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Snowstorm Turns Campus Operations Upside Down

By IAN COOK
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The snowstorm that blanketed the campus last Sunday and Monday gave students a four-day weekend, but left some university staff scrambling to solve problems. Throughout the week, parts of the campus remained difficult to traverse.

With nearly two feet of snow accumulation, cleanup crews created giant mounds of snow, obstructing parking lots and walkways. Many resident students have had to find new routes to class, and residents with cars found themselves "plowed in."

But the challenges met by the average

student are small when compared to the obstacles some disabled students face.

"Stony Brook has tried to be as accessible to disabled students as possible," said Joanna Harris, the Director of Disability Support Services (DSS). "We're all trying to be very patient."

Of the 550 Stony Brook students with self-identified disabilities, 15 to 20 percent have mobility problems, Harris said. Because of the storm, students in wheelchairs were forced to spend three days indoors and had to have meals delivered. Because of the skeleton staff at Campus Dining Services, RHDs delivered food and in general were very supportive of the disabled students, she added.

According to Harris, the snowstorm made life even harder for blind students who get around with the help of Seeing Eye dogs.

Many paths used by blind students, paths which their dogs are accustomed to following, are covered in snow.

The Student Health Center weathered the storm "without anything unusual." The center had difficulty getting staff in and had shortened hours, but didn't have any storm-related patients, an employee said.

Residential Safety Patrol (RSP) remained open during the storm, said RSP employee Emanuel Gymafi. RSP's

walk service was in operation, and desk monitors living in the buildings they monitor were expected to work, Gymafi said. RSP sent out a few staff members with a pick and shovel to help make sure that residence hall doors could properly open and close.

Despite RSP's efforts, some students

noticed that their desk monitors didn't show up. "I was disappointed to see that there was no monitor at the entrance to my building," said freshman Caroline LaManna, a resident of Cardozo College.

The Student Activities Center and Union dining facilities were closed on Monday and Tuesday, and residential dining halls had shortened hours as a result of the storm.

Campus Dining Services (CDS) decided to close the SAC and Union for two reasons, said Lisa Ospitale, the Director of Marketing for CDS.

"There wasn't enough staff, and there wouldn't have been customers," she said. The SAC serves largely



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Snow and ice on paths around campus left disabled students stranded in their rooms for three days.

faculty and commuter students, who weren't on campus, she added. "We didn't want to make the food and then have to throw it away."

In total, CDS employs about 220 associates and managers and 200 students at any given time, Ospitale said. The SAC and Union staff who came to work were sent to help in residential dining halls.

There were no significant shortages of food during the storm, she said, adding that CDS maintains stores of food that will last several days in case of an event like a major snowstorm.

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A student falls during the third largest snow storm in New York history.

Unraveling Myths About Volunteering at SBU Hospital

By KIMBERLY MEILAK
Statesman Staff

Volunteer Coordinator at Stony Brook University Hospital and 1992 Stony Brook graduate Kim Kress wants to spread the word about the volunteer program at Stony Brook University Hospital to students and other community members.

"From my own experience, I've found that people have many myths about what volunteering is really about," Kress said.

Kress explained that she believes these assumptions dissuade people from volunteering. Many individuals, she said, wrongly think that they have to devote excessive hours to volunteering or that they have little choice in what types of work they can do.

"The program is open to anyone who is looking to help someone and can offer the hospital some type of commitment," Kress said.

The Volunteer program at SBU Hospital is open to high school students, who serve as Junior Volunteers, college students and anyone else who wishes to lend a hand. There are a variety of jobs and offices that have positions for interested individuals. Volunteers can work anywhere from the information desk where they greet and direct visitors to the blood bank where they help organize blood drives. The hospital does ask that volunteers donate a minimum of three hours a week for at least eight months.

Kress described the process of becoming a volunteer. Applicants need to complete an interview, a health session and orientation. She described the interview as an informational session in which she looks for an interest in helping people and an overall pleasant demeanor.

