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Students compete at CEWIT Hackathon festival

By Gary Ghayrat
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The Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) hosted a 43-hour weekend interdisciplinary student hackathon at CEWIT's research and educational facility over the weekend.

Hack@CEWIT 2018: IoT & Security, the second annual event of its kind, gathered around 150 students from across the country and abroad to code programs, solve challenges and showcase applications while attending workshops and tech talks over the span of three days.

Although the name may suggest otherwise, Satya Sharma, executive director of CEWIT, said hackathons have nothing to do with computer crime. Instead, the collaborative events allow competitors to develop software and hardware projects under a tight deadline.

"This idea has caught on in the rest of the country now, so now even companies are do-



GARY GHAYRAT / THE STATESMAN

Students eat dinner during the second night of the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology's (CEWIT) Hackathon on Saturday, Feb. 17. Hack@CEWIT is a 43 hour festival for students and faculty.

ing it," Sharma said. "It's a very fast way to create products and solutions."

On Friday, the first day of the event, Matthew Cordaro, a software engineer at CEWIT and one of the organizers of the hackathon, explained what the hackathon is about.

"I'm expecting people to leave here knowing something that they didn't know before, whether it's something they wanted to learn or something completely unexpected that they found out that they were good at," Cordaro said.

Manpreet Singh and Rahul Sondhi, both sophomore computer science majors, said they wanted to make a health-focused Android app during the hackathon. Sondhi explained that he wanted the app to have a virtual character that levels

up as the phone's owner inputs actual health data like steps and calories.

"We're not entirely sure yet how we're going to set it up, but

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Students connect with refugees in Uganda

By Mike Adams
Assistant News Editor

Sophomore political science and sociology major Andrew Barkland has been forming a friendship with a refugee halfway around the world since last semester as part of a professor's ambitious correspondence project.

Barkland was offered a chance to connect over text message with Satimon Logwonga Elisa, a South Sudanese refugee in Uganda's Imvepi refugee camp, after taking a course with psychology professor and program director Turhan Canli.

The inspiration for Canli's project came when an Australian colleague put him in touch with a refugee from Nauru, a Pacific island that houses the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, an Australian immigration detention facility. The two developed a connection over time that reached deeper than Canli's academic interests and inspired him to give his students the same opportunity.



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Refugees at the Imvepi refugee camp in Uganda. The camp sits in the Arua district near the South Sudan border.

"All these refugee issues I was interested in at a global level, at a political level, really came to life because it was very personal," Canli said. "It stays with you, it's not a clinical interest or even a psychological interest. It becomes a human connection."

He started the project last semester to give his students and refugees the opportunity to form and develop the same kind of deep connection he had formed.

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Professors protest drilling plan

By Rebecca Liebson
News Editor

United by their fear of seeing Long Island's South Shore devastated, a host of environmentalists and public officials gathered in Hauppauge to speak out against a Trump administration plan that would allow for oil exploration and drilling in the region.

The Feb. 14 meeting was organized by New York State Assemblyman Steven Englebright, who is also a lecturer in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS).

"People who live here, live here because they value living next to the sea," he said, speaking in his capacity as chairman of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation. "We don't want that mucked up with oil."

Dr. Carl Safina, the first endowed professor for nature and humanity at Stony Brook University and president and

co-founder of the Safina Center at SoMAS, was one of nearly 50 individuals chosen to comment at the meeting.

"With all we know about the need to move off fossil fuels and on to renewables, no new areas at all should be explored for oil," he said.

While others fixated on the potential for a major spill like the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon blowout, Safina argued that, "The main disaster is the oil that we don't spill. It's the daily grind of oil extraction."

Oil production would bring with it tanker traffic, storage units and the constant stench of petrochemicals, he said. "Daily chronic minor spills" would also likely occur, and although they may not receive media attention, Safina stated these leaks would have the same polluting effects on the water.

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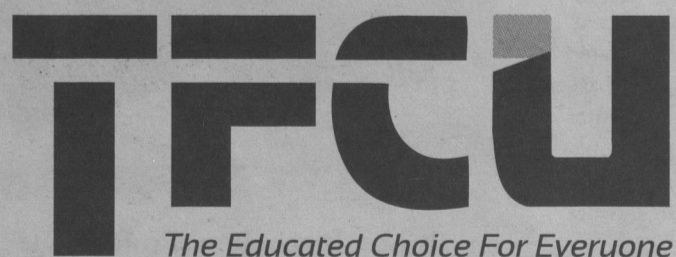
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NEWS

SOMAs professors say even exploring for oil can be harmful to the environment

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Even merely exploring for oil could be harmful, Safina said, since the seismic airguns used to identify possible drilling spots often drive whales and other marine life out of their natural habitats.

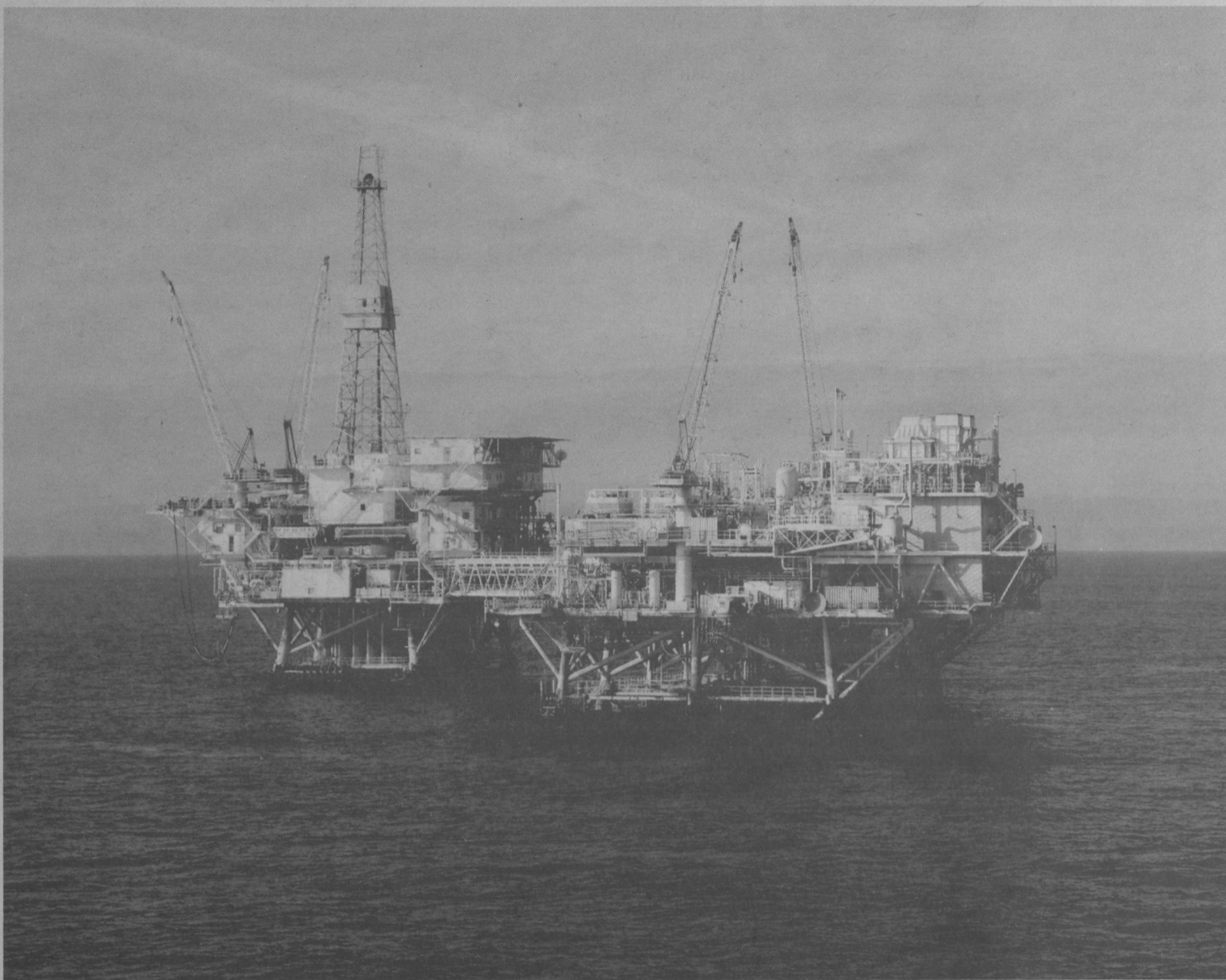
"So the question becomes, are we willing to realize that our coast is precious?" he asked. "Oil-related jobs may get dangled before our eyes, but maybe we'd like to keep the multibillion-dollar tourism and the properties."

"We assumed for many years that the federal government wasn't going to violate us, we can't assume that anymore," said Englebright, who is now sponsoring an assembly bill that would help block the federal government from leasing state lands and water for drilling.

Wednesday's public hearing was originally organized in response to the federal government's decision to hold its own hearing on the matter in Albany, rather than on Long Island or in coastal New York.

"It is not the right place for this issue because the impact is here," said Englebright.

Rep. Lee Zeldin stated on Thursday that the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will, in fact, hold a meeting on Long Island, although the agency has yet to announce an official date.



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Two oil and gas drilling platforms offshore near the coast of California. Under a Trump administration plan proposed in January 2018, oil and gas drilling would be allowed off the South Shore of Long Island.

Professor gives students opportunity to bond with South Sudanese refugees

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"I think for the refugees it's really helpful to know that somebody out there knows they exist," Canli said. "That's a big deal, and it may very well reduce some of the stress of having an uncertain future. For the students, it's an opportunity to learn about somebody else with an entirely different life experience."

After a bumpy start, Barkland and Logwonga Elisa started to develop a bond.

"The first time I spoke to Satimon it was a bit awkward, I didn't know what to talk about with someone who has gone through so much," Barkland wrote in an email. "After a little back and forth, however, I figured out that he was much like me, a young guy who wants to get to know a different culture. A lot of our first conversation was getting to know you talk, but it developed into a daily dialogue."

The 24-year-old Logwonga Elisa and his family are just a few of the more than one million refugees who have come to Uganda from South Sudan. Since splitting from Sudan in 2011, South Sudan has been racked with civil war, famine and water shortages. The conflict has forced nearly four million people from their homes, and has put a massive supply strain on the communities that take them in.

"Uganda in general has been very welcoming to refugees from other countries," Sebastian Ssem-

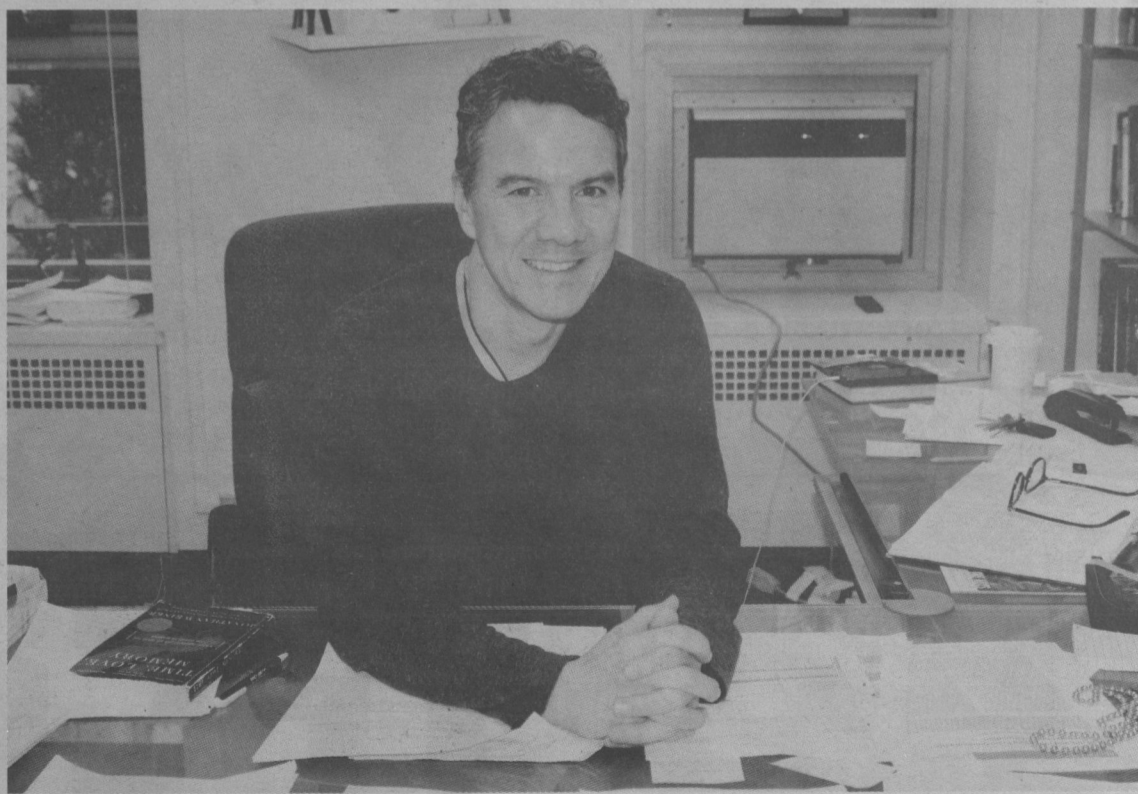
pijja, a Ugandan clinical psychologist and a colleague of Canli who is working with resettled refugees in Wisconsin, said. "Of course, the overwhelming numbers [of refugees] in Imvepi make it difficult for the locals to feel that they are able to make their own way, let alone sharing their meager resources with such a large number."

