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Players of Humans vs. Zombies, which started on Oct. 25, brave the threat of inclement weather for a minor mission near the Javits Lecture Center on Sunday. This year's game ends on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Outspoken conservative meets students

By Matt Sacco
Staff Writer

Indian-American conservative pundit Dinesh D'Souza visited at Stony Brook University to speak about his views on President Barack Obama and what he believes to be the psychological motives behind Obama's policy. Sponsored by the College Republicans and Young America's Foundation (YAF), the audience was primarily made up of students with a significant amount of the middle aged and even seniors.

After a late start, everyone was seated and representatives from the College Republicans and YAF took the lectern and warmed the crowd. Laura Doukas, a senior business major and president of the College Republicans, formally introduced the speaker by calling him "One of the world's most influential conservatives. We were really thrilled that he was able to take time out of his busy schedule to come talk to us. Everything he publishes is genius!"

D'Souza's speech touched mostly upon points he made in his book "Obama's America," which he recently made into a documentary. The centerpiece of the book is his theory that Obama inherited an anti-colonialist outlook from his father, which manifests itself in the form of a policy which D'Souza considers to be geared towards leveling American

hegemony with the rest of the world. "Obama doesn't believe in American Exceptionalism," he said.

As evidence of this, he cites the administration's decision to offer to lend \$2 billion to state-owned Brazilian oil company Petrobras. He also says that the title of the president's book, "Dreams From my Father," is a testament to the extent of his father's influence. "It's 'Dreams FROM My Father,' not 'Dreams OF My Father,'" D'Souza clarified.

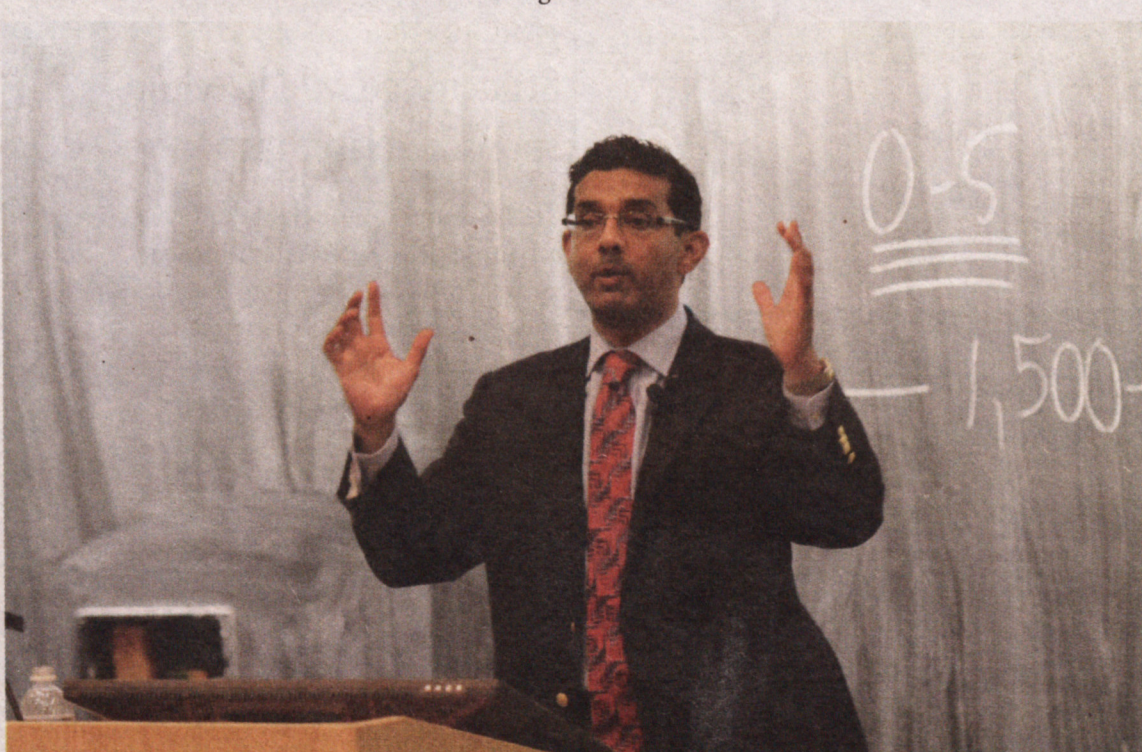
He then went on to define

American Exceptionalism. "When I came to America from India," he said, "I came because I considered it a unique country, a special country...if you go to India, you can't become Indian. You can only be Indian if you have brown skin and both of your parents are Indian. If you go to America, you can become American by embracing a way of life." He went on to say that America is exceptional because it is the land of equal opportunity, and went on to diagnose Obama's understanding of it. "He's sort

of doing the African-American thing, except he's applying it to all Americans," D'Souza said, meaning that Obama's administration is trying to apply measures designed for African-American empowerment to the whole racial spectrum.

He also thinks that the relative lack of details about Obama's life while an undergraduate in Columbia, as well as about his

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Conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza explained his theories about the president's actions.

Stony Brook Medicine dances for a cure in Pink Glove competition

By Mike Cusanelli
Staff Writer

This October, hundreds of Seawolves stepped up to dance for a cure to breast cancer.

The Stony Brook community has channeled the healing power of music with its entry into the second annual national Pink Glove video competition. The competition, which is hosted by Medline Industries Inc., seeks to raise breast cancer awareness and raise money for breast cancer research through its viral dance videos.

The project was coordinated by Cancer Patient Advocacy and Community Outreach Coordinator Linda Bily, a breast cancer survivor, who said that she became interested in the competition after seeing last year's entries. Bily said she hopes that the project can help raise awareness for breast cancer at Stony Brook as well as bring in additional funding for research.

The rules of the competition are simple: Each organization creates a dance video to one of six officially approved songs using dancers wearing pink Medline rubber gloves. The contest required each organization to submit its YouTube video via DVD along with a 150-word essay.

For its entry, Stony Brook Medicine chose to dance to the tune of "You Won't Dance Alone," by The Best Day Ever, a band fronted by vocalist and Medline Employee Emily Somers.

About 700 students, faculty and volunteers took part in the four-minute video, which features Stony Brook community members dancing, singing and even knitting across West Campus and the University Hospital.

Some of the video's more memorable appearances include Dr. Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, senior VP of health services, and Dr. Yusuf Hannun, MD, director of the cancer center.

Several Stony Brook teams, including the SB Hockey team and the women's swim team, also donned the pink gloves for their chance to dance for a

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The Student Activities Center (SAC) Auditorium may not have been packed with students for the Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company, but it was certainly filled with boisterous laughter.

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Students go wild in school sponsored laser tag

This game is a modern take on a couple of traditional children's games: hide and seek, tag and dark room. Put the concepts together, throw in laser guns and sci-fi looking jackets and that is laser tag.

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Taylor Swift's "Red" may be different, but it still pleases fans

Since the release of her self-titled album six years ago, Taylor Swift has become even more relevant in the pop culture and music landscape with her fourth studio album, "Red."

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Popular TV shows provide Halloween scares

With Halloween right around the corner, TV channels are bringing back viewers' favorite seasonal shows. According to "The Daily Beast," "Television Without Pity: The Telefile," "Bloody Disgusting" and "Yahoo TV," these are the Halloween season's top television episodes:

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SPORTS:

Former star guard Bryan Dougher to play in Australia

Bryan Dougher, Stony Brook's all-time leading Division I scorer, has signed a contract with the Ringwood Hawks in Australia, becoming the fourth player from the program's 2012 recruiting class to be playing professionally.

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Eight touchdowns leads to eighth win for SBU football

It was another high-scoring game for the No. 9 Stony Brook football team, which added yet another conference victory to its record on Saturday when it defeated the Presbyterian Blue Hose, 56-10.

The team is now 8-1 overall and a perfect 4-0 in conference play thus far.

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Men's soccer defeats UNH on Wednesday, but loses to UVM on Saturday, missing chance at regular season title

Coming off of a tough 1-0 loss to UMBC last week, Stony Brook bounced back on Wednesday at home, defeating New Hampshire 2-0, but then lost to Vermont 2-1 in overtime on Saturday.

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Students stress over and cope with midterm season

By Sarah Elsesser
Staff Writer

During midterm season, students can be found huddled over books or in study groups with steaming hot cups of coffee in reach, bracing for the long nights of studying and other homework ahead of them.

Some veteran students have figured out the perfect way

“It is all about time management. You really have to study along the way.”

MARIANNE CAMPOS
BIOLOGY MAJOR

to stay on track of weekly homework assignments and find sufficient amounts of time to study for their midterms, but others need a little help.

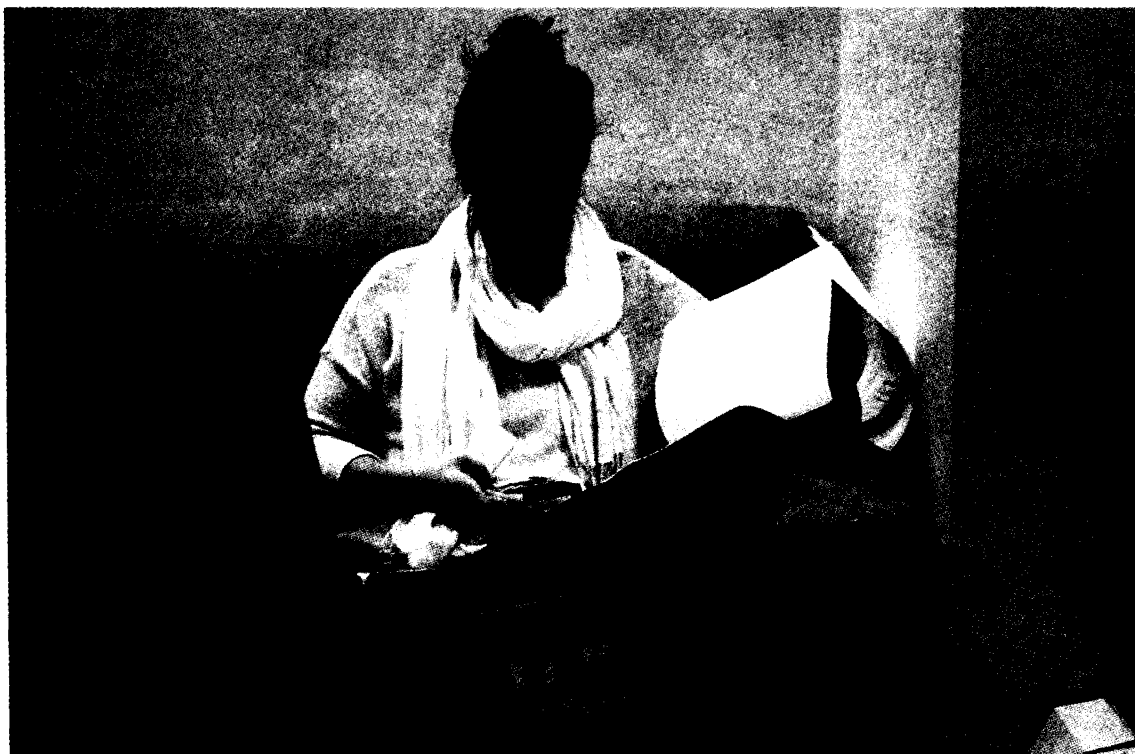
“It is all about time management,” Marianne Campos, a senior biology major, said. “You really have to study along the way and plan out an hour or so a day to set aside for studying in order to avoid cramming.”

Cramming, the usually ineffective technique of waiting until right before an exam to try to memorize immense amount of information, is a common mistake that college students sometimes make a habit of doing, according to “Yahoo News.”

“Don’t freak out too much over all the studying you have to do,” Marie Baietto, a freshman civil engineering major who has seven midterms this semester, said. “Just focus on the midterm you have first and then think about the other ones later.”

Study locations are also a factor. Some psychologists, according to a “New York Times” article, suggests studying in the library might not be best. On campus, there are plenty of great locations to study at.

“I highly suggest the Social



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Sophia Sagon, freshman marine science major, studies with books and laptop on hand in an End-of-the-Hall Lounge. Other suggested locations to study on campus are the TAC, the library, the Union or one's dorm.

Behavioral Sciences building,” said Christine Sicwater, a junior health science major. “It is quiet and hardly anyone ever goes there.”

Other suggested locations are the Tabler Center for Arts, Culture and Humanities, or TAC, the tables on the first level in the library, the second floor

of the library, any dining hall and one’s dorm room.

Find a few places to study, whether it’s the quiet of the library, the comfort of one’s dorm room, or the white noise of the Union Cafeteria, and switch it up.

For those who have a jam-packed schedule are stressed from having anywhere between six and 10 midterms, here are some helpful tips from both researchers and students.

“If you are feeling stressed, go for a walk,” Devon Sherman, a freshman psychology major, said. “It will give you a chance to clear your head.”

One student even advises scheduling time to relax. “Students need to take more breaks at smaller time intervals,” said Laura Lehmkuhl, a junior theater arts major. “Some will just study all day and then the next or two all they do is relax and no studying. That’s not the way to do it.”

In addition, having a little fun either while studying or during your break should alleviate some stress. A typical fun study tip that students suggest is forming and using a study group.

“I think study groups are productive,” said Stephen Evans, a junior physics major. “It makes

studying less miserable.”

While study groups are good in the sense that this system allows students to share knowledge and go over questions they might not know in the safe environment of friends, students have to be careful that they are actually getting some studying done.

“I suggest that you study with people that you know you are going to get studying done with,” Baietto said. “It’s a common tendency for students to study with friends. But, this can lead to going off topic and wasting all that time.”

When it comes to studying, students engage in numerous little tricks and rituals; some wear a favorite shirt for good luck, while others change their eating and sleeping habits and seek out better study locations. Students just need to find strategies that work best for them.

“Try not to stress out,” Campos said.

“It adds more pressure to you. I find that using flash cards for the classes that require a lot of memorization and listening to recordings of my classes work the best for me. But, you need to figure out what study techniques work for you.”

“365 Days/365 Plays” author offers advice to class of 2016

By Hanaa’ Tameez
Contributing Writer

This past summer, the incoming freshman class at Stony Brook University was required to read the book “365 Days/365 Plays” by Suzan-Lori Parks, in which the author wrote one play every single day for an entire year. Upon the start of the semester, students were asked to convey their reactions to the book by completing a creative expressions project in either written or visual form.

The Pulitzer Prize winning author visited the Staller Center for the Arts last Wednesday and spoke to the class of 2016 as a part of Commons Day, an effort to unite SBU’s first year students from all six undergraduate colleges.



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Suzan-Lori Parks.

In each Introduction to Stony Brook 101 class, students were required to present their creative expression projects, and the class voted on the best-written project and the best visual project. Of those, 10 winners were chosen from each undergraduate college and were given the opportunity to have either breakfast or lunch with Suzan-Lori Parks.

Tiffany Sue, an undecided major from the Undergraduate College of Global Studies, said her creative expressions project was “a jar of questions for the author.”

“By listening to the author and attending Commons Day I think I gained some insight into what the author was really like,” Sue said. “It’s hard to imagine what a person is like just by reading their book.”

Parks started the hour-long lecture segment by answering the question she says is most often asked.

“It’s really, really great. It’s also very humbling because you realize because you won a prize because of all the people who have come before you and it’s not just your own hard work but it’s of all the people who have come before you,” she said about her Pulitzer-prize winning play, “Topdog/Underdog.”

Parks then moved on to explain how she got her start in writing.

“I started writing in the fourth grade,” she said. “And I tell you

that because you can start writing at any age. You don’t have to be in the fourth grade to start doing the thing you’re going to be doing for the rest of your life . . . If you’ve already achieved something by now . . . just know that other roads will open up to you . . . entertain all your far out ideas.”

Later, Parks explained a setback early on as a writer.

“[In high school] I got into AP English but I couldn’t spell to save my life and every week I would get an F on the spelling tests,” she said. “Before I graduated, the teacher called me into her office and she said . . . ‘Miss Parks, I don’t think you would be a good writer because you’re such a poor speller’ . . . Friday starts with F for a reason in my mind.”

While Parks’ style of writing didn’t appeal to all students, Sara Georges of the Undergraduate College of Leadership and Service said she “loved the improper English.”

“It really forced me to [think about] what she’s trying to say,” Georges said.

Parks’ main message to the class of 2016 was to pursue a dream no matter what the obstacles. “Just because I’m standing up here and talking to you today does not mean it was an easy road. It was blessed and it was stressed and it was not easy but I was smart enough to keep going because I loved writing more than I loved not writing.”



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A student sleeps at a cubicle in the North Reading Room.

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The history of Halloween and how it has changed

By Kelly Frevele
Contributing Writer

Today when one thinks of Halloween, images of monsters, candy and costumes come to mind. However, Halloween was not always meant to be a fun pastime for children.

Oct. 31 began as a time to try and remain safe from the dead and have a good harvest. About 2000 years ago, the Celts, an ancient people spread across the United Kingdom, Ireland and France, would celebrate Nov. 1 as their new year.

As the weather became colder and the nights became darker, the people believed that this was the time that the dead could come into close contact with the living. To help the dead move on and protect the living from evil spirits, the Celts decided to create a ceremony called Samhain, during which they would sacrifice animals and wear costumes of animal skins to appease the spirits who would otherwise kill the healthy crops. There were often bonfires at these events, which brought many bugs and, as a result, bats. This is why bats are associated with Halloween today.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, the Christians viewed Samhain as an evil tradition of the dark arts. In an attempt to Christianize the event, the Pope declared Nov. 1 to be "All Saint's

Day" or "All Hallows Day," which is where we get "Halloween."

The day was still observed by the Celts, who would put out food outside their doors as an offering for the spirits. The idea of knocking on doors is believed to come from the medieval practice of "souling," in which people would go door to door on "All Hallows Day" exchanging food for prayers. The practice not only remained in Britain and Ireland but can also be traced as far as the southern part of Italy.

In America, Halloween did not become prominent in mainstream culture until the early 20th century. There is no evidence that settlers brought the practice of "souling" with them, and some believe that it may have developed independently of the events occurring in what is now the United Kingdom.

The first time that anything similar to what we know to be Halloween today was documented in a newspaper in 1911, in which children on the border of New York and Canada were begging on Nov. 1 and visited shops where they exchanged songs for candy and nuts. Halloween has been prominent in America except between the years of 1942 and 1947, because of the sugar rationing during World War II.

Carving pumpkins for Halloween comes from an Irish story called "Stingy Jack." Jack



PHOTO CREDIT: MCT CAMPUS

Weston resident Dominique Hirshel, 22, shops for accessories for her "Alice In Wonderland" Halloween costume as she shops at Spirit Halloween in Plantation, Fla., September 21, 2010.

tricked the devil into thinking that he could not have his soul, but it did not go as planned, because when Jack died, he was cursed to walk the earth forever. The devil gave Jack an ember from Hell so that he could have light as he walked through the

darkness between the living and the dead. He placed the ember in a turnip and used it as a lamp. To commemorate Jack, people carve out Jack-O-Lanterns.

There are also global events that resemble Halloween. In Czechoslovakia, people sit around

a fireplace and leave an empty chair for a deceased family member. In Mexico, people celebrate "Day of the Dead," which celebrates family members who have long since passed away. Today, many countries celebrate Halloween in one way or another.

Halloween haunting on Long Island

By Barbara Donlon
Contributing Writer

With Halloween a few days away, haunted houses are taking over Long Island.

Since late September, haunted houses have been popping up all over Long Island preparing for scares. From Bayville to Wading River and places in between,

haunted houses are just a short car ride away.

One of the scariest haunted houses on Long Island is Bayville Scream Park, according to lihauntedhouses.com. The scream park, which is located on Bayville Ave. in Bayville, features five haunted attractions: Bloodworth Haunted Mansion, Uncle Needle's Fun House of

Fear, Temple Terror, Zombie Pirates and Evil in the Woods.

