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SBU's State of the University Address looks toward future

By Christopher Leelum
Staff Writer

In his annual presentation to the campus community, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. looked back on the university's success, but also highlighted the challenging road ahead in his State of the University Address on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Among the school's accomplishments was a higher than usual number of faculty hires and admitted students, with 181 new faculty and about 2,900 new students welcomed this year. Stanley also noted the improved average grades and SAT scores of those admitted.

"Alumni say to me, 'I couldn't even get in today because of the grades,'" Stanley said. "And I say yeah, that's right," he joked.

He also noted that about 20,000 new donors gave over \$50 million from 2011 to 2014.

But Stanley's main concern was the future. One problem he said must be addressed is the four-year graduation rate.

"We could do better," Stanley said. "We need to make sure students don't drop out from financial issues." He pointed out the near stagnation of four-year graduation rates since 2007, which has been hovering under 50 percent.

He introduced the Finish in Four Fund, which allocates up to \$250,000 to be distributed to students "in good academic standing" that "max out their financial support."

Another challenge Stony Brook and other research universities face is the stagnation of federal investment in research and development. Stanley said that from 2001 to 2011, there has been little to no growth in federal support.

According to worldbank.org, the percentage of the United States' gross domestic product that went towards research and development in 2012 was 2.8 percent. That same year, the U.S. percentage of GDP that went towards public health expenditures was 8.3 percent.

This news is troublesome for a school as invested in its research as Stony Brook.

"Federal support has transformed the world since World War II," Stanley said. "We're really not moving at the state we need."

But overall, Stanley said his vision of Stony Brook in the years ahead is bright.



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On Saturday, Sept. 20, the Stony Brook Athletics department teamed up with the Miracle League of Long Island to play baseball with people with disabilities. For additional coverage, check page 7 and sbstatesman.com.

"I'm really optimistic about our future," he said. "The state of the university is strong. This is the best place we've been in since I've been here."

Concerning the campus itself, Stanley announced the statuses of different construction projects, including the Stony Brook Arena, opening this Oct. 1, and a Stony Brook Union redesign in place to begin by fall of 2016.

Another project the president seemed relieved to mention was the anticipated renovation of the Pritchard Pool to be completed by spring of 2016.

"Many of you have been unhappy," he said. "I understand why."

Stanley also took time to personally congratulate the new permanent and interim faculty.

"You're an extraordinary and distinguished group," Stanley said. "You all share the commitment to excellence."

New faculty members Jarrod French of the Chemistry department and David Matus of the Biochemistry department found positives in joining the Stony Brook community.

"I'm just excited for the pool," Matus, a new assistant professor joked. "But it's a good relationship within the biochemistry department and there are good colleagues."

"One of the things that attracted me was the relationship between the departments," French, also a new assistant professor, said. "It's a good time to be at Stony Brook. The school's on an upward trajectory."

Stanley's possible tobacco ban still smokey

By Chelsea Katz
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Thomas Kerth has been smoking since 1964, when he was 15 years old. Now a professor of German language and medieval studies at Stony Brook University, every day he sits outside on a bench outside the Humanities building and takes out a cigar.

But come 2015, he might have to put it out.

University President Dr. Samuel L. Stanley Jr. and his Chief Deputy Edward Summers are at the helm of an initiative to potentially ban tobacco

on all of Stony Brook's campuses.

"As a physician, I think smoking is terribly hazardous to one's health," Stanley said. "It's a very dangerous drug essentially. So from that point of view, it's an issue. But I think from the campus point of view, we see it more as a way to respect others as well, to be engaged in a behavior that can disturb other people."

This is the university's second try at banning cigarettes, e-cigarettes, hookahs, pipes and chewing tobacco. Last year, the State University of New York tried to pass a bill through the New York State Legislature to make all

state colleges and universities tobacco-free, but the bill did not receive enough votes.

"But we still think it's the right thing to do so rather than wait for legislation," Stanley said. "We're just moving ahead on this."

The plan is still relatively new, according to Summers. The plan is so new that Summers said no one has been appointed to any type of formal committee, and there is no word on how the ban will be enforced. He was even not sure who would be giving the

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Brookhaven Residential Village inconvenient for students

By Jasmine Blennau
Staff Writer

It is the fifth week of the academic year and Stony Brook students living at Brookhaven Residential Village at Dowling College are lacking consistent Internet access and struggling to adapt to a strict bus schedule.

"The only problems are the Wi-Fi and the buses," Nadege Guerin, a junior psychology major on the pre-health track who lives 20 miles away at Brookhaven Residential Village, said. "Everything else I don't mind. The people are cool, and it's a good living situation."

Brookhaven Residential Village, or BRV as its students call it, is housing 200 Stony Brook transfer students who otherwise would not be able to live on campus due to

the increase of students living on campus this semester.

The dormitories are suite style with a large common room, a full kitchen, two or three double bedrooms and two bathrooms.

"If they were to pick up Brookhaven and bring it over to Stony Brook I'd be happy," Guerin said.

While Stony Brook has a two-year contract with Dowling College, new dormitories that will add 759 beds to the campus are being constructed on Toll Drive and are estimated to be completed by fall of 2016.

Matthew Paige, a junior biology major from Westchester, also said the Internet and the bus schedule are what inconvenience students.

"The Internet is very slow, very slow like you're lucky if you get connection. In order to get connection, I usually

go down to the lobby because that's where the router is," he said.

Paige said students were given ethernet cords to get connected while the Wi-Fi is being fixed, but his new MacBook doesn't have an ethernet port.

"It's the fourth week in, and we're still trying to compete with other students just like everybody here," Paige said. "The slower Internet is a little bit of a cripple because we're expected to do the same amount of work as everyone else but we don't have the resources to be able to accomplish that. They have to fix this quicker."

Jessica Szlaz, a junior biology major from Rockland County, said that she has to maneuver and plan her day

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NEWS

Suffering Shellfish: ocean acidification may lead to a decline in the shellfish population



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Acidification of Long Island's waters can have harmful effects on its shellfish, according to Gobler.

By Katherine Kurre
Staff Writer

When conversation turns to Long Island's coastal waters, Stony Brook University professor Christopher Gobler is quite familiar with the area and the organisms that live in it.

A Port Jefferson native who grew up going to Long Island's beaches and fishing and sailing in Long Island's coastal waters, Gobler works in Stony Brook's School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

Although he is based out of the Southampton campus, Gobler divides his time traveling between Southampton and the main campus, teaching a few classes on both.

In addition, he also conducts research on both campuses. Some of his most recent research involves ocean acidification and the effects it has on shellfish.

The ocean typically has a pH of 8.0, which is a slightly basic pH, Gobler said. (On the pH scale, a pH of 7 means neutral,

with anything below 7 being acidic, and anything above 7 being basic.)

However, even the slightest decrease in pH can affect oceanic organisms.

"Negative effects can start at and below 7.7 for some species," Gobler said in an email.

Shellfish, which refer to clams, scallops, oysters and mussels, can be found on the waters off Long Island. However, it appears they may be suffering.

"Shellfish shells are made of calcium carbonate which is more challenging for them to make when pH is lower," Gobler said. "We have found that the levels of pH projected for the open ocean for the next century as well as the levels attained in some coastal regions during summer can cause enhanced mortality in the early life stages of shellfish."

A decrease in the shellfish population can have harmful effects. Clams, scallops, oysters and mussels are considered to be cornerstone species since they are

filter feeding bivalves—they feed by opening their shells, pulling water in, filtering out food particles and then pushing the water back out.

By doing this, they are filtering and cleaning the ocean water.

Losing the shellfish population can lead to significant changes in the ecosystem as well as negative economic effects, Gobler said.

Shellfish will not be the only group affected. Gobler said that other fish species could be harmed by the increased acidification.

"The early life stages of some fish are sensitive to acidification," Gobler said. In fact, he said, mostly early life stages of shellfish will be affected, rather than more adult shellfish.

The burning of fossil fuels are expediting the acidification process, Gobler said.

To stop the acidification, the burning of fossil fuels must be diminished. This is also a global issue, he said.

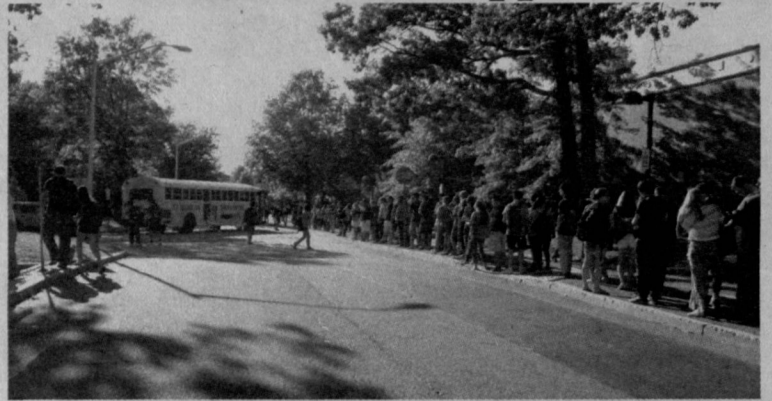
Gobler said his lab also researches other things, such as harmful algal blooms, which include brown, red and rust tides.

HABs are an overgrowth of algae that may produce toxins that can lead to death and illness in both humans and animals.

Gobler, who got his master's degree and Ph.D. at Stony Brook, actually got into his research because the Great South Bay clam fishery collapsed due to brown tide.

"I am motivated to understand how the functioning of our coastal ecosystems can be altered by anthropogenic activities or can affect people living in coastal zones," Gobler said.

Office of Sustainability addresses SBU Transit mobile app concerns



BRIDGET DOWNES / THE STATESMAN

Over 18,000 passengers used the Stony Brook bus service on Tuesdays alone during the 2013-2014 academic year.

By Rachel Siford
Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook University Office of Sustainability is trying to improve students' transportation experience with the SBU Smart Transit smartphone application, the office said, despite complaints from many students of the app not working correctly.

Over 18,000 passengers used the Stony Brook bus service on Tuesdays alone in the 2013-2014 academic year, according to the transportation department. However, many interviewed students said they do not use the app frequently, which was made to help them determine when buses are coming.

"I do not use the bus often but I would be more inclined to if the school had a better information system for it," sophomore mathematics major Barbara Duong said. "It would definitely be better than walking."

"It is helpful sometimes, but has failed me a lot too," sophomore English major Ana Walsh said. "I have missed buses because the app said a bus was coming but it didn't give me enough warning."

"We want students to communicate with us and share what the best way to connect with them would be," Director of Sustainability & Transportation Operations James O'Connor said. "We also want to explore the possibility of putting more information about it in student orientations."

As it turns out, even though it is free to download, the application may not even be available to everyone. According to the app store reviews, the app is not supported on the iPhone 4.

"Stony Brook does not have any apps for Windows phones, so I cannot use any apps from SBU," freshman engineering major Seth Messer said. "It is very inconvenient."

According to senior health science major Sandy Ren, the bus only stops if there is someone already standing at the bus stop. So, if the app is a few minutes off, then it is very likely that the student will miss their bus.

"The transit app does not work well," Ren said. "I use the app often and constantly have to sprint to catch the bus."

"I used the app for about one minute, then it froze and crashed," sophomore biology major Meggan Touba said. "It didn't seem to be working very well."

The transportation department gives out a phone number that allows students to call the bus service and ask when the next bus will be arriving at any particular bus stop. According to the transportation department, this phone service is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. while the buses are running.

"Students need to be aware that we want service to work for all students and for them to have a positive experience," O'Connor said.

