

## SJA Gains Momentum Against Coke

By ADAM PECK  
Asst. News Editor

The Social Justice Alliance is gaining momentum again as the semester winds down with its campaign to prevent the Coca-Cola Corporation from acquiring another large contract with Stony Brook University.

A resolution created by the Social Justice Alliance (SJA) calling on the formation of an "Ethical Contracting Committee" has been passed by the Graduate Students Organization, and is now waiting to be reviewed by the University Senate.

SJA is looking to create a sub-committee of the Student Life Committee or the University Sen-

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## Frivolous Spending, Harassment, Threats Made USG VP Speaks Out

By TIM McHALE  
Asst. News Editor

In the summer of 2006, the Undergraduate Student Government Summer Senate unanimously passed a summer budget of \$139,000. \$8,675 was also unanimously allocated to a Presidential Discretionary Fund for President Romual Jean-Baptiste.

Using the funds, Jean-Baptiste bought two floor mats costing \$1200, a new desk, a new computer, three chairs, a printer, \$600 on food and personal transportation to an event, \$175 on plaques and pictures, \$195 for food at an executive meeting, and \$421 on new phones. The total for his office supplies amounts to approximately \$4,000. The rest of the money was spent on USG t-shirts and an Executive team-building exercise in Sachem, NY,

in which transportation for six people was provided.

The problem, according to several USG members, was the manner in which the Summer Senate was appointed, as well as the lack of overall USG oversight on how the funds were spent.

The three senators at the Summer Senate meeting, included Cindy Auguste, Monique Dawkins and Savasiah Gardener, all directly appointed by Jean-Baptiste. None of these individuals had any prior USG Senate experience, including regular attendance of the weekly senate meetings.

Amy Wisnosky, Executive Vice President of the USG was asked if she felt if the senators were in fact appointed for the specific intention to pass the Presidential Discretionary Fund. She replied "I have never seen the term Presidential Discretionary

Fund before in the USG. There's never been any USG President corrupt enough to assign himself that much money. And he spent it frivolously and on himself."

Wisnosky also noted on the fact that this is the first time she has ever heard the term "Presidential Discretionary Fund." She attributed this to her opinion that the President was corrupt.

According to Wisnosky, establishment of the Summer Senate with only three senators was unconstitutional. She also stated in a letter dated March 25 to student media groups on campus that she was harassed and threatened to assemble three Summer senators. In a telephone interview with the Statesman, Wisnosky confirmed that Jean-Baptiste harassed her for weeks to assemble the Summer Senate

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## Southampton Strives for Eco-literate Students

By MEAGAN O'CONNELL  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Southampton will be one of the first sustainability campuses in the United States. The physical infrastructure will be environmentally friendly and courses being developed are centered on environmental issues, all in hopes of creating green minds for the future. "With a new university, new campus, new generation with new problems... You really have the opportunity to create something fresh for the time," SBU President Shirley Strum Kenny said.

Stony Brook Southampton is

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## Commuter Student Services Enhances Student Life

By STEPHANIE BRUMSEY  
Contributing Writer

Keeping the 7,093 undergraduate commuter students of Stony Brook University involved in activities on campus is one of the goals of Commuter Student Services. To increase the likelihood of a commuter student participating in on-campus activities, Commuter Student Services recently set up an e-mail system to inform commuters of the activities on campus.

"We wanted a new way to reach out to commuter students," said Shannon Kelly, Commuter Student Services' Senior Advisor. "We knew it was convenient and we could get immediate responses."

Kelly added that the e-mail system has been a success since it was instituted, making it considerably easier to conduct surveys and find out where commuter students' interests are.

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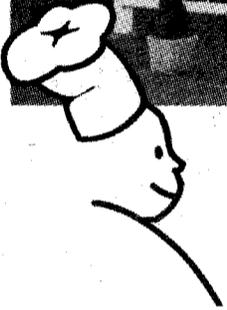
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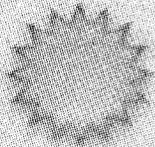
Financing of the Meal Plan Program including the Facilities Fee

Wednesday, April 25 • Campus Lifetime • 1:00 p.m. • Student Activities Center, Room 303  
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## Student Forecast:

Apr. 23 - Apr. 29

by Jamie Waller



**Monday:**  
High 73/Low 46  
Mostly Sunny and warm.



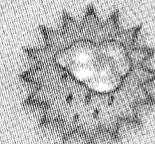
**Tuesday:**  
High 73/Low 42  
Mix of Sun and clouds.



**Wednesday:**  
High 52/Low 43  
Increasing clouds,  
PM showers.



**Thursday:**  
High 50/Low 40  
Showers ending AM, cloudy  
skies remain.



**Friday:**  
High 52/Low 42  
Stray shower possible,  
clearing by PM.



**Saturday:**  
High 52/Low 43  
Partly Cloudy



**Sunday:**  
High 63/Low 44  
Pleasant and milder.

### Behind the Numbers

A wonderful and warm weekend is behind us, and the beginning of the work week will begin with similar conditions, but will change in the middle of the week. Monday and Tuesday will be mostly sunny, while clouds will increase on Wednesday afternoon, and a slight chance of PM showers is in the forecast. Thankfully, most of the rain should fall overnight and will end on Thursday morning. Unfortunately, the clouds will still remain in the area until Friday, but will clear up in the afternoon. It can't come at a better time than the weekend, where warmer weather will enter, skies will be mostly clear, and highs will reach into the 60's.

# New Email System Increases Information Flow of Student Activities



Commuter students make up a significant portion of the SBU student body. Sarah Kantharia/ Statesman

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"Yeah, it's very informational," said Dimitar Royanov, a sophomore. "It's nice to receive the e-mail. It keeps me up-to-date with things I may want to do on campus." Royanov, who lives five minutes away from the University on Nicholls Road, added that he would like to be more involved on campus, but does not have a lot of time.

"I didn't receive an e-mail, but it may have been my spam blocker," said Heather Miller, a junior. Miller was not the only commuter student who was left out of the e-mail loop. Several commuters were surprised to hear that there was an informational e-mail just for commuters.

"I might've got it, but I don't really check the school e-mail," said Cory Callender, 26.

Kelly said the reasons some commuters have yet to receive the informational e-mail is because the e-mail addresses provided on SO-

LAR are incorrect or not checked on a regular basis. These discrepancies with e-mail addresses can be easily changed on SOLAR.

Kelly also noted that Commuter Student Services has a lot of other programs in the works, improving on many programs already available, such as Lunch and Learn workshops, the Traveling Star Award and the group posting on Blackboard.

The Lunch and Learn workshops are held several times a semester and cover a variety of topics, including time management, stress relief techniques and healthy relationships. The Traveling Star is a way through which the Office of Commuter Student Services recognizes an undergraduate commuter student who has positively impacted SBU by contributing to the success of a campus department or office.

But the efforts of Commuter Student Services are not always received so graciously by all com-

muter students. "I honestly don't care," said Sean Han, 23. "I might've been interested in free food but I really don't care about campus events. After all this time I felt isolated from the campus events, I'm not about to start participating now."

