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## Bishop and Zeldin voice opinions in debate at Staller

By Kelly Zegers  
Assistant News Editor

New York's 1st congressional district incumbent Rep. Tim Bishop and his challenger, New York State Sen. Lee Zeldin, gave voters a chance to hear their positions on key international, domestic and local issues of the midterm elections at the Staller Center on Monday, Oct. 27.

Stony Brook Votes, a non-partisan student activist group on campus, started planning for the event over the summer. The group, which includes senior history major Dan Smith and junior history major James Alrassi, organized the debate to encourage the Stony Brook University community to vote.

"Two months ago when I first had the idea of setting up this debate, I never thought I'd be standing on stage talking to fellow students and community members, but here we are," Smith said. "I want everyone here to consider this: if a small group of students can get everyone together here for a debate, imagine what we can all do if we go out and vote on Nov. 4. This is an important election coming up, but not a lot of students are thinking about it or talking about it."

Richard French, president of Regional News Network and host of "Richard French Live" on Fios1, moderated the debate.

One issue French asked the candidates about was Ebola and what the policy should be in dealing with it in the United States, as Gov. Andrew Cuomo changed positions regarding quarantine amid health care professionals' concerns about overreactions about the disease.

Bishop said both the governors of New York and New Jersey, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are revising their policy and health care professionals who return from West Africa should be treated in a way that safeguards health without discrimination in an "evolving" situation.

"I think where we are headed is a set of guidances that are based on sound science, which is important, which is based on protecting human health, which is the most important imperative any elected official has," Bishop said.

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Stony Brook University's Staller Center for the Arts allowed students free entry into the MOMIX Dance: Alchemia show on Sunday, Nov. 2. For full coverage, see page 8.

## Under the microscope: Injuries among college basketball players are due to daily stress on bodies

By Ruchi Shah  
Staff Writer

*Every other week, Ruchi Shah, a junior biology major, will take a look at Stony Brook-related science and research news.*

Athletes are often seen as the epitome of health, but repetitive actions in sports such as basketball can take a serious toll on the body.

Due to the repeated running and jumping motions, a basketball player's body, especially the ankles and knees, is put under stress on a daily basis.

"Ankle and foot sprains are routinely treated, as well as Achilles tendon injuries, shin splints and stress fractures," Dr. Stuart B. Cherney, an orthopedic surgeon and the head team physician at Stony Brook University, said. "Runner's knee and Jumper's knee develop from repetitive low level trauma and more serious injuries may involve ligament (ACL) or meniscus tears."

According to Cherney, Stony Brook University basketball players "basically fall into the typical injury patterns as seen in the NCAA statistics."

Female basketball players tend to suffer from ACL injuries two to 10 times more than their male counterparts, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

This difference, according to the research by Director of Sports Medicine Research at Ohio State University Dr. Timo-



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Female basketball players tend to suffer from ACL injuries two to 10 times more than male counterparts.

thy Hewett, is due to differences in knee and trunk anatomy and placement in women that results in differences in the torque produced by the body while playing basketball.

According to Cherney, a prevention program was designed at Stony Brook University to help mitigate the higher rate of ACL injuries in women.

In an effort to prevent, diagnose and treat injuries, the university utilizes a coalition of physicians, athletic trainers, health care professionals and specialists.

"Sports medicine and the treatment of athletes have greatly evolved over the years," Cherney said. "The concept is simple—how to treat injuries and medical problems in a way which allows the safest and quickest way back into competition."

If an injury requires surgery,

doctors prefer arthroscopic surgery "because it is less invasive and produces consistent results," Cherney said.

Common procedures used in the past involved opening up the injured area, but arthroscopic procedures are now preferred because they reduce the size of incisions.

According to the AAOS, arthroscopic surgery utilizes small incisions through which cameras the size of a pencil and tools are placed to view, repair and remove damaged tissue.

In the case of soft tissue injuries like sprains, strains, and muscle injury, Cherney said, "platelet-rich plasma injections have been found to speed up healing."

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## New arena named after IFCU Bank

By Arielle Martinez  
Assistant News Editor

Stony Brook University has entered a ten-year, \$7 million partnership with Island Federal Credit Union that will give the credit union title sponsorship for the Stony Brook Arena and the Stony Brook Film Festival and exclusive control of banking services on campus, university President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. announced Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The deal also includes the creation of a banking education program through the Stony Brook University College of Business and support for programs for the new Stony Brook Children's Hospital and the Long Island State Veterans Home, Stanley said at a press conference.

The 4,000-seat Stony Brook Arena, which was reopened Friday, Oct. 3 after a \$21.1 million renovation, will be renamed the Island Federal Credit Union Arena. The 20-year-old Stony Brook Film Festival, which is hosted in the Staller Center each summer, will be renamed the "Stony Brook Film Festival Presented by Island Federal Credit Union."

The Hauppauge-based credit union will open two retail banking branch sites and ATMs on campus through an agreement with the Faculty Student Association.

The FSA previously had a partnership with Teacher's Federal Credit Union, also based in Hauppauge.

"Teacher's has been a great partner with Stony Brook University, and we're really pleased we had the chance to work with them, but now Island Federal will be the banking entity at Stony Brook University campus," Stanley said. "We hope we can continue to work with Teacher's in other areas."

Stanley declined to go into further detail at the press conference about how the funds from the deal will be allocated.

"Details about how this will be used exactly, I think, are not established yet," Stanley said. "We know that certain sums will go to support the Veterans Home and Children's Hospital. I'm sure there will be some discretion from those entities on how to most effectively use those funds to move the mission forward."

Stanley said Island Federal Credit Union will create "an employee pipeline, a formal internship program and a placement relationship" through the College of Business.

The partnership also will create a student advisory board to "provide product and relationship insights to Island Federal executives," according to a press release.

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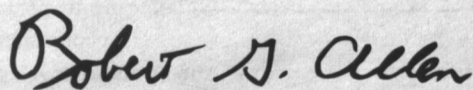
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# NEWS

## SBU head team physician explains athletes' injuries

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In this procedure, blood is drawn from the patient and platelet cells are activated. The cells are then injected back in the area of injury, where they stimulate "growth factors that recruit and increase the proliferation of reparative cells," according to the Hospital for Special Surgery.

According to Cherney, the factors that play a role in the injury

rates of athletes are multifaceted and include the type of playing surfaces, the composition of turf and the quality and fit of footwear and protective equipment.

In addition to hiring equipment specialists to help fit athletes, "the wood court in the new arena is laid on a special shock absorbing surface which will hopefully minimize shin splints, stress fractures and back injuries," Cherney said.

As scientists and physicians in the athletic community are be-

ginning to better understand prevention, diagnosis and treatment of injuries, the care of athletes is also improving.

"Our ability to perform major orthopedic procedures via minimally invasive techniques has changed the face of orthopedic surgery," Cherney said. "The use of biologics is in its infancy and includes utilizing cells and substances found in the body which can completely heal injuries with limited or no surgery."

## First Congressional District debate comes to SBU

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Zeldin said he is in favor of a ban on direct travel from West African countries, called the reaction from the government a failure and said that under-reacting leads to crisis.

"The president made the decision to appoint an Ebola Czar who had absolutely no health care experience," he said, adding, "It'd be nice to have an Ebola Czar with some bearings whatsoever as to how medical research works; how to diagnose and how to treat Ebola, which the Ebola Czar does not."

The candidates were also asked if they were in favor of putting more Suffolk County men and women on the ground overseas to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

"As far as Syria goes, that would be a whole new front," Zeldin said. "If the president and Pentagon would want to go there it should not hap-

pen without a debate in Congress as to whether we should open up that whole new front."

Bishop said he does not support "wholesale reintroduction" of U.S. forces on the ground, but agrees with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey in that a military strategy that could fully defeat ISIS does not exist.

"What he said, and I believe that he's right, is that what's necessary in Iraq and in Syria is the formation of inclusive governments that will not repress and alienate the Sunnis," Bishop said. "They are alienated, they are repressed and they are disenfranchised. That is the fuel, if you will, that creates entities like ISIS."

In regards to whether there should be a national minimum wage set at \$10.10 an hour, Zeldin said he does not support it, citing how New York's minimum wage is nearing \$9 an hour. He said that young people are leaving Long Island because they cannot afford to start families here

and that policy should help create well-paying private sector jobs.

Bishop said he supports a national minimum wage of \$10.10, calling it "modest," because it would stop reliance on safety net programs, such as food stamps.

French asked the candidates about the "brain drain" of young people leaving Long Island. Zeldin said that health care, energy and unfunded mandates all add to costs and are part of why well-paying private sectors jobs should be created to stop the "brain drain." Bishop said it is necessary to create jobs through investing in infrastructure and create a better-trained workforce, citing Stony Brook University's business incubators as part of the solution.

Other questions included immigration, how teachers should be evaluated instead of the Common Core, gun control, rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy, climate change and the balance between liberty and security of U.S. citizens.

## Police Blotter

On Monday, Oct. 20 a gym bag was reported stolen from the running track. The case is now closed.

On Monday, Oct. 20 an individual was issued a summons for speeding and a referral for marijuana at the intersection of Circle Road and Marburger Drive.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 there was a report made regarding the theft of a stairwell sign from Eisenhower College. The case is now closed.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22 three referrals were issued for marijuana at Dreiser College.

On Thursday, Oct. 23 an exit sign from Lauterbur Hall was reported stolen. The case is still open.

On Thursday, Oct. 23 a bicycle was reported stolen from Stimson College. The case is still open.

On Thursday, Oct. 23 a referral was issued for marijuana at Keller College.

On Friday, Oct. 24 a bicycle was reported stolen from North P Lot. The case is still open.

On Friday, Oct. 24 there was an arrest made regarding the possession of marijuana at Keller College.

On Friday, Oct. 24 two referrals were issued at Schick College for marijuana.

On Saturday, Oct. 25 an individual traveling southbound on Nicolls Road was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

On Saturday, Oct. 25 there was a report made that \$380 was stolen from Stimson College. The case is now closed.

On Sunday, Oct. 26 an individual was arrested for trespassing and loitering at the Long Island Rail Road stop.

On Sunday, Oct. 26 it was reported that an exit sign was damaged on the third floor of Dewey College. The case is still open.

*Compiled by Kelly Frevele*

## CAPS complaints highlight issue of mental health treatment across nation

By Cory Haltman  
Contributing Writer

The 2014 National Survey of College Counseling Centers conducted by the American College Counseling Association revealed that a majority of universities have seen an increase in the number of students who use their counseling services, but few have added enough staff to meet the demand.

The Stony Brook University mental health facility is called Counseling and Psychological Services, or CAPS. CAPS offers a variety of services, including individual therapy, group psychotherapy, a mindful meditation program and a WUSB radio segment called "Taking Care of Yourself."

When asked about how they felt about CAPS, several students, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they used CAPS services, said their biggest complaint is the limit on how many individual therapy sessions each person is allotted every year.

One freshman math major said, "If they didn't restrict how often I could use the service, I would probably start using it."

With a 10-12 session limit for a 30-week time period, many students said they did not think one session every three weeks or so would be enough.

The interim Director of the CAPS program, Dr. Julian Pessier, explained the session limit is not necessarily due to funding issues, as is the case with many other colleges, but rather because it is the best method for students because it gives them the guidance they need while teaching them how to better deal with their issues when they cannot be seen regularly.

"If we know that a student does need regular weekly counseling for a prolonged period of time, the best thing we can do for them is get them in touch with a good community resource," Pessier said. "It's a common misunderstanding that if you go to CAPS they will just refer you to somebody else. However we will refer a student if it's seen as necessary."

When asked why it was better for some students to see an off-campus psychologist, he said, "A lot of our staff, some of the our students' favorite staff members even, are either just finishing their doctoral studies, are psychology interns or are psychology post-doctoral fellows on a one-year placement. If a student does need regular counseling, it would make more sense to set them up with a private practice that will likely exist five years down the road, rather than pair them with a therapist that will be gone next year."



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### Stony Brook hosts a mental health facility known as Counseling and Psychological Services on campus.

It is true, however, that there is not an unlimited amount of funding for the program, and there is not an unlimited amount of space, either.

"I feel like we're staffed very well, but the same way a diner gets very crowded during certain times of the day, there are times during the year when a lot more students find that they need counseling," Pessier said. "If there were no limit, there would be no way to accommodate everybody who needs help."

In an attempt to help students depend less on individual therapy sessions, there has been a shift in how the CAPS has gone about helping larger groups of people.

According to Pessier, there are

about 250 students per year who now participate in group therapy.

There is also the mindful meditation program in which any student can participate at 1 p.m. every Wednesday during campus lifetime.

A freshman biology major explained that "even if there is anonymity within the groups, it isn't possible to make sure that nobody will tell other people who participate in therapy."

Even with all of the measures CAPS takes to protect private information, there is still concern from students regarding people finding out they use the resource.

While such programs have helped reduce the number of students who need more sup-

port, CAPS acknowledged the number of students who utilize their personal therapy services has continued to grow over time and they have adjusted their staff proportionally.

"In the past 10 years, there has been an almost double in how many students come to CAPS for help, from 900 ten years ago, to 1700 today," Pessier said.

When asked why he thought so many more students need help, Pessier said, "I don't necessarily think that more students need help nowadays than in the past. It isn't a hard science that we can go to for a definitive answer, but I think a lot of it is the decreased stigma surrounding the need for psychological help. We go to every measure to protect student privacy, and to make appropriate accommodations when needed."

Though many students complained about session limits, many also said something they thought CAPS does very well is make students feel welcome.

One freshman marine biology major explained, "when I first got here and learned about the programs and resources available, I thought CAPS did a good job making students feel like it was okay to use them if necessary."

"Yes, more students do pursue help, but our job isn't just therapy," Pessier said. "It's also directing people to other resources that they might find helpful."

# New mobile solar generator designed to power medical devices in blackouts

By Mahreen Khan  
Contributing Writer

In the wake of Superstorm Sandy in October 2012, Brooke Ellison and her team of science researchers embarked on a nearly two-year long project intending to tackle the issue of long-term power outages in communities suffering from natural disasters. Ellison allowed researchers to use her home for the field testing of a mobile solar generator for nearly six months, from February to June.

Ellison is the director of education at Stony Brook University's Stem Cell Research Facility, the associate director of the Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development and an assistant professor in the Ph.D. program in behavioral and community health.

A result of much deliberation and analysis among her colleagues in the School of Health Technology and Management and herself, the National Science Foundation/Department of Education-funded project aimed to "address those in need during a natural disaster," Ellison said. The slant at which it was taken, however, coincided directly with Ellison's personal health experience: living on a ventilator.

Ellison invested in the Nextek Power Systems STAR battery unit, complete with solar generator capabilities and battery storage. The STAR unit, which Ellison said was "used in Haiti several years ago, and on the South Shore to power some communities," was tested by engineers in Ellison's driveway.

While she said she owns "a propane-powered generator that turns on automatically when it senses power failure...what was most stressful was

that the generator we had was never tested for the length of time it would be in use, and we lost power for ten days during the disaster." Typically, generators are not designed to last that long, Ellison explained.

The way the technology works involves the conservation and conversion of solar energy. If a backup generator were to fail and the STAR unit were connected to a circuit, the STAR unit would supply the home with power while restoring the generator's power. The approximately 10-foot-by-4-foot unit was "strange at first, but soon became an extension of the house as we moved towards alternative energy," Ellison said.

"We wanted to form a think tank for solutions," Ellison said, adding that "in the midst of evolving ideas, Superstorm Sandy hit." She immediately highlighted her main goal as determining "what it [living on a ventilator] means to one's quality of life."

She said her family, as well as those living on ventilators around the world, faced a plethora of varying "health crises" due to their inarguably essential need for uninterrupted power.

The recommended course of action set forth by power suppliers at the time was to "go to the hospital," Ellison recalled, perhaps one of "the most dangerous places to be, due to possible exposure to infection, and a host of other problems."

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Feb. 28 report, "New York's Bellevue Hospital Takes Mitigation Steps After Hurricane Sandy," Bellevue Hospital which services more than 500,000 patients annually, was "forced...to close temporarily and move patients."

The plight of this hospital, in ad-



Brooke Ellison, shown above center, with her family at a Reeve Foundation gala in 2004, allowed researchers to test a mobile solar generator at her home for six months.

dition to the many other challenges faced during the hurricane, brings into question the preparedness of medical departments and the availability of necessary equipment like ventilators in the face of an unforeseen disaster—further substantiating Ellison's comments.

Ellison said what started out as a couple of researchers in a room soon grew across Stony Brook University's Engineering Department through the involvement of Nextek, a Detroit-based tech company that provides people with energy-saving technology, and organizations like FEMA, the Department of Health and Human Services and multiple community partners.

Her team's long-term plan for the STAR unit includes first and foremost making it portable to homes in need, and later to campus departments with a mass consumption of energy.

