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Stony Brook Football team members raise their helmets to the crowd at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium after the Seawolves' defeat to the Towson Tigers, 21-14, on Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 17. This is the second homecoming game in a row that Stony Brook's Football team has lost.

## Towson sends homecoming crowd away in disappointment

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Sports Editor

Stony Brook senior quarterback Conor Bednarski took the first snap of a drive in the second quarter at Towson's 25-yard-line after his defense stopped the Tigers on the fourth down. Every-

thing was going the Seawolves' way and another score on top of the football team's two-touchdown lead could have put the game out of reach. But sophomore defensive lineman Max Tejada came off the edge and forced a fumble that senior defensive back Donnell Lewis picked up

and returned for a touchdown.

It was that play that changed the game. Instead of pulling away, the Seawolves saw their momentum disappear into the frigid night on Homecoming in front of a record crowd of 12,177 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. The Tigers clawed their way back

to an eventual 21-14 win.

"[It] probably was the pivotal part of the game," Stony Brook head coach Chuck Priore said after the loss. "They got the momentum back and you know it was a bang, bang play."

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## SBU student dies one week after car accident

By Arielle Martinez and Michaela Kilgallen

News Editor and Assistant News Editor

Miguel Lorenzo Roncal, a chemical and molecular engineering major and commuter student at Stony Brook University, died Friday morning, one week after being involved in a single car accident. He was 20 years old.

"This is a devastating loss to all, especially Miguel's family and friends," Dean of Students Timothy Ecklund said in an email to the campus community Friday evening. "On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs, I express heartfelt condolences to all who knew and cared for Miguel."

Roncal was a member of Stony Brook's chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

"He was one of the most genuine people I've ever met," friend Andy Cheng said in an email. "I've never seen him upset or angry. He always had a sense of humor and could make everyone around him smile and laugh no matter how bad of a day they were having."

Newsday reported that Roncal

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## Former student leaves academics to run his own business

By Rachel Siford  
Assistant News Editor

"Anyone over 30 will tell you that you need to go to school," 20-year-old Jake Schmigelski said.

Unlike the friends he left behind, former Stony Brook University student Schmigelski is no longer going to class in Frey Hall and studying for tests in Melville Library this semester.

Instead, his business, Gale International Trading LLC, a brokerage and distribution company serving the food industry, is now his full-time job. Schmigelski dropped out of Stony Brook University this semester to run Schmig's Supply Co., the Gale division that handles distribution.

"I'm never going back to school," Schmigelski said.

He originally chose Stony Brook to stay close to his hometown of Melville, as his business had been strictly brokering back then.

"All of my mentors, family friends are all saying to go back to school," he said. "If you are not in school, it is kind of a sink or swim type feeling. It's like I have to make this work because I don't have a degree to fall back on."

Schmigelski said most of the classes required at Stony Brook may have broadened his mind, but they were not the path to his goals.

As a student, Schmigelski studied business accounting. He currently mentors students on their business plans at the Innovation

Center at Stony Brook.

"Accounting is something I use every single day; it is the most important thing I learned at Stony Brook," Schmigelski said. "That's all that helped from school, and that's why I stopped."

He said having a degree is ingrained in people's minds as necessary, and people think they will not be respected if they do not have one. However, Schmigelski dismissed this sentiment.

"Quite frankly, I don't necessarily care if people respect me," he said. "I respect myself a lot more now that I am sitting in my own office at 20-years-old."

He started his own company in January 2013. His business plans were in the works even earlier, starting when he was 16. He

brought on his old high school friend and former brokerage partner, Connor Quinlan, also a 20-year-old college dropout, as his business partner.

"We've definitely hit some road bumps along the way, but have had a lot of excitement too," Quinlan said.

Quinlan was a student at SUNY Brockport until this semester.

"I don't plan on going back to school, either," Quinlan said.

Schmigelski first started distributing the summer of 2014. The company's main customers are bodegas, gas stations and grocery stores. He has gained close to 200 customers over the past year.

Distribution is different than brokerage because distribution is

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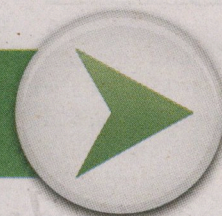


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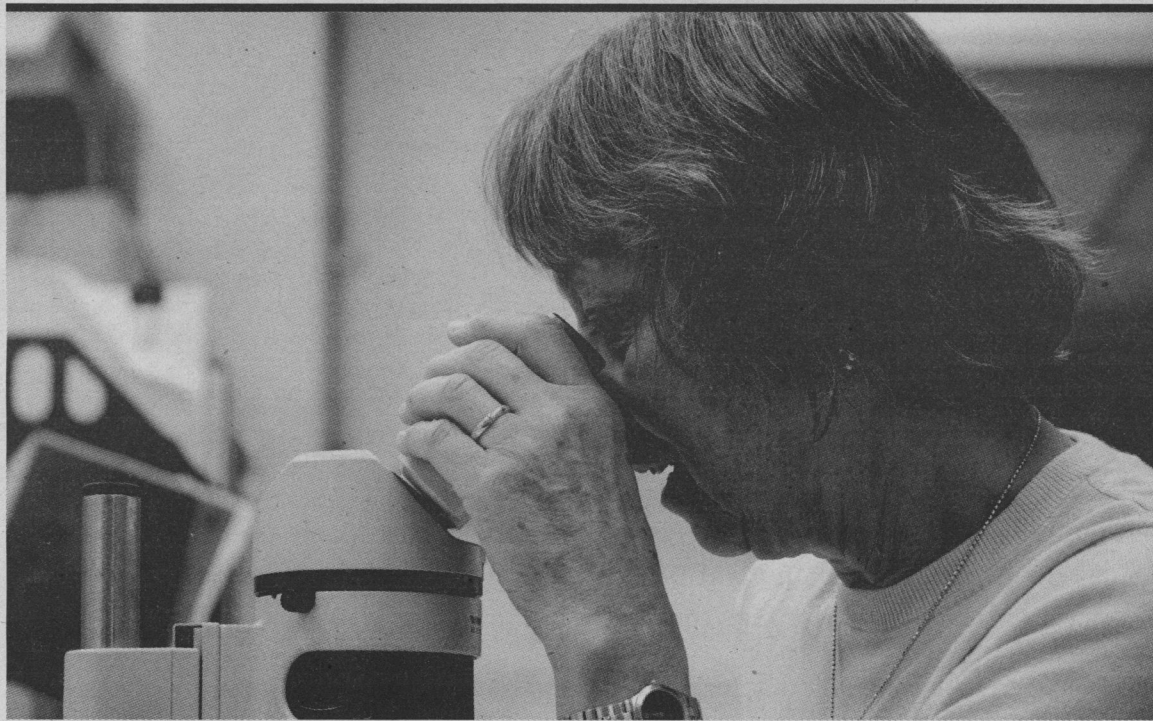
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# NEWS



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Stony Brook professor Josephine Aller, above, looks through a microscope in her lab on Thursday, Oct. 15. She and her research team grew phytoplankton cultures.

## Under the Microscope: Sea spray aerosols may stimulate freezing in the atmosphere

By Brianna O'Neill  
Contributing Writer

The ocean makes up two-thirds of Earth, and yet there is not a lot known about it. Professors Daniel Knopf and Josephine Aller and graduate student Wendy Kilthau at Stony Brook University and their international collaborators have discovered a biological phenomenon that occurs due to the thinnest, top-most layer of the ocean.

These researchers are looking into the biological effects of aerosols on the atmosphere. Aerosols are small particles that are released into the air as a spray. Sea spray is the fine mist that comes off the water when a wave breaks.

"The ocean is still so mysterious," Knopf said. "Something in there may create something that has effects 10 kilometers away. We are

filling a gap in knowledge."

The major discovery is that phytoplankton, small biological microorganisms, are responsible for the emission of nucleating particles from sea spray into the atmosphere. Nucleating particles promote freezing in the atmosphere.

