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On Monday, Feb. 14, the Research Assistant Union presented President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. with a Valentine's Day card thanking him for waiving the transportation fee for the Research Assistants, while urging him to do the same for their technology fee.

Old Chemistry Construction to Begin Next Month

BY JAMES KAFTEN
Staff Writer

The Old Chemistry building sits abandoned this semester, the furniture removed from its classrooms and pieces of trash littering the hallways and offices. It awaits a massive renovation scheduled to begin next month that will transform it into a brand new state-of-the-art classroom building for use by the whole university—not just the chemistry department.

The renovation will include an additional three new lecture halls, each capable of holding roughly

250 students. The extension of the current building that presently houses one lecture hall will be completely demolished. Classrooms and workspaces of various sizes will comprise the rest of the building, which will be completely refurbished. The new building will include a 193-seat active learning classroom and a 68-seat testing center, complete with a computer for every student taking tests. It is expected to be completed in about two years.

Anthony Lifrieri, a senior, said that he likes the idea in theory because overcrowding in classrooms has become a problem. However, Lefrieri only thinks it

is practical if "everyone's tuition doesn't have to go up."

The rehabilitated learning hub will also feature a new electrical service, heating, air conditioning and plumbing. New brick and siding will cover the exterior. According to Colleen Wallahora, a former resident of the building, these changes were sorely needed.

"The offices were in horrible condition," said Wallahora, assistant to the chair of the women's and gender studies department, which has moved

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USG Takes the Remote: SBU-TV to Be Restructured

BY FRANK POSILICO
Editor-in-Chief

The Undergraduate Student Government voted Thursday to effectively shut down SBU-TV, the campus's first and only closed-circuit television station since 1992.

The Reformation of Stony Brook Television Act was brought to the Senate floor last minute Thursday night and approved by a vote of 12-5. USG defended its move by stating SBU-TV is an outdated organization.

This means a change for SBU-TV, one that will effectively eliminate the television station's closed-circuit aspect that limits accessibility of the station to on-campus television, remove its current staff and potentially replace them with staff chosen by USG—a tactic that USG says will improve the organization.

"I personally believe that the real form of communication is online. There's just no way to get around that," said Moiz Khan, the director of USG event programming. "I know a countless amount of people who have TVs in their rooms but don't even have the cable set up because if they wanted to they could watch it on Hulu or download it."

Unhappy members of SBU-TV believe that USG is taking the wrong approach.

"Going digital can be beneficial," said Melissa Chan, a senior and journalism major and now a former SBU-TV staff member. "But in this act, [David] is trying to instill these new positions, which means that our positions will be gone."

At Wednesday night's

budget committee meeting, the Communications Act was tabled. But USG collected 162 signatures in a petition to bring the Reformation of Stony Brook Television Act to the floor on Thursday night. An act was not shown to members of SBU-TV or posted on USG's website before going to the floor.

SBU-TV also collected 280 signatures Thursday to go against what USG wanted to do with SBU-TV.

"Is it fiscally responsible to continue to operate the closed television station on this campus at the cost to the students of \$35,000?" Vice President of Communications David Mazza asked at Thursday's Senate meeting. "At some point, USG has to do this."

However, the issue is whether SBU-TV is classified as a club or as an agency of USG. According to USG's constitution, SBU-TV is a quasi-independent agency. Under USG rules, quasi-independent agencies report to the president, who is responsible for what they do.

USG's argument is that SBU-TV was never an actual club, but an agency of USG. Even though SBU-TV has its own constitution and has operated like a club for most of its existence.

"SBU-TV is no different than [the student activities board] or USG Audio Visual (AV) or USG events management or anything of that sort," Khan said. "It would be unfair to say it wasn't given a long leash. But just because it doesn't mean it can't be brought in again."

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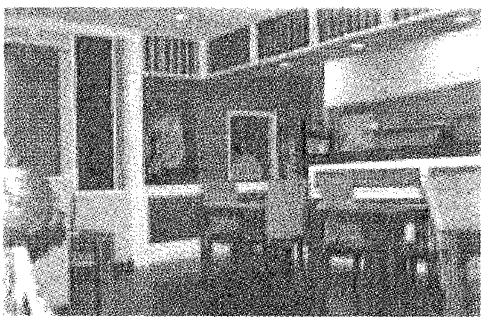
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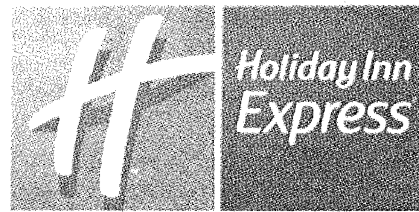
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NEWS

Life After Stony Books' Final Sale

By SARA SONNACK
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University students buying textbooks this semester may end up with the same heavy load in their backpacks, but a lighter wallet in their pockets.

The university bookstore, located in the Melville Library, is now the only bookstore on site or near campus. Stony Books, the alternative bookstore formerly located across the train tracks on campus, closed its door last October. Stony Books was known for providing students with cheaper prices for textbooks.

Though Stony Books shut down months ago, some students weren't aware the store was no longer open. Joe Chon was leisurely flipping through books in the campus bookstore last week and was about to leave to go compare prices to Stony Books.

"I bought most of my books at Stony Books last semester, about

three or four of them," Chon, a junior biology major, said. "It's a little easier since they would get all your books for you after you give them your schedule." He said he had not purchased any books for this semester.

However, Boon Teo, the university bookstore manager, maintains that buying books from the campus bookstore is more convenient.

"The campus bookstore can provide students with the assurance that they are getting the right book for the right course," Teo wrote in an e-mail correspondence.

When asked, Teo did not comment on whether the closing of Stony Books had increased sales for the semester.

"Detailed sales figures and projections are considered proprietary information and cannot be shared," Teo wrote.

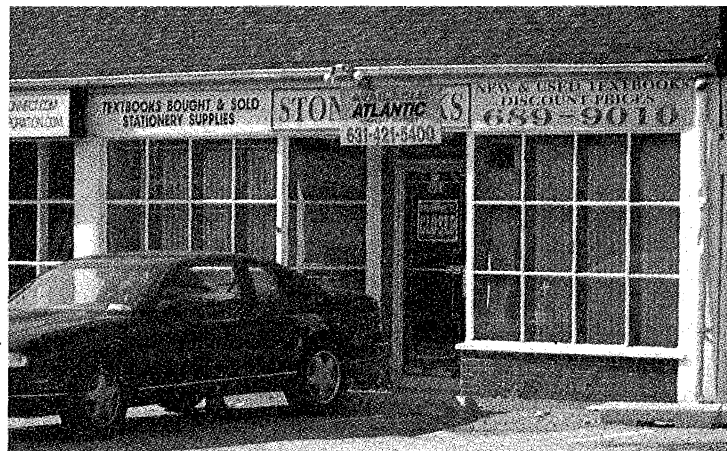
However, she noted that the bookstore's business has increased in the last five years due to the different options available to students. These options include

the purchasing of new books, used books or e-textbooks. For some books, a rental option is now available; the price to rent a book is just 45 percent of the cost of the new version of that book.

Teo also said that the number of orders placed online has steadily increased over the last five years.

Students may have noticed that the line to pick up online orders has now moved outside of the store. According to Teo, this is because online ordering has grown in popularity, and the bookstore needed additional space to accommodate those customers and cut down on congestion inside the store.

Although it is located in the center of campus, the bookstore doesn't have to be the only option for students this semester. Students can look to their peers to help them save a few or even make a few dollars. Sophomores Misha Mehta and Shanice Douglas created the Facebook group "Taking Charge - Stony Brook University (Sell/Buy Your



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Stony Books, the popular off-campus bookstore, suddenly closed last semester, leaving students to find books through alternative means this semester.

Books!)."

The group was created during the spring 2010 semester after Douglas noticed how expensive books were to buy and how little students received when they sold them back to the bookstore. At that time, however, only a few of Mehta and Douglas' friends were

members of the group. They all had similar majors and it wasn't very effective, he said.

After hearing about Stony Books' closing, Mehta decided to take some action.

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Old Chemistry Construction to Begin Next Month

From **CHEMISTRY** on 1

from the Old Chemistry building to the library due to the coming construction. "We had no heat, no air conditioning, horrible air. It was just an old building."

Wallahora is one of the many Stony Brook employees displaced by the imminent restoration project. The chemistry department moved all of its classes and offices to the New Chemistry building, following the completion of renovation there last year. Joseph Lauher, a member of the department involved with space planning, said the move was not too problematic and well worth any inconvenience.

"In general, we're all really happy to be getting new classrooms," Lauher said. "We're disappointed that they're not making more lecture halls. Javits [Center] is really overcrowded."

For Wallahora and the women's and gender studies department, the move from the Old Chemistry building to the library was not quite as smooth. The move, which took place at the beginning of the Fall 2010 semester, lasted a few days and made working during that time difficult.

"We had to shut down for two

days," Wallahora said. "My office was moved first so we could have computers and phones. Everyone else moved afterward."

