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The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band performs at New York City's Columbus Day Parade on Monday, Oct. 8. Players and coaches from the baseball team also joined the parade, which was broadcast on ABC.

## Mock debate takes on 2012 elections

By Nina Lin  
Assistant Photo Editor

While Hofstra University is preparing for its presidential debate next week, Stony Brook University students are having their own.

The Speech and Debate Society (SBUSDS), the MALIK Fraternity, Stony Brook College Democrats and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People hosted a mock presidential debate on Tuesday, Oct. 9, proving that the presidential debate doesn't have to be brought to SBU for students to talk politics.

This was only the second time such a debate was held at SBU.

"If there was a referendum about any topic in society where public discourse on informing citizens was necessary to make a decision, SBUSDS would be there," said Ramy Noaman, senior linguistics and psychology major and president of SBUSDS. "Anytime the spread of useful information is possible through public discourse, we want to be there to play a part."

Ian Schwarz and Danny Awalt Jr. represented the Obama administration, and Kareem Ibrahim and Sarah Ben-Moussa spoke for the Republican platform. Wilbur Miller, SBUSDS' club adviser, acted as a judge and moderator for the debate along with Philosophy Department Chair Eduardo Mendieta and the Center of News Literacy Director

Dean Miller. They are also professors of history, philosophy and journalism, respectively.

With three judges and four participants on stage, the set-up looked strikingly similar to the actual presidential debates. However, all four participants' party preference is Democrat.

Schwarz and Awalt were speakers from the university's College Democrats, leaving Ibrahim and Ben-Moussa, contributions from SBUSDS, playing 'devil's advocate.' The College Republicans were not a part of the event.

"There was a slight misunderstanding," Saad Kaif, biology major and head of public relations at SBUSDS, said. Event planning is a long and complex process, he explained, and there will be times when miscommunication issues turn a project around.

"It was within that process that the [College Republicans] thought it'd be best to go their way," Kaif said.

It was not a problem for Noaman who simply donated two speakers from his organization.

"We attempted to contact [the Republicans] but we weren't able to reach their leadership until they felt it was too late to prepare for the debate," he said. "But this type of discourse does not rest on the clubs

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## Presidential debate comes to LI, but not to SBU

By Brittany Stapelfeld  
Contributing Writer

This month, students at a Long Island University will get the experience of having President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney come to their school for the second 2012 Presidential Debate.

This school, however, is not Stony Brook University.

Last October, the Commission on Presidential Debates announced that Hofstra University had been chosen to hold the debate on Oct 16 of this year. Hofstra also hosted a debate in the 2008 election.

According to James Montalto, media relations manager at SBU, the cost was the main reason that SBU did not apply to hold the debate.

An article in Newsday stated that the cost for the upcoming debate at Hofstra would be approximately \$3 million.

A report from ABC News stated that Hofstra spent somewhere between \$4-5 million on the 2008 debate. The report also stated that prior to the debate held at Denver University on Oct. 3 the Colorado Department of Transportation anticipated spending between \$30,000 and \$40,000 on traffic control and barricades for the event.

"While hosting a presidential debate would be an exciting and educational experience for the campus community, to facilitate such an event

would expend a tremendous amount of staff, resources and funds that are not within the University's budget," Montalto said.

According to a press release from Hofstra, David S. Mack, an alumnus and secretary of the Board of Trustees, has committed to help fund the cost accompanied with hosting the upcoming debate, which will be held in a "town meeting" format in which the candidates answer questions from the audience.

The criteria a college must meet in order to be able to apply to host a debate includes various venue requirements, a large number of parking spaces and location near adequate transposition and hotel facilities. While the expense associated with holding the debates varies, administration at those universities say that the experience the students get out of it exceeds the costs.

"During the last presidential election...students [had] the opportunity to learn from some of our country's greatest political minds and journalists, to travel to primary sites, or to volunteer or intern with political or media organizations; and it touched students and faculty in almost every academic discipline," Stuart Rabinowitz, president of Hofstra University, said in a press release.

Tickets will be distributed to

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## Altschuler and Bishop visit SBU campus

By Nelson Oliveira  
Assistant News Editor

Democratic Representative Tim Bishop and his Republican challenger Randy Altschuler answered challenging and controversial questions from students on Thursday, Oct. 11, when the two visited Stony Brook University during two different sessions of POL 102 (Introduction to American Government).

Although the candidates running for New York's First Congressional District focused on their policies rather than attacking each other, both had to deal with tough questions regarding their records.

One student asked Bishop to comment on recent ads questioning his ethics after he received a \$5,000 campaign contribution from a constituent who had asked the Congressman for help with a federal fireworks permit earlier this year. The five-term incumbent representative, who spoke at the evening session of the class, said someone had told his campaign that the individual seeking his help with the permit "wanted to make a contribution," and that all his campaign did was provide the information.

"This is not a solicitation," Bishop said. "That is not a quid pro quo... The ads that are running against me are fundamentally dishonest."

Altschuler, who came to the morning session of the class, was asked about recent criticism over outsourcing. The St. James businessman was the CEO and co-founder of Office Tiger, a business process outsourcing company dedicated to upgrading business support services. The company created 4,000 jobs—750 of which were in the U.S.—according to Altschuler's campaign website.

"We had employees all around the world," he told students. "Outsourcing doesn't mean stealing American jobs or offshoring American jobs. Outsourcing means doing a task that somebody else doesn't do themselves... I created jobs everywhere. I created jobs around the world. We live in a global economy. I'm proud of the record of creating jobs and knowing how to do it."

The race is one of the most watched in the country. In 2010, Bishop defeated Altschuler by only 593 votes. The GOP is also hoping to unseat the Southampton congressman, which could help the party keep control of the House for the next two years.

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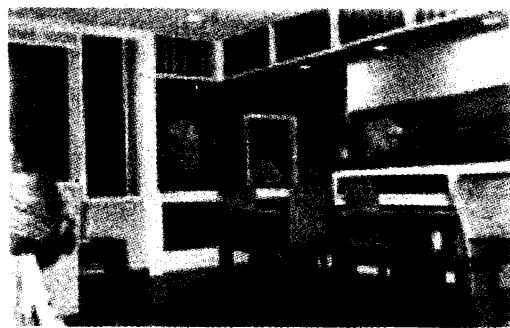


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No food and no water from sunrise to sunset.

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#### From inside a Petridish to Lake Turkana, Kenya

Cravings for chocolate or ice cream are not uncommon, but Natasha Gownaris, a third-year doctoral candidate at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, craves Africa and is crowdfunding to send herself back to Lake Turkana in Kenya.

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#### SBU to open hotel in February

Although the numerous construction projects going on all around campus may look similar, one cannot miss the new hotel being built across from the Administration building while driving around Circle Road.

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### ARTS:

#### SBU to open hotel in

Countless bands have formed with the members met in college, so it would only make sense to take a peek at the college music scene to see potential talent. On Saturday, Oct 13, at the Stony Brook Union Ballroom, students got to spend their time with free performances from Ra Ra Riot, Tiny Victories and Fantasy Rainbow.

#### All Time Low pleases critics and fans with "Don't Panic"

When All Time Low first signed to Hopeless Records in 2006, the band members were still seniors in high school. Over the past six years, a lot has happened in the careers of the Baltimore-based band, including a switch to major label Interscope, through which the band released "Dirty Work" in 2010. All Time Low left Interscope earlier this year to return to Hopeless Records to release its fifth full-length album, "Don't Panic."

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### NEWS:

#### The Craft Center offers free, beneficial and paid classes

The Craft Center, located in the basement of the Student Union, has been the central location for all art related activities on Stony Brook University's campus for the past 40 years. According to Janice Costanzo, the craft center coordinator, the Craft Center is staffed with 19 members. This crew hosts hundreds of students every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for specialty crafts.

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#### Stony Brook football defeats Coastal Carolina,

The Stony Brook football team won its fourth game in a row on Saturday afternoon when it triumphed over the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers in a close 27-21 victory.

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# NEWS

## Congressional candidates visit SBU campus



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**Randy Altschuler focused his speech on the economy.**

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The 1st Congressional District comprises most of Central and Eastern Suffolk County, including most of Smithtown and the towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead, Southampton, East Hampton, Southold and Shelter Island.

A few students who saw both candidates on Thursday said Altschuler was more "laid-back" than Bishop. Raman Kaur, a senior biology major, said Bishop's answers became defensive after he was asked about recent allegations against him.

"Debating-wise, Randy did a better job explaining his stand on the issues

that were addressed," said Kaur, who's a T.A. for both sessions of the class. "[Altschuler] basically answered the questions that students were concerned about and he wasn't defensive like Tim Bishop was when it came to addressing controversial issues."

Professor Jason Rose, who teaches both sessions, said the candidates made it very visible how different they are.

"The two candidates have profound differences in how they approach the problems facing our district and the nation," Rose said. "Representative Bishop talked a lot about public sector employment in our area, including Stony Brook University, while Randy talked about encouraging private sector job-creation to build the tax-base so

that we can boost the economy and pay for those public sector jobs and services we all want."

Bishop said that one of his priorities in Congress is to watch for how federal proposals impact the largest employers in the 1st Congressional District, especially SBU—the largest employer.

"In my view, if there's something going on that's good for Stony Brook University, then that's good for us, that's good for our economy [and] that's good for our region," Bishop said. "And if something that's being proposed is bad for Stony Brook University, then in the same way, that's bad for our region [and] that's bad for our economy because it can hurt employment here."

Altschuler said that, if elected, his number one priority would be fixing the economy.

"The economy is the number one issue by far," he said. "There's no question in my mind. That's where all of our focus should be."

He also said he would be working to help small businesses grow on Long Island. The 41-year-old candidate said he wants to turn this district into "the Silicon Valley of the East."

Bishop answered challenging questions regarding military downsizing, the Affordable Care Act and the crisis between Iran and Israel. When a student asked the congressman what he thought about the controversy surrounding Megaupload, a file-sharing website shut down by the

federal government earlier this year, Bishop was not able to answer.

"I don't know about the Megaupload case. I'd like you to teach me about [it]," he asked the student. "I promise I'll call you and will try to learn what you know."

Bishop got personal when a student asked whether he supported legalizing marijuana.

"I'm not a big fan at all of marijuana," he said. "I have a 33-year-old daughter who spent time when she was a teenager in a residential rehab."

While Bishop avoided referring to his opponent, Altschuler did not hesitate to criticize Bishop by name while talking to students. The businessman

even commented on a recent report by the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington that ranked Bishop as one of the 12 most corrupt members of Congress.

Among other topics, Altschuler also answered questions about student debt, national debt and health care reform.

The Affordable Care Act was one of the issues on which the two men disagreed the most. Altschuler, who wants to repeal the law, told students the Act is not reducing the cost of health care.

Bishop said repealing the law would be "an enormous mistake" and that opponents of the act have not offered any alternatives to replace it.



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**Bishop stressed the importance of SBU for the district.**

## Mock debate takes on 2012 elections

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themselves. Discourse can take place by anyone that feels they can represent the ideals, even if they are not officially part of the organization on campus which caters to them."

There was little name-calling on hot-button issues like the national deficit, the Israel-Iran conflict and Affordable Care Act. Instead, each side depended mainly on political rhetoric and facts gleaned from what Schwarz said was "a week of studying."

Each side was given three minutes to frame its argument, followed by a five minute response from the opposing team before returning to the podium for a two minute defense.

The tone of the debate was derived from the tone of the current presidential campaign with Schwarz and Awalt portraying the Mitt

Romney's campaign as self-serving and ineffective.

"The Republicans want to cut PBS and NPR. PBS and NPR make up 0.01 and 0.0003 percent of the federal budget, respectively," Awalt said regarding the national deficit. "Do you remember when PBS and NPR crashed the stock market? Do you remember when they wiped out half of all 401ks, took trillions in tax payer bailouts and then refused to pay taxes? Because I don't remember that."

Ibrahim and Ben-Moussa had their own complaints. "The first thing we would do upon getting into office is to repeal Obamacare. Obamacare is inherently ineffective," Ben-Moussa said. "Since Obamacare has come into fruition, health care rates have actually gone up. So why should we implement the kind of program that allows the cost of health

care to go up?"

Both platforms deviated wildly from the opposing position, a situation that reflects Romney's struggle to establish himself as a candidate with a separate agenda from that of Obama.

There was one issue both platforms agreed on—the rising cost of college, and why it is neither the government's fault nor its responsibility to shoulder it.

College is a pure cost, said Awalt, giving a rare voice to conservative fiscal policy. The government would not recover money from students who drop out. Countries that provide free college education can attribute their small populations and higher tax-bases as the reasons for their working models.

But it is Ibrahim's momentary switch that was the most astonishing for the night. The Obama administration is not looking at the important issue, which is not how the people can afford to pay for college, but how can the government make it so? "We have these unchecked, raising tuition costs," Ibrahim said.

Ibrahim's solution to the problem would be regulation. "We need to proactively regulate how these institutions, how these private institutions - and a lot of these colleges that are primarily businesses—how they're increasing their tuition, what their justifications are for these increases," he said. Democratic approach or not, only then can the government help provide affordable education for its tapped out, debt ridden constituents.

### Republican's arguments

-The federal government should create a "balanced approach", calling for more spending cuts and a wiser investment of government money.

-Economic progress should be left in the care of the private sector, who is much more efficient than the government.

-Focus should be shifted away from illegal immigrants. Instead, there should be increased benefits for legal immigrants.

-There should be a stronger show of support for Israel in the Israel-Iran

conflict, with more military presence as opposed to monetary aid.

-US foreign policy should center on itself and on its allies—aid should be withheld from "unstable" new governments in the Middle East, whose existences "are largely opposed to the interests of Israel."

-Health care and health insurance should be left to state discretion, and the Affordable Care Act should be repealed

-Social issues (health insurance, advancement of women's rights and gay rights, abortion, etc.) should be left to the discretion of the people as long as rights are not being infringed.

### Democrat's Arguments

-Tax breaks should be eliminated for companies that outsource and further used as an incentive for companies that hire locally and/or bring jobs back from overseas.

-Taxable revenue can be created through increasing manufacturing, exports and employment rates.

Immigration laws to be eased through laxer requirements for American citizenship.

-National deficit to shrink through abstinence from big, costly projects (a war with Iran, etc).

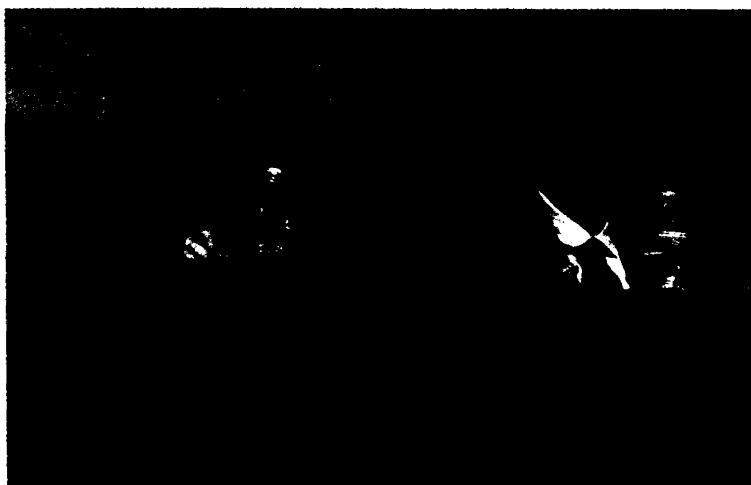
-Furthermore, potential conflicts with Iran can be avoided through

diplomacy.

-US foreign policy should focus on the support of new governments in the name of democracy.

-The Affordable Care Act should be left alone—after all, auto-insurance is required for the protection of other drivers, and a regulated health care system protects consumers from rising health care costs.

-Social issues should be the federal government's concern in an effort to ensure consumer protection, military personnel rights and American health through increased regulation, the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell and a health insurance overhaul.



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**Danny Awalt Jr. and Ian Schwarz were on Obama's side.**

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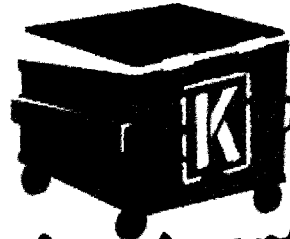
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# Election 2012: Breaking down the economy issue

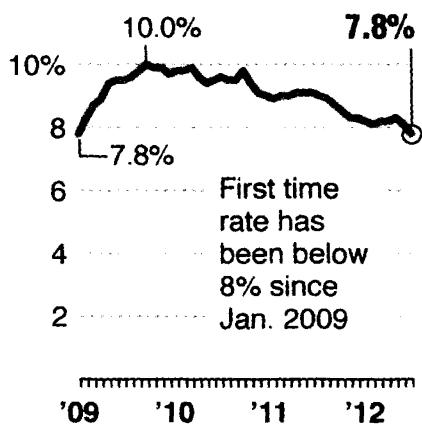
By Christine Powell  
Assistant News Editor

Each month since 1915, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), an independent federal agency that measures labor market activity, has collected, analyzed and released information on the total number and characteristics of employed and unemployed Americans.

The agency surveys about 141,000 government agencies and businesses, which are representative of approximately 486,000 individual work sites, to gather data on the employment, hours and

## Jobless rate under Obama

Monthly employment rate since January 2009 when President Barack Obama took office:



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
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earnings of workers and releases it in a report, "The Employment Situation."

The BLS considers someone unemployed if they do not have a job despite being available to work and have actively searched for a job in the four weeks preceding the survey.

