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## Humanities professors petition for more hires

By Katherine Kurre  
Staff Writer

NYSUNY 2020 is a program implemented in the summer of 2011 primarily targeted to four SUNY schools: Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stony Brook. This program was designed to aid in standardizing tuition hikes for five years as well as helping the economic and academic growth in New York State.

Stony Brook created its own plan of action based on SUNY 2020. According to a Stony Brook University press release from June 1, 2011, this plan includes new buildings, hiring of new faculty and staff, creating partnerships with Long Island industries for economic development and increases in financial aid for students with a family income of \$75,000 or less.

The hiring plans include employing more than 245 new faculty. In a press release, President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., M.D., said the plans were not just about expanded research, however, a group of Stony Brook professors feel differently based on the recent faculty hirings and approval of certain cluster hiring proposals.

Cluster hiring is a program born out of 2020. Each group of hires, called a cluster, comprises one to five new faculty members. The Office of the Provost website, under Cluster Hiring Initiative, states, "The goals of this initiative are to strategically place Stony Brook University on the emerging frontiers of research and knowledge and to enhance our ability to shape new fields of discovery, learning and engagement."

"Cluster hires are a huge project of the university, managed by the Provost, to cover the future expansion of faculty hires, after years of decline and neglect. What they are are thematically centered, interdisciplinary groups of hires, instead of traditional allotments by field or department," history professor Paul Gootenberg said in an email. Gootenberg is one of the faculty members, along with history professor Christopher Sellers, who wrote a petition letter about the recent hirings.

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Stony Brook mascot Wolfie joins students on the Staller Steps on Wednesday, Feb. 20, for a "Harlem Shake" flash mob.

## Students to serve distraught areas over break

By Steven Rossin  
Staff Writer

Instead of soaking up the sun's rays on a beach, some Stony Brook University students are pursuing constructive alternatives to their spring break by participating in retreat programs that will help them develop skills such as leadership, critical thinking and an understanding of the importance of community service.

This is not exactly an isolated phenomenon; About.com states

that "30,000 students opted for community service instead of a traditional vacation" through Break Away, a non-profit organization that helps students organize service projects.

One program that offers such an opportunity is Stony Brook's Alternative Spring Break Outreach (ASBO), a student-run program that prepares undergraduates for a meaningful service experience designed to help strengthen communities that have been struck

by unfortunate circumstances.

Past trips have included Pensacola Beach, where students aided relief efforts following the oil spill that beleaguered the Gulf Coast's shores; New Orleans to assist in community outreach; and Joplin, Mo., to assist in removing debris after a devastating tornado that wiped out many homes in the area.

"Part of the trip this year is making it more than just spring break. We've started to become more

active throughout the whole year," Emily Torkel, a senior psychology and sociology double major and the program's vice president of internships, said. "We planned a few trips with the university and got two buses to Mastic Beach," where ASBO helped in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy by helping to clean out homes.

"Our three major things seem to be disaster relief, community outreach and environmental conservation," Molly Vallillo, a junior English major and vice president of fundraising, said. "Once you get somewhere when you can assess what people need, you may go in thinking you know what to do, but they might say we really need your help with this."

This past fall, it was announced that ASBO would be heading down to Biloxi, Miss., and returning to New Orleans, where it will continue its efforts of serving stricken communities.

Another program on campus that offers students an opportunity to contribute their time to a greater cause is The Global Brigade. There are five chapters of this program at Stony Brook: medical, water, public health, environmental and architecture.

The Water Brigade is just a few weeks away from travelling down to El Paraiso, Honduras, with the aim of providing the community there with a cleaner water supply.

Once the students arrive,



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The Alternative Spring Break Outreach from SBU went to Joplin, Mo. last year.

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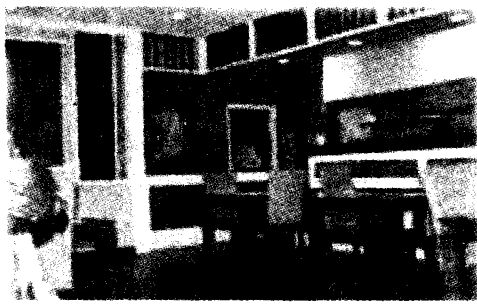


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# NEWS

## DoIT offers Blackboard and SOLAR apps for students

By Heather Khalifa  
Staff Writer

The Information Technology department (DoIT) now has something in common with the technology giants of Facebook, Google and Microsoft: it has gone mobile.

In a world where 80 percent of people own mobile phones, 45 percent of which are smartphones, industry moguls are scrambling and competing for the best mobile settings.

This overwhelming trend of smartphone dependence is what ultimately led to the creation of SOLAR Mobile for Stony Brook students, as well as other mobile applications intended solely for the convenience of students on campus.

SOLAR Mobile launched at the end of January, just before the beginning of the spring 2013 semester. Prior to the mobile arrival, DoIT worked extensively with students from the fall 2012 semester to get their feedback and found the mobile platform was in high demand.

"For universities, this is one of the most strategic plans,

to go mobile with whatever applications they have," Kim Rant, a business analyst at DoIT, said.

DoIT purchased the software needed to convert the webpage to the mobile format and from there took student feedback as to what they wanted to see the most in the new mobile settings.

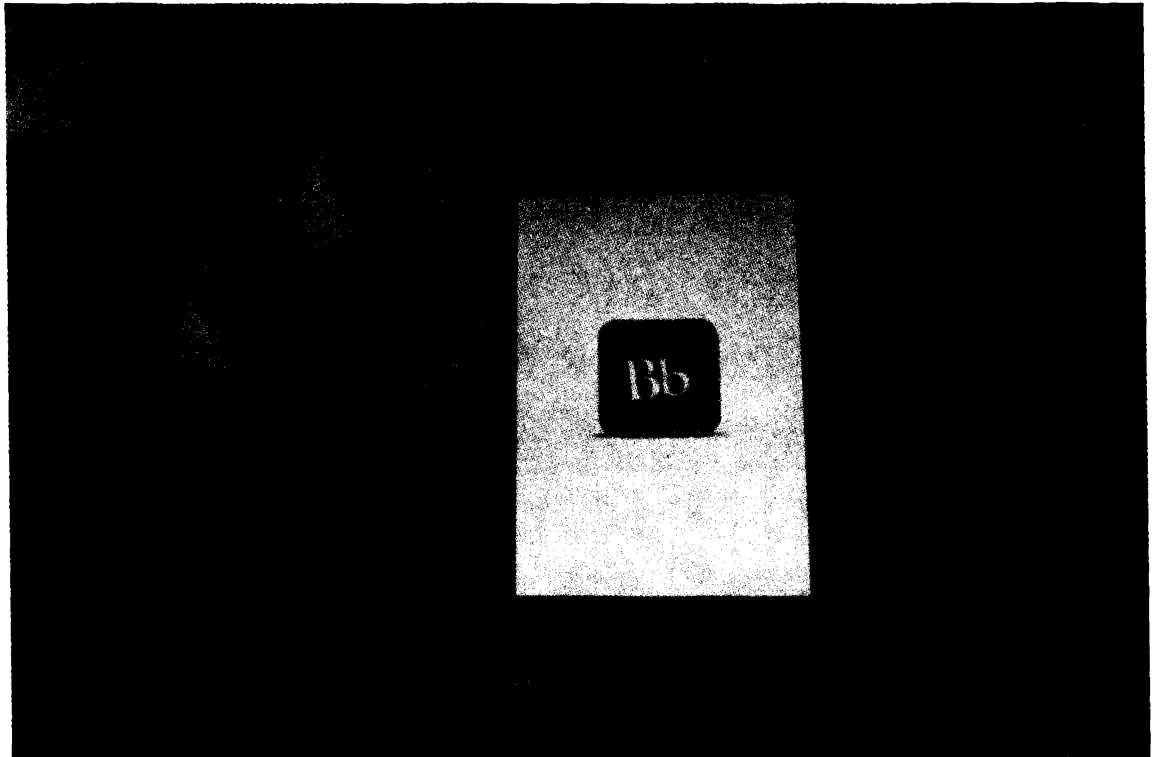
DoIT decided to start out with the options that are more mobile-friendly.

"We tried not to make it too transaction oriented. We decided to go with view-only, on-the-go important things that students need to see, which was based on student feedback," Rant said.

These on-the-go features include the following: messages/to-do lists, my weekly schedule, view my grades, enrollment dates, my course history and the account summary/what do I owe option.

Rant and the rest of DoIT are keeping a close eye on what settings students are using the most and from there are strategically planning their next move.

The big plan at large is to eventually have all of SOLAR on



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Students can access their Blackboard and SOLAR accounts on-the-go on smartphones.

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-Kim Rant  
Business Analyst for DoIT

the mobile platform, including class search and registration. But for now, SOLAR mobile is formatted to meet the quick needs of a student should they ever be on the run and unable to access a computer.

Similar to SOLAR Mobile is the latest Blackboard application, also available to all students free for download at the App Store. Just like SOLAR Mobile, the TLT department purchased the Blackboard mobile application piece separately from Blackboard itself with student feedback in mind.

"Last year I ran a student survey in December of 2011 and asked students what they wanted," Diana Voss, manager of instructional technology at

DoIT, said. "One of the things students said was 'I really want to be able to use Blackboard and SOLAR on my mobile device.'"

Following this student survey, the Blackboard Learn edition was purchased from Blackboard, Inc. for students to use the application on their phone at no charge. The results were immediate.

"I know it was adopted really quickly here, because when we did it, Blackboard was calling me within the second day, asking 'How did you do it? How did you get everybody to start using it so quickly?'" Voss said. "It must have been something people really wanted. Within two days, they had never seen such adoption, just from Stony Brook alone."

Just this past week alone, there have been nearly 9,000 visitors, averaging 10,600 log-ins. The numbers show how useful students find the mobile applications.

"It's convenient for me as a commuter," senior Neelam Chhikara said. "I pull up readings for class in my car, or even while other people are driving, I'll read off my phone."

There is no telling what the future of Stony Brook apps might be, but students can be assured that the SBU mobile settings are progressively taking center stage. More developments will continue to take place in the future, giving students more expediency, all within arm's reach.

## Spring break options

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they will work side-by-side with members of the community to take the necessary measures needed to improve water conditions.

"It takes several brigades to accomplish the goal; the water is dirty, inaccessible, and negatively impacts health," Varin Parakkattu, the campus chairperson of the Global Brigades at Stony Brook, said of the type of work students do when they finally reach their destination.

According to the Water Brigade's website, students may work on a variety of projects that include building piping systems, working on a water treatment station and various other infrastructural projects.

Not only will members help build a source for cleaner water, they will also take part in educating the residents about water hygiene and sanitation in hopes of eradicating the illnesses that currently plague the water supply.

"We are looking for students who are passionate about international

development; you're not going to have the usual comforts to accommodate yourself," Parakkattu said. "It's an enriching experience."

Even though the cost of going on these trips may be steep, Parakkattu explained that for what you get out of it, it's worth it.

"The thing that is different about this program is the size and sustainability, if you want to have a long term impact into the future, join the brigades, there's no other comparison," Parakkattu said.

Vallillo echoed similar sentiments in reference to her experience with ASBO.

"Altruism is never something that I don't enjoy, you really get as much as you put into it," Vallillo said. "It's great coming back and being able to share the experiences you had and hopefully inspire people to show a passion for helping others."

The medical brigade will be departing this summer for its yearly excursion, and will be holding a gala on Tuesday, Feb. 26 to help raise money for the trip.

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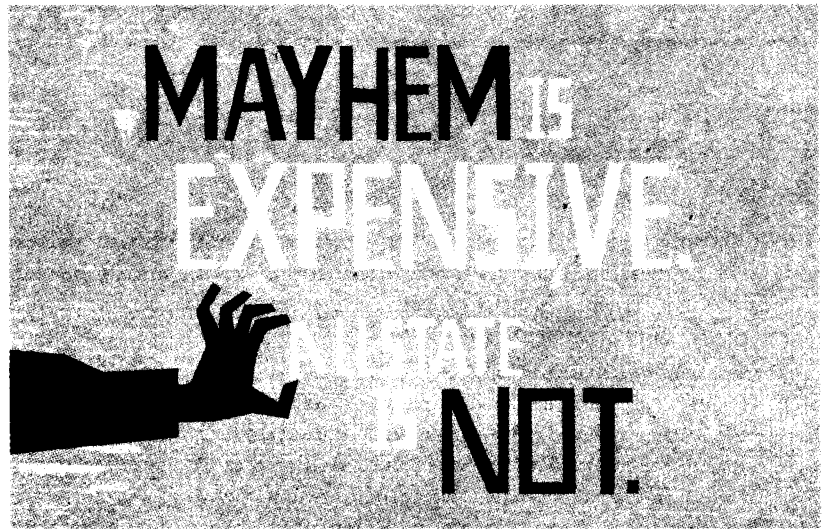
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# International students could be affected by new legislation

By Will Welch  
Contributing Writer

Senior applied mathematics and statistics major Joanie Leung is an international student from Hong Kong, where she will return after graduating. She says, though, she would like to find a job in the United States if she can.

"I feel like it's a once in a lifetime opportunity," she said. "Once I go home, I can't really come back."

For many international students, visas to remain in the United States are hard to obtain.

But legislation proposed in January by a bipartisan coalition of senators seeks to alleviate this problem by doubling the number of temporary work visas available to highly skilled workers in the science and technology fields.

The proposal would address a longstanding shortage in such visas, which has forced many international students to return to their home countries after

graduating from American universities.

The visas, designated H1-B, are designed to allow employers to temporarily hire foreign workers in specialty occupations. But because of their scarcity, employers are required to be selective in their hiring.

"You have to perform really well to show companies it's worth helping you stay," said Leung.

In 2008, there were twice as many applications for undergraduate H1-B visas than the 65,000 cap.

The new legislation would increase this cap to 115,000 a year, with a provision to increase the cap up to 300,000 based on annual demand.

A major push for the reform comes from the technology industry, where companies are struggling to fill highly skilled positions with a demand not met by American graduates. Microsoft alone reported 3,400 openings in science, technology,

engineering and math (STEM) related positions last September, representing a widespread shortage in the technology industry.

Companies are looking to foreign students, who represent nearly half of graduate degrees in computer science, to fill these essential positions.

"These employees are vital to U.S. competitiveness, and we should welcome their contribution to U.S. economic growth," Bill Gates, former CEO and current chairman of Microsoft, wrote in a 2007 op-ed for "The Washington Post".

The legislation would also make an unlimited number of green cards available to international students graduating from American schools with advanced degrees in science and technology.

3,611 international students from 110 countries are currently enrolled at Stony Brook—primarily on F-1 visas, which are designed to allow students to attend American schools and

**Stony Brook  
Ethnic Distribution, Fall 2012**

	Undergraduates		Graduates		Total	
White	5,973	37%	3,329	41%	9,309	39%
Black	974	6%	350	4%	1,324	5%
Asian	3,870	24%	636	8%	4,506	19%
Hispanic	1,591	10%	416	5%	2,007	8%
International	1,562	10%	2,049	25%	3,611	15%
Unknown/Other	1,699	11%	1,312	16%	3,011	12%
Two or More	293	2%	39	0%	332	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	19	0%	4	0%	23	0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	22	0%	11	0%	33	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,003</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,146</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24,149</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## International students make up 10 percent of the undergraduate student population at Stony Brook.

participate in jobs and internships related to their area of study.

