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7 SLAIN IN COLLEGE SHOOTING

By BRADLEY DONALDSON
News Editor

Stephen Kazmierczak, 27, shot and killed seven people, including himself, when he barged into a lecture at Northern Illinois University (NIU) Thursday afternoon.

Kazmierczak, armed with a shotgun and two handguns, crashed into the lecture hall shortly after 3 p.m., when the class was about to finish, and opened fire on the audience without any warning. Panic ensued.

Students started to sprint for the exit, while some hit the ground. Others crawled and shoved their way to the door -- all while shots bellowed throughout the room, according to an Associated Press report.

"I said I could get up and run or I could die here," Lauren Carr, a sophomore, said to AP reporters.

Although police arrived on the scene within minutes, according to The New York Times, Kazmierczak's rampage had already ended.

Kazmierczak killed six people and took his own life as well.

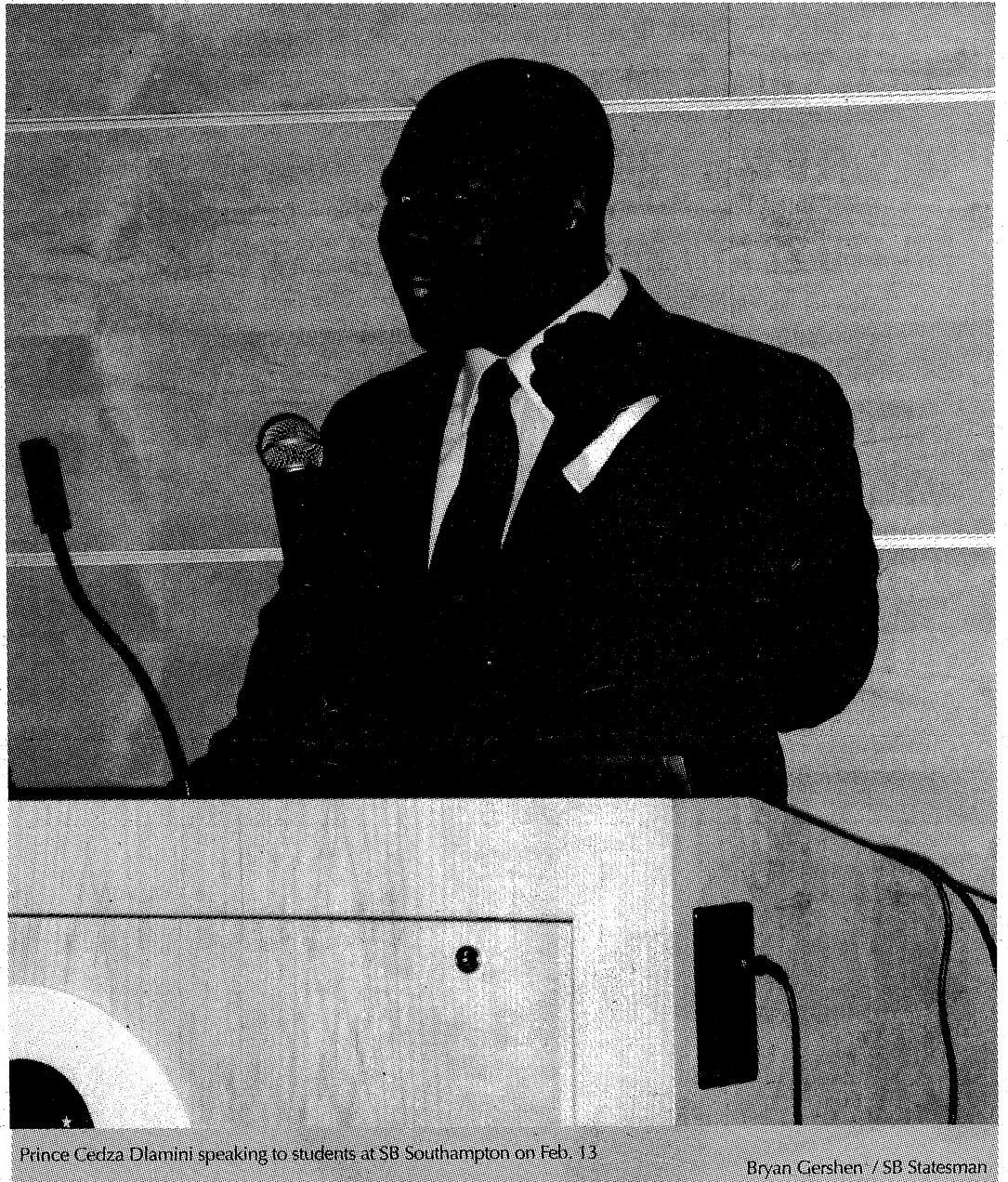
Classes at the 25,000-student campus were subsequently closed for the day and the school used an alert system similar to Stony Brook University's to send a message to the campus about the gunman's presence.

When Kazmierczak's death had been confirmed, a second message was sent to reassure the campus that immediate danger had passed.

Donald Grady, chief of NIU's Department of Public Safety, told The New York Times that such behavior by Kazmierczak was unexpected.

Kazmierczak, of Champaign, Ill., was a graduate student at NIU last spring and won the

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Prince Cedza Dlamini speaking to students at SB Southampton on Feb. 13

Bryan Gershen / SB Statesman

A Prince's Story

By CARL CARRIE
Contributing Writer

Prince Cedza Dlamini, grandson of both former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela and King Sobhuza II of Swaziland, traveled to the United States from Johannesburg to speak with students at the Southampton campus on Feb. 13.

There, Dlamini spoke mainly of the traditional African ideology of Ubuntu.

"Some people say, 'I think therefore I am,'" he said, repeating Rene Descartes famous saying, "But Ubuntu is, 'I am because you are.'" Dlamini believes that "no man is an island," and

that Ubuntu focuses on people's relationships with each other.

In 2005, Dlamini founded the Ubuntu Institute for Young Social Entrepreneurs, an organization that hopes to arm young African leaders with strong leadership and professional skills.

