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Two resign from USG

By Nelson Oliveira
Staff Writer

Allen Abraham, president of clubs and organizations, and Farjad Fazli, vice president of communications, resigned from the Undergraduate Student Government effective immediately during Thursday's Senate meeting.

Although both officers attributed their decisions mostly to time constraints, several anonymous sources said the two were a part of an internal audit conducted regarding unauthorized payroll attempts; illegal as of Undergraduate Student Government, USG, standards. Fazli also said he was uncomfortable with USG's "political games."

Fazli and Abraham admitted that there were payroll discrepancies, but they said there were not related to their resignation. They also said there was no special reason for resigning at the same time.

Two USG officials say otherwise, referring to the internal audit.

Abraham, who coordinated the USG Leadership Conference in September, said the issue arose after he asked one of Fazli's street team employees to help him out at that event, but he said there were no illegal payments because he cannot hire assistants.

According to Subchapter IV in the USG Code, the responsibilities of the employees of the Office of Communications "shall assist the same in his duties, and it shall be the responsibility of the Vice-President to insure that its staff's duties are executed in accordance with this subchapter."

"[The discrepancy] was ratified. No wrong money was paid out," Fazli said. "In practice, nothing wrong was done."

USG President Mark Maloof said he could not comment on the specifics of the resignations at this time, but he said the officers were not facing the threat of impeachment as of last week.

"When I ran for office, I did so knowing that if I won, I would be responsible for protecting both the students and their student activity fees," Maloof said. "I want to assure the student body I have worked hard to do so. A couple of weeks ago, I became aware of some payroll discrepancies. I took all necessary action to protect the student's fees, which limited the damage that was done."

Fazli said he didn't know what the USG was before running for the position in the spring, so he didn't realize how much work the position would require and didn't



Chiddy Bang not so bangin'

Seeing the performer, known for "Opposite of Adults," was less than a good time Sunday night for some students.

(Photo by Kenneth Ho)

Penn State's former pres was Stony Brook administrator

By Erika Karp
Managing Editor

The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees announced Wednesday evening that after 16 years Graham Spanier, president of the university, would be removed from his position. He was at one point a Stony Brook University administrator.

The decision comes in the wake of an evolving scandal involving Jerry Sandusky, a former defensive coordinator for the Penn State

football team. According to a Grand Jury report released on Nov. 4, Sandusky allegedly sexually abused at least eight minor boys over the course of 15 years. He met the boys through The Second Mile, a charity he founded for at-risk children. Sandusky has been arrested and charged with 40 criminal counts.

"It is in the best interests of the university to have a change in leadership to deal with the difficult issues we are facing," said John Surma, the vice-chairman of the board of trustees. "Penn State has

always strived for honesty, integrity and the highest moral standards in all of our activities. We promise you that we are committed to restoring public trust to our university."

Joe Paterno, head football coach since 1966, was also relieved of his position by the board.

Spanier, a sociologist and family counselor, came to Stony Brook in 1982 as the vice-provost of curriculum, instruction and advisement and later became the vice-provost of undergraduate studies. He held the position until 1986 when he left to take a job as vice-president of undergraduate affairs at Oregon State University.

Norman Goodman, a sociology professor at Stony Brook and head of the committee who selected Spanier, said Spanier was responsible for improving the quality of advising for students and faculty and bringing athletics into student life.

According to *Statesman* articles from 1982 and 1983, Spanier was a member of a SUNY-wide committee named the "Task Force on Improving the Quality of Student Life within the University," which studied the status of "recreational and competitive" sports on SUNY campuses, among other issues. The committee later suggested a restructuring of the Student Activity Fee to include an athletic fee. Spanier stated in the later article the change would put SUNY schools' athletic funding in compliance with the NCAA bylaws.

According to the Grand Jury report, Spanier testified that

Athletic Director Tim Curley and Senior Vice-President for Finance and Business Gary Schultz, came to him in 2002 to report an incident, which was witnessed by a graduate student, involving Sandusky and a young child in a locker room shower on campus. He denied that the two men said the incident was sexual. Spanier also denied knowing about a 1998 University Police Department investigation involving Sandusky in a similar situation.

Spanier has not been charged in the investigation. Curley and Schultz, however, face charges of perjury and failing to notify law enforcement of the alleged abuse.

"My heartfelt sympathies go out to all those who may have been victimized," Spanier said in a written statement. "I would never hesitate to report a crime if I had any suspicion that one had been committed. The acts of no one person should define this university. Penn State is defined by the traditions, loyalty and integrity of hundreds of thousands of students, alumni and employees."

Rhoda Selvin, former assistant vice-provost for undergraduate studies, remembered Spanier as someone who was very concerned about undergraduates and who listened to his staff members.

Goodman described Spanier as a kind and gentle person and said he was saddened by the news.

"Very hard to believe," Goodman said in a phone interview. "[I am] convinced he would have taken action."



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Graham Spanier, former president of Penn State who was pushed out, was an administrator at Stony Brook in the 1980s.

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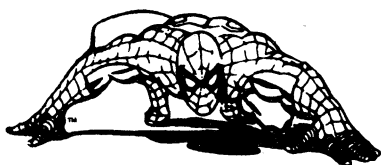
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Students who frequent the South Parking Lot may have noticed a thing or two different this semester. Last summer, parts of the lot had been repaved and new "pads," waiting areas where students waits for a specific bus, had been poured. Recently one such pad, the waiting area for the Hospital/Chapin bus route, finally received a shelter for passengers to wait under.

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Campus Spotlight: PUSO Modern

Eager to begin, pumped full of adrenaline, the dance crew prepares themselves for not just any ordinary performance, but for the exhilarating opportunity to perform at Madison Square Garden. The booming voice of an announcer introduces PUSO Modern as a cacophony of loud cheering voices from the bleachers at Pritchard Gym fill the air in response.

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Football to play for Big South title

It seems like as the season continues to progress, the Stony Brook football team gets bigger, stronger and faster. After scoring over 40 points in their last five games, the Seawolves sent a message to next week's opponents, Liberty University, with a record-breaking performance this past Saturday.

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Quidditch struggles in second world cup

There was nothing in the sky on Saturday morning that indicated that strange and mysterious things would soon be happening on Randall's Island in New York City. However, the strange, the comical and the magical came to life in a small stretch of land where the 2011 Quidditch World Cup, the fifth such event, would be played.

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Field space protests come to a close with a letter from Stanley

By Margaret Randall
Staff Writer

A deal has been made in the ongoing fight to increase field space for students. The deal, which was reached on Thursday, will let student groups reserve the Three Village Soccer Club fields for free.

The fields, which once cost students \$65 for each game and had to be reserved through Three Village Soccer Clubs, will now be reserved through the Department of Campus Recreation. In a letter, President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., wrote that all students who recently have paid to use the South Parking Lot Fields will be reimbursed.

Recently, issues were raised over the charging of Stony Brook students by Three Village Soccer for use of the South P fields for games, which involve students from other colleges. Matt Graham, a senior chemical and molecular engineering major and rugby player, who organized a rally last month with the USG to increase recreational field space, said "it's what should have been done."

The original revocable lease from 1982 states "at all other times than those designated... University Center (SBU) may use the designated areas noted... for its own purposes."

Graham and Derek Cope, a junior health sciences major and president of the Men's Soccer Club, presented a resolution to increase

field space before the University Senate on Monday, Nov. 7, where it was met with unanimous approval. University Senate President Fred Walter said Graham and Cope "Did a wonderful job. No one can be opposed to field space for the students."

"I don't remember anyone objecting," said Graham on his presentation. "They overwhelmingly understood the benefits if having field space, which you might think some people don't. They know the students need things to do, especially out-of-state students far away from home."

In a campus lifetime meeting on Tuesday, meetings with Three Village Soccer Club were discussed, as well as adding field space to the campus as part of future renovations.

"Everything is a tradeoff," said Barbara Chernow, vice president of facilities, at the meeting. "We need access to our own fields and we need to build new ones."

According to Graham, soon students will be able to schedule use of the fields for the spring, when the weather gets nicer.

"We're all really excited about this and have already started to try to schedule games with other teams for the spring semester and are discussing the possibility of hosting a tournament," said Kathryn Michaud, the Women's Soccer Club president. "This is great news for our team as well as the other sports club teams."

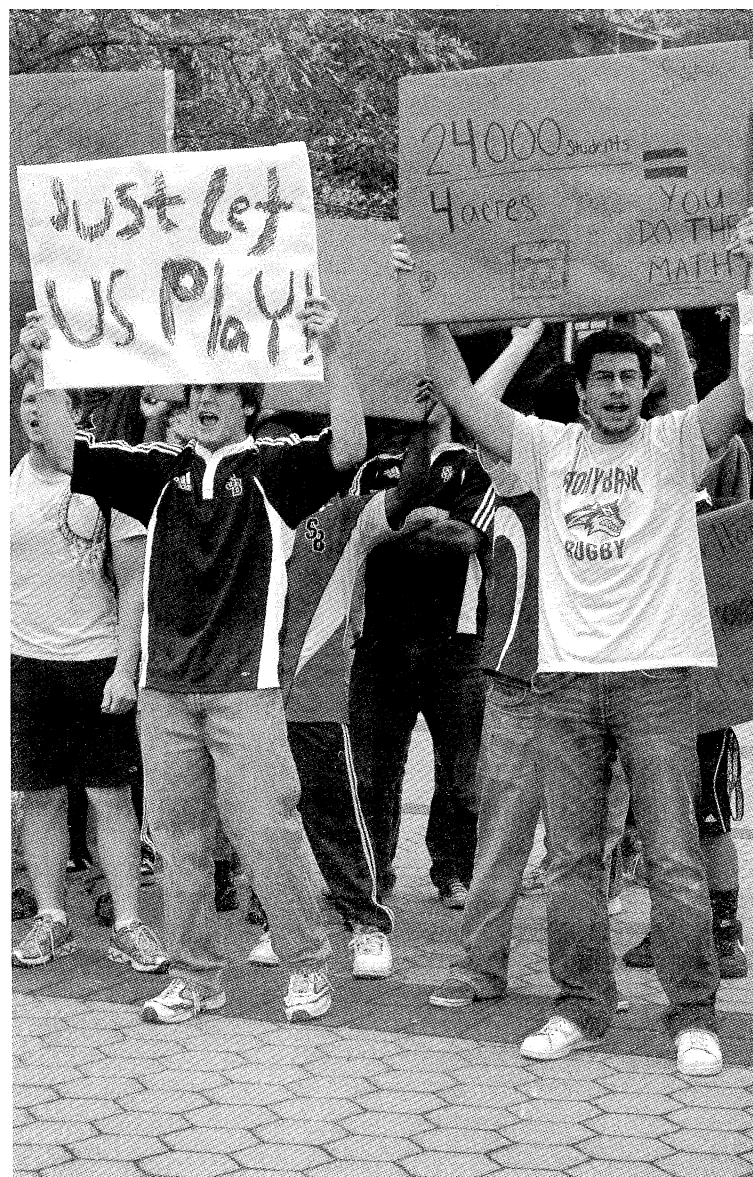
The tense situation between Three Village Soccer Club and Stony Brook has led to "unprofessional" moments, according to students. Cope described a situation where a Three Village Soccer Club employee stepped onto the field during a game to tell the Men's Soccer Club to leave. The game, according to Cope, was delayed because the referee showed up late.

Mitch Pally, president of Three Village Soccer Club, said the team was aware of the time constraints and that the delay with the soccer club delayed the game that was supposed to take place on the field next. Both sides accused the other of poor behavior.

"I understand that Three Village is a separate organization from the school and they need to cover their costs for mowing and lining the fields in addition to paying the lease, but it doesn't cost them any money for us to play there since the fields are already mowed and lined for the community members that play there," Michaud said. "They shouldn't be using Stony Brook University's club teams to pay off their lease to Stony Brook University."

"We are all really appreciative of the university officials working so hard to fight for students about this issue," Graham said. The petition that has been circulating to increase recreational field space has received 3,300 signatures.

Mitch Pally did not comment on the deal.



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Three Village Soccer and Stony Brook University have made a deal for field space to be provided to the students, after a protest and petition of 3,300 signatures.

Teaching, Learning and Technology director leaves Stony Brook network

By Evan Livingston
Contributing Writer

"Life is what happens when you are making other plans," said Graham Glynn, the former assistant provost and director of Teaching, Learning and Technology who has been credited with helping shape Stony Brook University to be what it is today.

"That is my favorite all-time quote," he said.

Over the past five years, Stony Brook has become integrated with the online community, creating a multimedia platform to better serve both students and faculty alike. Without the contributions of the now former-assistant provost, Stony Brook may not have been as interconnected as it is today.

A piercing buzzing sound followed by a robotic woman's voice echoed in the empty office where Glynn cleared out his office. His belongings were packed neatly in boxes and properly identified, much like his accomplishments at Stony Brook.

"There are two criteria for success: confidence, which can only be changed by success, and preparation, which has been my focus here at Stony Brook," Glynn said.

Glynn, who has been at Stony

Brook since 2006, is considered the father of the Teaching, Learning and Technology web source that bridges gaps between departments to allow support teams to be easily accessible. Glynn can be considered a self-made expert within his niche of technology and learning because during the time of his ascension in the field, there was no expertise to be had.

Glynn began his studies in pharmacology and biochemistry at University College in Dublin, Ireland. He moved to the United States in 1985 to attend Kent State University to obtain his Ph.D in Neuroscience. When asked why he chose Kent State University, Glynn said "Because they had archery as a club and in Ireland, that was my sport." After five years at Kent State University, Glynn graduated and was quickly offered a job at Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research Facility. While working at the facility studying brain activities within animals, Glynn became entangled with the Internet, which led him into his current career.

"At the time in the early nineties when I was doing my research [at Parke-Davis], there were no expertise in integrating work done in the field to the Internet," Glynn said.

