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A congressional panel led by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), is currently investigating whether the IRS was right in granting New York City tax-exempt bonds to finance the new \$950 million Yankee Stadium at cheaper borrowing rates, as well as whether the City overvalued the worth of the property in order to secure the large volume of bonds. Sorry sports fans, but this abuse of public funds by the Yankees and the IRS demonstrates the government's ineptitude when it tries to dabble in economics.

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The Teen Vote Does Count

Often, teenagers do not believe in voting because they believe their votes will not matter whether or not they did vote. They might also believe that they might not get the opportunity to voice their opinions in politics if their politician wins. Many of us complain about how we do not have a voice in politics nowadays. They are often mistaken because I believe every vote counts. If we voted, we should definitely play a role in the changes we want to see.

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Comptroller Audit: University Underreported Crimes in 2006

By APRIL WARREN
News Editor

Stony Brook University is one of 19 SUNY schools that have either underreported or incorrectly classified crimes on campus in 2006, according to an audit by the New York State comptroller's office.

Some Stony Brook officials, however, blame classification discrepancies for the confusion.

The audit, released on Wednesday, determined which schools have been complying with the federal Clery Act, a law requiring colleges to publicly release crime and security information annually.

In addition to examining all SUNY schools, the comptroller's office selected Stony Brook, New Paltz, Delhi and the University at Buffalo randomly to undergo a thorough inspection.

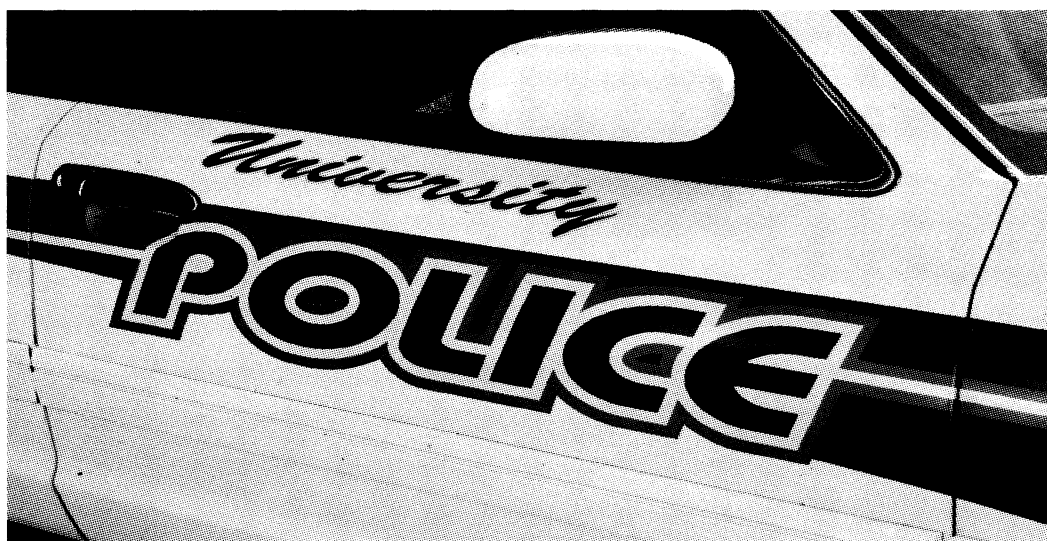
Auditors found violations at all four schools including 17 drug offenses not reported at the University at Buffalo and 12 crimes, including two sexual assaults and two weapons charges not accurately recorded at Delhi.

Auditors found discrepancies between what the schools reported to the Department of Education for crimes and violations and what they listed in the annual security reports at many campuses.

The audit also found Stony Brook University police reports were "lacking sufficient detail to determine the elements of the specific crime."

SUNY Farmingdale and SUNY Old Westbury both received three violations compared with Stony Brook's 18. Both schools, which have a significantly smaller campus population, did not receive visits by auditors.

"Stony Brook underreported nearly 50 percent of



According to police, classification discrepancies are to blame for the audit report.

Aisha Akhtar / SB Statesman

crimes occurring on campus in 2006," the audit said. "In total, 56 of 117 incidents were not reported to [the Department of Education,] including 33 burglaries which were routinely classified by campus police as larcenies."

In total, the audit found discrepancies at 19 of the 29 SUNY schools reviewed.

"We were a little disturbed by the audit," said Douglas Little, interim chief of Police. Little went on to say every crime and incident on campus is "documented and it is followed up on."

Stony Brook underreported 33 burglaries, nine drug arrests, four motor vehicle thefts, five forcible sexual offenses, one arson, two crimes on campus involving illegal weapons possession, one robbery and one liquor-related arrest, according to the report.

But according to Little, some of the confusion lies in the classifications.

The 33 burglaries identified by the audit were classified as larcenies by campus police, which do not have to be reported. For a crime to be classified as a burglary, police must be able to determine if

a person lawfully entered the area or not.

If this could not be determined, it was classified as a larceny.

The underreported arson on campus involved a slightly burned teddy bear outside the student union building. "Stony Brook did not initially classify this as arson, but subsequently did so based on the recommendations of the auditors," said James R. Van Voorst, SUNY interim vice chancellor for Finance and Business, in a letter written to the comptroller's office last month.