When the number of people that are unemployed is divided by the number of people currently in the labor force (everyone older than 16 who is neither in an institution nor on active duty), the unemployment rate is calculated. Those who are not working but not looking for work are not considered part of the unemployed population.

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 114,000 new jobs were added by employers. Employers have added an average of 146,000 jobs per month in 2012, compared to 153,000 in 2011.

How much the latest unemployment rate should be praised depends upon who you ask, but long term trends do demonstrate that the economy is improving. The change may be slow, but it is evident. Compared with a year ago, there are 1.94 million more people working. While there are no booming job openings, the nation isn't really losing any, either. The average monthly employment growth is at about a break-even level to keep up with the natural increase in population.

But there are many other valuable data in the monthly reports, too, like the number of involuntary part-time workers and discouraged workers, or the tables that break down the numbers by race, age or educational attainment.

Additionally, the reports indicate more specific trends over time. Government employment, for example, has been on a downward trend, but the private sector has added jobs steadily. The health care industry is booming.

Those workers without high school diplomas are three times as likely to be unemployed as those with a bachelor's degree. The unemployment rate for African Americans is also nearly double that of whites (13.4 percent versus 7 percent).

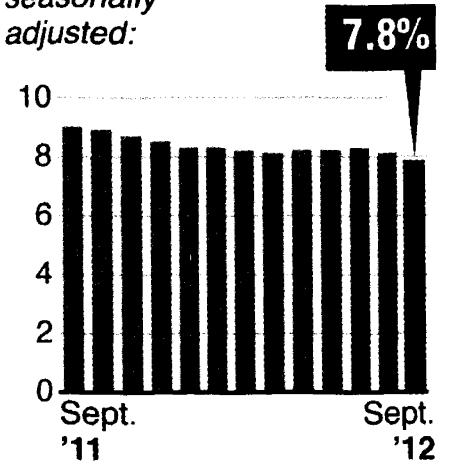
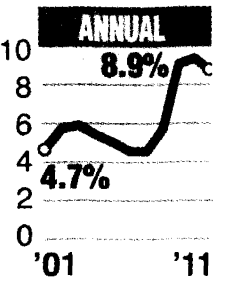
Forming an opinion on the state of the economy and who is best equipped to repair it, however, is difficult if the jobs numbers are not put into context; in 2008, the unemployment rate was 5 percent, and when President Obama took office in January of 2009 it was the same as it is now, 7.8 percent. In 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 levels of consumer debt, corporate profits and mortgage rates are better. The data are, across the board, mixed.

Both Obama and Romney's campaigns have focused heavily on the economy, and both boast the ability to spur improvement. Generally, the Republican

## Jobless rate

Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted:



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

party is perceived as pro-business and pro-job creation. According to U.S. Department of Labor data, though, Democratic presidents have created more jobs per year than Republican presidents have.

Democratic presidents averaged 1.83 million jobs added per year over 40 years in office as compared to the Republican party, which added an average of 966,388 per year throughout 36 years in office.

## Hofstra hosts second presidential debate

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students at Hofstra in the days leading up to the debate. Members of the staff and faculty at Hofstra, including Rabinowitz, will not take seats at the event to allow the maximum number amount of students to be able to attend.

The debates, although costly, provide a great deal of media exposure to the schools that host them.

Denver University hosted the first debate of this year's election and, according to ABC News, expects a 15 percent increase in applications for

2013 as a result of the attention.

"I have always thought SBU could have more of a presence on the national scene in addition to its reputation in science and medicine. Hosting a presidential debate would [have been] great for the image of the University and a wonderful opportunity for our students." Dr. Wilbur Miller, the faculty adviser for SBU's Speech and Debate Society, said.

Melissa Farina, a sophomore chemistry major who transferred to SBU this semester, agreed.

"It would have been a good

investment for the University. It definitely would have made the students more informed and involved in the upcoming election," she said.

However, some students agree with the administrations decision to avoid spending the large amount of money required to host a debate.

"Sure, it would have been cool," Patricia Maglione, a junior marine vertebrate biology major said, "But we need to focus on putting our money into programs we already have at SBU that are struggling, not a one night event, no matter how much publicity it would get us."

## Partnership benefits students with disabilities

By Alessandra Malito  
Senior Staff Writer

The partnership between Suffolk County Transit and Stony Brook University is available for all students, including those with disabilities, to get to off-campus locations.

Suffolk County Accessible Transportation, or SCAT, is a program for people who cannot access the Suffolk Transit bus because of disabilities that prohibit them from using the bus or getting to the bus stop, and it is available for SBU students.

There have been complaints made that students with disabilities are unable to get to off-campus locations on the weekend, but this service provides the same travel route, only with a different procedure to make a reservation.

According to Chris Chatterton, senior planner of transportation in Suffolk County, SCAT has not received any requests for Saturday service by any SBU student.

At first, the new partnership garnered complaints, as students were unaware of the new system or how to use it. James O'Connor, director of sustainability and transportation operations, said there have been less calls since they have advertised through the Internet and posters around bus stops on campus.

"It's a change in services," O'Connor said. "It's always a challenge to get the message out."

Prior to the partnership, students

with disabilities used ADA Accessible Services to go off campus.

"We were both utilizing the same route," O'Connor said of the bus routes to off-campus locations such as the mall. The partnership now gives students the ability to travel on the Suffolk Transit bus routes 3D, S60 and S69. SCAT riders can go where the origin and destination are both within three-quarters of a mile of Suffolk Transit bus routes.

Making a reservation with ADA Accessible Services required the student to call Disabilities Support Services to make the reservation because the university provided the transportation, O'Connor said. Now, students must call SCAT directly.

"Those students who wish to use SCAT service must register with the Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities," Chatterton said. In some cases, students who are already registered with another para-transit service provider, such as those in Nassau County or New York City, have up to 21 days per year to use the system as visitors.

In order to be a rider now, the student must provide a valid Stony Brook University student ID card and identification showing that he or she is eligible to receive para-transit service under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

For more information on registering for the program or making a reservation, visit [www.sct-bus.org](http://www.sct-bus.org). To make a reservation, students can call SCAT at 631-738-1150.



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Gov. Romney and Pres. Obama will face each other again this Tuesday at Hofstra.



# MSA Fast-a-thon inspires students across campus

By Hanaa' Tameez  
Contributing Writer

No food and no water from sunrise to sunset.

That was how hundreds of Stony Brook University students spent Monday, Oct. 8, as a part of the 10th annual 'Fast-a-thon.'

The students experienced one day out of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan to honor the millions of people around the world who face hunger every day.

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) organized a dinner after sunset in the Student Activities Center where students came together to share both a meal and an experience.

Sanaa Nadim, MSA's Chaplain at SBU Interfaith Center, came up with the idea

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10 years ago, “basically to build bridges of communication and understanding and respect in the campus community and to really show that the MSA is part of the larger campus community,” said MSA Vice President Reem Zohny, a senior sociology and psychology major.

The night started with the 'iftar,' a meal to break the day's fast, followed by MSA President Zain Ali, who is a senior biochemistry and Spanish language and literature major, making the Islamic call to prayer. For many attendees, the day of fasting served as a time of reflection.

“It was something I haven't done but I wanted to do at Stony Brook so I wanted to experience it and I wanted to learn more because that's what college is about,” Pavithra Shunivasin, junior psychology and biology major, said. “You really realize how grateful you are and when you have to watch everything you eat you don't realize how easy it is to just have a cookie here or there.”

The event brought together students from all over the area as well. New York Institute of Technology student, Prova Shukla, found the 'Fast-a-thon' to be a way to reconnect with friends.

“During Ramadan time, we all fast at home but since this is a school environment where all of



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**MSA Pres. Zain Ali speaks to students during last Monday's Fast-a-thon in the SAC.**

our friends are, we were allowed to fast together and when you have friends fasting together it makes things a lot easier,” said Shukla.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the organization Long Island Harvest, which provides services to those suffering from hunger in the area, as well as a construction project to build a school in Sierra Leone.

“We were approached by Free the Children initiative here on

campus and they asked us for this so we honored that request and we thought that was good because it shows that we're not only focused on our money or our deprivation of food going towards someone else's food and quenching their thirst but rather that in giving back to the community,” said Ali. “It's not in one dimension and we wanted to give back in more than one way.”

“Education is the most fundamental way to give back,” he continued. “You can give a

man a fish but teaching him how to fish is completely different.”

Throughout the night, students were asked to share their experiences of what it was like to neither eat nor drink for one day.

For Ali, the highlight of the night was “actually seeing people who aren't Muslim come out and share their appreciation for fasting and the effect it had on them” in a greater effort to unite the campus community.

## Doors to the new campus rec center set to open

By Jess Suarez  
Staff Writer

Members of the Stony Brook Community have long awaited the opening of the new Campus Recreation Center.

Faculty and students will finally see the doors open after 13 years of planning.

The ceremony and ribbon cutting is set to take place on Friday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m.

“We already had 90 percent of the equipment and furniture delivered

and installed,” Associate Dean and Director of Student Life Susan DiMonda said in an email. “Student Employees will complete further staff training on Oct. 13 as we prepare for the ribbon cutting on Oct. 19.”

Along with the ribbon cutting and ceremony, there will be tours of the facility and recreational activities taking place throughout the rec center on that day from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

According to the Stony Brook Recreation Center website, the opening day events will include a

Fitness Jam with a variety of different fitness classes taking place non-stop for six hours.

Other events will include handball, basketball, flag football and soccer tournaments.

With the opening of the new rec center, students, faculty and staff will be able to enjoy recreational space for almost 18 hours each day. There will also be three new studios where fitness classes can be offered.

“Open Recreation will be available whenever the facility is open,” DiMonda said. “Cardiovascular

equipment and strength training equipment is available all day and we have added 111 pieces of cardio and over 3000 square feet of strength training.”

In addition to being a recreational space, the facility will serve as another area where students can gather. According to DiMonda, lounge areas and wireless Internet will be provided throughout the building.

The new rec center will not be open to athletic teams. Sport club teams and other student clubs that need recreational space or performance space will have priority when it comes to space.

“The new rec center will finally not only provide adequate space for training for the Stony Brook Women's Soccer Club, but for all other clubs at the same time,” head coach of the Stony Brook University Women's Soccer Club Daniela Giuliani said. “In the past, teams had to compete with each other to have any room to train properly. Now we will be able to practice throughout the winter to be better prepared for the upcoming seasons.”

“We have hired 80 additional students to work in the center,” DiMonda said. “They have all been working within the Department of Campus Recreation either in the Wellness Center or department offices since Aug. 27.”

These new student workers attended a two-day training session before the fall semester started and have another training session on Oct. 13, which will include fire

safety and emergency procedures in the building. They will also be trained on the new software program for access control, equipment issues and program registration.

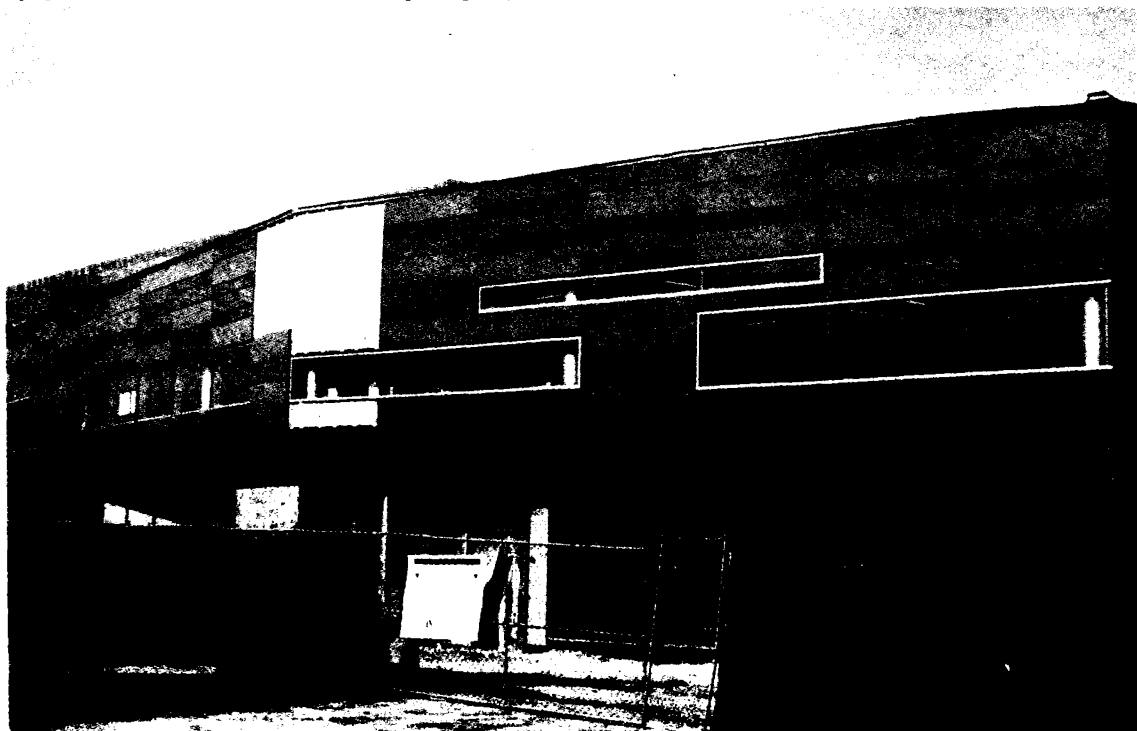
The Wellness Center that is currently being used as a recreation area for the Stony Brook community will be closed when the new rec center opens.

Once the Wellness Center closes, the old gym equipment will be removed. DiMonda explained that the old equipment will be traded to one of the vendors from whom the new equipment was purchased. The trade-in will allow the University to receive a discount on the new equipment for the rec center.

After the equipment is moved out of the current Wellness Center, the space will be cleaned and prepared for its new role as another performance space where student clubs can meet and practice.

When asked about the delay of the opening of the new facility DiMonda said, “The contractor was still working on completing items in the main gymnasium and throughout the building. Any time you open a building of this size you will encounter delays with construction.”

“The new rec center will attract more students and give them motivation to exercise again,” Giuliani said. “Everyone likes to play with the new toys, so of course the rec center will be a big change on campus.”



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**After 13 years of planning, the Campus Rec Center is set to open on Oct. 19.**



# With a new rec center, where is the future of fitness classes?

By Japbani Nanda  
Contributing Writer

Students have been awaiting the opening of the new Campus Recreation Center with bated breath. Expectations are high thanks to all of the amenities that the center will offer, which include a three-court gymnasium, three group fitness studios, a weight and fitness room, a 1/10th-mile track, equipment rentals, wireless internet access and more.

Despite these fitness services, students have been concerned about the future of fitness classes that currently take place in the Student Activities Center. There was uncertainty about whether these classes would be cancelled completely or shifted over to the new Campus Recreation Center.

In relation to these worries, the Student Activities Center website states, "All classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and will end when the new Campus Recreation Center opens."

Meanwhile, the Campus Recreation Center website says, "Zumba, yoga and other fitness classes will be added to the fitness class schedule in September."

Regarding the SBU Fit Club, the Campus Recreation Center website states, "The program will be re-instated during the Spring 2013 semester within the Campus Recreation Center." The Campus Recreation Center promises to provide students with the opportunity to

continue to attend their favorite fitness classes in a new facility.

Dean Bowen, assistant director of fitness and wellness programs, provided more insight into the future of fitness classes in the Campus Recreation Center. According to Bowen, the fitness classes that currently appear on the schedule for fall 2012 will take place in the Campus Recreation Center starting with the opening day for the Campus Recreation Center.

In other words, from Oct. 19, 2012 and onward, the current classes that are listed on the fall 2012 schedule will take place in the Campus Recreation Center. However, Bowen stated that new classes will not be added to the schedule until the online registration process, policies and procedures are adjusted, if needed.

Bowen said that in spring

2013, students can expect to see up to 70 group fitness classes available each week from Monday to Sunday. The Campus Recreation Center will have plenty of space to accommodate all of these classes. Among the Campus Recreation Center's three Wellness Studios, one is set to house Indoor Cycling on the Keiser M3C. This will be open to 30 participants.

The rest of the fitness classes will take place in the other two studios. The Campus Recreation Center has varying levels of available occupancy, from about 28 people to about 46 people in the largest room on the first floor.

Students are already excited to make use of the brand new fitness and wellness facilities that will be open in the Campus Recreation Center starting from Oct. 22, 2012.



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Classes that take place at the Wellness Center will be moved to the new Rec Center.

The new recreation center will open Friday, Oct. 19. Fitness classes will be held starting opening day.

# From inside a Petridish to Lake Turkana, Kenya

By Emily McTavish  
Assistant News Editor

Cravings for chocolate or ice cream are not uncommon, but Natasha Gownaris, a third-year doctoral candidate at Stony Brook University's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, craves Africa and is crowdfunding to send herself back to Lake Turkana in Kenya.

Gownaris' research project called "Saving the Samaki of the World's Largest Desert Lake" is currently being featured on PetriDish.org, which is the largest crowdfunding site specifically for scientific research.

PetriDish.org was co-founded in January of this year by Matt Salzberg and Ilia Papas and provides a forum for scientists to campaign, or crowdfund, for support of their research. Crowdfunding is the term used to describe an effort made mostly through the Internet to get people to fund a project.

Researchers, after going through an application process, set a specific monetary goal to reach within an allotted time frame.

"We hand select the most interesting and meaningful projects we find to be featured on our site and then allow you to get involved," says PetriDish.org.

Projects on PetriDish, like other crowdfunding sites, have various pledge levels and donating within a certain pledge level will garner a reward from the researcher like a Twitter shoutout or a tagged fish with their namesake.

