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Changes to academic calendar challenged by USG

By Deanna Del Ciello
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Vice President Provost Charles Robbins presented the new academic calendar to the Undergraduate Student Government Senate during their meeting this week and discussed with the group possible changes to make the calendar more agreeable with the student body.

The goal is to "design an academic calendar that is consistent and predictable from year to year, with as much equal recognition and respect as possible for our diverse campus community, that provides maximum instruction for students in the most efficient and effective manner," Robbins said.

The new calendar would create standardized academic breaks including having spring break after the seventh week of classes and observing contractually mandated "no-class" holidays, such as Labor Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will remain in session for religious holidays except those that require classes be cancelled by contract.

Originally, the calendar was published on the Registrar's website without any consultation between the administration and USG Senate. USG Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow called this act by the administration a "complete disregard of shared governance." When the senate discovered the calendar had been changed, they called upon the administration for a meeting to discuss the changes in order to make sure student's voices were being heard.

"We should be able to communicate better on things like this," Vice President of Academic Affairs Adil Hussain said. Hussain met with the administration along with USG President Mark Maloof about the changes. According to Hussain, the senate was concerned with observing religious holidays, reading days and holding final exams on weekends, which was originally proposed by the administration in the calendar published on the Registrar's website.

"A few members [of the senate] were completely outraged," Hussain said. "I believe each person had their own issue regarding the calendar."

Hussain and Maloof were able to sit down with Robbins,

who, according to Hussain, was willing to work with them on the changes. Hussain described it as a "positive experience."

"On our part, when we approached administration, we didn't go with demands," Hussain said. "It was more of, 'We're going to get the information that supports us,' and that's what we had done." Hussain explained that he and Maloof gathered information from Big Ten schools and the Association of American Universities about how many reading days they have and whether or not those schools have final exams on weekends.

It was this information that allowed Hussain and Maloof to campaign for a new finals schedule that is now included in the changes of the calendar. The new finals schedule would possibly spread out the seven days of finals over two weeks, only hold exams during week days and add more reading days to give students more time to study.

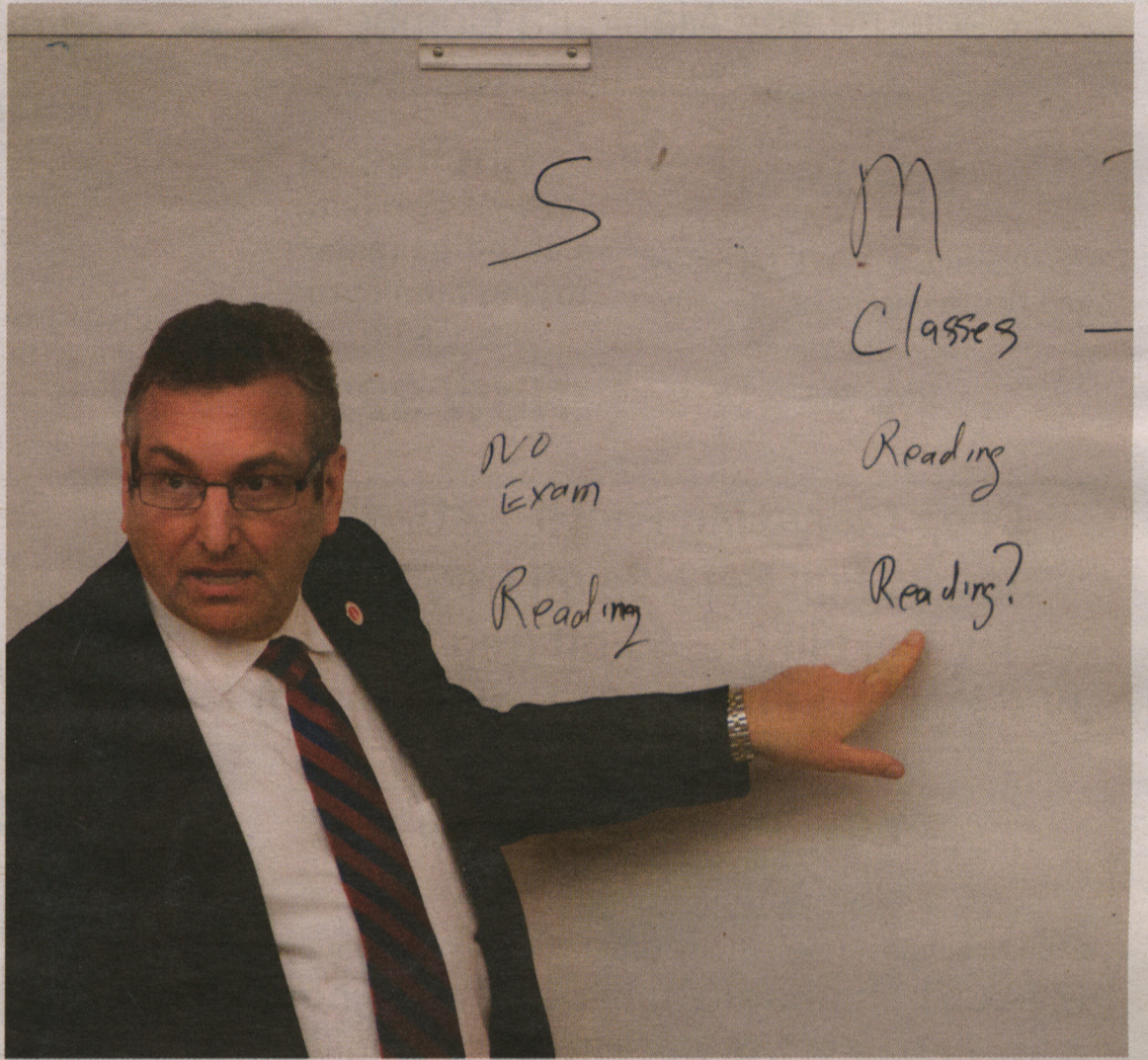
Robbins said this new calendar provides for easy planning and increased consistency from year to year while also demonstrating "equal respect for students, faculty and staff of all religions and faiths."

Because the majority of religious holidays will no longer be observed, "instructors will be required to not either give exams or have assignments due on any religious holidays," Robbins said. "People will not be penalized negatively for practicing their faith. This campus is an environment where students are free to practice their faith and still get a quality education without there being any negative consequences because of that."

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USG President Mark Maloof proposed a change to the technology fee.



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Vice President Provost Charles Robbins explained how the proposed class schedule would work including changes to the final exam schedule.

Engineering professor receives high honor

By Brittany Stapelfeld
Contributing Writer

Sanjay Sampath, professor of materials science and engineering and the director for the Center for Thermal Spray Research at Stony Brook University, was recently appointed to the rank of Distinguished Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

Sampath was one of four SUNY faculty members to receive this recognition this year. The title of Distinguished Professorship is granted to individuals whose work has elevated the standards of their field through both research and teaching.

After receiving his Ph.D. from SBU in 1989, Sampath worked for four years at GTE Sylvania where he participated in research, development and processing of refractory metal compounds. After this he returned to SBU to join his predecessor and mentor, Professor Herbert Herman, who was appointed to the rank of Distinguished Professor in 2001. Together they helped to start the Center of Thermal Spray Research.

"He has made an unusual impact in his field, not only through his basic discoveries, but also through their translation into innovative

applications," Dennis N. Assanis, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs of SBU, said in a press release.

"Stony Brook is fortunate to have him on our faculty and looks forward to many more contributions from him in teaching, research and discovery," SBU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said about Sampath in a press release.

Receiving recognition for his work is not new to Sampath. He has previously received awards for his developments in thermal spray research in both the scientific community and through SUNY. What made this recognition stand out from the other plaques that can be found covering the walls of his office is that he received it partially based on the nomination from some of his students in addition to his colleagues.

"I don't think of it as teaching. I think of it as mentoring," Sampath said about his job. His classes are geared towards preparing his students not just for tests, but also for their future careers in the industry.

"Your students of today are going to become leaders in 10 years," Sampath explained. "What you are teaching them now will

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Past, present and future of the logo

By Nelson Oliveira
Assistant News Editor

When Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. announced a few weeks ago that the new logo would be a shield, he described it as a symbol of strength. But, as the logo slowly becomes familiar to people, words like "ugly" and "old-fashioned" seem to come up quite often in conversations inside and outside of the campus.

"A shield is an old-fashioned way of depicting a college identity," Milton Glaser, the graphic artist who designed SBU's previous logo, said. "One of the things I try to avoid when designing identity for young professional colleges is using imagery that basically comes from another era."

The logo is part of a larger new branding project that aims to signify a transformation period at the school, but critics are skeptical at how effective and appropriate the change is.

Glaser, famous for his "I LOVE NY" logo and a long-time friend of former SBU President Shirley Kenny, designed the previous logo for free. He turned the three O's in "STONY BROOK" into colorful circles with a cluster of stars and rays

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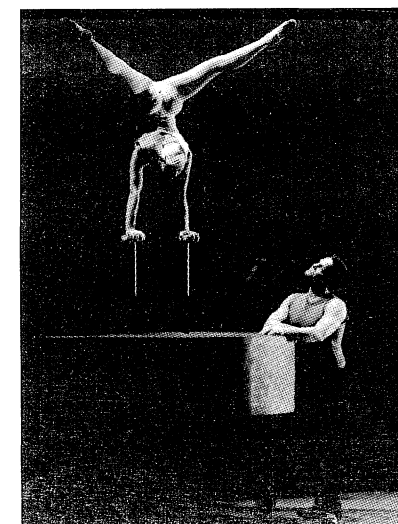
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Whips crack and acrobats soar on Staller's main stage

Fire eaters lined the stage with flaming sticks in hand. Allison Williams said to Kimberly Craig as she tried to get rid of the fire, "You know, Kim, sometimes it's easier to eat it than it is to blow it."