Logwonga Elisa spends his time in Imvepi playing dice, cards and watching his friends play soccer. Barkland said he found his friend surprisingly optimistic, despite the hardships he has endured.

"I was eager to learn, but I also went into the project thinking that Satimon would not be as upbeat as he was," Barkland wrote. "If anyone had the chance to talk to Satimon without knowing who he was and where he was from, you would find him to be an average guy who is eager to learn and willing to work hard for it."

The connection he developed with Logwonga Elisa gave Barkland new perspective and helped him put a face on the refugee crises worldwide, he said.

"Every time I hear of a group of refugees dying while trying to escape to freedom, I now think of Satimon and his struggles," Barkland wrote. "I also think of how strong he is and how great a student he could be if given the chance... Refugees are people too, and they deserve every chance we can give them to make a better life for themselves."



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Stony Brook Psychology Professor Dr. Turhan Canli sits at his desk in his office. Canli's research focuses on trauma survivors, which led him to study refugees.

Anybody interested in joining Canli's correspondence project can contact him directly via email, although the professor stressed that not every applicant will get to participate.

"This is not a school project," Canli said. "This is a potentially lifelong human bond that you're forming with another person. So we're very careful to make sure that people understand what they're getting into. It's like any

other friendship, it may be lifelong, it may fizzle, but we want to make sure people understand this is not to satisfy your intellectual curiosity."

Barkland also emphasized that prospective participants should treat refugees the same way they would treat any new friend.

"The best way to speak to a refugee is to talk with them the same way you would anyone else," Barkland wrote. "They're humans, just

like us. They have problems and triumphs, and they're eager to be friendly as well."

A sense of normalcy and acceptance, besides helping spur conversation, can actually help refugees recover from their traumatic experiences.

"When people are on refugee status, they feel misplaced, their lives are disrupted," Ssempijja said. "So a sense of being welcomed is part of the healing process."

More than 30 projects demoed at Hackathon

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we're planning on using some Amazon APIs," Singh said, referring to the application programming tools called the application programming interface.

Signs of progress were showing on the second day. The team split the work up into three parts, including interface, pedometer and barcode scanner for recording calories.

"Hopefully we have like a finished product," Singh said. "As long as it's functional I think it's a really big accomplishment because all of us came in without any experience using Android."

Senior computer science major Eifu Tomita said the Hackathon can be a good environment to work on schoolwork while attempting challenges and attending workshops.

"I've heard that there are workshops for IoT and Security," Tomita said. "I think they're something that I've never learned in class like a lecture or courses I've taken at Stony Brook."

Around 40 mentors were around to help students with different skill sets they might need to learn on the spot including new programming languages, software and hardware.

Elizabeth Gilmartin, one of the mentors and a clinical data analyst from Northwell Health, New York State's largest health care provider, said the company brought two challenges, each with a \$1,000 cash prize, including one asking students to find a way to predict patients' no-

show probability to their appointment based on patient metadata.

"With healthcare, we're always looking at what's next and what is innovative, and what will help, at the end, both patients and providers," Gilmartin said. "So we're curious to see what ideas come to the table and if they could possibly be something we could implement."

A group of four called Codenza, named after an Android app with more than 200,000 downloads that the team leader Divyendra Patil, built prior to the hackathon, won the Major League Hacking finalist award and the No.1 position in the capture the flag ethical hacking competition.

Codenza group members Rahul Yadav, Sagar Jain and Poornima Pundir came from the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey, and worked on a low-cost way of predicting Parkinson's disease using machine learning technology with key-logging data and cameras recording hand movements on a keyboard.

"It was a personal thing, my girlfriend has the Parkinson's disease," Patil said. "I didn't want anyone else to go through the same, what we're going through."

Using the data from PhysiNet, a database of physiologic signals, and the key-logger that classifies how long computer keys were pressed, the latency time from the first key press to the second and hand movements recorded by a camera helped them detect possible symptoms of Parkinson's disease

such as movement restrictions, Yadav said.

"We thought something should be done," Yadav said. "And there's a hackathon. That's the one place where you can make it."

Singh and Sondhi finished the health app they wanted to make at the beginning of the hackathon and demoed it to the judges. They said they were going to keep developing the app after the hackathon ends.

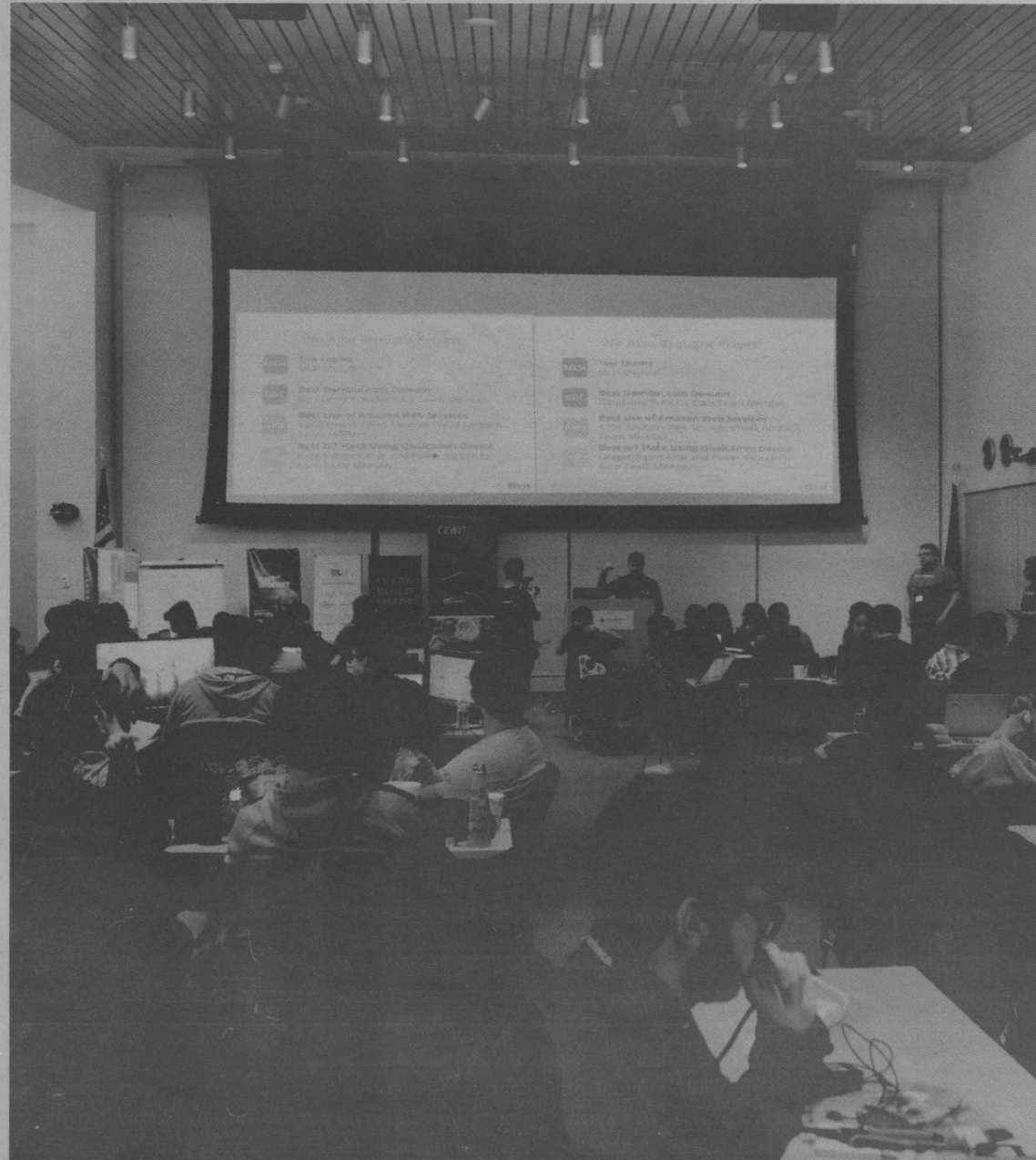
"Failure is acceptable at a hackathon. You want to go in, you want to try to break something."

-Matthew Cordaro
Hackathon Organizer

"It was hard working on the project at first," Sondhi said. "It took a while to get the flow in there."

Cordaro said the hackathon was a good environment for students to be creative and try new things.

"Failure is acceptable at a hackathon. You want to go in, you want to try to break something," Cordaro said. "That's the whole point because it doesn't really matter."



GARY GHAYRAT/THE STATESMAN

Approximately 150 students and 40 mentors flocked to Stony Brook University to participate in Hack@CEWIT 2018, the second annual event of its kind.

Police Blotter

On Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. a patient was found with contraband at Stony Brook University Hospital. The case is closed by an investigation.

On Feb. 2, at 5:29 p.m., two nursing assistants were punched in the chest by a patient during a Code M at University Hospital. The case is closed as the victim refused to cooperate.

On Feb. 2, at 10 p.m., an ex-boyfriend was arrested in Building L at Chapin Apartments after bringing an air gun to apt. 2177A. The case is closed.

On Feb. 3, at 3:15 p.m., an employee's vehicle was found damaged on the southwest corner of Old H Lot. The case remains open.

On Feb. 3, at 10:20 p.m., three small knives and a billy club were found on a visitor at University Hospital. The case is closed.

On Feb. 4, at 7:20 p.m., a patient was arrested after fighting another patient at University Hospital. The case is closed.

On Feb. 5, at 6 a.m., a counterfeit \$20 bill was received at University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Feb. 5, at 11:12 a.m., a complainant reported that his bicycle was taken near the Irving College sign. The case remains open.

On Feb. 5, at 11:45 a.m., a student referral was issued after marijuana paraphernalia was found in West I at the West Apartments. The case is closed.

On Feb. 5, at 8:08 p.m., a student referral was issued after the odor of marijuana was reported at Irving College. The case is closed.

On Feb. 5, at 8:19 p.m., a vehicle was reported vandalized at Whitman College. The case remains open.

On Feb. 5, at 9:38 p.m., a vehicle was reported vandalized at the Gym Road parking lot. The case remains open.

On Feb. 6, at 3:24 a.m., a student referral was issued after a student was found with marijuana in a suspended vehicle at the South Lot. The case is closed.

On Feb. 6, at 3:51 a.m., an online scam was reported after attempting to export money from a student at Hendrix College. The case remains open.

On Feb. 6, at 3:28 p.m., clothing, figurines and a backpack were reported stolen at the Long Island State Veterans Home. The case remains open.

On Feb. 6, at 5:55 p.m., a bicycle with a master lock was reported stolen at Dutchess Hall. The case remains open.

