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SECOND CHANCE FOR THE DANCE

Joyner tip as time expires sends Seawolves to second consecutive championship game

By David O'Connor
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The Seawolves fans erupted, and the players rushed off the bench to surround senior Dallis Joyner. But no one was quite sure.

With 13 seconds on the clock and the score tied at 55, Stony Brook had called a time-out. Head coach Steve Pikiell drew up the play. "I just wanted to make sure we got the ball up in time to get a second shot," he said after the game.

The ball went to Dave Coley, who dribbled around and eventually drove to a spot just inside the three-point arc and fired as the horn sounded. He missed, but the ball was tipped by Joyner into the basket. Then the second horn sounded.

Coley had taken the shot as the shot clock expired, leading many in the arena — and on the court — to believe that the game had ended with a missed shot and would go to overtime. But Joyner's tip which, after review, was determined to have taken place with 0.4 seconds on the game clock, was good, earning the No. 1 Seawolves a 57-55 win over the No. 4 Albany Great Danes in the America East semifinals.

"When I tipped it, I didn't think it would count," Joyner said. "When I came down, I saw that time was still going, so I knew it was good."

The result means that Stony Brook will host No. 2 Vermont in the America East championship game at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, at Stony Brook Arena. It is the first time Stony Brook has ever hosted the conference championship.

And it was Joyner's tip that got it there.

"Dallis has been an anchor for us from day one," Pikiell said about Joyner, who scored 14 points and collected eight rebounds for the game. "He's one of the best post defenders in the league. His offense has improved tremendously. He wanted to have a special senior year, and he's had that."

Sunday's game sends Stony Brook (22-8) to its second championship game in as many years.

Stony Brook tried to take control early on in the game. After junior guard Gerardo Suero of Albany (19-14) hit the first basket of the game, the Seawolves proceeded to take over in the first few minutes. Following Suero's three, Stony Brook would go on a 14-4 run in which junior Tommy Brenton and Joyner would each score four points. Ten of those Stony Brook points would also be scored underneath the basket.



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Seawolves players react to Dallis Joyner's game-winning tip that sent Stony Brook to the championship.

For the entire game, Suero would score a game-high 17 points, bring down five rebounds and make four assists.

"It's very hard to stop him," Pikiell said about him. "He's very quick. He's a tough guy to stop."

But the Great Danes would not let the Seawolves coast through the half. They would respond with a barrage of three-pointers, eating chunks out of Stony Brook's lead and occasionally taking the lead themselves. Albany would hit five threes in the first 10 minutes of the half. Neither team could take a significant advantage in the score, however.

The efforts of senior guard Bryan Dougher, who scored nine points on three three-pointers in the half, helped keep Stony Brook afloat. He would finish with 15 points, leaving him just two shy of the Stony Brook Division-I program record.

While the Great Danes would make more than half of their three point shots in the first half, Stony Brook held a strong advantage in the game underneath the basket. For the first half, the Seawolves would outrebounded their opponents 21-14 with eight of those rebounds on the offensive end. Stony Brook also scored more than Albany in the paint by a margin of 18-10.

The two teams went into the break with the score tied, 33-33.

Albany came out of the gate

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NYPD targeted Muslim students

By Nelson Oliveira
Assistant News Editor

Mariam Shareef, a Muslim student at Stony Brook University, was born and raised in the United States and has only been to one other country — Switzerland. As Shareef is about to graduate in biology this year, she now wonders whether her online activities are being watched by the New York Police Department.

An investigation by the Associated Press revealed that New York Police Department detectives monitored websites, blogs and forums of Muslim student groups at several colleges across the Northeast, including SBU, sparking a great deal of criticism on campus.

"It's already tough to face generalizations out there," Shareef said. "I think this is a complete violation of our rights."

Sanaa Nadim, chaplain of the Muslim Student Association, or MSA, at SBU, said students have been "very disturbed" by the news.

"Students are very sad.

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Town Hall covers fairness

By Richard Clay
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate Student Government addressed funding and transparency in a town hall meeting held on Thursday evening in the Student Activities Center. USG officers were able to allay some students' concerns about financial processes and promised to refer more intransigent issues to the senate for discussion.

Club representatives asked USG President Mark Maloof and Treasurer Thomas Kirnbauer to explain the process of deciding which funding requests are granted.

"It's a question of, 'How can we handle everything fairly?'" Maloof said. There is no easy answer, he said, in part because the senate considers funding requests on a rolling basis. Clubs holding events later in the semester might find that no funds remain.

Another problem is that the USG has no method of determining attendance at club

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Snyder has always been involved in campus activities, including as a founding member of the Stony Brook Medicine Development Council. She has recently been received the leading role as Chair of the council.

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ARTS:

Stony Brook theater arts alum wins an Oscar

He wore a single-breasted Brooks Brothers tuxedo. It was very Hollywood, perfectly peppered with old-school class. He looked like a character from "The Artist." And, as of last Sunday, he is the proud owner of an Academy Award for his work on that very movie.

Mark Bridges graduated from the Stony Brook theater arts major in 1983. Bridges won the Oscar for best costume design in the 84th Annual Academy Awards.

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Campus spotlight: Michael Mentasti

As senior psychology major Michael Mentasti stood on the green carpet of Madison Square Garden, his mind was a blank slate. This was not new to him. He knew the judge would base their pick on structure, expression, teeth and a luscious coat. Thousands of spectators watched, but Mentasti stayed focused. As the judge walked past, he knelt down to Mentasti's partner in crime, a 5-year-old golden retriever named Troy.

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SPORTS:

Baseball hopes to grab attention this season

Probably the most underrated and overlooked team in Stony Brook athletics is the baseball team. Forty-two wins last season to go along with an America East regular season title would not go unnoticed anywhere else, but for some reason they do here at Stony Brook. Granted, Stony Brook's football, basketball and men's lacrosse teams are tops lately, but that should still not take away from the baseball team's success.

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Men's basketball with another chance at history

Two years ago, the men's basketball team won the America East regular season title for the first time. It followed that by hosting the first post-season basketball game in Stony Brook Division-I history, a National Invite Tournament game against Illinois.

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Seawolves win AE semi-finals

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scoring nine points to only four from the Seawolves and forcing Stony Brook to take a time-out with 16:29 left.

"They're as talented offensively as you can come across," Dougher said. "We just hang our hat on defense."

In the midst of these rough times, Dougher moved even closer to the record, making two early buckets and getting himself to within four of the mark.

Eventually Stony Brook would lift itself out of its own woes, putting together a string of points and eventually taking the lead on a pair of free throws from Brenton.

Stony Brook was unable to score, however, for the next five minutes. Albany was having the same troubles, but a layup from Suero would push the Great Danes ahead by one point, 44-43. Joyner would end the malaise with 8:41 left.

With the score tied at 47 with 7:36 remaining, the Great Danes endured a bad spell of their own while the Seawolves went on a 6-0 run, giving them a 53-47 advantage.

Albany would claw back again, though, bringing itself to within one point of Stony Brook. As

the game drew close to its final minute, the Seawolves would lead the Great Danes, 53-52.

Joyner would make a crucial layup with 50 seconds remaining, putting his team up by three. The Great Danes then called their final timeout as they prepared for their last attempt to bring down the top-seeded Seawolves. Then junior guard Jacob Iati nailed a long three-pointer to tie the game.

But the game's conclusion belonged to the Seawolves. Coley's shot rimmed off, and many Stony Brook fans prematurely resigned themselves to a possible victory in overtime. But it was not meant to be.

Seconds later, the entire Stony Brook section realized what had happened and burst out in joy. The referees convened for a minute to determine what had happened, and their affirmation sealed the deal for the Seawolves.

Now Stony Brook will host its first America East Championship final in its history, and it will be the last chance for the seniors to clinch a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"It's everything," Joyner said about having the game at home. "It's our last year. You couldn't write it any better. Our fans deserve it."

Multicultural Affairs looks at the past to move forward

By Christine Powell
Contributing Writer

The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted the final celebration of Black History Month on Feb. 29. But the coordinators of the Black History Month events hope the celebrations do not end there.

Rather, that they hope students acknowledge black history as an

ongoing event.

"I ask, as we close the month of February, that you open your minds and continue to reflect upon not only the past, but the present and more significantly the future," Cheryl Chambers, association dean for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said during the event. "Because, as I said, we live and we are writing black history every single day."

The occasion consisted of a brief history on the origin of Black History Month, including a discussion of unsung black heroes, a performance by Essence of Praise, original poetry by published Stony Brook graduate Debra LaSassier and the presentation of scholarships and awards to students, all followed by dinner.

In regards to the future Chambers envisions, Anielisa Jones, a graduate student employed at the Office of Multicultural affairs, said that plans for next year are already underway.

"We try to keep things a year ahead," Jones said. "We already reserved the spaces, already started the publicity for next year. We have a Black History Month committee that helps us plan starting from September all the way until now."

There are limits on planning and participation, though. Jones said that this month alone there were over more than 150 campus wide programs, and competition for student body attendance is high.

"It's been tough," she said. "There are a lot of external



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A dance performance from 1982 shows the overall theme for Black History Month: keep moving forward.

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Campus Police: Rave Guardian numbers drop

By Lauren Dubinsky
Staff Writer

If a new, free system that turns cell phones into safety devices and had the potential to save people from life-threatening situations was brought to a university, would you expect students to rush and register their cell phones? Rave Guardian is that system and only a small number of Stony Brook University students and staff members have registered their cell phones.

The system was implemented at the university on June 26, 2011 and 1,256 people registered. The Stony Brook police department said that they think that the majority of those people were seniors because in the Fall 2011 semester the number of people registered went down by 40 percent. There are now only 700 people at the university walking around with a safety system on their cell phones.

Many students and staff members are unaware that Rave Guardian exists and that is why the amount of people registered is so low. The police department has realized that and started to make efforts to inform students about the system.

"We're really trying to increase the awareness and to really make a big push because there's no reason

not to have it," Assistant Chief of Police Lawrence Zacaese said.

The department has partnered with Communications to inform more students and staff members about the system. A few of the ways they have tried to create awareness included sending out notifications and campus announcements about the system for two consecutive weeks, putting a Rave Guardian banner on the university website homepage, tweeting about the system on Twitter, putting up posts about it on Facebook and talking to campus media about it. The department is hoping that all of the efforts they have been making will pay off and the amount of people registered will skyrocket.

SUNY Oswego implemented the system in 2007 and around 3,500 students are registered in 2012. The SUNY Oswego police department has noticed that the best approach to create awareness is through personal outreach. Chief of Police Cynthia Adam has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the past five years every summer and winter session for all new students and their parents. The presentation covers university police services including Rave Guardian. Although many students registered in the system, it does not get used often because the campus is very safe.

"It's good that we have it as a ready tool for our students to use but we're fortunate that we haven't had students need to use it," Adam said.

Even though it does not get used often, students can walk around campus with a safety device in their pockets if they need it.

Over 500 campuses in the nation are currently using Rave Mobile Safety products.

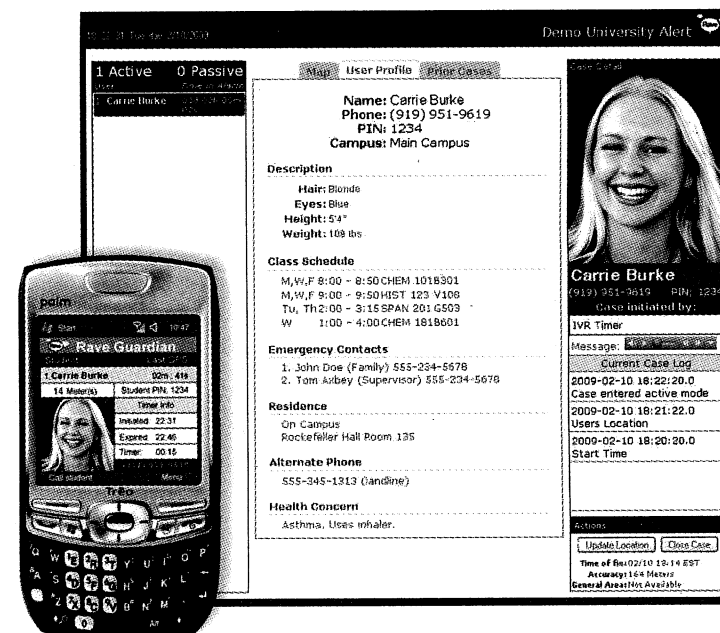
"I would say that the growth of Rave Guardian is pretty significant across college campuses and I think you'll very quickly see a scenario where you have to have it because the parents and incoming freshmen will be asking if there is Rave Guardian on campus," Raju Rishi, the co-founder and chief strategy officer of Rave Mobile Safety, said.

Rishi said that the reason why so many college campuses have turned to Rave Guardian is because they have found that blue-light phones are ineffective. Zacaese said that blue-light phones are hardly ever used on campus and there are some that have never been used. There are 168 blue-light phones on campus but the department has found out that students would rather call the department on their cell phone during an emergency than run to a blue-light phone. Although

the department feels that Rave Guardian is more effective than blue-light phones, they are not going anywhere. The university has invested too much money into the phones and would not be getting rid of them. Instead, Rave Guardian is a cheaper supplement to them and another way for the department to communicate with students and staff members.

The decision to bring Rave Guardian to the university was an easy one for the police department. "In an effort to cover the whole campus and

leverage the technology that everybody has, this was a no brainer solution," Zacaese said. The system is in its infant phase after only being implemented at the university in June 2011. The department still has more work to do to create awareness about the system. Zacaese said that he is confident that the system works at the university after doing multiple tests and it will remain to be another element in the growing list of ways that the department communicates with students and staff members.



The number of Rave Guardian registrants has decreased.

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More management positions for Barbara Chernow

By Deanna Del Ciello
Assistant News Editor

Barbara Chernow was appointed to the position of senior vice president for administration in February by Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., adding to the list of her many management positions at SBU.

Chernow has held a variety of management positions in the past 14 years at SBU, where she started as a special assistant to President Shirley Kenny and rose to vice president for facilities and services. Her new position involves overseeing the University Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety and Parking and Transportation. She also plays an integral role in Operational Excellence, a program designed to improve the university while saving costs and minimizing effects on the environment.

"I have the best job in the world," Chernow said, explaining that her job allows her to work with everyone involved in the university. When Chernow works on an initiative for SBU, she speaks to everyone involved in the project.

