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Study shows texting while walking could be dangerous

By Nelson Oliveira
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The video of a Pennsylvania woman falling into a mall fountain while texting and walking got millions of views on YouTube earlier this month. Luckily, she did not get hurt, but the accident illustrates a recent study on the effects of the dual-task.

According to two Stony Brook University researchers, using a cell phone while walking affects working memory and executive function, which can slow gait speed and make it difficult to walk in a straight line.

Thirty-three people in their 20s participated in an experiment conducted by Clinical Associate Professors Lisa M. Muratori and Eric M. Lamberg of the Department of Clinical Therapy in the School of Health Technology and Management.

The participants were first asked to walk toward a target eight meters away. A week later, they were asked to either walk to that target again, walk while talking on the phone or walk while texting and with their vision limited to the phone.

Texting turned out to be much more disruptive than talking on the phone. Gait speed went down by 33 percent for those who were texting and 16 percent for those who were talking on the phone. The participants who were texting and walking showed a "significant" 61 percent increase in lateral deviation, which caught the researchers by surprise.

"We didn't expect the degree of deviation to be so high," Muratori said.

In other words, pedestrians

who engage in cell phone use walk slower, remember fewer objects around them and "are more unsafe when crossing a street," according to the study, which was published in the online edition of *Gait & Posture* this month.

Krystaline Velez, a junior majoring in health science, said she often has minor accidents while texting and walking but she has not gotten hurt yet.

Velez even bumped into a lamppost in New York once, but that was not enough to change her behavior.

"I know it's not safe, but it's a habit," she said.

Muratori acknowledged that it is difficult to change this behavior, but she said pedestrians should at least be more careful around cars.

"I don't think it's realistic to tell people not to use their cell phones, to be honest, but maybe we shouldn't be using it while we're crossing the street," she said.

Anika James, a senior majoring in psychology and women's studies, said she never texts while walking and gets upset when other people do it.

"I don't do it because I'm not a good multi-tasker," she said. "I've seen people texting while crossing the street, people knocking into people ... it's very annoying."

The study is preliminary and it does not prove that using a cell phone while walking is unsafe, Muratori said. The experiment took place in a lab with a smooth surface and no obstacles, but it still "has implications to safety," she said.

"Increased longitudinal and lateral deviation can reasonably correlate to overstepping a curb or missing environmental cues," according to the study.



TOP DOGS: SEAWOLVES KNOCK OFF BOSTON

The Stony Brook Seawolves avenge last year's championship defeat against the Boston University Terriers with a final score of 66-57 at Pritchard Gymnasium.

Photo by Kenneth Ho.

University to switch to Gmail

Security, accessibility and usability lead to the email change

By Anthony Santigate
Staff Writer

Google Apps for Education will be the new university-wide collaboration service, as announced by President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. in his email on Dec. 19. This is a result of the suggestion from the Steering Committee, whose investigation considered issues including but not limited to security, accessibility, and usability.

According to stonybrook.edu/collaboration, once fully implemented at the end of 2012, the suite system will have almost if not all of the campus community connected through the email and collaboration applications. Most notably, this change will move students to the Gmail (Google Mail) emailing system, in an attempt to make the school-wide emails more accessible.

"I never look at MySBMail. I have three times total," said undergraduate student Tyler Wilkinson, "And once was because my dad asked to look at it."

The committee found that when looking through the outgoing emails from Blackboard, 90 percent of them were heading to somewhere other than an @stonybrook.edu

email account.

When asked if switching to Gmail would make him more inclined to use it, Wilkinson said, "I would definitely be more inclined to use it [Gmail]... It'd be much easier if it was sent to my Gmail account, especially since those get forwarded to my phone, so no matter where I am, I can read the emails."

Exclusively designed for schools and universities, Google Apps for Education is a no-cost "suite" of applications that makes for easy integration among multiple media platforms. The apps include Gmail, Google Documents, Google Calendar, Google Contacts, Google Talk (included to enable students to video conference in group sessions) and many other services which may be given out to the campus community, upon decision by the school.

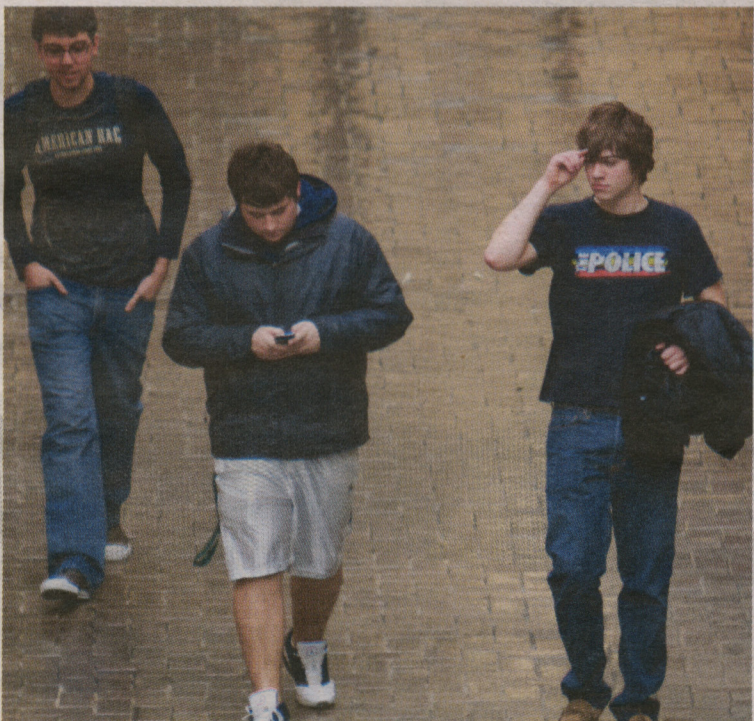
Lotus Notes was the former program used for most of these functions. But as co-chair of the Steering Committee Margaret Schedel said, "Lotus Notes was awkward."

The switch from the Lotus Notes and MySBMail to Google's services was not necessarily due to problems with the former system. "Lotus Notes and MySBMail

work reliably well; as with any system, users have expressed dissatisfaction with certain features and functionality — that these systems didn't seem to be keeping up with new developments and modes of use," said Chris Kielt, Schedel's co-chair, and Chief Information Officer. "Google Apps for Education will bring immediate and ongoing improvements."

This decision was headed by an investigation into viable options of technological improvements, led by the Steering Committee. According to Kielt, the Division of Information Technology was looking into new emailing systems before May 2011, the time of his hiring as CIO. But as the search went further, the group decided that email was not the only changed that could be made.

"When I began talking to people on campus, it became evident that selecting and implementing a new email system needed to be one of my first priorities. But, I also observed that we could do more than simply improve email — we could add collaboration



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A Stony Brook study found that people who text while walking are usually unaware of their surroundings.

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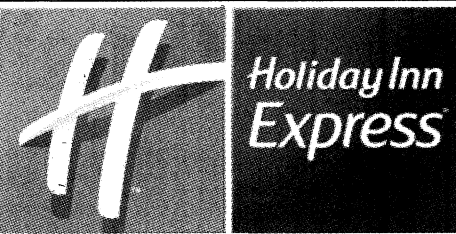
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Beauty & the Beast: Be their guest, eleven years later

Audience members to Disney's "tale as old as time" were invited to "be [their] guest" once again as "Beauty and the Beast" was re-released in 3-D on Jan. 13. Coming in at the number 2 spot on its opening weekend, the timeless classic proved that, even 11 years after its original release, people still want to watch the story that preaches the value of inner beauty over physical appearances.

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Extremely powerful & incredibly impactful

It's a story about a boy. A boy who lost his dad in the World Trade Center collapse of Sept. 11, 2001. It is not a documentary, historical reenactment or overdramatic montage of what 9-year-old protagonist Oskar Schell calls "The Worst Day." It is not a 9/11 tear-jerker. It is a more a sob-fest about general loss of family, which, regardless of how the tragedy happens, can rarely be definitively explained.

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SPORTS:

Top Dogs: Seawolves knock off Boston U, take top spot in America East

Finally. A collective sigh of relief went out from Seawolves nation and a few overzealous students even rushed the floor as the Stony Brook men's basketball beat the Boston University Terriers for the first time in nearly two years, 66-57, Friday night at Pritchard Gymnasium.

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Stony Brook, a sports school? Believe it.

Well that was fun, wasn't it Stony Brook? For a few days, Stony Brook University seemed the sports school it will be in the future. Students attended Wednesday's game, watching the men's basketball team destroy an overmatched Hartford side, for the sole purpose of picking up a coveted wristband for Friday night's game.

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Student governments' reputations on SUNY campuses

By **Alessandra Malito**
News Editor

Student governments sometimes have a negative connotation attached to their name, and at Stony Brook University, it is no different.

A sense of doubt may show through comments on articles about Stony Brook's Undergraduate Student Government, and voter turnouts are not strong. But there are similar feelings elsewhere in the State University of New York student government systems.

The members of the current Undergraduate Student Government look for student involvement, as well as administer events and hold Senate meetings, but sometimes receive criticism for their work, or lack of work, as can be seen or heard throughout campus. In November 2011, two vice presidents resigned, a situation that was linked with misappropriation of payroll by The Statesman.

The reputation that Stony Brook's student government has may be a cause of its history.

In 2002, the student government at Stony Brook known as Student Polity Association held a status of receivership, meaning they lost their ability to administer the student activity fee, according to an Aug. 29, 2002 article

in The Statesman. Years later, USG, which is now the student government system at the university, came into place. In the Oct. 21, 2002 issue of The Statesman, the front page article "Polity Decertified as Governing Body: Bickering Between Council and Senate Finally

a structure and process that will increase [student] involvement," said Chairman of the Sociology Department and co-chair of the committee Norm Goodman said in the 2002 issue.