On Feb. 6, at 11:07 p.m., a male was arrested after smoking in a room in Tubman Hall. He was found to be in possession of marijuana. The case is closed.

On Feb. 7, at 1:03 a.m., a male was arrested after being reported as unknown in Wagner College. The case is closed.

On Feb. 7, at 8 a.m., \$300 USD was stolen from a dorm in Tubman Hall. The case remains open.

On Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m., a nurse was hit in the face by a patient at University Hospital. The case is closed after the victim declined to prosecute.

On Feb. 8, at 9:52 a.m., the parking gate arm at the Cancer Center was reported damaged. The case is closed by an investigation.

On Feb. 9, at 1:44 a.m., a coat along with a pair of car keys was reported missing at University Hospital. The case was unfounded.

On Feb. 9, at 11:44 a.m., a male was arrested at the Center for Molecular Medicine after being reported for suspicious behavior in the lobby. The case is closed.

On Feb. 9, at 1:10 p.m., a complainant reported a fraudulent charge on their credit card at University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Feb. 10, at 2:55 p.m., a vehicle was reported damaged at Irving College. It appears to have been keyed. The case remains open.

On Feb. 10, at 5:11 p.m., two watches were reported stolen at Douglass College. The case remains open.

On Feb. 10, at 8:10 p.m., a bicycle was reported missing at the Stony Brook Long Island Rail Road Station. The case remains open.

On Feb. 12, at 6:05 a.m., a complainant reported that their coworker was following them after verbally harassing them in the Physics Building. The case is closed as the victim declined to prosecute.

On Feb. 12, at 10:30 p.m., a guest damaged a smoke detector at the Hilton Garden Inn. The case is closed as the Hilton chose not to press criminal charges.

On Feb. 13, at 12:13 p.m., an employee received threatening messages from a former patient at University Hospital. The case is closed as the victim refused to cooperate.

On Feb. 13, at 7:39 p.m., two exit signs were reported damaged at Eisenhower College. The case remains open.

On Feb. 14, at 12:58 a.m., a female reported that she was scammed in Building A at the Chapin Apartments. The case remains open.

On Feb. 14, at 6:45 p.m., two visiting families broke into a verbal altercation at the University Hospital Emergency Department. One tablet broke during the altercation. The case is closed as the victim refused to prosecute.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

21 Savage set to headline Brookfest, USG announces

By Kayla McKiski
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Deadpan trap rapper 21 Savage is set to headline Brookfest 2018 on April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Island Federal Credit Union Arena. The Undergraduate Student Government announced the spring concert via Facebook on Feb. 14.

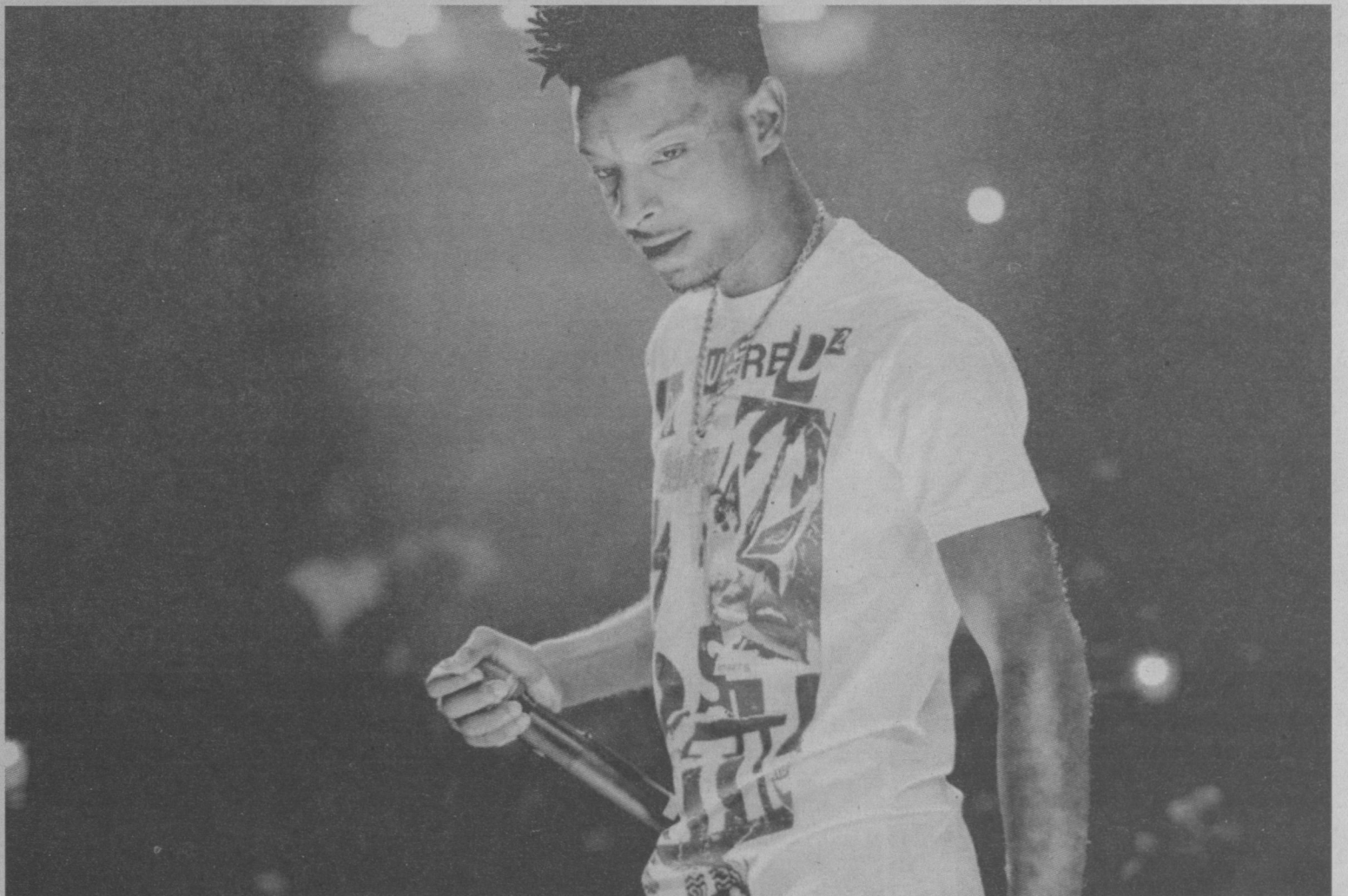
The Atlanta-based performer is best known for platinum singles "X" (2016) and "Bank Account" (2017), from his debut record "Issa Album" (2017). Since the album's release, he's been featured in Post Malone's Billboard 100 hit "rockstar" and Cardi B's "Bartier Cardi."

This year, USG did not host a Brookfest release party or poll students. According to the Facebook post, USG only sends out names for students to vote on if there are "multiple options relatively close to each other in current popularity."

"The only other serious inquiry was Travis Scott, who unfortunately did not pass a reference check due to his reputation for starting riots inside his concerts," Jaliel Amador, vice president of student life, said.

Many students commented on USG's Facebook announcement, frustrated with the artist choice.

"It's a hard decision to come up with the artist," Oscar Rodrigo Icochea, a Stony Brook graduate and former member of the Student Activities Board, said. "A lot of money goes into the show. You have to get someone with mainstream attraction because you have to fill the seats."



21 SAVAGE/FACEBOOK

USG announced this week that Atlanta-based rapper 21 Savage is set to headline this year's Brookfest on April 4 at the Island Federal Credit Union Arena. Tickets for the upcoming spring concert will go on sale starting March 5.

The booking price for 21 Savage alone was \$117,000. To curb "impossible suggestions," USG decided to be transparent about other artist costs, including those of past performers Post Malone, DNCE, Fetty Wap and Future.

"Every year, USG has the same limitations in booking an artist,"

USG stated on Facebook. "Kanye, The Who and Biggie were all booked before they rose exponentially in fame and price. We simply cannot afford 'legends' after they've already become legends."

Last year's Brookfest, which hosted performers DNCE, Joey Bada\$\$ and Alison Wonderland, was held in the

Student Activities lot. After hearing student feedback, USG looked for another viable venue.

"Athletics can not let us use the stadium to preserve the life of the field, especially with the Women's Lacrosse National Championship being held at SBU," Amador said. "Given overall feedback from last year's concert

in the SAC lot, USG felt it would be best for the student experience to bring this year's concert back to the IFCU Arena."

Tickets for the spring concert in the 4,000-seat arena go on sale March 5. Prices should stay consistent with those of previous concerts, according to Amador.

Album Review: "Man of the Woods" is genre-defiant

By Melissa Azofeifa
Contributing Writer

On "Man of the Woods," Justin Timberlake stays loyal to production duo, Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo, also known as The Neptunes. Timberlake also worked with long-time friend, Timbaland, on this new album. They produced hits like "Senorita" from his debut album, "Justified" (2002), and "My Love" from his sophomore album, "FutureSex/LoveSounds" (2006). Together, they help him experiment with blues, folk and country.

"Filthy" starts off the album with a bang. The harsh, robotic-sounding track is atypical of a pop song, but it was chosen as the opener for his performance for the Super Bowl half-time show this year. Zane Lowe from Beats 1 Radio described the song as a "palette cleanser" to take fans deeper into the rest of the album.

"Midnight Summer Jam" is a fun bop that invites you to dance to its heavy percussion and funky underlayer. The song takes you back to Timberlake's "Justified" glory days, with The Neptunes' familiar production style ever-present.

"Sauce," the first song he wrote for the album, plays with the techno side of Timberlake, which emerged back on "FutureSex/LoveSounds." The vocals in this song are reminiscent of "Sexy Back," his biggest hit from the 2006 album. Tim-

berlake considers the genre, "modern Americana."

"Supplies" has the hardest bass on the album. While difficult to sing to, Timberlake doesn't miss a beat with his percussion driven vocals. "TKO" from "The 20/20 Experience" has a similar flow to

it, making it a predictable move for Timberlake.

"Montana" is where Timberlake truly shows off his vocal range. The harmonies and falsettos in the song are its main attraction, and the infectious rhythm has you moving the

whole four minutes and 40 seconds of the song.

"Breeze Off the Pond" is a relaxing summer tune. The carefree flow makes you feel like you're cruising through the Hamptons in a convertible with the top down.

"Livin' Off the Land" has a country sound, although it's not a country album as Esquire reports. Timberlake's creamy vocals blend well with the twangy guitar.

"Say Something" could become the album's biggest hit with its fast tempo and smooth guitar chords. Timberlake and Chris Stapleton harmonize in a way that demands the listeners' attention.

"Hers" is an interlude, which includes Timberlake's wife, Jessica Biel. She speaks over a soft piano, segueing into another song, "Flannel."

Timberlake told Lowe that this album was inspired by his son, Silas. He had a conversation with Pharrell Williams in which he discovered that his son's name means "of the woods" in Latin. Timberlake liked the name so much that he used it for the album.

"Man of the Woods" is a change of pace for Timberlake. Experimental and genre-defiant, the album represents a new stage in life for the biggest male pop star of this generation.



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Justin Timberlake at the 83rd annual Academy Awards. Timberlake's latest album, "Man of the Woods," is experimental and crosses genre boundaries.

Podcast program set to kickoff

By Joseph Konig

Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Stony Brook Southampton announced a first-of-its-kind Audio Podcast Fellows Program on Dec. 18. Two months later, the one year course set to start in September has already sparked an unexpected amount of interest.

The program will be split into two semesters over a year and will encompass every aspect of podcasting from hosting and editing to producing and marketing. There are no prerequisites or education requirements for applying. Instead, the website asks potential applicants to simply “understand the potential of this new medium.”

“This is definitely our experiment year, but I think from the response that we’re getting now, that there’s a real niche for it,” program director Kathleen Russo said. “We’ve got a lot of applications and lots of people on a daily basis emailing to get more information. So we feel like we hit upon something.”

The inspiration for the program came from Russo’s second job as a producer for actor Alec Baldwin’s podcast, “Here’s the Thing.” Russo brought in interns from her day job in the Stony Brook Southampton Master of Fine Arts program and saw how applicable the medium could be to storytelling.

