medium where people can interact with each other through a live show, telephone and television," Americanos said.

Upcoming productions of the show will feature footage of the events of Albany Day and will address issues of double standards and gender. "We're always coming up with fun and creative ideas," Americanos said.

SBU Uncut airs every Wednesday, live, at 11 pm on Channel 20, with repeats of the show every Thursday.

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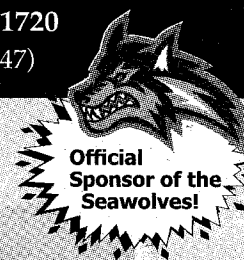
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# Fight the tuition hike?

or

## No more sneaky proposals.

*"Say yes to tuition hikes,  
but no to the current proposal."*

There's been a lot of controversy on the issue of tuition increases for SUNY schools as of late when the basics of the matter haven't entirely been addressed. Many people who are for it say that tuition hikes are necessary to keep a high caliber of education here at Stony Brook, while those against it cite numerous loopholes that allow budget makers to renege on their promises. The question of where to stand on this issue becomes naturally clouded when all the facts are not brought into view. When all the information is available in a coherent way, however, it all becomes clear: we need tuition increases, but not the way the lawmakers propose it.

There are many appealing benefits of planned tuition

hikes for Stony Brook students. The amount of money charged will increase each year, but not for every student. A class of freshmen come in and pay some amount of money and will continue to pay this amount of money for four years. This allows for consistency and financial security for these students. The following year's freshmen will also pay a fixed fee for four years, although this fee will be increased from the previous class. If the entire story ended here, then there would be no problem. The issues arise when the details come into focus.

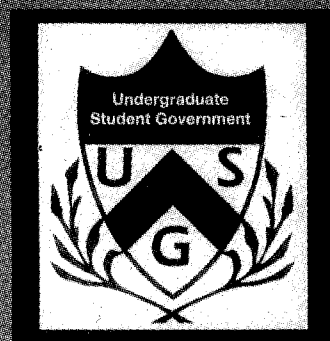
If the budget for the state comes in late for a given year then all promises as far as planned tuition increases go out the window. This means that if the budget is not set on time

for the year, fiscal planners can increase the tuition for any and all SUNY students without real restraint. It is a well-known fact that the state is chronically late in delivering proposed budgets for any given fiscal year. The guarantee, then, of fixed tuition increases becomes nothing more than fallacy and deceit.

The issue of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is also tangled in this mess. There is a certain cut-off point, currently set at \$5000, for tuition that the state has to abide by when it delivers this aid. If a school charges more than this figure then the student can no longer receive direct TAP assistance and must instead receive this funding in a less direct manner. For next year, the tuition would fall just beneath this demarca-

tion point, but it is guaranteed to pass it the year that follows. This is an issue for the state legislature to iron out and should not be part of a discussion that involves increasing tuition to pay the bills. The lawmakers in Albany have to come together and reevaluate the way tuition assistance is handled.

Once all the facts are considered it becomes apparent that raising tuition in this manner is inappropriate. Stony Brook administration is selling this notion only on the strong points and manages to omit the loopholes inherent in this legislation. We need tuition increases to stay competitive with other top universities but we need to do it in a way that honors the truth. Say yes to tuition hikes, but say no to the current proposal.

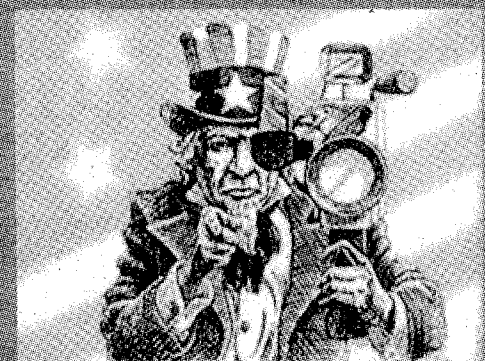


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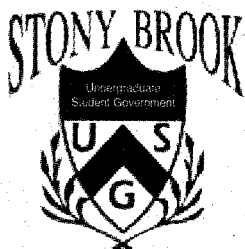


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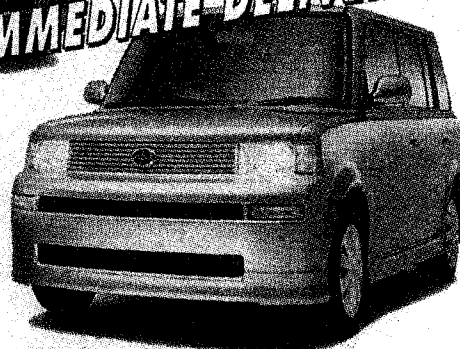
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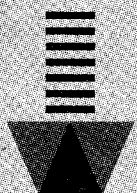