"No program works if you're just going to do top down," Chernow said. "No program works if you're not going to do it with the people who are involved with the service." She describes her job as "working with the people who are the recipients of that service to see which is the best way to go" and claims that "teamwork is better than working solo."

Chernow is a graduate of Brown University with a major in economics and a minor in education. She became involved in administration as a way of joining "the family business in terms of working in education," she said.

"Being a product of New York City public schools, I think that school buildings send a message about how we feel about education and our students," Chernow said. "I thought it'd be a great way to contribute and be creative and be involved in creating those buildings. Building them to help education, help students get involved and maintaining them to create a comforting, nurturing place."

Chernow came to SBU when her children were in elementary school so she could still have a

career while being able to raise them. Her children have had an impact on her career.

"Some of my ideas at Stony Brook are ideas my children gave



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me," Chernow said. "My daughter is a graduate of University of Vermont, and they have a very strong environmental stewardship sustainability program. My son is soon to graduate from Cornell and some of the things Cornell is doing, like Operational Excellence, they started a little

ahead of us."

Operational Excellence is part of Project 50 Forward, which, according to SBU's website, "will help enhance our fundamental teaching, research and service missions while building a platform to support the future growth of the university and strengthen Stony Brook's role in the economic renewal of New York State." The plan involves streamlining services while maximizing revenue and minimizing the effect on the environment. Chernow describes the project as finding "the best way to deliver a service in an efficient way and economical way."

"I think it's going to make [SBU] beautiful," Chernow said. "I think we'll be known for a higher level of academic excellence."

Chernow said she loves working with administration on projects such as Operational Excellence.

"What I'm proud of is that in Administration, we work, once again, as a team," Chernow said. "There are wonderful challenges throughout the day and meeting the challenges is the thrill."

She said "the creative, wonderful thrill you get doing my job" is "finding out what the

needs are, what the strengths are, what the dangers are and then working to overcome them."

Stanley described Chernow as a "proven leader" in the press release announcing her new position.

"Since joining Stony Brook in 1998, her management skills have resulted in improved services and reduced costs and it will be beneficial, both in terms of internal and external interactions, for her to serve as the single point of contact between Finance, Human Resources and Facilities," Stanley said.

Chernow said she enjoys working at SBU. "I enjoy taking on the challenges, having successes, working with fabulous staff and the more opportunities that arise, I'm interested in seizing them." She said she has not looked past her career at SBU yet. "I think just working here on these projects and making good things happen and being able to use creative energies to support what goes on here is all that I'm thinking about right now."

Chernow is looking forward to the future of the university. "There are great things ahead and I'm privileged to be a part of it."

More money for guest speakers

By Deanna Del Ciello
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The Undergraduate Student Government revised part of the Financial Bylaws at last week's meeting in order to make it easier for clubs to host guest speakers.

Before the revision, the USG Financial Bylaws stated, "When hosting Guest Speakers a club/organization may not: 1. Purchase a guest speaker for more than \$2,000.00. 2. Spend more than \$6,000.00 per Academic Year to host guest speakers." USG defines a guest speaker as "any speaker who is paid with the Student Activity Fee by a Funded Organization."

USG set forth in revising the Financial Bylaws for guest speakers because they found the amount clubs and organizations were allowed to pay for the speakers "is too low to allow for an adequate amount of speakers for some clubs, therefore hindering their functionality."

The intended revision for section 118.3.2 of the Financial Bylaws was to read, "When hosting Guest Speakers a club/organization may not spend more than \$10,000 per Academic year to host guest speakers," yet on a recommendation of Senator Adams, there is now no limit to what clubs may spend as long as the budget committee approves the club's request.

If clubs wish to spend more than \$2,000, it can if it meets guidelines the new revision in the Financial Bylaws.

The new revision now outlines a club must not spend more without "a. Providing Evidence that they are paying no greater than 10 percent of that any other entity has paid the speaker in the past b. Receiving approval of the budget committee."

Gloria Snyder strives to give back

By Alessandra Malito
News Editor

Gloria Snyder started out as a student at Stony Brook University when she received her master's degree in liberal studies in 1972, and she never really left.

Snyder has always been involved in campus activities, including as a founding member of the Stony Brook Medicine Development Council. She has recently been received the leading role as chair of the council.

"I felt very good that they had the confidence in me to ask me to take on the position," Snyder said. "I find it very exciting and very challenging."

When the council first started in 2008, there were only three members. The purpose of the Development Council is to find ways to bring the community closer to the Stony Brook University Hospital and have SBUH be more a part of the community.

That way, "people come here and don't think to go to New York City when they have something major," Snyder said. "They can come to this medical center and get top care in their own backyard."

Snyder finds it her responsibility to make that happen for SBUH.

"I think it's very important for me to get people to understand that," she said. She would like to "bring in as much financial support as we can for the medical center for specific programs we're growing and for

the Children's Hospital."

The council is a vital part in integrating such a relationship between Long Island residents and Stony Brook.

"The Development Council is a critical part of how we advance the multiple missions of Stony Brook Medicine," Kenneth Kaushansky, the dean of the School of Medicine, said. "With Gloria's appointment as the new Head of the Development Council, I know we can count on amazing efforts that will advance our role in the health of our community."

Snyder is involved in the Stony Brook community in other ways than the medical center. Those who walk through the Stony Brook Union may see the Snyder Hillel Center, the facility for Jewish life. With the donation that she made with her husband, Mark Snyder, also a Stony Brook graduate of 1969, the center opened its doors in 2000.

She has always been immersed in the fundraising business. She is the vice president of Mark J. Snyder Financial Services, Inc., a financial consulting firm. She owned and operated Specialties Galore, Ltd., a product fundraising company, for 28 years.

But she's never strayed far from her alma mater.

"My husband is a Stony Brook graduate and we live locally," she said. "We always loved Stony Brook University and the potential that it is and we wanted to do whatever we could to give back, so this is our way of giving back."



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As the new chair of the Development Council, Snyder is going to make sure it does exactly what its mission is — maintain the image of the medical center and raise money for it and all its smaller agencies, such as the Children's Hospital and the Cancer Center.

And to make the public know what they have.

"They don't realize what a gem is here," Snyder said.

She has a personal goal as well, which she will make happen by meeting with as many people as she can and trying to get the word out in any way possible.

"One of my biggest missions is to get the word out," Snyder said. "I also feel you can't add people to help financially until they understand what a great medical center we have and what great leadership we have there."

Going forward for Black History

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factors that have affected student involvement.

A lot of the leaders hosting programs for their organizations are the same ones that want to get involved, but they don't always have the time."

Junior Rochielle Corlette, who was offered extra credit for her Black Women and Social Change course in exchange for coming to the festivities, echoed Jones' sentiments.

"I wish I had more time to go to the events, but my schedule is so busy," Corlette said.

Regardless, Jones said that the this month's celebrations have seen a positive response.

"We incorporate as many students as we can," she said. "You don't need to be from any specific background to be a part of it."

Polina Movchan, a student athlete from Ukraine and recipient of the multicultural photo contest, said that the event was the first of the kind she had attended.

The photograph she won an award for depicted a diverse group of students at the final Seawolves football game last semester.

"I just think that Stony Brook is doing a great job representing different cultures," Movchan said. "They have all these events for every culture. I'm very excited and I like what they're doing."

USG town hall covers funding and communication

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to Kirnbauer, card scanners entail additional costs, self-reporting raises the possibility of inflation, and senators are unwilling to assume additional responsibilities to report on events. The USG therefore does not attempt to consider attendance when deciding the budget for an event.

A recurring issue that emerged is that different clubs have different payment requirements. Athletic clubs with travel commitments wanted greater clarity in what travel expenses qualify for reimbursement, as well as recognition that fixed competition schedules did not always align with monthly limits on funding requests.

Cultural clubs, such as the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance, wanted fewer restrictions on how they could arrange events. Currently, clubs with small budgets are subject to a strict limit on event grant applications, as well as being subject to the normal grant

approval process.

Laura Drapkin of the LGBTQA said that the cost of bringing experts to speak on campus often exceeded the limit placed on individual events.

"The [speaker fee] cap really cripples us," Drapkin said.

Both the USG officers and representatives from clubs seemed pleased with the format.

Kirnbauer said that although two earlier attempts at open-question meetings were poorly attended, he considered the dialogue at this event to be productive.

The debate club was unsuccessful in making the case that it deserved additional funding because of its responsible fiscal policies, but was nevertheless pleased with the meeting.

"I think it was very effective," said Ahmed Rab, president of the debate club. "It's a great way of helping communicate with clubs."

The USG senate holds meetings at 7:00 pm on Thursdays in Humanities room 1006.



EZRA MARGONO/THE STATESMAN

A town hall styled USG meeting hosted a discussion of club attendance and payment.

NYPD monitoring Muslim students

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online threats against the creators of "South Park," tried to recruit followers at SBU, according to the AP.

Other colleges whose Muslim organizations were being monitored by the NYPD include the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, State University of New York at Albany and Buffalo, Columbia University and New York University.

SBU's MSA has about 300 regular members, according to Mishal Riaz, a secretary for the organization on campus, but she estimates the overall number of Muslim students at SBU is much higher.

SBU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. has not commented on the case, but an official statement by the university says that neither the administration nor the university police knew about the operation or were ever contacted by the NYPD. Also, SBU was never asked to provide any information into the surveillance of the MSA or any other religious groups on campus, according to the statement.

Journalism professor Jonathan Sanders said he is "extremely disappointed" with the university's response. He said SBU should make a strong public statement on behalf of the students.

"Surveillance of students based on ethnic data or religious preference is antithetical to the spirit of democratic engagement and freedom of expression," Sanders said. "The idea that Muslim students, who have been stigmatized because of narrow prejudice since 9/11, are being singled out and not given

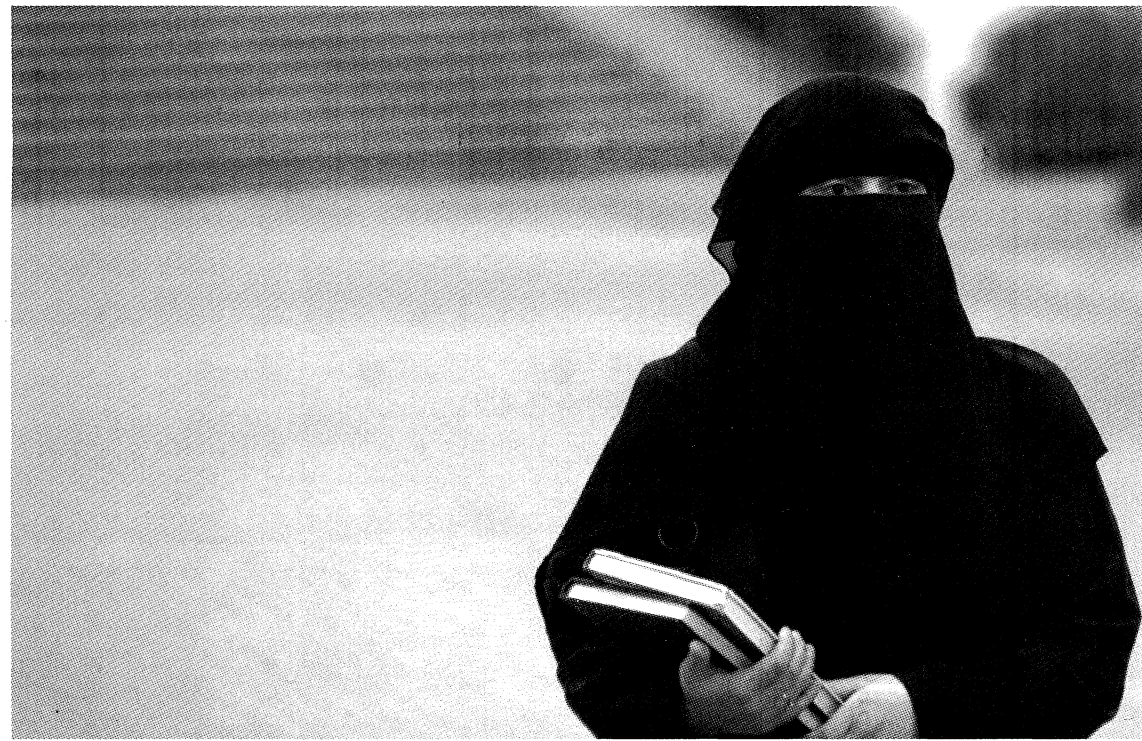


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The New York Police Department monitored the online activities of Muslim student organizations in Northeast colleges, including Stony Brook, from 2006-2007.

a strong bulk of confidence is disgusting."

Nadim said that Dean of Student Jerrold L. Stein has been "amazingly supportive."

The chaplains of the six religious organizations at SBU's Interfaith Center wrote a joined statement condemning the surveillance.

"No student should have to be concerned that he or she will be subject to investigation or surveillance by law enforcement simply because of his or her religious beliefs," they said.

In defense of the operation, which he considers lawful and legitimate, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on his weekly radio show on WOR-AM that he would do anything to keep the city safe.

"Everything the NYPD has done is legal. It is appropriate,

and it is constitutional," he said. "[NYPD officers] are permitted to travel beyond the borders of New York City to investigate cases. They can look at websites; they watch television to detect unlawful activities."

Senior electrical engineering major Manik Mahajah, a senior, said there is nothing wrong with the surveillance, and he would not mind if his own online activities were being monitored.

"If I'm not doing anything wrong, there's nothing to worry about," said Mahajah.

Recent news reports have revealed that undercover detectives also visited mosques and Muslim businesses on Long Island, New Jersey and other places.

Moiz K. Malik, the chief of justice of the Undergraduate Student Government, said

the NYPD's practice is discriminatory and does nothing to prevent terrorism.

"Any surveillance of the Stony Brook MSA can only reveal hard-working students who happen to affirm Islam as their faith ... Muslims detest terrorism just as much as anyone else and perhaps even more," Malik, an atheist who was raised in a Muslim household, said.

Nadim said she understands the police want to protect the country, but this is "a complete misconception."

"I need the law enforcement to know that we are with them," she said. "We really need to put things in perspective before we lose what the moral aspect of this country was all about. People came to America because they were prosecuted because of their faith. What's happening now?"