Miller said that Han was in the minority with his sentiments. Regardless of relying on her brother to carpool with her to and from school, she is involved in a couple of clubs on campus. "If you want to be involved in clubs on campus, you can find a way or they work with you," said Miller.

In response to commuters feeling isolated on campus, Kelly said, "Our office offers a lot of programs and services for commuter students. In addition we focus on outreaching to commuter students to make sure they know not only about our programs but other opportunities as well. It's the students' responsibility to take advantage of the opportunities."

## Police Blotter

Apr. 19 - Apr. 20

### Fire

Around 10:00 AM on Apr 19 there was a small fire in an ashtray in the Health Sciences Center. Stony Brook Fire Department was notified and there were no further issues.

### Generator Problems

Around 11:00 PM on Apr 19, the Tabler Quad generator was reported having problems. Work Staff was alerted and the condition was corrected.

### Smell of Gas

The area surrounding West Apartment G was reported to smell of natural gas. The area was patrolled and there were no found gas leaks.

### Marijuana

The smell of marijuana was found in Langmuir College around 3:40 AM on Apr 20. The situation was corrected soon after.

### Loud Music

Loud music was reported near West Apartment G around 4:20 AM. Area was patrolled and no noise was found.

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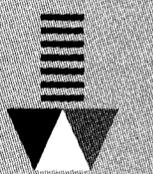
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# Stony Brook Drifts South

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a part of SBU. It was formerly known as Long Island University Southampton before it was sold. According to Martin Schoonen, interim dean of students for Stony Brook Southampton, New York State gave SBU funds specifically for starting Stony Brook Southampton. The funds were specifically meant for the Southampton campus and were not to be used for SBU as the school would not have received the money otherwise. If the Southampton campus was not bought by SBU, it had a high probability of being sold to developers.

Students can take classes at both campuses. By fall 2007, Stony Brook Southampton expects to have 400 students enrolled, who will have the first opportunity to dorm in residence halls that house 40 students each. According to Schoonen, the residence halls will be "high performance green buildings."

The school offers many unique opportunities for students. "The hallmark of this campus is that it is student-centered," Schoonen said. The biggest lecture hall holds 120 seats and smaller classes allow for more student-teacher interaction. Students also have the opportunity to actively be involved in decisions on how to shape the campus.

Access to the water allows for field experience that students can't get at SBU, especially in majors like the Marine Sciences where about 25% of the curriculum, according to Professor Gordon Taylor, requires fieldwork. "We're not going to create green minds only in the classroom," Schoonen said.

According to Carly Kenkel, a senior Marine Science major who takes classes at Stony Brook Southampton, the campus offers a much more hands-on experience than SBU. Matt Halloran, a senior Marine Vertebrate Biol-

ogy major who also takes classes there, said the experience is better because SBU is landlocked. "You can sit in a class for an hour and the next two hours you can go on a boat and have field experience without having to stare at a PowerPoint presentation," said Halloran.

Liam Dolgin, a Marine Science major, said that the facilities at Stony Brook Southampton, as well as the professors who teach there, are terrific. There are some classes with issues, he said, "But for us overall, it is 100% beneficial."

SBU students who are currently taking classes at Stony Brook Southampton take shuttle buses between campuses. The buses also reflect sustainability, as they run on B20 Biodiesel, according to Jim O'Connor, director of Transportation and Parking Operation.

Marcy Cockrell, a junior and Marine Science major, said taking classes at Stony Brook Southampton creates scheduling issues that prevent her from taking required classes at SBU, and she said she worries about not graduating on time.

Students in the Marine Sciences are currently petitioning a required class that is scheduled to be taught there in the fall to remain at SBU. Cockrell said there is no benefit to having the class taught out there and students will just have to commute extra hours. "Stony Brook is pushing having classes at Southampton just for the sake of having more classes," she said.

In the fall, the school will offer an environmental studies major, which is separate from the one offered at SBU. It will be the first of five majors. There will be no departments and the majors will be interdisciplinary.

Each major will require classes in fields such as economics, politics, and culture in order to understand how various issues relate to the environment. Some

classes will be taught by a team of professors from different fields. Professor Gordon Taylor said this is a positive thing for students, but from an administrative and faculty view, it poses some difficulties as to how professors will be evaluated and considered for pay raises and tenure. "A multidisciplinary campus leaves rules of evaluation a little uncertain," he said.

According to Schoonen, who hopes to create "eco-literate" students who understand the complexities of environmental issues and who take a global perspective. "For America to succeed, we need people who can think on a global scale," he said.

The campus will also offer extracurricular activities that are not available at SBU. Schoonen said a 45-foot sailing boat was donated to the school that was used as a nucleus for a sailing program. In addition, once the campus population increases, there will be more outdoor activities like sailing, snorkeling, and the opportunity to get scuba diving certification. "As there is a transition into this new campus...there will be a better quality of life out there," Taylor said.

For many faculty and administration, this is an exciting time. Stony Brook Southampton hopes to attract 2,000 to 2,500 students within the next five years. Schoonen said this is an once in a lifetime opportunity. He said it is very rare for an academic administrator to be put in a position to build a university from the bottom up. Schoonen said the process is like any business and they will keep working to adjust.

"They are trying to make a very idealized campus and I don't think it's going to work -- at least the way they think it will," Halloran said.

According to Kenny, a university usually has strong established organization. "The ship does not turn easily," she said.

# Vice President Threatened with Impeachment

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appointed by Jean-Baptiste to transfer the money to the Discretionary Fund.

Jean-Baptiste has disagreed on the question of constitutionality in regards to the USG Constitution. In addition, there was a phone call made by Senator Alexandra Borodkin to Wisnosky, in which Borodkin threatened her with impeachment if she did not follow suite. Borodkin remains confident that she had that level of influence at the time.

In the aforementioned letter, Wisnosky recalled on the phone call from Borodkin. She confirmed on the phone, "She urged me to form the Summer Senate with whomever I could get, and mentioned something about her and her friends having a lot of luck with Supreme Court cases, she ended the phone call by asking me, did I want to get impeached?"

In a telephone interview, Jean-Baptiste has stated that he did not ask Senator Borodkin to make this phone call.

When asked about making this phone call, Borodkin responded, "Yes that happened, though not that way. I told her that the Reform Party basically had control over the Senate and Judiciary and could get her fired if she didn't convene the Senate." Both Borodkin and Jean-Baptiste are members of the Reform Party, while Wisnosky is not.

Borodkin mentioned that the reason she made the phone call was because the 2006 Summer Budget needed to be dispersed to student clubs and activities to function. This was the first year the Summer Senate assembled in recent history. In the past, the summer funds were distributed without a Summer Senate.

President Pro Tempore Robert Romano, who has had a long tenure with USG, said that the budget had been historically passed without the Senate's approval.

By all accounts, the budget written by Executive Treasurer

Stephen Hui went unquestioned. Wisnosky noted that the only noteworthy occurrence at the meeting was the passing of the Presidential Discretionary Fund.

Wisnosky said, "It is not necessary that the Summer Senate be convened. Stephen Hui had already written the budget." Hui confirmed that account, "Yes I wrote the budget and it was passed to my memory."