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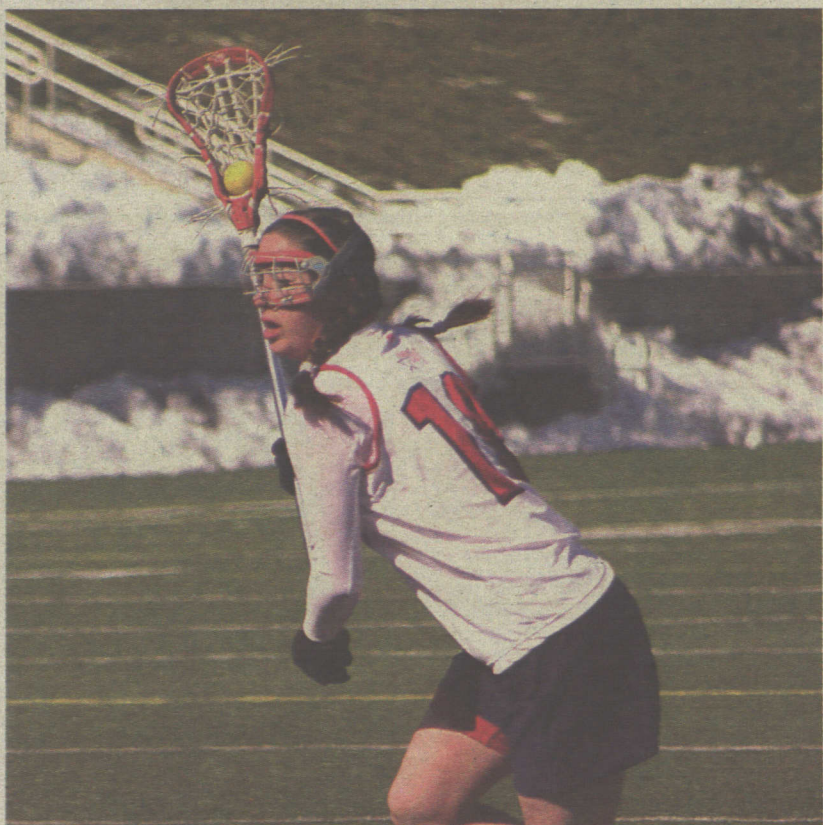


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MEN'S BASKETBALL, CHRIS LONARDO  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE, NICOLE DULMER

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# SBU Calendar Inconsistencies Promote Feelings of Discrimination

BY TOM BROWN &  
JOE GRILLO  
Statesman Contributors

The Department of Civil Service has given the following list as legal holidays for the state of New York for the 2005 calendar year: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. One would think that a state university would recognize these holidays. Although Stony Brook does in fact include some of these holidays for its students and faculty, a few holidays from this list are ignored, the most recent example being Washington's Birthday.

This last February 21<sup>st</sup>, university officials ignored Presidents Day. It is interesting that this holiday, which was originally meant to celebrate our first president and has since been amended to honor the important contributions of all of our presidents, goes unnoticed. This is not simply an idle plea for a three-day weekend. Presidents' Day was made a nationally recognized holiday in honor of the illustrious history of these United States in order to unite all Americans.

Now, as Presidents' Day is not a religious holiday, some may argue that there is no real reason to have a day off. The same reasoning, however, clearly does not apply to Labor Day or Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The latter was also created to celebrate our history. Is



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the university implicitly stating that Martin Luther King is more important than George Washington or any of our other presidents? Did Martin Luther King's work have more of an impact than one of our founding fathers? Than a revolutionary war hero? The answer is a resounding "not necessarily." Ergo, Stony Brook ought not to be able to pick and choose its national holidays. If any one secular holiday is to be recognized, all legal New York State holidays should be recognized as well.

However, Washington's Birthday is not the only holiday that slipped under the radar. Many students, Italian Americans in particular, will remember that Columbus Day was another holiday that came and went unnoticed by the university. Columbus Day is not only a time for Italian Americans to celebrate their heritage, but also a day for all Americans to honor the man credited with discovering our continent. Such reverence, however, is not usually shown. At many Columbus Day parades across

the nation, attendees of the festivals are hounded by protestors. Five hundred years after the man lived, the nation finds Columbus's name maligned by unsubstantiated information. Perhaps the university fears recognizing this Federal and New York State holiday because it might not please every single person on the campus. This is not only ridiculous, but illegal. Regardless of the reasons, the fact remains that we did not have a day off for Columbus Day. This injected a sentiment of discrimination into many Italian Americans, just as many African Americans would have felt had Martin Luther King Day been ignored.