"The FEMA units are already in circulation, and go for about \$25,000 per unit," Ellison said. Deconstructing all arguments regarding the high cost of the unit, Ellison calls on the thousands of dollars spent in uncomfortable hospital intensive care units, for the sole purpose of access to a ventilator. In this way, the STAR unit becomes more practical and tends to a wider array of situations—not to mention "the level of comfort and security one feels in their own home."

"This was an adaptation we never

expected," Ellison said of the alternative solar energy unit. "It's a perfect example of the tremendous benefits derived when different departments and disciplines start working together."

"The Engineering Department would never have known this was a problem, had we not reached out to them...talent would have been lost," she said.

Ellison was recently nominated to be a Young Global Leader for the World Economic Forum. Being a Young Global Leader means being given a "five- to six-year term to help address problems on a global level," Ellison said. She said her ultimate hope is to one day see the mobile solar unit be brought to a global level.

## Counselor at CPO forms new sexual violence awareness committee

By Christopher Leelum  
Staff Writer

Christine Szaraz knows that battling sexual assault on the Stony Brook campus is not a singular effort.

The new Violence Intervention and Prevention Committee, a brainchild of Szaraz and the Center for Prevention and Outreach, aims to gather disparate student efforts under one banner.

"I wanted to create a forum for students to be able to come together with other folks who either want to get into these things or already have," she said, "and to build on each other's efforts."

Szaraz is a counselor at CPO who is known for her informal, relatable and empathetic relationship with students.

"She is very easy to be with," Naima Yeye, a senior sociology major and intern for CPO said. "I'm learning a lot from her because she is a great mentor and really wants to reach out to students."

John Martin, a guidance assistant at CPO and Stony Brook alumnus, credits Szaraz for the verbal dexterity needed to connect with college students.

"I credit her for my presentation skills," Martin said. "She has truly mastered the art of the presentation."

So it only seemed natural that Szaraz got the idea for the VIP Committee from putting her ear to campus grounds.

"Over the last couple of years I began hearing a lot of anecdotal stuff on campus like, 'Oh my club is working

on this' or 'I know people who are doing that,'" she said. "But it was these sort of disparate patches of people doing their own thing for sexual violence awareness and outreach. Not everyone knew who was doing what thing."

This all comes at a time when sexual assault reports are increasing not only at Stony Brook, but nationwide. But CPO Assistant Director and Doctor of Psychology Smita Majumdar Das said that in the short term, this is a positive sign.

"It's good to see a rise in reported sexual assaults," Majumdar Das said. "For eons victims have been silenced into shame all over the U.S."

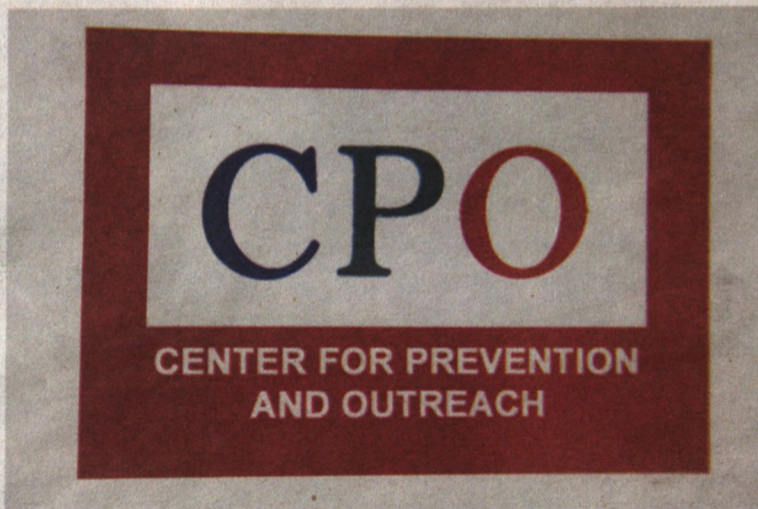
Professor Michael Kimmel of Stony Brook's Department of Sociology also agreed. He said in an email the rate of reported sexual assaults in the U.S. was "about 5% for a long time," but new estimates show a trend.

"Estimates now range from 7-12%," Kimmel said. "It might appear the rate has gone up, but really the rate may have gone down and the reporting has gone up. In other words, this is good news."

Szaraz said after being to over half a dozen training institutes sometimes sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, this trend is reiterated over and over again.

"Part of things becoming better is things becoming more visible and coming out of the dark," she said.

So far, about nine different student organizations have agreed to combine efforts under the VIP tent and eventually see those numbers fall.



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The Violence Intervention and Prevention Committee is the brainchild of counselor Christine Szaraz and CPO.

Nathan Blazon-Brown, a sophomore biochemistry major and H Quad resident assistant, mentioned that Szaraz has the students interested because she acts as a facilitator rather than an administrator.

"She wants to see no roadblocks in student work," he said.

From a young age, Szaraz has been a supporter and coordinator of some sorts.

"I've always naturally fallen into those roles," she said. "I'm the oldest of four, so for a long time I thought that kind of came with the territory."

After graduating from Stony Brook with a degree in anthropology in 2003, Szaraz went onto work for a post-adoption program where she would model good behavior for adopted children

struggling with new families.

"My supervisor at the time was like, 'You got a knack for this, have you ever thought about this as a career?'"

She received her master's in counseling and re-joined her alma mater full time as a CPO counselor in 2011.

As a counselor, she said it helps to be a "really weird blend of an introvert and an extrovert."

Szaraz said she likes to be in an office setting, especially when it comes to program development. Her computer is bordered with sticky notes and a box of miscellaneous objects occupies each chair and couch in her office. Even the VIP meeting lounge has a mini library with a Guitar Hero box on top.

"But if I'm sitting 9 to 5 at my desk and not moving around and talking to

people, that's like a living hell for me."

Though her informality is compatible with students, Szaraz said it is her biggest point of vulnerability as an employee.

"I'm now for the first time in my career getting a seat at what I call the grown-ups table," she said. "I've been recognized for a number of years as somebody who can really connect with students. But the potential for weakness is being able to portray myself as both an ally to students and administrators."

To her supervisor Majumdar Das, she is doing fine wearing both hats.

"Christine is absolutely wonderful," Majumdar Das said. "She has a lot of energy and is very easy to talk to."

Martin also had only nice things to say.

"She is an amazing human being," Martin said. "She is a coordinator, counselor and presenter, and she does not get enough credit for what she does."

With her work with the VIP just getting started, Szaraz already has an idea of what she wants the future to look like.

"It is a new thing, but I'd like to see things get broader," she said. "I want to see discussions about sexual violence become an implicit part of everything else around us. I want, in whatever way I can, to give students a greater voice in what happens in campus policy and to give a connection with the people who make those policies and affect their lives."

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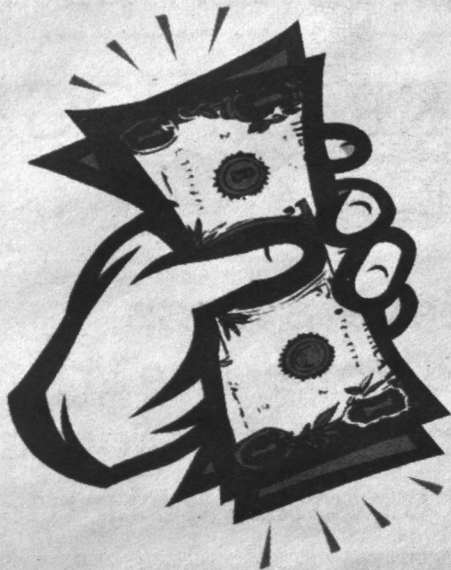
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## USG organizes biggest "Back to the Brook" concert yet with big-name artist Lupe Fiasco

By Giselle Barkley  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Nearly two weeks after a successful Icona Pop concert, the Undergraduate Student Government will host two more artists—rapper Lupe Fiasco and DJ 3 LAU—on Thursday, Nov. 6 at this year's "Back to the Brook" concert.

USG announced the artists during the Icona Pop concert. This is the first time that USG has planned two concerts in such a short time span.

According to Danny Chung, vice president of Communications and Public Relations for USG, planning began prior to the fall semester.

"Very early in the summer we started looking at artists, before we had a venue, trying to narrow it down," Chung said.

Chung also said this concert will be the biggest "Back to the Brook" concert yet.

"I don't believe that we've ever had artists that were as big as Lupe," Chung said in regards to the concert.

In past years, "Back to the Brook" performers included Mac Miller, The Cataracs and Mother F'Nature, to name a few.

This year's concert will take place in the newly renovated Island Federal Credit Union Arena, formerly referred to as the Stony Brook Arena.

The last fall concert, which featured Mac Miller and The Cataracs, was held on the Staller steps. However, security issues with that concert prompted USG to choose a different location for "Back to the Brook." Despite this, Chung articulated the benefits of having concerts in the arena.

"It's indoors so rain or shine it will go on. It has better security. It's temperature controlled and it's just a better venue overall," Chung said.

According to Chung, prior to the renovation of the arena, concerts traditionally took place there.

Initially, USG was planning to have "Back to the Brook" in late October. However, due to venue availability, as well as Icona Pop's availability, USG pushed the "Back to the Brook" concert to early November.

The newly renovated arena is not the only difference between this "Back to the Brook" and last year's fall concert.

Students can now sign a form to attend concerts via Google Doc. This was done to prevent students from lining up the night before tickets went on sale.

"There was a lot of safety concerns as far as administration and security costs were very high," Chung said regarding the concerns of students lining up the night before tickets go on sale. "There were so many complaints about students cutting, management not doing their job making sure no one was cutting."

Chung expanded upon this, saying that favoritism became an issue—if management knew people who wanted tickets, they would "let them go ahead," according to Chung.

With this new method, the first 700 students that registered for "Back to the Brook" tickets were eligible to get floor seat tickets.

According to Chung, there are a large number of students attending the concert.

Stony Brook student Mariaelena

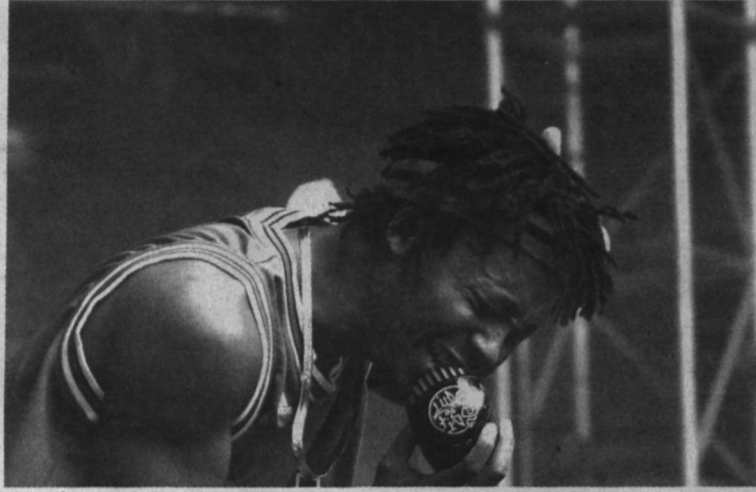


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Lupe Fiasco, above, was born Wasalu Muhammad Jaco on Feb. 16, 1982. He released his first album, "Food & Liquor," in 2006.

Lopez, a junior psychology major, intends to go to the concert.

"I know Lupe Fiasco. I don't really know a lot of his songs, but I'm excited," Lopez said.

She said USG did a good job in picking an artist for this concert.

"I think they are honestly doing the best that they can and I'm not too upset with it," Lopez said.

But for other students, the concert is not that exciting.

"I wasn't really inclined to buy a ticket," Courtney Ladowski, a senior Health Science major, said. "I haven't really been that into the artists that have been [here] for the [concerts]."

In the past USG has tried to use student surveys to help decide on the artist coming to concerts. However, doing so has misled students in the past.

"When we ask for specific artists it gives false hope. We can't guarantee that we can get that artist because they might not be available at that

date, it might not be in the budget," Chung said.

USG has tried doing similar surveys focusing on various genres as opposed to artists that students would like to see. But Ladowski said that she has only seen one of these surveys once.

This fall, Chung said that many students were asking for rock artist. Some other artists who were under consideration included Panic! At The Disco, Iggy Azalea and Sam Smith, to name a few.

Cost is a big factor when it comes to securing an artist. Chung mentioned that getting a band like Panic! At The Disco or Maroon 5 to perform at Stony Brook costs more money since bands include more people as well as equipment.

Despite this, USG as well as students hope the spring concert will top this one.

"I'm looking forward to the big concert," Lopez said. "I just hope it's really good in the spring."

## MOMIX dance group dazzles Staller audience

By Lisa Setyon  
Contributing Writer

It was another success for the MOMIX Company. More than 300 people gathered in the Staller Center auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 1 to enjoy the latest show from the company. For most people, it was a real feast for the eyes.

"It was a spectacular performance and those people are very strong and fit," David Grady, a resident from Long Island, said. "I wish I could do stuff like that."

MOMIX is a company of 10 dancer-illusionists originally based in Washington. Moses Pendleton, a founding member of the Pilobolus dance group of 1971, established MOMIX in the early 80s.

"I work very sculpturally...and we use highly trained physical dance bodies, but it's more than just dance," Pendleton said. "Hence the name MOMIX, it's a real mixture of various ideas. You might almost think you are looking at a series of sculptures and paintings."

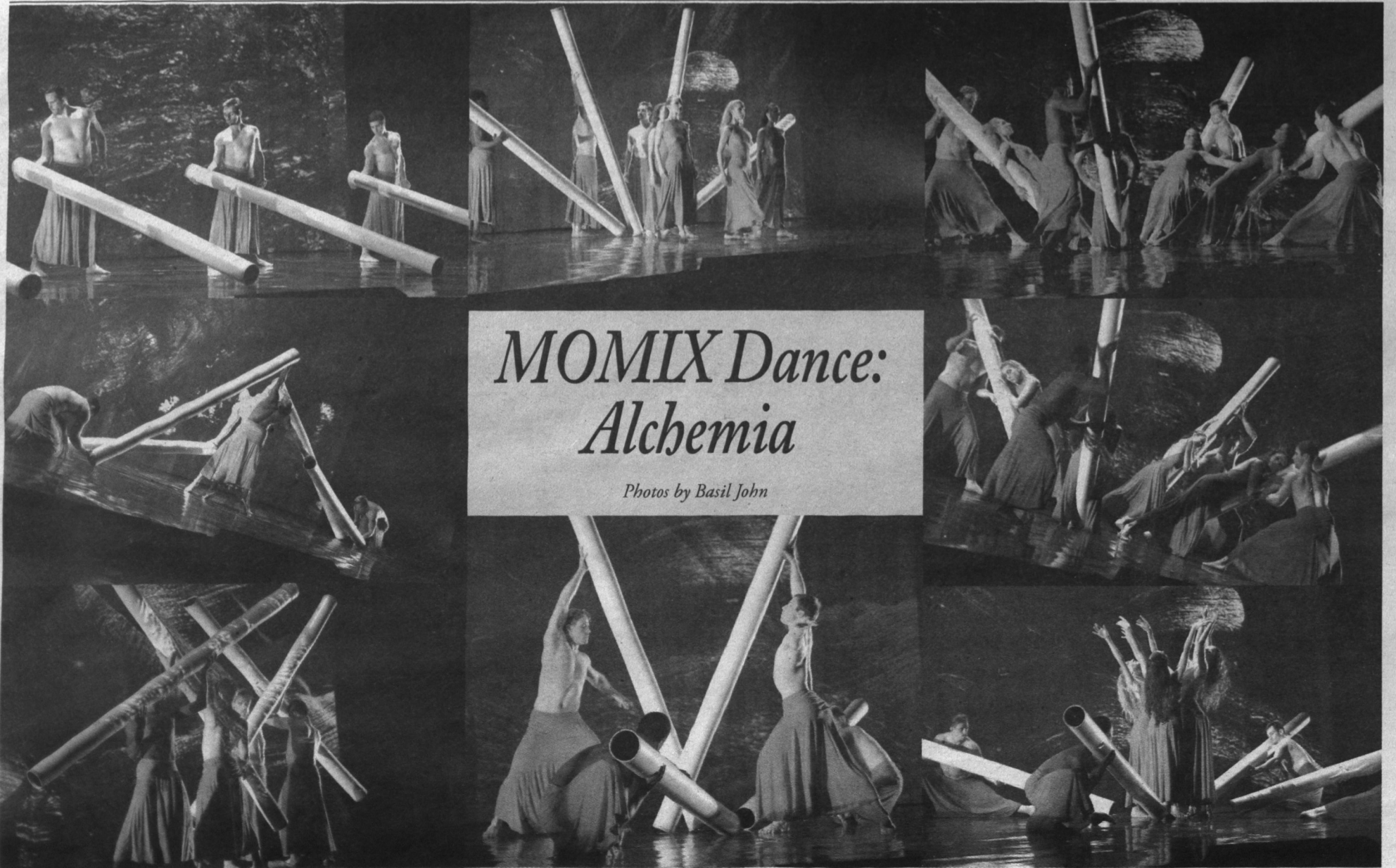
According to the MOMIX website, for more than 40 years, Pendleton has been considered one of America's most innovative and widely performed choreographers and directors.

