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It was a historic Homecoming game on Saturday evening as a crowd of 10,278—the largest crowd to ever attend a Stony Brook football event—filed into Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium to cheer on the Seawolves to a close, last-minute victory over the Colgate University Raiders, 32-21. (Photo by Kenneth Ho)

## Stanley: I'm proud to say Stony Brook is on the move

By Emily McTavish  
Staff Writer

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said in his State of the University Address in the Staller Center for the Arts on Wednesday that “three years later, I’m proud to say Stony Brook is on the move” since his inaugural address in 2009.

“I wanted to remind everyone how vital Stony Brook was to Long Island, to SUNY, to the great state of New York and to the world,” Stanley said of his inaugural address, which he jokingly admitted was very long.

Stanley’s voice cut clearly through the main stage of the Staller Center with only about a third of the 1,050 seats occupied by alumni, faculty, students and community members. The main point of Stanley’s speech was comparing his goals from his inaugural address to the achievements made by the university that occurred in his three years as president. However, he emphasized that “there is much more to do.”

“I argued that we must reinvest in our faculty, that Stony Brook would continue this extraordinary trajectory,” Stanley said. “I said before that we have the most distinguished faculty in SUNY and one of the most distinguished faculties in the world.”

A new ‘hall of fame’ will boast the renowned faculty at SBU including Nobel laureates, National Academy winners, SUNY distinguished professors and others, Stanley said, to inspire and “remind everyone of what a special place Stony Brook University is.”

According to Stanley, 250 new faculty members have been hired over the past five years, and he gave recognition to all the new faculty and senior administrative appointments.

Stanley also recognized New York State Assemblymen Michael J. Fitzpatrick and Steve Englebright, who were both in the audience, for their aid in passing the NY SUNY 2020 legislature. Stanley said that the university has received 36 gifts of \$1 million dollars or more and made special note of the investments by James and Marilyn Simons and the Simons Foundation.

“Frankly, I’m humbled and honored that so many individuals

## SBU ranked 92nd best U.S. college

By Nelson Oliveira  
Assistant News Editor

Stony Brook University has attained its highest ranking in the annual top 100 list of national universities since the list began to be published in 2004, according to the 2013 U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges report released earlier this month.

SBU ranked 92nd among U.S. universities that, according to U.S. News, are typically large institutions that focus on research and grant bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. The university was also ranked the 40th best public university in the country.

In the category of schools whose graduates have the least amount of debt, SBU ranked 47th—its best standing in the category, according to a university press release. SBU students graduate with an average \$20,371 in debt.

University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said that number is an indicator that “our students are reaping the benefits” of choosing SBU.

“They get good paying jobs after graduation, they are not burdened with a major amount of debt, and these factors really underscore the value of a Stony Brook degree,” he said.

SBU is the only college on Long Island on the top 100 list and it has the third-best ranking among State University of New York schools. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is ranked 77th, and Binghamton University is ranked 89th.

Last year, SBU ranked 111th. Its highest standing before this year was 96th in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Stanley said in a press release that the results are “a testament to the hard work and dedicated efforts of our faculty and staff.”

The report ranks the institutions based on several indicators of excellence, including graduation rates, freshman retention and the strength of the faculty. Critics say the report is not credible because it ranks schools based on their reputation and many of them manipulate numbers to bump themselves in the rankings.

“It’s the same ol’ same ol’ names,” said Lynn O’Shaughnessy of CBS Money Watch in an article earlier this month. “No one knows how many colleges and universities fib when they complete their college rankings surveys.”

Harvard and Princeton Universities tied for first place on the list.

## New plan aims to turn Stony Brook into a college town

By Matt Sacco  
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University and the Town of Brookhaven announced earlier this month that they are seeking to develop a shopping strip along Route 25A near the Long Island Rail Road station in Stony Brook and the adjoining area on the other side of the tracks.

The renovation will primarily involve making the area more pedestrian-friendly and is intended to smooth the transition from campus to community.

“The broad goal is to make the railroad station area more attractive, to provide more varied commercial services to students and local residents via a plan that will guide growth for as long as the next couple of decades,” SBU physics professor Robert de Zafra said.

Many homeowners, however, reacted strongly on the Internet, saying that their property values and quality of life decrease in proportion to the degree of student presence outside of the university. Members of the outside community have often questioned whether or not university involvement in their community is in their best

interest.

Susan Studier, a Stony Brook resident for 45 years, said her biggest concern is the traffic.

“Students at the university need services and places to go, so I see that,” she said. “But my first thought was they would need to widen [Route 25A]. More shops would make a lot of traffic problems. It is already crazy with people pulling out of 7-11.”

University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said he is aware of those concerns, but he said SBU “works very hard to be a good neighbor,” according to a university spokeswoman.

“[The project] will certainly help to stimulate the local economy through increased foot traffic, and we are very interested in helping the local economy grow as we continue to grow as a university,” Stanley said.

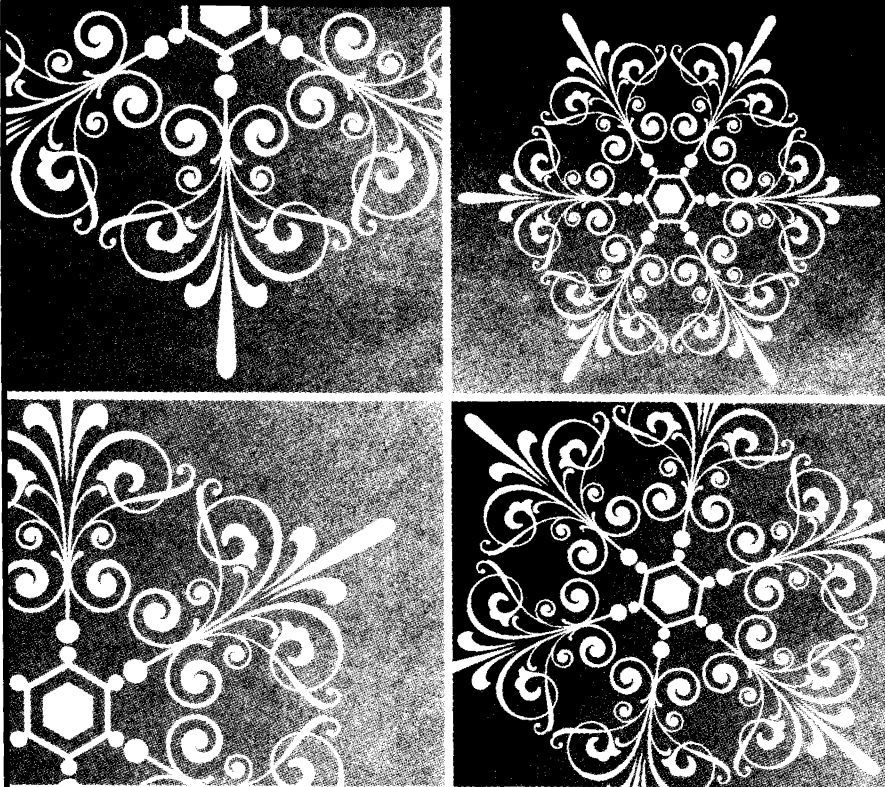
The Town of Brookhaven created the Stony Brook Safety, Beautification and Improvement Planning Committee, which comprises university faculty, community representatives and civic officials, to find a developer for the project. Once the decision is made, it will go to the Town Council in the form

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Last semester, Stony Brook University decided to join the University of Florida, New York University and an increasing number of other universities in no longer observing major religious holidays.

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### ARTS:

#### Stony Brook tradition kicked off homecoming activities

Some of Stony Brook's most talented students performed Friday night to show off their skills and Stony Brook swagger at the Seawolves Showcase. By the time the event started at 7:30 p.m., there was no room to sit on the Staller Steps. The newly arriving attendees had to fill the Staller Terrace.

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#### Port Jeff music festival offers more than a few concerts

The seventh annual Port Jefferson American Music Festival is coming back to the village on Sept. 29 and 30 to kick off another free weekend full of musicians from all genres ranging from rock, folk and blues.

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#### Finding the perfect joke in Staller's "The Clean House"

What is the funniest joke you have ever heard? If you have not found the joke yet, then I would suggest watching "The Clean House." Asylum Theatre's production of Sarah Ruhl's masterpiece is a humorous rendition of obsessions, desires, love, life and death. Written by Ruhl, the Pulitzer Prize nominated piece has taken inspiration from real life events and interwoven stage delights into an entertaining two hour story.

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### SPORTS:

#### Men's soccer continues unbeaten streak, now at five

The Stony Brook men's soccer team played to a 1-1 tie against Central Connecticut State University following a goal from senior Leonardo Fernandes. It was the team's fifth consecutive game in which it did not lose.

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#### Men's Basketball adds Nyama, German International, to 2013

Adding a little international flair for its 2013 recruiting class, the Stony Brook men's basketball team got a verbal commitment from forward Roland Nyama on Sunday.

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For head coach Chris Garafalo, the goal this year the program will be the same like any other: to win the ACHA national championship.

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Antonio Crespi is multi-talented. The senior vice-captain of the soccer team has played three different positions during his time as a Seawolf.

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believe in our vision, and believe that Stony Brook University is worth supporting," Stanley said.

"We have much more work to do," Stanley said. "A match to complete and many important areas to support. But I'm very confident that we can do it."

John T. Martin, a senior cultural theory analysis major, was one of the students in attendance. He said his "blood was boiling" while at the reception in the Charles B. Wang Center that immediately followed the address.

Martin is an organizer with New York Students Rising, an organization "dedicated to defending public higher education and empowering students in New York State," according to its website.

According to Martin, one of the university's primary focuses is receiving funding. "It changes the priorities of the administration to the point where it de-emphasizes students," Martin said.

Martin had come with his friends expecting a question and answer session with Stanley "to kind of see President Stanley's



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SBU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. addresses the campus during last Wednesday's State of the University.

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PRESIDENT SAMUEL L. STANLEY JR.  
PRESIDENT OF STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY



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Pres. Stanley chats with Provost Assanis at the State of the University last Wednesday

response and/or faculty responses to the celebration of a lot of this privatization process."

Martin said the Hilton Garden Inn hotel on campus encapsulates and represents "a real absurd and stark privatization" of public education.

During the address, Stanley made a joke about measuring a "university's health by how many cranes were on campus". He spoke about the various construction projects including the Hilton Garden Inn, which will open in February.

M.J. Ohma, a senior journalism major, said she came to address "the lack of student voice" in all aspects of the university especially the construction.

Ohma said SBU "pitches itself as a green university, yet with all the buildings they have cut down

large amount of trees to do so."

"There's a lot of the things we would like to address that we think the campus is doing wrong and not having a proper student voice," Ohma said. "We thought it was suspicious that it wasn't held during Campus Life Time so students' voices could be heard."

Laura Drapkin, a senior French major, also said the university lacks a student voice.

"The idea that as undergraduates, we feel this disenfranchisement that if we were to offer a suggestion, we don't necessarily feel like it would be listened to," Drapkin said. "If you have positive things to say, it's welcome, but any grievances are very difficult to express."

Stanley spoke about the university's students and said he did not know their personal stories three years ago. "These students and so many others inspire me," Stanley said after

citing specific successes of a few SBU students as well as the rising success of athletics.

However, Drapkin said the university has not been putting its students first. "Without us, there is no university," Drapkin said.

Tonjanita L. Johnson, chief deputy to the president, emphasized in an email the importance of the student body and said that they should hear from the president.