Expanding the number of H1-B visas available to these students would allow more to seek jobs in America, rather than returning to their home country after graduation.

The proposal comes alongside a larger bipartisan push for comprehensive immigration reform in the senate, which would increase border security while creating a more expedient path to citizenship for undocumented workers.

# Humanities professors sign petition against cluster hire

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wrote that a committee of 12 members met to discuss 36 proposals. The committee had agreed to accept five of these proposals, which totaled to a hiring of 25 new faculty members, according to the article.

Those new faculty members will be hired for the fields of "behavioral political economy, biomolecular imaging, coastal zone management and engineering, photon science in conjunction with Brookhaven National Laboratory, and smart energy technology," *The Statesman* reported.

The Stony Brook SUNY 2020 website currently states that "these hires are designed to boost research, attract federal and private foundation funding and spur economic development."

This has caused tension in other departments on campus. A group of professors from the College of Arts and Sciences -- and within that, humanities, arts and social sciences, or HASS -- feel their departments have been underrepresented in the cluster hiring.

"Some [professors and faculty] realized quite quickly that something needed to be said. A lot of people were upset about it and we got together to talk about it," Sellers said. These feelings culminated in a petition letter written by Sellers.

That particular letter was written on Friday, Dec. 7, sent out to faculty members and circulated over that weekend. It was then sent to Stony Brook University Provost Dennis N. Assanis and President Stanley before the town meeting on the night of Monday, Dec. 10 being held specifically to discuss the faculty hires.

The letter had accumulated 58 signatures, according to Sellers,

and expressed the concerns of the faculty.

"We hereby request that a more balanced means of selection be developed for any further decision-making about cluster hires. Proposals should be judged by colleagues in peer disciplines. A disciplinary balance in funding should be assured at the outset,

makes up 58 percent of the West Campus faculty and of that, 68 percent is faculty from HASS departments. They then wrote that 75 percent of the selection committee were faculty from the applied or natural sciences fields and asked that a more "balanced means of selection be developed for any further decision-making

needs more than just scientists. We need all intellectual areas," Sellers said.

Letters were sent to departments with rejected proposals. The rejection letters were nearly identical—each included the sentence, "The committee was particularly focused on the proposal's

and international relevance of the research field and its appropriateness to SBU" and "the likely impact on the academic world, the state of N.Y., and the larger community."

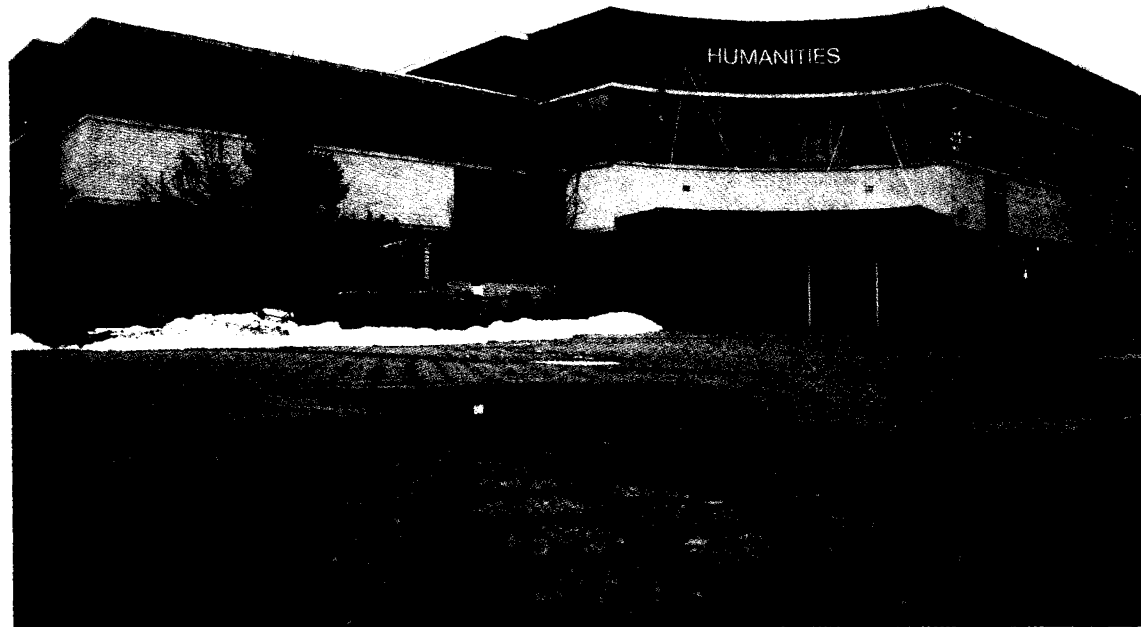
While the rejection letters were uniform to one another, each had a few paragraphs that were solely in regard to that particular department's cluster proposal. These paragraphs outlined what was liked about the proposal as well as what the weaknesses of the proposal were.

In a press release from Nov. 20, 2012, Assanis said, "Every proposal we received was thoughtful, strategic and quite frankly, outstanding. The range of proposals funded this year hold great promise for helping us accomplish our teaching and research missions and can make a marked difference to our campus' intellectual atmosphere.

They are aimed at addressing society's most vexing challenges through the collaboration of natural, life, and social sciences; technology; medicine; humanities; policy; business; and the arts."

Committee co-chair Nancy Tomes, professor and chair of the department of history, refused to comment on the story.

Committee co-chair Serge Luryi, distinguished professor and chair of the department of electrical and computer engineering, said in an email that "as a member of the Cluster Hire Committee that was evaluating proposals, I had pledged to maintain absolute confidentiality about all committee-related communication, both during the review process and after its completion...I must say that in view of the confidentiality pledge, I feel it would not be appropriate for me to be interviewed about these issues."



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## Professors from the humanities department feel they are underrepresented in hiring.

rather than hinging on a selection committee's vote," the letter read.

The letter also called the selection committee biased toward the natural and applied sciences.

Sellers said Assanis was "upset" by the letter, defending the decision about the hires and the committee at the town meeting.

"A second letter was needed," Sellers said.

In this second petition letter, which is being circulated around the faculty, Sellers and Gootenberg wrote that CAS

about cluster hires."

According to Sellers, there are now 85 signatures on this second letter.

"There was one humanist out of 12 committee members. Five people [on the committee] were physicists or engineers and one person [on the committee] was bioscience," professor and chair of the department of sociology Michael Schwartz, a petition signer, said.

"Our departments have suffered a lot in cutbacks of the last decade. The university

strategic importance, its building on core SBU competencies, its competitive edge, synergy with [Brookhaven National Laboratory], and relevance to the state economy."

"People got rejection letters because they [the committee] wanted [the new jobs] to relate to Brookhaven Lab," Schwartz said. He made the point that certain HASS departments, such as sociology, are in need of new professors.

Some criteria listed in the rejection letters were "national



# Non-traditional students balance responsibilities with classes

By Jessica Suarez  
Staff Writer

Many non-traditional students or adult learners on campus have to juggle school, work and parenthood in addition to the stress that comes with their classes.

On campus, Charissa Richters, 44, is an adult learner who is a linguistics major and an orientation leader. But at home, Richters is the mother of two teenage children. She decided to come back to school in order to get a job to support her family after her recent divorce.

Stony Brook University defines an adult learner as an undergraduate student who is

older than 25.

According to a study by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, 38 percent of all college students are over the age of 25. This study looked at the enrollment trends of adult learners from fall 2009 to fall 2011 at more than 3,300 universities.

Emily Resnick, a senior adviser at Commuter Student Services, explained these adults come back to school for a variety of different reasons, but they are all seeking a bachelor's degree.

Non-traditional students work around Stony Brook's class schedule because of their other responsibilities aside from classes.

"Last summer I worked for the orientation program, and it was kind of weird when I decided to apply for it because I'm 44 and I have two teenagers, but I needed a summer job," Richters said. She needed the position because she had to quit her previous part-time job after transferring to SBU from Suffolk County Community College.

"Once I applied for the position it opened up a whole world of opportunities and just things I did not know about student life," Richters said. "That's when I decided I should start something for non-traditional students because we don't really participate in campus activities and student life."

In the summer of 2012, a non-traditional orientation program was started to make adult learners feel more comfortable during the college adjustment process.

Many adult learners such as Richters questioned their choice to go back to college when taking part in activities that discussed social issues such as binge drinking.

The experience of being an orientation leader prompted Richters to start a club where adult learners could connect. She approached Resnick to ask her to be the faculty adviser for the Adult Learners Association.

Resnick has worked at SBU for the past six years and has always

**"Finding ways to reach out to that population specifically has been a welcomed challenge...we are trying to find different ways to reach out to our non-traditional students."**

-Emily Resnick  
Senior Adviser at Commuter Student Services

been a strong advocate for non-traditional students.

The association began last semester with the goal of providing a place where students could come for support from other students in similar situations and offers adult learners an opportunity to get involved in student life, which is something many would not do on their own.

In the undergraduate program at SBU, there are 1,400 adult learners. However, 1,400 is a small percentage of the overall undergraduate student population.

"Finding ways to reach out to that population specifically has been a welcomed challenge, not a challenge in a bad way, but we are trying to find different ways to reach out to our non-traditional

students," Resnick explained.

The executive board of the association utilizes social networking as a way to spread the word about their group. The Adult Learners Association has its own pages on both Facebook and Blackboard. Information is also sent out to them via email.

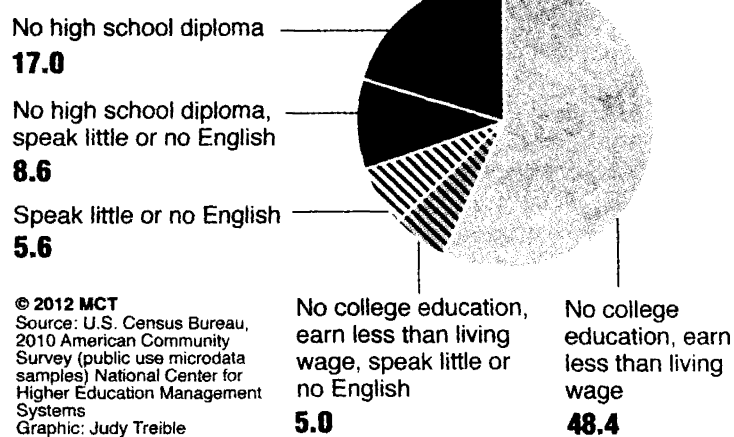
Even though the association is just in the beginning stages, Resnick believes that the future possibilities are endless.

"If they apply for a budget going forward, there are opportunities to do more programming, events with family involved, groups outings to performing arts or athletic events," Resnick said. "There is a lot of opportunity to not only program but also advocate and it's really just a matter of building the group up."

## Barriers to moving ahead

Working-age adults with barriers to completing college or job training that could advance their careers; in millions:

Total 84.6 million adults ages 18-64



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# SBU student wins prestigious Churchill Scholarship

By Ruchi Shah  
Staff Writer

Kevin Sackel--the young boy who dreamed about building roller coasters, the teenager who took college level math courses while acting in his high school musical and the college student who gives out compliments--has recently earned the prestigious Churchill Scholarship.

As a senior in the Honors College pursuing a math and physics double major and a music minor, Sackel is fascinated by numerous areas of mathematics, including topology and geometry.

Sackel grew up surrounded by math. He distinctly remembers being perplexed and fascinated by a homework problem in elementary school in which he was asked to subtract a large number from a small number.

Learning about negative numbers is one of a myriad of early memories Sackel has with math, which include learning the trigonometry trick "SOHCAHTOA" on a train ride, solving puzzles and problems offered by his father and learning mathematical tricks from his grandfather.

As a young boy, Sackel aspired to be a roller coaster designer and recalls "using K'Nex to build an amusement park in the basement." These dreams changed, however, after Sackel participated in the MathPath summer program in 2005. The experience, and in

particular Euclid's proof there are infinitely many primes, inspired Sackel to become a mathematician.

When Sackel was first told of his selection as a Churchill Scholar, he recalls being "extremely happy and excited to tell [his] mom the good news." As one of 14 Churchill Scholars, Sackel will continue his advanced study of mathematics under a full stipend at the University of Cambridge.

As the only student chosen from New York, this immense accomplishment is a testament to Sackel's ingenuity and is preceded by multiple honors including the Freshman Math Department Award, the Stony Brook Foundation Award for Excellence in Mathematics and the Kugh-Sah Memorial Award in Mathematics.

Sackel described math as "extremely elegant and as a subject consisting of objects which are not invented, but discovered, as though placed in order by some extra-human force."

Sackel plays the oboe in the University Orchestra, and is also the president of the Math Club, which Dr. Christopher Bishop, a professor in the mathematics department, credits him with re-energizing. In addition, Sackel is exploring a question in mathematical analysis under Bishop's guidance.

Sackel is also well known for giving compliments and hugs along with SBU student Karen McHugh. He created the idea at

an off-campus comedy festival, when he gave compliments to comedians he did not have time to watch. The positive interaction the compliments fostered encouraged Sackel to bring the compliments to Stony Brook.

"It feels good for me and it feels good for [the students]," he remarked.

Sackel often jots down thoughts and ideas on a whiteboard in his dorm room. Having used the board to help other students with their mathematical questions, he says, "it has seen everything from single-variable calculus to knot theory." He jokes that the only time he has been high was from the smell of dry-erase markers after a long day of solving math problems before an exam.

Bishop, a Churchill Scholar himself, describes Sackel as "very smart, but also curious and disciplined; a good combination for a scientist of any type. He is modest and unassuming, so it is easy for him to work with others... Kevin is definitely not the stereotypical anti-social, awkward math geek, and he strikes me as someone who will be successful no matter what he sets out to do."

