

SBU Hospital Cancer Center: New Name, New Building, Better Care

By SURAJ RAMBHIA
News Editor

Recent events at SBU Hospital have become cause for celebration. Last month, SBU Hospital announced its reception of the highest approval rating for a teaching hospital cancer program. This information, obtained from a press release by the university, describes how SBU Hospital obtained a Three-Year Approval with Commendation for integrating academic excellence, research, clinical programs and community outreach.

That said, it is important to understand that this award represents a static assessment of facilities of the cancer center. In reality, the cancer center is always promoting its health care goals and trying to advance towards the future. Ever since receiving the award from the American College of Surgeons Commission on cancer, the cancer center at SBU has undergone many changes for the better.

For one, the cancer center at SBU will be undergoing a name change from the Long Island Cancer Center to the SBU Hospital Cancer Center. The change of name has coincided with the unveiling of a new building just behind the hospital indoor parking. This short and wide building will not only hold significance for its focus on improving cancer care, but also for its proximity to SBU Hospital as well as its location in the Suffolk community.

Although SBU hospital is already the only academic medical center and tertiary care hospital in Suffolk County, according to the original press release in January 2006, a separate building designated for cancer treatment would dramatically increase the level of cancer care on Long Island. Dr. Martin Karpeh, director of the SBU Hospital Cancer Center states, The idea is to improve the coordination of cancer care through the use of a multimodality approach.

Cancer patients usually require treatment from 4 different physicians, the medical oncologist, surgical oncologist, radiation oncologist and as well as a physician specializing in the area of the body affected by the cancer. As an example, a person with some type of colon cancer might have to undergo chemotherapy

treatment from a medical oncologist, surgical removal of the tumor from a surgical oncologist, radiation therapy at the sight of tumor removal from a radiation oncologist, as well as overall evaluation of the patient from a gastrointestinal specialist. Furthermore, there is often a need for a physical therapist for people who suffered from a cancer of the bone. Sometimes a speech therapist is needed for patients who have suffered from laryngeal cancer.

The logistics of this isolated approach to cancer therapy, according to Karpeh, is both "inefficient and anxiety producing. Karpeh states that sometimes weeks and months pass before any clinical improvement is observed with a cancer patient. Thus, the SBU Hospital Cancer Center will allow for a more integrated approach to cancer treatment, a form of treatment by teams of doctors who know and understand the details of every case. Together, the team of doctors, according to Karpeh, will provide more effective cancer care.

SBU Hospital Cancer center will also be the site of a larger number of clinical trials. Clinical trials come in three types. Class I clinical trials are performed to test for the safety of a new treatment. According to Karpeh, these trials often involve the use of various imaging modalities. Class II clinical trials are performed to make sure that drugs have a positive impact when administered

to a patient. Finally, class III clinical trials are performed to compare the effects of particular drugs against the current mode of approved treatment. Karpeh states, The cancer center will focus on participating in more Class I and II trials. These trials will not only advance current treatment of various cancers, but also, they will offer patients cutting edge therapies before they become standard.

Other changes include an increase in staff and more medical oncologists, as well as more radiation oncologists. Karpeh affirmed the goal of "having specialists of major diseases, i.e., physicians who are specialized in treatment of lung cancer, or prostate cancer. This will effectively promote a disease based approach for cancer treatment.

When asked about the long term significance of the award received by the SBU Hospital Cancer Center,

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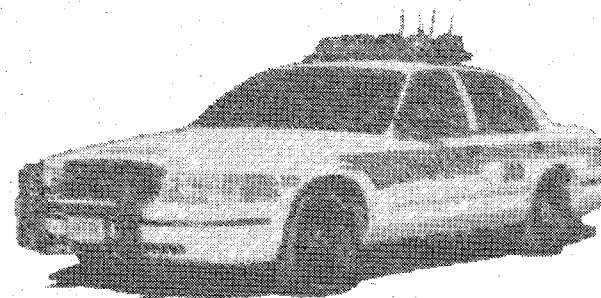
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USG: A Stagnant Senate

By CECILIA KIM
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The weekly senate meeting commenced at a slow place as the Senators' attendance trickled down to a mere 12 out of 22 members present for today's forum. It has been announced that numerous senators had continued to neglect their office hours as the week has progressed from the last senate meeting which focused on the very issue of dwindling senator participation. Thus far, the Senate seems to remain stagnant, but few senators are taking the initiative to evolve the Senate into a working body of student leaders.