The Office of Sustainability's Campus Learning Laboratory, which created the SBU Smart Transit App, is continuously working to improve the app. The lab collaborates with various academic departments like the Sustainability Studies program and the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT). Both undergraduate and graduate students can take part.

The system is currently using a 3G system, but students who work in the laboratory are currently trying to upgrade that to 4G.

"There is an ongoing beauty and benefit with the Learning Laboratory because students are working on a real-life project," O'Connor said.

They are also trying to enhance technology to improve route planning by noting how many riders are at certain spots at specific times during the day. Since the campus has a hilly topography, they are trying to improve connectivity at all spots on campus.

The Transportation Student Advisory Board and the Office of Sustainability encourage all students to attend meetings where they discuss the app as well as other transportation inquiries. They have talked about how cellular timing may be improved with the introduction of 4G technology. Minutes to the meeting are posted on the Sustainability Department's website.

O'Connor said that he and his department try to shed as much light on the current improvements on the app as possible, but also reminds students that it does take time to develop the technology.

"We are always open to feedback about all of our services," O'Connor said. "Students should reach out to us, our email being the fastest way. They should send any comments or questions to sustainability@stonybrook.edu."

Stanley re-proposes campus tobacco ban

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ban the green light.

Summers said he looked into different public New York colleges like SUNY Oswego and the University of Buffalo to see what worked and what did not. Both have already implemented similar programs. At this point, the only Stony Brook property that is smoke-free is the east campus.

"I do believe it's the right direction for the university," Summers said. "I think it's become a national movement around institutions all across the United States."

In the spirit of doing the best for the university, Summers said he plans to consult with groups of students and faculty. Some students already said they think the tobacco ban is a good idea.

"I kind of feel guilty smoking around people who don't smoke sometimes," Maryclare Anderson, a senior psychology major and a smoker of eight years, said. But not everyone felt bad about smoking.

"The other argument they use is 'We're doing this for your health. We want to help you,'" Kerth said. "But that's such a pack of lies."



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Smoking on campus could be banned as soon as 2015.

The entire initiative also leaves some students, like Anderson, plain confused.

"I don't know what the protocol would be," Anderson said. "Would there be smoking areas? Would it be like in Six Flags where you can go to certain areas to smoke?"

Stanley said that despite some people's objections, making Stony Brook a tobacco-free campus is ultimately the right decision.

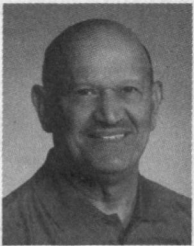
"But I realize it will be

discomforting for some people, and we want to try and help them as best we can," Stanley said.

Even with the possible policy change, Kerth still plans on sitting outside with a cigar. He said that if the police ask him to stop, he will oblige out of respect. But he would rather pay the yet-to-be-determined penalty than conform to the tobacco-free campus.

"I'm not going to change my life because somebody tells me to," Kerth said. "I thought that went out with the Spanish Inquisition."

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Campus Briefing: Police Chief talks campus safety with USG

By Jasmine Blennau
Staff Writer

Safety precautions of all sorts were on the table at the Undergraduate Student Government senate meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, as University Chief of Police Robert J. Lenahan, Inspector Tom Clark and SBU TNG (The Next Generation) Treasurer Tristan Catalano spoke to the senate about keeping Stony Brook students safe.

This September, UPD is releasing its annual report regarding campus safety and major crime statistics from the previous three years, such as assault, grand larceny auto, sex offenses and burglaries.

"I'm happy to report that for the seventh year in a row, we are going to have a crime reduction this year," he said. "We are going to be down about 33 percent and in the burglary category down about 45 percent."

Lenahan said that within the last seven years, the Stony Brook campus has experienced about a near-80 percent reduction in overall crime due to aggressive action by UPD and in campus investigations.

In 2007, there were 217 burglaries

on campus. Last year, only 25 burglaries occurred, Lenahan said.

The senate discussed lighting improvements, safety by the train tracks, student awareness of SB Guardian and UPD staffing with Lenahan and Clark.

Commuter Student Association senator Meghan Walsh suggested that a security guard be present outside of late night exams to make students feel more safe on campus. She also said that she does not feel comfortable being in South P lot at night.

Senior Class Representative Tyesha Jordan-Arnette voiced similar concerns about not feeling safe walking on campus at night.

"This is also where Guardian would come in handy as essentially an electronic friend that will walk with you," Clark said.

SB Guardian serves the same function as the 144 blue-light phones on campus for emergencies, only it is right on a cell phone. Students must register and save the SB Guardian number into their cell phones in order to have a one touch call to UPD, or to set a precautionary timer while

walking alone.

The call will automatically give UPD the caller's location, photograph and personal description, as well as additional information the student may wish to provide.

The senate also approved a budget of \$535.64 for the SBU TNG club by a vote of 16-0-1 to purchase educational books and items as well as food for on campus events.

Kimberly Pacia, the USG vice president of clubs and organizations, introduced SBU TNG as a "kink fetish alternative club on campus that promotes safe and healthy sex."

"It's not just about sex," senior geology major Catalano said. "I know that turns off a lot of people off so I want to clarify that. A lot of people think about it that way, and that's cool if you're into that."

Sophomore Class Representative Ashley Andreaggi asked for clarification about what the club's purpose was and what happens at its meetings.

"During our meetings we've done a variety of things," Catalano said. "We educate our members on tying rope, bondage, the use of different



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Blue-light phones around campus, like this one at the SAC bus stop, allow students to contact UPD for emergencies.

toys, relationships and subcultures."

Safety was a concern for Walsh and College of Arts and Sciences senator Angelo Lambroschino.

"What if somebody does get hurt with these ropes on campus?" Walsh asked. "Who would liable?"

Catalano assured the senate that the ropes do not get lent out to students and that they are only for classroom teaching.

USG President Garry Lachhar

asked Catalano why his club deserved funding and if there was any club on campus that does something similar to his club.

"There is no club that does anything like us," Catalano said. "We're trying to offer a service to students to help them learn about the things they wouldn't necessarily talk about. We want to promote a safe campus too. There is safety to be had in the bedroom as well."

Under the microscope: the effects of napping on the human brain

By Ruchi Shah
Staff Writer

Every other week, junior biology major Ruchi Shah will take a look at science-related news.

All-nighters spent studying for exams and late night parties often leave college students sleep-deprived. Recent research outlines the various benefits of napping and the ideal timing to get the most out of a nap.

Scientists at NASA set up simulation studies to quantify the benefits of a nap. During a simulated flight, the eye

activity of pilots was measured so scientists could count the number of times an episode of microsleep occurred. Microsleep is a period of a few seconds when an individual experiences a loss of attention due to fatigue.

When pilots were allowed to nap for a 40-45 minute period, their performance increased by 34 percent. Additionally, the short naps increased the alertness of pilots by 54 percent.

By the end of the flight, the naps helped to reduce the average number of microsleeps to 34 in those who napped versus 120 microsleeps for the group that

did not nap. A second similar study by NASA found that shorter 25-minute naps could also improve reaction time of pilots and reduce errors during the flight. These results are significant in demonstrating that short naps can result in a wide variety of cognitive benefits.

Furthermore, naps have been shown to help teenagers learn more efficiently and memorize facts better. In a study conducted by scientists at the University of California, Berkely, students were asked to memorize a list of 100 names and faces at noon and then to memorize 100 different

names and faces at 6 p.m.

Those students who took a 90-minute nap after the first memorization session improved their scores by an average of ten percent, while those students who did not nap had a decline in their scores by an average of ten percent. These findings suggest that naps help prime the brain for more efficient memorization.

The duration of a nap also plays a critical role in the benefits gleaned from it. Researchers at the University of Hertfordshire found that naps as short as six minutes could improve cognitive skills, but 90-minute naps are

ideal because they allow for the completion of a full sleep cycle. 20-minute naps are also effective because the individual will wake up during a period of light sleep. However, those who take 30-minute naps often wake up feeling groggy because they wake up from deeper sleep.

Through a myriad of studies at various institutions, naps have consistently been shown to improve memory, alertness, and general cognitive skills. Napping may be the solution for the sleep-deprivation of thousands of people around the world.

Police Blotter

On Monday, Sept. 8, a male caused a disturbance at the Hilton Inn and was arrested.

On Monday, Sept. 8, there was a report taken at the Life Sciences building regarding stalking via phone calls.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, a person was arrested at the University Hospital for damaging elevator controls.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, one bicycle was reported stolen from the South P lot. The case is now closed.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, an individual was in criminal possession of stolen property at Keller College. The property in question was an SBU Faculty/Staff sign. The case is now closed.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, three referrals for marijuana were issued. One was at Keller College, one at Dreiser College and one at Douglass College.

On Friday, Sept. 12, there was a report of a male being assaulted by two males on the Long Island Railroad platform. There were no charges issued.

On Friday, Sept. 12, there was a theft of a whiteboard from Eisenhower College. The case is still open.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, a nurse was punched in the chest and a nurse's assistant was stabbed in the arm with a pen at the University Hospital. The case is closed.

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Stony Brook BRV residents struggling off-campus



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The last BRV bus from SBU leaves at 10:30 p.m. during the week.

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around the Wi-Fi. "This morning I woke up at 6 in the morning to see if the Internet was working," she said. "If it doesn't I have to take the 7 o'clock bus to SBU to finish my school work. It's just stressful."

Paige, Szlaz and other BRV students said that they take advantage of the Internet at Stony Brook, but it would also be nice to be able to get their work done in their home environment.

The week staff at BRV has conducted student surveys about the Wi-Fi issues and the computer lab hours at Dowling College

to help them work on having consistent Internet for students. Students have been told that they are working on the problem.

BRV students without cars must rely on the shuttle buses to get them to and from BRV and SBU. Many students reported that it restricts what they can and cannot do throughout the day.

The last bus from BRV to SBU leaves at 4 p.m. on weekdays and the last bus from SBU leaves at 10:30 p.m., which means that if a student has a night class or an exam, he or she must take the 4 p.m. bus and wait. It

also means that if BRV students were to have friends over, they would not be able to stay until after 4 p.m. unless they had a car.

"Our biggest fear is getting stuck on campus," Szlaz said. She said that if you cannot find someone to pick you up, a cab could cost around \$70.

"Being in by 10:30 p.m. is like treating BRV students like kids," she said. BRV is also a dry, substance free building under Dowling College.

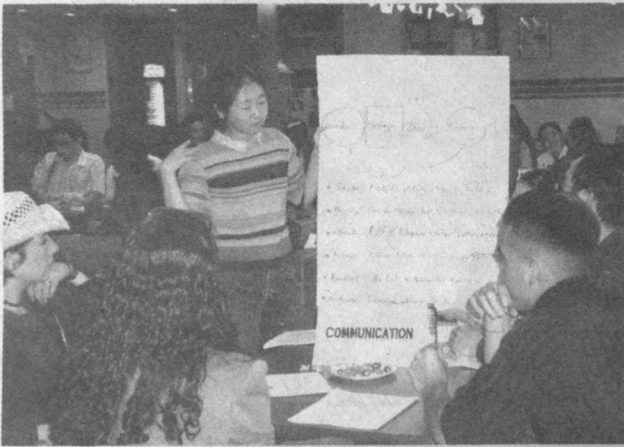
"It is a great dorm," said Ofari Manson, a junior computer science major from the Bronx who spends a lot of time at Stony Brook. "It's just the fact that we can't come here and there whenever we want." Manson said the clubs that he is interested in joining meet at night, and he is unable to attend them.