Along with Bishop, who helped him "picture math," Sackel cites Professor Moira Chas and Professor Dennis Sullivan as having enhanced his perception of and approach to math. He further expressed gratitude to his friends for "keeping life fun



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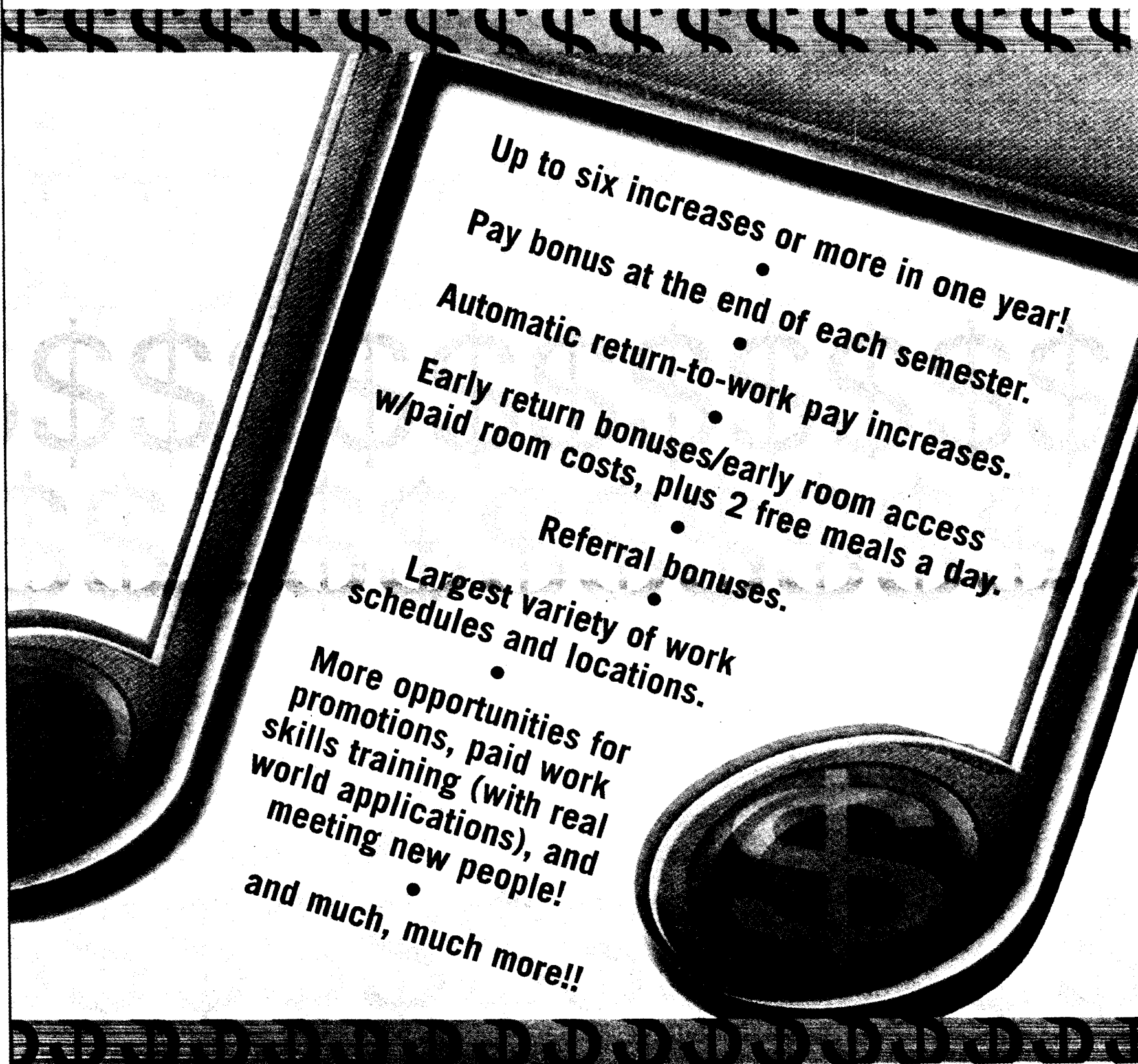
**Sackel is one of 14 Churchill Scholars and will be going to the University of Cambridge to continue his studies.**

and spontaneous." Sackel plans on pursuing a Ph.D. after his studies in Europe with the hope of

entering the research and academic world of pure mathematics.



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# Anatomical research project embraces new technologies

By Christine Powell  
Assistant News Editor

Technology like new software programs, social media and crowdsourcing has recently helped to connect the scientific research community worldwide and bring about progress in understanding the history of life.

Six years ago, a team of 23 international mammal evolution researchers linked up not only to answer some important scientific questions but to develop an effective way to share data with each other. From that came MorphoBank, an online, cloud-based database and workspace more advanced than any previously existing tool.

Now, the American Museum of Natural History, WNYC's Radiolab and LiveScience.com are collaborating on an endeavor to have the public nickname *Protungulatum donnae*, the placental mammal common ancestor the team was able to identify thanks to MorphoBank, said Senior Director of Publicity at New York Public Radio Jennifer Houlihan.

Placental mammals, the branch of mammals that carry their young to term in a placenta, are a diverse group, ranging from whales to bats to horses and, not to mention, human beings. Given the wide variety within the group, there was a desire in the scientific community to discover the common ancestor that connects the nearly 4,000 species.

The team began by working, sometimes virtually, to create MorphoBank and what is essentially a "giant spreadsheet with species going across and features going down, like 'presence of a certain tooth,'" Maureen O'Leary, leader of the project and an associate professor in the department of anatomical sciences in the School

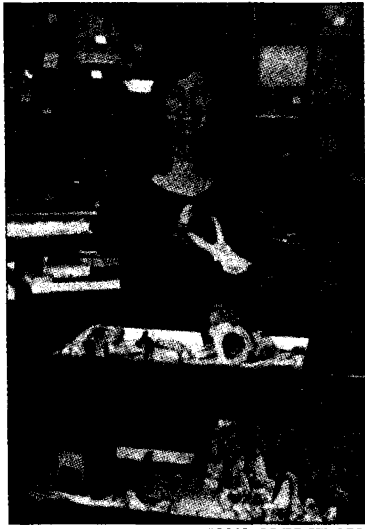


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**Maureen O'Leary, a member of the research team, is a professor of anatomical science at SBU.**

of Medicine, said.

What resulted was the world's largest system of genetic and fossil data.

According to O'Leary, before MorphoBank, plenty of computer software existed for working with DNA, thanks in large part to the Human Genome Project, but nothing sophisticated was available to anatomists conducting work based on the fossil record.

John Wible, a member of the project and curator of mammals at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, said in an email that the project "could not have been done without a tool like MorphoBank," a testament to its importance.

After compiling the extensive data, the scientists ran an algorithm that created a tree, part of an effort by the National Science Foundation (NSF) called the Assembling the Tree of Life program. From there, they were able to trace back to the placental mammal common

ancestor and identify its features.

The creature they identified was between the size of a mouse and the size of a rat, with a white-colored underbelly and a darker back. It ate insects and had a fleshy nose, a full set of teeth and a long, furred tail, O'Leary said. An artist, Carl Buell, has since drawn a rendition of it.

This tree also provided evidence that placental mammals developed later than commonly thought.

Within the scientific community, there exists an ongoing discussion of 'rocks vs. clocks' in regards to whether fossil-based data or DNA-based data should be used in models to reconstruct the timeline of life.

The molecular clock method, which is DNA-based, purports that placental mammals came about before the extinction of non-avian dinosaurs, which occurred some 65 million years ago. But the recently published study, based on fossils, concluded that, in fact, they did not develop until 36 million years later than genetic data alone had estimated.

And since the team's findings were published in the journal "Science" on Feb. 8, 2013, there's been a call from the public to come up with a more colloquial name to call *Protungulatum donnae* by.

"It's something that we hadn't thought about, but it's come up a ton since the paper appeared," O'Leary said.

She said that names will be solicited, perhaps via Twitter, and then voted on.

Houlihan said the initiative would likely launch in the next week or so, but at press time no definitive date was available.

The National Science Foundation is also funding a new project, which O'Leary is part of, to use crowdsourcing to allow the public to participate in research.

"The cry that anatomists keep coming back to is that our work takes so long and that's why it's hard to do," O'Leary said. "The National Science Foundation thought 'Is there anything we can try that's big and bold to help change that?' And in a workshop, this idea came up."

Crowdsourcing is the concept of soliciting work or raising funds from a group of people, usually online. It is typically used for tedious work or to fundraise for projects.

The idea, O'Leary said, is to ask the public to complete small tasks, like scoring data and solving

problems, much like the work she and her team did to trace back to the placental mammal common ancestor. The tasks are simple, but because there are so many of them, they can be rather time consuming.

The NSF is considering using Mechanical Turk, a crowdsourcing marketplace run by Amazon, according to O'Leary.

"You might get paid only one penny per task, but you might do a thousand of them and then you make a little money," O'Leary said.

According to O'Leary, beta testing on the project should launch sometime next spring.



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**Artist Carl Buell's rendition of *Protungulatum donnae*, the common ancestor.**

## Police Blotter

University Police questioned three Stony Brook students on Thursday, Feb. 21 for approximately five hours. One student is being accused of stealing a vial of ecoli from the lab where they are employed and threatened to create a bomb.

The other two students that were questioned are friends of the main subject, according to police. Police searched the rooms of two of the students.

All three students were released without charges and have said they did not wish to give a statement at this time.

"Upon investigation, University Police recovered the vial, were able to ascertain the nature of the substance, determined that it was not a dangerous substance and posed no risk to the campus community," the university said in a press release. "University Police investigators indicate that interviews are ongoing; no decision regarding disciplinary action has been made at this time. On Wednesday, Feb. 13, an intoxicated male student was transported to the University Hospital from Benedict College. Police referred him to the university.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, the unlawful posting of an anti-police sticker was found on a door at Toscanini College.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, a male resident student was arrested after allegedly breaking another male resident student's glasses at Hamilton College.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, university police found a university bus sign hanging on a dorm room wall at Dewey College. All students in the room were issued referrals.

On Friday, Feb. 15, five students were referred to the university by police for disorderly conduct on campus. Alcohol was involved.

On Saturday, Feb 16, a male resident student fell and struck his head on the pavement at Benedict College. When police interviewed him, he admitted he had been smoking marijuana. He was taken to the University Hospital and police referred him to the university.

On Sunday, Feb. 17 at 4:56 a.m., a male student was found unconscious at Eisenhower College. According to police, he had been drinking off campus before he was found. He was taken to the University Hospital and referred to the university by police.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, an RA at Schick College discovered graffiti on the first floor of the stairwell. The case is still open and detectives are following up on it.

All the information herein is according to official police reports.

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Students, faculty and alumni enjoy the performances from the Stony Brook Dance Team, De Taali, SB Live and PUSO at the USG Gala.

## USG Gala rolls out red carpet for fundraising and networking

By Katherine Kurre  
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and alumni dressed in evening wear lined up outside Ballroom A of the Student Activities Center. They were waiting for the first Undergraduate Student Government Gala, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The Gala began at 7:00 p.m. Upon entering, students were given a raffle ticket, a nametag, and a purple wristband to allow them to enter and leave the ballroom as they pleased after their tickets were checked. Markers were available so students, faculty and alumni could write their names on name tags. USG President Anna Lubitz was at the door to greet all that arrived.

The tables were covered in black and red tablecloths, had silver sparkles on them and small bowls with water and floating candles.

There was also a red carpet at the entrance as well as before the food line with a Stony Brook University backdrop to take pictures and interviews in front of.

Approximately half an hour into the evening, Lubitz made a speech about how the Gala was a fundraising and networking event as well as the role of USG in student life.

"We're students working for students," Lubitz said.

She then presented a video about USG and some of the events that had been held in the past few years. The video highlighted events such as last year's Wiz

Life activities, was entered into a foundation account created by Lubitz for the Student Activities Board.

Lubitz came up with the idea

appearance.

De Taali President Medha Tarigoppula, a sophomore, said, "We like performing on campus and we thought it would be a good idea. USG is such a big part of campus—we wanted to get involved."

Provost Dennis N. Assanis was also in attendance. "It's the first one we've had and we hope to have many more. It shows that the talents of students have gone beyond academics and athletics," he said.

During the performances, dinner was served. Guests had a choice of two different types of pasta, two different types of chicken dishes, eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, salad and bread. For dessert, cake, brownies and assorted cookies were served.

Later in the evening, the lights were dimmed and music was played on a Pandora account.

Those in the audience got to enjoy more impromptu performances by the PUSO dance crew. Students also jumped up to dance when "Danza Kuduro" by

Don Omar was played.

Following that, the raffle drawing took place. Baskets had been donated by on-campus organizations such as FSA and the Athletics department.

Outside of the SAC Box Office, there was a sign posted that read, "The USG Gala is sold out. Guest Tickets are available at the door." President Lubitz said "We have a max capacity of 200—there's maybe only one or two tickets left."

One student who asked to remain anonymous said, "[I came because] I performed. The event is pretty energetic."

Some students, though, felt the event could have been more. "We were disappointed because there were no opportunities to talk to the clubs and get to know USG, but it was a fun event," Dana Angelo, a junior and member of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, said.

"It's really wonderful [event] and truly exemplifies Stony Brook and student life. It's awesome," Assanis said.

"It's the first [gala] we've had, and we hope to have many more."

—Dennis N. Assanis  
Provost

Khalifa concert, 2011's Bruno Mars concert and the Roth Regatta.

Lubitz also said there would be performances later in the evening by campus groups such as PUSO and the Stony Brook Dance Team.

The Gala was primarily designed as a networking and fundraising event.

"Basically, I like to see students and faculty intermingling. It's a great opportunity to meet and interchange information," Lubitz said.

While the event was free for students, faculty had to pay \$10 admission and alumni had to pay \$20 admission. This was a part of the fundraising aspect of the Gala. Students could also purchase additional raffle tickets.

The money, which was intended to help enhance Student

in the middle of last semester and began planning it over winter break. She then sent emails to the campus groups and faculty notifying them of the event.

Several performing groups responded to her about performing at the Gala. The groups that ended up performing included the Stony Brook Dance Team, De Taali, SB Live and PUSO. Wolfie, who was wearing a red sequined bowtie, a white button-down shirt and a black blazer, also made a guest



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PUSO Modern, a hip-hop dance troupe, performs.



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Student accappella group De Taali sings while dinner was served to USG Gala



# Campus briefing: hospital update and budgets reviewed

By Kelly Zegers  
Contributing Writer

## Update on Stony Brook Children's Hospital

The USG Senate heard a presentation about the Stony Brook Children's Hospital and the efforts to educate students on the hospital's progress as it continues to receive support from the community at its weekly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Stony Brook Children's Hospital, which is the first children's hospital in Suffolk County, is now in the process of generating funds to build a bed tower, which is expected to be completed in 2016.

Stony Brook Children's Hospital has been enhancing its existing services, including the Pediatric Emergency Department and the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which has tripled in size.

In a partnership with Ronald McDonald House, the new single-bed hospital rooms will be built to be three times bigger as per updated New York State requirements.

Fold-out couches will also be included for parents to stay the night, along with a place to shower and wash their clothes.

Additionally, an adolescent unit will be created for patients aged 15-21. The old unit held patients

ranging in age from nine months old to 21 years old.

A date for a tour and more

detailed presentation for groups or individuals who want to learn more about the new Children's

Hospital may be in the works.

## Club Budgets Revisited

The Senate continued its discussion in regard to last week's decisions to reduce the budgets of groups that did not comply with USG club bylaws. On Thursday night, presidential vetoes were presented for Alternative Spring Break Outreach (ASBO) and the Chemical Engineers Society in order for the groups to receive full funding or less of a cut.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Derek Cope presented the vetoes to explain their reasoning that "all clubs are not the same." It was reiterated from the previous meeting that ASBO is a spring-oriented group and that the cut would "impact severely" the club's 88 member trip.