In another article, "Controversy Over \$2.25 Million of Student Money," also in the

but there is some politicking going on in the office," USG Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow said. "For the most part, people have the students and student body and their best interests at heart."

Clubs and Organizations, and their money

The Statesman contacted other State University of New York campuses' student governments to see how their systems work. What was found was that there are problems there as well, but that they also organize their system differently than at Stony Brook.

"In the past, the Student Association has really been seen as a body of corrupt students who like power and all those typical complaints about the student government," Liz Robins, executive vice president of the Binghamton student government, said.

Students sometimes feel as though they do not know where their money is going and that the people in charge do not know how to handle the situation.

"The largest thing that would need improvement from what I have heard is the lack of leverage that students hold over how the money is spent," Nicholas Spengler, president of the Geneseo Student Association,

said. "Since it comes down to the executive making final decisions, students don't feel that their voices make a difference."

Because it is a concern of the student government, they are looking for a new way to have more input by the organizations. One idea they have come up with, Spengler said, is by having a text-based poll on at all times during the meetings, where students could send in messages to executive members so that they can always know what the students want.

Geneseo has 53 funded clubs and six services, but the clubs are broken into numerous branches. The student activity fee at Geneseo is \$100 per student per semester. Every organization starts off with a maximum of \$150 but can ask for more after they have received funding.

Unlike at Stony Brook, however, a representative must be present from each funded organization at each student government meeting.

"By forcing every club to be represented at every meeting, it not only informs them of how their money is being spent, it gives them first-hand knowledge when their money might be in danger of being spent inappropriately," Spengler said. "I would not want

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DEBORAH MACHALOW
USG EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Leads to Organization's Demise" read that Polity was decertified by University President Shirley Strum Kenny.

According to a Nov. 18, 2002 article in The Statesman, "Creating the Blueprint for a New Student Government," a committee known as the Undergraduate Governance Task Force was formed to create the new government.

"We will enterprise to develop

Nov. 18, 2002 issue, problems of Polity were addressed.

"Missed appointments, poor programming, deterioration of the budgeting process and general stagnation were complaints cast by the critics of the old student government," the article said.

And still, problems are constantly being addressed to get better.

"I think this year has seen a market decrease in politicking,

Older Siblings on Campus club lends a helping hand to students

By **Chelsea Katz**
Staff Writer

When freshman biochem-istry and computer science major Adam Liang came to Stony Brook in Fall 2011, he struggled taking CHE 131 and PHY 131 at the same time and looked for some academic assistance to get the A's he desired.

During his search, he found the mentoring club, Older Siblings on Campus, or OSOC.

OSOC is a club that allows underclassmen to meet with upperclassmen and receive advice regarding how to achieve academically and socially during their years at Stony Brook and in their future careers.

"Being a part of OSOC is really like having another older brother or sister who is giving his or her all in helping you out," Liang said. "I feel that there is always somebody I can go to when I need help, and that is my favorite part of being a part of OSOC."

Liang and his mentor, Malack Hamade, a junior biochemistry and applied math and science major, meet one-on-one to discuss areas that Liang has trouble with in class.

The club has approximately 30 mentees (or "younger sibs," as OSOC calls them) and 24 upperclassman. Like Liang and Hamade, the mentors and their

younger sibs meet weekly to discuss problem areas that the mentees find in class. Mentors and younger sibs are matched based on their major to maximize the mentees' success.

In addition, OSOC holds workshops designed for underclassmen. One such workshop assisted freshmen in creating the best possible schedule for the upcoming semester. Other workshops focused on social networking and internships. OSOC also runs review sessions for introductory classes that usually bring around 100 students.

OSOC also has a scavenger hunt and a graduation party planned for this semester.

When Hamade learned of her younger sib's interest in biochemistry, she took him on a tour of the lab in which she works.

Nadiya Pavlishyn, a freshman applied math and statistics major, joined after being approached about the club during fall 2011 orientation weekend. When Pavlishyn's mentor was not sure about a potential computer science class that Pavlishyn was considering taking, her mentor referred her to another OSOC mentor that was familiar with the computer science program.

"The initial response I get when I tell people about the program

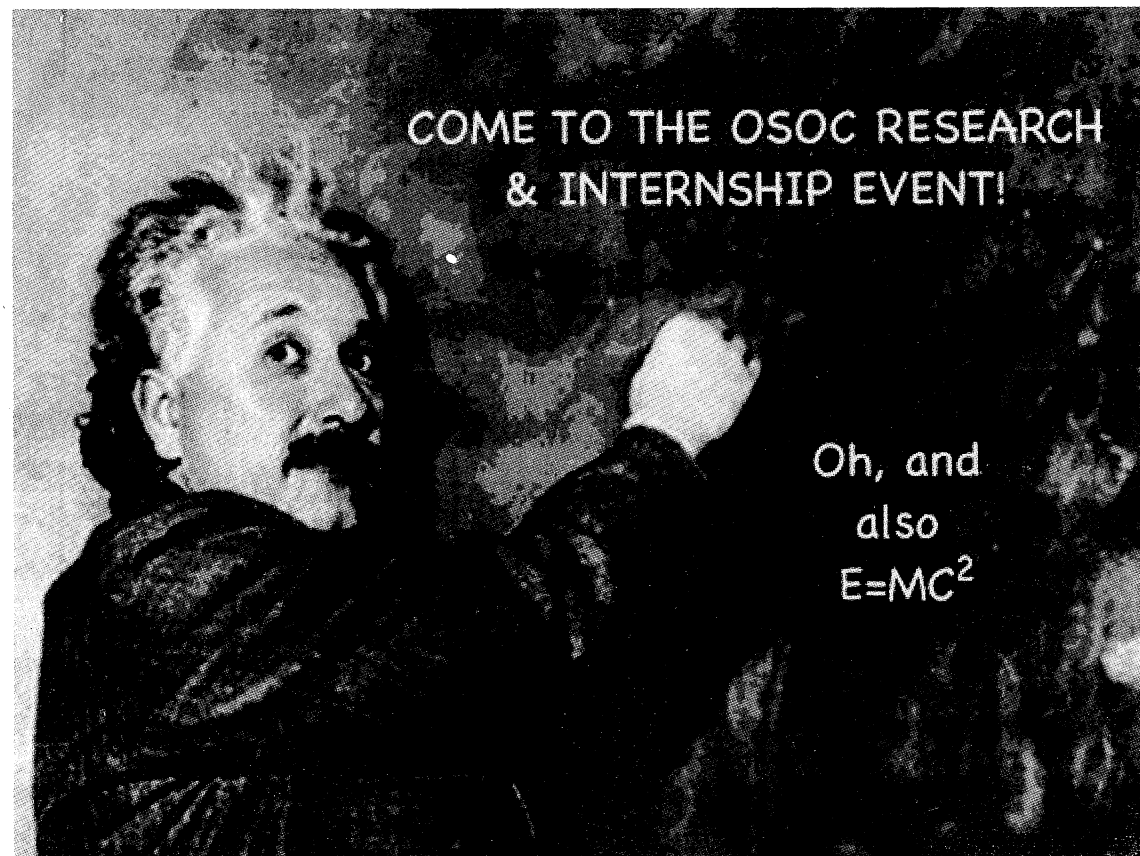


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The Older Siblings on Campus group mentors freshmen. Above is one of their fliers.

is that OSOC is exactly the type of program they wish they could have benefited from as freshmen," Hamade said. "They're glad someone decided to set the gears in motion."

Hamade started OSOC in spring 2011, and the club was officially recognized by the

university in Fall 2011.

"I really love that I have my mentor, as well as multiple other OSOC mentors that I am close to that I can contact whenever I have a question," Pavlishyn said. "My mentor is specifically the same major as me, but many of Stony Brook's programs are represented

by the mentors, and there's always someone who can give you some advice on academics, or anything else."

Liang hopes to become a mentor when he becomes an upperclassman so that he can help an underclassman the same way his mentor helped him.

CAREER BUILDER, CAREER KILLER OR CAREER NEUTRAL?

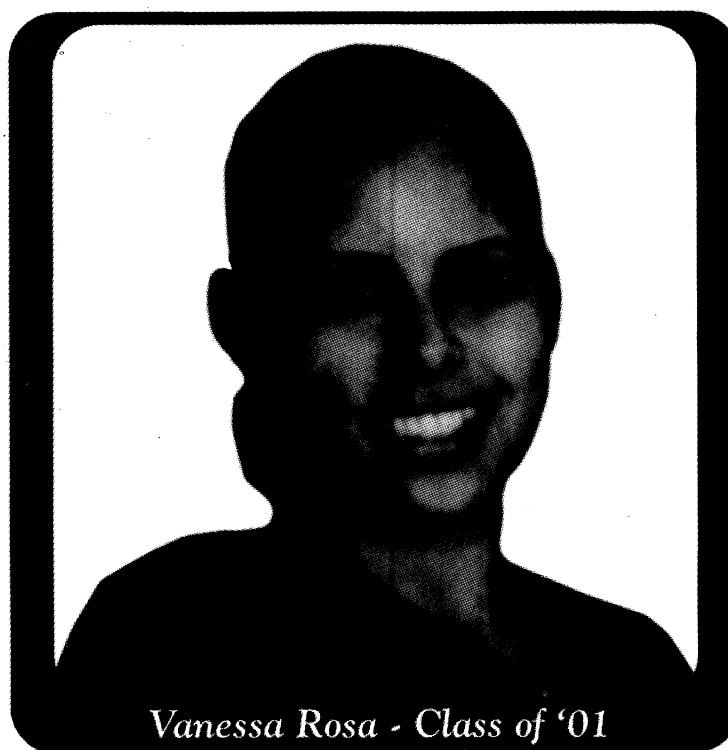
What do Jeff Bezos, Russell Simmons, Ben Cohen, Jerry Greenfield and Vanessa Rosa have in common? If you haven't a clue, Jeff Bezos is the founder and CEO of Amazon, the renowned web site. Russell Simmons is a music industry mogul and Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield are the dynamic duo better known as Ben and Jerry of the renowned ice cream empire Ben's and Jerry's. By contrast, SBU Alum Vanessa Rosa is much less well known, but shares a very significant something with these captains of industry.