"There was never any intention to deceive in any way," said Little.

The university also did not have access to the updated guidelines. Stony Brook did not receive the latest handbook stating the guidelines for the Clery Act, which was updated in 2005, until 2007. The audit focused on 2006.

At the time of the audit's release, no SUNY school was in jeopardy of receiving a fine. For "substantial misrepresentation," universities can receive fines of up to \$27,500 per violation from the The Department of Education.

Experts Discuss The Media's Changing Role In Elections

By ERIKA KARP
Contributing Writer

On Thursday October 16th, The Graduate School, The Graduate Student Organization and the Press Club of Long Island hosted their annual colloquia. The colloquium focused on the influence of the press on political campaigns and elections.

The event featured several experts in the fields of journalism and politics answering questions from moderator James Klurfeld, a Stony Brook University journalism professor.

While the focus of the evening was the influence of the press on political campaigns, many of the speakers spoke about how the press

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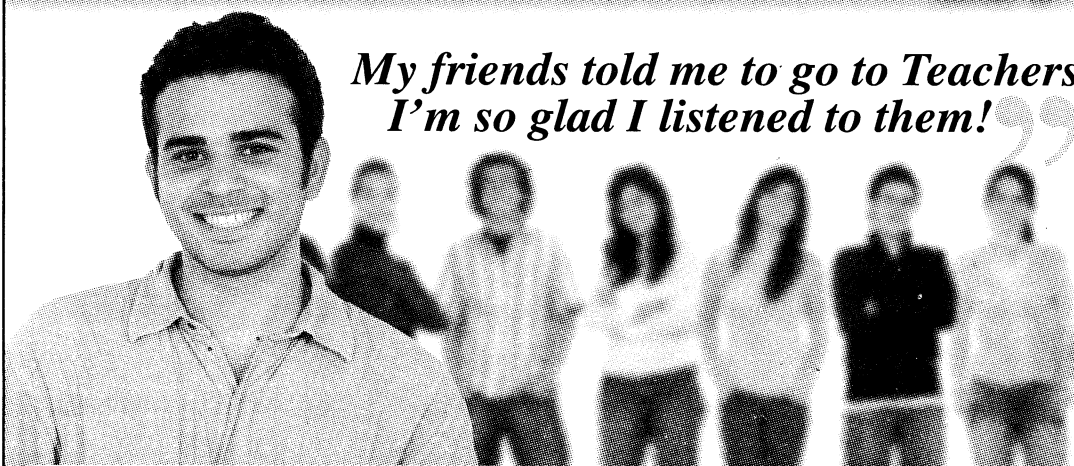


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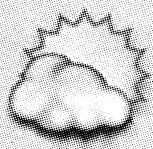


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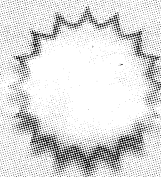
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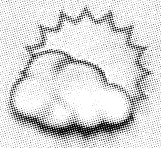
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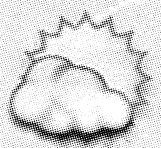
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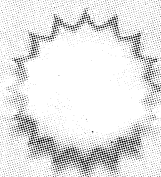
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Sun and clouds with partial cloud cover at night



Thursday:

High: 52/Low: 40
Partly cloudy



Friday:

High: 61/Low: 38
Sunny and warmer with clear night skies

By Alexander Titus

The Media's Changing Role In Elections

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has changed since when they first started working with the campaigns.

"...You would wait with suspense until 6:30 when Dan Rather or Tom Brokaw came on... In the 80's that began to change because CNN came along... you could see the story and see it emerge," said speaker James Pinkerton, a political analyst and columnist who has appeared regularly on Fox News Watch and contributed to Newsday and The Huffington Post.

Many of these changes in the way the media works are key components of how the press influences the campaigns. Today's candidates are kept away from the press, one speaker said, and therefore the relationship between the two has changed a great deal in the past years.

While talking about the relationship between the press and candidates, political consultant Mike Dawidziak said, "If a candidate came out to address the press and his zipper was down in past years they wouldn't report on that."

"Today could you imagine it not making it into the paper," he continued. "It comes down to a simple lack of trust."

When it came down to the question of whether or not the press can make a difference in an election, most of the speakers said yes, depending on the year.

Harvard professor Elaine Karmack used the election in 2000 as an example. "It was a hot economy [in 2000]. What was run was a completely trivial campaign."

"What people talked about was who was the nice guy... you could make the election [about] who you wanted to have a beer with."

Kamarck served as senior policy advisor to the Al Gore campaign.

Turning to the 2008 election, she said, "You can't make this election about who you want to have beer with. This election suddenly turned from being a more normal election to an election about an economic crisis."

"The press just doesn't make a difference because the people are seeing a reality."

My Life As... An Investigative Reporter

By SAMANTHA BURKARDT
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday night Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Scott Higham, spoke to Stony Brook students about his journey in becoming a successful journalist and the obstacles that his field of work throws at him.

Higham attended Stony Brook University for his college years but was on the verge of being expelled before his senior year. He worked for The Stony Brook Press on campus and became so caught up in writing for the paper that he took too many incompletes.