"Students are at the heart of everything that we do here at Stony Brook," Johnson wrote. "So, it is important that they have regular opportunities to hear from this institution's leadership about its short and long-term plans for the growth and vitality of our university."

Martin, Ohma, Drapkin and their friends approached Stanley at the reception to discuss their concerns.

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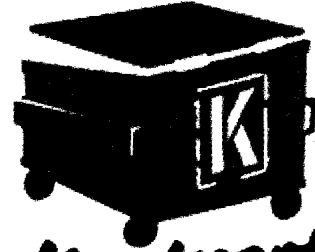
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# Students resorting to more college loans each year

By Rolyne Joseph  
Contributing Writer

Although student loans have given Stony Brook University students effective plans and strategies to pay for university tuition, books, meal plans and living expenses, they may cause student loan debt and repayment difficulties after graduation.

"As education and housing costs rise, more students are finding that student loans do not cover all of their expenses," said Patrick Lunsford, an editor at insideARM.com, a debt collection website. "So many students are turning to other types of loans like personal loans or credit cards, to fill the gaps."

After four years, SUNY students have an average debt of about \$25,000. The average debt of a SBU student upon graduation is less than the national average of more than \$25,000, according to Associate Provost for Enrollment and Retention Management Matthew Whelan. SUNY students pay about 60 percent of their tuition with student loans.

College debt is a major concern for many students, who may face considerable monthly payments well after

graduating and even as they enter the work force.

Student debt exceeds credit card debt, remaining at \$914

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billion as of June 30, 2012, according to a Federal Reserve report.

"We have a fairly low default rate because we work very hard in our financial aid office for students to understand what

loans mean," Whelan said. "As well as for students to know what their repayments mean."

Students can choose from extended and graduated programs that can help pay their monthly payments. Extended programs stretch the repayment period for the loan over a longer period of time, making for less expensive monthly payments, while graduated programs start small and gradually increase over time.

Students are taking out more college loans every year. More students per year are attending university. The more people who attend college, the higher the cost of higher education and loans, according to Lunsford.

"Student loans are increasing per year given that the college tuition is increasing recently," said Yiyi Zhou, an assistant professor of economics. "Those students with loans work harder in school for graduation and more likely to choose to work after graduation and those without loans may apply for graduate study."

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Services at SBU, which deals with financial matters, is located in Room 180 of the Administration building.



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**Euri Choi waits in line at the Bursar's Office, located in the Administration building, where students go for administrative needs.**

# Cheating scandals becoming more common in the U.S.

By Ashleigh Sherow  
Contributing Writer

Harvard University has long been the ultimate symbol of higher education. The elite university is the last place anyone would expect to find a cheating scandal. So when word of a widespread cheating scandal involving a take-home test broke last year, it became clear that even Harvard is not immune to cheating.

Harvard, of course, is not alone. Cheating scandals have been seen at many top universities. With the large student population at Stony Brook University, it is not surprise that we have some students accused of academic dishonesty.

Thanks to new applications such as SafeAssign, a tool on Blackboard that checks for plagiarism, professors are

catching more cheating.

Also, Academic Integrity Officer Wanda Moore said that it is easier to cheat with resources such as the Internet (which students do not always properly cite), which makes it so easy to get information. "We don't have cheaters," Moore said. "We have students who make bad decisions."

Plagiarism is the most frequently reported offense. There were 24 cases of Internet plagiarism in the fall of 2010, 28 cases in the spring of 2011, 28 cases in the fall of 2011 and 37 cases in the spring of 2012.

While it appears from these figures that plagiarism is on the rise, these numbers frequently fluctuate. In the fall of 2012, for example, there were 24 cases of plagiarism involving labs, but there were no reported cases involving labs last semester.

The statistics for other

cheating offenses also fluctuate. In the fall of 2010, for example, there were 12 cases of cheating on finals, midterms and quizzes. However, in the fall of 2011, there were only two cases.

The biology department has seen the most cases of cheating. In the fall of 2011, the department reported 48 cases. Moore says the reason for this is lab plagiarism. Students frequently "collaborate" on their lab reports and have the same introductions and conclusions.

While many assume it is the underachievers who get caught cheating, Moore said this is often not the case.

"Students often think it is that student with the 1.9—no!" Moore said.

In the fall of 2011, there were only six cases of cheating involving students with a GPA of less than 2.0. For students with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.4, there were 20 cases and for students with a GPA of 2.4 to 2.9, there were 28 cases.

There were 30 cases of cheating involving students with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.4. For students with a 3.5 to 4.0, there were 13 cases of cheating.

Also, seniors are frequently reported cheating, especially right before graduation, Moore said, when things start to get really busy for them. In the spring of 2011, 36 seniors were reported cheating and 44 seniors were reported in the fall of 2011.

**"I don't think cheating is on the rise per se, but I'm sure it's like crime in the world—there's no way to get rid of it all."**

CHRIS DAMIANI  
JUNIOR BIOLOGY MAJOR

Chris Damiani, a junior biology major, said he felt some pressure to get ahead in biology courses such as BIO 203, 204 and 205 when professors are trying to weed out students, but he did not see it as an excuse to cheat.

"Although I'm sure people cheat, I do not. My friends and I try our hardest and study the old-fashioned way," Damiani said. "I don't think cheating is on the rise per se, but I'm sure cheating will always be there. It's like crime in the world—there's no way to get rid of it all."

SBU students who do get caught cheating meet with Moore. From there, the students decide if they want to go to a hearing or just face the

consequences.

Students who are not suspended or expelled for committing "egregious" acts, such as taking a test for another student, are given the option of taking a Q course. After taking this course, students are given a clean slate.

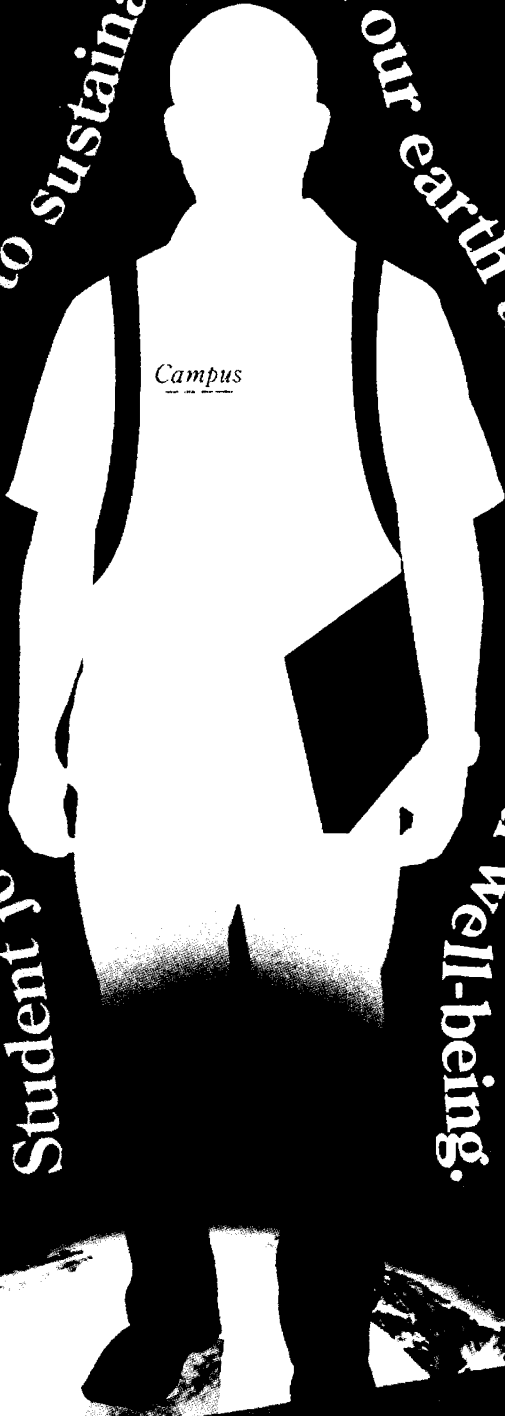
Moore, who runs the course, thinks of the course as a second chance, giving students resources so they do not cheat again.

It is rare for students to be reported for academic dishonesty more than once. In the spring of 2012, there were only six cases of such. Students reported more than once are not allowed to take the Q course and are typically suspended.

**Though cheating appears to be on the rise, it has remained constant at Stony Brook University.**



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# Lesson of the day: campus fire safety

By Nina Lin  
Staff Writer

For a regular college student like Ming Chen, walking around in a firefighter's suit was no light matter. "It's heavy," he said, lifting a forty-pound air tank on his back, his entire body encased in more than a hundred pounds of gear. His instructor only chuckled and handed him a pair of thick, three-layered gloves.

"It's very heavy and very hot," said Chen, a freshman computer science major at Stony Brook University. "Firefighters have to wear this to work? It's very difficult." He stripped it off, visibly relieved, before another student stepped into the suit provided by the Central Islip Fire Department.

The CIFD was only one of many fire departments and fire prevention groups that appeared during last Wednesday's Campus Fire Prevention Day at the Academic Mall.

Held in conjunction with the Homecoming Kick-off, the annual event was created after a dorm fire broke out in Seton Hall University in 2000. Started as a prank in one of Seton's freshman dorms, the fire killed three students and injured many others. As a result, the university invites fire departments from various Long Island facilities to give demonstrations on fire safety and proper evacuation techniques every September.

"National Fire Safety Month is actually in October," said Christopher Portelli, a captain with the CIFD. "But they do this earlier in September for the freshmen here."

He stood in front of a smoke filled trailer dubbed the 'Safety House,' urging students to walk in. "We've been doing this for four years," said Portelli. "One of the firefighters from my department, from my unit, he's a fire marshal here. He was the one who invited us four years ago to do this."

SBU had its own activities too. A favorite? Having students handle a fire extinguisher.

"We've been doing this for at least five, six years," said Peter Marcks, the fire safety supervisor at SBU. "This is traditional training used in campuses across the nation and it is good training for students."

One of nine fire marshals with



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Students learn how to use a fire extinguisher during last Wednesday's Fire Prevention Day at Stony Brook.

SBU, Marcks spent his Wednesday teaching students the P.A.S.S. method for using fire extinguishers—pull, aim, squeeze and sweep.

"We don't require students to need to use an extinguisher," Marcks said. "In fact, I would strongly encourage students to evacuate instead. But it's

good knowledge to have at home, and it's good to understand how to use one outside too."

However, even with such heavy emphasis on fire safety, a concern still remains. Although newer dorms like the Nobel Halls are fully covered with sprinklers, the fact remains that

many buildings on campus are not.

"It depends on when the dorms are constructed," Marcks said. Dorms built before current fire codes did not have sprinklers in every room.

"All of the dormitories are at least partially sprinkled," said John Gallo, the manager of fire safety at SBU. "When they go under [the next] major renovation, the renovations will include adding sprinklers, similar to what we did over at the Chapin apartments."

But with or without sprinklers, what would happen when an alarm goes off or a fire breaks out on campus?

"On activation of any fire alarm, the university police will dispatch a police officer and a fire marshal," Gallo said. "We will respond first, followed very quickly by the local volunteer fire departments. They get notified immediately upon our activation."

The primary goal is to make sure that all students, staff and faculty is evacuated, he said. "The biggest thing our students need to realize is that when a fire alarm goes off—regardless of the time, if it's day or the middle of the night—they need to evacuate and evacuate immediately."

