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Lawsuit costs SBU millions University to pay \$167.5 million

By Alessandra Malito
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Stony Brook University is paying an approximately \$170 million bill for a lawsuit between the State of New York and Gyrodyne Company of America, Inc., a real estate investment trust located in the St. James-Port Jefferson area, according to University Senator Alan Tucker.

In 2005, the university approached Gyrodyne to use their property near Stony Brook, which Gyrodyne estimated at \$125 million, to build the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology. The university went through the state to claim the land using eminent domain. Through eminent domain, the university was able to take 245 acres of the 316 acres Gyrodyne had in its Flowerfield property, and paid \$26.3 million for it. The company sued the state, and in July of this year, won the lawsuit with a settlement of \$167.5 million.

According to the University Senate's minutes from Sept. 10, 2012, the report from the president states "Gyrodyne was purchased for \$23-24 Mil by the state. Gyrodyne felt that the property was underrated, so they sued the state. The state felt that Stony Brook should pay since SB has been using the property."

"What the Senate Executive Committee has learned about this matter is that the university has paid the bill—around \$170 million, as I remember—presumably through a loan that will be paid off over several years," Tucker, who is also a professor at SBU, said. "There are discussions under way between Stony Brook officials and SUNY officials about how much of the bill we have to pay."

The minutes from September also mention that the long-term effects of paying for the settlement are unknown.

"Until Stony Brook knows what piece others will pick—maybe SUNY overall, maybe the State—nobody knows," Tucker said.

A 2010 annual financial report from SUNY mentions the lawsuit and says that the state university is exposed to risks for natural damages and disasters, but has insurance for its residence hall facilities. However, the report also states that the university does not have insurance for its educational buildings, contents or related risks, vehicles, equipment and other perils and that "unfavorable judgments, claims or losses incurred by the state university are covered by the State on a self-insured basis."

As of press time, the university did not respond to a request for comment.



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Former VP of Student Affairs Fred Preston, State Sen. Kenneth P. LaValle, USG's VP of Academic Affairs Derek Cope, USG Pres. Anna Lubitz, SBU Pres. Samuel L. Stanley Jr., Assemblyman Steven Englebright and Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn unveil the new Campus Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 19.

New Campus Rec Center opens its doors

By Ashleigh Sherow
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University students can say goodbye to the old Wellness Center and hello to the new Campus Recreation Center, which officially opened on Friday, Oct. 19, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The new facility is located between the Student Union and Sports Complex.

Susan DiMonda, associate dean and director of student life, welcomed SBU students, staff, alumni and elected officials who made this 13-year project possible, and first welcomed SBU's President Samuel L. Stanley to the stage.

Stanley showed his appreciation to many for the completion of the center, including a thank you to Sen. Kenneth P. LaValle, for whom SBU's football stadium is named. A big thank you was also given to students, who voted to take on a wellness fee to help pay for the project.

Sen. LaValle said a few words about the almost \$40 million project. Showing off his campus pride with a red SBU baseball cap, the senator praised the new center.

"You're all going to be great scholars and you're going to be fit to boot," LaValle said.

Two of Stony Brook University's student leaders also spoke during the ceremony. Undergraduate Student Government President

Anna Lubitz talked about her excitement about the opening of the center, which she feels will be the new hot spot for student life. Derek Cope, USG's vice president of academic affairs, said he looks forward to the club sports on campus having a home.

Fred Preston, the man Susan DiMonda called the "original dreamer" for the recreation center, came all the way from Texas to see the idea he had so many years ago come to life.

Preston, who's a former vice president of student affairs, said he knew the project was going to take a "pit-bull with large teeth," but there was a motto for the project from its start: "It will be done."

And on a rainy October afternoon last Friday, it was. Preston gave a special thanks to DiMonda. "This was not a job for Sue, but a life for Sue," he said.

Oct. 19 was the last day for the Wellness Center and classes in the basement of the Student Activities Center, said Dean Bowen, the manager of fitness and wellness at the center. But students should not be too disappointed, he said.

As part of their tuition, students now have a new three-floor facility that boasts state-of-the-art equipment, studio rooms, lockers, Top-40 background music in all rooms and much more.

On the first floor, there is a three-court gymnasium suitable

for basketball, volleyball and badminton.

There are also multi-purpose rooms for the sports clubs looking for a home, a fitness studio that can hold 49 people and 3,562 square feet for working out. There are also two lounges on the first floor with TVs and wireless Internet.

The second floor has two fitness studios; one with a capacity of 25 and the other with a capacity of 28, where Bowen says there will be classes from as early as 6 a.m. to as late as 11 p.m.

Students can also book these classes online 24 hours in advance so there is no more showing up to a class only to find out it is full.

Also available on the second floor is 13,437 square feet of space for weights and fitness. The new equipment was tested and picked out by students last fall at a fitness center.

The treadmills and elliptical machines include a feature in which users can make an account where they enter information including their height, body weight and student ID, allowing them to create playlists and watch shows while working out.

The lower level includes a locker room, a multi-activity court for the many club sports, an equipment rental area and laundry area for sports club members.

Memberships are available for faculty, staff and graduate

students as well.

There was a large turnout on opening day as people checked out the new center and partook in the tournaments, games and fitness classes for the first day.

Allison Bauser, a senior majoring in marine science and coastal environmental sciences, and Leanne Beyel, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, had just signed up for one of the yoga classes.

The girls, who had been taking the yoga classes in the SAC basement, were impressed by the modern design of the new center. "It's gorgeous, there's a lot of light and it's beautiful," said Bauser.

Both Bauser and Beyel were unsure how they felt about having to sign-up online for classes 24 hours in advance.

"The online thing isn't very convenient," Bauser said. Beyel agreed, saying she preferred just coming to classes.

Also present on opening day was Qi Zhen, a freshman majoring in business management who was planning on playing badminton. When asked if he was excited about the new center, which will allow him to play badminton, he said, "100 percent."

Just hours after the grand opening, the center was already packed, and new gym equipment was being put to good use by students who finally have a new place to work out.

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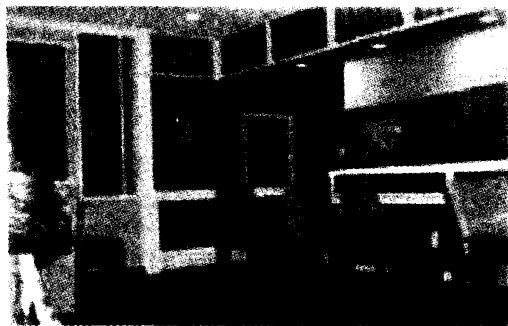
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Some students dissatisfied with new rec center

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Ben Smith, a junior anthropology major at SBU, has been named URECA's researcher of the month for his findings on bone harpoons during a study abroad program at Kenya's Turkana Basin.

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Freshman biology and journalism major Ruchi Shah has been nominated for Yahoo's "Women Who Shine" Contest in recognition of her work on creating an all-natural mosquito repellent.

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SBU and Southampton Hospital officials met on Sept. 30 to sign a letter of intent that would allow the hospital to care for patients under SBU's operating license.

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The Seawolves took Saturday afternoon's match against the Gardner-Webb University Bulldogs with a balanced offensive rushing and passing attack and strangling defensive play.

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Friday's game against the University of Maryland, Baltimore County was lost after the opposition scored a goal in the second half.

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Hockey's Mike Cacciotti hoping to stay healthy

After undergoing two surgeries in the past two years for a twice-torn labrum in his left shoulder, ice hockey team captain and senior forward Mike Cacciotti hopes to end his college career on a high note.

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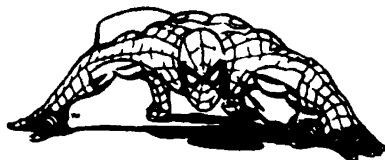
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Election Topic: Marriage equality a partisan issue in U.S.

By Nina Lin
Assistant Photo Editor

Opinions on marriage equality for gay Americans have never been more partisan. With Barack Obama's public endorsement for marriage equality and his repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' or DADT, last year, the issues of gay rights and gay marriage were sharply defined for both conservative and liberal voters.

But now, the problem is with the non-mention of the Defense of Marriage Act during the presidential debates. Instead, both platforms chose to address other social issues,

touching on gendered topics like birth control and the female employment rate.

Yet, even though public focus swayed from the marriage debate to other hot-button issues like the economy and foreign affairs, some student voters at Stony Brook University are keeping the issue close at hand.

"It's not the deciding factor for me, but it is a factor," said Danny Awalt Jr., a junior psychology major with the Stony Brook College Democrats. "I wouldn't want to be part of the team that discriminates, no matter what metric they use to

discriminate on."

As a corporal active with the United States Marines, Awalt has seen, firsthand, the effect DADT had on other military personnel.

"I knew gay Marines, but because DADT was in service, they had to stay closeted. I'm not sure if they'd come out in their units, but pretty much everyone knew and they just couldn't say it," he said. "But a person shouldn't have to hide who they are when they're spilling blood for their country."

Obama's support for gay marriage is endorsed by several prominent gay celebrities. Billie Jean King, Zachary Quinto and gay rights activist George Takei, for instance, have all filmed commercials this month urging voters to cast the ballot for the incumbent president.

But the Democratic party was not always supportive of gay rights. As recently as 1996, former President Bill Clinton had been the one to sign the Defense of Marriage Act into law, legislation that had not been repealed yet. However, a 2012 study by the Pew Research Center found that Democrat support for gay marriage rose by 15 percent over the last four years. Support from independent voters rose by 7 percent, while Republican support rose by 5 percent.

Freshman computer engineering major Michael Valentino was

one such supporter. Valentino, a registered Republican, believes that gays should have the right to marriage. However, instead of calling it marriage, he—like his party's nominee, Mitt Romney—prefers the term "civil union."

Some Republicans do not look to discriminate against homosexuality, he explained, and neither does Mitt Romney.

"Mitt Romney has beliefs similar to my own, that marriage should only be between a man and a woman. He supports a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as such," Valentino said. "But [Romney] believes that a domestic partnership should be allowed."

This would, he said, honor the unions between same-sex couples and give them the benefits of "regular marriages," even if they don't have the name.

But even something trivial sounding like the name of institutions can have a huge impact on Americans.

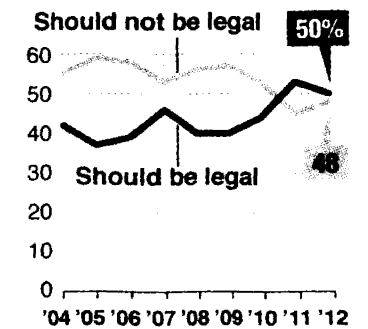
"Separate, but equal? You give it a different name and all of a sudden, it's degraded and looked down upon," Awalt said. "Just because everything is the same doesn't mean it is."

"Five pennies is a nickel," he said, "But people don't give a damn about five pennies."

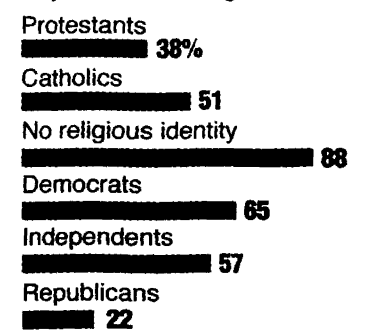
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Support for gay marriage

Half of Americans now say gay marriage should be legal with the same rights as traditional marriages.



By religion, political party



Source: Gallup poll of 1,024 adults, May 3-5, 2012; margin of error: +/-4 percentage points
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Connie Kopelov, sitting, age 84, gets a hug from her new wife and partner of 23 years, Phyllis Siegel, on the steps of the City Clerk's office Manhattan in New York, N.Y., after receiving their marriage license on Sunday, July 24, 2011.

Election Analysis: The importance of foreign policy

By Kelly Frevele
Contributing Writer

For this upcoming election, many are focusing on what they believe is the most important issue that the candidates represent. From the economy to abortion, everyone is focusing on the viewpoint that they most agree with.

However, an issue that is usually overlooked is that of a candidate's foreign policy. Actually, a recent poll taken by CBS showed that only about 4 percent of those who took the poll deemed foreign policy as the most important issue that is affecting America today.

It may be no surprise to some that many Americans feel this way. After all, in 2006, the National Geographic-Roper Public Affairs Geographic Literacy study showed that two-thirds of citizens between the ages of 18 and 24 could not find Iraq on a map, 88 percent of citizens could not find Afghanistan and 63 percent could not find Saudi Arabia.

One issue relating to foreign policy is the fact that the global economy has become increasingly interconnected and thus interdependent. The way a candidate decides to interact with a country such as China could drastically affect how much money flows into our

country due to the increasing competition for goods and services.

Foreign economies are growing at a pace that will surpass that of the United States, and the first step to preventing this is to observe how well a candidate interacts with foreign officials and understands cultural norms. Knowing cultural norms allows a candidate to understand the global marketplace because culture plays a large part in how officials do business with each other.

Also, looking beyond the money that flows to foreign countries, it is important to know how much of the United States' money a candidate is willing to spend on foreign affairs.