Tickets for the Bayville Scream Park can be purchased on its website, BayvilleScreamPark.com. Unlike other haunted houses, the scream park is now open everyday through Nov. 4. Tickets, which start at \$15.75 for one attraction, are cheaper depending on how many

attractions one chooses to visit. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The Darkside haunted house in Wading River is also one of the top haunted houses on Long Island. Located at 5184 Rt. 25A, The Darkside takes you into a haunted houses with actors waiting to scare you when you least expect it. Admission starts at \$20, but if you visit the haunted house's website at darksideproductions.com, you can sign up for its mailing list and receive \$3 off admission. Open from 7 to 11 p.m. the week of Halloween, The Darkside's last show is Nov. 4.

F&W Schmitt's Family Farm in Melville offers a haunted mansion and a haunted corn maze at night. The haunted mansion, which is scarier than the corn maze, is \$17 per person. The corn maze is \$11 per person. A combo ticket can be purchased for \$23. Coupons for \$3 off the combo ticket can be found on the farms website at schmittfarms.com/Coupons.htm.

The HV Asylum on Mill Road in Coram offers a haunted attraction sprawled on 13 acres of land. Open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the HV Asylum offers a scare from 6:30 p.m. through midnight. Admission is \$25 per person, but a \$5 off coupon, which is good through Halloween, can be purchased on the website hvasylum.com/coupon.pdf.

Doctors dancing for a cure

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cure in the energetic and upbeat video.

According to Bily, the four-minute film was created from more than 40 hours of footage and required an additional 50 hours of editing to create the finished product.

"It was a pleasure to work with everyone and feel the love, camaraderie and spirit of giving everyone exhibited," Bily said via email.

"If every student and faculty voted at least once we can blow last year's winner out of the water."

Voting ends on Nov. 2 and the winner will be decided on Nov. 9. Stony Brook Medicine hopes to garner 75,000 votes in order to win this year's grand prize of \$10,000, which will be donated to the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund.

As of press time, Stony Brook Medical Center's video had only garnered about 2,600 votes.

To watch Stony Brook Medicine's video, go to YouTube and search "Stony Brook Pink Glove Dance."



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Eric Mercado, 25, district manager of Spirit Halloween, models one of thousands of costumes, which are on sale, Sept. 21, 2010, in Plantation, Fla.

Halloween holds significance for SBU students

By Rolyne Joseph
Contributing Writer

Halloween has given significant meaning to Stony Brook University students and has influenced people to enjoy and have memorable times with friends.

"It's a chance for students to be creative and to have something to do," said Fabiola Delancourt, a senior health science major.

Delancourt had joyful childhood memories and experiences. Her sister, Ashley Delancourt, and her cousins would go trick-or-treating for candy several times over the years.

"Halloween gives a chance for you to show your crazy side," she said, remembering her childhood memories.

Students can attend on and off campus social gatherings. Delancourt insisted that people should attend haunted houses, Halloween affairs and celebrations. Students can learn the origins and historical development of Halloween.

Many students participate in Halloween activities such as trick-or-treating or carving pumpkins into Jack-O-Lanterns, carved figures with candle light flickering from the inside of the pumpkin.

Delancourt encourages students to be safe during Halloween festivals and carnivals. "Be mindful to your custom

of what you portray," said Delancourt, insisting students to make careful choices.

Each year, students are allowed to have Halloween social gatherings and activities on campus.

Tahseen Rabbi, a sophomore journalism major, enjoys hanging out with friends during Halloween. Halloween has a spiritual meaning to students. Many students have different aspects and views on Halloween because of their religion, she said.

Rabbi, who is a Muslim, is not allowed to celebrate Halloween. However, she still adores spending time with her friends on Halloween.

"No matter how old I am, I'm going trick-or-treating," Rabbi said.

This Halloween, Rabbi and her friends are attending an off-campus event called Think Out Loud.

Some Halloween customs were supposedly to prevent spirits from entering the bodies of the living. Halloween customs were originally meant to scare spirits away.

"Make sure you're careful on Halloween," Rabbi said. "Don't do anything you're going to regret and have fun but be safe."

Many students are planning on attending Molly Blooms, a bar in Smithtown.

"Halloween means happiness,



PHOTO CREDIT: MCT CAMPUS

Art teacher Kathleen Finan, center right, works on carving pumpkins with her class, Oct. 12, 2005, at Waller Mill Elementary Fine Arts Magnet Art School in Yorktown, Va.

childhood and spending time with friends," said Anna Mei, a junior social work and Africana studies major.

Mei enjoys spending Halloween because she receives free candy and refreshments. She recommends students check their candy before eating them.

"Adults celebrate Halloween and I thought it was only for kids," Mei said. "People wear costumes

such as Cinderella, kitty cat and other Halloween costumes."

Halloween allows people to remember their family members and reminds them of their relatives' love and warmth.

Resident students can have haunted house decorations in their dorm rooms. SBU offers safety advices to students to keep them safe.

Students have to make sure

extension cords shouldn't have cuts or frays. Cords should not be hung from the ceiling and should not obstruct passages, according to the Campus Residences website.

Students can have props and decorations, but flammable products can activate alarms. Strobe lights, which can cause epileptic seizures, should not be used.

Stony Brook's Halloween throughout the decades

By Katherine Kurre
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University is no stranger to having crazy Halloweens. Over the years, students have reveled in Halloween and in some of the shenanigans that have gone on on campus.

One of the most exciting Halloweens in SBU history might have been the Halloween of 1970.

Over that Halloween weekend, The Grateful Dead played a total of four concerts in the Pritchard Gymnasium. Two occurred on Oct. 30 and two occurred on Oct. 31.

One of the concerts, in fact, had almost never happened. According to *The Statesman* from Oct. 30, 1970, there was late scheduling of the Friday concert by the Student Activities Board and a \$7,000 debt incurred by the Athletics Department. Apparently, the gym had already been allocated to another group.

However, the disputes were settled and the shows went on. The concerts did lend themselves to other problems, though. On one of the nights, the first show played by The Grateful Dead ran until midnight—the supposed start of that evening's second show.

Students who were waiting with tickets for the second show along with gate-crashers got

rowdy. A *Statesman* article from Nov. 3, 1970 said hired security guards unaffiliated with campus security were threatened with broken bottles and attacked students. In the chaos, tickets were not even checked, according to the article.

While no major injuries occurred, several students were treated for side effects of drug use.

Twelve students were also arrested for possession of illegal drugs, the article said. Two other students were found in a car unconscious and suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

In 1991, the campus saw another crazy Halloween, and not for a good reason. Students were terrified of a Halloween campus massacre.

An editorial from *The Statesman* from Oct. 31, 1991, mentions a rumor that a famous psychic proclaimed on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" that a massacre would happen on Halloween on a college campus.

The strangest part, though, is that a representative from the "Oprah Winfrey Show" claimed that no psychic was ever on the show.

The alleged psychic foretold that a massacre would occur near a "T-shaped building on a campus near a pond and a cemetery."

Even though this rumor was a hoax that had apparently been circulating the country for a

number of years, students in colleges all along the Northeast were spooked by the tale.

Many colleges had taken precautions against the rumor and set up extra security. The author of the editorial urged that SBU do the same, "not just because of these rumors, but because it is Halloween and anything can happen."

It's true that anything can happen on Halloween—an editorial from the Oct. 31, 1988, issue of *The Statesman* attests to this. The editorial urges students to not be an "egg head" and also advises against taking cruel practical jokes too far or vandalizing property. On campus, the Common Area Damages rule was in effect for dorm buildings.

This rule states that students would have to pay for damaged property, whether they did the damaging or not. The editorial claimed that if a student got injured or property got damaged, the following year's security would be heightened and there would be fewer Halloween parties.

The campus did party. On Halloween in 1983, *The Statesman* and the Union's now-closed restaurant, The End of the Bridge, threw a Halloween bash. "The Halloween Party!!!" according to an article from Oct. 31, 1983, boasted a costume contest where the first prize winner would receive \$100 (the

runner-ups would also receive prizes,) dancing, and a DJ all for the cover cost of \$3.

That issue of *The Statesman*

also published photos of students wearing their costumes and several Halloween themed comic strips.

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Dead Concert Attracts Many; Campus Security Kept Busy

The Grateful Dead attracted thousands of people to Stony Brook this weekend. During the three-day period, gate-crashers forced their way into the gym, several concertgoers were treated for bad trips, campus police helped to serve two people from carbon monoxide poisoning, and 12 persons were arrested for possession of narcotics.

Polity Elections Held Tomorrow; Students Vote on 2 Referenda

Students held preliminary and balloting elections in their dorms today.

The Grateful Dead performed on campus four times in 1970. Here, *The Statesman's* front page covering the concert.

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On Monday, Oct. 15, an exit sign was allegedly damaged at Hamilton College. On Tuesday, Oct. 16, an exit sign was ripped off the ceiling at Keller College, leaving exposed wires, according to a police report. On Wednesday, Oct. 17, another exit sign was allegedly damaged at Dewey College. On Thursday, Oct. 18, another one was reported missing at Keller College, and an exit sign was damaged at Dewey College, according to police reports. On Friday, Oct. 19, exit signs were allegedly ripped down on the first and third floors at Schick College, and an exit sign and part of the ceiling was ripped down at Lauterbur, according to police reports. On Saturday, Oct. 20, an exit sign was missing from Schick College, and another one was damaged, according to police

reports.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, an unknown person set off a fire extinguisher at the Light Engineering Building.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, a male student reported an unauthorized purchase on his credit card. This case is closed pending new information.

On Thursday, Oct. 18, a female student's bike was stolen from Kelly Café. The case is closed pending new information.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, police responded to a counterfeit ticket at LaValle Stadium. No students were involved.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, a non-student was arrested and charged with criminal possession of marijuana.

Dinesh D'Souza speaks to students

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SAT and LSAT scores, are causes for questioning the man as he is presented, as well as for trying to fill in the gaps. "Obama is the most puzzling guy in the White House," he said.

He also warned the room about what could happen if Obama continues with nuclear disarmament, which is presumably an expression of his anti-colonialism. "If we had 300 bombs, and Russia had 300 bombs and so did China in equal measure," D'Souza said, "and if Russia and China were to unilaterally attack us, we would only have 150 bombs for each of them, while we would be hit with 600."

He took questions for half an hour until formally adjourning the talk to great applause. People lingered for quite a long time afterwards, mingling with the staff as well as with D'Souza himself.

When asked for his thoughts on the talk, Kyle Gruder, a sophomore political science major, said that he "thought it was good. I am a registered Republican, and while I thought a few of the things he said were a little far-fetched, he made some points. I plan on reading his book now."

"I thought some of his jokes were a little crass," said Candice Holmes, a

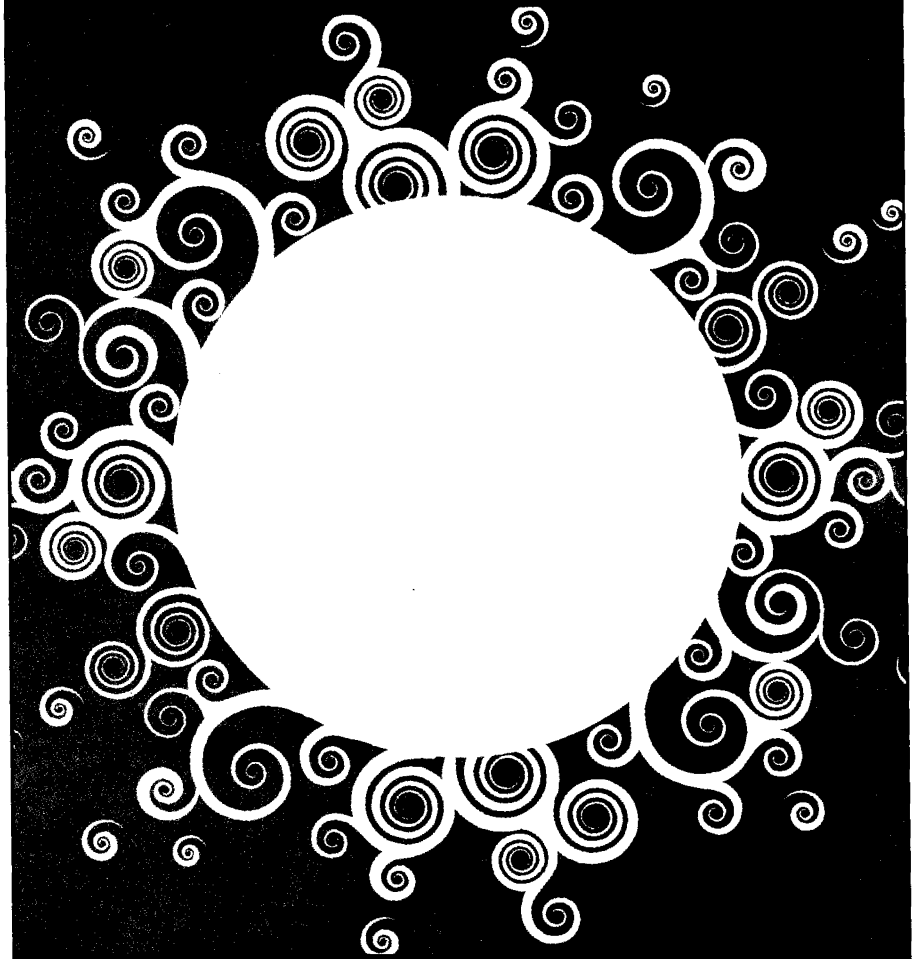
sophomore majoring in social work, "especially when he said that African-Americans will vote for Obama no matter what. I am African-American, and I was offended. Still, I came here to educate myself about who I wanted to vote for and I got what I came for."

"He kept it within party lines," said Valentina Covelli, a sophomore majoring in marine sciences.

Born in India, D'Souza came to the United States in 1978 as an exchange student. He attended Dartmouth University, where he earned an English degree. D'Souza later moved to Washington, D.C., where he wrote for various right-wing publications, and eventually landed a position as a domestic policy adviser in the Reagan Administration.

In 2010, D'Souza was appointed president of The King's College, a Christian college in downtown New York City. Two years later, he wrote "Obama's America," a controversial book expounding his theory that the president's alleged anti-Americanism is a product of his father's anti-colonialism, citing the title and contents of the president's book, "Dreams of My Father," as evidence for this. The book was later made into a documentary, which grossed 27 million at the box office—more than any other documentary in that year.

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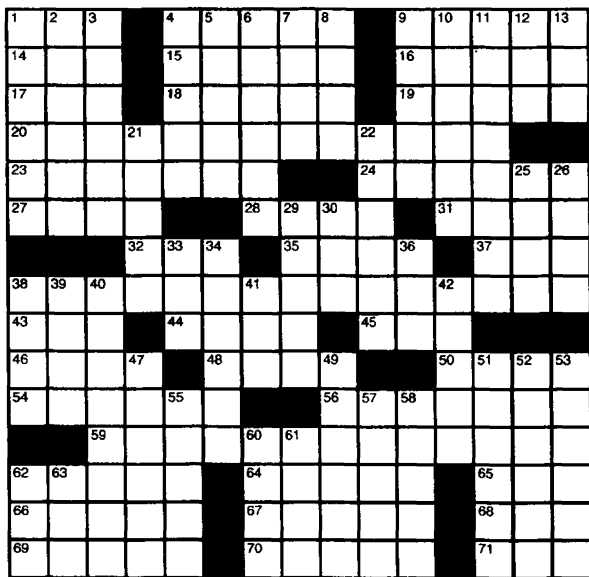
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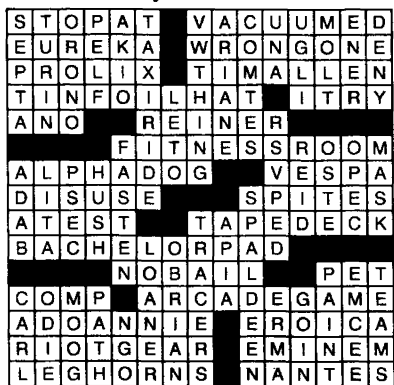
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- 31 Cut back
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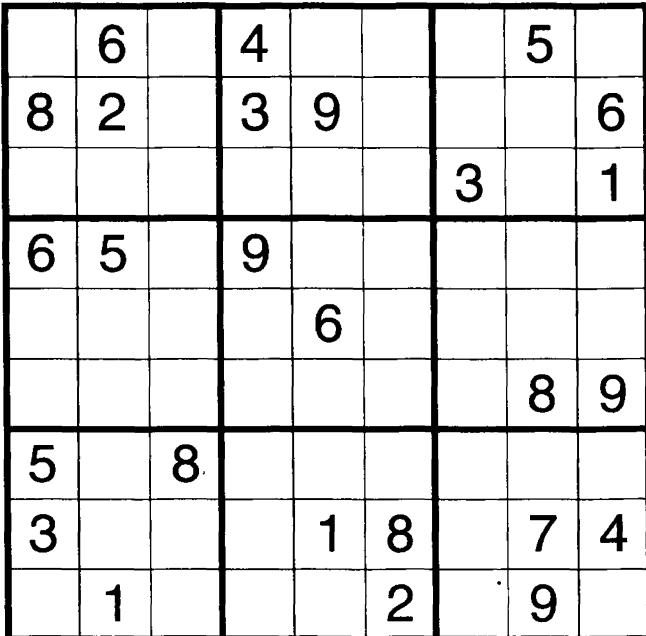
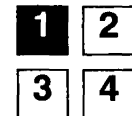
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- 8 Infield protection
- 9 Betting odds, e.g.
- 10 Bring into balance
- 11 Deli meat
- 12 Body shop quote: Abbr.
- 13 Many USMA grads
- 21 Card worth a fortune?
- 22 Squid relatives
- 25 Palm smartphone
- 26 Mail out
- 29 Bellite
- 30 Trinity member
- 33 Deer mom
- 34 "Sex for Dummies" author, familiarly
- 36 "___ War": Shatner novel
- 38 Rooftop rotator
- 39 Uncertain response
- 40 Wide-screen technique introduced in the '50s
- 41 Island in the Aegean
- 42 CSA general
- 47 Antipasto tidbits
- 49 Beach house, maybe
- 51 At one's post
- 52 Wall-mounted candleholder
- 53 Embark
- 55 "Holy moly!"
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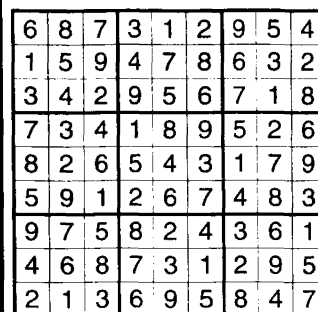