Even though Pendleton mentioned that creating a show takes a year and a lot of "trial and errors," the director already worked on seven different shows, entitled "Remix," "Passion," "Opus Cactus," "Lunar Sea," "Botanica," "Baseball" and "Alchemia."

"I don't think that much," Pendleton said. "I want the free-mind."

For over 30 years, his work has amazed audiences all around the

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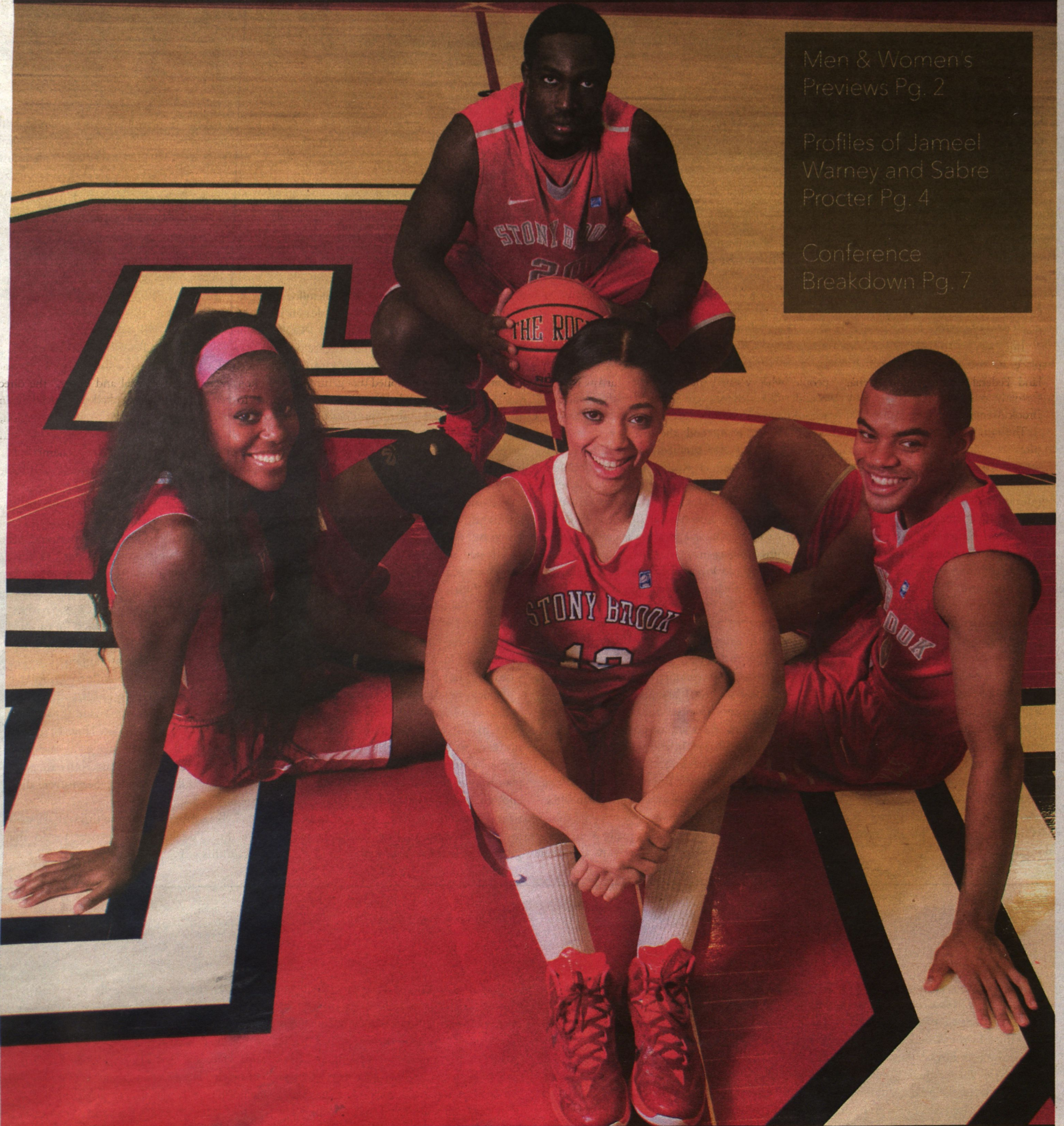


### MOMIX Dance: *Alchemia*

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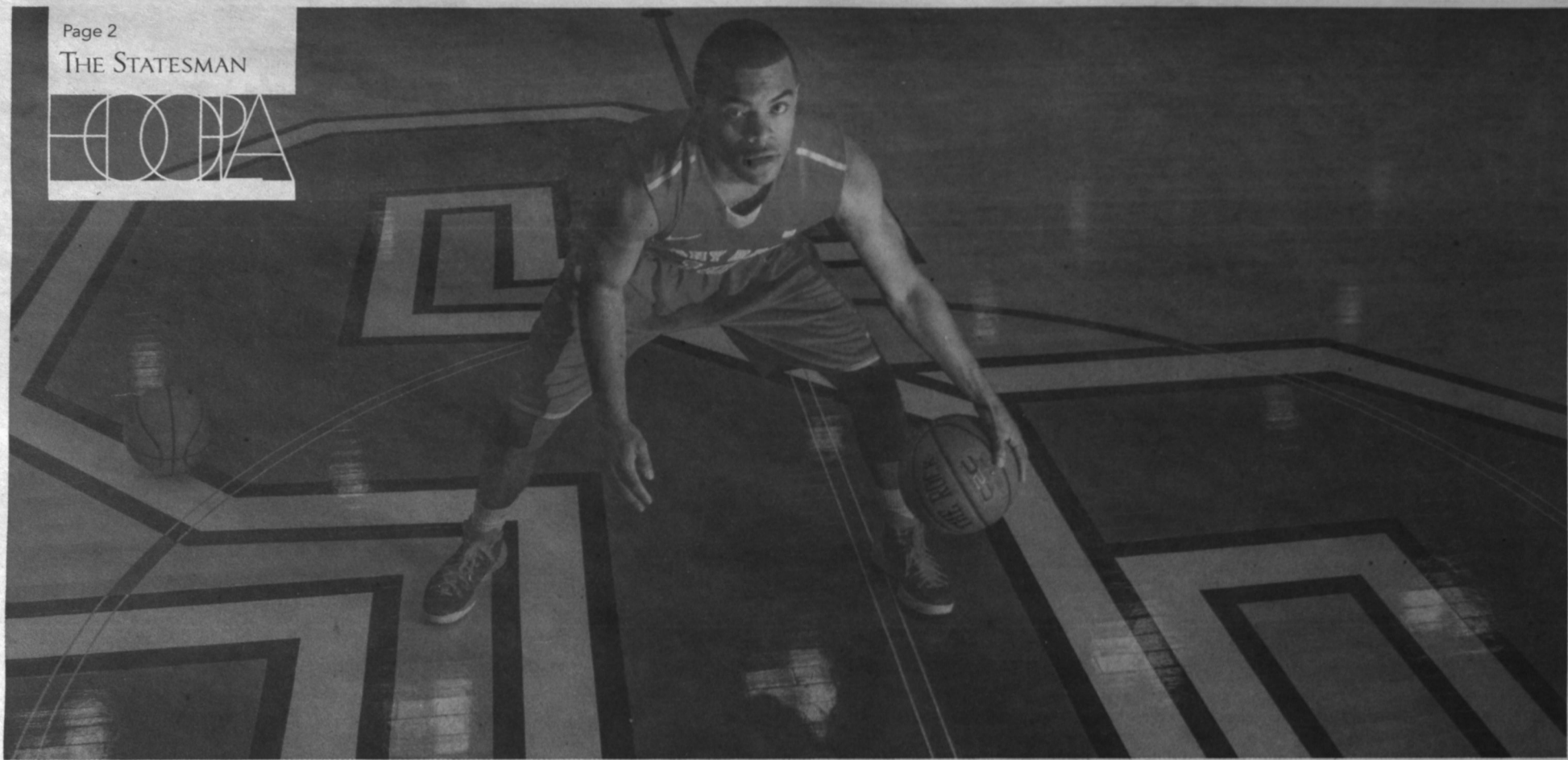
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## Men's basketball looks to finally secure elusive tournament bid

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

What do we know so far? The Stony Brook men's basketball team is playing the best it has since its inception thanks to head coach Steve Pikiell, enjoying a rapid influx of talent in recent seasons. The Seawolves have won 20 or more games in the past three seasons, but have yet to make the NCAA Tournament. Achieving this goal will hinge on Pikiell and the program's two standout juniors, Carson Puriefoy and 2013-14 America East Player of the Year, Jameel Warney.

Just about everything else is very much in play.

Stony Brook lost four starters over the summer, including its primary defenders on the interior and perimeter as well as its third-leading scorer. Filling in their vacancies will be returning letterwinners who played limited minutes last season and mystery freshmen.

"It's become Tre and Jameel's team. They're our seniors really," Pikiell said. "We have no seniors in the program and we're a younger program than we've been in the past 3-4 years, but I expect us to be right where we've been the past few years, competing for a league title, in the regular season and the postseason."

Competing for the America East title is obviously the goal, but how the Seawolves do so is a whole different beast. For starters, there is figuring out a rotation that so heavily depends upon unknown factors.

According to Pikiell, junior Rayshaun McGrew is likely to be the starting four alongside Warney.

"Ray has been by far our best four man," Pikiell said.

McGrew did not receive a great deal of playing time early on last season, but by the America East Championship, he was a key role player. Seeing him as a starter this season should not come as a surprise. His intensity on the defensive end will be much needed with the departure of Eric McAlister's raw shot-blocking ability. McGrew can score in the low-post and has a decent 15-foot jumper.

Pikiell also mentioned Scott King and Chris Braley as stretch fours in the mix, but they are more likely to be used for situational advantages. This is as far as assurances go, however, as Pikiell will be the first to say that the rotation is going to need some ironing out.

"I would love to have one strong lineup. That's not where this program is today," Pikiell said. "We've got five freshman we're figuring out, we have no seniors. This is more of a work in progress."

This roster does give the Seawolves options in the frontcourt at the very least. "If I want a shooter I bring Scott in, if I want another post-up guy I can bring Tyrell [Sturdivant] in, if I want to go big I can bring big Jakub [Petras] in and move Jameel to the four spot," Pikiell said.

One of the most imposing names of that bunch is Petras, a 6-foot-11-inch Slovakian import who Pikiell raves about.

"His IQ is terrific. He's really good passer, he can shoot the ball, he runs the floor

well. We're excited about him," Pikiell said. "Originally I thought he was just going to be Jameel's backup and right now, he's probably fighting for some more minutes with him."

The image of a Warney-Petras frontcourt is frightening, especially since Stony Brook was already one of the best rebounding teams in the nation. But it brings up issues of spacing and finding out just how polished Petras is.

The Seawolves can experiment in the backcourt and wings department as well. Puriefoy will be the team's main ball-handler, but the rest is a question mark. Pikiell notes redshirt freshman Roland L'Amour Nyama "stands out" as one of Stony Brook's possible starting three, but stresses that each practice brings out new candidates.

"If you were at today's practice, you would say Ryan Burnett will be the starting three," Pikiell said. "Roland's as athletic as could be. He brings that kind of athleticism that we had with Ahmad [Walker], but he's a better three-point shooter. He's an emergency defender too. We can also post him up a little bit, he's real good around the basket."

Braley was also mentioned as a name that could see minutes at the three as well.

"Chris is going to play a lot of positions for us this year. His versatility is going to be important," Pikiell said. "I could play him at the two, the three, he's strong enough to play the four for minutes and would give us another stretch four. I'm looking forward to him having a multi-purpose role for us this year."

The two position gets tricky, as Nyama's shooting ability could make him a potential starter there in a bigger lineup. Another option is Kameron Mitchell, one of the team's best shooters, who Pikiell believes is the squad's best perimeter defender.

"I think Kam is [our best perimeter defender,]" Pikiell said. "I think he gives us a guy that really knows how to play defensively, he gives us a toughness and he led us in charges last year even in limited minutes."

There is also incoming freshman Deshaun Thrower, who was Mr. Basketball in Michigan last year. Thrower is a gifted guard who can take apart opposing teams with his scoring.

The sheer number of roles that need filling by guys who were not major players last year may be unsettling, but Pikiell and his staff have had a history of getting the most out of his entire roster.

"Guys get better," Pikiell said. "Where they are at the beginning isn't always where they end up at the end. I think a lot of these freshman, you'll be surprised at how much better they get as the year plays out."

Once again, it is impossible to ignore that this team is both young and in the works. There will be adjustments made throughout and the team you watch on Nov. 14 against Columbia will not be the same one gearing up for the America East Tournament in 2015. For Pikiell and the Seawolves, these are not excuses.

"We compete for league titles, that's what we do," Pikiell said. "I expect to do that again this year."

### Player to Watch: Carson Puriefoy

Easily the second-best player on the squad, Carson Puriefoy's ascension from sparkplug off the bench to leading Stony Brook past Hartford in the America East Tournament last season set lofty expectations for the junior. "Tre" is one of the quickest players in the country and led the team in three-point percentage last year. He will be the team's primary ball-handler and quarterback in the pick-and-roll, making him an invaluable piece of the roster. How he performs as a full-time starter will have a huge impact on the season as a whole.

### Potential Breakout Star: Kameron Mitchell

Last season, Kameron Mitchell's role was spotty at best, playing just 8.4 minutes a contest. However, with three guards graduating this summer, Mitchell will not only get a boost in playing time, but a legitimate shot at becoming a starter. Head coach Steve Pikiell called Mitchell the team's best perimeter defender in an August interview and at an athletic 6-foot-4-inches it is not hard to believe. Tack on his deadly three-pointer and Mitchell is poised for a breakout season.

### They make the NCAA Tournament if...

... they play at their fullest come the postseason. Cliché or not, Stony Brook won 20 games in three straight regular seasons, but has faltered come the biggest games of the year. For three games in March, the Seawolves are going to have to avoid defensive miscues in the final minutes, make shots they made all season and max out their potential. Otherwise, it will just be another disappointing end to a Stony Brook basketball season.

### The Seawolves fall short if...

...the defense is dramatically worsened by the loss of Dave Coley and Eric McAlister. Stony Brook will never have trouble scoring with this roster. But over the summer, the team lost two key defensive stalwarts. How the Seawolves manage to replace them is in flux, with options ranging from giving 6-foot-11-inch Jakub Petras major minutes in his freshman year, to shuffling defensive assignments or even playing a zone if things get really bad. Without a strong defense, there is little chance the Seawolves make the NCAA Tournament.



## Women's basketball looks to continue success under new coach

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Assistant Sports Editor

It would have been a Cinderella Story. The Stony Brook women's basketball team, under former head coach Beth O'Boyle, had made a turnaround that people would read about in books.

Four to 14 to 24. Those are the number of wins the Seawolves have had over the last three seasons at Stony Brook.

It would have been fitting if last season had ended in a 25th on the biggest stage of them all. In the America East Championship finals, the Seawolves confronted the Albany Great Danes on their home court, looking to put a bow on a present of a season to Seawolves fans.

Just nine days prior, Stony Brook ended Albany's 38-game America East winning streak in New York's capital, giving Seawolves fans hope they had a realistic chance to reach the NCAA Tournament. Within minutes, the Great Danes silenced that hope, getting out to an early lead they would never let go of, ending Stony Brook's season and the tenure of O'Boyle.

As the coach credited with the top turnaround in the nation left Long Island to become head coach at Virginia Commonwealth, there were more questions to answer other than whether or not the Seawolves would be able to put themselves in a position to win a conference title once again.

Over the summer, new Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron had a big task in selecting a women's basketball coach. He hired Caroline McCombs, who most recently has served on Auburn's staff after spending time

at Northwestern and Pittsburgh. With 11 total appearances in the NCAA or WNIT tournaments under her belt, it is fair to say that Heilbron was looking for experience.

McCombs brings an attitude that will give Seawolves fans positive vibes right away. Fans will hope the combination of experience on the roster and experience on the coaching staff will lead to even bigger and better things on top of last season, which was statistically the best in program history.

Yes, Stony Brook lost a key cog to their machine in Chikilra Goodman, who was not only on the first-team All Conference, but the America East Defensive Player of the Year. What Seawolves followers need to think about is how much they still have left, and the room it leaves for growth.

At the point guard position, one feisty player on the defensive end in Goodman will likely be replaced by an equally tenacious one on the offensive end. Sophomore Kori Bayne-Walker earned a reputation as a bulldog last season.