A 2008 study performed by "The Wall Street Journal" demonstrated that the cost to the United States from the Iraq War would be \$3 trillion. This accounted for not only the government expenses but also the impact that it had on the American economy as soldiers came back and were eligible for government funded counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder.

The current financial crisis was due in part to war. Conflict in the Middle East leads to higher oil prices, and buying oil at such high prices provides a smaller economic payoff for the

economy.

Other issues at hand that are not economic that are important to be aware of are all of the ones that are occurring in the Middle East. The main idea that people fixate on is that countries such as Iran and Afghanistan are threats to the United States.

It is important to review how a candidate stands regarding these issues as well. Some candidates see the crisis going on in Syria as a moral issue while others see that intervening in Syria could result in a dispute among major world powers. After all, Russia has already told the United States not to intervene in these current issues.

There is a conflict between practicality and morality, and the candidates have different views based on this conflict. Some believe that attacking Iran is essential to national security because it has the potential to obtain nuclear warheads while others do not.

The truth of the matter is that there are serious repercussions to whatever viewpoint a candidate has. Granted, it is not up to the voter to make these decisions regarding foreign policy, but it is the responsibility of the voter to be aware that they are voting for a candidate who is effectively taking into account all of the consequences of acting on a foreign front whether it is economic or otherwise.

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On foreign policy issues

Where the presidential candidates stand:

	Romney	Obama
Afghanistan War	Would withdraw troops in 2014, as currently scheduled, possibly keep troops longer if needed	Has set a 2014 timetable to pull most U.S. troops out; transition to mainly support role
Syria	Would arm the rebels trying to oust President Bashar Asad after identifying and organizing opposition forces who "share our values"	Providing nonlethal aid; working for diplomatic resolution, which has yet to materialize; helping third-parties supply small arms to rebels
Iraq	Says "America's ability to influence events for the better in Iraq has been undermined by the abrupt withdrawal of our entire troop presence."	Says "I pledged to end the war in Iraq honorably, and that's what we've done."
Iran's nuclear ambitions	Says he'd "put the leaders of Iran on notice" that U.S. and allies would use show of military force to halt Iran's effort to get nuclear capability	Has increased the economic sanctions; wants to keep all options, including military, on the table; urged Israel not to attack Iran
Israeli-Palestinian conflict	Wants to strengthen U.S. ties with Israel and help the Jewish state maintain its "strategic military edge"	Signed bill to expand military, civilian cooperation with Israel and U.S. support for negotiated two-state solution
Russia	Has called Russia America's "greatest geopolitical foe"; would review nuclear arms treaties	Signed 2010 nuclear arms reduction treaty; worked with Russia to impose economic sanctions on Iran

Source: CNN, Washington Post, AP, candidate websites
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SBU junior named URECA's researcher of the month

By Ruchi Shah
Contributing Writer

It is a sweltering hot day in the Turkana basin as researchers survey sites for sediments and artifacts to examine.

One of those student researchers is Ben Smith, a pocket-watch carrying junior at Stony Brook University who is URECA's researcher of the month.

From a young age, Smith loved learning about ancient people, an interest that stems from his love for hiking. It is also a hobby that allows him to understand how ancestors practiced survival skills.

Smith said these interests played a role in his college choice as he "chose Stony Brook University for its study abroad and anthropology programs" which are two things that have defined his journey in college.

After taking an introductory archaeology course, Smith studied abroad at the Turkana Basin Institute field school in northern Kenya, where he searched for fossils and surveyed sites.

Smith describes himself as being "doe-eyed" and completely enamored with the field experience and the country. Lothagam, the site Smith was examining, is 7,000 to 10,000 years old and according to Smith, "There used to be a lake there when the water level was higher and there are a lot of fishing. Therefore, there are hundreds of bone harpoons in the area."

Bone harpoons are barbed



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Ben Smith went to Kenya for his research.

bone points that fishermen used to spear fish, crocodiles, and even hippopotamuses, Smith said.

But once Kenya gained its independence in the 1960s, industrialization made the use of harpoons rare. Smith was fascinated by them and wanted to explore further. He said he wondered, "How the bone harpoons would have actually been made and used, and how harpoons he created would compare with those found in Kenyan museums." Smith traveled back to Kenya this past summer to look for these answers.

The moment he returned to the research site for a second time, as Smith recounted, describes his journey thus far.

"When I looked at the site with

fresh eyes, saw how it was laid out, and understood why a fishing village and tools turned up, it was a very sobering moment," he said. "I went from being interested in things and behavior, to becoming interested in how they fit together."

After finding bone harpoons in the Turkana basin, Smith learned to replicate them in an effort to eventually test their efficacy. While Smith was able to speak with a community elder who had used similar harpoons, he found it increasingly difficult to convince local people of the merits of experimenting with bone harpoons.

"The people always asked why I couldn't use metal hooks instead," he said.

Even though circumstances prevented Smith from extensively testing the harpoons he created, his research is significant in, "suggesting analogous fishing activities in Turkana and similar environmental circumstances."

While Smith said that he was surprised at being named URECA's researcher of the month, his mentors were not surprised.

"It doesn't matter whether you are a young student or a seasoned professor, to get through the hard parts of research you must have great curiosity and the determination to follow through," said Assistant Professor Elisabeth Hildebrand of the Department of Anthropology. "Ben has both qualities in spades."

Hildebrand recalled Smith's determination with a field

experience.

"Once when we were out in the field, Ben had a plan to go to Kalokol and test his bone harpoon replicas with some fishermen he met there," she said. "Of course, Murphy's Law came into play: The appointed fisherman didn't show up, the other guy didn't have a boat, the harpoons became detached on the ride to Kalokol...you name it."

But that did not "faze" Ben, Hildebrand said.

"He met some new people, made some new arrangements, and had a very successful test fishing run out near Central Island," she said. "Did they catch a bunch of fish? No. But did he accomplish his research objective? For sure."

Karen Kernan, the director of URECA, said Smith "has a great story."

"His research is fascinating, and he is wonderfully articulate about bone harpoons and all his experiences in Kenya," she said. "URECA is delighted to support Ben and other undergraduates who are so clearly engaged by their research."

Although he has faced a myriad of challenges, Smith said that he has learned to be optimistic and flexible, adjusting his hypothesis as needed. When he is not spending time on his research project, Smith said he runs to "keep himself sane," goes hiking and camping, and takes pottery and ceramics classes.

Ben will be studying abroad in London next semester and plans on continuing his studies to understand how and why ancient people lived the way they did.

"I went from being interested in things and behavior, to becoming interested in how they fit together."

BEN SMITH
ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR

Powerlifting Club unhappy about new recreation center

By Sarah Elsesser
Contributing Writer

After a lot of hype about the state-of-the-art Campus Recreation Center's long-awaited opening, some students are a little less than thrilled.

Plans for the center go all the way back to 1999, when a committee of faculty and students first met to draft a plan for a new recreational center—a place to meet the needs of all students and staff, according to the university's website.

The dream of this committee became a reality on Oct. 19, with the center's grand opening.

But now, the question that stands is whether or not the facility really is designed to fulfill the wants and needs of the roughly 23,000 students and 11,000 faculty members at Stony Brook University.

In general, there have been many reasons for the switch to this new center, with the main one being that there were inadequate amounts of equipment and space needed for recreational and fitness use.

"The proposal that a new recreation center should specifically contain more was never explicitly stated," said Chris Camenares, a sophomore double majoring in mathematics and economics who is also a member of the Powerlifting Club. "It was implied by the university staff that such matters should be of no concern, and they would surely address our needs with

this brand new facility."

However, after an estimated \$37.5 million have gone into the construction of the recreation center, the Powerlifting Club has voiced concern about the lifting equipment in the new facility.

"The university did in fact say they would have new, better equipment, more racks, and the ability to perform Olympic weightlifting," Camenares said.

Scott Campbell, Instructional Support Specialist in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, agreed with Camenares.

"The new campus rec center is going to offer a larger area for free weights," he said. "Yet, they are offering us even less in the way of power cages than the SAC Wellness Center."

But employees of the university and the staff at the rec center feel differently about the situation. They ensure that there are enough weights to meet the needs of the students and that the new facility far outdoes the Wellness Center.

"We have over 3,000 square feet of free weight equipment," said Susan DiMonda, Associate Dean and Director of Student Life. "This is the first that I am hearing about anyone complaining about lack of equipment."

The Wellness Center at the Student Activities Center had two Cybex power racks, a Life Fitness Smith machine and a range of



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Members of the power lifting club have complained that many of the problems from the SAC's Wellness Center had not been addressed in the plans for the new Rec Center.

adjustable benches and dumbbell weights. The new Campus Recreation Center has one full power rack, one half rack, two Smith machines and a significant amount of other free weights. There hasn't been much of a change, members of the Powerlifting Club said.

"There is an extremely high demand placed on the power rack, especially considering the large student size of Stony Brook," Camenares said. "This did nothing to lessen the wait a student faced to use a power rack."

The staff at both the old Wellness Center and the new Recreation Center took notice of the long lines for the power racks, but feel that the way the free weights are set up at the

rec center will lessen the problem.

"At the SAC Wellness Center there was definitely long lines for the power racks due to the fact that they were using the racks for lifting and bench presses," said Dean Bowen, assistant director of fitness and wellness programs. "At the SAC there were only two power racks. Now at the Recreation Center there are two power racks, Olympic weights, and bench presses, which should help to alleviate the lines. I think that the students will be happily surprised."

Another concern raised by the club was the lack of student input.

"Whoever purchased the equipment for the free weight area didn't ask for input from the people that actually lift free weights

in the gym," Campbell said. "What is needed in a free weight area are good quality Olympic bars, lots of round iron plates, several power cages, a wide array of dumbbells, and perhaps bumper plates and a platform. At a university with 20,000 plus students there should be a minimum of five full power cages."

University officials said they did ask for the student input last fall on what equipment they would like to see in the new center.

"We held a three-day equipment demo last November 2011, where students could try demo equipment and provide feedback on which items they would like to see in the new Campus Recreation Center," DiMonda said.

Camenares recently started a petition to persuade the university that Power Racks are the superior workout choice and that it should purchase more of the free weights, like the power racks, that students are looking for.

"The university has compromised with us, so far," Camenares said. "The university stated they would invest in purchasing another rack. Perhaps this trend will continue. If not though and the Powerlifting Club and fellow students feel the need to continue to invest time to encourage more racks, we will hold more formal, organized meetings and amass a student body to address our concerns."

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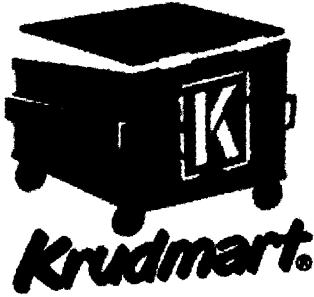
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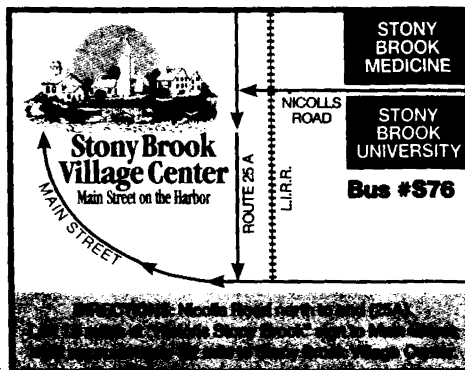


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Legislation ends co-pay for birth control prescriptions

By Barbara Donlon
Contributing Writer

Women picking up their birth control prescriptions in the last few months have realized something new: There is no co-payment.

Thanks to a law passed by the Obama Administration, as of Aug. 1, 2012, some women with private health insurance will no

longer have a co-payment for birth control.

As part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), commonly referred to as 'Obamacare' private insurance companies can no longer charge women a co-payment for FDA-approved birth control prescribed by their doctors. Plans enacted or renewed after Aug. 1, 2012 are

affected.

However, plans that went into effect before March 2010, when the PPACA was first enacted, are grandfathered-in, meaning that they can still charge women a co-pay.

The PPACA, however, prevents insurance companies from significantly raising co-payments and deductibles on plans that are

grandfathered-in, according to the Health Reform website.

Grandfathered-in insurance companies are not the only ones that don't have to waive the co-payment for birth control. Religiously affiliated schools, hospitals and employers were given a one-year exemption by the Obama administration.

This means that for the next year, women with religiously affiliated insurance must pay continue to make co-payments.

Birth control is not the only women's health service that will no longer have a co-payment. Women's annual check-ups, pap smear testing, screenings for gestational diabetes, Human papillomavirus (HPV) testing, domestic violence counseling, Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing and more will also be subject to co-payment waivers, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

While religiously affiliated schools, employers and hospitals are exempt from waiving the birth control co-payment for now, they must waive the co-payment for these services.

About 47 million women have access to these co-payment waivers, according to the Census Bureau and the Department of Health and Human Services.

What this new law comes down to is that women between the ages of 18 and 64, who have

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private insurance plans that started on or after Aug. 1, 2012, that are not religiously affiliated or grandfathered-in, may no longer be required to make a co-payment on birth control and other women-related services.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, though, about 19 million women are not insured. That means these women will have to pay for any birth control out-of-pocket.