Kress will celebrate 10 years of serving as Volunteer Coordinator in July. She said that the hospital is always looking for and taking in volunteers.

"I go to school and community centers to explain the program to anyone who is interested and in hope that it will bring more volunteers to the hospital," she said.

When asked what she hoped volunteers got out of completing the service Kress emphasized "the feeling that they've accomplished something as well as helped others in need."

Kress described her own experience as a volunteer for SBU Hospital. She worked at the informational desk when she was a student at Patchogue-Medford High School, and enjoyed the experience. Kress said she went home every night feeling good because she had helped someone.

The best way for college students to get into the volunteer program is to plan ahead, she said, because some offices and departments fill up quickly.

"It's best to apply to become a volunteer in the beginning of the semester when appointments will be

easier to attain," Kress said.

Kress said that the Volunteer Program has been a success. In November of 2002, over 1,000 hours of volunteer service were donated to the hospital.

"Volunteers provide patients with the one-on-one attention that sometimes staff can not provide at the moment, but is just as important as the medical attention they're here for," Kress said.

For more information call the Department of Volunteer Services at (631) 444-2610.

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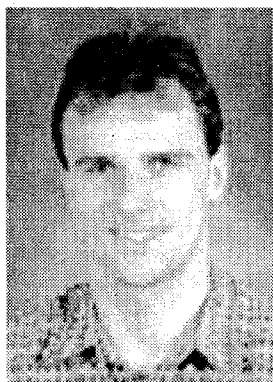
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Research to Benefit Astronauts, Osteoporosis Patients

By ANJALI DOGRA
Statesman Editor

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) presented Stefan Judex, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Stony Brook University's Department of Biomedical Engineering, with a three-year research award totaling \$764,073.

Judex received the grant for the study entitled, "The Genetic Basis of the Loss of Musculo-Skeletal Tissue During Weightlessness: Towards the Identification of Individuals that are at Greatest Risk," which will attempt to identify specific regions on chromosomes that predispose individuals to



Stefan Judex, Ph.D. was given a grant to research bone and muscle loss.

excessive bone or muscle mass loss during long-term space flight.

The loss of bone and muscle under reduced gravity condition is a major stumbling block to man's extended presence in

space. The health and well being of astronauts is severely compromised when they return to Earth because of the tremendous bone and muscle loss suffered in space.

"NASA is committed to selecting research that will help to solve problems humans face in space flight," said Guy Fogleman, Ph.D., Acting Director, Bioastronautics Research Division. "We look forward to working with Dr. Judex to help NASA achieve this goal."

Bone loss similar to that which astronauts experience during space travel afflicts millions of people during periods of bed rest and immobilization on Earth. This

osteoporosis varies between individuals and it is believed that genetic variations can account for most of this variability.

"This award will be fundamental in advancing Dr. Judex's research in identifying the role genetics plays in bone loss, and which is a key etiologic factor in the osteoporosis that haunts millions of Americans," said Dr. Clinton T. Rubin, Chair of Stony Brook's Department of Biomedical Engineering. "Further, I believe this award represents a firm indication of the cutting edge research that our Department and Stony Brook University are pioneering in areas of space science."

University Divide: Part-time Professors Forming Unions

By SCOTT SMALLWOOD
The Chronicle of Higher Education

To the students, they're all just professors. The title—adjunct, associate, assistant—has little meaning when the professor is giving a test or grading a paper. But outside the classroom, there's a hierarchy cast in stone. Part-time and full-time faculty members live in separate worlds. They have different priorities and different dreams.

In one corner are the part-time professors, who teach an ever-larger percentage of classes. They're sure that the colleges are riding on the backs of their cheap labor. In the other corner are the full-timers, who believe that they remain the core of the faculty, whatever the percentages. They're the ones teaching the advanced courses, doing research, and participating in all those

committees that keep colleges running.