Glynn became captivated

with the possibilities of the Internet and productivity. He also developed some allergies to the animals he was working with which further pushed him to change fields. From that point on, Glynn worked at Ferris State University in Michigan,



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Graham Glynn

Creighton Pharmacy and Health Professional School in Nebraska, Open University in the United Kingdom, Penn State University and finally here at Stony Brook, implementing his philosophy of the importance of the Internet in teaching and learning.

Patricia Aceves is the Director of the Faculty Center at Stony Brook, which Glynn created through the TLT web service. Her position is key to the "support of faculty professional development in pedagogy, assessment and

technology to improve teaching and learning." This position is the mark of what Glynn tried to achieve at Stony Brook.

Aceves said Glynn's greatest contribution is the Online Course Evaluation system that allows students to conduct multiple surveys on teaching and learning.

On a more personal note, Aceves said Glynn was a pleasure to work with. He was a great colleague and had a very strong work ethic.

"As an Irishman, he doesn't give up easily and is headstrong and determined," Aceves said.

One of the key changes that Glynn tried to make here at Stony Brook was the method in which performance and preparation are evaluated. He felt that he could not fully accomplish those goals at Stony Brook because of the nature of the university.

"At a large university like Stony Brook, the goals are usually more into the research aspect rather than trying to focus on the teaching," he said. Glynn also said how difficult it was to administer changes that he thought would benefit both students and staff alike.

"Leading faculty to change is like herding cats, it very, very difficult to do," he admitted. He explains that in an institution such

as Stony Brook, the faculty are "like independent consultants" and in order to make changes you need to influence the individuals, which becomes a challenge.

Glynn's next post will be as Vice Provost at Mercy College, where he believes his vision may be easier to accomplish and more accepted.

When asked if he had tried to actualize some of his vision, there was a ten-second pause followed by, "Getting Stony Brook to change course is like trying to move an aircraft carrier." He said there are competing priorities within Stony Brook, which he believes is very natural for a research university. He makes his move into Mercy College, located in New York, which is a private not-for-profit college, in hopes that Mercy has a better balance between focusing on research and the improvement of teaching and learning.

The provost at Mercy College, Michael B. Sperling, is highly anticipating his arrival.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Graham Glynn to Mercy College as vice provost," Sperling said. "Dr. Glynn is an exceptional scholar and experienced academic leader who brings a deep and distinguished record of accomplishment from several outstanding universities."

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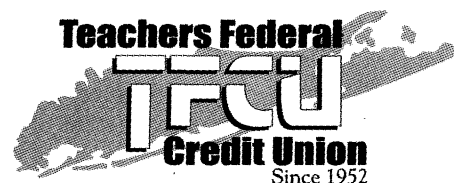


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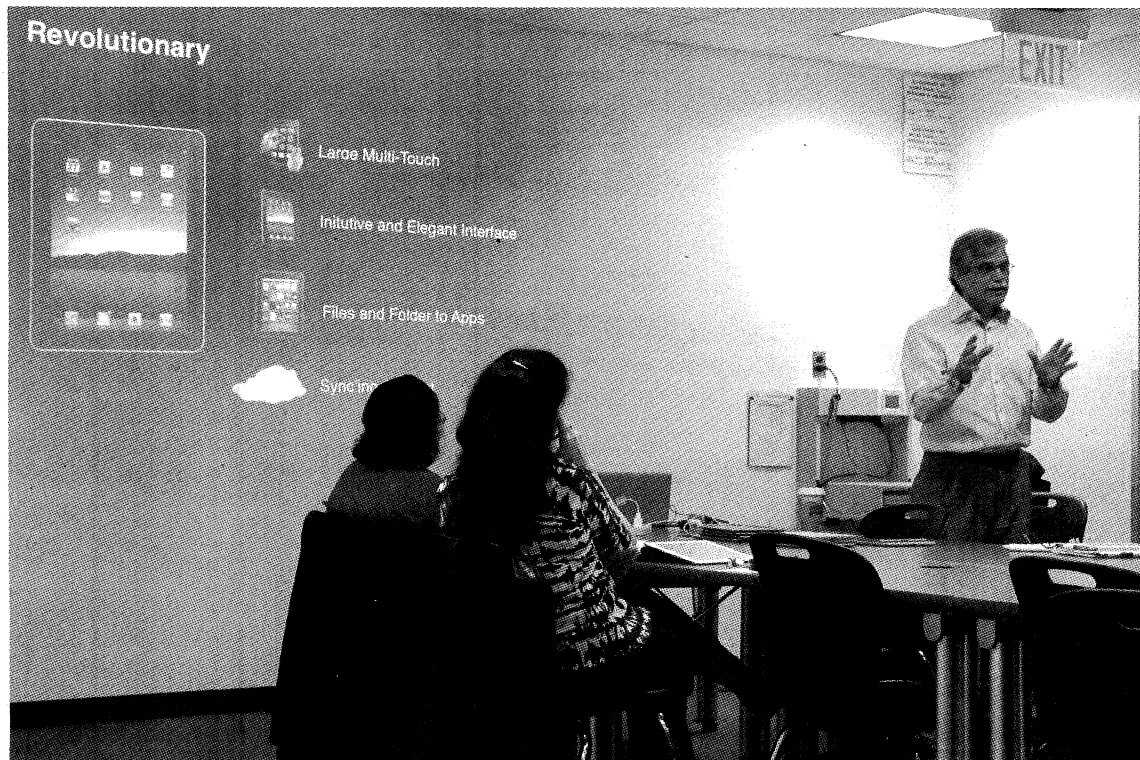


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Stony Brook bites into Apple, Inc.



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Apple, Inc. came to the university this past week to meet with students and staff for tutorials of the most popular technology products, including MacBooks and iPads.

By Amanda Samojedny
Contributing Writer

Students and Staff at Stony Brook University were treated to a tutorial of the newest and most popular Apple products when Apple, Inc. visited on Nov. 8 and 9.

The demos were hosted by Bob Trikakakis, an education development executive for Apple who works on the Apple Education Northeast Creative Team. Trikakakis works in assimilating Apple technology into higher education campuses, providing students the access and advantages of education, organization and occupational applications. The demonstration focused on how to use Apple devices and the applications that allow its users to take full advantage of its capabilities.

Though uninvolved with the demo, Frank Fanizza, an Apple representative for Stony Brook said, "Apple has been taking large strides to enter the education market. First it was with MacBooks, but a big push is being started with iPad. With all the educational apps in the app store, there are plenty that can help students learn anatomy, physiology, chemistry and plenty of other science related material that is heavily studied on this campus at least."

The demo included an overview of the iPad, including its features,

capabilities and basic uses. Students were given iPads to use during the demo for a hands-on experience to learn how to navigate the device. They were shown every touchscreen maneuver, how to customize the panels that hold categories of applications and how to read the icons on different menus.

A focal point of the demonstration was the usefulness of an application called Dropbox. Dropbox functions as an external hard drive that stores and organizes a user's files on the internet and enables rapid sharing. It is compatible with both Apple Windows and Linux devices and is free for up to 2 gigabytes of space.

Trikakakis also highlighted several applications useful for education in a college setting and demonstrated how to use them. Featured applications included iBooks, Evernote and AudioNote as being especially helpful to students.

Students also received a tour of the new document format called EPUB, an electronic publication, which enables a user to copy, highlight, make notes and search within the document immediately after downloading. The format also includes a built-in dictionary and compiles a personal list of highlighted and marked up pages for quick reference.

The demo was focused on iPads

because of their large screen and application capability. Trikakakis explained that while smaller Apple devices share common applications, some features of these apps can only be accessed through the iPad since it offers more in function. Inversely, smaller Apple devices that differ in purpose have capabilities that the iPad does not. Trikakakis stressed that the iPad is a tablet computer and not a home computer or a laptop. It is designed for the advantage of complete mobility, and does not replace either of the latter.

The students who attended varied in their interest in the demonstration. Some voiced their enthusiasm for technology, while others expressed their interest in computer science, computer programming, or business. Several students had recently purchased Apple products and wanted to learn how to use them. Others came to learn about applications for scheduling, schoolwork and learning.

Hector Martinez, a student worker at the Student Orientation and Family Affairs office, attended the demonstration to gather information for a presentation he is preparing on technology advancements for the university. "A lot of schools are moving this way," Martinez said. "We should be one of them."

'Community of Awesome' finds joys of the campus

By Seth Hoffman
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Rob Drago has found himself saying the word "awesome" a lot lately.

That's probably because Drago, a junior political science major and intern in the Office of the Dean of Students, is the co-founder of "Community of Awesome," a new blog promoting "the simple joys" of Stony Brook University.

"Everything I say, I add the word 'awesome' to," Drago said. "I'm not saying it's a problem, it's just because I'm part of this blog."

The other founder, Denise DeGenarro, a graduate student in the Higher Education Administration program, came up with the idea in late September from another blog, "1,000 Awesome Things," and "The Book of Awesome" by Neil Pasricha.

"This blog really makes me think about the positive things happening on campus everywhere I go," said DeGenarro, who is also the graduate student assistant to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Jerrold Stein.

The initiative to spread positivity is another goal of Drago, DeGenarro and other students who have become a part of Community Pledge, an initiative that started last semester in response to the bullying and suicide of Tyler Clementi at Rutgers University.

"After Clementi's death, we felt there was a lack of a sense of care for bullying and harassment on campus," said Jeffrey Barnett, the assistant dean of students. "We started Community Pledge to counter that negativity."

During Community Week, which took place from Oct. 24 to 28, Community Pledge leaders gave out free hugs, sent thank you cards to staff and held doors open when it was raining.

Community Pledge was also the inspiration for Community of Awesome.

Other groups on campus, like Team Awesome, run by Homecoming King Nick Ela, have supported the positive message, as when they gave free hugs during Campus Lifetime on Oct. 26.

They hope the blog will bring a positive message to incoming freshmen and prospective students.

"I think it can provide prospective students with an insider's glimpse into Stony Brook, and that is invaluable in helping them decide if we are the right place to attend," said Peter Baigent, Assistant Provost for Enrollment & Retention Management.

The Community of Awesome founders are soliciting more submissions, which can come

from any student, faculty or staff who feels they have "something awesome to share," said DeGenarro. Anyone can fill out the online form when they go to the blog under 'Submit an Awesome Thing.'

"We have gone around to residential halls and even visited PUSO [Philippine United Student Organization] to get submissions for the blog," Drago said.

There are currently 83 posts on the blog and more than 90 more submissions collected from visiting groups on campus.

"It's only been a month, and so far it's been cool seeing what comes out of it organically," DeGenarro said.

In the near future, Drago and DeGenarro will be visiting more clubs to get more submissions for the blog.

In the spring, they are planning on having an art show in the SAC lobby displaying the posts for the whole campus community to see.

"We want to see this blog grow into something not only found online, but something people can physically and visually appreciate," said Drago of the upcoming art show.

SBUThings, another student-run blog, displays a different message than Community of Awesome, according to its founder, who wants to remain anonymous because some of his posts are negative and he doesn't want to lose his status on campus.

"We cover a range of things from awesome all the way to the horrific and terrifying," said the founder. "It's not necessarily that SBUThings is a more honest blog about Stony Brook, but that it's a blog where students aren't wearing a fake smile and pretending like this is a perfect place to live."

According to the founder, the number of followers speak for themselves. SBUThings has 450 followers and many other non-Tumblr followers, while Community of Awesome currently has 13 followers on WordPress and 12,059 views from Sept. 28 to Nov. 9.

"We have only been around for a little over a month and we have already gained a lot of attention," DeGenarro said.

One student has made a decision regarding the difference between SBUThings and Community of Awesome.

"SBU Things not only focuses on cool things but also annoying things that go on," said Natalia Popko, a freshman psychology major and Community Pledge leader. "I guess people can bond over a communal hatred of the fact that the Dunkin' Donuts in the TCACH, Tabler Center for Arts, Culture and Humanities, has horrible hours of operation, but why not celebrate the fact that we have a Dunkin' Donuts in general?"

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Anime Club's "Gotta Catch 'Em All" with Pokemon-Online

By Alessandra Malito
News Editor

They want to be the very best, like no one ever was – but they don't have to travel across the land, searching far and wide. They just have to join the Pokemon League at Stony Brook online.

Students who participate in this league, which is a part of the Anime Club, may be playing for a bit of nostalgia or just for a challenge amidst the homework and classes required of the college life. The club's participation in the league is the brainchild of Kashiem Brown, the president of the club.

With a simple "like" of the league on Facebook and a download of the Pokemon-Online program, students are immersed in the world of one of the many generations of the game that has inspired shows and movies. Users are able to make as many teams as their hard drive and external drives can store, as long as there is a maximum of six Pokemon in the teams, and check out the Pokedex.

Battles can start as easily as with a quick message – "Care to battle?" is a message Sean Almon has used before. Those competing can decide if they want spectators.

Almon, who has collected all eight badges and is now the appointed Gym Gym Leader, almost always has Pokemon-Online, a battle simulator, running on his computer, and has sorted out teams.

"I was a big fan of Pokemon," said Almon, who has Pokemon like Whimsicott, Ferrothorn and Haxorus on one of his teams. "This

could be used to practice."

Teams can be created just to see which Pokemon works best with another Pokemon, and with which skills. Unlike the Gameboy versions, Pokemon-Online does not have any animation in their games, and it's a matter of clicking which moves the user wants his Pokemon to use.