What is that something? They have all been wildly successful in their careers. They also had a common experience in spite of having strikingly different careers paths. To give another clue, their recipes for success were all different yet had one common ingredient. Still uncertain?

They have all worked in food services when they were students, and contrary to some people's perceptions, each one feels that their food service work experience made a noteworthy contribution to their future successes.

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services." In order to keep up with the always changing innovations of technology, Kielt suggests to, "Engage with a cloud provider who would track rapid industry innovation."

Although the decision has already been made, students and faculty will not be able to switch over to the new system immediately. As the project's website plans out, the campus community will not be forced to change until September 2012. But implementation and training of the system will begin near the end of the second semester, and elective migrations to Google Apps for Education will start in July.

The switch will not cause any time of lost emails. The committee is currently dealing with other universities that have recently switched systems in order to find the best way to avoid any downtime on the services. According to Google Apps for Education's homepage, recently four leading universities have switched to their system. These schools include: Northwestern University, Arizona State University, Notre Dame and the University of Westminster.

Stony Brook University will soon be added to this list of top universities switching to Google, seemingly another step in the right direction for the university as a whole.



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SUNY campuses' student governments differ from USG

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the entire budget to come on to eight elected officials without all parties involved knowing the details."

Not many student governments have this mandatory rule. At Plattsburgh, the student activity fee, which is around \$150 per student per semester, according to Adrian Rockefeller, who recently finished his term as vice president for the arts, subsidized every student club, function and event on campus and must go through the vice president and senate.

At Binghamton, the undergraduate student fee is \$92.50, and there are 238 active student groups, not including club sports. At the end of each year, it ends up being around 250 groups.

Running on Parties and Voter Turnouts

According to Spengler, there have not been any notable problems stirring from the student government, as one might see in the Stony Brook USG. But there have been problems within the government when people are running on different parties.

"Within the last couple of years, there hasn't been people running on tickets or in parties so those feuds haven't existed," Spengler said.

Of the 5,200 students at Geneseo, 1,400 of them, on average, vote.

At Binghamton, about 1,000 to 1,500 out of 10,000 undergraduates vote.

The smaller voter turnout at Binghamton largely stems from a lack of recognition of the Student Association as a functional organization for the students.

"Not that many people know what the SA does," Robins said. "It's hard for a lot of students to know that. A lot of students don't know."

At Binghamton, similar to other student governments, the SA strives to make new programs and help the student body. The



STATESMAN ARCHIVE PHOTO

Student Polity Association, pictured above, was discredited in 2002 by University President Shirley S. Kenny.

president of Binghamton's SA recently had The New York Times delivered to campus to be in the unions and each of the dining halls.

"[We're] just trying to think of how to improve student campus, and I think that's really awesome at the end of the day," Robins said.

Stipends and Payroll

Stony Brook's USG provides stipends for members of the executive board and senators, and has a payroll for employees, such as certain assistants. Plattsburgh's Student Association, however, does not have any financial compensation for work provided by officials.

"This was a topic of debate a long time ago," Rockefeller said. "We feel that this way, the elected students are doing it purely of their own interests, and for the

interests of the student body."

Similar to Stony Brook, the student government at Plattsburgh is broken up into an executive board along with a Senate. The president of SA maintains relationships with the student body, as well as with the administration of the university.

Geneseo has a fiscal agency called Campus Auxiliary Services, and the student employees who are paid on stipends must go through a registration process with them.

With money involved, it is important for Geneseo's employees to be accountable. If someone is not fulfilling their responsibilities, the treasurer will not give the stipend to the employee.

At Binghamton, the executive board members and speaker get a stipend.

"Any member of the board can hire basically as many assistants

as they want or need, and they can get paid as well," Robins said. "They get something in the budget."

For example, the executive vice president has four assistants. Depending on how much they work, they can get paid about minimum wage.

Student Governments Ask for Input

"Sometimes students complain, 'Oh, we don't know what the SA does,' 'What are they doing?'" Robins said. "People complain, but at the same time, the SA is like 'How come students don't talk to us?' 'Why don't they talk to their representatives?'"

A possible solution lies in a better sense of communication between students and student governments.

At Geneseo, Spengler said the best and most beneficial part of

the student government is how accessible the executive board is.

"At any given moment during business hours, you can go to our office and one of the eight of us will be there," Spengler said. "We are all kept well-informed and ready to any question that a student might have about SA and what SA is doing."

By having that communication, student governments are able to foster a relationship with the student body that could lead to better understanding of what is happening.

"Students need to communicate more with the SA," Robins said. "I wish there was more knowledge."

At Stony Brook, USG encounters the same issues.

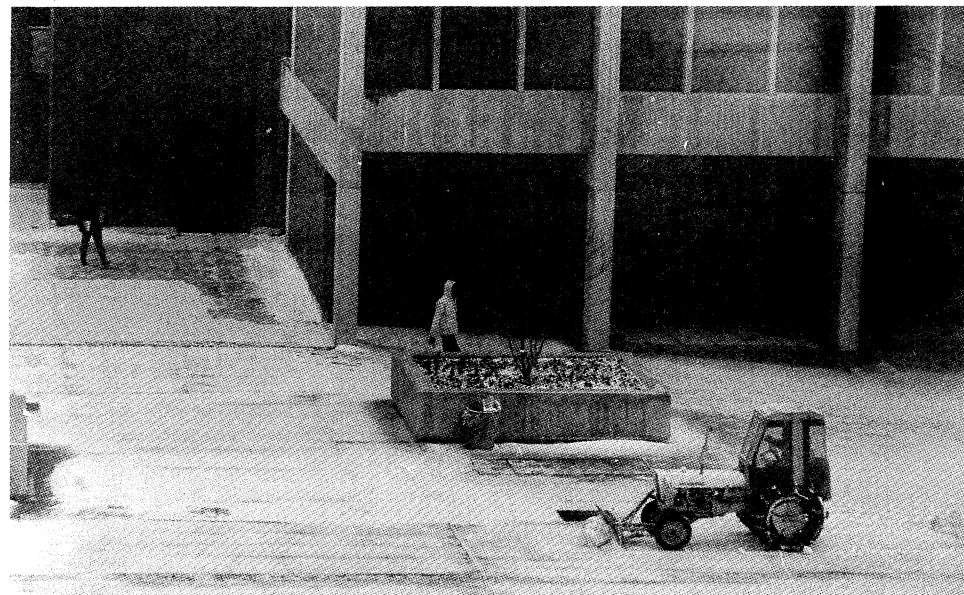
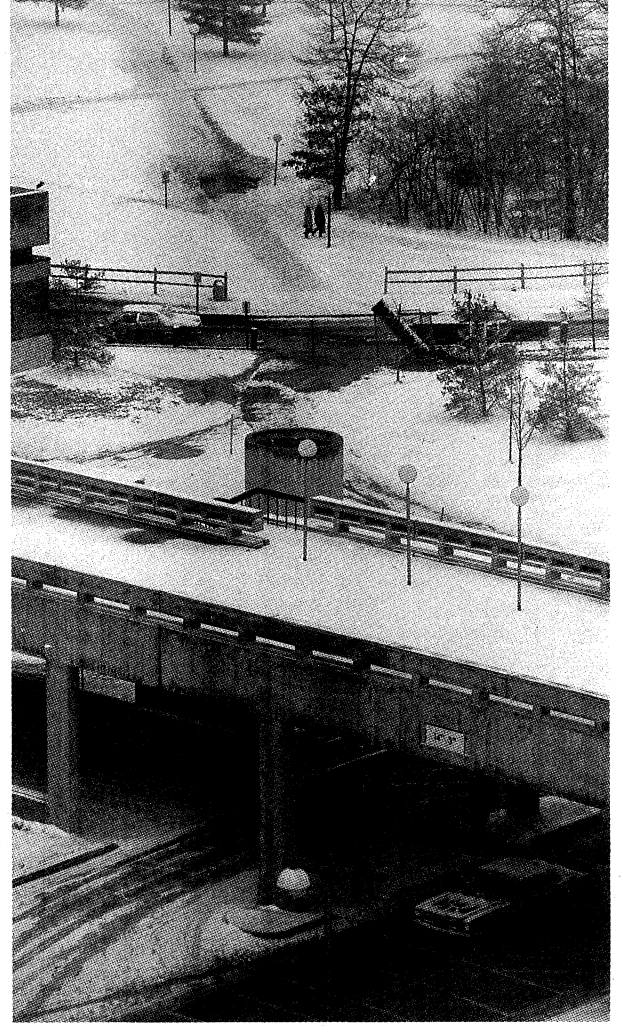
"Students should come and talk to us more than they do," Machalow said. "We're not just about club funding. We do have some input at least. People should talk to us more."