As part-timers flock to unions, these differences are rearing their heads within the labor movement. Part-timers are considering the best way to negotiate with administrators. Should they join forces with full-timers, gaining strength in numbers? Or should they strike out on their own, protecting a voice that might get drowned out in a larger union?

The answer differs across the country. At Nassau Community College, on Long Island, N.Y., the two groups—about 1,300 adjuncts and 500 full-time professors—have had a sometimes acrimonious relationship. The annual salaries of full professors there average more than \$84,000, according to data from the American Association of

University Professors.

After being in the same union with full-timers in the 1970s, the adjuncts broke away nearly 20 years ago. Robert Gaudino, a part-time history professor at Nassau since 1965, remembers once asking a full-time colleague why the two camps always seemed to be at each other's throats.

"He said, 'This is our college, not yours. You're like interlopers. You're the academic grape pickers,'" As a result, Gaudino is certain that part-timers are better off on their own. "Full-timers are not interested in the well-being of adjuncts," he said. "It's just not on their radar."

Historically, however, adjuncts have been included in faculty unions at some public institutions. Adjuncts at private colleges like

NYU have recently unionized—a move that their full-time colleagues probably can't duplicate because of federal law.

The part-timers have galvanized around the obvious issues: pay and benefits. More than 70 percent make less than \$3,000 per course, according to a 1999 study by a coalition of academic associations. About two-thirds of the departments in the study offer adjuncts no benefits—no health insurance, no retirement plan.

Adjuncts are also pushing for more job security, hiring preference for experienced professors, and better grievance procedures.

"The goal of the part-time faculty is to get rid of the two-tier system, to professionalize the use of all faculty," said Chris Storer, a legislative analyst for the California Part-Time Faculty Association.

