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SB Southhampton students speaking with Assemblyman Michael Benjamin.

By RAINA BEDFORD
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University students, faculty and alumni showed up in droves for Albany Day to petition the New York State Legislature to increase funding for Stony Brook University.

Official estimates of participants ranged from 1,000 to 1,200, with about 60 individual groups meeting with legislators to discuss a wide range of issues.

The main point of contention was Spitzer's new plan to make Stony Brook University and University at Buffalo flagship schools through the privatization of the New York Lottery, which would create a \$4 billion endowment to fund SUNY.

Adal Regis, social and spiritual chairman of the Student African American Brotherhood Organization, said one of the main reasons he attended Albany Day was to "advocate for university flagship status by talking about Stony Brook's numerous research contributions to science."

As a flagship school Stony Brook University would be expected to set a standard for the rest of the SUNY schools in all areas

of academic excellence, including research, facilities and faculty.

Other universities, however, have opposed naming Buffalo and Stony Brook flagship universities.

Several Binghamton representatives declined to comment on Binghamton's position on Spitzer's proposal.

The proposal, if passed, would make New York State the first state to successfully pass funding for public universities through a lottery endowment. Because this legislation is the first of its kind, it has faced tough challenges in the legislature.

An important Republican official, Nassau County Assemblyman Tom Alfano, is on the Committee for Higher Education. He expressed his support for Stony Brook's flagship status during the University's trip to Albany.

Alfano said that Stony Brook University is in a "great position" for being named a flagship university. He has served in the assembly for 12 years and is attracting support from across the aisle in a Democratic-controlled assembly.

His committee, the Committee for Higher Education, is responsible for working out the fine details of funding the flag-

ship through the lottery endowment, making Alfano's support crucial in the budgeting process.

Alfano said that the details of Spitzer's cutting edge plan still needs to be worked out to ensure its success, but assured students that Spitzer has "worked with the most innovative and informed people" in drafting this legislation.

"I think we have no choice but to think outside of the box. New York is the financial center of the world and we have abundant resources to enact this legislation," Alfano said.

Alfano believes that Stony Brook University deserves to be named a flagship school because of its contributions through research and has promised to fight for the university's programs and funding.

Alfano had opposed former Governor Pataki's cuts to SUNY funding and has advocated higher education. Alfano assured students that he personally called Pataki and fought for the funding of higher education, including the funding of Stony Brook.

"I want to make sure everyone has an equal opportunity to study," he said.

The SUNY System Explained

By EMILY GOVER
Copy Editor

The State University of New York's system, commonly referred to as SUNY, comprises over 60 schools, all with subsidized tuition rates. Included in these 60 institutions are Cornell University and Syracuse University, both private institutions.

Through a partnership with the SUNY system, students at these schools have the opportunity to study and earn a doctoral degree at a privatized institution while paying state school tuition.

The SUNY schools that grant doctoral degrees are the University of Buffalo, Upstate Medical University, Alfred University Ceramics, Binghamton University, University at Albany, SUNY Optometry, Downstate Medical Center, Stony Brook University, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University, and Cornell University's colleges of agriculture, human ecology, industrial and labor relations and veterinary medicine.

SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry was established in 1911 in a partnership with Syracuse University. The college's web site said the school became a part of the SUNY system in 1948, since it had "been state-supported from the very beginning." Students enrolled in the College of Environmental Science and Forestry receive a degree from both Syracuse University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Four colleges at Cornell University allow students to earn a degree from a private institution while paying public state school tuition.

Cornell University's web site said that these "contract colleges" receive subsidies

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6. Stay out of the red.

This is simple—don't spend more than you take in. And remember, student loans aren't income. Borrow what you need, not what you can.

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Dating can get expensive, but this is the 21st century. Take turns buying dinner or movie tickets.

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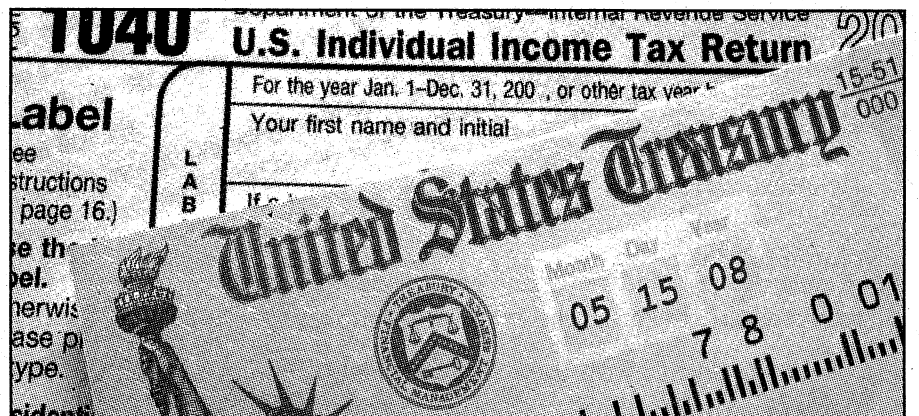
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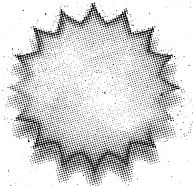
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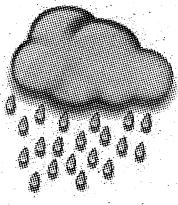
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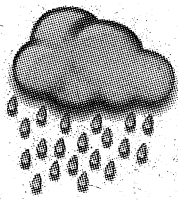
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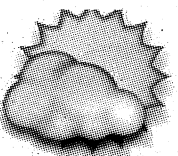
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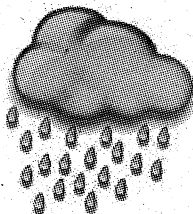
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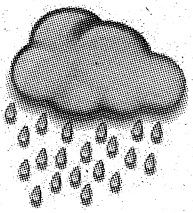
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clouds at night.



Friday:

High: 43/Low: 33

Mostly cloudy with a chance of
rain showers.



Saturday:

High: 41/Low: 30

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of rain showers in the morning.

By Alex Kahn

University Returns \$200,000 to Grad. School

By APRIL WARREN
Staff Writer

One hundred graduate students will soon be receiving their Presidential Fellowship money after an "improper practice charge" filed by the Graduate Student Employees Union caused the university to reinstate the fellowships.