The Senate has had two new members inducted into its committee- Senator Emily Jordan and Senator Joe Cavaliere, and has had former Senator Cheryl Lynch return as a

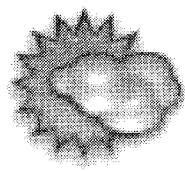
member of the Adhoc Budget Committee. Although the new additions to both the Senate body and the Budget Committee emanated a sense of progression, the senators addressed their concern for the lack of devoted student leaders. Senator Ortiz welcomed Cheryl Lynch into the budget committee as an exceptional addition to the committee but stressed that new inductions of committee members are not the answer to the lack of senator participation on the committee.

Although senators complimented their peers Senator Wisnowski, and Cheryl Lynch for actively participating during their terms of service- senators also recognized the need to consider the impeachment of a few senators and Treasurer Jackie Wu for the utter neglect of responsibilities. As one senator simply stated its time to cut our losses after a considerable amount of time has passed with no sign of

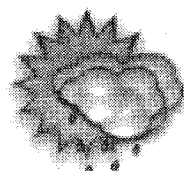
improvement.

Following up on last week's report, Senator Peluso has come through on his proposal to explore the possibility of evolving the senator position into an internship in order to attract more students to run for positions. He reported on the potential of his alternative solution to the proposed stipends as being very optimistic as it received great support from the administrative body of Stony Brook University. A NYPIRG representative also attended the meeting, asking senators to oppose tuition hikes by sending an anti-tuition hike email to Governor Pataki. She urges the senators to take action as she states- "Student leaders- we definitely need your support." The Senate seems to acknowledge its stagnant stage as it tries to address the need of support the student body it was created to serve.

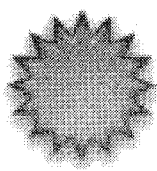
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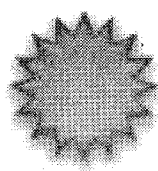
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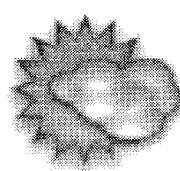
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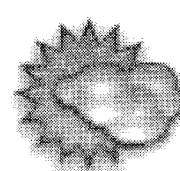
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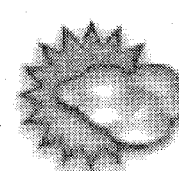
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Karpeh admitted, Any cancer center that has a certain level of commitment to cancer care will receive this commendation. Karpeh continued, The area in which the cancer center at SBU excelled the most was community outreach. Community outreach includes education programs, for example, a witness project that focuses on African American women and the screening of breast cancer. Karpeh also mentioned the opportunities available for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in research and volunteering activities.

Dr. Theodore Gabig, Chief of Hematology Oncology at SBU Hospital, also provided his assessment of the SBU Hospital Cancer Center. He spoke very highly of the cancer center, emphasizing again outpatient cancer services in one location through a multidisciplinary approach.

When asked about how SBU measured up to other medical schools, hospitals, and cancer centers across the United States, Gabig stated, SBU is still very young. After a brief assessment of SBU Hospital's age, Gabig recalled,

SBU hospital recently celebrated its 25 year anniversary. The medical school is probably no more than 30 years old. Considering other cancer centers across the United States, there are other levels of commendation. Gabig spoke of recognition from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), a future goal for the SBU Cancer Center. Gabig emphasized however, Despite its young age, SBU Hospital, the Cancer Center, the Medical School, as well as all other departments on campus should be praised for outstanding contributions thus far.