“Robert Reeves – who is the provost of our department, MFA and Creative Writing – the two of us kind of came up with it together,” Russo said. “Bob and I were sort of like, ‘Well, maybe this is another career opportunity for our students who are actually in the MFA writing courses because they can use their writing skills as another way to make a living in podcasting while they’re writing their novel.’”

They quickly realized that podcasting remains an unexplored medium in academia.

“Then it developed into, ‘wait, no one else in the country is doing a complete comprehensive program in podcasting,’” Russo said. “We’d be the first ones to do it.”

While other universities may have podcast classes or incorporate the medium into broader classes, this will be the first program solely focused on podcasting. At Stony Brook, the only undergraduate course with a focus on audio storytelling in any form is a one credit class titled “Audio Journalism Lab.”

The sizable interest in Russo’s program aligns with the booming growth of the podcast industry. Based on data collected in January 2017, Pew Research Center estimated that 40 percent of Americans over the age of 12 listened to a podcast before and 24 percent listened to one in the last month. Another study, conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, revealed that podcast ad revenues increased by 72 percent between 2015 and 2016 among the top 20 podcast producers. PwC estimated another 85 percent increase between 2016 and 2017.

While the podcast industry is lucrative and there is growing interest, there is still one problem: no one knows how to make one.

“There’s a lot of people who have ideas for shows but not ideas for how to staff them,” Russo said. “Most producers I know are working on more than one show.”

Throughout the course, students will work both on their personal podcast and at an internship with a professional podcast producer, like WNYC or WSHU. WSHU, an NPR-affiliate in Connecticut and on Long Island, is going to be a producing partner for the program. The station will air excerpts of the students content and offer expertise and guidance.

“We’re excited to partner with Stony Brook Southampton on this innovative new program,” WSHU Program Director Tom Kuser said in

a press release. “This collaboration allows us to do two things that WSHU is really committed to: deliver compelling new content to our community; and provide unique, hands-on learning experiences to a new generation of creative content producers and storytellers.”

Russo also intends to capitalize on her relationship with WNYC, which produces a number of the nation’s top podcasts, including “Here’s The Thing.” Each week of the first semester, the students will be taught by a guest faculty member who works in the industry and can offer insight on the different aspects of podcasting.

“They’re going to get to hear from some of the top people making podcasts today,” Russo said. “Having that kind of exposure to people who are actually working in the industry and then going off and doing an internship, I think that is the right approach. It’s almost like a bootcamp for podcasting.”

Guest faculty will include “The Moth” host and artistic director, Catherine Burns, WNYC’s Vice President for On-Demand Content, Emily Botein, and others who have found success in the industry.

“The goal is that when you graduate after the year, you’ll know how to edit, you’ll know how to write, you’ll know how to host or produce behind the scenes,” Russo said. “You’ll know all aspects of podcasting plus you’ll have something that you created on your own.”

Russo said applicants they received so far ranged in age from 18 to 70 and they hope the inaugural class will have a wide variety of backgrounds and interests.

“One of our very first applicants, she’s interested in the food industry, she’s interested in doing a food podcast and she’s a chef,” Russo said. “You’re going to get people from all walks of life I think.”

Applications for the program will be considered on a rolling basis until June, but Russo intends to start informing accepted applicants beginning on March 1.

ARTSY EVENTS

Feb. 19

Spoken Word/Open Mic Contest

The Black History Month Spoken Word/Open Mic Contest is an opportunity for SBU students to project their creative energy through spoken word and diverse modes of expression. Contestants are urged to focus on the themes listed on the guidelines, all relating to prominent struggles of African-Americans. The program will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 20

Art of the Violin Concert Series

Performing in the Melville Library Galleria at 12 p.m. are students of professor and artist-in-residence Jennifer Frautschi. They will be playing works from the violin music collection in the Galleria.

Feb. 21

Southampton Writers Speak

The Stony Brook Southampton MFA in Creative Writing and Literature presents Judith Newman, a journalist and author, to share her readings. Newman is the author of the bestseller “To Siri With Love: A Mother, Her Autistic Son” and “The Kindness of Machines,” a collection of stories with her son. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Stony Brook Southampton Chancellors Hall Radio Lounge.

Feb. 22

Writing Workshop

In another addition to the Black History Month celebration, Stony Brook alumnus Christopher Grant will speak about his experiences in writing and publishing. Grant debuted his novel-writing career with “Teenie.” The discussion will involve incorporating sociopolitical pressures, gender roles and stereotypes, family and culturalism in writing. The program will begin at 5 p.m.

Feb. 23

The Teacher

As a part of its Spring Film series, the Staller Center presents this Slovak-Czech drama film about a teacher who leads the local Communist Party in 1983. Her increasing demands of her students’ parents force them to consider their options. The film begins at 7 p.m.

Feb. 23

All I See Is You

As a part of its Spring Film series, the Staller Center presents the story of a blind woman’s relationship with her husband when she regains her sight and begins to discover disturbing details that make her question her reality. The film begins at 9 p.m.

Feb. 24

Symphony Orchestra

Composed of stellar musicians from around the world pursuing their advanced studies in the graduate school of the Department of Music, the Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra will perform on the Staller Center Main Stage. The performance begins at 8 p.m.

Feb. 26

Film Screening: Kiki

In this Black History Month event, the Student Activities Center Sidney Gelber Auditorium will present the film “Kiki,” about the experiences of several young LGBTQ people participating in contemporary LGBTQ kiki culture. After the movie is over, there will be an analysis of the concepts. The movie will begin at 7 p.m.

Feb. 24

Met Opera

The Staller Center Main Stage presents a film version of the world’s most popular opera with Franco Zeffirelli’s classic production of La Bohème. This production features a series of exciting casts. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m.



MELISSA AZOFEIFA/THE STATESMAN

Stony Brook Southampton announced the Audio Podcast Fellows Program on Dec. 18, set to begin in September. Applications for the program will be accepted into June.

CAMPUS EVENT CALENDAR

Feb. 20

School of Social Welfare Information Session

When: 5 p.m.

Where: Health Sciences Tower

Feb. 20

Black in Latin America: Part Three

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Tabler Arts Center

Feb. 20

Marie Colvin Lecture Series: David Rodhe

When: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Sidney Gelber Auditorium

Feb. 21

Black Minds Matter: Engaging, Educating and Empowering our Black Students

When: 3 p.m.

Where: Melville Library, E-2340

Feb. 21

Black History Month: Music 101

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Sidney Gelber Auditorium

Feb. 21

Community Dialogue Series: How to Fix a Political System

When: 7 p.m.

Where: SAC Ballroom B

Feb. 22

Black History Month Lecture by Neil Roberts

When: 4 p.m.

Where: Humanities 1008

Feb. 22

Student African American Sisterhood Meet and Greet

When: 6 p.m.

Where: SAC

Feb. 23

On Being Black: The American Dream

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Tabler Arts Center

Feb. 24

Men's Lacrosse vs. Brown

When: 1 p.m.

Where: Lavalle Stadium

Feb. 24

Men's Basketball vs. Vermont

When: 7 p.m.

Where: IFCU Arena

Feb. 25

Women's Lacrosse vs. Denver

When: noon

Where: Lavalle Stadium

Feb. 26

University Libraries Presents Social Identities in Text

When: 3 p.m.

Where: Melville Library, E-2340

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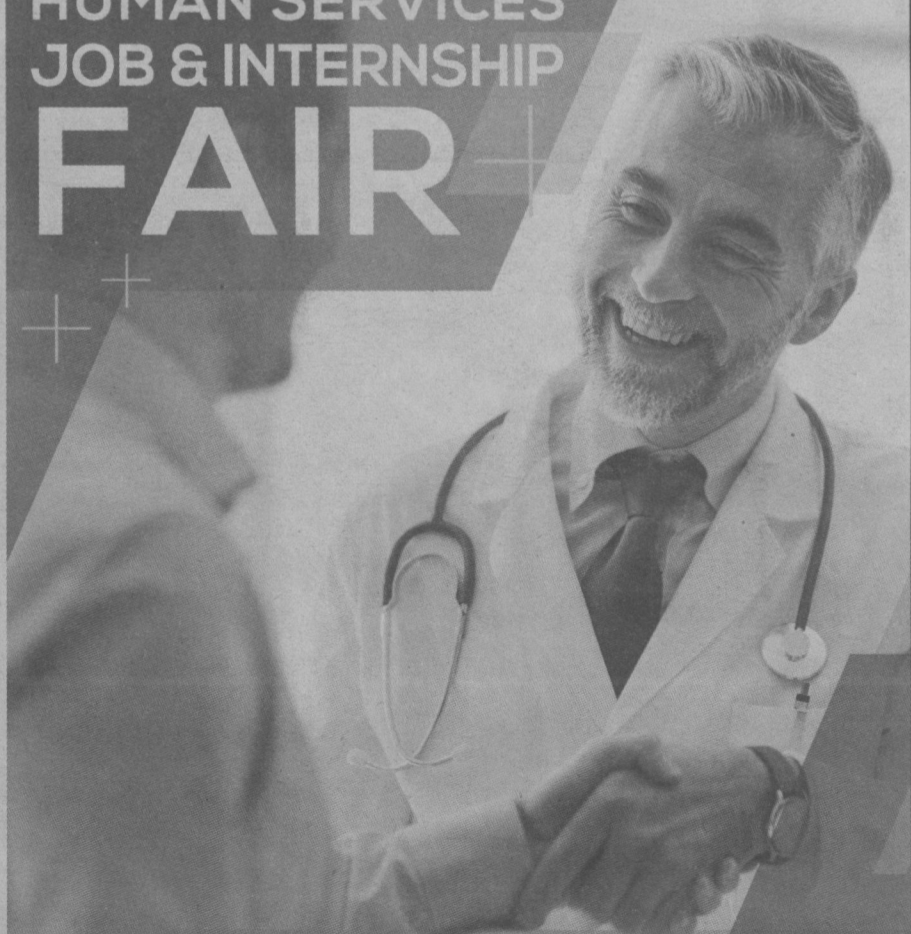
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MEN'S LACROSSE SHOWS PROMISE

By Chris Parkinson

Young teams are not an uncommon occurrence in collegiate sports, which is why not a single coach in the America East Conference is underestimating the potential of the 2018 Stony Brook men's lacrosse team.

The Seawolves were selected second in the 2018 America East Preseason Coaches Poll, the second time in three years Stony Brook has been placed that high.

Stony Brook posted a 7-7 overall record — including a 3-3 record in conference play — last season. Its record earned the team fourth in the regular season standings and the final spot in the post-season tournament. The team eventually fell to No. 1-ranked Albany, who went on to win the conference championship for the fifth consecutive year.

The team graduated a number of players last year, including attacker Ryan Bitzer and midfielder Alex Corpolongo, who both led the team in multiple categories.

Corpolongo led the Seawolves in goals scored with 33. He ranked third in the America East in goals and points per game with 2.4 and 2.8 respectively, and ranks ninth in program history in goals with 95 career goals. Bitzer was named to the All-America East First Team last season, where he racked up 19 goals and a team-high 31 assists, placing him second in the conference in assists and fourth in points with 3.5.

This season poses a new look and energy to replace what has been lost from last year. The team welcomes 15 incoming freshmen, including freshman goalkeeper Ryan Eler. The 6-foot-2-inch goalie made an impact in his collegiate debut, stopping 10 shots in the first 30 minutes of action against Sacred Heart on Feb. 10. Eler finished the game with a total of 13 saves.

Eler, midfielders Patrick Kaschalk and Mike McCannell, defenseman Devin O'Leary and attacker Jack Walsh were the five freshmen who saw the field in their first collegiate matchup.

The first-years had an immediate impact on the team, with both Kaschalk and McCannell notching goals on five combined shots in their collegiate debuts. O'Leary also accounted for one ground ball on defense while Walsh had a shot at the net, which went wide.

The Seawolves may have started the season off with a defeat, but the loss still showed positive signs for the team. A late comeback brought the team within two goals after trailing 11-6 earlier in the game.