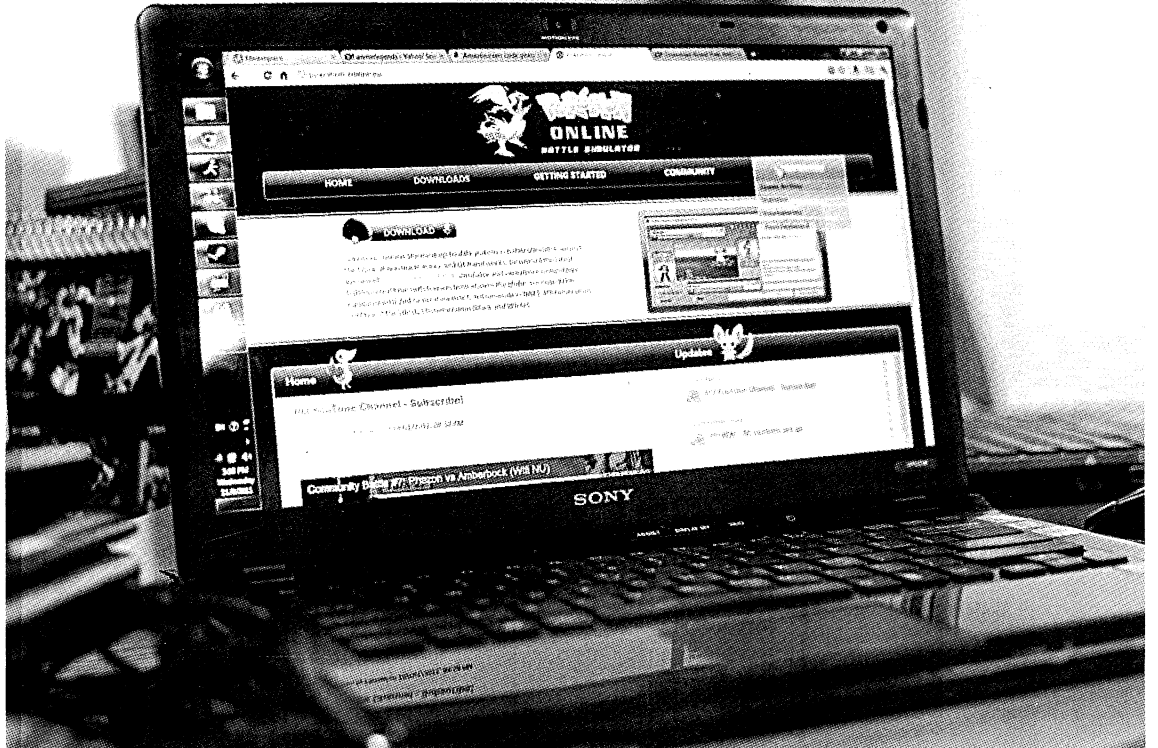
The website is very user-friendly, including a Pokedex

Pokemon-Online gives users the opportunity to talk about their battles and even chat with the competitor during a battle. At the end, they can have a winner or loser message, saying something like "good job."

In order to become a Pokemon champion, a user must have all eight badges – Feather, Natural, Inferno, Gym, Cold, Magnet, Occult and Tsume – and move on to the Elite Four. Once up to the Elite Four, the same team of Pokemon must be used so that they can become Champion and be entered into the SBU Hall of Fame. The Elite Four is done by a theme of weather, including Hail, Sunny Day, Sandstorm and Rain Dance. So far, no one has become champion and the Hall of Fame is empty.

There are rules, however, and they must be followed accordingly. The club doesn't make the rules either – they use Smogon, a Pokemon forum that provides guidelines for the game.

According to Jason, an administrator of Smogon, there are about 100,000 registered accounts on the website, "though of course most of them are not actively



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The Anime Club started Pokemon League, where students can play the classic game online with other users.

used." Though he doesn't know the number of websites, online communities and real-world groups, like the Pokemon League at Stony Brook, "I can say pretty confidently that we are the no. 1 website in the competitive Pokemon niche – at least the #1 English website," he said in an email.

Smogon was created in 2004 – and back then, when the site was smaller, the rules were based solely on the site leaders and what they wanted to do. A rule was changed if a site leader felt it was a good idea and most users would go with it, though some would not agree

with the judgment.

Years later, a site leader who wanted to institute democracy in the rule-making process started "Suspect Testing," a process where someone would "suspect" a rule change to be good, and then would "test" it. With the idea, a rule change is nominated, such as banning or unbanning an item, and if it has enough support, the players will play with the rule for a certain amount of time. At the end of that period of time, the players will vote on whether or not to keep the change.

"Reception to Suspect Testing has been mixed and often very polarized," he said. "Some feel it

is the best thing to ever happen to Smogon, others feel it is the worst thing. Some people praise the fact that everyone gets a chance to earn a vote and that this results in a better set of rules than we would have otherwise."

Suspect Testing has evolved a bit, and while the developer, who is now second in command underneath the president of Smogon, who has taken a less active role, suggests a way he said is simpler and less formal, "I won't be micromanaging the issue."

Smogon does not have much competition.

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Chapin/Med students get a new roof over their heads

By Brian Stallard
Staff Writer

Students who frequent the South Parking Lot may have noticed a thing or two different this semester. Last summer, parts of the lot had been repaved and new "pads," waiting areas where students wait for a specific bus, had been poured. Recently one such pad, the waiting area for the Hospital/Chapin bus route, finally received a shelter for passengers to wait under.

"We are pretty progressive and continuous in terms of making sure there are shelters out there for our passengers -- our customers -- to wait in," said James O'Connor, the director of transportation and parking operations for Stony Brook University Transit.

O'Connor said it had become apparent that staff and students going to the medical center wanted a shelter of their own.

"The express bus actually has a hut [in South P] and the feedback we were receiving was that passengers would like a similar shelter for the Chapin bus route," O'Connor said.

The new shelter was constructed by Columbia Bus Shelter Company. This is the same Queens-based company that was contracted to build the shelters already campus. Because of this, the new shelter looks like all its fellow shelters, if a bit less weather-worn.

Officials in Stony Brook Transit says they expect students to be happy with the new shelter. Still, the one question that is likely on many of their minds is: what took so long?

"It has been always in our plan



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A bus shelter has been put in place for the Chapin/Hospital route at South P Lot, which was a project in the making for a few months.

to put a bus shelter out there. It was just a matter of going through the normal state procurement process," O'Connor said.

SBU Transit ideally wanted the shelter constructed the same day the pad was made, but because of a lengthy state procurement process,

the project was not started until two months later, according to O'Connor.

This project is only the beginning of a much larger project. O'Connor said that there are already plans to build a shelter over the new Benedict bus stop, as well

as a series of new pay stations for several parking lots, each station with its own corresponding shelter. He said things will get rolling towards the completion of these plans within the next few months.

Still, some students said that the new shelter is more than enough.

Christina Todzia, a commuter and nursing student, was found sitting under the newly constructed shelter.

"It will keep my head dry when it rains," Todzia said. "That's enough to keep me happy."

Campus News Briefing

Future of voting rights, SUNY's new idea for president of campuses and freshman rep runoff election

A potential conflict of interest might take away the voting rights of class representatives in the Student Activities Board this week.

The Supreme Court of the Undergraduate Student Government held a hearing last Tuesday for a lawsuit challenging the class representatives' voting privileges in the SAB -- the verdict will be announced Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Two potential conflicts of interest were discussed in the hearing. If class representatives vote for an event that they are planning, they could be voting to get more funding for their own events. Also, event planners often formulate complimentary ticket lists for ticketed events and, by having voting privileges, class representatives would be choosing who gets free tickets for their own events.

Thomas Kirnbauer, USG's own treasurer and author of the lawsuit, wants to end that privilege, which had never been given before.

"This is something that was new this year. Last year, the class representatives had no voting privileges in the Student Activities Board. They were event planners," Kirnbauer said. "So if you have planners voting on events that they're planning, it's a clear bias in that respect."

The USG constitution describes class representatives as "non-voting members of the Senate." But a different clause within the constitution says that they are "class representative senators" and "shall serve as voting members" of the SAB.

USG President Mark Maloof, who was representing the SAB in the hearing, thinks the complaint is "almost nitpicking," but he acknowledged the ambiguity and said that the important thing is that class representatives are not voting in the legislative branch.

"There may have been a miscommunication regarding the word senator among the writers of the constitution. But there was never the distinction that they would be voting senators in the legislative branch," he said. "Their ability to vote in the SAB is their ability to cast their vote within the executive body. That is a right that they inherently have."

Maloof defended the constitution and said the voting privileges are not stated there to trick future officers, but to better represent students' interests.

"I just don't know that that's necessarily there to throw everyone for a loop, so that years later they can say 'aha, got you,'" he said. "The intent of this piece [of the constitution] was to allow each class to voice their opinion."

Services initiative, but what many people don't know is that the program includes sharing campus presidents.

During its Fall Conference two weeks ago, the SUNY Student Assembly approved a resolution requesting SUNY to stop reducing the number of college presidents through shared governances until students can thoroughly discuss such proposals.

In July, it was announced that SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam would consolidate campus presidencies. In August, the SUNY Board of Trustees was considering to expand the initiative to SUNY I.T., Delhi, Morrisville and Cobleskill.

USG Senator David Adams, one of the students representing Stony Brook in the conference, supported the Students Assembly's resolution and called SUNY's initiative "a practice that stems from the State's disastrous divestment from public higher education over the past few years."

The resolution states that "there was a minimal amount of student input in this matter, as well as the lack of consultation with the individual colleges councils during the decision making process." The Assembly also said that the institutions affected "feared that the identities and autonomy of each unique college and university may be threatened by these actions."

Freshman Rep Runoff Election Delayed

Stony Brook freshman students have gone another week without a USG representative.

The freshman representative runoff election is taking place this week because USG officials "had a problem" setting up the voting on SOLAR on time last week, USG President Mark Maloof said.

The USG Code requires polling to start at noon on a Monday and end at noon on the following Friday. Maloof said the polling wasn't ready at noon on Monday, so the USG had to reschedule for this week.

The runoff candidates, Stanley Ige and Tyrik Jiang, received the highest number of votes among seven candidates who ran in the first part of the election during the first week of November. Ige, a political science major, had 84 votes while Jiang, a history major, had 62. A total of 300 freshmen voted.

This week's election ends at noon on Friday, Nov. 18.

SUNY's New Idea: One President for Multiple Campuses

Budget Cuts have driven the State University of New York to adopt a Shared

- Compiled by Nelson Oliveira

Two resign from USG

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know what the political environment would be.

"There's a lot of political drama in the USG. There's politicking and political games, and I don't particularly care for that," Fazli said. "I am very happy and feel liberated now that I have resigned. I was a newcomer to USG and not familiar with the acrimonious climate. Knowing what I do now about its leadership, I would never have set foot anywhere near them."

Malooof now has two weeks to appoint new officers. A new election would only be required if the officers had resigned on or before Oct. 31, according to the USG Constitution.

In his resignation letter, Fazli said USG officers focus too much on politicking, but he didn't give a specific example or mention any names.

"There are people in this organization who have lost perspective and have allowed themselves to be consumed by it," Fazli said in his resignation letter. "They are not bad people; in fact most of them are very decent human beings. But the humanity has been grilled out of them."

Senator David Adams said he disagrees with Fazli's argument and that his experience in the USG this semester has led him to believe "just the opposite."

Abraham said he was accumulating too much work and will now need to take extra classes to be able to graduate in time. He works as a resident assistant and has just become a double major in information systems and business management.

Abraham co-wrote USG's new financial bylaws with Treasurer Thomas Kirnbauer during the summer. He started at the USG as a senator in 2010 and became a vice president last May.

Both students said they will now focus on their school work and their jobs. Fazli commutes from Huntington and works part-time at a software company in Smithtown. He also said doesn't have time for USG's "gossiping."

"I am a practical guy and have no interest in playing politics. What I have encountered here, however, are people who have no interest in doing otherwise," he said. "It is disheartening and I simply don't have the time to waste."

Malooof defended the USG employees.

"The idea of taking the job seriously is nothing to be ashamed of," Malooof said. "The students entrusted us with these positions to represent them and handle their money. These are responsibilities that should not be taken lightly."

Reporting also done by Frank Posillico and Alessandra Malito

Veterans salute in the SAC



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Stony Brook held its annual memorial program to honor the veterans, which is hosted by the Office of Veteran Affairs at the university. The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band performed at the start of the event.

Fish study looks into too much consumption

By Alessandra Malito
News Editor

Many may have heard that eating fish is healthy, but a study is being done at Stony Brook University that might show otherwise.

The initial reason for the study was because of an observation that people who ate a lot of fish were having heart problems. Some fish consumption may lead to a higher level of mercury in the bloodstream.

"It might turn out it's very rare health effects, or, less rare," said Jaymeie Meliker, an assistant professor in the Graduate Program in Public Health of the Department of Preventive Medicine. The study will look into the question of "do we need to recraft our public health message or are we okay right now?"

The study is being funded by The Gelfond Fund for Mercury Research and Outreach, which supports research looking into understanding mercury cycles and how they cause health effects.

Meliker said the study will analyze seafood consumption from different aspects, and by studying the intake of seafood.

The participants will have to come to Stony Brook to do the research, as the Gelfond Fund for Mercury Research and Outreach supports research done at Stony Brook.

Research of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids will be done, alongside the research of levels of mercury and selenium.

Meliker said omega-3 is even considered healthy for the brain.

The study will be done on

people who eat a lot of fish, but they must be non-pregnant adults.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website, fish and shellfish have protein and other nutrients that are good for a healthy diet. The website indicates, however, that "nearly all fish and shellfish contain traces of mercury. For most people, the risk from mercury by eating fish and shellfish is not a health concern. Yet, some fish and shellfish contain higher levels of mercury that may harm an unborn baby or young child's developing nervous system."

A 2007 New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene study showed 25 percent of adults in New York City -- nearly 50 percent of Asian New Yorkers -- "are estimated to have blood mercury levels that exceeded recommended levels for pregnant women."

"All fish contain methylmercury, which is a natural product in aquatic systems that is neurotoxic in developing fetuses and a cause to illnesses for adults.

Some larger, older fish contain higher levels of mercury, such as shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.

According to the FDA, the effects differ based on what type of fish and how much fish is consumed, as well as the level of mercury in the fish that were consumed.

"Seafood, in general, is good for us, but with some types of fish having high levels of methylmercury, it is important for the public health community to better understand risks and benefits from eating specific fish,"

Meliker said in a press release. "We hope the study results will help us to better communicate dietary recommendations to the public regarding the consumption of fish."