Gownaris said she has been trying a number of methods to raise the funds to continue her research, but PetriDish will assist her in finishing her project. She has received a Turkana Basin Institute Fellowship Grant, is a National Geographic Young Explorer and has a private donor to match her grants.

"My dissertation research aims to better understand the fish of Lake Turkana, and in particular, which habitats are most important to their survival and what their feeding habits are like," Gownaris said in the video portion of her PetriDish campaign.

Gownaris said the application process was not difficult and that she also thought the research on PetriDish.org has "to have something that appeals to the public" like her project in Turkana.

"I think they do like 'sexy science,'" Gownaris said in regards to the projects that are accepted for PetriDish. Gownaris explained that 'sexy science' has public appeal as opposed to something less tangible or not easily understood.

As of Wednesday evening on Oct. 10, Gownaris has raised \$755 of the \$6,000 and has 26 days left to raise the money.

However, every project on PetriDish must reach its minimum goal in the time requirement to receive any of the money. If a project does not reach its goal, none of the money raised will go to the researcher.

With the \$6,000, Gownaris would be able to book flights to

and from Kenya and purchase two acoustic receivers and five acoustic tags for Nile tilapia, a type of fish.

Gownaris has been able to successfully test her tagging technique at Sibiloi National Park on the eastern side of Lake Turkana and would like to be able to go back to test in Ferguson's Gulf at Turkana.

The fish tagging technique that she has been using had never been done with African tilapia.

"It's like fish surgery," Gownaris said about tagging the fish, which

all survived during her last visit to Turkana.

Gownaris said her research is important because the fish are a major food source of the region and since Lake Turkana has the highest alkaline levels of any other lake in the world, it makes the ecology very unique.

"I'm trying to get better daily water level data," Gownaris said regarding her goals for her trip to Kenya.

Gownaris said the hardest part for her with crowdfunding has been

"putting it out there for a wider audience." First, Gownaris posted about her campaign on Facebook, but she did not want her friends to "carry the burden" for funding her project.

"The first few donations were from people I knew," Gownaris said. But Gownaris said she is staying positive about the crowdfunding process.

"I think it's a really cool idea even if I don't get the money, for people to know about the project," Gownaris said.

## PETRIDISH

Saving the Samaki of the World's Largest Desert Lake

Natasha Gownaris



Woman from the Turkana tribe collecting fish from Lake Turkana



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With the \$6,000 she aims to raise, Gownaris will be able to finance her flight to Kenya.

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# Police Blotter

# SBU to open hotel in February

By Kelly Frevele  
Contributing Writer

## Bike Theft

On Sept. 30, a male student's bike was allegedly stolen from Dreiser College.

## Text Message Harassment

On Oct. 2, there was a case of aggressive harassment at James College, where a female resident student allegedly received an annoying text. This case is still open.

## Damaged Exit Signs

There have been several cases of criminal mischief involving exit signs. On Sept. 30, an exit sign in Eisenhower was damaged, according to police reports. On Oct. 2, an exit sign was ripped down at Yang, according to police reports. Another exit sign was ripped down on Oct. 3 at Schick College, according to police reports. On Oct. 5, yet another exit sign was ripped off the wall at Lauterbur, and on Oct. 6, an exit sign was ripped off the door by the elevator at Hamilton College, according to police reports.

## Marijuana Possession

On Oct. 3, a male commuter

student was arrested for possession of marijuana, according to police reports.

## Arrest at the Hospital

On Oct. 4, a male non-student was arrested for breaking his girlfriend's phone and taking her clothes while she was a patient at the university hospital, according to police reports.

## Criminal Mischief

On Oct. 5, there were two separate cases of alleged criminal mischief. There was broken glass in the Tabler bus shelter and at the Day Care bus stop. It is possible that the broken glass could be the result of landscaping in the area.

## Party Sets off Fire Alarm

On Oct. 7, a group of male students were allegedly having a party in their room, which set off the fire alarm. Although it is unknown what activated the fire alarm, the students were referred for alcohol violations.

-Compiled by Ashleigh Sherow

Although the numerous construction projects going on all around campus may look similar, one cannot miss the new hotel being built across from the Administration building while driving around Circle Road.

However, not many people know exactly what this project entails, and fewer still know that it has been 20 years in the making.

According to the Stony Brook University website, this area was proposed to be developed as a hotel in 1986 and was approved in 1989.

The university has been waiting all of this time to be able to find a developer who would keep up the current 'buffer' that separates the campus from Nicolls Road and to the University's lease agreement.

The new hotel, which is expected to open in February 2013, will feature 135 rooms, a restaurant, an indoor pool, an exercise center and a conference area.

The hotel, whose main function is to accommodate the guests that SBU hosts, will be operated under the Hilton Garden Inn Franchise.

On average, the university



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## The campus hotel has been in the making for 20 years.

hosts more than 400,000 guests on the campus each year due to events such as Family Weekend and Homecoming. Family members of students and patients at the nearby Stony Brook University Hospital will also have the opportunity to use the amenities that the hotel has to offer.

SBU alumnus Dr. Robert J. Frey, who received his B.S. and doctorate in applied mathematics, owns the developer, SBHC Private Equity IV, LLC, and Frank Toner, who received his masters in industrial management, has been the chief operating officer on the project.

SBU will receive \$100,000 as an annual lease payment and

will be a part of a small share of the hotel. The funds received from the hotel will remain on campus. The project's developer is financing all construction.

The hotel program has also taken initiative to reduce environmental impact due to the building of the hotel.

The university worked to decrease the impact that would be on the environment and maintain a "buffer" between Nicolls Road and the hotel.

The building even has a certification from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, which means that the building features 'green components' and is in compliance with numerous environmental standards.

# Campus News Briefing

By Mike Cusanelli  
Staff Writer

## Student Activities Board Bylaw Revisions

Senator Kenneth Myers gave a presentation before the Senate in which he proposed several changes to the Student Activities Board bylaws.

According to Myers, SAB needs to make a change to its bylaws because it is not enough to base which acts to feature throughout the year through

legislation alone.

Under Myers' new revisions to the bylaws, several defunct committees such as the Roth Regatta committee will be officially disbanded in order to streamline the organization.

Myers expressed his hope that the Student Activities Board would be able to make fair decisions on performances to satisfy all members of the undergraduate student body.

The Senate unanimously approved Myers' revisions to the bylaws.

it was unclear whether former USG President Mark Maloof had vetoed the three bills in the allotted time period.

Al-Shareffi said that in situations such as this one, in which whether or not the legislation was passed was unclear, that the Senate should err on the side of caution by not acknowledging their approval.

Ela asked the committee to consider the pieces of legislation and make a final decision in the coming weeks.

## Subcommittee Readdresses Issue of Out of State Student Driver Funds

At this week's meeting, the USG Senate approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to address the issue of whether or not to fund out of state student drivers in USG-sponsored off-campus trips.

The proposed committee suggested that it was discriminatory to prevent USG funding for out of state drivers on off-campus trips, as there is a growing body of students from out of state attending Stony Brook.

The committee, which was approved unanimously by the Senate, will bring future suggestions on the matter before the senate for approval.

## Former Senator Questions USG Actions

During Thursday's Senate meeting, former USG Senator Nicholas Ela openly questioned the decisions of the current Senate on the delayed enactment of several pieces of legislation passed into law last year.

Ela, who was an acting member of the Senate last year, said that the USG has ignored the fact that three pieces of legislation were voted into law during a meeting in late spring 2012, which is currently reflected in the committee minutes.

Parliamentarian Esam Al-Shareffi clarified that there was a controversy during the decision-making process after



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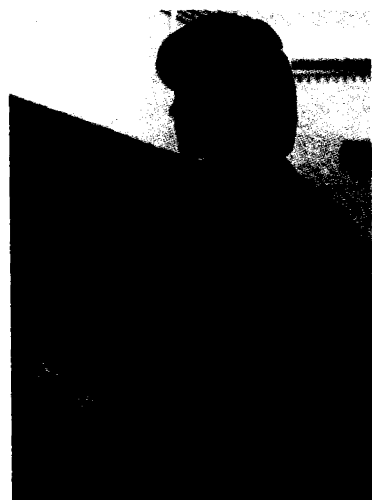
## Former USG Senator Nicholas Ela criticized the current Senate on the delayed enactment of a number of legislation pieces that were passed last year.

## Undergraduate Student Colleges to Hold Election Night Viewing Party

Undergraduate Administrative Director Christopher Muller announced that the

Undergraduate Student Colleges will be holding an election night viewing party on Nov. 6 for students.

The event will feature interactive booths and other free activities for students. The location of the viewing party is yet to be determined.



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## USG Senator Kenneth Myers proposed a number of changes to the SAB bylaws during last Thursday's USG Senate meeting.





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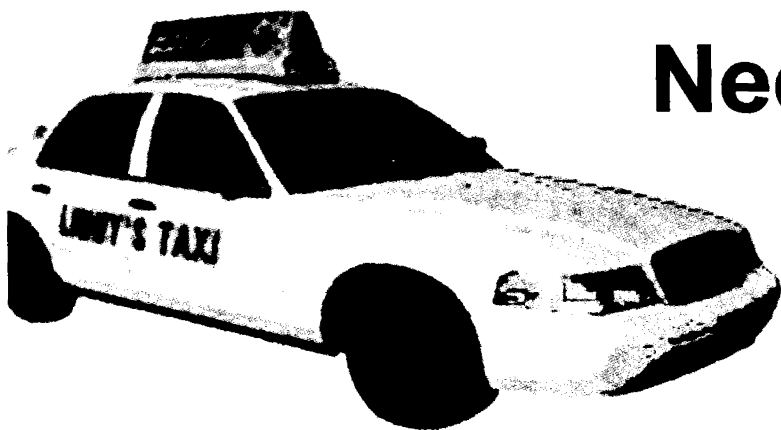
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## RockYoFaceCase returns with Ra Ra Riot

By Fumi Honda  
Contributing Writer

Countless bands have formed with the members met in college, so it would only make sense to take a peek at the college music scene to see potential talent. On Saturday, Oct 13, at the Stony Brook Union Ballroom, students got to spend their time with free performances from Ra Ra Riot, Tiny Victories and Fantasy Rainbow.

Ra Ra Riot is an indie rock band consisting of five former Syracuse University students: vocalist Wes Miles, bassist Mathieu Santos, guitarist Milo Bonacci, violinist Rebecca Zeller and drummer Kenny Bernard. Formed in 2006, they originally envisioned playing energetic rock music at friends' house parties, but then Wes convinced Milo to quit his job at a prestigious architecture firm to pursue making music full time. Ra Ra Riot have since gathered enough attention to appear alongside other renowned artists at concerts such as the CMJ Music Marathon; Lollapalooza; Firefly; and have embarked on Japanese, English and North American tours. The band won the Best Music Video Award at

the Finger Lakes Film Festival with its song "Can You Tell," and its other songs, like "Boy" and "Too Dramatic" have been given the remix treatment by acts like RAC and The Morning Benders.

Miles has a long relation with Vampire Weekend's Ezra Koenig dating back to their time in middle school together. Traces of influence from Death Cab For Cutie and Vampire Weekend are evident—through Chris Walla and Rostam Batmanglij, respectively—as they helped mix some of the tracks. Ra Ra Riot's newest offering, 2010's "The Orchard," is the brainchild of a month-long stay at a farmhouse during the height of peach season.

While listening to the album, it's easy to taste the deliciousness of the ripe fruit and hear the ringing of cicadas. On "The Orchard," listeners find that string instruments associated with classical music form the perfect accompaniment for the rocking riffs of electric guitars.

Do not be deceived by their name; Brooklyn-based duo Tiny Victories, described by WNYC Soundcheck's John Schaefer as, "full of smart, catchy electro-pop hooks with subversive production details to keep listeners guessing,"



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Rebecca Zeller from Ra Ra Riot, performs at the RockYoFaceCase.



EZRA MARGONO / THE STATESMAN

Five-piece Syracuse-based band Ra Ra Riot performed for the Stony Brook University community.

has become one of the bands to watch in 2012. Since the release of their debut EP, "Those of Us Still Alive," Tiny Victories has shared bills with The Hood Internet and won tickets to SXSW Conferences and Festivals.

At Saturday's Stony Brook Brooklyn showcase, Tiny Victories paved the way for the night's headliners, asking the audience, "Are you ready for some Ra Ra Riot?" to great cheer from the crowd. The band's set climaxed with its most famous song, "Mr. Bones," which boasts hypnotizing chimes, xylophones like amplified dewdrops and drums full of momentum.

Formed just last year, this British ensemble's sound embodies a smoky elusiveness that is hard to define. Perhaps that is precisely the magic of indie rock, an independent attitude that leaves plenty of room to freely explore different sounds.

Oliver Catt from Fantasy

Rainbow, gladly accepted to an interview after the show:

The Statesman: Hi Oliver, I think you have the coolest last name by the way.

Oliver Catt: Cause it's Catt, right?

TS: So, what was your major in college?

OC: I was a politics major for a semester, then I dropped out. I'm 19. I would like to go back though, for forestry, you know, cutting down trees. I came from a very small village out of town, it's all fields.

TS: There is a quote on your Tumblr page, "I am no rainbow, I am the man amongst us, you are the people, and we are together."

OC: \*chuckles\* Ah, I posted that two weeks ago. It was just nonsense, my flatmate said that. It's very cool you brought that up. I'd let him know, it will make him really happy.

TS: So the band name came up first. What does Fantasy Rainbow represent to you?

OC: It was just the funniest

thing I can think of out of the long list in my bedroom.

TS: How is it different performing at a public venue versus at a college? Best part about it?

OC: This is my first time performing at a college. People are so much nicer, and happier. In the public, there were a lot of self-talk. I'd prefer to perform in a more private setting. The city is very exciting, but it gets overwhelming sometimes. I like the countryside better. You can tell I'm a pretty nervous person and I just want to relax as much as possible.

TS: I know you guys will be playing at the CMJ this upcoming week; That's very exciting! Where else do you plan on heading in the future?

OC: It's gonna be weird, this is only our second time in America. We flew straight from London two weeks ago. We're gonna be playing at Piano's, and then in Brooklyn with Tiny Victories. It should be a lot of fun!

## THREE ARTSY EVENTS

### 1) Bengalis Unite Game Show

Bengalis Unite is hosting a Game Show on Oct. 19 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in SAC Ballroom A. There will be performances, games, raffles, prizes and food. Tickets are available at the SAC Ticket Office for \$4 with a student ID.

### 2) Buika

Spanish singer Buika is coming to the Staller center on Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. Her music incorporates jazz, flamenco, soul and blues. Tickets are \$34.

### 3) Emerson String Quartet

The Emerson String Quartet is coming to the Staller Center on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$42.





# Campus leaders create programs that keep students on campus

By Chelsea Katz  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University staff members in the Division of Student Life, the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Commuter Student Services work behind the scenes every day to improve the quality of campus life for all students.

As the assistant director of student life and leadership, Shannon Jayne watches over the Office of Commuter Services and develops leadership initiatives for students on campus. She helps to organize the Leadstrong Student Leadership Conference and helped to create the campus involvement project, which started the "25 Things to do Before You Graduate" campaign.

On a personal level, Jayne mentors student leaders one-on-one so they can improve campus life. On a larger level, Jayne plans events that range from public speaking to leadership conferences.

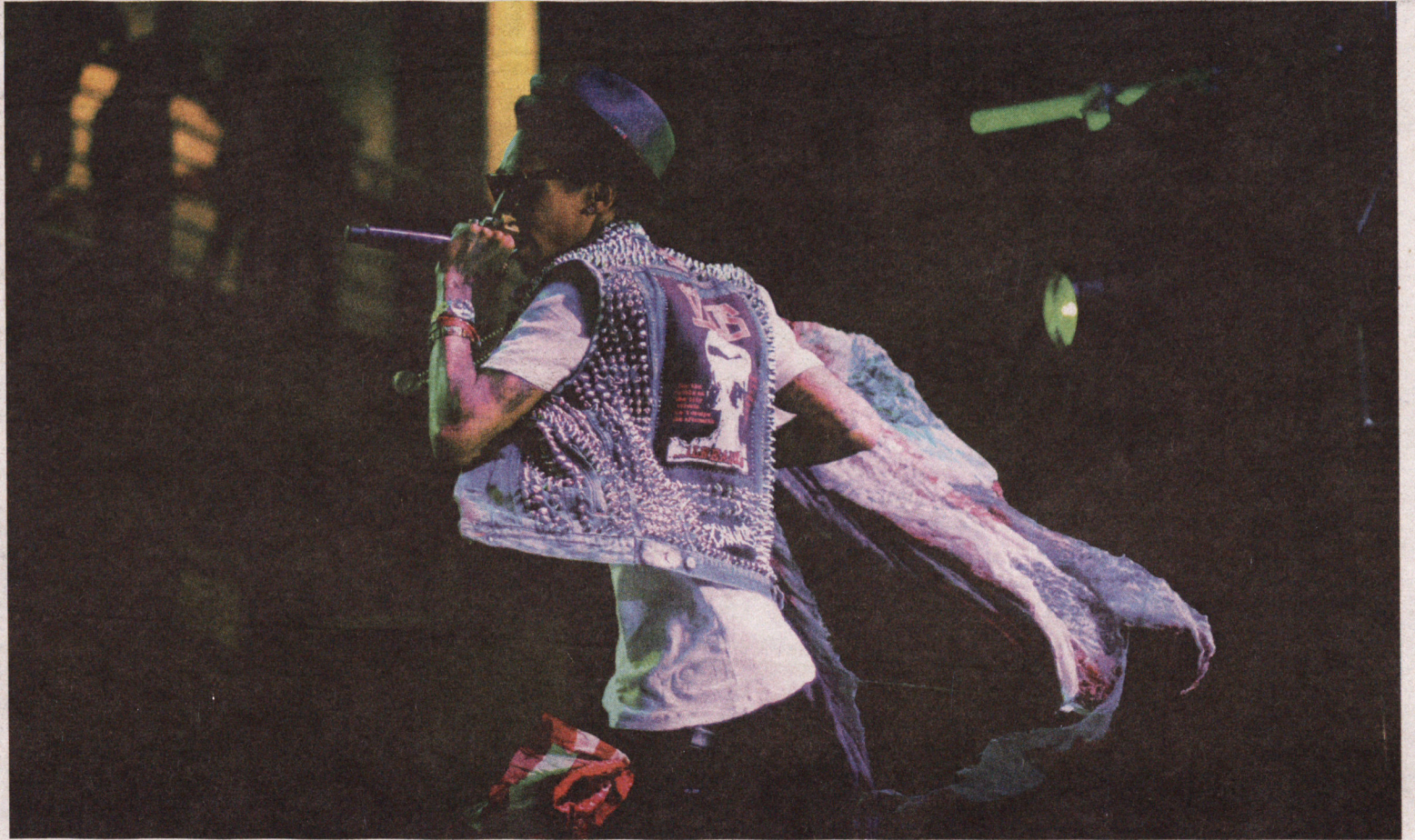
"We want our students to have skills so that when they leave Stony Brook University, they represent the university in a positive light and be a positive change in the community that they are in and be a positive change in the world," Jayne said.