"She [Bayne-Walker] was fortunate to play under a good point guard last year and I think she was able to see some things from the bench and come in and add her game into the system," McCombs said. "She's going to have the ball in her hands a lot this year."

The stalling of the Seawolves offense would call for one thing, and that was Bayne-Walker. Whenever any rhythm was lost, she would bring the ball up the floor, and drive it right into the heart of oppos-

ing defenses. Her court presence may or may not be able to match that of Goodman's, but her determination will be a big factor in how smoothly both sides of the floor run this upcoming season.

According to McCombs, the team will look to get up and down the floor throughout the season, which will make Bayne-Walker's development a key.

It will be interesting to see which of the three freshmen will figure into McCombs and her staff's plans the most this season, as much of the rotation remains, with only Teasha Harris graduating with Goodman.

Kacie Juday, a guard from Tipton, Ind., looks to be someone who can make an immediate impact for Stony Brook. She accounted for 427 steals in her high school career, ranking fifth all-time in the state of Indiana.

Looking ahead at this season's schedule, after a lopsided defeat in last year's WNIT to Michigan, the Seawolves get to head to North Carolina for a huge opportunity against 21-time NCAA qualifier Duke. When Stony Brook travels to Durham, N.C. on Nov. 28, they will see what it is like to compete at the top level of the NCAA, and more importantly, give themselves a chance to boost their confidence for the rest of the year by competing well.

As the Seawolves near 2015, they will have their last warm-ups for conference play when they host the Seawolves Holiday Classic on Dec. 28 and 29, playing games against Western Michigan and Norfolk State. Just

days later, the most important and vital part of the season begins. However, the Seawolves will not get ahead of themselves.

"We're just looking at short term goals and treating every game the same," McCombs said.

The new year rings in America East play, with the first of 16 crucial games which will not only decide where the Seawolves stand in the conference, but how difficult their road to the America East Championship finals will be. Last year, the Seawolves lost a mere three games during their conference slate, earning the No. 2 seed in the tournament. This allowed them to stay away from their biggest rival and toughest threat to overcome in pursuit of a NCAA bid: Albany.

After last year's tough loss against Albany in the America East tournament, things looked grim heading into this season, with every key piece to the Great Danes puzzle returning. However, center Megan Craig, known for towering above everybody on the court and attempting to bully opponents around with her physical play, will not be returning after graduating early. That could be the hole that preseason All-America East first team selection, senior Sabre Proctor, will look to expose, as she can both power her way inside and drag whoever is guarding her outside, where she has a very deft touch on her jump shot.

"Every year is a new team," McCombs said, and it will be this new team that looks to take another shot at Stony Brook history by earning an NCAA bid.

### Player to Watch: Brittany Snow

Junior Brittany Snow is the definition of effort, and she is looking to follow up a solid sophomore campaign. Nobody will rave about a flashy jump shot or unparalleled athleticism when discussing Snow's game, but the work she puts in down by the basket is second to none. Whenever Stony Brook is in desperate need of a big offensive board, it is Snow who is there. Same thing goes on the defensive end, as Snow, who led the team in minutes last year, always finds herself in a good spot to put an end to opposing plays.

### Potential Breakout Star: Kori Bayne-Walker

After spending much of last season coming off the bench, Bayne-Walker will have a look at more minutes this year, which come with more opportunity. She should absorb many of the minutes released by the graduation of Chikilra Goodman and Teasha Harris, both of whom spent much time at the point guard position last season. With those minutes, the high pace Bayne-Walker brings to the table will not only enhance her own stat sheet, but tire opposing defenses, which will open things up for the rest of the Seawolves.

### They make the NCAA Tournament if...

...they continue what they did better and better as their 24-win season got into its conference slate. That is, the Seawolves kept things inside the paint, whether it was feeding the likes of Sabre Proctor and Snow down in the low post, or having one of their guards, especially Bayne-Walker and Jessica Ogunnorin, cutting past defenders towards the rim. The more Stony Brook players driving to the hoop, the less opposing defenses can force up bad looks from the outside and the more the Seawolves' top-notch offensive rebounding could come into play.

### The Seawolves fall short if...

...they do not adapt to coach McCombs' defensive mentality. Yes, the Seawolves were stout on the defensive end, ranking third in the America East last season, but a new system brings new challenges. A scheme is only as good as the coach's players execute it, making the nonconference schedule extremely important. Stony Brook will have 13 games to adjust on top of the practices the team has already gone through, but from the end of the nonconference schedule on, every single game matters.



## Warney works to take his game and his team to new heights

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

It should not surprise anyone that 2013-14 America East Player of the Year Jameel Warney's preferred song to listen to before a game is "Return of Simba" by J. Cole. The track opens with a sampling of "The Lion King" in which Mufasa, Simba's father, tells the young cub he is destined to be the new king once Mufasa passes.

For Warney, becoming leader of the Seawolves might as well have been a monarchical process, made inevitable at birth.

"When he arrived on campus I told him that [it would be his team,]" head coach Steve

Pikiell said. "This year I think he truly believes that now. You see it in practice now, you see it in the locker room too."

For Warney, the transition never had to be explicitly noted and he is already working on being the best leader for a team devoid of seniors.

"You can just feel it. It's just transferring from the seniors' team to my team," Warney said. "Everybody's younger now, less experience. They're listening to us leading the stuff. It's a different experience from last year. Past few years I've tried to lead by example, but

now this year I have to lead by both vocal and by example."

The example Warney has made is one of the best in mid-major basketball. As a sophomore last season, Warney averaged 14.5 points and eight rebounds in 29.7 minutes per contest. He ranked fifth in the entire nation in field goal percentage at a 61.6 percent clip and 50th in double-doubles. In a game against the Detroit Titans, he scored 32 points and collected 21 rebounds on 13-14 shooting from the field.

For all his low-post scoring ability, Warney's is also a deft passer when facing opposing pressure.

"We broke down all the tapes, Meel got a lot of touches," Pikiell said. "This year, we need him to score on those touches. He was our best passer last year, passed the ball out of the post a ton. One of our huge emphasis is to have him score most in the post. He's very unselfish that way and I love that trait, he's a big guy that can pass, I love that trait. Now we gotta get him to be a little more selfish to score when he gets those touches."

"It's a great feeling having your teammates score," Warney said, "I feel like having my teammates score makes my game easier because you have to respect everybody else more and then you can't double team me. At the end of the day, there's somebody wide open. You get somebody a great shot. If they make it, they can't double and triple team me for long."

The theory is great on paper, but last season, Stony Brook simply did not have a great deal of knockdown shooters. With Roland L'Amour Nyama, Bryan Sekunda and De-shaun Thrower stepping into the fold and returning players Scott King and Chris Braley likely to get more playing time, Warney will

be even more dominant with the added spacing this season.

"I feel like I have more offense this year," Warney said. "Last year I could just get in the post and just score. [This year] I can shoot a jumpshot on occasion, drive from 15 feet."

The added prowess will go a long way for Warney, who looks to finally lead the Seawolves to the promised land. Asking Warney what would satisfy him come season's end offers no alternative.

"Being in the NCAA Tournament," Warney answered.

The prior disappointments have not been in vain however, helping Warney grow and pass on knowledge to the team's younger athletes.

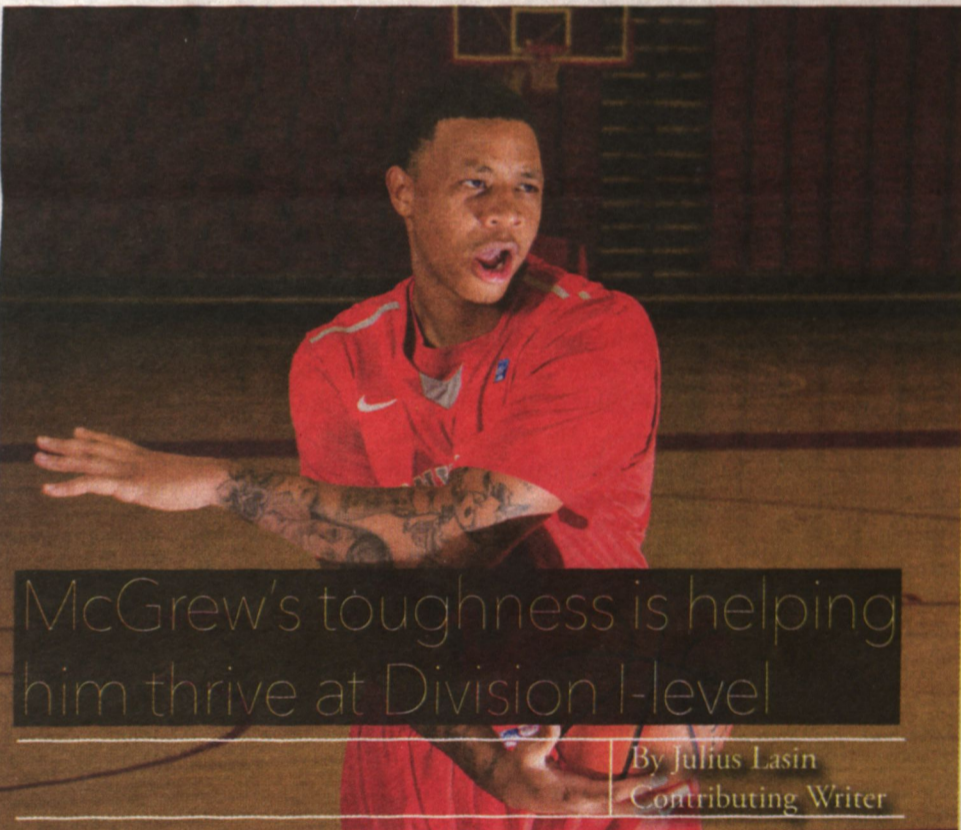
"It's a humbling experience. When you can finally win it's probably the greatest feeling and we're just working hard for that everyday to finally get that feeling," Warney said. "The season is really long. We just gotta stick together everyday, when you're down ten, when you're up ten, you gotta have the same mindset. 40 minutes is a long game."

This mindset of Warney's stems from his roots in New Jersey, a hotbed for basketball talent, with names like Rick Barry, Kyrie Irving and Kenneth Faried catapulting their young careers in the Garden State.

"Jersey is one of the best states out there," Warney said. "I feel like I play Jersey ball. Toughness, togetherness, just do anything to win."

Doing anything is going to be needed come March, when the Seawolves will have another chance at achieving what they have sought over the past handful of seasons.

The throne has been Warney's since day one. Now we get to see what he does with it.



## McGrew's toughness is helping him thrive at Division I-level

By Julius Lasin  
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This winter, junior forward Rayshaun McGrew will be flying all over the floor and setting the tone as a leader for the Stony Brook men's basketball team. For McGrew to do that, he digs in deep and brings an unmatched energy that elevates his teammates, the coaches and the crowd.

To completely appreciate that unique drive and intensity, one would need understand the Chicago native's upbringing.

"Growing up in Chicago is different from a lot of places," McGrew said. "It makes you compete harder, it makes you competitive, it gives you a will to win."

McGrew, who spent his whole life in Chicago before spending a year in Cowley County Community College in Kansas, eventually making his way to Stony Brook last fall, remembers the significance of toughness and competing whether it was at home or in the community.

And growing up in a basketball-rich city like Chicago, where he had to compete against future college and NBA stars Jabari Parker and Anthony Davis, McGrew that knew for him to succeed, he had to outwork and be more tenacious than his opponents.

"Coming from Chicago you gotta be tough," McGrew said. "I always gotta find a way to win, I'll work harder than the person that I'm playing against."

Those around McGrew have noticed his toughness and what it means to the team.

"He comes from a tough background," head coach Steve Pikiell said. "He's had to fight and claw and scrap, and I think that he's brought that mentality here to us."

Even though McGrew has traveled thousands of miles from home, he always kept those Chicago values close to him.

"It [bringing toughness] is something I've been doing my whole life," he said. "I've always been going hard at everything, or I wouldn't do it."

Going 100 percent all of the time is one the principals McGrew's parents taught him at a young age. But even as he has drifted away from home and pursued his dreams, he still makes an effort to follow through, no matter what he is doing.

"Whenever I get the chance, I go hard," McGrew said. "Everyone in family worked hard, so I guess it's in my blood."

Being the youngest child in his family, Mc-

Grew always had a stacked deck against him when competing with his older siblings, and that has played a strong role in molding the fierce competitor he is today.

"I have two older brothers and two older sisters to push me in everything I did" he said. "I'm the baby of the family, so I always had to work harder."

In addition to his family, the surrounding culture and community in Chicago has been a guiding force behind McGrew, on and off the court.

"Everything I did, I had people [in the community] who showed me the way," McGrew said. "I had people who pushed me to do it the right way."

Now, as McGrew has left the familiar confines of Chicago and is spending most of his time in Stony Brook, he understands he must make the most of this opportunity for his city and his family.

"I don't want them to believe that I'm out here for no reason," McGrew, a multidisciplinary studies major, said, in a determined tone. "So I'm going hard in class and going hard on the court."

Although Chicago and his family are on his mind every time he enters the classroom or steps onto the court, he has found a new family to play for—his team.

"I feel like I have a family in Stony Brook too," McGrew said of the team he spends his downtime playing 2K or going to the movies with. "I grew a bond with these guys, they're not just my teammates, they're lifelong friends."

McGrew himself has also been able to acclimate new players and contribute to knitting the team together, playing an integral role in building team chemistry with his toughness, friendliness and maturity.

"Ray had a good maturity since day one," Pikiell said. "Ray's done a great job of being a good team guy that people like want to spend time with."

With teammates and coaches who are determined and motivated to succeed, McGrew knows that he has to give it his all and push forward for them.

"I look at every one of my teammates' eyes, and I know I'm doing it for them," McGrew affectionately said. "I can't be selfish and give up on them because they won't give up on me."

Almost more than anything, it is the com-

mon goal of winning and being the best that bonds McGrew with this team.

"Stony Brook is a school full of winners and competitors," McGrew said smiling. "They told me that if I don't want to win, don't come here."

A year later, it seems that McGrew has done right by the coaching staff and provided his fair share of desire and winning attitude in the classroom and on the court.

"He came here for all the right reasons," Pikiell said.

Though McGrew has found a team and family that has matched and fueled his competitive fire, he recognizes everything still traces back to Chicago.

"I feel like I have a family in my teammates, my coaches, the fans, and all the other student athletes," he said. "But there's nothing like your real family."

When talking about the distance away from his family, McGrew pauses pensively before reflecting on the adjustment he made being away from home.

"Like any athlete you have days where you want to be home or you're homesick and just want to give up things," McGrew said. "But I have the people back home that continue to push me."

But even as he is gone, he knows he can lean on his family to provide him with the spark and support that he himself is known for.

"I talk to my parents all the time...I have my uncles, my aunts, I got my brothers and sisters," McGrew said. "They're big supporters, and I appreciate them."

As this season approaches, McGrew looks up at the rafters and understands it is imperative he does everything in his power to help put a banner up in the newly renovated arena—not for himself, but for his family, in Stony Brook and in Chicago.

"There's family everywhere you go. It's one big family," McGrew said. "With family, you'll do anything for them."

Once it is all said and done, Chicago's native son hopes to return home give back to the wonderful community that has given him so much.

"Although the news and everything shows all the bad things, it's an amazing place in Chicago," McGrew said. "I want to finish my whole life there, and that's it."



Coming into her freshman season at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, Penn., Stony Brook senior forward Sabre Proctor was expected to have a big role within the team. Going to her senior year, she knew it was going to be her year.

"My freshman year I had a big role, but my role totally changed because it was my team," Proctor said.

But in her senior season, it was all up to her and gave her preparation for what was to come.

"It gave me some practice with dealing with different girls and different backgrounds," the senior forward said.

Over 1,600 points and 1,000 rebounds later, she was on her way to the college ranks. But things did not go exactly as planned for Proctor. She got hurt in her final season and a lot of the schools she wanted to go to pulled their offers.

So it was off to North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, N.C. Even though this was not one of her more favorable choices, this was the choice she made because she had some family in the area.

She appeared in 20 games while making three starts for the Aggies, averaging 18 minutes per contest. She was able to average 7.0 points and 3.8 rebounds per game.

"The girls were great and I felt very comfortable with the coaching staff," she said, reflecting on her experience. "I thought the distance would help me grow as a person."

That was not the case, and after one year she wanted to go closer to home. While looking for a transfer school, she reconnected with a coach that had just joined

the Seawolves staff in 2011-2012, Jesse Fleming. Fleming previously recruited Proctor out of high school to go to another SBU, St. Bonaventure in Olean, N.Y.

After one season with the Seawolves, a season Proctor could not play due to NCAA rules, Fleming went to Ohio to join the Bowling Green staff. But other than that, the redshirt year proved very useful to Proctor's transition.