The university unilaterally decreased, and in some cases, eliminated altogether, the fellowships after a 15 percent raise was issued for all Teaching Assistants and Graduate Assistants for the 2007-2008 academic year.

As a result, the union filed the charge with New York State's Public Employees Relations Board in October. The charge asserted that the University pressured employees to accept a reduced fellowship or to eliminate it com-

pletely. The fellowships are awarded to students for three years and help draw in students from all over the world by providing a financial incentive.

However, the situation was a mistake.

In January, a letter sent out to all graduate students who were affected, from Lawrence Martin, dean of StBU's Graduate School, explained the situation to be a "misunderstanding" between President Shirley Strum Kenny and himself.

"This is exactly why we have a union, and why all workers should have one," said Kristin Hole, a Teaching Assistant in Comparative Studies. "Not only did our union win back a lot of money for us, we also showed them they can't arbitrarily alter our working conditions without us fighting back."

The university is expected to return a total of \$200,000 to graduate students.

Stony Brook Finds the way to more Effective Therapies of Liver Cancer

By ZEESHAN MUGHAL
Web Editor

Researchers at Stony Brook Medical Center has identified a family of genes related to liver cancer. They discovered in a mouse model that the loss of one specific gene (Iqgap2) in this family causes Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). If the other gene (Iqgap1) is present without the presence of Iqgap2 more severe damages could occur.

The research model will be published in the March issue of Molecular and Cellular Biology. Principal researcher Dr. Wadie F. Bahou, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Genetics, and colleagues commented that both genes will play a vital role in treating HCC by developing important targets for early diagnosis. This disease accounts for more than 80% of liver cancer in humans causing 500,000 to one million adult deaths annually worldwide.

Treatment for advanced HCC is often ineffective as a recently approved chemotherapy drug developed to treat metastatic liver cancer actually stabilized diseases instead of curing it. "This is an exciting development in the field of cancer research, as there is a tremendous need for targeted thera-

pies for liver cancer," Dr. Bahou said.

"The data resulting from our research provides important insights into genes that may predispose to HCC development," he added, further noting that the model is a valuable tool for testing therapeutic agents aimed at curing liver cancer.

Dr. Bahou stated that so far attempts to treat liver cancer has been difficult due to failure of developing effective animal disease models. According to a press release from the Stony Brook website, the animal disease model developed by the Stony Brook team is the closest to human disease model because of four main reasons:

1. The disease closely resembles human HCC microscopically;
2. does not require intervention from outside sources, such as chemically induced cancer models;
3. is associated with a reproducible and very high incidence of HCC, and
4. is strictly limited to HCC.

The detailed results of the research will be published in the March issue of Molecular and Cellular Biology

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from New York State for undergraduate research, and allow students in these colleges to pay a subsidized tuition rate.

But students in one of the four "contract colleges" still live, dine, and participate in the same activities as other Cornell University students not enrolled in these subsidized schools.

Public schools within the SUNY system have recently received much praise as well.

U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2008," a statistical report on the best national universities arranged in varying categories, featured several SUNY schools in their top results. For example, Binghamton, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and Stony Brook were featured in the top 100 National Universities. Another SUNY school, University of Buffalo, was ranked at 118.

The system has 30 community colleges, eight technology colleges, 13 university colleges, and 10 university centers. As of January 2008, there were over 420,000 undergraduate students and more than 380,000 graduate students currently enrolled in the system.

With four different types of schools, the array of titles may confuse prospective students.

To clarify, community colleges are smaller institutions focusing on affordable higher education with students earning a two-year associate's degree, according to the American Association of Community Colleges. Technology colleges are schools that focus on mechanical arts and the applied sciences in a four-year undergraduate program. Colleges, under which SUNY's University Colleges lie, grant four-year degrees in subjects ranging from the arts to social sciences, from engineering to communication. Universities provide the same undergraduate degrees as colleges, but also offer graduate degree programs.

According to SUNY's "Short History of SUNY" web site, "the first still-active institution of the State University of New York was officially founded at Potsdam in 1816." New York was the last of the 48 states at the time to establish an entire public school system, in February 1948, the web site said. It has since spread to 64 locations throughout New York State, ranging from local community colleges to graduate schools.