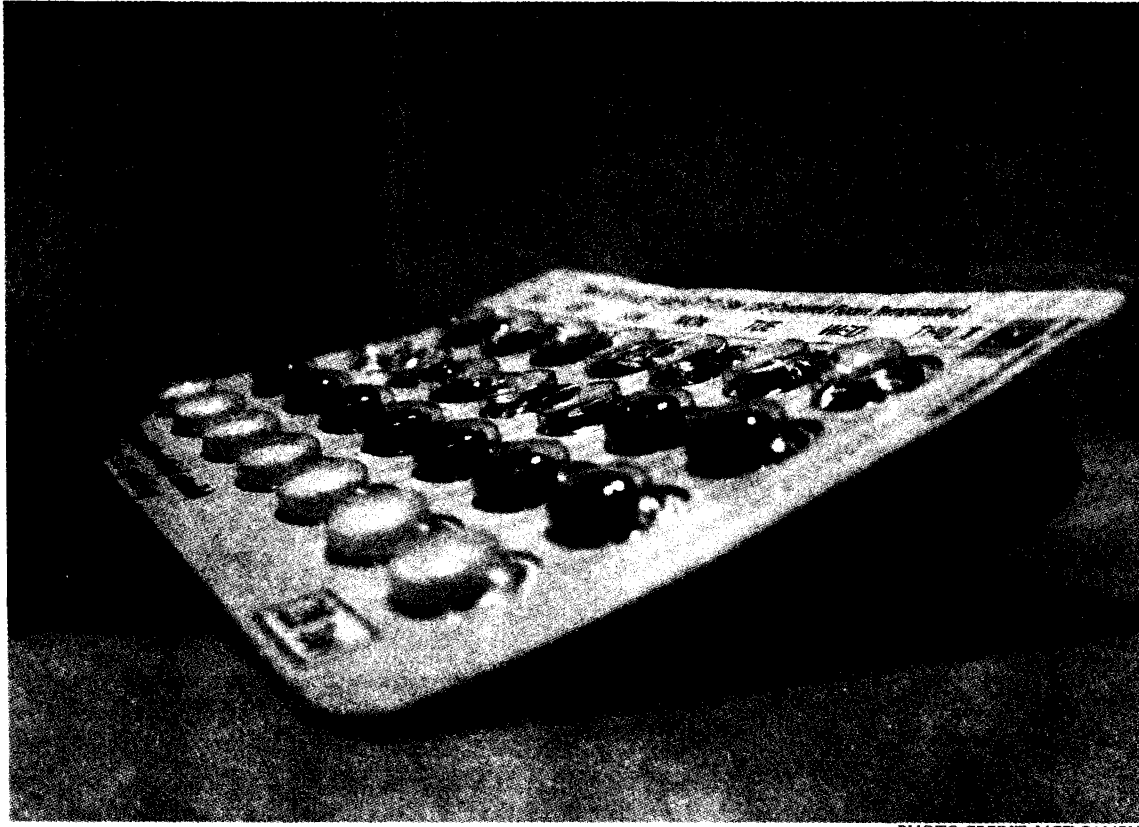


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On May 9, 2010, women across the country celebrated the 50th anniversary of the approval of the birth control pill. However, millions of low-income women still lack access to birth control.

Freshman Ruchi Shah nominated for Yahoo's Women who Shine Contest

By Matt Sacco
Staff Writer

Students rarely matriculate at a university having already accomplished what freshman Ruchi Shah has.

The centerpiece of Shah's achievements thus far is her work in mosquito repellent, which she carried out with homemade apparatuses in her garage while still in high school.

She was spurred to action after her uncle was diagnosed with dengue fever, a mosquito-transmitted disease akin to malaria, yellow fever and the West Nile virus.

Shah was recently nominated for Yahoo's Women who Shine Contest, which awards \$10,000 to the nominee who garners the most votes.

After more than two years of concerted research and several failed trials, she produced an all natural mosquito repellent.

"My repellent is the first of its kind because it not only masks the scent of human perspiration, but also neutralizes attractive components in sweat," Shah said. One of my goals is to make this repellent inexpensive so that it can be accessible to the global population. Currently, the cost of my repellent, including marketing and bottling costs is over 90 percent less expensive than

commercial repellents."

The American Mosquito Control Association says more than one million people die every year from these and other mosquito-borne diseases, a metric that does not include those who suffer from, but survive, contraction.

Shah, who is a contributing writer for *The Statesman*, said that her experimentation process was "full of more failures than I can even begin to count."

"I think that is what research is about though, learning from failures and being persistent and dedicated to continue," Shah said. "I have an entire book of failed recipes, and I am thankful that I eventually did discover one that was effective. Carrying out the project was a commitment and

I think it was a little bit easier for me because I had a personal connection to the cause. The project became a part of me, and I was constantly thinking of ways to improve my experiment and troubleshoot."

For a student with such colossal vitality and curiosity, she is endearingly small, standing at approximately five feet, four inches, with an even more endearing name (that's "Ruchi" with a soft "ch" which, furthering the irony, is the name of a mountain in Switzerland's Glarus Alps). There is also a tremendous quality to her eyes, a brightness and electricity which seems to galvanize her whole face, as if she were in a state of perpetual eureka.

In 2011, Shah was selected for Stony Brook University's Simons Summer Research Program as a junior in high school, where she conducted ground-breaking research on cervical cancer.

Shah was among eight students chosen nationally to be in the university's Scholar for Medicine Program as a double major in biology and journalism; and yes, as part of the program, she has already been accepted into medical school. She is an AXA achiever, winning accolades on both the state and national levels in that program, which has awarded her a \$10,000 and \$15,000 scholarship for each.



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Ruchi Shah.

Southampton Hospital joins SBU health network

By Hanaa' Tameez
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University and Southampton Hospital officials signed a letter of intent on Sept. 30 to "strengthen an affiliation" and bring the hospital into the University's health care system in order to improve the quality of patient care, especially on the eastern end of Long Island.

The non-binding document allows Southampton Hospital to care for patients under SBU hospital's operating license. The next step in the partnership is for both parties to provide one another with business, financial and legal information to finalize an agreement pending the approval of the Southampton Hospital Board of Trustees and New York State legislative authorities.

The letter of intent also includes the start of a fundraising campaign to build "a new state-of-the-art hospital" on SBU's Southampton campus.

University president Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. said he believes a new hospital on the East End will be beneficial to everyone.

"This proposal would enable Stony Brook University to expand its education programs on the Southampton campus, helping us to fulfill our mission

to train the next generation of health care providers across Long Island," he said in a press release. "Southampton Hospital can provide a valuable teaching and research environment for Stony Brook University students, contributing highly trained health care professionals to meet the East End's needs as the population grows and ages."

The Southampton Hospital is the largest employer on the South Fork of Long Island with about 1,000 employees including "more than 240 physicians, dentists and allied health professionals."

President and Chief Executive Officer of Southampton Hospital Robert S. Chaloner said SBU's partnership with the 125-bed facility "will continue to build and strengthen health care accessibility and care for the communities of the South Fork."

"It will create tremendous potential to build new facilities, create new health care job opportunities and expand clinical services on the South Fork," Chaloner said in the press release. "And at the same time help Stony Brook build a strong Suffolk County based health system and advance its regional educational and clinical mission."

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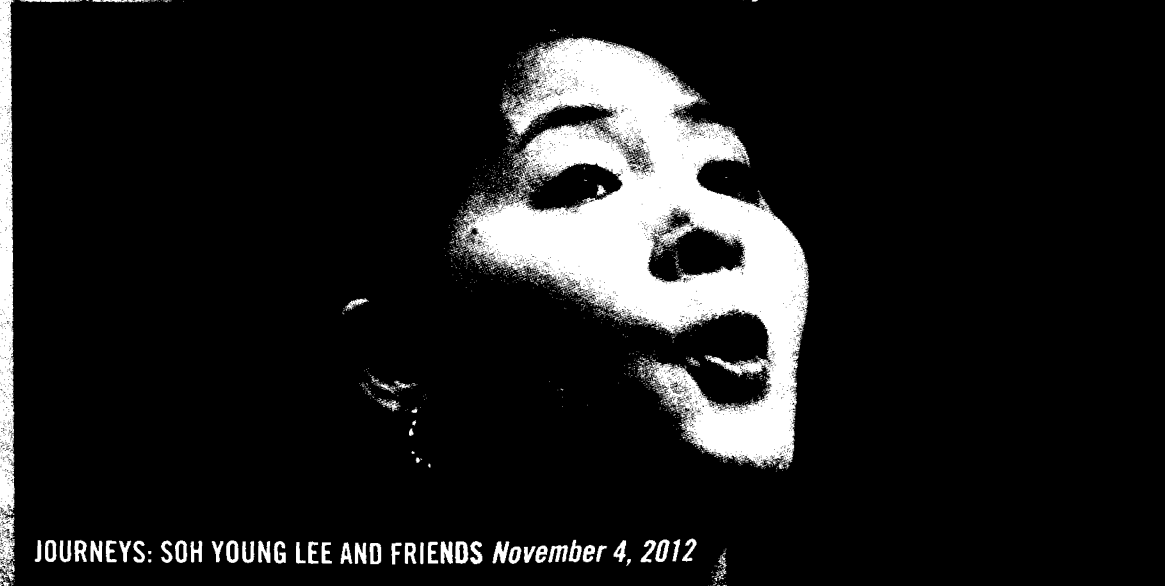
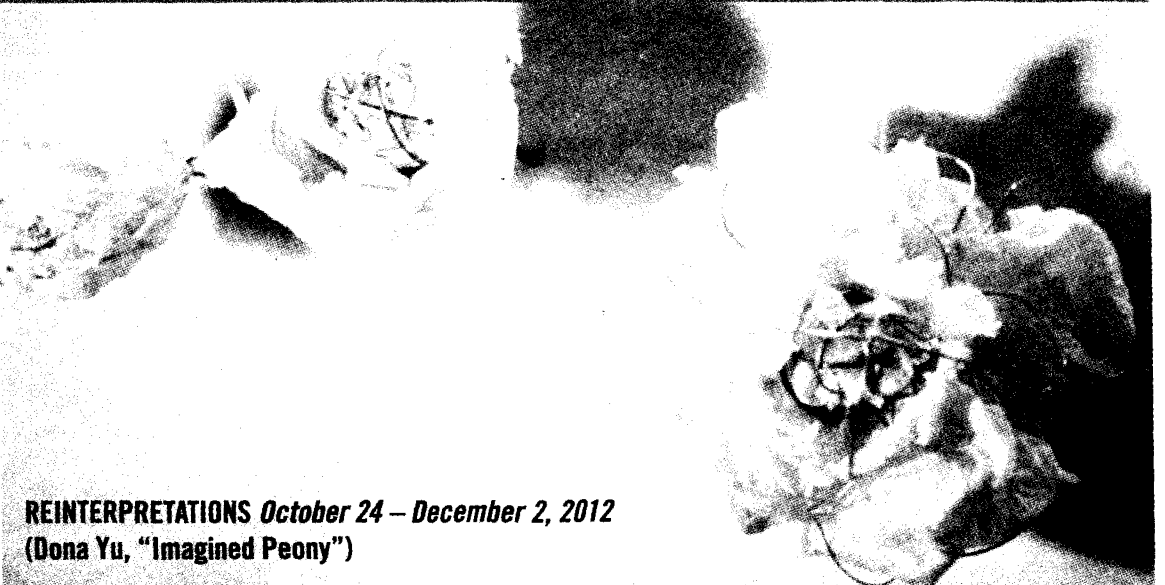
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Campus News Update: budget revised, election law amended

By Christine Powell
Assistant News Editor

Fall Revisions to the USG Budget

Treasurer Allen Abraham presented revisions to the Undergraduate Student Government's 2012-2013 academic year budget.

Abraham clarified changes made to various club budgets. The reasoning for changes to club budgets varied.

Some clubs asked for and received an increase in their funding, while others submitted their applications too late and were penalized, receiving only 50 percent of their previous year's budget.

Additionally, several clubs moved from the Special Services Council (SSC) and were granted line budget status.

Recently established clubs initially receive SSC budgets, which provides limited funding that must be applied for on a semester basis, while clubs with line budgets typically receive more money and have to apply only once a year.

Abraham also noted changes to the budgets of some USG agencies, services and operations.

The Student Activities Board received an \$18,000 increase in funding, which brought its 2012-2013 final budget to \$533,000. Abraham said that the increase

was because the arena is under construction, meaning that the facility is unavailable for the end of the year concert.

SAB will need to hire more security guards and potentially rent trailers when it holds the concert at the stadium instead.

The budget for USG's Audio Visual agency was increased by \$2,000 to pay for movers to help transfer its equipment from the Stony Brook Union to a locked room in the Student Activities Center as the Union closes for renovations. Abraham also said that the extra funds would go toward training the audio visual crew members to use the equipment so that events run more successfully.

USG now has \$56,414.92 in extra funds, which Abraham said will be used when Special Service Council clubs move to the line budget in the spring, or when clubs or agencies surpass their budgets.

The fall revisions passed unanimously.