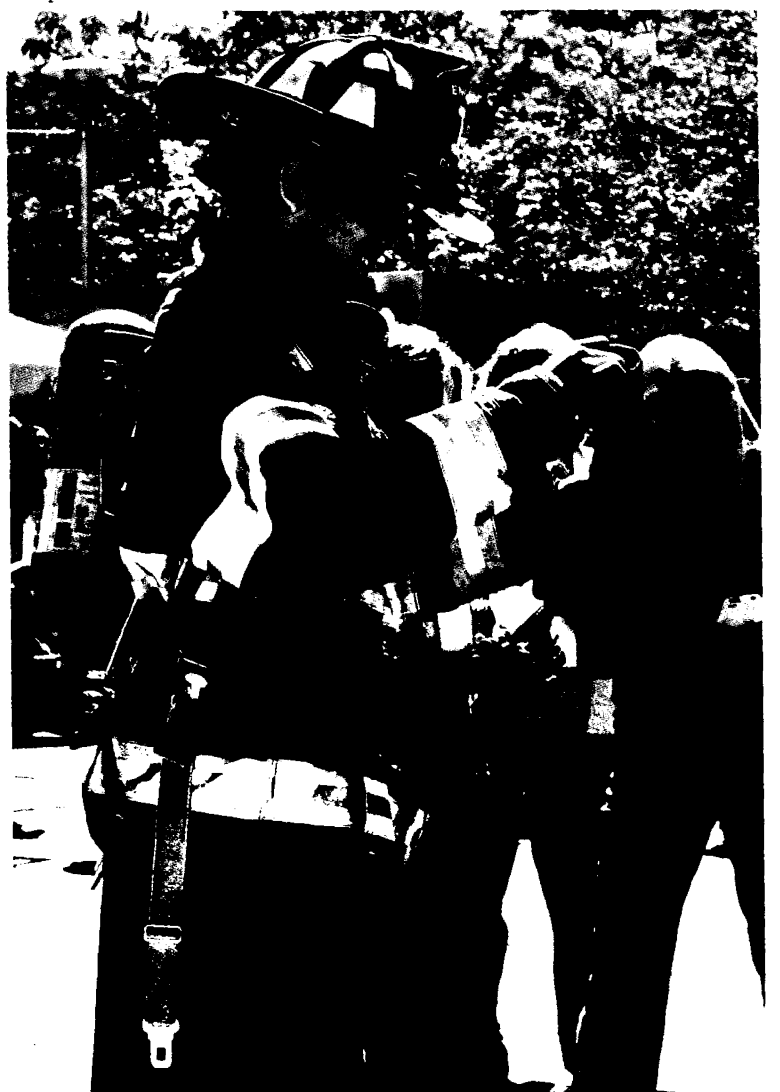
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CHRISTOPHER PORTELLI  
CENTRAL ISLIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN



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Firefighters teach Stony Brook students how to deal with a kitchen fire.



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SBU student Ming Chen tries on a firefighter's suit.



# Alumnus proposes to girlfriend at tailgate

By Sarah Elsesser  
Contributing Writer

Homecoming is one of the most spirited days of the year. Students, faculty and alumni partake in numerous festivities leading up to the notorious tailgate and one of the biggest football games of the year.

With all that Seawolf magic filling the air, it seems like anything could happen—even a wedding proposal in front of more than 100 people.

On Saturday, Stony Brook University alumnus Steve Gallucci got down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend, Jenni Eaton, of four and a half years.

Ready to tie the knot, Gallucci thought the perfect time to do propose would be during the couple's planned trip to this year's homecoming.

Gallucci and Eaton, who hail from the Northern Virginia suburbs just outside of Washington, D.C., had plans to relive some of their college fun during the homecoming tailgate and reconnect



KENNETH HO / THE STATESMAN

Steve Gallucci kisses his girlfriend, Jenni Eaton, after proposing to her at Kenneth P. LaValle

with friends from their old fraternity and sorority.

"All of our friends were going to be there, because all of our friends went to Stony Brook," Gallucci said. "Also, both of our fraternities and sororities were going to be there. So, I told a couple of my friends and we had a bunch of people come out."

The pair, who met through mutual friends, hit it off immediately and were soon dating.

"She was living with a couple of my old friends who were still going to Stony Brook at the time," Gallucci said. "I had graduated at Stony Brook and she was in her sophomore year when we met at a friend's house."

The story just goes to show that at homecoming anything—from the Seawolves pulling out a win in the last quarter to a thoughtful wedding proposal between two SBU alumni—is possible.

Eaton said she was not expecting the proposal at all.

The couple hasn't made any plans for the wedding yet.



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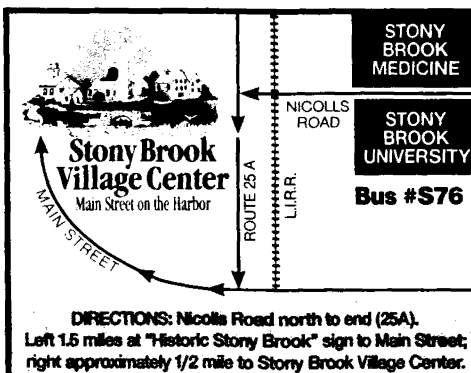
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# New plan aims to turn Stony Brook into a college town

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recommendation. The council's approval is required before an official hire can be made.

Tullio Bertoli, the commissioner of planning in the Town of Brookhaven, said that community members should not feel threatened.

"What the project is really about is the creation of a destination, a sense of place," he said.

Wendy Martin, a resident of Stony Brook for 27 years, said the project could finally allow

divides the university from the town."

De Zafra said that even if the committee can come to a consensus on which developer to hire, the plan "might take some years to fully unfold."

"There is no construction planned yet and no construction date in sight. The point is to have a plan, rather than a random series of private decisions as to what might be appropriate or 'make money' for someone," de Zafra said. "Everyone profits from an attractive, cohesive shopping and residential area."



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**If approved, the project could bring more shops to Route 25A near the train station.**

**"The broad goal is to... provide more varied commercial services to students."**

**ROBERT DE ZAFRA**  
SBU PROFESSOR

for students and the community to interact.

"I always thought we needed more shops here. In fact I would open one myself," he said. "The community has always turned its back on the college. The railroad

Last year, senior Seong Hoon Baek was killed in a hit-and-run while biking off-campus. In 2010, another was killed in an automobile accident while crossing Nicolls Road.

De Zafra also said there is

discussion about the safety of crossing both Route 25A and Nicolls Road and how to improve both services and appearance of the area between Nicolls Road and Bennetts Road.

Bertoli characterized the initiative as a "community-based plan." The project grew out of the local civic association's desire to create more cohesion between the area by the railroad tracks and the university. SBU and the

Town of Brookhaven have only recently become involved.

Similar projects on Long Island have been implemented with varying success.

The Ronkonkoma Hub Project, an initiative to develop a parcel of land near Long Island MacArthur Airport, made a formal agreement with developer TRITEC Real Estate Company in August to build up the area, and recently received a

"best plan" award from the Town of Brookhaven.

Other efforts have stagnated, such as a recent push by community members to protect the Carmans River, which has failed to gain traction.

*Ashleigh Sherow contributed reporting to this story.*

## New calendar upsets Jewish students

By Neil Purohit  
*Contributing Writer*

Last semester, Stony Brook University decided to join the University of Florida, New York University and an increasing number of other universities in no longer observing major religious holidays.

Among the observances taken off the calendar were Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, two of the most important holidays in Judaism, and the university's decision has drawn outrage from the estimated 2,500 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students who identify with Judaism, according to the Stony Brook Hillel.

Since SBU no longer observes these holidays, students have to make up assignments and lectures they miss due to these religious observances. The month before Rosh Hashanah, Ellul, the final month of the Jewish year. This is a month of self-improvement and prayer. Rosh Hashanah is then a several-day long period of introspection, repentance for sins and self-improvement. Not too long after this comes Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year. Yom Kippur is traditionally observed with 25 hours of fasting and prayer.

"It's upsetting; we're being put at a disadvantage because of something out of our control," said Batsheva Sholomson, President of the Hillel.

According to Sholomson, Hillel's

questions about the calendar change and requests to reverse it fell on deaf ears. According to members of Hillel, although they made several petitions and talked to several news stations to try to stop the calendar change, nothing happened and the students and faculty were left to sort out the new schedules for themselves.

Among the students affected most by this change is David Chadow, a senior biology major. Although his professors are being accommodating, he will miss seven days of classes in the next few weeks, along with numerous assignments, all due to religious ceremonies.

"I'm taking some pretty difficult classes, at this level missing seven days can be difficult to make up,"

Chadow said.

There is a good side to this disheartening story too, however.

"Everyone is doing whatever they can to help, and Hillel has been great with helping everyone out and talking to the faculty. No one is compromising their beliefs, even though our school is not being accommodating," Sholomson said.

Through all of the hardships they have faced, the Jewish community at SBU is as strong as ever. Most of the faculty members are being supportive of students who need to miss classes and are giving ample opportunity to make up whatever assignments they miss. Still, though, there will be many students who will fall behind for observing their beliefs.



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**Jewish students are being affected by SBU's new calendar.**

## Police Blotter

Sept. 9 - Sept. 16

A male student reported to university police on Sept. 15 that he was assaulted by a group of five to 10 students at Greeley College and his knees were injured. The victim has refused to cooperate with the investigation.

After taking his girlfriend's car without permission on Sept. 14, a male individual was arrested for reckless endangerment after his girlfriend, a Stony Brook University student, called police and reported her vehicle had been stolen, according to police reports.

An arrest was made on Sept. 11 at the university hospital after a complainant reported that two individuals who had a bayonet threatened him. No one involved was a student at SBU.

After being called about possible weapons at the Simons Center sculpture at about 5 p.m. on Sept. 9, police ended up finding students playing with NERF blasters.

Eight hydrangea plants were reported stolen from the Simons Center on Thursday, Sept. 13. The case is still open.

At about 2 p.m. on Sept. 12, police responded to a case of aggressive harassment when an unidentified subject allegedly harassed a female student on campus over text-messaging.

On Sept. 12, a student's red 2000 Ford Explorer was keyed in South P parking lot.

On Sept. 15, state property was taken at the Long Island State Veterans Home. An arrest was made.

On Sept. 13, police responded to an aggressive harassment complaint at Toscanini College. A female residential student was receiving alarming and annoying phone calls from an unknown male, police said. No arrests have been made, but the investigation is ongoing.

On Sept. 16, there was a burglary at Lauterbur, where two \$20 bills were stolen, but the complainant declined to prosecute.

*-Compiled by  
Ashleigh Sherow*



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Stony Brook tradition kicked off homecoming activities

By Ashleigh Sherow  
Staff Writer

Some of Stony Brook's most talented students performed Friday night to show off their skills and Stony Brook swagger at the Seawolves Showcase. By the time the event started at 7:30 p.m., there was no room to sit on the Staller Steps. The newly arriving attendees had to fill the Staller Terrace.

Hosted by Mic Barber and DJ Spynfo, this year's Showcase featured a wide range of performances including dancing, stepping, singing and creative skits performed by clubs, sororities, fraternities and residential quads.

Homecoming banners hung from the railing and Stony Brook's logo was projected onto the building. Free hand clappers and red glow sticks were given out at the event's start.

More than 20 acts performed, making this a special night for Stony Brook.

The energetic host demanded the students make some noise as the marching band came out to kick off the night. The band got the crowd going as it played marching band classics and an instrumental version of Maroon 5's "Moves Like Jagger."