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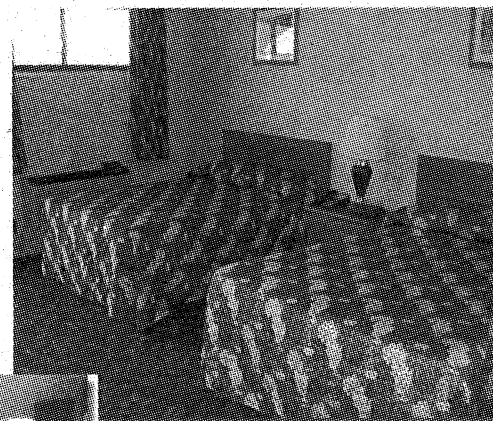
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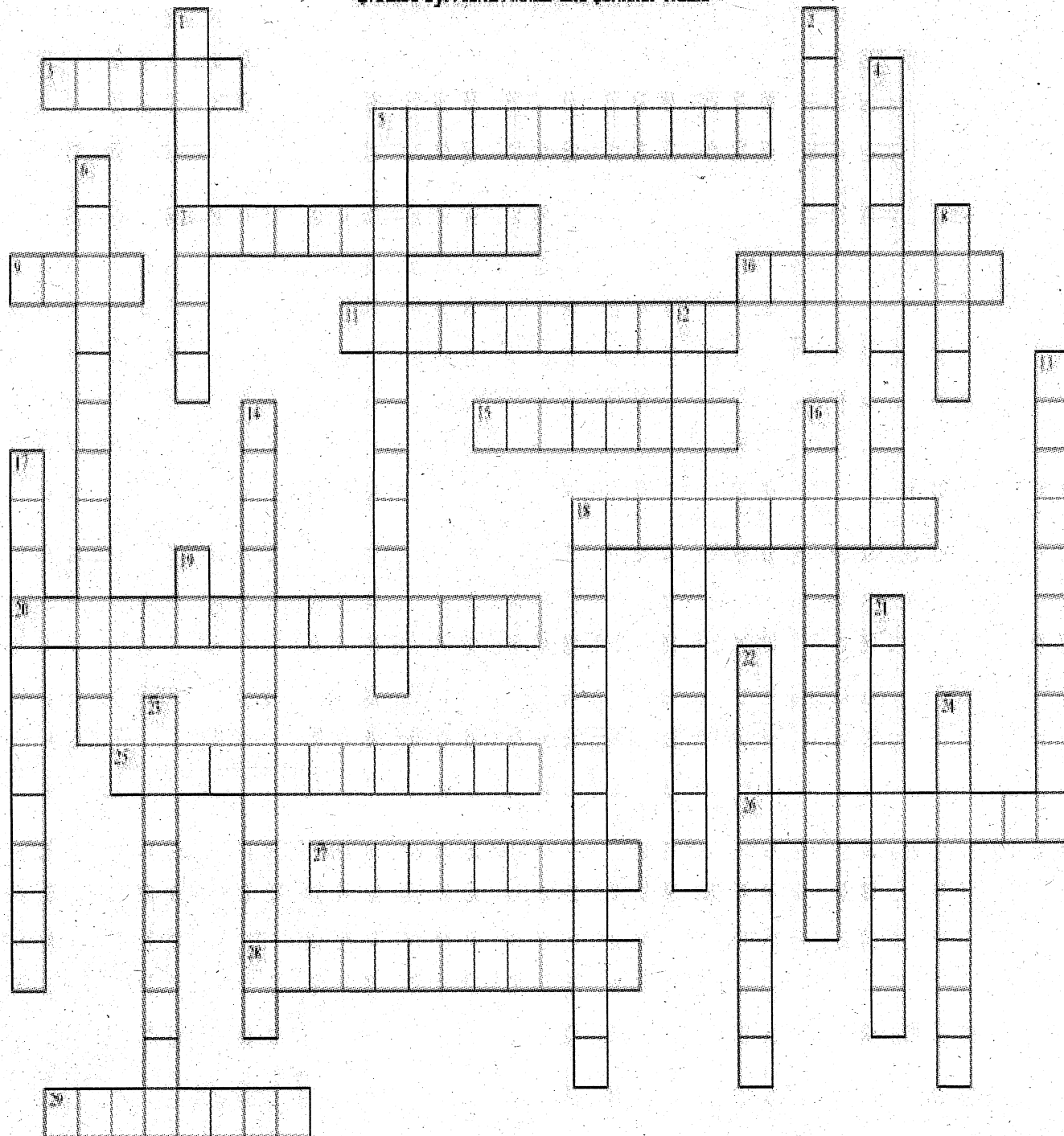
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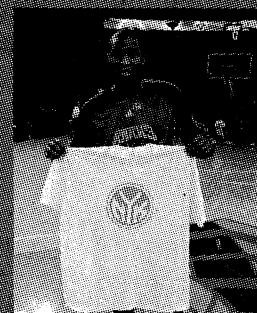
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REVIEW:

The Black Keys



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By MAUREEN HINE
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Black Keys are the type of band that can bring you closer to another person. This happens simply because you are both fans of the band and appreciate their talent, not to mention you actually know who they are. The Black Keys have currently released four albums since 2002 and are set to release their latest album, "Attack and Release" on April 1st, 2008. In preparation for the band's next album release I felt it was only right to pay my respects to their first and in my opinion, best album, in an attempt to spread the word on an unknown talent that deserves more attention.

"The Big Come Up" was the Black Keys' first album which was released in late 2002. The

quality that first drew me towards the Black Keys was their unique style and creativity. The band is notorious for using "medium fidelity", which is a technique that uses tape recorders and analog effects which makes the music sound dated and scratchy. This technique also brings a bit of the future to a blues type sound that would otherwise sound outdated. Both the first two tracks on the album, "Busted" and "Do the Rump," seem to use analog effects the most but the rest of the songs on the album also manage to slip it in somewhere.

"I'll Be Your Man" is a raw blues filled love song with a catchy beat that is guaranteed to get stuck on repeat inside your head. The heavy beat of Auerbach on guitar will send you into a frenzy that will have you on

the edge of your seat jamming along.

he band also manages to bring the legendary Beatles back to life on track 9 by covering the song, "She Said, She Said." Wu-Tang Clan- drummer Patrick Carney, mixes hip-hop with blues and rock creating an innovative sound that truly honors the Beatles. Don't forget to tune in to the tape recorder sounds nestled in the background of the song. It almost makes you think that your record is playing backwards.

Although it may not be one of my top played, the most intriguing song on the "The Big Come Up" is "240 Years Before Your Time." The track starts off with a

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CARINE ROITFIELD

By SANHITA REDDY
Staff Writer

Carine Roitfield is one of those people who always gets it right. Though most of the American population may not have heard of her, she is famous in France for being the editor-in-chief of French Vogue. Her style is always sensual, never trashy, and her bone straight hair and kohl-rimmed eyes have infiltrated into every American woman's going-out look.

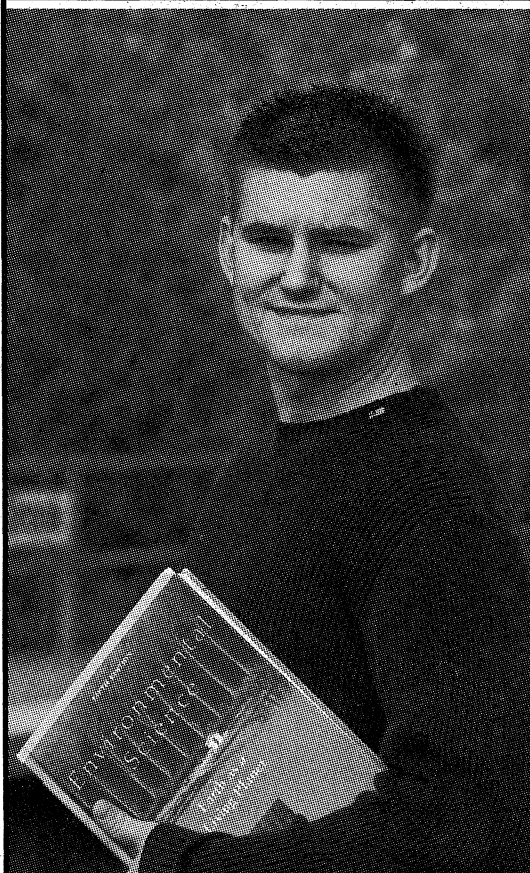
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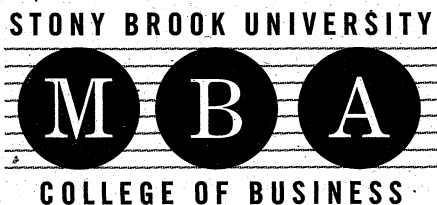
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For Pearl to C

By MADGESTIC
Staff Writer

Kissing you must be like,
Riding into the sky on the prettiest bike.