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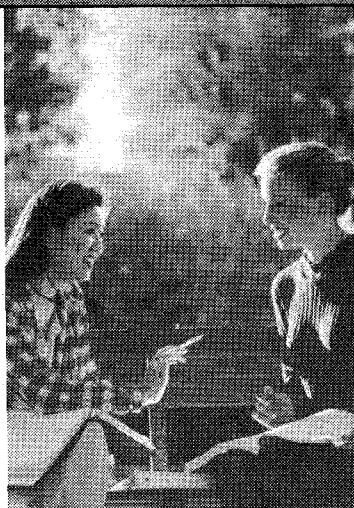
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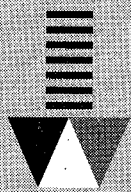
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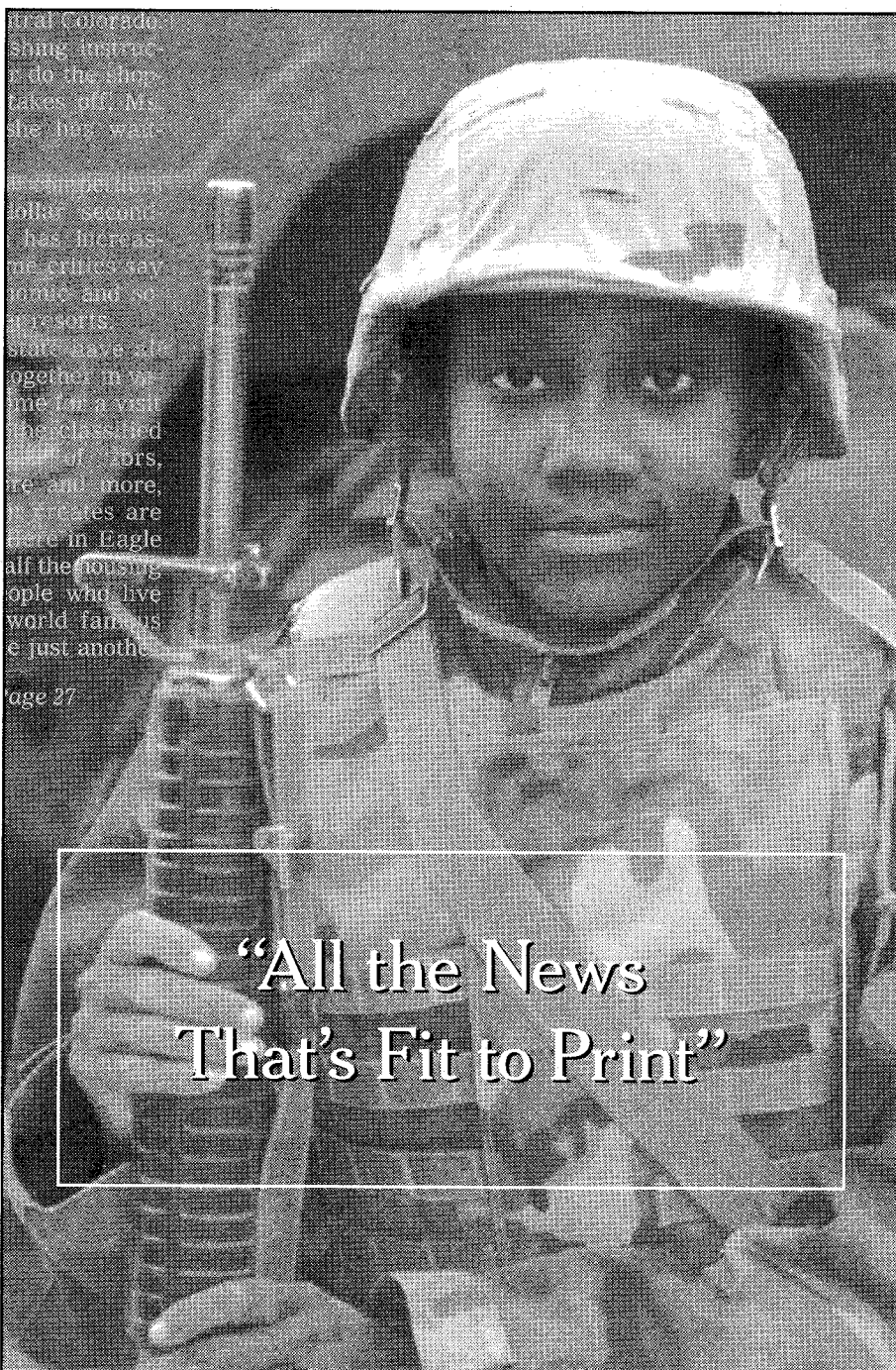
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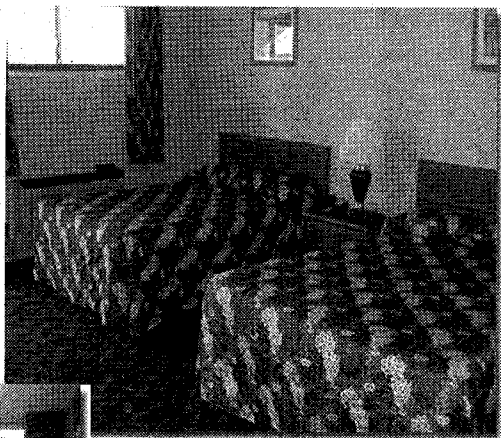
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ON CAMPUS EVENTS:

Blending a Palette of Talent and Leisure

By NANDITHA DAS
Staff Writer

Do you get eight hours of sleep a night? Are you able to concentrate well in class? Do you know what day of the week it is? If you answered no to either of these questions, chances are that you are a tired, stressed, college student. Because being constantly stressed is not exactly a prescription for long life, sometimes, you just need to let go, and enjoy a little. But the problem is that you need a good opportunity.

Well, opportunity has been knocking for four years now, so it's about time that more people opened their doors. The Stony Brook Crafts Center, located in the lower level of the Stony Brook Union in room 049, hosts Craft Night at the beginning of each semester. As a part of the opening activities of Chill Fest that usher in each new semester, students have a chance to relax and bring friends to a complete informal session of arts and crafts. You are left alone, free to create whatever you please. Art supplies are provided, as well as food and music, and it's at no cost!

Craft Night is supposed to be a pressure-free, stress-free environment, meant solely for the purpose of enjoyment and repose. Students can make ceramic magnets, sun catchers, bird houses, bookmarks, pennants, and anything pertaining to the season. This past week, students made Valentine's Day cards and photo cubes.

The Craft Center is dedicated to promoting student involvement in arts and crafts. T.J. Maher, a graduate assistant at Craft Night, noted that students come to spend half an hour or so, and end up staying longer because they become so involved. It's laid-back; you're free to

express yourself. Irena, an undergraduate involved with the Craft Center, commented that coming to Craft Night allows students to bring out the child in them.

Students seemed to agree. Nineteen-year-old freshman, Asfa Akram, whose first time it was at Craft Night said that she had heard about it last semester and wanted to check it out. I was not disappointed, she said. Eighteen-year-old freshman, Laura Tattersall, described the experience as very relaxing. Cindy Qian smiled as she said, I'm taking a break from school.

While it may appear that arts and crafts are feminine outlets, it's often a common misconception, as it is in this case. Craft Night seems to be equally popular among females and males. When asked about his opinion about Craft Night, Sumit Taraphdar remarked, It's great, and refreshing to have these events. It's good once in a while to have a break from studies.

If you discover an artist in yourself, you can enroll in classes offered by the Craft Center, like photography, painting, ceramics, and many more. Students at Stony Brook receive reduced prices for these classes. If you are interested, contact Janice Costanzo, the coordinator, at (631)-632-6822. The programs offered at the Center are sponsored by the Stony Brook Student Union Activities. The Center's website provides more information regarding classes, prices, schedules, and upcoming events: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/craftcenter>. They are also located on Blackboard. They can be reached by email at SB.Union.Crafts.Center@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. Often, in the grand scheme of things, we forget to appreciate the smaller things in life. You're not five anymore, but you're just as entitled as a five-year-old to have fun.