Higham dreamed of being a homicide detective, like his father, but had a change of heart when he started working for The Press.

"I always wanted to return something to the community as well," he said to the students. He joined The Press to meet new people, but when he started doing investigative reporting, he was addicted. He said he was always looking for the new scoop

and discovered his first big story at the paper.

A friend that he knew slipped him some information about falsified cooling system documents outside of campus on the island, and his editor said it was a "holy sh-t" story. "What does that mean?" Higham asked.

"I told me a news that when people open up the paper and read about it they say, 'Holy sh-t,'" his editor said.

The next day it was front-page news. It was also the start of events that would play out during the rest of his life.

He struggled to get a steady job as a reporter since tons of

newspapers were folding. He had to take on a job of filling potholes in Huntington and then Howard Schneider, the current dean of the School of Journalism at Stony Brook University, hired him as a clerk at Newsday.

One of the big stories that Higham covered was about the Oklahoma City bombing.

Higham was working at the Baltimore Sun

and his editor wanted him to get there right away. When he arrived the whole city was in quarantine, and he hid in a portable toilet trying to figure out a way to get in. He snuck in by joining a group of men, he knew while they were walking through



Scott Higham

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A Cultural Carnival

By JOE TROLLO
Staff Writer

Students carefully watched the Lion Dancers perform at the Cultural Carnival Thursday night in the Student Activities Center Ballroom A, intrigued by the delicate dance of ornately decorated dragons embellished with accents of red and gold.

Hosted by the Chinese Association at Stony Brook -- with the help of the Asian Student Alliance, Japanese Culture Association, Vietnamese Student Association, and South Asian Student Alliance -- the Cultural Carnival was the first in what could be the start of a new annual tradition.

Students bought tickets to use at the many game stations, which included ring toss, a chopstick relay and a game called Fish Pong.

In Fish Pong, students attempted to throw a ping pong ball into a cup from a distance. Those who succeeded received a live fish as a prize. At another station, entitled Touch My Tile, students felt the underside of a Mahjong tile without looking and tried to identify it among a picture of all the different pieces.

The Lion Dance team, which was comprised of members of the Chinese Associated, performed its intricate dance twice during the night. There was one dancer for each of the two dragon costumes, and a third playing the drums for the routine.

Groups such as the Japanese Culture Association and South

Asian Student Alliance brought their own ideas to the carnival as well.

The Japanese association organized a table where students could learn origami, and the South Asian alliance staffed a Henna station.

The Vietnamese association was teaching students simple phrases of Vietnamese.

Periodically throughout the night, raffles were held to give away various prizes ranging from t-shirts and DVD's to the grand prize, an eight gigabyte flash drive.

"We've had really good turnout, especially considering that we were competing with a Biology 202 test tonight," said Stephanie Long, president of the Chinese Association of Stony Brook.

By the end of the night, approximately 20 people attended the event.

This was Long's first time working in unison with various Asian associations, and she found it was a great experience. "Some group us [together] with other Asian cultures, but we're still distinct."

"We're more multi-cultural," she said.

Long hopes to continue working with these groups and others to help promote the spread and sharing of culture at Stony Brook University.

A portion of the money raised by the event will go to the Asian & Pacific Islanders American Scholarship Fund.

the gates.

"We went through one check point, then another check point, then another check point, and before you knew it, I was standing right there at ground zero," he said. "They were pulling bodies out and I started interviewing people who were on the ground about what had happened, what they thought had happened, what the bomb was made of and I was just trying to get as many details as I could."

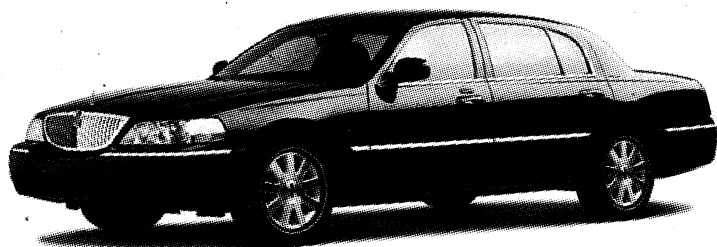
Eventually two FBI agents escorted him out, but he had gotten all the information he needed. "I was the first reporter on the ground," he said.

At the end of Higham's visit, one student asked how his pay was when he was working at the newspapers. He said, "I loved it so much that they could have paid me anything, as long as I could pay my rent."

Another student asked if there was any story that he regrets having published. He laughed and said, "No."

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THE WALKING DEAD ON DISPLAY

BY ANTHONY DOBRINI
Contributing Writer

The Tabler Center for the Arts, Culture, and Humanities (TAC) has been infested with zombies. Well, not real ones, thankfully. However, "O Sh!t Zombies," a photo exhibit, displayed in the gallery from Oct. 8 to Oct. 15.

Twelve photos comprised of zombies doing normal everyday activities are placed all over the large white walls of the center's art gallery, that is devoted exclusively to undergraduate artworks. Seniors Matt Flewelling and Joe Weinstein are responsible for the work and are also some of its subjects.

The exhibit, which is "an adrenaline-fueled blitzkrieg" according to Flewelling, was thrown together last minute when the two students found out that there was space available in the TAC.