These skills are needed to achieve the U.N. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) -- an eight-point strategy adopted by world leaders to eradicate poverty, hunger and disease in Africa and throughout the world by 2015.

"Participation by young people is an investment [in any] country's future," he said.

Through the Ubuntu institute, Dlamini is teaching not only youth in Africa, but also those around the world. The Institute offers programs in which American students can go to Africa and volunteer, sometimes even for credit; a program Dlamini hoped to bring to Stony Brook.

The prince, who humbly prefers not to be called by his royal title, believes that "humility, not arrogance, will take you far." He said, "Life isn't about what you have, or what you're born with, but what you do with what you have."

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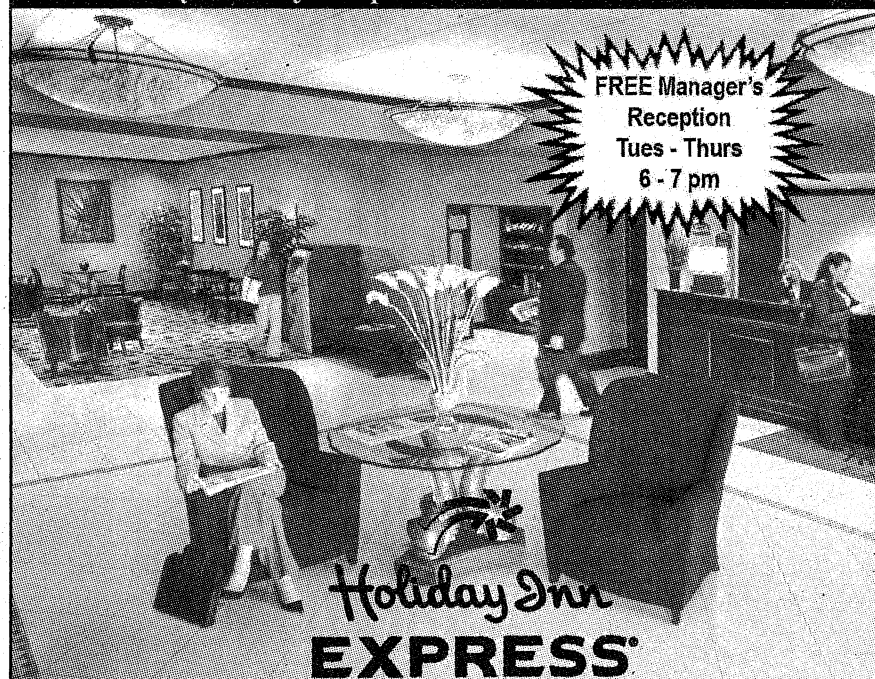
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A student working on her design at Craft Night on Feb. 12

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BEADS, BUTTONS AND MORE...

By HENRY SCHILLER
Contributing Writer

Bead necklaces, button-making, homemade Valentine's Day cards... sounds like an elementary school art class, right? Well, all of these activities took place at Stony Brook's Craft Fair.

The bi-annual craft fair, part of the Chill Fest activities held at the beginning of the semester, took place Tuesday night.

Any doubts arts and crafts activities from elementary school would hold up on a college campus were proven wrong by the way in which all the people attending the event set free their inner pre-schooler.

"Students have a chance to do stuff that they haven't done since grade

school," said Jan Castanzo, the Craft Center coordinator. "It's a place to come [and] relax. [That] is what Chill Fest is all about."

Students, on the other hand, had mixed feelings. Some welcomed the idea of revisiting younger days; but others weren't so enthusiastic.

Still, the Union Ballroom was crowded with those trying to relive the golden years of their youth -- skeptics or not.

Perhaps it's a sign that SB should should focus more attention on University-sponsored events like this one, since there is such a great demand for them.

So if you missed this event, fear not. The Craft Center will be hosting "Make it, Take it" events in the Union Lobby once a month so you'll still have a chance to satisfy your inner child.

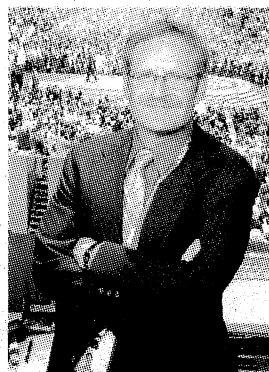
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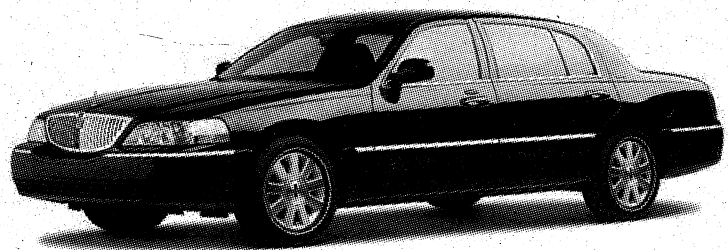
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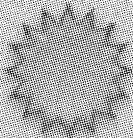
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Feb. 18 - Feb. 24



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Tuesday:
High 39/Low 20
Mostly sunny and significantly cooler



Wednesday:
High 37/Low 19
Mostly sunny



Thursday:
High 34/Low 18
Partly cloudy



Friday:
High 35/Low 18
Increasingly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow at night



Saturday:
High 40/Low 24
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain



Sunday:
High 42/Low 34
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain

A mature low-pressure will move over the area during Monday, bringing rain and possibly even an occasional thunderstorm throughout the day. The cold front associated with the system will move through the area late on Monday. An arctic cold front will funnel in cold air for Tuesday and high pressure will build for a short period of time on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. An Alberta clipper will move through on Wednesday and yet another area of high pressure builds into the area. It will last until late on Friday when a developing low pressure system moves up the coast for the weekend. It is unclear how close it will get to the coast, so the amount and type of precipitation is also unclear.

by Alex Kahn

Wired Science: When Poison Tastes Sweet

By TEJAS GAWADE
Editor Emeritus

This might get a little technical, so bear with me. A peptide (that long string from the good old 20 amino acids) could now turn out to be the miracle cure for cystic fibrosis (CF), a disorder that afflicts over 70,000 people in the world. The peptide, called GaTx1, has the ability to direct the flow of ions into and out of cells by using a chloride channel. The big ones, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation are partaking in this endeavor.