Opinions on the constitutionality of last year's Summer Senate seem to be based on the USG Constitution Article X, Section 1, A. "The President of the Undergraduate Student Government and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint 10 members to serve on the Summer Senate." Jean-Baptiste presumed that this means up to ten senators. Wisnosky said this statement meant that the Summer Senate should have at least ten senators.

Wisnosky said that as soon as Jean-Baptiste took office in the summer of 2006, he immediately expressed his desire to have \$8,675 allocated to a Presidential Discretionary Fund. Jean-Baptiste went to Hui to have that done, and he promptly refused. Jean-Baptiste then moved to Wisnosky to assemble a Summer Senate with the three appointed senators, but Wisnosky opposed until the phone call from Borodkin.

Jean-Baptiste described the conversations with Wisnosky as "debates, or something that sounds more professional and less animalistic." He went on to say that the money was there and should not be wasted. He said he wanted a Summer Senate because "we hadn't had one in awhile and that would be a good thing to try."

Although no laws were broken, it is the the opinion of a few senators that these funds were misused.

When Hui was asked if he thought that the only reason the senators were appointed was to move \$8,675 to the Presidential Discretionary Fund, he responded, "Yes, I do."

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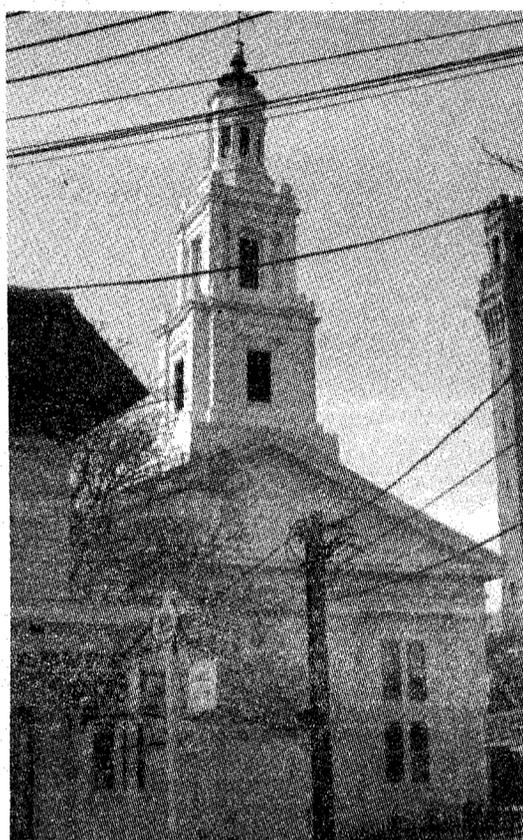
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# A Change in Pace

## Spring Break in Provincetown, MA



James Faletti/Statesman

By JAMES FALETTI  
Staff Writer

When most people talk about going away for Spring Break, Massachusetts is not usually on the top ten list of places to have fun in the sun. I couldn't agree more, but if rest and relaxation is what you are looking for, then Provincetown, MA is just what the doctor ordered.

Thanks to the popularity sparked from MTV, *Girls Gone Wild*, and other notable television accessible programs, Spring Break has become synonymous with times of debauchery, irresponsibility, and everything a parent would hope their child would never be involved with. Of course by soaking in these hamlets we call "paradise," like Miami's South Beach, Cancun, Key West, The Bahamas, and Acapulco, which are swarming with half-naked, under-aged, drunk, and overly horny college students, all with impeccable bodies aside from the few which get blacklisted as the "cool fool," it's no wonder that the popularity of these unique destinations has drawn such a distinct crowd, willing to pay through their noses to have a piece of the action.

Call me Geraldo, but I am

sure I can think of a much better way to spend my money than on over-priced hotels and alcohol (although it does sound tempting). That's why if you or anyone is looking for a great time to escape from the hustle and bustle of the hectic pre-vacation midterms and paper deadlines, I suggest a trip Northeast to the far reaches of Cape Cod's very own Provincetown, also-known-as P-Town.

Known throughout the year for its "alternative" lifestyle and its posh summer nightlife, Provincetown offers much more than a nice stroll around a coastal town. Instead, this maritime city offers a glimpse of our American history, wonderful shops, delectable restaurants, exquisite bars and nightlife, quaint hotels and B&B's, and don't forget the charming energy which encompasses the entire package.

From 1621 until about 1700, the records of this area we now call Provincetown came from those at Plymouth Colony. When the Mayflower Pilgrims arrived here, they saw the value of the fisheries and set about purchasing the rights to the area from the Native Americans. Today, a prominent monument stands tall and proud in the center of this vibrant city,

reminding all those who visit P-Town about the stories which make up the backbone of what we celebrate as Thanksgiving and all those who struggled to get a taste of freedom.

Aside from gaining an overload of historical facts when visiting P-Town, it offers many other amenities. From intimate, tucked away guesthouses to luxury inns, these are no ordinary bed and breakfasts. Each property is unique in character, yet all offer the traditional charms of historic B & B's in concert with the luxurious amenities of contemporary boutique hotels.

Independently owned, the welcome of each is personal and genuine. All share a common goal: presenting unrivaled hospitality with an emphasis on service. The size and style of each property varies. All enjoy a loyal, returning clientele who appreciate authentic, intimate accommodations and quality service.

These inns have been acclaimed in numerous major publications including *The New York Times*, *Fodor's*, *Frommer's*, *Zagat*, *Out & About*, *Cape Cod Life* and *Yankee Magazine*. We think you'll discover *The Distinctive Inns* of Provincetown are the perfect

places to stay.

With fashion and a farmers' market, art galleries and antiques, the shopping scene is definitely one of P-Town's greatest assets. Whether you're into couture, collectables or just super-fresh corn and cod, Provincetown has something for you—just make sure you can fit it all in the car (or the boat) for your trip home.

Provincetown is known for its arts scene as well, with a legacy of great painters and creators going back more than a century. Just take a stroll down the streets of the town's East End—packed with galleries showcasing both P-Town's favorites and its up-and-comers—and you'll understand why art collectors as well as beach bums flock to the little town at the tip of the Cape.

P-Town's main through street is Commercial Street. With quaint antique shops, kitschy gift shops, book stores, boutiques and more galleries, Commercial Street offers just about everything you'd expect from both an old New England town and a seaside hotspot.

Now, what kind of vacation would be complete without taking pleasure in the food that makes this region (or any region that is) so remarkable. Provincetown's

restaurants are heralded throughout the country. Much of the seafood is caught fresh daily by the town's own fishing fleets. You haven't tasted clam chowder until you've sampled the recipes of our chefs! Enjoy lunch or dinner at an outdoor café or dine at a secluded table by the fireplace in one of the town's more elegant restaurants. You'll find everything here, from good, fast take-out to sumptuous, five-course meals—from vegetarian to smoked game, and lobster to sirloin. From romantic courtyards hung with morning glories and wisteria to formal dining with bayside views. You'll soon understand why Provincetown is meant to be savored.

All in all, if you want a nice, relaxing, and laid back Spring Break, then I highly suggest that you take full advantage of what Provincetown has to offer. Whether you decide to visit with family and friends, or just have an intimate one-on-one weekend with your significant other, Provincetown will cater to all of your needs. Yes it is a highly seasonal vacation spot, but without the hustle and bustle from the crowds, one can actually sit back and appreciate all the beauty, history, and comforts P-Town has in store for you.