Printing quota resolution

A resolution regarding students' printing quotas was passed after some debate.

Under the resolution, there is a single account for the east and



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USG Senate meets for its weekly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27. Last week, senators approved revisions to the 2012-2013 budget and amended its election law.

west sides of campus under which printing funds of \$14 per week are dispersed in full each Sunday. The funds, however, do not roll over from week to week.

Treasurer Abraham questioned the resolution, because he said that the new printing system requires students to use the funds allotted to them when printing in residential SINC Sites. In the past, printing at residential SINC Sites has not been monitored, which was beneficial to students

who had more to print than their quota allowed. Abraham pointed out that part of students' housing fees go to the residential sinc sites and questioned why housing costs have not decreased if the printing process has been streamlined.

Senator Miranda Guerriero, who met with the Division of Information Technology and the Teaching, Learning & Technology office, said that representatives from the departments had told her that the resolution will not negatively affect students, and urged the Senate to pass the resolution instead of postponing it for further examination into Abraham's inquiries.

Guerriero also said that the two departments are working on a project to alleviate congestion at printer lines by installing more printers for students who have large printing jobs specifically.

Senator Andrew Davis then questioned what would happen to the funds given to students on a weekly basis if they are not depleted.

Ultimately, the motion passed 12-6-4.

USG Image Management Act and Special Events Promotion Act

Senator Brian McIlvian presented an act to establish an ad hoc committee to market and promote to the student body what USG does and sponsors.

Senator McIlvian said that the Office of Communications and Public Relations has a smaller staff than in prior years and can no longer adequately promote USG.

Establishing an ad hoc committee and a electing a vice-chair to work with the Vice President of the Office of Communications and Public Relations would address the issue, McIlvian said.

McIlvian also proposed the Special Events Promotion Act.

He said that the vice president

of communications is not able to adequately promote large-scale events on campus but that hiring additional support to assist the vice president is financially impossible.

In the past, McIlvian said, it has been difficult to find volunteers to work the events who are interested for the right reasons, not just to meet the acts.

McIlvian hoped to establish an additional ad hoc committee. The committee would meet two weeks prior to large-scale events to discuss how best to promote the event and how to recruit volunteers to work the event.

Both acts passed unanimously.

Election Law Amendment

Last year, former USG President Mark Maloof pocket vetoed the Election Law Amendment, which came about because the Senate felt that a coattail effect was occurring during elections, or that voters were simply choosing candidates based on their party affiliations.

The act sought to remove party affiliations from the actual ballot and make it so that voters would have to refer to candidates' platform statements to learn their party affiliations.

USG President Anna Lubitz argued that USG is, ideally, supposed to mimic true governmental proceedings, and since the New York State ballot includes party affiliations, they should remain on the ballots. She also said that USG should not hide anything from the student body.

Ultimately, Maloof's decision held as the motion to approve the amendment failed 7-12-1.

USG Senate meeting room change

During the open agenda at the end of the Senate meeting, Executive Vice President Aimee Pomeroy announced that Senate meetings would be moved to SAC 306 for the remainder of the year.

Police Blotter

Oct. 7 - Oct. 15

Verbal Harassment

A male student verbally harassed a female student at West Apartment D at about 10 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, according to a police report. University Police referred the case to the University's Office of Judicial Affairs.

Intoxication

An 18-year-old female student at Baruch College was taken to the hospital because of intoxication on Saturday, Oct. 13, according to a police report. University Police referred the student to the University's Office of Judicial Affairs.

Sign Theft

An exit sign was stolen from the Lauterbur building on Sunday, Oct. 7, according to a police report. University Police are investigating the theft.

Trespassing

A male individual with no affiliation to the university was arrested after he was allegedly found trespassing in the Psychology A building on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Vehicle Damage

An employee of the Student Health Center reported damage to their vehicle on Tuesday, Oct. 9. The case is still under investigation.

Broken Window

A window was broken at Whitman College by an unknown person on Sunday, Oct. 14. University Police are investigating the case.

Alleged Assault

A patient struck a male nurse at the University Hospital on Monday, Oct. 15, police said. There were no injuries and charges are still pending, according to police.

Harassment

A male student working at the Union Café reported harassment from an unknown male on the line on Monday, Oct. 15, according to a police report.

-Compiled by
Ashleigh Sherow

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Students express their creativity with body modifications

By Fumi Honda
Contributing Writer

Body art is a popular option for college students who are fresh out of the bounds of legal and parental restrictions. As a way of self-expression, students assert their autonomy over their bodies by getting piercings or tattoos.

Aside from the common forms of ear lobe piercings, additional forms of self-expression range from the industrial bar, which is a stick with a ball on each end that extends across the ear and goes through the cartilage in two places, to other places on the nose, tongue, belly button and anywhere as daring or creative as one wishes.

As for tattoos, they require a bit of demystification. Like a sewing machine, the tattoo needles repeatedly prick just below the skin at a rate of 50-3000 stabs a minute per minute, and the ink bottle eventually creates a monochromatic

or colored pattern. As technology advances, three dimensional gradients as are even possible. While getting a tattoo might not be as painful as most anticipate, one thing that does hurt is the price tag; an inch wide design can range from \$50-\$100 dollars based on the intricacy and style.

Body art can be a sensitive topic for people, and it is not a decision to be made lightly, as it is hard to undo. People get tattoos for various reasons. Two students opened up about their experiences with body modifications.

Natalie Phagu, sophomore biology major:

The Statesman: What made you decide to get your tattoo or piercings? What's it like and why? Where did you get it done?

Natalie Phagu: I decided to get my nose pierced because it is culturally acceptable for young girls to do this as a coming-of-age process. My nose

ring is in the shape of a flower, and is made of diamonds. It was a gift from my parents for my dance debut, a very special ceremony in an Indian classical dancer's life. I got the piercing done in my neighborhood.

TS: Do you wonder if you'll ever change your feel about your piercings/tattoos?

NP: I do wonder sometimes if I will want to remove my nose ring when I get older; however, I feel that since it is a cultural aspect of my identity and I've had it for years and identify myself with it, I doubt that I will ever remove it.

TS: What are people's general opinion about body art, and reaction to yours?

NP: I feel that people generally have a negative attitude towards people with tattoos and piercings. People always ask whether I got my nose ring for fashion or for cultural reasons and I have to explain why.

TS: What do you do if you go



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Kelsey Truglio sports her cartilage and earlobe piercings.

into an interview? Hide it or show it?

NP: I don't remove my nose ring for any interviews because it is who I am. I even wore it for Harvard and Columbia interviews; I feel that my cultural identity should not affect whether I get accepted or not.

Kerri-Anne Bross, sophomore biology major:

TS: What made you decide to get your tattoo or piercings? What's it like and why? Where did you get it done?

Kerri-Anne Bross: I have multiple tattoos and piercings and I got each of them done for different reasons. It really ranges from getting them as a reminder that I'm never alone, to getting it done just because I thought it looked pretty. I got them done at Studio 69 at Ronkonkoma, Tattoo Lou's of St. James, and Clockwork Tattoo at Centereach.

TS: Do you wonder if you'll ever change your feel about your piercings/tattoos?

KB: I honestly don't think I will ever change my opinions on my piercings and tattoos. They're a part of me.

TS: What are people's general

opinion about body art, and reaction to yours?

KB: There's a couple of different reactions that people have to body art. Some people feel like it's disgusting, other's see it as intriguing. Personally, not many people see my tattoos or piercings. When they do it's usually a positive response, although sometimes I will get someone who reacts negatively to them and tells me that I'm ruining my body. I choose to ignore them.

TS: What do you do if you go into an interview? Hide it or show it?

KB: All of my tattoos and piercings, aside from my nose piercing, are hidden. So I don't have to worry about them during interviews. I think that if I did have any of them showing, I would decide whether or not to show them based on the job I was applying for.

Despite the often negative connotations associated with body art, tattoos and piercings have come a long way in human history. They draw inspiration from both tribal and religious symbols and it is important to not judge based on appearance.



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Kelsey Truglio has a tattoo to go along with her piercings.

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company

The well-known improv group Upright Citizens Brigade will be performing at Stony Brook Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the SAC Auditorium. This event is free for all Stony Brook students.



2) Larry Rivers Art Exhibit

Artist Larry Rivers' "Collaborations and Appropriations" will be showcased in the University Art Gallery located in the Staller Center. It can be seen on weekdays up until Dec. 9.



3) Haunted Laser Tag

The Weekend Life Council is hosting haunted laser tag on Oct. 26 from 6-10 p.m. in SAC Ballroom A. This is a free event.

Take full advantage of what the SAC has to offer

By Dipti Kumar
Staff Writer

The Student Activities Center is an everyday pit-stop for a meal for most students. While many students opt to grab their meals and get back to class or study groups, there is more to do at the SAC than just grab a bite and run.

For those who like to wind down and relax after a long day, the three lounges do just that.

While the SAC is filled during the peak hours of the day, the best times to use the space would be after class hours or early in the morning.

The skylight lounge on the third floor is a good place to escape noise and loquacious students as they trickle in and out through the day. The space is clean and helps you focus on the work at hand.

If the third floor is too much effort to reach, there are other places too: the commuter commons and the traditions lounge are also places you can eat, study or read. From study groups and meetings, you can do a lot more than just school work here.

The weather changes can be unpredictable these days, but on those occasional sunny days, try and grab a bench at the Sculpture Garden to soak in the sun or just enjoy some "me time."

If you like cooking, then

you're in luck. Renowned chefs are on campus in the various dining halls, including the SAC, Monday through Thursday until the end of October. Topics include: how to make pumpkin soup, crème brûlée and seafood casserole, among other mouthwatering offers.

Also, commemorating annual Food Day will be the farmer's market sale in front of the SAC in the Academic Mall.

The SAC also has an ATM machine on the first floor. If you have family or friends visiting during the year, then the Seawolves marketplace is good spot to pick up Stony Brook merchandise. While in the store, ask about the coffee selections that are freshly brewed to order.

The SAC lobby space often transforms into a free hot chocolate event or hosts flea market vendors. Make sure you try and walk through the lobby—because most times, many people miss out on the interesting activities here.

The SAC auditorium is a hotspot for interesting guest speakers through the year. Most recently, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Sara Ganim took to the stage to share her experiences of reporting on the Jerry Sandusky case. Most times, these events are free and offer students the opportunity to receive class credit.

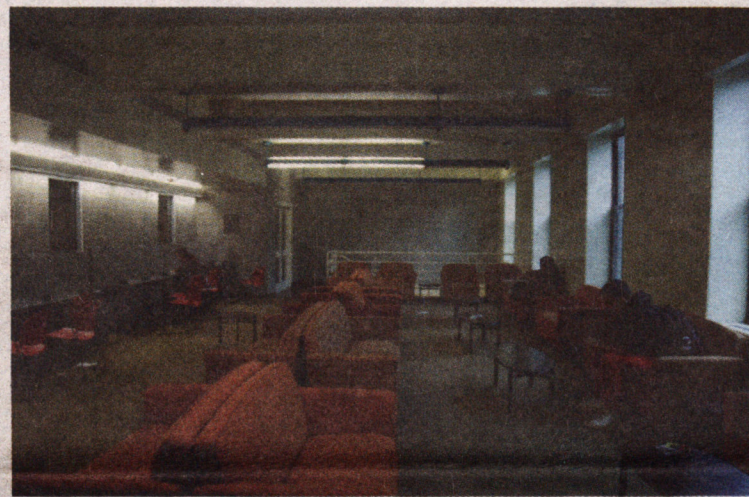


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The SAC Ballroom hosts numerous events throughout the semester.

The Student Activities Center is a one-stop place to get a day's worth of work done. Its proximity to the library and the bus stop helps students move around with ease and get to class in time. October would not be complete without Halloween specials. If you have not decided what you're doing, then head over to the SAC for the 31 night Halloween Bash.

Next time you are at the SAC, remember to stay a while longer and explore beyond the obvious.



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The Commuter Lounge offers students a place to study.

Paranormal Activity 4: None of the gore, all of the scare

By Jon Winkler
Contributing Writer



The standard for horror movies over the last decade has been a gorefest. Films like "Saw," "Hostel" and others put carnage before plot on most occasions.

Then again, you also should not be thinking a film like "The Hills Have Eyes" should be on the same artistic level as "The Departed." Horror movies and their makers pride themselves on going as far as they want with corny killers, lead actors whose talent stops at screaming and campy demises. But the horror genre has been trying to find something new to scare people in the theatres with for many years, and it seemed to strike gold in 2007 with the first "Paranormal Activity" film.

Made with only a \$15,000 dollar budget and eight actors in the entire film (three were not featured in the credits), the building of tension and suspense throughout the movie made audiences shiver. Its final scene made for one of the scariest movie scenes in recent memory. Audiences demanded to see the buzz-worthy film, which eventually earned over \$190 million at the U.S. box office.

From there, an array of sequels

were expected, but would they be any good? The fourth installment keeps the scare factor as high as the original.

The film opens with the final scene of "Paranormal Activity 2" where original paranormal victim and demonically possessed Katie (Katie Featherston) kills her sister and abducts her nephew, Hunter, in 2006. Fast-forward five years later, we meet Alex (Kathryn Newton), her younger brother Wyatt, her mom and her dad.