Police Blotter

Weapon found at West Apartments

A resident assistant found a pellet gun on the floor of a room at West Apartments on Feb. 21, while he was doing a safety check in the F building. The University Student Conduct Code prohibits the possession of such a gun. The student was referred to the university's Academic Judiciary Committee.

Marijuana violations lead to arrest and referrals

A student was arrested for a marijuana violation at Irving College on Feb. 25. On the same day, eight referrals for the same violation were issued — four at Baruch College, three at Stimson and one at Dreiser.

Male arrested for DWI

A person with no affiliation to the university was arrested for driving while intoxicated at around 3 a.m. on Feb. 25. University Police stopped the male driver near the corner of Circle Road and Tabler Drive.

Larceny at the Union and Library

A referral was issued to a student who stole sushi from the Union Commons on Feb. 23. Two days earlier, a wallet was reported taken from a women's restroom on the first floor of the Melville Library. Police said an investigation is ongoing.

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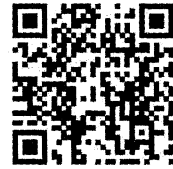
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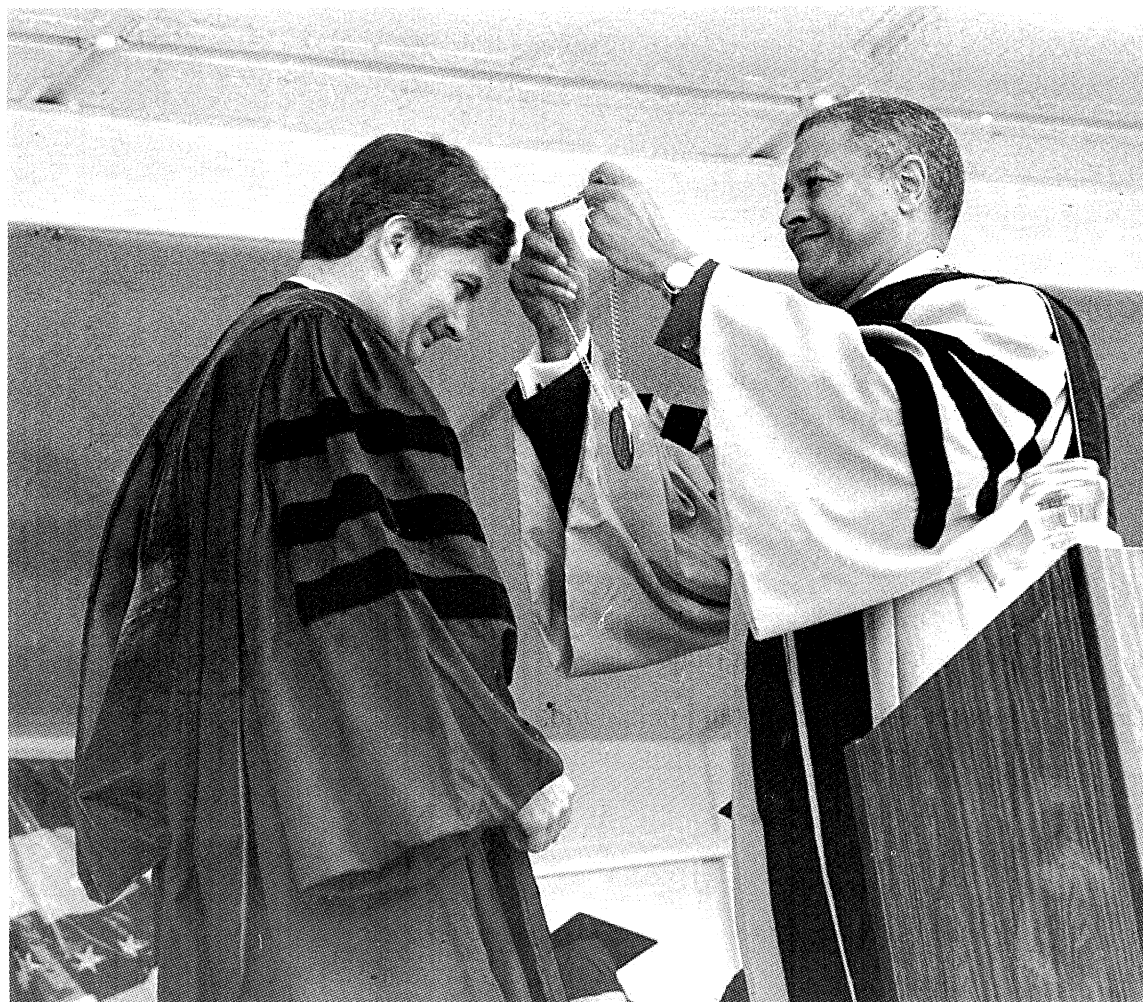
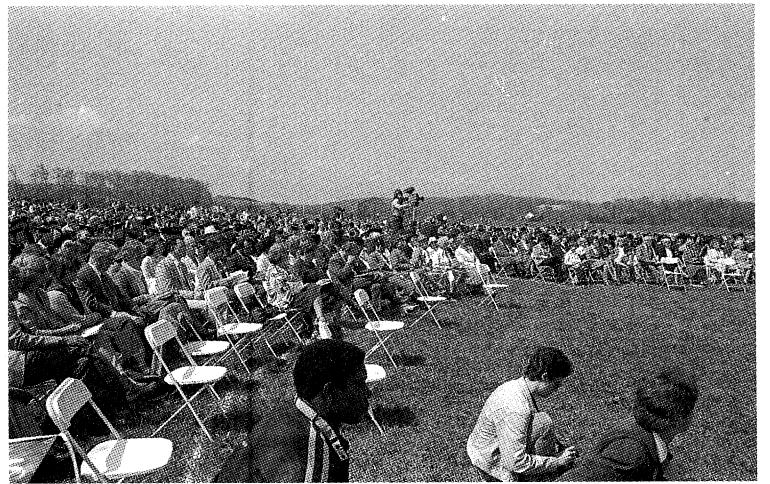
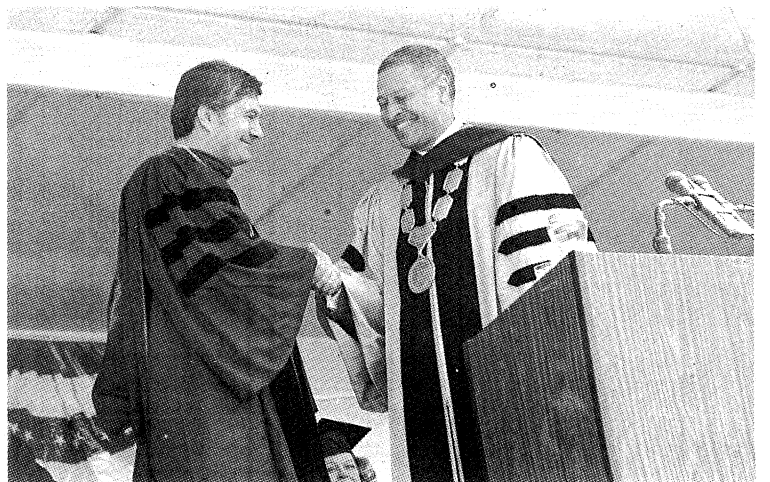
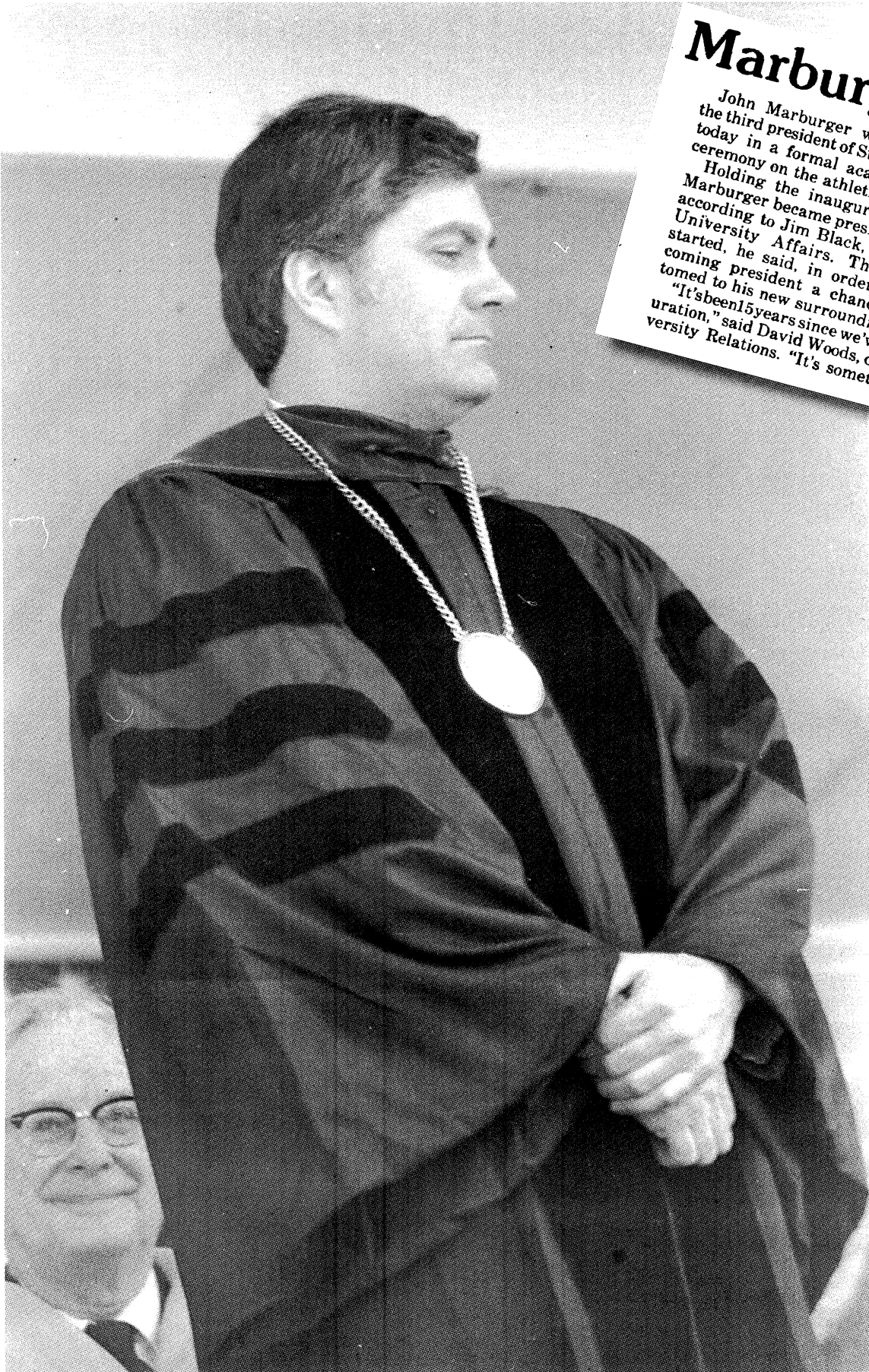
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Marburger Inauguration Today

John Marburger will officially become the third president of Stony Brook University today in a formal academic inauguration ceremony on the athletic fields. Holding the inauguration a year after Marburger became president is traditional, according to Jim Black, vice-president of University Affairs. The tradition was started, he said, in order to give the incoming president a chance to get accustomed to his new surroundings. "It's been 15 years since we've had an inauguration," said David Woods, director of University Relations. "It's something we hope

everyone will come and enjoy." Among the more than 5,000 guests expected to attend the gala are students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni as well as some community residents. Most colleges in the state have received invitations for representatives, Black said, and some foreign colleges have as well. According to Woods, Long Island political leaders have also been invited.

The Inauguration
The inauguration will commence with the Graduate Orchestra playing, "Serenade in
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Stony Brook theater arts alum wins an Oscar

By Elvira Spektor
Arts & Entertainment Editor

He wore a single-breasted Brooks Brothers tuxedo. It was very Hollywood, perfectly peppered with old-school class. He looked like a character from "The Artist." And, as of last Sunday, he is the proud owner of an Academy Award for his work on that very movie.

Mark Bridges graduated from the Stony Brook theater arts major in 1983. Bridges won the Oscar for best costume design in the 84th Annual Academy Awards.

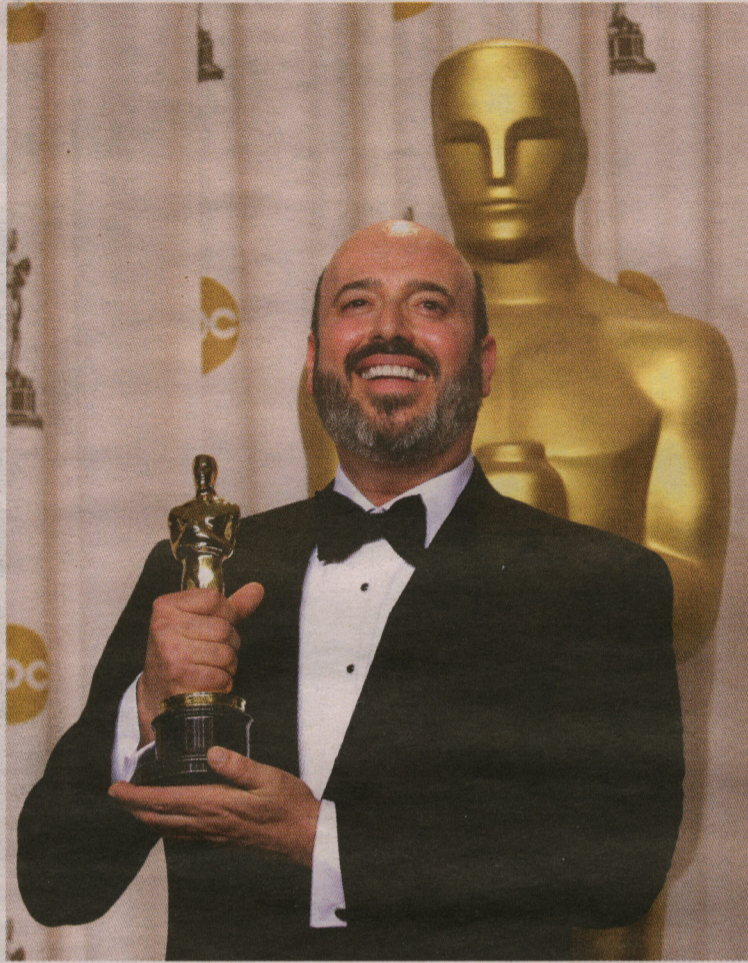
"The Artist" is a no-color, no-sound French film about an older silent film star who has his work challenged by a rising young actress. She steals his heart, as well as the heart of late 1920s Hollywood. The movie, which was put together primarily in France, took home five awards, including the very respected combination of best picture and best director. It was nominated for 10 different categories.