Inconsistencies abound in the university's selection of holidays. How a state-funded public school can recognize one legal holiday while ignoring others is a mystery. Federal and state holidays were enacted for a reason. They not only give all Americans a day of rest, but also a chance to unite in reverence of the glorious history of our great nation.

## Ask Zahra

BY ZAHRA KHAN

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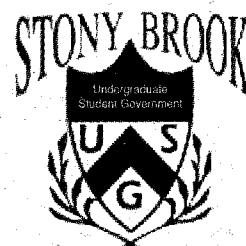
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There's this girl in one of my classes that I'm really starting to develop a huge crush on. The problem is, I haven't even talked to her yet. But she is so pretty and seems so amazing in every way. I don't know how to approach her to ask her out, she's so perfect! What do I do?

Falling Hard

Dear Falling Hard,

Oh boy, first off, no one is perfect! But the reason you think so, is you know maybe 10% about her and for the other 90% your brain makes her into exactly what you want her to be. Now this creates a problem, because the longer you delay meeting this girl, the longer you are going to idealize her. You will be developing a bigger crush on the person in your head, not the person she is. I'm not saying once you meet her you're going to hate her, but you need to transform your crush on Miss Perfect to a crush on Miss Real. This girl has her own unique characteristics that deserve to be acknowledged and she deserves to be liked for those traits that make her who she is. It's time to turn on your mack-action, but remember this is a covert operation! Most girls don't like being thrown numbers by random bozos, they find comfort in being more familiar with the guy handing her his digits. So make sure you make her an acquaintance before you make that kind of move. Sit next to her in class next time; start up a basic conversation, talk about classes, what year she's in, etc. Your ultimate goal is to just catch her name and give her yours in return. Once you get that far you can say hi to her when you see her around, and build a familiarity between the two of you. After that you can decide how you're going to play your game.



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# Chang delivers punch line at Stony Brook

BY JAMES CASTON  
Statesman Editor

"I just got back from Minnesota, Ohio, Colorado.... Damn, it's nice to see minorities again!"

Stand-up comic Eliot Chang appeared at the Wang Center at a workshop co-sponsored by the Asian Students Alliance and the Chinese Association of Stony Brook.

Chang's comedy was funny while maintaining a strictly non-racial stance. Instead his audience roared when he released his new line-up of sex jokes.

Though the comedy was good, his jokes were primarily a hook for bringing up larger issues such as racism and cultural pride. "I've chosen to be bold...in my comedy show," he said.

Chang's workshop, entitled "Asians in the Media" addresses how Asians are presented in modern American culture.

Chang expressed that Asian Americans lack strong Asian American media icons. He urged students in the Asian American community to discover their culture. "Learn your culture... [because] it's your job to teach your children about it," Chang said.

Asians making cultural jokes

about themselves only propagates the problem of stereotypes, according to Chang. "We're the *only* [speaker's emphasis] culture that laughs at jokes about us."