A key factor returning this season for the Seawolves is their defensive rotation, including long stick middies, seniors Kyle Abdellatif and Tyler Anderson and juniors Ryland Rees and Justin Pugal. The group accumulated success last season, limiting five opponents, three being conference foes, to single digits in goals.

"I'm very confident with the leadership and togetherness on this team," head coach Jim Nagle said following the team's season opener.

Rees, who was named to the Team Canada training squad in early February, and a captain of this year's team, was a big help for the Seawolves last season. The 6-foot-2-inch long stick middle led the team's defense with 44 ground balls and 11 forced turnovers. Rees finished fourth in the America East in turnovers last season.

On the offensive end, sophomore attacker Tom Haun emerges as the top goal-scorer remaining from last season, where he tallied up 23 goals. This season, he has already jumped out to a quick start, scoring three goals in the team's season opener and also adding an assist. His hat trick helped the team close the Pioneers' lead, as he scored two of his goals with under 10 minutes remaining in regulation.

All signs are pointing to a positive season for Stony Brook. The much younger-staffed team along with key veterans look to live up to the expectations that have been placed on them and stay at the top of the America East.



Kelly Zegers

Lineup

11 Kyle Abdellatif
Senior LSM

12 Wayne White
Sophomore midfield

13 Chris Pickel, Jr.
Sophomore attack

15 Justin Pugal
Junior LSM

16 Owen Daly
Junior midfield

17 Ryland Rees
Junior LSM

22 Tom Haun
Sophomore attack

40 Cory VanGinhoven
Sophomore attack

54 Ryan Eler
Freshman goalkeeper

91 Patrick Kaschalk
Freshman midfield

C Jim Nagle
Head Coach

Player to watch

Redshirt-senior attacker Courtney Murphy is making her return to the turf after sitting out last season with a torn ACL, one of the most difficult injuries to come back from. In the four games she played last season before her injury, she had already tallied 14 goals and two assists.

"I had a plan after college and a job lined up right out of college, and when something unexpected like that happens, it kind of throws your plan off a bit," Murphy said. "But, thankfully I had the opportunity, because if it was one game later, I wouldn't have been able to redshirt. I really think that that was a silver lining and it helped make the decision to come back."

With a returning 100-goal scorer in Murphy and the all-around game of Ohlmiller, Murphy is excited to test out how powerful her offense can be.

"I think we have a ton of firepower," Murphy said. "In my earlier days, if you shut down one or two people, our team was done. Now, this year, we have midfielders that can come up and contribute on offense."

Lineup

1	Carolyn Carrera Senior defense
3	Mackenzie Burns Junior midfield
4	Carlee Janelli Junior midfield
11	Samantha DiSalvo Senior midfield
17	Kylie Ohlmiller Senior attack
18	Courtney Murphy Redshirt-senior attack
20	Tiffany Zullo Senior midfield
21	Taryn Ohlmiller Sophomore attack
24	Keri McCarthy Junior midfield
25	Brooke Gubitosi Redshirt-senior defense
30	Ally Kennedy Sophomore midfield
31	Anna Tesoriero Junior goalkeeper
C	Joe Spallina Head Coach

BIG NAMES RETURN TO WOMEN'S LACROSSE

By Gregory Zarb

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team watched its ticket to its first ever NCAA Final Four slip from its fingers in last season's loss to the eventual winner of the Final Four, as Maryland ended Stony Brook's program's best season ever. Head coach Joe Spallina did promise one thing after last season's loss.

"Stay off the bandwagon, we're coming for you next year," Spallina said last year.

Now, with Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium set to host the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Final Four in May, the Seawolves have plans of raising a trophy in their house.

Spallina has most of his roster returning for the 2018 season, but none more impactful than redshirt-senior attacker Courtney Murphy. Murphy suffered a season-ending ACL injury against Northwestern last season and was able to redshirt. Two seasons prior, she was the gold standard of goal scoring.

Murphy was the first college women's lacrosse player in Division I history to score 100 goals in a season. She also broke former player and volunteer assistant coach Demmianne Cook's program record of 156 career goals, had a career-high 16 assists and led Division I with 116 points. But, this is the first year where the landscape has changed for Murphy.

"I think my mindset is completely different this year than it has been in previous years," Murphy said. "To have that year off, I've really been able to get a different perspective of the team and the sport in general. So, with that said, I think my mindset, along with the rest of the team's mindset, is just one step at a time."

The other big name on the team is senior attacker Kylie Ohlmiller. She had one of the greatest seasons in collegiate women's lacrosse history last year. She was the first ever Tewaaron finalist in Stony Brook history, broke the single-season record for points and assists and finished the season with 164 points, better than the 2001 record of 148 points set by Maryland alumna Jen Adams. Now, she aims for an even better year.

"I think that just being the best teammate and leader," Ohlmiller said on how she can top her tremendous previous season. "Because I know that at the end of the day, my teammates' goals and my biggest goals is to win a national cham-

pionship with these teammates right beside me. Just trying to be the best Stony Brook team we can be."

Her team failed to make the Final Four, which was a personal goal for her. Now with her goal of a Final Four sitting right in her stomping grounds, she knows what they need to do.

"The Final Four being here in May is just a light at the end of the tunnel," Ohlmiller said. "It's motivation for us, it's a motivating factor every day, we hear it in the back of heads. But right now, we have to focus on being 1-0, then 2-0. Without that, we can't get to May and be here in our stadium. So that's our biggest focus, one game at a time."

The Seawolves' season kicked off Friday night in Los Angeles to take on the No. 8 USC Trojans. Stony Brook started the season ranking as No. 2, but received first place votes for the first time in program history. With the dynamic duo of Ohlmiller and Murphy back on the field together and combining for five goals in the team's victory over No. 5 USC Friday night, Spallina is excited to see the next level his offense has.

"You know, I hope so, I hope at least two more goals for our team," Spallina said about his offense's potential. "We led the country in assists, so we really harp on the fact of moving off the ball and making smart team decisions. Kylie is usually the last or second to last person to touch the ball. I think now, that can change a little bit. Kylie will continue to be Kylie, which is being the best player in the world, and she's got two other prominent attackers behind her."

Even with the Final Four still months away, Spallina, the one who taught his players to focus on one game at a time, can't help but get excited to host it and play in front of their own fans.

"I'm a straight shooter, I'm not going to hide from the fact the Final Four is in our building and someone is going to raise the trophy in our building, and it sure as hell better be us," Spallina said. "I'm sure no one wants someone coming into their living room and taking their dinner and then leaves. To me, it's something that we embrace, I lived through it at Adelphi. I think we're a team that's based on being gritty and hardworking and confident and blue collar, and when you do things, you don't hide from them."

Aracely Jimenez



SOFTBALL LOOKS TO BOUNCE BACK

By Kenneth Fermin

The Stony Brook softball team will look to rebound following an emotionally dismaying 2017 season.

"Last season, we did not do as well as we wanted to," sophomore pitcher Melissa Rahrlich said. "I think we had extraordinary circumstances throughout the season that happened, but I think this season will be a lot better and we will come back a lot stronger."

The team suffered an extraordinary loss in the passing of sophomore second baseman Danielle Kemp in early March. Kemp passed away due to a rare form of brain cancer that was discovered after testing to see if she had a concussion following a pitch that hit her head. The Seawolves honored her legacy by holding fundraisers in her name, using the hashtag DK23 (her initials and number) on social media and wearing her name on their jersey sleeves.

"Well, last season was tough on us for a lot of reasons," head coach Megan T. Bryant said. "We are kind of moving past that this year. It is a new group this year, a new excitement and our goal for this year, like every year, is to compete for the America East title."

The Seawolves were often in the middle of the pack in the America East statistically on offense last season, finishing fourth in slugging (.405 percent), hits (346) and batting average (.281). The team will look to sophomore outfielder Jourdin Hering and junior catcher Irene Rivera to produce in the batter's box again.

"I like where we are at offensively now," Bryant said. "We are 'swinging a bigger bat now,' if you will. We are hitting more balls and becoming more aggressive hitters."

One of the team's biggest flaws last season was the amount of runs allowed per game. The Seawolves were

seventh in the conference in runs allowed, finishing with a 4.57 ERA. In response to this, the team has hired pitching specialist Christina Berardi as an assistant coach to work with Rahrlich and the rest of the pitching staff.

"We have two new assistant coaches and I would say we love them both," Rahrlich said. "They are great and Coach B especially, since she is the pitching coach and I love working with her. I think Coach Bryant helps in all areas, too. She helps us see the field and I think they are all working to make this our best season."

Stony Brook is predicted to finish fourth in a Preseason Coaches' Poll by the America East Conference. However, Rivera ensures that this is being used as fuel to light a fire under the team for the upcoming season.

"It doesn't matter what the preseason poll says," Rivera said. "What matters is what we want in the end result and that is the America East Championship so we're going to prove people wrong."

The Seawolves will start their season on the Gulf Coast for the FGCU Invitational in Fort Myers, Florida. The team will then travel nearly 3,000 miles the following week to participate in the UC Riverside Highlander Classic in Riverside, California. For several of the players, the trip to California is about more than playing in an invitational – it's about playing in front of their family.

"Florida is always a trip for us, so it is nice to get out of this cold weather to go get some sun and actually getting on the dirt field," Rivera said. "And going back to California is just so exciting, I have so much family there and they are all so excited. They all have been telling me they can't wait to see me play because they don't really get to see me that much. I love the California trips."

Roster

2	Katelyn Corr Junior outfielder
3	Allyssa Malony Sophomore infielder
4	Hannah Pineda Freshman catcher
5	Ileana Torres Senior outfielder
6	Irene Rivera Junior catcher
8	Ally Dabroski Junior infielder
9	Jourdin Hering Sophomore outfielder
10	Nicole McCarvill Freshman infielder
11	Chelsea Evans Senior infielder
12	Danielle Petrovich Freshman outfielder
13	Melissa Rahrlich Sophomore pitcher
14	Lindsey Hughes Junior pitcher
15	Maddy Neales Senior pitcher
16	Carissa Della Vecchia Freshman pitcher
17	Taylor Pechin Sophomore pitcher
18	Caroline Seeberg Senior infielder
21	Jordyn Nowakowski Sophomore catcher
40	Riley Craig Sophomore infielder
C	Megan T. Bryant Head Coach

Player to watch

The bar of success has been set high for Stony Brook sophomore pitcher Melissa Rahrlich following a season of offensive and defensive dominance.

"Mel is certainly a valuable player for us," head coach Megan T. Bryant said. "For what she does in the circle, what she does on the plate and what she does for space, she really is one of our top players."

Rahrlich lit up the circle, leading the Seawolves with 157.1 innings pitched to finish with a 12-12 record and a 3.57 ERA last season. She completed 12 games in the circle, eight coming from conference action and ended the season one strikeout shy of 100. The sophomore had a good eye in the batter's box, leading the Seawolves with a .593 slugging percentage. She led the team in home runs with fellow sophomore Jourdin Hering and produced 32 runs from 49 hits.



Marie Matsunaga

Resk has the reins

Heading into another season of Seawolves baseball, one of the pillars that Coach Senk will rely on is junior outfielder Dylan Resk. Resk made a major jump in production last year, posting the fourth highest home run total in Stony Brook history while nearly doubling his walks and runs-batted-in.

Stony Brook will need a similar improvement from some of its second-year players to return to the top of the conference, and Resk can play a huge part in that happening. Now an upperclassmen on a roster that features more freshman than any other class, part of Resk's task will include being an example for his teammates to take their next step while continuing to be at the forefront of Stony Brook's offensive production.



Krysten Massa

BASEBALL TRIES TO FILL GAPS

By Ryan Pavich

The Stony Brook baseball team will open its 2018 season on Friday with a four-game series against Nichols State. Heading into its 28th season under head coach Matt Senk, the team has posted back-to-back average seasons, falling short of a sixth conference tournament championship for the program. This year, it has a number of questions to answer throughout the season if it is to recapture the America East crown.