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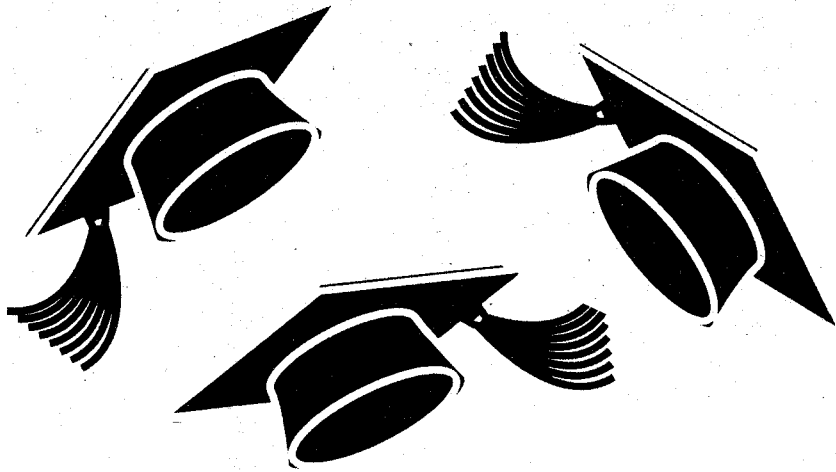
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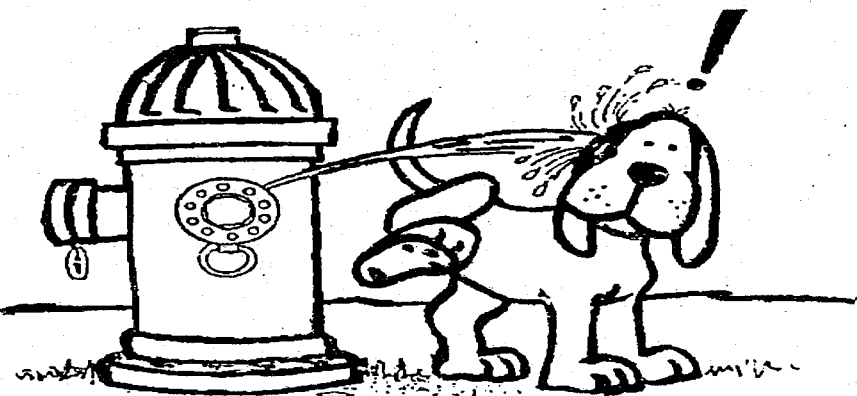
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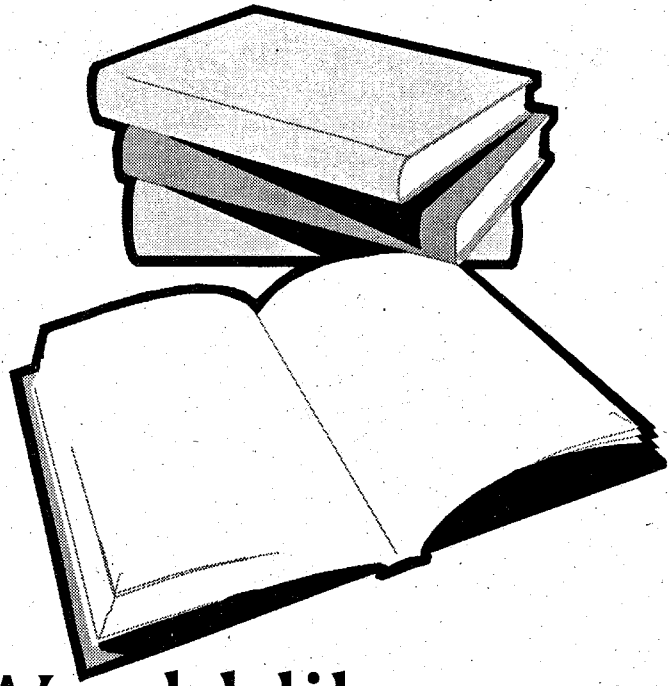
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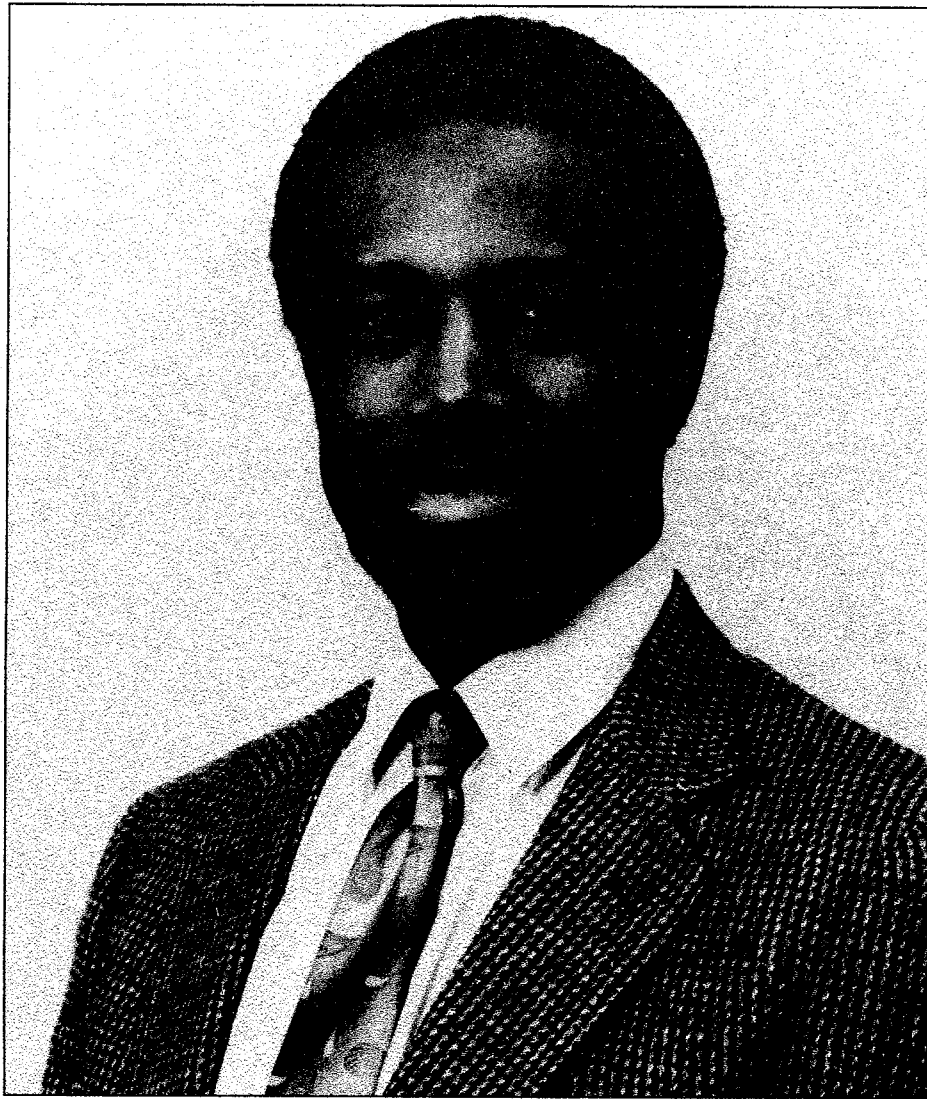
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Snowfall Vietnam Revisited