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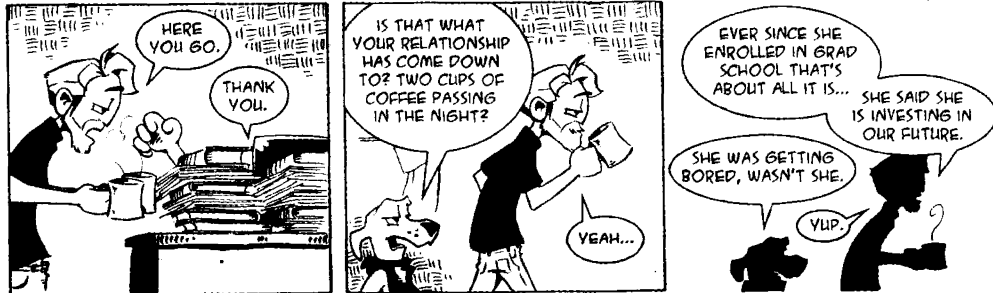
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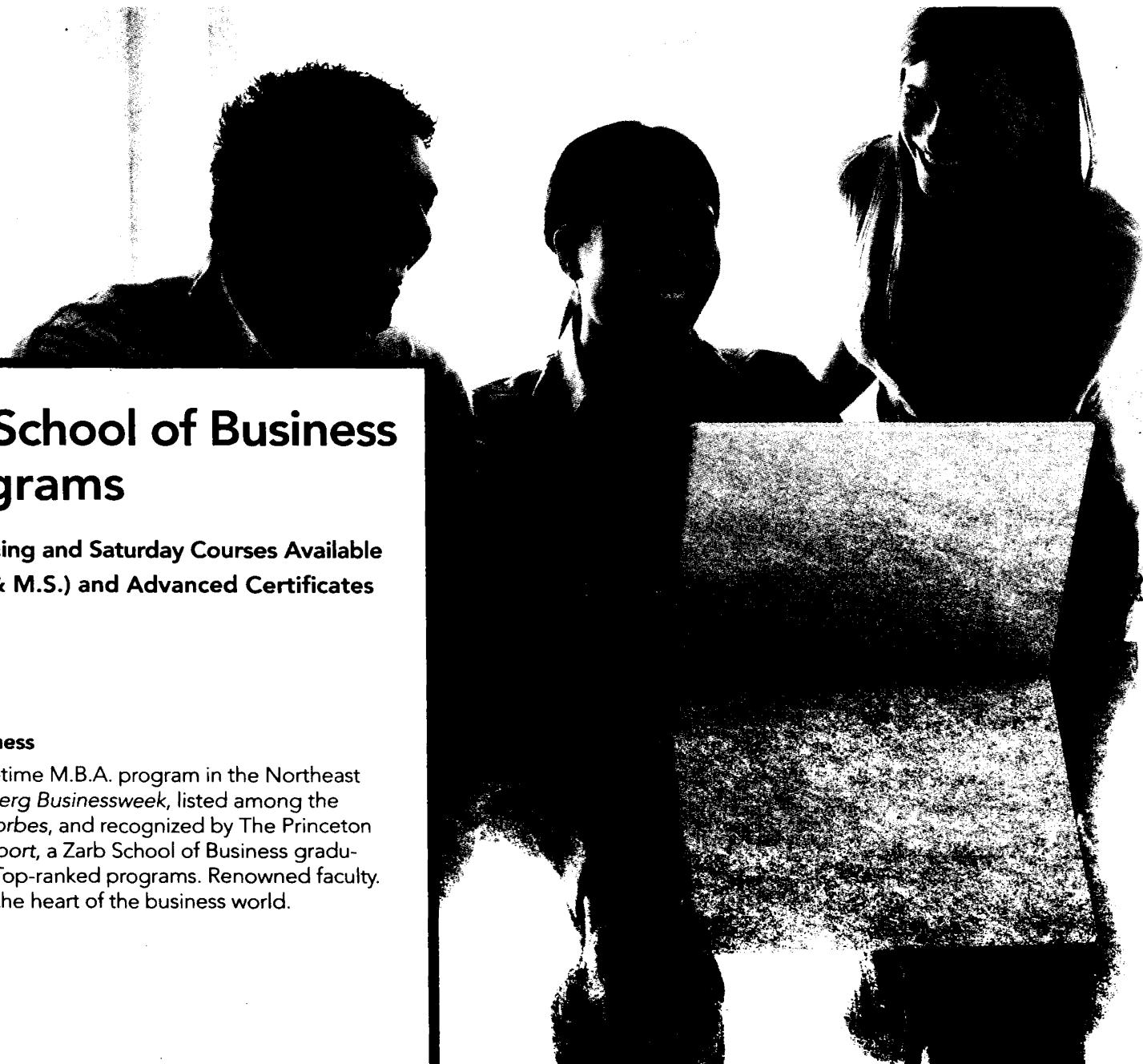
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Stony Brook continues to respond positively to comedy

By Nicole Bansen
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Comedy is hot at Stony Brook.

The Student Activities Center (SAC) Auditorium may not have been packed with students for the Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company, but it was certainly filled with boisterous laughter.

The show, which was put together by the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), also featured Stony Brook University's own Comedian Guild club members. The club members slowly warmed up the crowd with jokes relatable to their fellow college students and made sure to use tons of profanity. There were some awkward moments when a few aspiring comedians drifted into more sensitive topics, and the crowd seemed unsure whether or not to laugh.

However, the club did a pretty good job getting the crowd to laugh.

When the main performers took the stage, they presented themselves in a very casual manner by briefly introducing themselves and making conversation about the campus with the crowd.

Once they felt comfortable discussing what was going on around Stony Brook, they asked for a volunteer from the crowd to interview.

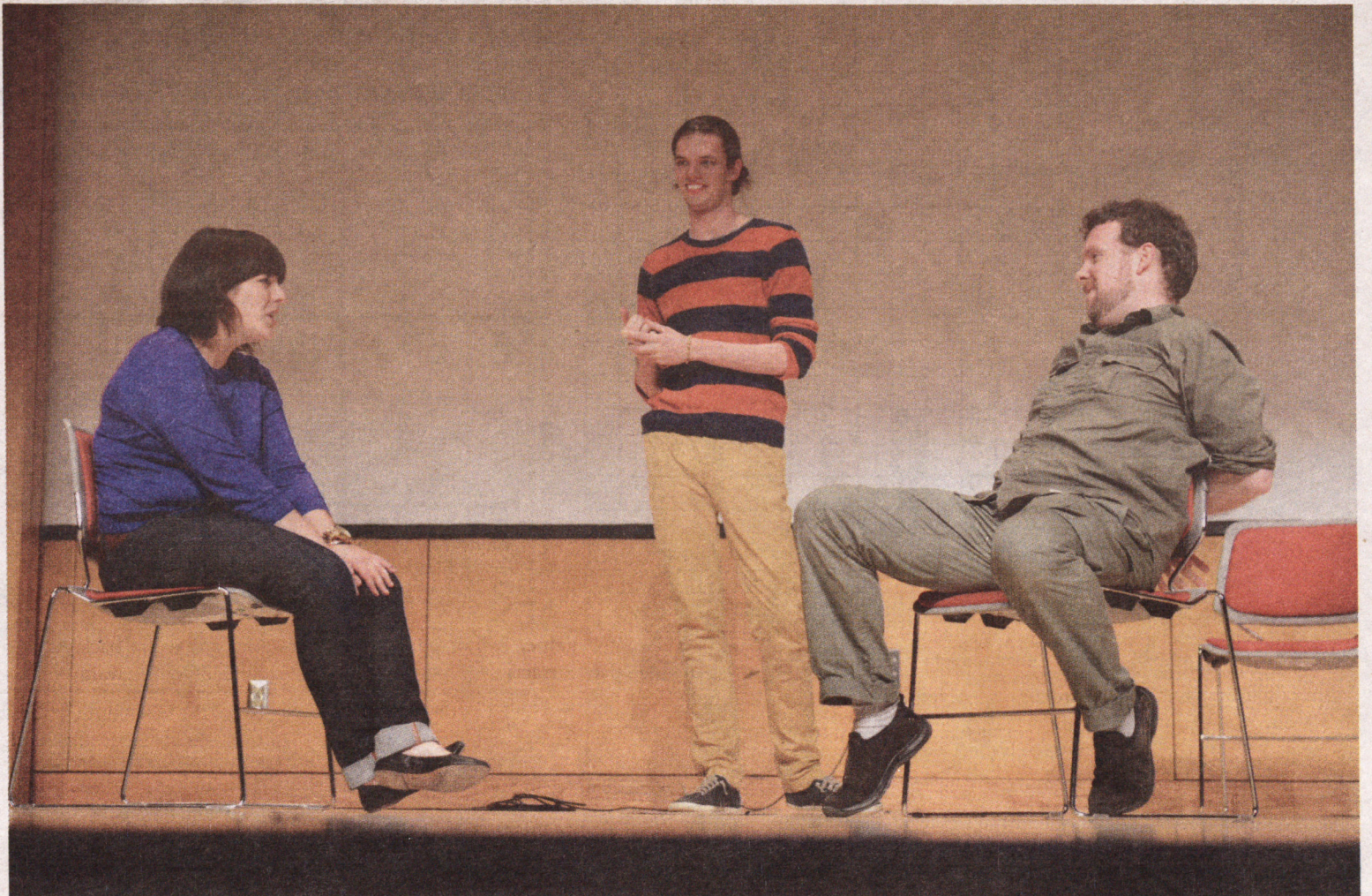
The interview started to drag on after a while and some students started to leave, but it was necessary for them to go through with it in order for their improv to work. Since improvisation is not scripted, the group wound up using the girl's stories about her life to inspire the scenes they performed.

She informed them about her juggling psychology professor, Richard Gerrig, and, later in the evening, the comedy group acted out a scene dealing with how they would imagine that class.

Danny Awalt Jr., a junior psychology major, especially enjoyed that scene since it involved a professor of his. "I loved seeing them rip on Gerrig. It was great," Awalt said.

But it was not just that scene that got him to laugh; Awalt said he used to watch the original cast of the Upright Citizens Brigade on Comedy Central when he was younger. "I love improv, it was exactly what I expected. It was great," he said. "The show was amazing. It was hilarious, I loved it."

Alexandra Santiago, a senior majoring in environmental studies, also enjoyed the laughs. "I really admire people who do improv and can think



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The comedy trio Upright Citizens Brigade took to the SAC auditorium stage on Thursday, Oct. 25.

off their feet and have to play off emotions," she said.

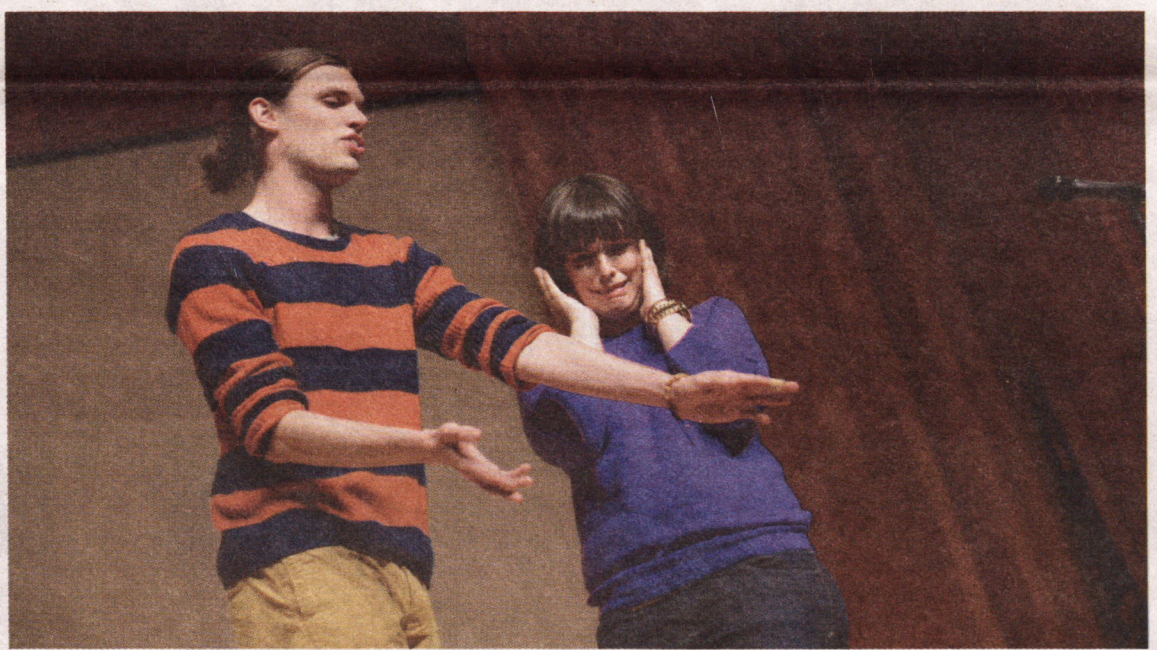
According to P.J. Abelein, the vice president of student life, USG recognizes students' interest in comedy and hopes to continue booking comedic acts.

During the academic year, decisions for acts on campus are made by the Student Activities Board (SAB). All decisions for events and acts on campus are based upon the requests and voices of the students.

In this case, Stony Brook did not have to seek out the improv group. "They actually reached out to us," Abelein said. "They reached us over the summer and we got the SAB together to decide it."

However, it is not always up to the SAB as students also have the influence to get a performer to Stony Brook.

"Suggestions are always welcomed and strongly encouraged," USG president Anna Lubitz said in an email. "Students will be receiving surveys sent out by the SAB, and students are welcomed to attend the open, weekly SAB meetings. If students are not able to attend the SAB meetings, they should



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The improv trio provided laughs during its various comedy routines.

never hesitate to stop into the USG suite and voice their ideas in addition to posting to the USG facebook page and emailing USG representatives. USG and the Student Activities Board want to hear what the students want to

see happen on campus and make the student voice and dreams as much of a reality as possible, enhancing student life events to the maximum!"

Though there will not be more improv acts for the remainder of this

semester, Abelein did hint at there being one more large event for students to look forward to.

"We are planning another big event towards the end of the semester," Abelein said, "So get ready for that."

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Zombie Double Feature

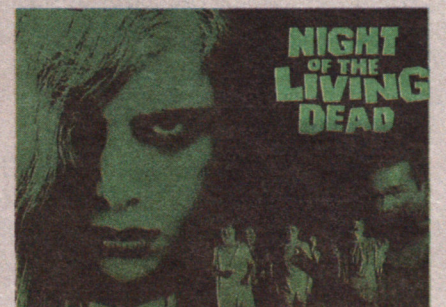
Student Life is hosting a showing of the two films "Night Of The Living Dead" and "Shaun Of The Dead" on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. in the Staller Center. A Stony Brook ID is required.

2) Halloween Ball

The Ballroom Dance Team is hosting a Halloween Ball on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 8 to 11 p.m. in H Quad, Benedict Atrium. The event will feature performances from the Ballroom Dance Team and other clubs. Costumes are encouraged.

3) Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra

The Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra is performing on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8 to 11 p.m. on Staller's Main Stage. Tickets are \$20.



Students go wild in school sponsored laser tag

By Dipti Kumar
Staff Writer

This game is a modern take on a couple of traditional children's games: hide and seek, tag and dark room. Put the concepts together, throw in laser guns and sci-fi looking jackets and that is laser tag.

This game can intimidate a first-time player due to the darkness and the unknown element, but, once players get the hang of the game, it becomes addictive.

That is why Stony Brook University's Weekend Life Council brings the laser tag event to campus annually. Laser tag on campus is an event that has students queuing up all night long to play.

The aim of the game is to wipe out one's opponents with laser guns within a stipulated time. The dark setting helps players, who are grouped into teams, navigate around the room stealthily to catch their opponents unaware.

While the experience is short lived and full of surprises for the players, it is not quite as fun for the team working behind the scenes. The team works to

maintain an incident-free event, the success of which depends on who the laser tag event vendor is.

Evening and Weekend Program Advisor Christine Noonan said, "We do extensive research on the vendors we select for events of this nature and hire the best."

Laser tag events are precarious owing to the dark setting. Many first-timers are overwhelmed by the nature of the game and its rules. Darkness has a way of elevating sensation and reaction times, frequently leading students to accidentally injure themselves or their partners.

To overcome such incidents, the ground staff is vigilant and helpful toward participants before they begin the game.

A mandatory briefing is given to all players before they enter. Equipment is checked periodically to ensure each player gets the full experience of the game.

"To assure the safety of participants, we limit each round of laser tag to 16 students at a time," Noonan said.

Another major issue that Noonan and her team encountered is managing crowds.



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To celebrate Halloween, the SAC Ballroom A was transformed into a laser tag area.

The game, which has wide appeal, attracts more than 400 students on campus, Noonan said.

While the wait can sometimes be longer than expected, there is a sign up list in 10 minute intervals for students to choose a

time slot and come back closer to that time, reducing waiting lines.

"We have many systems in place to manage the crowds...a Zombie Game Night in Ballroom B in conjunction with Gamer's Guild to keep students entertained while they wait for

their laser tag session," Noonan said.

The laser tag event seemed to be the best with a gang of friends who do not mind staying up late, running around in the dark and feeling like a true soldier, even if it is only with a laser gun.

Taylor Swift's "Red" may be different, but it still pleases fans

By Will Rhino
Arts & Entertainment Editor



Since the release of her self-titled album six years ago, Taylor Swift has become even more relevant in the pop culture and music landscape with her fourth studio album, "Red."

While calling Swift country is near impossible at this point in her career, that does not necessarily have to be a bad thing. While the style may be changing, the content is not. The album is, as stated by Taylor Swift herself in that little lyric booklet no one reads, about "love that was treacherous, sad, beautiful, and tragic. But most of all, this record is about love that was red." She has maintained her role as a songwriter that takes no prisoners when it comes to her songs.

However, in any review of this album, from "Entertainment Weekly" to "Rolling Stone" the album is being labeled as a shift in Swift's style, but it is really only expanding on what "Speak Now" started when it began to include heavy pop influences.

The only difference with this album is that Taylor is completely unapologetic about expanding her musical style. This can be attributed to the fact that she has worked with more producers and other artists, namely producer Max Martin, singer Gary Lightbody from Snow Patrol and musician Ed Sheeran.

As for the actual album itself, the regular CD stands at 16 songs. The Target exclusive

version has 22.

Despite the high number of songs, none of them feel particularly forced or a waste.

Standouts include: "State of Grace," "Red," "Treacherous," "All Too Well" and "The Last Time."

These tracks represent the best of what Taylor is bringing to her album. "State of Grace" mixes some of what Taylor is known for: her lyrics. It also

offers a bit of the genre swap while still being incredibly catchy. It has just enough emotion to stick to Swift's lyrical style while having a bit more energy than her slower ballads.

And very few modern artists nail those emotional ballads like Swift does; "Treacherous," "All Too Well" and "Begin Again" scoop up the praise and title of being most like some of the

older, more emotional songs she is known for. They are very descriptive in nature, slower in pace, and contain hints of her country roots.

All three songs make it easy to determine who in Swift's life inspired them, something her older songs accomplish with ease. They also have a distinct slow pace that melds with the intense emotions or feelings of passion she is so famous for

among her audience.

On the opposite side of that spectrum lay her pop songs, "Stay Stay Stay" and "22." Neither is really a stand out, but they keep the album feeling fresh by offering something other than a slow outpouring of lyrical heartbreak.

Yet her pop song and lead single, "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," is so unbelievably catchy it will likely still be on the radio for years to come. Casual listeners will be drawn in by the chorus, and diehard Swift fans will love the edgier attitude of being unapologetic about her past Swift brings in with her lyrics.

Not every one of her songs deserves a gold star though. Her song "Everything Has Changed" featuring Ed Sheeran just falls flat. It is great she is collaborating with other artists, but what seems like a perfect match of artists just seems to lack the spark, as Sheeran sings mostly backing vocals that leave Swift sounding like she is screeching.

The other song that sticks out the most is "The Lucky One." It seems like every artist has a song about how hard it is to be famous, and it has not really worked out too well for anyone—save Britney Spears 12 years ago with the similarly titled track "Lucky."

Overall, Taylor Swift offers a wide range of lyrical topics, from happy to heartbreak, and genres. The mix between the upbeat pop with sorrowful lyrics and slow emotional ballads creates a diverse album that ought to continue to please Swift's ever-growing fan base.