One of the notable weaknesses this year's lineup may face is a lack of team power. Junior outfielder Dylan Resk led the team with 13 home runs last season, but the rest of the team produced just 21. Two of the team's next-highest home run hitters, outfielder Toby Handley and utility player Casey Baker, graduated last spring.

One potential solution is the development of sophomore outfielder Michael Wilson. Wilson sent five balls into the stands last season as part of an America East All-Rookie campaign. Building off his freshman performance would be a huge boost to this year's lineup, and would provide protection for Resk in the heart of the order.

Another factor in the Seawolves' success this season will be whether or not sophomore right-handed pitcher Brian Herrmann can repeat his strong performance as the top starter.

Herrmann earned a first-team America East selection last season, posting a 4-3 record with a 3.46 ERA in over 80 innings. He already showed the potential to frustrate opponents with shutout performances against UCSB and Hartford, so another year of improvement could solidify his spot as staff ace.

One candidate to complement Herrmann in the starting role is red-shirt-sophomore right-hander Greg Marino. He managed to strike out 58 batters in 2017, the most on the team, despite pitching in 20 fewer innings than Herrmann. However, Marino did allow a .267 batting average against, which will need to go down if he spends more time starting.

Should Marino struggle, another option could come from a bounce back season by junior right-handed pitcher Bret Clarke. He was an America East All-Rookie in his freshman season with a 6-2 record and a 2.19 ERA, but struggled throughout last year.

His ERA ballooned to 6.30 due to allowing 23 more hits in only three more innings, including five more home runs. Clarke still shows the potential to make a comeback, as he managed to strike out 51 batters and throw four less wild pitches, showing the issues weren't related to control.

Stony Brook's predominantly right-handed pitching staff will also have to find success dealing with left-handed hitters. Of the 21 pitchers on the roster, only seniors Teddy Rodliff, Kevin Kernan and Cole Creighton throw left-handed. Kernan made a majority of his appearances as a starter, so that leaves Rodliff and Creighton to handle any lefty-on-lefty matchup Coach Senk runs into.

Nicholls State will be the first opportunity for Stony Brook to find out what its team has going forward, but these questions won't be fully answered until the conference playoffs arrive. For a program with Stony Brook's recent history, returning to regionals is the only way to overcome the results of the past two seasons. It will be interesting to see if they can get there.

Lineup

3	Chris Hamilton Sophomore outfield	16	Bret Clarke Junior pitcher	29	Sean Buckhout Junior catcher
5	Michael Russell Junior pitcher	18	Brandon Janofsky Junior infielder	32	Dylan Resk Junior outfielder
9	Teddy Rodliff Senior pitcher	24	Bobby Honeyman Senior infielder	44	Sam Turcotte Sophomore pitcher
11	Michael Wilson Sophomore outfield	26	Aaron Pinto Senior pitcher	C	Matt Senk Head Coach
14	Andruw Gazzola Senior outfielder	28	Michael Palazzolo Freshman infielder		



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Stony Brook students come together to remember the lives of the Chapel Hill shooting victims. On average, 19 children are shot in America every day, according to the CDC.

Are we doing anything to prevent future school shootings?

By Andrew Goldstein
Opinions Editor

Where will you be when Stony Brook experiences a school shooter situation? Will you be walking on the Academic Mall as you hear the rat-tat-tat of an AR-15 echoing across campus? Will you find out through a tweet while someone in the class tries to lock the door?

What makes you think it won't happen here? Have any new county, state or federal gun laws been passed recently? Are there more extensive background checks? Is there more effective mental health care if that's the side you're on? Must we reach a requisite amount of thoughts and prayers before this all goes away?

The Onion's shooting piece manages to be shared by at least four of my Facebook friends every time these shootings recur. The discussion begins again with more name-calling than intelligent conversation. We are no safer. One of these shootings happened in New York City. We moved on. If the shooting kills less than 10 people, it might only get through to the local media. The nation looks away, too bored to care. And then we wonder why it happens again, barely a week later.

Now, I feel totally safe on campus. The Stony Brook University Police Department has a website dedicated to Active Shooter Programs, along with a video about active shooter preparedness — instructing viewers how to act if an active shooter situation occurs on campus. Part of the video explains the SB Guardian phone app, which I don't think anyone on campus actually has on their

phone. The app sends safety warnings, lets you easily contact police and guardians and has a safety timer so that those guardians can know how long you've been in a situation where you feel unsafe. On the page, there is a link to a form to schedule an Active Shooter Program with UPD.

Since the inception of 2018, there has been a school shooting at East Olive Elementary School in St. Johns, Michigan. Another took place at New Start High School in Seattle, Washington. Then another at Coronado Elementary School in Sierra Vista, Arizona; at California State University in San Bernardino, California; at Grayson College Criminal Justice Center in Denison, Texas; at Wiley College Campus in Marshall, Texas; at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; at Italy High School in Italy, Texas; at The NET Charter High School in Gentilly, Louisiana; at Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky; at Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama; at Dearborn High School in Dearborn, Michigan; at Lincoln High School in Mayfair, Pennsylvania; at Salvador B. Castro Middle School in Los Angeles, California; at Oxon Hill High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland; at the Harmony Learning Center in Maplewood, Minnesota; and at Metropolitan High School in New York, New York. Most recently, 17 people were killed and another 23 injured by AR-15-wielding Nikolas Cruz at Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County, Florida. All of this is according to a report by the Daily News.

It's easy for our eyes to glaze over as we read about school

after school. It becomes part of pop culture. We make games about school shooters. I've heard people describe others as having "school-shooter aesthetic." We, as a society, have created the character of a school shooter — however similar to reality it is. Meanwhile, books are written dispelling those notions. Without reading these books or speaking with friends and relatives of the shooters and their victims, how can we hope to learn how to stop such events from taking place? We go back to blaming gun laws — which definitely needs to be worked on. We go back to blaming the way we treat mental illness, which also needs a lot of work. Some people argue that having more guns will help, but unless we reinstitute some kind of draft to standardize gun training, I don't see the logic in this.

We think and pray and send our condolences. In my mind, this is important. It is important that we show the victims and their families that we sympathize with their pain. We are part of the society that created the problem that affected them. But part of this sympathy requires us to take action. Call your representatives. Tell them that you want stricter background checks or restrictions on assault rifles. Call them over and over until new gun laws are passed. Improve the research done on shooters and prevention of attacks so that we have better ways of approaching these issues. Try out some of these methods, whether they are improving screenings by school teachers or introducing more areas of self-expression.

Let's keep Stony Brook out of the news. At least not for this.

Being tripled my first semester was a complete nightmare

By Gabby Pardo
Assistant Opinions Editor

Coming in as a freshman last semester, I had this weird obsession with finding the perfect roommate. I wanted to be comfortable walking in and out of my room, having people over, studying and most importantly, not having to walk on eggshells. The one thing Stony Brook did well was promote social media to contact other incoming students. I used Facebook, GroupMe and more to meet new faces and get an idea of who I would be seeing in my quad daily. Through the power of social media (thanks Stony Brook), I found the perfect roommate, whom I still room with this semester.

After picking our building and such, we received a surprise in late June. A third roommate was listed in our room. Don't misjudge me now — I love engaging with new people and personalities. The main problem I had was that I was not notified in any way about the additional roommate.

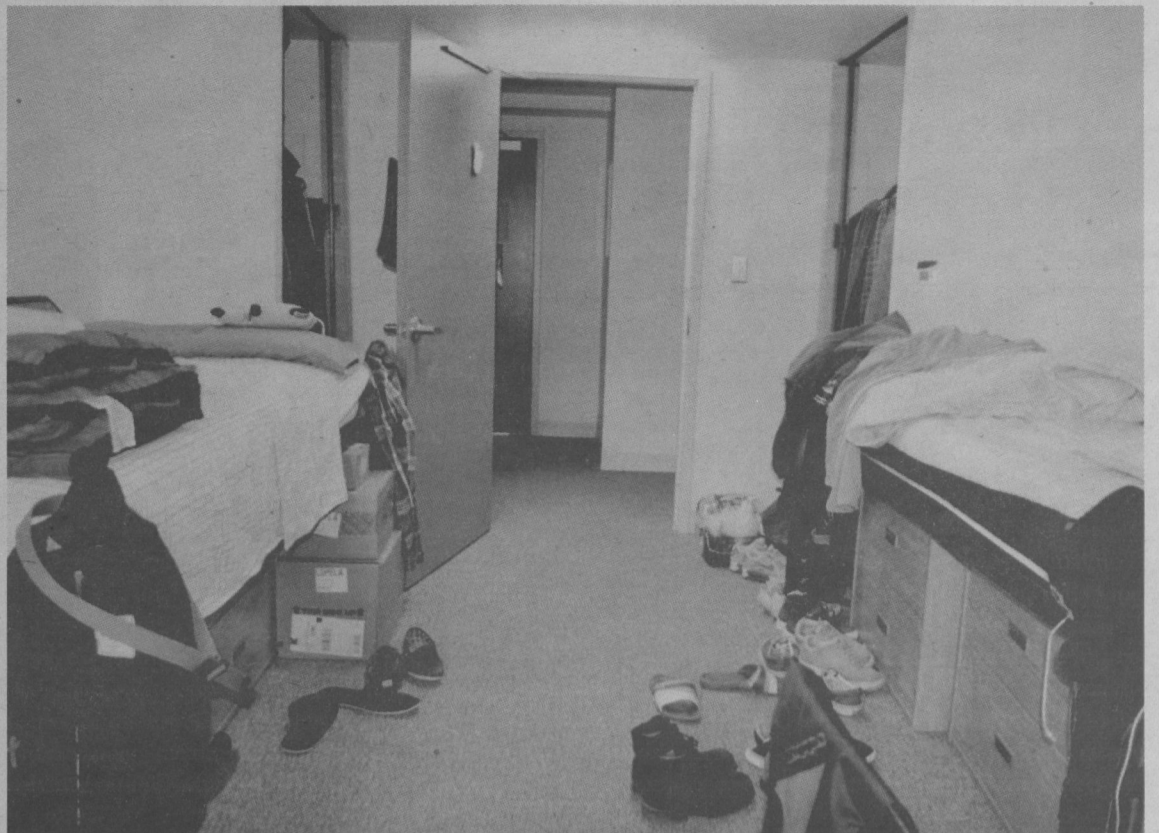
It wasn't until I was looking on the housing portal to confirm information that I saw that third name listed. Choosing corridor style, I knew there was a possibility of this, but I thought I would have at least received some notification.

Now that there were three of us in the room, I expected the university to accommodate all of our needs with closet spaces,

desks, etc. When I walked into this shoebox of a room having that "freshman face of excitement," I was astonished by how tiny my new home was. I saw a bottom and top bunk, a single bunk bed, two desks, two closet spaces, two dressers and a face of disappointment. I was not notified until move-in day that the three of us had to share everything. To make this nightmare even more excruciating, it wasn't until right after Thanksgiving break that we got a detriple offer.

Especially with girls, we have a lot of stuff. A double room in my quad is 176 square feet. If you do the math, that's about 58.7 square feet per person, aka the size of a large dog kennel. The space slowly became more cramped, especially because of my habit of being a little messy. This habit would sometimes cause my belongings to suffuse with my roommates' clutter. I found myself feeling so small when all three of us were in the room at the same time. It wasn't until when we got detripled that I finally felt like I had truly moved in. I didn't have to be too careful of where I put my things anymore. Having one shirt on the floor or my books spread out didn't make the whole room crowded or overwhelming. I didn't feel pressure to share more space because there wasn't enough furniture for everyone.

Living in a cramped shoe box



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A double dorm room in Roosevelt Quad at Stony Brook University. The room is 176 square feet, which means in a triple each person gets about 58.5 square feet of space.

for almost an entire semester was unacceptable, and I expected better from such a high-ranked university. I understand that we do have a load of residents — 10,204 undergraduate and graduate combined to be exact. However, there has to be a better system to prevent students from having to live on top of each other.