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To make sure that operations ran smoothly, some of the campus dining directors stayed at local hotels on Sunday night so that they could make it in safely on Monday, Ospitale said.

CDS stayed in contact with RHDs, quad directors, and the university to make sure that students were informed. E-mail and phone messages were sent to students.

One e-mail message, sent on Tuesday, said, "Sometime before 5 p.m., the SAC food court will start providing complementary hot beverages." The hot beverages were never served, and students were turned away. The e-mail was reportedly distributed mistakenly.

After the message had been sent out, the CDS Operations Director spoke with the SAC Building Manager, and decided to forego the beverages because the SAC employees were needed at residential dining halls. "The focus was on feeding the students," Ospitale said.

As snow removal continued throughout the week, it remained difficult to get around the campus. Like many students, Roth Quad resident Adam Litroff was disappointed by the university's snow cleanup efforts.

"The university quickly plowed out the faculty and staff parking lots, but it seems like they were slow to help the students out," he said.

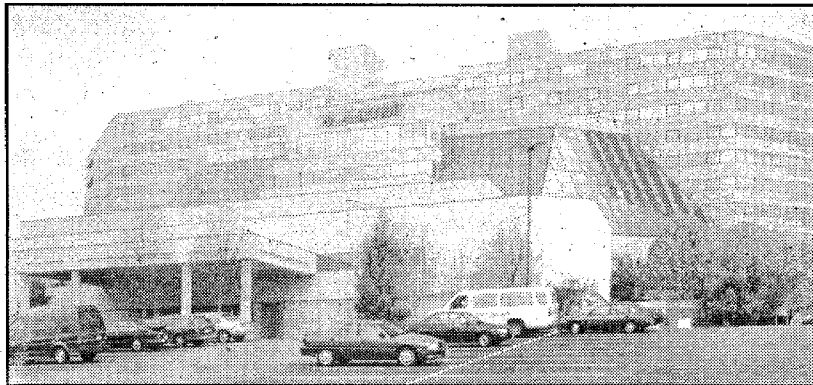
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McNamara himself. In the book, he admits, "We of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations who participated in the decisions on Vietnam acted according to what we thought were the principles and traditions of this nation. We made our decisions in light of those values. Yet we were wrong, terribly wrong. We owe it to future generations to explain why."