The students acknowledged that the bus schedule has improved since the first week of school and is still changing, but they said they hope to see more buses added throughout the day and later at night.

"The transportation is a little off, and the Wi-Fi should be fixed, but I would take this position again," Manson said. "It's a good place to meet a lot of people. If you like meeting people and making friends, it's a great community."

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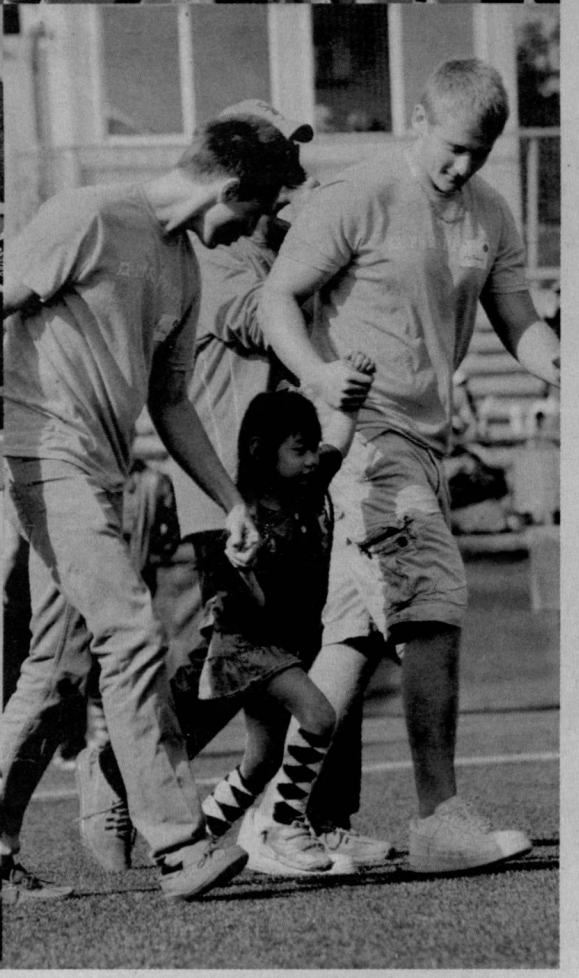
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SBU Baseball bats with the Miracle League

By Heather Khalifa

Stony Brook Athletics and the Miracle League of Long Island teamed up on Saturday morning for a ball game on Joe Nathan Field. The event provided an opportunity for people of all ages with disabilities to play baseball with members of the Stony Brook baseball team and with other volunteers from Athletics. The aim of the Miracle League is twofold, not only providing an opportunity for people to play the game but also for the players themselves to develop their community involvement and social skills off the field. The event lasted from 9-12 p.m., and was only the second annual Miracle League game of what is anticipated to be many more. *Photos by Saher Jafri*



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Asylum Theatre engages audience with "Doubt, A Parable"

By Krysten Massa
Staff Writer

The actors of Asylum Theatre performed an impressive showing of the play "Doubt, A Parable" by John Patrick Shanley for the production's opening night this past Thursday at the Staller Center.

Steven Lantz-Gefroh, who plays Father Flynn, opened the play with a monologue.

He was dressed in a green priest's gown and addressed the audience as if they were all members of his church.

The opening monologue is about having doubt, which sets the theme of the play into motion.

The set is simple, yet the whole atmosphere of the small theatre—its dimmed lights and eerie church music echoing as the audience strolls in—allows the audience to feel as though they are a part of the production.

The Pulitzer Prize winning play is set in 1964 at St. Nicholas Church School in the Bronx.

For the Staller Center production, the stage set-up consisted of a bench and tree on the left side of the stage, which acted as the garden in between the school and the rectory.

At center stage, there was a stained glass window.

The right side of the stage was the principal's office, equipped with a door for the actors to enter and exit through and a simple desk, chair and

drawer display.

The lights dimmed in and out after scenes to signify the changing of acts. This simple set up did not take away from the essence of the play. The small theatre, packed out to hold well over 100 guests, created the perfect setting to help the audience feel engaged in the play.

The opening night show drew a diverse crowd of older community members as well as students. The laughter that lingered throughout the play signified that despite age differences, the play was enjoyed by all.

Julianne Greene, marketing and public relations director of the Staller Center, said that the people in the community who love theatre will always come out to see whatever production they put on.

For this year the center was encouraged to put on a play that was well known to people and would draw an audience.

"Doubt, A Parable" received a Pulitzer Prize for Drama and a Tony Award for best play. A movie adaptation starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman was released in 2008.

However, this did not discourage the group from taking on the production and interpreting it their way, according to Deborah Mayo.

Mayo is one of the play's directors and is also a founding member of Asylum Theatre Company.

Mayo and Greene agree that the

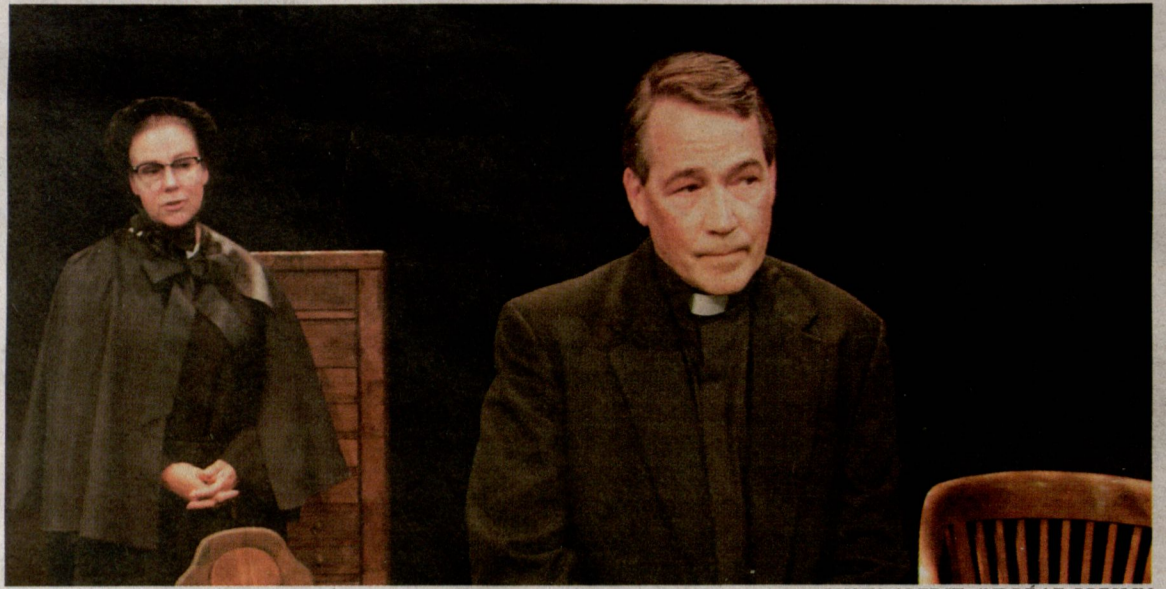


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Valerie Lantz-Gefroh (left) directed last year's Asylum Theatre Company's performance of "Kimberly Akimbo." Steven Lantz-Gefroh (right) had starring roles in both shows.

well-known movie adaptation would not hurt the reviews and perceptions of their production, but would only help to bring in audience members.

"I'm not basing ours on anything, or trying to do anything different," Mayo explained about the Asylum Theatre's interpretation of the play. "Every actor brings their own sensibility and their own take to things."

The small cast of actors certainly made an impression Thursday night. The cast consisted of Steven Lantz-Gefroh as Father Flynn, his wife, Valeri Lantz-Gefroh, as Sister Aloysius, Nancee Moes as Sister James

and Oya Bangura as Mrs. Muller.

What the actors did well, especially Valeri Lantz-Gefroh, was bringing a sense of comic relief to the play's dark subject matter.

"The actors were amazing," said Shayna Mulhall, a theatre major at Suffolk Community College who heard about the play through her brother, who attends school at Stony Brook. "I really felt like I was engaged in each conversation," she added.

The ending of the play leaves the audience's jaws dropped, and they are challenged to arrive at their own conclusions.

"The power of the play is that it doesn't really wrap things up nicely," Greene said.

The play ends with a powerful scene, acted by Valeri, where Sister Aloysius finally admits her doubts after portraying a stone-cold act throughout the entire play.

Stony Brook sophomore Rebecca Mueller, undecided major, said she would come back to see another play at Staller after enjoying this one so much.

Further performances of "Doubt, a Parable" will be held in the Staller Center from Sept. 18-21 and 25-28.

"Dance for a Dollar" showcases the work of the Center of Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning



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The Center of Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning is also home to the Performance Dance Ensemble, above.

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook's Center of Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning held its Dance for a Dollar: Faculty Showing event on Thursday night, putting together a showcase for audiences to get a look at what the center has to offer.

The event featured a collection of performances and lectures, and was the first of their "Dance for a Dollar" series.

"The Faculty Showing was generated to give students 'a window into the world and work' of their faculty. It is part of a larger series 'Dance for a Dollar,' where works

in progress of faculty and students are presented to a public audience for feedback and response," professor Amy Sullivan, director of the Center for Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning, said. "So many times, we miss the opportunity for feedback before the work is completed.

Public audiences are part of the performance process. The 'Dance for a Dollar' Series allows us a chance to hear how people respond to the work before it is completed."

Sullivan's background in dance includes her body of work that has appeared at the

International Festival of Dance and Community in Portugal, the American Choreographer's Showcase in Mexico City, the Global Holistic Body in Seoul, John Drew Theater at Guild Hall in East Hampton, T. Schreiber Studio in NYC and International New Music Festivals.

According to the Center for Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning's official site, the program originated in 1987 as a few courses in the Department of Physical Education.

The center itself was created in 2009, after developing an expansive curriculum to include classes from Tap Technique and History to Contemporary Dance, World Dance, Ballet Technique, Jazz Dance Technique, Dance Improvisation and much more.

Emily Beattie—who was recently hired as a full-time lecturer at the center—was ecstatic to take part in Thursday's Faculty Showing.

"I am thrilled to come onboard this year at Stony Brook. I came here from touring with a dance company and making work in Cambridge, Massachusetts," Beattie said. "Teaching here gives me a beautiful outlet to share the infor-

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"The Maze Runner" leaves the audience lost

By Brandon Benarba
Managing Editor

At its core, the whole purpose of a maze is to bewilder and stump the uninformed through the puzzle of navigating from point A to B. There is a clearly defined starting point, goal to be reached and various traps and dead ends to impede one's progress.

In this sense, "The Maze Runner" certainly earns its title, as the film is riddled with various characters, plot points and moments that lead to nothing, but ultimately come together as a charming, if not a bit messy, film.

The story this time is that the cast consists of a community exclusively

made up of young boys with no memory of their past lives, save for their names, who have established a small society in a forest glade.

The problem lies in that the glade is surrounded on all sides by a gigantic circular maze defended by biotechnical monsters known as "Grievors." This causes a natural split within the society of people who want to risk their lives to explore and escape the maze and those who simply want to survive.