"It's a really great way to show school school pride and unite everyone before the big game," Bill Dwyer, a freshman electrical engineering major and member of the marching band, said.

Wagner resident assistant Anthony King rapped during Roosevelt Quad's skit, and he called his quad's act "da bomb." He and the rest of his quad performed a skit of Stony Brook University's most famous traditions, such as the Roth Pond Regatta, all to a Legend of Zelda theme. Performances by Stony Brook's belly dancing team, the Stony Brook Pipettes and Philippine United Student Organization (PUSO) modern were just some of the night's other highlights.

During the Showcase, Stony Brook mascot Wolfie joined Red Man, a performer in a full-body



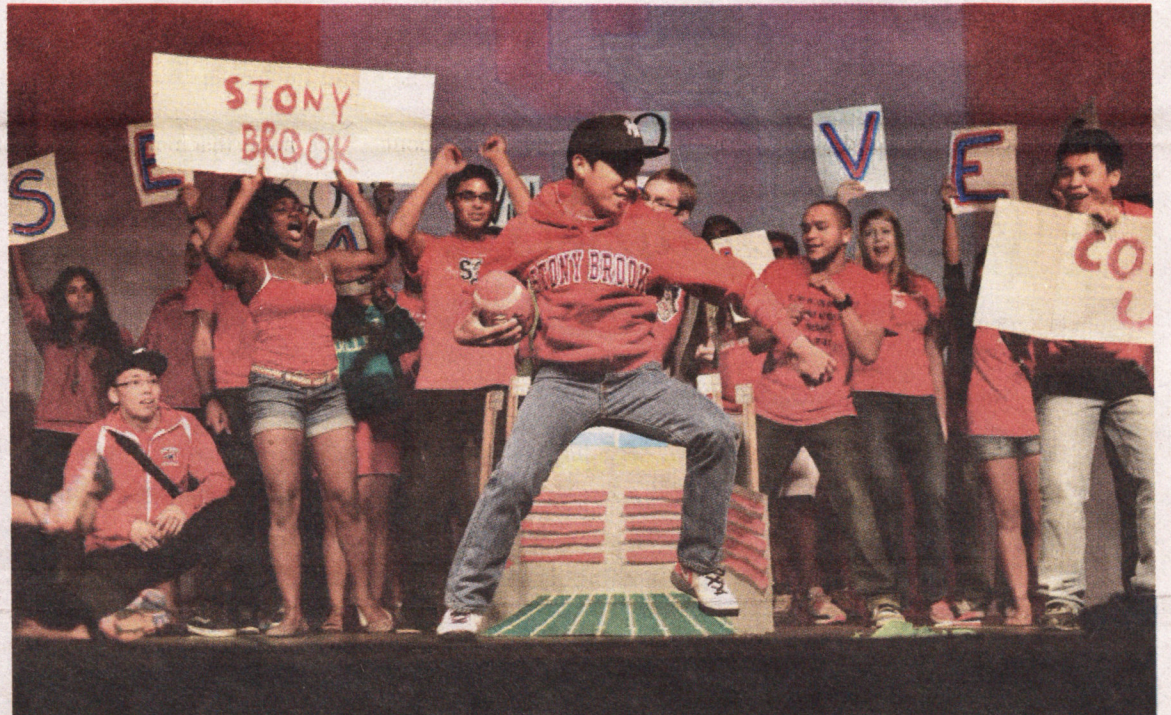
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The popular dance group PUSO Modern caught in a dramatic pose at the end of its performance.

red spandex suit, in making rounds through the crowd, pumping it up for the homecoming weekend. Barber also visited the crowd, allowing students to give shout-outs.

Stony Brook's marching band returned for 'halftime' to introduce the hopefuls for homecoming queen and king and were then followed by the football team who took center stage. Head coach Chuck Priore addressed the audience and said that "on behalf of the team and on behalf of the athletic department, I really want to thank you for your support," generating cheers from the crowd.

Whether or not this year's Seawolf Showcase was as good as last year's, this SBU tradition had a good turnout and the red hot night was just what Stony Brook's students needed to get pumped up for the homecoming game.



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Stony Brook's "H Quad" performs at the showcase on Friday evening at the Staller Steps.

## THREE ARTSY EVENTS

### 1) Ceramics

The Craft Center is holding clay sculpting classes each Tuesday until Oct. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Stony Brook Union's lower level. The student fee is \$85.

### 2) "The Godfather"

A free screening of "The Godfather" will be shown on the big screen in the Staller Center on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Student IDs are required.

### 3) China Blue's Mid Autumn Festival

China Blue is hosting the Mid-Autumn Festival on Oct. 28 in the SAC plaza from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be performances free prizes. Free mooncakes and beverages will be served.





# Port Jeff music festival offers more than a few concerts

By Emily Heller  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

The seventh annual Port Jefferson American Music Festival is coming back to the village on Sept. 29 and 30 to kick off another free weekend full of musicians from all genres ranging from rock, folk and blues.

All proceeds from the festival will go to the completion of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame museum.

"Last year, we started incorporating the Long Island Music Hall of Fame into it because the building is in Port Jefferson. We figured we would use it as a fundraiser also to raise money to build the museum," James Faith, organizer of the festival and Chairman of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame, said.

Before Faith began running the event, it was known as a maritime festival and generated little recognition. "I came on board and made it a jazz festival. Then the next year I made it an American music festival so I could incorporate jazz, blues and a little bit of everything," he said. "I made it a little more accessible to a lot more people."

Today, the festival consists of four stages, all of which play music at the same time. "There is one stage in Memorial Park across from Village Hall, another stage is on the ferry dock on Saturday night, another in front of the library and one more behind Chase bank," Faith said.

The ferry dock stage on Saturday night will feature the band River City Slim & The Zydeco Hogs at 8 p.m. "The dock is kind of a cool place to have a concert. We have a well-known zydeco band



PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM FAITH

**Attendees at last year's Port Jefferson American Music Festival were able to enjoy two full days of music.**

that comes and plays," Faith said. "There are a few thousand people on the ferry dock, it's a lot of fun."

Other musicians performing at the festival include the Queens-based band Beyond Belligerent. "We have never played at the Port Jefferson Music Festival, but we have only heard good things about it," Michael Guzowski, the lead vocalist and guitar player of Beyond Belligerent, said.

Guzowski defined the sound of

Beyond Belligerent as an alternative rock band, with an influence from the 1970s. "We have a method to our set list that will mostly keep our audience rockin' out, with some songs that are more upbeat than others and some that are much deeper than others," he said. "We hope that our audience not only enjoys our performance but also grasps some meaning behind the music." Beyond Belligerent will perform on Saturday at the

Memorial Park Stage from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Jem Warren, a New York based acoustic singer and songwriter, is no stranger to The Port Jefferson Music Festival. "I did it last year and had an awesome time. People really appreciate live music out there," Warren said. Warren described his music as "acoustic rock with a touch of alternative and a pinch of indie," and will be performing solo for the festival. "It will give people a chance

to hear my songs in their raw form," Warren said. Jem Warren will be performing on Saturday at 2:40 p.m. on the Library Stage.

The festival will provide two full days of music and an opportunity to experience the Port Jefferson area. "We'd like people to come who maybe haven't been in the village before, so they can come see what a beautiful village Port Jeff is," Faith said. "It's a free day of music, which is great."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT GUZOWSKI

**Alternative rock band Beyond Belligerent will perform at the Port Jefferson American Music Festival on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.**



# High hopes for Two Door Cinema Club's album "Beacon"

By Jon Wrinkler  
Contributing Writer

**Rating: 4.5/5**

Second albums can be a drag. They can either kill a musician's career just as it is gaining momentum or have rabid fans forever claiming, "Yeah, their first was way better, dude." That is a lot of pressure, but some bands are so proud of their debut (especially when it is good) they will completely switch up their sound. But a smart band knows that if something is not broken, there is no need to fix it. Two Door Cinema Club may be a hybrid of both breeds. Northern Ireland's peppiest band had a debut album, 2010's "Tourist History," that was as sharp and witty as anything Franz Ferdinand or Bloc Party put out while managing to be lighter and more danceable. With that record, Two Door Cinema Club managed to garner the adoration of the indie music world, give hope to disco enthusiasts and even find a small hit on pop radio with "What You Know." "Tourist History" was a promising debut from a promising band.

"Beacon," their follow-up record, seems awkward at first. It does not hit as hard as "Tourist History." Drums are dialed back and synthesizers are turned up to make more blips and fuzz than beats. Two Door Cinema Club sounds more of a modern dance band than anything now. But then again, that is not necessarily something to be ashamed of.

Try to not tap your feet or skip in your step with "Next Year," "Handshake" or "Someday." The guitars of Sam Halliday still cut like knives, and the bounce of the grooves is still so much fun to hear. The real treat is hearing the electronic background of the songs that make the bounce so current. Credit that electric urgency to producer Jacknife Lee, the man who gave that energy to the likes of U2, R.E.M. and Silversun Pickups. He even brought The Cars back to their new wave heyday with their underrated 2011 comeback "Move Like This." He is one of the few producers today who can make a band's sound click on the dance floor (and still be credited as good music).

What remains of the old Two Door Cinema Club, fortunately, is the great lyrics. "Tourist History" was their witty observation of the high-class girls surrounding them back home, while "Beacon" is more uplifting and hopeful of what is to come. Take "The World Is Watching," which is a duet with Valentina. As she sings "I want you with me," with heavenly synth blips in the background, lead singer and romantic Alex Trimble croons "Look into your heart, are you happy? / You could be the one to set me free/ and with your hand in mine we will walk/ to a place that knows no one." Trimble's delicate voice keeps the song sincere in its dream-like sound. "Wake Up" finds Trimble hoping that the girl he had the greatest one night stand of his life with still