Even if the university can't do that much, at least make us all equals. Give us an equal

amount of furniture. Give us a fair message that another roommate has been added to our room, instead of having me take the extra step to see for myself. If we can't go as far as this, get us detripled quicker. I don't understand how I had to wait three whole months for a detriple offer but once it was made, my roommate was forced to move out in four days.

I was trapped in this stuffy hole for three months. I'm pretty

sure I'm not the only one who's been through this, but I may be one of the only people speaking up about it. I'm two hours from home, so you don't see me on the Long Island Rail Road every weekend.

Coming to Stony Brook meant I was moving into a new home. I expected a home that was comfortable, open and my money's worth, not a home that was cramped beyond my control.

Girls just want to have fun without worrying about guys

By Karina Gerry
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I'm sick of the common narrative that girls who get harassed at bars or college parties were asking for it, or were too drunk to recall what happened. You see, I am 24 years old and I do not drink or smoke. I have never been at a college party intoxicated nor at a bar wasted, yet I have been inappropriately touched and harassed.

We tell ourselves that young men don't realize that a girl is too intoxicated to consent and that it's not their fault, but what we fail to acknowledge is that many guys bank on girls being drunk, because the more drunk a girl is, the more willing she is to have sex.

Just last year, I was down port with my friends for one of their birthdays. I was sipping my Shirley Temple when a guy approached me asking if he could buy me a drink. I smiled and thanked him for his offer, then informed him that I don't drink. He was shocked, as many people are when they first meet me.

He asked me why I don't drink, and I gave him my reasons: that I have severe anxiety and drinking is not an option, to which he responded by saying that a few drinks wouldn't hurt and I should just try it, what was the big deal? He clearly didn't think my reasoning was good



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Many college students take part in parties and bar crawls. Whether or not they drink, women have still reported being inappropriately touched or harassed at parties or bars.

enough so I firmly told him no thank you. I wasn't interested in giving someone the time of day if they weren't able to respect my decisions.

Despite my attempts to focus on my friends, he wouldn't give up. His next approach was to

try and convince me to go on the dance floor with him, which I refused. He kept grabbing my butt trying to get me to sit on his lap. I told him that he was acting inappropriately and he stopped for a bit, but then he continued with the same behavior.

He then grabbed my hand and attempted to direct it to his crotch, which was when I finally told him off. At first, he was apologetic. He raised his hands as if to surrender, but he continued with his behavior. After I rejected his advances a few more times, he

finally got the hint that nothing was going to happen between us.

He turned to me, clearly annoyed, and said, "You know you'd be a lot more fun if you drank, instead of being so uptight." He returned to his friends where I overheard him say, "Don't bother with that one, she doesn't drink."

He believed that I was rejecting his advancements because I was sober. For him, drunk girls aren't disgusted by his inappropriate behavior; he can touch them wherever because they're too intoxicated to say no or stop him.

I wasn't too intoxicated. I was sober and able to give or deny my consent, and he didn't like that.

I made my disinterest clear from the start and told him no countless times, but that only seemed to encourage him. Every no was followed with a "come on, one drink won't hurt."

This scenario has happened to me many times before, to varying degrees. I have been told by guys that they wouldn't hang out with me unless I got drunk with them, or that I could only go to a party if I took shots with them. It left me wondering why I wasn't appealing to them unless I was wasted. I finally got some insight into the answer after that night down port.

I am telling my story because the narrative can't be that girls need to watch how much they drink, or that they bring it upon themselves by getting too drunk. I didn't ask for it; I was sober, yet this happened to me too.

My reflections on having dinner with President Stanley

By Gabby Pardo
Assistant Opinions Editor

On Monday, Feb. 12, I had the exclusive opportunity to have a real dinner with President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. and other university executives. As an undergraduate college fellow, I was invited along with other fellows from Kelly and Roosevelt Quads. Stanley and his team wanted to meet us and to get to know us better because of our leadership roles on campus. Some may have seen this as an opportunity for networking or to just meet the most powerful person at Stony Brook. I, however, wanted to make my ideas heard and demand change.

Even though we were served catered food — as in no undercooked chicken from the dining hall — we still had this delightful meal in West Side Dining. Walking into West and giving my name instead of my ID card to swipe made me feel pretty important. We even had a closed off section, contributing to the professional atmosphere. The dinner was organized well.

Once I walked in, I grabbed my name tag and clacked my heels to my assigned table. Each table had a blend of fellows from the two quads. There was a cluster of tables bordered with a buffet of fancy food. Walking in to this setting, I was impressed but also apprehensive. I had so many



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Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., above, met for dinner with HDV and GLS undergraduate college fellows at West Side Dining on Monday, Feb. 12.

questions running through my mind. Would President Stanley treat me with the same respect I was expected to give him? Would I be able to express my concerns and ideas to him without controversy?

The fellows remained at their tables throughout the night, and the officials rotated so they could get to talk to every table. Before talking to President Stanley, I had a full meal, talked to four other officials and complained about housing

and dining four times. I was tired of saying the same issues over and over again, but now it would truly count. At first I thought President Stanley would talk the whole time. However, he was more than eager to listen to our concerns. This surprised me because I didn't expect him to be such a good listener.

President Stanley broke the ice with us in a fun but slightly serious way. He asked us, "If you could be the president of Stony Brook

for a day, what would you change and why?" It was amazing to hear five different answers about five separate issues. I was first to answer, expressing my concerns for the housing process and diversity of food in the dining hall. As soon as I was done speaking, Stanley told me that he understood where I was coming from, and expressed how he was trying to tackle the issue. I have a good ear for dishonesty, and Stanley was not talking it.

I fully respected how he listened to all five of us and our concerns. If he didn't have a game plan to tackle the problem, he wanted to start one. He also talked to us maturely, as if he was talking to another executive.

Do I believe the changes President Stanley expressed will happen rapidly? No. However, I do believe he actually somewhat cares. Think about it. He wouldn't have asked us that icebreaker if he didn't mean something behind it. Additionally, the other officials at the dinner also asked us what changes we wanted to happen. I had thought that since these officials were high up, they wouldn't even care what we think, and would only rely on what they heard from other colleagues, but this whole dinner took time and effort to plan.

I'm not expecting all the changes he spoke about to happen before I graduate. We never know what other larger issues might take precedence. I appreciate the concern for my opinions and problems. I appreciate knowing that something is being done to fix them. I'm apprehensive about what I heard, but respect their acknowledgement of my opinions. President Stanley may be hidden in the dark because of his busy schedule, but he does seem to care about executing change to make our experiences better.

Reasons why I hope the future is NOT female

By Genie Ruzicka
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"The Future is Female." You've seen this slogan in the media, on T-shirts worn by celebrities or on tote bags in Facebook ads. Originally conceived by the lesbian separatist movement in the 1970's and repopularized last year due to its usage in a speech by Hillary Clinton, "The Future is Female" is a slogan that is now ubiquitous. This phrase is purported to be a feminist rallying cry, and if you question its merit you are seen as anti-feminist. But what if you are a feminist who does question the merits of this phrase? What if you see it as more insidious and harmful than people realize and much less revolutionary than people want it to be?

Well, then you're someone like me. I see this phrase and I cringe. I see the word "female" and I think of a non-consensually assigned and socially-constructed sex category that is automatically tied to a specific and equally socially-constructed gender. I see a wave of pink pussy hats largely worn by white women who claim the term "feminist" and are more than happy to exclude our cis, trans and non-binary sisters and siblings of color. I see a history of white suffragettes intentionally separating themselves from black women because it was a more expedient way to secure rights for themselves. I see Rose McGowan chastising Ellen DeGeneres for talking about LGBTQ rights when she should be talking about "women's issues," as if there are no queer or trans women. I see the 52 percent of white women who voted for Donald Trump and



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Angela Peoples holds a sign at the Women's March in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 21, 2017. In the 2016 election, 52 percent of white women voted for Donald J. Trump.

the 63 percent that voted for Roy Moore. I see the inherent violence of a term that is used to medically identify someone that has a certain set of genitals, whether they identify that way or not. I see my trans siblings being referred to as someone who "identifies as a man although born biologically female," or as someone who "identifies as a woman although born biologically male," and knowing they are both excluded from the "future" being talked about. I see my non-binary siblings erased altogether.

So no, I do not wish the future to be female. I wish the future to be a place where children no longer have a gender and sex forced upon them based on the appearance of their genitals. I wish for a future where these outdated terms, that do

not accurately describe reality, are no longer in use. I wish for a future where you can't openly exclude one or many marginalized groups in your fight and still be labeled and seen as a feminist. I wish for a future where queer, trans and non-binary people of color are in power and are seen as the full, whole, valid, extraordinary individuals that they are. I wish for a future where black lives matter to everyone, everywhere, at all times. I wish for a future where there are no prisons, no borders and no boundaries that keep anyone from living a fully realized life.

I do not think that everyone who wears or buys something with this slogan on it is willfully excluding the populations that I mentioned above (and the many more I did not). I

would like to believe that most people have good intentions, that they are trying to be liberal and progressive and feminist and don't know any better. But it is my experience that when people learn, they don't necessarily change. If everyone who has a "The Future is Female" T-shirt knew the connotations and knew that they were excluding many groups who are fighting for their civil and human rights as we speak, how many do you think would stop wearing them? How many do you think would instead buy a "Black Lives Matter" T-shirt or a tote bag supporting DACA recipients? I am not sure, and that is what scares me. So above all, I wish for a future where, to paraphrase the words of the incomparable Maya Angelou, people that know better, do better.

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No. 2 Women's Lacrosse takes down No. 5 USC in California

By Gregory Zarb
Sports Editor

The No. 2 Stony Brook women's lacrosse team took down No. 5 USC 14-10 in a battle of top five teams in the country at LeBard Stadium on Friday night. The win was the Seawolves' season opener and the first of two games in a California state trip.

Redshirt-senior attacker Courtney Murphy and sophomore attacker Taryn Ohlmiller combined for eight of the team's 14 goals. Murphy scored four goals and had four assists in her first game back with the team since her season-ending ACL injury against Northwestern last season.

"I'm so happy for Murph," head coach Joe Spallina said in a press release. "She's worked so hard to get back on the field, and to have this type of day in the opener is incredible. USC paid a ton of attention to [senior attacker Kylie Ohlmiller], and Murph did a great job stepping up for us tonight."

Senior midfielder Samantha DiSalvo and senior attacker Emma Schait both scored two goals for the Seawolves and junior goalkeeper Anna Tesoriero recorded 10 saves in her first victory of the 2018 season.

"Huge road win for us tonight, I'm really proud of our team," Spallina said. "There are some things we will work on, but traveling cross-country and beating the No. 5 team in the nation is a great start."

Stony Brook took a dominant lead early, scoring five of the game's first seven goals 16 minutes into the game. Murphy scored three of the Seawolves' five goals. However, the Trojans stormed back, eventually cutting the deficit down to 5-4.

Stony Brook was able to dig deep and go on a 6-0 scoring run to put the team on top of USC 11-4. Stony

Brook never looked back and was able to hold off USC's second-half scoring to close the game out with a 14-10 victory.

The senior Ohlmiller was quiet coming off her historic season, scoring one goal and recording two assists. However, she continues to inch closer to breaking more records. Ohlmiller needs 46

more assists to break the NCAA assists record of 224 by Northwestern alumna Hannah Nielsen. She also needs 102 more points to break Maryland alumna Jen Adams' NCAA career points record of 445.

The Seawolves were dominant on both offense and defense. The team outshot the Trojans 31-25

and led in shots on goal 26-20. Stony Brook also had 19 clears compared to USC's 12, and the team grabbed 19 ground balls while USC was only able to collect 13.

Stony Brook will head up the West Coast and take on Stanford Monday night at Cagan Stadium at 7 p.m.



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Redshirt-senior attacker Courtney Murphy celebrates winning the America East championship back in 2016. The attacker scored a game-high four goals in her return to the turf in a win against No. 5 USC Friday night.

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Hockey splits final regular season set with Rhode Island

By Peter Lupfer
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook Hockey was in desperate need of a win coming into Saturday afternoon's game. With a 4-4-3 record in the second half of the season and a season-long four-game losing streak, it was crucial for the Seawolves to record a win before heading to the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League tournament next weekend. Head coach Chris Garofalo decided to shake up his roster, and the team saw results.