The peptide in question comes from scorpions, snakes and even spiders. But before you back out from revulsion, consider its implications.

The toxins paralyze prey by essentially blocking the entry and exit of an ion. The only way an ion knows how to do this is through channels in the plasma membrane of a cell. GaTx1, in particular, is the first ever to selectively bind, and then reverse the normal flow of ions through a chloride channel.

Now why chloride channels, you ask? Apart from having been studied very little, the channels

have gained recognition because open to allow chloride ions among epithelial cells. They act like doormen for water to walk into and out of the cell.

The movement of water is where the connection to cystic fibrosis becomes clearer. CF results a thick mucus (akin to the nasty phlegm that accompanied your last cold), which blocks major airways and glands in our bodies. It intensifies with the amount of water obstructed, which stems from the Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR) protein, a type of chloride channel. So, those who have CF, have a doormen who pretty much never shows up for work.

If we wanted to get technical, the CFTR in these individuals has mutated due to amino acid deletions and has resultantly misfolded itself. Misfolding in proteins signifies a dead end, meaning it has denatured, and thus rendered non-functional. Interestingly, one type of deletion causes chaperone proteins to bind to the misfolded proteins and discard them from the cell. Chaperone proteins are sort of like the managers who fire the lazy doorman, our old friend CFTR. In this case, with no CFTR

in sight, the airways get clogged with mucus and lead to CF.

So, how do they do it? Scientists use reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), which is a fancy way of saying they shove liquids down a tube and separate its components based on polarity. HPLC is able to extract GaTx1 from *Leiurus quinquestratus hebraeus*, which better translates into Giant Israeli Scorpion. Now that it has been isolated, the peptide can be used to study just how it is that the under-studied channels do their job.

The implications of the study by the three big brothers are two-fold.

One, it could potentially lead to a cure for CF. It can also serve as a proof of principle for curing other secretory disorders, such as secretory diarrhea (don't laugh... it causes at least a thousand deaths every year), autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease, diarrhea-predominant inflammatory bowel disease and possibly several others.

On the flip side, the peptide could be used to inhibit the channels from opening and consequently decrease the excess water that often leads to fatal consequences in cases of cholera.

Prince Addresses SBU Students

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For a man with so many accomplishments, complacency seems easy. However, he thought otherwise. "I feel like I really haven't done anything...I feel like there is so much more I can do," he said.

Dlamini, who left South Africa and a corporate job at Mitsubishi Corporation in 2000, to attend Tufts University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in international relations.

He now serves as a youth emissary and spokesman for the MDGs and promotes his vision for a better world.

"I value the sense of being committed to something that inspires me [every morning]," he said.

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NEWS CONTINUED

Past student kills six, then himself at NIU

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Dean's award in 2006. However, according to Grady, Kazmierczak had stopped taking his medication in recent weeks and had been acting erratic. "There were no red flags," Grady said in the Times' report.

In the moments leading up to the attack, Kazmierczak reportedly parked near the lecture hall, carried his shotgun in a guitar case, and had the pistols and ammunition strapped to his body. He wore a coat to conceal the weapons.

Two of the guns used in the

attack -- a 12-gauge shotgun and a 9-millimeter Glock pistol -- were bought by Kazmierczak himself from a gun dealer in Champaign six days earlier; they were legally registered to him.

As of now, seven deaths have been confirmed, including Kazmierczak: Daniel Parmenter, 20, of Westchester, Ill.; Catalina Garcia, 20, of Cicero, Ill.; Ryanne Mace, 19, of Carpentersville, Ill.; Julianna Gehant, 32, of Mendota, Ill.; and Gayle Dubowski, 20, of Carol Stream, Ill.

Across the country, many people have spoken out about the attack. Right here at SBU,

President Kenny posted her thoughts on the school's website.

"The Stony Brook University campus community is shocked and saddened by the deadly rampage that occurred yesterday on the Northern Illinois University campus," she said. "We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones in such a senseless and appalling act of violence."

Students here at the university also expressed their shock at the situation.

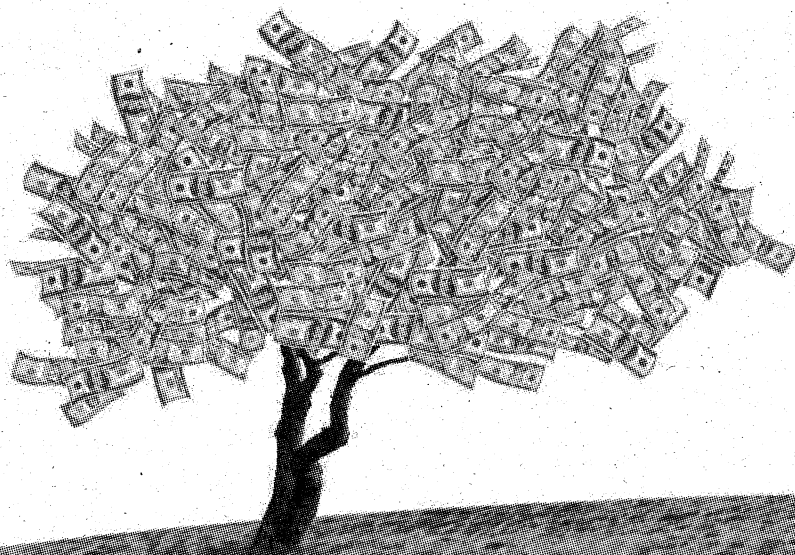
"I was really surprised...I guess it hit home," said Navneet

Singh, a senior. "It could happen [anywhere], but the police presence makes me feel better."