The crowd went nuts!

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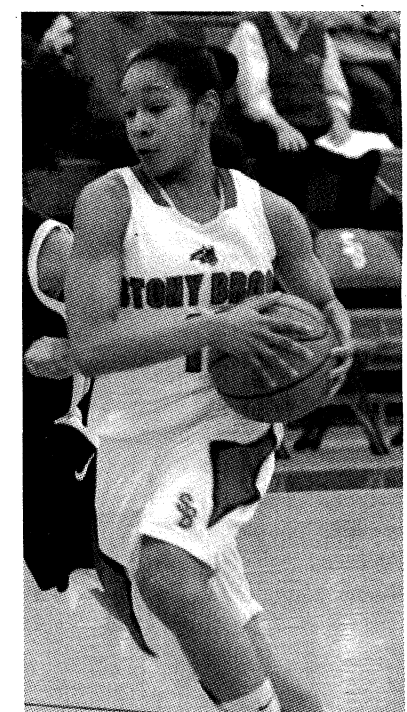


Stony Brook student featured in short film premiering in France

Junior theatre arts major Andrea Penaherrera has been cast as one of the leading stars in the upcoming short film, "Love and the Small Print." "I first got interested in acting when I was 6 years old. I fell in love with musical theatre, and I wanted to audition for Broadway, but when I got older I focused primarily on theatre," Penaherrera said.

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SPORTS:



Women's basketball drop penultimate home game to UNH

A crowd of Stony Brook faithful packed Pritchard Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon in anticipation of the the women's basketball team halting its losing streak at home. However, the University of New Hampshire Wildcats had other plans and were able to ride a 10 point unanswered run to open the second half and defeat the Seawolves, 63-46.

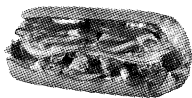
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University clarifies fire safety regulations for dorms

By Deanna Del Ciello
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The fire safety section of the Terms of Occupancy for residents at Stony Brook University has been updated from last semester, clarifying what students can and cannot hang in their dorm rooms, as a result of a student's misunderstanding of the policy last semester.

The newly rewritten policy reminds students that they "may not affix anything to the ceiling in their room," and "items made of fabric are not allowed to be hung on the walls." Door decorations have been limited to one name tag per resident and one dry erase board, while "other wall postings [inside the dorm room] must not exceed 50% of the total surface area [of the wall]."

"First and foremost, I hope people realize that we're doing this because we care about the safety of our students," Director of Residential Risk Management David Scarzella said. "That's what's most important. I don't want to be the police of what goes on the wall. That's not what I'm about. But I do want the students to understand that these things are in place for safety."

According to Scarzella, paper materials are included in the term "fabric" in the policy, but as long as wall decorations are not completely covering the wall, they are allowed.

"I would think that if you walked into a room, you could see if the walls are covered, side-to-side with posters, that's an issue," Scarzella said.

Referring to the Resident Assistants who will be conducting the Health and Safety inspections and are responsible for enforcing the policy, Scarzella said he has "hope that everybody who is doing these inspections would be able to use some sound judgment about whether or not something is a huge issue."

While the policy was updated to help students understand the rules and keep them safe, many are not happy about these rules.

"It's ridiculous and doesn't make sense," freshman journalism major Jordan Butler said. "It seems like another way the school can get you in trouble."

Senior electrical engineering major Zoheb Imtiaz said there "shouldn't be a law" about what students can hang in their dorms. "I'm renting out the room as my space. I'm paying for it. They shouldn't add more

restrictions."

Resident Assistants are also unhappy about the updated policy because of the restrictions of one door decoration per person.

"If someone really wants to cause a problem, they can start a fire if they want," a Resident Assistant who wishes to remain anonymous because of their involvement in Campus Residences said. "One extra piece of paper isn't going to make a difference."

The Resident Assistant said they feel that it limits a sense of community in the dorms because students can no longer post about their clubs like they did before.

"A better way to approach the situation is to have more strict reprimands for things that actually lead to fires," the Resident Assistant said. "Or increase programming or information about how to be safe in the dorms instead of limiting pieces of paper. Other things can be done that people will be happy with."

Scarzella wants to remind students that "it's not a new policy, just Stony Brook clarifying the policy."

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New policies state that residents may not cover more than 50 percent of the total surface area of any wall.

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help them with that. We call it knowledge transfer — we transfer knowledge from science to industry but we also send the people with it. That is the real highlight of why I teach."

He also described that when students are done with his class, he makes it a point to follow up with them throughout the rest of their education and their careers. What he says he loves most about his role as an educator is seeing that most of his students remain in the field and bring the lessons they learn at

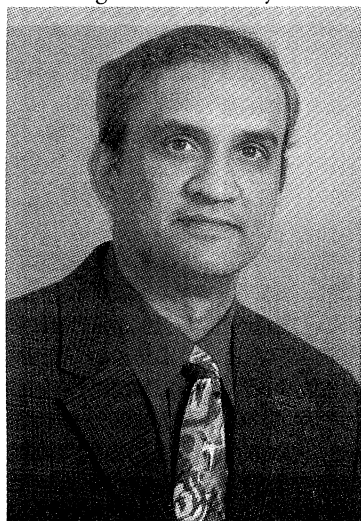


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Sanjay Sampath

SBU into the industry.

Sampath said something he learned through his work with Herman and that he uses while teaching is to keep an eye out for the students who may not have perfect grades but have great hand-on talent. "There are two classes of students," Sampath said. "One is the people who look very good on paper, and the other is those who don't look good on paper but turn out to be real gems."

Sampath also explained that he enjoys being tested in his classes and encourages students to question him and talk back. "Some students will challenge you, and I like that," he said.

Being appointed to the role of Distinguished Professor does come with some new responsibilities for Sampath. He can now be called upon to serve on certain committees if the SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher asks it of him. However, what the acknowledgment truly shows is that the SUNY community recognizes the value of professors, like Sampath, who use their skills to advance their field while going out of their way to be an accessible asset to students.

CPO urges students to love carefully

By Nicole Siciliano
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day may leave many young people preoccupied with intimacy, but Stony Brook University's Center for Prevention and Outreach, or had students thinking about the serious side of sex with the campus' sixth annual Love Carefully Event held on Tuesday.

CPO organizations such as peer education internships CHILL and CHOICE as well as the Student Health Advisory Committee, SHAC and the Commuter Students Association, or CSA helped to organize the event, which largely took place in the Planned Parenthood Peconic Hudson truck parked outside of the Student Activities Center.

Resources and Services offered to students through the Planned Parenthood truck included free condoms; Plan B, the morning after pill; information about sexual health; as well as the opportunity to schedule sexually transmitted disease/sexually transmitted infections screenings.

"We have all of these resources available to students on campus," CPO Health Educator Kathleen Valerio said. "But we want to make every effort to reach them."

Despite a 2011 study by the Center for Disease Control, or CDC stating that approximately 19 million people between the ages of 15-24 have been affected by STDs according to Director of Student Health Services Rachel Bergeson in an earlier interview, only 363 of the 24,882 appointments made at Student Health Services in 2010 were for STD/STI screenings.

However, according to an email by Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic Education and Training Manager Anthony Marmo approximately 250 students took interest in their sexual health by participating at Love Carefully.

"We're getting people to think about their own sexual wellness," Marmo said at the event.

While only two students reportedly made screening appointments for a later date, others were more receptive to birth control product options provided such as the Plan B morning after pill, which was distributed for free to both men and women who could provide identification stating that they were over the age of 17.

According to Marmo, more than 90 packages of Plan B were successfully distributed during the event.

"We recommend you always have Plan B on hand, like in your medicine cabinet in case

of an emergency," said Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic Community Affairs and Advocacy Director Gina D'Andrea Weatherup.

In addition to a positive response by students in accepting birth control, according to Marmo, 112 students signed the petition to protect their sexual health rights, which are often caught in a balancing act between lawmakers. Most recently, this struggle has taken currently being threatened most recently by the Marco Rubio Bill and the Roy Blunt Bill.

According to Weatherup, the Marco Rubio Bill and the Roy Blunt Bill are currently independently designed to restrict insurance coverage for birth control "under the guise of religious freedom."

Students expressed their support for their rights by taking pictures while holding slogans such as, "Listen up or we're breaking up," a motto employed by Planned Parenthood to in order to gain the attention of politicians and lawmakers. According to Weatherup, the photos would be posted to social media websites

"There's a stupid stereotype that students don't care [about their sexual wellbeing], and we know that's not true," Weatherup said. "Students care a lot about this."

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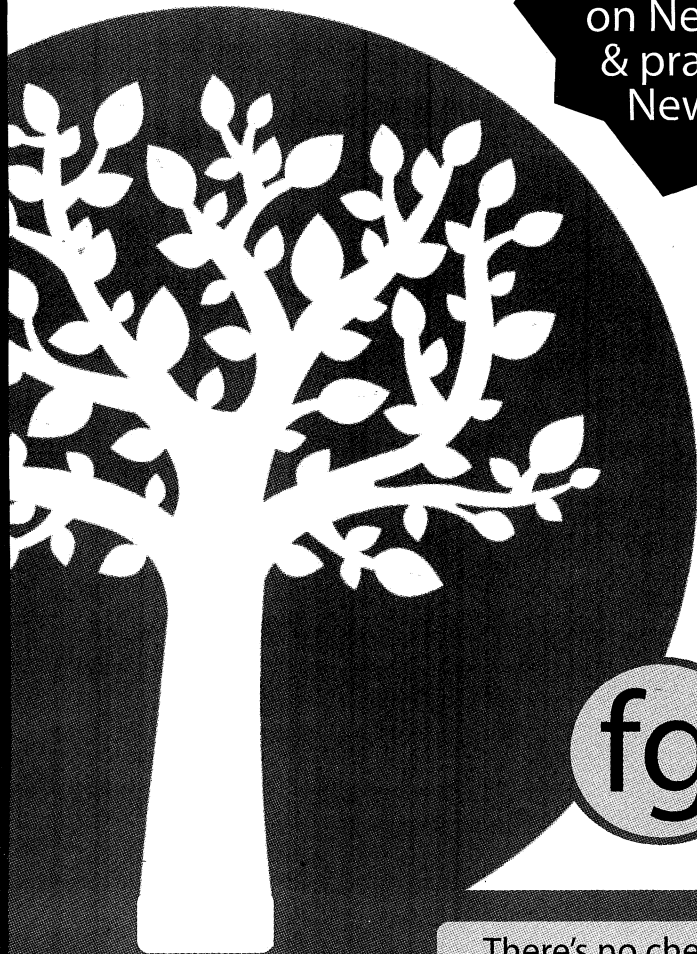
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inside them.