But it was Bridges' first nomination, and his first Academy Award. When did his fascination with costume design begin?

"As a child, I loved movies. I always drew; I always loved fabric; I loved clothes; I loved color, I loved telling a story. So it's an amalgam of everything I enjoy, and it happens to be called costume designer," Bridges said in an interview with CNN.

He told CNN, "Without the color to communicate the language of telling the story, I was trying to tell the story through textures, whether it be lamé, sequins and beads for Hollywood, or very flat, rough-textured wools to communicate down-on-your-heels, or the elegance of satin lapels for evening wear, or the shimmer of a beautiful nightgown. It became a story of textures telling the story."

But, "The Artist" was not



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Bridges first work with the big screen. He has worked with numerous well-known films, including "There Will Be Blood," starring Daniel Day-Lewis, "The Fighter," starring Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale and Amy Adams; "Greenberg," starring Ben Stiller, "Yes Man," starring Jim Carrey, and numerous others.

According to the Stony Brook Alumni and Friends online newsletter, Bridges worked at Barbara Matera Costumes in New York City post-graduation. He was a shopper for Broadway, worked on dance and film projects and earned his MFA in costume design at New York University.

The newsletter also included a quote from Alan Inkle, the Staller Center director and a former classmate of Bridges, saying, "There wasn't a show at Stony

Brook (whether he was acting in it or not) where you wouldn't find Mark up in the costume shop designing costumes, doing fittings or sewing something together for a production. He was an absolute perfectionist in everything he did and he had such a drive and passion for the theatre."

This year's Academy Awards was watched by just over 34 million, according to figures from Nielsen. Highlights from the show included Angelina Jolie's infamously long right leg peeking out of its sheer black Versace dress; Octavia Spencer's heart-warming acceptance of best supporting actress in "The Help;" and the cast of "Bridesmaids" taking a swig of alcohol any time someone said the word "Scorsese."

Despite numerous requests for an interview, Bridges has yet to respond

What did Stony Brook students think about the Oscars?

"Leslie Mann from '17 Again' wore a strapless navy blue Roberto Cavalli dress, which was sequined below the bust to the toes. The dress fit her like she was born with it. As soon I saw the dress, I thought, 'I want it,'" junior pharmacology major Thembelani Ndlovu said.

"I felt 'War Horse' should have won. I just would have liked to see that movie instead of the other choices," junior sustainability studies major Samantha Sperber said.

"Angelina Jolie wore it best; it was sexy and classy at the same time. Brad Pitt's hair was hideous and looks old now. J.Lo's boobs look saggy, but the dress was nice. She looked like a mermaid. It was slim with a bell shape at the bottom," junior biology major Candice Cout said.

"Jennifer Lopez seemed beautiful as always, even though she's in her forties and has two kids. I like her hair up; it made it more elegant. She's always very enthusiastic and very kind," junior Spanish literature major Rosa Brannan said.

"I wanted George Clooney to win. I feel like his acting technique was really to the point. It's been so many years since he has won anything. Cirque du Soleil, they performed and it was really entertaining. They had people flying in the sky and different music; it was pretty cool. I really liked Gwyneth Paltrow. Her dress was really elegant. It was white, and it really fits her figure, and her hair and her make-up!" senior Willa Wan, an applied mathematics and statistics, and information systems double major, said.

FOUR ARTSY EVENTS

1) 80s party Weekend Life presents an 80s theme party Saturday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Come prepared to dance.

2) Craft Center The Craft Center will be hosting an under the sea theme open craft studio. Projects include beaches in a bottle and sand gardens.



3) Koba NYC's Hip-Hop artist explores a range of topics Thursday at 6 p.m. as part of Wang's Singgalot – The Ties That Bind: Filipinos in America from Colonial Subjects to Citizens.

4) Bebe Neuwirth The Emmy and Tony award winner will be performing her show "Stories with Piano" Saturday during Staller's annual gala for \$60 on the main stage at 8 p.m.



Students weigh in on Rihanna's reunion with Chris Brown

By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

It was a slap in the face for pop princess Rihanna's supporters. The remix of Rihanna's song "Birthday Cake" featuring Chris Brown leaked on the internet.

Due to the buzz, Brown was happy to be featured in Rihanna's song, and, as fans awaited the official release, he gave them a dose of this: "Girl I wanna f*** you right now (right now)/ Been a long time, I've been missing your body/ Let me-let me turn the lights down."

Brown is notorious for the domestic abuse case involving Rihanna, which became a permanent black mark on their careers, and the reconciliation between the two does not sit well with some fans.

When Rihanna first released "Birthday Cake" as a snippet, no one heard the full version, but the dialogue in the full song that was released has both artists singing a tune that suggests neither is concerned with the past. Rihanna sings, "Remember how you did it?"

Remember how you fit it? If you still wanna kiss it. Come, come, come and get it."

It is obvious that the two performers are teasing the audience with their dialogue in this song. "I also believe that they still have this love for each other, and it's sweet and scary at the same time," sophomore theater arts major Quamina Belgrave said.

The song, which was originally only going to be the snippet, received such fan reaction that the remix with Chris Brown was conceived.

"I feel like the song is really raunchy. It's catchy though. I feel like it's a little disrespectful for his current girlfriend, if they're still together," Belgrave said.

This makes people wonder if she is going to continue making songs with him. What kind of example is Rihanna really setting if she does get back with Brown? "It does have a publicity aspect to it because they're both on a new level now, and controversy follows them all the time as far, as I'm concerned, from the beginning

of their relationship to now," junior psychology major Barbara Dorsainville said.

Dorsainville sees nothing wrong with the situation. "She's obviously past it if she can make a song with him," she said.

Not only was Chris Brown featured in her song, but she appears in his music as well.

Chris Brown remixed his already popular song "Turn Up the Music" by adding Rihanna.

Both songs find themselves rising on Billboard charts. Not only is their music on the rise, but so is their fan count. Both Rihanna and Brown are gaining Twitter and Facebook followers.

The most popular YouTube version of "Birthday Cake" already has over 4 million views.

So this begs the question of whether or not this is this really just a song, or are the two going to rekindle a past romance? That is up for debate. The song indicates both parties are interested. In regards to her song, Rihanna is proud of it, and she happily tweeted, "It's not even my birthday #CAKE."



Rihanna's appearance at the 2012 Grammy Awards.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile: Michael Mentasti

By Emily Heller
Staff Writer

As senior psychology major Michael Mentasti stood on the green carpet of Madison Square Garden, his mind was a blank slate. This was not new to him. He knew the judge would base their pick on structure, expression, teeth and a luscious coat. Thousands of spectators watched, but Mentasti stayed focused. As the judge walked past, he knelt down to Mentasti's partner in crime, a 5-year-old golden retriever named Troy.

As Mentasti described the Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden, he called it "the Super Bowl of dog shows." With nine years of experience and countless awards under his belt, he qualified for and competed in prestigious shows such as Westminster, the AKC Eukanuba National Championship and the Thanksgiving Day National Dog Show Presented by Purina.

"The experience is mind-blowing, especially going to Westminster at Madison Square Garden," Mentasti explained. "There are really no other words to describe it."

Mentasti began showing dogs at the age of 13, after one of his three golden retrievers of the time passed away. His mother found a dog show in St. James, N.Y., where they saw a golden retriever being groomed on the table, he recalled. "We went over and started talking to this wonderful couple from New Jersey," Mentasti said. "She encouraged me to watch the rest of the show, and, in April of 2003, I got my first show dog."

Mentasti said Troy, the dog he currently shows, shares a special bond with him and loves competition. "The only way I can say this is that the dog is obsessed with me. He is my shadow and follows me everywhere."

Between "fluffing and stuffing" the dogs in preparation for the show, practicing and competing with them, Mentasti said the chemistry with any show dog is strong. "They are your security blanket and vice versa," he explained. "I think of them as my conjoined twins since they are always by my side and will do anything for me."

Although though Mentasti is a professional dog handler, he has other career goals in mind, and he hopes to be a psychologist. "I mean, I could see myself doing this forever but not as a profession," he said. "I prefer an education before hairspray and dog mousse."

Mentasti shared what he said he loves most about showing dogs. "When they win, you are such a proud owner and brag to anyone you can find about your dogs accomplishments," he explained. "When you win, it is such a wonderful feeling because you know that judge liked your dog the best out of all the rest, which for breeders is like winning the mega millions."



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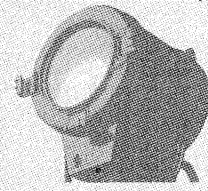
Mentasti shows his dog, Troy, in Madison Square Garden

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CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile: Yelizaveta Kotlyarova



By Will Rhino
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Senior marine vertebrate biology major Yelizaveta Kotlyarova's hips shake as she practices the samba, her reflection guiding her motions. Her eyes are trained on the mirror. She needs to keep the beat, one two three, one two three. She needs to pick up the pace, keeping her hips shaking, arms swaying and feet gliding, all while keeping rhythm.

Kotlyarova is practicing for the Closed Body, Safe Heart performance she is a part of for her DAN 400 class, Performance Dance Ensemble. The piece she is working on speaks

out against a massacre of homeless children in Brazil.

Her part in the performance, titled "It Happened," is that of a Fate. The Fates know the destiny of the children, but they cannot change what happens.

Her practice with her fellow Fates is much more intense than the samba. She must master the moves, as well as perform in sync with the other girls. She dances silently, smoothly. Put all five girls together to music, and it looks like they could be performing for an audience. It is passionate even in the dance studio.

Kotlyarova explained that when she rehearses, she thinks of how

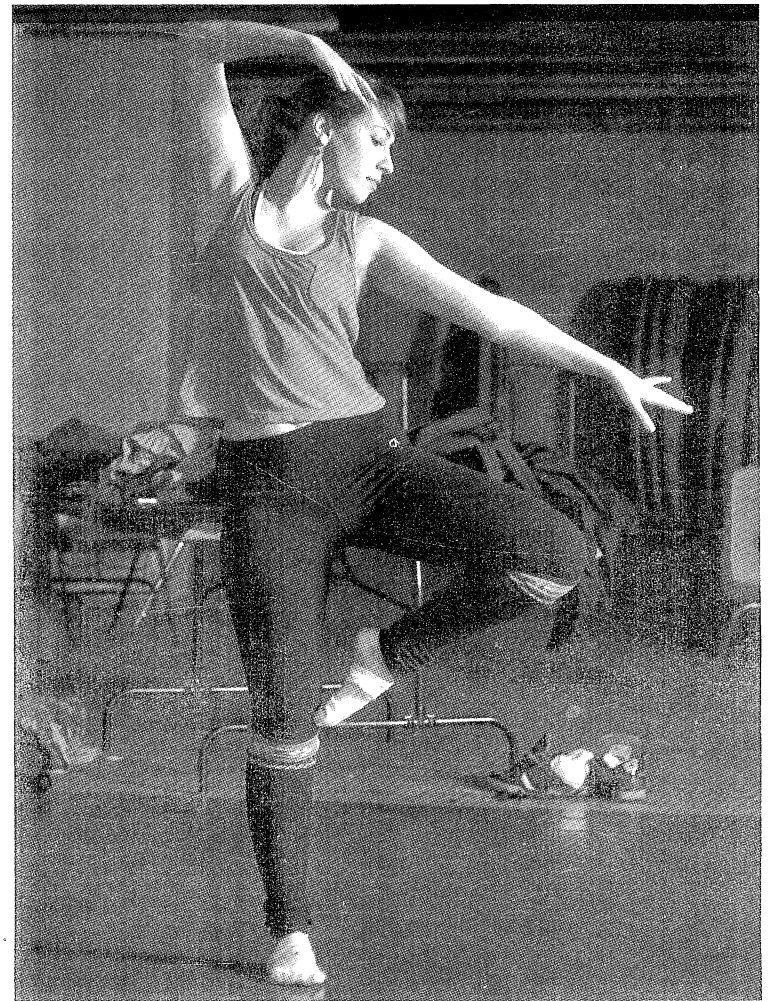
her hard work pays off. When she performs, she "wants to embody the character and give them [the audience] a good experience." With performance art, she said, "You're there in the moment."

Her other piece, choreographed by sophomore sociology major Luke Fontana features her as a murder victim. She was choked to death, and her movements, which she learned and executed in the span of approximately two hours, reflected the way her character died.

Her arms were forced to the side by a violent force, and she gripped her throat. She took one step forward and extended her arm,

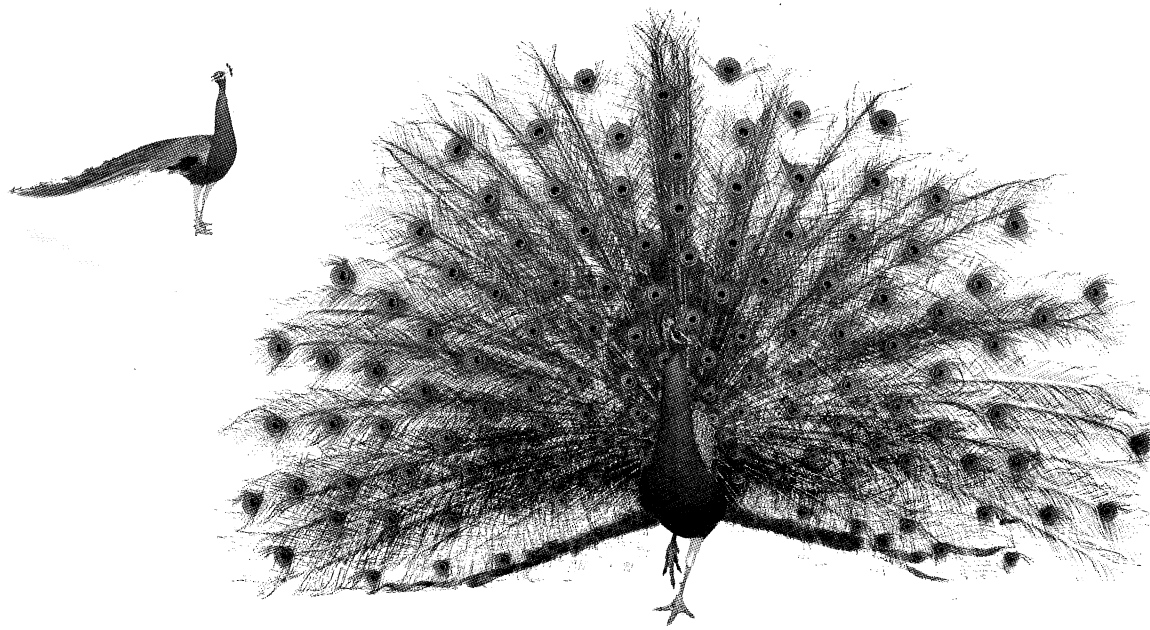
trying to escape. Fontana taught the five girls approximately one minute's worth of dance, and they did a final

run to the song "Tore My Heart" by OONA. Yelizaveta had achieved near perfection.