According to Meliker, "from a cynical perspective, we shouldn't be studying anything that hurts or harms." He said some people have the mentality, "let us live our lives."

But once contaminants are identified, there is a possibility to "improve the outcome for health and quality of life for large segments of population."

The "Long Island Study of Seafood Consumption" screening questionnaire can be found online. The first question is "do you ever eat fish or seafood?" The questionnaire is meant to determine if a participant is eligible to be in the study.

"In general, one study is not likely to have a tremendous impact," Meliker said. But if in time it turns out some types of fish are more dangerous to consume than others, "that has potential to influence whether or not the FDA should allow those."

He plans on recruiting the study's participants in a year's time, ending next fall. The study will include drawing blood, measuring heart rates, computerized exams and assessing reflexes.

Meliker plans to do the study objectively - not going in focusing on the positives or negatives of consuming fish.

According to the assistant professor, the outcome of this study may show that consuming a lot of fish is a bad thing, or it might show that it is a good thing.

Anime Club's "Gotta Catch 'Em All"

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"We were the first to take the niche seriously, and so we became the default choice for anyone who cared about competitive Pokemon," he said. "Being the default choice allowed us to grow to the size we're at today. Since Smogon's founding, there have always been a few other websites trying to replicate our model but our size and momentum advantages have proved too difficult for anyone else to overcome."

There are multiple tiers, such as Ubers, OverUsed, UnderUsed, Little Cup, Monotype, Dream World and Wifi. In Stony Brook's Pokemon League, Ubers are not allowed. There are also clauses, such as Species, Sleep, Frozen, Evasion, and OHKO, which deem what is not allowed in the game. Banned items include Soul Dew, Bright Powder, Lax Incense, Focus Band, Quick Claw, Kings Rock and Razor Fang.

Similarly to Smogon, which is online only with no true physical headquarters, the Pokemon League at Stony Brook is online, which is how they start battles and play their battles, and if it succeeds, Brown said he will reach out to other universities.

And so, as the theme goes on, with every challenge along the way, with courage the users will face, they will battle every day, to claim their rightful place.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Concert Review: Chiddy Bang Is Not-So-Bangin'



By Megan Spicer
Copy Chief

"Where's Chiddy!?"
"We want Chiddy!"

The crowd grew antsy as they anxiously awaited the main event for the night's show.

The transformation of the Student Activities Center, Ballroom A was nothing new. A stage was set up on the far wall and took up almost a third of the space of the room. The "Top 40" music that occupied the radio waves blasted through the speakers that were set up around the room. The lights were dim and the atmosphere had a tentative feel to it.

It hasn't been long since the Student Activities Board, or SAB, sponsored a medium-scale event as part of the Stony Brook Concert Series for the student and surrounding community; they hosted a moderately-successful comedy event on Oct. 25.

Granted, at the peak of the concerts in the late 60s to early 70s, there were times that two major events would happen in one week with performers in the double-digits performing throughout the year.

And on Nov. 13, SAB sponsored Long Island-native Hoodie Allen and Pennsylvania-native Chiddy Bang in the third installment of a continuing concert series for the year. Like any show, the ballroom slowly filled up as the students walked through metal detectors and were subject to a pat down by security. It seems that this is slowly becoming the norm at SAB-sponsored events.

Some of the students instantly started bobbing their heads along to the beats of Hoodie Allen. Others looked confused, as if they had accidentally stumbled upon a Narnian-experience after coming in from the cold Sunday night.

Hoodie Allen, whose real name is Steven Markowitz and hails from Nassau County, rapped over Notorious B.I.G.'s "Party and Bullshit," but with his own twist. "Get to drinking and you know that we at the Bench."

Hoodie Allen utilized the whole stage throughout his hour-long set. He didn't ask that the crowd throw their hands in the air at

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Bench"

HOODIE ALLEN
MUSICIAN

one point in time through each song, unlike Chiddy Bang, who constantly requested a sea of waving hands. Though the crowd put their hands in the air on their own and moved along to the beat of each track that Hoodie Allen played.

Roughly ten minutes past 9 p.m., Hoodie Allen wrapped up his final song. But the crowd would have to wait more than a half hour before the headliner, Chiddy Bang would come on. It wasn't until 9:40 p.m. that Chiddy Bang took the stage for his performance. The cause of his delay was unknown at the time of press.

Despite the late start, Chiddy jumped right into their set and cranked the bass up to what seemed like its limit.

A common question that each of the rappers had to ask to the crowd was one is becoming more and more prevalent of performers that come to the campus:

"What's a Seawolf? Can anyone tell me what a Seawolf is?" And, on cue, like during the Comedy Central on Campus tour, the crowd instinctively responded with "I'm a Seawolf!"

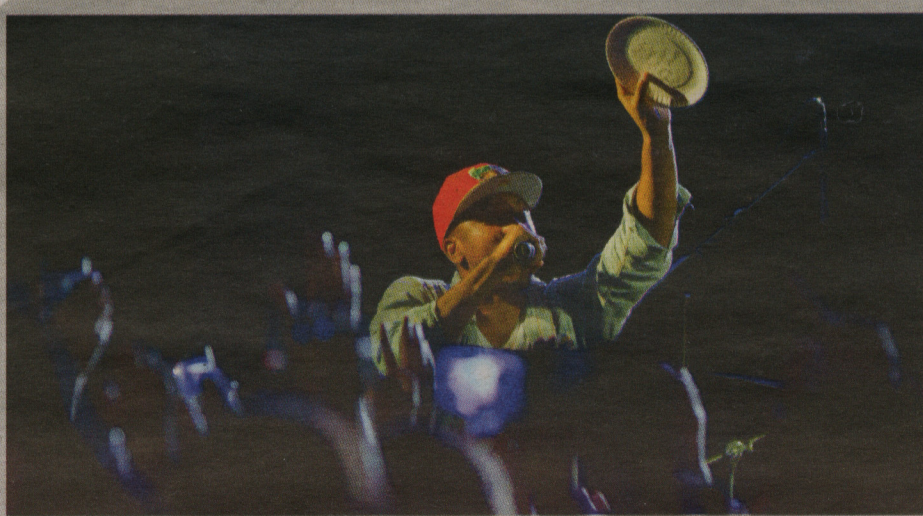
Despite fleeting moments throughout Chiddy Bang's set, the crowd dwindled as the clock near 11 p.m. as people made their way from the front toward the exit in the back.

It seemed that some students were more inclined to get back to their Sunday-night-studies than staying for the final song.



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Chiddy Bang (top) and Hoodie Allen (directly above) performed yesterday.



Midway through Chiddy Bang's performance, "Cheeseburger Don," lead singer Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege's brother, came on stage to ask the crowd what Chiddy should free-style rap about. He wrote the some of the crowd's responses on a Dixie paper plate. The subjects of the rap? Football, rugby, a female student in front of the crowd named Jamie, "Mary Jane," Seawolves and Asians.

Eat. Brew. Cook.

This week, learn how to make: Stir-Fry



By Alycia Terry
Staff Writer

You know you're really cooking when you set the fire alarm off in your apartment building. I wish this was a metaphor, but, sadly, it's not. However, I did learn a very important lesson about cooking on campus! If you're going to be frying things at high temperature, it's generally a good idea to turn on the ventilation fan and possibly crack a window. Whoops.

Since the unfortunate incident, I've avoided frying foods that require a lot of oil and create smoke; somehow, I just don't think

What you have:
Chopped vegetables from a salad bar
Soy sauce packets from Jasmine

What you need:
Shrimp, chicken or tofu
Rice or Noodles
1-2 tablespoons Canola oil
1-2 tablespoons chicken broth (optional)
Spices (optional)
Salt and pepper

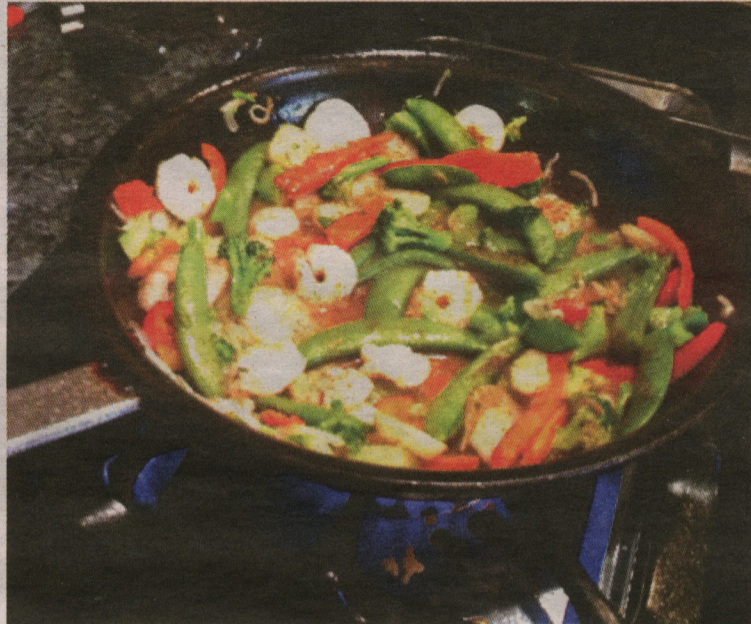
the Fire Marshall would be quite as amused the second time. This is why I'm making stir-fry for all of you: it's easy, low on smoke and generally amazing.

My favorite thing about stir-fry is that you can put anything in it. Really, almost any vegetables, citrus fruit or sauce you like will taste good. Depending on my mood, I'll usually make it one of two ways. The way I started making it when I first created the recipe last year was with chicken, fried egg, baby spinach, tomatoes and onions, seasoned with chili and cayenne pepper and served over brown rice. I devised this recipe when I gave up Thai fried rice because I wanted to avoid feeling deprived. While it is nowhere near as good as fried rice, it has got great flavor and doesn't

sit too heavy in my stomach or make me feel like I need to run on a treadmill for a solid week straight.

This semester, I've been on even more of a health kick now that I'm cooking for myself, so this stir-fry consists of shrimp, pineapple, sugar snap peas, red peppers and water chestnuts. I've also been using one tablespoon of chili oil, firstly because chili oil is only 35 calories, but secondly because I am head over heels for hot, spicy food.

Keep in mind that the recipes above are just my own personal preferences. Pick out a mix of chopped veggies from the salad bar at the SAC or Kelly Dining, some pre-cooked meat or tofu and whatever else strikes your fancy (although I wouldn't recommend cheese or anything that can melt).



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Homemade stir-fry boiling in the lovely West A kitchens.

If you are using shrimp, regular-sized frozen shrimp works well also.

1. Once you've picked your ingredients, pour oil into a frying pan or wok and let heat over a high setting for a few minutes.

2. When the oil is heated, add pre-cooked or frozen protein. If pre-cooked, stir-fry for a minute and 30 seconds; if frozen, allow three minutes of cooking time.

3. Add vegetables/fruits to

the mixture. Pour in about 1 tablespoon of water or chicken broth. Stir-fry for one minute and 30 seconds. If desired, add an additional ½ tablespoon of oil.

4. Add any spices or sauces desired. Continue stir-frying for one additional minute.

5. Serve atop cooked rice or noodles. Salt and pepper to taste.

And there you have it, folks. Get creative, stay hungry and keep reading.

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Béla Fleck and the Flecktones Rock Staller

By Andrew Kozak
Staff Writer

The main stage at the Staller Center was set with an array of instruments and lit in a dim blue light as the smoke from the fog machines formed a thin cloud. The lights dimmed to black, and the crowd immediately erupted in cheers as Béla Fleck and the Flecktones took the stage.

The energy was palpable as the music exploded from the band's instruments, and the lights shot an array of colors on stage. Béla Fleck, Howard Levy, Roy "Futureman" Wooten and Victor Wooten brought charisma and personality to their instruments. Their sporadic and creative style captured the attention of the packed audience, who wooed and cheered as the night progressed.

"We have seen them four times," Lauri Last, mother of senior Harrison Last said. "Every time there have been people literally dancing in the aisles." While the Staller Theater left little room for dancing, it did not stop the attendees from clapping, cheering and whistling as the band performed their skillful and fast-paced set.

The group has to be one of the



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Béla Fleck and the Flecktones took the stage at the Staller Center this Saturday night to an eager crowd of fans.

"most eclectic mix of instruments and personalities," as Stony Brook local Elise Serman said. Similar to Dave Matthews Band in style, the Flecktones music was

comprised of interjections from different instruments and complex melodies. At times, the band members would have a back and forth battle between each other, mimicking what the other was doing. An interesting way to play, considering they each had different instruments.

Fleck's fast-fingered strumming on the banjo led the group, while Levy bounced between the harmonica and the piano continuously all night, even in the same song. Futureman, as he prefers to be called, provided percussion with the Drumitar, an instrument he invented that plays like a guitar but is connected to the drums, allowing him to stand at the front of the stage. Last but not least, his younger brother, Victor, strummed and slapped on the bass providing soul to the music and layering his own melodies as he played.

"They are as great as they ever were," Donna Guarton said. Guarton has been following the band for many years and was excited to hear that Levy, who went on a personal hiatus in 1992, had returned, and the band would be performing again. "They have an incredible energy, interesting and

complex," Guarton added.

The band members were happy to be playing together again. Fleck talked about their time apart saying, "It's very healthy for us to be with other people. It takes a lot of independence to be in the Flecktones." According to the members they have each learned and progressed so much in their skill that it is exciting to be back together.