Thinking of you is all I do
I'm waiting and waiting until you finally choose to notice me too

I almost hate it, because I am sooo infatuated
I'm stuck on pictures of you and I
Joining hands and slowly floating towards the sky

When you speak to me, each word is a music note
If I could I would travel all around the world just to get to your heart on
my lovely boat

When our eyes meet, I envision inflated motion pictures of you and me.
Our age is what sets us apart, but with my emotions, this phase surpasses
my oh so young heart.

Never have I felt this way
But when I try to capture your attention you slide me right out of your
way.

Is it real? Or am I simply bored

But this feeling I've had since I was twelve and ever since then it's been
growing oh so hard.

Every accidental touch I've counted
Like stars in the sky that I wish have mounted

What can I say?

It's a tragedy I continuously feel each and every day...

U plus me is what I truly seek
I can barely wait till the moment arrives when our ages finally meet

The Black Keys

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tape recorded voice speaking over raw guitar riffs and slow steady drum beat. At first it is somewhat reminiscent of the "Sunscreens" song, but then the music stops abruptly. Since it is the last track on the song, it is only natural to assume the CD has come to an end. But, this break in the

music which last just over 20 minutes, is only an interlude into the second part of the song that will blow your mind if you can hold out.

Now when you hear the words black keys, I hope that your first instinct is no longer to think of those little keys on a piano. Hopefully, you will

be reminded of the band, the Black Keys and you will spread the word about their music to friends and family. Be sure to keep an eye out for "Attack and Release" in April and to check out their first album "The Big Come Up" for a brief history on the new age of blues.

The Sartorialist

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the different styles and fashions present in the cities of the world -- the photos give inspiration to dreary winter days when all you want to wear is a sweatshirt and jeans. They also give hope to the next generation of fashion, showing that people still care, still want to dress up.

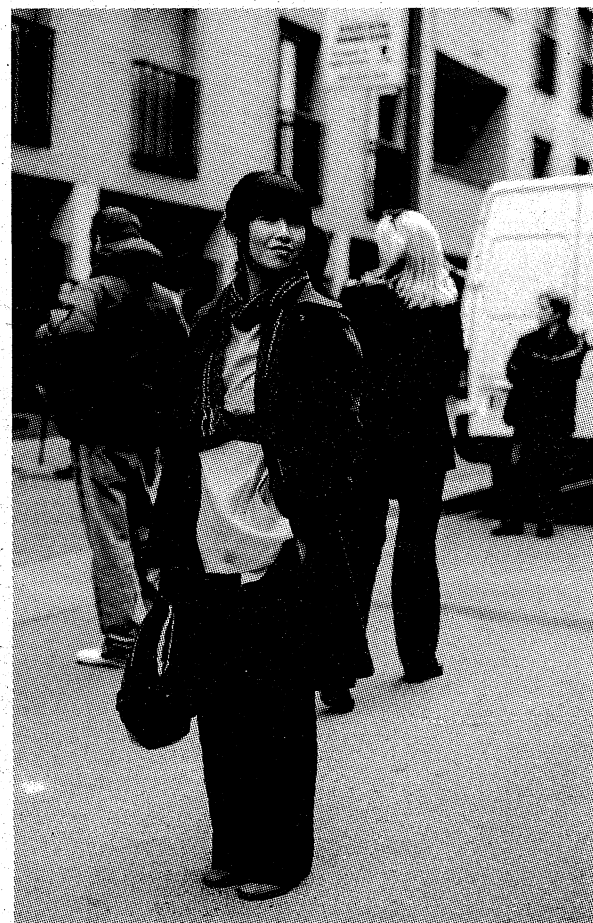
In the end, according to Schuman, women will always look chic in heels, at their most relaxed on a bike, and best when they don't try too hard. Men will always look good in a suit, and details in their suits, or the patterns of their socks are what make each outfit of theirs unique. Girls will still be girls, and will always ride the waves of trends until they are broken. And boys. Boys with swishy hair are always those who you fall in love with in a photograph.

But the most striking ob-

servation is that Americans, known for their sense of casualness and carelessness, actually have their own sense of style. It's a clash between fresh and polished, something that can't be said for France and Milan, where the women are always a little too polished and a little too

pristine.

While some outfits that Schuman photographs are questionable, the message is simple: try out different styles, and don't limit yourself to what you think are the boundaries of fashion.



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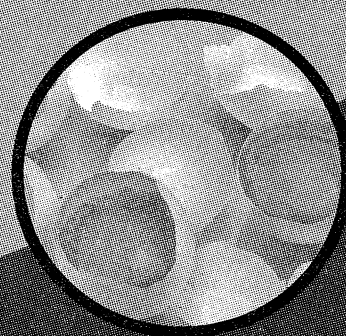
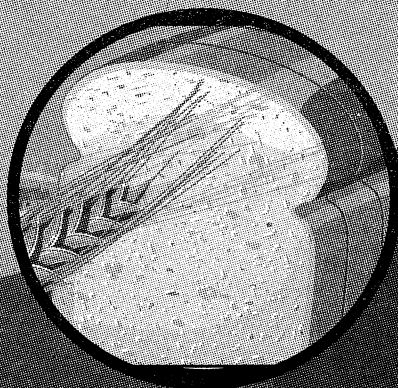
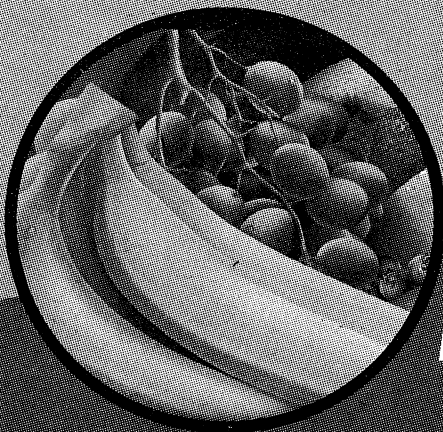
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HONORING A GREAT ALUMNUS

ROGER GILL

HUSBAND, FATHER, ATHLETE, FRIEND

To the Stony Brook Community,

This past weekend, Stony Brook lost two of its great alumni, two special men, Roger L. Gill ('95) and Warren Davies ('97), in a tragic car accident.