The effects lasted even longer. Wallahora said that people initially had trouble finding the new offices, despite the fact that the department gave notification of its new location.

"Even though we sent out messages through Campus Life, people don't pay too much attention to the area over here," Wallahora said.

Despite any aggravation

that might have come with the moving process, the new building promises to be a major upgrade for both students and faculty. The building provides much-needed new spaces for learning, as well as up-to-date technologies and facilities that make teaching easier for professors. The tentative 2013 completion date means that many current students here today won't be able to witness its opening.

"I'm out of here, so it really doesn't matter to me," Liferieri said. "I'm never gonna see this thing."

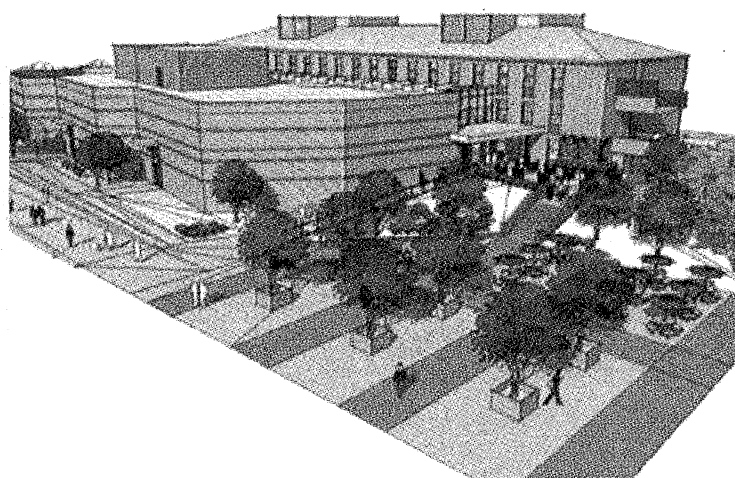


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An artist's rendering of the Old Chemistry building

Rave Guardian Watches Over SBU Campus

By LAUREN DUBINSKY
Staff Writer

Walking across Stony Brook University campus after dark will soon become less dangerous when the university police roll out Rave Guardian, an application that turns cell phones into safety devices by instantly alerting the police of the caller's whereabouts when they are in trouble.

Students and staff will be able to log onto SOLAR and enroll their cell phones, which will give them automatic access to university police through a precautionary timer or one-button panic call.

Through Rave Guardian, a timer can be set on the user's cell phone for how long the user thinks it will take him to reach his destination. Two minutes before the timer expires, the person receives a call from Guardian reminding them that they have an active timer. If the person reaches his destination, they can deactivate the timer with a push of a button. However, if the timer is not deactivated after the time elapses, the university police receive an alert and go to the

location.

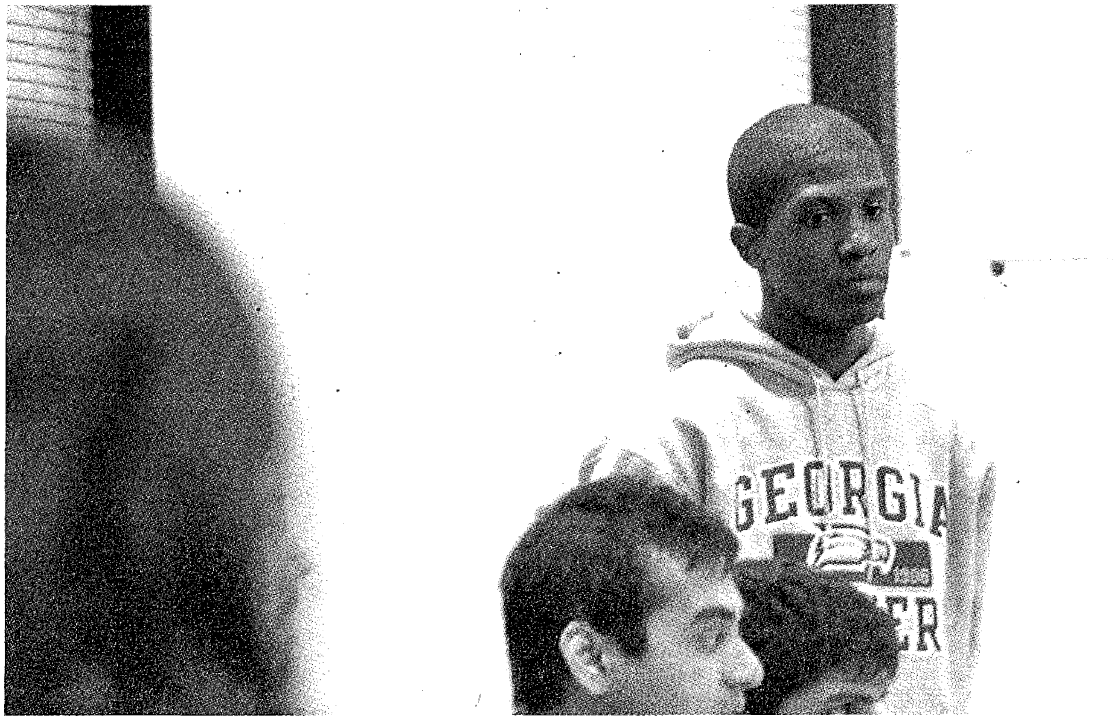
"There is no real-time monitoring," said Lawrence Zaccarese, assistant chief of police. "I know that some schools have had similar questions, and rightfully so, with the big brother concerns. The information is not stored and we can't pop up on the computer and see where you are because you have registered."

When the university police receive a call from someone in danger, the caller is usually in a state of panic and may not even be sure of his or her location. According to Zaccarese, every question a police officer has to ask wastes valuable amounts of time. Rave Guardian eliminates the time-consuming phone call because the caller's profile information is sent to the university police.

Students and staff members can program the Guardian number on their phones as a preset number, and with the push of a button, they are able to alert police dispatchers at the police station that they are in trouble. An officer will then be

See **GUARDIAN** on 4

USG Takes the Remote: SBU-TV to Be Restructured



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Brandon Baiden, the former production manager and news director of SBU-TV, spoke at the USG Senate meeting on Thursday.

From SBU-TV on 1

According to Brandon Baiden, the now-former production manager and news director of SBU-TV, President Matt Graham

and Khan came to their office after midnight on Thursday morning and asked for their keys, stating that they were concerned about SBU-TV members stealing equipment.

Multiple USG street team members, many of whom are normally assigned to event

promotion for a salary of \$10 per hour, were stationed outside SBU-TV's two offices in the media wing, which is in the basement of the Student Union. According to Mazza, they were there to deter former SBU-TV staff against stealing equipment.

Though USG tried to take office keys away from SBU-TV members, they could not bar them from entering the station's office—only the facilities management staff could do so. SBU-TV staff was allowed into the offices by the Union's facilities management, which has a contract with SBU-TV and other student media organizations, including *The Statesman*.

According to Baiden, USG put in a request Thursday night to change the locks on SBU-TV's two offices; facilities declined because the tenant agreement was with SBU-TV.

Baiden said in an email to USG members that when he and Chan told Graham they would not hand in their keys, Graham replied, "I'm president and you guys are an agent of USG, I have the power to do this."

Baiden said to Graham that this was like a dictatorship, to which Graham responded, "yes it is."

In the e-mail, Baiden goes on to say USG should have worked with SBU-TV instead of reorganizing the club.

As of Friday afternoon, SBU-TV's locks were changed by the Union's facilities.

"The ultimate goal was the

assets. I was in a tough situation and I didn't feel comfortable that disgruntled students had access to this," Graham said. "Dictator is a harsh word and I probably shouldn't have used that but [USG's constitution] clearly states that I'm the president and I am responsible for running the agency."

According to Graham, he was not questioning the student's moral compass but he felt he was responsible for this.

SBU-TV members did not see it the same way.

"When I found out, I was extremely hurt. It's very deceitful how we are supposed to be a quasi-agency and they are supposed to include us," Chan said. "But clearly by changing our locks, that's the first step in excluding us."

What was not originally addressed in the act is where the remainder of SBU-TV's budget goes. It was agreed at the meeting that the money would be frozen for the time being.

Discussions to address the future of SBU-TV are expected to take place this week. At Thursday's Senate meeting, a line was added into the reformation to ensure current SBU-TV members would have some say as to what the future of the organization will be.

Rave Guardian Watches Over Stony Brook Campus

From GUARDIAN on 3

able to see the information the user entered on SOLAR.

"This allows us to have an increase response time, particularly in areas where you might not normally have blue [light emergency] phones," Zacaress said.

While many students said that it seems like a good idea, some are a bit skeptical about whether or not it will be successful.