They are a simple family in a plain town, except for their younger neighbor Robbie (Brady Allen), who happens to climb up to their playhouse in the middle of the night. When Robbie's mother is mysteriously hospitalized, Alex's family takes in Robbie for a while.

Robbie and Wyatt become nearly inseparable friends. But something does not feel right. Alex hears thumps in the night and Robbie has an imaginary friend that makes threats against Alex.

Out of concern for her and her family, Alex has her friend Ben (Matt Shively) keep cameras running within her family's laptops to see what goes on when everyone sleeps. She sees what Robbie does at night: sneaking out to talk to his imaginary friend and telling Wyatt that he should meet him. Things start to disappear, chandeliers and knives



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The cracked photo of Katie Featherston was the first paranormal moment of the movie series.

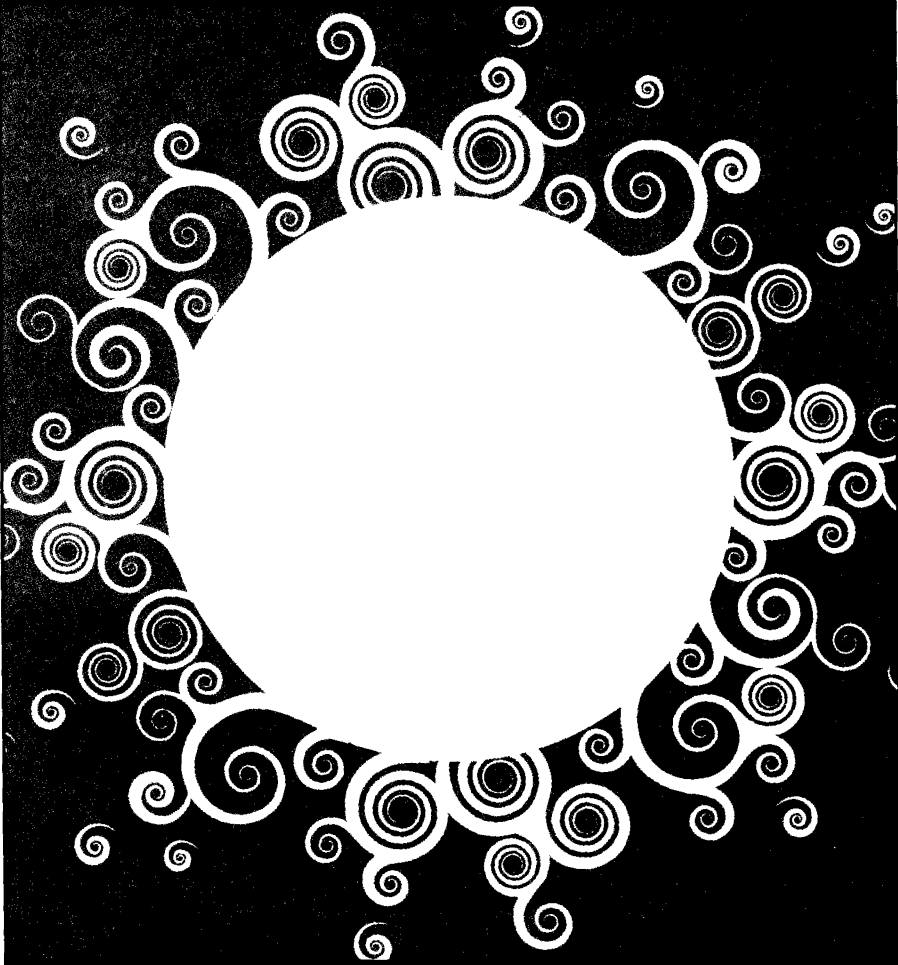
fall around the family, the bumps in the night get louder and Wyatt does not feel the same as he did before he met Robbie.

Now if you are looking for excellence in screenwriting, cinematography, music, set or costume design, go see "Argo," "Looper," or "The Master." Horror movies, especially "Paranormal Activity," are not looking for critical praise from anyone. They are just here to scare you to death, preferably through the old-school form of making you jump in your

seat and telling the character on-screen, "DON'T GO IN THAT ROOM!" or "TURN AROUND YOU IDIOT!" What makes "Paranormal Activity" scary is the constant tension it builds with simply showing a room. There is no music in the background nor are there any stressed camera angles (except, of course, when Alex is running frantically with a video camera). The audience just has to wait for the ghost to come out. Another great thing "Paranormal Activity 4" does is

that it makes the audience look around for anything that moves or stops moving. It is the horror movie equivalent to "I Spy," except this is supposed to make your skin crawl. But sometimes, it falls flat. Although the film serves up the possibility of another sequel, there are still things that were left to be ignored. But you are not really supposed to look for what's missing in the film. Just sit back and make sure your nerves are in check, because you will lose them many times in this scarefest.

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Books students miss while in class

By Taylor Bouraad
Contributing Writer

Have you been so busy with studying for midterms that you can hardly breathe, let alone spend your free time reading? You may be unaware of some the great new and old books that you may be missing out on the have been released during the current semester or in recent memory.

Are you ready to step out of the magical world of Hogwarts and into the dysfunctional homes of England? If so, J.K. Rowling's new novel, "The Casual Vacancy," which came out this fall, is the book for you. Harry Potter fanatics have been craving more Rowling ever since the series concluded with the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" in July of 2007. The new characters we meet are "muggles," and struggle with 'real' issues like drug use and self harm. Although this novel may not bring you to the hidden world of magic, it will certainly be something you can relate to.

How many books about kinky sex become a bestseller in the United States and United Kingdom? E L James' "Fifty Shades of Grey" has made it onto bestseller lists all over the world with its "sexy talk." This provocative novel lures young and old readers with its



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J.K. Rowling, author of "The Casual Vacancy."

descriptions of kinky nights between a young businessman and a female college graduate. Be warned, this book is highly graphic, and contains a lot of sexual content, but that is where most of the appeal comes from.

Ever wanted to read a blast from the past? "Catch-22," by Joseph Heller, takes the satire away from the television and into a book. Take a break from "South Park," plunge into this novel about World War II and experience what it was like to be a part of it. The



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Suzanne Collins, author of "The Hunger Games."

novel has its upbeat moments and the parts that are hard to deal with (rape and murder), so it is the perfect blend of drama and emotion with elements of entertainment.

Just about everyone has seen "The Hunger Games," but the question is: have you read "The Hunger Games" trilogy written by Suzanne Collins? Struggles for survival, finding love and overcoming the evil powers of a dystopian governmental regime is just some of the drama in this series of novels. Drama this big deserves to be read while lounging on the beach, or sitting by a pool. Easy reading, but definitely the time used up is worth the excitement you'll have as you read this novel.

Imagine being in a car crash and having to choose between life and death. "If I Stay," written by Gayle Forman, brings us into the mindset of a young high schooler who must decide whether she wants to die and rest eternally with her immediate family, or live her life with her boyfriend and family she has left. This novel will leave you at the edge of your seat as you step inside Mia's shoes as the novel alternates between the past and the present. It will alter your view on love, life and family and remind you that in one moment, everything can change.

This was just a sample of some of the books college students have been missing out on, both over the semester or they have just fallen off of students' radar. So this winter break, whether you are vacationing on a beach or relaxing at home, these books are certainly something to spend your time doing.



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A display of E. L. James' wildly popular book, "Fifty Shades of Grey."

Does Greek life live up to popular media's perception?

By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

Imagine witnessing a parent saying their last goodbyes to the stiff corpse of their once vibrant child who lost their life from being hazed.

Although stories like this are often front and center in the media when referring to fraternities and sororities, not all Greek life is bad. There is also a positive side that comes along with being a part of these organizations, and the chapters found at Stony Brook University are good examples.

The honor society Order of Omega is a society for the fraternity and sorority community that recognizes members who excel in scholarship and leadership. That is just one possible award that fraternities and sororities have the chance of earning for their work. However, when it comes to Greek life in the media, hazing often eclipses the achievements and awards that the social organizations can obtain for their positive work.

According to an article in "The Newburg-Beacon Evening News," in 1989 at Stony Brook University, two fraternity brothers were "charged with assault in a hazing ritual that knocked a student unconscious." Three others were suspended for participating in the beating.

"Many sororities serve the purpose of uplifting their communities through unity. Many take pride in academics, culture and other aspects but are misconstrued," Stephanie Correa, a senior double majoring in health science and Africana studies, said.

As a member of the Sigma Lambda Upsilon sorority, Correa said that they [fraternities] are all seen as a single entity of wild college students whose focuses are partying and a good time, but there are law, social, coed and multicultural fraternities.

Two films that explore Greek life are "Stomp the Yard," and "Revenge of the Nerds." In "Stomp the Yard," the movie boasts the idea that fraternities



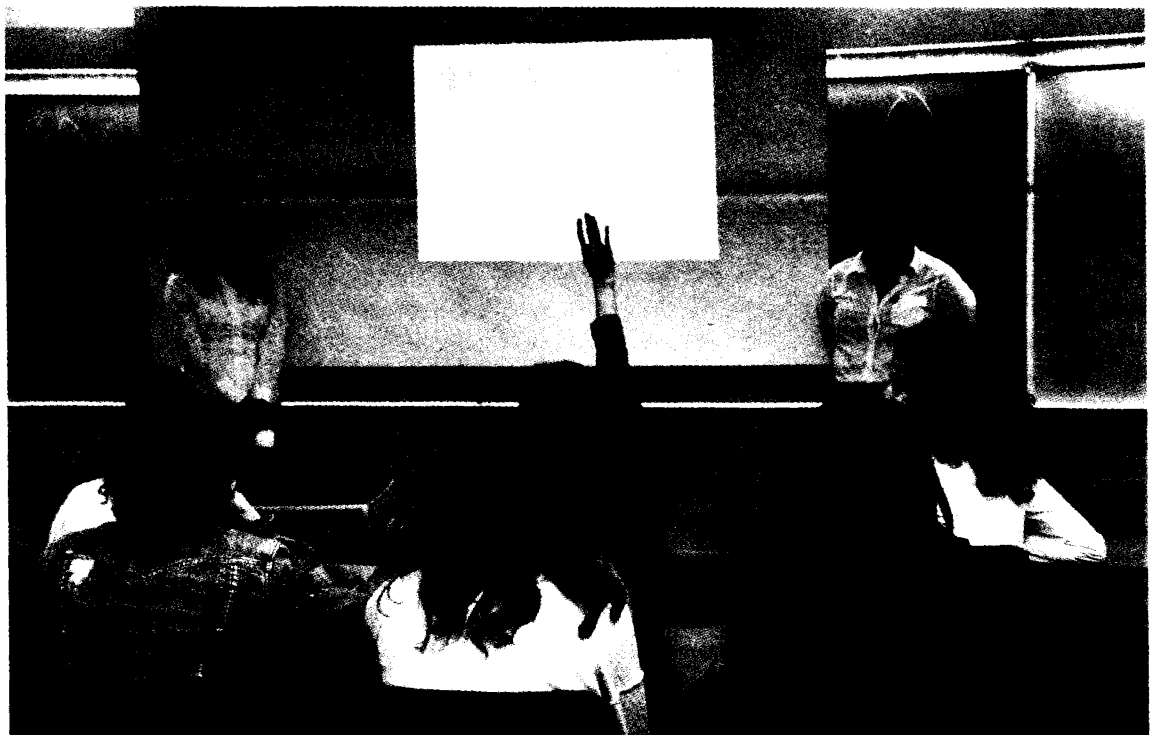
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Students listen to a presentation about organ donation sponsored by Lambda Theta Alpha, a campus sorority.

build character and shows off the performance side to the organizations. In "Revenge of the Nerds," the movie portrays Greek life being centered around parties, pranks, and popularity. While one movie focuses on the glory and brotherhood of performing with a fraternity, the other magnifies the media's views.

"To be honest, I think they are a bit of a joke," Hannah Perruccio, a senior majoring in sociology, said. "They [fraternity and sorority members] walk around campus wearing their Greek letters, but, personally, I really have no idea who they are," Perruccio said.

Sororities and fraternities at Stony Brook stay largely social on campus by throwing parties, doing community service and holding events to entertain students. They host a variety of events in hopes of attracting an array of students. Not all choose to pledge because of the allure of parties.



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Students participate in the organ donation seminar, which took place in the SAC.

The different activities allow potential pledgers to decide what they wish to get out of the fraternity or sorority. This generally leaves undergraduate

students to either be in for a rude awakening or for the best experiences of their lives.

"As an athlete, we kind of have our own cliques of people and honestly on this campus it seems like sports teams are more respected than frats and sororities," Perruccio, a member of the lacrosse team, said.

Most of the negative media gained from these organizations deals with the serious topic of hazing. Hazing attracts lots of attention because it can be done by many different clubs or organizations. But, the majority of the time, sport teams and Greek life are the groups that are heavily associated with hazing.