"It was a great time for me to get better," she said about the year.

She was able to jump right into the mix, leading her team to their first win of the 2012-13 season, putting up 16 of the Seawolves' 44 points in a 44-40 victory over the Midshipmen of Navy.

Her career high in rebounds was recorded during this sophomore season in a game in which she also recorded her first career double-double. She put up 12 points and 12 rebounds in a heartbreaking loss against New Hampshire in the America East Quarterfinals.

Last season, she stepped into a big leadership role and took this team under her wing. She was named to the Preseason All-Conference team and lived up to the hype, averaging 14.4 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game on her way to an All-America East nomination at the end of the year.

She also helped the Seawolves put an end to Albany's 38-game winning streak on the road at the end of the regular season, before the Great Danes got revenge in the America East Championship game. That loss earned them a bid in the WNIT in Ann Arbor, taking on the Michigan Wolverines.



Proctor enters her senior season ready to lead the way

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"Believe it or not, but we played a lot of bigger schools at A&T," Proctor said. "But it was a great experience playing at Michigan."

Now this season, the Seawolves will be looking to the finely tuned leadership skills of Proctor and her fellow senior Jessica Ogunnorin, especially with a new coach at the helm.

Caroline McCombs will take the reins at Stony Brook, with Beth O'Boyle taking a job at Virginia Commonwealth last spring.

"She doesn't expect anything other than greatness, so I'm excited to play for her this year," Proctor said.

The goal for this team this season will be to get back and ultimately get over the hump and past Albany and ultimately get to the NCAA tournament, and the team will undoubtedly be looking to the leadership of their senior scoring leader from last season to lead them to victories.

"They are a great team and that's what we're developing to be," Proctor said.

## McCombs preps for challenge of first head coaching job

By Andrew Eichenholz  
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Caroline McCombs has now had 150 days to settle into the ways of life that come with being a Stony Brook Seawolf. Contrary to new Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron, her introduction to the Stony Brook community has been somewhat muted.

News outlets have asked her about her favorite foods and movies to watch, but that is really the extent to which Seawolves fans know McCombs at this point. But at the end of the day, there are certain things that will be more important to the Stony Brook faithful. That is, what McCombs thinks about and wants out of her new team.

Within moments of being around the former Auburn assistant, McCombs made it clear she has expectations. The Stony Brook women's basketball team had the best turnaround in the country over the last couple of years, going from four to 24 wins, yet its new coach is not satisfied.

"We have a winner's mentality," the first-time head coach said. "Our players want to win."

It is safe to say McCombs will make sure to hammer that point home early and often in her tenure at Stony Brook.

Whether that stems from the team's recent success or desire to get to the next step of the America East Conference by battling for another conference championship, McCombs said that in her mind, there are a few things that play an integral role in the journey.

"I think that's just an everyday process of them coming in and working together," McCombs said in reference to her team. "They work together at that everyday."

McCombs may have only been at her new home for about five months, but every moment she has gotten to spend with her team has counted. Stony Brook has become known for their interior play in recent years, with senior Sabre Proctor leading the way, earning first-team All America East recognition last season.

"[It is about] looking to have everyone's

role expand and get good at that role on our team," McCombs said, even if those roles were already major assets to the Seawolves.

According to her, it is those effective cogs in a team effort that will make up what the team needs to do to continue its newly found winning tradition.

"I think you have to play to your players' strengths," McCombs pointed out. "We have certain strengths and our interior game is a big strength of ours."

Another talking point that McCombs already implemented has nothing to do with physical talent for the sport, but something that comes straight from the coach herself: working hard.

If you ask her, everybody on the team, from the three new freshmen for Stony Brook to the role players to the core veterans, there is not one person who is not working extremely hard.

Compared to spending time in a more suburban area down at Auburn in Alabama, McCombs is excited about Long Island and what its surroundings has to offer.

"I've enjoyed being in this atmosphere," the Youngstown State graduate said. "I really am excited about what everything has to offer here."

So, for the first time in her basketball career, McCombs now has the opportunity to take full reins of a college program. Is she ready?

"It's what I love to do," she said. "I spent 15 years as an assistant coach and I've loved all the places that I've had an opportunity to work [at] and I've developed myself as a person over those 15 years to prepare myself for this moment."

That moment becomes a reality right around the corner, as McCombs officially starts her journey with the Seawolves on Nov. 15 in the new Stony Brook Arena.

So, McCombs, what will you do with that moment? Throughout the winter, Seawolves fans will have a chance to find out.

## Use of basketball analytics spreads at college level

By Zach Rowe  
Staff Writer

One of the major movements in the basketball world in the past decade has been the rise of the use of analytics. Analytics is the use of mathematical techniques to extract as much information as possible from traditional information available.

These techniques have been used in a variety of ways, from improving player development, coaching strategies and team construction. NBA front offices have not been the only ones to use analytics either—NCAA coaches including Brad Stevens, Thad Matta and Bo Ryan have all used advanced statistics to help build their programs.

Some schools, like Pittsburgh, have designed their teams around the use of advanced metrics, while schools like Iowa State have their entire play style designed around an analytical concept. However, for the Stony Brook men's basketball team, stats are a just a tool to help build around a program based on old school scouting and coaching.

"We grind through stats and we try to get as many advantages through our Synergy software that we have that kind of grinds through it but I'm more about getting stuff done on the court," coach Steve Pikiell said, "Sometimes you can do analysis until paralysis. We try to look through a few things, defensively especially, and we try to help our players out too with as much as we can. I don't like to overanalyze the numbers sometime."

There are a variety of ways advanced statistics can be used to improve a team. One is through using shot charts to better determine which types of shot should be taken. Shot charts can be used to visualize where a player's scoring strengths lie. By using these charts, teams can improve their probability of scoring by taking shots players are better at knocking down.

"We go through some of that," Pikiell said. "I kind of know where a guy should be shooting anyway. I don't need a shot chart to tell me that."

One of the key ideas in NCAA basketball is the "Four Factors" a concept created by Dean Oliver, also known as the founding father of the basketball analytics movement. These four factors are the four facets of basketball that determine if a team will win.

The four factors are shooting, turnovers, rebounding and free throws. There are a variety of stats that measure these factors for the entirety of the NCAA, which lets us see how well the Seawolves performed last year. Shooting is measured by effective field goal percentage, a variation on field goal percentage that adjusts for the value of the three point shot.

The Seawolves were a slightly above average team on both offense and defense, shooting with a 50 percent effective rate while letting up only a 48.1% rate, compared to the Division 1 average of 49.6 percent. The Seawolves turnover rate was decidedly average, as they ranked 203rd in the nation in giving up turnovers and 124th in creating them for the opponent.

The Seawolves' true strength lies in their rebounding. They ranked 73rd in the nation in offensive rebounding rate and 14th in the offensive rebound rate of the opponent. Their weakness lies in their ability to generate free throws however, as got to the line at a lower rate than the Division I average and allowed the opponent to generate numerous opportunities at the line.

The Seawolves will face a tough test in repeating their success from last year. They still, however, have a couple of major contributors coming back. Having both Jameel Warney and Carson Puriefoy coming back will help the Seawolves maintain their shooting and rebounding prowess.

Warney in particular, was a dominant force, ranked 33rd in the nation in effective field goal percentage while being a top 150 rebounder. In the end, it will come down to the new wave of recruits to match the lost production from Anthony Jackson, Eric McAlister and Dave Coley.

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## Roland Nyama leads program's young group of rising recruits

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The life behind a Division I basketball player is never one fully understood by someone other than the athletes themselves. For most observers, the athletes are defined by their athletic ability and the performance they put on the court every game.

Not many hear about the life of the athlete off the court and the adjustments they must make in order to live a college life along with life of an athlete. For Roland Nyama, this involved making adjustments for a multitude of things including leaving home to come to America, finding a college and making it onto a Division I team.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Nyama grew up playing basketball in the home country of one of his idols, Dirk Nowitzki. Throughout his childhood, Nyama would watch college basketball's NCAA Tournament and dream

of one day being a part of it.

"When I was younger and just started playing basketball, I had told my mom how I wanted to play college basketball because I had watched March Madness and it looked really cool," Nyama recounted, "She reminded me of that one dream I had of playing college basketball."

To fulfill that dream, Nyama's mother encouraged him to go to America and seek out a university to play for. This way, he could pursue an education and play college basketball, something that is very difficult in Germany.

Nyama would end up coming to America, playing at both Holderness School in New Hampshire and with the Westchester Hawks, part of the AAU. At Holderness, Nyama was a teammate of current Stony Brook forward Scott King. It was there they developed a friendship ultimately leading to Stony Brook's interest in Nyama.

During Nyama's time with the Westchester Hawks, former Holderness teammate King suggested Stony Brook take a look at Nyama. Taking his advice, Stony Brook head coach Steve Pikiell attended one of Nyama's games in Philadelphia. Pikiell and the Stony Brook basketball staff were impressed enough that Pikiell approached Nyama and expressed his interest in him.

"Coach Pikiell told me he wasn't here to recruit me, he was here to coach me. It was really different," Nyama said. "All the other coaches were giving me letters about how great their facilities were. Coach Pikiell just came up to me and was like 'I'm here to coach you, you may not always love me but I'm here to coach you, I'll be honest with you,' and that really stuck out."

The honest approach was the best approach for Nyama, as he decided on Stony Brook even though he received offers from other D-I schools, like Robert Morris, New Hampshire and Central Connecticut State.

Since the day Nyama signed to play at Stony Brook, he felt comfortable he was making the right choice. His first year would be a redshirt year in which he would have time to adjust to college life and the responsibilities of a Division I athlete.

"It benefited me in terms of getting to know what I was getting myself into. I learned to get my homework done before practice, talk to my teachers about traveling and hand in everything on time," Nyama said, "I've learned to assimilate to the life of a D1 athlete, take care of my body and get stronger."

As for many anxious freshmen athletes, a redshirt year may be looked at as a bad thing, but Nyama looks back and embraces the redshirt year. He credits it with giving him the chance to make connections outside of basketball and allowing him to mature as a person.

With his redshirt year now behind him, Nyama looks to help the team in a big way. You can look for No. 24 on

the court come mid-November, as he is sure to get significant playing time.

Nyama said he enjoys watching another No. 24, Kobe Bryant, because of his ability to contribute in multiple aspects of the game. Bryant's versatility is something Nyama looks to bring in his own game every time he walks on the court.

"I can just do a little bit of everything," Nyama said. "Score a little, pass a little, defend."

Not only can Nyama help the team on the court with his athleticism and ability to facilitate, but he also has a way about him that can one day help him grow into a leader. Never a dull moment, Nyama has a great personality and is someone who is fun to be around.

When asked what he likes to do outside of basketball, Nyama expressed his passion for reading books, specifically Harry Potter. Being a linguistics major, it was only fitting he would read the series in English, French and German multiple times. He also enjoys testing his FIFA skills against teammate Bryan Sekunda.

"I'm kind of an undercover nerd; I like Harry Potter a lot, I've read every Harry Potter there is," Nyama said. "And FIFA 15 is the greatest game on this planet, also the most frustrating game. I play it a lot with my friend Bryan Sekunda. He always beats me."

When the video games are over and books read, Nyama works towards guiding Sekunda and the other young Stony Brook players. Nyama understands some of the difficulties with being a freshman athlete and tries to lead them through the adjustments that come with the territory. Using both his own experience and the help he received from other mentor-like figures, he hopes to become a leader on and off the court.

Nyama also acknowledges the recent history of Stony Brook's basketball program and sees how motivated the team is to make the NCAA tournament this year. He notes how the group of guys they have this year is a closer team than he has ever been a part of.

"I'm aware of the struggles, but this year I feel like we can make it because everybody is hungry and we're a good group of people. We all get along," Nyama said, "I've never been on a team that's so tight."

After recent years when talented teams have come and gone, it seems Nyama and company are filled with optimism and enthusiasm regarding the year ahead and the team Stony Brook has assembled, confident that they can finally accomplish what no other Stony Brook team has done: reach their first-ever NCAA tournament bid. It will take a full season's worth of effort, but given the talent and balance of both hunger and composure, Stony Brook should be a name we hear when March Madness talks begin.

Senior guard Jessica Ogunnorin is definitely a long way from home, but is making the most of her last season at Stony Brook.

Hailing from Athens, Greece, adjusting is what she does best. Before joining the Seawolves, Ogunnorin spent two seasons with the University of California-Riverside Highlanders. In California, she found her work was cut out for her.

"The major difference is athleticism," she said. People here [in the United States] are stronger, faster, more explosive."

But she also found the American players are more on her level. Eye-level, that is.

"I think something I had to deal with and understand was the difference in height," Ogunnorin said. "I was always one of the tallest players back in Greece so I used to be the post back there. Then I come here and I see people my height playing the three position, so that was an adjustment."

One of the strongest parts of my game was rebounding, even back at home," she said. "I've just embraced that and I love rebounding so it's really one of my goals to rebound as much as I can whenever we play."

After arriving at SBU, Ogunnorin had to adjust to new teammates and new coaches. Former head coach Beth O'Boyle's departure meant more change, which she welcomed with open arms.

"I left my old school, I came here, I learned how to adjust to coaches," Ogunnorin said. "At this point, I embrace changes, I think that changes are always for the better, so one of the things that's really important is just buying into the new concepts, the new ways of playing, and we'll get the best out of it."

Ogunnorin said bringing her California experiences to New York only helped her grow as a player and a person.

"Prior to going to my last school, I hadn't even been to the United States so it definitely helped me," she said. "I learned a lot about the culture, the style of game, my first team was really a team full of athletes so it really prepared me for this conference and any conference I would go to. I learned a lot from that experience and I try to take everything that I learned from there and use it for the better."

But after sitting out her sophomore season, she made a big impact at Stony Brook her junior year, which she started out unsure if she would even play.

"For me, it was really like a gift because I transferred from a D-I and we weren't sure that I was going to play so I had to wait from the NCAA so I was really grateful for that," Ogunnorin said. "Prior to last year, I had sat out so I was really glad I was given a chance to be part of the team that makes such history."

Part of making Seawolves history included breaking Albany's 38 conference game winning streak. On March 1, 2014, Ogunnorin was the top scorer against Albany with 18 points, picking up nine rebounds along the way.

"It was a really big thing for us," she said. "Albany is one of the best teams in the conference and we respect them and their work and everything. It was important for us to know that we're able to do that and by being consistent and focused, we can have good results."

But to be named to the America East All-Championship team, the work started on the West Coast.

"One of the main reasons I decided to come to the U.S. was to be challenged," she said. It was really tough in the beginning as a freshman [because] I wasn't as strong as I am now. I think the way I overcame that was by lifting, focusing on just getting stronger, eating better, just being in the best shape I could."

Now as a senior, Ogunnorin said she wants to take on a larger leadership role on the team. This year, she and Sabre Proctor are the only two seniors on the roster.

"I want to be able to give back now," she said. "All the things that I learned from transferring, different coaches...I told myself that I would give back, teach all the values and habits that I learned, and just try to be a really good role model for my teammates on the court and off the court."

As for personal goals, Ogunnorin said she just wants to enjoy her last season as a college basketball player.

"I want to be the best athlete [I've become] all these years," she said. "I told myself I want to have really good experiences and memories with my teammates and make the most out of it and give my all."



Jessica  
Ogunnorin:  
Champion  
of Change

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Binghamton University  
**BEARCATS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 5

Binghamton struggled for much of last season, going only 4-12 in conference play, but is likely to be better this season. Four of the team's five starters last year were underclassmen. These young players struggled to defend the three-pointer last season, as opponents shot 38.5 percent from beyond the arc. Last year's starting big man Roland Brown has graduated, so sophomore Magnus Richards will likely be thrust into the void at center. Binghamton has, being asked to anchor the zone. Offensively, the Bearcats are led by junior Jordan Reed, who was third in the America East in scoring and first in the conference in rebounding.



University of Maine  
**BLACK BEARS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 8

Last season, only two teams in the entire country (BYU and Northwestern State) played at a faster pace than Maine did, averaging an offensive possession of 15.0 seconds (3.0 seconds faster than the NCAA average). The Black Bears hope this up-tempo approach pays off more this season than they did last season, when they finished 4-12 in the conference. Maine did not have a single senior last season, which means the team will be bringing everyone back. The Black Bears are led by Xavier Pollard, who averaged 14.7 points per game last year.



University of Albany  
**GREAT DANES**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 3

Last season's America East champions are going to be asking new players to step up this season, as three starters from last season have graduated. The returning starters are power forward Sam Rowley and shooting guard Peter Hooley, who was named to the pre-season All-Conference team. The Great Danes will ask upon Dallas Ennema, a wing, and big man Michael Rowley (twin of Sam) to have expanded roles this season. The point guard is up in the air for Albany, who may look to Anders Haas, a sophomore, to fill the role. Haas played sparingly last season, but was mostly a three-point specialist when he did take the court. He took 44 three-pointers last season and only nine two-pointers.