Both men were just thirty-five years old.

We have been friends, no, brothers, of Roger and Warren since our days at Stony Brook from 1990 to the present, and while we send our condolences to both families at this time, we wanted to share a little bit about the man we all knew as Roger and the type of husband, father, son, friend and student athlete that the University community can be proud to call one of its own.

Roger was recruited by some of the top track programs in America (including UCLA & Georgia Tech), yet chose Stony Brook for its educational and athletic opportunities.

Roger was a 4 time All State high school track athlete in high school and decided to attend Stony Brook with 4 other freshman.

These freshman, along with senior Jean Massillon became known as the "Stony Brook Express."

The Stony Brook Express brought forth a golden age at Stony Brook for the men's track and field team and this group still currently holds over 12 university men's track and field records, captured the ECAC track championships in 1991 (the first one ever), and has several All-Americans and Olympians.

Roger graduated from Stony Brook with a B.A. in Human Resource Management and took graduate classes at Stony Brook.

Roger epitomizes the notion of student athlete, husband, and father -- qualities that we can all honor.

While at Stony Brook, Roger was Stony Brook's first ever Freshman All-American. He was also one of two members of the Express to run in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

One of our proudest moments in life was seeing him and Anderson Vilien on television as they

marched in the Olympic Stadium during the opening ceremonies.

It brought tears to our eyes see our former teammates at the Olympics when knowing just two years before we would all speak, not in jest, about how they would run in the Olympics.

That was typical Roger, setting goals and achieving them.

Roger was truly a special student athlete. We all drew strength from Roger's ability and desire to be the best. He was known for his ability to bring our relay teams back from 4th or 5th place to 1st in a blink of an eye.

We also remember watching his performance at the Penn Relays, where he passed 6 teams, many of which were Division I programs to lead our relay to victory. It was because of Roger that our team continued to get better, stronger and faster. We had no fear with our leader by our side, and Roger never showed any fear.

Clearly, if you look at the university record books, Roger is the best athlete that Stony Brook has ever had, both pre and post the division I move. Roger not only performed at meets, he was one of the hardest working students we knew. We all owe part of our own track success at Stony Brook directly to Roger, who pushed us, reminded us that we could do better and eventually led by example on the track and in life.

Roger ran for the love of the sport. Back then, there were no athletic scholarships and no additional funds for the athletic department. We even had to purchase our own running shoes. But despite this, Roger ran all four years, proudly wearing the Stony Brook jersey. He was even the last SB athlete to compete under the old school mascot, the Patriots.

But, there's so much more to Roger than just his running.

He and his wife are part of the Stony Brook family -- our Stony Brook family.

He fell in love and married Annette Hicks ('96), who is also an SB alumnus, and they have shared over ten years of marriage together.

During her time at SB, Annette was elected SGA vice-president and president. To us, the Gill family reminds us of how unique our SB experience has been to all of us.

Roger and Annette have four beautiful daughters, ranging from one to 10 years old. And, they are expecting twins in the coming months.

This is truly a tragic event in all of our lives and for the Stony Brook community.

We were with Roger the night of his death, and as usual he spoke of his wife, his daughters and of becoming a father again.

That night he also spoke of Stony Brook, and discussed why it was that neither he nor any of the Express members were in the Athletic Hall of Fame at Stony Brook.

In some ways, it bothered not only him, but all of us, and it's ironic to know that during his final day, he still had Stony Brook on his mind.

He truly admired our University and lived a beautiful life.

Given all of what the Gill family has accomplished and meant for Stony Brook, the time is now for the University to take action and acknowledge to Roger's family how special Roger was to our University.

Every one of our past, current and future students should aspire to live life as Roger did. Therefore, we are sure that the University will join us and our friends to help Roger's family at this time.

We hope that the University is willing to recognize Roger and Annette's efforts in life by providing their children with scholarships to the University, and additional support, as we all take this time to honor one of Stony Brook's greatest alumni.

With love, brotherhood, and admiration. We will always miss you Roger and Warren.

From Courtney O'Mealley, Jerry Canada, Jeremiah Ellis, Jean Massillon, Anderson Vilien, and Wayne Mattadeen



Roger Gill

Roger Gill seen in the 3/17/94 issue of the Statesman

Roger's Additional Accomplishments

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- >> 6 time All-American
- >> 2 time SBU Athlete of the Year
- >> 2 time ECAC- MVP
- >> Senior Athlete of the Year
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Roger's Involvements

- >> Student Polity Association Senator
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- >> Faculty / Staff Advisor- Caribbean Student Organization
- >> Student Manager- Campus Catering, Assistant Foodservice Manager
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- >> Roger was also a deacon at his church, Corona Seventh Day Adventist Church, where he and his family often participated in many of the church's activities.

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Funeral Service Information: Warren Davies