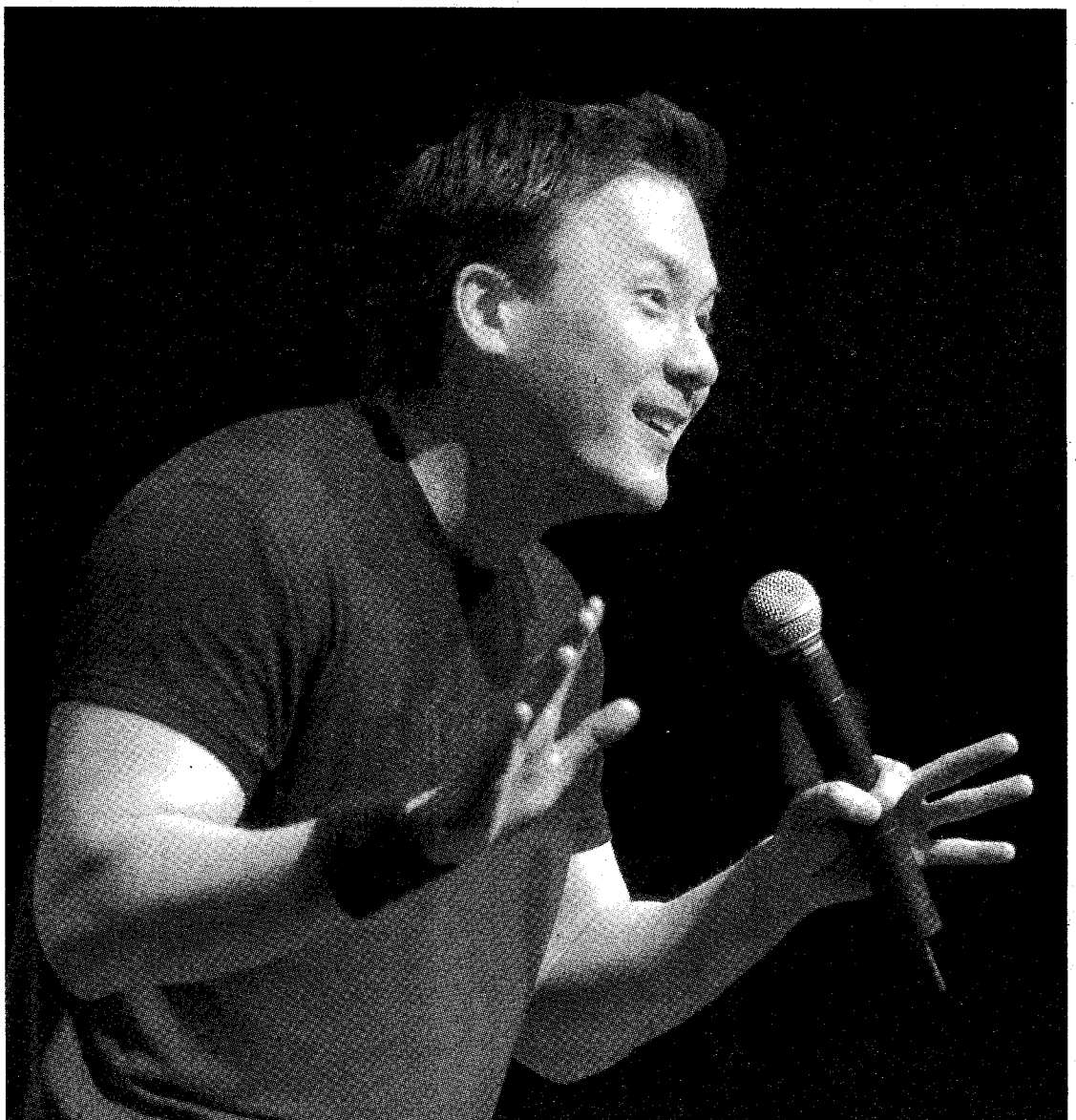
"Life is not based on reality. Life is based on the perception of reality," Chang said. "Children form their opinions of reality by what they see on television."

Chang said that stereotypical characters of the 20th century such as Charlie Chan portrayed Asian Americans in a negative light, often representing Asian men as harmless and unattractive and women as prostitutes.

"When was the last time you saw an Asian woman with an Asian man on television?" Chang asked the audience. "And when you do see an Asian couple, they're always over the age of fifty."

Chang also addressed concerns of students getting involved with these issues. "Get the asses in the seats," he said regarding attendance of cultural awareness. He said to the main thing is to get attendance up at cultural events, even if it means throwing a party afterwards as an incentive.

Chang has recently appeared on Spike TV's "Crashtest" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."



Gabe Sakellaris/Statesman



## A THOUGHT FROM RABBI ADAM



Two weeks ago, the Hebrew month of Adar began. Now, Adar's best claim to fame is that it is the month of pure joy. For as the Biblical Rabbi's state in the Talmud, "Once the month of Adar arrives, one is to increase in joy." For Adar is the month in which the Jewish holiday of Purim falls - one of the most joyous of Jewish holidays in which there is celebrated the saving of the Jewish people from a Biblical Hitler-like murderer named Haman. (See the Book of Esther for further reference.) And such is the joy of Purim, that the entire month in which it falls (Adar) is forever associated with joy and happiness. Now, on another note, it so happens that this year, 5765 (2005), we have two Adar months - Adar I and Adar II. For this year is a Jewish leap year. And when the Jewish calendar "leaps", it does so with an extra month - something that happens every 3 years. Therefore, 2 months of Adar makes 2 months of joy. And 2 months of joy is joy that lasts some 60 days. Now, in consideration of this, we can see another principle at play here. And that is the principle of 60. For according to Jewish culinary science, anything that is 1 part of 60 is of naught. Meaning, for instance, if one were to accidentally pour 1 measure of pig juice into 60 measures of a meat sauce, even though pig products are not kosher, one is allowed to eat the meat sauce. For 1 part of 60 is considered to be of naught - as if it doesn't exist. Therefore, returning to the subject at hand, if the "leaped" months of Adar represent the a 60 day period of joy, then 1 day of depression or feeling bummed-out is really of naught - like it doesn't exist. For in consideration of 60 days of joy - there is nothing but joy itself. Have a happy Adar. ☺