University of Hartford  
**HAWKS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 2

The Hartford Hawks are undoubtedly the most experienced team in the conference, returning all five starters from last season. The Hawks, who lost to Stony Brook in last season's America East semi-finals, lived and died with the three-pointer last season. Over 44 percent of the Hawks' field goal attempts last season were from behind the arc, the highest rate in the conference and the tenth highest rate in the country. With this style, the Hawks are one of the smallest teams in the country, with four starters at 6-foot-4-inches or shorter. Hartford is led by their senior big man Mark Nwakamma, who was fourth in the conference in scoring last season at 15.3 points per game.



University of New Hampshire  
**WILDCATS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 6

New Hampshire, coached by Bill Herrion, is looking to improve on a 6-24 (4-12 in conference play) 2013 season. In his first seven seasons as head coach, Herrion racked up 83 wins overall, placing him fourth all-time for New Hampshire. UNH was picked to finish sixth place in the America East preseason poll. Sophomores Jacoby Armstrong and Daniel Dion are the team's strong points. Dion, who averaged 8.1 points per game last season, is the team's top returning scorer. Their first game will be on Nov. 14 at Boston College.



UMass Lowell  
**RIVER HAWKS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 9

Pat Duquette is beginning his second season as head coach of the UMass-Lowell River Hawks. Prior to working at UMass, Duquette was the associate head coach at Northeastern University, where he helped his team to the Colonial Athletic Association championship in the 2012 season. The River Hawks placed fifth in the America East conference during the 2013 season with an overall record of 10-18 and a conference record of 8-8. The team was predicted to come in ninth place in the America East preseason poll. The River Hawks have five veterans and nine newcomers on the team this year. Their first game will be on Nov. 14 at Ohio State.



UMBC  
**RETRIEVERS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 7

UMBC is coached by Aki Thomas, beginning his third year as head coach of the Retrievers. In 2012, Thomas led his squad to victory over No. 3 Hartford in the championship quarterfinals, with three key players down due to injury. UMBC placed sixth in America East play with a 5-11 conference record and a 9-20 overall record. The Retrievers were predicted to place seventh in the America East preseason poll. Rodney Elliott, last year's Rookie of the Year, averaged 15 points per game for UMBC. He is among seven returning letterwinners. Their first game will be on Nov. 14 against Akron.



University of Vermont  
**CATAMOUNTS**

### Preseason Ranking: No. 4

Vermont is coached by John Becker, a three-year veteran as head coach of the Catamounts. In his tenure as head coach, Becker has led his team to three straight 20-plus win seasons and three straight postseason appearances. Vermont finished the 2013 season in first place in conference ball, with a 15-1 America East record and a 22-11 total record. The Catamounts were predicted to come in fourth place in the America East preseason poll. Only one starter, Ethan O'Day, will return to play this year. O'Day is the team's top returning scorer, averaging 7.8 points per game. Their first game will be on Nov. 15 against Canisius.

## WOMEN'S

Analysis by Cameron Boon  
Assistant Sports Editor

### Preseason Ranking: No. 9

The newly-named host of the Women's Basketball America East Championships will look to make its visit a little longer than it was last season, as the team lost to Albany in the Quarterfinals 77-59. They will also have a new coach in their system, as Linda Cimino will take on a roster that has six returning players from last season, including one returning starter. The Bearcats had only one player in the top 20 in the conference in scoring last season and they will look to have Sherae Swinson (10.1 ppg) lead them again in her final season in black and green.

### Preseason Ranking: No. 5

Maine finished fourth in the standings last season, but was upset by Hartford in the Quarterfinals of last season's America East tournament, the team's most successful season since 2004-2005. The team also got its first postseason win since 1999 when they defeated the Bucknell Bison in the WBI first round 77-47, before losing in the second round to Fairfield 63-50. The Black Bears combined with Albany's men's team to be the only America East schools to earn postseason wins last season. The Black Bears return four starters back to Orono, including All-Conference Second Team selection Liz Wood, who averaged 12.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

### Preseason Ranking: No. 1

The three-time defending America East Champion Great Danes look to be reloaded again after defeating Stony Brook in the America East Championship game last season. They return eight letterwinners along with three starters, including defending Player of the Year Shereesha Richards. The junior led the conference last season in points per game (20), rebounds per game (8.9) and field goal percentage (62.4 percent). The Great Danes will look to keep their conference dominance going, as the team has won 45 of last 48 conference games dating back to three years ago.

### Preseason Ranking: No. 3

The Hawks have been a steady ship in the America East the last 11 seasons, finishing fifth or higher in every single one of them, including winning the tournament in 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2007-2008. They also reached the conference semifinals for the ninth time in the past ten years. Head coach Jennifer Rizzotti returns for her 15th season, and is the all-time winningest coach in America East history with 89 career victories. The Hawks also return four of their five starters from last season, including Amber Bepko, who led the team in scoring at 10.7 ppg, and the America East Sixth Player of the Year, Morgan Lumb.

### Preseason Ranking: No. 4

The Wildcats finished last season in third in the conference along with a trip to the America East Semifinals, losing to Stony Brook. That was its highest winning percentage since 2004-05. New Hampshire now has back-to-back semifinal appearances under their belt, and return four of their five starters from a squad that had the school's highest conference winning percentage since 1996-97. They will definitely be looking to take that next step to the conference championship game, and will look to their strong front court to do so, led by Corinne Coia (11.8 ppg) and Elizabeth Belanger (10.3 ppg).

### Preseason Ranking: No. 7

This newcomer to Division I last season held its own for awhile, but finished tied for 7th in the conference with Vermont. First-year head coach Jenerrie Harris will look to build upon that in her second season, and the school's second in Division I-play. The River Hawks bring back nine returning players, including all five of their starters. This roster featured a pair of Second Team All-Conference players last season, with Shannon Samuels and Jasmine McRoy. Both women finished in the top five in the conference last season in scoring, with Samuels finishing second at 15.7 ppg and McRoy finishing fourth at 13.9 ppg.

### Preseason Ranking: No. 6

The University of Maryland-Baltimore County's roster was the youngest in the America East last season, and it just got younger with nine newcomers to the 2014-2015 roster. Head coach Phil Stern, entering his 13th season, returns three starters back to the squad that finished 8th in the league last season, losing in the America East Quarterfinals to Stony Brook. They will expect those freshmen to become a bigger part of the team, especially Taylor McCarley who averaged 9.5 points and 4.1 rebounds per game last year.

### Preseason Ranking: No. 8

Vermont has many returning players on its team, including nine letterwinners and three starters. They finished tied for seventh with the River Hawks last season. This team will be looking to improve upon its sixth seed in the America East tournament last season, giving them a matchup against the New Hampshire Wildcats, which they would lose. The Catamounts have a strong core returning, bringing back leading scorer Kayla Burchill (12.1 ppg) and leading rebounder, Niki Taylor (6.0 rpg). Taylor was also effective scoring the ball, averaging double-digits at 10.3 ppg.



# WOMEN'S TEAM

## Season Schedule

Sat., Nov. 15 vs. Saint Peter's  
 Tue., Nov. 18 at Army  
 Fri., Nov. 21 vs. Columbia  
 Mon., Nov. 24 vs. Bradley  
 Fri., Nov. 28 at Duke  
 Sun., Nov. 30 at Iona  
 Wed., Dec. 3 at St. Francis (NY)  
 Sun., Dec. 7 at Iowa State  
 Sat., Dec. 13 at Morgan State  
 Fri., Dec. 19 vs. Lafayette  
 Sun., Dec. 21 at Wagner  
 Sun., Dec. 28 vs. Western Michigan  
 Mon., Dec. 29 vs. Norfolk State  
 Sat., Jan. 3 vs. New Hampshire \*  
 Wed., Jan. 7 vs. Vermont \*  
 Wed., Jan. 14 at UMBC \*  
 Sat., Jan. 17 vs. Maine \*  
 Mon., Jan. 19 at Albany \*  
 Thu., Jan. 22 at UMass-Lowell \*  
 Sun., Jan. 25 vs. Binghamton \*  
 Thu., Jan. 29 vs. Hartford \*  
 Sun., Feb. 1 at New Hampshire \*  
 Wed., Feb. 4 at Vermont \*  
 Wed., Feb. 11 vs. UMBC \*  
 Sun., Feb. 15 at Maine \*  
 Wed., Feb. 18 vs. UMass-Lowell \*  
 Sun., Feb. 22 vs. Albany \*  
 Thu., Feb. 26 at Binghamton \*  
 Sun., Mar. 1 at Hartford \*

\* Conference Matchup



5 - Kori Bayne-Walker  
SO Guard



1 - Marshauna Butler  
FR Forward



40 - Alyssa Coiro  
JR Forward



34 - Kristie Costantino  
SO Guard



23 - Kim Hanlon  
JR Guard



33 - Angelica Hauer  
RS FR Forward



14 - Miranda Jenkins  
RS JR Guard



32 - Kacie Juday  
FR Guard



24 - Elizabeth Manner  
RS FR Forward



3 - Jessica Ogunnorin  
SR Guard



13 - Sabre Proctor  
SR Forward



4 - Christa Scognamiglio  
RS SO Guard



20 - Brittany Snow  
JR Forward



21 - Aaliyah Worley  
FR Guard

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# MEN'S TEAM

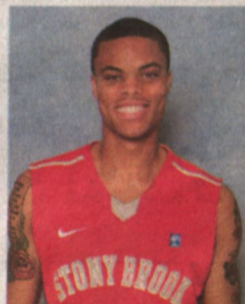
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 Fri., Nov. 21 at Hofstra  
 Sun., Nov. 23 vs. U.S. MMA  
 Tue., Nov. 25 vs. Western Kentucky  
 Thu., Nov. 27 vs. LIU Brooklyn  
 Sat., Nov. 29 vs. St. Thomas Aquinas  
 Tue., Dec. 2 at Cincinnati  
 Sat., Dec. 6 at Princeton  
 Sat., Dec. 13 at Providence  
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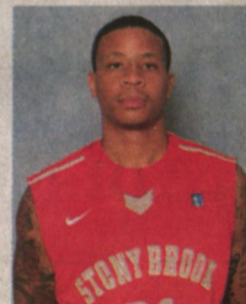
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SO Guard / Forward



33 - Ryan Burnett  
SO Guard



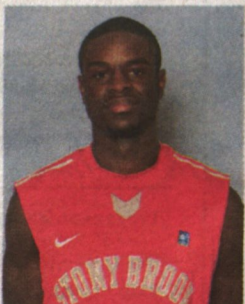
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JR Forward



21 - Rayshaun McGrew  
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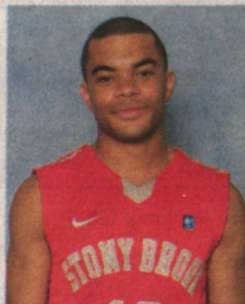
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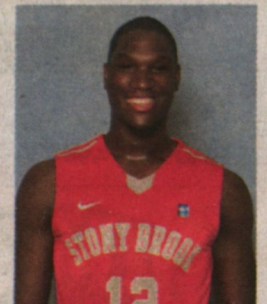
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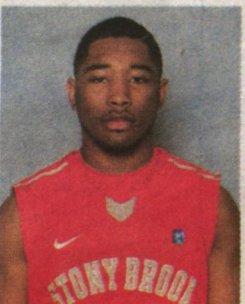
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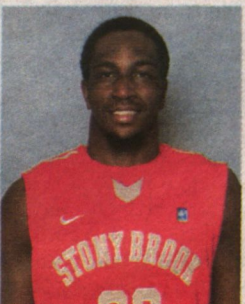
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1 - Deshaun Thrower  
FR Guard



20 - Jameel Warney  
JR Forward



34 - Lucas Woodhouse  
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# French artist helps bring Shadow Puppetry to Stony Brook viewers



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According to the Chinese Shadow Puppetry website, Shadow Puppetry originated during the Han Dynasty.

By Rena Thomas  
Contributing Writer

The Charles B. Wang Center takes Shadow Puppetry beyond a slumber party pastime. Shadow Puppetry's rich theatrical background of South East Asia was highlighted at last Saturday's puppet performance and creative shadow puppet-making workshop. This performance, along with an interactive workshop and exhibit, is one of many the Wang Center will be holding this year.

"Two Tales from Southeast Asia: Aung's Voyage," a Burmese folktale, was depicted through simplistic visuals and imaginative narrative. French artists Caroline Borderies and Christian Barthod brought this cross-cultural art to Stony Brook, drawing viewers into a historical and cultural experience unlike any other.

Aside from Western traditions, shadow puppetry does not consist of contorting one's hand into different shapes. It is played through intricate paper cut outs reflected through a colorful transparent backdrop.

"What I love about shadow pup-

petry is the audience's freedom to imagine the characters in the show as how they want to see them. Because the view consists of only the outlines, the rest is up to the viewer," Borderies said.

Borderies does not specialize in East Asian folklore in particular, but was requested to do so by Jinyoung Jin, the new associate director of social programming of the Wang Center. Her French culture usually bases puppetry around more eccentric themes, like cabaret.

The Wang Center's new up and coming exhibits attracted a diverse range of ages and increased community involvement. With advertisements presented throughout elementary schools and pre-schools throughout the community, this program had a strong family turn out.

"By making programs held on weekends, we hope to attract a more community members, and welcome younger kids and families," Jin said.

There was a family oriented puppet-making workshop prior to the performance. It allowed the public to fully experience the folklore by cutting out

their own puppets and learning the history behind shadow puppetry. The workshop was personally organized by Borderies and Barthod.

Families living in close proximity to the Wang Center attended, as well as Stony Brook students. Stony Brook resident Cliff Moressey attended the show along with his two daughters.

"We have been to the Wang Center before for dance recitals, but we came to this show today on a whim, its great that there are more things to do here now," Moressey said.

The Wang Center has seen an increase in weekend programming in relation with workshops such as the puppet making event. Stony Brook student Kai Chen said "it is very convenient that there are programs on the weekends, it will definitely attract more students like me, who have to write about Wang center programs for class."

The center will present other interactive programs, such as "Chinese Tea Drunk" with Shunan Teng, on Saturday Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. Teng will introduce "Gai wan," a brewing method commonly used in Chinese culture. Attendees will learn the history and culture behind the tea, taste different teas and learn how to brew their own.

Jin expressed how she hopes to increase community involvement at the Wang Center and not just limit it to Stony Brook University saying, "by making programs held on weekends, we hope to attract a more community members, and welcome younger kids and families."

"Ever since [Jinyoung] has become director there has been more weekend activity [at the Wang Center]. In a little over a year as a director here at the Wang Center, she has transformed the venue into a welcoming and interactive space for students and families," Zara Sayeed, assistant program coordinator, said.

# MOMIX dancers embody earth, air, fire and water

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world, especially in Italy, where the dance group is already well-known.

In addition to performing worldwide, the company has also regularly worked on special projects and in film and television. Their shows have been broadcast in 55 countries.

"With MOMIX, I think you should expect the unexpected," Pendleton said.

In his last show "Alchemia," the company managed to manipulate and fuse "the four elements—earth, air, fire and water," in the form of dancers lighting and even music. Pendleton produced a show full of remarkable metamorphoses and artistic thrills that left the audience speechless.

"There are a lot of different elements in there that makes it unique, it's not just a modern dance concert, but it's a visual spectacle and it's very inventive and powerful and kind of sexy and beautiful and positive," Pendleton said.

From the beginning of the show, when a fish was swimming across the stage, until the moment when the dancers manipulated a red cloth to represent flames, the show was captivating.

"We use lights and music and special costumes and props to create, hopefully a dream state that might stimulate the senses...and hopefully it's not a nightmare," he said jokingly.

Every piece of material the dancers used during the performance had meaning. For instance, the lights formed shapes in the dark and the large poles on the stage that represented sea grass.

The dancers worked well together as the men often held and helped the women swing higher and higher in the air. The absolute sensuality of the show was stunning and was definitely an invitation to open one's mind and

look at things differently.

"Don't expect too much, there's no story, other than whatever comes out of your own mind from all the work that we do to create something that gets your imagination spinning," Pendleton said.

People came from all around New York to watch the show. This was the case for Louise Hanson, who came from Wading River.

"I really enjoyed it, I've seen that group before in New York and I knew they did very great things with lighting and special effects," Hanson said. "I found it fascinating, I loved it."

Latrell Johnson came all the way from Brooklyn to enjoy the show and support one of his friends on the stage.

"I thought it was a great show," Johnson said. "I found it very elegant."

The dancers were also very satisfied with their performance on Saturday night. Graci Meier and Jerrica Blankenship are two dancers who are part of the MOMIX Company. While Meier joined the company in 2010, Blankenship joined a year ago. They both shared the same opinion on their overall performance.