Staller Movies

Spring Season Commences

By TEJAS GAWADE
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Since its inception in 1978, The Staller Center for the Arts has been an art and entertainment powerhouse of incredible capacity. Its Main Stage Theater showcases 35mm films with Long Island's largest screen, a Dolby sound system and a seating capacity of 1,050. Some of the best movies in art, foreign, and popular categories are shown in both fall and spring. Last fall presented popular movies like *Crash*, independent ones like *Mad Hot Ballroom*, and foreign movies like *El Favor* and *Howls Moving Castle*. This spring, the Staller Center presents yet another delectable array of movies from all over the world. Although these movies have subtitles, their themes are universally resonating.

The season began with the amusing *Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were Rabbit* and the *Bhutanese Travellers and Magicians*. On February 10, Staller presented *The Squid and the Whale*, and *De Battre Mon Coeur s'est Ar te*, or *The Beat That My Heart Skipped*.

On February 24, Staller will dive into the realm of more foreign movies with *Paradise Now*, on February 24. This movie delves into the world of suicide bombers by narrating the last few hours of two Palestinian best friends recruited in Tel Aviv. This dramatic movie is in Arabic. It is rated PG-13 and will show at 7:00 PM.

After *Paradise Now*, Staller will bring to life one of the bestsellers of 2005, *Everything is Illuminated*, starring Elijah Wood. Jonathan Safran Foer's characters will reenact this tear-jerker as the main character travels to Ukraine to search for the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis. Funny, sad, and full of disturbing images, this haunting portrayal is rated PG-13 and will show at 9:30 PM.

On March 3, Staller will play The

Memory of a Killer, in Dutch and French.

It is the life-affirming tale of two detectives in hunt of an assassin whose mind is weakening with Alzheimer's. Full of action and intrigue, this fast-paced thriller is rated R and will show at 7:00 PM.

Kamikaze Girls will follow at 9:30 PM. This bubbly movie is set to a Japanese pop soundtrack that disguises its grit, eccentricity, humor and uplift. It is the story of how the lives of a high school punk and a Lolita-like princess intertwine. The movie is unrated.

On March 24, Staller will feature *Ballets Russes*, an award-winning documentary on 20th century dance troupes. The vast archive of the retired dancers will not only enchant ballet lovers, but spirited dance will appeal to everyone. The documentary is unrated and will be shown at 7:00 PM.

It will be followed with the Pulitzer- and Tony Award-winner musical on East Village Bohemians in New York City. *Rent*, directed by Chris Columbus (of *Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone*), tells the tale of young adults dealing with their love lives and AIDS. The movie is rated PG-13 and will be shown at 9:30 PM.

The last two movies of the spring season will be played on April 28, starting with George Clooney's black-and-white film, *Good Night and Good Luck*. Clooney's passionate and truthful narration of the famed 1954 conflict between TV newscaster Edward R. Murrow and Senator Joseph McCarthy is gritty. The movie is rated PG and will show at 7:00 PM.

It will be followed by the immensely popular *Memoirs of Geisha*, which is based on the internationally-acclaimed novel of Arthur Golden. Ziyi Zhang has to survive her society by training to become a geisha. Filled with action, social customs and heart-wrenching romance, this movie is rated PG-13 and will show at 9:00 PM.