First, Knopf's lab grew phytoplankton cultures, which would be used as a reference in later experiments. The layer of chemicals around the phytoplankton was able to stimulate ice growth, or nucleation. They then collected samples from the topmost layer of the ocean, the sea-surface microlayer.

Upon looking at the spectral "fingerprint" of the real world samples and comparing the samples to their phytoplankton cultures, they found a match. The topmost layer of the ocean contained the same chemicals that were able to nucleate ice.

Making the link between the presence of the nucleating particles and the organism responsible was Stony Brook's part in this international collaboration. This bolsters Knopf's desire to create an analytical database, or library, of these biological organisms and their effect on the atmosphere.

Knopf said he hopes that all of this will lead to the creation of better climate models and evaluation, before taking human intervention into account. This research provides the foundation to keep looking for more links between the ocean and the sky and to keep trying to unravel the mysteries of the ocean.

Those who are interested in learning more about Knopf's research can listen to a scientific talk he will be giving on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. in Room 412 of the Chemistry Building.

## Police Blotter

On Saturday, Oct. 3 at noon, a bike was allegedly stolen from Hendrix College. The case remains open.

On Monday, Oct. 5 at 3:45 p.m., a vehicle allegedly struck a parked car in the Health Sciences garage and then left the scene. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m., a vehicle allegedly left the scene of an accident at the Indoor Sports Complex. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9:30 a.m., a cellphone was reported stolen from the Physics building. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 a.m., a bicycle and its lock were reported stolen from the bike rack at the Student Union. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 12:57 a.m., two male students were allegedly found with marijuana in Roosevelt Quad. Police issued two student referrals.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 1:10 a.m., a male student was allegedly found with marijuana in Roosevelt Quad. Police issued a student referral.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, a fraudulent out-of-state check was reported at the Administration Building. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 5:57 p.m., a student walked into the University Police Department

headquarters after reportedly receiving a fraudulent email. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m., a black road bike with white tape on the handlebars was reported stolen from the Melville Library. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Oct. 8 at 4:05 p.m., an individual in a silver pickup truck allegedly hit a red Dodge Charger with a soda can at University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Oct. 8 at 9:30 p.m., an odor of marijuana was reported in Langmuir College. Police issued a student referral.

On Friday, Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m., a University Hospital patient allegedly scratched a hospital employee, but the employee refused to press charges. The case is now closed.

On Friday, Oct. 9 at 8 a.m., \$400 was allegedly stolen from a University Hospital employee. The case remains open.

On Friday, Oct. 9 at 5:32 p.m., a plastic box containing sushi was allegedly stolen from Melville Library. The case remains open.

On Saturday, Oct. 10 at 12:38 a.m., students in Greeley College were allegedly smoking marijuana in public. Police issued four student referrals.

Compiled by  
Brittany Bernstein

## Former student works on expanding distribution company

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buying and selling. It requires a warehouse and delivery trucks, rather than just being a sales representative.

At 16 years old, Schmigelski was a Citibank intern. He was offered an opportunity to come back every summer until he graduated college and to then get a managerial job at Citibank. However, he realized he did not like working for anyone else.

"I like sitting at my own desk, in my own office," Schmigelski said. "I don't particularly like taking orders from anyone."

At the same time, he was brokering for Divine Brine Pickles, a local gourmet pickle manufacturer, selling to farm stands.

He continued to improve his inventory and to sell to larger clients.

"My first warehouse was a storage unit, 100 square feet, then I moved to 750 square feet," Schmigelski said. "And this is my third warehouse in one year; it's 1,000 square feet."

He tried brokering a variety of materials like metal and construction products under Gale International Trading LLC, but nothing quite stuck until he started brokering food.

"I just wanted to sell, sell, sell," Schmigelski said. "I didn't know it would end up being a food company."

Schmigelski could have waited to graduate to launch his business even further if he had stuck with brokerage, but distribution involves delivery, which is more labor-intensive. Once he started distributing with Schmig's Supply Co., school was too much for him to handle.

When asked to list the qualifications for being an entrepreneur, he listed luck, an excellent work ethic and both mental and physical strength.

"You have to be able to withstand working 36 hours straight and lots and lots of people telling you that you're too young to do this and to go back to school," Schmigelski said.

In distribution, there are no Sundays off. A typical day starts at 6 a.m. so that Schmigelski can



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20-year-old Jake Schmigelski, above, runs Schmig's Supply Company, a division of Gale International Trading.

get to the office and load up the trucks by 8 a.m.. After driving around Long Island and Queens all day, he gets back to the office around 9 p.m.. He then runs the invoices for the day and plans the following day's deliveries, only to repeat the process again the next day.

"I backed myself into a corner in that I have to make this work," Schmigelski said. "Put 100 percent of your money into your idea. It

may not be the most responsible thing, but will definitely make you work a lot harder. And that is sort of what I did."

Schmigelski said he hopes the young company will continue expanding and bringing on new clients every month. They plan on hiring their first delivery person in the near future as well.

"I must make this work," Schmigelski said. "I have to make this work."

## SBU mourns for CME major

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was driving a 1998 Ford Explorer on the night of Friday, Oct. 9 on Nichols Road in Centereach with four passengers, who were also Stony Brook students, when he lost control of his vehicle and hit the median.

The five students were transported to University Hospital. One student was listed as being in serious condition and another in critical condition while the other three were not seriously injured and were released from the hospital, Ecklund said in another email sent on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ruland Funeral Home, 500 North Ocean Ave. in Patchogue, according to the Dean of Students website.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 19 at 9:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 495 North Ocean Ave. in Patchogue. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 3442 Route 112 in Coram.



# Sailing to Success

## True Tales Beyond the Regatta



It had been not once, but twice, that Bill Sallustro, in concert with a team of students, sailed his homegrown seafaring vessels to victory in the Roth Pond Regatta. This was indicative of one of Bill's personal assets: seizing opportunities and transforming them into achievements.

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### Lesson learned?

The key question that typically goes unasked— and unanswered— by students during their college years, is whether there is any “ship” that they can anchor to, for launching a series of future successes.

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# New York tattoo artists claim new state law will become a cost burden

By Jill Ryan  
Contributing Writer

All tattoo artists and shop owners will be required to use single-use ink starting Dec. 12, 2015, under new amendments to the New York State Public Health Law.

"[The bill] passed legislation to try and particularly prevent any Hepatitis or any other communicable diseases in the tattoo industry," New York State Sen. Phil Boyle said.

However, this has sparked major controversy in the tattoo industry.

"We started hearing from small business people from tattoo shops in the district that I represent to say that it was going to create quite a few problems with them including increasing the cost of the tattoos and making them lose considerable amounts of money for ink they have already purchased," Boyle said.

An online petition to reword the law has reached over 48,000 signatures. Bridget Punsalang, a tattoo artist from Saratoga County and the creator of the petition, said the bill undermines and complicates the procedures that were already deemed safe.

"The standard procedure by any properly trained tattoo artist involves purchasing large bottles of inks, and pouring them into small plastic, single use, disposable 'ink caps,' just enough for the procedure, which are thrown away during clean up," Punsalang said on her petition.

Tim Beck, the owner and tattooer of Freedom Ink Tattoo Company in Peoria, Illinois, commented on the petition that the bill is as "absurd as an ultrasound tech having single

shots of gel to put on a stomach or a bartender not allowed to have full bottles of liquor behind him or her to pour out of; being required to buy single shots from a liquor company."

However, tattooing is a self-regulated industry, Punsalang said. There are no rules or regulations for tattoo artists to be accountable for possibly contaminated tools they use, according to the bill.

"We are taught, and then we teach tattoo artists," Punsalang said in an interview. "When I was taught the requirements, avoiding cross-contamination were drilled into me for a year before I even tattooed anyone."

Boyle said he wants to keep the bill in place. However, he is advocating to change the language used to address the concerns that have been brought to his attention.

"I'm trying to get my colleagues in the state legislature vote, in the state senate and the state assembly to amend the language, to modify the language on the legislation to say 'we still require single-use needles but no longer require single-use ink containers — capsules,'" Boyle said.