Cope said the idea of the service group being "punished" is a "technicality and a flaw" of the bylaws.

Sen. Mario Ferone affirmed they "can't change the bylaws right now."

Sen. Ryan Heslin stated while he understands both sides of the issue, clubs do not have the "right to forgo" spending their budget in the fall semester.

He added that he could see how the Budget Committee was "activistic" in reducing ASBO's budget by 50 percent because the bylaw calls for loss of the entire

budget.

The veto for the Chemical Engineers Society recommended the club's budget be reduced by 25 percent instead of 50. However, it would have to be decided by a Senate vote.

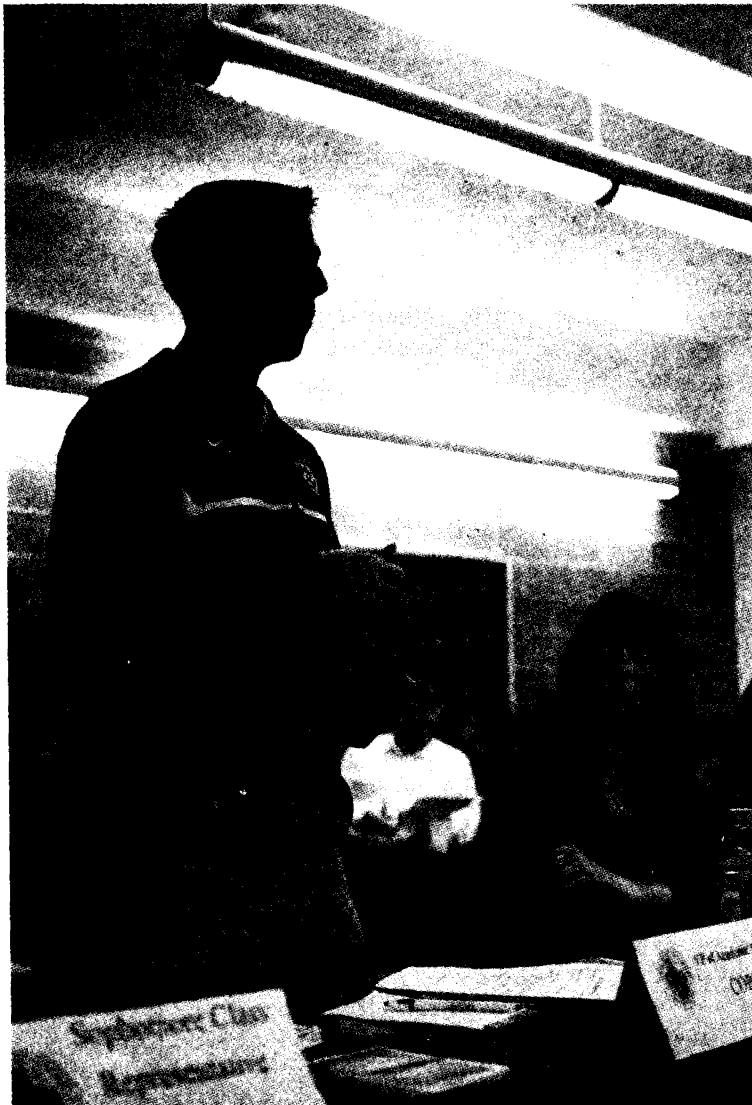
The Chemical Engineers Society is concerned with paying for a conference trip and Chem-E-Car that they build each year.

The leaders of the club are willing to pay more out of pocket to acknowledge their failure to follow the USG law.

With a 50 percent cut, club members will have to pay \$100 out of pocket to go on their trip. The expenses would go toward car rentals, hotel fees, conference registration and parts for their Chem-E-Car. For chemical engineers, the conference is an opportunity to meet with prospective employers.

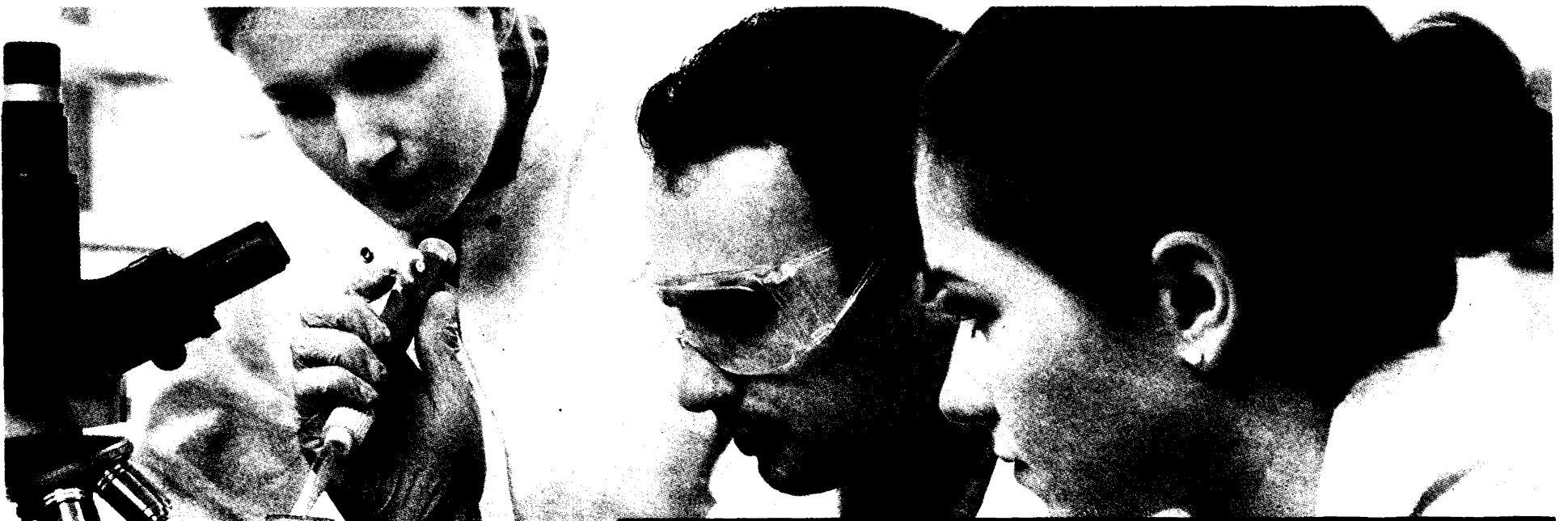
In respective votes by the Senate for ASBO and the Chemical Engineers Society, the presidential vetoes were overridden, meaning that the original budget reductions of 50 percent stand for each club.

The budget for Black Womyn's Weekend was also reconsidered, as an effort was made to correct the club's issues in dealing with vouchers and leadership in the fall. Instead of the 50, then 40 percent budget reductions voted on last week, the club now has a small cut of \$4,000 from its spring semester spending.



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**Vice President of Academic Affairs Derek Cope presents presidential vetoes for two organizations.**



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## Social media creates "Harlem Shake" campus sensation

By Emily Heller  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

The craze took over the world and has now entered the doors of Stony Brook. The Harlem Shake hit campus on Wednesday with a bang as nearly 300 people observed and participated in what appeared to be a dance party on the Staller Steps.

Students in body suits, horse masks and, in some cases, just their underwear, jumped up and down as they were filmed for the largest Stony Brook Harlem Shake thus far. The masterminds behind the event knew that the lifespan of crazes such as the Harlem Shake and Gangnam Style are very short. Therefore, they had to get the message across fast about their "modern day Macarena" before it went out of style.

"We had to strike while the iron is hot," Robert Wranovics, a senior double majoring in political science and sociology and the organizer of the event,

said.

John Feinberg, a freshman transfer student and undeclared major who helped organize the event, said he and his friend were talking on Facebook when they came up with the idea. Feinberg then created a Facebook event to attract students.

"It was maybe up to 30 people," he said. "I went to bed and looked at it again and it was 100 people. It just kept going up and up, and eventually [almost] 3,000 people were invited."

Feinberg said that without social media such as Twitter and Facebook the event would not have grown to the size it was. Word of mouth would not travel fast enough. The Facebook event, titled "SBU Harlem Shake," currently displays that 699 people went to the event, 218 were undecided and 2,600 in total were invited.

Wranovics knew he wanted this Harlem Shake to be bigger and better than the ones



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Wolfie joins Stony Brook students on the Staller Steps, the location for the first Harlem Shake.

filmed at other universities. He used social media and his connections as the Student Sports Director at WUSB to track Wolfie down.

"It actually started as a direct message on Twitter," he said. "And then it went to emails and phone calls. Next thing you know we were all set to go."

Although getting people to show up was a priority for Feinberg and Wranovics, the two main concerns were the weather and legalities. Due to the amount of people expected to be in attendance, police supervised the event to make sure it did not get too out of control.

"I did not want to end up in handcuffs for inciting a riot or

something," Feinberg said.

Feinberg and Wranovics considered the event a huge success due to the appropriate weather conditions and large turnout. They watched their fellow classmates in their finest costumes gather around their friends and dance in what seemed to be a mosh pit of Stony Brook students. Participants not only used original dance moves but also perfected moves such as the "bernie."

Senior health science major Khaled Salah danced shirtless at the front of the crowd. He said he heard about the Harlem Shake all over the Internet and jumped at the opportunity to partake in the festivities on campus.

"I've watched multiple videos and thought it was really fun and would be a really great experience for us to actually be out here at an event that Stony Brook produced," he said.

The finished video that can be seen on the "SBU Harlem Shake" Facebook page currently has an 8,729 view count that continues to climb due to Twitter and Facebook sharing. Feinberg and Wranovics both agreed that the day was successful because of the role social media played.

"It's the way of the 21st Century...Social media is breaking down the conventional media and the old ways and paving in something new," Wranovics said.



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Students participate in the newest popular internet trend.

## THREE ARTSY EVENTS

### 1) Around the World Gala

The Stony Brook University Global Medical Brigades is hosting the Around the World Gala on Feb. 26 in SAC Ballroom A from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be food, performances and free raffles. All proceeds go to the medication and supplies for their trips to Ghana and Panama. Tickets are \$5 for students.

### 2) Oxfam Winter Warm Up

The Oxfam Club is hosting its Winter Warm Up in the GLS/HDV Center on Feb. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. The event will feature karaoke, comedy and pancakes.

### 3) Day of Dance

The Ballroom Dance Team is hosting a Day of Dance on March 3 from noon to 6 p.m. in the SAC Ballroom A. The event will allow students to participate in an hour long Latin ballroom workshop as well as a standard ballroom dance workshop, with U.S. amateur dance champions Pasha Pashkov and Daniella Karagach.





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# The Staller Center's annual Gala offers up Broadway talent

By Will Rhino  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The time has come again for the Staller Center for the Arts to host its annual Gala. It is the biggest night of the season for Staller, and the talent to be showcased represents this attitude.

This year's show will feature two Tony Award winners, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Laura Benanti.

The Gala, titled "A Broadway Evening with Brian Stokes Mitchell and Laura Benanti," will

take place on Saturday, March 2 at 8 p.m.

While the evening is specifically a fundraising event that reaches out to the community, students are also highly encouraged to attend. Julie Green, the marketing director for the Staller Center said in an email that the "Staller Center welcomes students and hopes they will attend."

Staller is backing up its attitude toward student attendance with quantifiable action: ticket prices are being lowered. The standard ticket price for entrance to the

Gala is \$65. However, students only have to pay \$37.50 for a guaranteed seat. Green also said students have the option to wait for student rush tickets for \$7, which are available one hour before the show begins. This is not a 100 percent guarantee, however. She said these tickets are "subject to availability—we anticipate that there will be seats available."

As it is the Gala event, it needs to be worth the money. Green said when picking the artists for the show, "[The] Staller Center does its best to bring in star-power, great artists who appeal to a wide audience."

This year's artists certainly do not lack talent or star power. Mitchell won a Tony Award for his Broadway performance in "Kiss Me Kate." To place him in a context that students may be familiar with, he was one of Rachel's fathers on the FOX comedy "Glee."

Laura Benanti appeals to a slightly broader audience, although her musical prowess is not to be ignored. She won her Tony Award for her Broadway performance in "Gypsy." She also starred on the short lived NBC show "The Playboy Club," and she currently stars in "Go On," another NBC comedy, with Matthew Perry.

Previous Gala evenings included 2012's Bebe Neuwirth, also a Broadway performer, and 2011's MOMIX dance company. These types of shows are only

possible because of this annual Gala fundraiser, and the MOMIX event is a perfect example of this.

Two years ago, students were actually able to attend MOMIX for free, and the fundraising evening of the same show was held the next night.

This year is no exception to the need to raise money. Those who wish to help fund the Staller Center by purchasing special tickets have the option of doing so for increasing amounts of money that range from \$400 to \$5,000. These tickets include

access to a post-performance reception.

There are other benefits than just the satisfaction of donating money, of course. On the Staller website, it says that, "Amounts in excess of \$250 per couple may be claimed as tax deductible to the full extent of the law."

While students may not be able to afford \$400 tickets, \$37.50 (or \$7 for the more daring students) is a far more plausible target. Staller is clearly attempting to draw students into an evening of Broadway's musical talent.



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Laura Benanti is currently starring on NBC's "Go On."



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Brian Stokes Mitchell will be joining Benanti for the Gala.

## Curry Club offers a wide variety of authentic Indian food

By Kunal Kamania  
Contributing Writer

As soon as you enter the restaurant, you are greeted by the big, warm smile of Mr. Kulwant Wadhwa—the owner of Curry Club. The entrance is adorned with several Hindu idols and has the ambience of dim lights and Indian music. The feeling of entering this restaurant is like entering your own home. Such is the hospitality of Wadhwa and his team.

Wadhwa started the restaurant in 1994, the year he moved to the United States from India. He said he did his research and found the location to be aptly located just outside the university.

The restaurant has a dining area, two banquet halls and a bar. It also boasts a train carriage converted into an eating area. The menu is authentically Indian and comes with a variety of dishes. Ordering just one dish can be daunting and confusing for a customer, as each one sounds delicious and scrumptious.

The assorted kebab platter is great to begin with. It comes with assortment of hariyali kebab (cooked in mint), chicken tikka (which is world-famous), boti kebab and malai kebab (cooked in curd). Each of them delivers

a unique taste and is best eaten slowly, so as to savor each bite.

Then come the various curries, which come in many varieties. The Curry Club has different meats such as chicken, lamb, beef and even shrimp. Wadhwa says that not all Indian curries are spicy. Only the Vindalu curry, which hails from the south Indian state of Goa, is spicy. There are a lot of different types of curries depending on the method of preparation and the ingredients of the dish. The 'korma' is a special curry cooked with rich cream and garnished with nut and raisins.

In the past, these dishes used to be eaten exclusively by kings. The 'kadai' dishes are a speciality of Pakistan, and the gravy is made of green peppers, onions, tomatoes and green chilies. The restaurant also has Saag curries (made with spinach) and jhalfrezi (cooked in chili with fresh vegetables.) The restaurant's chicken tikka masala is its most loved and commonly served dish. It also has the Golden Grub award from GrubHub. If you go to the Curry Club, you cannot miss having this dish.