Jayne feels that her most significant achievements in her current position include making the Leadstrong conference more interactive, improving the Commuter Student Services program and creating developments with non-traditional students, or adult learners.

Anthony LaViscount is the director of student activities. A member of the undergraduate class of 2001 and graduate class of 2006, he approaches his position by considering what he liked and what he did not like while he was a student. He wants to help make things happen.

"I want to know what our students want," LaViscount said. "I want to meet with any number of students what are looking for help."

LaViscount sits on the committee that plans the Student Life Awards and helped bring



CHRIS SETTER / USG

**Wiz Khalifa, 2012 end of the year concert performer, was booked as a result of administrative efforts to improve student life.**

the John Lennon tour bus onto campus last year. He also works with USG and the Student Activities Board on any program where students show interest.

LaViscount gets feedback as to what students are interested in by having students sign into a logbook outside his office. His staff also sends out surveys.

Emily Resnick works to enhance campus life by overseeing the Office of Commuter Services as the senior advisor. The Office of Commuter Services creates and hosts programming concentrated on the 6,000 to 6,500 commuter students on SBU's campus.

Resnick has been working with commuter students since she started at SBU in January 2007. She started off working in the office and was eventually promoted to adviser and then again to her current position.

She also works heavily to see that the university meets the needs of non-traditional students. "I think the development of the adult learner populations is something I'm proud of," Resnick said.

Resnick also is proud of the Commuter Assistant program and said that the caliber of students that help commuter students is incredibly impressive.

Kimberly Stokely serves as the assistant director of fraternity and sorority life.

Stokely helps with internal operations having to do with Greek life, including governing structures and implementing leadership programs. She offers guidance to her students and helps them provide educational programs while serving the community. She also helped to organize this year's Homecoming activities and

plans. She is proud of chartering an honor society on campus for students involved in Greek life. She is also proud of "working with fraternities and sororities to establish our five stars standards program," she said. At the end of

each year, fraternities and sororities get a star ranking out of five based on the amount of philanthropic work they do, scholarship and other factors. Stokely was a member of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority at Chapman University in southern California.



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**Students perform at the Seawolves Showcase, an event brought by campus leaders.**

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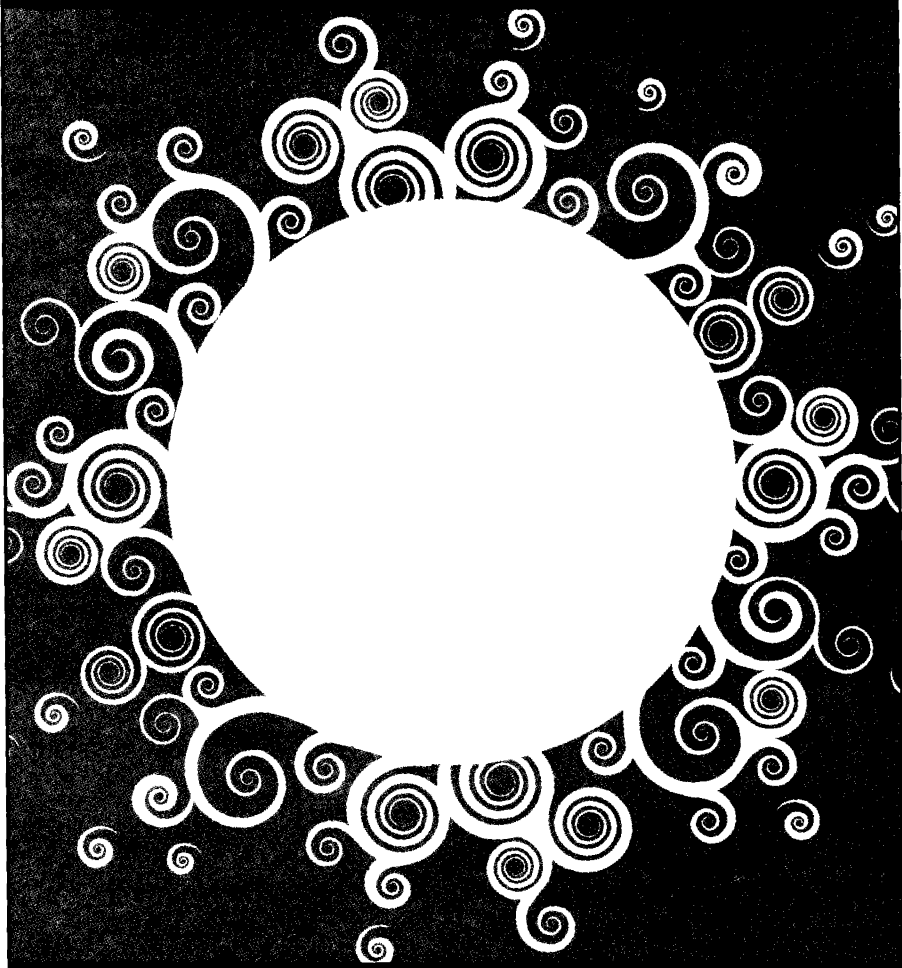
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# Scares worth the wait and price

By Dipti Kumar  
Staff Writer

Haunted houses are a hotbed for goose bumps, scares and a weird sense of claustrophobia, despite not seeing who or what is rubbing up against the victim. For thrill seekers, this is a 'must do' activity, and for slightly reserved students, like me, this comes as a welcome break to a tedious work week.

My visit to the haunted house at Schmitt's Family Farm in Melville, N.Y., was an evening I will not soon forget. The farm—a family business run by the Schmitts—grows pumpkins, corn, apples and vegetables. Every year for the past two generations, the farm gets a makeover of sorts to ring in the spirit of Halloween. The seasonal haunted house tour is a star attraction, bringing in a beeline of excited youngsters, families, grandparents and kids. There is no age limit on fear.

The haunted house trips begin at 7 p.m. and go until midnight. My friends and I arrived at the farm with mixed feelings. It seemed cheesy to one friend, exciting to another and plain absurd to me. The nip in the air sent a cold shiver down our backs as we huddled together to keep warm. We joined the long line of people under the barnyard roof. The setting was typical of what you would expect at a horror set: masked figures making stealthy approaches on unaware guests, shrill sound effects that startle the crowd and a weird looking house. To divert the attention from the cold night was a projector screening "Ghouligans," amateur videos of ghouls, zombies and jokers in what seemed to be a recreation of the classic horror movies.

Ferd Schmitt, the third generation Schmitt, enjoyed growing up on the farm and attending the annual haunted house tours. He says it is the thrill of walking into the unknown that makes

it fun. After a 25 minute wait that included discussing various horror movies and scenes that scared us most, we four ladies were ready to get spooked. The actual trip inside the house has no story line. A slow walk through the many rooms makes you nervously clench your partner's hand. The selling point of the tour is the darkness. With no sight, the sense of touch, smell and hearing is heightened, often times making you imagine the worst horror scenes. After several deafening shrieks, shrill laughs, curse words and taking the Lord's name in vain, we managed to make it out alive.

Schmitt's added attraction is the outdoor haunted corn maze. Schmitt says, "There are not many outdoor attractions on Long Island." A section of the corn plantation has been designed to give thrill seekers an experience of being scared in the dark in the field. The four of us, now more bold and daring, decided to do the haunted corn maze. Honestly, the moonlight partly spoiled the walk, as it faintly illuminated the tall heads of corn and fencing, taking away the feeling of the "unknown." The walk to us recreated the scene from the movie "Signs."

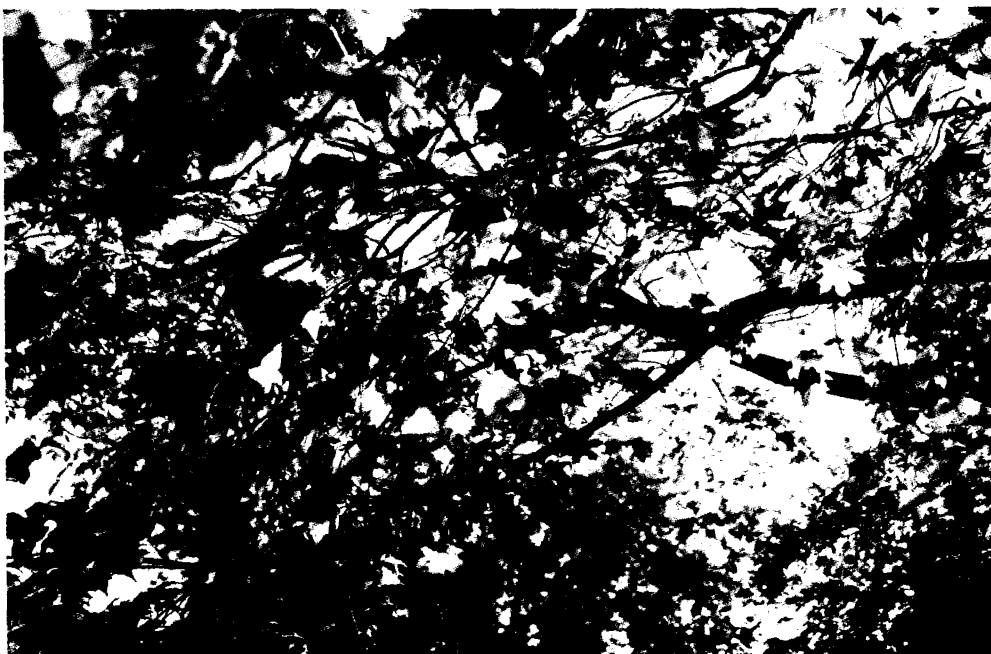
After our exit from the maze, we walked out feeling relieved that our \$23 was worth the wait. With more than 800 ticket purchases on any given day, the haunted house is an attraction that has many lining up to get their share of spooks.

The tours are currently on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7 p.m. to midnight, and will extend all week during Halloween. Schmitt's farm also does children's scary house trips during the day. If you're taking the train, the easiest route is Stony Brook to Huntington and then a bus/cab to Melville.



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**The trees begin to change colors as fall arrives on Stony Brook's campus.**



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**The changing foliage denotes the change to Halloween and the fall season.**



# All Time Low pleases critics and fans with "Don't Panic"

By Ashleigh Sherow  
Staff Writer

4 out of 5

When All Time Low first signed to Hopeless Records in 2006, the band members were still seniors in high school. Over the past six years, a lot has happened in the careers of the Baltimore-based band, including a switch to major label Interscope, through which the band released "Dirty Work" in 2010. All Time Low left Interscope earlier this year to return to Hopeless Records to release its fifth full-length album, "Don't Panic."

Although "Don't Panic" officially dropped on Oct. 9, Hopeless uploaded the CD in its entirety to YouTube a week before the scheduled release date. The album received favorable reviews from Alternative Press, which compared "Don't Panic" to an All Time Low greatest-hits CD because it "touches on every All Time Low elements to date." Also, almost all of the songs on the album have the potential to become singles, a change from some of All Time Low's previous albums, which boasted tracks that were more like filler than actual songs.

After leaving Interscope in May, All Time Low released "The Reckless and the Brave," which could be downloaded for free off of the band's website. The biographical song about the band's humble start received positive feedback

from fans. With the band's return to Hopeless Records also came a return to its roots. "For Baltimore," an ode to the band's hometown, was released over the summer. The two songs went over well with an audience of mostly teenage girls, who cried and sang along when All Time Low visited Looney Toons Records in West Babylon, N.Y., for a short and intimate acoustic performance promoting the new release.

"Somewhere in Neverland," the third single leaked from the album, is a reference to lost-boy Peter Pan. As the majority of All Time Low's fan base graduate high school and college and leave behind their childhood years, they can relate to the song's message of not wanting to grow up. The catchy melodies all too familiar to All Time Low fans are especially present in this song.

While "Dirty Work" was criticized by fans for being overly produced, this album has a much more raw feel, especially in "For Baltimore." "Backseat Serenade," a standout track on the album, boasts strong harmonies. "Outlines," which features Jason Venga, also stands out in that it sounds different from the album's other tracks while retaining a distinctly All Time Low sound. Fans of frontman Alex Gaskarth's writing style in the band's early years will be pleased with songs such as "Thanks to You" and "If These Sheets Were States," which share a similar lyrical style

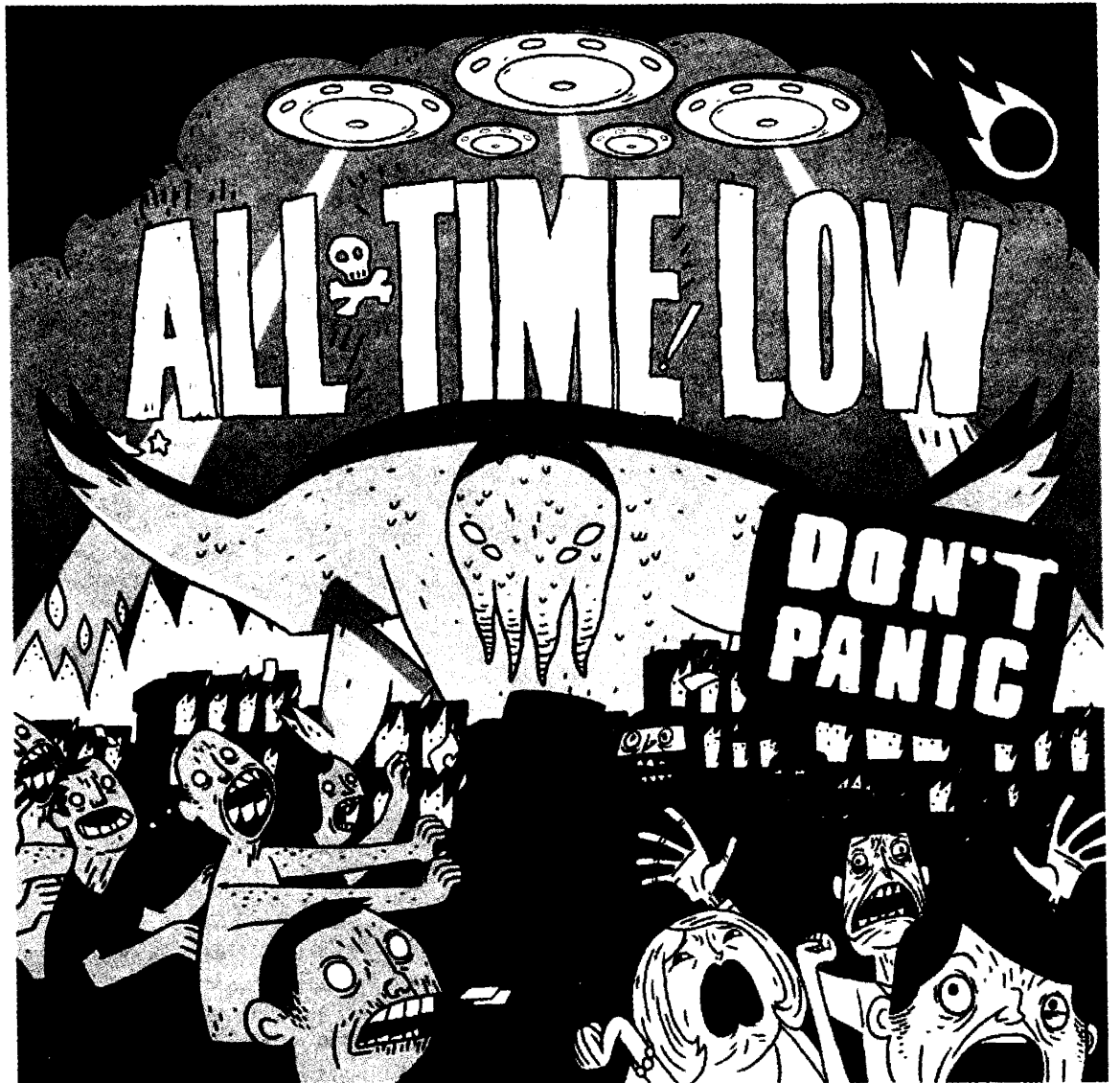


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with fan favorites such as "Jasey Rae."