The overarching problem that the industry will face is the fact that, according to Boyle, the law cannot be changed before it goes into effect on Dec. 12 because the senate is not in session until January.

"I'm hoping we get all of our ducks in a row so that we pass this legislation early in January," Boyle said, "and it would be retroactive so that the tattoo shops don't need to make these big changes and cost them thousands of dollars realizing that the laws are in effect."



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**A tattoo artist sketches on a woman's shoulder at the United Ink Flight 914 festival in Garden City on Sept. 13, 2014. A law will soon require tattoo artists to use single-use ink.**

Punsalang does not agree that it will be that simple to change the language. She would rather see the law delayed then have it be retroactive.

"But that's the problem because [when] a law comes into effect the various counties are going to start enforcing it," Punsalang said. "So bringing it retroactive to Dec. 12 helps no one. We need to have it so that it's delayed so that it's not written into the Department of Health regulation."

Boyle said there is no guarantee that the law will be fixed in January, but she wants to tell the tattoo shops not to worry anyway.

"I'm trying to get support so ev-

eryone knows, to make it public, that there is an agreement — tattoo shops you shouldn't worry about this, it's going to be fixed — and so they don't need to go and spend all the money for something that is only going to last for 3 weeks," Boyle said. "Again there is no guarantee it's going to be changed in January, but that's what I'm looking to find, to get the support."

The New York Amsterdam News published a study in 2012 concluding that "tattoos increase risk of Hepatitis C."

"A few major research studies have not shown Hepatitis C to be spread through licensed, commer-

cial tattooing facilities," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website states. "However, transmission of Hepatitis C (and other infectious diseases) is possible when poor infection-control practices are used during tattooing or piercing."

"Tattoo artists are required, on a federal level, [to take] a bloodborne pathogens and infections control class through OSHA," Punsalang said. "Because the one person in a tattoo shop who is most likely to contract Hepatitis is the tattoo artist because we have a risk of needle sticks and becoming in contact with other people's body fluids and blood and things like that."

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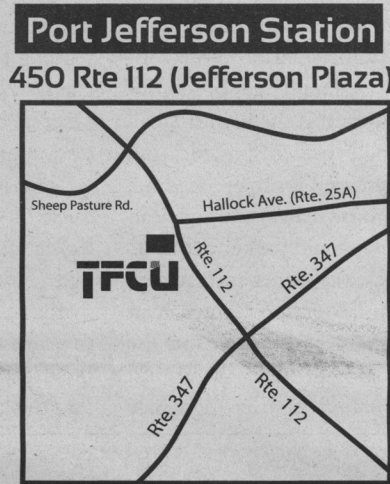
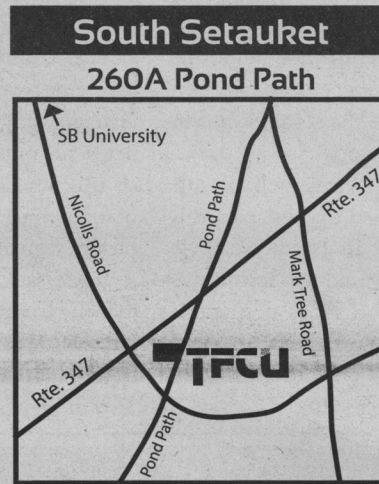
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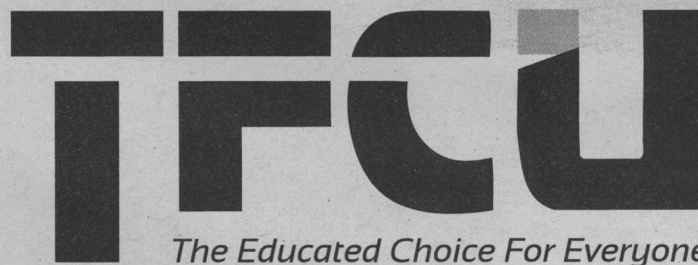
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Loss to Towson cannot beat the Seawolves tailgating experience



The Stony Brook Cheerleading Team, above, hyped the tailgating crowd with Wolfie in the parking lot of Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Saturday afternoon on Oct. 17, 2015 before the annual Homecoming football game.

MICHAELA KILGALLEN / THE STATESMAN

By Lei Takanashi  
Contributing Writer

Saturday, Oct. 17, the parking lot outside of Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium was transformed into Wolfstock Village, a massive tailgating event and tradition held before the Seawolves faced the Towson Tigers later that day.

The tailgate marked the end-

of Wolfstock, an annual week of Homecoming festivities held by the school.

The tailgate allowed current students and alumni to raise school spirit and have fun before the game.

Wolfstock Village included a mini golf course, inflatable amusement rides, a live DJ and food vendors throughout the parking lot.

"It is very American, like in the

movies," junior Zoe Veith said.

Veith is a biosciences major and exchange student from Scotland.

This was the first Homecoming she had ever attended.

The parking lot was separated into two distinct sides.

One side was made up of older alumni grilling with their families and friends. The other side was made up of current students letting loose after a long week of projects and midterms.

Red solo cups littered the floor and vapor smoke filled the air.

Students opened up the back of their cars and trucks to blast their impressive car stereos.

One fraternity even performed to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and danced in the middle of the park-

ing lot.

This was not your average day at Stony Brook.

"I don't really see school spirit around here. This is the one time that everyone can get together, make new friends, and just have fun," Mohammed Azam, a pre-med senior, said.

Although most of the students grilled their own food and enjoyed barbecues galore, food vendors like Buffalo Wild Wings and Hamza and Madina Halal were serving students.

In fact, Buffalo Wild Wings completely sold out of wings about an hour after the tailgate festivities kicked off.

The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band and the Cheer-

leading squad were also parading through the lot.

The two groups performed for alumni waiting by the gates of the stadium.

Some alumni came to support their fellow Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band.

Band alumni, such as flute players Jake Holderman, Samara Karvitz and Fatima Daoud, joined the band on the field during halftime.

Every year, the alumni band members are welcomed to come back and play with band members on the field during halftime.

"I live in DC now, but I only come back to Long Island for Stony Brook," Daoud said, "This is my home."

While the football team suffered a tragic loss to the Towson Tigers, Seawolves fans were able to make the best of their homecoming experience.

The loss made for Stony Brook Football's second Homecoming loss in a row.

School spirit and tradition continues to grow as Athletics' new initiative to transform the sports programs encourages student and fan participation.

The next home football game is on Halloween. Stony Brook Athletics is hosting "Wolfie's Haunted Tailgate."

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the parking lot will be transformed into a Halloween party, with fans encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costume.

The day will be full of Halloween-themed activities.

It will include an inflatable Halloween obstacle course, pumpkin painting, face painting, carnival games and music provided by the radio station 94.3 "The Shark."

At 10:30 a.m. the Stony Brook Football team will be delivering candy to all fans in the parking lot celebrating game day in their Halloween costumes.

Wolfstock is only the beginning of an exciting and school-spirited football season.



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Students, alumni and Seawolves fans packed the pre-game tailgating event on Saturday before the game.



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Students posed with wolfie wearing red and showing their Stony Brook Seawolves pride during tailgating.



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People of all ages came out to enjoy the tailgating activities. This girl got the chance to climb the inflatable rock wall that was at Wolfstock. This was one of the many attractions.



# Student groups show off their talents at the Seawolves Showcase before Homecoming

By David Pepa  
Contributing Writer

Homecoming week began to fire up when various dance crews and artists showed off their swagger at the 2015 Seawolves Showcase on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The Seawolves Showcase is a talent show that takes place on the Staller Steps the night before the Homecoming football game.

The University Spirit and Pride committee created this event five years ago.

On one side of the Staller Steps, there were banners created by clubs, organizations and residence halls, in the running for a competition.

The first place winner received their name inscribed on the Homecoming Pride Cup.

The first, second, and third place winners will receive certificates and a pizza party.

Over 800 students gathered around the Staller Steps for dancing, music and glow sticks.

The Showcase started with the SBU Dance team performing in collaboration with the beloved mascot Wolfie.