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# Seawolves fire on all cylinders

By SAMEER KHANUJO  
Statesman Staff

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, was Senior Day for the men's Basketball team. It was an evening to appreciate the hard work and effort that the four seniors Cori Spencer, Mike Orfini, Jairus McCollum and Wilky Colin have dedicated to their coaches, teammates and the Stony Brook community. Thursday night was also the final home game for the 2004-2005 Stony Brook Seawolves, as they hosted their in-state rivals from Albany.

The Great Danes from Albany and the Seawolves engaged in a 40 minute tug of war, a battle of guts and will. Fittingly, the Seawolves capped the frenetic game with a three point play from senior leader Cori Spencer. Spencer's basket with 13.3 seconds left in the game iced Stony Brook's 68-63 win over Albany. "It was a very appropriate ending," said Head Coach Nick Macarchuk. "[Spencer] made a great offensive rebound, and put back that shot; he's really developed into a leader for this team,"

Macarchuk added. The win was their second straight and third in four games as the Seawolves improved their record to 11-15, 6-11 in the America East.

The victory was crucial for the Seawolves, whose only chance at advancing to the NCAA Tournament is by surprising the rest of the America East and winning the conference tournament. "If you look at our season, we have played pretty well the last six games against our conference opponents," said Coach Macarchuk. In their last few games the Seawolves have shown that they deserve to be playing Division 1 basketball, and that they are capable of beating almost any team in the conference, when they are running on all cylinders.

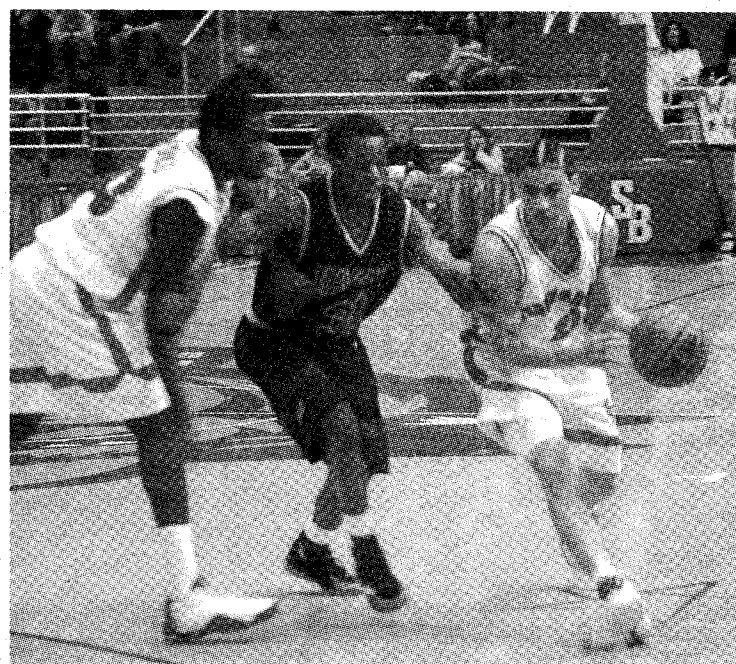
The theme of Thursday night was energy. The Seawolves, starting all four of their seniors, played with energy. The 1200 fans in attendance and the students added decibels of noise not often seen at Stony Brook sporting events.

"We have had a different attitude, the last couple of weeks we have started to play defense,"

Macarchuk said. This intensity helped the Seawolves race out to a 36-27 halftime advantage. The first half was marked by stingy defense, rejections and deep three pointers, which helped the Seawolves keep the Great Danes at bay. The scariest moment of the first half came late in the period when Antwan Hardy took a nasty fall which forced him to sit for the remainder of the half; the ensuing moments were the first time the crowd was silent. "Antwan played well, he hit big shots and most importantly he bounced back," said Coach Macarchuk.

Albany came out firing in the second half scoring 4 straight points in the two minutes. This surge forced the Seawolves to call a timeout. Coming out of the timeout Hardy made an acrobatic shot, scoring two of his 9 points. Hendrik Feist and Bobby Santiago then dropped a pair of three pointers to extend the Seawolves lead to 47-35.