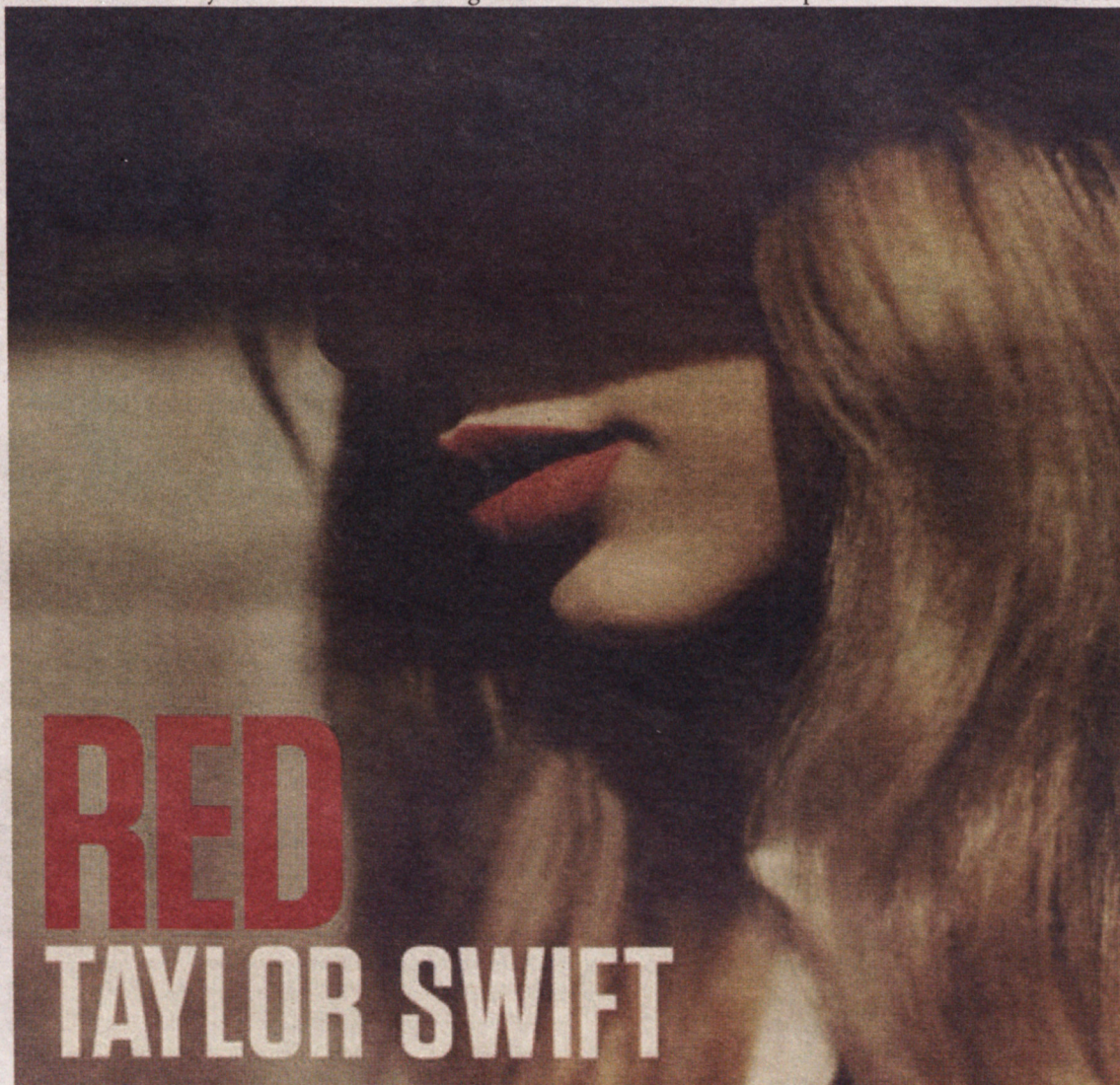


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Popular TV shows provide Halloween scares

By Chelsea Katz
Staff Writer

With Halloween right around the corner, TV channels are bringing back viewers' favorite seasonal shows. According to "The Daily Beast," "Television Without Pity: The Telefile," "Bloody Disgusting" and "Yahoo TV," these are the Halloween season's top television episodes:

The Office: "Halloween"

"The Office" tells the story of the employees at the fictional Dunder

Mifflin paper company. During this installment of the series, Michael Scott (Steve Carrell) tries to figure out who he has to fire. He has had all month to do so and has waited until Halloween. Meanwhile, other office employees post one of their colleague's resumes online. The cast is dressed in Halloween costume throughout the episode rather than their formal office attire.

Buffy the Vampire Slayer: "Halloween"

In this teen-cult series, Sarah

Michelle Gellar plays a high school girl who has been chosen by the "powers that be" to kill vampires and other supernatural forces. While Halloween is usually a quiet time for vampires, it all goes haywire when Buffy's mentor and old friend turned enemy casts a spell over the fictitious town of Sunnydale. All of the children and teenagers turn into their Halloween costumes. Buffy, who has turned into an 18th century damsel in distress who cannot remember who she is, and her friends find the perpetrator and reverse the curse.

How I Met Your Mother: "Slutty Pumpkin"

This series revolves around Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor), an architecture professor in New York City who is still looking for "the one." Four years prior to the first season, Ted went to a Halloween party on the roof of his building and met a girl dressed as a pumpkin. He lost her number after his friend Lily (Alyson Hannigan) gave away the Kit Kat bar that the pumpkin wrote her number on. Ever since, he has returned to the rooftop for Halloween, looking for the slutty pumpkin.

Supernatural: "It's the Great Pumpkin, Sam Winchester"

Supernatural is the story of two brothers who travel around the country to hunt supernatural creatures, particularly demons. The day before Halloween, Sam and Dean Winchester (Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles) investigated a murder where they



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The "How I Met Your Mother" episode featuring the slutty pumpkin.

found a witch's hex bag at the scene of the crime. After finding another one later in the investigation, they conclude that they are facing a Halloween demon who only rises every 600 years.

The Big Bang Theory: "The Middle Earth Paradigm"

"The Big Bang Theory" is about five friends: four extremely socially awkward male scientists and their female neighbor across the hall. During this episode in the first season, Penny (Kaley Cuoco) invites her new friends to a Halloween party. At first, the four nerds all dress as Flash, the superhero. They all change their outfits and Sheldon (Jim Parsons) goes around as the Doppler Effect confusing everyone in his path while Leonard (Johnny Galecki) decides to go as Frodo, the hobbit protagonist from "The Lord of the Rings." Leonard, who has developed feelings for Penny, tries to

impress his new neighbor when her boyfriend shows up at the party.

A number of students said that their favorite Halloween episodes were from the 90s. Television shows like "Rugrats," "Scooby Doo" and "Hey Arnold."

Khadijah Patterson, a freshman astronomy major, likes the Halloween episode of "Boy Meets World" called "And Then There Was Shawn," where the students are locked inside the school and they find that someone has written on the chalkboard that nobody will get out of the school alive.

"It was scary yet funny," Patterson said.

Others alluded to the 1966 "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" television special in which the infamous "Peanuts" gang goes trick-or-treating without its friend, Linus.

Pratyusha Rayavarapu, a freshman biology major, called the Charlie Brown special "a classic."

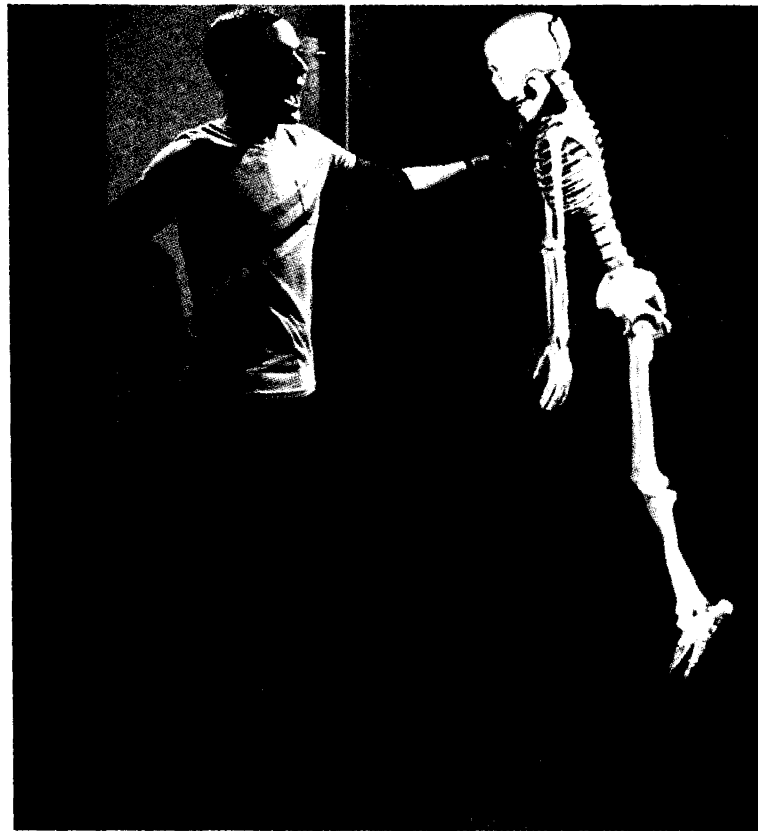


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Sheldon battles a skeleton in a "The Big Bang Theory" episode.

Zombies continue to gain popularity in society

By Jon Winkler
Contributing Writer

As Halloween approaches, students are getting into the spirit of the spookiest celebration of the year with candy, costumes and monsters galore. But the most present and popular monster around looks just like the average person—just lifeless, scarred and hungry for human brains.

Zombie fever has been sweeping the campus this past week to scare the students and faculty. The Staller Center recently hosted a double screening of the 1968 zombie cult film "Night Of The Living Dead" and the groundbreaking zombie satire, 2004's "Shaun Of The Dead."

This came at the beginning of the hyped Humans vs. Zombies event, in which students armed with NERF blasters attempt to survive for a week while being pursued by students designated as zombies. These events are ideal not just for Halloween, but to signify the peak of zombie culture's rise in society today.

Some of the most successful horror movies of the past twelve years have been zombie films ("Dawn of the Dead," "28 Days Later," "Shaun of the Dead," "Zombieland," "Land of the Dead"). One of the most acclaimed and popular shows on cable is the adaptation of the comic book "The Walking Dead."

Video games have taken a great liking to the undead ("Resident Evil," "Left 4 Dead," "Dead Rising"). Zombies have even taken a role in

a classic novel in 2009's "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies."

So why are zombies the monsters in demand? Should it not be vampires, werewolves or good old fashioned masked menaces? When talking to Paul Newland of the Staller Center, he said he does not find the rise in popularity all that surprising.

He credits the Internet's constant devotion to the classics, specifically those from the 1970s, and video games using zombies as target practice help create a slow growing obsession. When films like the "Evil Dead" franchise elevated the scare and gore factor, it pushed the genre through the 1980s.

Audiences were not very fond of zombies during the 1990s, but the genre found a home in the "Resident Evil" video game franchise, which now consists nine games.

Zombies were given new life in 2002 when Danny Boyle unleashed "28 Days Later." In that film, zombies were more rabid, ran like animals and gushed blood from every undead pore.

The British film was a hit on American shores, especially among fans of the genre. American film director Zack Snyder made his debut with a remake of George A. Romero's sequel "Dawn of the Dead," which had critical and box office success. It allowed zombies to be welcomed back into Hollywood.

Zombies are very popular, but with every piece of fiction, one



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Students in the midst of this semester's round of Human vs. Zombies.

must wonder if it could ever be fact. Humans vs. Zombies participant and student Aaron Levinson, a freshman computer science major, says that people truly believe a zombie outbreak is possible, though highly unlikely. "I've seen a chart on Reddit that rates a person's survival level in a zombie apocalypse based on how smart they are. It's really interesting," he said.

Reports of people stockpiling their basements with supplies and arms in the event of a catastrophe like this



are interesting. A recent report of a man eating off another man's face in Florida even sparked news stories of a possible zombie outbreak, though that idea was cast aside after the assailant was actually on drugs called bath salts. But with such a large reaction, one had to wonder, had the obsession become a real fear?

Whether or not zombies could walk among us, there is still true terror when it comes to the undead, as Newland points out. He notes how the "eerie music and simplicity" of

"Night of the Living Dead" remains frightening 44 years later, and the fact that films like "28 Days Later" and "Land of the Dead" have made zombies more agile and maniacal only adds to the terror.

But the fact that people love the genre so much that they will poke fun at it, like "Shaun of the Dead" or "Cabin in the Woods," or add more fun and humor to the doom and gloom setting, like "Zombieland," proves there is still life in the franchise of the undead.

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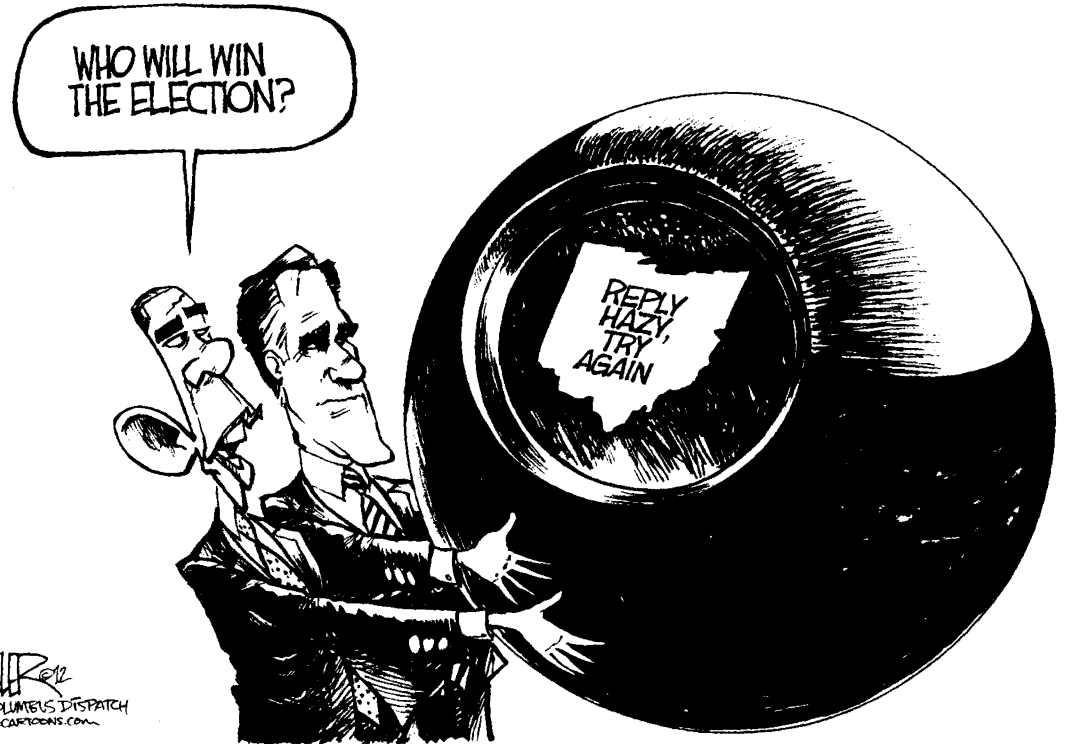


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The close presidential race leaves everyone guessing who will win the election

GOP's race remark will haunt them

By Keith Olsen
Assistant Opinions Editor

It turns out that America is still as morally flawed as it's always been. Even though the current president of the United States is black, apparently people only side with a candidate based on race. This is far from the truth, yet this is the view that numerous high profile Romney surrogates have been espousing.

Colin Powell has an absurd number of titles that he has accumulated over his amazing career of service to the military and government; they include Army General (Retired), former Secretary of State, National Security Adviser, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Powell also considers himself to be a Republican.

However, Powell has recently endorsed President Obama for his second term. Secretary Powell doesn't trust the statements that Romney has made regarding to foreign policy, and thus trusts Obama more on the issue.

He also believes that Obama has done a tremendous job considering what he inherited at the beginning of his term.

This man obviously has the credentials to make the choice of who to endorse, and makes the decision based on what he believes is best for the nation. By the way, Mr. Powell happens to be black.

John H. Sununu, former governor of New Hampshire, sees through this endorsement and knows the real reason that Powell supports Obama; it's because they're both black.

Sununu is one of the most incendiary supporters of Romney in this presidential cycle, and this isn't the first absurd statement that he's made. This is, however, one of his most ridiculous and offensive statements to date. Sununu didn't even bother to find out that Powell actually supported McCain in the 2008 election, and was even considered to be a potential running mate. Lawrence Wilkerson, Powell's

former chief of staff, responded to these claims with equally fiery words: "My party is full of racists."

Powell isn't the only one accused of endorsing the president because of race. Dinesh D'Souza, the director of the controversial and profitable documentary "2016: Obama's America" gave a lecture at Stony Brook University on Oct. 25, and made similar statements about other prominent Obama supporters. D'Souza's primary target was Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews," who he claimed only supported Obama because supporting a black man for president made him feel better about himself. D'Souza extrapolated this claim, and stated that this was the reason why a huge number of liberals support Obama.

These claims lack credence, so why do Republicans continue to repeat them? The main goal of these political commentators is

to persuade people to vote for the candidate that they support, so they obviously believe that Romney would gain more voters by framing the election in terms of race.

This suggests that some Republicans still view who they vote for in terms of race, which is disgusting in this day and age.

In recent years, the Republican Party has become known primarily as the party of the white males, and this stereotype is reinforced by these statements.

Even if the strategy succeeds in this election year, it will push minorities even further away in future elections.

It's common knowledge that the United States has been becoming even more diverse in the past few decades, and this trend has no reason to stop. With this in mind, the Republican party will need to stop these statements, or the Grand Ol' Party will be lost to history.



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Colin Powell walks off the field prior to the start of the New York Giants vs Washington Redskins football game on the 10th anniversary of September 11th terrorist attacks at FedEx Field in Landover, MD, Sunday, September 11, 2011. (Harry E. Walker/MCT)

America through the eyes of an Aussie

By **Brittany Macdougall**
Contributing Writer

Australia is very Americanized. We watch American television shows, listen to music by American artists, watch American movies and love American food chains such as McDonald's and KFC. Coming over here, I felt that I already knew a lot about the country and was looking forward to seeing if the portrayals were correct. When I first arrived in Los Angeles, I was blown away by how friendly and helpful people were, and how LA seemed like the Gold Coast or Sydney on steroids. Wherever we went on the west coast, people offered to help us with our luggage, give directions and complimented our accents. My first dislike, however, came with the food. In Anaheim, everything was chain food, highly processed and just thrown together. I am so used to fresh produce and healthy options that this was a struggle for me—until we found The Cheesecake Factory. What a place! After a few days of being disenchanted with food, having steak with garlic shrimp and roast vegetables made me one happy person!

I've been in the United States for two months now and definitely have a list of things I like and the things that frustrate me compared to Australia. I am starting to LOVE the weather here. I am a terrible Aussie. I thrive in cold weather, have pale skin and whinge incessantly when the Australian

summer hits. I sincerely hope it snows before I leave!

I love that you can wear gumboots and a rain jacket and people don't think twice, or have UGG boots on with your outfit. This would be considered a crime back home. I love that everything here is generally cheaper and you can eat a decent meal for \$12. You'd be hard pressed to order a decent meal for under \$25 in Australia. Along with that, a glass of soda would be \$4 with no refills. Disgraceful, isn't it? I love that America is such a huge country and there are so many places to see. The cost of an airline ticket is also quite reasonable, which makes exploring possible.

I originally found tipping to be a huge frustration. When you're not used to it, adding 15-20 percent on to what you are already paying feels like you're being ripped off. In Australia, most wait staff aged 20 or older would not be making less than \$22 an hour. Plus, if they were working nights or weekends, they would be looking at about \$30 an hour. I have now accepted that wages here are so low that workers need tips to live. If the service is great, I am a generous tipper and feel like a local.

The biggest frustration for me would have to be the public transportation. Being at Stony Brook without a car makes the simplest tasks into huge missions. Just going grocery shopping takes at least three hours out of your day because county-run buses are always late, and walking between

Trader Joe's and Whole Foods with enough groceries to last a couple of weeks is both a weight training exercise and life endangering. Even commuting to NYC on the LIRR is expensive and time consuming. Why is there not an express train from Stony Brook to Penn? Only having three or four stops would be bliss and probably get us in to New York in one hour instead of two.

I have a passion for coffee. I'm a trained barista and a coffee lover. Nothing satisfies me more than making

the perfect latte from fresh espresso. So you can imagine my disappointment when my only options are filtered 'coffee' or Starbucks. Starbucks shut down hundreds of stores in Australia because we didn't like the taste. Here, they are on every corner. In the two months I have been here, I have had two decent lattes. I know you guys pioneered the filtered coffee, but it's time to join the rest of the world in the art of fresh espressos and froth without bubbles. You'll be grateful for

the transition, trust me.