Without a doubt, All Time Low fans who had become increasingly

disappointed in All Time Low's overly produced, made-for-radio content will be pleased with "Don't Panic." The album demonstrates

growth for the band musically, but it also shows a return to All Time Low's roots as a really solid pop punk band.

# After the Emmy Awards, television ratings still apply

By Nicole Bansen  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

As the season continues to change, there are three things students can expect—colder weather, midterms and great TV. For those who can take a break from studying to watch a few shows, there are some promising candidates.

Monday nights are ruled by reality competition programs. Emmy-nominated programs such as "The Voice"

and "Dancing with the Stars" hold the majority of ratings for that night.

According to tvbythenumbers.com, a website that tallies television ratings, popular sitcoms like "How I Met Your Mother" and "2 Broke Girls" are just not enough to steal the spotlight. With the impressive amount of talent on this season of "The Voice," it looks like this show will be the one to beat on Mondays. Despite the premiere of the CW's "Gossip Girl" and "90210," the

ratings have been way down. The fact that these shows are generally geared towards the teen demographic may be the reason their ratings are lacking.

On Tuesdays, crime shows battle it out with reality programs for ratings, but, ultimately, CBS is the channel to watch. Spend a night watching the good guys take down the bad guys with "NCIS," "NCIS: Los Angeles" and newcomer "Vegas." Though none of these shows were even mentioned at the Emmys, tvbythenumbers.com shows they completely dominate the ratings on Tuesdays.

For those feeling homesick, Wednesday is the night to tune in. This night is all about family, especially on ABC. The big show of the night is "Modern Family." This show continues to prove itself with its spectacular writing and cast. It is no wonder why the show cleaned out the Emmys this year. "Modern Family" has rightfully earned all its hype by consistently satisfying comedic need in each episode. However, "The Neighbors," a new comedy on ABC, features an equally wacky family and the with the ratings shown on tvbythenumbers.com, the series looks to have bright future.

Students looking for a good time on a Thursday night may want to spare some time before rushing off to parties. Thursday nights are packed with comedy. An Emmy favorite, "The Big Bang Theory," starts off the night with stellar ratings.

With programs such as "20/20" and "Dateline," Friday nights are for those who want to learn. It may seem a little anticlimactic for Friday night programming.

Many stations are not really looking



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Phil Keoghan at the 64th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards.

to pull people in, but for those who may fall sick and want to pass some time, CBS may be the station you want to watch. "Blue Bloods" and "Made in Jersey" bring in most of the ratings on Friday.

According to tvbythenumbers.com, sports programming mainly dominates the weekends, but, later in the evenings, "60 Minutes" and the Emmy award winning show "The Amazing Race"

bring in major ratings of their own.

This fall lineup has not been disappointing thus far. And with autumn come holidays such as Halloween and Thanksgiving which bring in the standard themed TV specials. Even though some channels have been struggling more than others there is typically always something Emmy-worthy to watch on prime-time television.



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Julie Bowen won an Emmy for her role on "Modern Family".

# The Craft Center offers free, beneficial and paid classes

By Sarah Elsesser  
Contributing Writer

The Craft Center, located in the basement of the Student Union, has been the central location for all art related activities on Stony Brook University's campus for the past 40 years. According to Janice Costanzo, the craft center coordinator, the Craft Center is staffed with 19 members. This crew hosts hundreds of students every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for specialty crafts.

"I think that the Craft Center is a nice place that anyone of any artistic talent whatsoever can go to and learn, find different ideas and explore their talents," said Melanie Wilson, sociology major and intern for the craft center. "I think it is just a fun place in general."

Some of the selective crafts that the center offers are tie-dye, housewarming decorations for dorm rooms, Zen gardens and fossils out of clay.

"We have a very collective group of students that are primarily involved with the event planning," Christina Petitti, a psychology graduate student, said. "It really is like a community, and each of them brings in their own personal skills."

One skill that Costanzo and Petitti both highlighted is the work of Marketa Forstova. Forstova started Fashion Studio, a fashion-based craft class that is held four times a semester on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Since these crafts are more involved and costly, it is on a first come first serve basis. The crafts that they will be doing

are jewelry making, watermark T-shirts and henna.

"All of these students, while being artists, have all of these different inspirations and we bring them all together to make our crafts," Costanzo said. "We have just such a wonderful staff."

According to Costanzo, the Craft Center is a nonprofit organization and turns towards using recycled and sustainable materials that are donated for a lot of its activities. People are constantly donating objects, and recently, there has been a large influx of old records and CDs.

"First of all, we are not for profit. We have to support our programs, our student salaries and our equipment, so we do have to fundraise money," Costanzo said.

For this reason, the center offers students, staff and community members the opportunity to register for ceramic, defensive driving and bartending classes. Their website states membership fees for the craft classes range from \$85 for Stony Brook students and \$115 for the general public.

"We have so many different people that come in here", Petitti said. "I feel that people would expect that it would be just art students, but we get people of all different age groups, all different walks of life and all different interest. We have a lot of faculty who come in as well."

Besides the arts and crafts, the center also involves itself with organizations like Recyclemania, the Student Activities Gallery, Late Night in the Gallery and Stony



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**The Craft Center offers a litany of activities that includes pottery and jewelry making.**

Brook Secrets.

Stony Brook Secrets, a large campus project, is going to be one of the showcases in the spring of 2013. The exhibit will be filled with small, decorated index cards containing secrets of students and staff from campus. Boxes for secret submissions can already be found across campus.

"Art is often a way for people to express themselves in ways words often can't," Petitti said. "It's all about finding another outlet, finding another part of yourself and finding something you can make and be proud of."



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**A student checks into one of the Craft Center's events.**

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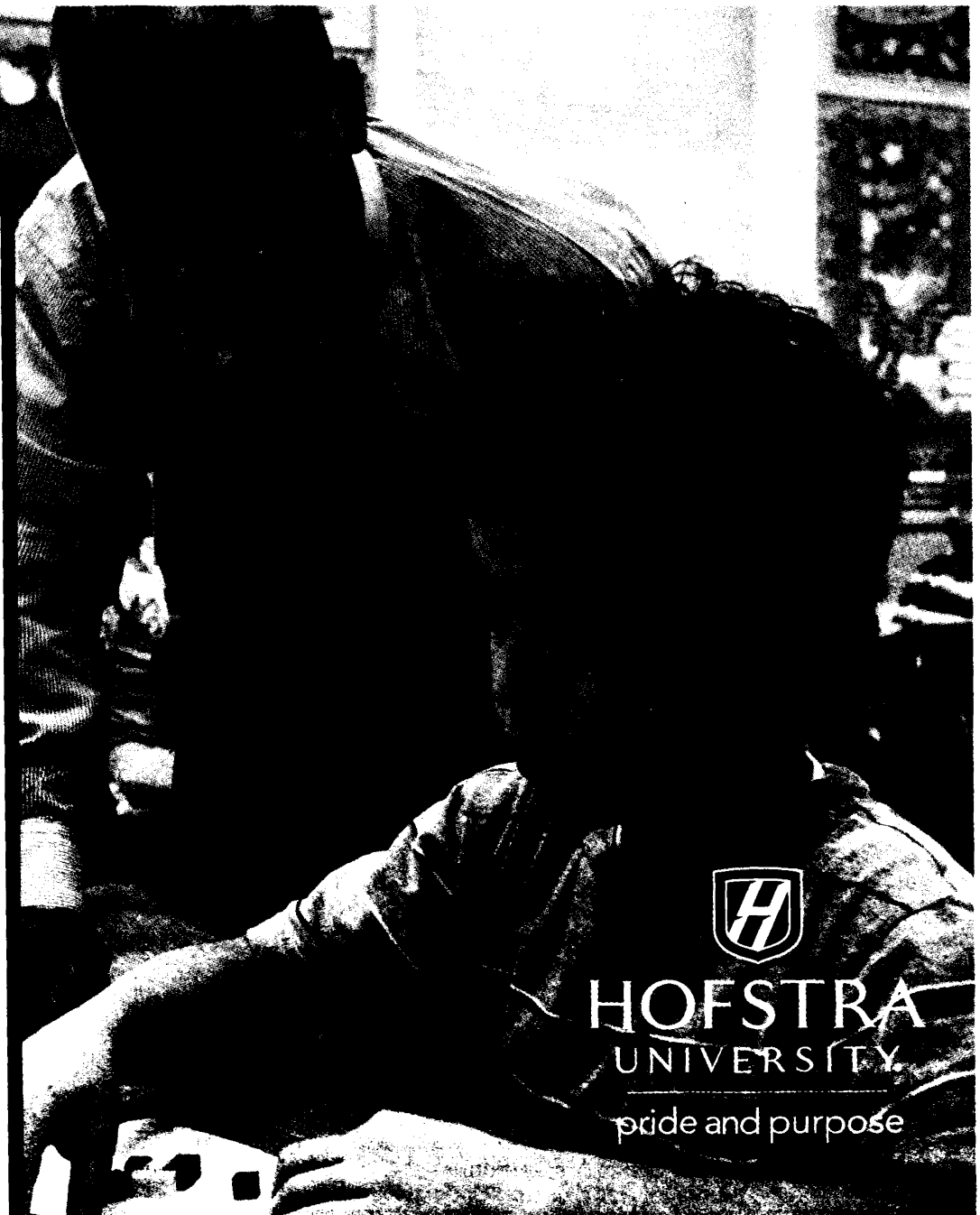
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## In remembrance



BERSZAKIEWICZ FAMILY

By Dr. Peter Gregory Angelo  
*Director of Adapted Aquatics*

It must be every university professor's nightmare to find out that one of his or her students has died unexpectedly. The nightmare is certainly worsened when the death of that student is sudden and violent, as it is in a fatal car accident. I was awakened early Sunday morning, Sept. 30 by the constant ringing of my phone. It was very early, and the ringing phone was somewhat ominous. The first thing I noted was a text message that sent me reeling. Carolina Berszakiewicz, a student and teaching assistant of mine, had been killed in a car accident on Saturday. There was a second text from my assistant, Dr. Stan Kozin, asking me to call him immediately upon receiving his text message. At first, I just started blinking my eyes, hoping to wake up from what to me seemed a terrifyingly absurd nightmare. Then, reality began to set in, and I called my assistant Christina Ozelis, who had sent me the first text message. My worst fears were confirmed, and I felt that indescribable excruciating pain that one feels in the pit of the stomach when news such as this begins to settle into the human mind. Over the years, I have had about five students of mine die untimely deaths, but this one I would soon find would be the one that would hit me the hardest.

Carolina was one of my intellectually brightest students in the Adapted Aquatics and Emergency Response program. I had seen her on the previous Tuesday, when she spent about six hours with me as a teaching assistant for my section of HSQ 270: Emergency Response. We had

our usual pre-class meeting, which included about 14 teaching assistants, followed by a three-hour class, and ending with a post-class meeting to discuss the teaching strategy for the next Tuesday's class. We all parted company at about 10:30 p.m., and as is the custom among my teaching assistants, the young men would walk the women back to their dorms because of the lateness of the hour. That would be the very last time I would see Carolina.

She had chosen women's studies as her major, attached to a pre-med curriculum. She also enrolled in the 23-credit adapted aquatics academic minor, and over a period of three and a half years, she had been enrolled in ten of the courses that I personally teach and was also one of about 20 hand-picked students that served as my teaching assistants in various aspects of my program. It is extremely rare, at any university, for a student such as Carolina to have the same professor in so many courses throughout her undergraduate studies. Adapted aquatics, however, is quite unique as an academic department on this campus insofar as I generally teach every course within the adapted aquatics and emergency response curriculum, with the current exception of HSQ 121 and 223. The number of students enrolled in our HSQ courses in any given academic year is about 1,000, and that is why I rely so heavily upon the select group of superb teaching assistants that I have. As a result of the tremendous amount of interaction I have with the teaching assistants, I get to know them extremely well. We all meet together for at least an hour prior to any class they assist with, and again for an hour afterward. If any of them

happen to have conflicts with other university classes they are enrolled in, I generally arrange one-on-one meetings to cover the material with them. Since some of our clinical classes take place in the afternoon hours or after 6 p.m., we often all eat our lunch or dinner together in my office conference room as we plan out every aspect of the class we are either about to teach or have just completed teaching. The teaching assistants and many of the students refer to my office as their home away from home. And Carolina was no exception. The breaking of bread together brought this group very close together, and now, having met Carolina's family, I realize how much those intimate times with her fellow students meant to her.

One thing I especially loved about Carolina was her incredibly beautiful handwriting and printing. The running joke among my teaching assistants for the past three and a half years revolved around the fact that only Carolina was allowed to enter student names in my roll book, or on testing sheets for the evaluation of 'practical skills' in any of my classes. (Yes, I still use a roll book because electronic record keeping can be very problematic in a damp pool area, for example.) Normally, I personally entered all the names in my roll book because of my Catholic school training in penmanship. But when Carolina first became a teaching assistant, I saw that she had the closest handwriting to mine. It was at Carolina's wake that her mother told me that she was the great influence on her daughter's beautiful handwriting.

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For anyone reading this who is not completely familiar with the adapted aquatics minor, or any of the classes my department teaches, it is important that you realize that our program includes very aggressive physical skills, a great deal of hydrodynamics of aquatic skills, very complex advanced emergency response skills, aqua-therapy skills for utilizing water in the rehabilitation of severely physically and/or multiply disabled infants, children and adults, and finally, methodologies of teaching aquatic skills to both 'normal' people, and those people with severe disabilities. On top of all of that, our students must be exceptionally athletic due to the physical demands of my program. But the most unique aspect of our program is that each time a student moves from one course to the next, he or she has the opportunity to get to know yet another 35 or so students they may had not yet met, and at the same time be re-united with teaching assistants they had in other courses.

Oddly enough, although there are about 1,000 students in the entire program, all of the students eventually get to know each other very well during the four years of undergraduate study. Everyone in adapted aquatics courses knew Carolina Berszakiewicz because she was a teaching assistant in nearly all of my classes. And that is why literally hundreds of students were either at Carolina's wake, funeral, burial, or all three. On top of that, Carolina had made so many friends in all of her other courses at Stony Brook, not to mention the friends she made in the dorms over a period of seven semesters.

The large showing of Adapted Aquatics students at the wake and funeral has a lot to do with the structure of the program itself. When a Stony Brook student first enrolls in our program, we begin with working on his or her swimming and related aquatic ability in HSQ 121. Next, we train the student to be certified as a lifeguard in a two-semester sequence of courses HSQ 221, 222, concurrent with HSQ 270: Emergency Response, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Personal Safety. From there, the student learns how to teach aquatic skills in HSQ 223: Water Safety Instructor. Once all of that is completed, a student is ready to begin training in the five-course adapted aquatics clinical training HSQ 325, 326, 329 (x3), where the student begins working in the water with patients with disabilities. Our veteran students and teaching assistants, such as Carolina, assist me in presenting the material to the new-comers in the clinical courses. Concurrent with the clinical courses, a student will also take HSQ 271 and 272 in order to train others in CPR and Advanced First-Aid. I had certified Carolina as an Instructor in both of those areas early on in her Stony Brook education.

Needless to say, the teaching assistants have their hands full. Not only is the whole adapted aquatics experience so demanding, but the majority of our students are enrolled in some of the most difficult majors on this campus: biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, biomedical engineering, molecular biology, nursing, HSC, applied math, etc. Additionally, most of our students are taking pre-health Care tracks in order to eventually go into fields such as medicine, dentistry, PT, OT, PA,



BERSZAKIEWICZ FAMILY

**Carolina often went to Poland to spend time with her family and volunteer her time at a hospital**

RT, etc. In Carolina's case, she was studying for an eventual career in medicine, following in the footsteps of her father's sister and her husband, who are both physicians at a major trauma hospital in Poland, and their children, Carolina's first cousins, who are also physicians.

In our lifeguard training program, Carolina proved herself to be one of the strongest members of her class. She was able to drag, carry and rescue guys who were as big as 6' 5" and 260-270 pounds of pure muscle. She could swim a mile (72 times the length of the pool) doing the crawl stroke in less than 40 minutes. She could pick up an 'unconscious' victim of about 250 lbs. at the deep end of the pool and carry him to the shallow end of the pool, where she could extricate him from the water

**“The smile on Carolina's face told it all”**

Dr. Peter Gregory Angelo

on a backboard if she suspected a neck or spinal injury. After the funeral, I had the privilege of being invited to join her family members at a luncheon. I was the only one in the room who did not speak Polish. I was told that Carolina's mother and father had come to the United States from Poland before Carolina was born. She was to be their only child. Her uncle, the physician from Poland, spoke very good English,

and during lunch, he filled me in on things that even I had not yet heard about Carolina. She went to Poland often during the summers, visiting with her aunt, uncle and cousins, and volunteering her time at the hospital. This past summer, as usual, she assisted in medical procedures at the hospital. Following the funeral, her uncle sent me some photos of Carolina at work at the hospital, and one of them showed her in her blue scrubs, cradling an obviously newborn child in her arms. The smile on Carolina's face told it all! In adapted aquatics, I was keenly aware of her sense of maturity, and her ability to seriously focus her attention on essential and intricate tasks. I knew in my heart that she would indeed make a fine physician someday. Her uncle confirmed my impressions when he told me of her extraordinarily professional performance at his hospital. That made considerable sense to me because in all of her classes in the adapted aquatics program, she received the grade of A, not just from me, but from the other professors as well.