This past September, Noelle Morrison, a 20-year-old athlete from Stony Brook who plays college volleyball at SUNY Geneseo, faced charges of first-degree hazing

and unlawfully dealing with a child after allegedly forcing the youngest team members to drink alcohol, according to "Three Village Patch." Earlier this year, Binghamton University made the front page of "The New York Times" amid a hazing scandal that forced the institution to enact a suspension on pledging for all of its Greek organizations.

Members of the on-campus organizations see what they do as being different from what the media portrays.

"Many fraternities and sororities, especially the black and Latino fraternities and sororities, try to uphold the principles they've been founded upon while also maintaining a positive presence in the campus community," Jacob "Vita" Laguerre, a senior philosophy major and member of the Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity, said.



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The fraternity and sorority flags displayed in the Stony Brook Union are a visible aspect of Greek life.

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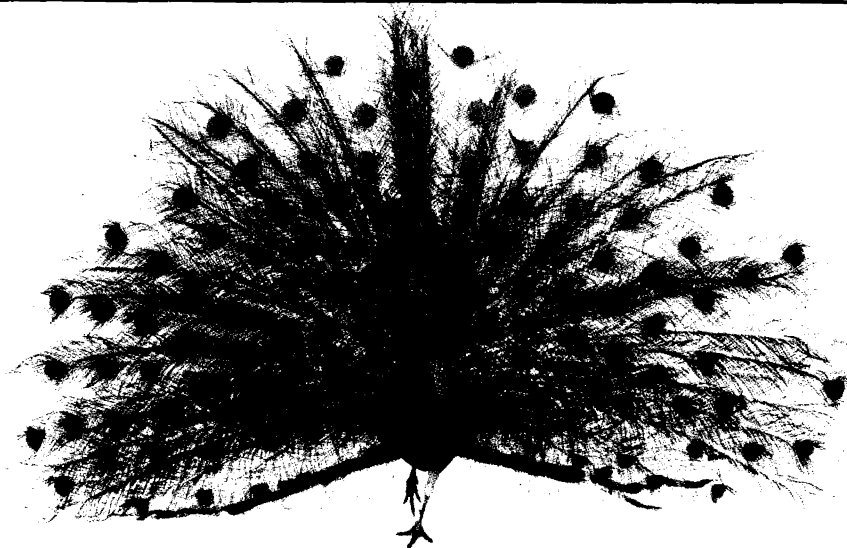


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First Lady: Barack's best asset?

By Sarah Lunney
Contributing Writer

According to a popular anecdote which was shared via email, President Obama and his wife Michelle decided to do something out of routine one night and go for a casual dinner at a restaurant that wasn't too luxurious. When they were seated, the owner of the restaurant asked the president's Secret Service if he could please speak to the First Lady in private. They obliged and Michelle had a conversation with the owner. Following this conversation, President Obama asked Michelle, "Why was he so interested in talking to you?" She mentioned that in her teenage years, he had been madly in love with her. President Obama then said, "So if you had married him, you would now be the owner of this lovely restaurant," to which Michelle responded, "No. If I had married him, he would now be the President."

Although this story was proven to be false, Michelle Obama, with her soaring popularity, may well be the President's best asset.

Michelle is a regular on talk shows, has appeared on the cover of "Vogue" and has a plethora of high-end designers begging to dress her. This, combined with her political activism and advocacy for healthy living and veteran support, makes Michelle not just a first lady, but an increasingly popular celebrity.

Just last week, Michelle appeared on "NBC Today" with Ryan Seacrest and "Live With Kelly and Michael" on CNN. While every single first lady has been featured in the high-fashion magazine "Vogue" since the 1930s, Michelle is only the second to grace its prestigious cover. Her fashion is constantly scrutinized, and for the most part, applauded. There is no doubt that Michelle is one of the 21st century's most powerful female celebrities.

So how does her celebrity factor affect the presidential election?

A recent Marist Poll shows she is viewed favorably by 65 percent of registered voters nationwide. Her Democratic National Convention speech was watched by 26 million Americans and the Twittersphere went wild. Tweets including #firstlady and #teammichelle garnered double the tweets per minute that Mitt Romney's speech did. Thousands of tweets even suggested she run for office herself.

It seems President Obama recognizes Michelle as an asset to his campaign; he has encouraged her high profile on the campaign trail. But like Ann Romney's well-received speech at the Republican National Convention, will the remarks by the candidates' spouses make a difference to voters? Independent political analyst Stu Rothenburg said on Twitter that there might not be any real impact. "Michelle has become a terrific speaker. But why should that matter—or whether Ann Romney loves her husband—in picking a president?" And he's right. At the end of the day, having the most likable wife doesn't mean you are

better equipped to run a country.

But the celebrity factor certainly can't hurt either. Since Obama declared his plan to run for president in 2007, he has had an outpouring of public support by major celebrities. Hip-hop artists such as will.i.am and Nas have endorsed Obama in their lyrics. Beyonce has declared her love for Michelle in an open letter on her Tumblr blog. Her husband Jay-Z recently released a promotional video on Youtube praising Obama's policies and encouraging people to vote.

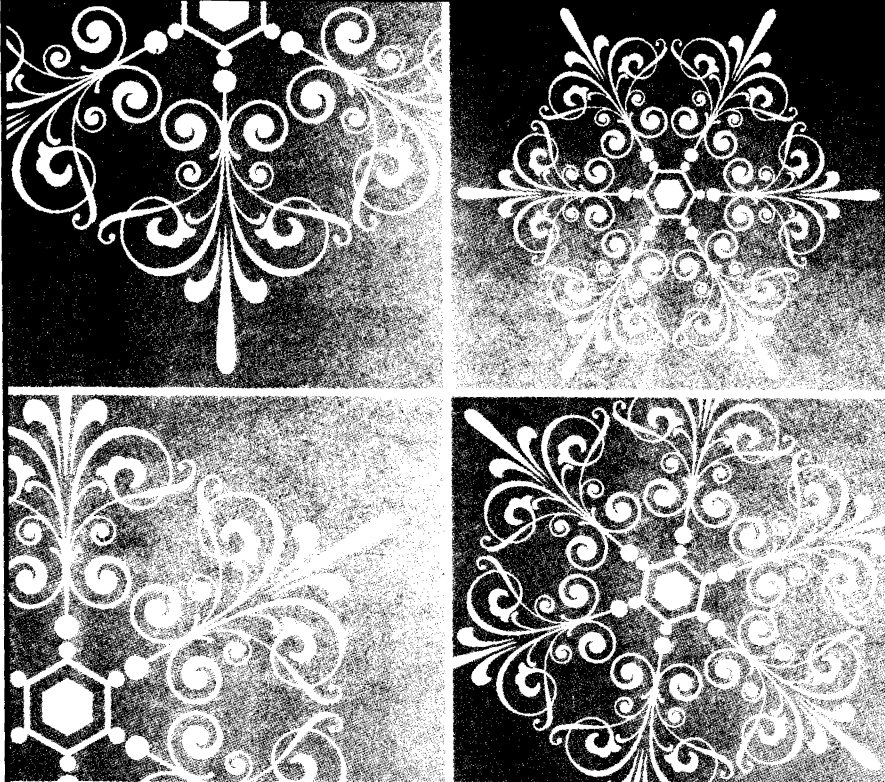
Oprah Winfrey, Eva Longoria, Chris Rock, Morgan Freeman and Will Smith are vocal advocates, donate extremely large amounts of money towards Obama's campaign and personally interact with voters on the ground. Their very public and active roles in supporting both Michelle and Barack Obama are definitely an advantage in the public eye. While it takes a little more than a popular wife and support of "the cool kids" to win a presidential election, it definitely can't hurt.



Michelle Obama may be a strong political asset for her husband.

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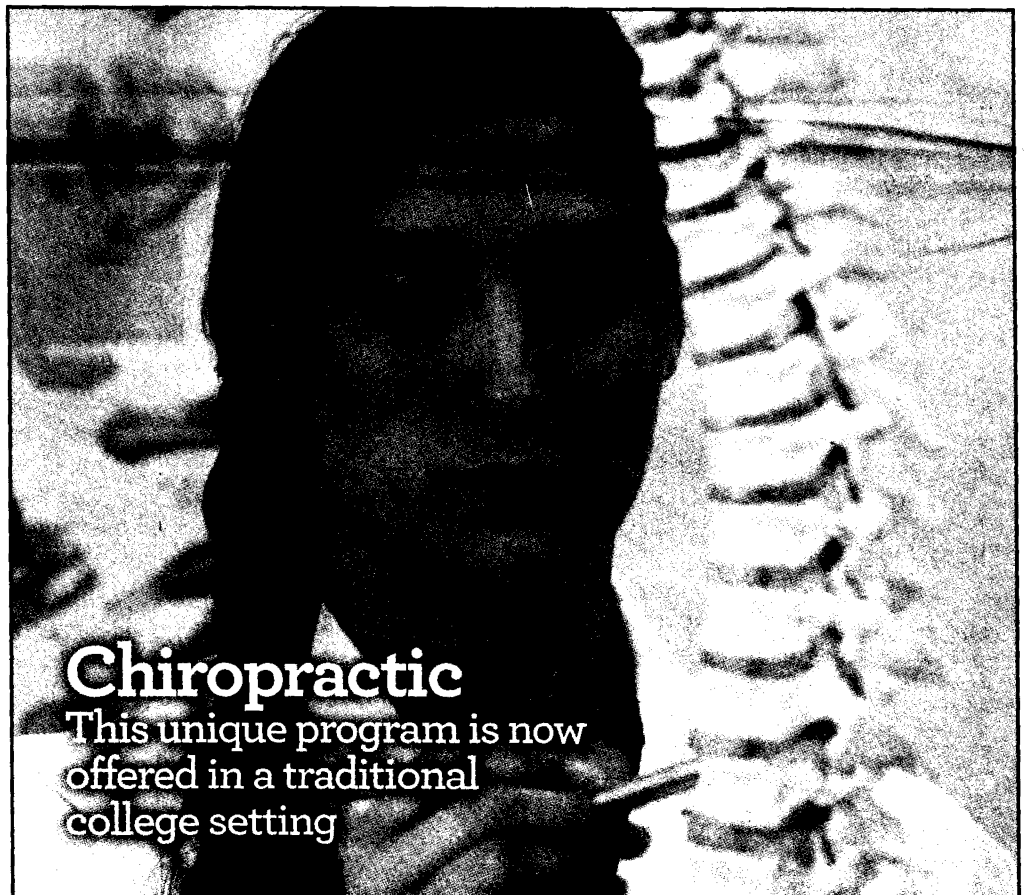
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SBU students unhappy with NHL lockout

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is the second labor dispute he has been involved in, having previously been the Major League Baseball Players Association's executive director during the 1994-95 strike.

The NHL already struggles to remain relevant in the world of sports, with baseball, football and basketball usually grabbing the headlines. After missing the entire 2004-2005 season due to a lockout the problem only got worse. Many sports fans were very slow to come back to the game, and major sports networks like ESPN did not help the situation by providing a very small amount of hockey coverage.

But, after a successful 2011-2012 season which included higher television ratings, another entertaining Winter Classic along with the supporting HBO documentary and teams in major media markets like New York and Los Angeles playing extremely well, many believed the league was on the rise again.

"Last season was great. My Rangers went deep, and the entire season start to finish was exciting," Matt Loides, a sophomore at Stony Brook University, said.

Now, many fear that the loss of another full season, and another year out of the spotlight for the league, could set the NHL back to where it was after 2004-2005 or worse. It is likely that many of the diehard puck heads will be back for the next season, but the casual hockey fans may lose interest again.

One of those casual fans, Mark Scott, is not so sure he'd want to come back after another lockout. "How many times can they do this,

and still expect us to come back," Scott said. "I mean if hockey's gone again for another year, I mean I might come back, but then again I might not."

One of the main conflicts between the two sides is how to

hockey-related revenue 50-50. Other major issues the league continues to push in their new offer are introducing term limits on contracts, eliminating salary arbitration and changing free agency rules.

How the Players' Association responds to the league's newest offer will have a significant impact on where this process goes. If the union is willing to counter while working off the framework the NHL provided Tuesday, negotiations will likely speed up, and the full 2012-2013 season could still be saved.

As for the players themselves, many of the league's superstars have opted to play overseas in Europe during the lockout.

However, this is a situation that scares owners and fans, because there is always the possibility of players injuring themselves while playing in Europe. Rick Nash already gave Ranger fans a scare when he suffered a shoulder injury after being hit into the boards during a game in Switzerland, though the injury wasn't serious.

Some fans understand that both the owners and players have a lot on the line in these negotiations. "The league is a business, and if we were in their shoes, we'd probably be doing the same thing," Stony Brook junior Ben Harris said.

But for the majority of fans the ideas of understanding and patience are trumped by the desire and need for a hockey season. "I don't care how they do it, I just want hockey," frustrated Stony Brook senior and diehard hockey fan Alan Thompson said. "Figure it out!"

"How many times can they do this, and still expect us to come back?"

Mark Scott
Stony Brook student

divide up the amount of hockey-related revenue the league brings in each year. Previously, the players had been taking in 57 percent of the revenue, but the owners now want to lower this amount significantly. They feel that since many of the league's teams are losing money, the owners should take in more of the total revenue to compensate.