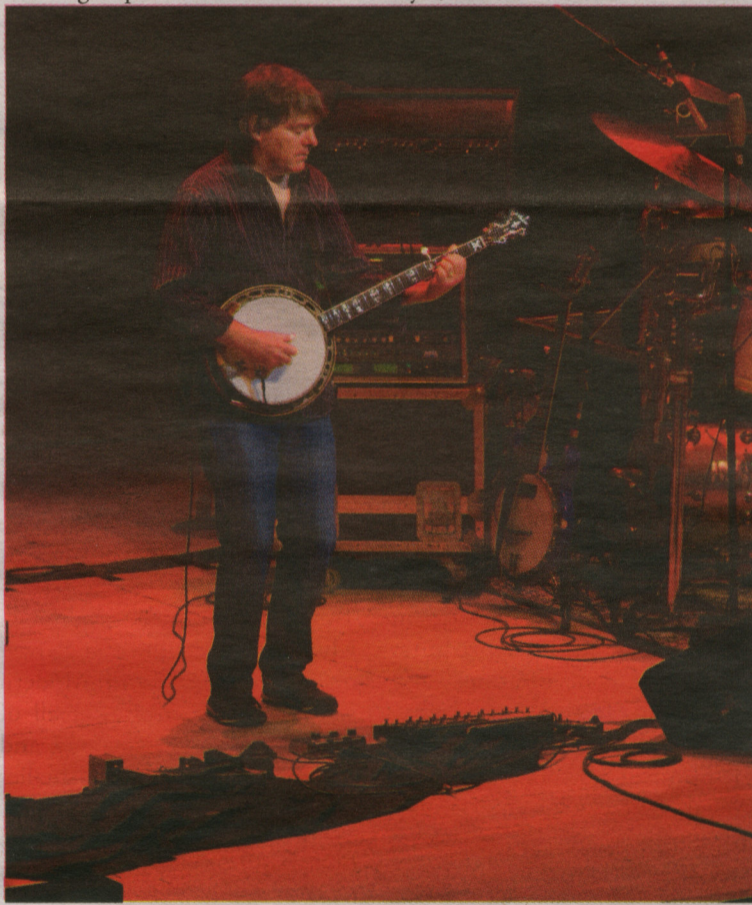
Futureman said that there is only forward thinking as everyone is getting better. The percussionist has written two symphonies in his time apart and is not the only one with major accomplishments. Fleck has been awarded five Grammys in various categories and has had a documentary made about him and his trip to Africa for musical research.

Throughout the night, each band member had their own solo to play, with each solo leaving the crowd's hearts pumping and hands clapping. The crowd did not stop cheering throughout the entire show, erupting into applause in the middle of performances. As the Flecktones' songs stretched on, the crowd went from cheering and clapping to listening intently as the mood of songs changed.

The songs played by the band were as eclectic and interesting as the band members themselves. They would vary in speed, intensity and volume. Songs would go from being bluesy and melodic to fast paced and loud. The members wailed on their instruments, shaking their heads and moving to the music to stay in rhythm. The crowd followed along with their intensity and moods following the energy of each note played.

"They are incredible," Joe Simon, a local high school student said. "I listen to them all the time; their music is one of a kind." The Flecktones' music is most certainly one of a kind. Each band member brought their own style to their instruments. "Our goal is to be creative as possible," pianist Levy said. "We are open to anything."

Fleck closed with saying that they are only scheduled to perform together until April. "We are having such a blast and will figure out what happens next." As far as only having limited time, Fleck stated that, "it only makes us appreciate our time together." The band is looking forward to the future and will continue to perform their energetic and fast paced music.



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Intense scarlet light illuminates musician Béla Fleck.

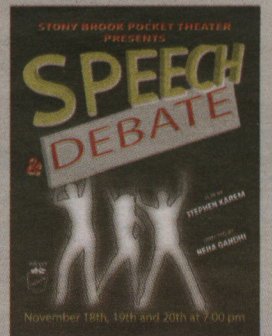
THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) *Speech & Debate*

Pocket Theatre will be performing their main production of the year, *Speech & Debate*, a play about three teens who try and expose a teacher who preys on teenage boys. It's Friday, Saturday, Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Wang Center Theater

2) *Craft Center*

The Craft Center is having an open craft night to make Autumn themed crafts like turkeys, flower wreaths, and tissue paper flowers. This event is free and it's Tuesday 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.



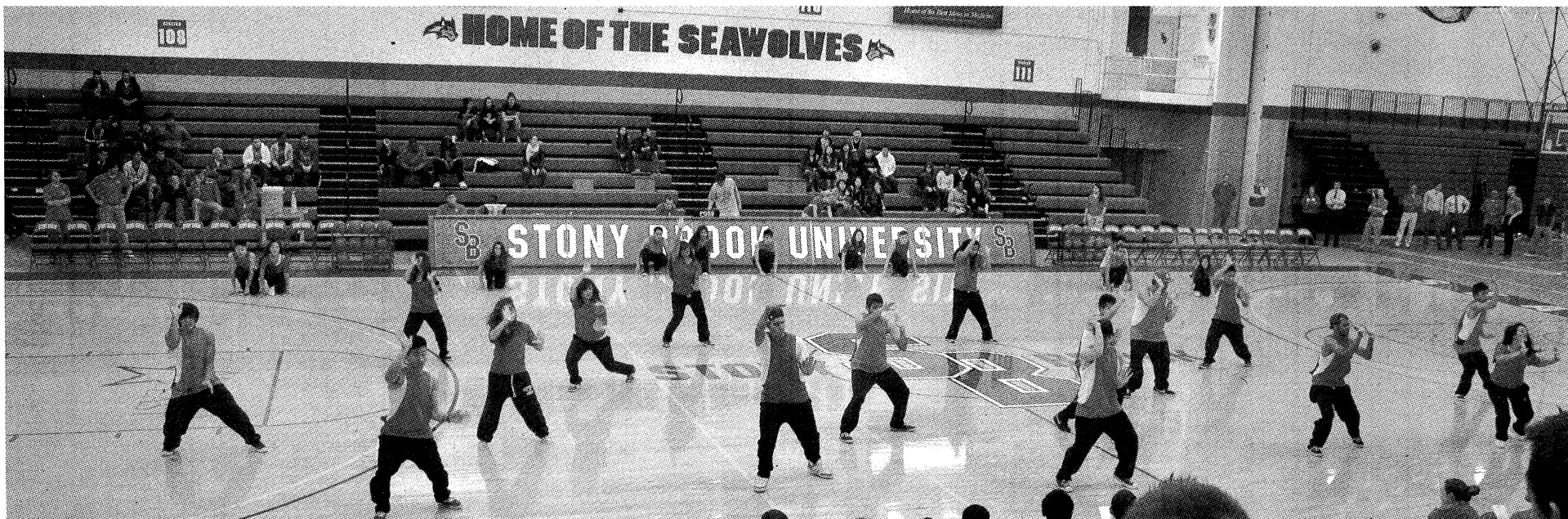
3) *Kompa Night*

The Haitian Students Organization will host this night of dancing to a Haitian style of music to campus. It's free and on Monday, Nov. 14 from 8 to 11 p.m. in SAC Ballroom B.



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT:

PUSO MODERN



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The PUSO Modern dance crew performs at B-Ball Madness for the chance to show off their moves at Madison Square Garden.

By Paul Faber
Contributing Writer

Eager to begin, pumped full of adrenaline, the dance crew prepares themselves for not just any ordinary performance, but for the exhilarating opportunity to perform at Madison Square Garden. The booming voice of an announcer introduces PUSO Modern as a cacophony of loud cheering voices from the bleachers at Pritchard Gym fill the air in response. The group of dancers, decked in Stony Brook red, anxiously dash onto the gymnasium floor, flailing their arms out at the excited crowd before uniformly taking their places upon the stage. The excitement escalates, once more, as the performance finally begins.

Sharp, explosive movements purely fleshed with attitude burst out. The full bodily investment on the parts of the dancers sets the audience on fire, in constant anticipation, as the cheer of the crowd continuously reenergizes the already powerful and alive performers.

In mere minutes, it's over. Although exhausted and

drained, the dancers appear flooded with a resonating feeling of accomplishment, as illustrated in their perspiration laden faces full of smiles. They take a final bow before prancing off the stage. Still ablaze from the performance, the excited audience slowly cools down after the truly crowd-pleasing spectacle of PUSO Modern.

PUSO Modern branches off of the mother organization of the PUSO (Philippine United Student Organization) general body at SBU. The word "puso," meaning heart in Filipino, seems a fitting title for an organization that embodies the preservation, celebration and awareness of Filipino culture while molding unity with its many members involved in its various subgroups.

Although a vast majority of the people involved in the general body are of Filipino descent, PUSO Modern offers a slightly more diverse crowd of individuals, despite its origins as the Filipino exclusive Phillippine Dance crew (PDC), founded by Ann Marie Cariaga and Melissa Ortiz in 1995.

Carlo Limbog, an undecided major, recently elected as Freshman Representative for the general body, admits feeling hesitation and nervousness before trying out for Modern this fall. He had the expectation that everyone would be "amazing," but the majority were beginners with limited formal training, he explains. Now that he's in, he has been enjoying it immensely. "I love it. Everyone is generally friendly and nice," he comments, smiling.

Freshman Justin Armamento, also an undecided major, describes his mindset at the peak of the audition as one of indifference, attributing his confidence to his experience in singing, before noting how some of his own friends "chickened out" early in the auditioning phase.

Monique Shen, a junior psychology major, explains how, last year, she had neglected to meet the expectations for full membership when she first auditioned as a sophomore. PUSO Modern, however, was willing put her in an apprentice position where she could still

attend practices in order to refine her skills for future inclusion in performances. She has become one of the team and she deems PUSO Modern her "favorite part of campus." "It's such an art form, and I love being a part of it."

Stylistically, Modern's choreography focuses on a wide range of hip-hop movement influenced by five different choreographers who control specific "sets." "When it comes to style, this team is very diverse," says the current director, senior Derek Gamboa, a humanities major. "That's what makes the team great." From simple observation, the choreography certainly stands out as unique, blending popping, isolations, provocative hip swirls and aggressive gestures.

Popping stands out as particularly engrossing to watch in the context of PUSO Modern. Harnessing the subtlest tension in one's muscles and rhythmically pulsating them to the beat seems simplistic on the surface, but it truly requires extensive concentration and control for beginners and even some of the flustered, but determined, senior members. What makes it entertaining is the apparent ease in which the moves are presented in performance.

The voting based competition to perform at B-Ball Madness for the chance to perform at Madison Square Garden was extremely short notice. Modern was only aware a week in advance. After debate, they decided to bring back the set performed at the Homecoming Showcase, adding on more choreography and new members.

Things tend to get hectic in the preparation process, with the members broken up into multiple groups intent on perfecting separate components of the choreography to potentially different songs. Meanwhile, PUSO members on the sidelines await their turn, leisurely conversing in the background. However, when Derek speaks and demands quiet, the room instantly falls

silent in obedience. As much as they are apt to enjoy themselves, they recognize when it's time to focus. To ensure they function to the fullest, a mutual contract and syllabus encourages cooperation each season. This contract is essential considering the many hours of dedication necessary in preparation for performances. The normal practice schedule is on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to as late as 11 p.m.

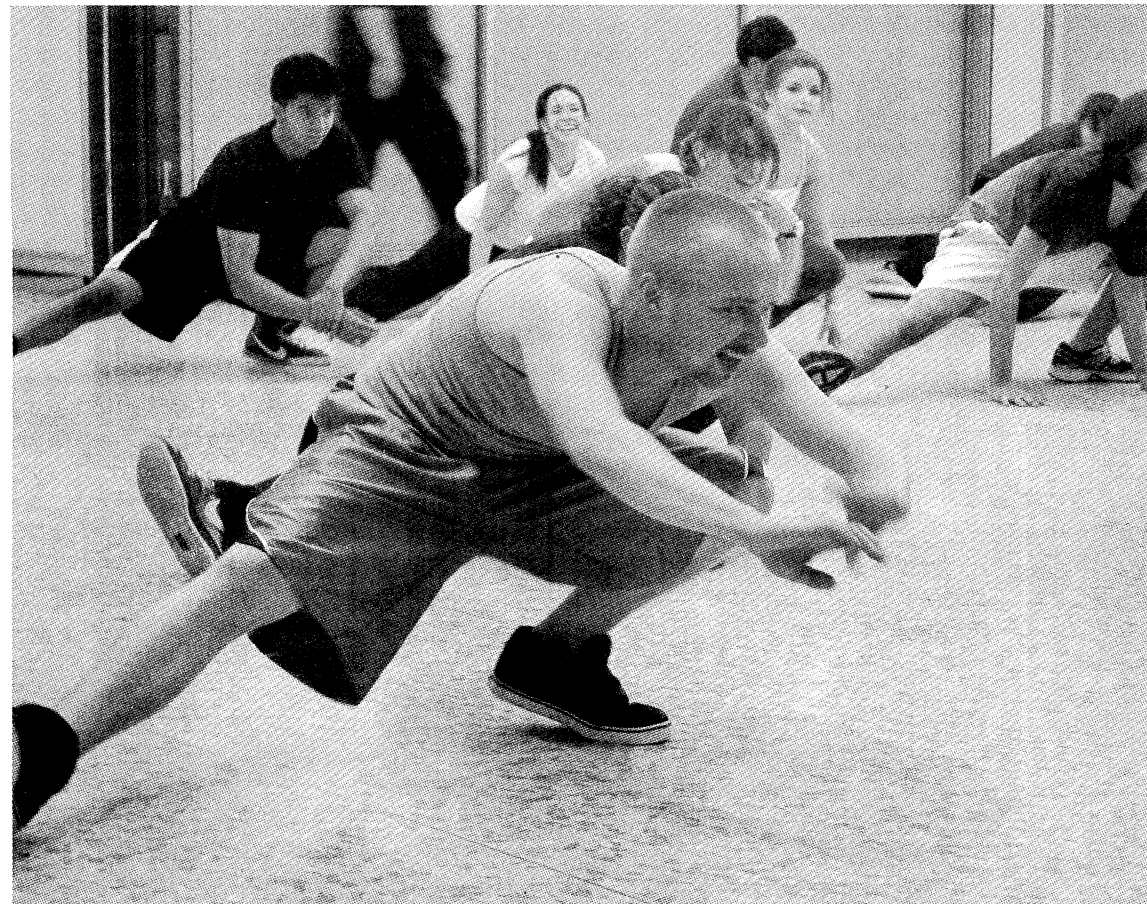
On Tuesdays, the intensity is accelerated with the Ballroom Dancing Team sharing Modern's new, regular place of practice, Nassau Hall.