Wolfie then closed the performance with his signature howl.

Mike Palmer, the host of the Showcase, presented the Homecoming Court on stage along with the Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band.

The Marching Band started its performance in order to rile the crowd and cheer on the Seawolves Football team for the Homecoming game the next day.

The band played songs from its halftime repertoire.



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**Homecoming King Valliappan Lakshmanan, a senior engineering science major, performed with the Bhangra Team at the Seawolves Showcase. The group performs cultural folk dances of the state of Punjab, India.**

Songs included the popular single "Honey I'm Good" by Andy Grammer and "Only the Good Die Young," by Billy Joel, a Long Island native and a recipient of an honorary Ph.D from Stony Brook.

After the Homecoming Court made its appearance, the Stony Brook Football team came onto stage and pumped the crowd up for the following days game.

Then, a player requested a song

from the DJ and the team entertained the audience with their dance moves.

The players broke into song, singing "We ready for y'all," preparing themselves for the game.

Some past acts that performed in the Showcase have returned to the stage.

One of the performers was rapper JUS. He got the audience fired up with his raps and ener-

getic dance moves.

The acapella groups also returned to the Showcase stage.

One group was an all male group, the High C's which performed "No Diggity" and got the crowd cheering louder.

After that, the Stony Brook Vocalists, performed the hit song "Cheerleader" by OMI.

In between performances, Wolfie impressed the audience

with his own dance moves.

People began to cheer even louder when Wolfie threw t-shirts out into the crowd.

One performance that stood out was the Pocket Theater group's dance routine.

As the eventful night came to an end, Stony Brook students were full of spirit and energy. Ready for a homecoming weekend to remember.

## The Cultural Carnival comes to campus

By Giselle Miranda  
Contributing Writer

This year's 2015 Cultural Carnival Event hosted by Chinese Association of Stony Brook (CASB) and Asian Student Alliance (ASA) took place on Thursday, Oct. 15 in the Student Activities Center Ballroom A.

CASB is an organization dedicated to promoting Chinese culture and traditions.

ASA works to educate and promote Asian American culture by hosting and organizing meetings and cultural events.

The two organizations joined forces, not only promote their own cultures but a multitude of other cultures in one carnival.

Students enjoyed their leisure time eating food, playing games and watching performances.

Stony Brook students had the option to purchase tickets. They had a choice of purchasing tickets for only games for \$3 or games and food an additional \$2.

Students purchased their tickets at the Undergraduate Student Government office and then exchanged them for a game card.

This allowed participants to play a total of five games.

Participants received a small ticket and had their card hole punched for every game they participated in.

Winners received tickets after winning a game. They would then submit the tickets to win a prize the Wend.

ASA did an exceptional job providing a variety of cultural-food for the event.

The Cultural Carnival menu was filled with a variety of food from around the world.

It consisted of entrees such as pork fried rice, dukbokki, vegetable pad thai and red curry chicken with white rice

There were appetizers such as lumpia, California rolls, scallion pancakes and drinks including herbal tea and soft drinks.

The carnival provided 20 game stations, which allowed students to move from table to table.

A number of cultural games were played at the carnival.

Some games included at the event were Shateki, a Japanese target practice shooting game, cultural Taboo and Ddakji, a traditional Korean game.



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**The Cultural Carnival brought together a variety of groups and organizations to promote each other's cultures and educate carnival goers on traditions each culture brings.**

Other games included Chopsticks and marbles; Knockout; "Angry Birds;" Shuriken Toss; which is a World of Warcraft game, Twirl Tournament; Cornhole, Twenty Twist, which is a numbers game and Bra Pong, a breast cancer-awareness game.

CASB organized activities like the Egg Tart Eating Contest, Speed Stacking, Ping Pong Twerk and Fish Pong. Winners received a live gold fish.

Student organizations gather together once a year for this event to raise funds.

Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority created the "Toss for Hope" to promote Breast Cancer awareness. They plan to use the proceeds to support the cause.

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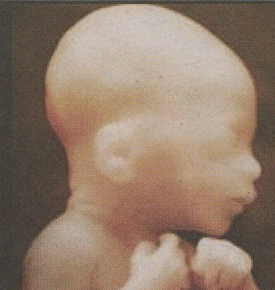
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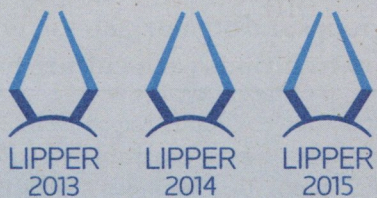
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# GSO brings the art-house aesthetic back with cinema classics

By Jager Robinson  
Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Organization is recycling an idea from Stony Brook's past.

Beginning with "Pulp Fiction," GSO will be putting on a series of feature classics right here at Stony Brook's Staller Center.

"We want to give students the experience of watching a classic film, not a blockbuster, but a well-known classic that perhaps they have even seen before, in a giant theater with all their friends," Ramiro Malaga Ortega, President of the executive council of GSO said.

GSO is trying to recreate the feeling that goes along with seeing a movie.

"We feel that the 'arthouse' aesthetic is dying out, and we want to preserve it, because it's really magical," Ortega said.

He said he believes the message should be to simply bring back the arthouse feel.

The Staller Center used to run its own series of classic movies that threw homage to the art of cinema. GSO is looking to reclaim that magic and 'Pulp Fiction' was the right place to start.

"Pulp Fiction' is a well-known film that we thought would be a good way to start off the series given its broad appeal to many audiences," Ortega said.

On Oct. 5 at 8 p.m., nearly 200 students packed into the Staller Center and experienced number seven on IMDb's "Top 250 Movies of All Time."

It did not immediately shape up to be what GSO wanted. At around 7:55 p.m., there were only 22 students inside Staller Center's main stage.

Then, a rush of students flooded in, including freshman undeclared major James Gomez.

"I haven't seen it but I am excited," Gomez said. "I was basically convinced to see it."

Brian Walker, a fellow freshman with an undecided major, went with Gomez to see the screening of "Pulp Fiction" at the Staller Center. "It has been too long since I last saw it," Walker said.

"I liked the film and this was a good chance to see it again with my friends," Liam Heath, freshman, an undecided major, said.

GSO will be screening "The Silence Of The Lambs" on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Staller Center.

This showing is part of the Halloween festivities here on campus, Ortega said.

The two movies are just the beginning for the revived Classic Series that will be coming to Staller center by GSO.

"We haven't set the lineup for next spring just yet," Ortega added. "Suggestions are welcome!"

If anyone has any ideas on classic movies, send an email to stonybrooklyn@gso.com:



The cult classic film, "Pulp Fiction" was released in 1994.

# Students get cultured in the SAC



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Participants chose cultural prizes from this display above.

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"Our goal is to participate in the 'Avon Walk 39 The Walk to End Breast Cancer' in NYC Oct. 17 and 18," Kelly Liu, sociology major and vice president of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, said, "We have to raise up to \$1,800 so I can walk 39.9 miles on behalf of our organization. We collaborate in events like these, such as the bra-making workshop, to raise the funds that we need."

Last October, the organization raised up to \$4,700 according to Liu.

"Hopefully this year we can raise \$5,000," Liu said.

Other student organizations, such as Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority designed the "Pin the Bow on Mister Bones" game.

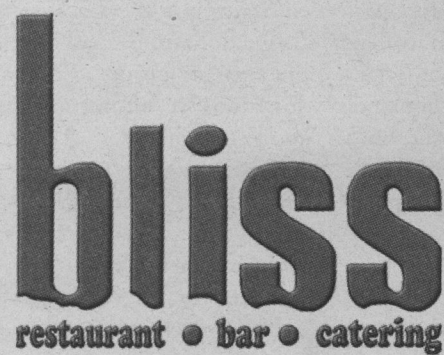
This game is a play off of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey."

Participants tried aiming to place the bow on the image of the skeleton while blindfolded.

Helen Wong, a freshman biology major, was thrilled after winning this game.