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Kotlyarova poses (left) in a split. On the right, she is dancing in Fontana's rehearsal as a murder victim who was choked to death.



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The silent epidemic

How mental health disorders affect society

By Ravneet Kamboj
Opinions Editor

There is an epidemic in America and especially on college campuses that no one speaks about. It is mental health. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in four Americans have a mental illness in any given year, and one in four Americans are on psychiatric medications at any given time.

Think about that, it means that when you are sitting in a class of 32 students, eight of your classmates are possibly dealing with a mental illness and/or are on medication for it. Such huge numbers like that lead me to wonder, why is the topic of mental health so taboo in our culture?

The United States is one of the most depressed countries in the world, with the World Health Organization reporting that 19.2 percent of Americans report having a serious bout of depression for an extended period at some point in their lives.

Once again the question arises, if this is such a huge issue then why is so seldom spoken about? There are few mentions of mental illness in popular culture and it is not something that people can discuss openly without feeling uncomfortable.

I believe that the first step to getting this huge problem in our country solved is first becoming more open to the reality of mental illness in our society, and we need to begin shifting the blame from the patient. I believe it has to do with guilt and responsibility. There is an attitude that people who have a mental illness most

likely just don't have enough willpower or are weak. In the old times people who were mentally ill were considered possessed by demons.

We have come a far way from that, but that burden of guilt is still placed on the patient with the disorder. Recent medical data and research have shown that mental illness like depression and anxiety, cause real changes in the brain. The brains of depressed patients have less activity in certain parts of the brain and even have degeneration of brain tissue in some areas.

“I think that mental illnesses should be viewed as any other disease. This way it makes it easier to speak about these conditions more objectively.”

It is still up for scientific debate whether depression causes brain changes or vice versa, but the data is clear: the disorders are not just “all in your head,” as many people would say.

This I think is a huge public health issue. Even interning and working in hospitals, I would see the attitudes of the doctors and staff change slightly when a patient was being checked for

mental illness. There was less compassion and more accusation in their voices as they spoke about various mental disorders a patient might have.

Personally, I think one way to make the topic of mental illness less taboo and more accepted is to begin discussing these things with people when they are still young. America seems to have a culture of stifling emotions and pretending that negative feelings don't exist. It is part of our uniquely American independent spirit.

I don't think that we as a country have to lose our identity of being independent and self-sufficient in order to more openly discuss these issues. I think that mental illnesses should be viewed as any other disease, and this way it makes it easier to speak about these conditions more objectively.

A huge revolution in thinking about alcoholism was the “disease concept” where the problem of alcoholism was seen more as a disease than purely just a lack of willpower.

This disease concept led to the most successful alcoholism treatment programs. There are some schools and colleges in the country where peer counseling and discussion groups are something that all students have to do. I believe that these things are hugely beneficial because it opens up the discussion of mental illness in a student population and then allows people to rely on their peers for support and help, just as they would when facing any other problem.

In our fast-paced world that is so interconnected, it would

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Mental illness, the silent epidemic

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serve us well to slow down and make sure that we as a people are adapting to the changes that are occurring in our society. There are numerous things that we as a country could do to begin to mitigate mental illness. As I said before, I think that more dialogue in schools and colleges through peer counseling classes would be a good way to start.

Another way that we could begin to help those with mental illnesses, especially in colleges, would be for the health and counseling centers of the college to be more proactive in advertising the services that are available and making it clear to students that there is a place where they can go for help.

I think that the colleges themselves as a whole also need to address the issue. Colleges spend a lot of money addressing rape and the dangers of alcohol to incoming freshmen by using mandatory presentations and speakers.

The same thing should be done about mental health. All incoming freshmen should be given the information about the prevalent of the different mental diseases that exist highlighting the ones they are most likely to run into during their college career.

They should be given information about identifying

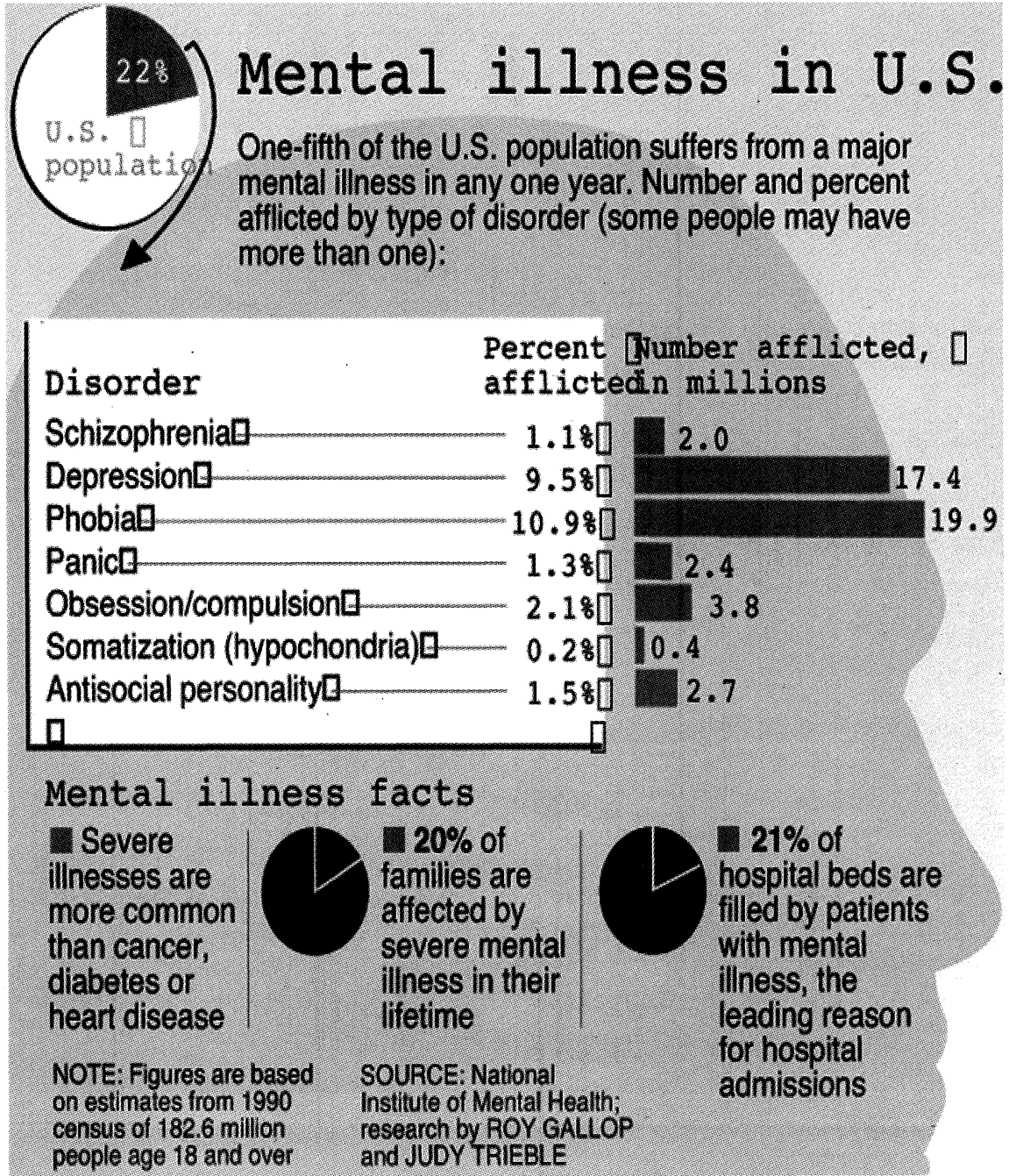
risk factors in friends and themselves when it comes to potentially developing a mental disorder. They should also be instructed in different ways that they may be able to go about getting help for friends they think are suffering from these diseases.

Colleges already address the issue of how a person should approach another student who is going to drink and drive or may potentially have an alcohol problem, and this type of instruction should also be included when it comes to mental health.

As our society becomes more and more connected, it is possible for people to feel more and more isolated. If you are someone who is suffering from a mental illness, then choose to tell a close friend or family member about it and make sure to visit the Student Health Center on campus. The first part of treating any disease is making the diagnosis, and that can't happen until you speak about it with someone else.

Let's hope that, in the future, all colleges, schools and public institutions will make greater efforts to reach out to students and solve this public health menace.

Until then, we as peers in Stony Brook have to try and look out for the people around us who may be suffering quietly. There is no cast or crutch that would indicate to you that a good friend of yours might need help.



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The importance of communication

By Lamia Haider
Assistant Opinions Editor

I believe in communicating.

It's a straightforward act, but I have witnessed a bevy of issues arise between people because of their inability or unwillingness to communicate. This is not an observation reserved for just those who are romantically involved; it applies to all sorts of relationships.

My parents' marriage is a great example of what not to do when married, especially in terms of communication. If my mother ever had an issue with my father, like the time she was displeased by his friendship with a fellow doctor who was female and attractive, she was mute for days.

Like a petulant child, she would silently sulk about the house. If there was something that she absolutely had to tell my father she used me as a messenger. I remember being 6 years old and waddling around the apartment in order to deliver a message from one parent to the other. The silence would inevitably lead to explosions of curses and broken furniture. Now that I'm all grown up I'm well aware that simmering anger does not necessarily have to culminate in dishes being used as projectiles.

The tumultuous relationship between my parents became my model for what I should not do when interacting with others. When any of my friends attempt to pull the silent act that I am now all too familiar with, I try to initiate communication rather than letting them stew in their own self-pity.

I realized that this worked significantly better than ignoring whatever was straining our relationship, so I kept doing communicating

The one time I consciously neglected to talk about a problem with a friend led to her screeching at me on the phone at two in the morning. She was at the railroad and threatening to leap in front of the next train. I learned my lesson.

I've only noticed my eagerness to clear the air falters if my significant other is involved, since he is the only person who is able to inspire such a bestial rage in me that I actually stop talking. My fury is rare, but nowadays I'm able to convince myself to be civilized and communicative.

I'm motivated to do so because I seriously dread becoming like my mother, and because I value my relationship. My boyfriend and I attempt to be honest and prompt when it comes to expressing our sentiments on any problems that pop up. The issue is resolved quickly rather than being allowed to fester. Hence, we spend more time frolicking joyously in daisy fields and less time lunging at each other's jugulars.

I have seen relationships wilt and spoil because two people simply did not want to discuss whatever issue was hanging between them. I believe that the bonds we form with people are valuable and should not waste away because of bullheadedness. For the sake of my own relationships, my sanity and my furniture I believe in communicating about my problems rather than pretending I have none.



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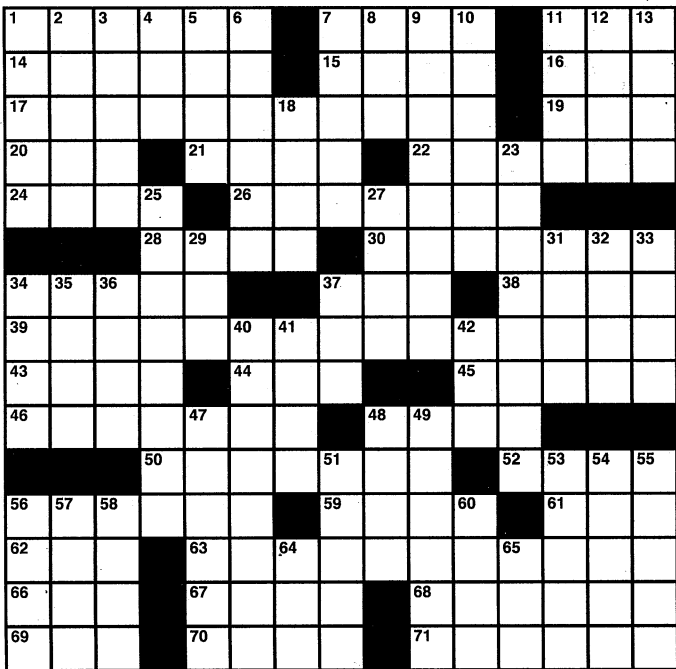
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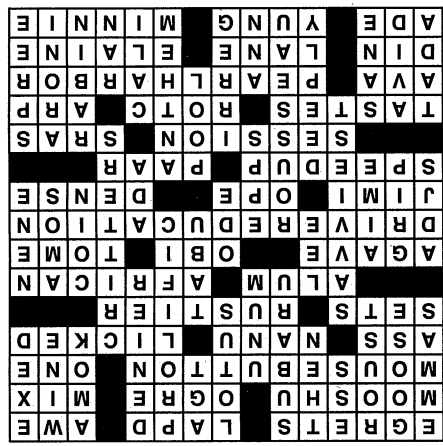
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 - Player's rep.
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By Ed Sessa

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Horoscopes / Linda C. Black; MCT Campus

Today's Birthday (03/05/12). If we've all learned anything these last few years, it's how to get by with less. This next year, you turn that idea into an art form. It's actually really healthy. Use this skill to reduce debt, build savings and conserve resources. Share the joy in this.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 -- You can sell your concept now. It takes action. Do a good job, and there's a potential for more money to flow in. If breakdowns occur, you can handle them.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 -- Don't let worries about money interfere with love. With Venus in your sign, art, beauty and romance are yours. Might as well listen, though ... you might have to compromise.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 -- Changes higher up are to your benefit. Send off the paperwork for an increase in funding. Go for what you want in career and romance: You're lucky with love and money.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 -- You're still learning, and your concentration's keen. You see new ways to prosper and are moved into action. Use that Midas touch at work (and leave it there).