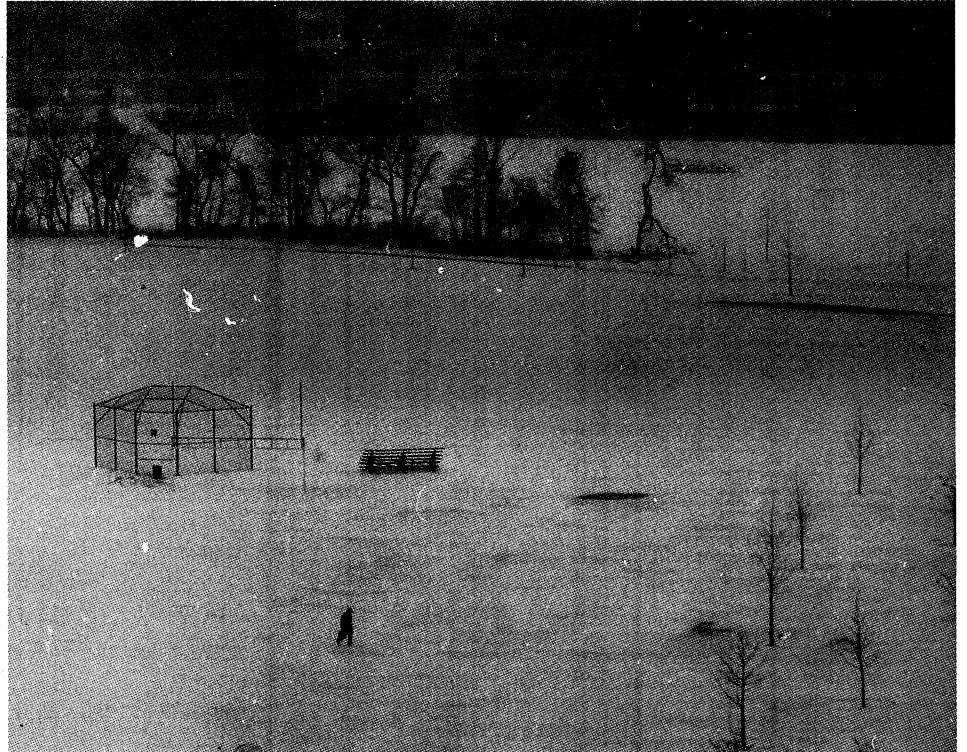
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Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's a story about a boy. A boy who lost his dad in the World Trade Center collapse of Sept. 11, 2001. It is not a documentary, historical reenactment or overdramatic montage of what 9-year-old protagonist Oskar Schell calls "The Worst Day." It is not a 9/11 tear-jerker. It is a more a sob-fest about general loss of family, which, regardless of how the tragedy happens, can rarely be definitively explained.

"Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" is fantastic. It is based on the 2005 novel by Jonathan Safran Foer and directed by Stephen Daldry, and stars Teen Jeopardy champion and first-time actor Thomas Horn. Horn plays Oskar Schell, a New Yorker from the Upper West Side whose world is ripped apart by his father's unexpected death. Played by Tom Hanks, father Thomas Schell was his son's best friend. When he dies, a part of Oskar dies too. Left with a weak relationship with his mother, played by Sandra Bullock, and a confusion as to why bad things sometimes happen to good people, Oskar is alone; emotionally wounded and mentally distraught.

The movie begins in a dismal setting. Oskar opens with a daydream of skyscrapers. Underground skyscrapers. Eventually, we will have too many dead people, he says. And one day, there will be nowhere to bury all the bodies. We can build down, instead of up, he thinks aloud. There can be a whole underground world for the dead. Chills.

Oskar, who is introduced on

his personal business card as an amateur inventor, Francophile, and pacifist, is broken after 9/11. He is a boy, boggled at the peculiarities of life, a child burdened with questions about life and death that no one can correctly answer. The most unanswerable of these questions comes when he steps into his dad's closet for the first time

after, a year after his death. While feeling around, he knocks over a blue vase with a little manila envelope. On the envelope is one word: Black. In it, a single gold key.

And this is where the story really begins. Oskar is convinced that his dorky dad left the mysterious key for him. Overwhelmed by grief and unable to move on in any other way, he sets off on a nearly impossible quest to find the lock that the key will open.

After obtaining a phone book from his doorman, he maniacally fishes through everyone with the last name "Black." There are more than 400 names, yet Oskar vows to visit them all. And so he does. He learns that everyone, be it The-Man-Who-Liked-To-Give-

Hugs or The Renter, has a story to tell. Oskar changes the lives of most everyone he meets, all across the five boroughs of New York. Along the way, he resolves the ripped bond with his mother and helps aid the relationship of his grandparents. And though his journey may not bring him exactly where he wants to go, it does

word of warning: You will leave upset. Not upset at the acting, the plot or the price of ticket. (Well, okay, maybe the latter a bit.) But judging by the absolute immobility of every single person in the theatre as the credits silently rolled on the black and white screen, this movie will take a cathartic toll on its viewers.

Oskar's impossible expedition leads him to a philosophical understanding about life. Though he is afraid of most everything (bridges, trains, jackhammers, tall things, loud things and a majority of people terrify him), he understands that facing these internal horrors will bring him closer to his dad. And so, he jingles a tambourine — it keeps him calm — and spends the duration of the movie latently



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partially release him from the overwhelming weight of being a boy without a dad.

I strongly recommend you see this movie. Actually, I strongly recommend you stop by a local drugstore, buy a large box of tissues and then go see this movie. A fair

the lock, while really looking for something he can never have back.

It's almost shocking that Horn had, prior to this this film, never acted before. He plays the role with a dexterity that most actors three times his age have yet to

achieve. There are several scenes in the movie that those with the faint of heart may not be able to sit through. Bullock is in the movie for exactly 24 minutes. But when she speaks to her husband moments before he dies, it becomes slightly impossible to sit calmly. "You come home, right now," Bullock says to him with a panicked tenacity that breaks your heart. Another is when Oskar describes, and forces us to listen to, the six voicemails left by his father before his untimely death. Though Oskar is home for three of his dad's messages, he stands frozen, steadfast, unable to pick up the phone. He covers his ears with fragile hands. In the last voicemail, played appropriately in the last quarter of the movie, Oskar reveals his dad's scared but direct plea to speak to his son. "Are you there? Are you there? Are you there...?" And then, as the first tower collapses to the ground, so does Oskar. And so do the heavy hearts of everyone watching from their seats.

"Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" was one of nine films nominated for the Academy Award. It deserves the Oscar. It is haunting, inspiring and brave. It teaches the lesson of overcoming obstacles and finding that "sixth borough," so to speak. And it does so through the eyes of a small boy. Sometimes death doesn't make sense. This movie shines a message of light at the end of a painfully dark tunnel; a message of hope that is too often clouded by fears and disillusion. Maybe everybody is looking for something. But, as Oskar's dad once says to him, "If things were easy to find, they wouldn't be worth finding."

FIVE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Laser tag

Come out to the SAC Ballroom A for some laser tag on Friday, Feb. 3, from 5 to 9 p.m.



2) Pilobolus

These renowned and innovative dancers seem to defy gravity in this physically intense dance performance. It's going to be on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. on Staller's Main Stage.



3) Open Craft Night

The Craft Center will be hosting the first open craft night on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. It will feature bottom making and other decorations for a dorm room.

4) Lunar New Year

The Asian Students Alliance will be hosting a celebration to promote the new lunar year on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m.. It's free, and there will be food and cultural activities to celebrate the year of the dragon.

5) Super Bowl Party

RHA will be hosting a party in the Center for Global Studies and Human Development during the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 5.



Beauty & the Beast: Be their guest, eleven years later

By Nicole Bansen
Staff Writer

Audience members to Disney's "tale as old as time" were invited to "be [their] guest" once again as "Beauty and the Beast" was re-released in 3-D on Jan. 13. Coming in at the number 2 spot on its opening weekend, the timeless classic proved that, even 11 years after its original release, people still want to watch the story that preaches the value of inner beauty over physical appearances.

The film is based off Jeanne-Marie Le Prince de Beaumont's fairy tale "La Belle et la Bête," in which a selfish prince is placed under a powerful spell that transforms him into a hideous beast. The spell can only be broken if he learns to love another and earn her love in return. Disney spun the tale to include the prince's servants in the curse, making them household objects until their master could find love.

The Beast's love interest in the movie becomes Belle, a young woman who lives in a French village with her father. She dreams of living away from her village and going on adventures like the ones she reads about in books. Her love of books, coupled with her gentle but outspoken personality, always elicits comments about her oddity from the villagers. Belle winds up at the Beast's castle when her father goes missing and their horse leads

her to him. Once at the castle, she wanders to the dungeons, where her father is being held prisoner due to a misunderstanding with the Beast. In order to save her father from living in the dungeon, Belle courageously offers to take his place. The Beast allows it so long as she promises to never leave him.

Because of his demanding attitude and anger, Belle refuses to cooperate

with the Beast. But the transformed servants in the castle believe that she may be the girl to break the spell, so they offer to help the Beast win her over. The ever-friendly Lumière, a candlestick, along with Cogsworth, an anxious clock, and motherly Mrs. Potts, a teapot, do their best to make Belle feel welcomed. They even go so far as to put on a spectacular show to present her dinner in the iconic song,

"Be Our Guest."

Once the Beast starts acting more gently, Belle sees the kinder side of him and the two begin spending more time together. Not before long, the Beast puts together a romantic evening where the couple dance in an extravagant ballroom, which looks even more stunning in 3D.

While the Beast is short-tempered and scary, the real villain in the movie

is the egotistical big-shot hunter of the town, Gaston. He desires to marry a woman as beautiful as he and finds Belle to be the only woman worthy of his looks. He advances on her multiple times only for her to reject him. His jealousy consumes him when he finds out that Belle may have feelings for the Beast, and he rallies together a mob made up of townspeople to storm the castle and kill the Beast.