SBU's new mark though — a red shield featuring a few rays and only one star — did not come for free. The university hired Alabama-based Lewis Communications to do the work. Physics department Professor Fred Goldhaber said the change was not necessary.

"What [Glaser] gave us for free was a lot better than what we got for money from Alabama," Goldhaber said. "I think we got a very inferior product."

In his State of the University Senate speech earlier this month, University Senate President Fred M. Walter spoke against the new design and said President Stanley should not have hired a company from outside of Long Island.

"The president has told us, as recently as our December meeting, that University funding had been cut by \$82 million, and consequently we need to rein in all unnecessary spending," Walter said, who is also an astronomy professor. "What does it cost to hire an outside consultant to think up a new logo? Is this necessary spending? The president has told us that the university is the economic engine of Long Island. Why was it deemed necessary to hire a firm from Alabama to do design work that surely could have been done locally?" Walter said.

The cost of designing the logo was built into a fee structure funded by the Stony Brook Foundation, university officials said.

Lewis Communications has

had "an ongoing relationship" with SBU for more than four years, according to Carlton Wood, the company's account supervisor. Wood said the agency wanted to take elements of the old logo and simplify it so it would be easier to reproduce on the Internet and in small sizes.

"We wanted to make the logo translate well online and the old logo had been created at a time when web-based communications weren't critical," Wood said. "That's why we came with a much more simplified and clean approach to the logo."

The shield is the mark of many traditional universities and is the basic logo for all Ivy League members. Michael Kamins, the head of the marketing program and director of research for the College of Business at SBU, said the new shield "places us in good company," but it "may not distinguish us" from other schools.

SBU administrators seem to be pleased with the change. Assistant Vice President of Communication Yvette St. Jacques said the old logo was not representative of who "we are now." When Glaser designed the old logo, she said, SBU was very young.

Because the university recently received the biggest donation in its history — \$150 million from James and Marilyn Simons and the Simons Foundation in Dec. 2011 — and it is now a member of the Association of American Universities, a well-respected organization of research universities like Harvard, Yale and Stanford, SBU is in a very

different position than it was 15 years ago, St. Jacques said.

"The shield puts us in a league of excellence," she said.

The new branding initiative includes the integration of the hospital, major health clinic and programs and the five health science schools — Dental Medicine, Health Technology and Management, Medicine, Nursing and Social Welfare — into one name: Stony Brook Medicine.

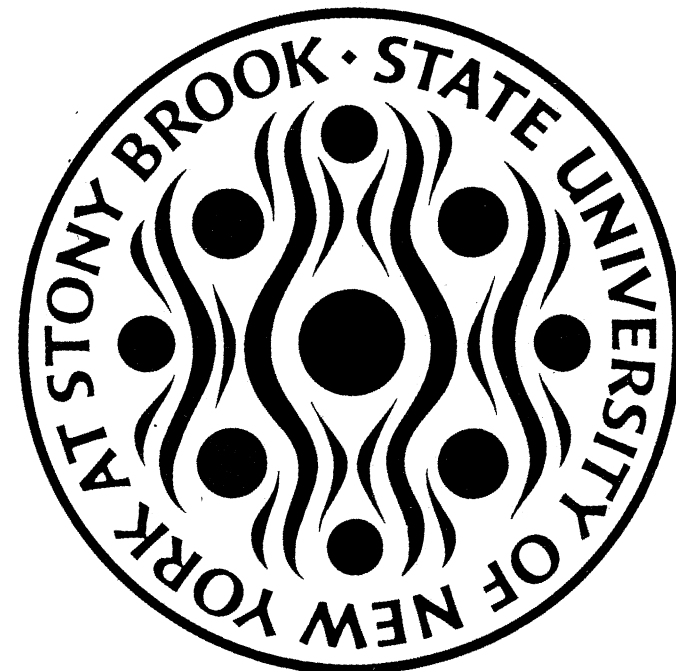
Goldhaber and Walter both said they also did not like the way the new branding process took place. Walter said the current administration has a habit of making decisions "behind closed doors."

President Stanley announced the change was about to be made and asked for feedback through an email sent to the campus community. A week later, he sent another email saying the feedback had been "overwhelmingly positive" and that the shield would become the new mark for both the university and the medical enterprise.

Goldhaber said that was not how it should have been done. He said there was not enough time for the campus community to participate in the process.

"This was not an open process. This was just done and they told us, and it basically surprised most people," Walter said. "I look at this and say, we have a lot of talented students on this campus. Why don't we make it a contest? Say, 'We're going to rebrand the university, so let's come up with a logo.' This is the type of thing you do to build school spirit."

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USG challenges academic calendar changes

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Machalow says she believes there is no way the university can enforce such a rule. She also believes that by not observing religious holidays, it forces students who are religious to be at a disadvantage to their peers.

"If I am religious, and I choose to miss class on a day that is important to my faith," Machalow said, "I am never going to get that time back. That's not going to be replicated for me. Therefore I am put at a disadvantage compared to my peers."

Machalow feels that USG should have taken a "stronger stance" on the religious holiday aspect of the calendar. "If it takes a little bit more time for the calendar to be created so people can have off for holidays important to their faith, I think it's worth it."

Machalow believes that the senate acted the way it did towards the religious holidays.

"When you have influential people staring you down when you vote, you're going to vote in a certain way and that's sad," she said.

When religious holidays were removed from the calendar,

Machalow became concerned that accommodations will not be made for students who have certain restrictions on religious holidays that they will now be forced to be on campus for. According to Machalow, removing religious holidays "shows disrespect or disregard towards people who are religious."

Hussain said he feels that the senate is more in favor of the new calendar "now that they finally had their opportunity to have their voice heard and have issues explained to them. He said it also helped the senate "deal with it better."

University clarifies fire safety regulations for dorms

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Terms of Occupancy is based off of the New York State Fire Code which acts as the minimum for fire regulations in New York. It is up to universities, local governments and counties to add more regulations as they see fit.

When the opportunity arose to rewrite the policy, Scarzella

said other school's fire policies were brought to the table during the rewriting, which only took a few weeks during December of last semester.

"The way other schools word it were looked at and we took probably the best from other schools and eliminated the worst and tried to come up with the best policy possible," Scarzella said.

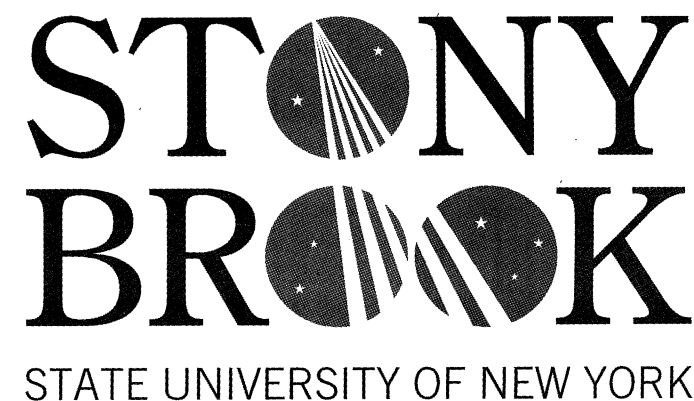
As far as the actual policy

goes, "that's not going to change because it's based on what the fire code pretty much recommends," Scarzella said.

Even though the policy was just updated, Scarzella said "it's probably something to review in the interest of keeping everybody safe... we're going to take a look at the policy and make sure that it's written in the best possible way."