Naturally, all of this is thrown into chaos after the arrival of our hero, Thomas (Dylan O'Brien), who simultaneously has a level of curiosity that inspires others to

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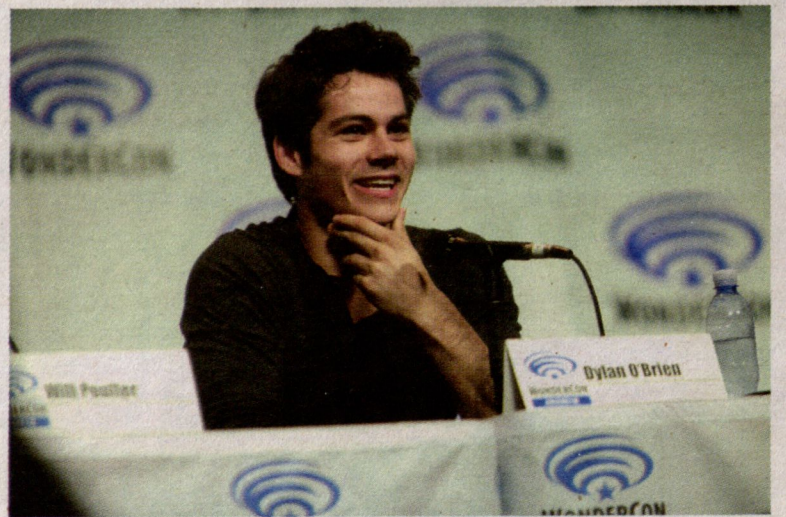


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Dylan O'Brien, above, stars in "The Maze Runner." He is best known for his role as Stiles in "Teen Wolf" on MTV.

Humanities Institute discusses the changing role of women in film



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The Humanities Institute Conference: Global Women's Cinema was held in the Humanities Building, room 1008.

By Huilin Sun
Contributing Writer

Feminism is an ongoing debate in our society. This word has become a political, economic and cultural related issue.

From Sept. 18-20, The Humanities Institute held a conference called "Humanities Institute Conference: Global Women's Cinema." The conferences were held in the Humanities building and the films were screened at the Wang Center. Many of the directors and professors who spoke during Friday's conference exposed people to a broader view on the development of motion pictures and the feminists' film industry.

E.K. Tan, an associate professor of Cultural Analysis and Theory at Stony Brook University, presented "Queer Localism in Zero Chou's Splendid Float and Spider Lilies." In addition to Tan's presentation, he answered a few questions regarding the international film market in relation to women.

In general, Tan said, "feminist" is a big part of the cinema, what is more important is how cinema develops." He added, "In China, it is common that the directors are the male-oriented jobs." Women try hard to find their positions in the film industry and it is not very easy for them to become a director without networking with other famous filmmakers.

Xu Jinglei and Zhou Xun are two famous Chinese actresses. Xu is also a successful feminist film director. Both were examples in Tan's interview.

Tan also mentioned that there are a lot of steps to become a director. The most important thing

is that women have to first prove themselves before they make it in the film industry.

Actresses and feminist filmmakers have more opportunities to make cultural exchanges European film festivals

Jane Gaines, a professor at Columbia University School of the Arts and author of "Fire and Desire: Mixed Race Movies in the Silent Era" presented "What Can't Feminism Imagine?" at the conference. The women film production companies have sprung up throughout the history since last century and both western and non-western women filmmakers emerge with their marvelous creations.

"Trap Street" is one of the Chinese feminist films and it was shown in Wang Center on Friday night. The movie was to engage the audiences by applying the soft emotion changes between Guan and Li, the two main characters in the movie. "Trap Street" was directed by a Chinese feminist director Vivian Qu and the film was nominated at the 2013 Venice International Film Festival.

Talented female filmmakers are always trying to learn how to spark audiences' interest in their work, by employing special feminist literature.

Eliminating the gender bound also give women more chances and confidence to engage in the film industry worldwide.

While some of the outstanding female film producers achieve the same progress as men, female film producers still have a long way to go to keep up with the bombarded cultural information and fresh aesthetic trends in the new movie era.

College gal cooking: dormmade thin crust grilled chicken pizza

By Giselle Barkley
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the 1700s and early 1800s, pizza was an inexpensive food that poor working class people from Naples would eat, according to an article from the History Channel's website.

For this recipe, I used tomato sauce to keep it simple. If you want to try something different, try using boursin cheese, a spreadable French cheese, instead of tomato sauce. You can change the toppings based on personal preference.

I usually make pizza dough from scratch, but that can be a bit time consuming. Use pre-made dough to save time.

First, preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Use both of the tubes of dough to prevent the pizza crust from burning while the rest of the ingredients are cooking. If you want your dough to be on the softer side, add

the tomato spread, cheese and your desired toppings and then put the pizza in the oven.

To make the pizza crispy, put it in the oven for a few minutes. Since the dough is for a thin crust pizza, keep an eye on it while it is pre-heating in the oven.

If you are following the directions on the dough's packaging, do not leave the dough in for five minutes at 400 degrees Fahrenheit as suggested because the dough will begin to cook fully or burn. Check the dough. You do not want it to look completely raw.

After it has been pre-heated, take the dough out of the oven. I let mine cool for a bit before adding all of my toppings. I used tomato and basil pasta sauce for the pizza because it adds more flavor. Spread the tomato sauce until it covers the pizza evenly. Make sure to leave some room on the edge of the pizza for the crust.

Once all of the toppings are on the pizza, put the pizza back into the oven.

Thin crust pizza can be tricky. If you are monitoring your pizza and you see that the edges are cooking faster than the toppings, lower the temperature down to at least 300 degrees. The pizza will take longer to cook, but it will cook evenly.

If the pizza dough is golden brown and the toppings have cooked, take the pizza out. Let it cool before you start cutting it. If the toppings are not fully cooked when the dough is ready, let the pizza rest. Allowing the pizza to rest will take care of the toppings that need some more time to cook.

Once it is ready, dig in. I like making my pizzas because I know what goes into them. It is also fun to make, especially if you are having friends over and you want to make something quick and easy.

Ingredients:

2 tubes of Pillsbury Dough Boy thin crust pizza dough
1 jar of Classico Tomato & Basil Pasta sauce
1½ bags of Veggie Go shredded mozzarella cheese
2 cups of Tyson Grilled & Ready oven roasted chicken
¼ bag of spinach
½ an onion
⅓ of a green pepper
⅓ red pepper



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Pizza originated in Naples when it was a Greek settlement.

Film gives viewers the runaround

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abandon safety and background knowledge regarding the maze itself.

Like nearly every major release not based on a comic-book these days, "The Maze Runner" is based on the first book in a trilogy of young adult novels by James Dashner.

Because of this, the comparisons to "The Hunger Games" are impossible to ignore. Yet, while the two films share the same visual style, "The Maze Runner" is much more in line with "Lord of the Flies" thematically.

This does not mean the film should be dismissed visually though, as it is a technically beautiful movie. Director Wes Ball has a great eye for keeping a constant sense of scale.

We never get the feeling that the characters are in control, but rather, that everything is dictated by the maze.

It also helps that the visual effects are top-notch, especially the design of the Grievers, which truly give of a sense of dread. In fact, the first scene where we really see a Griever and get to explore the maze is one of the films strongest points.

Less impressive are the actors (if you feel inclined to call them that) of the film. There is virtually no character development at all throughout the film, making everyone one-dimensional conduits of a singular expression.

Will Poulter plays the angry one, Blake Cooper is always hopeful, Ami Ameen serves as leader and Kaya

Scodelario is the girl.

Seriously, Scodelario's character brings literally nothing to the film except for a plot twist that consists of a character shouting, "It's a girl!"

To be fair, all of the actors do a admirable job. However it is equally impressive and confusing how this big budget film is made with the biggest actor attached is Thomas Brodie-Sangster ("Game of Thrones," and more importantly "Nanny McPhee" fame).

There is a lot to like in "The Maze Runner." It has an interesting set-up and is visually exciting, but could use some stronger actors and characters.

It is a fascinating movie that left me wondering what is next in the story, something that many movies fail to capture.

Center of Dance has a chance to shine

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mation and experience I have gotten through many years of dance and dance making."

Beattie brought her own piece to the table—a dance and media performance dubbed "Shadowline"—on Thursday

"This particular piece was a solo that used a Kinect camera and software to create a mirroring effect that I projected onto a screen behind me," Sullivan said.

"The work is about isolation and the strong desire to connect to another person. The black and white image of myself is interactive, so it moves with my movements. The presence of the abstract image is like having an on-screen partner."

Some of the other performances at the event were "Her Veiled Reflections," a piece that explored the secrets women conceal and carry with them, "Remnants of Flight," an experimental piece performed by Sullivan and "Introduction to Zena

Rommatt Floor-Barre," a style that is meant to effectively realign the body while strengthening muscles and exhibiting artistic expression.

As the name suggests, the event cost just one dollar to attend, making it an inexpensive view into the inner workings of the Center for Dance, Movement and Somatic Learning.

The Center of Dance Movement and Somatic Learning will hold a student showing on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.



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James Dashner, above, is an award-winning fiction writer.

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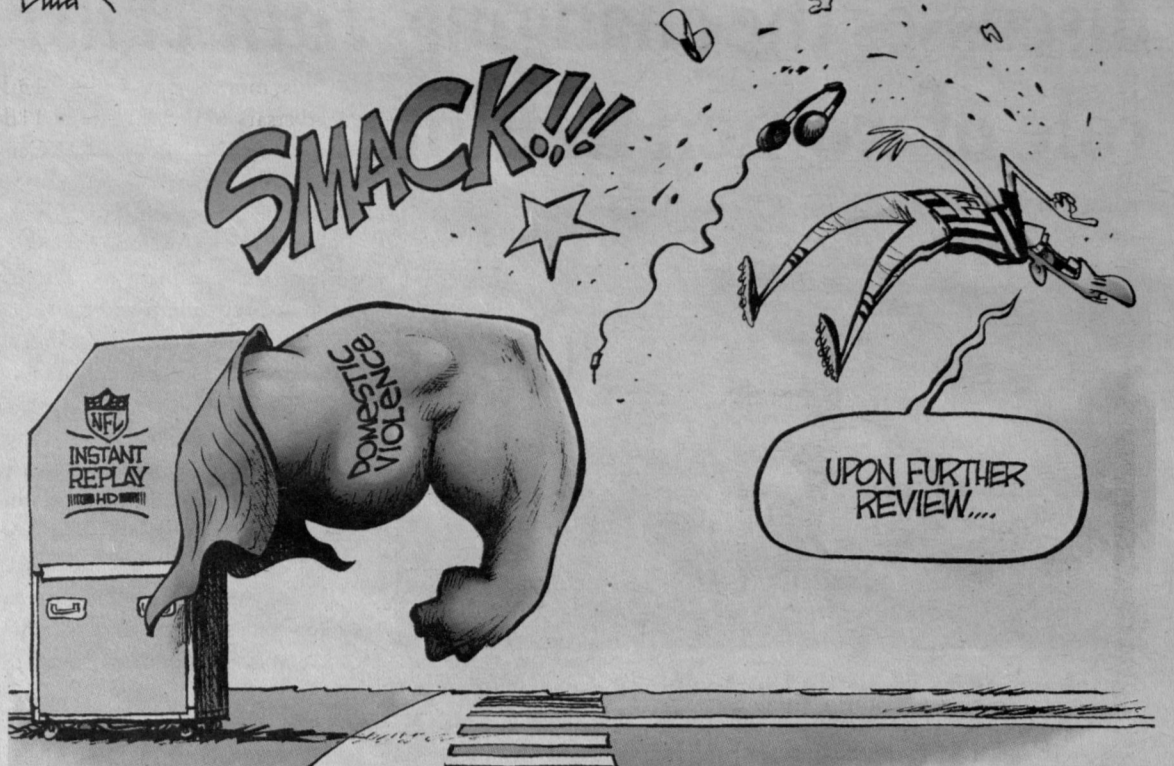


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Convicted athletes deserve harsher punishment

By Andrew Eichenholz
 Assistant Sports Editor

Jameis Winston, the 2014 Heisman Trophy winner who is also recognized as the best college football player in the nation, was in the news for all the wrong reasons this past week.