"Ideas evolve," Weinstein said, "but we didn't have time to evolve."

The photographs are very gruesome in many aspects. It only makes sense because they are zombies. The grossest of them features a zombie looking into the

mirror while picking off his skin. It is funny-looking too due to the fact that the zombie has a full beard.

Perhaps the most appealing photo has two zombies sitting on a bench with Ronald McDonald. It is quite entertaining because one



Courtesy of Stony Brook University
The interior of the Tabler Center Undergraduate Art Gallery.

is eating French fries as the photo was taken, while the other is looking on with a serious face. One can only imagine what a child coming to enjoy McDonald's would think if he saw the photo being taken—horrified nonetheless.

The photo that portrays the two zombies eating the McDonald's fries is probably the best of the series due to the fact that it is inverted and is truly eye-catching because of the originality of the

style. Rather than a straight photo, the different colors pop out at you from afar.

Aside from the most striking image, the most disturbing image in the gallery is that of a zombie character with a gun to his head.

The zombie stares at the viewer with a blank look as if he was seconds away from truly ending his life. It is actually a pretty scary thought since he looks helpless, even if he is supposed to be a creature of the night.

"Some people read more into it [the photos] more than it is," Flewelling said.

They originally had a deeper idea, Weinstein explained, but time constraints forced them to act quickly. "They came out like self-portraits," he said.

According to Flewelling, they shot and put the show together in just under three weeks.

The exhibit unfortunately did not have a proper opening for the show because it was scheduled at the last moment. In spite of this, Flewelling and Weinstein did invite all their friends through word-of-mouth for the closing. "It's our last year," Flewelling said, "we want to enjoy it."

SUMMER DRESS

BY SARAH FARDOUSH
Contributing Writer

I stand at the top of a cliff
my white summer dress
sways the way of the wind
my hair blows silently in waves
the wind brushes against my
bare shoulder
I close my eyes and feel the
breeze
I am not scared of falling

the ocean watches me from
below
It stretches infinitely
welcoming me with its waves
tempting me with its warmth
the solitude is so peaceful
I am not scared of its depth

I make my way to the water
past a flower garden
walking bare feet under the soft
sand
the silence fills my ears
the sun stretches its arms
to give me its warmth
I am not afraid of its heat

I see the crashing waves
I feel the sun's rays
I hug the coming breeze
I am free
I am alive.

EYES OF STONE

BY HEMWATTIE RAMNARAI
Contributing Writer

Eyes of stone transfixed on the transitory trends of the world; there's something missing - Shhh don't tell.
I'll just walk on my way.

I'll just walk on my way and smile and wonder: how is it suppose to feel?

Why are my insides so dry, so still, so calm?

Are you sure that's my EKG chart?

A mask worn too long becomes one with the wearer. Indistinguishable to the outside world.

I forget how the skin underneath this covering feels.

Is this how it's suppose to be?

It feels so unnatural inside it all.

Nope that can't be.

I must have forgotten, remembered incorrectly, the sense is lacking -

Why would the heart fluster, panic, still in fear, break in ambivalence because of a mere time regression?

I Can't Think Creatively!

BY SHEEBA WAJIB
Contributing Writer

It's eleven at night and the clock is ticking
My mind is blank but the pen keeps clicking
The heat is killing me and my head is aching
I'm about to collapse, I feel my brain baking
I think this is going to be my worst poem ever
My mind can't think creatively, I can't write anything clever
I look around absent-mindedly for some sort of inspiration

All I can think of right now is my sister's graduation
She tells me it's this Friday, the 17th of June
I could've sworn it wasn't until next week, definitely not so very soon

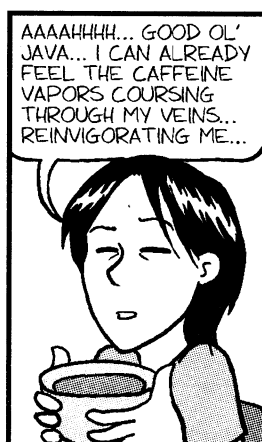
Oh wow! She's going to be leaving the little junior high
Didn't I do that just yesterday? Boy, time surely does fly by
I'm trying to distract myself with random thoughts, but I really want to go to bed
My head is aching, as I said before, and I know my eyes are red

I tap my fingers on the desk wondering what the next line should be
Something must be extremely wrong! I can't think creatively!

I look up at the clock and oh my God! It's almost midnight!
My mom calls out from the other room, "Don't let the bed bugs bite!"
I don't reply and my mom comes in to ask, "Honey, what is wrong?"

"I'm still not done," I tell her in an angry mood. "This poem is taking too long."
"Well, I'm gonna go now," she says with a yawn. "Don't go to sleep too late."
"Oh no, it's already five past twelve! Now isn't this just great!"

I get bored and start to color the margins of my paper until the pen runs out of ink
I realize I'm thirsty and my throat feels dry so I get up to get a drink
I look around in the fridge, there's nothing but Sprite and Hawaiian Punch
The idea of a PB and J sandwich is tempting but this isn't a good time for lunch
I leave the kitchen and head to my room, and collapse on the comfy bed
As I said before, my head is aching and I know my eyes are red
You know, I'm normally good at writing poems, I can do it easily
But today, something must be extremely wrong! I can't think creatively!