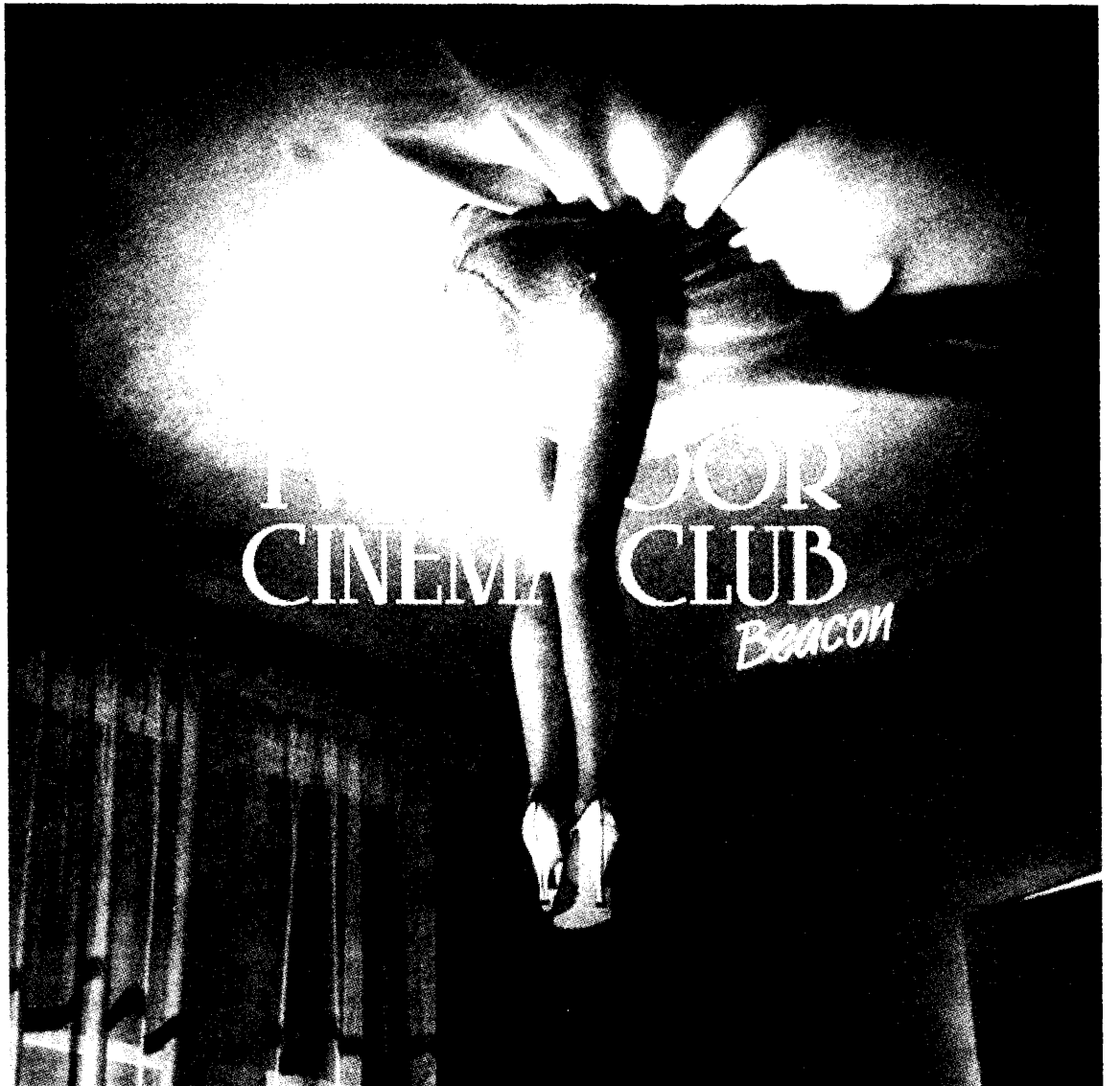


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thinks about him: "Tell me you'll feel better/ when you're sleeping through the day/ and I'll tell you how you missed it/ when you wake up."

The mood shifts once you get past track seven with bassist Kevin Baird leading the music on "Pyramid" and the album's title track. The energy dies down, and it even gets spooky on the title track as Trimble's

voice echoes over Halliday's high-pitched plucking. There are very few missteps on this gorgeous record, but one of them happens to be "Sun," which is Trimble's standard 'why is my love so far away?' song. But this is the next great step to where the band wants to go. Two Door Cinema Club may be in indie-world now, but "Beacon" could fill Madison

Square Garden if given the opportunity. The motto from "Beacon" comes from the title track: "Take the deep end/ and swim 'til you can't stand/ cause it will make a difference in the end."

Best Tracks: "Next Year," "Wake Up," "The World Is Watching," "Beacon"

Tracks to Ignore: "Sun," "Settle"

## Radio station exhibit celebrates 35 years of achievements

By Khloe Meitz  
Staff Writer

It could seem strange that a radio station—a medium that is not visual by nature—would be the theme of an art exhibit. But stepping into the Student Activities Center (SAC) Art Gallery in the next month may show a visitor that there

is more to see in music than previously thought.

Stony Brook University's broadcast radio station, WUSB 90.1 FM, is celebrating its 35 year anniversary with an art exhibit in the SAC Art Gallery, room 169.

The exhibit, which was constructed and maintained in collaboration with the Craft Center, opened on Sept. 5 and will run

until Oct. 4. Its doors are open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Thursday, and on Wednesday the exhibit stays open until 9 p.m. for 'late night in the gallery.' The Wednesday night event consists of a casual atmosphere full of different activities, including DJ performances by various WUSB personalities, an open mic night and a series of lectures from the WUSB

DJs. But the exhibit is not completely about celebrating WUSB's big anniversary.

"Really what we're hoping for is that this will bring recognition of the radio station to more students on campus," Isobel Breheny-Schafer, the station's general manager, said.

Breheny-Schafer said that many students do not realize the extent of the opportunities that WUSB offers to its volunteers.

According to WUSB's website, WUSB is "Long Island's largest non-commercial, free-form radio station.... [and] can be heard on most of Long Island and in Southern Connecticut, parts of NYC (Brooklyn and Queens), and Westchester County."

"If students participate in the radio station," Breheny-Schafer said, "it gives them a chance to be heard by all of Long Island."

Along one wall of the gallery, memorabilia creates a visual timeline beginning in 1970 and ends in the future.

The timeline is a physical display of what WUSB's founding general manager, Norm Prusslin, called the "life and times" of the station. It is represented in "A Note From WUSB's Founding General Manager," the timeline's starting piece.

The yellowed newspaper articles reporting the radio station's advent or lauding its achievements, bright record covers showing only a sampling of WUSB's eclectic sound and photographs and posters

autographed by the station's famous guests are all property of the radio station.

Everything on display in the exhibit belongs to the station, Ari Davanelos, WUSB's president and program director, said.

From the CD player designed to look like an early, wood-grained portable radio, the record player and the turntables, almost everything on display has been used by WUSB in its 35 year history.

The exhibit also displays a collection of the station's many historical T-shirts and sweaters, as well as a sculpture made out of vinyl records by two Stony Brook University graduate students.

There is also an interactive portion of the gallery: recorders are available to take any message visitors want to relay, a promotion for their club or a shout out to their friends, and, at the exhibit's close, the recordings will be digitized and uploaded to WUSB's website.

If one thing is certain, WUSB seems to try not to be exclusive. "We do have a legacy here of music and sense of community. Not just on campus but in the local community as well," Arianna Warner, assistant manager of the SAC gallery, said.

The station's music preferences which, according to its website, range from pop, polka and metal to world music also include "spontaneous mixes and groovy combustion" to their programming of "music, news, public affairs, drama and sports programming."



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The exhibit will continue to run in the SAC art gallery until Oct. 4



# Finding the perfect joke in Staller's "The Clean House"

By Dipti Kumar  
Staff Writer

What is the funniest joke you have ever heard? If you have not found the joke yet, then I would suggest watching "The Clean House." Asylum Theatre's production of Sarah Ruhl's masterpiece is a humorous rendition of obsessions, desires, love, life and death. Written by Ruhl, the Pulitzer Prize nominated piece has taken inspiration from real life events and interwoven stage delights into an entertaining two hour story.

Matilde (Catherine Zambri) is a Brazilian housemaid who would rather spend her time thinking up a joke than doing any housekeeping. Her employer, Dr. Lane (Valeri Lantz-Gefroh) is a career woman who wants her house clean. Then there is Virginia, (Laura Ross) the older sister of Lane, who prefers to make cleaning her job. Put those three women together and you'll wind up getting one mad house.

However, there is a sense of order to the madness. The play has a silk-smooth and effortless texture to how the story progresses. Matilde's desire for humor in her morbid life plays a domino effect on the rest of the characters; the element of humor keeps audience members riveted in their seats. The dialogues of each character are both timely and well-executed by the seasoned actors. Humor is a tough genre of theater to recreate, and director Valeri Lantz-Gefroh has adapted

Ruhl's work into every aspect of the play. From Virginia's manner of spreading her dress on the sofa as she takes a seat, to the tiny details in hand gestures Lane uses to express her desire to invite her family for dinner. Gefroh has adapted the play to Asylum Theatre's best.

From characterization, costume design and multimedia, the play is a multi-level communication vehicle. The hundred and twenty minute story unfolds in a perceived clean environment of the living room in Lane's house. With a white theme running through the set, the story reveals pieces of dirt in the form of Lane's cheating husband, Charles (Steven Lantz-Gefroh), Virginia's obsessive cleaning to avoid facing her demons and Matilde's expression of sadness at the loss of her parents. The 'clean' transforms into the unclean environs of Charles' love affair with a cancer patient named Ana (Deborah Mayo). In the certainty of oncoming death there is humor, and the juxtaposition of these two extremities is compelling to the very end.

Music plays an important part of the play, often-times lending an operatic expression. For instance, Virginia's frustration when Lane 'fires' her from cleaning her house or Charles performing the mastectomy on Ana.

The selection of music and video and the interconnectedness of all three media influences the senses in a way theatre is best known for



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**"The Clean House" is a humorous play that deals with facing inner**

doing.

"The Clean House" is co-produced by Stony Brook University's Staller Center, and it has accomplished actors who have had impressive theatre productions under their belt. Valeri Lantz-

Gefroh, Steven Lantz-Gefroh, Deborah Mayo, Laura Ross and Catherine Zambri have taken on the roles and given each character a deeper meaning, interpretation and confidence that best tells their story.

The play continues its run from

Sept. 27 to the 30 at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Theater Two of the Staller Center. Students who bring their ID cards with them are entitled to a discount. My verdict: Go see "The Clean House" to find that perfect joke.

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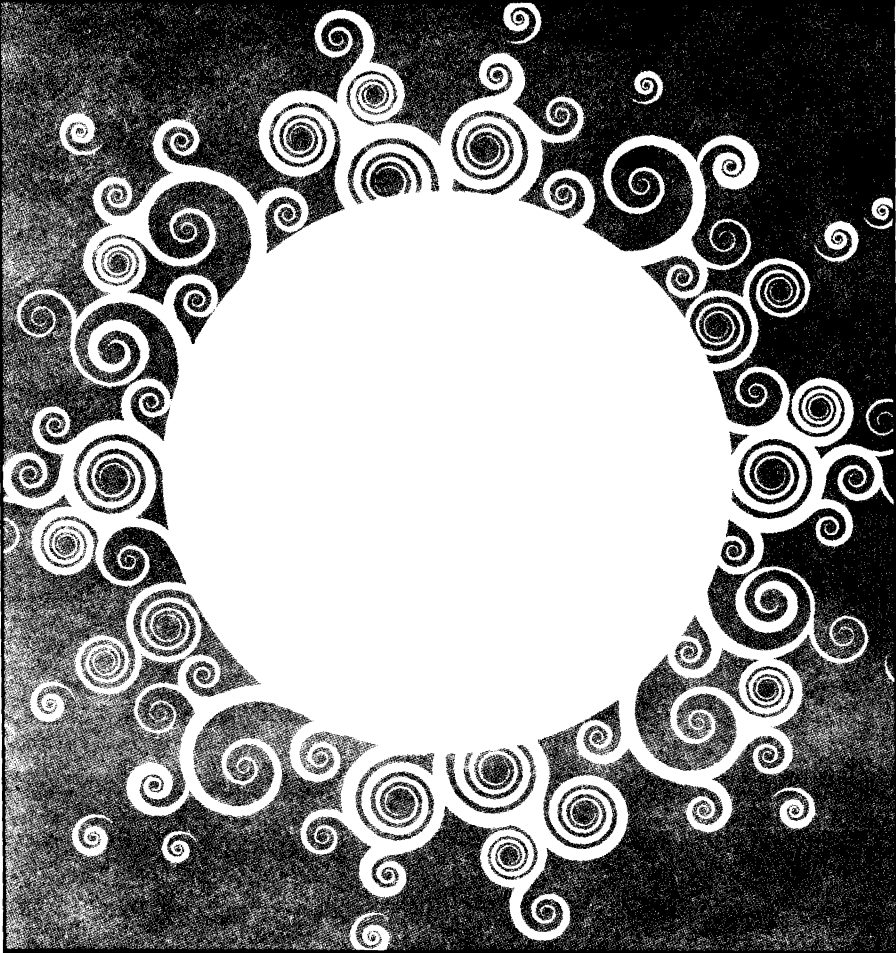
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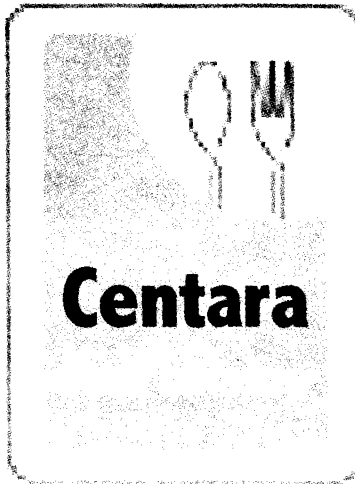


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"THE 47% OF AMERICANS WHO DON'T PAY INCOME TAXES ARE VICTIMS AND FREELoadERS. THE PEOPLE WHO ONLY PAY 13%, NOW, THEY'RE LEADERSHIP MATERIAL."