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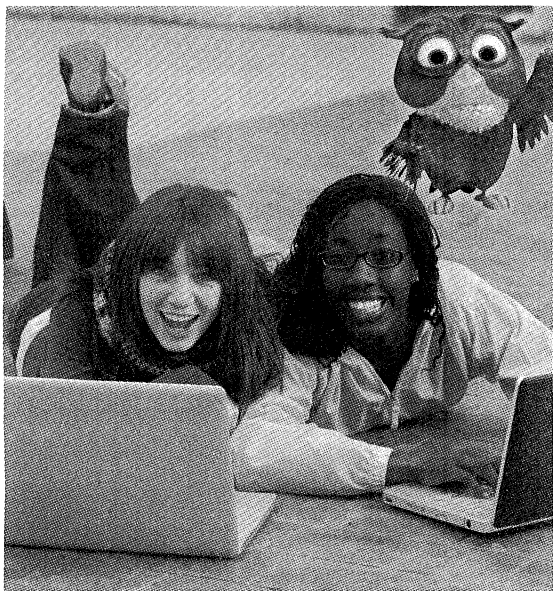
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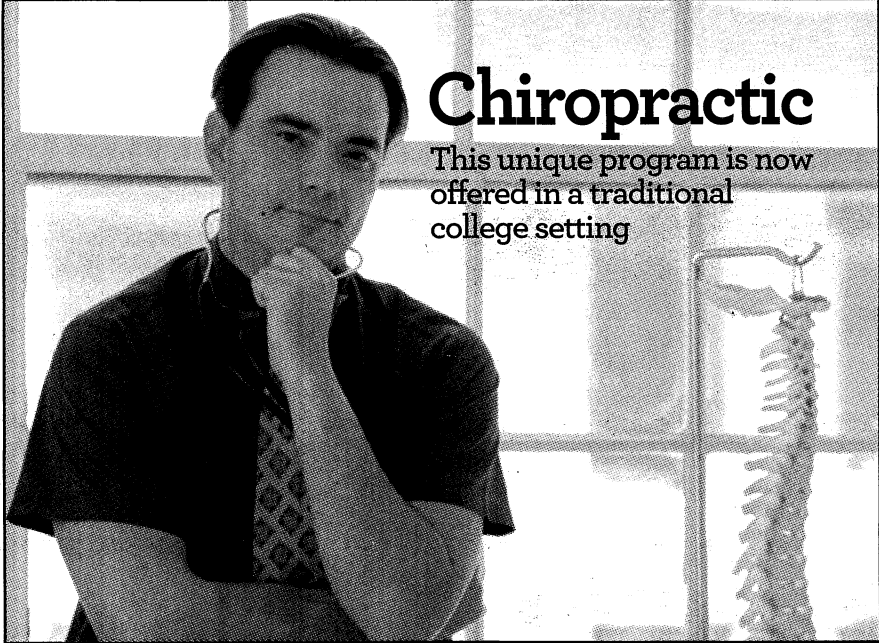
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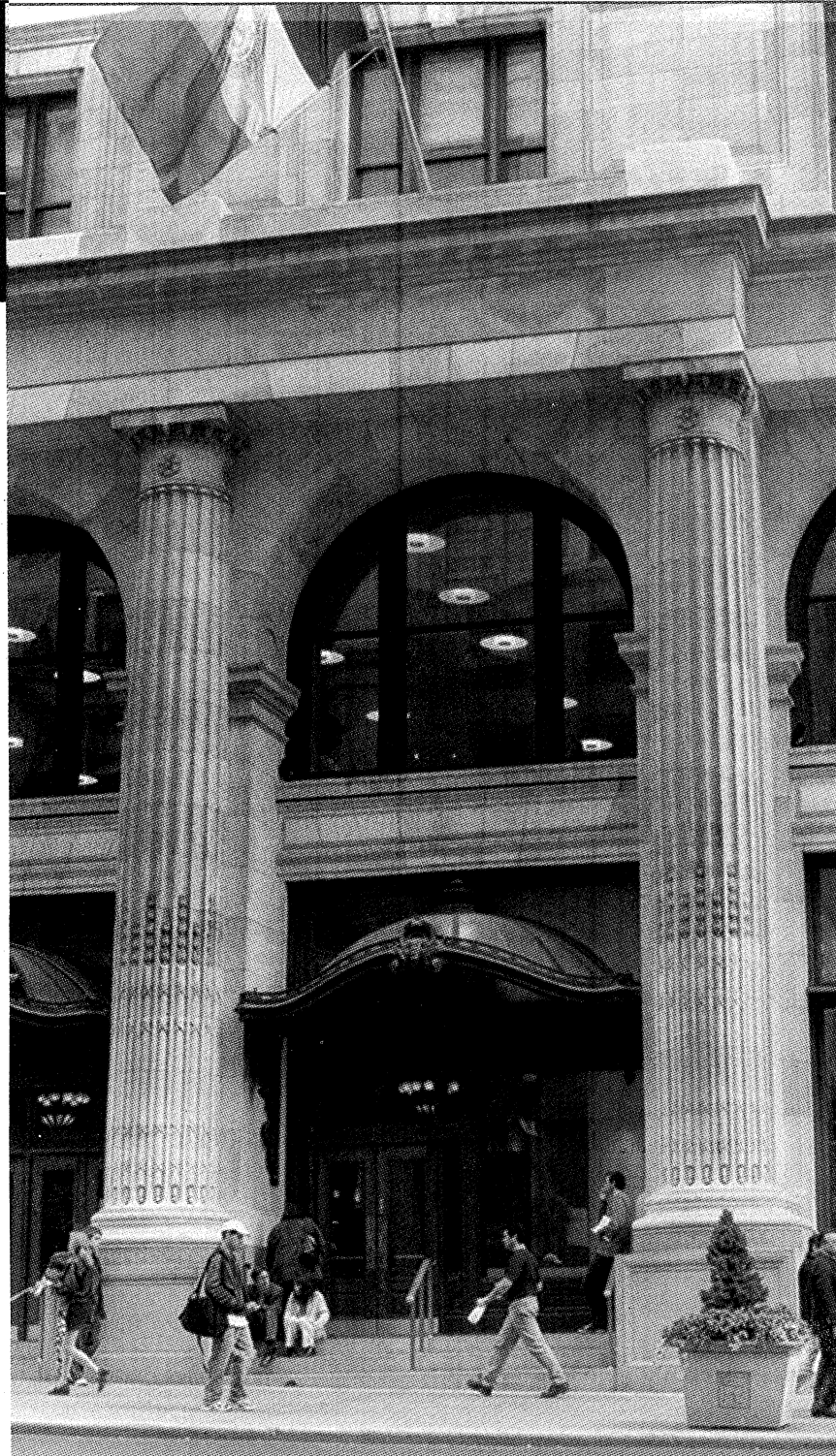
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Whips crack and acrobats soar on Staller's main stage

By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

Fire eaters lined the stage with flaming sticks in hand. Allison Williams said to Kimberly Craig as she tried to get rid of the fire, "You know, Kim, sometimes it's easier to eat it than it is to blow it." The crowd went nuts!

After performing on a Canadian reality show eating fire and performing aerial skills, artistic directors of Aerial Angels Williams and actor and aerialist Zay Weaver won the money to create Stand Up 8.

It is the energy of the nine vibrant professionals who graced the stage with their talent in this theatrical circus at the Staller Center for the Arts on Monday night that baffled audience members. Stand Up 8 brought their A-game for the students of Stony Brook University with death-defying stunts, fire-eaters, a whip cracker and more.

The performers kick-started the show with informal introductions. "I'm Kim, and this is what I do," said Craig. Green and blue lights lit up the stage as the Chicago-based figure skater turned aerialist danced across the floor in a fitted, light blue dress. She elegantly danced in the air like a ballerina around her hoop while it descended to the stage, enchanting the audience.

Darren Ijiltsetseg, a junior physics major said, "It was definitely different and phenomenal. They're engaging unlike any other show I've seen. I love it."

Everyone's attention was diverted by the sound of a whip cracking. Williams and Brett Copes, a theatre graduate, went back and forth on the stage whipping at one another. Aly Michalka's cover of "I Want You To Want Me" played in the background as Copes held a rose in his mouth. Williams slowly cracked her way toward him, ultimately snapping the rose in

two without causing any harm. The next daring challenge was for Williams to whip the rose that was between Copes' legs.

Their trust was intense because Williams' whip kept getting closer and closer to the rose until she finally whipped it in half again to a roar of applause. "It was cool. I thought it was a comedy show," Keplair Guerrier, a 20 year old astronomy major said.

"I've been singing pretty much since I could talk," performer Sandy Zwier said. The actor and singer beautifully sang "Ave Maria" to pink-haired Weaver's untraditional representation of a troubled bride. Weaver wore a disheveled wedding gown as she angrily threw a bouquet of flowers into the audience.

"This show is more interactive than the other ones," Fariyah Sattar, a senior business management major, said.

The show consisted of a number of acts. Circus clown

Sam Brown made his way to the stage to a welcoming cheer from the audience. The audience loved him; it was something about his personality that made the audience laugh at his every move. He communicated with the audience by mimicking the voice of Wendy Williams. Brown effortlessly kept the students entertained.

"At the end of tonight, I don't care if you don't remember my name, but you're gonna remember this," Copes said as he blew up what was approximately a 60-inch-long balloon and carefully pushed it down his throat to close the show.

"I wanted to see him pull out the balloon," Guerrier added.

"It may be out of here that people will walk out with a dream," Williams said. She said that entertaining people is what she loves to do, regardless of their ability to pay. "Entertainment should be accessible to anyone."



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Stand Up 8 performs their dynamic and varying acrobatic stunts on Staller's main stage last Monday.

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Murder Mystery Dinner

This Oscar-themed murder mystery party will be held on Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. in SAC Ballroom B. Parts can be picked up from SAC 218. Space is limited.

2) Video Game Night

Join the Gamer's Guild as they play video games on Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the GLS/HDV center.



3) Casino Night

Part of Homecoming's Big Red Howl, there will be a Mardi Gras themed casino night on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the GLS/HDV center.



Stony Brook student featured in short film premiering in France

By Maritza Myrthil
Contributing Writer

Junior theatre arts major Andrea Penaherrera has been cast as one of the leading stars in the upcoming short film, "Love and the Small Print." "I first got interested in acting when I was 6 years old. I fell in love with musical theatre, and I wanted to audition for Broadway, but when I got older I focused primarily on theatre," Penaherrera said.

In the film, she plays the character of Vanessa, a beautiful, confident and successful young woman who is secretly cheating on her boyfriend, Mark.

"I am not as harsh as

Vanessa's character, but I definitely can relate to her insecurities. I mean, everyone has them," Penaherrera said. "Although she tries to put out that she is so strong and she can walk all over whoever she wants, she is truly insecure deep down, and I try to show that side of her."