Her uncle also mentioned that from the time she was a child and into her college years, whenever Carolina visited Poland, she would swim with her uncle at a local pool where they would race each other. He said that he would generally beat her in those races—except when she began taking courses in the adapted aquatics minor. He confided to me that suddenly she became an amazingly fast and efficient swimmer! He questioned her regarding this rather unexpected improvement, and she credited my program at Stony Brook for transforming her from a mediocre swimmer to a truly good swimmer. Her uncle was less modest than she when he said to me that she looked like an Olympic swimmer! He was amazed at how well she was now swimming, and he said that this past summer he couldn't beat her in a race no matter how hard he tried! When I told him the size of the men we had

her drag through the water in the lifeguard program, he had an impish grin on his face as he realized the full import of the effort she had put into her swimming and lifesaving skills.

I told him too, of other qualities I noticed in Carolina. She helped me organize the confidential medical records of our patients with professionalism and total discretion. She handled money for me, in the form of donations and contributions, with unquestionable trust and honesty. And quite ironically, she handled the money we collected from selling juice, fruit, bottled water and energy bars at our little adapted aquatics concession stand, designed to build up our 'sunshine fund.' It was that fund that helped to pay for the beautiful flowers adapted aquatics would send to her wake. I also told her uncle how wonderfully compassionate I found Carolina to be, as evidenced in her work in adapted aquatics, particularly with children with very severe physical disabilities. She went about her assignments with what appeared to be a great joy, coupled with energetic enthusiasm. She was like the beautiful fairy-tale princess to the children, whom I suspect thought that she could wave her magic wand and cure them in an instant. And when I observed her working with disabled children in the water, she was indeed transforming their lives. The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said that when God gives us life, the very last gift that He bestows is beauty, because it is the gift that is least used for God's greater honor and glory! Carolina was the exception! She was exquisitely beautiful on both the inside and the outside, and when she put her heart and soul into working with our patients with disabilities, she appeared angelic in her beauty. When she entered a room, the smile on that exquisite face made me feel closer to heaven. Knowing that, what makes my heart ache most is that, in this lifetime at least, I will not have the privilege of seeing that beautiful face in person again.

Carolina had a way of transforming things around her. At her wake, the room was filled with at least 60 floral arrangements, nearly all of which were white, as was the arrangement we sent from adapted aquatics. I have been to many wakes in my lifetime and the flowers sometimes seem never to be color-coordinated, but the sight of so many white flowers at Carolina's wake seemed odd, but yet singularly appropriate. The whiteness reflected the purity of her soul! When I spoke to the funeral director, he told me that in about 20 years of arranging funerals, he had never seen so many flowers! In deference to all those people who sent those beautiful arrangements, the funeral parlor acquired a "flower car" to precede the hearse during the funeral, so that every single flower found its way to the church and cemetery.

In the funeral parlor, I watched the Stony Brook students approach Carolina's all-white casket, covered in a magnificent white blanket of fragrant lilies and roses, and I saw the depth of their grief and sorrow. There was a kneeler in front of the casket, and behind the casket was a large bronze crucifix. I watched students of every nationality and faith, kneel before that crucifix, offering their prayers for the repose of her soul. But one sight was the most poignant. A fellow teaching assistant of Carolina's, who is of the Muslim faith, and who had grown to be good friends with Carolina, approached the casket with a group of Stony Brook students. Three of them knelt on the kneeler, but for the rest of them, there wasn't enough room. So, this handsome Muslim boy simply dropped to his knees, with his head serenely bowed with the face of Christ crucified just above him. I was immediately aware of the sublime nature and power of love. If this young man had made that gesture in the country of his origin, he would have been beheaded on the

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# A job forgotten: the under appreciated role of journalists

By Emma Hart  
Contributing Writer

People take what they read in the newspaper for granted. Although watchdog journalism has become a thankless task—and an often criticized one—it is nonetheless a necessity that we believe we are entitled to. Americans have a first amendment right to knowledge and the press has the freedom to give it to them. But what often goes unnoticed is the severe danger these veterans of the news put themselves in. Whether they are reporting from a city riddled with landmines and suicide bombers or investigating the insidious activities of a corrupt businessman, journalists often risk a lot in the pursuit of the truth.

Soldiers are honored for the sheer bravery they show when they enter war-torn countries on behalf of their country. Alongside them are the journos armed with their high-powered lenses and palm-sized notepads, but there's no medal of honor for decent writing. While these soldiers are battling on behalf of what some may deem justice, journalists are battling on behalf of the truth and attempting to illustrate to audiences what they cannot see first hand.

The Newseum in Washington, D.C. has a wall of photographs devoted to journalists who have perished in the line of duty. This year alone, 46 journalists have died while on the job. Perhaps the most well known instance of this was the death of Marie Colvin of "The Sunday Times," who was killed when reporting from Syria.

I have often heard people question and denounce the role that journalists play in dangerous areas of the world, saying that reporters should have the sense to avoid working under such conditions. But how else would we know what is happening in the world, particularly in places such as Syria? These totalitarian governments enforce such strict censorship on their press that news often cannot even make it online, let alone to our shores.

With the technology we have at our fingertips today, we expect up to the minute coverage; it's no longer a novelty. Knowledge is power, and we live in one of the most powerful countries in the world. We don't necessarily think about where this knowledge is coming from, or what news gatherers went through to get it. News is unconsciously consumed in today's society; it's coming over the radio in the car and it's a conversation starter in the office.

We really do learn something every day.

Journalists have become so much more than liberators of the news; they are promoters of awareness. Watchdog journalism is a responsibility and a dedication to exposing injustices or, quite simply, reality.

Think Watergate, think undercover reporting of organized crime—you can even switch on the news right now and watch as a reporter crouches behind a sandbag as shots are fired above them. As much as we'd like to condemn the integrity of reporters, they have given us a lot of insight.

Trust has become an oxymoron when used in the same sentence as "reporter" or "journalist," but we don't have any other choice but to put our trust in these people who are risking their lives to tell us how it is. It's not like you or I would prefer to be in their position. We see the world vicariously through reporters so perhaps it's time to cut journalists some slack and thank them for this thankless task.

*Marie Colvin was killed on February 12, 2012. She was covering the siege of Homs, Syria. She wore a signature patch over her eye after it was damaged while reporting on the Sri Lankan Civil War.*



Journalist Marie Colvin

The Sunday Times of London

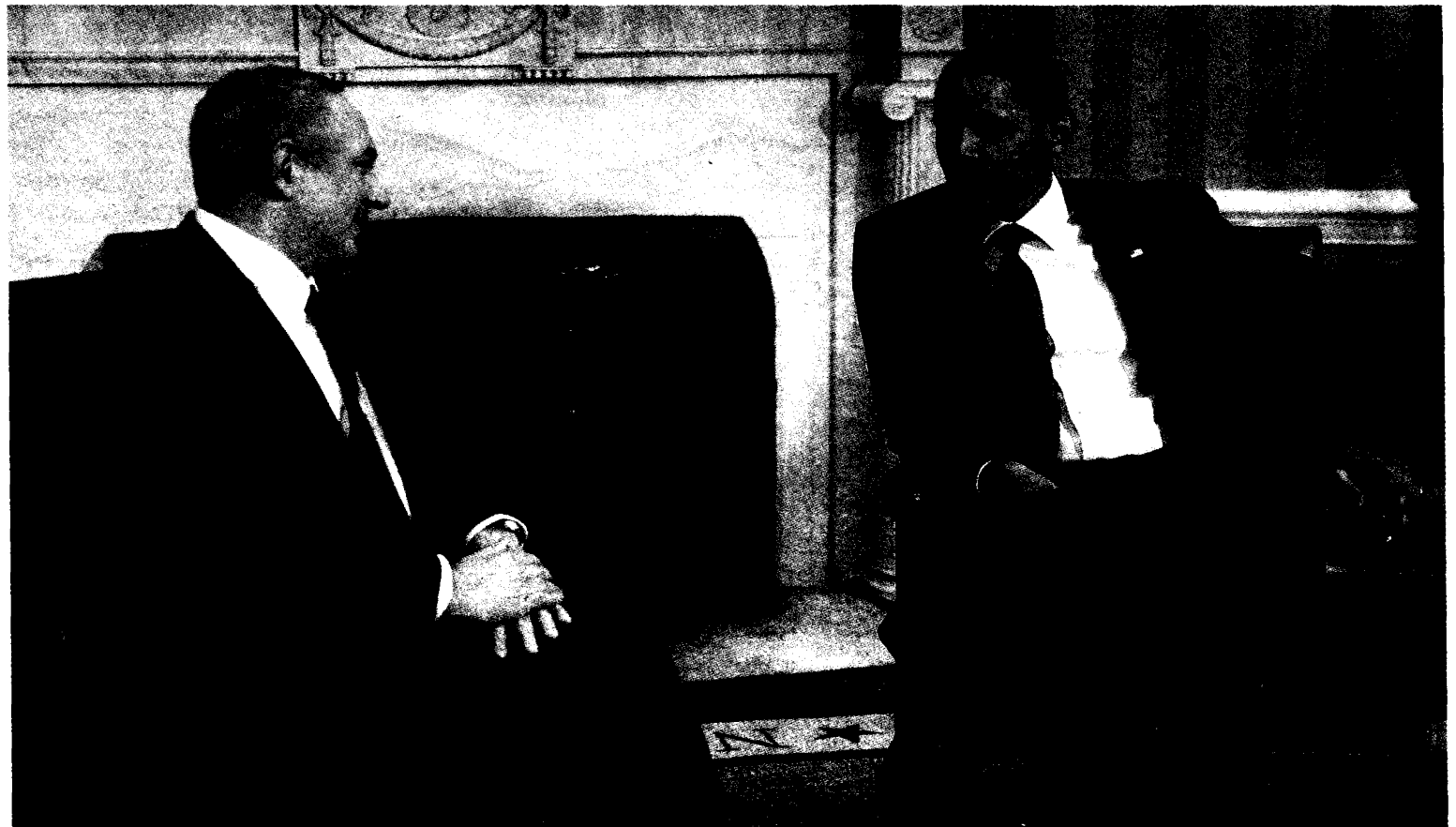
## Does foreign policy really play a huge role in politics today?

By Emma Hart  
Contributing Writer

Seventy years may seem like a long time. It's about the same time as an average human lifespan and it's a whole half-century longer than the majority of us undergrads have lived. But when we think about some of the horrors the world has seen in the past 70 years, such as the Holocaust, it's hard to believe we could have let something like that happen under our noses in the 20th century. Then we turn our attention to Syria, a more recent horror that the world has borne witness to. Many question why the US is not sending troops in and standing by as innocent civilians die. The simple answer is because foreign policy does not allow it. That's not to say that the US is simply standing by; it is an active participant in finding a solution to end the Assad regime. This just does not include shipping our troops over with, once again, no end in sight.

With the anxiety and fear that we gained from having our soldiers in the perilous turmoil of Iraq fresh in our minds, foreign policy offers a peace of mind.

It is the foundation upon which countries interact with each other and decides whether or not they will ask each other around for coffee. Although, when it all boils down, foreign policy becomes more of a self-interest policy and a way by which a country can accomplish its goals. So when a country wants another country to come over for coffee, it's usually to ask for a favor.



U.S. President Barack Obama, right, meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

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In my native country, Australia, we are isolated and alone in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with New Zealand as literally our closest ally. We needed to make friends pretty quickly if we wanted to remain in one piece. Australia has a particularly strong alliance with the US, basically because we'd want you guys to have our back in a fight.

One of our past Prime Ministers was heavily criticized during the early 2000's for being George Bush's lap dog (a brownnoser). When President

Bush declared the War on Terrorism, Aussie troops were already on standby with their bags packed. Despite the uproar that this created, that Prime Minister did us a big favor by forging a bond with the US in a "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours" sense. Because of that, Australia is set for life if—heavens forbid—New Zealand changes its mind and tries to take over.

Recently, during the vice-presidential debate, Republican candidate Paul Ryan made comments

suggesting that his and Mitt Romney's foreign policy would include troops remaining in Afghanistan past the 2014 withdrawal deadline. He also alluded to soldiers being sent to Syria despite the current foreign policy opposing this. From an outsider's perspective, the US has spent so long debating whether or not to withdraw troops and when that date should be. This war has been raging for 11 years; perhaps it's time for a rest. For the US citizens strongly opposed to war, it is important that Ryan has made these

statements on foreign policy because it will certainly determine the outcome of the supposed 2014 withdrawal if Republicans are voted in.

Foreign policy ultimately affects all citizens and in the upcoming election it is important to make the right decision, especially for those who have a loved one deployed in such dangerous parts of the world. While war may be the means to an end in foreign policy's self-interest serving function, the most important question is, does the means outweigh

# In remembrance of Carolina Berszakiewicz, pre-med student

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spot. Yet, here he was, at the wake of his friend, grief-stricken and hurting. I saw him the following day, in the beautiful Polish-American Roman Catholic church that was filled to capacity, attending and participating in her funeral mass. He educated me immensely those two days. I thanked God for the freedom we experience in this country, and I realized the true route to overcoming the problems the world faces today lies within the human heart.

I have been teaching here at Stony Brook for 48 years...nearly half a century! If someone were to offer me a job at Harvard, Princeton, Notre Dame, Columbia, or any other school, I would refuse. It has been the greatest privilege of my life to have spent the past forty-eight years of my life here at Stony Brook. The students here are, hands-down, the best. I was so proud of the way they handled themselves at this wake and funeral. They came by the hundreds, each dressed appropriately and elegantly in black. Their eyes were red and swollen with tears as they offered their sincerest and heartfelt sympathy to Carolina's mother, father, grandmother and family. I overheard some of their words, and I was humbled by their sincerity and gestures. And, as Dean of Students Jerrold Stein and Assistant Dean Ellen Driscoll reminded me at the wake, for many of these heartbroken young Stony Brook students, this

was the first wake or funeral they had ever attended. And this wake was rather extraordinary. The parents arrived at the funeral parlor at noon on Friday and asked that the public not arrive until 4 p.m., allowing themselves some time to mourn their only child in solitude. When people began arriving, it was obvious that the element of shock revolving around this untimely death left everyone speechless. I have been to many wakes and funerals in my lifetime, but the utter silence at both this wake and funeral was surrealistic. One could literally hear a pin drop in the funeral parlor except for the barely audible but unrelenting sound of sobbing, and the Stony Brook students were incredibly respectful of the silence. There was no break for dinner during this wake, as is customary with most wakes. The crowds kept coming between 4 p.m. and nearly 10 p.m. Many of the Stony Brook students remained for the entire time, and would return the following day for the funeral. Quite extraordinarily, it was like a summer's day on that Friday, and it was also an unusually warm night. I believe the temperature outside was still 80 degrees by 10 p.m. But what was most admirable about our Stony Brook students is the fact that if they walked outside of the packed funeral parlor, just for a breath of air, they remained totally silent. If they did speak, it was in total whispers. Neither did they at any time remove their black ties or jackets. They remained completely and totally dignified. No one drifted away to so

much as have a bite to eat. Their grief was too great for that.

On the day of the funeral, they arrived by the hundreds and somberly entered the church as a lone bell tolled to signal the final journey of their fellow student and friend. The pipe organ intoned the beginning of the liturgy, and they sorrowfully followed Carolina's casket, filling the pews as the scent of incense rose to the vaulted ceiling. They were transfixed during the funeral mass, and although the entire mass was in Polish, they somehow understood everything being said. With heads bowed in grief, they listened to a final Polish hymn as six handsome young men carried Carolina's white casket on their shoulders for her final earthly journey. At the cemetery, my most vivid observation was that of a handsome young Polish-American Stony Brook graduate, also from adapted aquatics, who had been dating and was in love with Carolina. He was the last of so many who placed a final white rose on her casket before it was lowered into the earth. But what he had done that morning was to purchase an arrangement of white lily-of-the-valley, usually found in bridal bouquets, as the very last gift he would give to the beautiful girl he loved and hoped someday would be his bride.

Of Carolina's family, I can only say that they are wonderful, beautiful, faith-filled people. At no time did they appear angry at the person who caused the senseless accident that took her life. They appeared to me

to truly live their Catholic faith. It was sublimely evident that they loved Carolina, and she loved them. One of Carolina's Stony Brook roommates who was at the wake told me that each and every day, Carolina would speak to both of her parents in their native language, Polish. Her uncle told me that he wondered if Carolina's parents

a child! The grief I saw last weekend will linger with me for the rest of my life. When Carolina's mother embraced me as I went up to her at the wake, she said softly into my ear, "Why...why my beautiful Carolina? Why?" My heart broke for her and her family. No one has answers as to why such terrible things happen. And we must resist the temptation to blame God for all the terrible things in the world. We humans were given the gift of free will, and we can set things in motion that are the result of our own actions, whether those actions are good or bad. Furthermore, we do not see the full purpose within God's design. At the wake, in response to her question, "Why?", I took her hand and placed into her palm a gift: a gold rosary. I pointed to the center medal on the rosary where there was an image of Michelangelo's Vatican Pieta. It depicts a mother holding in her arms the body of her dead child—the Virgin Mary holding the body of Christ crucified.

If there is an answer to the question of why terrible things happen, it is in that image. That Mother did not deserve to see her child die, and neither did Carolina's. But the great beauty of the Christian faith is its belief that God became flesh, lived among us, and in a sublime gesture of unfathomable love, died nailed to a cross to give us life. Therefore, we can never say that God doesn't understand or empathize with the human condition.