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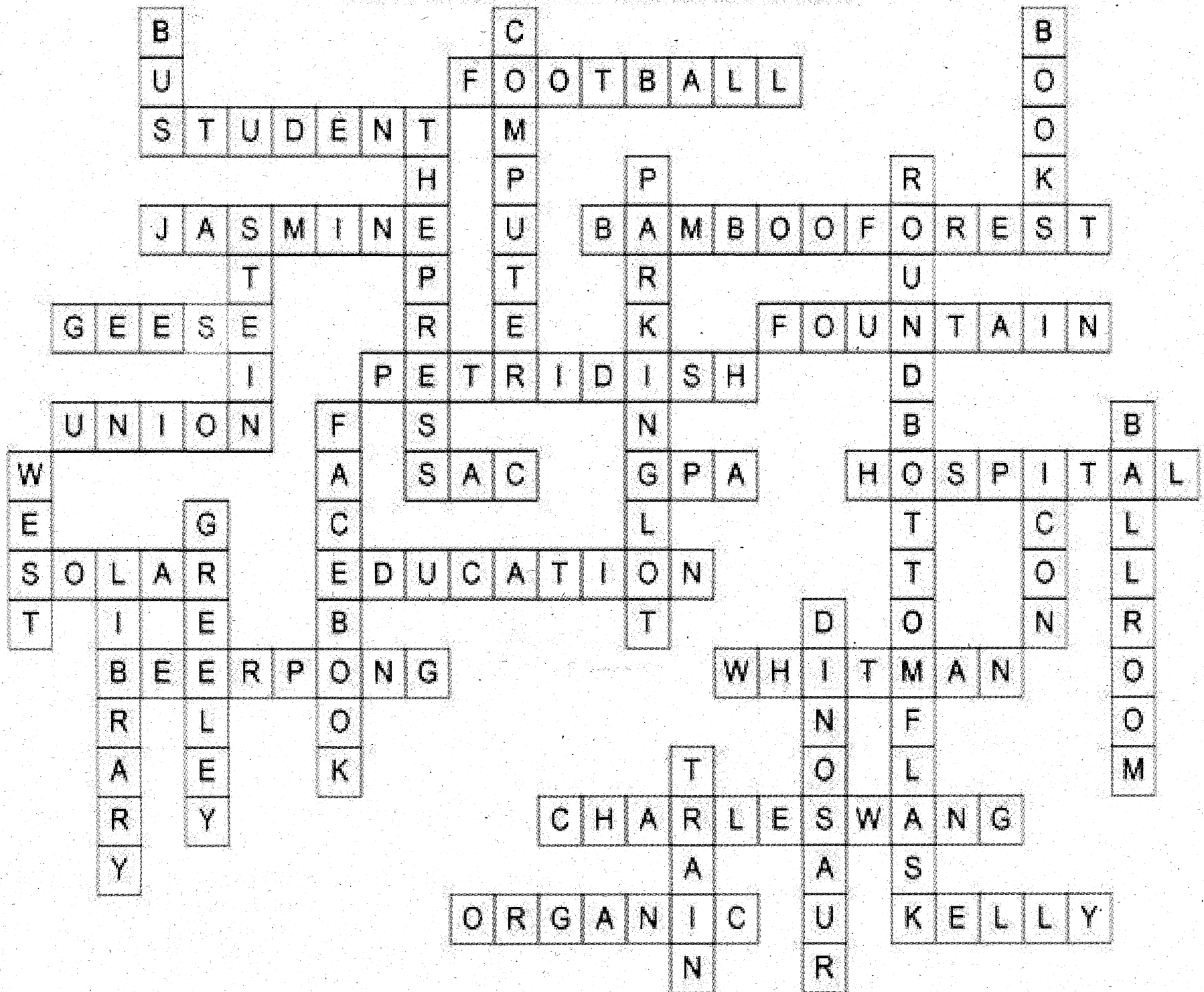
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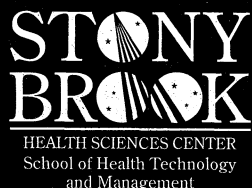
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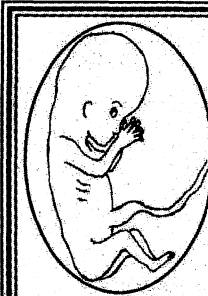
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Track and Field Complete Final Tune up Before NCAA's

By MICHAEL FODERA
Senior Writer

The Stony Brook Seawolves track and field Tteam sauntered to the city last week to compete in the Last Chance Meet at the Armory Track to take on other America East opponents. This meet was the final opportunity for the Seawolves to lower their qualifying times before the ECAC/IC4A and NCAA Championships. The meet produced one first place finisher, and mostly served as a warm up before the big dance at the NCAA Championships.

Freshman Lucy Van Dalen claimed the only first-place finish with a time of 4:46.50 in the mile. This time would be significant as it was just a few tenths of a second slower than the school-record time she posted earlier this month at the Valentine Invitational.

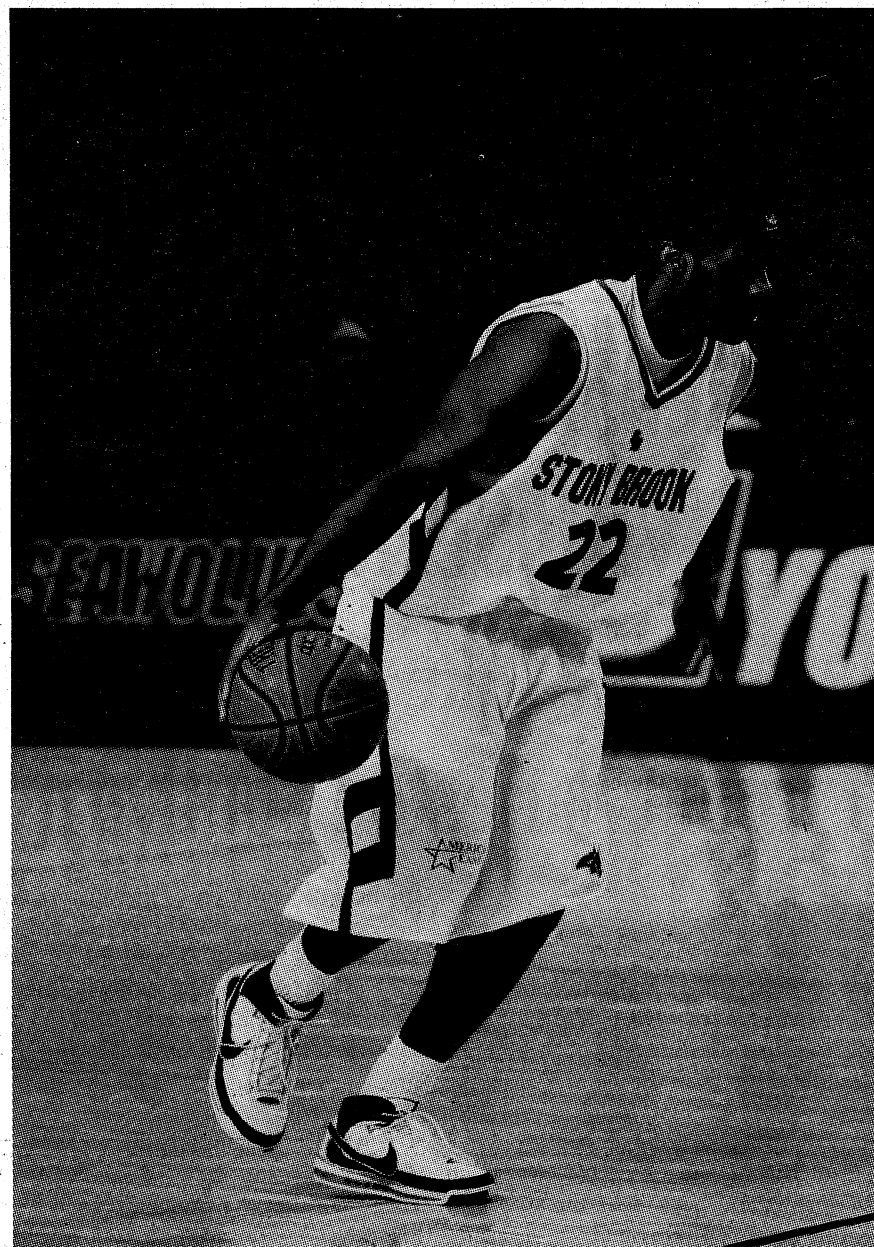
Coach Andrew Ronan had only but the best to say about Van Dalen's effort. "Her work effort over the course of the season earned her a first place finish in the event," he said.