"Love and the Small Print" is a 17-minute drama that explores the tensions and complexities that arise in relationships through three couples. The film touches upon relatable themes, such as following one's dreams, love and infidelity. The script even goes as far as putting the characters in extreme situations dealing with

abortion, domestic violence and suicide.

Director Adam Lawrence and producer Ramfis Myrthil found their inspiration for the concept of the film through their own life experiences dealing with love. "I really wanted to do a short film that was realistic. Our concept was let's do something controversial, and relationships was the first thing that popped into my mind because it seems as if, no matter how old you are or what walk of life you have, everybody has experienced relationship problems," Lawrence said.

"Love and the Small Print" has been submitted

to the Cannes Film Festival, which is an annual festival in Cannes, France, that debuts films ranging from all genres from all over the world. "The ultimate goal is to touch the masses with our film and have them relate to our stories," Myrthil said.

What does it take to create your own short film or pursue your dream of becoming an actor? The actors and producers on set were willing to share some of their own advice for college students who are interested in pursuing a career in the film industry.

"Do not take any moment for granted, even in college listen to everything that is said in class. I feel like I

took my time for granted in college, and I would have learned so much more if I took advantage of the things that they offered me. And just really anything you can get do it because every moment, every movie, every play you do, you just learn from it," Christina Bonal, who plays Jessica in the film, said.

"There is a lot of mental preparation and a lot of research involved in acting. You do not want to just blurt out words, but you want to make it believable and live in that moment. You want to take pride in your work. Stick to it. It is definitely not an easy industry to break into, but hard work pays off," Lydiana Medellin, an extra in the film, said.

"The one mistake I notice many actors, writers, producers, directors, etc. is that they treat the industry as a hobby or are nonchalant about their career. As an artist, it is important to understand the basics of how films are made and put together, as well as honing your craft.

A great actor is always training or working on projects. This applies in other areas of production as well; a great screenwriter will write every day to better their writing. College students should take classes in front of the camera as well as behind the camera," Myrthil said.

"Try to get out of your bubble. Don't be afraid to try new things because, otherwise, you will never get the chance to grow as an actor," Penaherrera said.

BOTEP, which stands for Beast of the East Production Company debuted the trailer of the short film on Feb. 14.



PHOTO CREDIT: NAQEEB MEMON

Stony Brook theatre arts student stars in "Love and the Small Print," which debuted earlier this February.

Students voice opinions about last week's Grammy's

Compiled by Nicole Bansen



Franchesca Santana, sophomore biology major:

Adele! I was happy when she won. She deserved that and she sounded beautiful when she sang. I also loved Chris Brown and Rihanna and Coldplay's performances.



Justin Hung, freshman economics major:

I thought it was pretty decent this year. I thought some of the winners were undeserving. The performances were overall pretty good, even though I think they kind of degrade over the years.



Johnny Li, sophomore social welfare major:

J-Cole should have won best new artist. I still don't even know who the hell Bon Iver is.



Jennifer Sabour senior biology major:

Everything went well. I think the honoring of Whitney Houston throughout the program was really nice. And I give my kudos to Adele for her Grammys. Way to go!

Sailing to Success True Tales Beyond the Regatta



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

In an unsuspecting fashion, he managed to accomplish that feat, and a surprising number of others in a relatively short period. But how?

To start with, when Billy was an undergraduate student at SBU, he applied for a position in campus dining to help make ends meet. After starting as a beverage runner, Billy sailed through a progression of positions in campus dining as a student manager, supervisor, production manager, director of management information systems and assistant director of operations.



Billy had simply leveraged his accumulated work experiences in Campus Dining by building upon the most desirable work skills— interpersonal, technological and managerial. In other words, just as he crafted a seaworthy vessel to assure its buoyancy— to keep it afloat during all kinds of circumstances— he built tangibility into his budding career.

Lesson learned?

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

When have you last asked yourself:

Am I seeking and seizing opportunities that can pay off with various perceived— and unimagined— dividends?

No time like the present. Do you take advantage of opportunity when it comes knocking on your door? For example, in the realm of student employment, employers who offer progressive programs should be looked at closely. Around campus, the smart money

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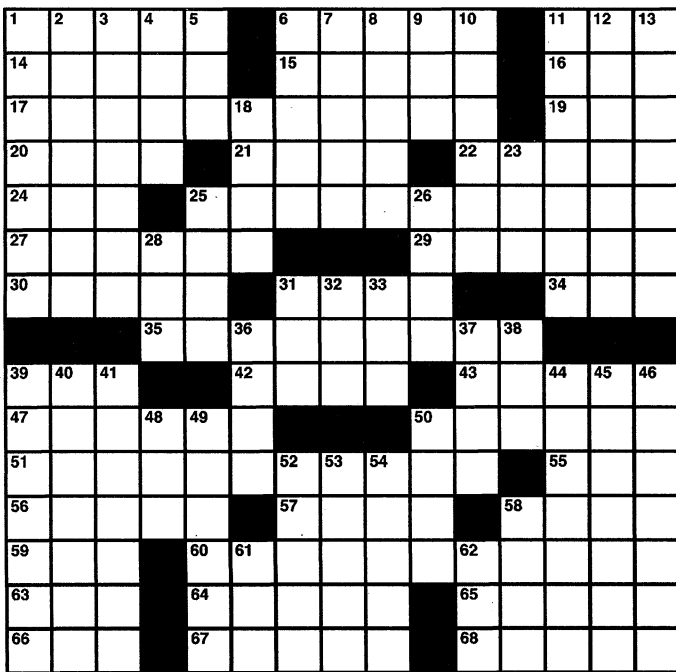
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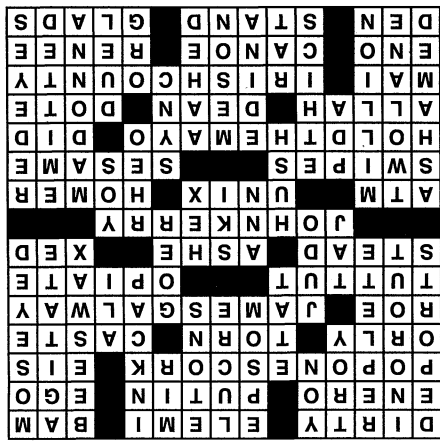
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- Like Eastwood's Harry
 - Aromatic resin
 - Emeril catchword
 - Start of an año
 - Add to the mix
 - Freudian subject
 - *Get really angry
 - Cocktail cooler, in Coblenz
 - Paris airport
 - Having trouble deciding
 - Hindu social division
 - Fish eggs
 - *Belfast-born flutist
 - "For shame!"
 - Sedative
 - Suffix with bed or home
 - Arthur of tennis
 - Selected on a ballot, with "in"
 - *2004 loser to George Bush
 - Source of quick cash, briefly
 - Operating system since the '60s
 - Ball hit over the wall
 - Steals
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 - *Sandwich request
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 - Shower affection (on)
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 - Stealthy craft
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 - Tolerate
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By Geoffrey Lewis

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- DOWN**
- Expels from the country
 - "Should I deal you a hand?"
 - Abundantly supplied (with)
 - Helen of
 - Partner of hither
 - __ salts
 - "Filthy" dough
 - Preppy collars
 - Downed Russian space station
 - Mushroom with a black-edged top
 - Secretion used in hives
 - Stir up
 - Strolled, as to the saloon
 - French state
 - "Float like a butterfly" boxer
 - Karate relative
 - Habitué
 - __ Mahal
 - Landers or Lee
 - Enjoy the slopes
 - Put a spell on
 - Awed crowd reaction
 - Stat start
 - Casual hellos



- Humiliated
- Like many rural roads
- Thousand thousand
- "Papa Don't Preach" singer
- Radiated
- Flights leaving around midnight, usually
- iPhone, e.g., briefly
- Rules of conduct
- In __: harmonious
- Twin Cities suburb
- Subatomic particle
- Oohed and __
- Face-off with pistols
- Squealer
- Nonprofit's URL ending

Horoscopes / Linda C. Black; MCT Campus

Today's Birthday (02/20/12). A loved one thinks you can do anything. You know it's an illusion but leave the magic anyway. Home, family and entertaining friends are priorities this year. Pay down debt. Compromise. Your faith keeps your heart thriving. 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 an 8 -- The next solar month brings a phase of compassion, spirituality and helpfulness. Ride these winds to build positive community structures. Beauty, art and love seduce.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Save big bucks by making something beautiful for your home. Balance physical work with social demands. Settle on individual roles. Gain respect and status.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- With the encouragement of someone you trust, your drive helps your career take off like a rocket. Big rewards usually entail some risk. Keep your promises.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Don't give your money away, even if tempted. Balance studies with socializing. Enjoy a delicious meal. Chocolate figures in the plan.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're especially keen for business. Create new opportunities for you and a partner. Add artistic flair to the work. Others are saying nice things about you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Someone's in love. Add a touch of adventure to your routine. Your creativity's welcome, even if it doesn't feel that way. You do great work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- It's all about new partnerships until the middle of March. Go out and meet new people. You're growing more attractive with age. Show respect and gain love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Being polite gains you extra points. It's easier to deal with problems. You're lucky in love. You get more with honey than vinegar.