"I think we felt pretty good tonight," Meier said. "We were rehearsing last week pretty hard with our director. Its been a while since we performed so this week I feel like we had a lot of notes to put into action and it felt pretty good and fun because we had a nice audience."

For Blankenship, the amount of rehearsal time was definitely a plus. It helped Blankenship feel comfortable on the stage.

"We had a nice amount of time to rehearse today, more than what we normally do when we are on the road," Blankenship said. "We felt pretty comfortable." MOMIX also performed on Sunday, Nov. 2, exclusively for Seawolves.

# Pocket Theatre gives Stony Brook students a Halloween treat with performance of Richard O'Brien's "The Rocky Horror Show"

By Krysten Massa  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the spirit of Halloween, Stony Brook's Pocket Theatre performed Richard O'Brien's "The Rocky Horror Show" on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in the Leadership and Service Center.

During the break between the 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. show on Nov. 1, the actors scrambled around to change clothes, mingle and set up for the next show.

It was a jumble of racing theatre students in risqué dress. All of the actors and the crew, were half-dressed in dark, gothic clothing. Many of them sported fishnet stockings.

"We have a more burlesque theme, it's a bit more sexy," Elizabeth Beckett, senior theatre major who directed the show, said about how this performance will differ from others.

According to Beckett, this is the first musical that they have executed since 2005. She described it as "new territory" for the actors.

Pocket Theatre performers set up round tables around the room.

The tables were adorned with black and red table cloths. On top of them sat bottles of soda, water and wine bottles. Some tables even found condoms scattered on top.

At the event, they gave students brown paper bags, which contained props and instructions. Some of the instructions included how to do the "Time Warp" dance, although many fans in the audience did not need the instructions.

The bag also consisted of pom-poms to throw at the actors and a list of the "callbacks" that the audience members could shout out. When the performers said certain names or words, audience members could participate by yelling out various terms to the actors.

The cast received active feedback from the audience, who were shouting out the callbacks during the show.

"I can't describe the feeling of seeing something that everybody has worked so hard on," Beckett said. "It's the greatest feeling in the world, I'm on a high."

Students Jenn Islam, junior sociology and women studies

major and Christina Ortiz, junior political science major, said that the callbacks were one of their favorite parts.

"It was way better than the movie," Ortiz said. They said that they knew about the show because it was advertised well.

Two out of the groups three shows sold out. The one that did not sell out, the 6 p.m. Nov. 1 show, sold more than half of the tickets.

The show had the audience laughing from beginning to end, but it may not be for anybody who is uncomfortable with sex or nudity.

The show opened up with a spotlight in the middle of the audience focused on the character Magenta, played by junior Kayla Figetakakis, wearing a silver sequin dress and singing. She pranced around the audience, eventually making her way to the stage.

The actors were not restricted to the stage. Often times they ran and danced through the audience, or snuck up behind their chairs and performed a sexy dance.

Dinner was served at 9:45 p.m. "I love that the actors were



KRISTEN MASSA / THE STATESMAN

The film adaption of O'Brien's play "The Rocky Horror Show" debuted in America at the in Los Angeles in 1975.

having fun with it and that they weren't taking it too seriously," Lisa Finn, who traveled from the city to see the performance said. She also said that the cast was spot-on with their characters.

Olatunde Ola, a senior who is studying theatre arts, played Rocky. He spent the majority of the show wearing nothing but shiny, gold underwear.

"At first it was uncomfortable," Ola said. "After a while, you get

used to the cast and pretty much everybody has seen you naked."

Pocket Theatre hopes to perform more musical shows like this in the future. Meghan Ames, who is in her last semester at Stony Brook, played Janet. She describes the cast as a big family.

"There are so many people in this cast that I would have never met, if it wasn't for Rocky Horror, and sincerely every one of them is an amazing soul," Ames said.

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last week's answer

this week's puzzle

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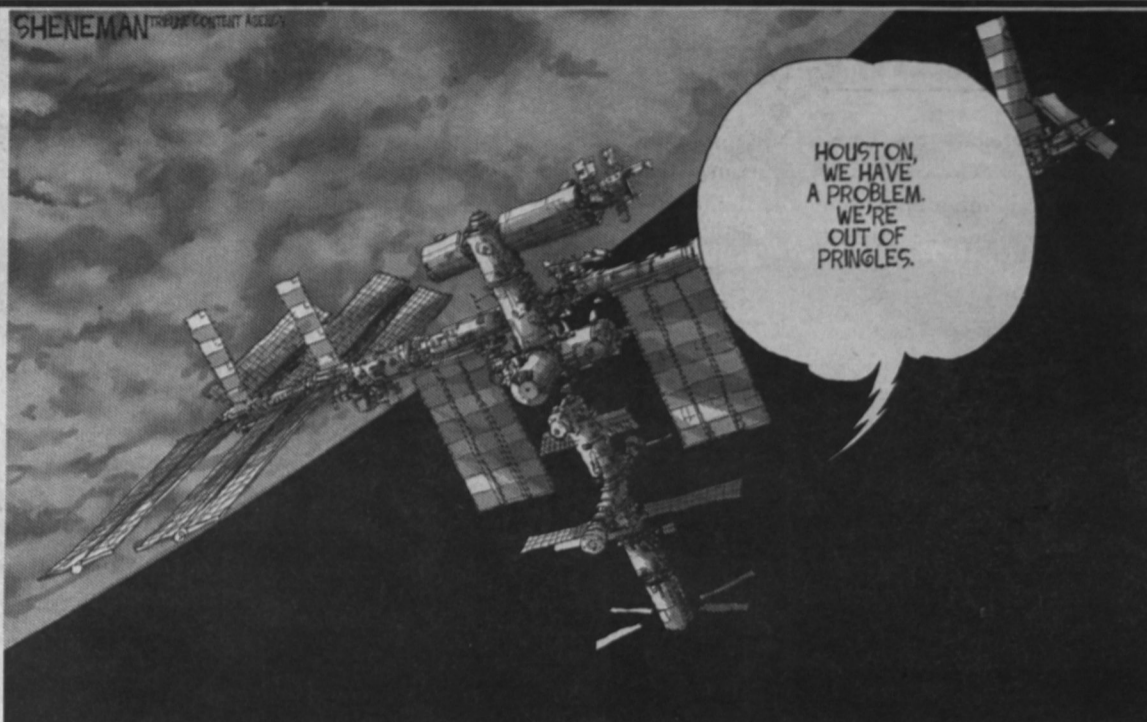
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## SBU's bias at Clinton speech unacceptable

By Jeremy Kline  
Staff Writer

In recent news, the Stony Brook College Democrats are under fire from the College Republicans for a rally in support of Tim Bishop that they believed violated federal voting laws.

The College Republicans claimed President Bill Clinton's appearance at the event was confirmed only a few days before the event happened, which goes against Stony Brook's policy of needing at least one week notice if anyone (that is, a guest) is added to an upcoming event. The group is also complaining Stony Brook's Listserv program favored the Democratic Party by letting students know about the upcoming Democratic rally, but failing to notify students of any Republican activity.

I think the whole thing is politics at its finest. The Republicans are accusing the Democrats of fraud, the Democrats claim they knew nothing about it and Clinton chuckles quietly in the background, noticing the terrible irony of the situation.

All jokes aside, I think the College Democrats should, if there was any wrongdoing on their part, come out and say so. With politics in the balance, I understand why this will never happen, but if you made a mistake, own up to it.

I also sense some validity in the claims the College Republicans have made. For years, Stony Brook University has been regarded as a bastion of liberal thought. In the 60s, Stony Brook University earned the nickname "Berkeley of the East," attesting to the left-leaning attitude which I would say is still prevalent today.

**"It does not surprise me that Stony Brook showed favoritism towards the Democratic Party."**

For instance, let us take a trip down memory lane to early September 2014. For those who do not know, that was when Stony Brook University's fall club fair occurred. If memory serves me correctly, the College Democrats had already filled up an email/sign-up sheet within the first five minutes. The Republican Club, with just three men manning

the table, earned maybe half of those signatures during the entirety of the club fair.

So it does not surprise me that Stony Brook showed favoritism towards the Democratic Party. However, just because the university has historic ties to the Democratic Party, that does not mean the university should have showed any form of favoritism towards the Democratic Party.

It is kind of difficult for Stony Brook to hide behind not advocating for the Democrats. The slogan for the rally was "Get out the Vote!," which has obvious implications for getting students to vote Democrat, and according to students who attended the rally, much of it was centered around getting people to vote Democrat. If the Republicans were not afforded the same opportunity, which they were not, then the rally should have been either postponed or the university should have allowed the Republicans to hold a rally of their own, both of which did not happen.

Ultimately, I think that the Republicans should have been granted the same privileges their Democratic counterparts were granted. In this country, we respect free speech and rallies, not censor them. I think this line of thought is something that every American, not just those involved in politics, can agree on.

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## Young voter turnout is no laughing matter

By Joseph Konig  
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Midterm elections for Congress, New York Governor and state senate are coming up within the next weeks, but the interest and participation among millennials, including Stony Brook University students, appears to be unnecessarily low.

A Center for Information

**“There are an estimated 31.5 million 18-to-24-year-olds in the United States. Why are only a third of us voting?”**

and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement poll released as part of report from earlier this year listed the most common reason for not voting among 18-29-year-olds.

They were “too busy” or had “conflicting work.”

That is absurd and unacceptable.

I had the opportunity two weeks ago to attend the Tim Bishop rally, featuring President Bill Clinton, and the congressional debate between Bishop and his two-time opponent, Sen. Lee Zeldin.

Both were interesting, entertaining and informative events.

Although they were housed in the same venue—the Staller Center main stage—only five days apart, the difference in audience was stark.

The Bishop rally packed the 1,050-seat theater. The Bishop-Zeldin debate did not.

By my estimate there were at most 400 people at the debate, with maybe only 100 being students who were not associated with College Republicans, College Democrats, student media or with Stony Brook Votes,

the bipartisan student activist group who organized the debate as part of their efforts to educate and promote voting among the student body.

About 100 students. Maybe. This is utterly abysmal if we really want to make a change, Stony Brook. We could do better.

There are several reasons why the total attendance for the Bishop-Zeldin debate was less than half that of the Bishop rally and student attendance was less than one-seventh of the attendance at the Bishop rally (700 student tickets were given away for the Bishop rally).

The most obvious one was the presence of Clinton at the rally. If a former president ever fails to pack the house, it would be an anomaly.

The celebrity Clinton brought with him with his arrival to campus understandably would draw attention. Bishop and Zeldin, even together, would be unable to rival that. I get it.

But that only explains why the Bishop rally was packed, not why the Bishop-Zeldin debate was not.

In 2013, there were 6,624 students enrolled at Stony Brook University from Suffolk County, according to the Office of Campus Residences.

With the influx of freshmen this year, I have no doubt that number has stayed largely unchanged. The 1st congressional district, the representation of which Zeldin and Bishop are competing for, contains roughly 720,000 of Suffolk County's 1,493,350 residents, according to the 2010 U.S. Census. For our purposes, we will say half of Suffolk County will be represented in the United States House of Representatives by the winner of this upcoming Congressional election.

Therefore, I think it is fair to say that roughly half of the aforementioned 6,624 students enrolled at SBU from Suffolk County will be represented by the winner of this election. Those are 3,312 students.

100 is 3.019 percent of 3,312 students. At the most, three percent of potential 1st congressional district voters on campus were in attendance at Monday's debate. And that is assuming

every single student there is from the part of Suffolk County represented by the winner of Bishop and Zeldin's competition, which is highly unlikely.

This low attendance at the Bishop-Zeldin event is reflected, albeit not as extremely, in Stony Brook's student body's voting record and that of millennials in general.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that in 2012, a presidential election year, only 38 percent of 18-to-24-year-olds voted. That is 25 percentage points less than our parents' generation and 11 percentage points lower than those in the 25-to-44-year-old range.

There are an estimated 31.5 million 18-to-24-year-olds in the United States. Why are only a third of us voting?

According to Michael Burns of the Campus Vote Project, in 2010, a non-presidential election year, only 26 percent of college students voted.

At Stony Brook, a frustratingly low number of students (1.6 percent of registered voters) voted in the off-year election in 2009, after 80 percent of registered voters went to the polling station in 2008 (which was still a decline from the 96 percent of registered voters who voted in 2004).

**“The millennial voting bloc is more important than it is allowing itself to be.”**

In 2010, in a midterm and gubernatorial election for New York, only 483 votes were cast on Stony Brook's campus.

I urge you to change these trends and turn around Stony Brook's poor reputation for voting, particularly during non-presidential cycles.

The millennial voting bloc is more important than it is allowing itself to be. We are too often discounted by those seeking office because the youth vote so rarely turns out in strength.

Our interests are just as important as that of our parents and grandparents.

Too often I hear complaints that there are too many old white men running our country.

There is a way to fix this and other problems you see in our government. It is rather simple and something all Americans can and should do.

It is called voting.

No matter what party you identify with, what ideology you believe in, what issues matter to you, or whether your vote is one of support or protest, I ask you to vote next Tuesday, Nov. 4.

For local voters, polls will be open at the Student Activities Center from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Dr. Spencer is a hero deserving help, not a man to be condemned

By Jacqueline Ng  
Contributing Writer

It finally happened. Last Thursday, it was confirmed that Ebola has officially spread into New York City. The patient, Dr. Craig Spencer, is being treated in Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital Center after he returned from Guinea and treated Ebola victims with Doctors Without Borders.

The governors of New York and New Jersey have reacted by enacting a new policy, requiring anyone who has come into contact with the virus to be quarantined before they enter U.S. airports.

The people of New York, unfortunately, have reacted by blaming the good doctor for bringing this mess into their beloved city.

With a population of over eight million and millions of tourists coming in and out every day, it was only a matter of time before Ebola came to NYC.

Nonetheless, panicked city dwellers are freaking out as though there is supposed to be an invisible but impenetrable barrier surrounding the five boroughs that magically keeps things like Ebola out.

Some want Spencer out of the city. Some blame him for even returning at all. They feel betrayed that the rat-infested subway lines they rely on so much were not only carrying tons of New Yorkers, but also harboring an Ebola victim.

They are infuriated over the idea that the polluted air they breathe was being shared by an Ebola victim the whole time.

Get your heads out of your behinds, New Yorkers.

First of all, according to the World Health Organization's website, Ebola is spread from one human to another through direct contact with the body fluids of those that are infected.

I am talking about blood, semen and other bodily liquids. So unless you have gone around licking subway poles lately, or have somehow found a way to drink Spencer's spit, you can calm down. Just keep up your personal hygiene, be careful of what or who you touch, and you should be fine.

Second of all, stop blaming Spencer for making the Ebola problem your problem. As the many hopeful pre-med students of Stony Brook will say, the reason why someone becomes a doctor is so that they can help people.

Here is Spencer, actually doing that. He was just trying to be a decent human being and actually do something about the problem, instead of sitting around and blaming people for not acting faster, which is a lot more than I can say for the rest of us.

Like Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, said, “the best way to stop this epidemic is to help the people in West Africa. We do that by sending people over there, not just from the USA, but from other places. We need to treat returning people with respect.”

This speaks to the new quarantine policy as well. Obviously, yes, we need to keep the virus from spreading, but many medical experts, government officials (including President Barack Obama) and healthcare workers have spoken against this policy.

Not only is it incredibly rude, but it sends the wrong message to the public when doctors and nurses are being forced into isolation and it discourages people from helping on the Ebola front.

Instead of treating the returning healthcare workers as disease mongers, we should be treating them like the heroes they are.

They are more aware than we are of the risks they face when they go to Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and many other countries that need their help.

Yet they still go, because this is what healthcare workers live for. They know that the good they can do over there outweighs any potential risks. They do not need this kind of bitterness welcoming them back.

As a fellow and native New Yorker, I cannot help but feel disappointed in the way our city has reacted to this turn of events.

I get it. Ebola is dangerous, it is contagious and it is here. By all means, be scared and be careful. But please, do not be the cold-hearted, selfish stereotype that the world believes us to be.