The vegetarian dishes are equally good with cottage cheese, cauliflower, eggplant and various other dishes. All the



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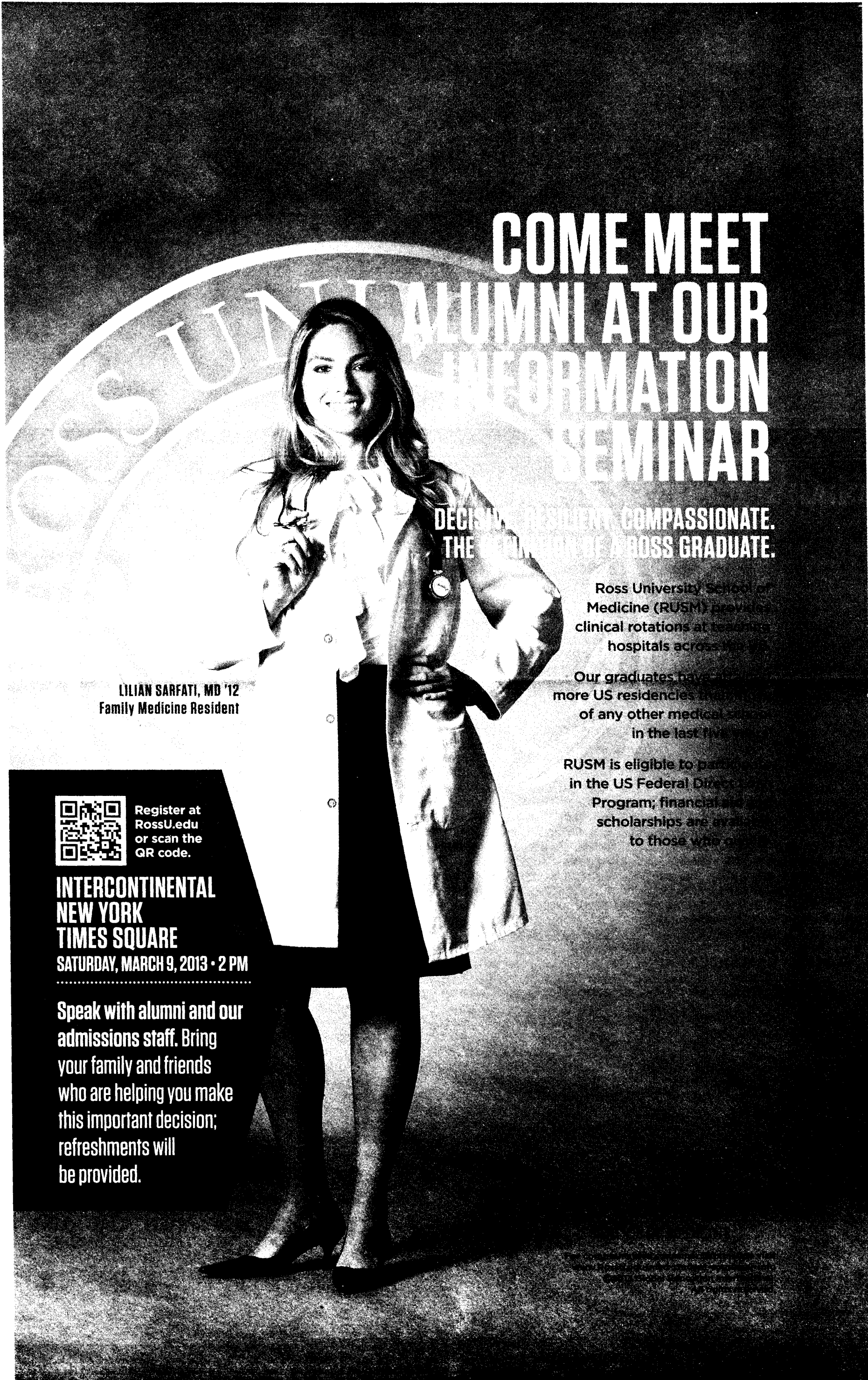
The Curry Club is located on 25A near the train tracks, a convenient location for students.

dishes are enjoyed with either rice or Indian bread. The bread itself comes in different flavors like garlic, cheese, mint, olive oil and much more. The varieties are called naan, roti and paratha.

Wadhwa, who loves being with the students and serving them his finest dishes, says he

feels Stony Brook University students are like his children, and he always gives them a discount. The Curry Club also offers pick-up and drop-off services. He says more Americans come and enjoy Indian food, and that they are approximately 90 percent of his customers.

The restaurant also has a lunch buffet everyday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The food is authentically Indian, it's right next to the train station on campus and the prices are reasonable too. The Curry Club is certainly a restaurant you do not want to miss out on.



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# SBU'S Harlem Shake



Students swarmed the Staller Steps last Wednesday to participate in one of the biggest internet movements seen on YouTube. Approximately 300 students showed up in the cold and snow to be a part of the "official" Stony Brook Harlem Shake video. Some came half naked, wrapped in nothing but towels. Others donned on the wildest thing they could find for the impromptu flash mob. John Feinberg, a freshman at Stony Brook University, created the event on Facebook where word spread. Over 700 students RSVP'd for the event.

Photos by Efal Sayed



## "Dark Skies" proves to be a surprisingly thrilling sci-fi film

By Atiba Rogers  
Staff Writer



On Friday nights, movie theatres tend to be packed. I walked out of the blistering cold into the AMC Loews on West 34th Street. I was hoping to see long lines, but I didn't get to experience that. Instead there were a few couples lingering around the lobby and some people were standing in line waiting to buy tickets. While going up the escalator, I grew very anxious to see "Dark Skies." It had been a while since I sat down to watch a supernatural movie by myself. Other than that, everything else remained familiar, like the smell of popcorn filling up the atmosphere.

The film was written and directed by Scott Stewart, and, while the film got a little "Paranormal Activity"-esque for one moment, it was very mysterious and almost original. Real Estate agent Lacey Barrett (Keri Russell) and husband Daniel (Josh Hamilton), laid-off architect, reside in a suburban town with their two sons when disturbances begin to happen around the house. In every scene things get creepier and more dramatic.

It is a family with money troubles, and the first scene the tight-knit family almost falls apart. This disconnect does not last long. As the genre requires, strange things started to happen. Things in the kitchen get rearranged as we see the youngest boy is the chosen

one the aliens want to abduct. This is to be expected because it's from the producer of "Insidious" and "Sinister," Jason Blum. Now, it is no "Jaws" or anything like that, but the aliens are the thrill throughout the whole movie. They terrorize the family but don't interfere with anyone else. It was a well written script, and it is recommended if you if you want to be scared and do not wish to see anything with gore and axes.

The strong alien forces almost cripple the bond of the family, but "Dark Skies" received too much attention for it to have such a disappointing ending. After all the suicidal birds, geometric shapes and vanishing photographs something else should be added to the mix.

Increasing the volume to get a reaction from audience members should be considered cheating. While the film will not be

nominated for any Oscars it still managed to provide thrills.

"The film hits a freak-out groove in its final third, gaining a steady momentum. Though it is saved in part by the performances of Russell and Hamilton, with a quietly effective supporting turn by J.K. Simmons, the clouded storytelling in 'Dark Skies' keeps the film from becoming more than a bunch of disjointed moments," according to the "Los Angeles

Times." That is a pretty accurate statement.

One thing this film does well is show the family bonds and see them crumble. The suspense and drama going on in the home and between Lacey and Daniel is what really keeps the story interesting, and it blends well with the alien plot destroying everything the family knows. So, if you are a sci-fi movie junkie, this film is highly recommended for you.



Keri Russell (left) and Josh Hamilton (front left) with their son (Kadan Rockett) star in the sci-fi horror film, "Dark Skies."

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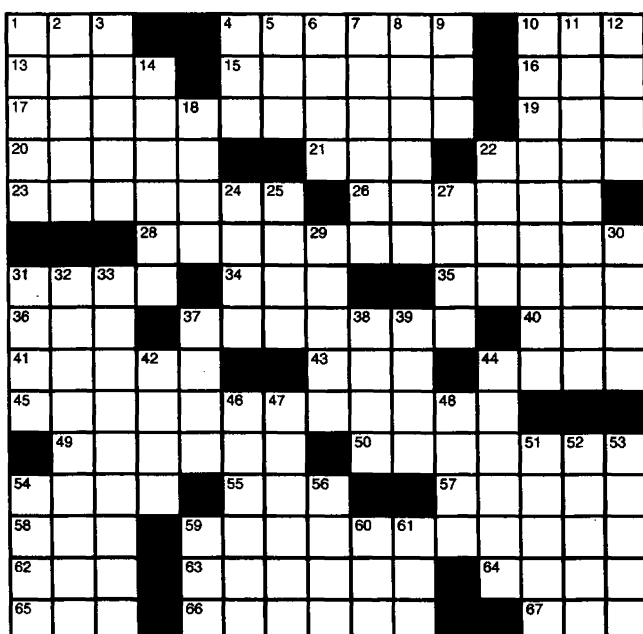
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 4 Talking head
- 10 Big name in ATMs
- 13 Charged particles
- 15 Black-and-blue mark, e.g.
- 16 Suffix for pay
- 17 Soft hit that barely makes it over the infield
- 19 Cranberry-growing area
- 20 Africa's Sierra
- 21 Fed. retirement org.
- 22 "T" on a test, usually
- 23 Like dodos and dinosaurs
- 26 Foray
- 28 Archaeological age-determination process
- 31 Texting units: Abbr.
- 34 Rowboat mover
- 35 Wish granter
- 36 "How was \_\_\_ know?"



By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel

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### DOWN

- 2 The Good Book
- 2 Pricey watch with a gold crown logo
- 3 Nose-in-the-air type
- 4 "Nova" ailer
- 5 Ocean State sch.
- 6 Convent dwellers
- 7 Starts to eat with gusto
- 8 Manhattan is one
- 9 Golf ball's perch
- 10 Choice you don't have to think about
- 11 Metaphorical state of elation
- 12 Violent anger
- 14 Former (and likely future) Seattle NBA team
- 18 '90s Cabinet member Federico
- 22 Lug
- 24 Gator's kin
- 25 Skier's way up
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- 29 Long-armed primate
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- 31 Tick off
- 32 Went down swinging

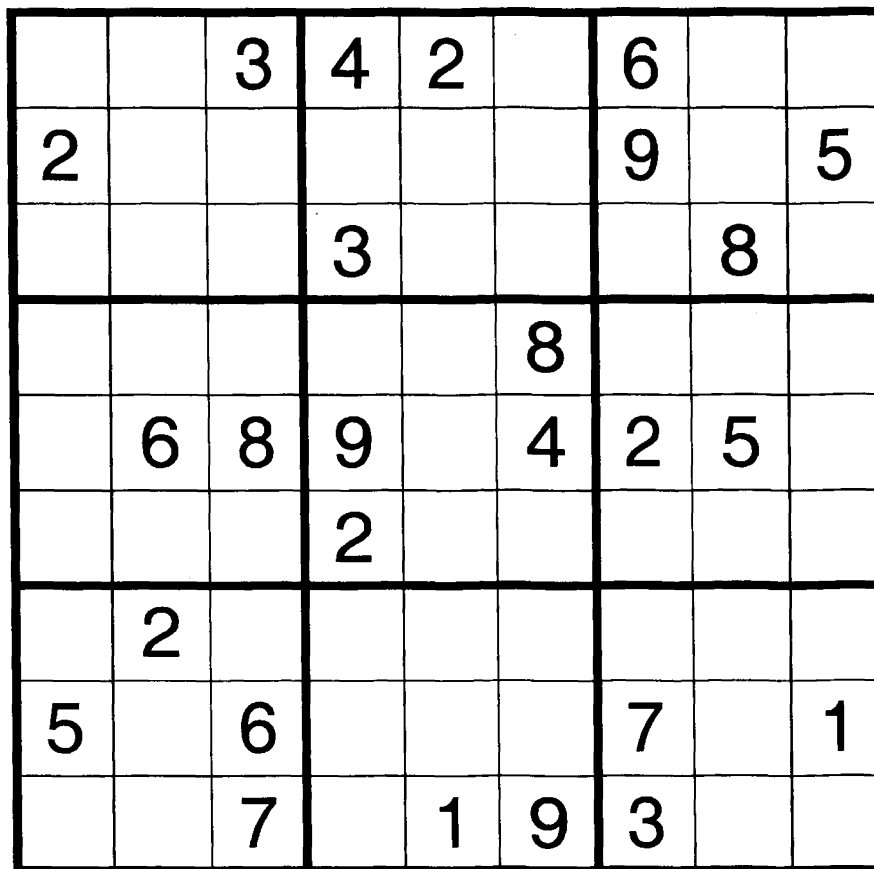


- 33 Touchdowns require crossing them
- 37 Leonard \_\_\_: Roy Rogers's birth name
- 38 Mountain top
- 39 Advantage
- 42 Nastase of tennis
- 44 Security checkpoint request
- 46 Ultimate application
- 47 Big bomb trials
- 48 Binoculars user
- 51 Made in China, say
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- 56 P.O. box inserts
- 59 Printer problem
- 60 Stooze with bangs
- 61 Pack animal

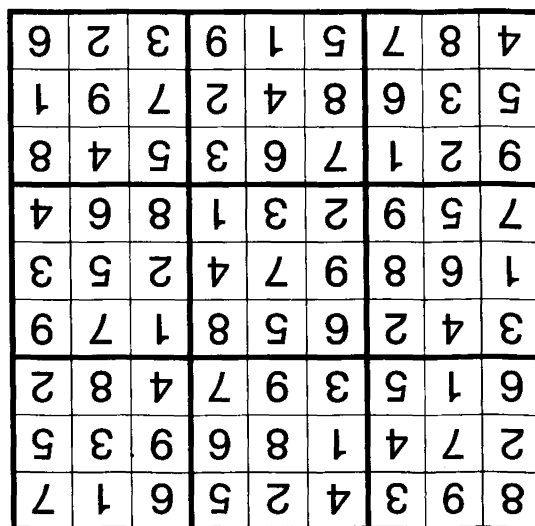
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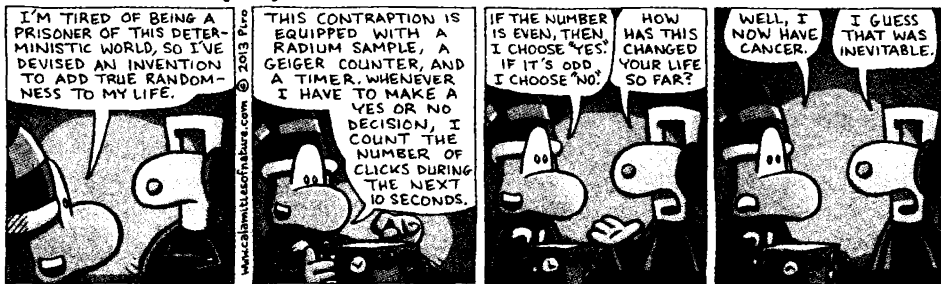
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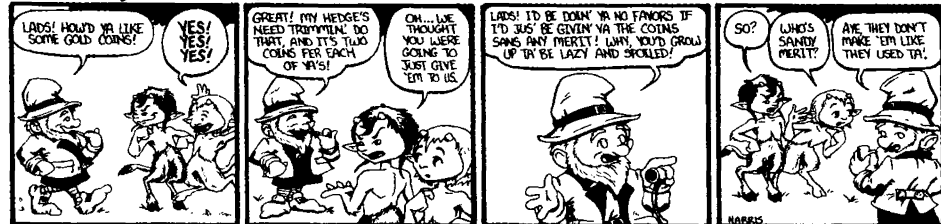
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## Give me pornography, or give me death!