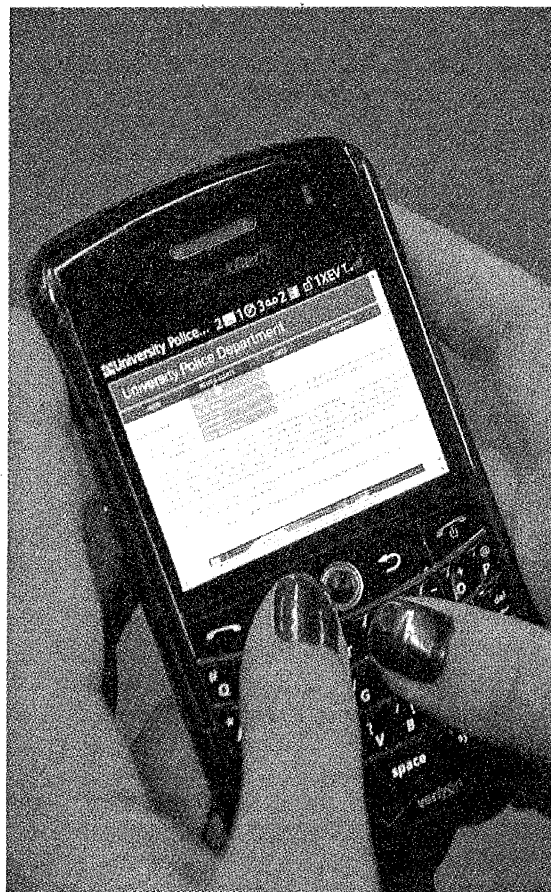
"It's nice to know that the university is taking extra measures and trying to keep all its students as safe as possible, but let's face it, they are going to definitely have immature pranksters setting off the system and causing a ruckus," said Ryane Rodriguez, a sophomore.

Rodriguez said that she thinks the preset button could lead to false alarms from young girls who get frightened by people walking towards them at night.

Rave Mobile Safety was founded in 2004 by a team of entrepreneurs and investors who had the vision that cell phones should be used for safety purposes. Since then, hundreds of colleges and universities have begun using Rave Guardian.

"The demand for Guardian has never been higher," said Tom Axbey, the president and CEO of Rave Mobile Safety. "Student and faculty safety is always in the top three concerns of any student, parent and administrator and we see public safety now looking to utilize technologies that were not available even five years ago to augment their policing efforts."

A survey by Campus Residences showed that 97 percent of Stony Brook students have cell phones. Zacaress said that because of that survey results he knows that they are targeting the right audience. He said that when he compared the cell



phone usage percentages of other schools, about one in four students enrolled their cell phones.

"We are constantly evaluating the new technology and this is just one of those steps," Zacaress said.

Life After Stony Books' Final Sale

From BOOKS on 3

"I sent out a mass e-mail to people during winter break telling them to try using our group for the upcoming semester since Stony Books is gone," Mehta said. Since the start of the semester, the number of members in the group has spiked to 581.

The group is a combination of things that the creators felt everyone ignored before.

"We've all gotten those random e-mails from people who are selling their books or seen all the fliers around campus, but they're ignored," Mehta said. "The group can bring people together."

One member of the group, Melani Tiongson, almost exclusively used Stony Books to buy her books before it closed. The only time Tiongson, a sophomore, would use the university bookstore was for books that could not be found or purchased anywhere else.

"For example, the EST 201 book is completely new this semester, so there is no online or used version anywhere," Tiongson

wrote in an e-mail.

The group has a series of discussion board threads organized by class subject. For example, if a student has a book for organic chemistry that they are looking to sell, they would go to the chemistry thread. Group members are allowed to post the name of the book they have and their contact information. However, no price negotiation can take place on the thread.

"The group could get too congested and you also don't want anyone else interfering on the deal you want to make," Douglas explained.

Still, every semester, the university bookstore tries to offer as many used books as possible; the used books at the bookstore are 25 percent cheaper than the new books.

Tiongson has sold two books for classes through the Facebook group and believes it's a better deal than the bookstore.

"The Bookstore usually underpays you when you sell books back to them," Tiongson wrote.

Carl Zimmer Pays Tribute To Charles Darwin

By NICK ANCONA
Contributing Writer

In celebration of Charles Darwin's 202nd birthday and "Darwin Day," Carl Zimmer, a noted author and science journalist, paid Stony Brook a visit to speak as part of the Provost Lecture Series in Darwin's honor. Throughout his lecture on Feb. 11, he gave homage to not only Darwin, but to George Williams, a Stony Brook alumnus and an avid follower of Darwinism.

Zimmer began his lecture with a brief introduction into Darwin's early life and career which touched upon Darwin's interest in biology, animal behavior and evolutionary biology.

"Light will be thrown on the origin of man and his history" was a Darwinian quote that Zimmer pointed out in his lecture. One of Darwin's most notable contributions to science was his theory of natural selection and the theory of "survival of the fittest."

The next portion of Zimmer's lecture focused on genetics and

their role in evolutionary medicine, a topic that has been generating attention in the scientific world. Researchers are trying to slow or reverse the progression of aging by manipulating humans' genetic coding. If the power of the genes that regulate things such as infection resistance, memory recall and learning can be worked with, aging can become a thing of the past.

Zimmer mentioned one specific gene that codes for these things: ApoE4. However, ApoE4 and many similar genes can be both beneficial and detrimental to our health. They can be helpful in early stages of life and harmful in the later stages — a phenomenon known as antagonistic pleiotropy.

Zimmer teaches science journalism classes at his alma mater, Yale University. In addition, he is a visiting scholar at New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism School. Zimmer has written seven critically acclaimed books in the biological sciences in topics ranging from neurobiology to evolution, along with an award-winning blog called "The Loom."



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Carl Zimmer, a science journalist, talks to members of the Stony Brook community on "Darwin Day."

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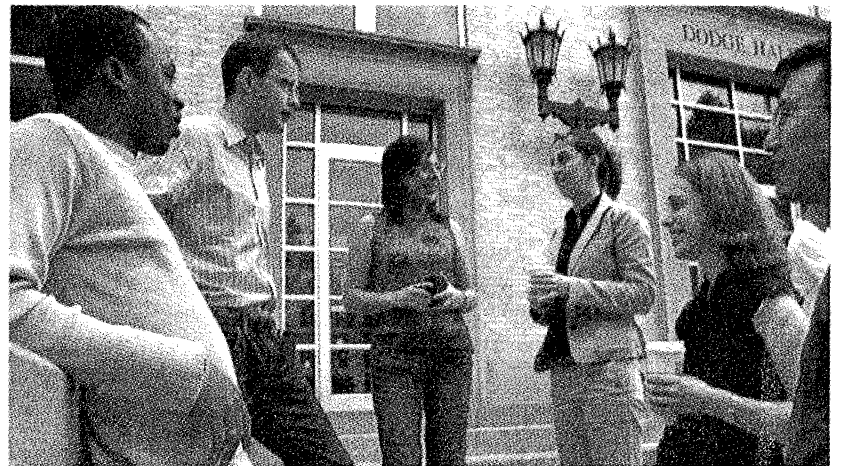
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Long Awaited Aziz Ansari Comes to Stony

By JENNIFER LONG
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Picking up girls, internet arguments and Harris' college essay. With some vulgar words and a few explicit images, comedian Aziz Ansari had students roaring with laughter throughout his hour-long performance at Stony Brook last week.

The Staller Main Stage filled with students who met the American comedian with thundering applause and cheers on Feb. 16. The highly anticipated and packed show was the first event of the Undergraduate Student Government's spring concert series. The event, initially scheduled for Feb. 9, took place a week later due to winter weather.

The show was free for Stony Brook students with school IDs, however, only 1,000 tickets were available. Students who wished to attend the event didn't have to buy tickets but paid another way; hundreds stood in line on Sunday, Jan. 30 and Monday, Jan. 31 in hopes of getting a ticket to the show. The line snaked through the Student Activities Center, extending from the ticket office on the first floor past the Teacher's Federal Credit Union in the basement. Though the line was long, many students who attended the show said it was worth the wait.

"I waited a long time, I probably waited an hour and a half," said Neel Shah, an undecided freshman who waited for his ticket on Sunday after he moved back onto campus from his home in Queens, N.Y. "I thought it was definitely worth it; he was

funny, charismatic, amazing."

Ansari began the show by establishing one cardinal rule: no pictures. Though Ansari asked for all cameras to be off during the show, he allowed students to photograph him for a minute while he pretended to tell jokes and yell at someone in the front row. After setting the ground rules, Ansari joked continuously throughout the next hour, stopping periodically to yell at those who had ignored his request for no photographs.

Ansari joked about everyday occurrences, how men act at bars, dating women who have boyfriends and tipping waitresses.

"Excuse me, Miss. Yes, I'll have a muffin. Here's \$100. I think you know what that

means. I'm willing to have sex with you for the price of \$98," Ansari said.

Ansari also shared experiences from his life with the audience. One story involved a woman asking Ansari if she could go out with him even though she had a boyfriend. Ansari compared the question to other humorous examples for the audience.

"Hey Aziz, I got these tickets to a carnival, but you can't ride any rides. Is that a problem?"

"Yeah, that's a problem! I want to ride those rides! That's the whole point in going to the carnival. These tickets you gave me are useless."

"Hey Aziz, I got you a panini press off of Amazon, but I shipped it to my friend Lisa instead of you. Is that a problem?"