Needless to say, tensions between the two groups are evident, yet entirely expected and natural, partially due to the determination, on both sides, to succeed in the competition. Both organizations were handling a large amount of members and frantically attempting to create the best products possible for the impending performance. The confusion was heightened when the ballroom team arrived on one Tuesday and Modern was obligated to transfer all of the members, belongings and equipment to the other smaller room.

"It wasn't the most organized thing," explains information systems major Yelena Mirsakova, a junior who is the president of ballroom, citing the discrepancy as "communication problems," while firmly upholding the position that the plywood floor, exclusive to the bigger room, was necessary for the shoes needed in ballroom practice.

In order to eliminate petty drama, Gamboa channeled feelings of rivalry into enthusiasm on the dance floor to rouse team spirit and unity among Modern members at practice prior to the competition. "When it's fair game on the dance floor, kill 'em!" Gamboa had instructed.

While the results of the contest have yet to be announced, Modern's entry at B-Ball Madness, two days later, appeared to do just that; their intensity and passion vividly reflected in their movement.



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Ryan Messina, 20, PUSO member, practices his dance moves prior to his performance.

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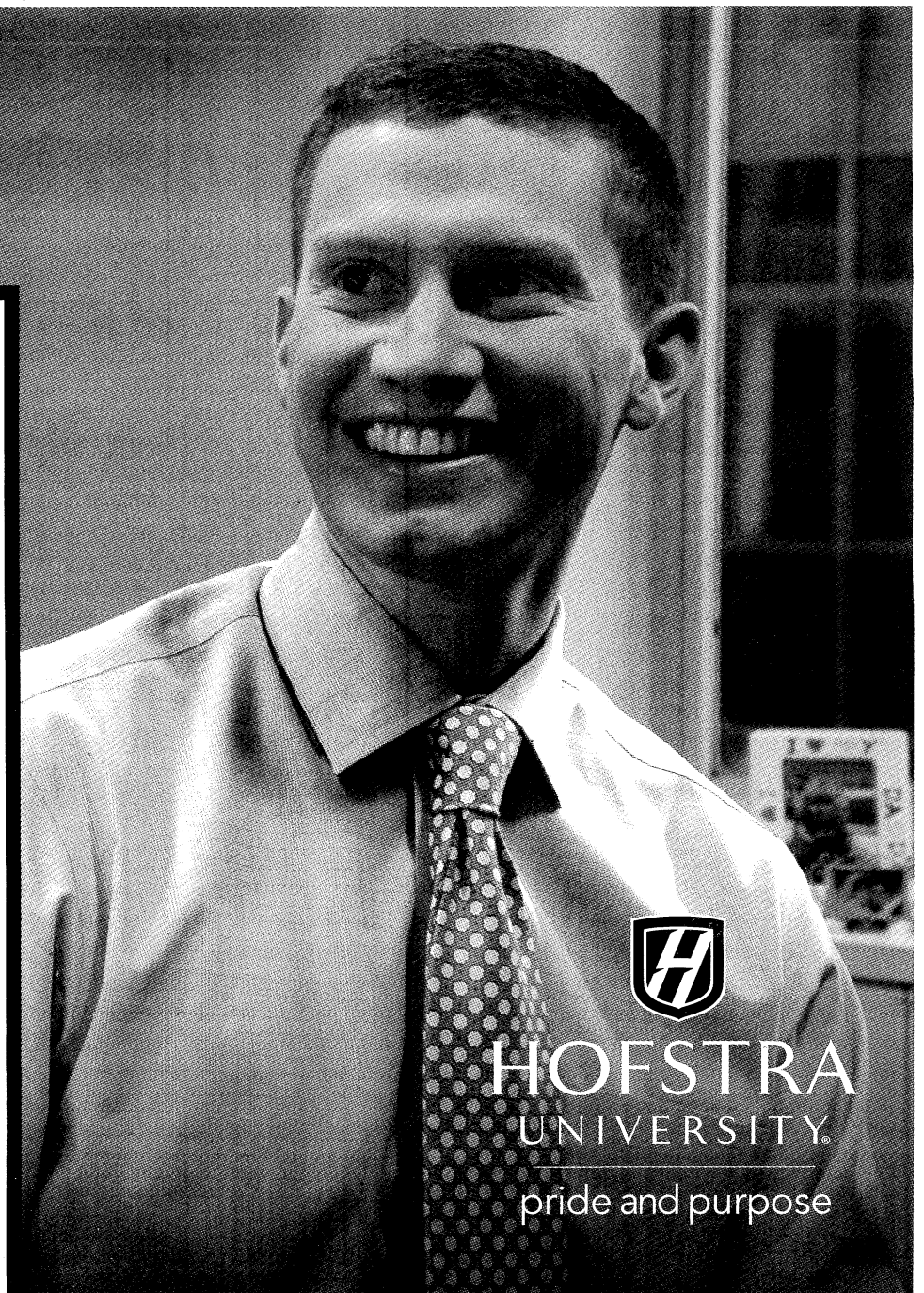
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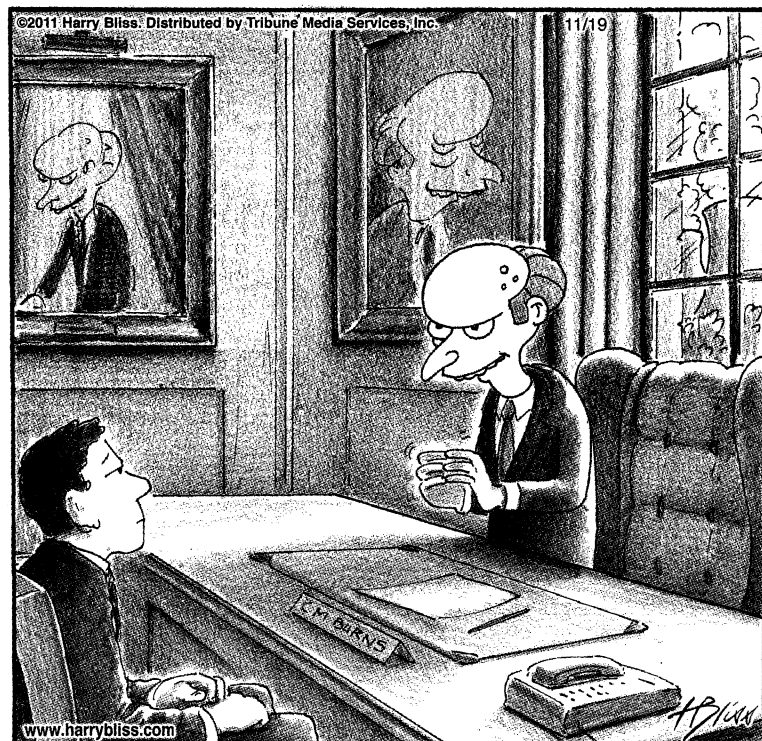
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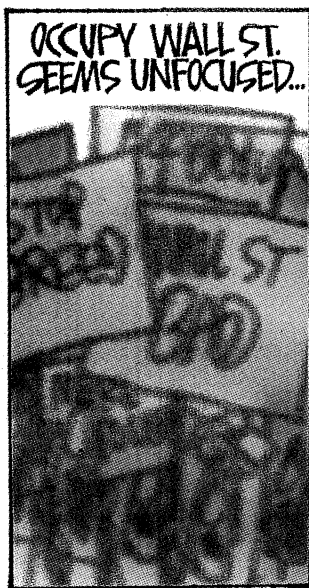
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Studying in another country

An experience that you don't want to miss

By Amei Ott
Contributing Writer

Many students probably ask themselves why studying abroad is so important. The answer is quite simple: With a globalized world and the strong competition for jobs, students should look for special qualifications to make their resume stand out. Studying abroad for a semester or being an intern is doing exactly that.

"I mean the trivial fact about globalization is that it has made communication and transportation easy. Many companies have become global, they hire people that have a global outlook and a global experience in their resume," says Professor Schäfer, the Associate Dean for International Academic Programs at Stony Brook University.

The International Office at SBU advertises their programs with the slogan "Go abroad, get ahead" and there are many Universities that SBU has an exchange program with. Such partnerships also exist with German Universities. The country is often remembered for its dark history, but from living there my whole life I can tell you that it has so much more to offer, like the mediterranean climate, the beautiful landscape and Germany is also "a leading economy and a leading proponent of the EU" adds Prof. Schäfer.

For many American students it may seem hard to understand why they should leave their diverse country when they already speak English - the global means of communication. "It is the reverse of globalization, it is a localization.

Many American students are rather provincial. And the US is after all almost a whole continent. But it is fun to be in Europe. Public transportation makes it possible to travel in a few hours from Munich to Venice or from Hamburg to Copenhagen. All done in half a day."

Studying abroad is not only about receiving credits but also about getting to know a foreign culture, it is about living away from home, trying different food, experiencing a different lifestyle and it is also about discovering yourself



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and maturing as a person.

Prof. Schäfer also points out that it "might seem abstract to tell a student to learn a language, but if you travel to another country, you will learn the language". Germany is not as different from America as you may assume.

The differences are subtle and easy to adjust to, even if you don't speak the language because almost everyone in Germany speaks English. One major difference a student from America may find that in some cases, Germans seem uncommunicative at first but "friendship is based on experience, time and knowledge. It is acquired in a more time consuming way and therefore not instantaneous. But if it is acquired, it is a very rewarding friendship" Prof. Schäfer points out.

While studying in Germany will not only help you acquire great friendships you also have to opportunity to attend one of Germany's historic Universities such as my home University, the Eberhard-Karls University of Tübingen. Tübingen is a nice old town with a river in the center of Baden-Württemberg. Its University was founded in 1477 and there are about 25,000 students enrolled today. Another partnership exists with the University of Bonn.

Bonn is a big city at the Rhine river with its University founded in 1818. The third partnership is with the University of Konstanz at the Lake Constance in Germany's most southern part with borders to France walking distance to Switzerland.

These three are the active programs with several exchange students both ways each year. Prof. Schäfer is currently working

on an exchange program with a Berlin University because "Berlin has proven to be very attractive to people from all around the world.

It is suddenly hip, has lots of art, music, good universities, the government, a lot of housing possibilities and cheap food".

Stony Brook students can also apply for an exchange with Universities in Bremen, Freiburg, Mainz and Würzburg. If going for a whole semester scares you or is too expensive, you can always go for a summer program. Many of the Universities offering semester programs provide the opportunity to attend a summer course for several weeks.

These courses will help you learn or improve your German but also offer other interesting subjects.

Now there should be one major question left: How can you apply? For any further information, go to the International Academic Programs located in the Melville Library in room E-5340 or visit the homepage <http://www.stonybrook.edu/studyabroad/>. And remember: Going abroad DOES get you ahead.

I am still only half way through my exchange and I have met amazing people, learned exciting things, have seen beautiful cities, have improved my English but first and foremost, I have grown as a person.

I know now what I am capable of and I am much closer to figuring out what I want than I was before. And these are features that companies look for when hiring college graduates. All I can do is encourage you to study abroad and I can promise you: It will change your life!

Paterno's final call of the game

Made too late for child rape

By Jay Epelman
Contributing Writer

I would not call myself an avid sports fan. Sure, I enjoy watching live games and try to follow specific teams as best I can but my knowledge of professional and college sports is minimal at best. Why then, do I feel the need to comment on the recent (and not so recent) controversial events happening at Penn State when I know little about college sports or their coaches?

The answer is simply that at its core, this is not a college sports problem that concerns just fans of Joe Paterno but rather one that deserves the same scrutiny a situation like this would get in the world outside of sports.

No one can deny that the way certain individuals in Penn State chose to handle this case was irresponsible and illegal. Sandusky was doing terrible things to children in and out of the Penn State stadium for many, many years. People had seen him assaulting children and said nothing or told someone about it with the hope they would know what to do.

No one stopped him, no one called the cops, and barely anyone said anything for years. There are few people in this situation that are guilt-free and Paterno is not one of them.

The first argument against Paterno being fired was that he brought up what his graduate

assistant saw to his superiors and that his part of the story ended when he notified the "appropriate" people of what Sandusky had been up too. Was what he did enough? Where is the line for further action and responsibility in a scenario such as this?

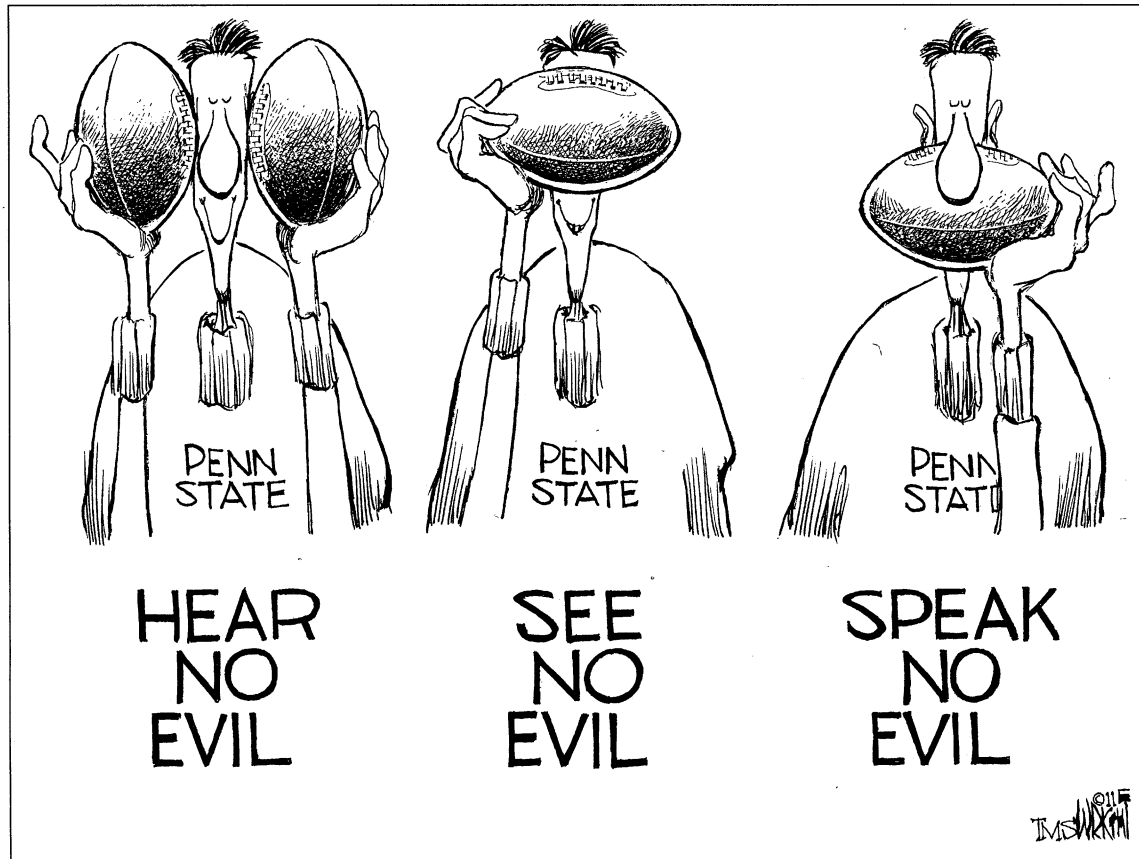
To be frank, Paterno did not do enough and it doesn't matter what legacy or glorified history one has, not taking proper measures in certain situations is wrong and there's just no way around that.