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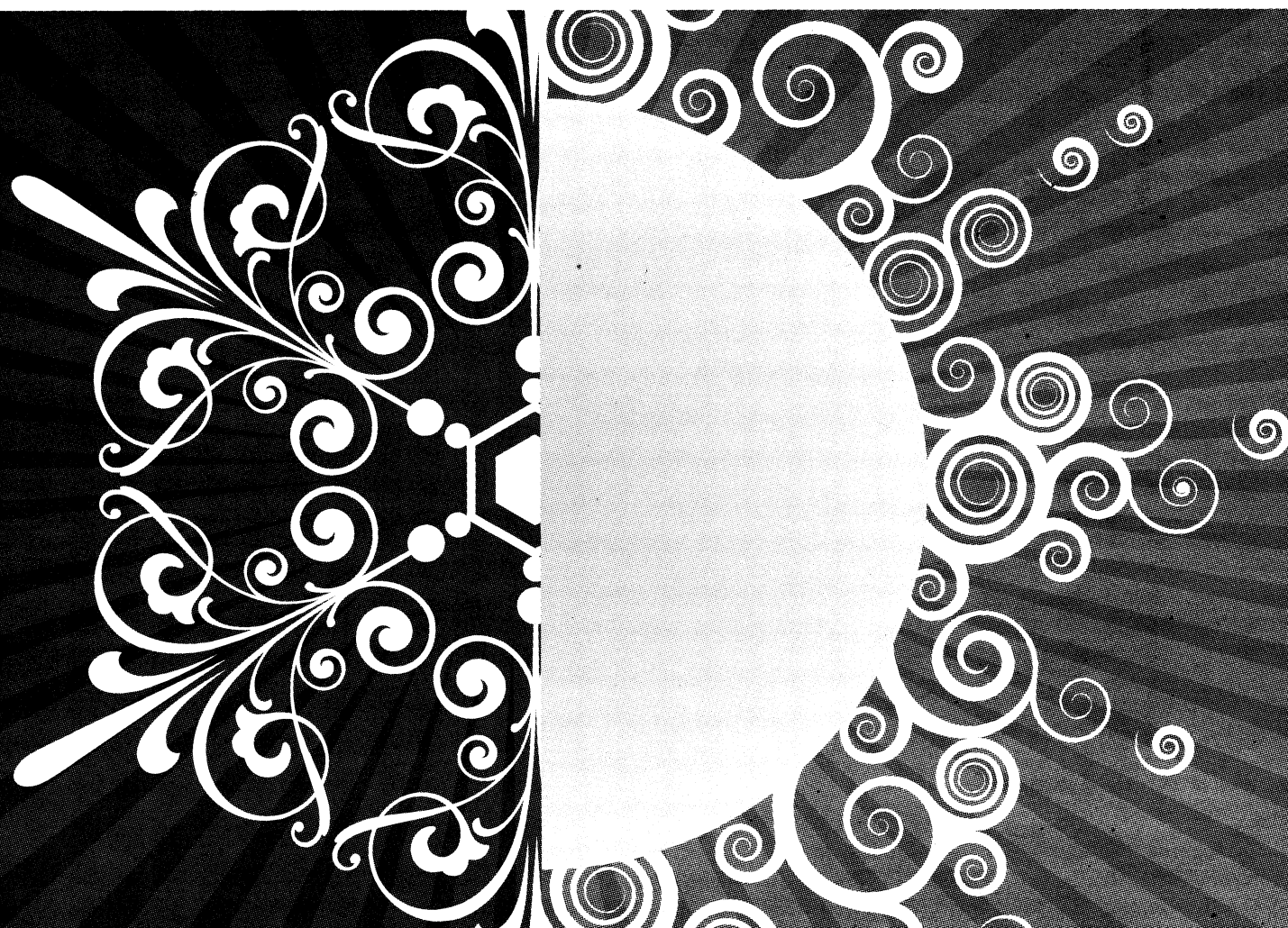
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What the New Yankee Stadium Can Tell Us About the Economic Crises

By ZACHARY KURTZ
Opinions Editor

A congressional panel led by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), is currently investigating whether the IRS was right in granting New York City tax-exempt bonds to finance the new \$950 million Yankee Stadium at cheaper borrowing rates, as well as whether the City overvalued the worth of the property in order to secure the large volume of bonds.

Sorry sports fans, but this abuse of public funds by the Yankees and the IRS demonstrates the government's ineptitude when it tries to dabble in economics.

Randy Levine, Yankees President testified saying "Without the financing mechanism in place, a new Yankee Stadium would not have been built." Well yes, Randy, that's the whole point of borrowing rates. When a bank issues a loan at a certain rate of interest, that rate reflects the confidence that they money will be repaid and that the bank can make a profit from funding the project.

If a borrowing rate is high

it means that funds are scarce, confidence of making a profit is low and it will be harder to gather investors for a project. Far from being a bad thing, however, when interest rates are determined by the free market, the quantity of investments reflects the quality of that investment. The interest rates largely determine the amount of credit available, but even at high rates, a project likely to be profitable should still be sufficiently funded.