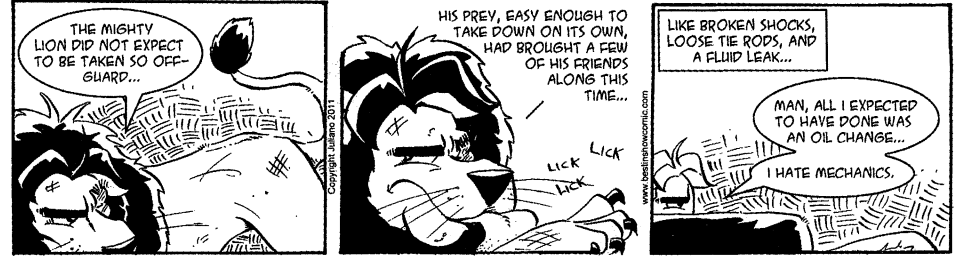
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Family's extremely important right now. They can support you in your goals. Love's getting interesting. Accept an invitation while you can. Find beauty.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Keep your eyes open for income opportunities, but don't get greedy. Others love your ideas, so keep them coming. Be thankful for what you have.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Go ahead and chase a white rabbit. Your curiosity gets rewarded in the next four weeks, but you may have to take some risks. Are you ready?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- You could rake in a lot of money. Don't sprint before you've warmed up your muscles. You might find some bumps along the romance trail.

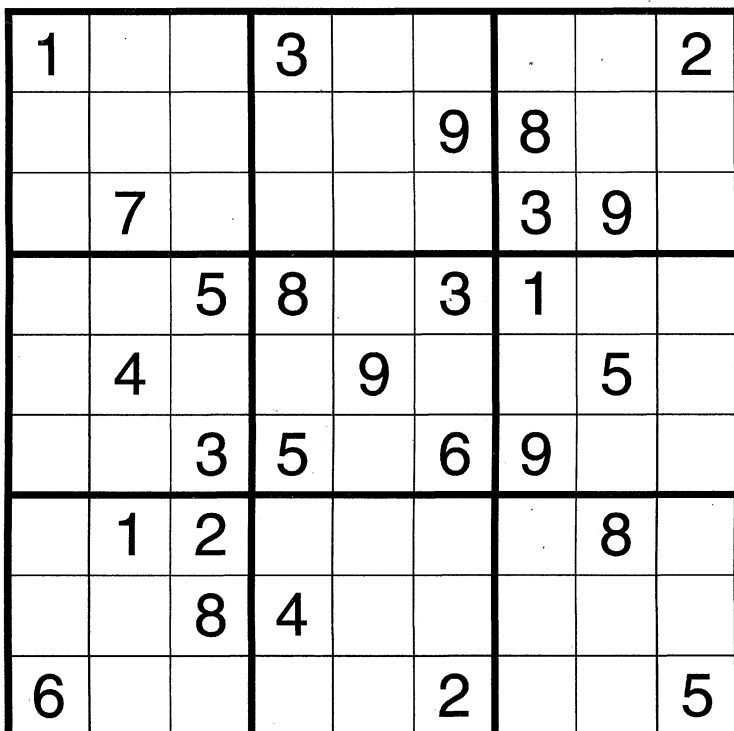
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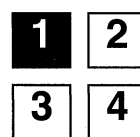
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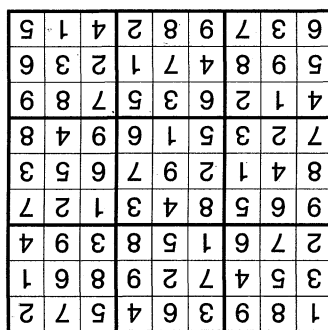
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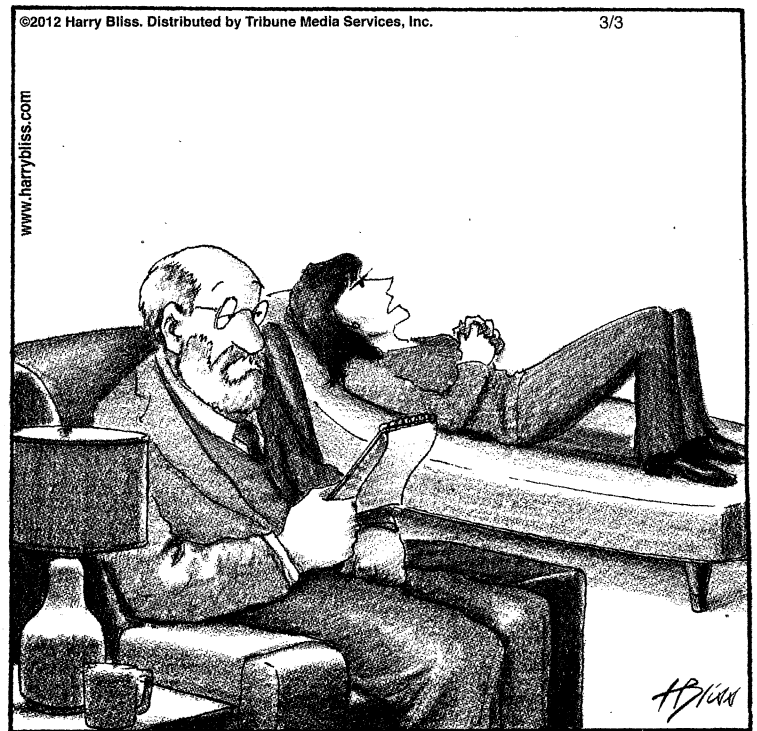


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The extremism in today's GOP And how it leaves no place for moderate conservatives

By Ravneet Kamboj

Opinion Editor

When I watch the GOP candidates debate and listen to their statements I stop and try to think. "What world are these people from?" In their world, it is one where crowds cheer when a candidate is asked if a man should be allowed to die. This cheering was in referral to a hypothetical situation where a previously healthy man without health care cannot afford hospital care and faces death as a consequence. The crowd cheered for that man to die.

It is a world where crowds openly boo a gay soldier and then turn around and extoll the virtues of our armed forces and pledge support to veterans.

It is a GOP where, if one looks up the history of its members in office, you can see that a majority of them "conveniently" missed being drafted into the Vietnam War through one coincidence or situation or another.

They talk about putting poor children to work as janitors in schools and how President Obama's healthcare plan is the biggest threat to American jobs right now without once explaining why.

Even if the President's health care plan is flawed or even a completely bad idea, they attack it on completely illogical levels and refuse to offer any solutions or constructive criticism. The GOP has a base that blindly follows with puppet masters at the top, who live and breathe the motto of "lower taxes," yet are very willing to let tax cuts for the middle class, like the payroll tax cut expire.

Only under extreme pressure and because they would look like hypocrites did they agree to extend the tax breaks for the middle class. However, when it comes to the extremely rich and the capital gains tax it is completely unacceptable to them that these "job creators" should have to pay the same tax rates as ordinary Americans.

Has anyone once ever stopped to think, and ask. "If these people are such great job creators and they enjoyed such low tax rates under President Bush then where the hell are the jobs?" Why do they pretend that the financial crisis is only as old as President Obama's term in office and that he has "damaged" the country beyond belief?

Presidential candidate Mitt Romney went to Michigan and promised to take care of the people there and then he turned around and wrote an op-ed piece where he claimed that the best thing to do would be to let all

presidents like Dwight D Eisenhower tried to run in the race today, they would be chased off the stage as bleeding-heart liberal "socialists."

This insanity of the right wing GOP doesn't serve any American. Presidential candidate Rick Santorum said a few days ago that President Barack Obama believes in a "phony theology" that isn't based on the Bible. Disregarding the personal attack in that statement, has no one informed Rick Santorum that the United States is not a theocracy, Iran is a theocracy we are not.

The GOP is losing its support among the population as more and more people begin to realize just how extreme its views are and that Americans are losing out on real conservative ideas. Ideas that stress common sense as well as taking care of the practical needs of the population

There needs to be a conservative balance to liberal ideas in America. In the past these were level-headed and balanced alternatives to liberal politics; today, there is no moderate conservative view that a person can vote for.

Moderate Republicans are stuck with a party full of law makers and candidates who have basically railroaded them off the political stage and taken over their party. It amazes me that the GOP has still survived as one party.

I suspect the only thing keeping it together is the fact that the third party that would be formed would have a hard time winning anything.

Moderate Republicans need to stop letting extremists run their party. They need to get out of their homes and cast their votes. The zealots of any extreme ideology will always be able to get their base out to vote, the only way that Republicans can return some sanity to their party is to get out there and vote.

It is time for Republicans to start having this conversation, a real honest conversation about where their party is heading

"If these people are such great job creators and they enjoyed such low tax rates under President Bush then where the hell are the jobs?"

the auto companies fail and go bankrupt.

The government saved the auto companies; and in fact General Motors just posted the highest profits ever reported in the history of the company just two years after it was ready to declare bankruptcy. There was not a single peep from the GOP candidates on this success.

The GOP of today is such an ultra right-wing form of its former self that if former Republican

Rain sweeps away softball's shot at Charlotte Classic title

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook softball team (2-2) kicked off the season at the Charlotte Classic on Friday, losing the first game to the host, University of North Carolina, Charlotte 49ers (4-4), 5-3, and winning the second against the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders (0-4), 8-6.

Freshman Allison Cukrov (0-2) began both the Seawolves' day and her collegiate career against the 49ers. Her first four innings of play were quiet, but she allowed the 49ers to draw first blood in the fifth as they scored three runs on five hits.

The Seawolves would try to erase that deficit in the bottom of the inning and came close to doing so, scoring two runs. Junior Gina Bianculli led off by smacking a double to left field; she advanced to third base one out later because of a sacrifice bunt. She would score Stony Brook's first run of the season when senior Alyssa Hawley hit an infield single to third base.