Even though the decision to let Paterno go was most likely due to public pressure rather than wrongdoing on his part, in the end, it still seems appropriate and hopefully leaving football out of the equation shows that.

That might seem like a tough stance to take but as what point did Paterno see the lack of actions of his superiors at Penn State and think that enough had been done?

Maybe he thought that Penn State banning Sandusky from bringing children to football games was good enough or perhaps he simply didn't want a scandal involving his university and team. For now, his thought process behind the situation is unclear.

Paterno is clearly not the only one at fault in this situation, but it seems he is one of the only people involved that is being defended for his actions, or rather, his inactions. People



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claim it was rude of the university to let him go over the phone, saying the man deserves more respect than that, or that he should have been allowed to coach a few more games.

If this man was not the coach and football so important to Penn State, would people be coming to his defense so quickly? If this was a different scenario, would Paterno be excused or unquestionably criticized for not making sure Sandusky was not just stopped, but arrested right away?

People need to take a step back and look at this situation a little more objectively. Yes, Penn State is losing a great coach, but they are also losing a man who is willing to stand by with the knowledge someone he had worked with had raped children and was getting away with it.

Again, Paterno is not the only party here that did something wrong, but people seem more inclined to come to his defense rather than look at the many children that were raped and

abused by Sandusky.

And to those sports fans that are upset about losing a legend, let's try thinking about those individual children who pretty much lost their childhood and how their lives and the lives of their families have been affected and will continue to be affected as the grand jury looks further into this situation. I'm pretty sure a football game is small change compared to people's livelihood. Then again, maybe I just don't understand sports like other people.

Veterans Day Sale?! WTF

A sign that we don't really care

By Ravneet Kamboj
Opinion Editor

In the United Kingdom they celebrate Armistice Day on Nov. 11 the same day that we celebrate Veterans Day. How do they do it?

They observe a national period of silence and people flood the streets wearing black arm bands and holding poppy flowers in order to signify their mourning for all the soldiers who died to defend their country. Armistice day was created to signify the end of World War I.

How do we observe the day? We drive to work and school in our cars happy to have a day off and on the radio we hear about a wonderful mattress sale! I can now get a mattress 20 percent off. We use the day to catch up on work or to relax.

What I'm trying to say is that there is no observance of Veterans Day in our country. Sure there

is a symbolic observation of it. The President has a ceremony with military men and women at Arlington National Cemetery. For those who have friends and family in the wars overseas and for those who have lost people overseas spend the day thinking about their loved ones and how they wish they could be home to spend that day with them. Our national consciousness however barely seems to bat an eyelash.

This is symbolic of our overall uncaring attitude towards veterans and soldiers in our country. The other day, I was speaking to a homeless veteran who was telling me that he was denied care by the VA even when he was dying of liver and kidney failure.

Apparently, the government doctors didn't think that he was sick enough. Eventually, however, after enough obvious signs from him that he was dying the VA agreed to cover his medical costs as

they are obliged to do for soldiers.

There is a huge disconnect in our country between the military and the general population. Perhaps the British appreciate their men and women in uniform more because their nation was in the cross hairs in both world wars and the very existence of their country was in question.

They realize that the only reason their society exists is because of the millions of soldiers who died defending them. Here in America, we eat our fast food and go to classes, go to parties and barbecues and never stop to think that we are able to do all of this because there are some families in our country who sacrifice a lot or even sacrifice it all to make that possible.

While you might not agree or think that the wars we are in are really relevant or even justifiable there is no denying that throughout our history

there were wars that were also undeniably being fought for our very existence as well. Why is there such a disconnect in this country and why are those who go fight for us then thrown away like used trash when their service is done. Perhaps our culture of loving disposable items transfers over to human beings as well.

When their usefulness is exhausted they are tossed out by the machine of our society without any thought. All that cares is the bottom line and how much taking care of veterans costs.

The almighty dollar and our culture of spending, using and then discarding things without thought all to maximize the bottom line is leading to the destruction of our environment, our lives and is creating nightmare scenarios for veterans returning home to a reality that might be worse than the one that they just arrived from. The last piece of

advice from that veteran I was speaking to was "Hey kid don't ever join the U.S. military, it chews you out, spits you out and leaves you on the side of the road and no one gives a damn about what you did."

It's sad that veterans get treated like this let alone have to worry about anything in their lives after their service. Many of my friends and family are in the military whether here in America or in other countries.

Those who serve in other countries tend to tell me that it was the best decision they ever made, they never have to worry about housing healthcare etc. and are treated with respect and thanks by their fellow citizens.

The soldiers in our country however are more likely to be homeless, be ill or not have jobs than civilians after their service. There is something very wrong with this picture.

Around the Big South

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE 38, VMI 6

Quarterback Ryan Singer threw for two touchdowns and ran for a pair of scores to help the Presbyterian College football team knock off visiting VMI on Saturday afternoon, 38-6.

PC improves to 3-7 on the year and 2-3 in Big South Conference action, marking the most Conference wins in a season since first playing a Big South schedule in 2009. VMI falls to 1-9 overall and 1-4 in League play.

PC churned out a season-high 491 yards on offense and enjoyed a 36:47 time of possession to VMI's 23:13, including letting the Keydets hold the ball for only 3:36 in the first quarter. The contest saw a Big South Conference record fall as PC defensive back Justin Bethel made two solo tackles to break the all-time Conference record in that category, with 196.

Charleston Southern linebacker Jada Ross set the previous record of 195 from 2004-07.

The Blue Hose close out the 2011 season next Saturday at home against Charleston Southern.

Kickoff is set for 1:00pm and the game will be televised on WMYA-TV 40 in Greenville/Spartanburg/Asheville, and WMMP-TV 36 in Charleston, S.C. VMI returns home to host Gardner-Webb at 1:30 p.m.

COASTAL CAROLINA 45, CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 38

Marcus Whitener exploded for 86 second-half rushing yards and Coastal Carolina scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, but it would take a Philip George interception on the Chanticleer one yard line with under a minute to play to give CCU a 45-38 victory over Charleston Southern Saturday afternoon.

The game was the Conference finale for Coastal, which improves to 6-4, 3-3, while the Buccaneers fall to 0-10, 0-5.

Whitener would end up with 106 yards on 13 carries, while Travis Small had 74 rushing yards on 13 attempts.

Coastal would finish with a season-high 253 rushing yards and improves to 38-4 all-time when rushing for at least 200 yards in a game.

Coastal Carolina will conclude the 2011 regular season with a non-Conference contest, traveling to Cullowhee, N.C., for the first time in program history to face Western Carolina Nov. 19 at 2 pm. Charleston Southern closes out the season at Presbyterian College next Saturday.

Courtesy of bigsouthsports.com

Big South Conference Standings

| Team | Record | Next Opponent |
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| 1. Liberty | 5-0 (7-3) | @Stony Brook |
| 2. Stony Brook | 5-0 (7-3) | vs Liberty |
| 3. Coastal Carolina | 3-3 (6-4) | @Western Carolina |
| 4. Presbyterian | 2-3 (3-7) | vs Charleston South. |
| 5. Gardner-Webb | 2-3 (4-6) | @VMI |
| 6. VMI | 1-4 (1-9) | vs Gardner-Webb |
| 7. Charleston South. | 0-5 (0-10) | @Presbyterian |

Judgement day for Stony Brook and Liberty

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program, and the support we have gotten from our alumni."

It will be the third straight year that the two teams will face-off against each other to end the regular season.

Like the upcoming game, the last two meetings also had championship implications. On both occasions, the teams ended up sharing the Big South title.

"I don't think there is any question there is a love-hate relationship," Priore said about Liberty.

Stony Brook will be hoping that Saturday's game will have a happier ending than last season's finale.

Needing either a win or to limit Liberty to less than 38 points in order to secure its first-ever playoff bid, Stony Brook lost 54-28.

The bitter memory is something the Seawolves hope to get over this weekend.

"The better team on that Saturday won," Priore said. "Hopefully, the better team this Saturday will win."

In that game, Liberty's star quarterback, Mike Brown, torched Stony Brook.

The red-shirt senior had 334 passing yards and 160 rushing yards in that game.

"He's a terrific football player, one of the leaders of their team," Priore said. "We got to control the opportunity he has to have success, and with that, it's just run to the football hard and play good defense."

Stony Brook will be relying on its running back duo of Miguel Maysonet and Brock Jackolski, who have both rushed for over 1,000 yards for the second consecutive season. Jackolski and Maysonet have been even more impressive during the Seawolves'



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Coach Priore celebrating 2009 Big South championship.

"The better team on that Saturday won. Hopefully, the better team this Saturday will

**Chuck Priore
Head Football Coach**

do," Priore said. "But it can't be the only thing we can do; we'll spread the wealth around and be successful across the board with what we do."

With Stony Brook's website dubbing the upcoming game the 'Battle for the Big South,' Priore will be hoping for a similar result of the finale two years ago, when Stony Brook upset Liberty 36-33 on a last-minute drive. Like that game, Priore hopes that the twelfth man will play a big role in helping his team this Saturday at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

"It's certainly a great opportunity and I'm excited that it's going to be at home, certainly excited about our fans to see a championship game," Priore said. "Just come out and support your team and it'll be well appreciated."

seven game winning streak.

The duo has combined for 26 of Stony Brook's 36 rushing touchdowns this season.

"They are a big part of what we

Stony Brook breaks multiple records with offensive explosion

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used his fantastic running skills to score four rushing touchdowns, giving Stony Brook the third game this season where a player has rushed for four touchdowns in a game. Jackolski also caught a seven-yard touchdown from quarterback Kyle Essington.

Essington continued to show his consistency as a starter since taking over for injured senior Michael Coulter. Essington went 13 for 26 for 190 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Stony Brook's third year QB found wide receivers Matt Brevi and Kevin Norrell for two touchdowns in the game. Norrell led all Stony Brook receivers in

the game with five catches and 82 yards.

This was Norrell's third touchdown of the season. Miguel Maysonet's running game continued to be productive as he

Stony Brook's defense was exceptional and managed to force six turnovers. Dan Mulrooney finished with a game-high 12 tackles and Donald Porter caught two interceptions and now leads the squad with six for the season.

"Ever since the game at UTEP, this team has taken on the mentality of the next play," Coach Chuck Priore said. "Our coaches have made the necessary adjustments, and our kids have executed them. Today was no different."

Stony Brook has been steamrolling past competition and will take on Liberty for the championship and a spot in the FCS playoffs.

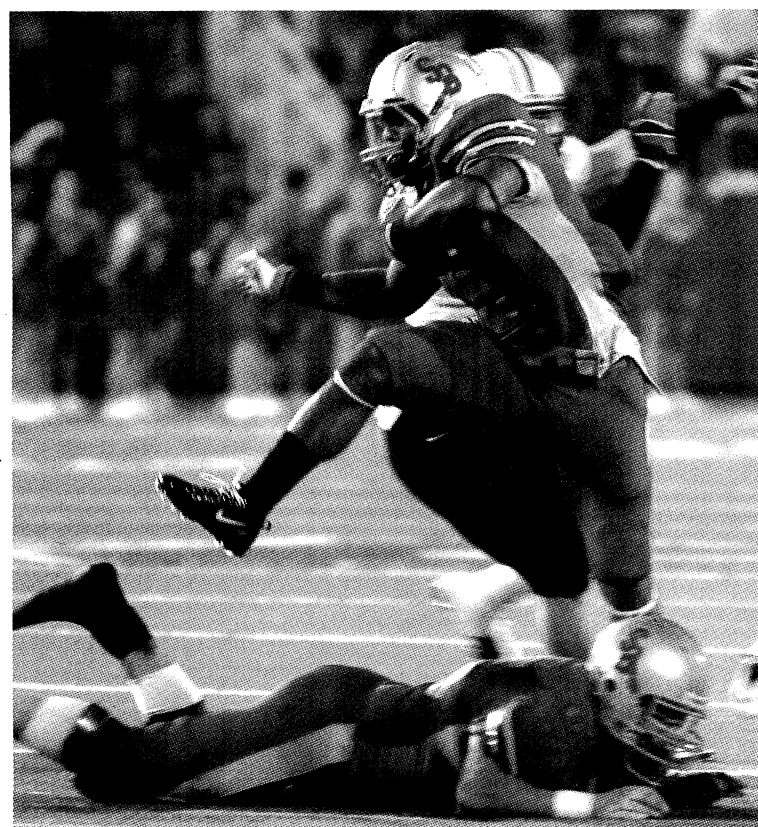
The game will be held in LaValle Stadium at 3:30 p.m. in what will potentially be one of the biggest games in Stony Brook football history.