On the other hand, if a company has to use underhanded maneuvers, abetted by a government agency, in order to secure lower interest funding, it creates false confidence in that project. More money is likely to be invested, but that money is more likely to be wasted, especially if that investment wasn't so smart after all - like if the Yankees don't win the World Series soon.

Ironically, one of the reasons this case has attracted so much attention is due to national economy worries. A government panel is accusing the Yankees of wasting public money at a time of financial

crises. However, the underlying reason why the new Yankee Stadium may be a bad investment is the same reason why we're having economic worries in the first place and why government fixes aren't going to help solve the problems.

For the last decade, it has been a Federal Reserve policy to hold interest rates artificially low. The point of doing this was supposedly to stimulate the economy by promoting investment. However, not all investments can be considered equal, as we are seeing with Yankee Stadium. The government panel doesn't want to waste public funds on a poor investment, and neither would an investor of any project.

However, keeping interest rates low gives investors a false confidence in the value of a project, whether its a sports stadium or Florida condominiums. This false confidence leads to the creation of economic bubbles, bubbles which burst because demand doesn't meet the artificial supply. Only a return to market set interest rates will stop the boom-bust business cycle, because interest rates below

or above real market value will cause over or underinvestment, respectively.

This also explains why the government can't spend its way out of the long term economic crises. The Fed policy of continuing to keep interest rates low to insure the liquidity of credit will continue to cause malinvestment, meanwhile the government is actively purchasing, by printing dollars or selling debt, the product of this malinvestment.

The economy simply cannot handle continued sustaining of this insolvent companies, while solvent companies are going bankrupt because cannot get the loans they need because the capital is being directed away from them and towards large investment banks.

The new Yankee Stadium, if it was meant to be built, should have borrowed money at market value interest rates just like any other project. The result of this type of government intervention is the investment of funds at unsustainable risk, with the illusion of low interest rate confidence.

The Teen Vote Does Count

By IVY CAI
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Often, teenagers do not believe in voting because they believe their votes will not matter whether or not they did vote. They might also believe that they might not get the opportunity to voice their opinions in politics if their politician wins. Many of us complain about how we do not have a voice in politics nowadays. They are often mistaken because I believe every vote counts. If we voted, we should definitely play a role in the changes we want to see.

People of my age should vote on the upcoming election because by voting for the right president, the actions that he makes will determine our future. We will live under the government of the president and we should be able to respect the decisions he will make because we elected him for president. It is also important for us to vote because we are actually voting in favor of what changes we want to see or what things should be changed in favor of the people of our generation. The candidate we elect should be able to make decisions that concern the people of our generation because we voted for them. Therefore, when a specific age group votes for a politician, that politician should

try to target that age group. As a result, the politician will might listen more to our complaints and devise plans to please the people falling under that specific age. In other words, that specific age group would most likely see the changes they want.

As for the people of my age, we are still young and we have our whole lives ahead of us. We are all currently attending college and we all understand that college is expensive. The cost to attend college has been increasing over the years due to better quality education. However, there is a drawback and that is the budget cuts that each university experiences. With the increasing cost of education and budget cuts on our quality education, something needs to be done. All of us are entitled to an education so therefore, college should be affordable. If college is not affordable, then the college should be able to provide some sort of aid to help a student stay in college despite his/her family background. If the school's budget is cut, the students will have to pay more for college and sometimes, it may encourage good students to drop out of college due to the inability to pay for their tuition. When we vote for our politician, our politician should represent the teenage voting group. That politician should create

goals that would help the teenage voting group to stay in school and crack the budget cuts. Budget cuts are unfair to our student body. If for instance, my university's budget is cut, I want to tell my politician to stop the budget cuts but if I did not vote for change, then I should not complain about something that did not go my way. The teenage voting group should not be deprived of an education.

Public healthcare should also be a concern for the people of my age group. Most of us receive healthcare services through health care plans that are attached to our family plans. We may be stable as long as we are under the age of eighteen or nineteen

for some other healthcare providers. Usually when we hit the age of eighteen or nineteen, we are automatically detached from our family plans. The cost of healthcare has been increasing recently and many Americans cannot afford healthcare insurance. Teenagers could be at risk to losing their adequate healthcare because many Americans want affordable healthcare. Again, when we vote for our politician, he should be able to appeal to our concerns. If we do not vote, then we do not have a voice in whatever decision the politician decides to make. It would also be wrong for us to complain because we did not vote in favor of what we want.

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NBA Western Conference Preview

By BRIAN MORGAN
Senior Writer

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15. Oklahoma City Thunder

Picking the Lakers to be a top the Western Conference at the end of the year is an easy decision. They have the same team that made it the finals, plus Andrew Bynum. If the team can stay relatively healthy, they'll breeze through the season and playoffs. Their depth and star power is truly amazing, but too bad it won't last past this season after Lamar Odom will be forced out of town.

The New Orleans Hornets are also bringing back a very strong team, plus James Posey. With a starting lineup of Chris Paul, Mo Peterson, Peja Stojakovic, David West, and Tyson Chandler, they should be able to coast through the season and easily win

the Southwest division. I do have concerns, however, because a huge part of their success was Peja staying healthy. He played 77 games last season, which is 7 games less than the total amount of games he played in the three seasons before that. They do have Posey to plug in if Peja does get hurt, but that will take away from their depth. Ultimately I think they'll reach the conference finals.