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## Romney Alienates the 47%

Mitt Romney found himself in deep water when a videotape of HIS speaking at a private fundraiser surfaced. Romney slammed the 47 percent of the country that rely on the government for services and went as far as calling them victims. In a desperate attempt to save the campaign, Romney claimed his campaign was about the 100 percent. The leaked video was the perfect example of why politicians can't always be trusted with what they say in public.

Romney really doesn't believe in the 100 percent. If he truly cared about bringing the United States together, his statements in private would also reflect that. Many who have defended the Republican candidate say it was a private event that wasn't supposed to be taped and released. It's clear that he can be honest in private, but his honesty in public is a different story.

This disaster for the campaign has turned the Romney campaign into over drive. From the start, the Romney campaign didn't offer too much substance, but following the video, it is trying to make its message stronger.

It's almost a lost cause at this point in the election; even before the video leak, Romney portrayed

himself as being out of touch with America by defining the middle class as those who earn between \$200,000 and \$250,000. According to the U.S Census Bureau, income statistics from 2006 put Romney's definition of the middle class as 1.5 percent of the country. If the top 1 percent makes more than \$350,000, his sense of middle class is nowhere close to what the average American is. Romney may seem like the candidate for the average Republican, but the reality is that the states with poor Republicans literally can't afford to elect him. They are all a part of the 47 percent he mocks; even a large portion of the 47 percent are low to medium income Republicans that voted for Senator John McCain in 2008. There is nothing wrong with being rich, but when running for President, being so out of touch with the majority of the U.S puts Romney at a great disadvantage.

The reality about the lower income families is that they aren't lazy and care about their welfare. Most are hard working Americans who unfortunately just can't reach the levels that Romney so nicely has defined for them. It's a slap in the face for Romney supporters who work hard to get by every

month, but find themselves "victims" in the eyes of their presidential candidate.

A few days ago, Romney released his tax returns from 2011 after months of pressure to be more transparent about his finances. Based on the tax returns filed by he and his wife, they paid 14.1 percent on an income of \$13.7 million. Normally those who earn as much as he does pay taxes at a rate of 23.6 percent.

By discrediting over 146 million Americans, Romney has no way out of the hole he dug for himself. Romney wouldn't have expected a video from a private fundraiser in a room full of millionaires to leak, but that is exactly the problem: politicians aren't what they say they are in campaigns. Romney is the man behind the closed doors in a room full of private investors. He belongs to the 1 percent that brought economic disaster in 2007 despite having the nation's trust. He belongs to the 1 percent that thousands protested against across the country about inequality and wealth distribution in the U.S. With the first debate fast approaching, Romney has a lot to defend on Oct. 3.

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# Chaos in Syria continues with no U.S support

By Anusha Mookherjee  
Opinions Editor

More than a year later, Syria is still in chaos. For the past year, rebels have been fighting for a new progressive government and the overthrow of current President Bashar al-Assad. In the spring, The Statesman published an article on the state of Syria, and a few months later, nothing has changed.

Bashar al-Assad's regime started in 2000 with the death of his father. Prior to his death, Hafez al-Assad ruled Syria for 29 years. Hafez had an extremely hostile foreign policy that set the stage for the current day regime. Bashar was appointed president and then won a controversial vote where he won unopposed with a 'popular majority' of 97.2 percent of the votes.

Though the revolution started in 2011, it became front-page news in the spring of 2012 with the mass bombing of major cities in Syria. In the past seven months, the violence and death toll have drastically climbed but have not been a major issue for policy makers.

The Free Syrian Army is around 40,000 people strong and consists of former army members and volunteers. With an estimated number of over 20,000 defectors from the Syrian military, the rebel forces are more than capable of breaking the regime of a powerful, violent dictator. Though the United Nations had many talks about formulating a resolution about what to do, no agency has given the rebels the support that they need. During Libya's revolution, NATO gave support to the rebels fighting against the dictatorship of Muammar Gaddafi.



Residents of the town of Khaweija in north-central Syria clean up the damage from a Syrian government airstrike

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In the case of Libya, people supported the revolution, as it was seen as a fight for democracy. In the case of Syria, the rebels are seen as a militia group. NATO placed air restrictions and embargoes on Libya during its revolution in order to prevent the fighting from escalating. The response to Syria has been dragged out and weak. It's time the United States steps up and leads the way to a solution to the terror going on.

The U.S. has never been shy about protecting the values of democracy around the world. After all, the Cold War was purely

about protecting the U.S. from communism, and containing it in areas where it already existed. In places such as Afghanistan, the population isn't asking us for a democratic system; in fact, most Afghans don't want any foreign military in the country. Yet when a country is begging the world for aid to fight a dictator and bring democracy to the people, no one has bothered to step forward.

Every day there are new images of bomb blasts, dying children and bloodied teenagers struggling to build a new Syria. With the lack of foreign aid, fighters who

won Libya's revolution are now traveling into Syria to assist in battle. Turkey took action after one of its planes was shot down after it wandered into Syrian air space. Turkey has warned Syria that if troops (al-Assad's troops) get close to the Turkish border, it will be seen as an act of military aggression.

This is a fight that won't end soon. Both sides are gearing up for the long haul, and it's time countries start backing the rebels. They are not a militia group. The fact that they have stayed so strong throughout all the violence

and their underdog status should show the world that they have the motivation to win. With more than 30,000 people dead, there is no end in sight.

It's appalling to see how politicians won't intervene because there is no immediate threat to U.S. security from Syria. There are human rights being violated by an oppressive dictator and no form of democracy, yet the U.S. is silent. As the rebels slowly win Syria, we, as a nation that was built by rebels in accordance with the values of democracy, need to support this revolution.

## Mayor Bloomberg to the rescue as he bans oversized drinks in NYC

By Keith Olsen  
Contributing Writer

As time goes on, it has become increasingly clear that the American people have a problem. America, the land of McDonald's, Wendy's, and Taco Bell, has been allowing its citizens to overindulge on foods and drinks that have been negatively impacting their lives. New York City has been at the forefront of trying to improve public health through various means, such as being one of the first cities to ban smoking in public restaurants and bars, a ban that soon spread around the country. NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg has been the architect of these solutions, which have been extremely successful in the past, but this is the beginning of a solution for the new epidemic.

Mayor Bloomberg is at it again with a controversial new regulation that limits the size of the cups that restaurants and various other eating

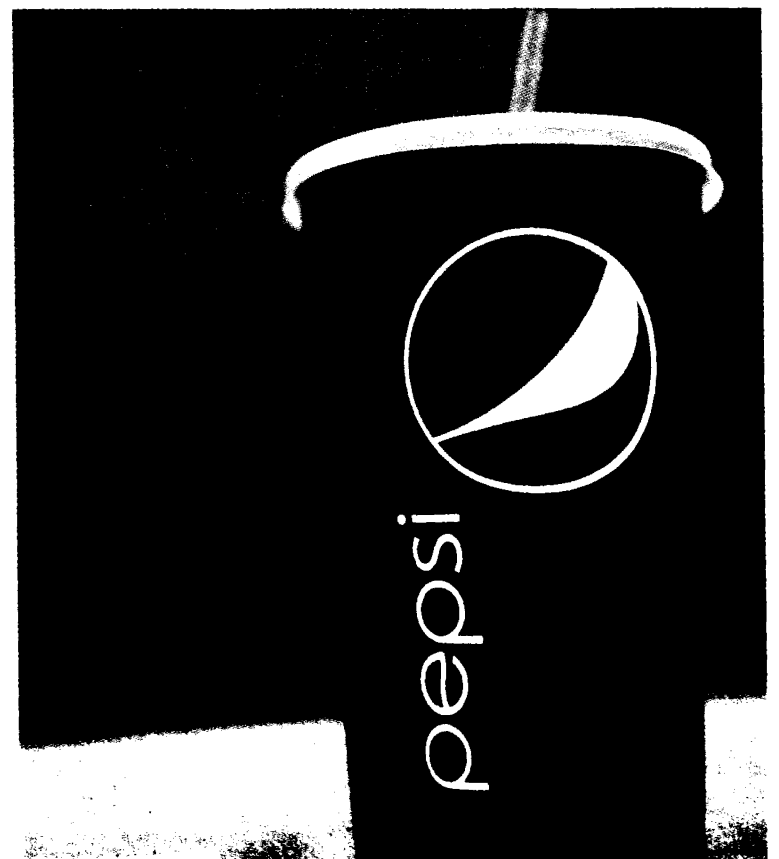
establishments must use to serve sugary drinks to 16 ounces. The New York City Health Board decided to implement this due to the enormous growth in the percentage of overweight people in New York City, which, according to the Health Board, amounts for 58 percent of the city's population. The Health Board claims that by implementing this rule, the city as a whole will cut out almost 2.3 million pounds from its diet per year. The Health Board is made up of professors of medicine from all of the top schools in the region, which is why it approved this rule by an 8-0 margin (there was one abstention).

However, this regulation doesn't cover everything. Convenience stores are notably excluded from this deal, which means that 7-11 can continue to sell its notorious Big Gulps. Also excluded from this regulation are alcoholic beverages and diet drinks, which is interesting, considering that research clearly

shows that diet sodas are worse for the human body than regular ones are.

The polling done on the issue shows that 60 percent of New Yorkers disagree with the regulation. This is usually bad news for any politician, but Bloomberg is in his last term. This regulation will not be the last one, since Bloomberg will use his last term to enact legislation that is politically toxic because he no longer has to worry about winning reelection.

This regulation isn't meant to stop people from consuming all soda or drinks of that nature, but to help show people moderation. There's nothing stopping someone from ordering a second drink, but it causes the individual to realize how much sugar they're actually consuming. This is a great way to educate the public, and Bloomberg will most likely take additional steps in this direction, and I applaud his efforts.




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Mayor Bloomberg limits the size of cups used to serve sugary drinks.



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## Stony Brook Ice Hockey: Team looking for first title

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it's fully recovered," Cacciotti said of his shoulder. "I'm wearing a pretty big brace on it, hopefully, it holds up for the rest of the year."

Other key players on the offensive side of the puck returning include assistant captains Cassano, junior Wesley Hawkins, and senior Sean Collins, who will be expected to pick up most of the scoring slack this year.