# Stony Brook en Vogue: The Rumors Are True....It's Spring!

BY AMY DRAGANI  
Staff Writer

I woke up Friday morning absolutely ecstatic because I was fairly positive that it was finally spring. Waking up to sunshine and chirping birds was far more seasonal than the pouring rain and branches smacking against my window. What was the first thing I thought of? Spring and summer dresses, of course.

White and shades of off-white and cream will be a stand-out trend this season. White is always a warm weather color because it's light and refreshing -- and it tends to look fabulous with a tan. Short, tunic-style dresses in thin fabrics are a simple, smart choice. You just want to ensure a proper fit, as tunics can tend to look boxy. Eyelet and lace overlays are another gorgeous trend in shades

of white. Cutouts like the eyelet, and delicate fabrics like lace, are at the top of the feminine list. Old Navy sells a short, sleeveless, eyelet dress with a v-neck, empire waist, and -- best of all -- barely existent pockets that only show if they're in use. A perfect white option for less than \$25.

Short and ¾ length sleeve dresses are another fantastic choice for spring because they are cute, comfortable, and practical. Short or cap-sleeves will enhance a flowy, belted dress and are always complemented by a v-neck. ¾ sleeve lengths are best paired with button down shirt dresses or wraps -- they are somewhat casual and sporty, but if the fit is correct, they are a perfect daytime dress choice.

There are just a few more trends I feel compelled to present. Bubble dresses -- dresses with a slight fold over at the

bottom hem, which causes a slight "bubble" effect -- are an adorable and fun choice. As previously mentioned, Jersey knit dresses will be a popular choice--prints or designed Jersey fabrics create a slightly Bohemian flare combined with the flowy fabrics. Jumpers are a fun spring choice (not like the one you wore in your 4th grade school picture though). A simple, solid color jumper over a t-shirt is sweet yet sexy because it combines simplicity and youthfulness with short length and tighter fit. Lastly -- and my personal favorite -- old fashioned, vintage looking dresses. Lace overlays and stitch details, below the knee lengths, and higher necks are reminiscent of the 1940's and 50's. These types of styles are classic and feminine -- and that never goes out of style.



Bubble dresses and off-white shades are in this season. Courtesy of coquette.blogs.com

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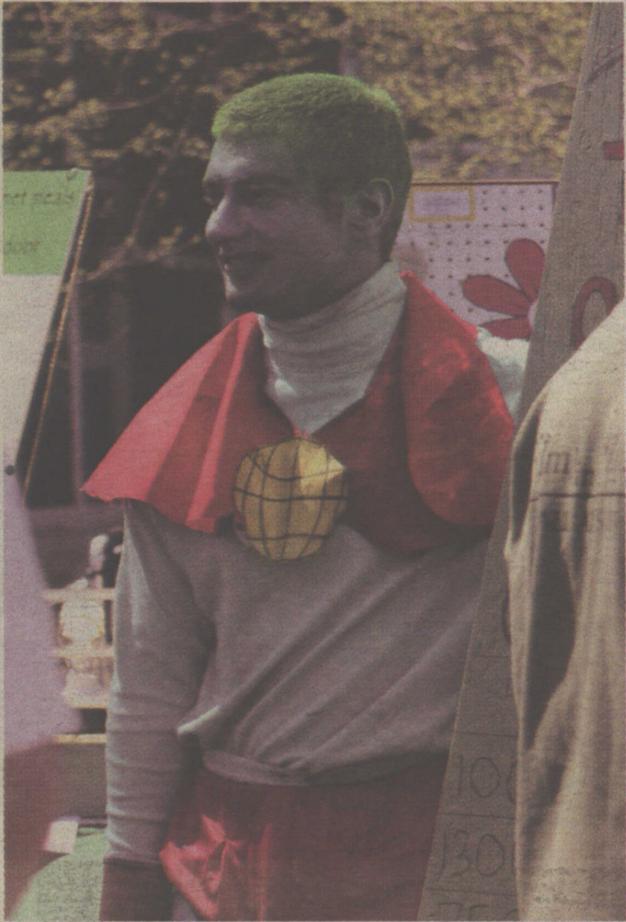
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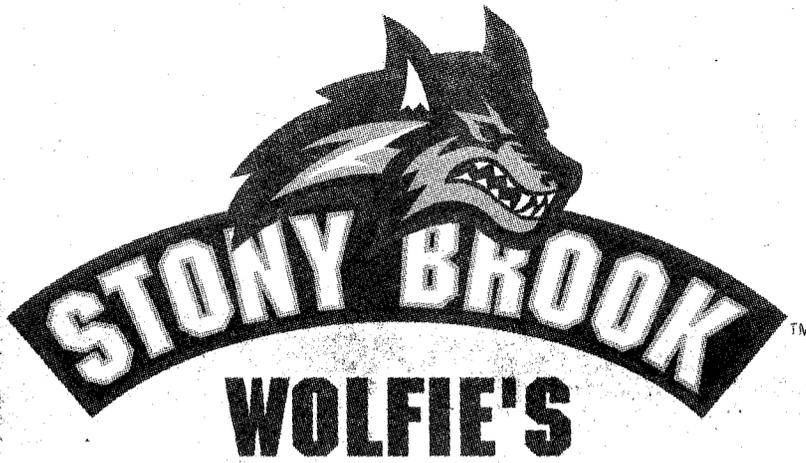
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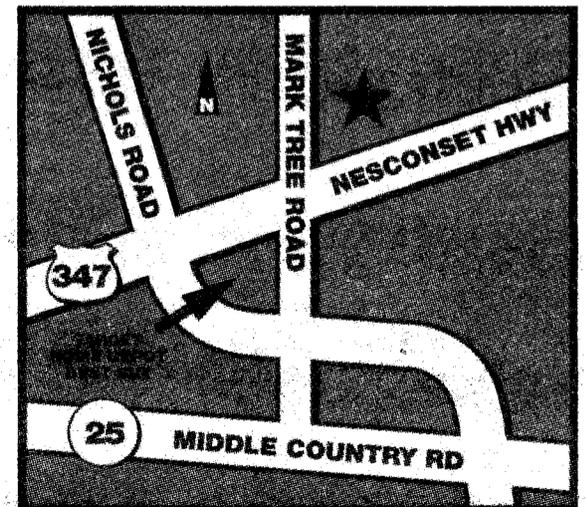
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## THE WIND THAT SHAKES THE BARLEY

BY RACHEL BROZINSKY  
Staff Writer

Ken Loach's latest film, "The Wind That Shakes the Barley," is a dark historical drama that takes place during the transition

from the end of the Irish Revolution against the British through the beginning of the Irish Civil War. The story is of two brothers who fought side by side to free Ireland from the British but are pitted against one another in the

gruesome civil war that rips their country apart.