Disney made a great choice in re-releasing this movie in 3D. It was the second Disney film to be produced using a Computer Animation Production System (CAPS), which was supposed to give the illusion of depth, making the transition to 3D much smoother. The colors were far more vibrant with this re-mastered version, and each song sounded even better when portions of the audience sang along. It is no wonder that this was the first animated film to be nominated for Best Picture at the 64th Annual Academy Awards. "Beauty and the Beast" is definitely worth watching again in a theater.

Lacey Iatavia, a manager at South Bay Cinemas, is pleased to have it at her theater. "A lot of children who didn't get to experience it the first time are being brought in with their families," Iatavia said. "It's been doing the best out of our other shows because it attracts all different people. It's a classic movie, and I hope to see more Disney films re-released."



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Eat. Brew. Cook.

This week learn how to make: tuna ranch salad and spicy chicken sandwiches



By Alycia Terry
Staff Writer

At the end of last spring semester, I swore I'd never waitress again—six years' experience in the food industry is enough customer service experience to last a lifetime. I kept this promise to myself all summer, and a paid internship ensured that I had money to pay my bills through the fall semester. As the semester progressed, though, I quickly realized that I was not going to have enough money to buy Christmas presents and make my January car payment.

Suddenly it was November, and I was flat broke. Over Thanksgiving break, I recognized my lack of options; I broke down and realized I would need to work over the break to make ends meet

and that most likely I'd have to go back to being a waitress.

I found myself sitting at a table in an upscale seafood grill that I worked at for three years—before unceremoniously quitting by walking out in the middle of a shift. At the time, resigning in this dramatic fashion had seemed my only option; however, in retrospect, it may have been wiser to avoid burning bridges. I nervously fidgeted in my seat and sheepishly explained my plight to my old managers. After a moment of extremely awkward silence, grins broke out all around—of course they'd have me back.

At first, I was excited to be making money and back in the restaurant environment. It took precisely five minutes for

me to tire of it and one hour to remember how boring it could be. It took two hours for me to remember that I abhor customer service. Two hours after that I remembered how terrible it is to serve delicious food all night but not have anything available to eat besides bread and clam chowder. I resisted creating a trend on twitter "#waiterproblems," and instead, contemplated how to survive the five-week stint. A solution in the form of two semi-inspired sandwiches—traditional lunch fare with a twist.

Tuna ranch salad sandwich

The tuna ranch salad sandwich is the less bland and more awesome cousin of the original tuna salad sandwich. This dish is crunchy, a little bit sweet and packed with vitamins for a

lunch to get you through a work shift or that extra-long European topics class that you regret enrolling in.

1. Combine and mix tuna, ranch, cranberries and carrots in a small mixing bowl.

2. Spread onto a slice of bread. Lay spinach leaves over the entire surface on the tuna.

3. Spread honey mustard onto the other slice of bread. Place on top on the other slice and enjoy!

Makes 1 serving.

Open-face Spicy Chicken Sandwich

To make lunch really interesting, go for this inspired recipe. A friend of mine first introduced me to this style sandwich; her dish features blackened tilapia and slaw served on a thick slice of Ciabatta bread, but I usually opt for chicken and a hearty slice of whole wheat. My recipe is

Tuna Ranch Salad Sandwich

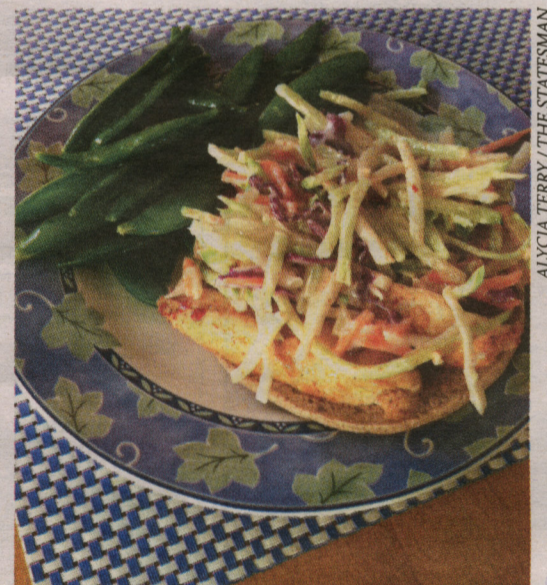
What You Have
4 oz. canned tuna
1 tbsp. Ranch dressing
2 slices white or whole wheat bread

What You need
¼ cup Baby spinach leaves
1 tsp. Honey mustard
¼ cup Shredded Carrots
Handful of cranberries

Open-face Spicy Chicken Sandwich

What You Have
Bread

What You Need
1 tbsp. canola oil
1 tbsp. chili oil
½ tsp. paprika
½ tsp. cayenne pepper
½ tsp. garlic
½ tsp. salt
½ cup plain yogurt
1 tbsp. lemon juice
Shredded broccoli slaw
2 halved boneless skinless chicken breast



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fairly spicy, so remember you can always tone it down to suit your taste.

1. Combine broccoli slaw, yogurt, salt and lemon juice in a bowl and mix well.

2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat a cast iron skillet on high heat for five minutes until smoking hot (be careful to put the fan on over the stove and open a window).

3. Mix canola oil and chili oil. Fully coat chicken breast with oil and then cover with spices.

4. Pan-fry chicken breasts for one minute on each side. Turn off stove and transfer chicken to a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for five minutes.

5. Lightly toast a slice of bread. Top with chicken breast and a scoop of slaw. I recommend a fork and knife for this one.

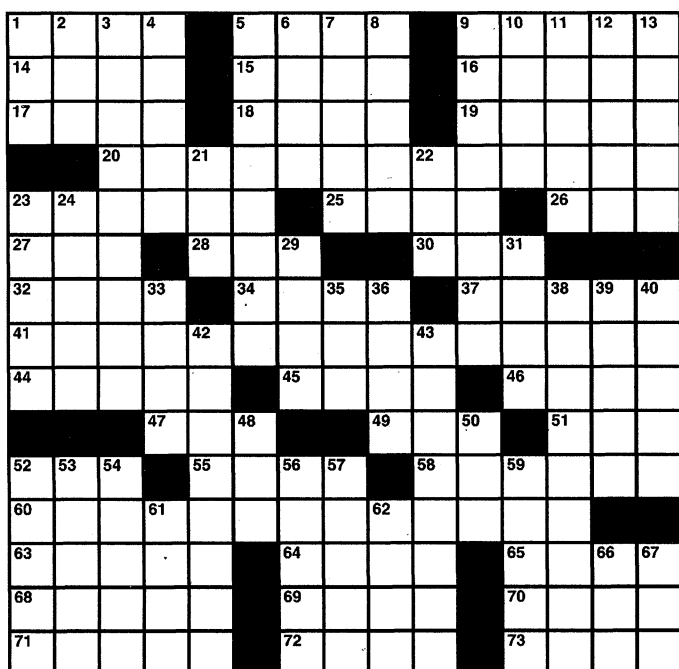
Makes 2-4 servings.

DIVERSIONS

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Fashionable
 - Blanc, the Alps' highest peak
 - Wintry mess
 - Prolonged unconsciousness
 - Confess openly
 - Like horror film music
 - Practice boxing
 - Luke Skywalker, e.g.
 - Postal service symbol
 - DUCK
 - The NFL's Cowboys
 - Energy
 - Snake's warning
 - "Can ___ honest with you?"
 - 2011 World Series champs, on scoreboards
 - Rogue
 - Ring loudly
 - "Othello" villain
 - Fits of anger
 - CRANE
 - Actor Davis
 - ___-poly
 - Yours, to Yves
 - Presidents' Day mo.
 - ___-haw!"
 - Any nonzero number divided by itself
 - Arafat's org. until 2004
 - Remove, with "off"
 - "Key Largo" 54-Down winner Claire
 - QUAIL
 - Not shortened, as a film
 - Suit to ___
 - "Joy of Cooking" writer Rombauer
 - Stiller's comedy partner
 - iPhone message
 - Cowardly film beast played by 29-Down
 - Swashbuckler Flynn
 - Brother of Cain and Abel
 - "Ignore that editing change"

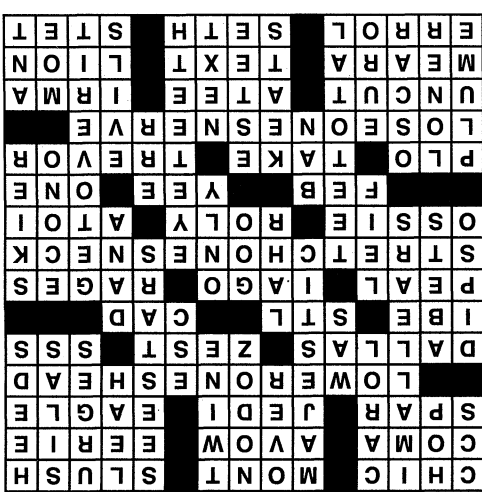


By Kevin Christian

1/30/12

DOWN

- IV amounts
- "___ on Pop": Dr. Seuss
- "Lay it on me!"
- Christmas song
- Like the Grand Canyon
- Higher than
- All-nighter pill
- Bale binder
- Reel from a blow to the head
- Wife of Jacob
- Involuntary impulses
- Eliot's "___ Marner"
- Obeys
- Used to be
- Upper-left PC key
- Tippler, for short
- Helps with a heist
- Actor Bert (see 70-Across)
- Carvey or Delany
- Explorer Ericson
- Moo ___ gai pan
- The "O" in SRO
- "Time to move on"
- Money-saving, in product names



- Downhill racer
- Abstain from alcohol
- Canines metaphorically exchanged for something desired
- Prohibit
- Goof
- Nom de ___: pen name
- Solitary man
- Hollywood award
- Grecian urn poet
- Cosmetics giant Lauder
- Lesser of two ___
- French franc successor
- Deli counter call
- One of the Stooges
- Picnic undesirable