Rest in peace, Sweet Carolina. May the angels lead you into Paradise! We

**"We were all privileged to know you!"**

Dr. Peter Gregory Angelo

would be willing to continue living in the U.S. after Carolina's death. But, he said, that when he saw the tremendous outpouring of support, not only from the Polish-American community they lived in, but from all the other people he saw and met at the funeral, he was sure that if they remained here they would have the emotional and spiritual support they needed to go on.

No parent should ever have to bury

## Americanism: my unexpected culture shock

By **Ashleigh Morrison**  
*Contributing Writer*

When preparing to come to the United States for a university exchange, I never once considered the fact that I could suffer from culture shock. Australia and America are both English speaking, multi-cultural, western countries, with similar cultures and foods. So they are basically the same, aren't they? Yes, English is the native language for both, the population of both is culturally diverse, they are western countries and they do have similar foods and cultural practices; however, they are not as alike as I had first assumed.

I have traveled to America a few times with my family and have visited all of the typical tourist hot spots: Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, the Grand Canyon and New York City, to name a few. With all of this traveling under my belt, I had thought that living here for four months would be a piece of cake for me. "I have spent enough time traveling around America to be able to easily adjust to actually living there," I thought.

It wasn't until I had arrived and started university that the culture shock really started to hit me. Everyone always talks about how 'Americanized' Australia is. Our media is full of American politics and celebrities, our televisions are constantly playing American television shows, our cinemas are full of American films and

our grocery store shelves and shopping center food courts are filled with American foods. We are constantly bombarded with products and information that originate in the United States. But once I had settled into college life, I realized that no matter how 'Americanized' people say that Australia is, it really isn't—not in the scheme of things. Obviously, both countries are still quite similar; however there have been many small differences that I have noticed, which have become more noticeable the longer that I am here.

One of the major differences that I have noticed, between Australia and the United States, is the language. So, the majority of both countries speak a fair bit of English but since being here, I have had to translate many of my English words to other more comprehensible English words so that Americans can understand what I am saying. An example of this would be when I am speaking about my favorite fast food restaurant, "Maccas". Of course no one really knows what that is here. I then spend the next five minutes explaining that in Australia, we shorten a lot of words and that I am referring to McDonald's.

Some other translations that I have had to regularly make include:

Sunglasses = sunnies  
Breakfast = breaky  
Afternoon = arvo

Biscuits = bikkies  
Mosquito = mozzie

In Australia, we sit on the 'normal' side of the car and drive on the 'normal' side of the road. Well, normal for us. So, in Australia, we sit on the right side of the car but drive on the left side of the road. It is completely back to front here, which makes driving, walking up and down the stairs and along footpaths, as well as crossing the street, quite hard to get used to.

Personally, I haven't driven since I've been here, which I am incredibly thankful for because crossing the street has been difficult enough. Walking along footpaths has proven frustrating, as I am diligent about walking on the correct side. While being here, there have been many occasions where I have made the mistake of walking on the left, when I should be walking on the right. I now feel sorry for the people who walk on the wrong side, back at home, and have had to suffer my wrath and obvious frustration.

Speaking of frustration. My most used application on my iPhone has gone from being Facebook to my conversion application because I am still trying to work out how to convert fahrenheit to celsius and pounds to kilograms. With the quick change in the temperature, I have had to refer to my conversion application in order to dress appropriately for the weather. Also, with the



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### Koala Bears are unique to Australia

large amounts of food that I have been consuming, I have also been required to regularly open the application to make sure that I am not going crazy and overindulging myself with delicious American food.

In the process of typing this article, I had to go back and correct my spelling of words, which I had spelled the Australian (or British) way. The swapping of an 's' to a 'z' in words such as analyze and prioritize is something that I am slowly getting used to. Even my computer is telling me that I am spelling those words wrong when I spell them the American way! This wouldn't normally be a problem for me, but seeing as I am

not only living but also studying in America for four months, it means that I constantly have to change my words to the United States' spelling so that I don't get penalized for misspelling things.

Let this pose as a warning to many of you. If you see someone walking on the wrong side of the footpath, wearing sunnies, eating breaky and giving the Aussie salute to mozzies, don't get frustrated with them or make them feel silly, as it is most likely it will be a new Australian exchange student who is about to experience the same unexpected culture shock that I did. They will quickly adapt to doing things the American way.



# Senior Reyes has been a dominant force on defense

By Jaclyn Lattanza  
Staff Writer

Senior information systems major Dominick Reyes started playing football when he was eight years old, but it wasn't until his sophomore year of high school that the thought of playing in college came to him.

Now he is a fifth-year defensive back wearing number 24 for Stony Brook, and he is determined to win a national championship for both himself and his teammates.

"I was better than everybody by a lot," Reyes said. "In high school I found a love for the game that made me want to keep playing, playing until the game doesn't want me anymore."

Now at Stony Brook, Reyes's goal of the season is "don't lose; win every game. That is always the first goal."

"It's been a really amazing journey," Reyes said of his football experience at Stony Brook. "It has made me essentially the man I am today."

Being a part of the team has taught him how to work hard, push through adversity and to persevere. "Five years ago we were not average; now we're one of the best teams in the country," Reyes said.

He then went on to explain that sometimes when a team is consistently losing, its players "lose faith in the program" and want to

"jump ship."

Stony Brook, however, was not one of those teams.

"You have to stay tough, trust the people around you and work together," Reyes said. "We've come a long way as a program."

Besides getting a degree from Stony Brook, Reyes said that one of his greatest accomplishments is "being a three-time champion, you can't really beat that."

With a record of 6-1, the defending Big South Champions are having a great season, but they do not use their success as an excuse to rest on their laurels.

"Everybody loves being on a winning team," Reyes said. "But we always give it our best; we go into every game as if we were winning or losing."

Reyes feels no pressure before a game because he knows that he and his teammates are going to go out on the field and give it their all every time.

One piece of advice that Reyes continues to hold dear is "trust yourself," which was said by Jim Gush, the defensive coordinator who left the program two years ago. "Trust yourself and your abilities and you'll be fine."

Reyes uses this advice to be the best he possibly can to support his teammates on the field. "I can't let them down," he said. "I'd do anything for those guys. If they feel tired or weary, they can look



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Reyes (third from left) has been contributing for the Seawolves since his freshman year.

to me for strength."

Reyes grew up in Hesperia, Calif., where his family still lives today. He chose to come to Stony Brook because "I wanted to be able to travel. I always wanted to go to New York. It was a way to get out; people get trapped there. I wanted something more," he said.

"My family is there for

everything no matter what." Reyes still talks to his parents, Jose and Monique, and his three brothers Alex, 26, Jose Jr. 25 and Danny, 21 even though he lives across the country. The only difference in his eyes is that he is not physically home.

His love of the game builds from his competitiveness. He and

his brothers "grew up competing all the time. It was like having our own little team," Reyes said.

"I love to compete," he said. "I love playing here [Stony Brook]."

Although he has not thought about his future plans, Reyes looks forward to competing for a national championship and graduating in December.

## Ice Hockey splits pair of weekend games vs. Delaware

By Adrian Szkolar  
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After winning one of three games in the ACHA showcase last week, Stony Brook split a pair of games against defending national champion Delaware over the weekend, winning on Saturday night 8-3 and losing on Sunday afternoon 3-2.

"We've always had trouble against them, they've always put a great team out," assistant captain and senior forward Daniel Cassano said. "We felt we had something to prove, there's definitely some bad blood

there between us."

On Saturday, Stony Brook scored first. At the 9:15 mark of the first period, captain and senior forward Mike Cacciotti received a pass from sophomore forward Nick Barbera on the powerplay and buried a one-timer shot past Delaware goalie Nick Casella.

At the 5:12 mark, Cacciotti extended the lead to 2-0, with a wrist shot over the glove of Casella.

Delaware pulled back 2-1 at the 1:29 mark, when Ryan Sterrett slipped a shot between freshman goalie Brendan Jones' legs.

With 37 seconds left in the period, Delaware's Mark Zeszut shot at the left top corner, past the glove of Jones, to tie the game.

Stony Brook would get the lead back in at the 7:12 mark of the second period, with another powerplay goal from Cacciotti.

"Everything I touched seemed to find the back of the net," Cacciotti said. "Cassano, Hawkins, they made it pretty easy for me to score some goals."

With 4:52 left in the period, sophomore forward Vincent Lopes got behind the defense and after

receiving a pass from Cacciotti, scored on a breakaway to make it 4-2.

In the third period, Delaware pulled back 4-3 after Casey Jouaneau scored on a scrum in front of the Stony Brook net.

Barbera, however, would score the next two goals to put the game out of reach, scoring on a breakaway at the 14:45 mark, and then scoring on the powerplay at the 10:29 mark.

Senior forward Sean Collins and Cassano would complete the scoring for Stony Brook.

"I'm very proud of the guys," head coach Chris Garofalo said after the game. "Not only did we get the win, we made a statement."

At the 14:09 mark of the third period, a fight broke out between sophomore forward Sam Brewster and Delaware's Nicholas LePore, with both players exchanging punches. LePore was ejected from the game as a result.

On Sunday, Delaware changed goalies, giving the start to S.J. Broadt over Casella.

Stony Brook's Collins opened the scoring at the 17:19 mark of the first period on the powerplay, burying a rebound on a shot from junior forward Wesley Hawkins.

Delaware's Christopher Volonnino would tie the game at the 14:55 mark, sneaking past the Stony Brook defense and deking Jones, the Seawolves' goalie.

Stony Brook's Cassano got the lead back after burying a breakaway at the 11:47 mark of the second period.

Delaware would again tie the game at the 7:55 mark of the period, after a screen shot from Kevin Redmond

found its way past Jones.

Delaware scored the winner late in the third period. With only 1:31 left in the game, Delaware's Zeszut scored on the powerplay, burying the puck after a shot from Delaware's Micheal Piet hit the crossbar.

Sunday's game was a chippy affair, with a total of 26 penalties called between the two teams.

"The ref did not have control of that game to be honest with you," Garofalo said. "I'm not saying he cost us the game, but to tell you the truth, I think this level is too high for the ref."

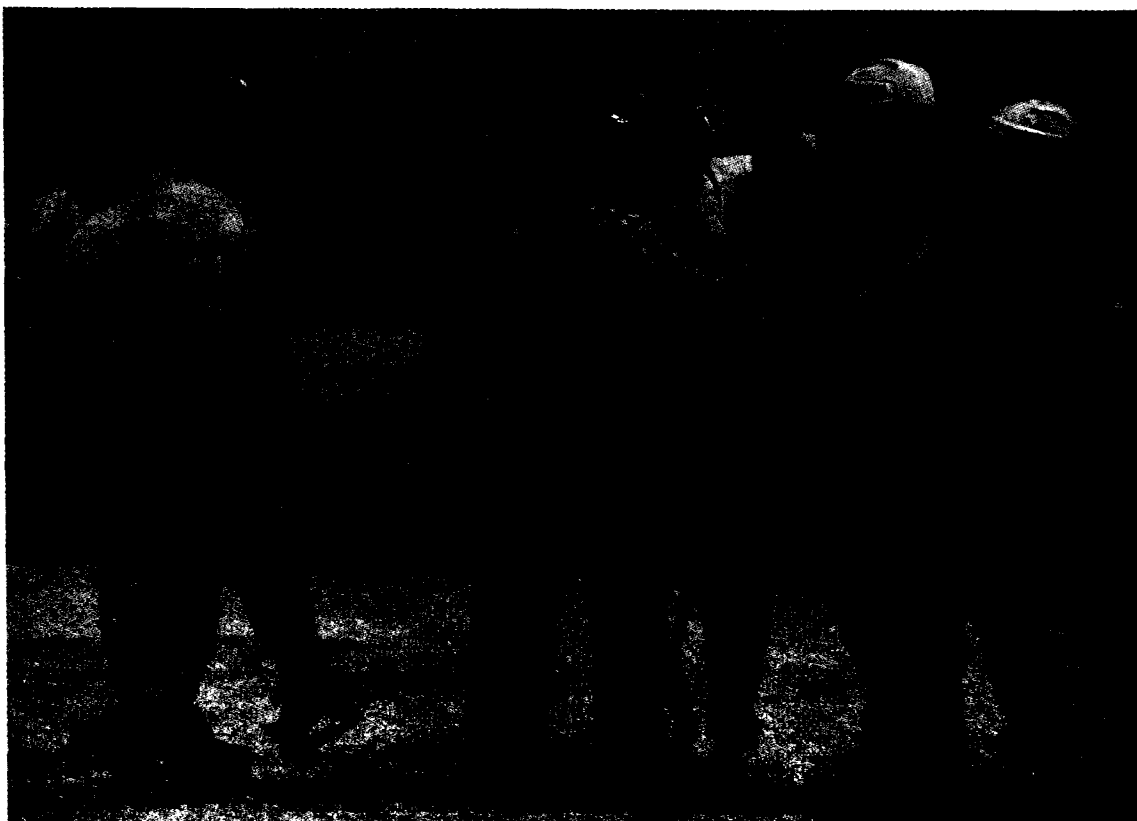
Delaware's Christian Tasker received a five minute major and a game misconduct at the 10:54 mark of the first period after fighting with Stony Brook's Josh Brooks.

At the 3:08 mark, Delaware's Matthew Santucci also was given a five minute major and a game misconduct after a dangerous boarding check to Stony Brook's Lopes.

"We didn't capitalize on our powerplay, and it cost us the game, it's as simple as that," Garofalo said. "We out-played them, we out-shot them, but we have to capitalize, we had two five minute majors."

Now with a 2-4 record, Stony Brook next plays Rutgers, travelling to New Jersey next weekend. Garofalo said that planned to make some changes on the team's powerplay over the coming week's practices.

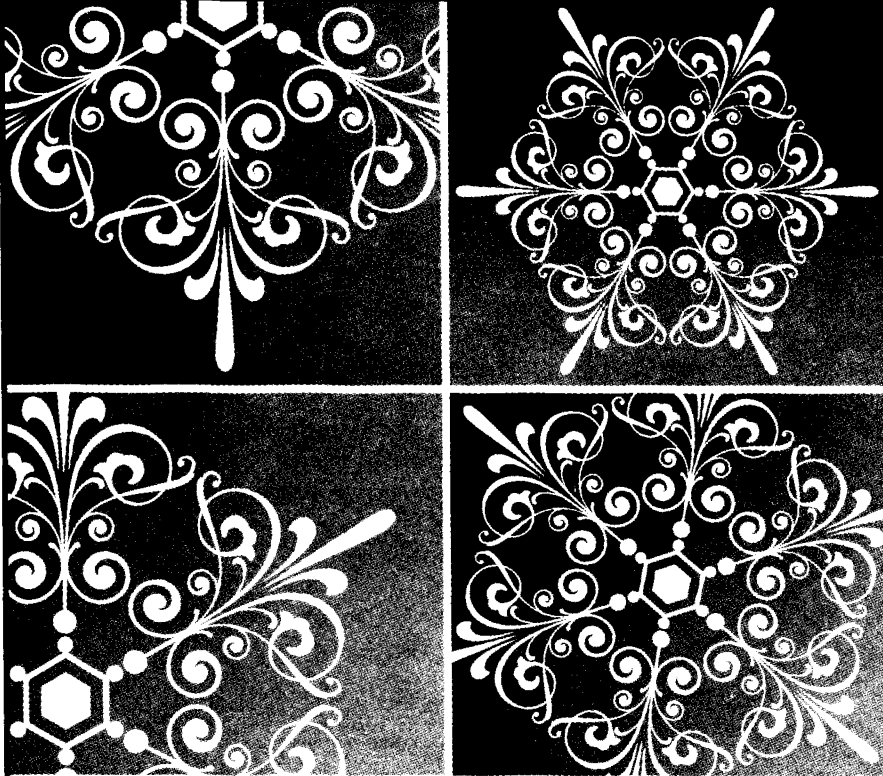
"I might mix up the two units I have and see what works better," Garofalo said. "But right now, I got to think about it with my assistant coach, I'm not sure yet."



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## Guarino added to Athletics staff

By **Catie Curatolo**  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

After 11 years as Stony Brook's director of annual giving, Rick Guarino is taking his talents over to athletics.

He was named the Executive Director of the Stony Brook Athletics Fund on Oct. 4.

The Stony Brook Athletics Fund is a new fundraising initiative, created to help advance Stony Brook's athletics program upon the completion of the Stony Brook Arena.

The goal is to raise money to help fund the 20 intercollegiate sports programs at Stony Brook. All of these programs compete in Division I athletics.

Guarino's role as executive director will involve creating a team that develops programs for sports-specific fundraising.

He plans on creating new initiatives to go along with the arena and bring alumni back to the school through sporting events and entertainment.

"It's a great opportunity," Guarino said. "I just see tremendous opportunity and growth potential."

Guarino says the program will generate revenue through "small checkbook gifts" and "major gifts, things you might see a person's name

on when they make the gift."

Although he sees some parallels to his time as the director of annual giving, Guarino says his job as the executive director is different because of "the audience."

"Athletics itself is a very different beast and a very competitive environment," Guarino said. "The arena is a very different initiative. We may reach out to more friends than, say, alumni or students."

Although the program is still in the developmental stage, Guarino already has a few ideas.

"There'll be some different things that will happen—it could be in the volume of communications we send out to our donors, it may be in the tone, the type of appeal or the type of communications that's being sent out, how we try to engage our alumni to come back," Guarino said. "There'll be a lot of change because a lot of it will be new."

Guarino's main concerns are alumni of Stony Brook, with whom he is going to work to "re-engage" through a variety of ways that include "great sporting events and entertainment" in the new arena.

When Guarino worked as the director of annual giving, he increased the amount of annual fund dollars from \$400,000 to \$1.5 million.