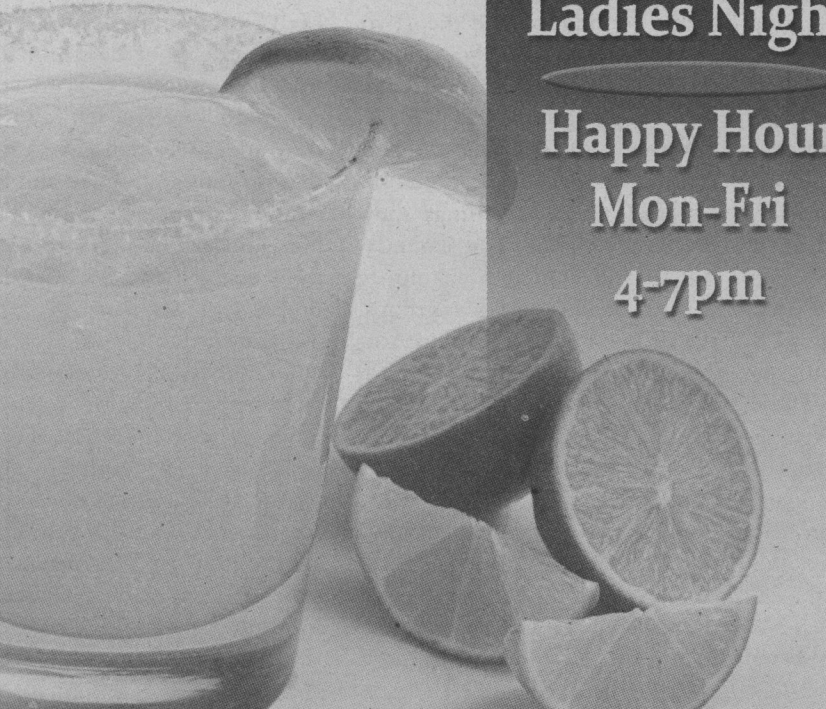
"After I won, I win a ticket, and they place it in a large bowl so I can get a prize," Wong said.

International Fraternities also contributed in the event and introduced a variety of games for students to play.



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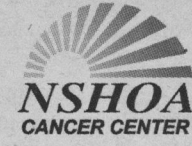
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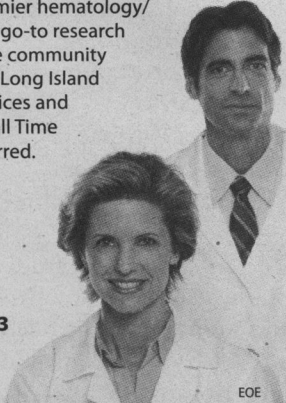
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## Why I'm staying away from Chick-fil-A



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**Chick-fil-A recently opened one of its first two New York locations in Port Jefferson Station. The chain has been criticized in the past for its anti-same sex marriage stance.**

**By Matt Stern**  
Contributing Writer

Just three years ago, the fast food chain Chick-fil-A found itself at the center of a controversy that had some New Yorkers, especially students at NYU and New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, up in arms. Today, Chick-fil-A is celebrating the opening of its first two stand-alone New York locations this past week: one in Manhattan and another located just ten minutes away from the Stony Brook campus on Route 347.

While many New Yorkers have managed to forgive and forget (or just forget) the controversy and have welcomed Chick-fil-A as yet another food option to incorporate into their unhealthy diets, I continue to stand against the fast food restaurant as I have for these past three years.

To summarize the aforementioned controversy, in 2011 an LGBT rights and watchdog group Equality Matters reported that Chick-fil-A, through its charity foundation the WinShape Foundation, donated over \$1.1 million to anti-gay groups from 2003-2008. One year later, Equality Matters published a second report with WinShape's public tax filings showing that Chick-fil-A donated over \$1.9 million to these same anti-gay groups in 2010 alone. These groups have been identified as anti-gay in that they have argued against same-sex marriage, have discriminated against members of the LGBT community and have promoted the use of conversion therapy.

Shortly after these reports were published, Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy, the son of Chick-fil-A and WinShape founder S. Truett Cathy, defended his company by proclaiming that it has "no

agenda against anyone," despite his belief in "the biblical definition of marriage." He echoed these same sentiments when he came out in opposition of same-sex marriage one year later.

This, along with media coverage of the donations to anti-gay groups, set the stage for protests and petitions from college students and liberal politicians around the country demanding that Chick-fil-A restaurants be removed and banned in the future from college campuses and cities.

In response to the backlash, Chick-fil-A vowed, in a public statement on its website, to "leave the policy debate over same-sex marriage to the government and political arena." In addition, it promised that the WinShape Foundation would take a closer look at whom it will be donating to in the future.

While these policy changes have mostly been implemented, the 2012 tax filings for the WinShape Foundation and the newly created Chick-fil-A Foundation show that donations to most of the anti-gay groups have ceased, but there are still questionable actions on behalf of Chick-fil-A. Those 2012 tax filings show that the Chick-fil-A Foundation is still contributing money to one of the anti-gay groups, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which received \$25,390 in 2012.

In addition, shortly after these new policies were revealed to the public, the WinShape foundation mysteriously held a fundraiser for the Marriage and Family Foundation, another one of the anti-gay groups that Chick-fil-A previously donated to.

With the opening of a Chick-fil-A so close to our campus (and to the house I commute to school from everyday), I can't help but worry that the restaurant's ac-

tions in the past twelve years will be overshadowed by our community's hunger for fried chicken and waffle fries. While some have urged for the LGBT community to forgive Chick-fil-A not only because same-sex marriage is now legal throughout the United States but also because it has ceased donations to all but one of the anti-gay groups, I argue that donations to "all but one" is not good enough.

Why should we settle for Chick-fil-A contributing only \$25,390 to an anti-gay group based on the fact that it's dramatically less than several years ago?

If I'm ever going to give any of my money to Chick-fil-A, it'll be after the company not only ceases to donate money to all anti-gay groups, but also donates an amount of money equal to or greater than the amount it donated before to pro-gay groups and social movements to make up for the damage they have caused toward members of the LGBT community.

The effects of discrimination from groups that Chick-fil-A has donated to are still felt, and will continue to be felt, as long as these groups are funded and thus continue to spread hate to LGBT individuals. The fight for equality does not stop at the legalization of same-sex marriage.

I realize that Chick-fil-A may never donate to pro-gay groups due to the company's policy of staying out of a political agenda, and thus I will probably never dine there. I understand that everyone will have a different opinion on this topic, which for some may be dictated by their brains and for others by their stomachs.

Either way, if you do choose to purchase food from Chick-fil-A, I urge you to think about what the money you are spending will be used for and who it might help or hurt in the long run.

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## The Koch Broligarchy: Why the few actually control the many



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David Koch, above, and Charles Koch are the billionaire brothers of Koch Industries, the second largest privately owned company in the United States according to Forbes.

By Jager Robinson  
Staff Writer

Before we start, here is a quote from former President Jimmy Carter talking about the current status of United States politics: "Now it's just an oligarchy, with unlimited political bribery being the essence of getting the nominations for president or to elect the president."

Carter was responding to a question about Citizens United, a political action committee, more commonly known as a Super PAC.

Citizens United fought in federal court in 2010 for the right to donate as much money as they damn well please to political campaigns. Funded by the Koch Brothers, who fuel this problem in American politics, the super PAC won and here we are today, an oligarchy.

In the most literal sense, an oligarchy is a government run by a small group of people. Many people will try to tell you we are still a democracy, but don't be fooled by those idealists. Last I checked, our government was run by a small group of people.

Oh, and I know what you are thinking: "Well Jager, in this argument of yours you don't mention that the small group of people are elected!" Well sophisticated college student #1, who are they elected by?

Think about how elections are won. First, you need an idea. Let's take Obama for an example, and his idea of change. Everyone can get behind change.