According to a storm of tweets, the Florida State quarterback got up in the middle of a cafeteria and yelled things that are not representative of a student, let alone a star who kids and athletes alike look up to throughout the country.

What was the penalty for his outburst that caught the attention of many internet users? Originally, he had to sit out the first half of a game on the bench, which was eventually lengthened to a full-game suspension.

The alarm bells must not have rung in his head that he did something wrong, as on game night against No. 22 Clemson, Winston walked onto the field in uniform, something only players who are participating do.

Luckily enough for the star quarterback and his team, Florida State still won the game, in theory taking the load off of what he did to earn a game on the bench.

If any "ordinary" student at Florida State did the same thing Winston did, some onlookers

The alarm bells must not have rung in his head that he did something wrong.

would laugh, others may have confusion written all over their faces, yet the quarterback is not "ordinary."

He has millions who know who he is and follow his example, and pulling his shenanigans and then

walking onto the field as if he expected to play shows that some athletes are just not getting what it means to be a role model and that falls on leagues and teams for letting it happen.

The governing bodies for many sports have been sending the wrong message to athletes, disciplining offenders for violations such as drug abuse but not taking immediate action on the likes of domestic violence.

In the National Football League (NFL) right now, players who have been suspected or even convicted of committing violent crimes have managed to still maintain their spots on team rosters and in some cases, have continued to play.

Take Greg Hardy as an example. For all intents and purposes, he is a "star" football player and is a defensive end for the Carolina Panthers. On Sept. 7, Hardy played against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, recording four combined tackles, sacking the quarterback in the game.

Yet in July, he was sentenced to what will eventually be a 60-day suspended jail sentence, pending an appeal.

Oh, by the way, Hardy violently assaulted his girlfriend.

When kids sit down on their couch with family and friends to watch their favorite team play, they see players introduce themselves on tape with a brief bit of background.

No players who have been in trouble with the authorities mention what mistakes they have made for the world to know. They play on, earning a living without much penalty.

It is unfair to the professionals who step on their individual field every day to entertain the fans while chasing success to get the same treatment as those under investigation.

The league and teams themselves allowing players to continue to snap their helmets on are telling those players to set a bad example.

Then think, "We can do bad things and still manage to play the sport we love for a lot of money with only minor repercussions."

Sorry, but the two game suspension that the NFL gave Ray Rice before the video of him either punching or slapping his now-wife, Janay Rice, in a casino elevator was released does not give current players, soon-to-be

There has to be a point when it does not take social outcry for leagues and teams to keep offenders off the field.

professionals at the college level, or even children the idea that violence is bad.

That tells everybody that, "Hey, you can go and hit people, than just sit a couple of games so everybody thinks that you are being disciplined."

There has to be a point when it does not take social outcry for leagues and teams to keep offenders off of the field.

The Ravens did not need video evidence of Rice hitting the woman who is now his wife to terminate his contract.

Sorry, but was video of him dragging her limp body out of an elevator, with Rice looking guilty as guilty can be not enough?

Yes, players make mistakes, but some require consequences that will send a message.

Maybe, just maybe, the next time a high profile athlete does the wrong thing, a league or team will take action, enough to show others that "mistakes," will not result in a game on a Sunday, but wondering if they will ever get to step on the field again.

The players will then think twice before they set a bad example for the community.

Pumpkin Spice is back

9/11 memorial an insult to fallen



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The Pumpkin Spice Latte has taken the season by storm.

By Simran Gupta
Staff Writer

Starbucks' top-selling beverage has made an early return this year. Yes indeed, the Pumpkin Spice Latte has come yet again, ushering in a wave of pumpkin-flavored products that have taken American consumers by storm.

Ever since the Pumpkin Spice Latte debuted in 2003, coffee lovers have fallen in love with the beverage, drinking it by the liter for years to come.

Needless to say, the success Starbucks has experienced selling Pumpkin Spice Lattes has earned the attention of other companies and food manufacturers.

Many food giants, including Nabisco, Pringles and Kraft, are guilty of jumping on the bandwagon of Starbucks' pumpkin spice-laced prosperity.

A recent grocery-shopping trip has exposed me to this nationwide pumpkin pandemonium that has ravaged the shelves of every store. Countless orange-colored packages labeled with the words "pumpkin" and "limited time only" lined the aisles.

During that one trip, I felt as if I had seen it all; everything from pumpkin spice flavored Oreos to Trader Joe's pumpkin-flavored dog treats.

Pumpkin spice has infiltrated everything.

Even retail stores have shamelessly joined in on the fun. The reason as to why people wish to smell like food has always remained a mystery to me.

But, if you ever feel like smelling like a Thanksgiving dinner, you should definitely stop by Bath & Body Works and give the Cinnamon Pumpkin fragrance line a try. It is obvious that companies need

a gimmick to promote their businesses if they ever hope to be considered fierce competitors to Starbucks during the fall.

Or maybe they just want to incorporate Starbucks' success into their own products. Unfortunately, it does not seem like any imitators, rivals and charlatans will have the upper hand when going toe to toe with Starbucks' Pumpkin Spice Lattes.

Despite being a seasonal beverage, the Pumpkin Spice Latte has acquired the status of a celebrity icon. It has its own hashtag (#PSL), Twitter account and Facebook page.

There was even clamor about Durex, a condom company, unveiling its new pumpkin spice condom. Yet, this was dispelled as a false rumor in due time.

The pendulum has swung too far this time. Pumpkin spice has infiltrated everything. Our taste buds and nostrils are not safe from tinges of cinnamon, nutmeg and all-spice wafting through the crisp autumn breeze.

This obsession with pumpkin flavorings and aromas has come too early. And tragically, there is no glimmer of hope that this trend will die soon.

American businesses have always had a penchant for excessively advertising their latest and greatest products. However, since the fall season lacks an abundance of holidays and seasonal events, the promotion of pumpkin spice goods is saturated throughout the months of September, October and November.

If companies really wanted to see profits, they should rely on innovation rather than imitation. Instead of directing all the focus on pumpkins and spices, perhaps companies can diversify their outlook and introduce new scents and flavors to please our palettes. After all, no one can handle too much of a good thing.

American consumers are no exception. Unless manufacturers realize this truth, people will eventually be tired with this pumpkin spice madness and move onto something else.

By Joseph Konig
Contributing Writer

This month marked the 13th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that also saw a plane go down outside of Pittsburgh. Nearly 3,000 people died that day because of the attacks, and 6,000 more were injured.

To this day, there are many rescue workers who suffer from mental, respiratory and cancerous diseases that can be traced back to the events of that day. Not to mention the countless families torn apart by the loss of loved ones in the most horrific and deadly attack on American soil since just shy of 2,500 people died in the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941.

The legacy of the September 11th attacks still remains relevant as the years go by, but honoring those who died and memorializing the tragic events of the day have both proven to be confusing for the national conscious.

Do we move on or focus on the damage done? Do we progress or remain scared and bitter? Thirteen years removed and conflicting attitudes regarding the issue are abundant.

A simple trip to what was once Ground Zero, or the World Trade Center Site, reveals as much. On the one hand, the National September 11th Memorial is a pair of beautiful fountains with a morose,

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yet solemn, Vietnam Memorial-inspired inscription of the names of the nearly 3,000 victims of the day's atrocities.

On the other hand, the fountains are quite literally two massive holes in the ground intended to symbolize the enormous physical and societal void created by the violence of a handful of extremists. Instead of showing the world

that America can recover from anything, we made sure to leave two gaping wounds where the heart of a nation had been torn out years earlier.

That being said, across the street is an incredible display of American strength, prowess and recovery: One World Trade Center, standing at an extremely patriotic height of 1,776 feet tall.

For every building destroyed or damaged that day, we should have built one just as big as One World Trade. That would have done the victims more justice.

Should the names of the fallen be displayed and memorialized? Of course. The way it has been accomplished, however, was a mistake. Two holes in the ground serves as a constant reminder of one of the darkest and most damaging days in American history.

The monument does not symbolize the healing and recovery of a nation. Instead it projects the sensibility that America will never fully recover. This is not the case and it is borderline disgraceful that image exists just yards away from such a great symbol of recovery.

Then there is the museum. The National September 11th Museum is perhaps the most significant point of contradiction in a single entity one can find when it comes to honoring the memory of 9/11.

The museum's creation came about in order to educate about and help memorialize the events of the fateful day which gave the museum its namesake. It is a noble cause, but clearly a misguided one.

The museum charges \$24 a ticket, has a museum store and pays its 11-member senior staff upwards of \$170,000 a year, including \$400,000 to its president. When complaints about profiteering off of tragedy were brought up, 9/11 Memorial Foundation Chairman and billionaire Michael Bloomberg responded by telling people to "write your congressman" for more federal funding.

Did I mention there is a museum store for a museum dedicated to the greatest civilian tragedy in American history? Feel free to pick up a 9/11 Memorial Museum hoodie for the dirt-cheap and completely and totally respectful price of \$39.00.

Or, better yet, peruse the personal accessories category on the store website and pick up a \$75.00 Brooks Brothers silk tie for pops when you go home for Thanksgiving.

The hypocrisy, disrespect and conflicting memorials at Ground Zero alone shows the incredible confusion the American conscious has with honoring September 11th.

Elsewhere, society is unsure if we have reached the point where comedy can utilize the attacks as a punch line. The Onion, America's foremost satirical media outlet, was very cautious when approaching the anniversary this year, running one article poking fun at post-September 11th policy changes and baseball, and then another article about puppies growing up in a post-September 11th era.

Do not leave gaping holes or allow the tragedy to continue to affect us greatly.

Louie C.K., a comedian famous for being particularly raunchy and going out of his way to present himself as an unpleasant person, has been telling a joke since at least 2008 involving the immediate aftermath of September 11th attacks in proximity to a masturbation session.

Many have deemed satire in relation to a tragedy such as September 11th to be unnecessary and disrespectful, but humor is an outlet for grief and a way to show recovery as a collective conscious.

Barring over-saturation or the direct mockery of victims of the tragedy, humor and acceptance of said humor regarding September 11th should be enjoyed without regret or self-loathing.

This is a sign of growth and strength, that we, the American people, are capable of bouncing back from such a damaging singular event to the point where we can discuss it with levity and not suffer from permanent scarring of a nation's personality.

Honor the victims and the innocence of a generation lost when appropriate, but continue to develop and move on from tragedy. Do not be disappointed in oneself for failing to honor and memorialize the day's events or laughing at a dumb joke.

Embrace the fact that the capability to do such things is there and that means we have recovered. Build 1,776 foot towers and heal wounds. Do not leave gaping holes or allow the tragedy to continue to affect us greatly.

Never forget what happened on Tuesday, September 11th, 2001, but additionally, never forget the goals of those who perpetrated the horrific crimes that took place. They wanted America to stumble and be crippled with grief (among other things).

Stand tall and stride forward, away from the tragic past and into the promising future.