"Yeah, it's a problem; that's not my address! And I don't have Lisa's contact information, and now that you mentioned a panini, I really want one!"

Ansari also included recurring

“ Excuse me, Miss.
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AZIZ ANSARI

Stand-up Comedian and Actor



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characters in his stand up show. Ansari's cousin Harris received the brunt of many jokes. Harris's college essay came under fire as Ansari read it aloud to the crowd:

"I remember thinking how bizarre it was that someone could not read. What if I couldn't read? I wouldn't be able to text my friend movie times, or even order cheese biscuits from Red Lobster."

"These are the things that pop into Harris's mind when he imagines a world where he can't read."

The show ended with Ansari abruptly

walking off stage, returning a second later for a short encore.

"It was really funny, I enjoyed it! I've seen a lot of his old material, so it was similar to what he's joked about before so I thought it was pretty good," said Khush Chaudhary, a junior majoring in psychology and English and a USG programming assistant. It was a little more vulgar than what I'm used to."

The next show in the Undergraduate Student Government Spring Concert Series will be on March 8 and will feature Christopher Hitchens.

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RockYoFaceCase
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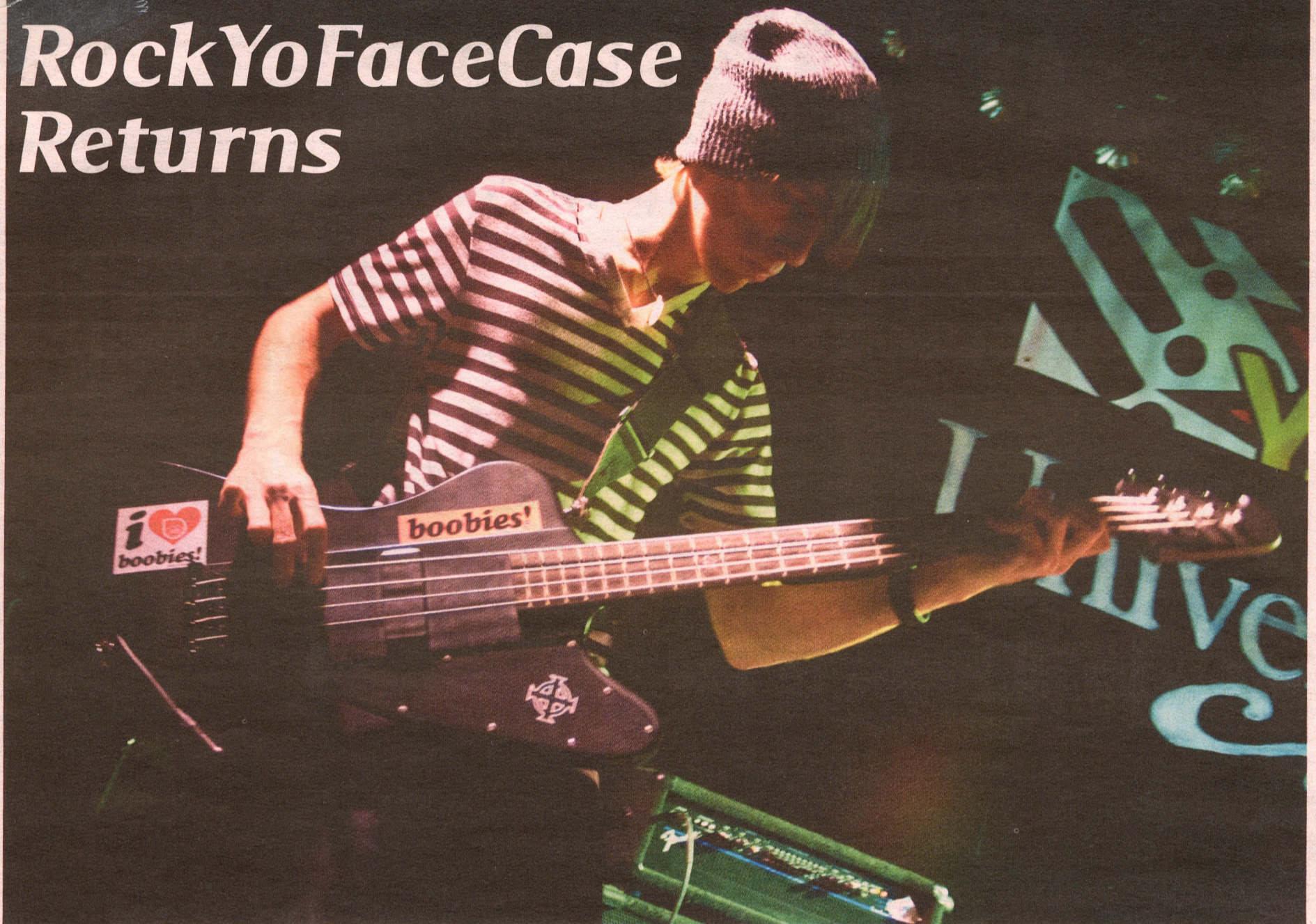
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Staller Center Main Stage
7 p.m.

RockYoFaceCase Returns



By **ARIELLE DOLLINGER**
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The RockYoFaceCase concert series at the University Café has officially resumed this semester, with performances by six new bands and many more to come.

The Feb. 7 concert, the first of this semester's weekly series, consisted of performances by six bands. Lawn Chair Bombers, August Anthem, Not So Broken, Along the Falls, Yesterday's Pants and Ignatius J. Reilly showcased their talents.

"The six new bands were great, and we had an amazing turnout — the best in RockYoFaceCase history actually," said Patrice Zapiti, founder and coordinator of the concert series.

The series, which features several bands and a new theme for each show, returned with a "T-Shirt Time" theme — in reference to "The Jersey Shore."

According to Zapiti, this reference was meant to be fun and satirical. Members of the crowd played Flip Cup and "Soda Pong," and got free custom RockYoFaceCase t-shirts, which were screen-printed during the event.

Zapiti, a graduate student who studied biology and musical performance at Stony Brook, was more than pleased

with the event, and said that there is much to look forward to throughout this semester's series.

"The RockYoFace team this semester is really on point, and our new internal structuring of credited interns and volunteer interns seems to be very conducive to bringing the program to the next level," Zapiti said.

The recent growth of the RockYoFace team should positively impact the series, according to Zapiti.

"Because some of the aspects of planning and executing that are usually solely my responsibility have been delegated among a team of very competent, reliable and passionate student coordinators, we are able to get more done more efficiently," Zapiti said. "I think we are going to have our best events yet this semester -- sound will be better, our marketing will be better, our shows will run smoother, and I believe we will be able to better connect with our bands and the campus community."

Bands will be getting more involved in the RockYoFaceCase event planning process, and some will even be customizing the events to suit their bands' personalities.

For example, Breathing East, a band that has played at Stony

Brook many times before, is having a CD release show in March; the band is set to help plan the event.

NGHBRS, another Long Island-based band, will also be playing RockYoFace in March, and will be planning the theme and lineup of its event as well.

The RockYoFace team will assist the bands in planning and executing the event, but the bands will have much more of a hand in their own shows than they did last semester.

Liz Trincone, a freshman at Stony Brook, enjoyed the show, but would have preferred if the event had allowed for more social interaction.

"I thought it was decent, it would've been much better if it hadn't been so loud, because it was kind of painful, and it was hard to mingle with everybody that was around you," Trincone said.

Trincone did say, however, that she would give the show another chance.

The next RockYoFaceCase event is Monday, Feb. 21, and will feature This Good Robot, Future Relative, The Indecisive Few and Special Guests DJ's, along with a free Dance Dance Revolution tournament.

RockYoFaceCase takes place on Mondays during the semester, the only night of the week that the University Café is open to people of all ages rather than the over-21 crowd.



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Six bands took the stage of the University Café on Feb. 7 for the first RockYoFaceCase event of the semester.



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OPINION

War of the Words: SBU-TV

USG Aiming At The Media Again

BY APRIL WARREN
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus

I find it incredibly disheartening that less than one year after the Undergraduate Student Government sought, and failed, to flex its non-existent pectoral muscles by cutting *The Statesman's* budget, it is once again trying to annihilate a media outlet by killing off the only closed-circuit television station on campus.

For those readers who are unfamiliar with last year's brouhaha, the former treasurer claimed we were "fiscally irresponsible." *The Statesman* filed a lawsuit. We got our money back. Moiz Khan resigned as treasurer shortly afterwards.

So here we are again. Another spring, another bored USG, another media outlet on the chopping block.

In the past, USG has criticized the television station for not always taping the government's weekly meetings. The television station's argument has been: stop cutting our funding, and we will tape anything you want.

This year, USG has made a push to ramp up eternally-lagging campus spirit by bringing mediocre talent to Stony Brook. Well, I don't think that bringing in outside talent one day and killing off inside talent the next would make the student body actually turn out for your elections any more.