Horoscopes / Linda C. Black; MCT Campus

Today's Birthday (01/30/12). You and a partner have more than you realize. Home is where your heart is, and your focus this year will be to grow and expand the networks that keep those home fires thriving. Talk about what you love. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Money comes in. It could be easy to spend it all on food, comfort or other sensual treats. Have some of that. Pay down a debt, and save some, too. Have it all.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Hermit-crabbing sounds appealing. Taking care of business close to home recharges your social batteries. Get in the spotlight later.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- It's getting easier to step forward. It seems so comfortable to hide out, but there are costs. Your creativity wants to escape. Cook something up.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- The conversation is rich: The revelation you'd been looking for gets discovered by the group. You begin to understand. Defer gratification.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Tap into abundance without spending more. Get the word out, and it goes farther than expected. Remember, love's the most important part. Be patient with someone.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Plan a fabulous adventure. A new assignment baffles. Slow down and puzzle it out. Organize for efficiency. There's fun ahead. Make a change for the better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Home vies with career for your attention. Consider your options carefully, including an unreasonable request. Don't worry about status. Set priorities.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- You're on top of your business game. Create new partnerships and complete negotiations. You have many reasons to be happy. Your friends are there for you.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Entering a very busy two-day phase. Focus on the difference you can make. Expect changes in your career, and glitches in communication. Relax.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- You'd rather play for the next few days. Balance finances and romance. With some creativity, you can make it all work. Hold that carrot out on a stick.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Build abundance with a foundation of love. Avoid going out on spending sprees. Things go smoother at home. Keep your promises, and be respectful.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- You're even smarter than usual for the next few days. You can find the solution to that old problem. The assignment changes. Stand up for what's right.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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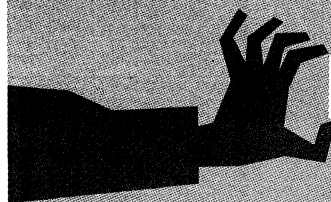
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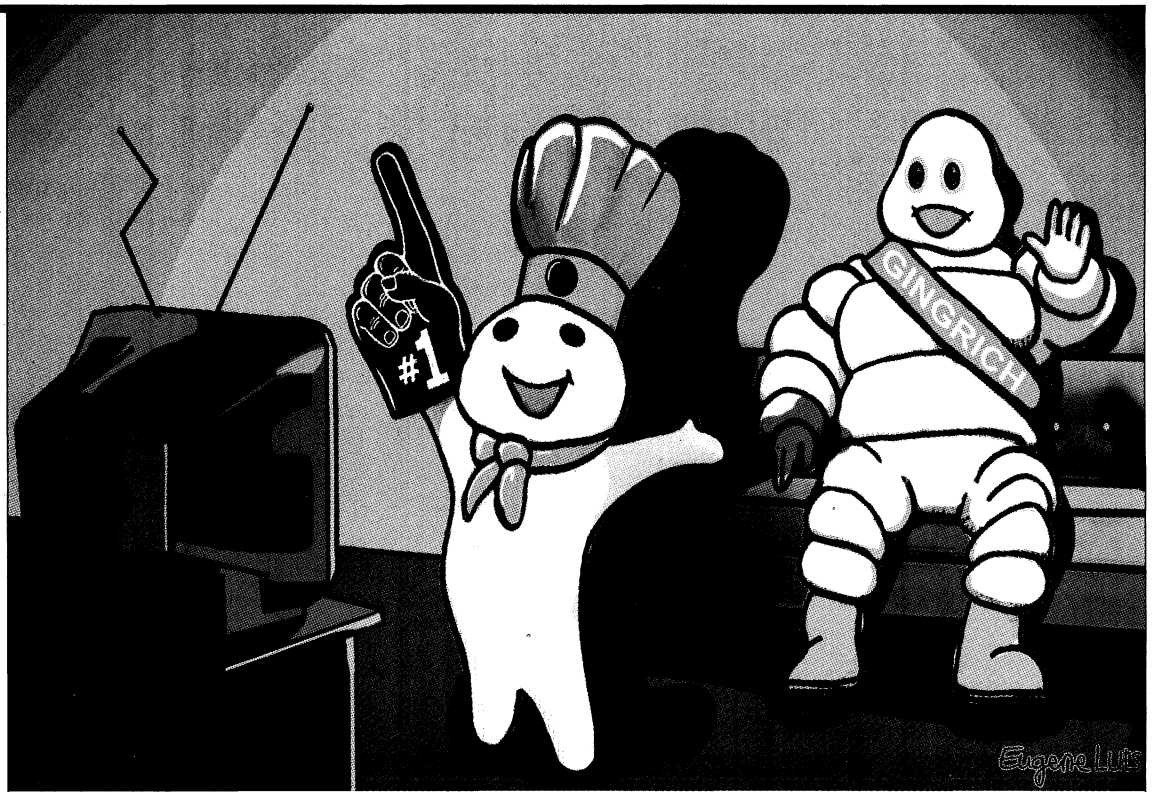
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Gingrich Family Celebrates Victory

Why you should care about ACTA, SOPA and PIPA

By Lamia Haider
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It was just a few days ago that denizens of cyberspace and even its casual tourists had to aid in fending off intruders of a free and open Internet. The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect IP Act (PIPA) were ostensibly created to protect online copyrighted material by preventing the sharing and distribution of such material. However, technologically savvy individuals, entrepreneurs, professors, legal experts and advocates of free speech raised some very valid concerns.

Cody Moore, a computer science student here at Stony Brook University, voiced his misgivings. "They're definitely an infringement on rights. The Internet is a constant flowing stream of many forms of media," Moore said.

"It's like using a strainer to pick up water. PIPA is probably worse than SOPA because SOPA just attacks the webhosts and DNS (domain name system) while PIPA has the ability to monitor and track everyone doing anything on the Internet, thus being much more of an infringement to rights and civil liberties."

There are many issues that would be created by the passage of bills like SOPA and PIPA. Firstly, I highly doubt the government was eager to pass the legislation because of its good intentions and desire to improve the lives of their citizens.

Their enthusiasm probably has more to do with staying in the Motion Picture Association of America's good books in order to receive generous campaign contributions from them, as well as from other large companies. The MPAA actually

spent over \$1.2 million lobbying for the passage of SOPA/PIPA.

Aside from such implications of corruption, there are other issues that such legislation posed. SOPA and PIPA would have allowed the government to restrict foreign websites (like China does with its "great firewall"). They would have allowed law enforcement to shut down entire domains just because

privacy online. PIPA is also very vague about what constitutes as copyright infringement and could be utilized for political purposes, such as silencing opposing opinions.

These are just a few of the issues that are raised by the consideration of bills like SOPA and PIPA. The drafting of SOPA has been postponed (not completely

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of one webpage or blog having copyrighted material. Disgruntled politicians would have had the power to take down anything on the Internet that was critical of them or the government by somehow labeling it as slanderous or as copyright infringement.

Another issue, one that is perhaps more relevant to the average student who does not own an internet domain is "deep-packet inspection," meaning that law enforcement would be able to rummage through all the content a person is sends and receives. You would literally have no

cancelled), as has the vote on PIPA, but this does not mean that those who enjoy the Internet in its current unadulterated form should rest easy. There is still the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) to get flustered about.

If the name sounds somewhat unfamiliar that's because it's supposed to be something of a secret. ACTA is supposed to regulate international standards amongst signatory states for intellectual property. It's being

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negotiated in secret, though those involved in the entertainment industry have been asked for their input.

However, the people this new legislation will affect will be kept in the dark even though there have been multiple requests for further information. The negotiations are being classified as a matter of national interest.

This treaty deals with copyright laws, not the location of wanted terrorists. The text of the treaty was provided to multiple governments around the world, as well as lobbyists from various industries, but the public was not allowed to gaze on such sensitive

information.

Perhaps it has something to do with how quickly and blatantly the Internet reacts to what it rightfully disagrees with.

There are a handful of issues we already have with ACTA, despite not being given knowledge of all of its effects.

•ACTA was just recently divulged to the public and by this point a good part of ACTA has been ratified so the common folk can't really do anything about it.

The fact that a treaty that will affect everybody is negotiated in secret, and is kept mostly hidden from those who it primarily burdens, is unacceptable and should raise a lot of red flags.

•The Obama administration is also claims that ACTA is not

a treaty but is an "executive agreement" and will not be put forth for legislative approval.

•The wording of ACTA is very vague and would allow for things like completely unintentional copyright infringement to become serious criminal acts.

•The writers of ACTA, called the "ACTA Committee," are not accountable to the people which the agreement affects. While we can rid ourselves of people like congressman Lamar Smith (who endorsed SOPA/PIPA) we would have no power over the ACTA Committee. ACTA would also criminalize commendable acts such as whistleblowing (e.g. Wikileaks) because of the technical breaches involved.

Information Systems major

Nima Binayifaal succinctly summarized concerns about ACTA: "If you even vaguely know how the Internet works, then you'd know that ACTA will, not potentially, but definitely will shatter how the Internet fundamentally works."

The consequences of ACTA would be Internet censorship, restricted freedom of speech, loss of net neutrality, total surveillance of ALL your online activities, restriction of civil rights and punishment, such as losing your Internet access or even worse, prison.

Illegally downloading a Michael Jackson song lands you in prison for five years. The guy who killed him got four years in prison. The money from these lawsuits don't

benefit creative people like artists, musicians and researchers. All of it goes to the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) and the MPAA, who are doing it just so they can protect their obsolete business models.

Copyright infringement is covered as stealing under the law, but these bills and treaties expand the government's powers to frightening heights. Ultimately I plead everyone to take a few minutes to educate themselves on bills like ACTA and SOPA, and take a stand before it's too late, and we're yet again under the rule of a law that takes away our freedoms, similar to the effects of the Patriot Act.