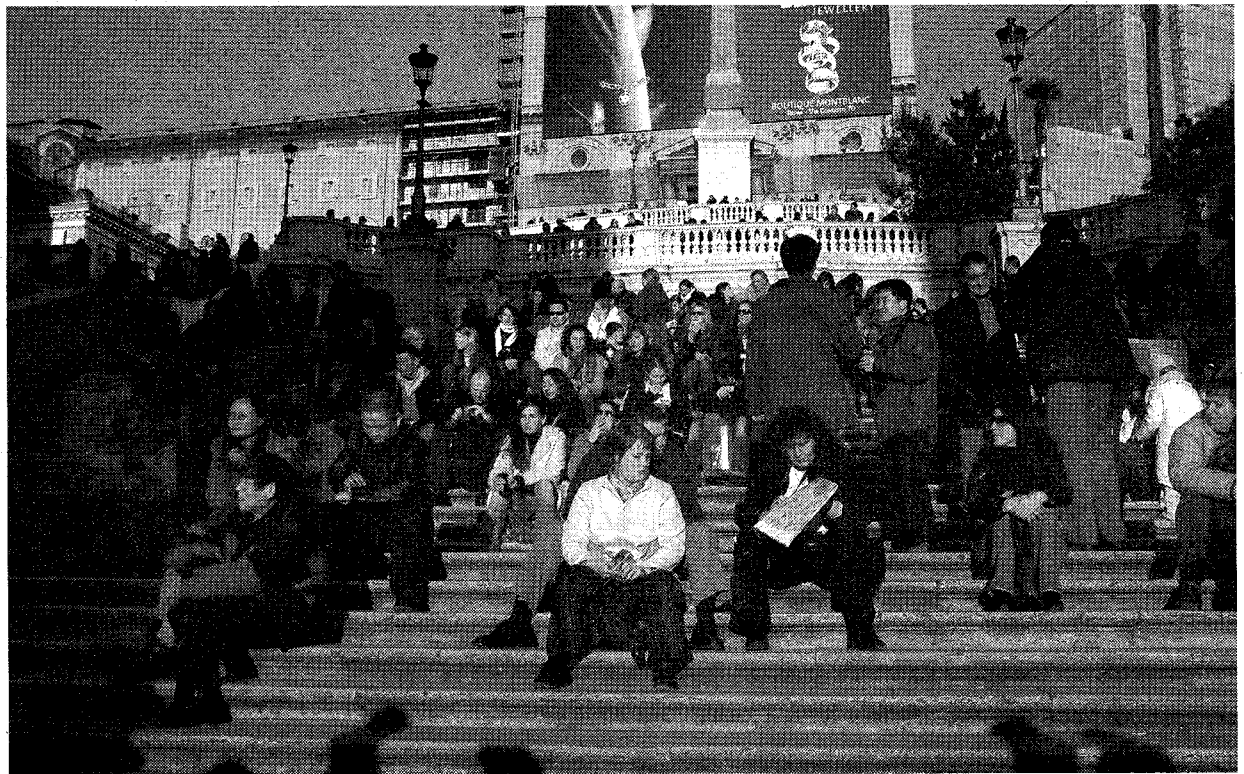
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Assimilation up the Spanish Steps



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By **CARRIE COTTON**
Contributing Writer

The Spanish Steps are one of Rome's most advertised tourist attractions. You can imagine my surprise when I first saw them. Although the enormous, cement staircase consists of more than one hundred steps, I was more impressed with the crowds of people sitting on them day and night. Yet as I sit here now on the platform midway to the top, I can't help but see a metaphor for my assimilation into the Study Abroad program: an uphill climb.

Last week I mentioned the numerous study abroad programs Stony Brook offers. Each one is very unique. Some are well established and organized, and others are new sink or swim programs. I was told that Rome is one of the most established programs, complete with two advisors hired by Stony Brook to help students adjust into their new way of life. The program includes a two-month orientation that consists of group sightseeing tours, and language and cultural classes. A contact was provided to assist with housing, and I was told that I should wait to fly in a group with other students. In other programs the assistance ends once the paperwork is processed. Given the choice, I much rather have someone guide me down the steps, ready to catch me if I fall.

With the unexpected wipeouts I was about to take, the first steps may as well have been covered with ice on a summer's day.

I just want to stop and stress the fact that each program is different. My cousin studied abroad in Australia, and her assimilation into the foreign country was even easier than the program had suggested. Mine, however, is another story.