The current Bush administration has built up troops and propaganda in the Gulf to the point that it looks foolish if Bush does an about-face, not to mention that inaction would only elucidate his domestic failures at home. The only card Bush has is the War card. History has shown politics is a dirty game where cheating is second nature. The Gulf of Tonkin is an example of this, an instance in which supposedly benign military provocation leads to a conflict. Sadly, it is a historically proven political tactic to gain popular support in entering an unpopular or questionable war.

War in Iraq is both unpopular and questionable (unless you exclusively watch American news), but the fact is, Bush's reputation and political career are dependent on this invasion. Currently, it is not about liberation as the pro-war side says, or about oil as the anti-war side says. It is about a president's quest for survival; for him to live, others must die.

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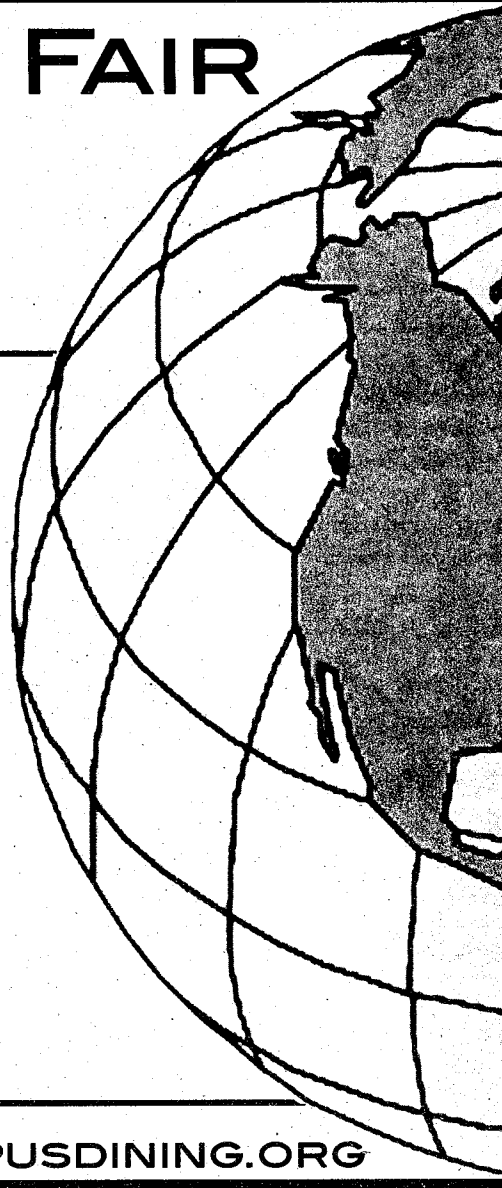
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Women's Basketball Pulls Off Needed Win

By DANA GOMI
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook women's basketball team improved their record to 7-15, 5-6 in the American East when they beat Hartford 66-54 on Wed., Feb 19.

The Seawolves came into the start of the game with only one thing on their minds: winning. The first half was a nonstop battle for the lead. There were six lead changes during the first half, as well as three ties.

Stony Brook stood out this game, shooting 58 percent while their opponents shot a meager 36 percent. This offensive consistency during the first half helped the Seawolves take the lead going into the locker room at halftime, 33-26.

Stony Brook, however, did run into foul trouble in the first half. They picked up a total of 10 fouls by the buzzer, but Hartford came into the second half and encountered some foul difficulties themselves.

In the second half, Danyelle Ingram converted two of her four foul shots, maintaining the lead for Stony Brook. With 15 minutes left in the game, the Seawolves managed to hang onto that lead



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SBU women's basketball swept Hartford last week with outstanding scoring and aggressive plays that earned many fouls.

until the very end.

The Seawolves were obviously pumped this game, and with good reason—Malica Jibowu is now back and playing with the women after a prolonged absence. Coach Trish Roberts has greater freedom again to substitute for tired athletes.

"It feels great to have 10 players. We were practicing with seven people and it was really exhausting," center Bojana Bogetic said. "Jibowu is back and we are happy about that."