By Michelle Heatherly  
Contributing Writer

Alongside an issue like prostitution, the debate over the legality of pornography and its production and use marches on silently. It seems as though most people do not care if someone watches porn or not. To many, however, the consumption of porn is a vice to be conquered. Some also feel that porn sets up unrealistic physical standards for both men and women. Truly, women are often portrayed in more than submissive positions. For many people, the act of partaking in pornography means submitting oneself to a spiraling, out-of-control addiction. For some people, watching fantasy rape means nothing, while others can be set off.

While I am personally opposed to pornography, I believe that people should have the right to uncensored internet usage. This is not an issue of porn, but of our civil liberties. As a citizen of America, one of the very few countries that preaches free speech and freedom of religion, it's my belief that you should be able to do as you please—as long as you do not inhibit my liberties. Do Americans have to be worried about Uncle Sam taking away their porn? Maybe. Recently, Iceland is in the process of becoming the third country to make porn—possibly including sexually explicit magazine covers—illegal. While Iceland has fewer than 350,000 people, America and other larger industrialized countries have also been making strides toward policing internet activity. Similarly, there have been a few right-wing politicians and religious groups that think

porn and other illicit activities should be outlawed for viewing in the United States. We should be worried and actively involved in ensuring our online freedom.

The definition of freedom is the ability to do what you want when you want and as often as you want to without someone hindering you—to a reasonable degree. Now, this comes with a certain responsibility that you do not inhibit another person's freedom. Once you deny someone else's established freedom, you are breaking the law. Freedom, being understood correctly, must be used wisely and with logical constraint. Free speech defends my right to speak against porn, while also giving me the right to defend access to it. Even though I have strong feelings against a particular sin or vice, I will not force someone not to do it as long as it does not intrude on my rights.

Sometimes, people want a vice to be banned because they cannot police their own bodies. If your reason for government censorship of the internet is religious, there are ways to fix that don't require government intervention. If you have a problem with pornography, religious institutions often offer a buddy system that can be used to help people monitor each other's internet usage. This is used to deter the use of porn. No one is forcing you to use porn. Not being able to control yourself does not give you the right to ban others from partaking. During Prohibition, many people who supported banning alcohol either had an addiction or, as it was, were the wives of drunkards. We all know how that turned out.

For many, including a

majority of the citizens in Iceland, the main argument for blocking all pornography is that many children are stumbling upon pornographic websites. I respect this reasoning. A 10 year old has a hard time processing those images. Potentially, the younger you are, the worse the effects might be on you, or the worse the addiction might become. Rather than going through the government, parents should monitor and control what their children are doing online. Tablets seem to provide safer web browsing, as well as apps that are specific to school-related activities like Wikipedia, virtual pianos, and Google Translate. Personal responsibility includes being responsible for what happens to your children. Do not immediately blame the government for the ills that befall your child; As unfortunate as it may be, bad circumstances are, more often than not, avoidable. Be more aware of what your children are doing online; safe websites do not have porn popups.

There really isn't a productive way for a government to censor the internet. Issues such as what body of government would have the right to blocking the internet would arise. Who would have the password to alter which websites are permissible? The government does not provide internet service, and cannot restrict what happens online so long as it does not intrude on someone's rights. Internet usage is never intrusive because the customer is the one seeking the websites. Look what happens when governments take control of internet content of any sort; it often leads to suppression of information, which is not becoming of a democracy.

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## Top three

# with Keith: A summary of foreign affairs

By Keith Olsen  
Assistant Opinions Editor

### Japan

Recently re-elected Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Washington this past week, holding bilateral talks with President Obama, as well as speaking before various organizations. Abe is the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, which is the conservative group that has ruled Japan almost uninterrupted (aside from a brief lull in the last three years) since the end of World War II. In his talks with President Obama, the leaders discussed various issues that are confronting both Japan and the US, such as North Korea's aggressive behavior, Iranian misbehavior, and the current dispute with China.

Abe explained his agenda for his term to the Center for Strategic Studies, and forcefully stated his intent to increase Japan's military and political presence in the region. He plans on accomplishing this by increasing the military budget, along with increasing Japan's coordination with other democratic nations, specifically the United States, Australia, and South Korea. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe heralded a return to Japanese supremacy in the region.

### Israel

Over the past two weeks, riots have precipitated in the West Bank because of Israel's refusal to release four Palestinians who are currently on a hunger strike. During one of the riots, the Israeli Defense Force arrested Arafat Jaradat for allegedly participating in throwing rocks at the soldiers, who subsequently died of a heart attack while in an Israeli prison. This caused additional unrest in the West Bank, and many prisoners have organized a day long hunger strike for Saturday, Feb. 24. Israel responded to these additional riots by effectively demanding the Palestinian Authority, which is the government of the West Bank, to break up the protests. There are reports that one of the four original hunger strikers is close to death because of his protest.

### Britain

For the first time since 1978, Britain's credit rating has decreased from AAA to AA1. This readjustment was made by Moody's, one of the world's rating agencies, on the expectation that Britain's economy wouldn't fully recover from its current economic situation for at least a few years. It doesn't appear that further downgrades will happen in the near future, as Moody's has declared that Britain's new rating is currently "stable."

Both France and America have both experienced the same downgrade in the past two years. Only the future will tell if this will assign some of the blame for the current situation to the Conservatives who are in charge, giving the advantage to the Labour Party.

# What is America's place in the Middle East?

By David O'Connor  
Managing Editor

A great deal of noise was made recently when it was announced that the United States was withdrawing one of its two regularly scheduled aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf at a time when the prospect of a strong and potentially nuclear Iran has resounded throughout the Western media for the past few years. There are many people with differing points of view—not including the Iranians—who are disgruntled with the fact that the United States will not commit as much of its military budget to the Middle East region. However, it appears to be a rapidly approaching reality that the United States will, due to budget cuts, not have the same military presence worldwide, including in the Middle East, as it used to. As the United States pulls back, the different players in the region are beginning to assert themselves with greater intensity and ferocity. The future of the region remains uncertain, but one certainty is that the United States will not be at the center.

One thing should be made clear: for better or worse, the United States is not pulling out of the Middle East and Persian Gulf. The U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet is still stationed in the island nation of Bahrain. The Pentagon will have several thousand soldiers deployed in Kuwait on a regular basis. It was recently revealed that the CIA is using an air base in Saudi Arabia to carry out strikes in Yemen. This is not the end of the U.S. military presence in the region.

But there is a changing dynamic in the region as well. The United States has nowhere near the military

presence in the region as it did at the height of Iraq War during the presidency of George W. Bush. President Barack Obama withdrew American forces from Iraq at the end of 2011. Further away from the core of the Middle East, the president has also promised to pull back close to half of the combat soldiers currently deployed in Afghanistan, leaving roughly 33,000 for the final year of active combat in accordance with the NATO mission.

Another important, and controversial, decision by the Obama administration has been to not publicly and directly supply arms to the opposition fighters in Syria who are fighting against a government that the United States has officially declared to be illegitimate. This is after the U.S. military took an active role in the conflict in Libya, albeit in a strongly supportive role to the United Kingdom, France and certain members of the Arab League, some of whom have aided the above mentioned Syrian opposition.

This string of events is part of a pattern. The United States under Obama, and perhaps going forward, is becoming more hesitant to commit to military operations in the Middle East, especially situations that could require U.S. soldiers to be on the ground. It is more willing to support other nations from either the Arab League or Europe in operations such as those in Libya and Mali.

That being said, anyone who observes the Middle East for a single day can see that the region is still rife with conflict. Syria's civil war has no clear end in sight. That conflict is already beginning to seep across the border into Lebanon. Sectarian conflict is returning in Iraq



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**Marine Pfc. Ricardo Peralta, center, salutes during his graduation on July 9, 2010, from Charlie Company Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California.**

as many Sunni Muslims feel that they are being marginalized by the government of Shi'ite Muslim Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Bahrain, already mentioned as the port of the U.S. Fifth Fleet, is the scene of strong unrest where a majority Shi'ite population feel equally marginalized by the Sunni monarchy.

Two years since the beginning of the Arab Spring, tension between different religious and ethnic communities in the Middle East has either reached or gone beyond boiling point. In fear of the growing military capabilities of Iran, some Gulf nations such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have bought large quantities of U.S. and European military material. Within the past couple of weeks, the UAE has signed a deal worth \$1.4 billion in various equipment, including unmanned drones.

Two years ago, there was great hope that there would be a great wave of change in the Middle East, and there certainly has been a great deal of change. Some of the longest standing strongmen in the world, from Egypt's Hosni Mubarak to Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, are no longer in power. What will follow them still remains to be seen. However, Eden is not yet within sight for the people of the Middle East. The United States has had a very prominent role in what course this region will take, and it will still continue to be strongly influential. However, the future of the Middle East is and has always been up to the people who live there, and as the United States begins draws down its presence in the region, they will have greater opportunity to go in any direction. What direction that is remains a fascinating and potentially terrifying mystery.

## It's difficult being a moderate on a college campus

By George Newell  
Contributing Writer

Being a political moderate in today's world can be tough. In today's social climate of devout partisan politics, it can sometimes seem like there's no hope for those who believe in a middle ground. An identity crisis nearly ensues anytime anyone asks you which party you're registered for or which candidate you're supporting in the next election. No help is to be found in the media either, and you're lucky if you find even a few moments of unbiased political reporting when you turn on the news nowadays.

However, this red team vs. blue team style of developing political support is not one that Americans are unaccustomed to. Even during the days of the Founding Fathers, the battle raged between the Hamiltonian Federalists and the Jeffersonian Anti-Federalists. There was always a constant struggle between those who believe in placing more power in the hands of government for the wellbeing of society, and those who wish to limit this power in exchange for greater individual liberty.

More and more each year, you hear about the battle between these two almost mythical opponents. A clash of the titans, if you will, of two teams formed from a country

divided. Every year since the early nineties, partisanship has increased, further decreasing the group of moderate independents in the middle. Based more on psychology than anything else, we find a large group of independents that are tired of being unrepresented, so they are forced to pick a side. This forced partisanship essentially divides the silent majority of moderates into the two political parties, which are dominated by extremist politicians.

Unfortunately, it's hard to make an argument that the free-thinking, diverse social environment we enjoy here at Stony Brook is much different. When browsing the endless list of clubs and social programs there are here at school, you may notice one thing: no group for moderates. There are organizations for Republicans, Democrats, Liberals, Conservatives, and just about any other type of extreme end of the spectrum you can think of, but one thing remains missing: a forum in which moderate thinking individuals can debate and share ideas.

This environment of staunch political partisanship came to a climax last semester. With the presidential elections, there nearly came a war of the tribes, with college Democrats on one side and college Republicans on the other. It was interesting to see how quickly two previously benign

collegiate organizations could ready themselves to fight under the flags of opposing partisan platforms. As a moderate, I must say I found this a bit unnerving. The idea that two groups of people who share so much in common could still somehow be in such extreme ideological opposition seemed almost unreal. Could all of these similar individuals really be so deeply divided? The answer is no.

From the beginning of any young political science major's educational career, he/she is told one thing: you've got to pick a side. The problem lies in the fact that politics, like anything else, requires involving yourself before you can advance. This means picking a side, and sticking with it, often times regardless of which ideas they are supporting at the time. It forces a large number of moderates to become artificially polarized at a young age solely because they see this as their only avenue for advancement. This idea really hit home with me at the beginning of last semester. With the election season in full swing, I was forced to decide which flag to wave in the name of advancing myself, both professionally and politically. While I eventually took the dive, this system of forcing people into a mold of the perfect party loyalist leaves many with muddled enthusiasm, and hope, caused

mostly by the fact that the system provides little to no room for ideological differentiation among those just trying to get their foot in the door.

Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be much hope for a solution. This system of two ideologically opposed sides has essentially been in existence since before the dictation of our own constitution. These dichotomously opposed sides each keep the other in check. When one pushes, the other is always there to push back. While many people may see this as inefficiency in government that needs to be fixed, I see it as a crucial part of the American way of life. The Founding Fathers of our great nation would be turning in their graves if they knew that efficiency in government would ever be ranked as more important than the proper representation of the governed.

Maybe this partisanship isn't so bad after all. It would be an ominous day if one individual political group was allowed to become a hegemon. It's the extremes that allow for moderate thinking in the first place. It gives you something to compare to. So in the end, it looks like what we need is not a group to represent the moderates, but for the moderates to stand up and be proud of what they are: freethinking individuals.



# Softball goes 3-1 at Longwood Spring Classic

By Mike Daniello  
Sports Editor

The Seawolves split their two games on Sunday, defeating Bucknell 4-3 in eight innings, but fell to Longwood 3-0. The Seawolves now stand at 4-6 on the season.

Despite beating Bucknell by 11 runs on Saturday, the Seawolves needed extra innings to knock off the Bison. Stony Brook scored the first three runs of the game, but Bucknell was able to claw their way back.

Sophomore Bria Green had an RBI single in the first inning, before junior Jessica Combs hit a two-run single in the third inning.

Freshman Jane Sallen gave up just one run through the first six innings,

before giving up a two-run home run to tie the game.

Bucknell started off the eighth inning with a runner on second base, before a groundout moved her to third. The Bison then attempted to squeeze home the run, but third-baseman Gina Bianculli was able to field the bunt and get the runner out at home.

Stony Brook squeezed their runner to third base to start off the bottom half of the eighth inning, before junior Jessica Zeilman singled to right to end the game.