"I mixed all the lines up," Garofalo said. "I think it sparked something. It was nice to see that we had all the offense score and not rely on the defense as much. That was a good sign."

Forwards scored all three Stony Brook goals en route to a 3-1 victory Saturday afternoon at Boss Ice Arena in South Kingston, Rhode Island. Freshman forward Keith O'Brien notched the game-winner under two minutes into the second period. He now has three goals in four career games against Rhode Island.

All three goals were scored by underclassmen, with sophomore forward Devon Palmieri and freshman forward Ian Bernes picking up the first and third goals, respectively. Bernes' marker late in the second period came 17 seconds after the Rams' lone goal. The Seawolves' quick-attack and resiliency were big factors in the win.

"We played really well and we kept it simple," Garofalo said. "We went

to our game plan, it worked, and we won because of it."

Sophomore goaltender Brandon Rathwell was in goal for the third straight game. Rathwell stopped 28 of 29 shots in the win, which bolstered his regular season record to 3-2-1. His lone goal against came while Stony Brook was shorthanded.

"He played great," Garofalo said regarding Rathwell's performance. "He got the hard hat after the game, we give out a hard hat [to the game's MVP]. He was very solid, very good with his angles, and he kept us in the game."

There is a good chance Rathwell will be in net next Saturday for the first game of the ESCHL tournament. Sophomore starting goaltender Payne Yoder is still sidelined with a lower-body injury and is not expected to return for next weekend's game.

"We're going to stay the course," Garofalo said. "The guys know how to play, they know our style. They have to stick to the game-plan and not play the way they want to play but play the way we need to play as a team. When we're individualistic we don't do well, but when we play as a team we're much better."

The weekend started on a far less positive note when the Seawolves dropped their first game in four years to the Rams. Despite its constant pressure and persistence, Stony Brook was unable to preserve its 15-game winning streak against Rhode Island, falling 3-2 in regulation.

After taking a 2-1 lead in the first period and putting 19 shots on goal compared to Rhode Island's five, Stony Brook experienced a second-period collapse.

"It was the team playing the system that we implemented," Garofalo said of the reason his team had success in the first 20 minutes. "In the second period, we decided to go back to our individualistic play and it cost us."

Stony Brook fell behind Rhode Island 3-2 in the second period and, despite opportunities to tie, never climbed back. The team had its best chance to even the score late in the third period when they scored at first, but had the goal disallowed after the referee lost sight of the puck.

"What are you supposed to do," Garofalo said. "Sometimes the ref loses sight of the puck. We scored but it is what it is."

This weekend's split makes Stony Brook's 2017-18 regular season record 21-7-4. The team's .656 winning percentage is its lowest since the 2012-13 season (.516), a season which brought the Seawolves' first ESCHL championship. Their pursuit of a fifth championship begins next Saturday at 4 p.m. in West Chester, Pennsylvania, when they play an opponent to be determined in the semifinal.



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Sophomore goaltender Brandon Rathwell tends the goal in against Rutgers on Oct. 7, 2017. The goaltender gave up four goals on 54 shots in the series versus Rhode Island.

Men's Lacrosse drops second straight to No. 16 Penn State

By Chris Parkinson
Assistant Sports Editor

Nothing seemed to have been working for Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse on Saturday, as the team lost 15-8 in its visiting debut against No. 16 Penn State.

Going into the second half, the Seawolves found themselves down by four goals after the Nittany Lions snuck a goal with just two seconds left in the half. The scenario was similar to their last matchup against Sacred Heart, where the team trailed by five.

"I thought the team showed competitive spirit that we did not show in our first outing," head coach Jim Nagle said in a press release. "We just gave Penn State too many transition opportunities to win."

The Seawolves suddenly stepped up their offensive pressure, taking 14 shots in the third quarter, six more than their first-half total. Two goals came from the offensive barrage, yet Penn State still snuck a goal past freshman goalkeeper Ryan Erler with seven minutes remaining in the third period. Erler finished the matchup with five saves and 13 goals allowed.

Heading into the final 15 minutes of regulation, Stony Brook found itself down by just three. Sophomore midfielder Chris Pickel, Jr. opened the scoring 1:05 of the fourth quarter up with his third goal of the game, closing the Penn State lead 9-7.

The momentum came to a close, however, as Penn State notched two goals in just 11 seconds, less than a minute after Pickel's goal. The Nittany

Lions would go on to put on four more goals in the final period, sealing the fate for the Seawolves in their second straight loss.

This defeat marks the first time the Seawolves have started their season with two straight losses since the 2012 season. Penn State dominated control for the majority of the game, nearly doubling the amount of Seawolves ground balls, 38-20.

Despite the score showing otherwise, both teams displayed equal opportunities at the goal, as the shot totals for both teams were about equal. Penn State outshot Stony Brook 35-29 in the matchup and 21 of Penn State's shots were on net, compared to Stony Brook's 18.

A trend through the past two games for Stony Brook has been

playing from behind early on in its games. Against Penn State, the team fell in a 3-0 gap in just the first 1:03 of the game. In its first matchup, the team found itself in the same scenario, as the Pioneers tallied three straight goals to put the Seawolves in an early deficit.

The Seawolves finished the first quarter down 6-3, the second con-

secutive game where they have given up five or more goals in the first 15 minutes.

Stony Brook looks to regroup and start a winning course in its next matchup at home against No. 18 Brown University on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. Brown was ranked fourth in the Ivy League Preseason Poll and currently holds a 0-1 record.



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Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse talks with head coach Jim Nagle before a game against Princeton. The Seawolves lost their first road game of the season, and their second straight game, to the No. 16 Penn State Nittany Lions 15-8.

SPORTS

Men's Basketball seniors shine in win vs. New Hampshire

By Chris Parkinson
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook Men's Basketball found itself in a familiar position as it had all season, down by 10 points just four minutes into the second half. The team entered the matchup against New Hampshire on Sunday 3-8 through the season when trailing at the half.

This time the end result for the team was different.

The Seawolves made a late stride for the remainder of the game, with an offensive charge led by senior guard UC Iroegbu. The six-footer scored nine of his 17 points while Stony Brook was trailing by 10 and eventually helped the team to a 72-63 victory.

"We had two great days of practice," Iroegbu said. "We were battling and competing, and that carried over to the game. We have had a lot of good halves throughout the year but we knew we had to compete for a full 40 [minutes]."

Iroegbu added three assists and rebounds to the contest. He wasn't the only strong senior contributor however, as forwards Junior Saintel and Tyrell Sturdivant played a big role in the Seawolves' victory.

Sturdivant tallied four points, three rebounds and steals along with two assists. Although his stat sheet may not stand out, his contribution to the team included drawing four charges against the Wildcats, providing opportunities for his team.

"Each and every game is important," Sturdivant said. "We knew

what this game meant to us and that's why we came out with a little more urgency. We just want to be playing good and get a good rhythm going into March." Saintel added 12 points along with a team-high eight rebounds in the matchup. His defensive presence was a big factor for the Seawolves, as the 6-foot-7-inch forward accounted for two blocks and a steal, both coming in the first half.

Stony Brook's bench played a critical role in the team's victory, contributing for 29 points, 17 coming in the second half. In the past three games,

the Seawolves' bench has accumulated for 83 total points.

Senior guard Bryan Sekunda subbed in with 7:15 remaining in the second half. His presence was felt immediately, as he nailed a three-pointer from the top of the key one minute later to tie the game at 54 with six minutes left. This gave Stony Brook a momentum swing, as the team went on a 12-2 run and didn't trail for the remainder of the matchup.

"That was big time, we needed that," Iroegbu said. "We pride ourselves on how deep our bench is and

to have [Sekunda] come in and make plays like that, I think we could play with anyone."

New Hampshire collapsed on both ends of the floor in the second half. The Wildcats committed 14 turnovers, while the Seawolves defense stole the ball eight times. Head coach Jeff Boals gave credit to the Seawolves' ability to hold the Wildcats to one three-pointer in the second half compared to their six in the first.

The Wildcats shot just 14 percent from beyond the arc, missing a total of six opportunities. The team's

overall field goal percentage went down 10 percent from the first half, as the team completed 10 of its 25 attempted shots.

Both teams were equal in the rebounding margin, tallying 33 rebounds, 24 being defensive and nine offensive. The Seawolves gained the upper hand in second-chance opportunities, scoring 10 points.

Junior guard Jaron Cornish was not suited up in today's game, with freshman point guard Jordan McKenzie filling his position at starting point guard. Boals said that Cornish had tweaked his ankle in the matchup against Binghamton and didn't practice.

McKenzie started the game off strong, scoring six points off two jumpers in the first seven minutes. He finished the matchup with eight points and four rebounds along with a steal and an assist.

"[McKenzie] is playing with a lot of confidence right now," Boals said. "There was a stretch where he didn't play for four/five games but he still continued to come in and work hard with a good attitude. He got another opportunity today and he made the most of it."

After giving New Hampshire its third straight loss, the Seawolves now tie the Wildcats for fifth place in the America East with an 11-17 overall record and a 6-8 conference record. The Seawolves are in action next at the UMBC Event Arena against UMBC on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.



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Senior guard UC Iroegbu dribbles with the ball in a game against New Hampshire on Sunday. Iroegbu scored 17 points in the Seawolves' victory over the Wildcats.

Women's Basketball team takes down New Hampshire

By Gregory Zarb
Sports Editor

Stony Brook Women's Basketball continued rolling on Saturday afternoon, winning its fourth straight game, taking down New Hampshire 62-56 at Lundholm Gymnasium. With the win, the Seawolves move into fourth place of the America East standings with just over one week left in the regular season.

"I thought we really turned up our defensive intensity in the second half," head coach Caroline McCombs said in a press release. "Our players responded after halftime and set the tone for the rest of the game. We had some huge contributions from our bench today, and the win was a total team effort."

Junior guards Shania Johnson and Jerell Matthews scored 15 points each, with Johnson scoring 10 of her points in the second half along with six assists and Matthews recording a season-high five assists. The two guards have been the true corner-

stones of the team, as they are the only two players to have double-digit scoring averages.

Matthews hit a three-pointer with 2:41 remaining in the fourth quarter to give her team a five-point cushion it would never relinquish. The Wildcats made multiple comeback attempts in the final minutes, but senior guard Aaliyah Worley went 5-6 from the free-throw line in the final 25 seconds of regulation to secure the victory for the Seawolves.

Both teams started out slow, with the Wildcats taking an early 13-12 lead after the first quarter. The Wildcats continued to roll from there, outscoring the Seawolves 20-17 in the second quarter and holding a 33-29 lead heading into halftime.

New Hampshire built its lead up to six early in the third quarter, but Stony Brook worked New Hampshire for the final six minutes of the quarter, with Johnson's layup with under a minute left in the third quarter giving Stony Brook a one-point leading heading into the fourth.

Redshirt-freshman forward Ok-sana Gouchie-Provencher scored a career-high eight points, Worley added seven points and freshman forward India Pagan chipped in 10 points.

The Seawolves have been on a roll the past four games. The team has been making sure to make the most of its free-throw opportunities, going 54-68 from the charity stripe over the past four contests.

Stony Brook has won all four games by single digits, with the win against UMBC on Wednesday being the second straight game the team came back to win after trailing at halftime.

The team has had the hot hand shooting the ball. Stony Brook has shot the ball above 40 percent for the game in all but one contest. Sunday afternoon had the Seawolves shooting 48 percent from the floor, including 11-22 in the second half, and 6-11 in the final quarter of play.

Rebounding has been a key component for the Seawolves. The team

has a 13-0 record when they out rebound their opponents. Junior forward Cheyenne Clark grabbed 12 rebounds, and the Seawolves outrebounded the Wildcats 31-29.

Stony Brook will conclude its regular season with a road game against the Vermont Catamounts on Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Patrick Gym at 7 p.m.



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Junior forward Cheyenne Clark in a game against Adelphi. Clark grabbed 12 rebounds against New Hampshire.

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