Sophomores Jessica Hampson and

Stephanie Vos, both New York natives, took advantage of the meet to compete in races they had yet to run this season. In an event she had never before competed, Hampson finished second in the 3,000-meter, good enough to earn an ECAC qualification with a time of 9:48.53. Meanwhile, Vos just missed qualifying in the 800-meter, in which she placed eighth with a time of 2:18.64.

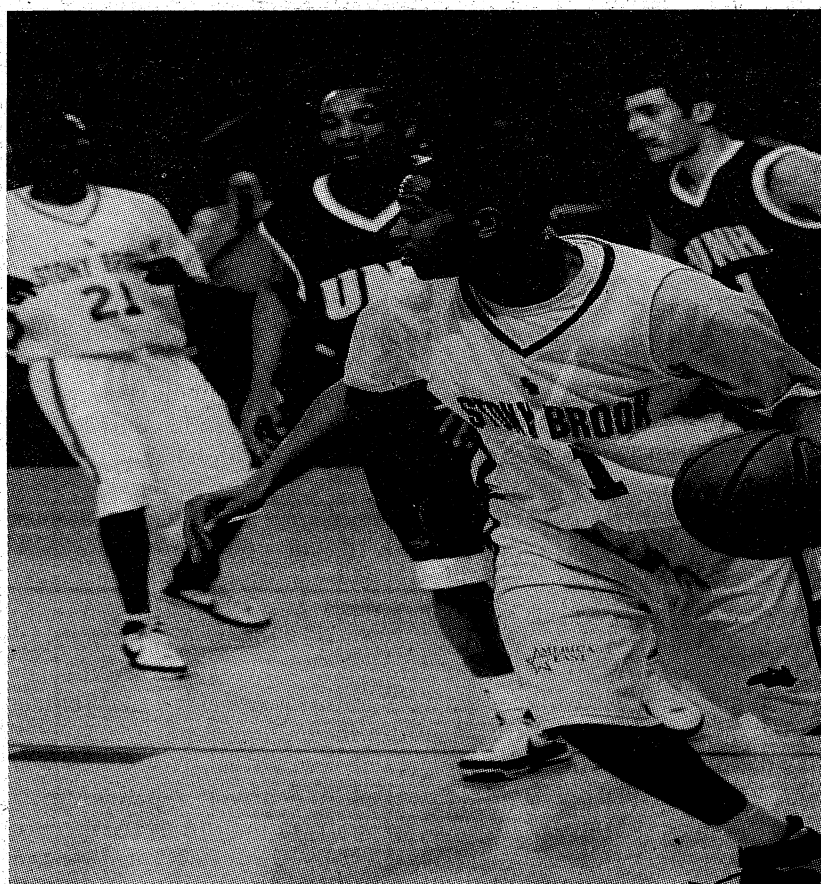
For the men, not much action took place, with the only noteworthy episode taking place was Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., senior Melvin Genao, who improved upon his previous season-best in the 400-meter, taking 38th place with a time of 49.95.

While there may not have been much action for Stony Brook taking place in the city last Friday, next weekend should prove very exciting, as the Seawolves' track and field teams will be in action when they travel to Boston, Mass., for the ECAC/IC4A Championships. Coach Ronan expects a very hard fought meet, with all athletes competing expected to leave it all on the track.



Men's Basketball this Friday as the final seed in the America East Conference Championships.

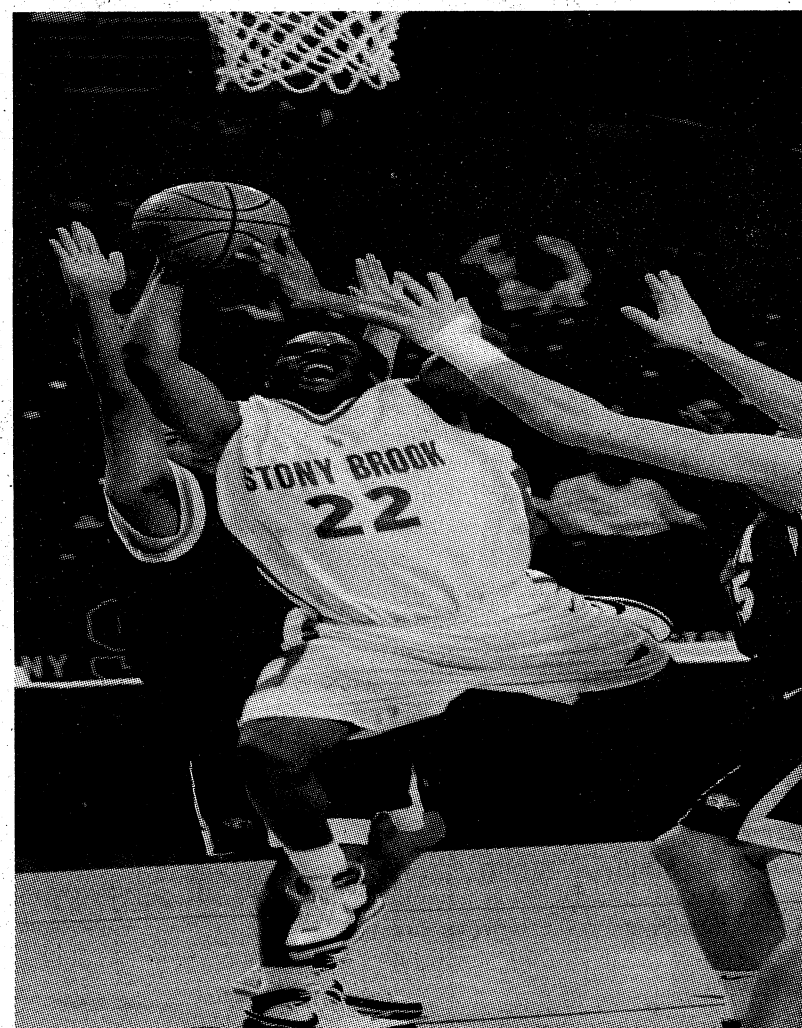
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Both Basketball teams are gearing up to make a run deep into the America East Conference Tournament

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Rio Pitt and Men's Basketball score a league role of 60.9-must rely on defensive prowess to advance.