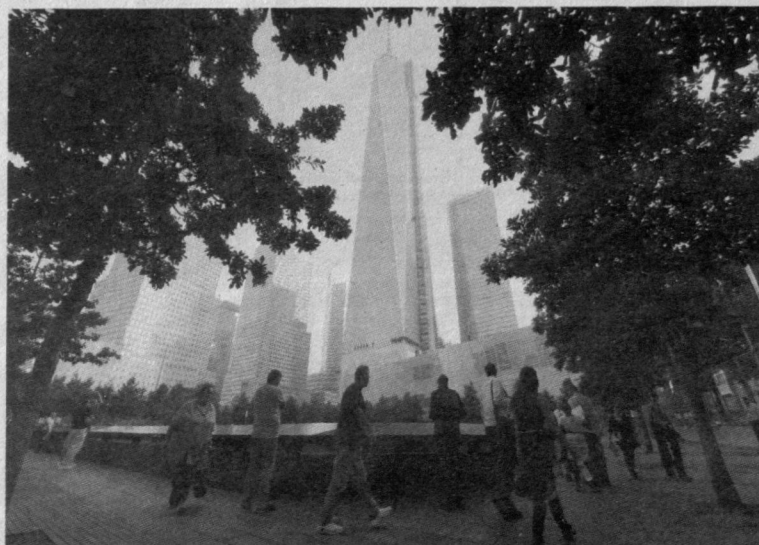


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Edwards scores overtime winner to beat Fordham

By Drew Ciampa and Joe Ryder
Contributing Writer and Staff Writer

On Thursday, Stony Brook headed out to Belson Stadium in Queens, New York to take on St. John's. The Seawolves were unable to bring back home a win, as they fell to the Red Storm 1-0.

Both teams had opportunities to score, but neither team was able to capitalize on that until late in the game, when the Red Storm struck in the 78th minute with a goal from Shea Connors, her second of the year. Allie Moar was there for the lone assist which sent Connors on a breakaway, who then put it in the back of the net. The goal broke a scoreless tie and sent the Red Storm to victory.

Stony Brook's chances were scarce, but two plays could have changed the games' storyline. A free kick opportunity from Hannah Groth gave Stony Brook a quality chance to score and give the Seawolves the lead, but the kick went high over the crossbar and the score remained 0-0.

Later, after falling behind on Connors' goal, Stony Brook sophomore Raven Edwards pushed to tie the game. She was able to create a chance by making a pass to Leah Yurko who was in all alone with the goalkeeper until play was whistled offside, the only one the Seawolves had.

Stony Brook was outshot 18-8 for the game, yet they were able to outshoot St. John's 6-5 in the sec-

ond half. Some of the standouts on offense include Tessa Devereaux and Gabi Rosenfeld as they both led the team with three shots. Devereaux has had no problem creating shots, as she has accumulated 18 this year, scoring once and picking up two assists along the way. She will need to keep it up as she will be a big part of the Seawolves midfield when the big games roll around.

Stony Brook goalkeeper Ashley Castanio had another notable game, something that has become a staple for this Stony Brook team. She made some spectacular saves that have become her trademark and finished the night with six of them.

On Sunday under an overcast sky at LaValle Stadium the Stony Brook women's soccer team took on the Fordham Rams in an out of conference match up and came away with a thrilling 3-2 overtime victory.

In the first half, the Seawolves seemed slow and out of usual form, but after halftime adjustments came out reinvigorated and scored three goals to propel themselves to a win in their final out of conference match up.

After an early back and forth between the two teams, the Stony Brook women soon found themselves down after an early goal by Rams forward Kate McDonnell.

Following the end of the first half, the Seawolves headed to the locker room and looked themselves in the mirror.

"They came to a team decision to add to the grit, to the hard work,

and to the execution," coach Sue Ryan said following the game.

And add to the execution they did, as Stony Brook came out strong in the second half, pressing the Rams early and often. The relentless pressure on goal paid off for the Seawolves 60 minutes into play when senior forward Megan Rea tied the game with a goal assisted by freshman forward Maddie Good.

With under 20 minutes left in the game, Good scored the go ahead goal for the Seawolves assisted by the tenacious junior midfielder Devereaux and Shannon Grogan.

After 15 minutes of back and forth play a foul on the part of Stony Brook goal keeper Castanio led to a free kick goal for the Rams, tying the game at two.

Two minutes and 15 seconds into overtime play redshirt sophomore Raven Edwards scored the game winning goal for the Seawolves, assisted again by number five, Tessa Devereaux.

"It felt good getting the goal to win," Edwards said, "Our team worked hard for it in the second half, even though we didn't come out like we should have in the first half. We redeemed ourselves and came out as the team we know we are."

From here, the soccer team heads into conference play, which Ryan feels confident about after this win.

"This game was a big positive for us, and a boost of confidence for us being 3-0 at home going into conference play," Ryan said.

"So I'm feeling good about it."

Women's Soccer's Sue Ryan reflects on 30 years of coaching

By Joe Ryder
Staff Writer

Three decades ago LaValle Stadium did not exist. Yet, three decades ago, coach Sue Ryan was at the helm of the Stony Brook women's soccer program.

When she started, "the arena was a parking lot," Ryan said, "The stadium was a dirt patch and the football team played in a wooden stadium besides the parking lot and grass fields the soccer team played on."

"It was a different world. It was like a completely different university."

Over the course of thirty years, Ryan has made the women's soccer program a contender. After taking over in 1984 she has led Stony Brook's soccer program from its infancy as a Division III program to its current place atop the division one America East Conference.

Soccer has always been a part of Ryan's life.

"I think the link between loving the game and enjoying working with people leads me to enjoy the teaching and coaching profession," Ryan said.

It's only by coincidence that Ryan ended up at Stony Brook. "I'm a very family oriented person," Ryan started, "I went away to school to Cortland but I knew I wanted to stay on Long Island, by my big extended Italian family. I wasn't even

out of school for six months when this job opened and I applied for it because of the location."

Ryan's career has shadowed that of the athletic program. Since joining Stony Brook, the athletic program has grown from the lowest level of college athletics to the top level it resides at today.

"One of the challenges we faced when we went from division three to division one was scholarship money. It was a tough transition but once we got the scholarship money it led to more success and allowed me to get full-time assistant coaches," Ryan said.

Winning the first American East championship was a special time for her and for the program, Ryan said.

She said, "(We had) been chipping away and getting closer and closer to that success. And over the past five years we've been in that top category of playoff contention and the previous two years has really seen the fruition of all that hard work over the years."

One thing Ryan makes very clear is her message, refined through all her years of coaching and all of the lives she has touched.

"Sometimes people will ask, 'Do you coach soccer,'" Ryan began, "No," she tells them. "I coach people. I just use soccer to coach people. Soccer is my passion and I enjoy being around people who share that."



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Women's Volleyball dominates home invite

By Kunal Kohli
Contributing Writer

The Seawolves were 4-7 going into three home games at the Seawolves Invite Friday. They were looking to dominate at home but had three tough opponents: the Kennesaw State Owls (5-5), the Western Michigan Broncos (5-4) and the St. Francis-Brooklyn Terriers (2-11). First up for the Seawolves were the Kennesaw State Owls.

Kennesaw State was looking to make a statement in their first game.

They took the first two points of the first set. But the Seawolves had other plans.

After going on a six-point run to start the match, they did not let up.

In fact, they held the momentum for most of the game with their sporadic runs.

With a dominating three set shut out, going 25-18, 25-16 and 25-19, the Seawolves took their first game.

Nicole Vogel, junior setter, led the Seawolves with 35 helpers and 12 digs double-double.

Kathy Fletcher, junior outside hitter, had 12 kills and libero Lo Hathaway had 12 digs.

After a day's rest, the Seawolves had matches against Western Michigan and St. Francis-Brooklyn to look forward to.

Western Michigan had won both their matches against Kennesaw State and St. Fran-

cis-Brooklyn, and was looking to go undefeated at the Seawolves Invite.

The first set was highlighted by attack errors by Western Michigan, a costly factor in the set's score.

Evann Slaughter, the senior middle blocker, led the second set with four kills.

After winning the first two sets 25-11 and 25-22, the Seawolves dropped the third, going 23-25. The Broncos won a heated fourth set 25-22, and it came down to a fifth set.

The Seawolves won 15-11, with senior middle blockers Slaughter and Taylor Gillie leading the way with 14 kills apiece.

Melissa Rigo, junior outside hitter, had a double-double with 10 kills and 10 digs.

The third and final game for the Seawolves was against the St. Francis-Brooklyn Terriers.

The game was another three set sweep for the Seawolves, with the Seawolves going 25-14, 25-18 and 25-21.

While the Seawolves swept the Terriers, the game was not as close as the scores make it seem.

In the second and third sets, the Terriers nearly came back with several quick runs.

During the second set, the Terriers went on a critical four point run, which put the game at 13-8 Seawolves and a three point run which put the game at 16-12 again Seawolves.

In the third set, a late three-

point push put the Terriers down by three at 18-21.

In the end, the Seawolves took it with an attack error.

But with great performances from Rigo and Gillie, who had seven kills apiece, the Seawolves won.

Gillie, whose performance was a huge factor in all of the Seawolves' wins, won the MVP award at the Seawolves Invite.

Rigo had this to say about her team's performance throughout the day, "(the Seawolves) played a pretty hard fought match, going five with Western Michigan, and we didn't back down. The fact that we were home, we didn't want to lose in our home gym. That's what really kept us going this morning. I thought, all around, even in tonight's game, it was 16 strong, and it was a team effort."

Coach Coley Pawlikowski said, "We came out hard and battled with Western Michigan, which was really awesome to see. It was a great team win for us."

When asked about her team's performance, Pawlikowski said, "I think, overall, we really spread out our offense. All of our attackers were strong today."

Next up on the schedule for the Seawolves is a game at Hartford on Sept. 26. After that, the Seawolves have two games at home, facing Manhattan on Oct. 1 and UMBC on Oct. 3, all working towards the America East Championships.

Men's Soccer falls to 1-5-1 after loss to Rhode Island

By Dylan Moore
Contributing Writer

On Saturday night, the Stony Brook men's soccer team's offensive struggles continued, as they suffered a 3-0 loss to Rhode Island.

The loss was the third in a row for the team and dropped SBU's record to 1-5-1.

The Seawolves have now lost the first three matches of a difficult four-game road trip.

The team has also scored just one goal in their past four games.

Rhode Island's Ryan Oakley opened up the scoring in the 25th minute on a free kick from 25 yards out.

His shot beat redshirt freshman goalkeeper Tom McMahon to give the Rams a 1-0 advantage.

Early in the second half of the game, Matt Sykes recovered the ball for Rhode Island after a Stony Brook turnover and scored his first goal of the night in the 48th minute.

Later on, Sykes scored his second goal of the game in the 82nd minute on a penalty kick.

SBU totaled 11 shots on the evening, with six of them being on goal.

Junior Alejandro Fritz, sophomore Jorge Torres, and redshirt freshman Fernando Wadskier each had two shots and Fritz led

the team with both of his shots being on goal.

In total, the Seawolves improved since their last game against SMU, taking four more total shots and one more shot on goal.

The Rams managed 19 shots overall and seven shots on goal throughout the match.

They were led by Sykes, who took seven shots.

Four of them were on target and two of them found their way past McMahon.

McMahon tallied four saves in the game.

Over the course of this season, McMahon has played in five of the seven games, made 22 saves, and allowed 11 goals.

Stony Brook will head to Fairfield, Conn. on Tuesday to battle Sacred Heart.

The Seawolves have done quite well against the Pioneers in the past, with an all-time record of 11-3 against the program.

SBU will then return to LaValle Stadium on Sunday.

They will take on New Hampshire in their first America East conference matchup of the season.

It will be the team's first home game since Sept. 8.

Three days later the Seawolves will welcome Villanova to LaValle Stadium for an important home matchup.