Damien (Cillian Murphy), a young Irish doctor, is planning on moving to London to practice medicine, despite being accused by his friends and family of being a deserter. He wants to help people, and feels that he can do more good as a doctor than a guerrilla soldier in the occupied and devastated Ireland. When he witnesses one too many acts of heinous cruelty by the British, Damien chooses to stay and fight for his country's freedom.

Damien fights faithfully by his older brother's side, Teddy (Padraic Delaney), who is leading a coalition of young men and women against the British occupants. Despite their impossibly close bond of brotherhood, Damien and Teddy are viciously torn apart when Britain grants partial freedom to Ireland. Damien continues to fight for complete freedom while Teddy ironically

becomes the tyrannous authority that replaces the oppressors whom he had so despised.

Murphy has played all sorts of characters, from a diabolical killer in *Red Eye* to a charming, dreaming transvestite in *Breakfast on Pluto*. Given his dreamy blue-eyes and soft, feminine good looks, Murphy brings a paradoxical but appropriate sweetness to the conflicted Damien. His transition from the man holding the gun to the prisoner looking down the barrel of the gun is effortless. His portrayal of Damien, whose ultimately unwavering convictions steer him to his fate, is amazing.

Director Loach and writer Paul Laverty do not shy away from thrusting the truth of war into the faces of the audience. The bloodshed and horror contrast strikingly against the picturesque backdrop of Ireland's lush, magnificent countryside. Despite the beautiful greenery,

it is impossible to ignore how the sky is always overcast, and death and destruction loom in the imminent future. War is not beautiful and heroic, especially here, when countryman is pitted against countryman, neighbor against neighbor, and worse still, brother against brother.

The drama is sharpened by the interesting and almost dizzying camera movement. From beginning to end, the camera is swishing from right to left, up and down, and never sits still for more than a few seconds. This documentary-like camera work gives a sense of heightened reality that works to intensify the horror of Teddy and Damien's actions, decisions, and experiences.

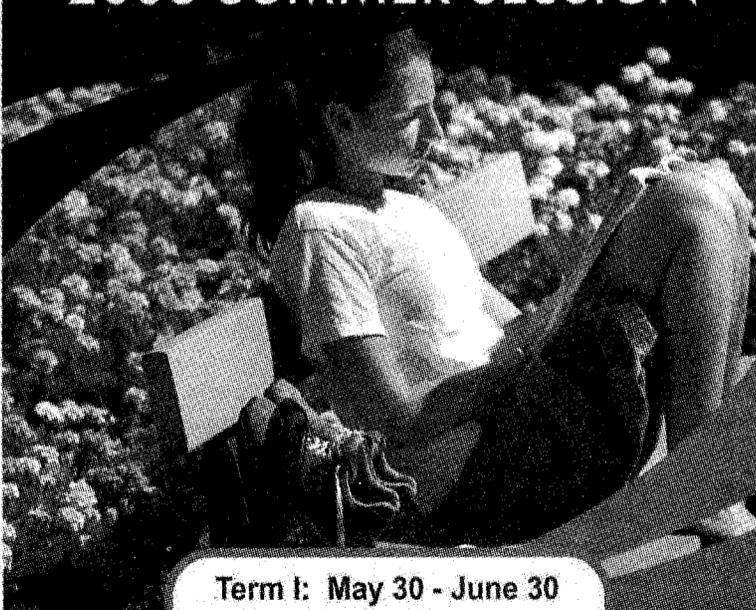
The characters of "The Wind That Shakes the Barley" are so affecting and the story so resonant that the film's dramatic ending leaves the audience unsettled, not because it was unsatisfactory, but because it was real.



Cillian Murphy's portrayal of Damien is "amazing." Courtesy of BIM Distribuzione

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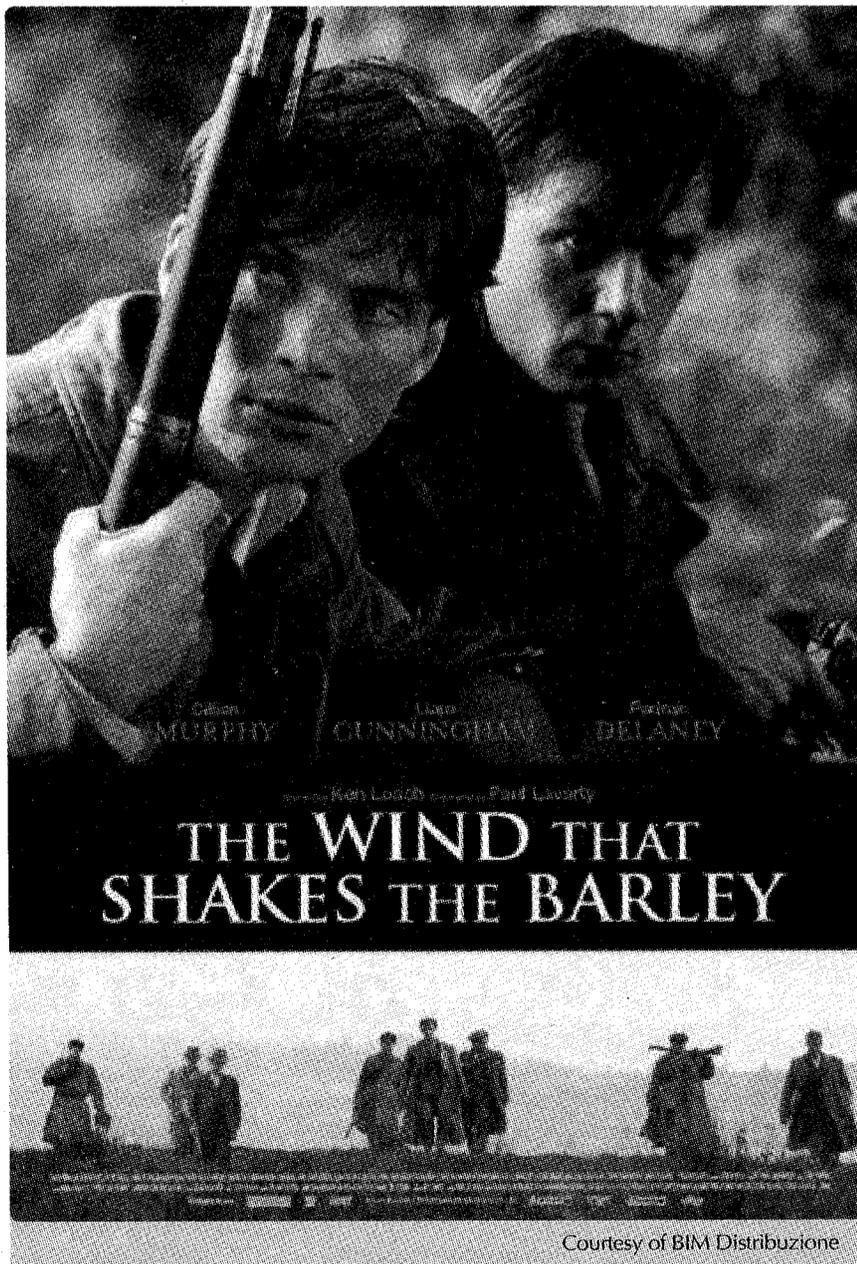


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# Our Trust is Very Expensive

The recent Undergraduate Student Government scandal has brought to the forefront issues that might have never surfaced before, had it not been for students raising their voice against the blatant misuse of power. Sweeping the dirt under rug does little to increase student-administration trust. In fact, it has leads to the students' voice falling on deaf ears and de-mans us as a political and communal body.