USG's Vice President of Communications David Mazza, told *The Statesman* that reasoning behind the decision came about because of the way consumers find their news. True, with the advent of the Internet, more of the younger crowd gets their news online. This is no secret. The School of Journalism offers classes that discuss this subject. Perhaps Mr. Mazza has taken one and now deems himself an expert.

However, is this rather rash decision really one that should be up to the student government to decide? Did you try discussing this at all with the television station?

Maybe pitch to them the possibility of taking their content to the web? But that would go against the part of your constitution that prohibits you from altering press distribution, so I guess it's just easier to get rid of them altogether.

I don't understand how an institution like Stony Brook, with all its "red-hot" tape, can let a bunch of students with agendas and grudges rule the roost. Where are their parents?! I sincerely hope the school doesn't let this happen. If the administration does not try to interfere, then it proves they are just interested in taking our tuition, not in helping the students.

There are plenty of new media outlets on campus, but SBU-TV is the only television station. Shouldn't they have some pull with the fact that they are part of the school's history? Before the School of Journalism existed, this was the only place for broadcast students to practice their craft and for many, this is still the only place for them to practice.

I am currently attending Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, and would not have made the cut had it not been for Stony Brook University's campus media. I owe my future career to a newsroom located in the belly of the Union building, as do many alumni.

It would be a shame if future students never have this chance.

If the student government has its way, this would set a dangerous precedent for the future. They didn't succeed last year and hopefully they won't this year. But will the third time be a charm? I seriously hope not.

If television ratings are what USG is concerned about, SBU-TV's can't be half as bad as the four percent of the campus that turned out to vote in the November 2009 election. This year's turnout was even worse. In that case, maybe the student government should be the one to go. This way the school can save the television station with the plump paychecks the USG senators give themselves.

A Message For The Student Body

BY MATT GRAHAM
USG President

In an effort to make the Student Activity Fee do more for the student body, your elected leaders of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) have decided to cease broadcasting SBU-TV in the dorms on campus.

It is our belief that SBU-TV's channel 20 broadcasts have become an outdated form of media to students. Our generation goes online for not only information but for news, entertainment and nearly all forms of media. Though channel 20 in the past may have been popular for the student body, it is obvious that it has become obsolete. With over half of the student body commuting, that is even more students who can't even watch channel 20.

Nevertheless, they still have to spend money for its operation. Our vision is to shift SBU-TV's content to a completely online source. This will not only allow for commuters to reach SBU-TV's content but also lift us from some of the University's regulations that prohibit certain content on channel 20. It will also cut the

cost of operation significantly and allow for those savings to better serve the students.

There has been some confusion about whether SBU-TV is an independent club or agency of the USG. In our laws, it is clearly defined as an agency of the USG, and thus can be guided by USG's leadership.

Some may be unhappy with our process, but we did what was necessary to protect the hundreds of thousands of dollars of equipment in SBU-TV's offices, equipment that was paid for by the Student Activity Fee. We were aware that our proposal would be controversial, and naturally, this would put our assets at risk. History has shown us that situations similar to this result in assets being stolen or damaged. Our number one goal was to prevent that this time around.

We are not shutting down SBU-TV, but rather restructuring it so that it can better serve the students.

The leaders of USG are accountable for ensuring that every dollar of the Student Activity Fee is spent in the most fiscally responsible way. In the end, we are saving the students money and hoping to provide a service that will benefit them more.



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Moiz Khan at the Senate meeting on Thursday.

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The Middle East and How It Affects Us

By RAVNEET KAMBOJ
Opinion Editor

With unrest sweeping over the Middle East, we here at home are left to wonder how it will all turn out and how it is going to affect us all in the long run. The region is notoriously unstable and for the last thirty years or so there has been an uneasy peace between the nations there and Israel but as governments keep falling and the people of those nations clamor for democracy we are left to ponder the question of what happens if they elect people who are anti-American or even supportive of violence.

This threat may be justifiable given the election of Hezbollah in Lebanon in majority elections and other indications that some of the protestors do harbor anti-American sentiments. However the people who seem to be revolting in these countries all seem to be young, well-educated and thus far secular. They are mostly frustrated college students and graduates who are being exposed to the social media revolution and feeling the pressure to claim their own freedom.

The reason that these dictators were able to hold on to power for so long was the virtual lock down of culture that occurred. Things were censored and the media was tightly controlled. As the inevitable revolutions of the Internet along with Facebook and Twitter came along the governments in the Middle East could no longer keep their populations under control by telling them that they had the best system. People began to see how we all live here and how people in the west have the freedom to choose



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our representation and also were able to finally connect and voice their discontent together and organize themselves. There are some who said that the Middle East is not ready for democracy and that they cannot have a successful democratic government until they want it for themselves. This, I believe, is the truth. It is hard to tell someone to accept democracy, even if it is the best option for them. Until they grow frustrated with their nation and how their lives are they will never truly put their hearts into any effort to push for democracy.

If the West's ultimate aim is to bring democracy to the

region, the best way to do that is to pressure the Middle East to allow its citizens access to the Internet and the right to protest. Some countries in the Middle East might be ready for democracy, but are we ready to see that in the region? Take Bahrain for example: the U.S Navy's Fifth Fleet is stationed there and patrols and projects its power in a region where 40 to 50 percent of the world's oil is shipped through. Bahrain has taken a brutal approach to its citizens protesting. They are being shot down in the streets and in Libya the government is reportedly using attack helicopters, mortars, tanks and

artillery against protestors who are un-armed. The United States is in a tough position since it's a very dynamic situation they have to be condemning of the violence and at the same time watch the region for any major instability that crops up.

Whatever the long-term effects on us at home, we can only hope that the people in the Middle East decide to take the path of peace and secular government. However, what we can learn from the protestors is once again that staying peaceful and voicing your opinion can make a difference. Some times all it takes is one person. The man in Tunisia who set

himself on fire sparked the revolution there and that spread to Egypt. The sad incident with Representative Elizabeth Giffords showed us what can happen when the atmosphere in the nation becomes hostile and people start subtly advocating violence. People who are unstable may take this rhetoric from both sides and act on it.

If we at home are unhappy with something going on, we should not sit around and hope others fix it for us. We should participate in our government, vote for those that share our values, exercise our right to peacefully assemble and use our freedom of speech.

Should President Stanley Take A Pay Cut ?

By BRYAN CARROLL
Contributing Writer

In a budget proposal submitted to the state legislature recently, Governor Andrew Cuomo removed a total of \$12 million dollars from the Stony Brook coffers and \$55 million from the Stony Brook Hospital budget through 2011-2012. Though, it is too early to see how this decrease will affect any tuition hikes at Stony Brook. However, the community has already seen a proposed increase for the comprehensive fees. One might call this curtailment in funding an opportunity in disguise to see where the administration can be "penny-wise and not pound-foolish."

Moreover, students, parents and the Stony Brook administration officials are looking for ways to

trim the overall budget in any fashion they can. To align the budget with current and future needs in any business is a valid task of any manager.

Conversely, Jack Welch, the former CEO of General Electric, postulated the idea of leading by example. Cuomo cut his personal salary by five percent and asked his senior staff to take a pay cut of five percent from their predecessor's salary. In Connecticut, Governor Dannel P. Malloy cut his personal staff by 15 percent. Now, it might be President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr.'s turn to lead by example.

Stanley makes \$400,000 a year in addition to \$100,000 per year from the Research Foundation of the State University of New York and \$150,000 annually in compensation or deferred compensation. (Data of May 5, 2009). In comparison, the Governor of New York makes only

\$179,000, the Lieutenant governor makes \$151,500 and the Secretary of the State makes \$120,800.

In the private sector, publicly-traded companies like Google, Ford and Apple have paid one dollar in annual salaries to their Chief Executive Officers in recent years. Some of the well-known executives who are members of the "buck-a-year club" include Steve Jobs, founder and CEO of Apple Computer, and Sergey Brin and Larry Page at Google.

Obviously, they are compensated in other ways, usually through stock options or restricted stock. Having such compensation gives the CEOs strong incentives to make sure the company does well. Yet, in a public university setting, there is not stock to offer as a supplement instead of base pay.

As a result, "prudent" executive compensation has been set up during the times of economic

prosperity and readjusted in times of recession. Just ask the new president at the University of Connecticut, Susan Herbst, who saw her salary decreased by \$50,000 less than what her former predecessor was making.

Although one dollar salaries are an extreme answer to reduced salaries, they serve as examples to the many different options on the table. Stanley and his staff must do their part to help the university during these difficult economic times.

The Stony Brook community should see if Stanley would be willing to reduce his salary from a range of five percent to eight percent and ask his senior staff to take a pay cut as well of five percent. They could also see if he could take a salary equal to the New York Governor's period of one year.

To be a bit more pliable for

these individuals, one percent of the savings should be given back as deferred compensation at the end of year as a note of appreciation.

This concept could have a potential savings of at least \$20,000. Imagine how many graduate assistants could be funded with that, or scholarships offered, or new adjacent faculty hired. Or, more importantly, imagine how many caps and gowns could be given out for free as a result.