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 -- It's wise to be frugal. Anticipate overruns of cost. Let others bring food. Your friends are your inspiration. You can make it work; teamwork solves any puzzle.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 -- Here comes a pleasant surprise. Gather up as much as you can. Venus enters Taurus in your fifth house, influencing creativity, romance and fun. Enjoy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 -- For about three weeks, you're especially vibrant and charming. Give in to creature comforts and beauty. Serve others with artistry.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Have faith in your imagination and bring in the dough. Focus on providing a great service. Think twice before making a purchase. Do you really need it?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 -- There's no mountain high enough to keep you down. Pack the essentials and explore, even if it's just metaphorically speaking. Keep a journal for future reference.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 -- You may feel like spending some quiet time, but don't dismiss others who appreciate you. Take a moment to connect. Water seeds. Reveal your dreams.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 -- Your imagination runs wild, attracting bright new ideas and potential clients. New partnerships and responsibilities lead to new rewards. Speculate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 -- Hit the ground running and get busy without delay. Even if you miss a few, you hit the mark more times than not. You're more powerful than you think.

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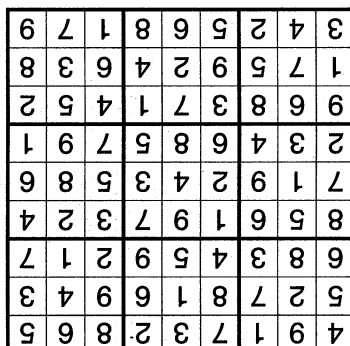
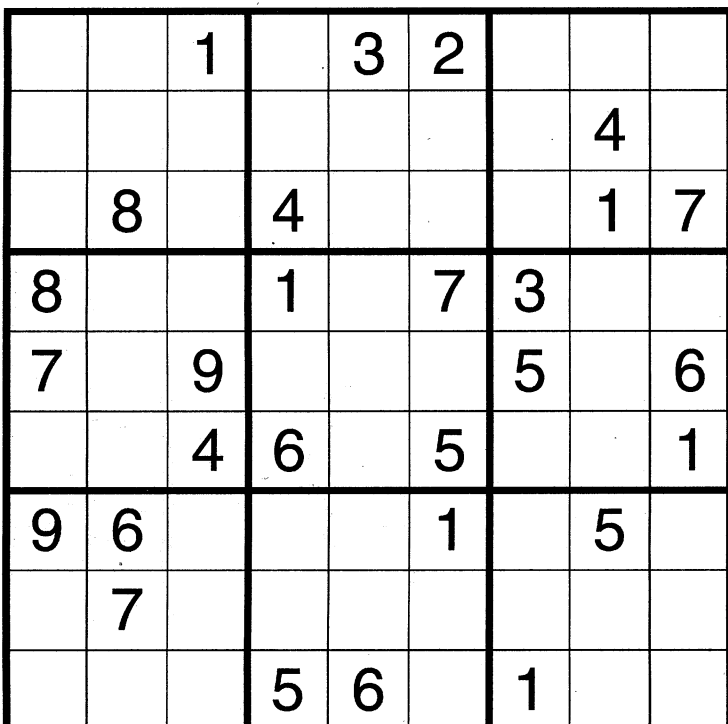
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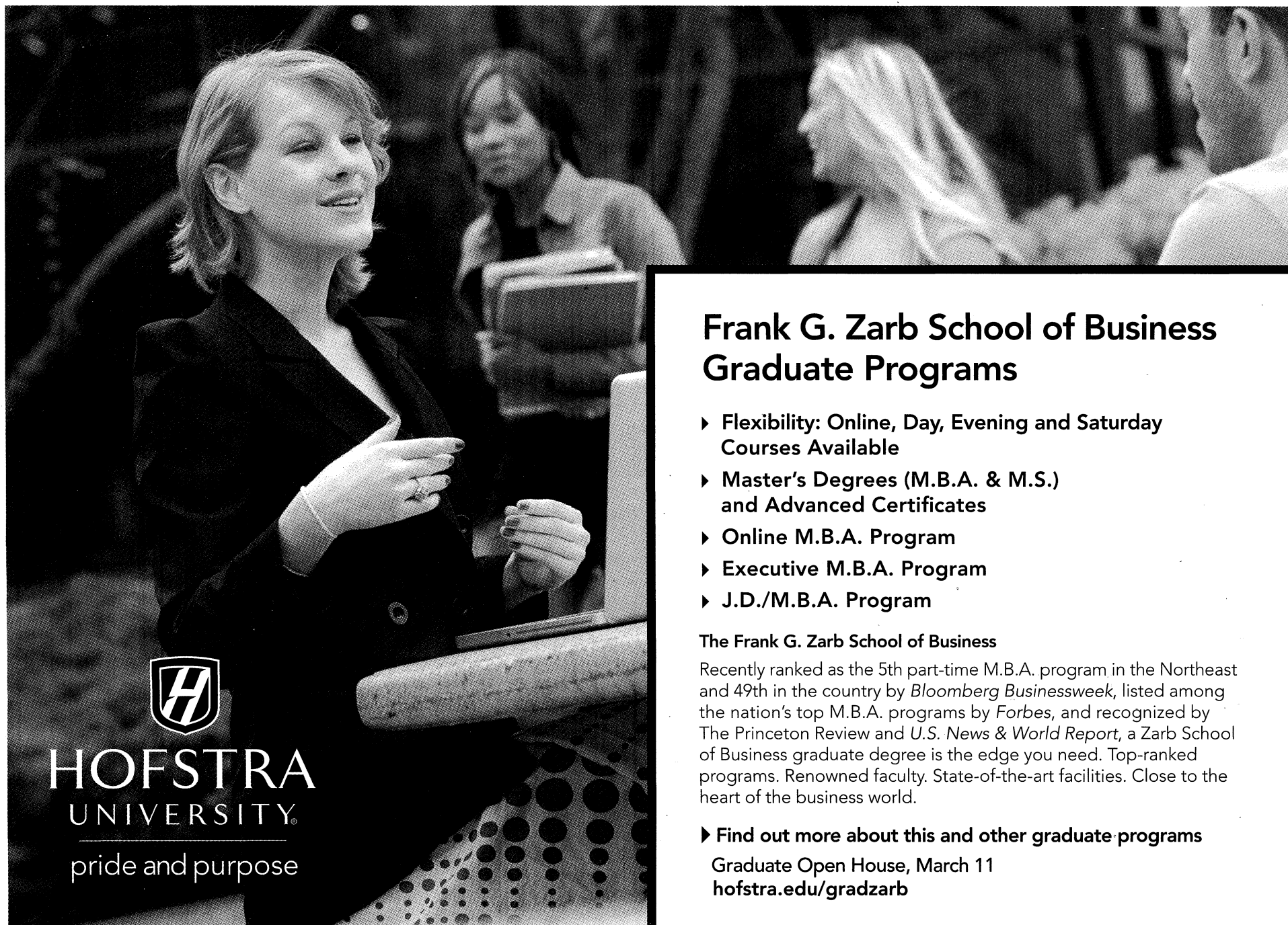
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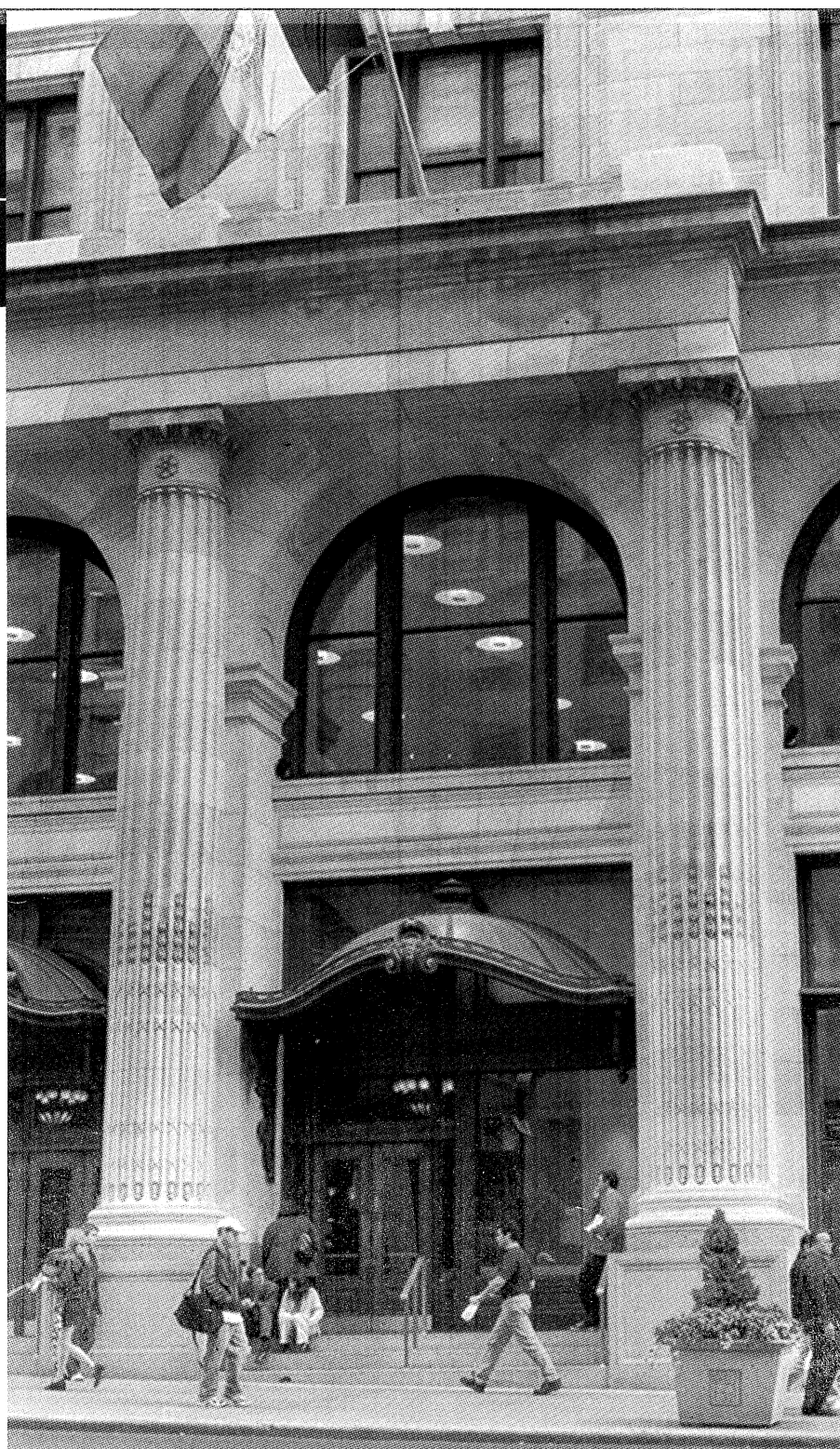
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Freshmen hope to play large roles for baseball

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The team got to use it for a handful of games last season, but this season will be their first on the new turf field.

"We're excited to use it, and it finally represents where our team has come from," Senk said. The team will play 20 games at home this season, the first on Wednesday, March 14 against Iona.

Also new for the team this season has been their workout routine. "With Joe Nathan Field and a mild winter, we were able to practice more outside, which is a lot different than the last few years," Senk said.

Even though this team could go under the radar on campus at Stony Brook, it still catches the attention of the outside polls. Stony Brook was picked to win the America East conference this season and was ranked 15th in the College Baseball Daily Mid-Major Top 25.

But that does not affect the team all that much, according to Senk. He said, "Expectations from outside polls and coaches polls add pressure, but we've talked about it. We expect those expectations from ourselves."

This season also brings different opponents for the Seawolves. They will be playing a weekend in Minnesota at the Metrodome against Kansas, which is nationally ranked.

Also, the team will continue a local rivalry with New York Institute of Technology, which started 12 years ago, when Stony Brook went to Division I. "Every game is a challenge for us. The game at the Metrodome is a great venue to play in," Senk said. "Every weekend in conference play is a dogfight."

Stony Brook started its season off playing in Louisiana, at the Colonel Round Robin at Nicholls State. The team swept all four games, defeating Alabama State and Nicholls State twice apiece. "They lost an opponent to play, and they asked us to play," Senk said. "They were gracious hosts and it was a great experience for our players, not only in baseball, but with the culture."

In their four-game sweep, the Seawolves scored 21 runs and only let up nine. "Pitching was key for us down there, and we went up early and shut them down the rest of the way," Senk said. Krause and Carmona both hit home runs in the opening weekend to propel the Seawolves to victory.

Women's lacrosse starts regular season on five game winning streak

By Anthony Santigate
Staff Writer

Junior Claire Petersen led the Stony Brook women's lacrosse team to its first ever win over a ranked opponent. Peterson finished with six goals including the game winner with only nine seconds left, on Saturday against nationally ranked John Hopkins at Homewood Field.

The Seawolves won 15-14 to improve their record to 5-0, a first in program history, under new head coach Joe Spallina.

Petersen finished with nine points: six goals and three assists. This met the program record she shares with teammate, junior Demmianne Cook, for the most points in one match.

Cook added three goals, and junior Janine Hillier and freshman Amber Kupres chipped in two goals apiece.

Junior goalkeeper Hannah Perruccio finished the rest of the game, earning her first collegiate victory.

The game started loudly with 10 goals in only the first 10 minutes. After three early unanswered goals by John Hopkins, the Seawolves stormed back, scoring two goals within only 12 seconds to tie the score at three.



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The Seawolves are 5-0 with their win over John Hopkins.

Petersen scored SBU's final goal of the first half and then kept the momentum going in the second half with unassisted goals at 28:27 and 22:06 to tie the game at 10.