So now that we have an idea, what's next? Money. Obama raised \$750 million in 2008 but that number is a joke compared

to today. And here is the fun part! According to The New York Times, in the 2016 election so far, 158 families have accounted for half of the money spent to jump start this election season. These families have accounted for \$176 million spent initially, which may not seem like much, but remember that it isn't even 2016 yet! The estimated amount of money going to be spent on the 2016 election may reach up to \$10 billion once the race starts and that is The New York Times' most conservative of estimates.

If you have been following along, you should have realized something scary in that last paragraph. Only 158 families, in total, have accounted for half of the spending in this election thus far. How is this not an oligarchy? If most of a campaign relies on money, then this small group of financial backers has a lot of leverage on our politicians. And if you feel like money isn't the only thing that controls an election, ask Rand Paul. He might disagree with you.

Your next suspicion could be that 158 families is too many people to be considered a small group. But let me remind you that there are about 120,000,000 households in the United States, in a population of 318 million. In layman's terms, those 158 families are 0.00013 percent of the households in the United States. In comparison, the last named oligarchy was in fifth cen-

tury BC Athens and they had an estimated 15 people running the show. By the way, that was 0.015 percent of their estimated 100,000 citizens.

I want to be fair to those who still cling to the American ideal that we are a democracy, but I just can't. We can barely get half of our country to vote in the presidential election, arguably the most important one. Only 52 percent of the voting eligible population voted in 2012. This depressing information only grows tenfold when you realize that in our relatively big state of New York, only 28 percent of eligible voters cast their ballot during the mid-term elections in 2014. Idealists and democratic minded people should be terrified that only 28 percent of our state's people care about who runs the part of the government that actually makes laws.

We aren't a democracy. Money runs the world and when you have that little amount of people potentially changing the entire outcome of the election and American politics, you are foolish to call this country a democracy anymore.

Thank you Citizens United. You have proven that with all the willpower in the world...oh who am I kidding? They didn't use willpower. The Koch brothers account for nearly \$90 billion of free-flowing capital; they buy anything they want. They can pick politicians like we pick pizza toppings.

## A \$15 minimum wage in New York would hurt more than it would help

By Joseph Loscalzo  
Contributing Writer

Last month, Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for a \$15 minimum wage for all workers in New York State. The current minimum wage in New York is \$8.75. The increase would phase in by 2018 for New York City and by 2021 for the rest of the state. While such an increase may seem like a positive change for workers in general, this action would cause more harm than good for both the people it is intended to help, as well as others involved.

A wage increase of this magnitude could result in the laying off of a sizeable percentage of the workers whom the law is supposed to help. It's a matter of economics. Picture a standard demand curve, which is downward sloping. As price increases, demand decreases. This basic economic principle can be applied to workers. As the price, or wage, for workers increases, the demand for them will decrease.

So, what's the big deal if some workers lose their job? They can find a job somewhere else, right?

Wrong.

Businesses most likely will be forced to find ways to compensate for the wage increase. This can be done by increasing production efficiency, and efficiency is increased through two primary channels: better machines and better workers. Investing money in improved technology equates to less money spent on human workers. Businesses actively seeking out better



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A couple of months after fast food workers in the city got a raise, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, above, expressed his hope to make the minimum wage \$15 for all workers in New York.

workers means that the low wage workers, who are generally unskilled, may have an even harder time finding jobs. As a result, higher skilled workers could take many of the jobs previously held by the low-wage workers.

Another issue is that businesses might be strained to create revenue. As previously stated, businesses may have to fire some workers and increase production. They may also have to alter existing prices. Prices might be increased as businesses try to compensate for the large wage increase. These increased prices may drive existing and prospective customers away. In addition,

if many businesses are compelled to raise their prices, then the cost of living for consumers in that region may increase, essentially voiding the intended added income benefit of a \$15 minimum wage.

Seattle has already signed a bill into legislation mandating a \$15 minimum wage that will phase in over the course of several years. The law took effect in April, and already the city is experiencing negative impacts. One consequence is that restaurants have already started increasing their prices to keep profit margins afloat. Even with such compensatory measures, many businesses

can't keep up. Restaurant closures in particular are exhibiting an upward trend, or increase in frequency, in Seattle.

Even former Chief Economist for the U.S. Department of Labor Harry Holzer has misgivings about a drastic wage increase. In his article "A \$15 Dollar Minimum Wage Could Harm America's Poorest Workers," Holzer says that a wage increase of 50 percent to 100 percent in cities with significant unskilled worker populations will almost certainly raise unemployment rates. A secondary result could be an increase in undocumented workers. In addition, the businesses themselves

may decide to shift operations to a locale where the minimum wage hasn't been raised, in order to save money.

Raising the minimum wage is the wrong way to go about giving people more income. If the government truly wants to help, it would provide widespread and improved benefits to those struggling. For example, programs like the Earned Income Tax Credit would provide families with more income through much need tax breaks.

Increasing food stamp distribution, providing medical care, and a whole array of governmental subsidies would all provide greater assistance than a mandated wage raise. Unlike a wage increase, which may result in the worker losing their job, the benefits provided by the government would be guaranteed.

The minimum wage increase is a ploy to provide false hope to struggling workers. Rather than getting to the root of the poverty issue plaguing the United States, Gov. Cuomo and like-minded people would prefer to keep the disgruntled people happy by making businesses pay them more. In a vacuum, that would be great. However, we don't live in a Dyson Ball. The economy changes everyday, and businesses are forced to change with it. Mandating a \$15 minimum wage will only negatively impact consumers, business owners and the many workers who will lose their jobs and have trouble finding work elsewhere.



# Tennis teams enjoying early season success

By Kunal Kohli  
Staff Writer

Dominant. That is what the Stony Brook Women's Tennis team has been for several years. In the past four, the Seawolves have won America East titles.

At the Navy Blue and Gold Invitational last weekend, the "B" and "C" singles flights featured all-Stony Brook finals. Sophomores Elizabeth Tsvetkov and Yana Nikolaeva and senior Louise Badoche took home wins in singles flights, while Tsvetkov and Nikolaeva won in doubles.

The trio winning is no new story. Just two weeks ago, they all won titles in Providence, Rhode Island at the Brown Invitational.

Winning is not new to the team as a whole, either. Women's Tennis has gone 207-97 during head coach Gary Glassman's tenure.

Even with history pointing right to it, Glassman still did not expect the team to jump out to the hot start that they have this season.

"You just never know until they get into the competition," he said. "What they did down [at the Navy Blue and Gold Invitational] was exceptional. To have two flights where they played each other in the finals, you never expect that."

The team's winning ways are a testament to its dedication. Practices are held in the morning, where, according to Glassman, "it's not always the greatest conditions."

Wind, darkness and moisture present obstacles for the student-athletes.

With the way they have been playing lately, they make tennis look easy anywhere they play. Tsvetkov and Nikolaeva have not only been successful in singles play, but the duo also won a doubles flight together at the Navy Blue and Gold Invitational.

"That was the first time they ever played a tournament together and they cruised right through," Glassman said. "They beat a team from Princeton 6-0 in the finals. It's another pleasant surprise you don't really plan for."

While the selections for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals have not come out yet, Glassman would not be surprised if the duo were to make the regional tournament, where the best of the best in the Northeast come together to compete.

"I'm pretty certain that [Tsvetkov and Nikolaeva] are going to be selected," Glassman said. "Just by virtue of what they did this past weekend and their individual results from last year."

Badoche also won flights in the same invitationals and won a consolation draw in the Stony Brook Classic last month.

On the men's side, freshman Samuel Taieb has been taking the court by storm.

So far, he has captured single flight victories in all three of his tournament appearances. But what makes him stand out in Glassman's eyes is his work ethic.

The coach pointed out the top-ranked player in the world, Novak

Djokovic, as someone who reminds him of Taieb.

"The way he works and trains and how seriously he takes it is, you look at a guy like Djokovic, right now he's the benchmark," Glassman describes. "[Djokovic's] fitness, his mental toughness and the way he competes for every point and you see that a lot of that in Sam, the way he fights for every point. It doesn't matter if it's a drill, if it's practice, a match, whatever. He's really locked in. He's intense."