At this point, what is desperately needed is more accountability of the USG administration. For this to work, an effective check-and-balance system is needed. There appears to be a looser version of this in place based on the hierarchy of senators. But for a student

to keep tabs on another student is not just ineffective, but also creates a tense atmosphere and is intensely conflicting.

Of course, we are not expected to live up to the same standards as the federal government. But we are a smaller counterpart of the national government, complete with the inbred politics and democratic elections. This still demands a certain sense of responsibility, dignity and professionalism on the part of our student leaders.

But the sad fact is that students are often close friends with their colleagues. It is almost impossible to expect a professional collegial atmosphere in the Senate. As a student newspaper, we also face the same issue. How do you fire

someone who you are best friends with? Or do you hire someone you live with?

Personal relations apart, the USG and the Statesman differ at one crucial standpoint - the distribution of monetary, especially discretionary funds. The USG holds the purse strings that fuel almost all of the clubs and organizations on campus, including us. For the Senate to misuse these, is to break the transparency that is expected between a government and the body it rules.

One possible means of creating a better check-and-balance system is to make the USG directly answerable to their actions. Former USG President Romual Jean-Baptiste

used the discretionary funds for his personal gain, and he appointed his friends to positions in the Summer Senate. After such deliberate and conscious decisions that not just question his authority but also that of the entire senate, the foremost question remains, who does Jean-Baptiste answer to?

The USG has now demonstrated that it cannot be left as the sole decision-maker to allocate funds. Who would be more authoritative than the administration itself to provide more oversight? A smudge on the Senate's character smears the entire administration and the University. The administration needs to step up to this challenge

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# College Massacre Made Possible by Negligence

**By ZUBRIA IRAM**  
Staff Writer

An unfortunate fact about human nature is that it relies mostly on learning from its tragic experiences and the blows that it faces from the unpleasant realities of life. We are sometimes incapable of concocting hypothetical situations against which precautionary steps could be taken, until the event has been witnessed by our unbelieving eyes. Several such instances have occurred in human history, and now yet another has been added to the chain of shooting incidents in academic institutions. On Apr. 16, the deadliest college shootings in the history of the U.S. took place at Virginia Polytechnic University. The Virginia Tech massacre consumed the lives of 33 people, including the gunman, Cho Seung-Hui, who killed himself in the end.

Acts as senseless as this have been taking place for a long time, such as the University of Texas shootings in 1966, the California State University shootings in 1976, and the San Diego University shootings in 1996. Why then do we find ourselves witnessing these atrocities over and over again? What is preventing us from protecting the aspiring youth in our academic institutions?

Background checks carried out

during the college admissions process appear to be the foremost and most effective solution for a majority of people. Yet, their efficiency is limited by privacy laws protecting individuals and minors. Parents of victims of the Columbine High School shootings that took place on Apr. 20, 1999, pressed for the release of autopsy reports of the two gunmen who had killed 13 people before killing themselves. But the appeal was partially denied since only one of the gunmen's autopsy reports was revealed. The parents' motive was to learn about the psychological problems faced by the shooters, which would give them insight about how to recognize and help other children showing such signs of mental illness.

College applications nationwide ask for the criminal record of students applying for admission. Some colleges even hire certain private investigation companies to run background checks on students. However, the extensive detailed criminal record of minors is not accessible because they are sealed off by court for a number of years before being made public. Even if the criminal records of students do become known to the colleges, the question of whether these students should be allowed admission is raised. It is a student's right to be able to carry on his or her education. However, the

college should not forget to take precautions and set forth safety procedures, which would prevent enrolled students with criminal records to become a danger to their fellow students. Rejection of student applicants on the basis of their felony record is a violation of their equality rights.

Students with a history of psychological illness and aggressive demeanor pose just as great a threat to the people around them as do the students with a criminal past. Cho, who had been evaluated by psychiatrists before as being an "imminent danger" to himself, was a loner and an extremely anti-social person. University officials should have kept his psychiatric history in the forefront of their minds because he had been deemed harmful person to himself and others. Cho's suitemates, with whom he had lived for almost a year, had never been able to strike up conversation with him. When a person becomes so vehemently against communication and interaction, he should be brought to the authorities' attention so that he can be provided with aid to prevent him from becoming hazardous to the student community. But in Cho's case, everyone just left him alone, which turned out to have treacherous consequences.

Another lesson that we have failed to learn from the ongoing

school and college killings concerns the issue of security. When it comes to a college campus that is sprawled over hundreds of acres of land, how much security is enough?

Schools of grade levels K-12 have a better security system than do college campuses. It is an odd system, especially when one considers the fact that college students have higher access to guns because of their legal age compared to high school students. High schools have metal detectors, and yet suburban colleges don't even have security guards in each, or sometimes any, campus buildings. SBU is an example of one such suburban college where a student rarely gets to see a police officer on patrol.

A lot can be done to prevent the further massacre of students who possess the potential to become the driving force of our future. Not all policies are easy to establish, especially ones that require breaching the privacy rights of individuals to some degree. But in order to ensure the safety of our students, we have to be able to sacrifice some things. Everything comes at a price, and what remains to be seen is whether we are willing to pay that price or keep watching the innocent students blood shed, students whose lives are cut short in an instant by a nonsensical act of one deranged individual.

# SJA Gains Momentum Against Coke

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ate, one that will be responsible for reviewing SBU's large, long-term contracts and ensure that the companies involved obey a corporation code of conduct.

Coca-Cola would be the first company on the agenda. When SBU's 10-year contract expires in 2008, SJA wants to see alternatives available to students.

According to the campaign leader, senior Anita Halasz, the University Senate has yet to respond to the resolution.

At the same time, contact with the administration seemed to have paid off for the campaign. The administration announced that it had invited representatives from Coca-Cola to come to campus to answer any questions students may have. But, the invitation was insincere, said Halasz.

According to Halasz, "The SJA has been requesting a meeting with Coca-Cola representatives since last semester." And the meeting that had been scheduled was done on short notice, not giving the Coke campaign enough time to invite a representative of their own to debate the Coca-Cola representatives.

"They are not listening to their students," said Halasz, talking about the administrators. "By maintaining this contract, they are complicit in these crimes."

The Coca-Cola Corporation has been charged with human rights abuses in their bottling plants in Colombia, including the murder of nine union workers. Over 30 college campuses across the country, including New York University and Hofstra University, have ended contracts with Coca-Cola based on these charges and the failure of Coke to allow an independent investigation in Colombia.

The administration has been adamant about including students from the SJA in the process of writing a new contract and assessing the current one, but Halasz and other SJA members disagree. "They asked us to be involved in the process, but this is not involving us," Halasz said.