Once I was able to contact the other students, they had all booked their flights well in advance, and had

never heard anything about waiting for a group flight. When the housing agency finally got back to me, I was told I had to find 3 other students to live with me. Contrary to the 500 euro per month rent I was told to expect, my rent worked out to be \$792 per month, not including utilities. Needless to say, one month prior to my departure I was the classified queen, and had to dish out \$1400 for a round trip plane ticket. As for the other students in the program, they may have only had to pay \$700 in airfare, but each one had to spend their first month in Rome looking for a way to get out of the apartment.

As for orientation, the program laid out in the packet was non-existent. One of the students was so surprised at the drastic difference that he switched into another program 2 weeks ago. The advisors are very nice, but they don't do much more than teach the curriculum. They are available for dire emergencies (one of the girls had to go to the emergency room), but they really don't do anything else. At our first meeting we were informed that the planned activities are no longer part of the program. That included a trip to Venice for Carnivale, and tours to other various attractions in Rome. We were told we were more than welcome to do them, but we had to do it completely on our own. I felt as if I was at the bottom of the Spanish Steps again, with no idea what I would find when I came to the top. Forget about having someone guide me down, I was going up blindfolded.

I am happy to report that despite the rough beginning, the transition has become much easier and enjoyable. I have found a beautiful apartment for 450 euro per month, I have also found it more enjoyable to explore Rome by myself with a guidebook in my hands (although it is very embarrassing at times) rather than in a huge tourist group, and I have made a lot of friends who make it very difficult to feel alone. Once again, like the Spanish Steps, the climb is well worth it.

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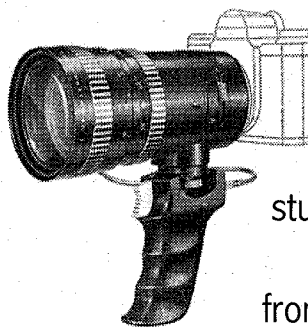
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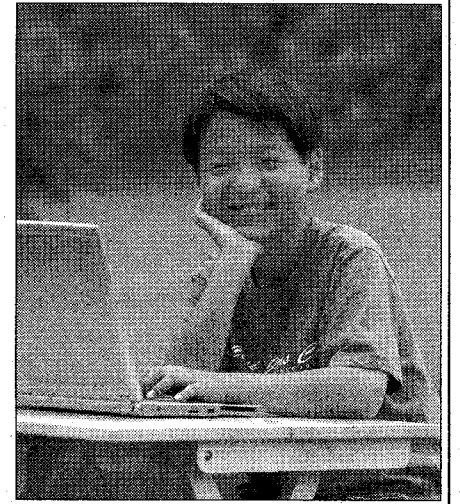
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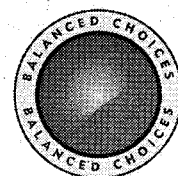
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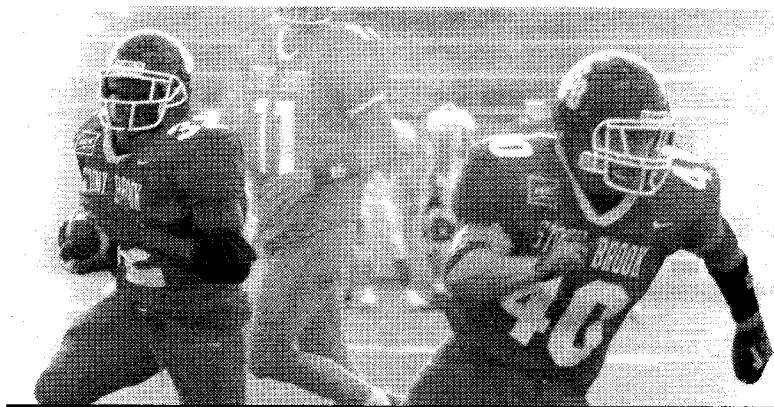
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Women in Sole Possession of 2nd Place in America East

By ROB DWYER
Sports Editor

Revenge is a dish best served cold. How fitting that the lady Seawolves avenged a brutal 1-point loss to Binghamton with a 68-53 victory during the Blizzard of 2006. Aside from the pure joy that comes from crushing a rival after eeking out a narrow victory early in the year, the Seawolves were able to enjoy the solitude of second place now that they are no longer tied with the Binghamton Bearcats.