Sumama Ullas, a sophomore, shared similar sentiments: "I was kind of surprised that [this] is happening more and more... I'd like to think that [SBU] is safe."

Classes at NIU will no longer be held in the lecture hall where the shooting took place, Cole Hall, and classes at the University will resume on Feb. 25.

A memorial service is to be held at NIU on Feb. 24 to assist with the community's recovery process.



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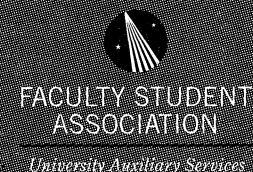
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Summer Application Steps:

1. File the 2008-2009 FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) with federal school code 002838.
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3. Submit your summer request on-line via the *Summer Financial Aid Request* link on SOLAR prior to the end of the summer term
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- Go to **FAFSA** on the web (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and apply on-line. If you are unable to apply on-line, you can mail a paper **FAFSA** to the federal processor.

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Is Hillary Afraid to Lose?

By ZACHARY KURTZ
Columnist

The Hillary campaign is now worried that not counting the delegates from Florida and Michigan will disenfranchise voters, but only because it could cause her to fail in her bid to win the Democratic Party's nomination.

Originally Michigan and Florida delegates were banned from the convention because both states moved their primaries to before the February 5th deadline, a violation of the national party's rules.

Harold Ickes, a top Clinton advisor, was a supporter of the decision to strip the states of their delegates and to encourage candidates not to campaign in either state. Now, he has just announced that his colors have changed, just when Obama has pulled ahead of Clinton in the delegate race.

Clinton wants the Michigan and Florida delegates to count because she received 50% of the vote in Michigan, giving her an obvious edge over her chief rival.

She now claims that to disallow the Michigan and Florida delegates from attending the convention would be 'undemocratic.' However, the originally banned delegates were awarded without candidates campaigning in the state and with most of the voters believing their vote did not count. Obama's name was not even on the ballot in Michigan, so 40% of the vote there went to "uncommitted" delegates. Allowing the delegates into the convention without a "do-over" would truly be undemocratic.

Hillary's motives behind these statements are so obvious it seems difficult to believe that she doesn't have some ulterior motive. After all, this is the campaign that engineered an 'emotional moment' on national television in order to draw out the female constituency.

It's possible, however, that Hillary's once locked candidacy is now a close, two-way race. With Obama's recent string of victories, it seems as if this "newcomer" may be quite electable after all.

Right now, Hillary is relying on her "Superdelegates" to win the nomination, as the popular vote seems to be going to Obama. Superdelegates are appointed by the Democratic Party and are not beholden to the popular vote when casting their vote at the convention.

One has to ask, does a candidate that is trying to violate a party agreement by getting her suspended candidates into the convention and relying on delegates not determined by the popular vote really put the "democratic process" above personal ambition?

She's trying to push her nomination on the party and its members and she's not even being secretive about it. That tells me one important thing -- she's actually afraid of losing the nomination.

Calling all Activists

By ALEX BERKMAN
Contributing Writer

Snowboarding, skiing, bobsleding, curling, hockey and mass genocide. This list should make everyone think of one thing: the 2008 Olympic Games being held in Beijing.

The fact that this comes to mind is very reason why the Olympics in China should be boycotted.

Doesn't make any sense? Here is some clarification.

China gets much of the oil it imports from Darfur, where more than 300,000 people have died, and almost two million people have been displaced since 2003.

Even though genocide and inhuman atrocities, including the use of adolescent male soldiers and the rape and torture of women, occur throughout the region, substantial aid from the United Nations has yet to be sent to Darfur.

China is to blame.

China, along with Russia, the United Kingdom, France and the United States, sits as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, according to the U.N. website.

Permanent members of the U.N. Security Council have the power of veto over all resolutions and since 2003, China has vetoed or abstained from votes on resolutions to grant aid to Darfur.

As a result, even celebrities have spoken out about China's behavior.

Jane Fonda has asked that people boycott the Olympics, and Steven Spielberg, who helped direct the opening ceremony has demanded that his name be removed from anything pertaining to the Olympics until China assists in granting aid to Darfur.

China's efforts to provide security for the Olympics has also sparked controversy about the Olympics and provide more reason for a boycott.

China has called upon companies around the world to create surveillance systems with face-recognition software, which the government may use to "identify religious and political dissidents," according to a New York Times article.

According to another Times article, companies that have bid on the chance to create these surveillance systems include Honeywell, General Electric, IBM and United Technologies.

The article goes on to state that security industry experts say that the surveillance systems will remain long after the Olympics are over.

WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

Another college shooting occurred last week. And now the question is: where do we go from here?

Should we as a campus be worried? Maybe. Should we be looking at how we can strive to prevent something like this happening here or anywhere else? Absolutely.

Recently, there seems to be an explosion of violence on school campuses. Within the last two years alone, there have been eight shootings, resulting in the deaths of over 50 students in colleges and high schools across the U.S.

And with last year's massacre at Virginia Tech University still fresh in our minds, yet another random shooting occurred at Northern Illinois University (NIU) last Thursday.

What's frightening about these shootings is not only the arbitrary nature of these heinous acts, but also the fact that such a thing could happen anywhere... at any time. Even Stony Brook. But while we could focus on the frightening aspects of the school shootings and how we're all "unsafe," maybe we should think more about what we do, as a society, about these occurrences.

We hear things like "it happens" or "there wasn't anything we could do" all the time, but do things like this just happen, and was there really anything we couldn't do?

There's never a straight answer, but one thing's for sure: paranoia will get us nowhere.

A common feeling we all probably share at this point is the feeling of confusion and because of that, we need assurance.

How can we as a community -- yes, a community -- protect each other? In the event that something like this does occur, how do we deal with it smoothly?

Not to compare ourselves to a tragedy of such magnitude as one that occurred at NIU, but Stony Brook has also been reeling from a string of robberies and violence on campus itself. Are we prepared to deal with these kinds of situations? Or since it doesn't affect us directly, do we not care?