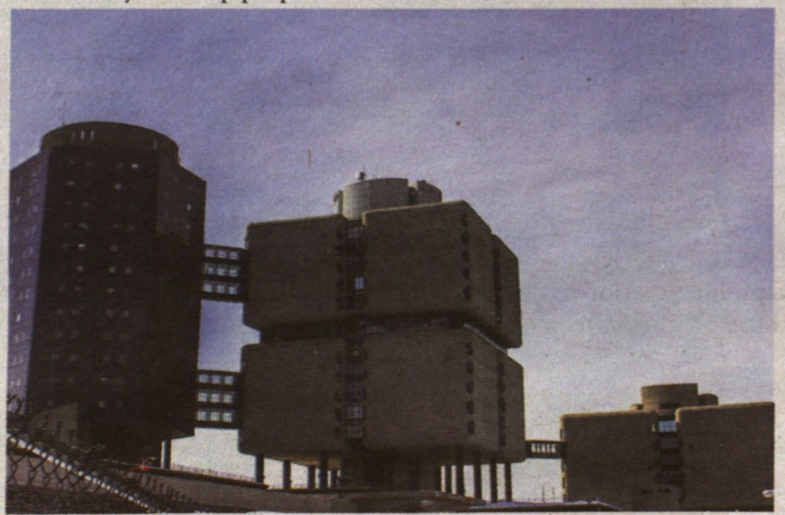
This is a city of liberals and radicals who argue for change and tolerance, a safe haven where any weirdo can go to and claim they belong.

So why are you turning on Spencer, who is just one of us? If this truly is the greatest city in the world, as so many New Yorkers believe, then why does it not show in times like these?



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The Bishop and Zeldin debate on Monday did not seem to have the same appeal that the rally for Bishop did.



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# Lack of scoring results in no postseason for women's soccer

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Assistant Sports Editor

During the 2013 season, Stony Brook women's soccer put at least one goal on the scoreboard in every one of its America East games.

So, looking back at this past season in which the Seawolves were shutout during conference play three out of eight times out on the pitch, it is fair to say that Stony Brook's offense kept the Seawolves from repeating their strong co-America East regular season America East Championship from 2013.

One of the basic principles of soccer is that to win the game, one team must in some way, shape or form put the ball past the opposing goalkeeper into the net.

Not doing so inhibits the team's ability to earn points in the standings, as the very best a team that does not score can accomplish is tie.

Thus, averaging one goal per game on the year was not conducive to a winning season.

After 34 halves of soccer, along with five extra periods, including two double overtime games, the Seawolves finished 2014 after a depleting shutout loss against Hartford with a 5-10-2 overall record, both ties coming in America East play.

They also finished just 2-4-2 in America East conference play.

The loss in the final game of the season was the difference

between making postseason play and finishing in a disappointing seventh place in the America East.

If Stony Brook were to pull off a comeback, which seemed like a reality as redshirt sophomore Raven Edwards clanked a shot off of the bar in the waning minutes of the team's final game, the Seawolves would have finished with 11 points in the standings.

That would have placed the Seawolves above Binghamton, the sixth-place team in the conference, due to head-to-head record.

It was not meant to be, however, as the Seawolves' final goalless game of the year was the dagger in their season.

It is unfair to the Seawolves to make it seem like they did not score, thus they were a bad team, not qualifying for the America East Championships, the conference's playoffs, because of their lack of offensive productivity. That is just not true.

The team played well in certain facets of the game, and with a lot of youth on its side, now has a great deal of experience moving forward.

Looking at conference play, the Seawolves excelled on the defensive side of things, ceding only 1.1 goals per game against their America East rivals.

Considering the team gave up at least three goals on four separate occasions during nonconference play, the quick turnaround to keeping opposing teams off



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The Stony Brook women's soccer team was shutout six times during its 2014 season.

of the scoreboard significantly more was a major plus.

Although the Seawolves will lose four seniors or redshirt seniors next season, including their goalkeeper, a large portion of the team's core is young and will be around for coach Sue Ryan to build a winning contender out of.

2013 America East Goalkeeper of the Year Ashley Castanio, who made 89 saves this season, leaves Stony Brook after helping the Seawolves to the NCAA Tournament in 2012, and to nearly the same fate last season.

Returning, however, is Edwards, a forward, along with fel-

low forward Maddie Good, who will only be a sophomore come the 2015 season.

The duo accounted for seven goals over the course of the season, which amounts to nearly half of Stony Brook's total of 17 on the year.

Also coming back will be Tessa Devereaux, who will be a senior when next season arrives.

The midfielder was a significant contributor all season long, as she not only led the team in shots by leaps and bounds with 40, scoring two goals in the process, but she had seven important assists.

Redshirt junior Regan Bos-

nyak and sophomore Leah Yurko, who both will be returning next season as well, were keys for the Seawolves. The duo each contributed two goals of their own.

It may take a while for Stony Brook to overcome the disappointment of the season.

But some of the best teams in sports history struggled before maturing into strong teams.

With much of the team returning, a load of experience under their belts, next season could be the year in which Ryan not only leads her team back to the playoffs, but contention once again.

## Women's volleyball wins back-to-back nights

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The Stony Brook women's volleyball team traveled to Delaware State this Thursday to take on the struggling Hornets.

The Seawolves swept the match 3-0 (25-19, 25-18, 25-14).

Right side hitter Shelby Tietjen broke a 16-16 tie in the first set with a timely kill, followed by hits from Cydney Bowman and Nicole Vogel.

The Hornets were able to climb back after recording one of their three blocks of the game, making the score 19-17 Seawolves.

Stony Brook rifled off a 6-1 run and Stephanie McFadden soon capped off the set with two consecutive kills.

Tietjen broke another tie in the second set with a kill, putting Stony Brook ahead 12-11.

In the next play, McFadden buried one of her match-high three aces.

The Seawolves soon went on a 7-1 run, ending with three consecutive kills recorded by freshman outside hitter Melann Amory.

Stony Brook looked to finish the match early, jumping to a 12-8 lead to start off the third set.

McFadden and Tietjen worked together to produce a pair of double-blocks, adding to the Seawolves' end total of seven blocks on the match.

The lead was stretched to 15-8.

Senior Hannah Dolan finished off a 4-0 run with an ace and No. 14 Bowman closed off the game with her career-high 14th kill.

Stony Brook finished with a season-high .481 attack percentage in the match.

On Friday night, the Seawolves took on the UMBC Retrievers in an America East conference game.

After winning their past two America East games, the Seawolves were looking to extend the streak while the Retrievers were looking to go on a streak after their win at UMass-Lowell.

In the end, the Seawolves ended up winning the match, sweeping the Retrievers 3-0.

The first set ended in a 25-16 victory for the Seawolves. After a kill by UMBC junior outside hitter Sherelle Walker made it 17-14, it looked as though the Retrievers could make a comeback.

The Seawolves had other plans, only allowing two points in the following volleys.

In the second set, it looked as though the Retrievers were going to comeback against the Seawolves, even leading them 23-20 at one point.

But in the end, the Seawolves made a great comeback, with junior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher getting two kills in a row to seal the set 26-24.

In the third set, the Seawolves broke out to an early lead going up 5-1.

They managed to hold onto the lead and take the set 25-19.

The Seawolves had great individual performances in junior setter Vogel, redshirt senior middle blocker Evann Slaughter, senior middle blocker Taylor Gillie, Fletcher and redshirt junior libero Lo Hathaway.

Vogel had her eighth double-double of the season with 27 assists and 11 digs.

Slaughter had a match high of 12 kills and added four blocks. Gillie had seven blocks and Fletcher recorded six blocks as well.

Hathaway had a team-high 19 digs.

Next up for the 15-11 Seawolves are their two last home games for the season.

On Friday Nov. 7, they will take on Binghamton (8-15, 6-2) in a match that is set to begin at 7 p.m.

Next is a game against Albany (6-14, 4-4) on Sunday Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

The Seawolves then will close out the regular season on the road against two America East opponents.

First they will take on New Hampshire (14-11, 7-1) on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Then they will conclude their regular season on Friday Nov. 14 against UMass-Lowell (2-23, 0-8) at 7:00 p.m.

The Seawolves currently sit in third place in the America East conference standings. They have a 5-3 record in America East play.

## SBU Cross Country shines at America East Championships

By Dylan Moore  
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook's men's and women's cross country teams dominated in the America East Championships on Saturday.

Eric Speakman came in first place overall, winning the 8k race for the second time in the past three years. He finished with a time of 24:41.23.

Speakman became the first Seawolf ever to win two separate cross country titles.

He also received the Elite 18 Award, which is a new conference honor that recognizes the athletic and academic achievement.

The men's team finished in fifth place overall with a total of 115 points.

This was its eighth finish in the top five in the last nine years.

With 59 points, Binghamton placed first in the meet.

Following behind the Bearcats were UMass-Lowell, UMBC and New Hampshire.

Freshman Michael Watts came in 17th place out of 83 total runners with a time of 25:38.21.

Senior Tyler Frigge finished 22nd with a time of 25:42.00 and junior Mitchell Kun finished 30th with a time of 25:53.53.

Rounding out Stony Brook men's showing was sophomore Ryan Tancin in 46th place with a time of 26:19.03, freshman Joseph Acito in 50th, senior Matthew Zamparillo in 53rd, junior Chris Sauer in 56th place and freshman Thomas Wimmers placed 72nd.

Christina Melian led the women's team, finishing in second place in the 5k run in 17:21.77.

The team as a whole racked up 63 points and finished in second place behind New Hampshire.

In the last 13 seasons, the Seawolves placed in the top three for the women's race.

Junior Tara Peck finished ninth out of 86 people with a time of 18:10.03. Freshman Tiana Guevara took 17th place in 18:32.66 and sophomores Christine Eisenberg, Elizabeth Caldwell and Molly Persky took 18th, 21st and 29th, respectively, in 18:36.97, 18:44.04 and 19:02.32.

Kate Pouder finished 36th in 19:16.13 and sophomore Olivia Ritchie came in 38th with a time of 19:17.81.

The Seawolves will continue their championship season at the NCAA Regionals on Friday, Nov. 14th.

They will take place at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y.

# SPORTS

## Men's soccer clinches playoff spot despite poor play

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It is very rare that a team has reason to celebrate after a 5-1 loss. That was the case, however, for the Stony Brook men's soccer team on Saturday night.

The Seawolves fell 5-1 to Binghamton on the road but were still able to secure a playoff spot despite the loss.

A UMass-Lowell victory earlier in the day over New Hampshire allowed the Seawolves to clinch a spot in this weekend's America East tournament.

The Seawolves were in a neck-and-neck affair in the first half, allowing a 12th minute goal, but responded 30 minutes later at the heel of junior Alejandro Fritz, who chipped it over the Binghamton goalkeeper off a cross from freshman Danny Espinoza.

The 1-1 tie at the half would not last, as the Bearcats would drive home a whopping four goals in the second half.

A minute into the second, Binghamton's Logan Roberts drilled a header to give the Bearcats the advantage.

Stony Brook had until the 81st minute to score the equalizer, but could not hit its mark.

Binghamton's lead was then extended to 3-1, before an own goal by the Seawolves pushed the gap to 4-1.

Finally, in the 88th minute, Binghamton added insult to injury with a fifth goal.



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**A loss by New Hampshire on Saturday put the SBU men's soccer team in the playoffs.**

The Seawolves only had five shots on goal to Binghamton's ten.

Two of SBU's shots on goal came from Fernando Wadskier.

The redshirt freshman had a total of four shots in the match.

The poor goalkeeping is likely due to Tom McMahon sitting out the contest, giving the goalkeeping duties to sophomore Jason Orban.

The five allowed goals were a season high for Stony Brook, after never allowing more than three goals in 16 games.

Saturday's defeat came after the Seawolves also fell on Tuesday night.

Stony Brook lost by the score of 2-0 to the Harvard Crimson in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Harvard junior defenseman Philip Fleischman was an unexpected offensive lightning rod in the game.

He scored both goals for the Crimson, his second and third goals of the season.

The first goal came in the 42nd minute and was assisted by Nate Devine on a one-timer amidst clutter right in front of the net.

The second goal was scored in the 65th minute. Fleischman tapped in a long entry pass from Jake Freeman that doubled the

Seawolves deficit.

The Seawolves were outplayed badly in the match, as evidenced by the shot totals.

Harvard, whose record advanced to 9-4-1 with the win, outshot Stony Brook 15-7 in the match.

Stony Brook was held without a single corner kick in the match.

Harvard attempting eight corner shots in the contest.

The Seawolves had solid defense on the corners, preventing the Crimson from tallying on any of their corner kick opportunities.

Harvard committed thirteen fouls in the match, compared to

two fouls for Stony Brook.

The discrepancy in fouls gave the Seawolves free kick opportunities.

Junior Martin Giordano had a free kick saved in the first half, while freshman Thibault Duval and junior Jevaughn Vance missed the net off of second half free kick opportunities.

Giordano was the only Seawolves player with more than one shot attempt. He had two.

Both shots were on goal and needed to be saved by Harvard goalkeeper Joe Festa.

The Seawolves play their next game Saturday at Binghamton before coming home to Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Nov. 5 for their season finale against the UMBC Retrievers.

SBU now has an overall record of 4-12-1 on the season, after losing its second straight contest.

Stony Brook has fared much better in America East play, winning games against conference opponents New Hampshire and Albany this season.

The Seawolves now move on to face UMBC at home on Wednesday night in what will be their regular season finale.

Before the match, the team will honor Keith McKenna, Jevaughn Vance and Mario Mesen, who will be playing their last game in front of the LaValle Stadium crowd.

On Saturday the Seawolves will participate in a quarterfinals matchup in the America East Championships tournament.

## 4th and Goal: Four things to watch for during football's final stretch

By Cameron Boon  
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*With this being a bye week for Stony Brook football, there are no games to react to. Instead, here are four things to look forward to during the rest of the season as the Seawolves look to finish their second CAA season strong.*

### 1st Down: Bedell looking to finish as strong as he has started

Bedell has been the lone consistent bright spot for Stony Brook's ninth-ranked offense and helped the team become the sixth-ranked rushing attack in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Bedell is third in the conference in rushing at 98.9 yards per game, sitting just behind Omar Osbourne (103.6) and Mikal Abdul-Saboor (103.9).

Bedell is also 12th in individual scoring in the conference, averaging 5.3 points per game for a team that only averages 15.6.

Bedell should have huge games in these final three, as the Seawolves take on two of the four worst rushing defenses in the CAA.

James Madison, who will be Stony Brook's opponent in their next game on Nov. 8, allows 197.1 yards per game on the

ground. Rhode Island, whom they host in their final home game on Nov. 15, is the worst in the conference, allowing 246.9 yards per game.

### 2nd Down: Ricard and Victor Ochi looking to lead defense in strong final three games

The Stony Brook defense, which allowed 20 points only twice this season, has been by far the better side of the ball this season. Christian Ricard and Victor Ochi have been leading the way.

Both defensive workhorses near the top in two critical categories in defensive statistics, as he is second in tackles for loss, averaging 1.83 per game.

Ochi is fifth in that category, averaging 1.61 per game.

He has been dominant in the past couple games on the defensive line and has skyrocketed in the sack charts, now averaging one per game.

That is good for third in the best conference in the FCS. Ricard stands in seventh, averaging .72 per game.

The defense will be getting a test in their final three games, as they will face the third and fifth best scoring offenses in the conference with James Madison

(33.6) and Albany (26.2).

After taking on the Dukes, Stony Brook will take on Rhode Island. This should be pretty easy for this defense, as the Rams only average 12.1 points per game which is the worst average in the CAA.

### 3rd Down: Looking to play spoiler in the CAA

For the second straight season, Stony Brook's playoff hopes are down-and-out.

With their loss to New Hampshire two weeks ago, the Seawolves fell to 3-2 in the conference, and are two games behind the Wildcats, who currently stand at 5-0.

Stony Brook cannot qualify for the playoffs since they are without their FCS-mandated seven Division I victories. The best the team can finish is with six, since one of their wins was against Division-II opponent American International.

Stony Brook will look for momentum-building victories now, especially against its arch-rival Albany up in the state's capital on Nov. 22nd.

Stony Brook can spoil the berth possibilities for James Madison as well, as the Dukes will make a visit to Stony Brook.

After last season's 41-38 shootout loss to the Seawolves, the school from Harrisonburg, Virginia will be looking to get revenge.

### 4th Down: Bednarski should use last three games as prep for next year

Though you cannot be caught looking ahead, the Seawolves will be out of contention for the CAA with a New Hampshire win next weekend, or in any of the final three weeks.

Thus, the look ahead to next season is coming quicker than coach Chuck Priore would have liked.

But the QB cycle will hopefully be over until after next year, as Conor Bednarski will be coming back for another year.

So far this season, Bednarski has thrown for six touchdowns and completed 52 percent of his pass attempts.

The Fullerton transfer will not need to be constantly looking over his shoulder next season, as he should go into spring and then preseason practices as the undisputed starter.

The most likely competition will come from Carlos Hernandez, a sophomore out of Moreno Verde, California.

## Stony Brook Sports Schedule

### Football

**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
1 p.m. vs. James Madison

### Men's Soccer

**Wednesday, Nov. 5**  
7 p.m. vs. UMBC

**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
AE Quarterfinals

### Women's Volleyball

**Friday, Nov. 7**  
7 p.m. vs. Binghamton

**Sunday, Nov. 9**  
1 p.m. vs. Albany

### Hockey

**Nov. 8 and Nov. 9**  
vs. Arizona State University