Although the men's team has been successful in singles play, they have struggled in doubles. In their first three tournament appearances, the men's team has only won one doubles flight, which occurred at the Army Invitational. Glassman blames their serving as being one of the biggest factors in their lack of success in that aspect of the sport.

"The serve is such a big factor," according to Glassman. "If the guys are serving well, they're playing well."

However, Glassman is trying to fix this.

In practice, he puts the team in high pressure situations where every point is needed. One bad point or game could be all the difference in a match.

With regular tournament play out of the way, both the men's and the women's teams will be in ITA Regional play. Both teams begin the tournament on Oct. 22.

# Maysonet to Bills practice squad

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Sports Editor

It has been over a year, but one Stony Brook football alumnus has another chance at living a dream—an eighth, actually.

The Buffalo Bills signed former Seawolves star running back Miguel Maysonet to the team's practice squad on Friday, the eighth NFL team to give the Riverhead native a shot at playing professional football.

The 2012 Walter Payton Award runner-up became the second Stony Brook graduate to currently have an NFL contract. Will Tye is on the New York Giants active roster.

Coming in second for the award made Maysonet the second-best player in the entire Football Cham-

pionship Subdivision.

"I'm proud of those guys. You know, they work hard and it's a boyhood dream when you grow up," Stony Brook football head coach Chuck Priore said. "You would like the opportunity to put that jersey on. So I'm just proud of them."

Maysonet spent three years at Stony Brook after transferring from Hofstra University when its football program was disbanded. Maysonet holds most offensive records for the Seawolves, running for 4,725 yards in his Stony Brook career, totaling 5,331 all-purpose yards and 53 combined rushing and receiving touchdowns.

"Like Miguel just did," former Seawolves standout wide receiver, Kevin Norrell, said. "It's just work, work, work, work, work and when you get your opportunity, you have to make it pay off."



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The Buffalo Bills signed Stony Brook Football alumnus Miguel Maysonet (above, No. 5) to the practice squad.

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# Glenn Dubin makes \$5 million matching challenge grant toward Indoor Practice Facility

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Sports Editor

On Thursday, Glenn Dubin, founder and principal of Dubin & Co. LP, a private investment company, and his wife Eva announced the allocation of a \$5 million matching challenge grant to the Stony Brook Athletics Department to be put toward the eventual construction of a new Indoor Training Center.

"With this challenge pledge, I hope to inspire Seawolves friends, fans and family to support current and future Stony Brook student-athletes," Dubin said in a news release. "We wanted to kick-start this campaign and rally the Stony Brook community around the athletic department. Stony Brook Athletics has substantial and significant aspirations for the near future, and excellent facilities are a necessary component to realize these aspirations and achieve success."

The pledge comes in the form of a matching challenge grant, in which the Dubins will match all gifts toward an Indoor Training Center Fund that the Athletics Department receives between



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The Indoor Practice Facility will feature a 100-yard synthetic turf field for use by multiple teams.

July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 up to \$5 million.

If contributors to the fund donate at least that amount, the department will meet its goal of raising \$10 million for an indoor practice facility, part of its five-year plan released in June, "To-

gether We Transform."

One of the eight transformational elements listed in the plan is "Building First Class Facilities."

An aspiration that was listed as part of the element is to "build a state-of-the-art indoor practice facility that can be used by all

athletic programs during periods of inclement weather."

The new facility will feature a 100-yard indoor multi-purpose synthetic turf practice field. It will be built near Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium and will be able to transform to allow multiple

Stony Brook teams to practice.

Director of Athletics Shawn Heilbron cited the benefits of the donation for Stony Brook student-athletes in thanking Dubin in the news release.

"This new Indoor Training Center is the priority facility need for Stony Brook Athletics as part of our five-year vision," Heilbron said in the news release. "I am extremely grateful to the Dubin family for their belief in our program and for their sincere generosity."

The G&E Dubin Family Foundation donated \$4.3 million to Stony Brook Athletics five years ago.

That led to the construction of the Dubin Family Athletic Performance Center, which was completed and opened in 2012.

Dubin also donated \$1 million a decade ago to create the Glenn Dubin Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Dubin, who graduated from Stony Brook in 1978, played football and lacrosse at the university.

An expected date of completion for the project was not announced in the news release.

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Women's Volleyball vs. Sacred Heart (Home-Pritchard Gymnasium)	Women's Soccer vs. Maine (Away) Men's and Women's Tennis at USTA/ITA Regionals (Through the Weekend)	Women's Volleyball vs. Delaware State (Home-LaValle Stadium) Men's & Women's Cross Country at Central Connecticut Mini-Meet	Men's Soccer vs. Hartford (Home-LaValle Stadium) Men's Football vs. Maine (Away)	Women's Volleyball vs. UMBC (Away) Women's Soccer vs. UMBC (Home-LaValle Stadium)

## Vince Erdei uses wit and skill to lead Stony Brook Men's Soccer Team

By Skyler Gilbert  
Staff Writer

In soccer, some strikers beat a defense with speed. Some beat a defense with their footwork, while others beat a defense with a powerful shot.

Stony Brook sophomore forward Vince Erdei beats defenses with his wits.

Growing up in Budapest, Hungary, Erdei has been an avid chess player from a young age. He credits much of his soccer prowess to the strategic mindset acquired from chess.

"For me, they say I have vision on the field and I can predict what's

going to happen," Erdei said. "I think in chess you basically have to do the same thing. You have to predict what is going to happen in the game, so I'm proud that I played chess, and I think it helped me."

Described as a "cerebral player" by head coach Ryan Anatol, Erdei has taken the America East Conference by storm this season, scoring five goals and tallying three assists in 12 matches.

Last season, Erdei was primarily used as a defensive midfielder for the Seawolves. This season he is playing striker, his natural position, and has formed a potent duo alongside senior forward Martin Giordano.

"I'm not the kind of striker that's going to score the biggest goals in the game, but I'm always there," Erdei said of his strong positional play. "I'm always on the spot, and that's why I've been able to score a lot of goals this season."

Erdei was not always a soccer player, however. In Hungary, where chess is immensely popular, Erdei played the board game competitively from a very young age. Midway through his childhood, he found that he didn't have the attention span to play the game for hours at a time.

"I was just the type of person that couldn't sit in the same spot for hours," Erdei said. "I decided

that I had to quit chess and I had to do something more interesting, so that's why I started to play soccer. I started late compared with other players."

After finishing high school, Erdei attended school for one year at Corvinus University at Budapest, while also playing semi-professional soccer for the reserve team of Ferencvárosi Torna Club.

Hungary has no organized collegiate sports association, and Erdei found managing both his academic career and his athletic career overwhelming.

Erdei's performance at Ferencvárosi caught the eye of Anatol and Stony Brook began the recruitment process.

"We had a chance to see Vince play on video earlier in the year [two years ago]," Anatol said. "That is what first got our attention. I was aware of the club that Vince played for and knew of its reputation for producing players of a high level."

For Erdei, continuing to live in Hungary would have likely meant he would need to choose one or the other—school or soccer—as he didn't have the time to do both. After participating in a summer clinic at Stony Brook in June 2014, Erdei was offered an athletic scholarship.

That was an opportunity he could not pass up.

"Here you can do both, and that's why it was a huge advantage. That's why I wanted to come here," Erdei said. "Hungary's a small country in Europe, and the quality of living isn't as good there. Over there, everyone dreams about coming to the United States. It's the

American Dream."

At Stony Brook, Erdei is one of three Hungarians, joined by senior midfielder Alejandro Fritz and sophomore defender Barnabas Mako, on a very diverse roster. The team has nine international players and several more whose parents were not born in the United States.

"I think it's great that there's a tendency like this," Erdei said about the multicultural roster. "We have good connections between the European players, the Americans, the Latinos."

Erdei is looking to graduate with a double-major in economics and applied mathematics, and he hopes to stay in the United States and pursue a financial career after college.

A key influence and role model for Erdei is his oldest brother. Marton Erdei played tennis at the University of New Orleans ten years ago, so he has personal experience as an international student-athlete. Today, Marton Erdei works as an investment banker on Wall Street and encourages his younger sibling to pursue life in the United States.