The Houston Rockets made a major move this offseason acquiring Ron Artest, which definitely made them a top-tier team. Their starting lineup of Rafer Alston, Tracy McGrady, Artest, Shane Battier/Luis Scola, and Yao Ming will definitely give the rest of the league problems on both ends of the court. But injury problems for them are inevitable, which will ultimately lead to their downfall. McGrady and Yao are a lock to miss to miss at least 15 games each; McGrady with back spasms, Yao with foot problems. They just better hope these injury problems don't occur in March or April. If they are healthy, McGrady should finally break his first round curse.

The Utah Jazz didn't change during their offseason, but since the Northwest division is still relatively weak, they shouldn't have a problem winning the division and taking the fourth seed in the playoffs. Deron Williams, Ronnie Brewer, Andrei Kirilenko, Carlos Boozer, and Mehmet Okur make for a solid starting lineup, while Kyle Korver, Matt Harpring, and Paul Millsap give them a decent bench. But if it wasn't for their weak division, they'll probably be more like a six or seven seed team which is why they won't make it past the first round.

The Dallas Mavericks were somewhat of a mess last season. When they traded away Devin Harris and DeSagana Diop, they traded away their defense, and they were never able to mesh together in time to be able to make that championship run Mark Cuban desperately wanted. This season should be different; Jason Kidd will be on the team for the entire season, and they have DeSagana Diop back who will be able to guard guys like Tim Duncan, Shaquille O'Neal, and Yao Ming. They have a great starting lineup, with a deep bench, the only question is whether or not they'll choke in the playoffs like they

usually do.

The Phoenix Suns are slowly getting worse and worse, and their window of opportunity is shrinking by the day. Shaq, who turns 37 in March, already made it known that he's less than 2 years away from retirement, while Steve Nash will be 35 in February, and Grant Hill is 36. They also have a new coach in Terry Porter who has little coaching experience. When the playoffs are done, Steve Kerr will be fired, and the Suns will only be one year away from re-building mode.

Unlike past seasons, the Spurs will actually have to play hard in all 82 games if they want to make the playoffs. Manu Ginobili is going to miss a lot of time, and their division rivals New Orleans, Dallas, and Houston aren't going to take it easy on them. They will make the playoffs, but their streak of winning the championship every-other-season will be snapped.

After the top seven teams, the next four spots are really a toss-up. The Trail Blazers, Warriors, Clippers, and Nuggets all have an equal shot of taking the eighth seed in my opinion. I chose the Trail Blazers because of the amount of talent they have at their disposal: Brandon Roy, LaMarcus Aldridge, Rudy Fernandez, Jerryd Bayless, Greg Oden, Travis Outlaw, Martell Webster, and Sergio Rodriguez. In a couple years, this team could be championship bound, but for now they're going to go through their growing pains.

To round up the Western Conference, the only player who actually played defense on Denver is gone, and Allen Iverson will probably be gone before the trade dead-line.

Golden State, like Portland, has a lot of young talent, but their point guard play is going to be their downfall. Baron Davis is gone, while Monta Ellis is more concerned with popping a wheelie.

The Clippers have a great core in Baron Davis, Cuttino Mobley, Al Thornton, Marcus Camby, and Chris Kaman, and a potential star in Eric Gordon. However their depth is pretty weak from there and Baron Davis should go back to his injured ways now that he got paid.

The Timberwolves are rebounding nicely and should win 10 more games this season, but the Western Conference is too tough and the team is still a couple seasons away from playoff contention.

The Kings, Grizzlies, and Thunder will finish at the bottom of the conference and will be major competitors on the night of the draft lottery. Even if you took the best 15 players from the three, they still would not make the playoffs.

Football Win Again In Big South

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Angelo Serse and company got a measure of revenge going into Liberty and pulling out a win Friday night

Club Hockey Gets Big Split With #4 Liberty

By GENE MORRIS
Sports Editor

With one win in the bag, the Stony Brook Ice Hockey team traveled down to Lynchburg, Virginia to get revenge against the Liberty Flames.

The Flames handed the Seawolves two opening weekend losses. But on Friday night Stony Brook was able to pay back the Flames when they secured a 4-3 victory in a shootout.

The first period saw five goals scored. Liberty opened up a two-goal lead early, but Stony

Brook roared back with three straight.

Robert Sacco had two goals in a three-minute span, and Sacco set up Joe Ree for the Seawolves third goal of the night shortly after that.

The game remained 3-2 Stony Brook into the third period, until Liberty was able to get another shot past Derek Stevens to tie the game.

After a scoreless overtime the teams went to a shootout. Derek Stevens stopped all three Liberty shooters and the Seawolves Chris Ryan was able to score the decisive goal for Stony

Brook.

The Seawolves were not as fortunate on Saturday night. Liberty came out strong and scored five goals in the first ten minutes. Stony Brook came back with two of its own goals to make it a game, but Liberty kept the rout going with one more goal in the third and six in the second. The final score of 13-2 was the worst Seawolves defeat of the season.