Evann Slaughter looks to close out collegiate career strong after missing 2013 season

By Chris Gaine
Contributing Writer

Over the past five years, middle blocker Evann Slaughter has been an integral part of the Stony Brook women's volleyball team. Since joining the team in 2010, the redshirt senior has been among team leaders in kills and blocks and has even been named to the All-America East team.

Astoundingly, this volleyball star has not always been drawn to the courts. Slaughter never played competitively before high school, as she focused mainly on the track team. During her freshman year at Oxon Hill High School in Maryland, a routine trip to track practice would change her life forever.

"I was on my way to track practice when I saw some girls in the gym playing volleyball," Slaughter said. "I asked if I could play and they told me tryouts were the next week. The rest is history."

After picking up the game, Slaughter immediately thrived and had no shortage of offers to play at the collegiate level. Due to her standing as a star in both track and volleyball, she had to decide not only what school she wanted to go to, but what sport she would play.

Slaughter received an enticing offer from Stanford University to be a part of their track program. But once she got the chance to make a visit to the Stony Brook campus she knew she wanted to be a Seawolf.

"I really liked it here. I decided to come here because of the

medical program, and the volleyball team was really outgoing and nice to me," Slaughter said. "The team really secured Stony Brook for me."

After coming to Stony Brook, it would take Slaughter little time to acclimate. She won America East rookie of the year in 2010, and had already established herself as one of the team's premier stars.

However, all of her on-court success did not come without the stress of being a student-athlete. Slaughter nearly walked away from the game during her sophomore year after intense scrutiny from coaches led to mounting pressure.

"At the end of my sophomore year my coaches had put a lot of pressure on me and when I didn't perform, I thought I wasn't good anymore," Slaughter said.

Evidently, nobody else felt that Slaughter had lost her touch. Not wanting to lose one of their stars, her teammates quickly persuaded her to stay. Slaughter decided to take their advice, and continued to play volleyball.

Slaughter said. "They told me to relax and stay on the team, and I did so it was great having my teammates to support me."

Two years later, an even bigger challenge would threaten her volleyball future. A torn ACL would force Slaughter to miss the entire 2013 season and would cause a great amount of uncertainty and difficulty for the Seawolves star. Being away from the court was a practice she was not used to.

"I had been playing for three



Evann Slaughter (#10) lines up a kill in her final collegiate season.

years straight in every match and every game of the season, and you want to be on the court so badly," Slaughter said.

The six month recovery process that would ensue after the injury called for daily rehab regimen in order to build the strength in her knee back. She credits this process for making her a physically and mentally stronger individual.

"This whole situation helped me grow as a person," Slaughter said. "I learned to be patient, mentally strong, and mentally capable and to adapt to the situations I'm faced with."

Due to the fact that she was not able to play last year, Slaughter was given an additional year of eligibility from the NCAA. As the most

experienced player on the team, she is now affectionately called "Grandma" by her teammates.

"I'm just trying to stay consistent for the team this season," Slaughter said.

Slaughter's presence on the volleyball court is not limited to collegiate athletics. Last summer, she got the opportunity of a lifetime when she represented the United States in Pula, Croatia for the European Global Challenge. This "miniature Olympics," as Slaughter called it, would pin the Seawolves star against some of the best volleyball players on the planet.

"We played teams from Slovenia, Hungary and Croatia," Slaughter said. "It was beautiful around the Mediterranean Sea. We

were able to go to just go to the beach after volleyball."

Now that she has returned to the states, Slaughter is enjoying her final season at Stony Brook.

After graduating with a degree in anthropology last spring, she is currently taking some post baccalaureate classes in preparation for physician's assistant school in the future.

"I love what I'm doing," she said. "I love to play volleyball, I love going to class and I love learning. So I get the best of both worlds."

Even after the volleyball season comes to a close later this fall, Slaughter plans on keeping the game she loves in her future plans. Before she sets out to become a physician's assistant, Slaughter plans on playing professional volleyball in Europe.

"Going over to Europe this summer solidified that [playing professionally] is what I want to do," Slaughter said.

There is no questioning that Slaughter is quite dedicated to volleyball and the game has been a major factor in her life. Recently, a project for a writing class about how crucial her decision to play at Stony Brook was to her life put things into perspective for the star middle hitter.

"I did a project on how much this decision changed my life. I could have easily gone to a higher profile school like Stanford for track, but I decided to come to Stony Brook and play volleyball so I think I made the right choice."

Kinder making case for starting QB job

By Jason Mazza
Staff Writer

On Aug. 19, just nine days prior to the Seawolves home opener against Bryant, senior transfer John Kinder, was named the starting quarterback. However, that was just the beginning of the Seawolves four-week-long quarterback competition.

In the weeks leading up to the announcement, Stony Brook Head Coach Chuck Priore enamored a three quarterback system where he would give Kinder, junior Conor Bednarski and sophomore Carlos Hernandez snaps during non-conference play for an opportunity to win the starting role for the conference schedule.

As the summer progressed, it was evident that Hernandez would be relegated to the role of being a holder on special teams.

Despite Kinder receiving the starting nod on Aug. 19, it seemed as though there was some sort of asterisk on the depth chart in the nine days leading up to the game against Bryant for several reasons.

The biggest reason was the small amount of time he had to learn the team's offense. After spending the 2013 season as a redshirt, Bednarski had ample time to learn Priore's offense and build chemistry with the team.

Kinder, however, only joined the Seawolves in June, a few months before the deci-

sion was made.

Although Kinder was a star in his high school days at Lawrence and was recruited to Football Bowl Subdivision Syracuse, he had spent most of his time on special teams and in practice as a wide receiver.

Priore's justification for awarding Kinder with job was based largely on his athleticism.

His ability to escape pressure and make plays outside the pocket was an attractive option for a team starting two freshmen and a transfer on the offensive line.

After a 13-7 home opener loss against Bryant, where Kinder completed only 7 of 18 passes, confidence in Priore's decision began to falter.

Down 19-10 against FBS UConn, Priore relinquished the pride he had in his stumbling starter and brought in Bednarski.

After alternating plays for several downs, Bednarski won the job, even if only for a quarter.

He made the most of the opportunity, completing a 88 yard drive with the Seawolves lone offensive touchdown on a 14 yard pass to tight end Will Tye.

Although Bednarski impressed against UConn, Priore insisted after the game that nothing had changed. Both quarterbacks would still have the opportunity to play for the remainder of non-conference play.

Stony Brook's next game came

against Division II American International on a rainy, cold Saturday where neither Kinder nor Bednarski were given much of an opportunity to throw the ball.

Possibly the most impactful event on the competition was an injury to emerging sophomore running back Stacey Bedell.

En route to his two touchdowns Bedell did enough damage to keep him out of the final non-conference game against University of North Dakota.

Whoever would be under center against UND would shoulder much of the offensive work without Bedell and backup running back Marcus Coker struggling.

Maybe the three total points against or the interception returned 92 yards for a touchdown are leaving fans with doubts, but Kinder had his best game of the season Saturday night. Completing 12 of 18 passes for 172 yards, Kinder established himself as the Seawolves quarterback.

Bednarski did attempt one pass. However, the attempt was incomplete.

Priore has yet to make an official announcement on how he will use the two quarterbacks during conference play.

It seems though that the bulk if not all of the snaps will go, as they did against UND, to Kinder. With conference play greeting the Seawolves, it is time for one quarterback to step up.

Seawolves look to continue recent dominance in homecoming games

By Chris Gaine
Contributing Writer

As homecoming approaches on Saturday, many Stony Brook students and alumni are anticipating the events that come with it: Wolfstock, the parties and most importantly, the football game.

The Seawolves will look to get back to .500 when they take on William & Mary at LaValle Stadium this weekend in Stony Brook's Colonial Athletic Association season debut.

Historically, this has been a very good day for the football team. Over the last ten years, Stony Brook has gone 8-2 on the occasion. The team is 8-0 in homecoming contests since Chuck Priore took over as head coach back in 2006.

The homecoming game is typically the most attended game of the season. The Seawolves have set many attendance records on this event, growing from just under 6,000 fans in 2004 to over 11,000 last year.

Aside from attendance figures, this is usually a special night for the students and the football team alike.

Past homecoming games have provided for dazzling individual performances, last minute wins and historic moments for the team.

In 2012, Miguel Maysonet carried the team to victory in one of his best collegiate performances. The senior recorded 206 yards on the ground with a game winning touchdown and also had over 100 yards from returns in a 32-31 win over Colgate.

With the team down by a score with less than four minutes to go, Maysonet ran his way into the end zone to secure a homecoming victory for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook's most dominant homecoming performance came in 2009, as they blew out Presbyterian 52-14. This game saw excellent performances on both sides of the ball.

The team recorded 610 yards of total offense while forcing seven Presbyterian turnovers.

Homecoming has even seen games go well past the fourth quarter.

In 2007, Stony Brook erased an early 10-0 deficit to defeat Maine 30-23 in two overtimes. Uniondale native running back Conte Cuttino would provide the heroics that night rushing for 171 yards and three touchdowns, including the game winner in the second overtime.

The past few homecoming games have undoubtedly provided an abundance of great football.

In fact, the last time Stony Brook lost a homecoming game was in 2005 when the Georgetown Hoyas edged out the Seawolves for a 10-7 win.

The Seawolves will look to continue the Priore-era tradition of winning in impressive fashion on homecoming.

A Stony Brook victory in their first conference game of the season would help the Seawolves' playoff chances immensely, as the CAA is one of the most competitive conferences in the FCS.

Giordano taking on leadership role for young Stony Brook team

By David Vertsberger
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Junior Martin Giordano can not remember when he first picked up a soccer ball, but can tell you he is grateful that it happened.

Born in Argentina, one of the globe's major hotbeds of soccer, Giordano and his family moved to the United States when he was seven. Soccer helped bridge the cultural gap.

"Soccer's one thing that helped a lot, because it was something I had in common with all those kids," Giordano said. "For my first birthday, I got a Boca Juniors ball. I was playing with that my whole life."

It was not long before Giordano's love of soccer would grow into a chance at playing it collegially.

"In like middle school I started thinking about that," Giordano said. "You start hearing about kids that get scholarships, you kind of compare yourself to those kids and see how their level is. In high school, that's when you start getting looks and it just goes uphill from there."

Giordano attended Cypress Bay High School in Weston, Florida.

Not only was his play stellar, ranking in the top 100 prospects of the nation by Top Drawer Soccer in 2012, Giordano also thrived in the classroom.

Giordano finished in the top



Martin Giordano (#7) accepts the challenge of being one of the Seawolves' few veterans.

five percent of his class at Cypress Bay and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Giordano's excellence both on and off the field quickly caught Stony Brook's eye, and in the two years he has been here, Giordano has quickly developed into a leader this young Seawolves team needs.

"I was good, all my friends were good, my team was good. But we didn't fight, we didn't have that grit that you have to have in college," Giordano said.

"Here, it's a lot more physical, you can't just get away with being good. People are gonna tackle you. People are gonna fight."

In his freshman campaign,

Giordano was fifth on the team in points, with seven in 18 games.

The midfielder only started in half of those outings, but assumed control of the team in 2013.

Giordano led the Seawolves in points and assists in his sophomore year and has yet to slow down.

This season, Giordano has already recorded two points in seven contests, with 12 shots and seven shots on goal.

But Giordano is not restricting himself to leading just by example.

"I would consider myself a veteran because we don't have

that many older guys. We have a young group," Giordano said.

"So, some of us sophomores, juniors, even last year we had to step up and take that leadership role. I feel like I've been here for a long time even though it's only two years."