When is enough, enough?

Our thoughts and prayers go out to every single person affected by the shooting at NIU. We hope that, as a fellow college community, you will be able to pull through Thursday's horrible events.

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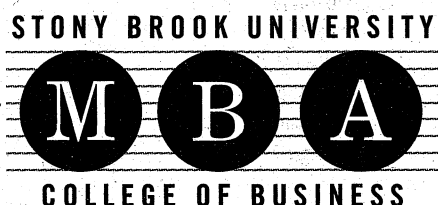
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POETS CORNER

By MADGESTIC
Staff Writer

In a moment, to the THIRD REICH, I was teleported

Back, back, with those words I was ESCORTED

Musical when it was said, the tone of the ranting, to the blind, euphoric
Sounded familiar and almost historic...

All of a sudden, it was tightened, the NOOSE

Us being friends had me think'n, it was at least kind of loose

My lungs where filled with second hand Genocide

In my mind: 'No! U can't say that just cuz we chill side by side'

With a CROW still throwing 'THE FIRST ROCKS' at me: 'my friend, where was you-
logic?'

Later on, to The Man on THE CROSS I PRAYED

Distracted and with my lungs still lethargic, BURNING CROSSES came at play
I thought that JIM was looked down on today due to history

Drinking milk, that same night on the TRAIN, CATTLE were on the CARTS Imagery?

Why were those words said? To me a mystery...

To my friend, I will teach and preach, if I have the time

Hopefully with a serious face and the goal in mind

And hopefully in the end without there being strife

Now and not at the fall of my friend's life

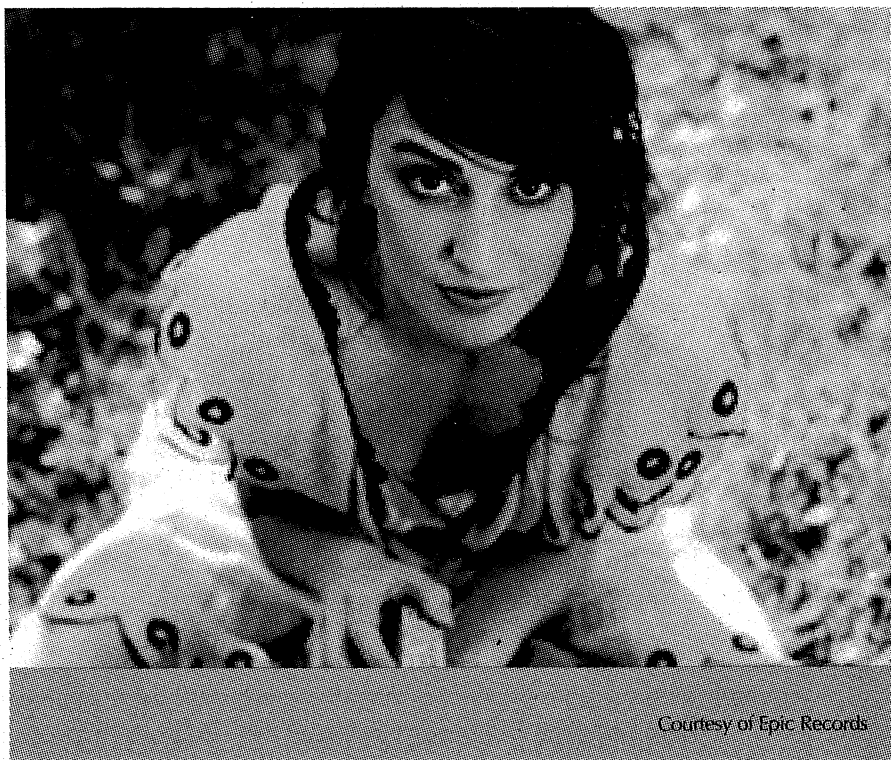
It'll be seen, that the fair sun smiles at all leaves, yellow red brown black burgundy

They all lovingly levitate off from the same frolicsome tree

Music

Review:

Sara Bareilles- "Little Voice"



Courtesy of Epic Records

By MAUREEN HINE
Arts and Entertainment Editor

It's been quite a while since we've crossed paths with a talented female singer. Finally, Sara Bareilles has arrived with her debut album "Little Voice," giving us hope that not all women need to prance around in panties and a bra to sell a record. The track titles are deceiving and at first glance it seems like every song is about some hopeless, romantic love that we hear all the time. But this album is just the opposite.

"Love Song" is the first single to be released off "Little Voice". Unfortunately, it is probably most well known for being featured on the Rhapsody commercial that shows Sara at her piano singing, while a man in a towel switches the channel on his tv set. But this song deserves to be given more credit.

"Love Song" with its light, playful piano melody is catchy and easy to sing along with in the shower or the car, making it the perfect love song for any girl.

It's hard not to instantly fall in love with the rest of the album. Taking a break from the playful girl next door, Sara reveals more of an edgy style on track 2 of the album, "Vegas," where she is reminiscent of a young Fiona Apple. The electric keyboard melody combines pop with the hearty rhythm of blues for a sound that is creatively new and innovative.

Track 11, "Fairytale," is by far the most creatively written. Sara turns fairytales into the story of jaded women who have dealt with one to many prince charmings. Sleeping Beauty is no longer sweetly innocent but "in a foul mood, for shame she says None for you dear prince, I'm

tired today." With an upbeat jazzy piano melody, one would mistake "Fairytale" for the love song that Sara cleverly satires.