Overall, studying in the United States is an experience I will never forget. Living in a foreign country for any period of time changes both you as a person and your outlook on the world.

I have a new appreciation for people, for democracy and for adventure and I have your country to thank for that. Even though the coffee is bad and the transportation bothers me, I can definitely say I love NY.



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There are no shortages in finding frozen icy beverages but these treats can packed a ton of calories. This is the 16-ounce blended light frappuccino at the Starbucks in Dunwoody. (Vino Wong/Atlanta Journal-Constitution/MCT)

Lance Armstrong, a victim of the media

By **Ahmad A. Malik**
Contributing Writer

Michael Jackson, OJ Simpson, Joe Paterno. What do they all have in common? They're all masters of their craft! Well yes... but no. What they really are, are victims to their species. What makes us human? Our mistakes. And including countless others, these are just some of the men who were victimized, torn down (literally), ripped apart and tainted of their accomplishments because of either alleged mistakes or indirect questions of character. And the newest addition to this list of targets the media has so eloquently and wholeheartedly destroyed, is none other than seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong. I say seven-time Champion because even though his medals were stripped, everyone knows who still won the race. After all, they didn't take away any MLB championships from the era of steroid abuse, and award them to second place! And it's not like they weren't legally tested and passed beforehand!

Now let's be clear this is a serious issue at hand, and although the allegations are quite strong and probably have a great deal of truth to them, let's keep this in perspective before we all become victims to misinformation. Let us remember that Lance Armstrong, by the dignities of his own sport and their representative officials, has never failed a drug test — specifically designed to uncover fallacies in an athlete's method of

preparation. So really, it's the IAC's fault for not looking deep enough.

Here's a scenario. Let's say that you ate a cupcake. Tests were done against you specifically designed for uncovering whether or not you indeed ate a cookie. The tests indicated that that cupcake was indeed, a cupcake. Now let's say there's a tray of these cupcakes, and everyone had one, but some of your peers had admittedly traced their cupcakes with some cookie crumbs. Some even ate the whole cookie! So now, you were accused of eating that cookie as well. And since everyone else is getting a beating from mommy it's only fair that you go down with the group too, right? But you don't like that because you were proven that you didn't eat that cookie! But everyone said you did, so it must be true. Right? Peer review should constitute factual basis? So now all the stickers you got from eating that cupcake, and being the best at it, were taken away, and all the extra gold stars you won were stripped! You even opened a foundation for people who were allergic to the icing and you were allergic as well! But now, because everyone else says so, you're a cookie-eating fiend.

This is Lance Armstrong's predicament. The IAC "apparently" has hundreds of pages of "sworn" statements (whatever that means) and eyewitness accounts (circa confirmation bias), that shows that Lance Armstrong indeed blood doped during his career. That career that he overcame cancer and still ended up winning the most grueling

bicycle race in the world. Speaking as an athlete myself, I wouldn't even be mad if I competed against him it's not like cancer helped him perform. Yes, I'm almost justifying his alleged usage of blood doping tactics to help his performance. All of that aside, I think it's rather ridiculous how much this situation is blowing up — and the only reason it is blowing up is because the media wants it to. As with Michael Jackson, the story has preceded the facts. Now Lance has lost his sponsors, and is no longer the CEO of Livestrong.

Now let's understand this logic here, I donated to a cancer fund, to help cancer patients, via a cancer survivor, and now because the cancer survivor has an alleged perceived moral flaw, I'm going to demand my money back? Those people should be ashamed of themselves for the double standard they hold as if they don't have any mistakes for themselves. The whole point of Livestrong and the charities that Lance Armstrong has set up were for an unquestioned cause and it's not as if he laundered the money! From that, he lost his sponsors, and his crown has been stolen from him. An era in which blood doping was prominent, given that doesn't make it acceptable, means that he really didn't have an unfair advantage over anyone. What the media is doing, is that fueling this frenzy that now labels this otherwise influential and inspiring man as a hoax and the biggest sports hoax we have ever seen. Sure, let's forget all about the MLB, and how their use of

steroids in a sport that requires little physical endurance is required.

Rather than staying true to the facts, that Armstrong has not officially been convicted of a crime, we all are quick to assume he is a monster. What about Michael Phelps? His illegal use of an illegal substance was caught on film! That is hard evidence! He wasn't stripped of his medals! Given marijuana isn't performance enhancing, he character was still questioned, and all he lost was Kelloggs! Sure, I'll miss Michael Phelps on the back of my Frosted Flakes box, but he's still not even close the story of

Lance Armstrong. Why is it that the media must misconstrue a story just on the basis of readership? Because that's what the readers want. So whose fault is it? Yours, mine, and everyone else's; we are the ones to blame. Even if he is vindicated, his story and legacy will be forever lost, and that is a shame. Everyone is so quick to forget their Sixth Amendment rights in such a juicy story, but when it comes to them they'd want it more than anyone. Again, this leads back to the double-edged sword that America so beautifully represents. We are victims and victors to our freedoms.



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Lance Armstrong, 40, hops on his bike for the 17-mile bicycling portion of the XTERRA Nationals off-road triathlon on Sept. 23, 2011 in Ogden, Utah. The seven-time Tour de France winner came in fifth place. It was his first triathlon in more than 20 years. (Wina Sturgeon/MCT)

Apple's iPhone 5 blows away the competition

By Ahmad A. Malik
Staff Writer

Make no mistake about it, the market of technology recently is unlike anything we've ever seen before. But in a different sense, there is not only one dominant, mind-blowing, market monopolizing force prevalent to consumers; rather, there are two. Not to say classic Mac vs. PC rivalries in the past between the MacBook Air and the Netbook or the ongoing Microsoft Xbox vs. the Sony PlayStation are to be overlooked — but let's just say these rivalries have a different aspect to them than that of the iPhone 5 and the Samsung Galaxy SIII. To clarify the distinction between these past discrepancies, in the case of computing devices and even gaming consoles, it has not been a race of equally matched, masterfully designed and virtually flaw-proof materials. Any feature could have been done better, and individual characteristics within each platform catered to different types of users, creating a balance and almost an ideological rivalry rather than a concrete quantitative competition. For example, Mac users forever and always will protect their claim of aesthetics and artistic capabilities, whereas PC users, however wrongfully, claim their DVD drives as their birthright. But never have we faced such a painstakingly raw challenge between two powerhouses of technological masterpieces that equally rival each other on every facet of their existence.

This toe-to-toe nature of the Apple's iPhone 5 and Samsung's Galaxy SIII is not simply a credit to the true nature of the oligopoly now emerging within the phone industry as it is a sentiment to the culture now surrounding our possessions. What we own now is a testament to our personalities — but not in the sense that a more expensive item means affluence; rather, it refines contrary as we are increasingly becoming a society that takes prides in having those who are devoid of such superficial outlooks. No, what we carry now is a testament to our personalities in that it defines our ideologies, intents, and priorities, but more importantly, our generalized other. By the generalized other, I mean that we care very much about how others view us, and we accordingly allocate our resources to pleasing others, and defining what strata we want to be perceived as being a part of rather than simply purchasing

what we really need. Hence, this brings back the point that we have inevitably demanded of phone companies to produce such marvels that rival each other to the point where it is not a distinction based on usability, but personality — so here we are. Although I'm not quite sure what will come next, I am quite ready to defend what I believe is the clear choice in this newly found smartphone race.

Now although I do not condone the predominant stereotype of an Apple user in a Starbucks doing their liberal arts homework, pinkies raised and Sperry's fashioned (as in fact I do take offense to such a stereotype as a long-time Apple user, as those individuals are prevalent and do offer a dissent to the very culture of Apple users), it is clear to me the iPhone 5 has taken over the market. Not even with the 4S itself, as it began with 4S. Now Android users, lower your pitchforks (or should I say plastic forks, yes that was my halfhearted jab at the quality of your phones), because I do attest to the capabilities of your products, but I regretfully do not regard them as I do with the iPhone. Now briefly, I do believe the iPhone is superior now in large part because of its emergence among the teenagers of the world, as before it was such an exclusive and expensive undertaking that only affluent adults would find the need to invest in it (and even then, it broke all sales records.) But since the release of the 4S and Apple's dropped prices in the spring of 2012, I have found that more and more high school and college students have iPhones.

The sheer idea of conformity in this sense may not be a bad thing, as this enhances not only user functions that will become available through demand, but it demands Apple to be flawless and constantly morphing to the customers standards. In reference to Android, it simply tries to keep up based on what Apple does rather than innovate based on consumers. By extent, Android is trying to cater to Apple users by using their sales pitch. Now it is true that Android has many innovative features, including the messily intuitive interface through Jellybean. How users find that level of customizability useful is beyond me, but more power to them. But for example, let's reference Androids so amusingly well placed attack ads of iPhone 5. Simply tapping two phones shares information! Amazing! But did we forget the 'Bump' app that came

out four years ago? Given it is not as accurate or fast, it isn't really anything new. Speaking of apps, it is undeniable the range of the App Store in reference to the Google-based store of Android. Going back to conformity, waiting on the line so dramatized by the Samsung commercials may not necessarily point out a detriment, rather it may help Apple's case. Simply put, users are not stupid; it is sold so well for a good reason. Everyone wants it because it holds a certain standard in the phone industry. At this stage of the game, anyone trying to do Apple has failed, because they always seem to reinvent the wheel, even when the wheel is just as round as it was before.

Quantitatively, we cannot assess which phone is better, but because iPhone simply rules the market, it attests to Apple's ability to cater to its audience more effectively. As naïve as it may sound, it does come down to the aesthetics of the phone itself, as undeniably the iPhone is beautiful, whether it's the four-inch retina display screen with 300+ pixels per inch, or

its sleek design. Personally, I would prefer to carry the world's thinnest, lightest smartphone and compromise an eighth of an inch of screen. Quality over quantity though, because the SIII doesn't have Apple's patented Retina display and plus, who wants to carry around a brick with them everywhere? The SIII doesn't appeal to females as well it's huge! Not only that, it doesn't have that sleek, sexy appeal that Apple carries. But not to worry, the manly nature of the black iPhone leaves all users pacified (although admittedly, I enjoy the white iPhone more than the black).

Tying this all in with my provided antecedent, having the iPhone is merely now a statement of ease. Everyone has one, and for good reason, so when matched up against a comparatively equivalent product, it will win because there are those who value longevity over a challenger's plea.

Don't believe me? Reference every American presidency longer than a term and even more similarly, President Barack Obama's term. I'll leave you with an assertion. President Obama is Apple.

and Mitt Romney is Android. President Obama didn't really live up to his hype.

President Obama hasn't really changed much, but his administration and this country haven't collapsed. President Obama promises change, and does deliver, or at least attempts to and he listens very closely to the citizens of the United States. Mitt Romney is challenging President Obama, and has all these great new ideas that piggyback off the downfalls of the incumbent, but really offer no comfort through longevity or a guarantee of satisfaction. That great smile and memorable Big Bird comment has everyone all riled up, but it's more of a fad to be a Romney supporter as a member of generally democratic demographics, than it is a testament of your beliefs. So my assertion is that if President Obama stays in power, it reflects Apple.

If Mitt Romney becomes President then watch out iPhone users (remember this is based on ideology)! You see phones and politicians aren't really that different at all. That should keep things in perspective for you.



The iPhone 5 is Apple's newest success.

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Book of Mormon has relevance in current politics

By Emma Hart
Contributing Writer

What can be said about a musical that tackles religion, homosexuality, AIDS and poverty all in the span of two and a half hours? Hilarious!

A few weekends ago, I paid the outrageous amount of \$150 to see "The Book of Mormon: The Musical," and I can honestly say I've never spent my money better. The musical is basically sold out until next year apart from a few random seats behind poles, which was where I was sitting. However, the comedic musical stylings of writers Trey

Parker, Robert Lopez, and Matt Stone (the creators of "South Park") were more than enough to compensate for my lack of vision. At some points the humor was crude and distasteful, which is exactly my cup of tea. The audience, which was made up of people in their mid-to-late 60s—it was a matinee performance—was also in stitches. Well, all except the gentleman I was sitting next to. While the cast was singing about how cruel God can be and satirizing Mormonism, I couldn't help but think that due to his stone face and rigid posture that he thought he was walking into a

religious seminar. Meanwhile, I cackled loudly at the mention of any obscene sentence. I don't think he appreciated that.

It did get me thinking about how controversial this musical is, yet I think that is its greatest selling point. I'm sure that Mitt Romney's Mormon beliefs have spurred many Democrats into rushing to see it. With the presidential election on the horizon, it would be interesting to think of how people seeing this musical could cast scepticism over a key part of Romney's image: his religion.

The "South Park" boys obviously took a massive

risk in producing a musical condemning religion, albeit in a very round about way. But it has certainly paid off, earning the duo several Grammy awards and nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Judging from the reviews, many Mormons have in fact received the musical in a light-hearted way and taken it as a fun way to view themselves. However, they still maintain that the actual Book of Mormon will change the life of those who read it. Perhaps religions have taken a more relaxed approach to viewing themselves; but then again, I couldn't imagine a musical

parody about Islam being released any time soon. But the fact that some Mormons even attended the musical—possibly to see just how offensive it actually was—is notable in itself.

Parody is an interesting concept; it basically allows you to insult someone or something in a way that is both comedic and acceptable. It is a fantastic loophole that is used to convey exactly what everyone was thinking but too afraid to say. With religion, it's either a hit or a miss, but it's safe to say that "The Book of Mormon: The Musical" is definitely a hit.

Cedrick Moore a bedrock on Stony Brook defense

By Ahmad A. Malik
Staff Writer

"Business first" is what his father told him, and that phrase has been stuck in Cedrick Moore's mind since he arrived at Stony Brook.

The 5-foot-11-inch 205-pound senior defensive back for the Stony Brook Seawolves football team has been nothing less than a dominating presence in the defensive backfield as the team's weak side safety, leading the team in tackles against Coastal Carolina and having a steady and sure performance during each game of the season.

But it didn't all start out this way for Moore. He began playing football at the age of six for the Inglewood Jets pop warner football team.

During his time at Lakewood High School in California, he indeed was a dynamic and versatile player, running at the safety position, as well as at corner.

He avidly returned punts and kickoffs and was given the task of keeping things going on the defense.

At that time Moore said, "I just wanted to have fun," and with that he also found his inherent love for football.

Moore transferred into Stony Brook from a small junior college in his home state of California, after being riled with disappointment for the lack of offers from schools of his choice.

"I didn't like any schools that were talking to me at the time," said Moore, "and out of high school I didn't get recruited to any schools that I wanted to. So taking a chance at junior college was the best opportunity for me."

It was not until he sought the input of his high school coach that he was introduced to Stony Brook

University.

"I was talking to my high school coach, and he told me about Stony Brook. I flew out here and saw it was a great program. This is where I wanted to be, and it was a great opportunity to attend a top school in the country."

When asked about his most memorable moments as a Seawolf, he was so overwhelmed with possibilities that he eventually succumbed to exclaiming that he felt that every game was his best game.

"The season isn't long, and we're only guaranteed 10 games. I took it a game at a time, and I loved every game." And showing his true love and spirit for the game, he added, "whether we're down or up, I go out and have fun."

Moore certainly has a very astute interpretation of what is fun for him as he performs week in and week

out for the Seawolves.

Moore stresses this point of having fun in that he is a very lighthearted person by nature.

"I really don't have a bad day - I mean I have bad days, but I feel like it doesn't affect me as much as other people." Moore added, "I don't really linger to a bad day; I keep myself positive."

This holds true even before games - Moore reveals that he likes to laugh a lot before games, an exception to the common stereotype of the hard-nosed and focused football player.

"I like to put myself in a good mood the night before by staying really relaxed or calm. I never want to be tense or uptight."

Certainly though, it isn't all about sports for Moore. Rather, it is the contrary, as his father's advice to him was business first.

"If I get the chance to pursue athletics, that's what I'll do.

Otherwise, I'll fall back on my degree of public health science."

He recognized that Stony Brook was very well known for health sciences, which aided in his decision to attend this university.

"This would be the best opportunity for me to excel in the business world. With this health degree, I'll never not have a job. There's always something to do."

Moore's father is not the only person in his life that has had an influence on him; his brother played football at Marshall University.

"My brother influenced me more to go to college and made me want to play more. He made me want to be much better than I was."

Last year, Moore was redshirted due to a torn hamstring. For him though, he saw this as an opportunity, more so than a roadblock, to get more schooling.

This holds true, as his steamrolling

performance seems to not have been hindered in the slightest. His expectations, as predicted of such a high caliber athlete, are driven by taking each game one at a time, inevitably resulting in winning it all.

Showing his true pride and colors, as well as his vested interest in Stony Brook and the opportunity he believes the school has offered him, Moore displays deep gratitude towards the program and the university.

"I'd like to thank Stony Brook for the opportunities it has given me, for being part of a great team, and a great environment on campus. I really enjoy it."

But this year isn't the last Stony Brook will see of Moore and his dynamic performance.

"Definitely I will come back to Stony Brook just to keep the tradition going and to help out. To give back."



Senior Cedrick Moore has been big on defense for the Seawolves this season, making 50 tackles in eight games. COURTESY OF SBU ATHLETICS

WR Kevin Norrell having career season for Stony Brook

By Amy Streifer
Staff Writer

There are many words that can be used to describe Stony Brook's wide receiver Kevin Norrell, such as agile, aggressive and quick. However, the best word to describe the 22-year-old California native would be dedicated.

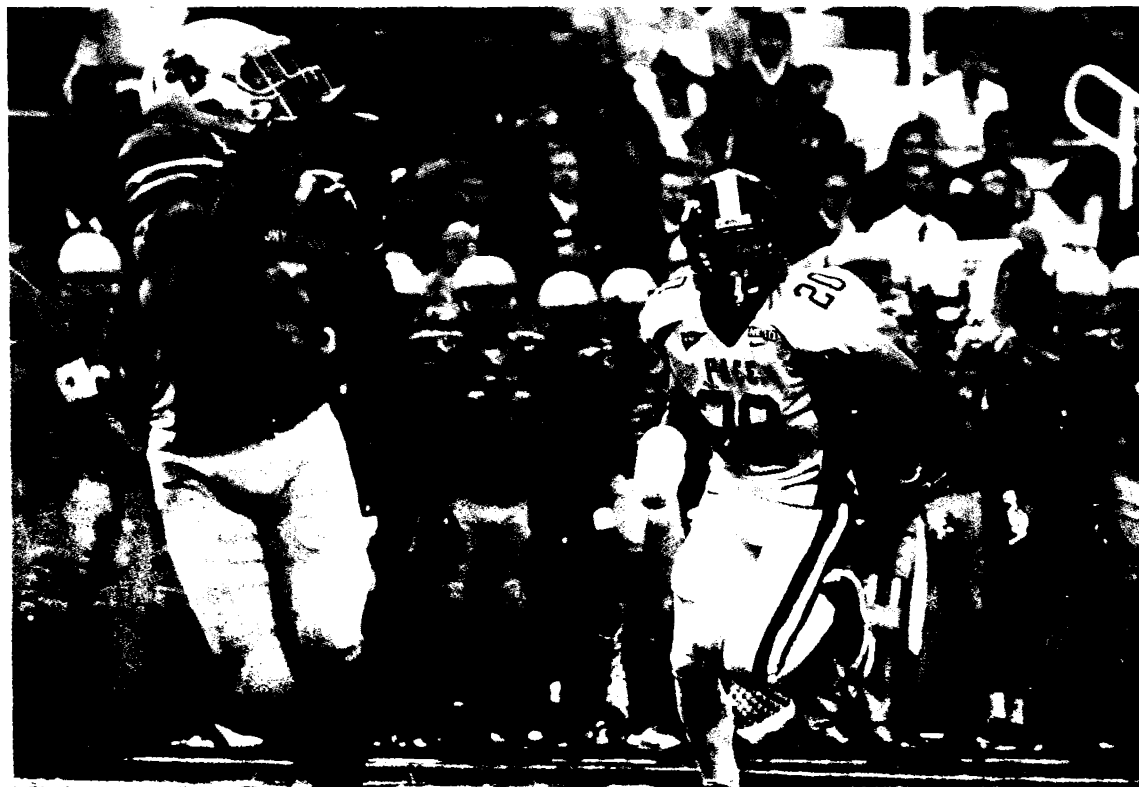
During practice, if Norrell drops a pass, he immediately does 10 pushups afterwards. It's a sign of commitment and the desire to continuously get better.