Thus, I question why Stanley has yet to follow the example of two New England states that are checking "phone booths for loose change," and cutting expenses in this recession to help pay for their foreseeable deficits.

I would be the first one to argue that college presidents should be paid commensurate with their experience. However, I further that concessions must be made before increasing revenues.

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M LAX: Banner year leads to high expectations

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defensive end in the form of Steven Waldeck. He led the Seawolves with 112 ground balls.

"There was no better player for four years," Sowell said. "We can make up his production on the field, but he was the heart and soul of the team and that can't be replaced."

The loss of Waldeck and goalkeeper Charlie Parr makes this year a tough one for the defense. However, Sowell is still confident in his players.

"We know we're inexperienced on defense but we're excited about the potential of the players who stepped in," he said.

Stony Brook was unanimously picked to win the America East this year, receiving all five first-place votes. However, Sowell notes that every team in the conference has improved from last season and the Seawolves do not expect any easy games.

"It's always been a competitive conference," Crowley said. "We don't overlook anyone because we know it only takes one bad game to lose the America East."

The Seawolves open the season on Saturday against top-ranked Virginia in a rematch of last year's quarterfinal game.

"We're going to have our hands full," Sowell said. "It will be an early test for us and a great opportunity to see how good we are. We're excited to play."

Sowell said he wants the fans to come out and support the Seawolves.

"We need them," he said. "Our team feeds off of their support, so come on out and root for the home team."

Faceoff is set for 12 p.m.

W BBALL: Lost six of last seven

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push its lead back up to eight.

The Terriers answered with an 8-0 run to tie the game at 47 with 12:30 left.

Bridges gave Stony Brook the lead back with a foul-line jumper, but the Seawolves then went over five minutes without a field goal as BU scored 10 of the next 11 points to take a 59-50 lead.

Murray ended Stony Brook's drought with a three-pointer from the right wing before

Kerry Cashman scored three consecutive points to build the BU advantage back up to nine.

Stony Brook returns to action on Wednesday, hosting Hartford at Pritchard Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

The Seawolves will then finish out the year at home against Binghamton on Feb. 26.

The America East Championship tournament begins on March 3 with the play-in game between the bottom two teams in the conference. The Seawolves currently sit in eighth place, above only Maine.

Women's Soccer Busy Recruiting

By SAM KILB
Sports Editor

All-Connecticut midfielder Regan Bosnyak has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Stony Brook University according to a release in the *Hartford Courant* on Friday.

Bosnyak was a stand-out at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, Conn.

In her junior year, Bosnyak helped Northwest Catholic win 18 games and a league championship on the way to the first state championship in school history.

Bosnyak was a three-year starter, and was named to the all-conference and all-state teams in her senior year.

"It isn't too often that a player can take a game over with one pass, but Regan was able to do that," head coach Todd Sadler said in the release. "I consider myself lucky to have coached her over the past few years."

The Seawolves finished last season in the semifinals of the America East championship tournament, when Stony Brook lost to Maine, 3-1.

The team finished with six wins, 10 losses and two draws.

BBALL: Men's hoops drops final non-conference game

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defense, forcing a missed jumper from Alvarado.

With five seconds on the clock, Dougher took the in-bounds pass, split the defenders to get into the lane for a layup, but the ball



Anthony Mayo slams one home with time expiring in the first half. Mayo finished the game with six points.

rimmed out as time expired.

Brutus led Manhattan with 25 points and Beamon added 23 points, representing 75 percent of the Jaspers' scoring.

The Seawolves outrebounded the Jaspers 43-32, including 18 offensive boards. They shot only 28 percent from beyond the arc.

Despite the good showing from the line in the first half, they made only three of their ten attempts in the second half.

Manhattan was able to take advantage of Stony Brook's 13 turnovers to get 20 points.

Carter and Joyner led Stony Brook with eight rebounds each. Al Rapier (Chicago, Ill.) put together a good game, dishing out five assists and grabbing six rebounds to go with four points.

The Seawolves were shorthanded for this game as Dave Coley (Brooklyn, N.Y.) sat out with a knee injury and Eric McAlister (Hightstown, N.J.) was not active after suffering a sprained ankle in practice on Friday. Senior Chris Martin (Springfield Gardens, N.Y.) played but was limited to three minutes as he is still recovering from knee surgery he underwent in December.

Saturday's game was Stony Brook's first BracketBusters appearance sponsored by ESPN. The men's team will return the favor by visiting the Jaspers in an away game sometime in the next two seasons.

The Seawolves resume America East play on Wednesday, traveling to face Hartford in a game that will help determine their seed in the upcoming America East Tournament. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Women's hoops burns lead, loses to BU

By MIKE DANIELLO
Staff Writer

The Boston Terriers were able to overcome a 14-point deficit in the first half to beat the Stony Brook Seawolves 72-68.

Sophomore Sam Landers (Springfield, Va.) led the way for the Seawolves with 13 points and six assists.

Kristen Sims scored 11 of her game-high 15 points in the second half to lead the Terriers.

Senior Kirsten Jeter (Elmont, N.Y.) had 12 points and eight rebounds, while junior Destiny Jacobs (Glen Burnie, Md.) added 11 points and seven rebounds of her own.

Stony Brook, which fell to 5-21 overall and 2-12 in the America East Conference, trailed 62-53 with 5:49 left but cut the lead to two after a layup by sophomore Gerda Gatling (Woodbridge, Va.) with 3:30 remaining. Sims hit a three pointer with the shot clock winding down, and Mo Moran hit two free throws to put the BU lead back up to five.

The Seawolves trailed by four with 14 seconds left and had Gatling at the line. Gatling missed both free throws, and Chantell Alford hit one of two free throws for Boston.

Landers then missed a three pointer on the other end as the Terriers held on for the victory.

Stony Brook hit six of its first eight shots to take an early 14-5

lead in just over four minutes. All five Seawolves starters scored in the first four minutes.

Boston scored the next five points to climb within four, but Jacobs then scored three straight baskets, including a fast-break lay-up off a beautiful feed from Landers.

Sophomore Juanita Cochran (Saginaw, Mich.) followed with an inside basket to push Stony Brook's lead up to 22-10.

The Seawolves led by 14 midway through the first half following a contested jumper from sophomore Talisha Bridges (Kalamazoo, Mich.), which was just inside the three-point arc, but the Terriers went on a 15-4 run over the next five minutes to cut Stony Brook's lead to three.

Boston cut the Seawolves' lead to one on three occasions, and finally tied the game at 36 on a Caroline Stewart free throw with 1:30 remaining.

Landers answered with a long jumper from the top of the key, and followed with two free throws to send Stony Brook into halftime with a 40-36 lead.

The 40 first-half points were a season-high for the Seawolves, who shot 51.9 percent and went 12-for-12 from the free throw line in the first half.

Stony Brook scored seven of the first 10 points of the second half to

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Indoor Track Breaks Records at AEC Championships

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Asst. Sports Editor

Stony Brook University track and field teams traveled to Boston University for the America East Championships, which began on Friday at Mickerson Field.

The women's distance medley relay team broke the America East record by more than 30 seconds with a time of 11:13.20.

The team consisted of senior Lucy Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand), senior Holly Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand), junior LaQuashia Hall (New York, N.Y.) and junior Page Price (Tampa, Fla.). The time was a record for the facility in Boston, and it was the twelfth fastest time for the event in the country.

Junior Hayley Green (Wellington, New Zealand) qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) by finishing second in the 5000 with a time of 16:28.45, which is a minute better than the qualifying time.

The men's distance medley relay also qualified for the Indoor Track and Field Championship (IC4A) with a time of 10:04.08.

The Van Dalens would return to strike again on the second day of the championships, each breaking a conference record.

Lucy broke the 16-year-old conference record for the mile by more than six seconds with a time of 4:38.48, while Holly completed the 3000 with a time of 9:24.00, which means that both she and her sister qualified for the ECAC's.

Joining Lucy Van Dalen in qualifying for the ECAC's for the mile was freshman Olivia Burne (Palmerston North, New Zealand). She completed the event with a time of 4:50.39.

The women's 4x8000 relay team also qualified for the ECAC's and almost set a school record with a time of 9:11.58.

The team consisted of Price, Burne, junior Mary O'Connor (Waterford, Ireland) and junior Kristal Conklin (Middletown, N.Y.).

Junior Gerald Harley (Setauket, N.Y.) qualified for the IC4A's for the 3000 with a time of 8:25.43.

After the Championships concluded, the coaches voted Lucy Van Dalen the Top Female Track Performer of the Year.

Swimming & Diving Struggles at America East Championships

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Stony Brook University swimming and diving teams traveled to the Germantown Aquatic Center at University of Maryland Baltimore County to compete in the America East Championship.

The men's team concluded day one in fifth place out of five teams after five events on Thursday. The Women's team paced fifth out of seven after the first day. The women recorded 54 points overall while the men got 60 points.

The women trailed on the first day by 24 points behind first-place New Hampshire, but the men had an even bigger gap to fill, trailing host UMBC by 54 points after the first day of competition.