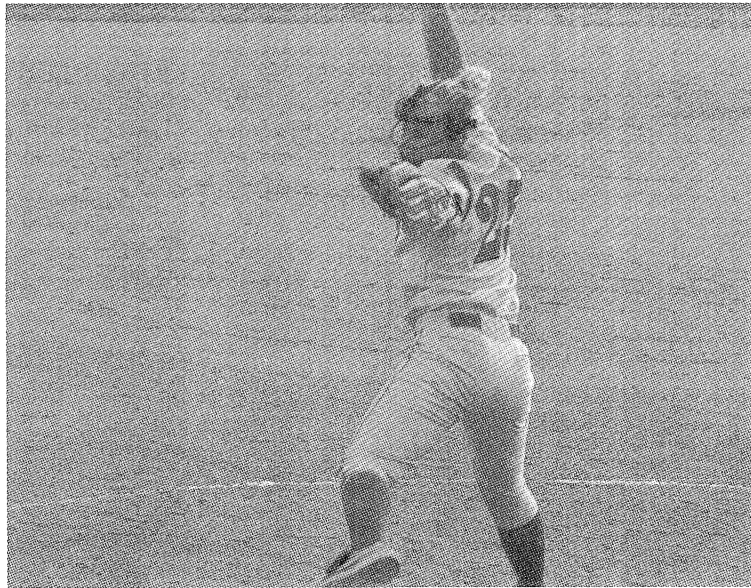
Hawley was not done yet, though, as she subsequently stole second base and was able to cross home plate when senior Suzanne Karath recorded another single.

Despite Stony Brook's efforts to keep the score close, Charlotte would have none of it. The 49ers made up for the runs that their pitcher, Katie Watkins (1-0), had given up in the previous inning, scoring two of them in the top of the sixth, securing a 5-2 lead. Watkins would manage to finish

out the game with eight hits given up and five strikeouts. This would also be Cukrov's last inning of play. She would finish the day having struck

sophomore Nicole Schieferstein lined a single to left field, letting her team score two more runs.

But then it would be Middle



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Sophomore Alexandra Clark secured her first victory of the season on Friday.

out four and given up eight hits.

Stony Brook would be able to manufacture one more run during the game when freshman Shayla Giosia doubled in Bianculli in the bottom of the sixth.

In contrast to their offensive struggles in the first game, the Seawolves began the second game decisively. They hit three straight singles to open the game, and a fielding error by the Blue Raiders allowed them to score two runs.

Then, with only one out to spare,

Tennessee's turn to strike back. Sophomore Alexandra Clark (1-0) would manage to get through the first inning unscathed, but she would not be so lucky in the second and third. She allowed four runs overall, tying the score. After recording two outs in the third, she was replaced by sophomore Christine Lucido (1-0). Lucido threw two innings and record another out, allowing the Blue Raiders to score two runs take a temporary lead.

However, Lucido would not leave

the mound with Stony Brook looking up in the score. In the fifth and sixth innings, the Seawolves would score another four runs. Sophomore Jessica Combs drove in two of those runs with a line drive to center field in the fifth.

Cukrov was called to pitch for the second time that day and threw the final two innings, picking up her first save of the season and of her career.

Stony Brook would have 11 runs and 19 hits. Karath would have a team-high four of those hits, and senior Bernadette Tenuto and Schieferstein would each add three, as well.

Saturday's action also featured one defeat and one victory. The Seawolves lost the early game to the University of Kansas Jayhawks (7-2), 2-0, and won the later one against UNC Charlotte, 4-3, avenging the previous day's defeat.

The first game was a pitcher's duel, in which both starters threw for the entire game. Cukrov was on the mound for the third time that weekend and struck out eight batters. She would have earned a victory were it not for the performance of her Jayhawks opponent, Alicia Pille, who struck out 11 and allowed only two hits by Combs.

Kansas won all four games of its first two days at the Classic, outscoring its adversaries 24-12 overall.

However, just like Friday, the Seawolves would not end the day empty-handed. They struck first in the second inning when Schieferstein hit a popped up a ball, allowing freshman Lauren Kamachi to score.

For some time, the score remained 1-0, as neither team was able to break another tight game. It would be the 49ers who next put digits on the board when they scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth. They were the only runs that Lucido allowed in her first start, which turned out to be her first victory.

Stony Brook had one half-inning to work with in order to avoid a third loss. With one out, Kamachi hit a single to begin her team's comeback. Combs, who ended the day with a team-leading 0.417 batting average (5-for-12), would hit a double and move Kamachi to third.

Giosia then stepped up to the plate for what would be the decisive at-bat of the game. She launched the ball over the left-field wall for her first collegiate home run, giving her team a 4-2 advantage.

Cukrov once again pitched to finish out the game. She allowed one run in her second save.

Because of their two victories, the Seawolves secured a matchup against Kansas for the Classic Championship.

However, that game was not meant to be, as it was cancelled due to rain. The Jayhawks were declared champions because they had a better record at the Classic than their would-be opponents, the Seawolves. Kansas won all four of its games, whereas Stony Brook split a double-header on each of the first two days.

The next action for the softball team will take place at the George Washington Colonial Classic in Washington, D.C., between March 2 and 4.

Stony Brook rugby travels to Las Vegas for the USA Sevens

By Catie Curotolo
Staff Writer

The men's rugby team traveled to Las Vegas two weeks ago, where they tied for seventh place at the USA Sevens.

The club, whose 15s team is ranked 21st in the nation, placed 7th out of 32 teams.

"The trip went well. I felt the competition at the tournament was better this year, and we ended up at the same spot we did last year," head coach Daniel Yarusso said.

The tournament lasted three days, with the winner getting invited to the Collegiate Rugby Championship in June. On the first day, the Seawolves beat Brown and Longwood Universities. The next day, they lost to UCLA but beat Stanford University. The final day, they lost to Davenport in the quarterfinals.

"We were all disappointed we lost to Davenport in the quarters," Yarusso said. "We felt we did not play to our potential."

The Las Vegas Invitational was a 7s tournament, rather than the usual games of 15s that the team plays. This means that, instead of a 15

vs. 15 game with 40-minute halves, each team has seven players on the field and there are seven-minute halves.

The Stony Brook team brought 15 representatives.

The trip to Vegas was funded partially by the school and

partially by the players, with the school giving a grant for rooms and vans and the players paying for their plane tickets.

"[It was] overall a great experience and [we're] looking forward to our playoff run this spring," Yarusso said.



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Sophomore Shane Wend playing against UCLA.

America East Men and Women's Basketball Standings

Men's

1. Stony Brook - 12-2 AE, 19-8
2. Vermont - 12-2 AE, 19-10
3. Boston U. - 10-4 AE, 14-15
4. U. Albany - 8-7 AE, 17-13
5. Hartford - 7-7 AE, 8-19
6. New Hampshire - 6-8 AE, 12-14
7. Maine - 5-9 AE, 11-15
8. UMBC - 3-11 AE, 4-23
9. Binghamton - 0-13 AE, 0-26

Women's

1. Boston U. - 13-1 AE, 20-7
2. U. Albany - 13-2 AE, 19-9
3. Hartford - 9-5 AE, 18-10
4. UMBC - 8-6 AE, 14-13
5. New Hampshire - 7-7 AE, 14-12
6. Binghamton - 6-8 AE, 12-15
7. Vermont - 4-11 AE, 10-18
8. Maine - 3-11 AE, 6-21
9. Stony Brook - 1-13 AE, 4-23

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Women's lacrosse wins two in a week

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team performance over the week could only be described in one word: dominating.

The Seawolves crushed Manhattan 19-3 Wednesday and followed that up with a 18-5 drubbing over Central Connecticut State University on Sunday.

"We try to win every game, it's one game at a time," head coach Joe Spallina said. "We're young, but we're getting there."

Against Manhattan, Stony Brook attacked early and held a 15-0 lead at the end of the first half. Junior Janine Hillier finished the game with three goals and five assists.

"We came out really fired up," Hillier said. "We moved the ball really well. We've been working on that in practice a lot."

Eleven different players scored for Stony Brook. Junior Demmianne Cook and freshman Amber Kupres

both had three goals in the rout.

Sunday's game saw the debut of junior Claire Petersen, who lead all of NCAA Division II in assists last season playing for Adelphi. In her first game for Stony Brook, Petersen set a new program record for assists in a game with seven. She also scored two goals, both in the second half.

"I was not aware of that," Petersen said when told of setting the record. "We did what we had to do, we stuck to our game plan and we got it done."

Cook lead all Stony Brook players with four goals. The two wins put Stony Brook at 3-0, its best start since the 2007 season. They next play Monmouth on Feb. 26, and follow that up with a tough four game stretch against John Hopkins, Duke, Florida and Maryland, the latter three programs all ranked top five in the nation.

"I think it's a great barometer for us," Spallina said. "I wouldn't sleep on us, I think we're in a position where we have really strong players in key spots."

Track and field competes at the America East championships

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook Track and Field teams competed at the America East conference indoor championships at Boston University this weekend.

The first day of events was Friday, and two school records were broken alongside the victory of the women's distance medley relay (DMR).

Freshman Lamar Hayes recorded a 21.99 in the 200m dash, the best in his heat and an IC4A time, and freshman Terry Martin ran an 8.34 in the 60m hurdles.

The women's DMR, composed of sophomores Olivia Burne and Katie Manzi, junior Annie Keown and senior Lucy Van Dalen won first place with a time of 11:45.67, which qualifies for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

The men's DMR also had success.

Sophomores Robert Taylor, Daniel Denis, Eric Speakman and senior Shamell Forbes worked together to take third place with an IC4A qualifying time of 9:59.54.

Senior LaQuashia Hall and sophomore Matt Granata also qualified for Saturday's finals, each in the 500m dash.

On Saturday, Van Dalen struck again and won the mile and 3,000m, this time setting America East records. Her mile time of 4:36.43 was 0.47 seconds faster than her time at Yale and qualifies her for the NCAA championships. She also overcame her sister, Holly Van Dalen's ('11), record for the 3,000m with a time of 9:17.35. Burne also ran the mile, securing fourth place with an ECAC qualifying time of 4:48.57.