## Soccer ties UMBC, beats Maine

By **Yoon Seo Nam**  
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Stony Brook beat Maine to 5-1. Stony Brook women's soccer ended its two-game losing streak by beating the University of Maine 5-1 in its fifth conference game on Thursday night at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Junior forward Larissa Nysch scored two goals in the 15th and 16th minutes, and freshman Raven Edwards, senior Taryn Schoenbeck and freshman Aley Leonardi all added goals in the second half.

Stony Brook improved to 2-3 in America East play. "I think we had a lot of people coming forward and creating pressure tonight, and as a result, we created more chances for ourselves," said head coach Sue Ryan.

The Seawolves dominated the game except for the first five minutes, when Maine threatened with three scoring chances. After those moments, the Seawolves took control of the game as Schoenbeck's one-on-one chance in the fifth minute turned things around for Stony Brook.

After 10 minutes, sophomore midfielder Regan Bosnyak passed the ball to Nysch, who was rushing behind Maine's defense line. Nysch slotted the ball into the goal past Maine's goalkeeper.

"I know that the first goal, we were working on that exact same practice all week," said Nysch. The Seawolves did not stop their offense, as Schoenbeck assisted another of Nysch's goals.

After the second goal, Stony Brook took complete control. While Stony Brook easily developed the game with precise crosses and passes from both wings and midfield, the Black Bears could not put together much of an offense. The Seawolves were able to break the Black Bears' defensive line for most of the game.

Coach Ryan stressed keeping possession of the ball by passing to set up chances.

"We maintained possession of the ball and moved the ball systematically then tried to get forward rather than just launching it. We are going to get on the end of it," she said.

The second half was not much different from the first half, as the Seawolves stayed in charge.

The Seawolves exploited empty space effectively.

In the 56th minute, Edwards scored her

third goal after a cross from midfield that was deflected by Maine's defender.

After that goal, Maine's defense began to collapse.

As a result, in the 64th minute, Schoenbeck snatched the ball when the Black Bear's defender hesitated, then she dribbled into the box and scored her fourth goal.

The fifth goal for the Seawolves was netted by Leonardi.

In the 78th minute, sophomore forward Eliza Mendoza passed to freshman Danielle Fuller, who was rushing to the left wing, and Leonardi finished her chance made by Fuller's cross.

After a minute, Maine midfielder Alex Abrahams succeeded in making a free-kick from 20 yards away, but it was too late for the Black Bears.

Coach Ryan said that the growth of young players is a "positive sign" for her team.

"We have a young team, so they're improving week by week and game by game because they're benefitting from the speed of play at this level and competing," she said.

Seawolves tied a game against UMBC on Sunday in Baltimore with 1-1 as senior Sa'sha Kershaw scored equalizer in a penalty kick in the 66th minute.

The Retrievers' freshman forward Bria Bass scored in 37th minute from 25 yard out. However, in the second half, as freshman Raven Edwards was dragged down in box, Stony Brook gained a penalty. Kershaw finished her chance calmly.

With the tie in the game, Stony Brook is in fifth place in the conference standing with seven points (2-3-1). The top six teams will enter into play offs.

Amid two games remaining, Stony Brook will have a game on Thursday with New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. and another game on Sunday with Harford at home.

Today's win was the teams fifth at home, as they improved to 5-1-2 at LaValle Stadium.

The team has only two games remaining on the schedule, Thursday, Oct. 18 at New Hampshire and Sunday, Oct. 21 vs. Hartford.

After these two games, comes the America East Championship, which will be played on Thursday, Oct. 25, Sunday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Nov. 3.

The location of these games have not been determined as of yet.



# Soccer extends winning streak Cohen talks to Stony Brook

By Joe Galotti  
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Leonardo Fernandes came through again for the Stony Brook men's soccer team, with another late goal to help lead his team to a 2-1 victory over Hartford on Saturday, in what was a rematch of last year's America East championship game.

The senior midfielder scored the go-ahead goal in the 73rd minute off a pass from Berian Gobeil Cruz. He was able to score the goal from about 25 yards out after making a strong move to get past two defenders.

The win puts the Seawolves at 9-3-1 overall, and 3-1 in America East conference play, and trail Vermont by just one point. They are also now unbeaten in their last five road games (4-0-1), and are 5-1-1 in true road games this year.

Stony Brook took the first lead of the game in the 25th minute when senior Raphael Abreu scored for the second straight game. Abreu received a ball played into him, moved towards Hawks goalkeeper Viltsu Tuumi and took a point blank shot at him. Tuumi made the save but could not control the shot, and the ball popped out to a Hartford



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With Saturday's victory, Stony Brook improved to 3-1 in the conference.

defender. Abreu anticipated the play and stole it from him and then swatted the ball into the goal, far side.

Hartford tied the game up in the 63rd minute when Anthony Santaga was able to head the ball past Seawolves goalkeeper Stefan Manz, off a pass from Rohan Roye. This was one of the few chances the Hawks had on the night as Stony Brook's defense did a great job of shutting down Hartford's offense. They did not allow a shot on goal in the game until the 62nd minute and only allowed two shots on goal the entire night.

Fernandes has had knack for coming up with big goals during

his collegiate career. He had two goals in Stony Brook's America East championship game win over Hartford last fall. Today's game winner was Fernandes' fifth game winner of the season, and the twelfth of his career. He also now has a career total of 30 goals and 75 points.

Scoring first in games has been a key for Stony Brook during Coach Ryan Anatol's tenure. The Seawolves are 16-1-1 with Anatol as coach, when they score first.

Stony Brook will now return home to play UMBC this Friday night. The Seawolves only have four regular season games remaining, and three of them are against conference opponents.

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talk athletes," Cohen said. "We went to some schools in order to talk about homophobia and we asked the children; how would you feel about being put in that kind of situation?"

That made them think twice about the issue."

"To have created something that has a massive effect in the UK but also globally makes me really proud," Cohen said. "It's great to create something to promote social changes and help people."

If Cohen's experience and willingness to change the world inspired a lot of people around him and globally, he also inspired some students in the audience.

Among them, Cassandra Dix, an international sophomore student from England majoring in biochemistry, got the chance to meet him at the end of his speech.

"It was really exciting to meet and get to talk to him," Dix said.

"Ben Cohen comes from the same hometown as me in England. He is really friendly, nice and just a normal guy actually."

Dix added that "The speech

was really empowering, I believe that what he stands for is good."

"According to me, a great way to denounce homophobia in sport would be to change mentality within the coaching staff," she said.

"If they were more proactive saying to their athletes, it's wrong when they say or act in a bad way and then kicking them off the team, that would be great."

As Stony Brook's rugby team joined him on stage, Cohen ended his speech with an inspiring life lesson, in which he encouraged students to accept themselves and "be yourself, be proud of who you are, and surround yourself with the people who like you for who you are."

"The big question is: when you are going to feel discouraged, what are you going to do to get yourself back up? Once you can reply to that, you can be certain that you are on the right track," he said.

His Ben Cohen Standup Foundation is located in Atlanta, Ga., and donations can be made on his website.

You can contribute online at his website:

[www.standupfoundation.com](http://www.standupfoundation.com)

## Heart Institute patient spends day with Seawolves

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McLarty operated on Plowden and implanted the device, called a HeartMate II. Plowden was the first patient from the Stony Brook Heart Institute to receive an LVAD.

"When we first saw him, he was in what we call class four heart failure, which is the most severe, debilitated form. Skopicki said. "His heart muscle had reduced to about 20 percent of normal; he couldn't walk 10, 20 feet without getting short of breath."

The LVAD served as a bridge as Plowden waited for a heart transplant. The device, according to Dr. Skopicki, takes blood that has been oxygenated from the heart and helps put it into the body's circulation, which helped Plowden body to recover.

"People can actually use this device to sustain themselves for

years," Skopicki said. "Having said that, the goal in young people like Arthur is to try and get them through to a transplantation, offering him a chance at a near-normal life."

After receiving a heart transplant on July 3 earlier this year, Plowden wanted to delve back into one of his passions: playing basketball.

When Stony Brook men's basketball head coach Steve Pikiell heard about Plowden's desire to get back on the court, he saw an opportunity to grant his wish as well as inspire his team.

"I read about when he said he wanted to get back to playing basketball again after he got the transplant, and I was inspired by that," Pikiell said. "It's a good story for the guys, who are going to be facing some adversity in the upcoming months."

Running around and looking

to be in good shape, Plowden dribbled around and played horse with members of the team.

Afterward, he was given a basketball signed by all the players, as well as two season tickets for the Seawolves' upcoming season.

"I thought he was a great guy, he had a lot of enthusiasm and spirit," said senior guard Leonard Hayes. "He was out there making shots, and it was fun going out there and playing with him."

Since Plowden's operation, the Stony Brook Heart Institute, which is the only such program on Long Island, has helped 17 patients receive LVAD devices, according to Dr. Skopicki.

"We anticipate newer devices, smaller devices, being able to manage these patients indefinitely, and perhaps even making heart transplantation unnecessary," Skopicki said. "The devices will be self-contained within the body, and be small enough to be manageable to allow a near-normal life."

With his new heart, Plowden feels that the sky is the limit for him.

"Stony Brook brought me back, the quality of my life is past a 10," Plowden said. "It's like I hit the medical lottery. I feel like a million bucks, I'm going to work on getting my grandsons, nephews ready for college, and inspire others."

The basketball team will open up their season Friday, Nov. 9 at Marist, before coming home the following Sunday to take on Mount Ida. Practices just started last week, for the team.

## Former Seawolf swaps teams

By Adrian Szkolar  
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Former men's basketball player Dallis Joyner has left his team in Finland and is currently on a two-week tryout for a team in Israel, according to the player himself.

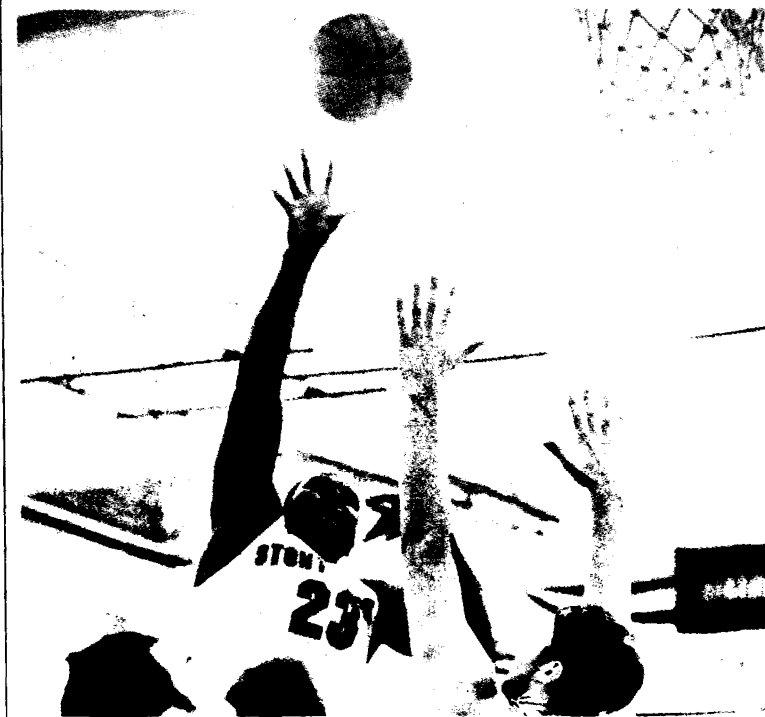
Joyner signed with Kouvolan Korisliiga of the Korisliiga, Finland's top-tier basketball league, over the summer. However, according to a conversation through Twitter, he left the team recently, saying that: "the situation was a little shaky as far as professionalism got."

On Saturday, he landed in Israel to begin a two-week long tryout with Maccabi Kiryat Bialik. The team plays in the

country's second-tier, the Liga Leumit.

From Norfolk, Va., Joyner was a four-year starter for Stony Brook. He played in 124 games for the team, averaging 7.3 points per game and 5.9 rebounds per game. He finished his college career second in the school's Division I history with 731, eighth in points with 903, and first in blocks with 83.

In his senior year last season, he averaged 9 points per game and shot 61.1 percent from the floor, both career highs. In the America East Tournament that year, he was named to the all-tournament team, and scored the game-winning, buzzer-beating tip-in during the semi-final game against Albany.



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Joyner (23) is currently trying out for a team in Israel.



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Arthur Plowden (holding ball) received a ball signed by the Seawolves.



# SPORTS

## Stony Brook football defeats Coastal Carolina, 27-21

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The Stony Brook football team won its fourth game in a row on Saturday afternoon when it triumphed over the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers in a close 27-21 victory.

It was the Seawolves' second victory in conference play and their sixth victory overall.

They have lost only one game so far to the Syracuse University Orange.

However, despite Stony Brook's eventual victory, it was the Chanticleers who struck first in the game.

They scored the first of the two touchdowns in the first quarter when quarterback Aramis Hillary threw a 24-yard pass to wide receiver DeMario Bennett less than three minutes into the game.

It was only the second touchdown that the Seawolves have allowed in the first quarter this season.

They have outscored their opponents 90-14 in first quarters thus far.

Stony Brook struck back six minutes later when senior quarterback Kyle Essington made a short, 10-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jordan Gush, who ran into the end zone to tie up the game.

Essington threw two touchdowns and 181 passing yards for the game.

Coastal Carolina was the first to score in the second quarter as well when running back Jeremy Height ran in its second touchdown with 11:03 left in the half.

Three minutes later, the Seawolves then swung the game back to a tie when Essington fired another touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Kevin Norrell.

Norrell caught seven passes for 127 yards throughout the game. He accumulated 100 yards in the first half for the second time in as many games.

The score remained tied 14-14 going into halftime.

The Seawolves scored first in the second half roughly six and a half minutes in when senior running back Miguel Maysonet ran for a two-yard score.

He set a career-high in rushing yards with 223 yards. He has now run for more than 1,000 yards in three seasons at Stony Brook.

The Seawolves ate up nearly half of the third quarter with the drive that produced that touchdown, severely cutting into Coastal Carolina's playing time.

But the Chanticleers were not to be silenced. They came back to score the game-tying touchdown with a little more than 12 minutes



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The Seawolves defeated the Chanticleers to improve to 6-1, (2-0 A.E.) this season.

left in the game when Height ran for three yards to score his second touchdown of the game. The score stood at 21-21.

In the end, it was Stony Brook that would come out on top in this close game. Maysonet ran in his second touchdown of the game with 9:37 left in the game.

Coastal Carolina was unable to recover from this.

They had a chance to do so very late in the game, but a fumble at Stony Brook's 16-yard line picked up by senior defensive back Dominick Reyes cost them that opportunity.

The Chanticleers did not get another first down for the rest of game, resulting in another Stony Brook victory.

Next Saturday, the Seawolves

will host Gardner-Webb University at 4 p.m.

They are 3-1 against the Runnin' Bulldogs in their history. Last season, Stony Brook was victorious by a 76-28 margin.

In the aftermath of Saturday's victory, Newsday said that Stony Brook could break into the Football Championship Subdivision's (FCS) top 10 in the nation.

## Former rugby player comes to Stony Brook

By Lisa Setyon-Ortenzio  
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Ben Cohen, a former rugby star and the third highest scorer in English rugby history, said yesterday at the Staller Center that the main idea for launching the Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation was "to create something powerful" that would help people to denounce and thus eliminate homophobia and bullying, particularly in sports.

The Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation aims its campaign toward people who are silent participants in bullying, "those who stand around, watching, without saying or doing anything," Cohen said.

Over the course of an hour, Cohen shared his personal and professional experiences to a room full of students, athletes and faculty.

Throughout his speech, Cohen emphasized how being the chairman of the world's first foundation dedicated to taking a stand against bullying and removing homophobia from sports meant a lot to him.

"My dad has been beaten up pretty bad in a nightclub in England when he stood up for an employee who was being attacked," Cohen said. "He died a month later through his injuries."

Throughout the evening, Cohen explained that losing his father played a huge part in his decision to found the StandUp



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Ben Cohen came to Stony Brook University on Thursday to advocate against bullying.

foundation.

"A dad is crucial. Losing him was not only tough for me, but for my whole family," Cohen said. "After this attack, I have realized that I had to stand up for something. I did it for my dad."

Cohen explained that the reason for him to create the StandUp Foundation wasn't due to his age, injuries or his sexual orientation.

In fact, he was just interested in

finding a way to make this world a better place for everyone.

"Sexual orientation should not matter," Cohen said. "Just because someone is different, why does it give the right to torment them, bully them? No one deserves those kind of treatments."

Since founding the Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation, Cohen has gathered support from Nike, Microsoft and musicals such as

Wicked, who have joined the foundation and helped it to expand.

"I have worked with the biggest organizations in England in order to denounce homophobia and racism especially among athletes," Cohen said. "We went to some schools in order to

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## Former LVAD patient visits Stony Brook

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Just a couple of years ago, Arthur Plowden's heart was in such bad shape that he couldn't take more than four steps before being short of breath. Last Thursday, he was playing basketball and shooting hoops with Stony Brook's men's basketball team.

"It felt wonderful, the guys kept me moving," Plowden, 44, said. "It felt great, I feel back to life again."

Plowden, from Amityville, has suffered from heart problems since he was a child. Two years ago, his heart's health began to fail.

After medication and therapy failed to help Plowden, his physician, Dr. Hal Skopicki, the director of Stony Brook University Medical Center's Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathy Program, and Dr. Allison McLarty, the cardiothoracic surgeon who operated on Plowden, deemed him a candidate for a left ventricle assist device, or LVAD.

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