With half of the team's defensive core from last year gone, Garafalo said that this year's defense, featuring newcomers such as freshman Andrew Balzafore, Joe Ditizio and Scott Casley, sophomore Kevin Barry and junior John Ambrose, will have a different look from years past.

"I think we're going to be a stronger puck moving team, our defenseman will be able to move the puck much better," Garafalo said. "We really, definitely, have picked up our D, and with the guys returning, we have a pretty solid defensive core, so I feel that we're not going to skip a beat."

With the team's home and season opener against Navy coming up this Saturday,

Garafalo is still undecided on the team's final line-up, and said that he might not make any decisions until the final practice before the game on Thursday.

Impressed with freshman goalies Derek Willms and Brendan Jones, who have given competition to sophomore Daniel Snyder and senior Josh Brand, Garafalo is not even decided on who the starting goalie will be.

"I would say I have a few guys who I see being in the line-up for the most part, but everyone is still fighting for spots," Garafalo said. "But on offense, goaltending, and defense, there's going to be some tough decisions I'll have to make."

For Cassano, however, while there might be competition for playing time, he and his teammates are eager to start the season and try to achieve the same goal as always: win a national championship.

"I think we've made a lot of strides," Cassano said. "Everyone's coming back from the summer, guys are starting to get chemistry from playing together, we're working on our systems now, so everything is starting to shape up."

Stony Brook will play Navy in its season opener this Saturday at The Rinx in Hauppauge.

## Men's Basketball adds Nyama, German International, to 2013 recruiting class

By Adrian Szkolar  
Assistant Sports Editor

Adding a little international flair for its 2013 recruiting class, the Stony Brook men's basketball team got a verbal commitment from forward Roland Nyama on Sunday.

"It's nice," Nyama said of his commitment. "Stony Brook is like a family, that is why I chose it."

Hailing from Germany, and the son of Cameroonian parents, Nyama currently plays at Holderness High School in New Hampshire, the same high school that current Stony Brook redshirt freshman Scott King played at.

He also played Amateur Athletic Union basketball for the Westchester Hawks, based out of New York.

Before choosing Stony Brook, Nyama had offers from 11 other Division I programs, including Robert Morris, New Hampshire and Central Connecticut State.

He also mentioned that head coach Steve Pikiell flew to his parents' home in Germany to talk with them face-to-face. "My mom liked him," Nyama said. "And she's not easy to please."

Before coming over to the United States, Nyama played for

a team in his native Germany called Eintracht Frankfurt and turned down offers to turn professional. "In Germany, you have a decision to make to go pro, or go to a university and study," Nyama said. "I can get a good education in the States and continue to play at a high level."

Listed at 6-foot-5-inches, Nyama said that he can bring a lot to the table, in particular strong defense.

Last year, as a junior, he was named an honorable mention in the NEPSAC Class AA all-league teams.

"I can guard three positions, point guard, shooting guard and small forward," Nyama said. "But other than that, I can rebound a little, I can pass, and I can shoot."

On Saturday night, Nyama was present at LaValle Stadium to take in the school's homecoming football game, the first time he had seen one live. Stony Brook defeated Colgate 32-31 in the game.

"It was amazing how everyone was wearing red," Nyama said. "Everyone was giving each other hugs after the game, because Stony Brook won, I liked how the people connected through that."

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**Nyama verbally committed to Stony Brook on Sunday.**

lined to comment due to Nyama not being officially signed to a national letter of intent.

Nyama is the second recruit Pikiell has gotten for next year. Kameron Mitchell, a guard from Florida, committed to Stony Brook last spring shortly after de-committing from Wagner.

Nyama's first game for the Holderness Bulls will take place on Nov. 28.

They play in the St. Andrews Tournament on Nov. 14-15 to finish out the 2012 calendar year.

The team finishes its season on Feb. 23 against Thayer Academy.

## Freshman Rigo playing well for Seawolves

By Jaclyn Lattanza  
Staff Writer

She started off as a manager in sixth grade and then started playing on her seventh grade volleyball team, and she is now a freshman playing on Stony Brook's women's volleyball team.

Melissa Rigo, the 5-foot-11-inch computer science major from East Northport, N.Y., wears jersey number four and plays outside hitter for the Seawolves.

Rigo met coaches Deb and Kevin DesLauriers at a volleyball tournament when she was a freshman at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School.

"I knew what I was getting myself into," she said, adding that both coaches have improved both her defensive and offensive game while at Stony Brook.

Although blocking is her weakness, Rigo's hitting and serving are her strengths.

She also contributes positive energy towards all of her teammates both at practice and during games.

"I'm never negative about the way I'm playing," Rigo said.

Her love for the game derives from the adrenaline rush she gets when her team is battling a tough opponent or when her team is down by a lot and fights hard enough to finish on top.

Named America East Rookie of the Week for three consecutive weeks, Rigo remains focused on the end of the season and championships in the future.

"It's cool," she said. "It still sucks to lose every game, so I can't be happy. I can be happy once we win; I want us all to win."

Rigo's favorite part of being

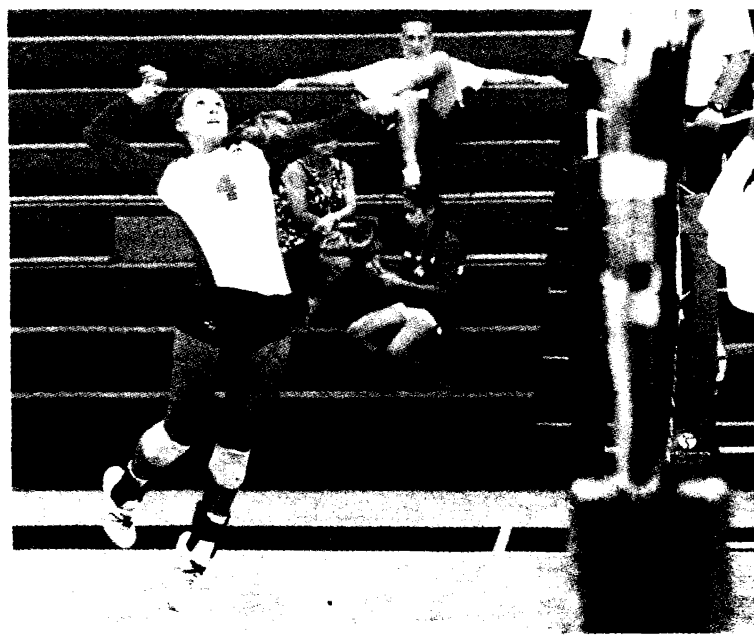


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**Rigo has four matches with 20 or more kills this season.**

on the team is "having 12 girls I can trust with anything," she said.

There is also support for her back home as well. Codi, her friend who plays softball back at home, is the person who inspires her to play her best.

"She always tells me to be positive and she compliments me a lot," Rigo said. "She reminds me to always push through to reach my highest potential."

Rigo's parents, David and

Debra, as well as sisters Megan, 25, and Melanie, 21, and brother Matt, 22, also provide a lot of support for her. Her mom and dad "come to everything. They are really supportive," she said.

Because Melanie plays soccer at Marist College, "she understands completely what I'm going through, especially the training aspect," Rigo said.

When Rigo has free time, she likes to read, listen to music and hang with friends.

Rigo would like to intern for a social media company such as Facebook or Twitter or work with computer software and do computer programming in the future.

## Women's soccer ties Loyola

By Yoon Seo Nam  
Staff Writer

Freshman Raven Edwards' equalizer at the 83rd minute saved the Seawolves as a shot from freshman Stella Norman got into Loyola's goal after deflecting on Edwards' back.

The Stony Brook women's soccer team kept its unbeaten run at home this season with the score of 1-1 in a game with Loyola University on Friday.

"I'm proud of our team for our resiliency," said Sue Ryan, Stony Brook's women's soccer coach. "I think it takes a lot, after you down, to come back and then keep fighting this kind of game."

The Seawolves were not threatening in the first half, allowing Loyola to have five shots on the goal. While the Seawolves did not have many opportunities, Loyola had several. The Greyhounds' two forwards, Nichole Schiro and Charlotte Miller, bothered the Seawolves' defenders.

At the 24th minute, Greyhound Kelsey Donohue had a chance after Seawolves' junior goalkeeper Ashley Castanio blocked Gigi Mangione's shot. Castanio caught the rebounded ball first before Donohue finished her chance.

However, over time, Stony Brook retrieved its pace. At the 31st minute, freshman midfielder Tessa Devereaux scored on a header, but the referee announced it as offside. After that, the

Seawolves had four more chances but could not finish them all. Freshman Kristen Baker's shot hit the bar, and senior Sa'sha Kershaw and Devereaux's shots were off-target.

Sophomore Shannon Grogan also had a chance with a few seconds left in the first half but failed to score. Stony Brook also had a bad start in the second half. At the 46th minute, Greyhound Katelyn McFadden scored the opening goal at the top of the box as her shot got in the bottom left corner.

However, the score did not discourage the Seawolves; instead, Stony Brook played better after getting scored against. Senior forward Taryn Schoenbeck led Seawolves in offense. At the 58th minute, she passed the ball to Devereaux at the left box, but her shot hit the left side of Loyola's goal.

Freshman Raven Edwards also missed a chance at 80th minute in front of the goal, which junior Larissa Nysch made after getting past two Greyhounds' defenders.

As Edwards' equalizer sent the match into overtime, both sides made several chances but failed to finish them. Castanio made two of seven saves she made in the game.

Head coach Ryan described the game as a difficult one.

"This whole game was a dog fight," she said. "I think we matched their physicality pretty well, which was very positive, and it was a fair result."



# Crespi looking to lead team to championship

By **Catie Curatolo**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Antonio Crespi is multi-talented. The senior vice-captain of the soccer team has played three different positions during his time as a Seawolf.

In his Freshman and sophomore years he played forward before switching to the position of left midfielder in his junior year. This year, he is a right back.

"It's affected it a lot really, I have to be more defensive minded and worry that I'm the last person back before the other team can score," he said. "I'm comfortable with it, but it's new to me."

A business major from North Babylon, Crespi appeared in all 20 matches last season, making 13 starts. This season, he's started in all eight games so far and has scored one goal.

"Antonio, technically, he's a good player," said Ryan Anatol, the head coach of Stony Brook's men's soccer team. "Athletically, he's great; he's quick, he covers a lot of ground."

Crespi went from being a reserve sophomore year to starting during his junior

season.

"It wasn't easy," he said. "But Coach Anatol was a big influence on me."

Now, Crespi is using his skills and his speed to help the Seawolves, who are 6-2-0 at press time.

"His speed, his pace, his ability to attack [are all his strengths]," Coach Anatol said. "But a big one for us this season has been his leadership."

Anatol praised Crespi for "pushing the guys along" on and off the field.

"He's been very vocal, he's leading by example. . . there's been a lot of positives," Anatol said.

Crespi has not set any goals for himself this season.

"I'm really trying to set up the focus on the team goals and trying to bring everybody together as a team," he said.

Those team goals include winning the regular season America East (something the Seawolves have never achieved before), winning the America East Tournament (they have won twice in the past three years), finishing in the Top 40 RPI and getting above a 3.0 GPA as a team.

"We came together as a group

first, as a team and a coaching staff," Crespi said. "We all came together and, since we do have so many seniors this year, we wanted to focus on what have we not accomplished in our four years we've been here, and most of the goals we made, we haven't accomplished. We really want to accomplish them this year, since it's our last year as a group."