Collision Course

Stony Brook and Liberty both head into their conference matchup with not only win streaks at stake but also a conference title.

| Stony Brook (7-3, 5-0) | Liberty (7-3, 5-0) |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| W 37-20 | W 57-0 |
| W 42-24 | W 35-3 |
| W 55-6 | W 63-27 |
| W 42-14 | W 38-16 |
| W 42-0 | W 27-20 |
| W 50-31 | W 37-21 |
| W 76-28 | |

finished the game with 15 carries for 149 yards and a touchdown. Kicker Wesley Skiffington tied a Big South record when he made 10 extra points, a record he now shares with two other players.



KENNETH HO / STATESMAN FILE PHOTO

Miguel Maysonet ran for 149 yards on 15 carries.

ICE HOCKEY

Hockey snaps losing streak

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

Coming off of a four game losing streak, Stony Brook's ice hockey team split its two-game homestand against the University of Rhode Island on Friday and Saturday, winning the first game 3-1 and losing the second game 4-3.

In the first game, Rhode Island's Mike Radziszewski scored off a deflection 4:30 into the first period.

With 2:59 left in the period, Stony Brook's Nick Deresky tied the game after receiving a pass in the high slot from Mike Cacciotti.

Daniel Cassano scored the go-ahead goal on a powerplay with only 5:03 left in the third period to give Stony Brook the lead.

With 18 seconds left, Cassano scored an empty-net goal to seal the win.

"You can see when Danny's on the ice; he makes things happen," Garafalo said. "I knew last year when he got injured, it crippled us, a guy like Danny brings much to the table."

The second game would feature most of the scoring done early in the first period.

Rhode Island jumped out to a 2-0 lead within the first four minutes with goals from Jon Augustine and Nicholas Paiva.

Stony Brook would come back and tie the game later in the period with goals from Cacciotti and Deresky.

However, Rhode Island took back the lead after a shot from Brett Glasheen was deflected into the net.

With only 1:21 left in the period, Stony Brook was penalized for a trip from George Nicholes, and a bench minor after it was judged by the official that a Stony Brook player left the penalty box before his penalty expired.

Rhode Island's Justin Bishop scored on the ensuing 5-on-3 powerplay to make it 4-2.

"I thought it was pathetic, the ref should never call a penalty like that," Garafalo said. "I think he was a little too out of his league there, it was too fast for him."

Bishop's goal would prove to be the difference. Stony Brook's Matt Miano made it 4-3 with 5:54 left in the third period after his point shot was deflected by a Rhode Island player, but the Seawolves were unable to score the tying goal.

"I feel we played too individualistic," Garafalo said. "Especially at desperate times, you want to do everything yourself, but you've got to keep to the system, five men up the ice, five men down the ice."

With the team at an 8-6 record so far this season, head coach Chris Garafalo feels that the team needs to perform better to live up to its championship aspirations.

"Its special teams, our powerplay has got to get better," Garafalo said. "I'm going to move some guys around, we're such a good team that I could put anyone into the powerplay pretty much, it's just about execution."

"Frankly, I want guys that want to be here," Garafalo said. "If a guy doesn't want to be here, then let him go, see ya, because he isn't going to give the effort you want."

BASKETBALL

Offense and defense combine for 93-39 win in home opener

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today. I liked the way we played unselfish basketball."

Junior Ron Bracey led the way with 16 points for Stony Brook, including five of the team's first seven points and the first four Seawolves points of the second half. But Pikiell said he still needs to see more from the transfer.

"I was glad Ron Bracey got off to a good start as well, because he can score," Pikiell said. "But he's not ready...We're hoping he grows into it and gets himself ready. We play defense here, and I don't know how much defense he's been asked to play in his life... We've got to get him moving at a higher speed."

Junior Tommy Brenton enjoyed his return to Pritchard Gym after missing all of last season with an injury, putting up a double-double with 13 rebounds and 11 points. He was welcomed warmly by the home crowd of about 1,000, and was two assists away from a triple-double.

"It feels good to get the love again," Brenton said, adding that his injury is fully healed. "It [his knee] feels normal. Just a little ice after, but I've been doing that for years now."

Dougher, who scored 15 points, including back-to-back threes in the second half to force a Mount Ida timeout, said Brenton's return played a big part for the Seawolves.

"It's huge, he does so many things well," Dougher said. "He has a huge impact on the game, offensively, defensively."

Dougher also made a huge impact as well, as he regained his shooting form, hitting four of six from behind the three-point arc and five of eight from the field.

Dave Coley was especially good off the bench for Stony Brook, scoring nine points and grabbing seven rebounds. Senior Danny Carter, who was ejected from Friday night's game at Indiana, was benched by head coach Pikiell and did not play.

Stony Brook's next game is away on Tuesday at 7 p.m. against a Sacred Heart.



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Dave Coley (#5) leads the break off a Mount Ida turnover.

Women's basketball stumble in season opener

By Anthony Santigate
Staff Writer

Despite senior Whitney Davis's 12 points and nine rebounds, the Seawolves only came to within one point late in the second half before the Stags went on a 9-0 run in the final minutes to win 42-34.

Sophomore Sam Landers added eight points, and junior Jessica Previlon added six points and seven rebounds.

Taryn Johnson led Fairfield with 12 points. The Seawolves were able to hold Fairfield to 36.7 percent shooting while also gaining the advantage on the boards with a 40-39 edge in rebounds.

"I'm really proud of the way we competed against a very good Fairfield team," head coach Beth O'Boyle said in a press release. "We played well defensively but need to execute better on the offensive end."

A three-pointer from senior Misha Horsey with under two minutes left cut the Fairfield lead to seven. After some poor one and one foul shooting by the Stags, the Seawolves were able to come within five points with 27 seconds left in the game thanks to a Previlon layup.

But Fairfield was able to answer with two free-throws on the other end to put the game out of reach for the Seawolves. Stony Brook's defense shined in the first half, holding the Stags to just two points over the first five minutes.

Stony Brook will return to action next weekend traveling to take on Iona on Friday at 7 p.m.

CLUB SPORTS

Stony Brook quidditch struggles in second world cup appearance



NICOLE SICILIANO / THE STATESMAN

The Stony Brook quidditch team is ranked 46th in the world.

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

There was nothing in the sky on Saturday morning that indicated that strange and mysterious things would soon be happening on Randall's Island in New York City. However, the strange, the comical and the magical came to life in a small stretch of land where the 2011 Quidditch World Cup, the fifth such event, would be played.

"It's really awesome that to see [the crowds] find out more about the sport," said junior Gabe Albright of Emerson College, who volunteered to be a snitch for the cup. As opposed to it being a ball as in the Harry Potter books, the snitch is a person in this version of the game.

Stony Brook University was one of approximately 100 schools or organizations who fielded a team for the weekend.

It was the second world cup that Stony Brook had attended, and the players were determined to show how much their university has grown in the past decade or so.

"We have to prove to ourselves and everyone else that we belong here," said Daniel Ahmadizadeh, the

captain of the team.

Just like Stony Brook Athletics, the quidditch team has been trying to alert the country to the presence of this university and that it is a force to be reckoned with. Currently, according to the International Quidditch Association (IQA), Stony Brook is ranked 46th amongst 103 universities.

On the first day, Stony Brook won one of its three matches. The first two contests were dropped to Michigan State University and Villanova University. Under the light, the team won its third game against Virginia Tech University.

"Honestly, it was exactly what I thought it would be," Ahmadizadeh said, who indicated that he knew that the team would have to undergo some growing pains before it could compete with top teams.

The day could have began a lot better. Its first match occurred at 10 a.m. against Michigan State, whom the IQA ranked 15th. Stony Brook managed to keep the match close early, parrying its opponent to the point where the score stood 30-30.

But then Michigan State blew it open and finished its effort by capturing the snitch, which awards the capturing team an automatic 30

points. Stony Brook lost 140-70.

The match against Villanova was far more brief. It was a close and physical match. Once again, the score stood at 30-30 before Stony Brook's opponent's caught fire. Villanova scored two more goals before it caught the snitch, and would be victorious, winning 80-30.

However, the late match was where Stony Brook came alive. The team scored the first 50 points. Stony Brook would get 130 points, more than the first two games combined, compared to Virginia Tech's 60.

Tech caught the snitch, but the extra points were not enough to give it the victory.

But the successful run was not meant to last. Stony Brook would lose its final match of the cup against the University of Minnesota. It lost the game 50-40 on Sunday morning.

However, even though the team didn't come out with its optimal result, the experience of being there and representing Stony Brook was fantastic all the same.

"I think it's crazy," said seeker Thomas Potter, who ironically shares the same surname as J.K. Rowling's fictional protagonist. "I love it. I feel at home here."

SPORTS

Men's hoops smashes Mount Ida



KENNETH HO / THE STATESMAN
Foward Tommy Brenton finished the game two assists shy of a triple double with 11 points, 13 rebounds.

By Sam Kilb
Managing Editor

There's just nothing like a solid rout to erase the memory of a recent beating.

That's exactly what the Stony Brook men's basketball team got in its home opener on Sunday afternoon at Pritchard Gymnasium, as it dominated Mount Ida 93-39.

It was impressive in that not only did every Seawolf who took the court score, but every single one grabbed a rebound as well.

"Our best attribute as a team is our depth," said senior captain Bryan Dougher. "You got guys coming off the bench for energy, and everybody on this team is talented, and you almost have interchangeable parts so that nobody has to play 40 minutes a game."

Eleven Stony Brook players got time, with four scoring in double-digits, and even Ben Resner -- who scored one point last season -- was good for four points.

"The way we play defense, guys get tired, so I need to play a lot of guys anyway," Pikiell said. "But I feel confident in guys... There are guys I can sub in that I feel real good about. And I think that they feel that way too."

It was a good response from a Stony Brook team that looked overmatched in a 30-point loss to Indiana on Friday to start the season. The Seawolves led halfway through the first half on Friday, but Indiana's size and strength overwhelmed the visitors in a performance that was disappointing for Pikiell.

"We didn't play the way I wanted to play against Indiana," Pikiell said. "But we got 24 assists

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Football to play for Big South title Routs Gardner-Webb, 76-28 | Will face Liberty for crown

By Amy Streifer
Staff Writer

It seems like as the season continues to progress, the Stony Brook football team gets bigger, stronger and faster. After scoring over 40 points in their last five games, the Seawolves sent a message to next week's opponents, Liberty University, with a record-breaking performance this past Saturday.

The Stony Brook football team demolished Gardner-Webb 76-28 at Spangler Stadium in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. This was Stony Brook's seventh win in a row, a new Stony Brook record. The amazing 76 points, which

looks more like an NBA score, broke a Stony Brook and Big South record.

In the past two seasons, Stony Brook has managed to impressively outscore Gardner-Webb 131-31.

Running back Brock Jackolski who finished with 14 carries for 107 yards, also managed to break Big South records with five touchdowns. Jackolski

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By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

With Stony Brook's record-setting win over Gardner-Webb, the stage is set for a winner-take-all championship game against Liberty and, for Stony Brook, a chance to claim the conference title all for itself.

"It'll be the most important game that we as a 2011 version of Stony Brook football," head coach Chuck Priore said. "We'll have the

opportunity to be challenged by a very good football team."

Stony Brook and Liberty will both go into next Saturday with 5-0 records in Big South play.

The winner of the game will not only be crowned the sole winner of the conference, but also gain an automatic bid into the NCAA FCS playoffs. The two teams hope that this grudge match will help decide the top dog in the Big South.

"When you talk about how to build a program, it's getting yourself on the map," Priore said. "It rewards our kids and our

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Men's soccer back on top Seawolves win second America East championship in three years



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Midfielder Leonardo Fernandes scored two goals in the 4-2 win over the Hartford Hawks.

By Sam Kilb
Managing Editor

Got a big moment? Leo Fernandes will be there.

The reigning America East Midfielder of the Year had himself another night to remember on Sunday, as he scored two goals and an assist for a tournament-record five points to lead the Stony Brook men's soccer team to a second conference championship in three years with a 4-2 win over the Hartford Hawks.

"It's an incredible feeling," Fernandes, who was named the tournament's most outstanding player, said. "I enjoyed this one more. I'm a junior now, I'm one

of the leaders, and I feel like it was my responsibility to help lead the team."

Head coach Ryan Anatol, in his first season with the Seawolves, praised Fernandes as a "special player."

"There are times when he adds a little quality in the game," Anatol said. "He works very hard, so he ends up helping the group as a whole."

The Seawolves got off to a flying start when Fernandes lined up a free kick from about 30 yards out on the right wing, and drove in a cross that bounced around in the six before eventually finding the foot of sophomore Will Casey, who stuck it in the net to give Stony Brook the lead in the first

five minutes.

In the 16th minute, Hartford's David Bernhardtsson took a free kick from 30-yards out and drove a curling ball right past Stony Brook goalkeeper Stefan Manz and into the side netting, knotting the score at one.

Then, with 3:36 to go in the first half, the Seawolves took the lead on a great team play. Keith McKenna passed to forward Raphael Abreu, who calmly turned and laid a pass to the center of the penalty area, where it was slammed home by a streaking Fernandes, giving Stony Brook a 2-1 halftime lead.

The Seawolves pulled away in the 50th minute, as Cruz chased a long ball, barging into the keeper but winning the ball

free. With Hartford's goalkeeper Luke Citriniti laying on the ground, Fernandes picked up the loose ball, took it wide to the left and slotted it through the scrambling defenders for his second goal of the game, giving Stony Brook a 3-1 lead.

Kyle Schlesinger added an insurance goal in the 79th minute, running down a pass from Christian Molinar to make it 4-1 Stony Brook. In the 83rd, Hartford's Anthony Santaga pulled one back, but the damage was done.

The Seawolves will learn who they play in the first round of the NCAA national championship tournament on Monday at 4:30 p.m., when the pairings are announced on NCAA.com.