"My dream job probably would be the same as what my brother [Marton] does right now," he said. "He lives in the city; he works for Morgan Stanley."

Whatever Erdei ends up doing, he would like to pursue it here.

"Hopefully I can stay [in the United States], because I would like to keep this American Dream up," Erdei added. "I love my country, I miss my family, obviously, and my friends, but this is of bigger importance."



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Sophomore forward Vince Erdei, above (No. 27), has scored five goals so far this season.



# SPORTS



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Senior Quarterback Conor Bednarski, (No. 16, above) threw a touchdown in the first quarter before the Stony Brook Seawolves fell short against the Towson Tigers, 21-14, on Homecoming.

## Seawolves loses third CAA game in a row

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Even with a seven point lead at halftime and both Colonial Athletic Association teams dead even for most of the fourth quarter, Stony Brook winning would be decided by closing—what Priore preached all offseason long.

“It just comes down to making one last play. It’s kind of been the story of our season,” senior quarterback Conor Bednarski said. “We have to make one more play. We’ve been in some close games and just haven’t done enough.”

A lack of offense for most of the game—the Seawolves gained just 224 yards—would have been forgiven if they closed and made that one last play.

It looked like Stony Brook would do it when the Seawolves drove all the way to Towson’s seven-yard-line late in the fourth quarter. Along the way, Bednarski had junior wide receiver Steve Marino open deep over the middle, but overshot him.

“There are some plays that stick with you every game. There’s some stuff that’s going to stick with you,” Bednarski, who passed for 123 yards, said. “That’s one that’s going to stick with me.”

If junior kicker Przemyslaw Popek made a 24-yard field goal with 3:48 to go, the Seawolves still would have taken the lead. Popek missed wide-right to lose

an opportunity to put the Seawolves ahead, but the Tigers did not make the same mistake.

“We came out and drove down and you’ve got to finish that drive,” Priore said. “You don’t put it on the field goal kicker or the specialist.”

Going the other way in what was likely a win or go to overtime drive, Towson took only 2:58 to put together their best series of the game.

Sophomore running back Darius Victor capped the 80-yard drive with a six-yard touchdown run to give the Tigers the lead.

Stony Brook still needs to find players on its team to make that one last play that Bednarski referenced.

Junior running back Stacey Bedell is out for the rest of the season with a shoulder injury. New York Giants tight end Will Tye, who was in attendance on Saturday night, and others like Adrian Coxson, who spent time with the Green Bay Packers early on in the summer, are gone.

Sophomore wide receiver Ray Bolden looked like he was the guy to shoulder the load early against Towson. Within the first 11 minutes of the game, Bolden caught two touchdowns, his third and fourth of the season, in the right corner of the endzone.

It was the spark that the Seawolves needed to snap out of their recent offensive

slump. They were outscored by 39 points in their previous two games.

“I think Ray is a very good player, as I think we all witnessed,” Priore said about Bolden. “But you need more than just Ray Bolden. We need to balance our offense.”

But even Bolden knew that the team has to work on more than just the end of the game.

“I feel the story for us all year has been either we’re coming out slow and then picking it up in the second half or as we showed today we came out fast and we slowed down and couldn’t finish,” Bolden said. “We have everything we need. We’ve got to finish games.”

Stony Brook had 50 seconds after Towson scored to crush the crowd’s hopes, and Bednarski started to lead a charge down the field.

A couple of quick passes to Bolden and a strike to Marino gave the Seawolves a shot at chucking it up in the endzone, but pressure from the Tigers’ defensive line made it impossible, leading to an interception to close it out.

“At the end of the day Towson deserved to win the game. They made more plays when it counted,” Priore said. “We hung in there and obviously we need play to better on offense. We need to play better in certain situations on defense. It’s always a team loss.”

Priore did make sure to point out that he thought last year’s team would not have put up a fight like this year’s team did at the end.

At the end of the day, Stony Brook still heads to Maine next week after a loss.

Sophomore defensive back Travon Reid-Segure, who caught his first career interception in the game, said it best. When it came down to the end of the game with the record crowd waiting to see if the Seawolves would win, it was simple.

“They just made plays,” he said. “That’s all it was.”

## 4th and Goal: Stony Brook need to finish off games

By Chris Gaine  
Assistant Sports Editor

*Every week, our Sports staff will take a closer look at Stony Brook’s football games and what the team did well and where it went wrong.*

### First Down: Game changer

The tone of Saturday’s Homecoming game drastically shifted following one big play from Towson. After the Tigers failed to convert on a 4th-and-1 from their own 25, the Seawolves took over. A touchdown would have made it a 21-0 game midway through the second quarter.

On the first play of the drive, senior quarterback Conor Bednarski was sacked by sophomore defensive lineman Max Tejada and fumbled the ball to junior defensive back Donnell Lewis, who took it 65 yards the other way for a touchdown. Just like that, what could have been a three-possession game became a one-possession game. Stony Brook never scored again, while Towson tacked on two more scores and 227 of its 246 yards of offense.

### Second Down: Late-game woes continue

Closing out games was something Stony Brook emphasized throughout the offseason and training camp. The team did not have a chance to test this through the first four games, each a lopsided win or loss. This Saturday was Stony Brook’s first close game of the season.

The Seawolves looked like they had a chance to grab the lead late in the fourth quarter. A 13-play, 73-yard drive moved deep into Towson territory, and all they needed to do to push ahead was a 24-yard field goal from junior kicker Przemyslaw Popek.

Popek missed it, and the Tigers went down the field to score the game-winning touchdown. Stony Brook’s defense played well for most of the game, but looked sloppy in the game’s final drive. Towson’s game-winning march traversed 80 yards in just four minutes for the longest drive of the night by either team.

### Third Down: No Bedell is a tough sell

Junior running back Stacey Bedell was the focal point of Stony Brook’s offense before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury three weeks ago against William & Mary. He rushed for 1,070 yards and nine

touchdowns in 2014, and he was on pace to put up even better numbers in 2015. He rushed for 326 yards in his two full games of the season, and Stony Brook scored 69 total points en route to a pair of blowout wins.

In the time since Bedell has been off the field, the Seawolves have gone winless and scored only 34 total points. Bedell’s void is being filled by true freshman running back Isaiah White, junior running back Tyler Fredericks and sophomore running back Donald Liotine, who rushed for a combined 107 yards on 34 attempts—good for only 3.1 yards per carry. Bedell was averaging 6.9 yards per carry this season. The numbers speak for themselves.

### Fourth Down: A brighter tomorrow?

With a 1-3 CAA record, it is looking like it will take a miracle for the Seawolves to contend this year. However, Stony Brook has a couple of young offensive players that bring promise to the program in the future. Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Ray Bolden has impressed in every game he has played in this year, recording at least five catches and 50 yards in each. On Saturday, he recorded seven receptions for 77 yards—including both of Stony Brook’s touchdowns. With Bedell on the sidelines, Bolden now takes over as the Seawolves’ most electrifying offensive player. Look for him to become one of the CAA’s best wideouts over the next two years.

White, in his first year on the team, rushed for 82 yards on 21 carries on Saturday. While these numbers are not overwhelmingly impressive on the surface, they are pretty solid coming from someone who just got out of high school. White had five runs of more than 10 yards, flashing some game-breaking speed. He could develop into a stellar player over his final three years of eligibility, something head coach Chuck Priore would love for his run-heavy offense.

While this year may not be going as the Seawolves planned, these youngsters could make the team formidable in the upcoming seasons.

### Extra Point: Looking Ahead

The Seawolves will attempt to end their three-game CAA losing streak next week on the road against Maine. The Black Bears are 2-4 this season, but hold a 2-1 conference record. Stony Brook defeated Maine at home last season by a score of 19-7.



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Sophomore wide receiver Ray Bolden (No. 13, above) just before catching his first two touchdowns on Saturday.



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The Stony Brook Football team will look to end its losing streak next Saturday when it takes on conference foe Maine.