It's no longer okay not to know how the Internet works.

Letter To The Editor: Supporting our home team

After the Giants earned their entrance into the Super Bowl, the entire state rallied to celebrate their remarkable victory. When a team with such passionate supporters does well, the coach and players aren't the only ones who bask in accomplishment. Fans flock to purchase hats and jerseys, which display their unyielding devotion, showcasing their loyalty to all. When a fellow fan spots another, a conversation can spark about their mutual love, establishing a bond between strangers.

Stony Brook is our home as much as New York is. Getting involved in any campus sport,

by playing or observing, engulfs students with a sense of unity. In order to achieve the best college experience, it is vital to feel like a part of the community. By attending various sporting events, it gives students the opportunity to meet peers to cheer beside, a topic to talk about the next day of classes, and an increase in their school spirit.

Whether you're an avid fan of football or quidditch, Stony Brook athletics are a wonderful way of meeting others with similar interests while supporting the Seawolves.

-Holly Riordan

Stony Brook student

The global job war and why we are losing it

By Ravneet Kamboj
Opinions Editor

The main problem with our economy, the one thing that is going to make it hard for many of us at this university to find jobs is the simple truth that American companies continue sending jobs overseas, where work can be done for much cheaper.

Companies no longer care about the Americans that they employ and many have packed up shop and started new offices and factories around the world.

The reason for the outflow of jobs that has been going on for the past two decades or so is two-fold. One is that there is no penalty levied on American businesses for sending our jobs to other countries.

While other nations impose strict protectionist policies on their trade and their corporations, the regulation free *laissez-faire* economic policies we have adopted have hurt us tremendously. At this point, the global market is on such a hair trigger that if the United States moved enacted tariffs or other measures to protect American jobs it could very well start a trade war.

The policies to protect our jobs should have been put in place before we opened the gates to globalization, as this outcome was easily foreseeable. In the name of profit and postponing our problems however nothing was done and today we are lacking jobs in our country. It is another way that shortsighted greed once again trumped the greater good for all Americans.

Another major issue that causes jobs to leave our country is the painful truth that our education



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system is no longer at par with other nations.

In fact there are plenty of jobs to be had in technology and other science and math-related fields. There are however not enough qualified people in the United States to fill all these positions.

The sad truth is that, without a science or math degree, it is going to be very hard for an American to find a job. Jobs that are not high-tech or connected to science or medicine are easy to outsource.

There was time when America was the global leader in education, and we had the most prolific scientists and the most educated and largest middle class. Today, however, there isn't much of an emphasis on education in our popular culture. Other things are emphasized, while working hard and doing well are often not stressed to us. Just a quick look at the drop out rates for high school these days is reason enough for any sensible person to worry.

Gone are the days that one could go to high school and then get a well paying job at a factory directly afterwards and still live the American dream. Gone are the days where even a college degree guarantees a job. These days, most people who get a job right out of college are very lucky.

Most people will take some time to find a job or immediately go back to school for more education. The truth is that the more advanced fields, the ones that pay well and have many jobs open often take more than 4 years to complete.

The only way that America can really get back on its feet is to slowly start enacting laws that protect our jobs here, for people to make an effort to buy American, lastly and probably the most important thing we can do for our country is to re focus ourselves on education and on getting degrees that will make us competitive in the global market.



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Men's hoops takes top spot in conference

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that 61-55 loss was avenged on Friday.

From the beginning, a Seawolves win was very much in doubt. Boston guard Darryl Partin came out of the gate firing, hitting four of five from three-point range in the first half.

Partin finished with 21 points and six rebounds. "That's just what he does," Pikiell said.

But the Seawolves buckled down defensively, going on a 25-9 run over most of the last 10 minutes that led to a halftime lead, 37-33.

Stony Brook carried the momentum out of the break, going on a 10-1 run.

But then Stony Brook's offense hit a wall. Boston would be the only team to score from the field for more than 10 minutes.

The Terriers regained the lead with 8:56 left in the game and continued on a run of their own, scoring 17 unanswered points.

"They pressured us a little more at that point in the game, and we didn't really execute well, set screens well, guys weren't

getting open," Dougher said. "It's happened to us a few times before, but we're a veteran team and tonight we were able to pull out of it, and it really showed a lot about the character of our guys."

A slam by senior Al Rapier gave the Seawolves a glimmer of hope with just 4:12 to go, as Stony Brook trailed 53-52.

The lead went back to the home team on a Joyner free throw with just under three minutes to play, then a Dougher three with 2:29 on the clock sent the packed house into a frenzy and cemented the Seawolves lead for good.

Strong free throw shooting down the stretch— 80 percent in the last two minutes— gave Stony Brook its 10th win in 11 games.

But the Seawolves said they are prepared to press on and not ease into complacency.

"It's still halfway through, so we'll take it game by game and not relax and slip up in the remaining games," Brenton said.

The Seawolves continue America East play on Wednesday, when they will host Binghamton at 7 p.m.



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Stony Brook guard Dave Coley sizes up a Boston University defender in the Seawolves 66-57 win. Coley finished the game with 7 points and 2 assists in 23 minutes.



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Senior forward Tommy Brenton finished the game with 9 points and 8 rebounds.

Around the America East: Men's Basketball

By Mike Daniello
Assistant Sports Editor

Vermont is 13-10 (7-2 AE) and riding a four-game win streak since losing to New Hampshire on Jan. 14. Vermont tied the season series against New Hampshire on Sunday, by defeating it 77-60. Freshman Four McGlynn had 20 points and a steal in the victory. Next up for the Catamounts is a rematch against Boston University. Last time they met they defeated the Terriers 83-69.

Boston University is 11-12 (7-2 AE) and coming off a 66-57 loss to top-seeded Stony Brook. Before losing to the Seawolves, the Terriers won seven games in a row, most in decisive fashion. In the loss to Stony Brook, senior Darryl Partin

had 21 points. Next up for Boston is a home game against Vermont.

Albany is 14-9 (6-3 AE) and on a two-game win streak. On Saturday, it defeated Hartford 72-60, and junior Logan Aronhalt had a team high 17 points. On Wednesday, it will take on UMBC at home.

Maine is 10-10 (4-5 AE) on the season and also on a two-game win streak. In its last victory it defeated Binghamton 67-59, with freshman guard Justin Edwards leading the way with 18 points. Coming up for the Black Bears is a game at UMBC, followed by a home game against Vermont.

Hartford is 4-17 (4-5 AE) and currently on a three-game losing streak. On Saturday, it lost to Albany 72-60, but senior Andres

Torres led all scorers with 18 points. Coming up for the Hawks is a game at New Hampshire.

UMBC is 3-17 (2-6 AE) and is on a two-game losing streak. On Jan. 24, it lost to Boston 83-48, with Chase Plummer leading the way with 17 points and nine rebounds. Next up for the Retrievers is a game at Albany.

New Hampshire is 7-13 (2-7 AE) and also riding a two-game losing streak. Its last game was a 77-60 loss to Vermont. Coming up for the Wildcats is a home game against Hartford.

Binghamton is 0-21 (0-9 AE) on the season. Binghamton has a rough stretch coming up as it plays at Stony Brook and against Boston, as it looks for its first victory of the season.

Men's Basketball remaining 2012 schedule

Wed., Feb. 1	vs. Binghamton	Stony Brook, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Feb. 4	at Albany	Albany, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Mon., Feb. 6	at UNH	Durham, N.H.	7:00 p.m. ET
Thu., Feb. 9	vs. UMBC	Stony Brook, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sun., Feb. 12	at Vermont	Burlington, Vt.	12:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Feb. 18	Sears ESPN	BracketBusters	TBD TBA
Tue., Feb. 21	at Hartford	Hartford, Conn.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sun., Feb. 26	vs. Maine	Stony Brook, N.Y.	12:00 p.m. ET

America East Men's conference standings

Team	Record	Streak	Next game
1. Stony Brook	13-7 (8-1)	W4	vs Binghamton
2. Vermont	13-10 (7-2)	W4	@ Boston U.
3. Boston U.	11-12 (7-2)	L1	vs Vermont
4. Albany	14-9 (6-3)	W2	vs UMBC
5. Maine	10-10 (4-5)	W2	@ UMBC
6. Hartford	4-17 (4-5)	L3	@UNH
7. UMBC	3-17 (2-6)	L2	vs Albany
8. UNH	7-13 (2-7)	L2	vs UMBC
9. Binghamton	0-21 (0-9)	L9	@Stony Brook

BASKETBALL

Women's basketball falls to the Vermont Catamounts



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Freshman Kelly Krueger had eight points and two rebounds in Saturday's game.

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putting that much pressure on our defense when there's that many turnovers."

The Seawolves opened the second

half by cutting the deficit to 10, with Kreuger banking two foul shots and a jumper within the first minute.

However, that is the closest they would get, as Vermont scored seven points and quickly pulled away.

Stony Brook would go on to end

the game with 19 turnovers to the Catamounts' 17.

Jacobs led the Seawolves on the defensive side with five rebounds, but Vermont out-rebounded the Seawolves 52-28 overall.

Landers and Vermont's Taylor

were named America East player of the game for their respective teams.

O'Boyle seemed defeated about her team's abysmal performance.

"We just need to bounce back and get ready for Binghamton on Wednesday," she said.

Men's basketball proves to be best entertainment on campus

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cross, the flag of England, was waved whenever Stony Brook's favorite Brit, senior Danny Carter, made a big play.

And the Red Zone didn't just bring the signs— they brought the noise as well. It was legitimately loud in that gym when junior Tommy Brenton threw down a one-handed tip slam, when Dougher nailed an absolute dagger three with two and a half minutes to go, and especially when Wolfie came out in animal print pants and danced to an LMFAO mashup.