"It kills me to drop any pass, so if one gets away I punish myself by giving 10 push ups," Norrell said. "Drops are going to happen, but you want to make sure they don't happen too often."

Norrell's dedication to succeed has been obvious out on the field. So far this season, Norrell has 922 yards for eight touchdowns. His most standout game thus far was against Charleston Southern, a Big South competitor.

"Everything that could go right went right that night," Norrell said about the game.

Before attending Stony Brook, Norrell played for El Camino Junior College in Torrance, Ca. He caught 23 balls for 419 yards and



WR Kevin Norrell came to Stony Brook after a year of junior college in California. KENNETH HO / THE STATESMAN

a touchdown, leading the Warriors with 18.2 yards per catch. Norrell admits that feeling invited and welcomed helped him finalize his decision to play ball at Stony Brook University.

"Coach Priore came to my house

a few times and made me feel really wanted," Norrell said. "I felt that more than out of all of the schools that I was talking to. I love the guys out here and I love the campus. I wanted to be a part of something special."

It was announced earlier this year that in 2013 Stony Brook football would be advancing to the Colonial Athletic Association, an undeniably more challenging football conference.

"Today is a proud day for Stony

Brook University as we continue to elevate our intercollegiate athletics program to higher levels of excellence," Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said shortly after the announcement.

Despite the news, Norrell is still focused on this last season in the Big South conference. With wide receiver Jordan Gush out for the remainder of the season due to a collarbone injury, it's time for Norrell and his fellow wide receivers to step up and try to fill the void of losing one of the team's best wide receivers.

"Losing Jordan was a definite loss, but I have faith in our guys to get it done," Norrell said. "That was a huge loss for us. You have someone that's been here all four years and knows the offense completely well. He does punt return for us too and he doesn't drop anything."

In terms of how far the team can go this season, Norrell sees a championship in the near future.

"Of course I'm going to say national championship because this team is something special," Norrell said. "We're taking it one game at a time. We're building on what we did last year and this year we just keep rolling."

Men's soccer splits pair of A.E. games

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the far sideline from teammate Sean Sweeney, and then shooting it past Stony Brook senior goalkeeper Stefan Manz to end the game.

The loss means that the Seawolves will not be the No. 1 seed in the America East Championship tournament. Stony Brook could still secure the No. 2 seed and a first round bye if UMBC loses or ties vs. Binghamton.

If UMBC wins, Stony Brook will be the No. 3 seed and host a quarterfinal match on next Saturday.

Fernandes' assist in Saturday's match put him two points shy of tying Tim Cusack's (1978-1981) record for career points as a member of

the Seawolves. Gobeil Cruz also now has a career 51 points, which puts him in ninth place on the program's all time scoring list, and third in the program's Division I history.

Stony Brook played Vermont tough, and even outshot them 11-9. They also had seven corner kicks, two compared to the Caramounts.

The conference regular season is now over for Stony Brook, but the Seawolves still have one more game against West Virginia Tuesday night at 7pm before the start of the America East Championship. The game will be a contest of two of the top 50 RPI teams in the nation.

Women's soccer advances to Championship

By Yoon Seo Nam
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University's women's soccer team advanced to the American East semi final by defeating New Hampshire 2-1 on Thursday at New Hampshire.

Senior Sa'sha Kershaw scored on a free kick at the eighth minute just outside the box and junior Larissa Nysch added the second goal with a header from a right corner-kick.

New Hampshire outshot Stony Brook with 27-12, but Seawolves goalkeeper Ashley Castanio made nine saves. She stopped a penalty kick by UNH's Meghan Ledwith in the 14th minute, keeping the score at 1-0.

UHN's Tara Fraprie scored a goal at the 43rd minute, but UNH could not finish any more chances. Stony Brook will play a semi final against Maine, who Stony Brook beat 5-1 during the regular season.

The Stony Brook women soccer defeated Maine by a score of 2-1 on Sunday, to make it into the America East Final.

Two freshman Kristen Baker and Sarah Darmanin scored goal for the Seawolves. Baker scored her 45 yards free kick in the 22nd minute, while Maine was leading the game from Nikki Misener's goal at the 45th second.

Darmanin's was the deciding goal, as she scored in the 82nd minute. She finished her chance with a chip over the Maine's goalkeeper, scoring her first collegiate goal.

With those two goals, Stony Brook advanced to the American East Final for the third time in program history.

Maine outshot the Seawolves, 16-9 and led for the beginning of the game.

Ashley Castanio had eight saves in the game.

Stony Brook is going to play the final against Hartford on Nov. 4. Hartford defeated Vermont to advance.

The last time the two teams played, Hartford beat Stony Brook 2-1 on October 21.

Seawolves halt Great Dane's America East winning streak

By Siddhanth Warriar
Staff Writer

Suppression from junior Evann Slaughter and freshman Melissa Rigo help the Stony Brook Women's volleyball team delivered the University of Albany its first loss in the America East Conference this season, with a 3-1 (15-25, 25-22, 25-18, 25-22) decision to Stony Brook.

In the first set, Albany asserted its dominance with major help from Samantha Brostrom, who had four kills.

This gave Albany a 10-1 run, which put Stony Brook behind 11-4. Brostrom's .571 lead allowed the Great Danes to snatch the first set.

Stony Brook came back with a second set win.

The set, until the end, did not look very one-sided, as the Seawolves were down 19-18.

However, Stony Brook came out ahead to the lead with a 5-0 run.

This was majorly credited to three consecutive slip-ups in the Albany offense with a final block from Rigo. The rookie's block sealed the deal, with Stony Brook winning the set 23-19.

The third set appeared to be neck and neck in the beginning, but Stony Brook grabbed the lead with an 11-5 run.

This was a result of a cumulative effort of six different Seawolves recording kills and an additional fake set kill from freshman Nicole Vogel that made the score 15-11.

Stony Brook continued to conquer the set by achieving the last nine points, which included four kills from freshman Shelby

Tietjen.

The Seawolves were initially lagging behind in the fourth set but did not give up just yet as they fought back to tie 6-6.

Freshman Stephanie McFadden provided a block in addition to the five kills from Rigo. Stony Brook won the set 25-22.

This win puts a stop to Albany's seven match winning streak in the America East Conference and also improves the Seawolves record to 3-4 in conference play.

It was the first Stony Brook victory over Albany in five years.

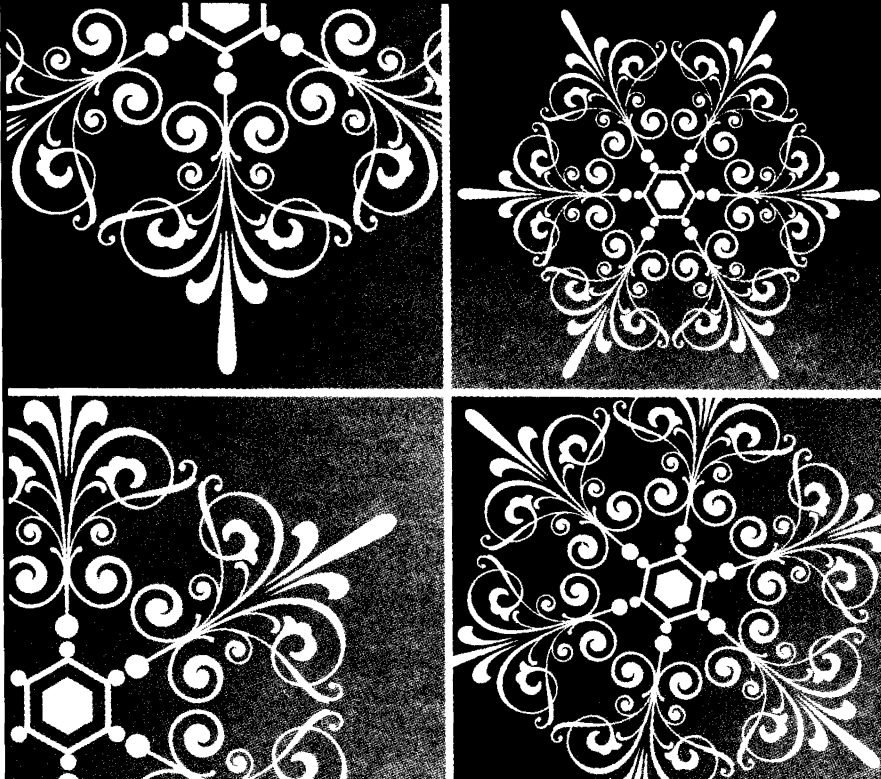
Stony Brook heads to Hartford for its final away game of the season this Sunday in an afternoon match with the Hawks at 1 p.m. at home next month.



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SBU defeated Albany last Friday.

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Former star guard Bryan Dougher to play in Australia

By Adrian Szkolar
Assistant Sports Editor

Bryan Dougher, Stony Brook's all-time leading Division I scorer, has signed a contract with the Ringwood Hawks in Australia, becoming the fourth player from the program's 2012 recruiting class to be playing professionally.

"From what one of the players on the team was telling me, the area seems like a great place to live, its right outside Melbourne which is a big city, and it's half an hour from the beach," Dougher said. "I was just really excited to play basketball anywhere, and Australia seemed like a great place to start off."

From Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the six-foot-one, 195 pound Dougher was a four-year starter, and graduated last spring as the program's all-time leading scorer in its' Division I history with 1,609 points, as well as its' all-time leader in three-pointers made with 337.

Before signing with Ringwood, Dougher and his agent Oliver Macklin had fielded interest from all over Europe.

Dougher said that it took longer than he thought it would for him to sign his first contract.

"It's hard, because all you can really do is keep in shape, and keep trying to contact teams and see what they're thinking," Dougher said. "It's hard because

it's not like they can come over now and watch a game or do some scouting, it's more of you got to send them some film and you don't get to meet with the coach, it's a whole different process."

Ken Harrington, Ringwood's head coach, said through an email that the team looked at over 300 possible players to sign, but quickly fixated in on Dougher.

"The internet is a wonderful thing, and I quickly found the name Bryan Dougher while scouring stats from all over the USA," Harrington said. "After investigating him further, it became pretty obvious this is a guy we need to seriously consider."

Harrington said that the team plans to start Dougher at the shooting guard spot and have him occasionally fill-in as point guard. They also expect him to help stretch defenses with his shooting ability.

"Firstly, the obvious thing you see with Bryan is his ability to shoot from deep and that's a good as the three point line here is further out than in College," Harrington said. "Secondly, we really like his leadership and ability to keep a level head under pressure. He is a humble hard working young man. He will be a great example to the young kids in our junior program that follow

the team very closely and will hang on every word Bryan tells them."

The Ringwood Hawks, based in Heathmont, Victoria, are a semi-professional club that plays in the Big V league, one of five regional leagues that make up Australia's second-tier level of basketball.

"As far as I know, the competition is pretty good, they won the championship last year," Dougher said. "It's not as good as some other countries, but it's a good place to start."

With Ringwood's season not starting until March, Dougher said that he will do some coaching at Westfield High School in his native New Jersey before leaving for Australia in February.

"Not leaving until February gives me a chance to do some assistant coaching at a high school in the area, so I get to do the best of both worlds," Dougher said.

Dougher joins fellow 2012 graduates Dallis Joyner, Al Rapier and Danny Carter in the professional ranks.

Joyner was recently on trial with Maccabi Kiryat Bialik in Israel after leaving Kouvot Kouvola in Finland earlier this year, Carter returned to his native England, signing with the Reading Rockets and Rapier currently plays for Sampaense Basket in Portugal.



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Dougher broke SBU's all-time DI scoring record last year.

Ice Hockey: strong 2nd period at home downs Drexel

By Adrian Szkolar
Assistant Sports Editor

After a slow start, a strong second period performance saw Stony Brook defeat Drexel 5-2 Saturday night at The Rinx in Hauppauge.

"I think it took us a whole period to wake up," Garofalo said. "I give them credit, they worked hard, but we should have dominated from the drop of the puck, and we didn't."

Freshman defenseman Joe Ditizio got Stony Brook on the board at the 17:41 mark of the second period, taking a pass from sophomore forward Vincent Lopes and beating Drexel goalie Zach Kantner over the glove with a wrist-shot.

At the 14:39 mark, junior defenseman Chris Joseph made it 2-0 while on the powerplay, slamming the puck in from the crease on a rebound after a shot from Lopes.

Senior forward Edwin Montgomery extended the Stony Brook lead to 3-0 at the 12:19 mark, after his shot from the right side snuck past Kantner.

In the third period, Drexel got on the scoreboard after Eric Brawley buried a shot that went off of the boards past freshman goalie Derek Willms at the 14:58 mark.

At the 11:44 mark, Stony Brook made it 4-1 after freshman defenseman Andrew Balzafiore received a pass in the high slot area from senior forward Sean Collins and wristed a shot into



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Chris Joseph (44) celebrates after scoring at the 14:39 mark of the second period, increasing the SBU lead to 2-0.

the top right corner of the net.

Drexel's Nick Lombardi made it 4-2 at the 9:46 mark, burying the puck on a scramble in front of the Stony Brook net.

However, Stony Brook would get a late powerplay goal from sophomore forward Sam Brewster at the 1:44 mark to put the game out of reach for Drexel.

At the 14:49 mark of the third period, Stony Brook's Lopes received a five-minute

major and a game misconduct after a dangerous high-stick on Drexel's Ross Denczi. He will be suspended for the team's next game against Liberty next weekend.

"That was a selfish move, at the end of the day, you have to control yourself," Garofalo said of Lopes' game misconduct. "He's a good hockey player and he usually doesn't do these types of things, he put himself above

the team today, and that boils my blood."

In addition to being without Lopes for the first game of the two game series, Stony Brook will also be without senior forward and captain Mike Cacciotti and sophomore forward Nick Barbera, the team's leading scorer. Both will be attending weddings.

"It's going to be a really tough game Friday, we're playing a top 10 team in the country," Garofalo

said. "We'll be down an entire top line."

Garofalo said that he wouldn't make any decisions on any line-up changes until practices later in the week, but mentioned freshman forward Giovanni LaManna and sophomore forward Mike Amodeo as candidates to get into the line-up.

"It's going to be an opportunity for other guys who don't play to step up," Garofalo said.

SPORTS

Eight touchdowns leads to eighth win for SBU football

By David O'Connor
Managing Editor

It was another high-scoring game for the No. 9 Stony Brook football team, which added yet another conference victory to its record on Saturday when it defeated the Presbyterian Blue Hose, 56-10. The team is now 8-1 overall and a perfect 4-0 in conference play thus far.

Senior quarterback Kyle Essington threw three touchdown passes to fellow senior wide receiver Kevin Norrell throughout the game. Essington completed 10 of 14 passes on the day and threw for 185 yards, 138 of which went to Norrell, who became the first receiver in the history of the program to accumulate more than 1,000 yards in a season and has a school record of 11 touchdowns in a season. He is the second Stony Brook receiver to catch three touchdowns in a game this year, the first being senior wide receiver Jordan Gush.

As for the running game, both junior Marcus Coker and senior Miguel Maysonet scored two touchdowns in the game and ran for 144 and 214 yards, respectively. Coker ran for a

season-high 58-yard run.

The Seawolves struck early and struck frequently. They scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, both of them passes from Essington to Norrell, and the Blue Hose were only able to respond with a field goal, resulting in a 14-3 margin in favor of Stony Brook. They added another two touchdowns in the second quarter with Essington's final touchdown pass completion and a short three-yard run into the end zone by Maysonet.

Presbyterian did respond with a touchdown of its own before the end of the half, but Stony Brook's 28-10 lead at halftime was not even close to the end of its opponent's troubles.

In the first 10 minutes of the second half, Stony Brook scored another two touchdowns, the first a two-yard run from Coker and the second a 66-yard dash followed by a two-yard run from Maysonet. The Blue Hose scored their final touchdown of the game in the quarter, but it would not amount to anything when compared to the onslaught that the Seawolves continued.

With one quarter remaining, Stony Brook scored yet another two touchdowns. The first was



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Quarterback Kyle Essington threw three touchdown passes against the Blue Hose.

a one-yard run from Coker, and the second was a one-yard run from freshman Jamie Williams. The final score tallied 56-10 in favor of the Seawolves.

The victory sets up Stony Brook for its second to last game

of the season and in Big South Conference play against the Virginia Military Institute. The Seawolves are 23-4 overall in conference play while a member of the Big South. They have scored 40 or more points in nine

of their last 10 conference games. The game will be Stony Brook's last regular season home game on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. The following game will be the last of the season; the Seawolves will play Liberty University on Nov. 10.

Men's soccer defeats UNH on Wednesday, but loses to UVM on Saturday, missing chance at regular season title

By Joe Galotti
Staff Writer

Coming off of a tough 1-0 loss to UMBC last week, Stony Brook bounced back on Wednesday at home, defeating New Hampshire 2-0, but then lost to Vermont 2-1 in overtime on Saturday.

On Wednesday against New Hampshire, senior forward Raphael Abreu scored both goals for Stony Brook.

"It feels great," Abreu said of scoring the two goals. "It was a tough game, once we got the first one, the game opened up so much more."

In the 85th minute, junior midfielder Will Casey chipped the ball into the New Hampshire box, which Abreu managed to get to and bury.

Abreu added an insurance goal in the 88th minute, scoring on a rebound after a pass from senior Kyle Schlesinger deflected off New Hampshire goalkeeper Travis Worra.

The first half was scoreless, with Stony Brook controlling most of the possession, out-shooting New Hampshire 8-0.

"It was a team that tried to get numbers behind the ball, they played with three centerbacks," head coach Ryan Anatol said. "They tried to sit back, protect their goal and counter."

At halftime, Anatol advised his players to play wider in order to spread the New Hampshire defense.

"We weren't having any success playing through the middle," Abreu said. "[Anatol] said to get it out wide so we could create two versus ones with our outside backs moving forward with our wingers."

New Hampshire had its best chance in the 71st minute, when Byron Greenwood's header in the Stony Brook six-yard box just went wide to the right of the net.

Before the game, Stony Brook honored its seven senior players, many of whom play key roles for the team, including Abreu, Schlesinger, senior midfielder Leonardo Fernandes, senior forward Berian Gobeil, senior defenders Antonio Crespi and Christian Molinar and senior goalkeeper Stefan Manz.

"It's been a joy, I give the guys a lot of credit," Anatol said of coaching them. "They've had a lot of success in their time here before I got here, it's always difficult to have a coaching change, but they all bought in and worked hard."

They were denied its first America East regular season championship since 2005 on Saturday, after a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Vermont.

Many Seawolves fans thought they had a victory when in the 82nd minute, when freshman Martin Giordano's third goal of the season gave Stony Brook a 1-0 advantage.

Senior Berian Gobeil Cruz went around the horn to parallel to the net down the width of the field to senior Leonardo Fernandes, who then slipped a pass to an open

freshman Martin Giordano who then proceeded to blast a shot past the UVM goalkeeper from six yards out to give his team the lead.

But, only six minutes later

Vermont's Sean Sweeney crossed in a ball into the box and found Zach Paul, who headed in the ball for the equalizer.

In overtime, Charlie Defeo scored

the game winner for Vermont, after receiving a ball thrown in from

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The Seawolves missed their first chance to win the regular season title since 2005.

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YOUR GUIDE TO THE 2012 ELECTION



Obama vs. Romney, The Decision

By Michael Newcomer
Contributing Writer

The Democratic Head of State is known for his liberal fiscal and social positions. The Republican challenger, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney is currently known for his conservative economic and social policies. Before you go out and vote on the 6th, make sure to review our guide to check and see how Barack Obama's political viewpoints match up with your own!