An e-mail sent from the office of Karol Gray, Vice President of Finance and Administration, explained that "Coca-Cola will be on campus to...answer any student concerns." The meeting was to be held on Apr. 17, but after Halasz and fellow campaign member Dan Woulfin sent an e-mail criticizing the administration for not listening to the requests of the SJA, the representatives from Coca-Cola were asked to reschedule. The meeting took place with only administrators, allowing Halasz and other SJA members to address their concerns. A meeting with Coca-Cola representatives will be rescheduled for a later date.

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and bring back the reputability of the Senate as it was years ago. With power, comes not just great responsibility, but greater means to instill change. In the past, students have voted to mandate the student activities fee. Despite the gradual increase in the fee, they have continued to faithfully pay, it with the mutual understanding that the USG will use it for our benefit. But because of the continual abuse of their power, it has now become harder to gain both our trust and respect.

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# Softball Capitalizes on Binghamton Blunders

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for the top spot in the America East Conference.

The first game saw the Seawolves pull out a to a 7-0 lead after 3 innings, blow it, with the game tied 8-8 after the top of the 5th, followed by an SB rally during their half of the 5th. SB pulled out to an early lead with Victoria Kavitsky scoring on a Kelsi Fanelli single in the 1st. In the 2nd inning, the lead grew to 2-0 on a Ashley Westphal RBI single. They broke it open in the 3rd, with RBIs coming from Kelly Oberto, Jade Clare, Crista Cerrone, and Westphal. It was after the 4th run of the inning that Binghamton's pitcher Whitaker came out.

It was in the 4th inning that the Bearcats got on the board, due to miscues by the Seawolves. A Binghamton player advanced on a passed ball and another player advanced and scored because on an error at 1st base by Samantha Posey. SB bounced back with another run, also scored on an error, in their half of the inning to make it 8-2. Things came unraveled in the 5th, with Binghamton picking up six hits and scoring six runs to tie the game up at eight. In the bottom of the inning, SB got back on top following a series of Albany errors and walks. The lead was 11-8, and the Seawolves were able shut down the Bearcats for the last 2 innings.

Sarah Hoffman was on the mound for the first 5 innings and picked up the win, giving her an 11-4 record. Alyssa Struzenberg got her 2nd save. Mistakes were Binghamton's undoing, with the Bearcats giving up only 7 earned runs to SB's 8.

20 minutes later, it was game on again for the second half of the doubleheader. Struzenberg, the closer from the previous game, was back on the mound and threw a complete game in what would be a win. Marissa Fleury put SB on the board in the 1st, driving in Kavitsky with a single. Fleury would later advance home on a Binghamton error to put SB on top 2-0. The 2nd inning was scoreless, though SB left two runners stranded. Binghamton tied it up in the 3rd. The inning began with 3 hitters walking, followed by an RBI single. The next hitter reached first on a fielder's choice, as the player running home was thrown out. A sacrifice fly brought in the second Bearcat run of the inning. Two runners would be left on base at the end of the inning. The next 2 innings were uneventful. SB got their final run in the 5th on a homer by Fanelli. In the 7th, SB had a scare, with the tying run getting to second after a walk and a passed ball, but they wouldn't score, and SB won the game.

Sunday's game was the same as the first two in that Binghamton was its own undoing. As in the second game, it was

even money on earned runs for each team, and it was runs SB scored on errors that made the difference. This time, it was the Bearcats drawing first blood, scoring 2 runs in the 2nd on 4 hits. SB picked up a run in the 3rd due to Binghamton miscues. A strikeout for Cerrone was erased by a wild pitch that allowed her to steal first. She reached second on another wild pitch. She would later score on a Kavitsky double. Fanelli then reached first on a Bearcat error. However, Binghamton finally got out of the jam, holding SB to just one run. In the 4th, SB tied it up. Molly Kestranek had a leadoff double. She would eventually score on a sacrifice fly. In the 6th, SB gave Binghamton another scare, with a pair of singles, complicated by the first runner advancing on a Bearcats balk. However, Binghamton got out of the jam, with SB stranding two, including one runner on third. Going into the bottom of the 7th the game was still tied. The leadoff hitter, Westphal, reached on an error. She advanced on a single by Fanelli. Fleury walked, loading the bases. Posey drove in the winning run on a sacrifice fly to end the game with a 3-2 win for the Seawolves. Hoffman, who pitched a complete game, got here second win in 2 days.

The Seawolves go up to Hartford on Wed. for a conference game. The game begins at 3:00PM.

# Men's Lacrosse Triumphs

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answered with three goals, assisted twice by Jake Boyce. Both are New York natives. Binghamton would score two more goals in the period, while SB would only one more thanks to Tripodi and Robert Trenkle.

The Seawolves lead was now down to 9-7 going into the final quarter. However, SB was able to shut them down, holding them to just one more goal which came late in the quarter. Two SB goals earlier in the quarter were enough to seal Binghamton's fate.

The Seawolf offense was led by Tripodi and Chamberlain who each had 5 points. Tripodi scored four goals, and Chamberlain three. Goalie Brendan Callahan had 15 saves, and only eight goals against.

Head Coach Rick Sowell said he "knew they would make a run," referring to the Binghamton comeback in the 3rd. He added that they "played the way they practiced all week."

The Seawolves travel to nearby Hempstead to take on local rival Hofstra on Tuesday. The game starts at 7PM.

# Women's Lacrosse Wins Again

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the stretch and that is encouraging to see."

Stony Brook's offense was the main story of the night, with Senior Carlee Buck, Junior Diana Caroleo and Sophomores Jenna Celano and Kaitlin Leggio each scoring 3 goals. Seawolf goalkeeper Jen Sandtorv recorded 13 saves, adding to her conference leading save percentage and goals-against average of .528 and 9.9 goals, respectively. UAlbany had Christine Grueniger and Kate Fontana score four goals each in their losing effort. UAlbanys record now falls to 6-8 overall and 2-3 in the America East conference.

Stony Brook's win brings their record to 12-2 overall and 4-1 in conference play. The team trails Boston University by only half a game for first place in the America East Conference. BU leads the conference with a 5-1 record but SB still has a conference game remaining, this Saturday against the Vermont Catamounts.

Should the Seawolves win in their season finale against the Catamounts, they will host the America East tournament because they hold the tie breaker against BU. Stony Brook is in action this afternoon when they visit nearby Hofstra. The game starts at 4:00PM.