The women's 200 medley relay team set a new Seawolves record on Thursday. The team recorded a time of 1:44.17 and secured fourth place.

The men's 800 freestyle relay team set a season-high time as well. Junior Sean Conway (Oakdale, N.Y.), junior Ed McIntyre (Laurel, N.Y.), junior Zachary Good

(Columbus, Ind.) and senior Lukasz Ochmanski (Lodz, Poland) recorded a time of 6:58.83 and achieved fourth place.

The men's side of the 200 medley relay team also set its season-high time as well. Junior Mark Anderson (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.), junior Cliff Gonzalez (White Plains, N.Y.), senior Matthew McCourt (Commack, N.Y.) and Conway set a time of 1:35.89.

After day two, the men's team remained in fifth place with 116 points after 14 events overall, but the women's team fell to sixth place with 114 points. Boston University secured first place for both men and women.

Ochmanski and Heuser each set season records for their team at the 50 freestyle with times of 20.93 and 23.91, respectively. Joining Heuser in the top 10 at the event was Zelnick, who placed ninth with a time of 24 seconds.

Heuser and Zelnick would then join forces with Streckovic and junior Kelsey Stranc (Chicago, Ill.) to set a program record of 1:35.32, taking third place at the 200 freestyle relays.

On the men's side, Ochmanski, Conway, McIntyre and senior

Chris Olwell (Floral Park, N.Y.) secured fourth place, setting a season-high of 1:24.73.

After day three's events, the men's team jumped one space into fourth while the women remained at sixth, but there were some great individual performances.

Deschenes took first place at the 100 backstroke with a time of 55.60.

She also took seventh place and set a personal record at the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.48.

Heuser achieved ninth place in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:50.74, a season-best. Ochmanski and Good placed in the top 10 in the men's event with times of 1:39.21 and 1:44.43, respectively. Ochmanski's second place finish was the best for the men up to that point in the tournament.

Each team took fourth place in the final event of the day, the 400 medley relay.

Heuser, Reid, Deschenes and sophomore Julie Policht (Toronto, Ontario) set a season best with a time of 3:49.56. Anderson, Ochmanski, McCourt and sophomore Daniel Wenzel (Norwich, N.Y.) finished with a time 3:29.17.

SPORTS

Seawolves Stunned in OT

BY DORIC SAM
Staff Writer

Despite holding an 11-point lead with just over 10 minutes left in the game, Stony Brook's men's basketball team lost to Manhattan College in overtime, 64-63.

"I'm not even upset," Seawolves head coach Steve Pikiell said. "I thought we played well enough to win the game. Our game plan was to outrebound them, and we did. We have to move on."

Marcus Rouse (Upper Marlboro, Md.) led the Seawolves with 15 points off the bench. Bryan Dougher (Scotch Plains, N.J.) added 11 points.

Stony Brook went into halftime with a 31-25 lead. Both teams shot just 33 percent from the field, but the Seawolves shot 10-for-14 from the free throw line while the Jaspers only got to the line six times and made five of them.

The Seawolves also put together a dominating performance on the boards, holding a 26-11 rebounding advantage.

Stony Brook started the second half with a 14-9 run, capped by a three-point play from Anthony Mayo (Philadelphia, Pa.), to take their largest lead of the game at 45-34. But Kidani Brutus willed the Jaspers back into the game, hitting a deep three-pointer to cut the lead to 48-45 with 6:19 left.

Leonard Hayes (Voorhees, N.J.)



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George Beamon (24) goes up for a shot over Preye Preboye in Manhattan's overtime victory on Saturday. Beamon finished with 23 points.

answered with a three-pointer of his own to push the lead back to six. After two free throws from Michael Alvarado, George Beamon sank a long three-pointer to make it a one-point game.

After a floater from Brutus tied the game at 55, Dougher cut through two defenders to hit a floater of his own and give Stony Brook the lead with 44 seconds left.

However, Beamon would hit a runner off the glass to tie the game. The Seawolves had a chance to win at the buzzer, but the alley-oop layup attempt from Preye Preboye (Springfield, Mass.) rimmed out, sending the game to overtime.

Stony Brook jumped out to a four-point lead to start the extra period on a tip-in from Danny Carter (Windsor, England) and a layup from Dallis Joyner (Norfolk, Va.). But the Jaspers were able to come back and tie the game at 61 with a little over a minute left.

After an offensive foul by Rouse gave Manhattan the ball, Brutus spotted up and sank his seventh three-pointer of the game to give the Jaspers a 64-61 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Rouse was able to draw a foul while shooting a three-pointer, but missed the second of three free throws.

Trailing 64-63 with 45 seconds left, the Seawolves played great

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Men's soccer names new head coach

BY SAM KILB
Sports Editor

Following the resignation of former head coach Cesar Markovic in January, Stony Brook University has named Ryan Anatol the head coach of men's soccer, the athletics department announced on Friday.

Anatol joins the Seawolves after spending time as an assistant coach with the University of South Florida, where he helped the Bulls to a 74-33-18 (.664) record, five NCAA Tournament appearances and a Big East championship.

"I am truly honored for the opportunity to be the head men's soccer coach at Stony Brook University," Anatol said in a press release. "I am looking forward to working at such a fine academic institution, building a program that the community will be proud of and leading it to success on and off the field."

Anatol at a glance:

Named 2009 NSCAA Northeast Region College Assistant Coach of the Year

Had five recruits on to be drafted by various teams in Major League Soccer

Named one of "Top 12 Assistant Coaches in Country" by College Soccer News

Competed as a member of the Under-20 national team for Trinidad & Tobago

Men's lacrosse looks to live up to hype

BY DORIC SAM
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's lacrosse team is prepared to make noise in the NCAA this year in what might be the most hyped season in Stony Brook University sports history.

After the unprecedented success of last season, the Seawolves enter the 2011 season ranked fifth in the Coaches' Poll. They have received a lot of media attention as they were featured in the two prominent lacrosse publications, *Lacrosse Magazine* and *Inside Lacrosse*.

Last year, Stony Brook put together its best season in program history, posting a 13-4 record and a 5-0 conference record on its way to winning its first America East regular-season title and first conference championship since 2002. Despite starting the season outside the top 20, the Seawolves climbed to #6 in the Coaches' Poll, their highest ranking in school history.

After defeating Denver in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the Seawolves came within one goal of the Final Four, losing to Virginia 10-9 in an epic quarterfinal match in front of 10,000 fans at LaValle Stadium.

"It was a wonderful experience," said head coach Rick Sowell, who was named America East Coach of the Year. "We certainly had a lot of fun and put in a lot of hard work. We definitely surpassed our expectations."

Stony Brook is returning 22 letterwinners after losing just six seniors to graduation. Among the returnees are the starting attack and midfield, two units that combined to tally 189 goals and 101 assists. The Seawolves four preseason All-Americans, Kevin Crowley (New Westminster, British Columbia), Jordan McBride (New Westminster, British Columbia), Tom Compitello (Hauppauge, N.Y.) and Adam Rand (Niantic, Conn.) are part of an offense that ranked fourth in the country with

more than 13 goals per game. All of them are seniors, and with such a veteran lineup, Stony Brook is expected to be a national contender.

"The expectations are different this year," Sowell said. "Last year we were trying to prove everybody wrong. Now, we're trying to prove everybody right."

Crowley returns after posting one of the best individual seasons in Stony Brook men's lacrosse history. He won the USILA Raymond J. Enners Award, which is given to the nation's most outstanding Division I player, and became the first Stony Brook player to be named a first-team All-American. He said he believes this year can be even better than last year for the Seawolves.

"I think we can definitely be as good as last year if not better," he said. "We had a taste of success and we want to get there again."

Crowley was also unanimously voted America East Player of the Year. He scored 51 goals and added

26 assists and led the nation with 4.5 points per game.

This year, he's had a good season before the ball has hit the turf: He was named the Division I Preseason Player of the Year by *Lacrosse Magazine* after being selected first overall in the 2011 Major League Lacrosse Draft by the Hamilton Nationals.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play professional lacrosse and to go number one was even more special," Crowley said.

McBride is back after another great season as a Seawolf. He is the first player in school history to score at least 40 goals in three straight seasons. He has started all but one game in his career and is already Stony Brook's all-time leading goal scorer with one season left. He was selected 14th overall in the MLL draft by the Rochester Rattlers.

Probably the biggest loss from last year's team comes on the

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Anatol also served as recruiting coordinator at USF, bringing in several top recruiting classes to the Bulls. Eight of Anatol's players have gone on to either play in or be drafted by Major League Soccer.

Anatol spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Akron, helping lead the Zips to the NCAA Tournament in both seasons, winning the 2004 Mid-American Conference championship and compiling a 28-10-5 record.