Once again, Sherry Jordan was a stand out scorer, finishing with 20 points on 8-of-14 shooting from the field, while pulling down nine rebounds and stealing the ball seven times, tying her career-high.

SBU had three other players in double figures. Bogetic scored 12 points in the game on six-of-seven shooting, and secured four rebounds.

Danielle DeGiorgio chipped in with 10 points and five rebounds. Ingram also scored 10 points.

According to the players, this was an important win for the team. They are hoping it will inspire them to do well in the games leading up to the American East Tournament which takes place March 13-15.

Next up, the Seawolves will take on Vermont on Feb 26. Stony Brook will also soon have to face Maine, the number one team in the American East.

"Maine is scary. Every time we go to play Maine they have a huge audience. They scream and yell and you can't hear anything," Bogetic said. "[And] Albany has a huge player. She is 6'4". But we are just going to try and win as many games as we can."

This game was an easy win for a team that has seen its share of struggles since its transition to Division I.

"It was a fun game," Bogetic said. "It was also a pretty easy game."

The next women's home game will be against Maine on March 1 at 2 p.m.

Mike on the Mat: Extreme Stupidity in WWE

By MICHAEL ADLER
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Just when I thought I ran out of things to write about, the WWE has gone ahead and done all sorts of new stupid little things. God bless you guys. Most of the current stupidity centers on ruining careers this week, but we have some Undertaker shenanigans as well.

I'm still flabbergasted at the bit they did last week to reintroduce Kanyon after a very lengthy absence. He was the surprise in the giant wooden box that was part of Big Show's attempt to apologize to the Undertaker. (That feud is a stupidity unto itself, and worthy of its own column) Out comes Kanyon dressed like Boy George and singing one of Boy George's songs. He then attacks Undertaker, but Undertaker gains the upper hand and proceeds to destroy him.

Now that's just messed up. This is worse than Mike Awesome's return after his injuries when he jobbed nonstop on Velocity. Kanyon was coming back from some terrible injuries, and to have him job like

that on his first night back is just disgusting. What a reward for all the hard work he did to recover from his injuries! Furthermore, Undertaker is at the end of the road of his career, while Kanyon still has a lot of good years left. To crush him like that is to potentially crush his career. The Undertaker, on the other hand, is nearing retirement, and there is no sane reason why he should be crushing new talent like that. If he wants to push his weight around, let him beat up Hulk Hogan and Stephanie. It's a travesty.

Speaking of travesties, the WWE recently let D'Lo Brown go. Now this is a brilliant maneuver: in the midst of a story line where D'Lo proclaims the WWE is racist against blacks, they decide to fire him for real. This is beside the point, though. D'Lo Brown was a decent wrestler! He happened to be stuck in some terrible gimmicks over the past year or so, but of all the people stinking up the ring

lately, (e.g. Triple H), he certainly did not deserve a firing. But then, when does the WWE ever do anything logically? One wonders if he wasn't truly fired for being black. If Booker T jobs to Triple H in the future, we'll know the true answer.



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Was D'Lo Brown fired for being black?

Ah, and the last thing I want to call into question: Nathan Jones' unfinished business with the Undertaker. Who can forget Nathan Jones' unfinished business? They had that great feud back in....oh wait, Nathan Jones is a new wrestler, and he's never wrestled the Undertaker! What idiot came up with this idea? Surely the writers were on drugs when they decided to feed him that line. The real unfinished business is that Nathan Jones and The Undertaker are both really big. Hence, according to Vince's rules of wrestling, it'll be a great series of matches that'll draw a huge audience.

The stupidity never ends in the WWE.

And on a positive note, go out and pick up the "Before They Were Superstars" and "Best of Confidential" DVDs. They're loaded with great stuff that's not nearly as stupid as recent events. As always, the more I plug them, the more free stuff I get. Coming soon: Interview with Mick Foley--maybe.

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