After trading goals for the rest of the second half, Stony Brook found itself in a crucial draw with less than four minutes to play. SBU lost the draw, but, thanks to a forced turnover by freshman Marina Mestres gained back

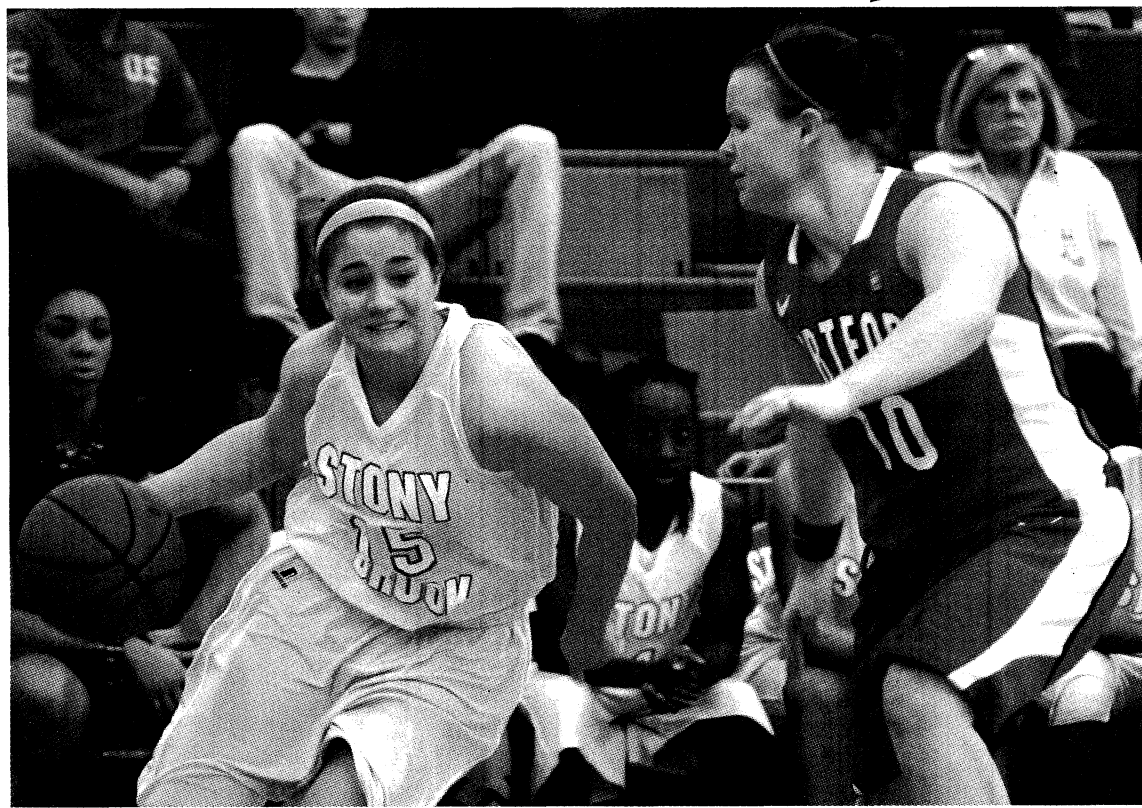
possession.

The offense wound down the clock and gave the ball to Petersen with under a minute left.

Petersen drew a foul and converted the free position attempt to win the game.

Stony Brook looks to keep rolling in a tough game against fifth ranked Duke at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium at 4 p.m. on Monday.

Women's hoops season ends in America East conference tournament opener



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The Seawolves end the season winning only one conference game.

By Syed Hashmi
Sports Editor

It took a little over three months but the torturous women's basketball season is finally over.

Everyone knew going into the season that the Lady Seawolves were in a rebuilding year. No longer with the services of senior Kristen Jeter, and adjusting to the new system of first year head coach Beth O'Boyle, everyone knew that the Seawolves were in for a tough season.

Finishing 4-26 overall, 1-15 in the America East, Stony Brook

found itself at the bottom of the conference standings all season.

Thursday night's game at Chase Arena in Hartford, Conn, seemed like a foregone conclusion, but the Seawolves made sure the end to their season did not come quietly. Pitted against the eighth seeded Maine Blackbears, the Seawolves took the game down to the wire, but lost the lead on a basket by Maine's Samantha Baranowski with a little over a minute remaining in the game. Despite turning the ball over a season low three times and a 14-4 run to start the second half,

the Seawolves could not stop the inevitable.

"We obviously didn't get the result we were looking for but I'm proud of the way our team competed tonight," said O'Boyle. "Give credit to Maine, they made a few more plays than we did down the stretch."

In what proved to be her final game, senior Whitney Davis finished with a team high 14 points.

Coach O'Boyle will go back to the drawing board and try to put her team back on the winning track.

Baseball swept at East Carolina

By Mike Daniello
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook baseball was swept in a three-game series by East Carolina this weekend, all by one run. In Sunday's finale, junior Travis Jankowski had three hits in five at-bats, while junior Maxx Tissenbaum went to 2-for-4 in the final game. Tissenbaum hit .545 (6-for-11) in the three-game series.

Junior Jasvir Rakkar threw 3.2 innings of relief for the Seawolves, who only allowed four earned runs in the series. East Carolina scored two runs in the second inning on a two-run single by Tim Younger. The Pirates added another two runs in the third inning to go up 4-0.

Stony Brook crept back by scoring runs in the sixth and seventh inning. The Seawolves scored on an RBI groundout from senior Pat Cantwell in the sixth and added an unearned run in the seventh to cut the lead in half.

Cantwell walked to lead off the eighth inning and eventually scored on the Pirates' third error of the game. Stony Brook got the tying run on base in the ninth inning, when sophomore Kevin Courtney singled with one out. East Carolina's Tanner Merritt got Jankowski to ground into a fielder's choice, and then retired Cantwell to finish off the sweep.

Jharel Cotton allowed one unearned run in six innings to pick up the victory for the Pirates.

Sophomore Brandon McNitt only gave up one earned run on four hits in eight innings, but that was not enough, as East Carolina edged Stony Brook 2-1. McNitt struck out four in a complete game, but the team could not give him much run support.

Stony Brook outit East Carolina 8-4, but could only manage one run

in the game. The Pirates scored in the first inning on an unearned run, but the Seawolves tied in the third as junior Travis Jankowski scored on a two-out RBI single by freshman Kevin Krause.

Stony Brook threatened to score in the fifth, after Cantwell tripled with only one out. East Carolina pitcher Tyler Joyner got junior William Carmona and Tissenbaum out to end the threat.

Jay Cannon doubled to open the seventh inning for East Carolina, and then scored on a sacrifice fly from Philip Clark.

Drew Reynolds walked Jankowski with two outs in the ninth inning, but got Cantwell to ground-out to pick up his second straight save. Tanner Merritt pitched 1.2 innings of scoreless relief for the Pirates to pick up the victory.

Stony Brook also dropped the opener of the series by a score of 1-0 to East Carolina on Friday. Senior Tyler Johnson only allowed one run in eight innings, but that run was the only one scored in the game. Johnson walked two and allowed six hits in a complete game, but the loss snapped Stony Brook's nation best 15-game road winning streak.

Left-hander Kevin Brandt gave up four hits in eight innings, and got the win for the Pirates.

Reynolds allowed a single to Cantwell in the ninth inning but still managed to pick up a save.

East Carolina scored the only run of the game in the sixth inning on a sacrifice fly from Corey Thompson with the bases loaded.

The Seawolves' best scoring opportunity came in the fourth, when they got runners on first and second with one out. But Brandt got junior Tanner Nivins to line into a double play to escape the jam.

Stony Brook will travel to Fairleigh Dickinson for a game on Wednesday.

Linsanity, a proud moment for the Stony Brook Asian community

By Amy Streifer
Staff Writer

Jeremy Lin went from an undrafted free agent sleeping on his brother's couch to a starter for the New York Knicks practically overnight. There is no question that Jeremy Lin is doing something incredible for basketball fans worldwide, and the Linsanity has continued to grow since he exploded onto the scene on February 4 against the New Jersey Nets.

Knicks point guard Baron Davis' injury gave Lin his time to shine in early February, and since then he has proved to be the real deal.

In the previous 10 games, Lin has averaged 21.4 points and 9.2 assists. Lin's story only gets more incredible because he has his degree from arguably the best Ivy League school in the nation, Harvard.

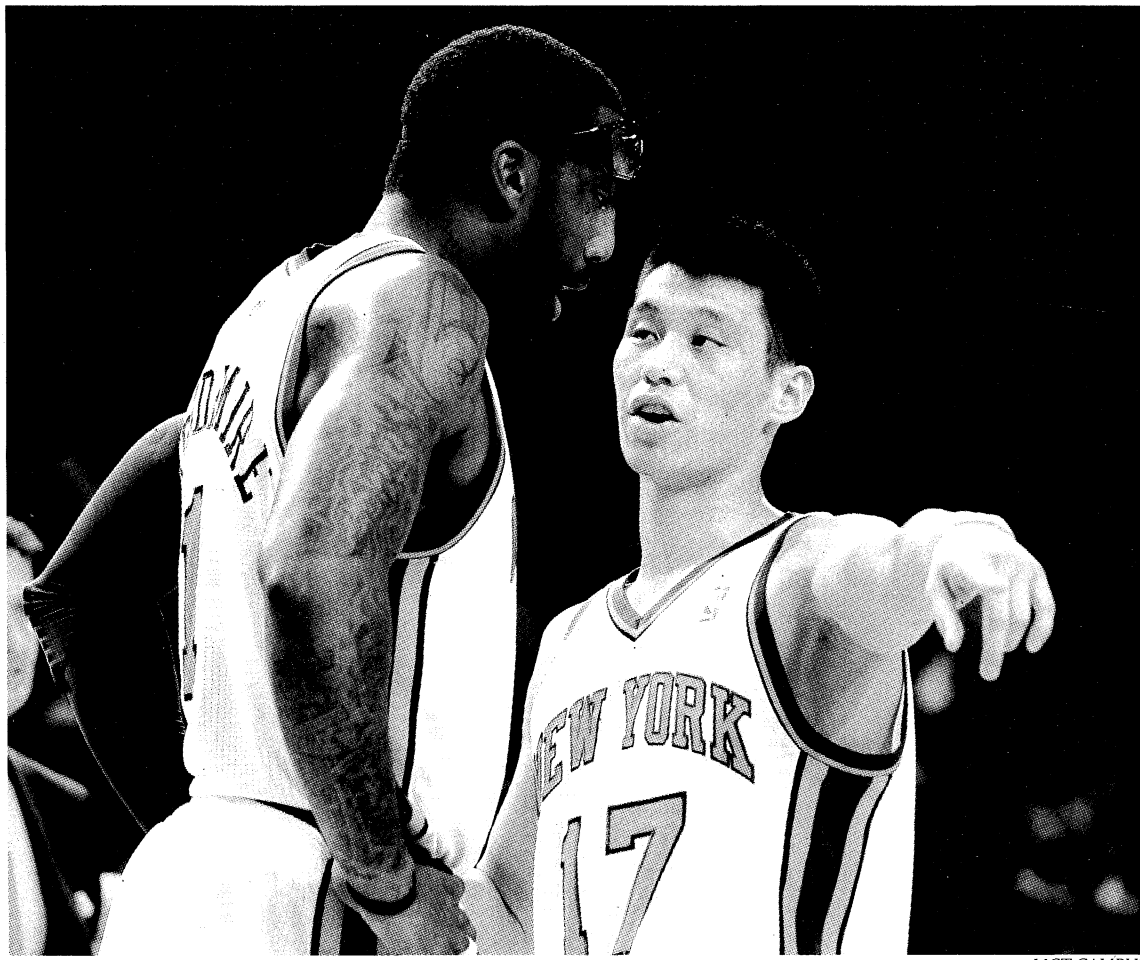
Only 21 percent of NBA players currently hold a college degree. Also, Lin is the first Asian-American to play in the NBA for more than a decade.

Lin is popular worldwide, and his jersey has been the #1 selling jersey in the NBA since February 4, with shipments going to places like Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Stony Brook University's Asian population has grown 6 percent since 2008, and Asian students represented 20 percent of the campus residents.

Many of these students follow the sensation that is Jeremy Lin and appreciate what he is doing for the Asian community.

The Asian American E-Zine's



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In his short time with the Knicks Jeremy Lin (#17) has taken on a leadership role, and has helped propelled the team back into the playoff picture.

editor-in-chief Adam Sue, an English major whose family is from China, recognizes all that Lin is doing for basketball and the Asian community.

"He's essentially playing into the Asian stereotype while simultaneously breaking it," Sue said, "The Asian and Asian-American community suffers from this disconnection between doing what your parents and culture tell you to do and doing what you really want to do. I

hope Jeremy Lin can start to change that."

Lin has proven so far to be a good role model.

He went to an Ivy League school, received his diploma in economics, and if his career in basketball does not last, he will have a prominent degree under his belt.

Stony Brook's Asian American Journal managing editor sophomore Noah Kim thinks that Lin is capable of representing

the Asian community as a whole with this recent burst of popularity and success.

"Since there aren't many Asian athletes in mainstream American sports, when someone does do well they are representing a whole minority group," said Kim. "I feel like I'm rooting for a friend even though I don't know him personally, because of how close-knit the Asian-American community is."

In Taiwan, where Lin's parents

are from, the Taiwanese media refer to him as the "Hao" kid, meaning "heroic" and "good." Knicks games are being shown in schools in Taiwan, and Lin is slowly becoming an icon to the 23 million people that live on the island.

Asian fans in America have shown more of an interest in basketball and show their appreciation and admiration for Lin by showing up to his games, whether on the road or at home at Madison Square Garden.

"I was very lucky to have gone to a live game since the Lin sensation," senior business Chinese business major Huan Lei said. "My aunt and her friends didn't watch basketball until Lin. Now whenever there's a game, it will become part of their daily conversation."

Many Asians and Asian-Americans are excited about Linsanity, but other fans wish that it were less about him being Asian and more about him being a great basketball player.

"A lot of Asian people have a love of basketball, so I think it will help to appeal to them and basketball will grow, but I don't really think it matters that he's Asian," 20-year-old business major Marc Lim whose parents descend are from China said. "I think he should be accounted more for his play than what he looks like."

Whether it is for what he is doing for Asian communities or what he is doing for the NBA, there is no doubt that the Linsanity, for now, is here to stay.

Dougher, Joyner honored in final season with team

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scoring at 13.4 points per game. Dougher finished the season ranked in the nation's top 25 for three-point shooting.

The New Jersey point guard averaged 2.8 three-pointers per game, while shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc, good for seventh in the conference.