Along with the six other seniors, Crespi is focused on making those goals a reality. So far, the team is right on track.

"We've really pushed this thing along to where we're really winning so many games," he said. "It's just habit to win games now."

Crespi praises his fellow seniors and calls his teammates his "brothers," saying that their bond as a team is what makes them able to play well together.

"We're so close on and off the field," Crespi said. "Being close definitely helps us on the field."

Crespi is thinking about possibly going to graduate school after graduation, but for right now, he's happy to be with his team.

"The team is one big family," he said.



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**Crespi has played multiple positions in his time at SBU.**

## Men's soccer continues unbeaten streak, now at five

By **Mike Daniello and Joe Galotti**  
Sports Editor and Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's soccer team played to a 1-1 tie against Central Connecticut State University following a goal from senior Leonardo Fernandes. It was the team's fifth consecutive game in which it did not lose.

CCSU's Eddy Bogle passed the ball to Jesse Menzies, who scored in the top right corner of the goal. Fernandes later scored off of a pass from freshman Martin Giordano to tie the game.

Fernandes has scored goals in the team's last four matches and points in 13 of 15 games. He is now tied with Charlie Matos (1985-88) for third all-time in career goals in Stony Brook history with 28 of them.

Senior Stefan Manz made eight saves in goal, one short of his career high.

The Seawolves are now 1-0-2 all-time against the Blue Devils, with one of those ties coming in 2005. They won the America East regular season and tournament championship that same year.

Senior Leonardo Fernandes had the go-ahead goal in the 69th minute, which gave the Seawolves a lead they would not relinquish.

With the win the Seawolves improved their record to 6-2 on the season. Their four game winning streak also ties their longest winning streak since 2007.

The Seawolves got off to a quick start, as freshman Martin Giordano broke open the scoring just 26 seconds in.

Giordano headed in a free kick by senior Kyle Schlesinger to give Stony Brook the early lead. The freshman has now scored in back-to-back games.

Stony Brook was able to maintain the 1-0 advantage until early on in the second half. Sacred Heart's Marcello Castro tied the game up only a minute into the second half on a free kick goal from about 20 yards out.

The Stony Brook defense was outstanding for most of the game, including a stretch where they did not allow a shot on goal



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**Stony Brook players celebrate as the team has accomplished a five-game winning streak.**

between the 27th and 81st minutes.

The defense, which was the catalyst in Stony Brook's go-ahead goal, was able to force a turnover allowing freshman Alejandro Fritz to bring the ball up into the box and chip the ball in the direction of Fernandes. Fernandes was then able to secure the ball away from the nearby defender and fire a shot just inside the left post past goalkeeper Tucker Hackett.

Fernandes' goal was his 27th career goal

as a member of the Seawolves, which tied him for fourth all time with Tony Caputo on Stony Brook's all-time scoring list.

Fernandes has also scored the winning goal for Stony Brook in each of the Seawolves' last three games.

More Stony Brook history was made as goalkeeper Stefan Manz got his 24th career win today, putting him ahead of Phil Lesko for second place all-time on the career Stony Brook's wins list. The senior made five saves

in today's game to get his fourth victory of the season.

Stony Brook now begins conference play, as their next seven games will be against teams that are in the America East. As of now Stony Brook is in first place in the conference, with a 6-2-1 record.

This Saturday, Stony Brook will wrap up their three game road trip at Albany to begin America East conference play, before coming home to go up against Boston University.



# SPORTS

## Homecoming 2012: Stony Brook defeats Colgate 32-31

By Amy Streifer  
Staff Writer

A crowd of 10,278 flocked inside LaValle Stadium during homecoming on Saturday night to see their Stony Brook Seawolves defeat Colgate 32-31.

It was a close game for the home team, but running back Miguel Maysonet put the team on his shoulders with 31 touches, 206 rushing yards, 100 yards in kick returns and one touchdown.

Stony Brook trailed 28-20 with 6:32 left in the third quarter, but Maysonet was confident his team would bounce back.

"I knew that we were going to get another chance to get to score again," said Maysonet. "We ended up doing that. And from there, we just kept playing and kept believing in ourselves."

Maysonet is the speed demon that racks up yards on a continuous basis, but running back Marcus Coker is the go-to guy for quick rushes and short yardage.

Coker finished with 15 carries, 68 yards and two touchdowns.

Colgate's running back Jordan McCord also had a great game, finishing with 23 carries, 117 yards and a touchdown.

Stony Brook head coach Chuck Priore acknowledged that it was his fault for giving Colgate the lead, but during halftime, when Colgate led 21-17, he promised his players his coaching would improve.

"I told them at halftime, I said now, you guys got my back in the second half and I'll be better," said Priore. "We dominated the second half from the first play to the last stop."

Stony Brook finished with two touchdowns and a 34-yard field goal from kicker Wesley Skiffington in the second half.

Quarterback Kyle Essington finished 9 for 18 with 155 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Priore noted that despite being behind, he knew that they would give it their all to come out with a win.

"Good teams can overcome adversity and good programs can overcome adversity," said Priore. "I think we did that in the second half."

The game was nothing short of a nail-biter as Maysonet pounded into the end zone with 3:31 left on the clock to seal the deal for the Seawolves.

With the win, Priore now remains undefeated at homecoming games during his seven-year tenure at Stony Brook University.

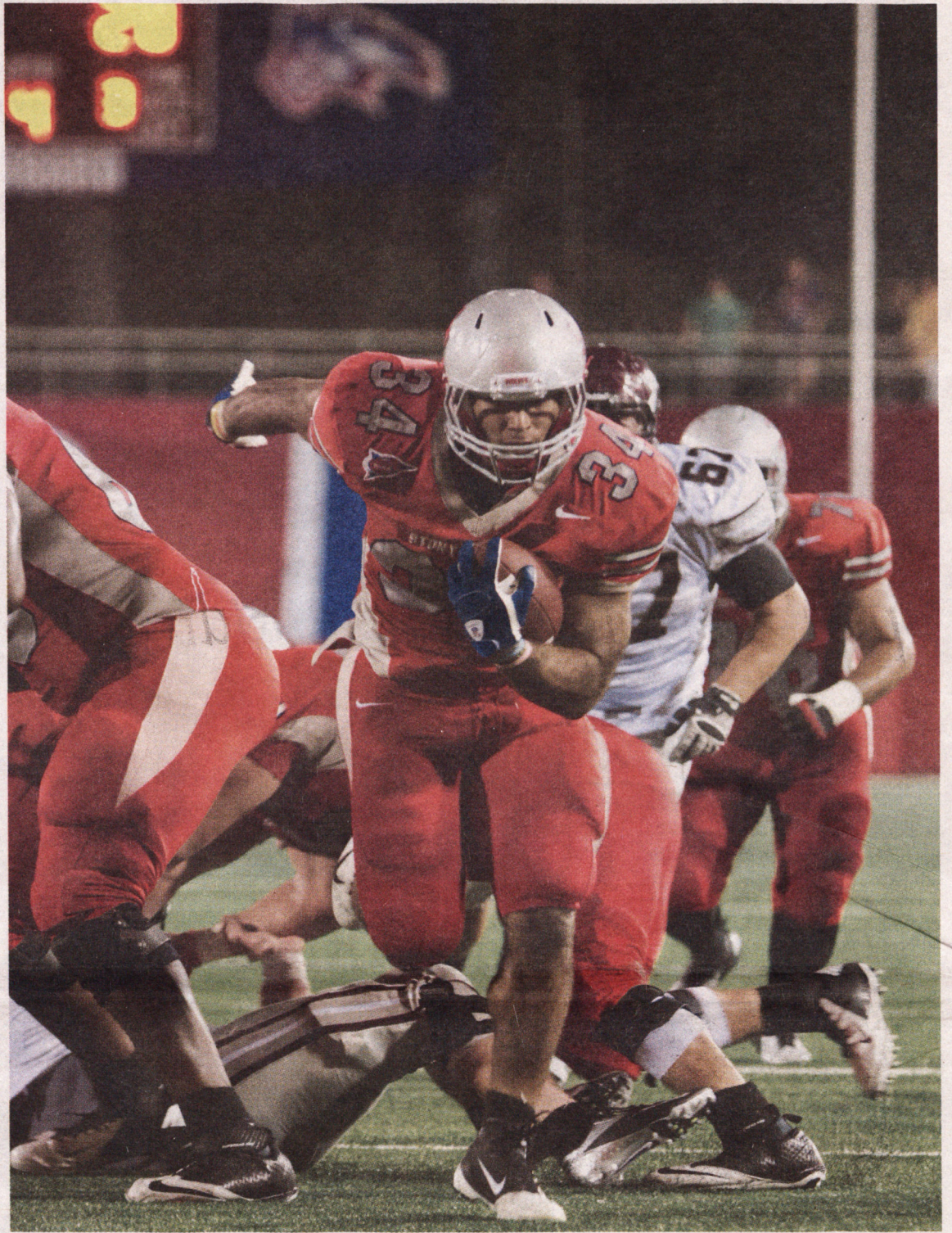
Next up for him and his squad is a road trip to West Point to take on Army next Saturday at noon.

Priore expressed some concerns he had earlier on in his Stony Brook football career, but it's clear now that Priore is more than comfortable on Seawolf turf.

"When Hofstra dropped football, I think my biggest concern was can we be the show on Long Island?" said Priore. "And I think we are the show, and we have arrived."

The team will wrap-up non-conference play next week at Army (0-3).

Game starts at 12 p.m. at Army. After that, the Seawolves will take on Charleston Southern for their first conference game.



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Running back Marcus Coker ran for 68 yards in Stony Brook's 32-31 comeback win.

## Ice Hockey: new attitude and approach for 2012-13 squad

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For head coach Chris Garafalo, the goal this year the program will be the same like any other: to win the ACHA national championship.

But after last season's disappointing end, which culminated in the team failing to make the ACHA national tournament, Garafalo has adapted a different mindset for this year's squad.

"I think last year, and in previous years, my assessment of Stony Brook would be very skilled, very fast, but they're not tough to play against physically," Garafalo said. "One thing that we've talked about quite a bit is that we're going to make these guys more physical, we're not going to just be a good skilled team, we're going to be a tough team to play against."

That change in attitude has been apparent in the way that Garafalo has run practices so far.

"He's been a little more serious this year, not taking as much from



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Stony Brook has been practicing since late August for its home opener this week.

the guys," said senior forward and assistant captain Daniel Cassano. "We've seen a difference in the room, guys are being a little more serious because of coach."

Graduated from last year's team are forwards Chris Ryan and

Bryan Elfant, two of the team's top offensive players, defensemen George Nicholes, Jason Aro and Jordan DeLorenzo, who were all regulars in last year's line-up, and starting goaltender Chris Hausel.

Also gone is John Jennings, one

of the team's top depth forwards, who left Stony Brook and returned to his native Florida due to rising out-of-state tuition costs.

"All these guys that are leaving, we're not just losing good players, we're losing good characters,"

Garafalo said. "But we back-filled it with some really great character guys, I really feel that the guys we brought in are going to be able to fill in their shoes."

One of last year's key players who will be back, however, is forward Mike Cacciotti, who

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was named captain for this year's squad and has scored 97 points in 66 games for Stony Brook over the past three seasons.

A senior last year, Cacciotti has been hampered the last two years with shoulder problems, and successfully petitioned for a fifth year of eligibility as a result.

"I'm holding up pretty good,

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