Previously, the owners wanted to drop the players' revenue share to as low as 46 percent. But, on Tuesday, in an effort to try and preserve a full 82 game season, the league made an offer for a new six year collective bargaining agreement that would split



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Kenneth P. LaValle stadium is the home field for many of Stony Brook's teams, such as football and lacrosse.

LaValle Stadium to expand seating

By Mike Daniello
Sports Editor

Stony Brook's Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium is the largest outdoor athletic facility in Suffolk County.

Ten years ago, New York State invested \$22 million into the stadium, and now they are looking to add \$5.7 million more into it.

With the funds, it will turn LaValle Stadium from a stadium with a capacity of 8,300 to 10,000.

The Seawolves did get a crowd of 10,278 to LaValle Stadium for their homecoming game against Colgate on Sept. 22. Stony Brook came back and won 32-31.

The Stadium has only seen 10,000 fans once other time; the 2010 men's NCAA lacrosse quarterfinals.

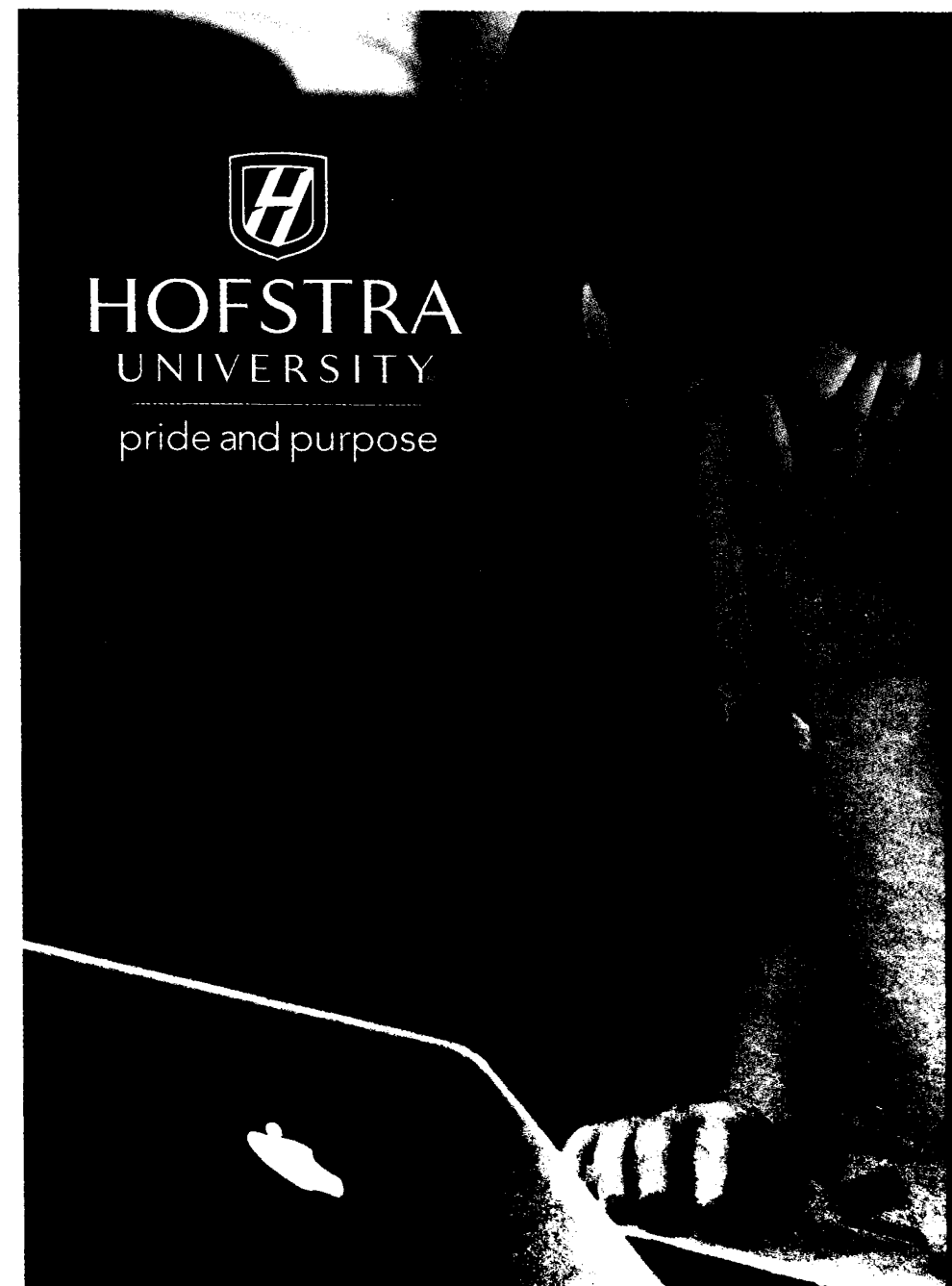
It is home to the Stony Brook football and men and women's

soccer, as well as the men's and women's lacrosse teams.

With the football team moving to the Colonial Athletic Association, the expansion would see the facility move closer to that conference's average stadium size. The average stadium size for CAA football schools this season is 15,719.

LaValle Stadium also hosted the 2006 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Quarterfinals, the 2011 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship, an NCAA Division I Football Championship quarterfinal game in 2011, and the 2012 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship.

Earlier this year, the America East conference decided to have the 2012 and 2013 men's lacrosse semi-finals and finals at LaValle Stadium.



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Ice Hockey splits pair of away games against Rutgers

By Adrian Szkolar
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off of a two-game split against Delaware, Stony Brook continued that pattern last week at Rutgers, blowing out the Scarlet Knights 7-0 on Friday night and following that up with a 5-3 loss on Saturday afternoon.

Stony Brook had balanced scoring the first game, getting goals from six different players. Sophomores Nick Barbera, Vincent Lopes, Ryan Cotcamp and Sam Brewster, as well as seniors Edwin Montgomery and Daniel Cassano all scored for the Seawolves.

"I thought we had a complete game," head coach Chris Garofalo said. "It was the kind of game as a coach, I'm proud of, the team was working hard on the ice."

In his first start of the season, sophomore goalie Dan Snyder stopped all 36 shots for the shutout.

"Dan played really well in net, he was stellar," Garofalo said. "He played very well."

However, there was a let-down on Saturday, and undisciplined play

from Stony Brook, which saw the Seawolves take 51 total minutes in penalties, led to a loss.

Cassano, Montgomery and Barbera all scored for Stony Brook, and senior Mike Cacciotti had two assists.

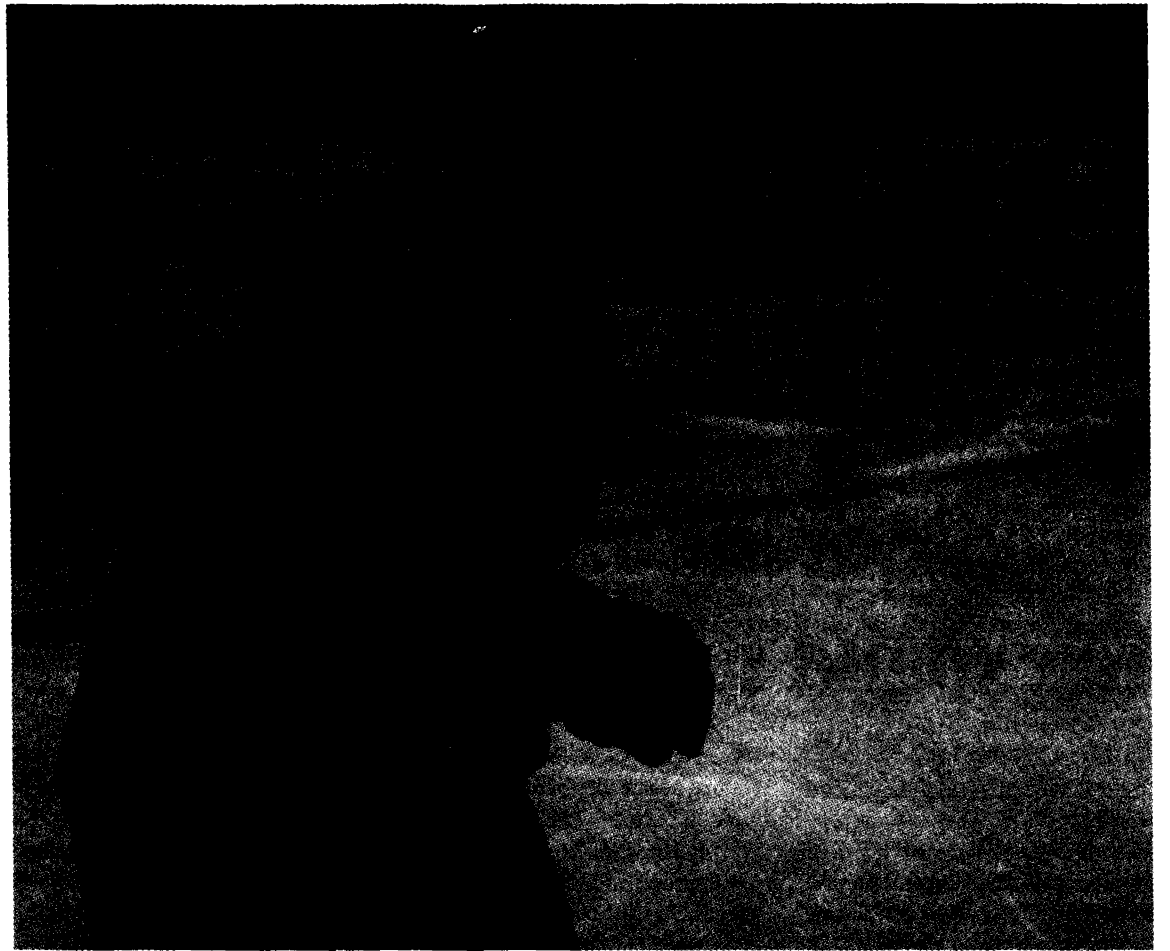
Snyder stopped 45 of 50 shots in the losing effort.

"Give credit to Rutgers, they came out firing, they came out chippy and were ready to play," Garofalo said. "We made some bad plays, and we beat ourselves, we didn't have the effort we did on Friday."

With a 3-5 record so far this season, Garofalo feels that his team's record is not reflective of how talented his team is. However, he feels that the team is close to playing up to its potential.

"We're right there, we're right at the cusp," Garofalo said. "We just haven't been able to put together two games back-to-back all season, it's been really frustrating."

Stony Brook only plays one game this week, taking on Drexel University at home at The Rinx in Hauppauge at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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Daniel Cassano had a total of three goals in the two game series against Rutgers.

Women's soccer defeats UNH, but loses to Hartford

By Yoon Seo Nam
Staff Writer

Stony Brook women's soccer lost to the University of Hartford by a score of 2-1 on Sunday at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Junior forward Larissa Nysch scored a goal in the fifth minute of the first half, but goals by Hartford's Elise Galipo and Shealagh Begley turned around the game.

By losing the game, Stony Brook ended the regular season in sixth place in America East and will play a quarterfinal game Thursday against New Hampshire.

For the first five minutes, Hartford was dominant, but the balance between both teams was broken as Nysch scored her seventh goal of the season.

Senior forward Taryn Schoenbeck sent a through pass to the left wing, and Nysch rushed to the ball and kicked it by Hartford's goalkeeper.

After eight minutes, Nysch had another chance from freshman Raven Edwards but could not convert it into another goal.

The rest of the first half developed slowly because both teams could not create more chances to score.

Stony Brook possessed the ball more than Hartford.

As soon as the second half began, the game started to go in a different direction. Hartford was more offensive, which led to Galipo's equalizer.

Hartford forward Catlin Alves dribbled into the box and fed the ball to Galipo, who stood in front of the empty goal and then tapped the ball into the goal.

The Seawolves tried to score the winner but failed.

"When [Hartford] scored, we

started to rush a little bit and played to try to get the second goal," Stony Brook head coach Sue Ryan said.

At the 78th minute, Nysch connected with a header in box, but the ball was off-target, narrowly missing the goal. After five minutes, Hartford midfielder Sidney Spemullo had a one-on-one chance, but it was denied by the Stony Brook goalkeeper, sophomore Ashley Castiano.

The game would go into overtime.

In the first overtime, Stony Brook developed its offensive game but could not finish its chances.

Even though the Seawolves were good in the second half, it would be Hartford who would score the winner.

In the 107th minute, Hartford defender Shealagh Begley scored the difference-maker on a free kick from 35 yards out, into the top left corner of goal.

Ryan thought that the team's inability to finish its chances made the difference in the game.

"We had enough chances in overtime to get another goal, but the game is about converting chances and credit Hartford; they finished their chances and we didn't," she said.

When asked about the quarterfinal game against New Hampshire, which Stony Brook defeated last week, coach Ryan said that the previous record would not be significant.

"Playoffs gives a kind of rebirth to all teams," she said. "I think it will be very spirited, competitive game. Playoffs gives a kind of rebirth to all teams. I think it will be very spirited competitive game."