It was, as Pikiell called it in the post-game press conference, a "great college basketball environment."

Why not every game? Didn't you have a blast, casual fan that has only gone to a handful of games since coming here? Didn't it feel good to be a part of something big? Didn't you feel it when Stony Brook went behind, came back, lost the lead and then took it back, hanging on in crunch time and playing some gutty, hard-working basketball?

Then do what hundreds of your fellow students have done and come back.

Wednesday is the next home game. Keep Pritchard Gym full. Learn the players' names (that part is easy— get there early for warmups and the band will introduce every player to you). Stand, chant, clap your hands. Because when you do, Stony Brook doesn't just feel like the sports school it will be one day: it is a sports school. When you do, the future is now.

Women's basketball remaining 2012 schedule

Date	Location	Time
Wed., Feb. 1	at Binghamton Vestal, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Feb. 4	at Albany Albany, N.Y.	4:30 p.m. ET
Wed., Feb. 8	vs. UMBC Stony Brook, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Feb. 11	at BU Boston, Mass.	1:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Feb. 18	vs. UNH Stony Brook, N.Y.	2:00 p.m. ET
Wed., Feb. 22	vs. Hartford Stony Brook, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Feb. 25	at Maine Orono, Maine	2:00 p.m. ET

America East Women's conference standings

Team	Record	Streak	Next Game
1. Boston U.	15-6 (8-0)	W8	vs Vermont
2. Albany	13-9 (7-2)	L1	@UMBC
3. UNH	12-9 (5-4)	W2	@Hartford
4. UMBC	11-11 (5-4)	L2	vs Albany
5. Hartford	13-10 (4-5)	W2	vs UNH
6. Binghamton	10-12 (4-5)	L2	vs Stony Brook
7. Vermont	9-13 (3-6)	W1	@Boston U.
8. Maine	6-16 (3-6)	W1	@UMBC
9. Stony Brook	4-18 (1-8)	L8	@Binghamton

ICE HOCKEY

Seawolves hockey continues to struggle

By Adrian Skzolar
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the season, head coach Chris Garafalo believed his team was a contender for the Athletic Collegiate Hockey Association national championship.

Now, the team's streak of 11 consecutive appearances at the national tournament may be in jeopardy.

"At this point, I'm not even sure we'll qualify for nationals," Garafalo said. "Right now, it doesn't look like we'll be ranked high enough."

After Sunday night's 2-1 shootout loss to Rutgers, the team has an overall record of 12-11-2, having won only two of their last seven games.

Recent addition Vincent Lopes scored the lone goal for the Seawolves at the 3:42 mark of the first period. However, Rutgers'

Brett Siegrist tied the game at the 12:58 mark of the second period.

After a scoreless third period, and overtime, Rutgers goalie Brandon DeLibero stopped Stony Brook's Bryan Elfant in the final attempt to seal the win.

"We just underachieved, as we have done the whole season," Garafalo said. "We didn't play a full sixty minutes of hockey, we missed our opportunities and couldn't capitalize when we had the chances."

Stony Brook appeared to score only eight seconds into overtime after a scramble in front of the Rutgers net.

However, the referees ruled that the net was moved off its moorings before the puck went in after conferring with each other.

"That should of counted," Garafalo said. "But it didn't, you have to move past it. I thought we could of gotten them on the

shootout, but it just wasn't our day."

In conference play, Stony Brook is fourth in the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League with a 4-7-1 record.

"We didn't play to our maximum potential," Garafalo said. "We've had some injuries that have really killed us."

Wes Hawkins (ankle) and Mike Caciotti (shoulder), who are third and fourth on the team in points respectively, are both done for the year.

The team is also without senior defenseman Phil Borner, who left the university for financial reasons, according to Garafalo. Borner played in 113 games for Stony Brook, scoring 9 goals and 29 assists in four seasons.

"We've struggled with injuries," Garafalo said. "But there are plenty of guys in this locker room that can pick up the slack."

TRACK & FIELD

Track participate at Metropolitan Championships in New York City

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook University track & field teams ran at the Metropolitan Championships, hosted at Manhattan College's Draddy Gymnasium and at the Armory on Thursday and Friday, respectively.

On the men's side, freshman Terry Martin set a school record in the 60m hurdles preliminaries with 8.35 seconds. He would finish with a time of 8.38 seconds in the finals.

He would also participate in the final event of the Championships in the 4x400m relay. Martin, with sophomore Adam Jacobs, sophomore Robert Taylor and freshman Frank Gravano, ran for a time of 3:26.17, coming in sixth place. This time qualifies them for

the Millrose Games.

For the women, the distance medley team, composed of sophomore Olivia Burne, junior Annie Keown and seniors LaQuashia Hall and Lucy Van Dalen finished first with an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) qualifying time of 11:46.78.

Van Dalen also won first place with a time of 2:07.61, also an ECAC qualifying time.

Van Dalen also won the 800m with a time of 2:07.61, a school record, and qualified for the ECAC Championships as well.

The next event for the teams will be the Giegengack Invitational, which will take place at Yale University on Feb. 3 and 4. It will be the third event for track & field in 2012.

SPORTS

TOP DOGS

Seawolves knock off Boston U, take top spot in America East

Column:

Stony Brook, a sports school? Believe it.

By Sam Kilb
Managing Editor

Well that was fun, wasn't it Stony Brook?

For a few days, Stony Brook University seemed the sports school it will be in the future.

Students attended Wednesday's game, watching the men's basketball team destroy an overmatched Hartford side, for the sole purpose of picking up a coveted wristband for Friday night's game.

By Thursday, the wristbands were already gone, partially a function of Pritchard Gymnasium holding less than 2,000 people.

By Friday, the wristbands were being exchanged on that great marketplace, Facebook. People posting offers to buy or sell appeared on my news feed, alongside posts of people being excited for the night's game. For a normal, plain old regular season left game.

No championships, nothing other than being in first place with almost half of the conference season left to play.

And fans who didn't get wristbands were able to watch the game live on ESPNU, from sea to shining sea. If you missed it, you can watch the replay online on ESPN3.

It was billed as a red-out—a piece of the past, because in the future everyone will come wearing red already, just because that's what good Seawolves fans do—and even the team and coaches wore red.

The student section was packed to the brim and even spilled over to behind the other basket, where the less dedicated usually sit (rather than stand, as every single person in the Red Zone did all night). A couple dozen students were forced to stand and watch from the corner in a standing-room-only section that probably had the worst sightline in the gym, but plenty of passion.

As has become customary at "real" basketball schools, there were blown up portraits to distract Boston's free throw shooters, the Stony Brook version including images of head coach Steve Pikiell, seniors Bryan Dougher and Dallis Joyner and the best mascot in the America East by a country mile, Wolfie. There was a pinwheel mounted on a giant candy cane for the same purpose. A St. George's

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Senior guard Bryan Dougher led the Seawolves with 20 points.

By Sam Kilb
Managing Editor

Finally.

A collective sigh of relief went out from Seawolves nation and a few overzealous students even rushed the floor as the Stony Brook men's basketball beat the Boston University Terriers for the first time in nearly two years, 66-57, Friday night at Pritchard Gymnasium.

"Our coaches have been reminding us about that streak all season," junior Tommy Brenton, who finished with nine points, eight rebounds and four steals, said. "Coming into this game we knew, it was in our scouting report. Five in a row they had our number. So we had to play harder, play more defense, play better offense. We needed this win bad."

The victory handed the Seawolves (13-7, 8-1 AE) sole possession of first place in the America East conference, and

extending Stony Brook's winning streak at Pritchard to 11 games, one shy of the school's Division-I program record.

Senior Bryan Dougher led the Seawolves with 20 points, including three three-pointers.

"If he misses 10 shots, he's going to take shot 11, 12, 13," head coach Pikiell said of Dougher. "He's got a good swagger about him."

The Terriers (11-12, 7-2 AE) have been responsible for Stony Brook's exiting the conference championship tournament for the past two seasons, including a come-from-behind victory in last year's tournament final, and hadn't lost to Stony Brook in five meetings before Friday night's contest.

Boston is also the only team to have beaten the Seawolves in conference play this year, but

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Women's basketball unable to rise above Vermont's defense

By Catie Curatolo
Staff Writer

In the face of Vermont's very aggressive defense, the women's basketball team dropped its eighth game in a row. The Seawolves (4-18, 1-8 AE) lost to the Catamounts (9-13, 3-6 AE), 63-36, Saturday at Pritchard Gymnasium.

Vermont opened with a jump shot by Tierra Shumpert, who led the Catamounts with 17 points.

Although the Seawolves responded quickly with a jumper of their own from senior Destiny Jacobs, Vermont's Niki Taylor scored to give the Catamounts the lead, which they would keep for the remainder of the game.

Despite SBU's junior Sam Landers and freshman Kellie Krueger combining for 20 points, it was not enough to beat Vermont.

The Catamounts had four players in double-figures, and two of them, Kayla Burchill (14 points, 10 rebounds) and Taylor (12 points, 11 rebounds), recorded double-doubles.

"They were really aggressive on the defensive side, and it kind of pushed us back a bit," head coach Beth O'Boyle said. "Then they were hitting shots and fed off of that."

Stony Brook struggled to hold onto the ball on offense, turning it over 10 times in the first half alone.

Weak ball-handling and missed opportunities made the score 30-16 halftime.

"We've struggled all year long to score, and I think Vermont did a really good job taking advantage of that," O'Boyle said. "[It's] tough

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Junior Sam Landers scored 12 points and stole the ball once in Stony Brook's effort to beat the University of Vermont, which was victorious on Saturday.