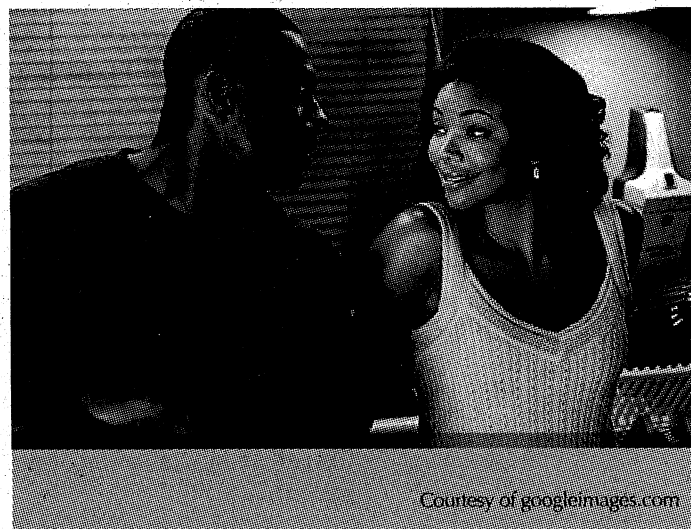
"Come Round Soon" brings the album back to a soulful blend of rhythm and blues. Sara shows a darker side through lyrics that depict a sad scene of a heartbroken girl being left by her lover. The bitterness suits Sara better than the nice girl image that she is currently displaying, making "Come Round Soon" an instant bad girl favorite and a new classic break-up song.

The piano pop-based rock of Sara Bareilles is what has desperately been missing from today's music. "Little Voice" is full of a unique style that makes this album one to leave in the car on repeat. The music world should look forward to hearing a lot more of Sara's playful but deep tunes, in the upcoming months.

Movie

Review:

"Daddy's Little Girl"



Courtesy of googleimages.com

By JESSICA WHITE
Contributing Writer

Gabrielle Union's trademark smile and irresistible dimples make her a household favorite. She has shown great range in her acting abilities through numerous roles in movies. From just looking on the surface, one could not imagine the personal tragedies that this beautiful actress has suffered through in her youth.

Her life appears to be pristine. She fell into the movie business and has displayed a staying power that is unusual for most actresses. One of her most recent roles was in the Tyler Perry "Daddy's Little Girls."

In this box office hit, Union was able to capture audiences with her endearing portrayal of a successful lawyer who lacked romance. When this character was finally able to relax and let go, she opened herself to a

relationship with a caring, loving mechanic. Despite discouragement from well meaning friends, Gabrielle's character allowed herself to fall in love with the character Monty, a single father of three little girls.

This role is one out of many that shows Union's raw talent. In spite of recent successes, everything wasn't always roses and dahlia's for Union.

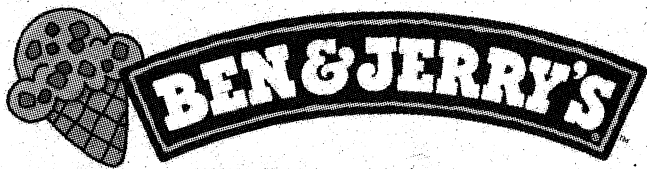
As a teen, she was the victim of rape at gunpoint. Initially, she had trouble dealing with this traumatic experience. However, she has now come to terms with this violation and has even begun to speak out on the issue. She hasn't let the horrible act of violence deter her, and continues to shine brightly as a person and as an actress. She is now an activist for women and she speaks about rape in order to assist those who have been victims. May she continue to entertain audiences, stay devoted to her cause, and remain a strong, Black woman.



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Club Hockey Qualifies For Nationals



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By GENE MORRIS
Asst. Sports Editor

In just their first season as a Division I team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, the Stony Brook club hockey team is headed to the national tournament. The tournament begins on Saturday, Mar. 1. The Seawolves first opponent is #2 nationally ranked Lindenwood. The top 16 teams in the country are invited to the tournament, which is being held in Rochester this year.

"The team's ecstatic to get in," team General Manager Chris Garofalo said. "We're going in as the #15 seed, we're playing Lindenwood, a very good team. We're gonna have to put some systems in place to try to slow them down, and play more of a defensive game, and create opportunities off their mistakes."

Before heading off to Rochester, the teams took part in their conference playoffs. After this weekend they travel to Penn State next Friday night to play the #3 nationally ranked, Icers. "The next five games, if we get that far, are gonna be huge for us," Garofalo said.

"We're going to work hard for these next two weeks in playoffs and against number two seed Penn State," junior forward Angelo Serse said about the games before nationals.

The race to Rochester came down to the very last day for the Seawolves. Although they were voted #16 in the last two coaches poll, Robert Morris was poised to be the final team in the tournament by virtue of winning their conference, even though they were only ranked #18. But Eastern Michigan decided against attending the tournament, allowing Stony Brook to enter as the #15 seed.

"We benefited from it, now we just gotta step up to the plate," Garofalo said about the Eastern Michigan decision.

Although Garofalo was happy his team got in, he was left a little puzzled by the voting process. "All the teams we played

this year ranked us #13," he said. "Teams we didn't play didn't rank us high because we're unknown, we're the new kids on the block. We should have been voted in, it shouldn't have gotten down to that. We beat #14 West Virginia 3-0." He also said if comparing the strength of schedules, "they should not have been ranked above us."

Being the unknown and new kids on the block is not without its benefits. "The best part about it," Garofalo said, "is we have nothing to lose. The pressure's all on them. Lindenwood is expected to beat us. Our guys will be loose and relaxed."

Garofalo said the team really wants to make a statement before they get to Rochester. "When we go play Penn State next Friday, it's not a gimme game, it means something to the program, it means something to recruiting, it means something to all the critics out there who are saying 'You guys don't deserve to go to Nationals.'"

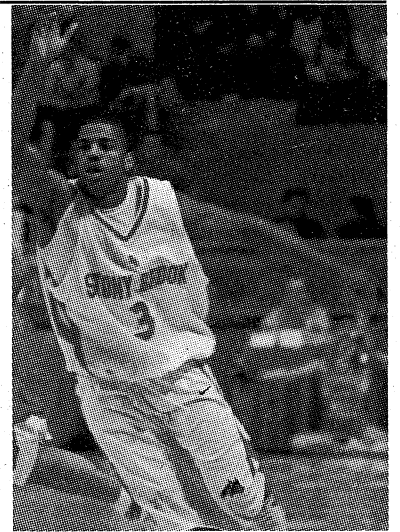
The only significant injury the team suffered down the stretch was to freshman forward Kevin Wong, who blew out his shoulder and is done for the season. His twin brother John, who had a similar but less severe shoulder injury, returned to the lineup Saturday against Lehigh. "We're gonna try and use his limitedly, based on how the games go, let his shoulder heal up a little bit more, but he's ready to go," Garofalo said about the injury.