The Seawolves were unable to hit Longwood pitcher Brooke Short, who threw a complete-game one-hitter and allowed just four total baserunners. Short had a no-hitter throw 6.2 innings until Zeilman singled to right

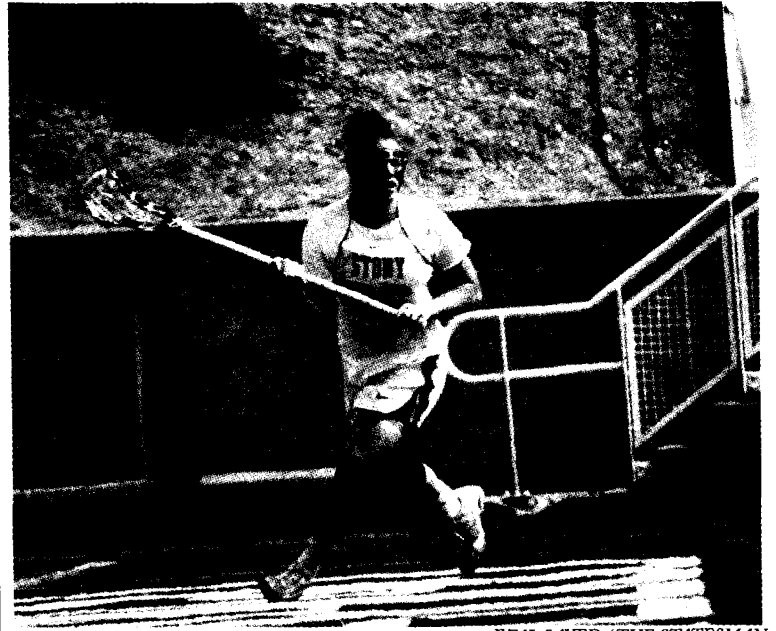
field. Freshman Alexandra Pisciotta then drew a walk to bring the tying run to the plate, but Short got the pinch-hitter, redshirt sophomore Nicole Hoyle, to end the game.

Short also had a big day with the bat, as she hit a solo home run in the fourth inning. Longwood scored two more runs later in the game to go up three.

Sophomore Allison Cukrov gave up just four hits, but had to settle for the loss.

Stony Brook out-hit its opponents this weekend 25-16 and outscored them 20-10. Four Seawolves batted over .300, led by junior Nicole Schieferstein, who went 3-for-6.

Lucido went 2-0 with a 2.00 ERA in seven innings.



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**Alyssa Cardillo and SBU lost to Florida on Wednesday.**

# Ice Hockey prepares for ACHA Nationals

By Adrian Szkolar  
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been an eventful last few weeks for the Stony Brook ice hockey team.

After finding themselves on the bubble of getting an at-large bid for the ACHA national tournament after being upset by Rutgers, the Seawolves were selected into the tournament as the 16th seed, and then won the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League playoff championship a week later.

"We had a weekend off after the snowstorm, and that really helped us rest up, a few guys were injured, it's a long season," head coach Chris Garofalo said. "The players just had

a different gear when we got down there."

In the ESCHL playoffs, hosted by Delaware, Stony Brook defeated Rhode Island 4-2 on Feb. 16 and followed that up with a 3-2 win over Delaware in the finals the next day.

Junior forward Wesley Hawkins was named the MVP of the playoffs.

"We accomplished a lot this season," Garofalo said. "To win our league championship speaks volumes."

In the ACHA national tournament, hosted by Robert Morris Illinois, Stony Brook will open up against a familiar opponent in Rhode Island on Friday, March 1. Stony Brook was 3-0 against Rhode Island this season.

"They are a team that is very, very skilled; they can definitely upset us," Garofalo said. "I know who their top guys are, but because of the way our team is, it concerns me, are they going to be assumptive since they swept them?"

Garofalo also said that freshman goalie Brendan Jones will likely get the start against Rhode Island.

The winner of that opening game will play the number one seed of the tournament, Adrian College.

"They are probably going to have a lot of depth, very smart players that will make good decisions with the puck," Garofalo said. "I'm actually glad we could get a chance to play them, you have to play the best sooner or later."

# Women's Lacrosse falls to Florida

By Jaelyn Lattanza  
Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team fought back but could not overcome the strength of No. 3 University of Florida on Wednesday. The Seawolves fell 16-9.

The Gators took hold of the game on their home turf leading 10-1 with 12:59 left in the first half until the Seawolves started to gain some momentum. Four consecutive Stony Brook goals, two from senior Claire Petersen, one from sophomore Michelle Rubino and one from sophomore Amber Kupres off of an assist from Petersen ended the half with Florida up 10-5. Senior Demmianne Cook scored the first Stony Brook goal with 21:04 left on

the clock.

Coming out of the locker room, Cook and Kupres scored their second goals of the game and senior Janine Hillier her first, closing the gap to four. But that didn't stop Florida. The Gators reciprocated with four consecutive goals to lead 16-8 with 8:20 left to play. Petersen scored her third goal of the game with 21 seconds left, ending the game 16-9.

Florida outshot Stony Brook 29-22, putting 25 on net compared to the Seawolves' 17. Stony Brook goalkeeper, junior Frankie Caridi made a game-high nine stops in 60 minutes of play.

After a week off, the Seawolves will take on Central Connecticut on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in New Britain, Conn.

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# Men's Lacrosse defeated by No. 6 Virginia 13-7

*SBU kept it close for most of the game, but Cavaliers overwhelmed in fourth quarter*

By Adrian Szkolar  
Assistant Sports Editor

For three quarters, a young Stony Brook team kept itself close with No. 6 Virginia on Saturday, a storied program that it had yet to beat in its history after 10 tries.

At the end of the game, it would be 11 tries.

Despite a 19-save performance from freshman goalkeeper Dan Shaughnessy, Virginia would break a one-goal game open in the fourth quarter, scoring five unanswered goals to defeat Stony Brook 13-7 at LaValle Stadium.

"We're a very young team, we played hard and we competed, it was the first time for a lot of our guys that they played against someone at that speed," head coach Jim Nagle said. "The younger guys competed, but at times, were not ready and not as quick, we rushed at times when we didn't have to."

After a see-saw affair in the first quarter, which saw both teams exchange goals, Virginia, getting goals from Ryan Tucker, Mark Cockerton and Scott McWilliams, ran out to a 6-2 lead at the 10:30 mark of the second quarter.

Stony Brook, however, would climb back slowly. Less than two minutes later, sophomore midfielder Mike Andreassi scored his second goal of the game, and at the 7:36 mark, senior midfielder Jeff Tundo added another goal.

With only three seconds left in the quarter, Tundo scored his second goal of the quarter to cut the Virginia lead down to one.



Jeff Tundo scored two goals, and also led Stony Brook with two assists on Saturday.

Virginia got goals from Matt White and Charlie Streep to build its lead back up to 8-5, but Stony Brook continued to fight back, cutting the deficit to one again thanks to goals from freshman midfielder Dylan Curry and sophomore Mike Rooney.

In the fourth quarter, Stony Brook ran out of steam, managing only two shots in the quarter and turning the ball over seven times.

"Continuing our fundamentals, our system for four quarters, that's the difference between a young team and an experienced team," Nagle said. "It's just consistency and being able to persevere."

Andreassi, Rooney and Tundo each had two goals for Stony Brook, and Curry's goal was the first of his collegiate career. The Seawolves were outshot by Virginia 55-16 and had 24 turnovers.

"I think the fact that we did come back is something to say a lot about our team, the persistence we showed," Tundo said. "I don't think that was a bad loss at all, if anything, we can build on it."

Shaughnessy's 19 saves, in his third career start, are the most in a game for a Stony Brook goalkeeper since Brendan Callahan made 23 saves in a game against Harvard in

2007.

"Our defense played well, and that's the only reason I did well," Shaughnessy said. "It's still a loss, but we're not going to get worked up over it since it's non-conference."

Despite having now played Virginia seven out of the last eight seasons, including a meeting in the NCAA tournament quarterfinals in 2010, Nagle, in his second year as the program's head coach, does not feel that a rivalry has developed between the two programs.

"It's not a rivalry until you beat them," Nagle said. "When we beat them, then we'll call it a rivalry."

## Baseball swept by UNC Sunday

By Catie Curatolo  
Staff Writer

Despite the Seawolves best attempts, they were swept by No. 1 ranked North Carolina on the road this weekend.

The second game of Sunday's doubleheader was a fierce fight, with the Tar Heels eventually coming back to win, 9-8, with two runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Stony Brook trailed 6-2, but bounced back with a six-run eighth inning. Freshman Johnny Caputo and junior Anthony Italiano each contributed two-run doubles, while senior Tanner Nivins added an RBI walk.

The inning ended, however, when Italiano was thrown out at home and junior Michael Hubbard was caught trying to steal second.

North Carolina then hit back-to-back doubles in the bottom of the ninth to tie and won on a single to left with bases loaded.

The Tar Heels took Sunday's first game, 7-1, and Saturday's game, 11-2. The Seawolves hit .183 in the series, with three doubles and 10 RBI.

Italiano was a standout for Stony Brook behind the plate, throwing out NC's Landon Lassiter twice on Saturday and two more baserunners in Sunday's first game. He has now thrown out six of nine attempted runners this season.

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## Maysonet participates in NFL

### Draft Combine on Sunday

By David O'Connor  
Managing Editor

Senior Miguel Maysonet, who ran his last season of Stony Brook football last fall as one of the chief running backs, has gone to the National Football League (NFL) combine to prove his case to all 32 NFL teams that he is worthy to be on their squad.

Should he be selected in this year's NFL draft, the first round of which begins on April 25, he would be the first player in Stony Brook history to have that honor. He is one of 38 running backs at the combine.

According to Stony Brook Athletics' Twitter account, Maysonet was able to do 20 reps of 225 pounds at the bench press.

At the combine, he may be unable to participate in the 40-yard dash because of a hamstring injury. He will have a further opportunity to prove himself at

his pro day on March 21 at Stony Brook.

In his senior season, Maysonet started all 13 games and was a runner-up for the Walter Payton award, which since 1987 has been presented to the most outstanding college football player in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). He achieved the award of Big South Offensive Player of the Year. He accumulated 1,964 yards and 21 touchdowns. That total of yards was 11th most in FCS history.

Prior to coming to Stony Brook, Maysonet played for Riverhead High School until he graduated in 2009. He initially played one year at Hofstra University. However, the school closed its 72-year old football program in December 2009. Maysonet, along with fellow running back Brock Jackolski class of 2012, came to Stony Brook for the following season.

## Senior Rouse provides spark off the bench

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to watch, Ray Allen of the Miami Heat. "The way he shoots the ball is beautiful."

The contributions Rouse has made off the bench this season is one of the big reasons his team currently sits in first place in the America East Conference. The Seawolves currently have a 21-6 overall record and an 12-2 record in conference games.

But while Rouse is happy with his team's success so far this season, he has bigger goals in mind for his team.

"I liked to graduate as a champion," Rouse said. "You know not only regular season, but the NCAA, I'd like a chance to experience that."

The last two years for the Seawolves have ended in heartbreaking fashion. In 2011, Stony Brook lost the America East Championship game to Boston University by just two points. Then in 2012, Stony Brook lost again in America East Championship to Vermont, on their home court.

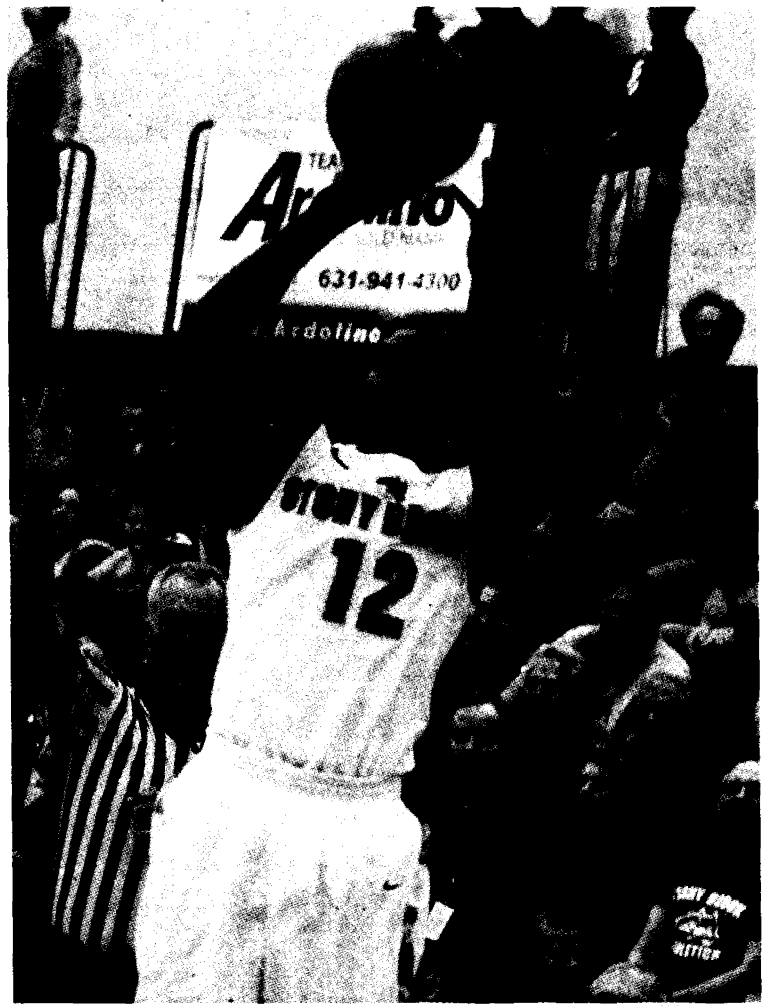
And those two defeats have not been forgotten by Rouse. "It really drives me," Rouse said. "I just remember that feeling we had. The way we lost that motivates us."

Now he is motivated not only to capture the team's first ever America East Championship, but also its first-ever NCAA tournament bid.

"Ever since I've been here, my four years, that's always been the goal, making the NCAA tournament," Rouse said. "It seems like we're right there."

By now, Rouse is used to playing big games. Not only has he been a part of numerous important contests over his four years at Stony Brook, but before coming to Stony Brook, he had a starring role on the basketball team at DeMatha Catholic High School.

In his senior year of high school, he was named his team's MVP, as he led them to a 32-4 record, and a No. 7 national ranking in the ESPN RISE FAB 50 boys' basketball rankings. He also helped DeMatha to the 2009 Washington Catholic Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles as well as the 2009 City title. He averaged 11.1 points a game that year, which helped make him a 2009 second team



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**Rouse has been a key player for Stony Brook coming off the bench, averaging 6.5 points per game this season.**

All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference selection.

While at DeMatha, Rouse got used to playing in front of large crowds and dealing with the pressure of big games.

"High School at DeMatha it was always a sold out game," Rouse said. "Always TV cameras. Just the hype, always. You know coming here, it made it easy for me."

Now he is in his senior year at Stony Brook and is one of the players that is looked upon for leadership. But for Rouse, it is more about leading by example.

"He's been a very great reliable guy," Pikiell said. "He comes to practice every day, and comes prepared. He gives us leadership in exemplary ways."