# TENNIS TOO MUCH FOR HARTFORD

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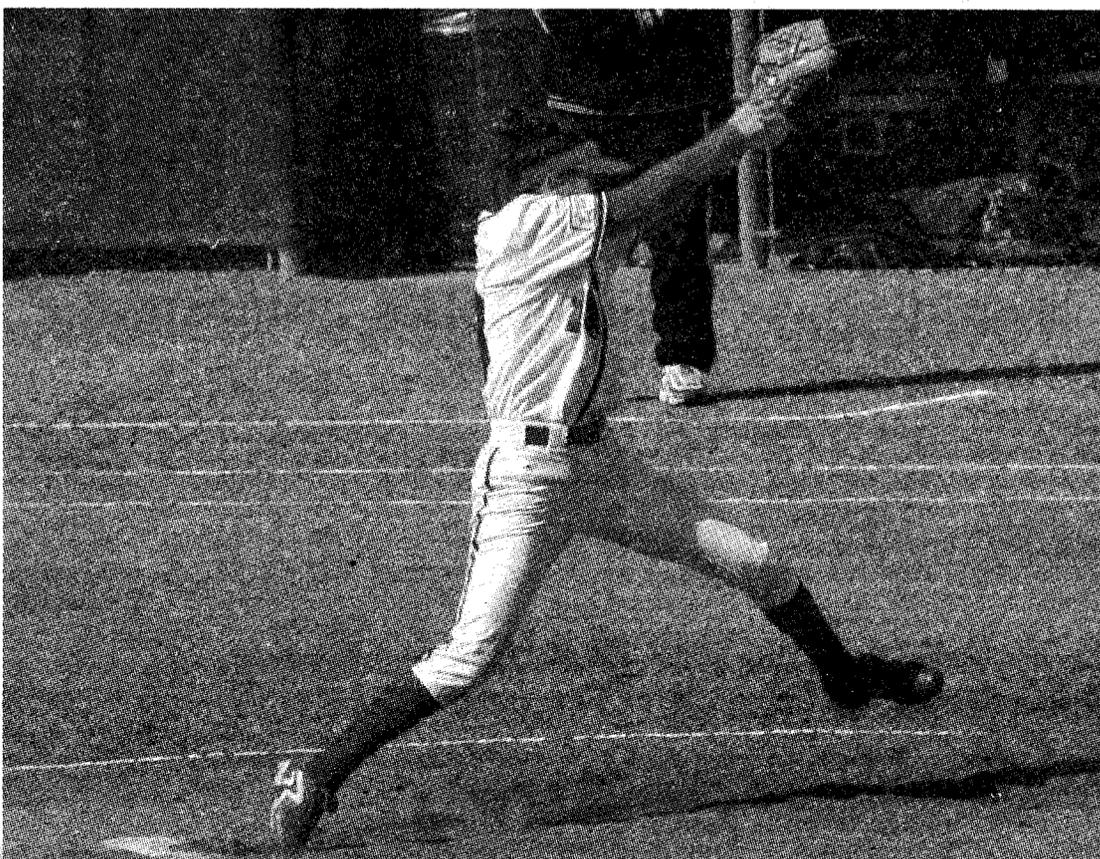
The Seawolves stayed on top in the singles matches, sweeping Hartford in every set. Rodolfi led the pack, winning at No. 1 with a score of 6-0, 6-1. Sanua wasn't far behind, winning at No. 2, 6-3, 6-0. Federgreen came in third with a score of 6-0, 6-1. Flanigan won at No. 4, 6-0, 6-0. Vovsha won at No. 5, 6-0, 6-0 and Shaina Murugan completed the sweep with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 6. The girls finished their season on Sunday with their game against Binghamton.

The Men's team held up their side, sweeping the Hartford Hawks 7-0 on Saturday. The men swept all three doubles matches as well. Nihal Advani

and Alex Markovich led the pack at No. 1, 8-7. Quirijn Van Veen and Ilan Shvartz won at No. 2, 8-4, and partners Youssef Fassi-Fehri and Jon Epstein won at No. 3, 8-2.

The singles matches were also a success, and continued SB's sweep of the Hawks. Van Veen's opponent retired in the second set, placing him at No. 1. Fassi-Fehri trailed at No. 2, 6-1, 6-2. Advani won at No. 3, 6-2, 6-1, Shvartz won at No. 4, 6-0, 6-2, Epstein won at No. 5, 8-0, and Markovich won at No. 6, 8-0. The wins give them an overall record of 7-10 and 1-1 in America East play.

The Seawolves will next compete in the America East tournament this Friday at Yale.



Sarah Hoffman had 2 wins in 2 starts in last weekend's series against Binghamton.

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## Seawolves 8-0 on Rivalry Day

### Women's Lacrosse Overpowers UAlbany

BY SHONTO OLANDER  
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Stony Brook, NY- In what has been already been a stellar season for the women's lacrosse team, the Seawolves continued their consistent and focused play in a 17-13 win over UAlbany. Saturday's match-up concluded Stony Brook's home schedule for the 2007 season with two more games to be played out on the road.

Streaky offense was the deciding factor in this match, with both SB and UAlbany combining for 10 goals in the final stages of the second half. At the 19:25 mark Kaitlin Leggio scored off a free position shot to bring the Seawolves to an 11-9 lead. UAlbany responded with a four goal run paced by a Kate Fontana hat-trick. The burst gave the visitors a 13-11 lead with only 6:08 remaining.

Then the floodgates opened. Kaitlin Leggio returned the favor with back-to-back goals, sparking a six nothing run by Seawolves in the match's closing minutes. The out burst included three straight goals by Diana Caroleo and an Amy Hallion score.

In a post game press conference Seawolf head coach Allison Comito stated "I was very pleased to see our girls come together at the end to pull out a victory." She continued that her team showed "poise down

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Men's lacrosse earned an 11-8 victory in a physically demanding game

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## Men's Lacrosse Beats Binghamton Hat Tricks for Tripodi and Chamberlain

BY WILLIAM LAHTI  
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The Men's Lacrosse team had a back-and-forth night, including an 8-1 run and a 6-goal lead shrink to 2 within 5 minutes. The Seawolves still prevailed with an 11-8 win over their rival Binghamton Bearcats. The win pushes to their record to 7-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play. SB currently sits in a tie for 3rd with Binghamton in the 6-team conference.

The first 9:20 of the game was scoreless until Binghamton's Jeff

Rurey put the team on the board. Eight seconds later, junior attack Bo Tipodi answered, assisted by senior attack Sean Chamberlain. The two connected twice more to put SB up 3-1 at the end of the first.

Bryan Johansmeyer went down late in the 1st quarter after Binghamton's Tom Wilmot slammed into him. At press time, the report was that Johansmeyer, who was helped off the field after being down for several minutes, may have a concussion. Wilmot was given a 2-minute penalty for

an illegal body check and SB's 3rd goal was scored on the resulting man up situation.

In the 2nd, Owen Adams and Larry Cerasi each scored, putting SB up 5-1. With just over a minute left in the half, Binghamton's Rob Williams scored, to make it 5-2 at halftime. Williams, a substitute, led the Bearcats in scoring with four goals.

In the 3rd, the teams combined for 9 goals. SB scored three to put themselves up 8-2. Williams

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### Softball Sweeps Binghamton

BY WILLIAM LAHTI  
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On Sat. and Sun. the Stony Brook Seawolves Softball Team played a 3-game series at home against SUNY rival Binghamton and swept them in dramatic fashion. Saturday's scores were 11-8 and 3-2. Sunday's score was also 3-2. With the wins, the Seawolves stand at 24-13, 10-3 in conference play. They are one game behind Boston University

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### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS SWEEP HARTFORD

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The Women's Tennis team swept Hartford 7-0 on Saturday. The girls won their 10th match and now have an overall record of 10-2 and 2-1 in America East play. Paola Rodolfi and Erica Federgreen led the doubles matches with a win at No. 1, 8-3. Claudia Sanua and Brooke Flanigan came in second with a win of 8-0, and Victoria Vovsha and Caitlin Crowley won at No. 3, 8-0.

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