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STATESMAN Sports

Baseball Starts Season Off With Series Victory Seawolves Take Two of Three from Charleston Southern

By ADRIAN CARRASQUILLO
Asst. Sports Editor

Last year the Stony Brook baseball team began the season 0-6, thanks in part to its traditionally tough out of conference schedule. This year the team wanted to come out stronger in its tough games early on. Well, so far, so good.

The Seawolves took two of three from Charleston Southern over the weekend behind strong pitching from reigning America East pitcher of the year Gary Novakowski and senior Tom Koehler. They won the games 6-4 and 5-3. Koehler set the tone early in the first game, striking out seven of the first 11 batters he faced. His final line was six innings, two runs, four hits and nine strikeouts. "I would have to say a little bit of everything was working," Koehler said. "The key was just throwing strikes and missing down."

Stony Brook got on the board first when freshman third baseman Nick Thode hit his first career home run after sophomore Michael Stephan led off the inning with a hit by pitch. Thode added an RBI single and finished the day four for five with a home run and three RBIs. Stephan, who Coach Senk said is a former linebacker with a football mentality and is "built like a fire hydrant," was fourth in the country last year in being hit by a pitch.

In the second game Novakowski held the Buccaneers down with six innings of two run ball and had four strikeouts. He attributed his success to being aggressive early. "I was able to establish the strike zone early with my fastball, which set up my off-speed pitches for the rest of game."

The Seawolves broke the game open in the seventh inning when junior second baseman Chad Rebecca hit a bases loaded two-RBI double. The Buccaneers nearly got out of the inning without anymore damage but sophomore first baseman Robert Dyer got a clutch two-out single with the bases loaded to score two more.

Stony Brook was blown out 10-0 in the last game of the series when junior Mike Errigo couldn't get out of the third inning. Senk said that Errigo, who is coming off a

medical red shirt year, "lost his breaking ball," and after that the hitters were able to key in on his fastball. Despite the loss, Senk took positives from the game, noting that he liked what he saw from 6'5 freshman Evan Stecko-Haley, who pitched three and one-third innings with two earned runs and five strikeouts.

Overall Senk was pleased with his team's timely hitting and solid pitching. He added that the nonconference games are a chance for him to find out what works and what doesn't in time for the 20 conference games later in the season. "The most important games are our conference schedule, the nonconference one's allow us to do a bit of tinkering and try different options," he said. It will be interesting to see if freshmen continue to produce for the Seawolves and force Senk's hand when it comes to conference play.

The coach also has an interesting way of looking at his team's season. "I break our season up into three seasons. Nonconference, is the month of March, we want to post as many wins as possible in the 20 plus games we play. That's to get us ready for the 24 conference games. The last season is the America East tournament."

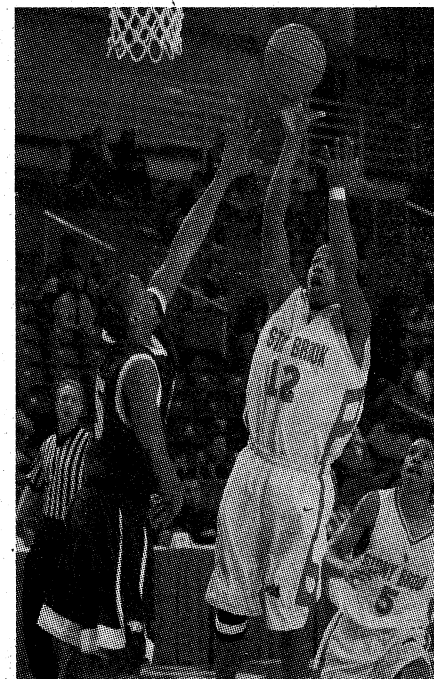
While a small sample size, the first couple of games bode well for the Seawolves. The performances of Koehler and Novakowski will go a long way towards determining how successful they are this season. Both Koehler and Novakowski have their eyes on a conference championship and admit that there is a friendly competition among them.

"Tom and myself definitely push each other, I mean he went out there and pitched a great game in game one, so I did all I could to match that," Novakowski said. Koehler added, "Me and Gary are always pushing each other, and we share the same goals and that's getting to the NCAA tournament. But we have a friendly competition and are always trying to one up each other."

While that may be music to the ears of Stony Brook baseball players and fans, the same cannot be said for the rest of the America East.

America East Tourney Set to Begin

Men set to play Maine Saturday,
Women to play first round game March 13



Both Basketball teams are gearing up to make a run deep into the America East Conference Tournament

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By CARL CARRIE
Contributing Writer

Maybe the third time is the charm. In the two years since winning their first round game in 2005 against Hartford, the Stony Brook Seawolves men's basketball team has failed to win a game in the America East Conference Championships. On Friday, Mar. 7, ninth-placed Stony Brook will play eighth-placed Maine in the play-in game of the Conference Championships.

The Seawolves, who finished the season 2-0 against Maine, hope to make it 3-0. Their history, however, is not on their side.

In 2006 they lost to UMBC, 88-70 and last year they lost against Hartford 49-47, after holding a 34-17 halftime lead.

After finishing the season 6-22,

and showing their inability to come from behind, as evident by their 2-19 record when trailing at the half, to win on Friday, the Seawolves are going to have to depend on their strong defense.

The Seawolves finished second in the conference in team defense, allowing only 66.3 points a game.

However, their inability to score negated their strong defense, as they finished dead last in the conference in scoring, with a meager 60.9 points a game and tied for last in field-goal percentage.

The Seawolves finished their season strongly, at 2-2, including a come from behind overtime win against fourth-placed Vermont and a victory against Maine.

The winner of the game will play top seed UMBC on Saturday, Mar. 8.