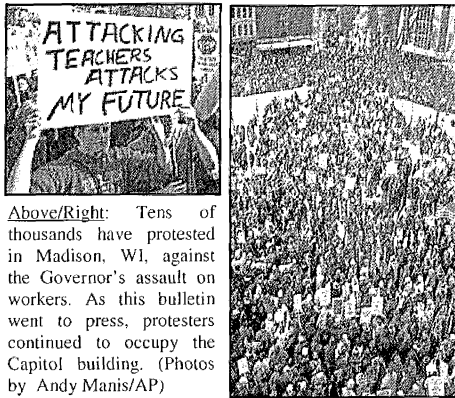
His efforts helped lay the groundwork for a Zips program that is a perennial national powerhouse and has now won four straight MAC championships as well as the NCAA National Championship in 2010.

Markovic resigned to take a head coaching position at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He compiled a 58-59-22 overall record and a 24-20-10 mark in the America East during his seven seasons with the Seawolves.

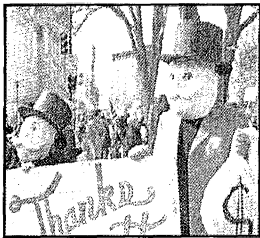
UPRISING IN WISCONSIN: Tens of Thousands Protest Anti-Union Bill

Democracy Now! — “Recently elected Wisconsin Republican Governor Scott Walker has proposed a bill that would eliminate almost all collective bargaining rights for most public workers and slash their pay and benefits. Walker has also notified the state’s National Guard to be on alert for actions taken by unsatisfied state, county and municipal employees...”

Some 30,000 students and public sector workers rallied at the Wisconsin State House in Madison Thursday [Feb. 17th]...[and] some 80,000 people rallied on Saturday [Feb. 19th].”



Above/Right: Tens of thousands have protested in Madison, WI, against the Governor’s assault on workers. As this bulletin went to press, protesters continued to occupy the Capitol building. (Photos by Andy Manis/AP)



Left: Not everyone is upset about recent state and federal attacks on workers, as these “Uncle Pennybags” protesters in Wisconsin show. (Photo: eachlittle-world.typepad.com)

SBU Students Condemn Cuomo Budget Proposal

At its Feb. 8th meeting, the SBU Graduate Student Organization officially resolved that “the proposal to cut funding for public education and other services which benefit the general population reflects a deliberate choice on the part of Cuomo and others to target students and public-sector workers rather than the state’s wealthiest residents, and thus amounts to a thinly-veiled form of class warfare...The GSO calls upon all New Yorkers, and particularly all students, faculty, and staff within the SUNY and CUNY systems, to resist the current budget proposal by all available means.” As a starting point, students are planning a **rally for Wednesday, March 2nd, from 1-2pm outside the SAC.**

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Obama Seeks to Cut Education and Home Heating Assistance, Raise Military Spending

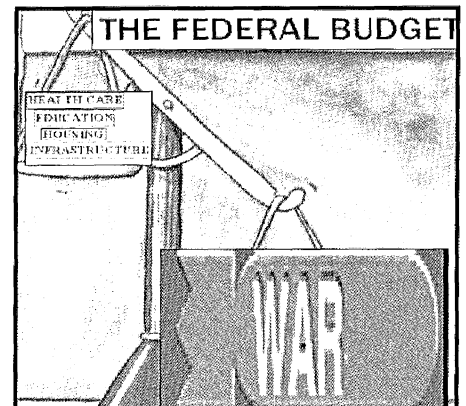
Following the pattern of Gov. Cuomo’s state budget, President Obama’s 2012 budget proposal would cut or eliminate around 200 federal programs. Some aspects of Pell Grant funding and public health programs would be cut, while federal funds for community service block grants and for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program—which provides money for the poor to heat their homes in winter—would be slashed in half. Obama boasted that “domestic discretionary spending” would be “its lowest share of our economy since Dwight Eisenhower was president.” Republicans’ proposals are even more drastic: they would eliminate federal funding for abortions and family planning, cut food aid to low-income mothers and children, and cut Pell Grants even more than Obama would.

Not everyone would suffer under Obama’s budget. In fact, tens of thousands of private corporations would profit handsomely through continued subsidies, tax breaks, and, most importantly, the planned 3-5 percent increase in military spending—which already constitutes 48 percent of all federal discretionary spending (see www.warresisters.org). The alleged “cuts” in the Pentagon budget would only cut the planned annual rate of increase in military spending. As US Labor Against the War noted, Obama’s budget “keeps the guns, cuts the butter.”

Current elite debates over the deficit reflect what some economists have called the “balanced-budget ploy”: giving lavish tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans and wasting half the federal budget on

wars and the military, then using the resulting deficit as an excuse to cut public education, Medicaid, Pell grants, school-lunch programs, aid to low-income families, home heating assistance, and wages for public-sector workers—that is, the things that actually serve human needs.

The US public has very different priorities than the Republicans and most Democrats. Two months ago, a CBS/Vanity Fair poll found that when given a series of options for balancing the budget, 61 percent would start by increasing taxes on the rich; 20 percent would start by cutting military spending. A mere 4 percent favored cutting Medicare, and only 3 percent would cut Social Security. People also recognize that bold federal social spending is necessary for economic recovery—in a January CBS/*New York Times* poll, respondents overwhelmingly said that “Congress’s top priority should be job creation,” not immediate deficit reduction.



North Africa & the Middle East

Following two and half weeks of courageous and powerful mass protest, the US-backed Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak finally announced his resignation on February 10. Meanwhile, pro-democracy protests have erupted across North Africa and the Middle East, targeting US-backed authoritarian regimes in Yemen, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, and Libya, plus the regime in Iran. These governments have responded with vicious repression, killing dozens or even hundreds of protesters (the death tolls in Egypt and Libya range in the hundreds). While the outcomes are still unclear, this wave of protests in favor of political and social democracy has shaken the region to its core, in the process dealing a blow both to the regimes and to the long-time US policy of supporting repressive dictators in the name of "stability."

Egyptian Uprising Fueled by Striking Workers Across Nation

— Khaled Ali, *Democracy Now!* (interview) — "Strikes across Egypt did not stop after Mubarak's resignation. On the contrary, the strikes escalated and new sectors began participating in the strikes...But the success of the revolution for the workers is not simply the departure of key officials from the old regime. Its success means an improvement in their living standards, the existence of social justice and guaranteed steps that their lives will get

better in the future. That's why worker protests across the different sectors are calling for a removal of corrupt officials in these institutions and companies. They see the presence of these officials as a continuation of the old regime. The workers' actions right now are the best means of preserving the gains of the revolution..."

"Mubarakism Without Mubarak?"

— by Human Rights First — "[Egyptian dictator Hosni] Mubarak has announced he will step down. But the question remains of whether this will change anything. This is a critical moment for the U.S. government to make clear its intention to support *the Egyptian people*—not the next despot. Meanwhile just two days ago in the U.S., 'Mubarakism without Mubarak' is what one witness said we needed at a recent Congressional hearing. The United States is not the arbiter of power in Egypt. It cannot appoint and dismiss presidents at its will, nor write and rewrite Egyptian laws. These powers belong to the Egyptian people. However, the Mubarak regime has relied on U.S. assistance to deny the Egyptian people basic rights and freedoms again and again. If the U.S. government continues the status quo, it will be endorsing the same despotism that has brought us to this point of crisis..."

Ecuador Court Rules Against Chevron, Issues \$8 Billion Fine

— by Amazon Watch — "A court in Ecuador has ruled in favor of the residents of Ecuador's Amazon region who have spent the last 18 years seeking damages for crude oil pollution. The judge ordered the company to pay US \$8 billion to clean up one of the worst environmental crimes in history. [The] ruling in Ecuador against Chevron proves overwhelmingly that the oil giant is responsible for billions of gallons of highly toxic waste sludge deliberately dumped into local streams and rivers, which thousands depend on for drinking, bathing, and fishing..."

The Trials of Bradley Manning

— by Chase Madar, *TomDispatch* — "The Obama administration came into office proclaiming 'sunshine' policies. When some of the U.S. government's dirty laundry was laid out in the bright light of day by WikiLeaks, however, its officials responded in a knee-jerk, punitive manner in the case of Bradley Manning, now in extreme isolation in a Marine brig in Quantico, Virginia. Whatever happens to Julian Assange or WikiLeaks, Washington is clearly intent on destroying this young Army private and then putting him away until hell freezes over. It should not be this way..."

US Seeks Permanent Military Bases in Afghanistan

— by Jason Bitz, *Antiwar.com* —

"With President Obama having long ago disavowed the 2011 date he pledged would be the beginning of the withdrawal from Afghanistan...Afghan President Hamid Karzai confirmed [on Feb. 8th] that the Obama Administration has been in secret talks with him to formalize a system of permanent military bases across the war torn nation, effectively pledging to keep the unpopular occupation a permanent aspect of life in Afghanistan."

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- **The Real News Network** — www.therealnews.org
- **ZNet** — www.zmag.org/znet
- **The Independent** — www.independent.co.uk
- **Middle East Report** — www.merip.org
- **Black Agenda Report** — www.blackagendareport.com
- **Al Jazeera English** — <http://english.aljazeera.net>
- **Rebelión** (Spanish) — www.rebelion.org
- **Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting** — www.fair.org
- **Free Speech Radio News** — www.fsrn.org
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