At 14-7 overall and 7-3 in the confer-

ence, Stony Brook sits alone at number 2 in the America East, 3 games behind league-leader Hartford. Boston University is a game behind Stony Brook in third place, and Binghamton and UMBC are a game and a half behind the Seawolves in fourth place. The win adds considerable significance to the Hartford rematch on February 22nd. The game will be the first ever played during campus lifetime, with a 1pm scheduled tip-off time.

It will be Faculty/Staff day and those who qualify as such will get two tickets for \$5. And while attendance is not mandatory, may as well should be. If

the Seawolves can get a little help from Boston University, Binghamton, UMBC, or Maine, this game could potentially determine the conference championship. Hartford is undefeated in conference play this year, and they wiped their home floor with the lady Seawolves earlier this season, winning 82-64. But if two of the four teams mentioned above can pull off victories over the Hawks, the February 22nd game at Stony Brook will be for all the marbles.

You can bet that the Seawolves remember what happened the last time they faced Hartford, and with so much

at stake, they will certainly be playing their hearts out. What they really need is a large, vocal audience to help give them a real home-court edge. The Seawolves are 8-2 at home this year, but crowds for the games are still light.

It cannot be like this for the Hartford game. We need loud fans (especially behind the visitors basket). Most importantly, spread the word to your friends and let's pack the house. This team deserves all of Stony Brook's support, and as the second place team in the conference, they also deserve a packed house for the biggest game of the year.

Men's Bball Can't Take Advantage of Lackadaisical Boston College

By ROB DWYER
Sports Editor

The Stony Brook men's basketball team had a tough assignment Monday night. After losing at home to arch-rival Binghamton in a game in which Stony Brook never held a lead, the Seawolves had to take their 3-game losing streak on the road to face #13 Boston College in the Eagle's home gym. BC came into the game winners of 8 of their last 9 games, with the lone loss coming against Duke. You can imagine the joys of traveling to Boston in the aftermath of the blizzard, so nobody was going to be surprised if a tired and frustrated Seawolves team rolled over on the Boston College hardwood and submitted to an opponent who was out of their league and on a roll.

Well surprise, surprise! The spectators were treated

to anything but what they expected. Sure, the Eagles won as expected by a score of 59-47, but the game was much more competitive than the 12 point margin of victory suggests. In the beginning, it was Stony Brook who came out on a roll, while BC came out flat. Stony Brook took an early 5 point lead and managed to keep it close throughout the first half, heading into the locker room down only 7 points at the half. Behind a team-high 13 points from Mitchell Beauford, Stony Brook found themselves only trailing by a half dozen points with just over 2 minutes to play. The Seawolves fought hard the entire night and took advantage of the lack of respect that Boston College showed with their sloppy play. Clearly the Eagles did not expect any fight from the Seawolves and it was quite clear that they lacked motivation and a sense of urgency throughout. For a time it seemed as though BC might play poorly enough to succumb to a

spirited attack from a Seawolves team that was playing some of its best basketball of the season.

In the end, though, Boston College just had too many weapons and too much talent for the overmatched Seawolves. Despite being out-rebounded by the Eagles, Stony Brook scrapped for an equal number of points in the paint and collected more steals. But Boston College got more blocks, more assists, more points from their bench, and a couple of runs that put Stony Brook out of striking distance. Still, nobody expected Stony Brook to be within 20 points of Boston College with only 2 minutes to go, let alone with a chance to tie the game in two possessions, so I think this game has to go down in the moral victory column. Despite the disappointing result, the team deserves some respect for playing like they had nothing to lose, rather than playing like they had no shot to win.