With 8:50 left, Albany clawed back to tie the Seawolves at 49 forcing another Stony Brook timeout. Hardy, who hit another



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tie breaking shot which put the Seawolves up 56-51. With two minutes left, Albany tied it up. It was at this point that Santiago and Spencer took over the game. Santiago got one of his game high 5 assists, and 4 of his team high 17 points in crunch time, while Spencer chipped in 5 of his 11 points, including the three point play with 13 seconds left, which capped the game for Stony Brook.

Other Seawolves who had big games were Mike Popoko with 11 points and 7 rebounds and Jairus McCollum with 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 blocks. The Seawolves next play on Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> at New Hampshire, and then move on to the America East Tournament. With a little bit of luck and continued hard play, the Seawolves might just surprise the rest of the America East.

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# Statesman SPORTS

## Seawolves men go Hen hunting

By JIM FITZPATRICK  
Statesman Contributor

"I'm a vegetarian but, men, sometimes you have to know when to make the kill when the animal's wounded."

This half-time speech by first year Head Coach Lars Tiffany must have struck a nerve in the hearts of his players that sent them out looking for their first meal of the season.

On the menu today for the hungry Seawolves were The Fightin' Blue Hens of Delaware. The Hens were coming off two consecutive victories and looking to avoid the jaws of the Seawolves for the second straight year, who handed them an 11-4 loss in last years season opener.

Stony Brook opened the flood gates at the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter scoring four quick goals within the first 3 minutes and 49 seconds of the opening face-off. Mid fielder Michael Poch was the catalyst to the scoring run winning the opening face-off at the start of the second half for the Seawolves which led to the momentum shifting goal by Sean Chamberlain to give Stony Brook a five goal lead.

Freshman Bo Tripodi wowed the crowd in his Seawolves debut scoring five goals and dishing out an assist to Chamberlain

who also had a big game scoring three goals. "What can you say about Bo's performance today? He's just a natural scorer," said Coach Tiffany about his newest offensive threat.

Juniors Jason Cappadoro and Adam Marksberry were dominant as usual on the offensive side of the field combining for three goals and six assists to propel the Seawolves to a 14-9 victory in front of a lively crowd of 1051 at Lavalle Stadium. The veteran attack man couldn't have been happier with the performance of his team, "It feels good to win the season opener and to finally come out here and beat Delaware at home," Cappadoro said.

Goalie Brendan Callahan who is fresh off a stellar 2004 season continued his dominance between the pipes for the Seawolves. The America East All Rookie team member and honorable mention All-American was as usual the cornerstone to the Stony Brook defense saving 11 shots and conserving a large lead that allowed his teammates, and most of all his new head coach to breathe easy in the waning minutes of the game. "Somebody pinch me, it feels so good to win this one I'm not ready to leave the field yet," said a mild mannered but extremely happy Tiffany.

Callahan's counterpart,



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Delaware goalie Chris Collins the game.

When the final whistle sounded and both teams lined up to shake hands at mid field Coach Tiffany quietly basked in the moment of his first victory as a Seawolf and accredited much of his teams' success to former coach Jon Espey. "Coach Espey

gave a memorable performance of his own saving 15 shots and keeping his team from getting embarrassed by the Seawolves who pounded the net relentlessly for 4 quarters. "Their goalie was amazing today, I give him a lot of credit," said Coach Tiffany after

and his staff built this program from the ground up and it is my job to take us to the next level."

Coach Tiffany and his men will have their opportunity to continue their dominance of non-conference opponents when they host Wagner on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Lavalle Stadium.

## Seawolves take the home opener

By EUGENE KOZLOVSKY  
Statesman Editor

Stony Brook's Women's Lacrosse season looks promising as the Seawolves defeat C.W. Post's Pioneers in the home opener 13-9. The scoring leaders were Amy Taylor and Jill Gridley, who scored three goals a piece. As the Seawolves' record goes to 1-0, the C.W. Post's drops to 0-1. The Pioneers opened the scoring but Stony Brook answered with three

consecutive goals of their own. The Seawolves shot out of the gate in the second half with four unanswered goals giving them a 9-3 lead. C.W. Post put together a few rallies but could not cut the deficit close enough to have a chance. The Seawolves couldn't have done it without Jen Sandtorv in the net, who turned away 6 Pioneer shots. Be sure to check out the Seawolves' next game as they host Fairfield on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.



Nicole Dulmer/Statesman

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