Although Rouse's collegiate basketball career will soon be coming to an end, that does not

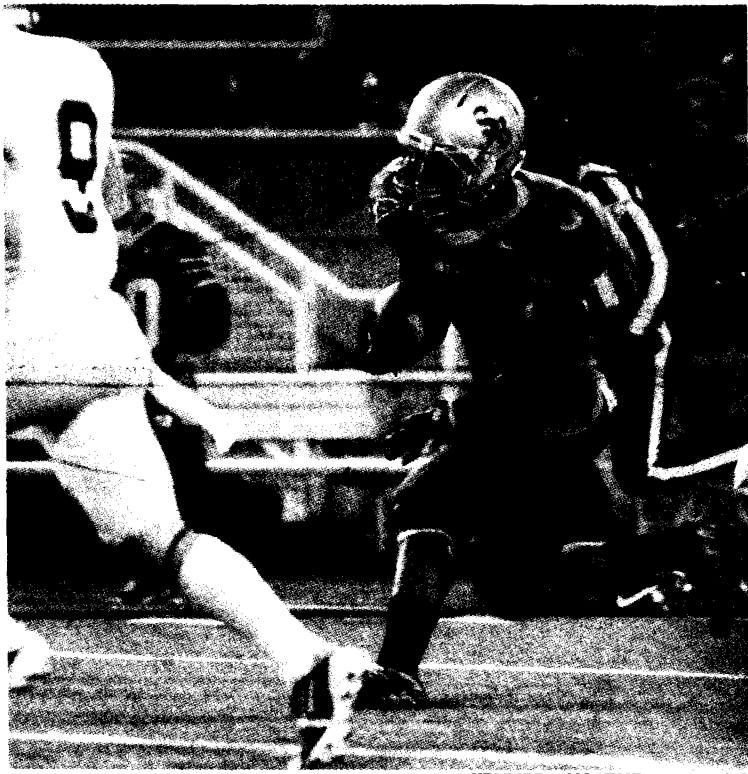
mean he plans to stop playing. After graduation, he will attempt to play basketball overseas, although he is not sure where he will play yet.

"That's my biggest goal, to keep the dream alive," Rouse said.

It is far from surprising that he is not ready to give up playing the game of basketball. He started playing at around the age of five when his mom bought him a Huffy kiddie court, a miniature basketball court, to play on.

"She said I never sat down, and that I was always playing on it," Rouse said.

As for his years at Stony Brook, Rouse says that he is very thankful for his time at Stony Brook, and that it taught him a lot of life lessons. But, before his time at Stony Brook is up, he has one more thing he'd like to accomplish. And he'll have a chance to do that this March.



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**Decorated senior running back Miguel Maysonet attended the NFL combine to prove his case to all 32 NFL teams.**

## WBB shines on Senior Night; Senior Klupenger leads team with 18 points

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O'Boyle said. "She's really a tough cover, and she's aggressive on the boards. Then she gave some huge baskets for us down the stretch."

Stony Brook had a 43-42 lead with just 6:27 to play in the game. Then UMBC guard, Raven Harris, hit back to back three pointers to give the Retrievers a five point advantage with 4:26 left. The Seawolves battled back, as Previlon and sophomore forward Sabre Proctor had four points each in the final four minutes.

Stony Brook's stingy defense over the last few minutes kept the game close, and set up a wild final sequence. With SBU trailing 52-51, Proctor rebounded the ball with 12 seconds left after a missed jumper by Harris. The Seawolves still had two timeouts remaining, but opted not to take one, and instead let junior guard Chikilra Goodman push the ball up the court.

"I love Chikilra in transition, and

she was going full speed, and I didn't want them to get a chance to setup in a zone," O'Boyle said.

Once up the court the Seawolves got the ball to Klupenger in the corner. Klupenger was well covered by her defender, and when she went up for the shot it appeared that the defender made contact with her. But, no foul was called, much to the dismay of the Stony Brook coaching staff.

"I think every coach thinks there's contact on that play," O'Boyle said.

One of the big reasons for the loss was the Seawolves inability to slow down Raven Harris. Harris got going early, and continued to make timely baskets throughout the game. She had 23 points in the game, and was 5 of 7 from three point range. She also showcased her outstanding passing ability during the game, registering seven assists.

The Seawolves were able to stay close in the game despite Harris' efforts, due to the fact that they

were able to limit the rest of the UMBC squad offensively. Stony Brook kept two of the Retrievers starters, Bria White and Brittany Crowell scoreless in the game, as the two combined to shoot 0-13 from

the field.

The team's leading scorer for the season, Proctor, got into foul trouble in the first half, but was able to get going offensively in the second half. In 22 minutes off the bench she



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**Gerda Gatling shot 0-6 from the floor on Saturday, but still contributed with 13 rebounds and four assists.**

had 11 points, and also finished with seven rebounds. Klupenger and freshman Brittany Snow also had six points apiece in the game, and Goodman lead the team with seven assists.

Stony Brook had a big advantage on the glass in Wednesday's matinee, outrebounding UMBC 35-21. The Seawolves also grabbed 16 offensive boards in the game, and as a result had 13 second chance points.

A larger number of people than usual were able to catch the Seawolves in action on Tuesday. The Seawolves have their largest crowd of the season, with 434 people. Stony Brook's fate from here on out rests in Albany, NY, as it will play its final game of the season and the America East tournament in the upcoming weeks.

"We can't wait for the opportunity," O'Boyle said. "Albany is a great team and were going to give them everything and hope for the best."



# SPORTS

## SBU received waiver to host potential AE champ. game

By Adrian Szkolar  
Assistant Sports Editor

If Stony Brook men's basketball team does make it to the America East championship game, it will be able to host the game in Pritchard Gymnasium against conference rules.

Last fall, the school met with the conference's executive committee and received a waiver from the conference to be able to host the game in the 1,500 seat venue.

According to Sean Tainsh, the America East's director of communications, conference rules state that in order to host a men's basketball championship game, the game must be played in a venue that seats at least 3,000 people.

According to Tainsh, the conference granted the waiver because the neighboring arena, the school's other potential venue that seats 4,160, is unavailable due to its ongoing renovation project.

"Stony Brook's arena is unavailable completely," Tainsh said. "Pritchard Gym is the only other venue on campus where they could host the game."

Jim Fiore, Stony Brook's director of athletics, said that the school managed to convince the conference also to reduce the amount of tickets the visiting team would be provided.

Normally, at least 600 seats would need to be allotted to the visiting school. However, as part of the waiver, according to Fiore, Stony Brook would only need to provide 300 seats to the opposing school.

Stony Brook, currently first in the America East standings, has been tough to beat in Pritchard Gym for the last few years. The Seawolves have not lost a conference game in the venue since Feb. 7, 2009, when they lost 63-61 in overtime to Binghamton.

## Men's Basketball defeats Maine 69-53 With win, SBU clinches share of regular season title

By David O'Connor  
Managing Editor

The Stony Brook University men's basketball team inched one game closer to the end of its conference schedule and clinched at least a share of the America East regular season championship, its third in the last four years, with a victory against the University of Maine Black Bears, 69-53, on Sunday.

The regular season championship guarantees that Stony Brook will be at least tied for the No. 1 spot in the conference at the end of the

in his career.

With 1,069 rebounds for his career, Brenton passed the University of Vermont's Kevin Roberson for fourth place in America East history in that category. Also performing well was freshman forward Jameel Warney, who scored a game-high 15 points along with seven rebounds, three blocks and two steals. It's the 10th time this season that he has scored at least 15 points.

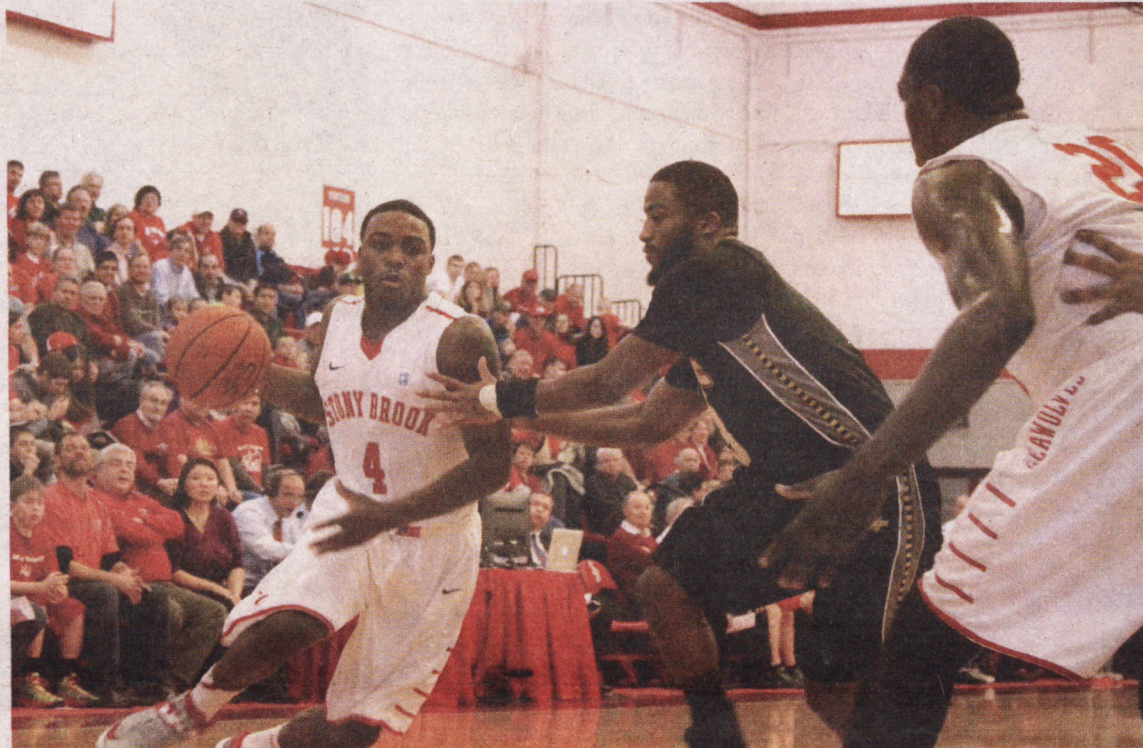
The Seawolves grabbed the lead from fairly early on in the game and did not surrender it. From 16:18 left in the first half, Stony Brook pushed

points in a row, building a 23-point lead, 55-32.

Maine would get as close as within 11 points of the Seawolves, but the Black Bears faltered in the final minutes, only making one out of their final 10 shots.

Overall, Stony Brook held its opponent to 34.5 percent shooting compared to its own 41.9 percent.

Stony Brook can win the regular season title with one win in its final two games, the first of which is away at Boston University on Thursday, Feb. 28, and the second being at home against the University at



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**Anthony Jackson, left, scored 14 points in Stony Brook's 83-39 victory over UMBC on Tuesday. He followed that up with a nine-point game against Maine on Sunday.**

regular season and that, should they make the final game of the America East Conference Championship tournament, will host the game.

Senior forward Tommy Brenton almost recorded his second-straight triple-double against Maine with a career-high 20 rebounds, 13 points and seven assists. It was his fifth double-double this season and 22nd

ahead and never looked back. It was able to sustain moving up to a 31-17 advantage despite starters junior guard Anthony Jackson, senior guard Dave Coley and Brenton each picking up two fouls. The lead was 10 as both teams went into halftime.

Approximately five minutes into the second half, Stony Brook broke the game open by scoring 10

Albany on Sunday, March 3. Stony Brook's current record of 21-6 overall is the best start in Division-I program history, one win better than the 20-7 start of the 2009-10 team. For its conference record, 12-2, this year's team matches the program's best start with last year's team. Two more wins would break the school record of 22 victories.

## From the bench, Rouse goes above and beyond

By Joe Galotti  
Staff Writer

For senior guard Marcus Rouse, it's all about the team these days.

"I just try to go hard, and give 110 percent," says Rouse. "Whether it's hitting shots, or getting rebounds, or steals, defense, it's all about whatever I can do to help the team."

After starting 31 games over his first two years with the Seawolves, head coach Steve Pikiell decided to have Rouse become one of the first players off his bench.

Since then, Rouse has not only accepted the role, but has been thriving in it.

"The team is going good, we're on a good roll," Rouse said. "I want to keep that going. It's team first definitely."

This season, Rouse has averaged 6.5 points per game, 1.9 rebounds per game, and is second on the team with 32 steals. He has also been extremely reliable with handling the ball, only committing 12 turnovers so far this season.

Coach Pikiell said he is very thankful to have a versatile player like Rouse to turn to on his bench.

"He's terrific defensively, gives us high energy off the bench, he's smart, cerebral, veteran, and can really shoot the ball too," Pikiell said. "He does a lot of things well, not just one thing in particular."

Even though Rouse has not started any games this season, he is still getting lots of opportunities. He has played in all of the team's 27 games, is averaging 19 minutes a game, and has often been on the court for key moments in games.

"He's playing starting minutes," Pikiell said. "It's more about getting the minutes than when you come into the game."

Rouse is no longer worried about whether or not he will start, but rather making sure he is ready to contribute when his name called. "It's just staying ready, staying warmed up, and staying ready to do what my coach asks to help the team win," Rouse said.

Coming off the bench has not had any negative effect on Rouse's shooting, as he is statistically having his best shooting season ever at Stony Brook.

This season he has not only been one of the best shooters on the Seawolves, but one of the best shooters in the entire America East conference.

He ranks second in the conference's three point percentage list this season, only behind Boston University's John Papale. He has made 38 of his 89 three point attempts this season, which is good for a .427 percentage. Rouse has also had five games this season where he has had at least three shots made from behind the arc.

He credits his sharp shooting abilities, to the amount of hours he puts in between games.

"I'm always shooting, practicing," Rouse said. "I'm always in the gym. Repetition."

These are also similar work habits to one of Rouse's favorite players

## Women's basketball comes back against Maine, wins 56-53

By Jason Mazza & Joe Galotti  
Staff Writers

It was Senior Day Saturday at Pritchard Gymnasium as the Stony Brook University Seawolves faced the Maine Black Bears. The Seawolves (14-14, 6-9AE) ended their two game losing streak with yet another nail biter winning 56-53.

Senior Dani Klupenger led the Seawolves, shooting 6-9 from being the arc and finishing with 18 points and three rebounds. "Today was really special for Dani," said coach Beth O'Boyle, "Every time she takes a shot I just scream nothing but net."

With 10:26 left in the second half Maine led 42-34. After that it was all Stony Brook and sophomore Sabre Proctor who didn't start in the game. Off the bench she scored 19 points and grabbed four rebounds in only 22 minutes.

The last 10 minutes of the game saw leads no bigger than five by either team. It was Stony Brook's



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**Dani Klupenger hit six out of nine three-point attempts.**

second half shooting that gave them the win, shooting 50 percent from the field in comparison to Maine's 37.5 percent.

"I told them the shots would fall eventually," O'Boyle said, "We fell on some hard luck early but I liked our aggression especially on the

boards. 13 rebounds from (Gerda) Gatling were critical to the win and a great way for her to end her career at Stony Brook."

In their Senior Day celebration, the Seawolves honored their six seniors, Taylor Burner, Amanda Corona, Gerda Gatling, Dani Klupenger, Sam Landers and Jessica Previlon in a pregame ceremony.

Things went a little differently on Wednesday afternoon, when the team lost a heartbreaker to UMBC by the score of 52-51. Klupenger had a chance to win the game for the Seawolves, but missed a jumper from the corner at the buzzer.

SBU was able to keep the score close despite some early sloppy play on offense, thanks to the effort by Previlon. The forward had a career high 18 points, and made nine of 14 shots from the field.

"She's having a great senior year,"

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