Minimum Wage

Obama favored the increase of the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour. He was also in favor of an increase to \$9.50 in 2011, but that has yet

to be seen.

Romney believes that the federal minimum wage should be increased with the Consumer Price Index automatically.

Taxation

Obama favors implementing higher taxes on households making over \$1 million a year, and lowering taxes for middle and lower-class families.

Romney promised not to raise taxes for any tax bracket.

Immigration

Obama recently passed the DREAM Act, allowing children of illegal immigrants access to driver's licenses, jobs, and colleges.

He voted for the Secure Fence

Act in 2006, allowing over 700 miles of border fence to be constructed. He is also in favor of comprehensive immigration reform.

Romney plans to enhance border security, and believes creating an atmosphere where undocumented workers are unable to get jobs will promote "self-deportation." Romney also believes in comprehensive immigration reform, and an easier visa system for migrant workers.

Foreign Policy

Obama is against nuclear proliferation abroad, and plans to completely end the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq by the end of 2014.

Romney wants to increase

shipbuilding within the Navy, and replace inventories of the Army, Air Force, and Marines. Romney plans to pull troops out of Afghanistan by 2014.

Abortion

Obama has stated that "abortion should be legally available in accordance with Roe v. Wade." He believes that states and not the federal government should restrict things like late-term abortions.

Romney, previously pro-choice, declared in June 2011 that he is "pro-life and believe that abortion should be limited to rape, incest, or the save the life of the mother." He supports the appeal of Roe v. Wade.

Same-sex marriage

Obama in May 2012, said that he supports same-sex marriage.

Romney in 2006 said that he opposed gay marriage, and supports a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as between a man and a woman.

Health Care:

Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in March 2010. The aim of the Act is to decrease the number of uninsured Americans, and to reduce the cost of health care.

Romney is in opposition to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and is in favor of giving states rights to regulate the local insurance market.



Local Races: Altschuler vs Bishop



By Nelson Oliveira
Assistant News Editor

Randy Altschuler is the Republican challenger who is trying for the second time to unseat five-term Representative Tim Bishop. In 2010, Altschuler lost the election by only 593 votes.

The St. James businessman is a co-founder and executive chairman of CloudBlue, a company that provides asset disposition services for electronic equipment. He was also the CEO and co-founder of OfficeTiger, "a company dedicated to upgrading business support services and bolstering the job market," according to Altschuler's campaign website. The company has been the focus of many of the political ads against the

candidate. The ads claim OfficeTiger outsourced American jobs. Altschuler has disputed the accusations by saying that he is proud of his "record of creating jobs" around the world, including in the U.S. The company created 4,000 jobs, including 750 in the U.S., according to Altschuler's campaign website.

In a visit to Stony Brook University earlier this month, Altschuler said that, if elected, his priority will be job creation. The 41-year-old candidate supports the repeal of President Obama's healthcare reform, increasing funding for intelligence and counter-terrorism operations. He is against the granting of drivers licenses, welfare payments or in-state college tuition breaks for illegal immigrants.

By Nina Lin
Assistant Photo Editor

Timothy H. Bishop is a member of the Democratic Party seeking his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to his career in politics, Bishop was a native Long Islander and provost at Southampton College, where he worked for 29 years.

As the representative for New York's first congressional district, Bishop serves the majority of eastern Long Island.

His district encompasses most of Suffolk County. Having served as the representative for New York's first district since 2002, Bishop has won the seat five consecutive times in his career and has received donations from the likes of Liz Claiborne, Barbra Streisand, Steven Spielberg, Eliot Spitzer and Sam Zell, owner of the Tribune Company.

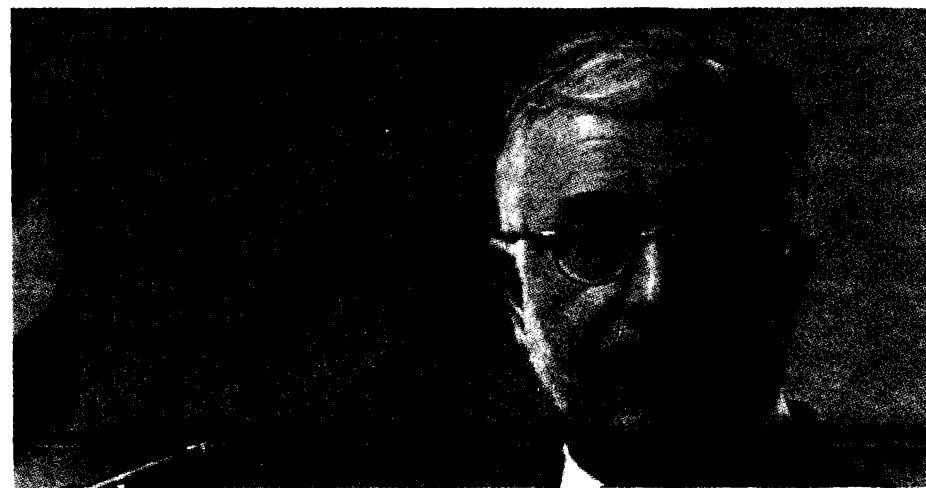
As a Democrat, Bishop has voted consistently alongside his party. He supports gay rights and affirmative action legislature,

having voted against legislation outlawing abortions or partial abortions, as well as voting for increased access to birth control. He has also voted against the banning of same-sex marriages and has supported enforcement against anti-gay crimes.

His views mirror those of President Barack Obama, most notably on health care reform, social security, energy and the economy.

He votes consistently on providing more money for health care programs, having voted for expansions of Medicare and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), expanding eligibility for SCHIP and voting against the Ryan budget's spending cuts. He supports the clean fuel initiative, having voted for tax incentives on renewable energy, renewable electricity and bio-fuel investment while pushing for more stimulus spending during his term in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

Bishop will run against Republican Randy Altschuler for the Congressional seat for the second time, after his fifth win in 2010.



State Races: Gillibrand vs Long

By Jessica Suarez
Staff Writer

In January 2009, Kristen E. Gillibrand was sworn in as United States Senator from New York. Before she was appointed to the Senate, Gillibrand was elected twice to become a Representative from New York's 20th congressional district.

As a member of the Democratic Party, Gillibrand was appointed to be Senator of New York by Governor David Patterson. She took office in 2009, preceding the current Secretary of the State, Hillary Rodham Clinton. A special election was held in 2010 for the United States Senate because Gillibrand had been appointed to serve as a Senator. She easily won the election with 63 percent of the vote.

As the winner of the special election, Gillibrand is on her way to completing the term, which will come to an end in January 2013. The upcoming election that will take place this November will be for a full six-year term as senator.

Before serving as Senator of New York, Gillibrand was known as being a moderate and for holding center-left policy positions in the House. But since she was appointed to the Senate, she has been seen more as a progressive.

As a member of the Senate, Gillibrand is best known for her part in helping to repeal the military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy and the adoption of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which provides health care and compensation to those people who were exposed to diseases from Ground Zero.

According to her website, Gillibrand is aiming to help middle and working class families by working to provide quality child care, providing property tax relief, lowering the cost of a college



education and keeping our neighborhoods safe. Gillibrand has created laws to address problems such as the country's nurse shortage, the high cost of autism treatment, the safety of drinking water and baby products, and the improvement of asthma treatment for children.

Votesmart.org inferred issue positions based on the candidate's public statements, voting record, and evaluations from special interest groups. According to this website, Gillibrand is pro-choice, supports an income tax increase on any tax bracket, and she supports federal spending for economic growth. Gillibrand does not support U.S. combat operations in Afghanistan, she restricts the purchase or possession of guns, and she supports federal regulation of greenhouse gas admissions. Gillibrand is also a supporter of same-sex marriage and she does not want to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

By Chirstine Powell
Assistant News Editor

Wendy Long is the Republican nominee to challenge Democratic incumbent Kirsten Gillibrand for New York State's junior Senator seat.

Long grew up in New Hampshire and graduated from Dartmouth College before attending both the Northwestern University School of Law and Harvard Law School, obtaining her J.D. from Northwestern.

As an attorney, Long handled litigation in New York City, but she left the private sector to work as a spokesperson for the Judicial Crisis Network, which, according to its website, seeks to appoint judges to state and federal courts that respect the U.S. Constitution and believe in limited government.

Long was press secretary to U.S. Senator Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and Senator William Armstrong (R-CO) when Ronald Reagan was president, and has also worked as a law clerk to the Judge Ralph Winters of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and

Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Long has said that her top priority is the economy and plans to cut taxes to help small businesses. She has also said that she plans

to repeal the Affordable Care Act, work to build the Keystone XL Pipeline and defend the second amendment.

She lives in Manhattan with her husband and two children.



LaValle vs. Fleming

By Mike Cusanelli
Staff Writer

Kenneth P. LaValle, a Republican from Port Jefferson, is a New York State Senator running for reelection this November. LaValle has been a senator since 1977 and is currently the Executive Director of the Senate Educational Committee, which currently works to improve education in the State University of New York system and helps provide funding for New York State colleges.

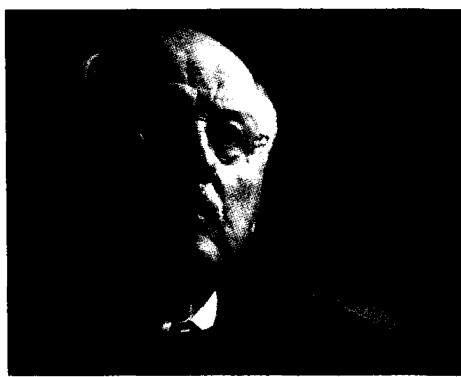
The 73-year-old senator is the Majority Conference Chair for the New York State Senate. LaValle, a Brooklyn native, received his J.D. degree at the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center after attending SUNY New Paltz for a degree in education.

During his 36 years as a New York Senator, LaValle has been an advocate of higher education reform and in helping to establish a burn unit at the Stony Brook University Medical Center. He has also established legislation to

advance the rights of patients and was recognized by the Suffolk County Breast Health Partnership, according to his official Facebook page. He is also known for writing the 1993 Pine Barrens Preservation Act to protect Long Island's undeveloped land.

LaValle's major accomplishments include his sponsorship of the LaValle College Affordability Act in June 2012, which allows college students to compare college prices and access information about graduation rates. This year, LaValle helped secure state funding for the construction of the new Computer Sciences center at Stony Brook. In 2002, Stony Brook named its new arena after the senator for his help in its completion.

LaValle is running against democratic candidate Deborah Fleming in this year's election. If reelected, he has promised to focus on further advancing higher educational policy, tax cuts for the middle class, and further environmental protection policies.



By Emily McTavish
Assistant News Editor

Bridget Fleming is currently the Southampton Town Councilwoman now is running as the democratic candidate for New York State Senate in District 1 against Republican State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, who has occupied the seat since 1976.

Fleming originally ran for Southampton Town Board in 2009 but was not initially successful. She was voted into the board in a special election four months later and was re-elected in 2011.

According to her website, Fleming wants to emphasize the needs of middle class families and has aided in job creation while serving as the Southampton Town

Councilwoman. Fleming also supports tax relief for the middle class across eastern Long Island in order for more money to stay a part of the local economy.

In addition, Fleming promises to be a proponent for women's issues by supporting the Reproductive Health Act that will strengthen family planning.

Fleming graduated from Hunters College and the University of Virginia Law School. She served as the Assistant District Attorney for Robert Morgenthau for nearly a decade. Fleming also still maintains her Matrimonial and Family Law practice in Sag Harbor.

Fleming lives in Noyac, N.Y. with her husband, Robert Agoglia, and their nine-year old son, Jai.

Election Issue: Voter ID laws

By Matt Sacco
Staff Writer

A wave of new ID-based security initiatives meant to prevent voter fraud has been causing controversy in recent months, some saying that they obstruct certain demographics from the polls.

Some states now mandate that voters present government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license, which, according to the Brennan Center, precludes 11 percent of Americans. Others are less strict—Florida and South Dakota do not require that the ID be government-issued, while Arizona, Arkansas, and Texas will ask for identification but will still allow the person in question to vote if they do not have one.

While there are no voter ID laws in New York State, Stony Brook University students are just as divided about the issue as the rest of the country. Steven Salvia, a sophomore double majoring in bioengineering and history, said the new laws are discriminatory and similar to the Jim Crow Laws.

"In the mid 19th century, Congress put a voting requirement into their codes that was petty for whites but highly limiting for blacks, and it seems pretty similar to what is going on here," Salvia said. "I am a fairly privileged Long Island suburbanite, and I don't think it's a big deal to show my driver's license to someone. But I know that for others, especially in other parts of the country where having a car is not as essential for living as it is here, it could be highly limiting or even impossible to do that."

Others believe that preventing voter fraud is worth putting a relatively minor restriction on voting. John Cory, a freshman majoring in biology, is weary that a lax approach to combating this problem might result in systematic exploitation.

"If we don't make sure that fraud isn't absolutely impossible to do," he said, "we might see political campaigns sending fake voters en masse to polling stations and voting exclusively for their candidate. Now, what is more hazardous to the election process: the possibility that a small fraction of minorities might not be able to immediately gain access to the polls, or the possibility that Romney or Obama's campaign could manually influence the numbers like that?"

According to a 2007 analysis by The New York Times, 120 cases of voter fraud have been filed in the past five years.

Democrats are especially concerned about the new laws because the demographics in

question—seniors, minorities, students, and the poor—make up a large portion of their voting base.

Nate Silver, a writer for FiveThirtyEight, a political blog, estimates that voter turnout could decrease anywhere from 0.8 to 2.4 percent, with most of this percentage being made up of these voters.

Last month, Texas Attorney General Greg

Abbott told the Houston Chronicle that he knows "for a fact that voter fraud is real, that it must be stopped, and that voter ID is one way to prevent cheating at the ballot box and ensure integrity in the electoral system".

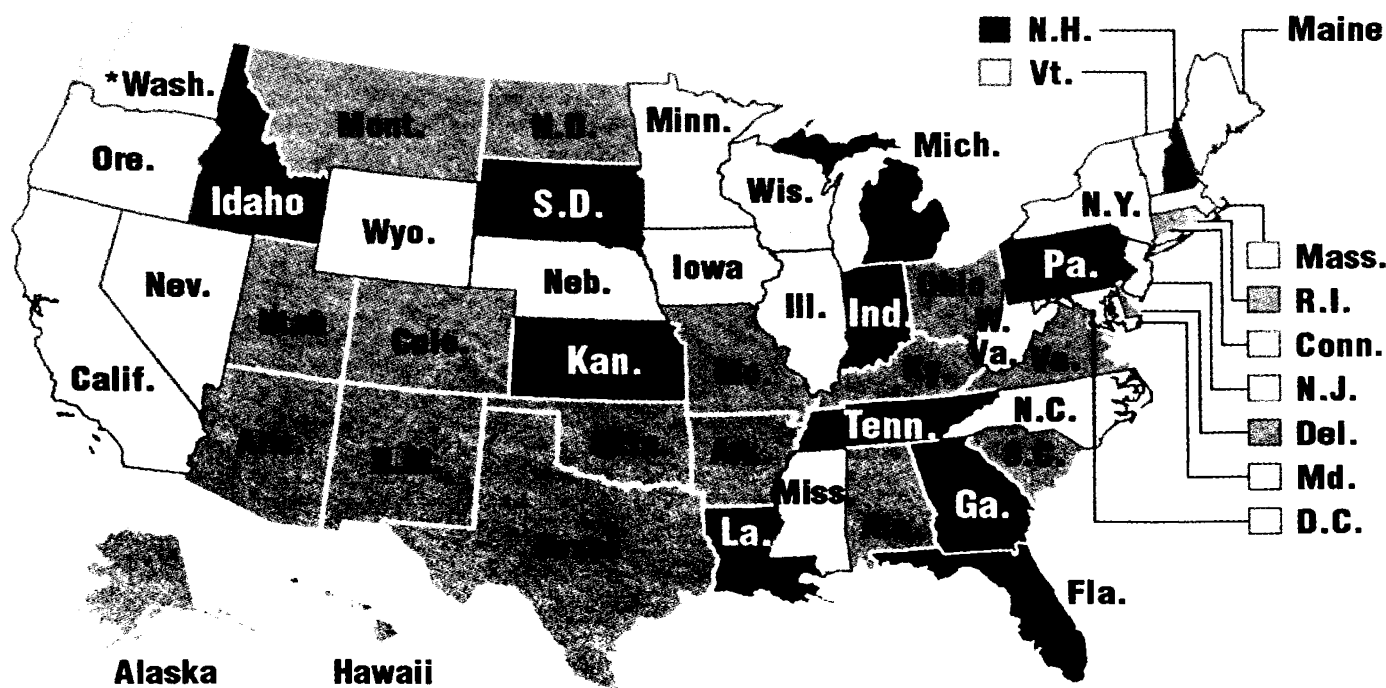
Dana Angelo, a junior majoring in engineering science, said she understands the concerns about voter fraud, but she doesn't think a photo ID should be the only way to prevent that.

"I agree that voters should provide some form of identification because that will prevent or at least discourage voter fraud," Angelo said. "But unless the government provides free forms of photo ID, it should not be required. Voters should continue to be able to use utility bills or sign affidavits as sufficient identification because this does not cost money. Photo IDs cost money ... It is essentially a one time poll tax."

Voter identification **ELECTION 2012**

Most states have some sort of voter identification rule, but just a handful require a photo identification.

- Photo only** Mixture of government-issued only, nongovernment-issued or school identification
- Nonphoto possible** Social Security card, utility bill or bank statement with voter name and address
- No requirement**
- Not applicable***



*Washington is a vote-by-mail state. In-person voters need photo ID; if they vote by provisional ballot, the signature on the ballot must match their voter registration card. Mail voters' signatures on ballot and voter ID cards must also match.

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The Marriage Issue

By Nina Lin
Assistant Photo Editor

2012 is a year to remember for gay rights activists. First, the two highest positions of the United States' executive branch showed public support for gay marriage. Four months later, 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' was repealed.

And a month after that, the Defense Against Marriage Act was ruled unconstitutional by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, giving most Democrats an idea of their party stance on gay rights.

Democratic support for gay rights have made a slow but steady transition over the past eight years. According to the Pew Research Center, 65 percent of Democrats support gay marriage now, compared to the 40 percent who supported it in 2004.

But most Republicans have

their minds set on the issue. Public support for gay marriage rose only by 7 percent for the past eight years, with only 24 percent of Republicans in support of gay marriage compared to 70 of party members who oppose it. To Mitt Romney, and most of his conservative voters, marriage is a religious institute meant for heterosexual couples only. This operates under the idea that children need so-called normal family units, made up of a father and a mother to one or more children.

Some of the more moderate Republican voters contend that civil unions – social contracts meant to establish many of the same benefits of marriage to gay couples – are a more reasonable compromise to the marriage debate. But other gay right activists and allies are not happy with the “separate but equal” mindset, arguing that marriage as a legal institution should not discriminate Americans based on their sexuality.



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Protester Chris Phillips is arrested by the NYPD as protesters take to Lower Manhattan to celebrate the first Anniversary of the Occupy Wall Street movement in Manhattan, New York on September 17, 2012. (Byron Smith/Zuma Press/MCT)

Election issue: Jobs and the economy

By Christine Powell
Assistant News Editor

The economy is, perhaps, the most contested issue this election. Although the nation is in a period of recovery, the economy is still struggling and the candidates have their own plans to spur growth.

One of the most relied upon measures of the state of the U.S. economy is “The Employment Situation,” a report that the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes monthly. For the report, the BLS surveys about 141,000 government agencies and businesses to gather data on the employment, hours and earnings of workers.

The BLS considers someone unemployed if they do not have a job, even though they are available for work, and have actively

searched for one in the four weeks preceding the survey. The report also calculates how many jobs were added, and that figure, along with the unemployment rate, tends to get the most attention.