This young group has just one senior and four juniors, including Giordano.

With the lack of experience on the team, its elder statesmen have been called upon to help guide the younger crop.

This is especially important with how much the team has struggled early on this season.

"Some guys just need support. Not even just soccer wise,"

Giordano said.

"Getting used to being on your own, helping guys stay positive. Every guy comes in and they're the star of whatever team, and then they come to college and they realize that maybe they're not going to be the star, at least not in their freshman year. Some guys have a hard time with that."

Giordano admits balancing his role with the team and his academics is no easy task.

"I wish there was a trick to it, but it's just studying, even if you don't want to," Giordano said. "We'll get home late from a trip, and if you have to study, you have to study."

Giordano has continued to be a poster child for the student-athlete.

Many athletes fail to understand that playing professionally is not a foregone conclusion for everybody.

"I have dreams of playing professional, that would obviously be awesome," Giordano said.

"After that realistically you have to find something to do. Most people play a couple years and they're done. So I'm trying to take advantage of school and academics as much as I can."

Giordano is currently studying mechanical engineering, but has yet to find a specific aspect that stands out above the rest.

"Cars, designing, airplanes, even construction," Giordano said. "Who knows? We'll see."

SPORTS

Seawolves' offensive struggles continue in loss to North Dakota

By Cameron Boon
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The Stony Brook defense allowed only 145 yards of total offense and was able to force two turnovers in the team's matchup against University of North Dakota Saturday night.

But once again, the Seawolves' offense did not do the team any favors, as they committed three turnovers of their own and the Seawolves lost to North Dakota 13-3 in an FCS matchup at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

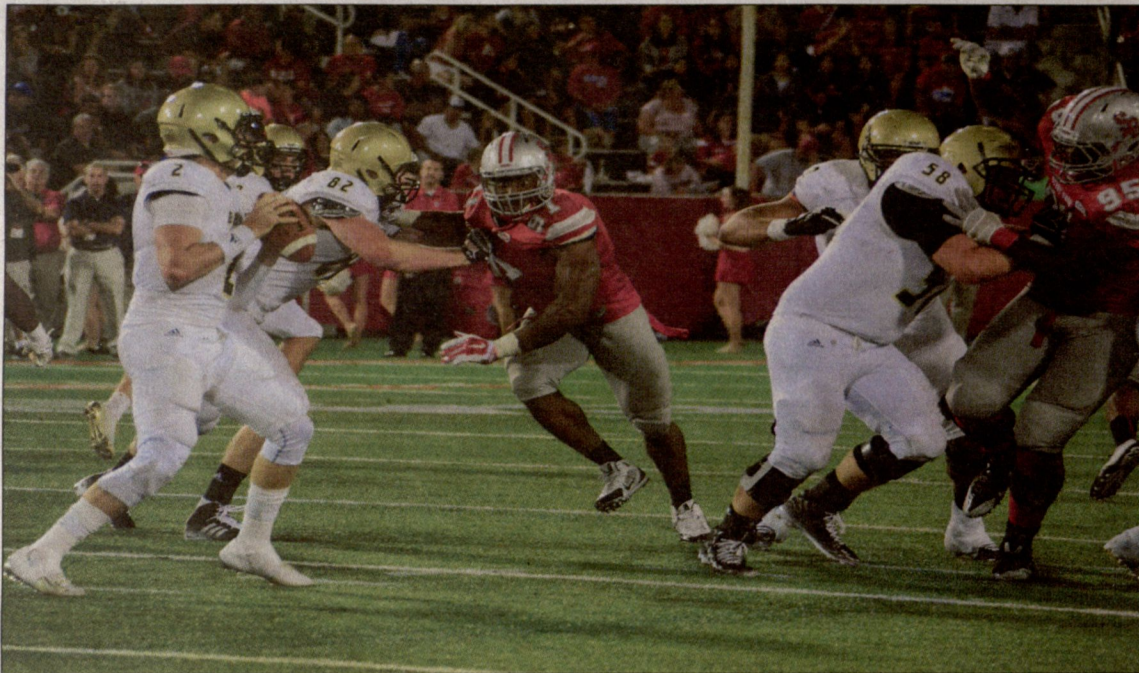
Stony Brook is now 1-3 on the season, and is finished with the non-conference part of its schedule.

The team hoped to see some progression from its offense in what was its final tuneup before Colonial Athletic Association play begins, but instead saw an offensive unit that not only continued to struggle to put points on the board, but also allowed more points than the team's defense.

With just under five minutes to go in the third quarter, the Seawolves trailed by only three points and had the ball at the North Dakota 7-yard line.

But, on second and goal, quarterback John Kinder rolled out to his right and was picked off by defensive back Alex Tillman.

Tillman jumped a crossing route and took the pass back 92 yards to the house for a touchdown, completely changing the



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The Seawolves' defense was dominant once again, allowing just 145 yards of total offense.

momentum of the game.

Kinder played his most efficient game as a Seawolf on Saturday, going 12-for-18 for 172 yards.

But turnovers continued to be a problem for the Syracuse transfer, as he not only threw an interception for a touchdown, but also fumbled and lost the ball deep in UND territory on the following drive.

Will Tye was the lone offensive bright spot for the Seawolves in the game, hauling in five catches and a career high 103 yards.

The Seawolves special teams also had a strong game.

In the second quarter, they

were able to set up the team's lone points of the game off a muffed punt.

Tillman muffed a Luke Allen punt at his own 24-yard line, and Max Martinez recovered to give Stony Brook the ball back.

This was Martinez's second fumble recovery of the season.

The Seawolves proceeded to go three-and-out, setting up Graham Ball for a 36-yard field goal attempt.

The left-footed kicker put it down the middle for his first field goal of the season, and Stony Brook had an early 3-0 lead.

Unfortunately for SBU, it did

not take long for North Dakota to answer.

In fact, it only took them 52 seconds to take the lead that they would not let go of. Kyle Norberg rushed for four yards to start the drive.

Then, Joe Mollberg went up top to Dev Ferguson down the middle of the field on a play-action pass for 68 yards and a touchdown in the lone big play of the game for North Dakota's offense.

The PAT was missed, and they had a 6-3 lead late in the first half.

Stony Brook moved the ball down to the UND 35 yard line

in the next drive, but instead of attempting the long 52-yard field goal, decided to go for it and Kinder could not hit Adrian Coxson on 4th and 4 to give the ball back to North Dakota.

In the second half, the Seawolves defense clamped down. UND finished with five three and outs and could only put up six yards of total offense against a stout Stony Brook defense.

Naim Cheeseboro also had an interception in the half, setting up the Seawolves with field position at the UND 38-yard line.

Stony Brook could not do anything with it though, as they went three-and-out.

This was only one of the two times they did this in a day where they recorded 14 first downs.

Christian Ricard was able to lead the Seawolves defense, recording five tackles and his CAA-leading fifth sack of the season.

The Seawolves fell to 0-3 in matchups against teams from the Big Sky Conference, including a 16-10 loss in the 2012 FCS Playoffs to then-third-seeded Montana State.

Kinder looks to be the lead man heading into next week, as Conor Bednarski only garnered one pass attempt in the game, overthrowing a receiver in a deep ball down the field.

The Seawolves open CAA play on Sept. 27 when they host William & Mary for Homecoming. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

4th and Goal: Four things to watch for in CAA play

By Cameron Boon
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First Down: Will the rushing production continue into conference play?

Stony Brook's strength on offense has definitely been their rushing attack, with four very capable backs in Stacey Bedell, Marcus Coker, James Kenner and Tyler Fredericks. With Coker underperforming (26 attempts, 59 yards), the bulk of the carries have gone to the sophomore UMass transfer Bedell. Bedell has led the way, carrying for 299 yards on 54 carries along with a pair of touchdowns.

The Colonial Athletic Association has long been known for its physicality, and to run the football, teams need to be hard-nosed and tough when it comes to asserting their dominance against the other teams. Every team but two (SB, Albany), allow more than 100 yards per game on average, and Stony Brook's opponents allow an average of 195 yards per game on the ground. If the averages hold true, and Stony Brook is able to keep running the ball the way they have been the first three games of the season, the Seawolves should be able to put together a successful conference campaign on the ground.

Second Down: How will the Stony Brook defense fare against the CAA?

Anybody who has watched the Stony Brook football team over the first four weeks has found a less-than-impressive offense led by two quarterbacks and a shaky offensive line. But they would also notice a defense that has gone toe-to-toe with an FBS team and has kept them in every single game this season.

Stony Brook's defense has allowed more than 100 yards rushing in only one game and only allowed more than 200 yards of total offense in two of their affairs this season. They have one of the best all-around defensive players in the CAA in Christian Ricard, and a great enforcer in Naim Cheeseboro. Cheeseboro recorded his second interception Saturday, giving him a tie for the conference lead at two.

The defensive line is also something to fear, getting a lot of pressure on the quarterback and a big reason why the running games does not work against them. In a very physical conference, it looks like the Seawolves have the pieces on the defensive end to stay in their conference games.

Third Down: Will Christian Ricard be in the running for Defensive Player of the Year in November?

To be a rover, you need to have a couple of things: trust instilled in you from your coach, great reaction

time and a high IQ on the football field. Ricard, a Spencer, Massachusetts native, has shown both of the on-field qualities, making an impact on a lot of plays throughout the course of a game.

It shows up on the stat sheet as well, as he leads the conference in sacks (five), tackles for loss (8.5), and is eighth at 9.0 tackles per game. Ricard will need to keep this play up, as well as his leadership, when the Seawolves enter CAA play next week against the William & Mary Tribe and beyond if he wishes to be in that conversation when the end of the regular season comes around.

Fourth Down: Can the Seawolves survive the October gauntlet?

Every team has that tough stretch of their schedule, where they maybe play a pair of good teams, but the CAA put together a gauntlet of games for the Seawolves.

During this four-game stretch, Stony Brook plays at Towson (Oct. 4), vs. Maine (Oct. 11), at Elon (Oct. 18), at New Hampshire (Oct. 25). Towson, Maine, and New Hampshire finished as No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 in the CAA last season, and all three teams defeated Stony Brook in the previous campaign, with the Tigers and Wildcats coming into LaValle Stadium and defeating the Seawolves. Maine took down Stony

Brook in Orono last season.

The Black Bears non-conference was not too tough, as they defeated Norfolk State at home, before losing at Bryant and at Boston College.

Maine was picked to finish seventh in the preseason CAA poll. New Hampshire is now 1-0 in their CAA campaign, defeating Richmond by three, making it two wins in a row on their season now.

The Towson Tigers have three preseason-All Americans coming in, and will look to be better than their predicted fifth place finish in the preseason polls.

Extra Point: Looking ahead to homecoming

Next week, the Seawolves bring in the William & Mary Tribe for homecoming at Stony Brook University, with a 6 p.m. kickoff scheduled at LaValle Stadium.

These two teams have not played since Stony Brook moved to Division I back in 2002, so there will probably be a little bit of a feeling-out process in this game.

It will be interesting to see if the offense can snap out of their woes and put up some points, something they have struggled with against Division I opponents this season.

The defense will also look to keep up its hot streaks. They have gone three straight games without allowing 100 yards on the ground.

This Week in Stony Brook Sports

FOOTBALL

Homecoming Game
Saturday, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.
vs. William & Mary

MEN'S SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.
at Sacred Heart

Sunday Sept. 28, 2 p.m.
vs. Northeastern

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sunday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m.
at UMass Lowell

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.
at Hartford