Joyner also had a solid season for the Seawolves, finishing off the year averaging 8.7 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game, while also leading the Seawolves in blocked shots. The 6-foot-7 inch forward anchored the paint for Pikiell's defense, helping the team finish the season ranked first in the America East in defense.

The Seawolves accolades will be tested on March 10 as the team prepares to back up its regular season championship with a conference tournament trophy and an automatic bid in this year's NCAA tournament.

Men's lacrosse drops home opener to Marist

By Mike Daniello
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook men's lacrosse team fell just short of winning its first game on Saturday. Three goals from seniors Robbie Campbell and Russ Bonanno were not enough, as Marist defeated Stony Brook 10-9 in the Seawolves' first home game of the 2012 season.

Marist's Connor Rice scored with 36 seconds left in the game to give the Red Foxes a 10-9 victory.

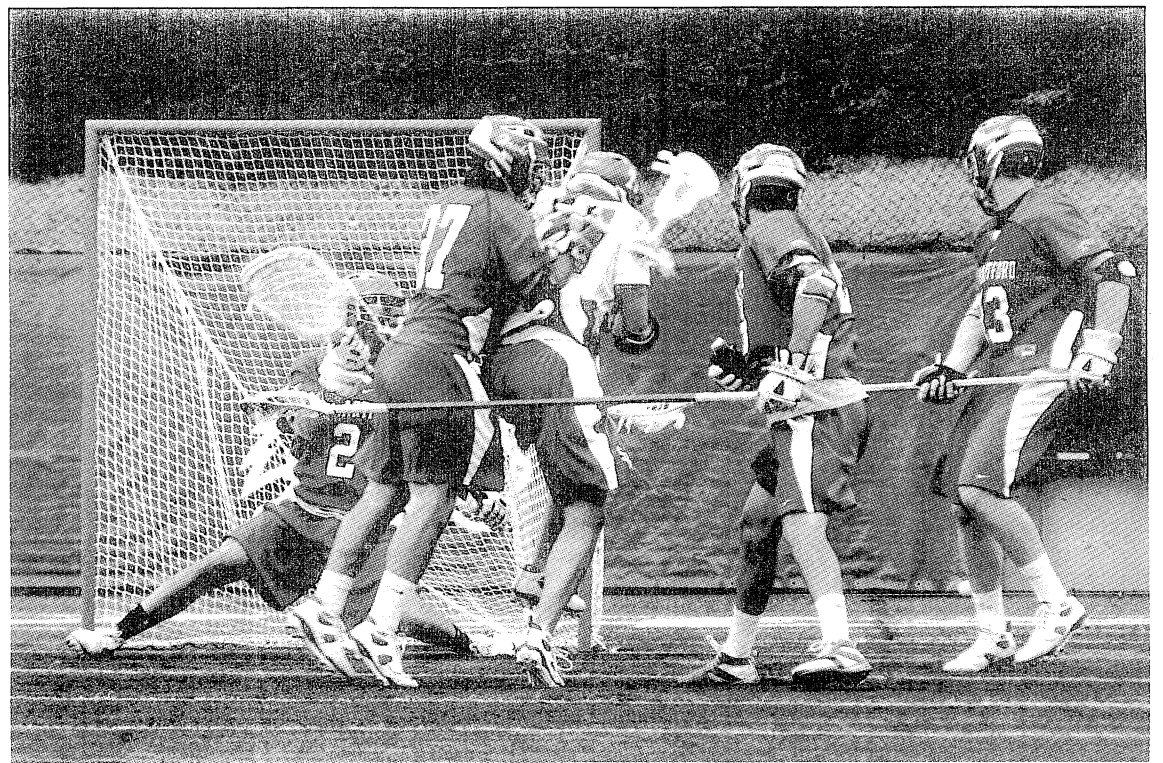
Rice's game-winning goal, his third of the game, came from a cross-crease pass from Jack Doherty, who also scored three goals. Rice led all players with five points in the game.

Redshirt freshman Mike Rooney and junior Nick Watson scored two goals each for the Seawolves. The game was close all afternoon, and the teams went into the fourth quarter tied at seven.

Freshman transfer Mike Andreassi won five of Stony Brook's 10 face-offs and won the opening draw of the final quarter to give the Seawolves some momentum.

After a Red Fox flag, Campbell picked up a loose ball and scored unassisted, 33 seconds into the quarter.

Rooney then hit the post a minute later, which would have



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A late two-score lead was not enough for the Seawolves as Marist came out with the victory. Stony Brook is now 0-3 this season.

put Stony Brook up 9-7. But Rooney did eventually score one possession later. That goal gave Stony Brook its only two-goal lead of the game.

Doherty pulled Marist within one by scoring a man-up goal with 5:55 left. A failed Stony Brook clear led to the Red Foxes' next goal, which tied the game at nine.

Stony Brook had one final

possession after a holding call off of the face-off. Campbell almost tied the game for the Seawolves, but he was called for a crease violation, which gave the ball back to Marist.

Both of Watson's goals gave the Seawolves one-goal leads. Six ties and five lead changes happened in the first 45 minutes of play.

Senior Jared LeVerne had three ground balls and three caused turnovers, and junior Jeff Tundo had a goal and two assists for Stony Brook. Stony Brook also had six penalties, which amounted for seven minutes.

Stony Brook's next game comes March 10 against Delaware, who upset No. 8 Villanova 13-9 this past week.

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Baseball hopes to grab attention this season

By Mike Daniello
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Probably the most underrated and overlooked team in Stony Brook athletics is the baseball team. Forty-two wins last season to go along with an America East regular season title would not go unnoticed anywhere else, but for some reason they do here at Stony Brook. Granted, Stony Brook's football, basketball and men's lacrosse teams are tops lately, but that should still not take away from the baseball team's success.

Coached by Matt Senk, who is in his 22nd season at Stony Brook, the team looks to be just as competitive, if not more this season.

"Our goals never change. We try to have the best overall record and to peak at the right time," Senk said. "We want to play well in conference play and also peak at the time."

The team is also returning 20 letterwinners, which include preseason All-American juniors Travis Jankowski, William Carmona, and Maxx Tissenbaum.

Along with the letterwinners, the team is strong with pitching. The Seawolves are bringing back senior Tyler Johnson, who will fill in where junior Nick Tropeano left off last season.

"We're lucky to have him. If Tropeano was our No. 1, then Johnson was our 1-A," Senk said. Senior Evan Stecko-Haley is also coming back to the rotation in hopes of improving upon last season's stellar numbers.

Even though the Seawolves only lost two position players and one man in the starting rotation, Senk felt he needed to bring a new host of freshmen to the team.

Seven freshmen were brought in to join the Seawolves, which includes Luke Alba, Nick Brass, Matt Gallup, Steven Goldstein, Kevin Krause, Michael Roehrig, and Cole Peragine. "Kevin came in and had a very good fall and took that into his first weekend of play," Senk said. "Cole played very well his first weekend also and has filled in well at shortstop."

Also coming onto the team is sophomore Anthony Italiano, a transfer from Boston College. Italiano, a catcher, appeared in 14 games last season for Boston College. "He is very solid and should really help this team," Senk said.

The biggest change for the team this season is being able to use the new Joe Nathan Field for an entire season.

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Men's basketball with another chance at history

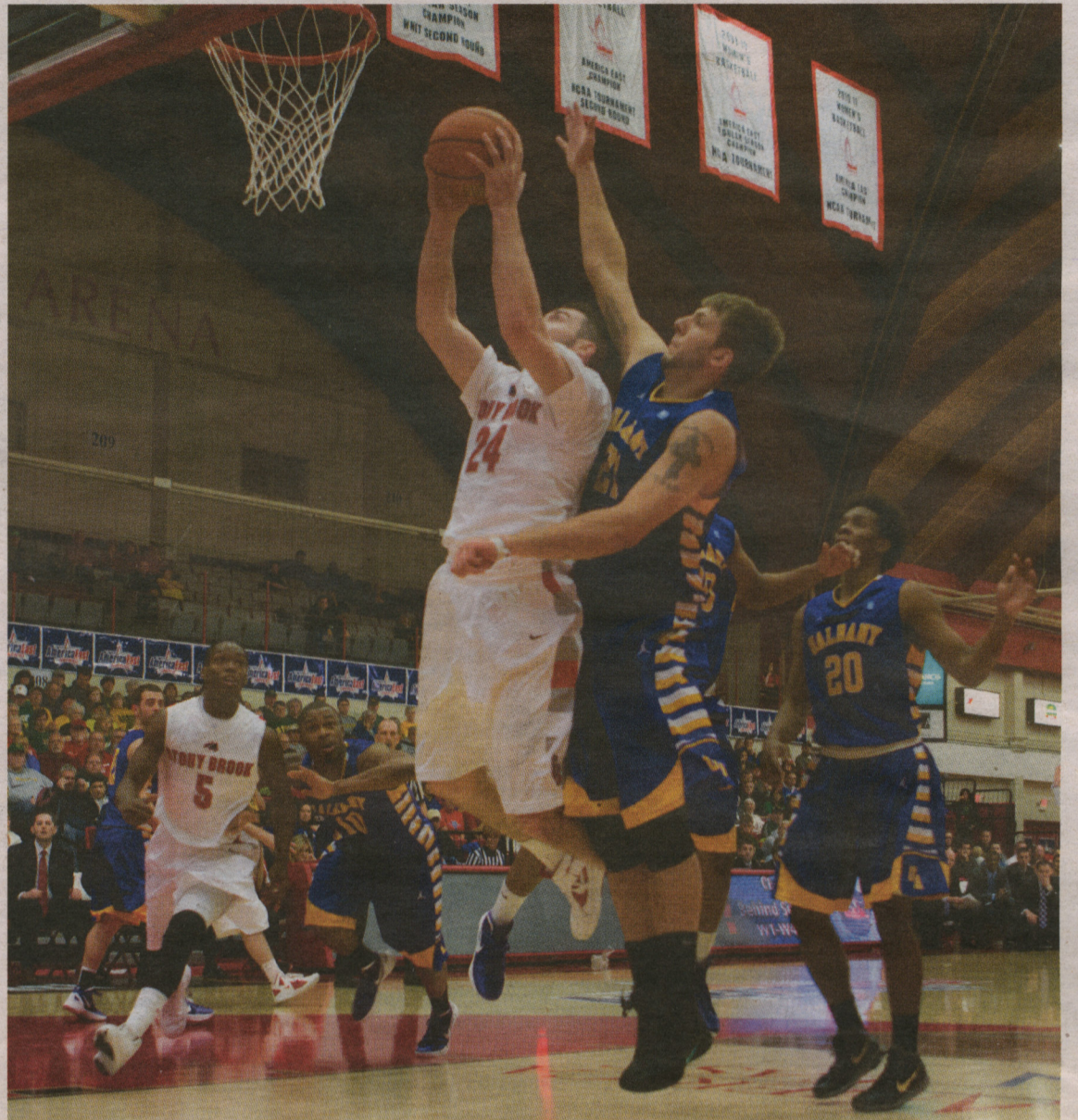
By Sam Kilb
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Two years ago, the men's basketball team won the America East regular season title for the first time. It followed that by hosting the first post-season basketball game in Stony Brook Division-I history, a National Invite Tournament game against Illinois.

And on Saturday, the Seawolves men's basketball team will host the No. 2 Vermont Catamounts in the America East championship game, with the conference championship and the resulting NCAA tournament bid on the line. But first, the Seawolves have to get past the Catamounts, which could prove difficult in itself.

Last weekend, the Seawolves barely scraped through the quarter and semifinal rounds of the tournament with wins over No. 9 Binghamton and No. 4 Albany. On Saturday, the Seawolves relinquished a lead to the Bearcats in the second half, only to pull away and win by a 78-69 score. Then on Sunday, it took a last-second tip from senior Dallis Joyner to send the Seawolves through, as Joyner scored with 0.4 seconds left in the game to break a 55-55 tie.

Now, the Seawolves face a very tough Catamounts team that has survived the trap of the America East tournament, outlasting the resilient Hartford Hawks, who had already upset No. 3 Boston University, beating the Hawks in double overtime, 77-73. Vermont had four players score in double digits, led by Sandro Carissimo with 18. Four McGlynn had 16 points for the Catamounts, including four three-pointers. Both will have an impact for Vermont, who was one of the two teams to beat Stony Brook in the America East regular season.



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Tommy Brenton (24) goes up for a rebound in the second half of the UAlbany game.

Senior captain Bryan Dougher, who already holds the record for three-pointers made, will almost certainly break the Stony Brook Division-I scoring record, as he is just two points away from the 1,590 points scored by D.J. Munir, who played for Stony

Brook from 2000-04.

It does not hurt, either, that the game will be at home, where the Seawolves have yet to lose. All 13 home games, while played in Pritchard Gymnasium and not in the Arena, which is downstairs, have been

wins for Stony Brook, which joins the likes of Syracuse, Kentucky and Michigan State in being undefeated on home court this season.

The championship game is scheduled to tip off at 11 a.m., and will be aired live on ESPN2.

Brenton, Pikiell highlight men's basketball award winners

By Syed Hashmi
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After a dominating regular season, the Stony Brook men's basketball team was well represented at the America East award ceremony this past weekend in Hartford, Conn. Seniors Bryan Dougher and Dallis Joyner, junior Tommy Brenton and head coach Steve Pikiell all walked away with conference honors for their parts in Stony Brook's 21-win regular season.

Leading the charge were Brenton and Dougher, as both earned all-conference honors, marking the first time that Stony Brook has had two players gain first team All-America East honors in the same season. Joyner was named to the All-America East third team.

Head coach Steve Pikiell took home the conference's coach of the year award for the second time in three seasons. Since moving up to D-1, the Seawolves have posted two 20-plus win seasons, winning the regular season championship in both campaigns.

Brenton proved why he was so sorely missed last season after he suffered a season-ending leg injury.



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The Seawolves are hoping that the trio of Brenton, Dougher and Joyner can help carry the squad to its first NCAA tournament.

Along with his first team All-America East award, the 6-foot-5-inch forward from Columbia, Md., was awarded with All-defensive team honors for the first time in his career and was also announced as

the conference's Defensive player of the year. Brenton led the Seawolves in rebounds, assists, and steals, while shooting 57 percent from the field.

After two consecutive second team finishes, senior captain

Bryan Dougher finally cracked the All-America East first team after finishing 10th in the conference,

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