Once Mar. 1 rolls around, debates about rankings and worries about being a little banged up are all thrown out the window. "We have to prove ourselves, we got in, now we have to make a statement while we're there," Garofalo said.

Serse is confident that if the team plays up to its potential they could go a long way. "Hopefully we play how we know and knock out Lindenwood in our first game," he said.

The puck drops against Lindenwood at 5:00 p.m., and Garofalo believes his team will be ready for the challenge. "We have to prove ourselves, we got in, now we have to make a statement while we're there."

Seawolves Lose Defensive Battle



The Seawolves dropped their 10th straight game Feb. 14 Ilya Rabkin/SBStatesman

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from the field, and only made it to the foul line twice. In contrast to the last meeting between these two teams, Seawolves guard Ricky Lucas was a non-factor in this game, scoring only 5 points in 34 minutes of play.

"Ricky was really a non-factor tonight. Last time out against these guys he put up 31. Tonight scoring was much more difficult," Pikiell said.

Coach Pikiell kept a relatively large rotation throughout the game, playing two distinct units. In respect to his roster Pikiell said, "Two through nine we're very close. We're going to try to wear down the other team by having fresh guys on the court."

While one unit seemed to excel offensively, the other excelled defensively, with Pikiell saying he's got to find a group that can do both effectively. Pikiell also said he uses a wide rotation to keep guys moti-

vated this late in the season. "Everyone is working there tails off in practice, I want these guys to see how that can pay off."

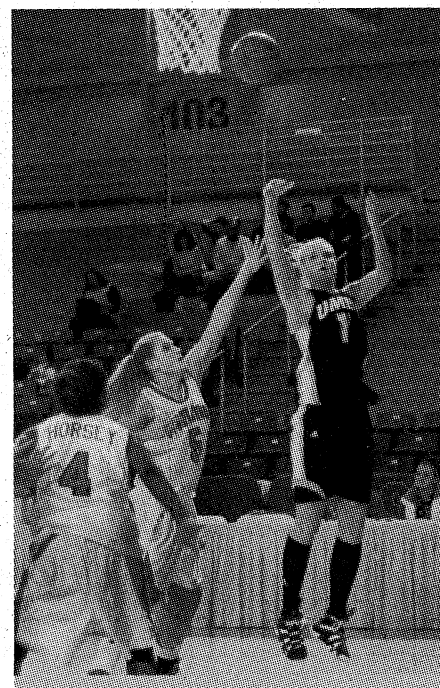
For much of the game Stony Brook played a defensively sound game. Over the final 7:29 they held Hartford only scored five points. When they got a big defensive stop, they didn't capitalize on the other end. When they had early chances to close the gap, the defense would falter.

Effort has not been an issue for this team, as they currently lead the America East in offensive rebounding and held Hartford, the highest scoring team in the America East to only 53 points. Pikiell said, "These guys are working hard every day and they deserve a win."

With the America East tournament on the horizon Coach Pikiell said, "I break up the year into three seasons. You have your non-conference opponenets, your conference schedule, and then March. And anything can happen there."

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Women's Basketball Drops Two



The Seawolves conference record now stands at 1-10. Ilya Rabkin/SBStatesman

out-rebounded the Seawolves by a count of 23-19. Jeter and Ferraro only scored a combined seven points off 2-9 shooting, and Ferraro only grabbed four rebounds.

Ferraro recorded her 25th career double-double on Wednesday, and with her 13 rebounds, moved herself only 11 rebounds away from a career total of 1,000. She would be only the second Lady Seawolf to reach that mark.

Although she moved closer to an impressive mark, Ferraro is still disappointed with her team's performance. "I hate losing," she said. "Shooting has killed us. We work so hard in practice, but during the game we can't seem to hit our shots."

On Saturday, Feb. 16th, the women's basketball team played the Maine Black Bears, and lost by a score of 55-53 in a game that was decided in the last 30 seconds. Maine's Amanda Tewksbury broke a 51-51 tie with 29 seconds remaining in the game, and Maine held on to give the Seawolves' their eighth straight loss.

The Seawolves shot well from the field, shooting 47.6% from the field. However, they only took 42 shots, compared to the Black Bears' 56, and the Seawolves' were out-rebounded 27-35. Leading scorers for the Seawolves' were sophomore Kairsten Nunn who had 13 points, and Kirsten Jeter who had 12 points.

The Seawolves now have a record of 6-18, 1-10 in the conference. Their next game is against Albany on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at home.

Catch Women's Basketball vs Albany this Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Sports Complex