In the September report, the unemployment rate dropped to 7.8 percent, dipping below 8 percent for the first time in 43 months, and employers added 114,000 jobs. Employers have added an average of 146,000 jobs per month in 2012, compared to 153,000 in 2011.

The reports, over time, indicate more specific trends as well. Government employment, for example, has been on a downtrend, but the private sector has added jobs steadily. The healthcare industry is booming. Those workers without high school diplomas are three times as likely to be unemployed as those

with a bachelor's degree. And the unemployment rate for African Americans is nearly double that of whites (roughly 13.4 v. 7).

Forming an opinion on the state of the economy and who is best equipped to repair it can be difficult if the jobs numbers are not put into context; in 2008, the unemployment rate was 5 percent, and when President Obama took office in January of 2009 it was the same as it is now, 7.8 percent. In October of that year, the unemployment rate reached its peak at 10 percent.

Today, the price of gasoline, food stamp use, the federal debt and the rate of poverty are faring worse than when Obama took office. Comparatively, though, the level of consumer debt, corporate profits and mortgage rates are better. The data are, across the board, mixed.

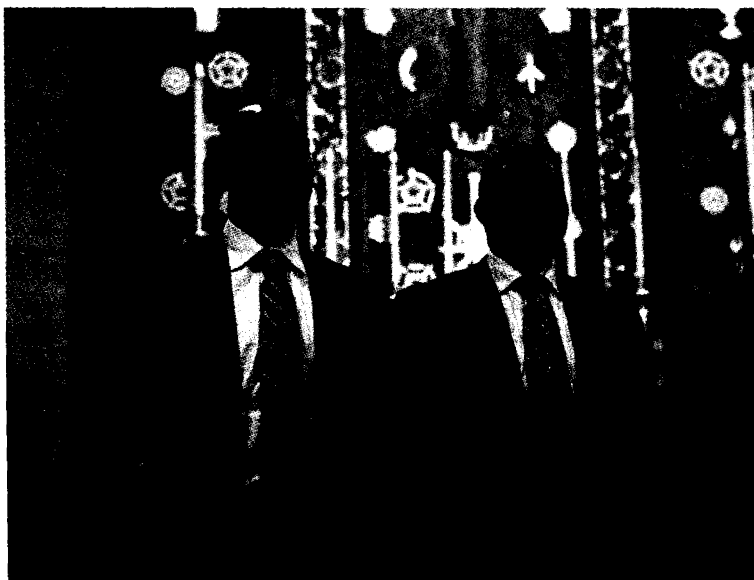


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Darrell, left, and Marshan Goodwin-Moultry, who married in New York, are pastors at Liberation United Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington. (Bettina Hansen/Seattle Times/MCT)

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Foreign policy: an important part of the election

By Ahmad A. Malik
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America. Stars and stripes, bald eagles, fireworks, beer and some more fireworks. That's what we as Americans think of as we attempt to paint broad strokes when describing our country. But take it from the other side, and it may not be the same idea – or is it? Well actually, it is. The key difference being that the stereotype is perceived on a different basis dependent on the region viewing us.

I don't go about this analysis blindly. My background precedes my views – my father being a high ranking military official from Pakistan, and my religious beliefs being in accordance to Islam. I was born in this country (so you Donald Trumps out there can rest easy). I have been to the Middle East before, and although I was young, I had what I think now, was an appropriate gauge on the people there, and surprisingly – young people there are not as different as young people here. I believe my perspective sheds lights on probably a more liberal standing on foreign policy, especially in light of this Presidential election.

So what exactly do "they"

think? Well, as a Muslim, I can tell you that not all of us are raging insurgents and religious fanatics. With the help of social media, most people are liberalized (or at least those who are affluent enough), and although religion does drive social lifestyles, it does not dictate what the perception is here of what Islam truly stands for there. Most people who go to college are just as artistic, just as hungry for knowledge, and are really just normal people. People love and are adopting Westernized ways of living because of liberalization. That being said, I like to ask those hard-nosed Republicans or otherwise war-advocating individuals what they would do, or how they would feel if they were being essentially commandeered by a foreign force, socially and politically. Usually the response I get is something along the lines of an assertion that we aren't the bad guys. That's all great and good, but that really doesn't solve anything does it?

Basically, the idea here is that violence isn't solved with more violence. I am fully behind the initial reaction of the Bush administration, going in to the Middle East as retaliation to the tragedy of 9/11, with the

intentions of eliminating those who inflicted harm upon us. I don't think anyone would disagree with that. What the sticking point here is that, evidently this wasn't perceived to be the latent intent of the administration – oil was. That argument aside, that still left the United States in the Middle East for far too long with far too little explanation. "Fighting for our freedoms," abroad really is doing just the opposite in this situation – enticing more hatred by extremists toward the American agenda. What is not in question by the people of the Middle East is the American way of life; it's just the method in which we attempt to spread it.

The idea of spreading peace through violence is an ancient idea. It is no longer revolutionary times. We are not primitive people fighting for our rights. We are a civilized nation capable of amazing things through non-violent measures, yet we still succumb to these overbearing ideas because of precedence! What precedence? We have sort of an obsession with dealing with situations through war, like we always have, on the basis of "that's just what we do." Well, that just doesn't work anymore. Inciting

violence on a violent enemy is not fighting for ideals; it's just a logistical nightmare. Instead of tactfully dealing with this situation, pacifying the situation at hand for a more effective approach, we are quick to jump the gun and send in the troops – or at least that's Mitt Romney's approach. President Obama – and I emphasize president for a reason – set Romney straight in their second debate claiming that he took "offense" to Romney's criticizing of Obama's reactions. A President and Commander-in-Chief shouldn't appeal to the masses because of public outrage, with the foresight he has. He dealt with the situation correctly, taking the knowledge he had at the time, believing what any sane, rational person would – that the attack on the US Embassy was an act of outrage from the "Innocence of Muslims," video and dealt with that situation accordingly, blaming the makers for inciting the violence, but condemning those who carried out those acts of terrorism. It's not as if he dismissed the violence with an apology – he, as he certainly showed with Osama Bin Laden, promised to carry out justice for those who are inflicting pain on

to Americans. And that is what our foreign policy should be built upon now.

Again, war isn't solved with more war – because a loss of life over ideologies is a childish thing to do at this stage in world affairs. In fact, it would be better that we don't use our strong arm to really personify what America stands for – civilized behavior. People in the Middle East believe in freedoms just as much as we do, it's just that they aren't able to exercise these freedoms in the same way we can. We expect people already angered at the US to just let the highest form of disrespect, the personification of the Prophet of Islam (sww), to act civilly when they live an uncivilized area. How? This is ludicrous! This doesn't at all condone the killing of those Americans – as it works both ways, but how can we spread our agenda as we so eloquently claim as our intention, when we don't even really deal with them head on. National defense is one thing, and terrorists and criminals alike should and will be brought to justice, not questions asked, but to again cling to our God, Guns and Glory would just throw us back into an infantile time of our nation's history.



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Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein is stopped and arrested for attempting to gain access to the campus of Hofstra University, site of the second of three presidential debates between Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, on Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

Third parties and why you should consider them

By Harris Dupre
Contributing Writer

An commonly lamented topic as election time comes around is our two party system. Of course, there is reason to complain. A two party system simply cannot give every voter a choice with which they completely agree. Sure, staunch Republicans or Democrats may completely agree with everything their party is saying, but what about left-leaning voters who agree with the right's foreign policy? Or someone who is pro-choice but despises universal healthcare? This

develops into a vote for the lesser of two evils, a term nearly everyone has heard of with reference to presidential elections. Voting for the lesser of two evils does not arouse passion in the average citizen and will cause many to not vote at all.

This is where the other guys come in. Our system is only ostensibly a two party one. The problem is that the media only covers the two largest and most powerful parties, leaving smaller parties (who may have a platform that a sizable portion of the population agrees with) to be

completely ignored. The media cannot be blamed as makes little financial sense for a broadcasting agency to spend time covering a party that is unlikely to win. This is currently a vicious circle where voters are not informed on other parties and the media will not cover anything other than the two parties that receive a lion's share of the votes.

Green Party Presidential Candidate Jill Stein took matters into her own hands on October 16th. Outside Hofstra University, with a Presidential debate ongoing inside, Stein and a group of

supporters protested the monopoly that Democrats and Republicans hold over the political process. Stein and her running mate, Cheri Honkala, were arrested and spent eight hours in custody.

As a comparison, France, the United Kingdom and Sweden have parties that are larger and more popular than others but also multiple smaller parties hold seats in the national parliaments. Apart from two Independent senators, the entirety of Congress is either Republican or Democrat.

Fortunately, voters are not completely powerless. Anyone

who believes that neither Republicans nor Democrats can fulfill their political wants need only to search for a list of parties that have put forth a presidential candidate. From there it is easy to find out everything about their platform. Alternatively, there are online quizzes that ask a series of questions regarding a range of political topics. The website then finds the party whose platform most closely matches the given responses. I highly recommend an attempt. Who knows? The party for you might come as a complete surprise.



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Why vote for Romney

By Chris Cloonan
Contributing Writer

When we look back on the Obama presidency, we will see a mixed bag. President Barack Obama entered office with the highest of hopes surrounding him. The country was down and out about the terrible economy. It placed its trust in him to not only turn things around, but to return our nation to greatness.

Four years later, the economy is no longer bleeding jobs, but it is growing at a very weak pace and is getting slower. President Obama overestimated his ability to fix the economy because he underestimated just how bad it was. His stimulus bill may have helped, but it did not produce the results that were promised. The unemployment rate now is equivalent to when Obama entered office, not the 5.4% that the administration projected to have at this time.

This is Obama's biggest problem. He overpromised and now appears to be a disappointment relative to what was expected of him. Gas and food prices are up, as are health care prices in spite of Obama's signature legislation, the Affordable Care Act, the passage of which was opposed by two-thirds of the public. The deficit he promised to cut in half has doubled and America is now \$16T in debt.

President Obama publicly supports gay marriage, although he supports a state's right to ban it, nullifying his preference. Romney supports a constitutional ban, but it's unlikely this would pass unless Republicans took back the Senate, something unlikely to occur.

Domestically, Obama's biggest success was saving the auto industry from going under, which saved hundreds of thousands of jobs in Detroit. He also repealed Don't Ask Don't Tell, federalized student loans and relaxed the statute of limitations for equal-pay lawsuits. He has successfully deported a record number of illegal immigrants, but that is something Republicans would support rather than Democrats so neither candidate has brought it up.

On the foreign policy front, Obama has seen some success during his term in office. He ended the Iraq War, killed Osama bin Laden, and eased the Cuban embargo. He has helped to weaken Iran by crushing the value of its currency vis-à-vis harsh sanctions. He reached out to the isolated military government of Burma and dramatically improved democratic conditions there and their relations with the US. He has Afghanistan on track to be defending itself by 2014. He has taken out much of Al Qaeda's leadership via drone strikes in places like Somalia

and Yemen.

On the flip side, on Obama's watch, an American ambassador was killed for the first time in thirty years. His administration badly mishandled the terrorist attack, at first causing it spontaneous and the result of an anti-Muslim video posted on YouTube. Obama removed a missile defense shield in Poland, giving the Russians their top foreign policy objective. Relations with Israel have declined as Obama supported returning to the 1967 borders and had an icy relationship with Benjamin Netanyahu.

The majority of Obama's success has been in foreign policy. This is important, but domestic policy matters more in the minds of voters. Obama has disappointed Americans with the lack of economic progress. We can do better than this. But we need a president who understands what it takes to run a successful company. Someone whose job it was to take failing companies and turn them into profitable businesses. That man is Mitt Romney.

Governor Romney has a successful track record of turning around failing companies, including Staples and Dunkin' Donuts. He ran the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics, taking them over while they were in the red and getting them into the black. He's spent 25 years in business. This experience has helped him to develop a five-point economic plan: Create jobs at home by becoming energy independent, increase trade specifically with Latin America, work with schools to develop training programs for workers, get on track to a balanced budget and help small business grow by reducing regulations and taxes.

Romney would strengthen America's relationship with Israel. Romney and Netanyahu have worked together since the 1970's, when they worked together in Boston. They are old friends and would no doubt have better relationship than Israel has with the US at this time. Romney would be locked in step with the Israelis where Obama has not been afraid to differentiate with them on policy matters.

Where Romney goes wrong on foreign policy, as well as Obama but not as badly, is Cuba. Both support the ridiculous failed policy of the Cuban Embargo. It has failed to get Castro out of power for over 50 years and enables him to blame his problems on America. I can only hope that whoever is president when Castro dies will seize on the opportunity to normalize relations with the island.

Romney's tax plan lowers the tax rates across the board by 20% for people of all income levels but it does not reduce the share of taxes paid by the wealthy. Romney's tax

plan reduces taxes by \$5T over 10 years. He'd make up \$2T of that by reducing deductions by the wealthy and \$3T through economic growth.

He would maintain the capital gains and dividends tax rates at 15% except for those making under \$200,000, in which case he'd eliminate the tax. This creates economic growth because it incentivizes investment.

President Obama has been in favor of raising capital gains and dividends tax rates, even though doing so would actually decrease the amount of revenue that the government collects, out of "fairness." He said this during the 2008 Democratic debates. It was largely ignored by the media but it is key to understanding the mindset of the president.

This speaks to the fundamental difference between the two men: I believe in the individual, as does the governor. Obama believes in the collective. Romney believes in letting the individual take himself as far as he can, and if that creates disparities in equality of outcome, so be it. Equality should be of legal opportunity, not outcome.

Obama represents a belief system that legislates outcome equality because equality of opportunity is impossible given the already existing outcome equality. This is why the government needs to intervene, to bring about social justice which will work to eliminate these inequalities.

I cannot vote for a man who does not let the best of American talent thrive by letting it take the individual as far as it can. This is not Cuba. We cannot legislate egalitarianism. Suppressing those at the bottom disproportionately because it stops them from climbing up the ladder to or out of the middle class.

Governor Romney himself is an example of what happens when people are able to make the most of their own talents. He has been enormously successful and he therefore knows what it takes to do that. He wants to make it so every American has the opportunity to be successful in their own right if they are willing to work for it. He will let the government give the individual the opportunity to define how successful he can be become, not have the government put a cap on that out of fairness or as an attempt to help or simply emotionally appease the bottom.

The bottom line is that Obama's economic policies have not lived up to the hype. 23 million Americans are looking for work. The difference between where we are and where Obama promised we'd be is 9 million Americans out of work. That is unacceptable. We can do better. It's time to give a businessman who knows economic success a shot at turning this around.

Why vote for Obama

By Keith Olsen
Assistant Opinions Editor

We are fast escaping one of our nation's most trying times in its history. The United States was in the midst of the seemingly endless wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the banking system almost completely failed, and the last time the unemployment rate was higher was during the Great Depression. America subsequently blamed the Republican Party for these problems, and in one fell swoop elected the man that they charged with saving the Union and his allies to the supreme positions of power.

This election felt different. The people were energized by Barack Obama's message of hope and change, and his promise of reforming Washington. This energy followed him to the capital, and President Obama accomplished an enormous amount in his first year in office; he reformed student loans and credit card practices, saved the American auto industry and passed a stimulus bill to prevent the economy from failing, extended stem cell research, and even cut wasteful spending. These accomplishments were only possible because of the overwhelming success that the Democrats had in the 2008 election, which gave them control of both Congress and the White House. This advantage is the only reason why Obama were able to pass healthcare reform, which has been a goal for democratic presidents for decades.

The rest of his term was filled with huge accomplishments, such as passing the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare), killing Osama bin Laden, repealing Don't Ask Don't Tell, and ending the Iraq War. He is currently in the process of bringing the troops out of Afghanistan. As much as his Republican opponents like to say that he's accomplished nothing in his presidency thus far, this is simply not the case. It has some truth since the 2010 midterm election, but that is entirely because of the obstructionist GOP Congressmen that were elected. They see compromise, which is the method through which politics operates, as weakness. This is a trait that cannot exist in Washington, and Obama has been fighting against it.

With all of this in mind, Obama has a solid claim for a second term as president. That doesn't mean that he's done a perfect job in office. The economy was rescued from a horrific demise, yet it hasn't fully recovered. President Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, which allows for indefinite detention of suspected terrorists. He allowed the assassination of an United States citizen who was highly ranking in Al Qaeda. In addition, he has been flying drone missions in Pakistan without their

consent. These foreign policy issues are considered to be very far to the right, and they aren't helping America as a nation. Unfortunately, these are decisions that we can't really count against him, since I'm sure that Romney would have done the same things.

One of the more interesting aspects of this election is how indistinct Romney appears to be, enough so that it's claimed that this election is more about what Obama isn't than what Romney is. This point is understandable for all of the wrong reasons; after all, Romney's main selling point is his achievement of passing legislation that gave health insurance to everyone in Massachusetts. That's an amazing feat but he can't campaign on it because Obamacare, the legislation that is reviled by his party, is based on his own. This puts him in an awkward position of supporting Romneycare, which is pretty much the same thing as Obamacare, without supporting Obamacare; it just doesn't work.

Obama clearly lost the first debate because he simply wasn't prepared for it, while Romney, who knew that a lackluster performance would mean the death of his campaign, came out swinging. His advisers were right when they claimed that they could reset Romney's positions like an etch-a-sketch. Romney, who considered himself to be "severely conservative" at CPAC, revealed himself as a moderate. While posing as a moderate, he contradicted quite a few of his earlier promises that he made while campaigning in the Republican Primary race. This surprised Obama and caught him off guard.

He was better prepared for the second matchup, and was back up to speed. Obama and Romney sparred constantly throughout the night, and it was a fairly tied outcome. The only things that really came out of the debate that night was Romney's comment about having a binder full of women, which quickly entered the political lexicon.

It was in the final debate on foreign policy that the Commander in Chief finally hit his stride.

He called out Romney on his mistruths, and came prepared with zingers that won't soon be forgotten. The final score of the debates gave both candidates a debate win, and called the middle debate a draw.

In the remaining days leading up to the debate, there most likely won't be anymore major flubs or Republican candidates making mistakes about abortions or rape, so it all comes down to which candidate gets the most voters out to the polls.

Based on the massive ground campaign that Obama has underway, it would appear that Obama has an advantage. But whether you typically lean politically left or right, go vote and let your voice be heard!

2012 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



BARACK
OBAMA

WEIGHT: 176.4 LBS **HEIGHT:** 6'1"

AGE: 51 **BIRTHPLACE:** HONOLULU, HI

RELIGION: PROTESTANT

EDUCATION:

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ('88-'91) \ JURIS DOCTOR, LAW
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ('83) \ POLITICAL SCIENCE
OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE ('79-'81) \ POLITICAL SCIENCE

RESUME:

['09 - PRESENT] 44TH U.S. PRESIDENT
['05 - '08] U.S. SENATE ILLINOIS SEAT
['06] PUBLISHES BOOK THE AUDACITY OF HOPE
['05] PUBLISHES BOOK DREAMS OF MY FATHER
['97 - '04] ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
['93 - '04] SENIOR LECTURER IN LAW,
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL

NET WORTH: \$5.7 MILLION



MITT
ROMNEY

WEIGHT: 197 LBS **HEIGHT:** 6'2"

AGE: 65 **BIRTHPLACE:** DETROIT, MI

RELIGION: MORMAN

EDUCATION:

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ('71-'75) \ JURIS DOCTOR \
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY ('69-'71) \ ENGLISH

RESUME:

['11 - PRESENT] CANDIDATE FOR 45TH U.S. PRESIDENT
['03 - '07] GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS
['99 - '02] CEO, 2002 WINTER OLYMPICS
['91 - '99] CEO, BAIN CAPITAL
['84 - '90] CO-FOUNDER, BAIN CAPITAL
['77 - '84] VICE PRESIDENT, BAIN & COMPANY
['75 - '77] MGMT CONSULTANT, BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP

NET WORTH: \$230 MILLION