Also running the 3,000m were Keown, junior Lorraine McCarthy and senior Patricia Barry, who ran times of 10:03.93, 9:50.32 and 9:51.38, respectively. The first two times gave the Seawolves

some points to their overall score for the championships. Senior Carolina Cortes also scored for the Seawolves in the 1,000m with a time of 2:55.64. Senior Jillian Fauser did the same in the 800m with a time of 8:16.97.

For the men on Saturday, Speakman finished first in the 3,000m with a time of 8:16.97. Running IC4A qualifying times, Hayes finished fourth in the 200m dash finals with a time of 22:14, Granata scored seventh in the 500m with a time of 1:05.08 and Forbes earned fifth place in the 1,000m with a time of 2:29.89. The men's 4x800 and 4x400 teams also ran qualifying times.

Ultimately coming on top for the championships were the University of Albany for the men and Boston University for the women, who won with 187.5 and 164 points, respectively. Stony Brook's men and women each tallied 43 and 54 points, respectively.

Women's basketball drop penultimate home game to UNH

By Adam Merkle
Staff Writer

A crowd of Stony Brook faithful packed Pritchard Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon in anticipation of the the women's basketball team halting its losing streak at home. However, the University of New Hampshire Wildcats had other plans and were able to ride a 10 point unanswered run to open the second half and defeat the Seawolves, 63-46.

Junior Sam Landers led Stony Brook as the only double-digit scorer for the Seawolves, with 10 points on 2-8 shooting and a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line.

Junior Jessica Previlon chipped in with four points and six rebounds off the bench, while freshman Natalie Myers and junior Dani Klupenger each had three pointers for the Seawolves, who lost their 13th straight game after a three-

game winning streak.

"We tried to push the pace, but turnovers really hurt us badly and the difference maker was us not getting the best of our opportunities," head coach Beth O'Boyle said.

The Wildcats were led by center Morgan Frame, who had a game-high 18 points and six rebounds. Cari Reed was able to knock down four three pointers on her way to 12 points and five rebounds.

Bridgette McKnight proved to be the difference maker for the Wildcats as she energized her team, providing it with 10 points and seven rebounds off the bench, which terrorized the Seawolves under the basket.

Senior Whitney Davis had her streak of double-digit-scoring games snapped as she struggled to find a rhythm and was consistently pestered by Wildcat defenders. She finished the game with just four



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Junior Sam Landers was Stony Brook's only double-digit scorer on Saturday.

points on 2-9 shooting in one of her poorest performances of the season. The Seawolves opened the game ice cold by missing their first five shots from the field before pressure was able to force a turnover and a Davis jumper finally got Stony Brook on the board.

Stony Brook's inability to settle for good shot opportunities, combined with the Wildcats' smothering defense, contributed to the early UNH lead.

After digging themselves into an early hole to start the game, the Seawolves were able to pull it together and rally behind a three pointer from Klupenger to cut the Wildcats' lead to just three. It took just one more possession, an isolation lay-up in the paint from junior Taylor Burner, to bring the game to within just two points. Going into halftime, the Seawolves were able to hold the Wildcat shooters to just 36 percent from the field for the first half and trailed by just six points.

Looking to ride some momentum into the second half, the Seawolves were immediately outworked by the Wildcats as they opened the second half with an unanswered 10-point run. Junior Gerda Gatling was eventually able to stop the bleeding for Stony Brook with a baseline jump shot after the Seawolves went nearly six minutes without a bucket.

Junior Amanda Corona's driving lay-up with just under 10 minutes in the second half marked a 9-4 Stony Brook run in which the Seawolves were able to cut the deficit to single digits at 43-34.

The Wildcats then proceeded to shut down the Seawolf offense en route to a 12-5 run of their own to push the lead back to double digits. This proved to be too much for Stony Brook to handle down the stretch, as the Wildcats were able to comfortably cruise the rest of the way to a 17-point victory.

"They [UNH] have a good post game, and we tried to double their

paint players as part of our game plan, but they were just able to find the open looks and knock down shots which proved to be the difference," O'Boyle said.

With just two more chances to stop its losing streak, Stony Brook will take on Hartford at home on Wednesday and then travel to Maine on Saturday to close out the season.

"Wednesday is our senior game so we hope to send our seniors out on a great note with a win. If we can play with more defensive intensity and better execute our game plan, anything is possible," O'Boyle said.

The Seawolves will return to action to face the Hartford Hawks in their final home game of the season before they head to the conference tournament.

The game will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Pritchard Gymnasium, and it will also be Senior Night, where the team's four seniors will be honored beforehand.



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Senior Tamiel Murray scored four points and recorded four rebounds in Saturday's matchup.



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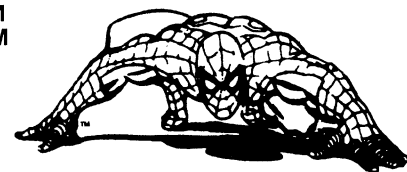
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SPORTS

Seawolves football adds another star transfer

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook football head coach Chuck Priore announced that Leston Simpson, a 6-foot-3, 255-pound senior defensive lineman from the University of Minnesota, decided to accept the grant-in-aid offer to wear Seawolves red next fall.

"Leston will help us fill some spots on the defensive line," Priore said, according to the Stony Brook Athletics' website. "We wanted to bring in some guys who have experience that can play right away, which Leston possesses."

Simpson began his collegiate athletics career at Lackawanna College and subsequently left for Minnesota, where he played in 14 games, 12 in 2010 and two in 2011.

In his first year of play, Simpson earned his first varsity letter.



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Senior Leston Simpson in a Big 10 game last season.

In his second campaign, he suffered an injury that prevented him from playing for most of the season.

According to Minnesota's website, Simpson is a business and marketing education major.

Originally from Springfield Gardens, N.Y., Simpson played his high school career at Campus Magnet High School, where he accumulated 57 tackles, two fumble recoveries, six sacks and one interception in his senior year. His performance was honored by his being on second team All-City honors for that year.

According to the New York Post, Eric Barnett, Simpson's coach at Campus Magnet, claimed that he saw a bright future for him even before he went to college.

"I knew Leston was Division I," Barnett said, according to the Post. His vision became a reality when Simpson went to Minnesota.

Simpson will join a squad that won at least a share of the Big South Conference championship for the second time in three years, winning it out-right for the first time last season.

Men's basketball comes back to defeat Northeastern University

By Sam Killb
Managing Editor

Rebounding from a devastating loss to Vermont last Sunday, the Stony Brook men's basketball team recovered from a nine-point second-half deficit to beat the Northeastern University Huskies 76-69 on Saturday afternoon in Boston.

Sophomore Dave Coley led the Seawolves with 21 points, including some clutch free-throw shooting at the end of the game to seal Stony Brook's 15th win in 17 games. Senior Dallis Joyner added a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Seawolves (19-8) have rolled through conference play, defeating each team once with only the loss to Vermont and a January defeat at Boston University blemishing their 12-2 conference record. The loss to Vermont (19-10, 12-2 AE) gave the Catamounts the inside track to the top seed in the America East championship tournament with just two conference games to go.

Stony Brook will visit fifth-place Hartford (8-19, 7-7 AE) on Tuesday before wrapping up the regular season against seventh-place Maine on Sunday at 1 p.m. Vermont, meanwhile, will play winless Binghamton (0-25, 0-13 AE) and second-to-last-place

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (4-23, 3-11) to close out its conference season before the championships begin on March 1 in Hartford.

Saturday's game, part of the ESPN BracketBusters series, was Stony Brook's final non-conference game of the season.

A 16-6 Northeastern run in the middle of the second half stretched the host's lead to 55-46 with a little over eight minutes to go in the game.

But the Seawolves clawed their way back, starting with a put-back dunk by junior Tommy Brenton with 4:46 left in the game. Brenton would finish with 13 points, seven rebounds, seven assists, two blocks and two steals.

Brenton assisted on a Coley three that brought the Seawolves back within two points, then dunked again to put Stony Brook ahead for good.

"I thought we played really well today, had good energy and made big plays," Seawolves head coach Steve Pikiell said in a press release. "At the end, we made some defensive stops, grabbed offensive rebounds and made the most of our opportunities against a very good team. Now we look forward to getting back to league play Tuesday at Hartford."

Tuesday's game at Hartford is scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m. and can be heard on WUSB 90.1 FM.



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Senior Dallis Joyner had a double-double against Northeastern University in Saturday's game.

Men's lacrosse opens season with defeat

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

With a new head coach and the loss of offensive stars Kevin Crowley and Jordan McBride to graduation, Stony Brook lost its

opening game to Fairfield 13-10. "I wasn't real happy with the team's performance today," head coach Jim Nagle said in a press release. "We saw some good things today, but it's going to

take some time, and the guys understand that."

Redshirt freshman Mike Rooney lead Stony Brook with three goals. Senior Robbie Campbell and junior Jeff Tundo,

a transfer from Ohio State, had two goals each.

After Stony Brook jumped out to a 4-2 lead 12 minutes into the game, Fairfield's Sam Snow scored two goals in a span of 44 seconds to even the score.

Stony Brook would take a 6-5 into the half after goals from senior Russ Bonanno and Campbell in the second quarter.

Fairfield, however, would break the game open with a four-goal run in the five minutes into the third quarter. Stony Brook would get no closer to within two goals for the rest of the game.

Junior Sean Brady, a transfer from Duke, made 13 saves in the losing effort.

With a new head coach and the loss of 70 percent of its scoring from last year, Nagle said before the game that the team is still adjusting and finding chemistry.

"In the grand scheme, we're new, our goal for now is to try to get better," Nagle said.

He still feels though that the team has plenty of talent.

"Our goal is to win the America East championship and get into the national tournament," Nagle stated.



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Men's lacrosse began its first campaign under a new head coach with a defeat.