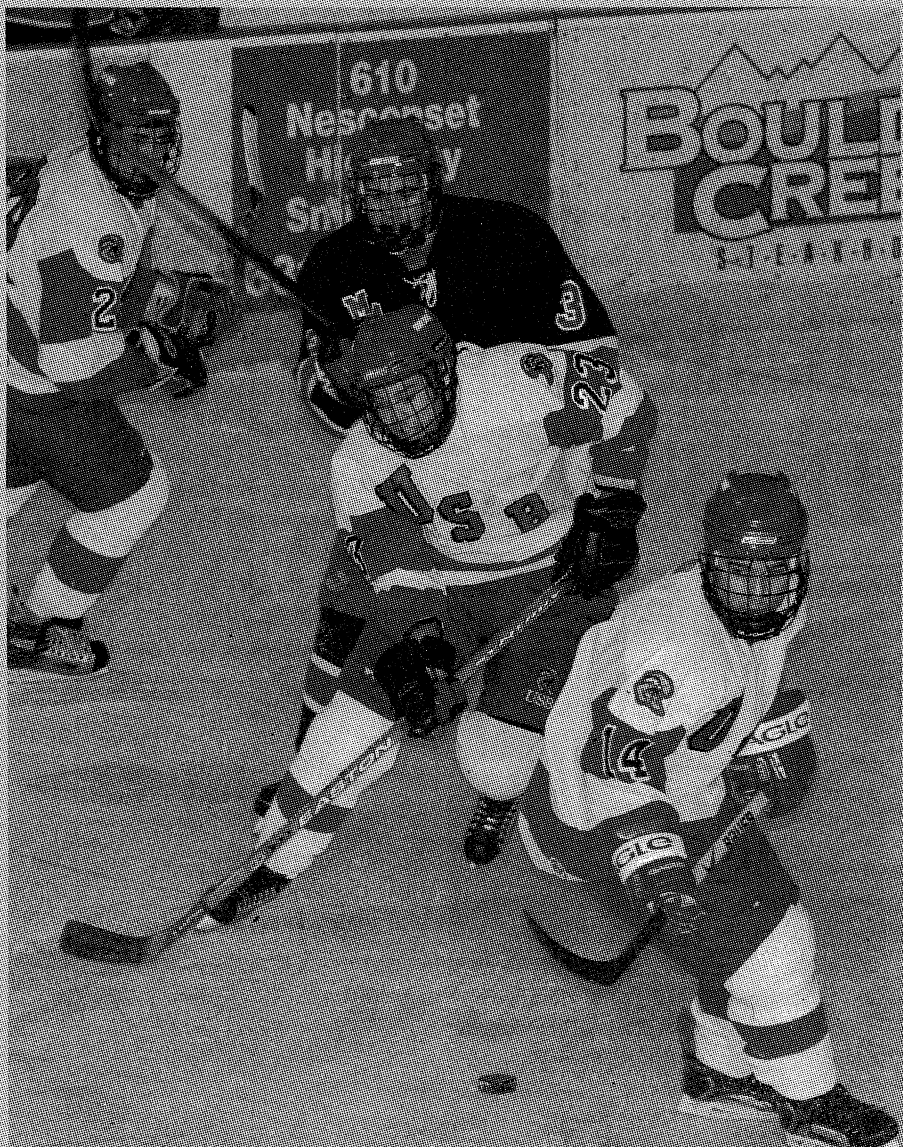


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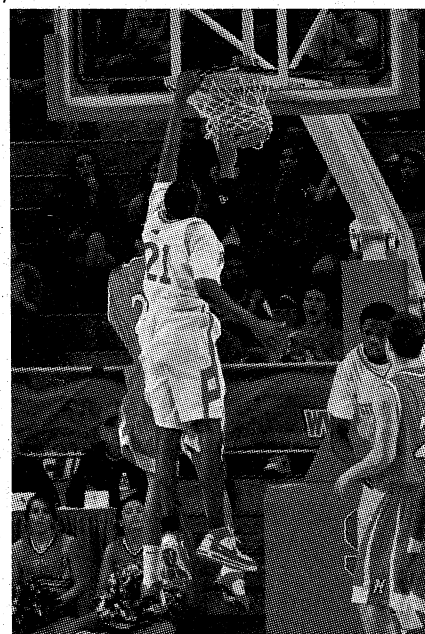
Hockey Going to National Tournament



The club's first year as a Div. I team defied all odds, and now Stony Brook will play in the National championship tournament this March. Stony Brook enters the tournament as the #15 seed after Eastern Michigan dropped out. Story on Page 11.

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Men's Basketball Comes Up Short vs Hartford



The Seawolves loss against Hartford left them at 1-11 in conference play.

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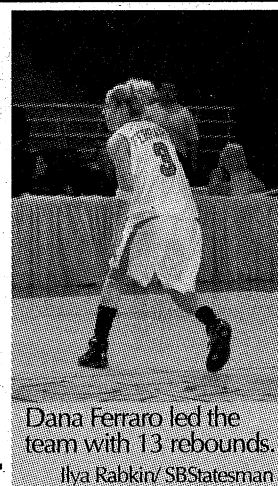
By MATT EHRESMAN
Staff Writer

Michael Tyree wanted the ball. That's what Coach Steve Pikiell said following Stony Brook's 53-51 loss to the Hartford Hawks Thursday night at Stony Brook University Arena. Down by two with the game on the line Tyree got a good 3-point look from the top of the key that would have put the Seawolves up one with less than five seconds remaining. Instead the Seawolves losing streak hits ten as they march closer towards the America East tournament.

From the outset of the game Stony Brook had trouble scoring against Hartford's two-three zone defense. With little room to drive to the basket Stony Brook was forced to play a perimeter game, a style that does not suite them well. As a group the Seawolves only shot 37 percent

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Women's Basketball Falls to UMBC and Maine Over Weekend



Dana Ferraro led the team with 13 rebounds.

Ilya Rabkin/SBStatesman

By BRIAN MORGAN
Senior Writer

Stony Brook's women's basketball team took on the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Retrievers on Wednesday, Feb. 13, and lost by a score of 62-49. The Seawolves had the upper-hand in the first half, but the Retrievers took the win after outscoring Stony Brook by a score of 38-19 in the second half. The defeat was the seventh straight loss for the Seawolves.

After a couple of lead changes, the Seawolves went on a 9-2 run in the final 3:30 minutes to end the first half with a 30-24 lead. Freshman Kirsten Jeter led the way in

points for the Seawolves with 11, off 5-10 shooting, while senior Dana Ferraro had 10 points, off 4-5 shooting, and nine rebounds. The Seawolves shot 46.4 percent from the field, while holding the Retrievers to 34.5 percent shooting, and the Seawolves out-rebounded the Retrievers 17-19.

In the second half, the Seawolves lead faded fast and within three minutes, the Retrievers had the lead back, and controlled the rest of the game. The difference was the shooting, where Stony Brook shot 7-32 (21.9 percent) from the field, while UMBC shot 13-27 (48.1 percent). UMBC also

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