Stony Brook's women's soccer



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Women's soccer fell to Hartford, which resulted in the Seawolves clinching sixth place.

team clinched a playoff bid, defeating the University of New Hampshire on Thursday in New Hampshire with a score of 1-0.

Edwards scored in the second overtime, at the 105th minute, as a ball from senior midfielder Sa'sha Kershaw from the left wing deflected off of a New Hampshire defender and then landed on Edwards' foot, who made no mistake and tucked the ball into the goal.

New Hampshire out-shot Stony Brook 21-17, but Stony Brook goalkeeper Ashley Castanio earned her fourth

shutout of the year, making six saves in the win.

Stony Brook had a chance to clinch as high as second place by defeating Hartford but was unable to do so.

With the loss, Stony Brook will take on New Hampshire in the first round of the playoffs, which begin Thursday.

"They're going to put us on grass probably, because we're a turf team," Nysch said. "I think it's going to be a battle definitely, but I think we're the better team in the end."

Stony Brook finished the

season with a 9-6-3 record. It went 3-4-1 in conference play.

The Seawolves did better at home with a 5-2-2 record than they did away, where they finished 4-4-1.

Nysch led the team with seven goals on the season.

Nysch also led the team in points with 17, while Edwards was tied for second with 12 points. Kershaw also finished with 12 points on the season for the Seawolves.

Game time for Thursday, as of print time, has yet to be announced.

Hockey's Mike Cacciotti hoping to stay healthy this year

By Adrian Szkolar
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Before the start of Stony Brook ice hockey team's practices at The Rinx in Hauppauge, senior forward and team captain Mike Cacciotti, by orders from his doctor, has to put a big, bulky brace on his left shoulder in order to play.

Despite tearing the labrum in his left shoulder twice and undergoing surgery both times for it in the span of two years, Cacciotti, unhappy with how the previous season went, wanted a chance to end his college career on a higher note.

"I didn't really know what was in store for me in the coming months," Cacciotti said of his decision to come back for a final season. "Of course I wanted to play again; I felt I had something to prove."

For Cacciotti, his shoulder problems, along with adapting to playing with the cumbersome brace which he says limits his movement, are just another obstacle in his playing career that he has overcome.

"I'm just happy that I'm here, and I'm having a good time here," Cacciotti said. "It is what it is, things probably just happen for a reason, it's kind of funny how the circumstances led me here."

Cacciotti has always battled adversity. Standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall, he has always been one of the smallest players on the ice.

"Growing up, I was always one of the smaller guys, and I had some great coaches who would never let that be an excuse for me," Cacciotti said. "If I wasn't playing and not taking hits, they wouldn't put me out on the ice, so I learned pretty early, pretty quickly, how to play the game."

During his youth, Cacciotti played in the New Jersey Rockets



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Cacciotti played junior hockey for four years, but received limited Division I interest due to his small stature.

organization, joining the program's Junior A team when he was only 16 years old.

During his time there, he was teammates with current NHL defenseman John Carlson.

"It was pretty intimidating, I was playing against a bunch of 20, 21 year-olds, they were a lot stronger than me," Cacciotti said. "I was still small for my age, it was a tough experience for sure."

Cacciotti would develop into one of the team's top offensive players, putting up 120 points in 129 games over four seasons, but he garnered minimal interest from NCAA Division I programs due to his diminutive stature.

"A lot of those coaches would be like, 'if you were six feet tall, I'd take you on my team,'" Cacciotti said.

Despite that, Cacciotti said

he was recruited by Division I schools Quinnipiac, Army and American International. However, in his final junior season, he suffered two concussions in the span of a week, snuffing out the interest those schools had in him.

"Quinnipiac was my main interest, I was looking forward to going there the most," Cacciotti said. "I had post-concussion syndrome for about six months, and then they just completely stopped talking to me, it was just unfortunate, I felt helpless, I couldn't do anything."

With his junior eligibility used up and no Division I offers, Cacciotti ended up going to Wagner College, where he played for the school's hockey team, then one of the top teams in the ACHA Division II.

"I knew it was a sure-fire thing I had to fall back on, and be able to play for at least another four years," Cacciotti said. "I had a lot of friends that were playing there also."

Toward the end of his first season for the team, however, the program was hit with a scandal when news broke that a booster illegally paid part of a player's tuition.

According to Cacciotti, a former player attempted to blackmail the head coach into paying for tuition money he owed, and emailed the school about the booster after the head coach refused to pay him.

As a result, the team, then ranked second in all of ACHA Division II, was barred from the national tournament that season and was hit with heavy sanctions for the following season.

"It was awful, there were a lot of mixed emotions," Cacciotti said. "It was really late in the year, and we were scrambling just to find another place to play."

With Cacciotti looking to transfer, Stony Brook head coach Chris Garofalo, who had recruited Cacciotti during his junior career, jumped at the chance to get him.

"It's funny, I had him in this locker room when he was playing for the Rockets, he was a nervous kid and he just sat here," Garofalo said. "He wanted to continue to play hockey, Wagner's team pretty much folded, and he knew we were very reputable."

After talking with Garofalo and a few players on the team, Cacciotti decided to move out to Long Island.

"I had a bunch of friends that were playing on the team, I had previously played with a couple of guys in juniors or just through growing up," Cacciotti said. "It was exciting to get to play with them again and reunite."

Garofalo knew he had hit a homerun in securing Cacciotti.

"You don't get players like him every year, you don't get guys that have that ice vision and that skill set, it's very hard because those kids can play at a higher level," Garofalo said. "For various reasons, they fall through the cracks, and my job is to find the guys who fall through the cracks and catch them."

Unsure of what his role would be when he first joined the team, Cacciotti immediately became a key player, regularly featuring in the top two lines. In his last three seasons, he has scored 97 points in 66 games for the team.

"He sees things that other guys don't see, and that's what creates opportunities for himself plus his teammates," Garofalo said. "You can teach systems, but you can't teach a guy to be smart, and you can't teach effort either, and he has both."

Junior forward and assistant captain Wesley Hawkins, his line-mate, said that he benefits tremendously from playing with Cacciotti.

"The two years prior I've been here and going on to the third year now, playing with Mike has been great, he really can play with anybody," Hawkins said. "There really is some camaraderie between me and Mike and whoever else we're playing with, we know where we are going to

be and the plays he is able to make opens up opportunities for me, and I love it."

Hawkins, who also came up through the New Jersey Rockets' program, praised Cacciotti for his personality off the ice.

"I'm great friends with Mike, I hang with him not only here at The Rinx, but away from the ice as well, I hang out with him all the time," Hawkins said. "He's a great guy, he likes to have fun, he knows how to get his work done, and he's a very smart kid as well."

When Garofalo had to choose a captain for this season, he already had Cacciotti in mind. A vote from the players, which favored Cacciotti in a landslide, only made the decision easier for him.

"He has an aura, the players look up to him, you can tell he has the attention of the locker room, you never hear anything negative about him, to me that's the definition of a captain," Garofalo said. "He's doing a great job so far, he's leading by example."

Despite being one of the team's top players, Cacciotti humbly said he was surprised when he was named captain.

"It's a little bit of an adjustment from my previous years, I was an alternate last year, but this year, it's a sole responsibility," Cacciotti said. "I rely on my assistant captains for sure on a lot of things, but I think it's going pretty well so far."

For Garofalo, Cacciotti has not only been one of the best players to ever play for the program, but also one of the highest-character players as well, which is evident through how he has faced adversity throughout the years.

"In all my years of doing this, Mike is probably one of the top six forwards I've had the pleasure of coaching," Garofalo said. "On and off the ice, he does all the right things. He's a go-to guy and everyone looks up to him."



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Cacciotti is one of the team's top offensive producers.

SPORTS

Football rolls over Gardner-Webb 41-10

By David O'Connor
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There are times when football games go the way a team draws them up. For Stony Brook, Saturday afternoon's match with the Gardner-Webb University Bulldogs was one such game.

The Seawolves took the game by a score of 41-10 with a balanced attack of rushing and passing mixed with strangling play on the defensive end as well.

"It freed up the passing game and the running game because they can't focus on just one," senior running back Miguel Maysonet said.

The Bulldogs were given the first possession, but they were unable to make use of it as they missed a 45-yard field goal attempt. Stony Brook, however, cashed in immediately. The Seawolves marched down the field and completed their own field goal attempt, breaking into the scoreboard with a 3-0 advantage.

Time dwindled down in the first quarter and neither team was able to deal any significant damage. That is until Maysonet broke for a 52-yard run to score the first touchdown of the game. The Seawolves cemented a 10-0 lead when the quarter ended.

It was a big game overall for Maysonet. He ran for 169 yards throughout the game and passed 4,000 rushing yards for his career. He scored a second touchdown later in the game when he returned the opening kickoff of the second half.

"I noticed from the first kickoff that they were going to kick it short," he said. "It was a big motivation booster. We didn't have to throw out our offense, and our defense was doing so well. It gives our offense some rest."

When the second quarter began, it looked as though Stony Brook's lead would evaporate. The



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Stony Brook's Naim Cheeseboro (22) celebrates after bringing down Gardner-Webb running back J.J. Hubbard.

Bulldogs inched down the field and put through a 25-yard field goal attempt. They got the ball back immediately, however, when Stony Brook fumbled the ensuing kickoff.

Fortunately for the Seawolves, senior defensive back Dominick Reyes intercepted a pass from Gardner-Webb quarterback Lucas Beatty, preventing any further damage.

"I knew they were going to go that route," Reyes said. "I pretty much played it perfectly."

Head coach Chuck Priore said that Reyes is a leader for the defense

and brings a great deal of experience to the game.

"You have a quarterback on offense, and you have a 'quarterback' on defense," he said. "He understands the game. When you're making the plays he's making, it comes out of experience."

The resulting drive from that interception resulted in another successful field goal for Stony Brook, which now led 13-3.

That was the last scoring of the first half, and the second half began with a bang with Maysonet's return for a touchdown. The Seawolves

now began to pull away 20-3.

The Bulldogs refused to be put out that easily, however, and scored their only touchdown of the game on the next drive.

From that point forward, it was Stony Brook's game on both sides of the ball. The Seawolves scored three more touchdowns throughout the rest of the second half, and the defense shut down Gardner-Webb.

Senior quarterback Kyle Essington connected with fellow senior wide receiver Kevin Norrell twice during the game. Essington threw for 142 yards in the game

overall. Also breaking into the endzone was junior running back Marcus Coker, who set up his own touchdown by marching deep into Bulldog territory and leaping over a wall of defenders to force another score.

Stony Brook is now 7-1 on the season and has won all three games in conference play, but Priore affirmed that such numbers don't win football games.

"Seven and one is certainly exciting," he said, "But at the end of the day it doesn't get you anything. You've got to prepare correctly."

Men's soccer falls to UMBC after late goal

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The men's soccer team lost Friday against the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), who scored a goal in the second half of the game to beat the Seawolves 1-0.

Despite the fair amount of attempts to score a goal from both teams throughout the whole game, the UMBC team seemed to have handled the game and the opportunities better than the Seawolves.

"We knew we would have to do a good job of breaking the numbers down and being good with our chances," coach Ryan Anatol said. "If we were a little bit more ruthless in front of goal, we would have had a better result. Unfortunately we didn't take our chances... they punished us for it."

The Seawolves had a good offensive start with freshman Martin Giordano, who almost scored a goal at the 32nd minute of the first half.

Later on in the game, senior

Raphael Abreu received the ball in the middle of the field and tried to score but was stopped by the UMBC goalkeeper. The second attempt to score was taken by senior Kyle Schlesinger, who put the ball over the goal.

Despite the Seawolves' loss, Stony Brook senior goalkeeper

Stefan Manz played a huge part in the game, making four saves that prevented the UMBC teams from scoring more than one goal.

All these attempts were not enough to stop UMBC, as Pete Caringi scored in the 74th minute.

Despite the loss, coach Anatol is still positive and does not forget the

team's ambition.

"Our goal now is to keep getting better," Anatol said. "We created enough chances tonight to win the game, but we still need to be a little bit more ruthless... we need to continue to work at it and move on."

But although the overall good and positive attitude of the team is a boon, Anatol is aware that to win the last couple of matches of the season, the Seawolves need to continue pushing forward.

"We have to keep going and creating chances," Anatol said. "We had a couple of chances in front of the goals to keep the saves, the guys responded, unfortunately tonight we ran out of time."

Now in second place in the America East standings with a 3-2-0 conference record, Stony Brook continues its homestand on Wednesday, taking on New Hampshire at 7 p.m.

"We are a confident group. We have to pick ourselves up," Anatol said. "There is a lot ahead of us, lots of positives."



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Stony Brook's Raphael Abreu had two shots on goal.

With no NHL hockey, students unsure on league

By Joe Galotti
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The NHL is still locking out its players, and the clock is ticking for the two sides to reach a new labor agreement that would allow for a full season in 2012-2013. And with another possible lost year looming, many wonder about the damage that will be done to the sport.

The ongoing labor dispute, which has been going on since the expiration of the league's collective bargaining agreement on Sept. 15, is the fourth lockout the league has had since commissioner Gary Bettman took the position in 1993. For players association's executive director Donald Fehr, it

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