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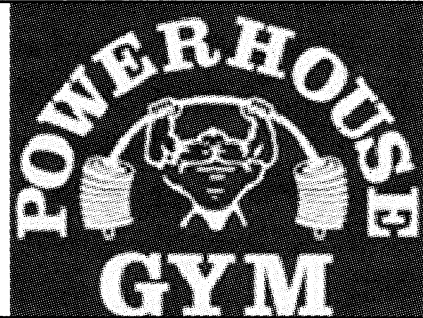
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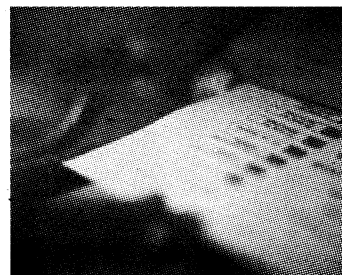
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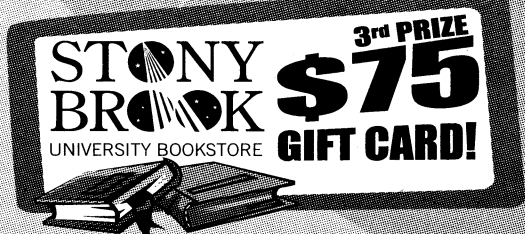
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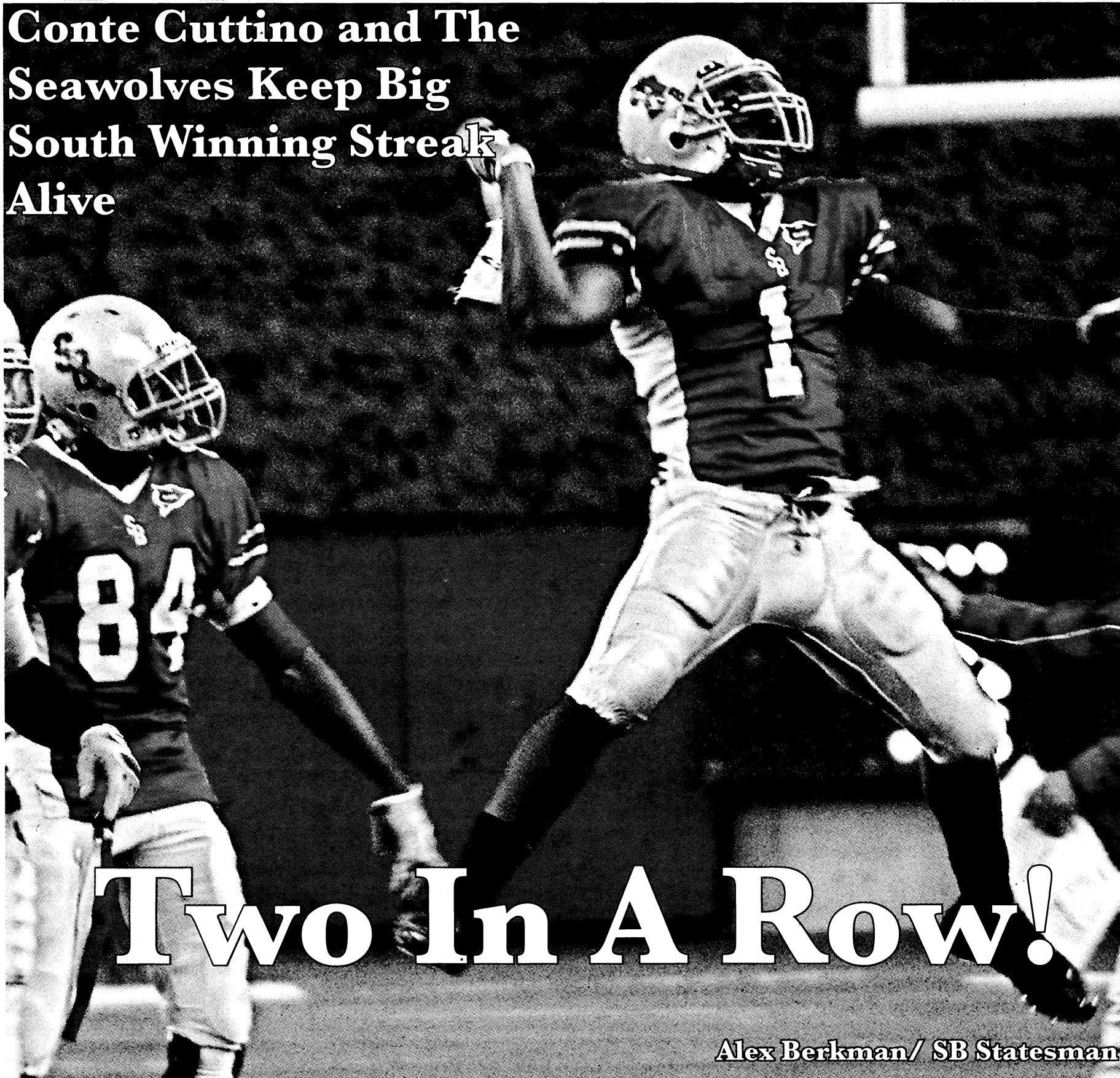
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