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Conference Champs!

Stony Brook wins second America East title in three seasons

By Sam Kilb
Managing Editor

Two years ago, when Stony Brook men's basketball won its first regular season America East title, the student sections poured onto the court in celebration.

But on Sunday, when the Seawolves wrapped up a second regular season championship in three years with a 55-48 victory over Maine, the Red Zone stayed put.

There are loftier goals this year. The win — Stony Brook's 14th America East victory, a program record — makes the Seawolves the top seed in next week's America East championship tournament in Hartford. It also gave this year's outgoing senior class of Dallis Joyner — who led the way with 12 points and six rebounds — Bryan Dougher, Danny Carter and Al Rapier a celebration in what was their last game at Pritchard Gymnasium.

"It's a tremendous honor," Carter said of winning a second title with this senior class. "We kinda came in fearless. It didn't matter to us what the history was, we were going to make our own history. We did that, a little bit. But we're not finished yet."

Stony Brook will play the winner of Thursday night's game between Binghamton and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the quarterfinals of the America East championship tournament next Saturday. The semifinals will be held on Sunday, March 4, and should the Seawolves win both games, the final would be played at Stony Brook.

The winner of the America East championship tournament will earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA national championship tournament.

On Monday, it seemed a long shot that Stony Brook would even get the top seed, after a loss to Vermont gave the Catamounts the same record as the Seawolves and the inside track to the top spot via the tiebreaker.

But on Tuesday, Vermont lost to previously winless Binghamton and Stony Brook took care of business at Hartford, giving Stony Brook the opportunity to win the regular season title outright and secure the top seed with the win over Maine on Sunday.

"Coach Dan (Rickard) told us earlier in the season, Binghamton is going to win a game, we didn't know who it was going to be against," Joyner said. "I never lost faith, I knew that every team in this league could beat you."

On Sunday, Stony Brook cruised



The Seawolves wrapped up a its regular season championship with a 55-48 victory over Maine. The semifinals will be held on March 4 in Hartford. Photo by Kenneth Ho

through the first part of the first half, building up a 15-point lead with 8:42 to go in the half. The Seawolves were in total control, outrebounding the Black Bears 16-8 and scoring 12 second-chance points to Maine's zero.

But a 13-4 Maine run before halftime cut the Seawolves' lead to six at halftime.

The Stony Brook offense continued to sputter in the second half, as Maine cut the lead to one point early on. The Black Bears crashed the boards hard, taking the rebounding advantage and dominating inside. Dougher, who was 29 points away from the Stony Brook Division-I program scoring record coming in, was 0-for-6 from the field in the second half, finishing with nine points.

"Every team tries to limit my looks," Dougher said. "But I missed some good ones, and I took some tough ones. They just didn't really fall today."

But the Seawolves were able to hang on throughout. With the lead at one, Rapier drove inside and hit the basket and drew a foul with a little under nine minutes left in the game. Joyner hit a layup immediately after, then grabbed a defensive rebound, was fouled, and sank both parts of the one-and-one to give Stony Brook some breathing room at 46-39 with 8:30 to go.

Stony Brook was able to hold on the rest of the way, buckling down on defense.

"We grinded it out, and that's what we pride ourselves on doing," Dougher said. "We came up with the big stops when we needed it."

The next game for the Seawolves is the quarterfinal of the America East championship tournament in West Hartford, Conn., on Saturday, March 3.

Union Protesters Take on SBU Construction Project

By Nelson Oliveira
Assistant News Editor

Like many colleges around the country, Stony Brook University is often the stage of protests and rallies of many kinds. Usually, the demonstrations feature big signs, banners, fliers, yelling, masks and even costumes.

But last week, drivers passing by the university's south entrance on Nicolls Road came across a group of demonstrators who brought with them two giant inflatable rats.

The men were protesting against Framan Mechanical,

the construction company in charge of a renovation project at the university's Life Sciences building, for not employing enough union workers.

"They don't want to pay the prevailing wage, so they sneak [non-union workers] in," said Joe Cavalieri, an executive board member and business agent for the General Building Laborers Local 66 union.

Prevailing wages — hourly rates set forth by the state — apply to all public construction contracts. Local 66 said that

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A group of union members bring an inflatable rat to protest building renovations at SBU.

USG left with \$7,000 for event grants

By Deanna Del Ciello
Assistant News Editor

Stony Brook University's Undergraduate Student Government allows for clubs to apply for money in the form of grants on top of the club's predetermined budget. Many clubs use these grants, commonly referred to as an Event Grant or Asset Grant, to help them host events, pay for tournaments or purchase materials and supplies for the club. Yet with the passing of two Asset Grants and seven Event Grants at the senate meeting this week, USG is left with \$7,000 for the rest of the semester to use towards these grants.

"We're going to try and be frugal with the money," USG Treasurer Thomas Kirnbauer said. "If a club deserves it, we will give it to them."

Kirnbauer said USG will be awarding grants on a first come, first serve basis with precedence to those clubs who are applying for a grant for their first time. Once the money is gone, there will be no more grants, Kirnbauer said.

"There is more than enough time to try for funding," he said, while warning that the money will eventually run out, and probably

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ARTS:

A wedding ceremony that's to die for

The guests at Becky Giovanni and Stanley Simpson's wedding reception were all having an enjoyable evening until the lights were killed, along with the newlywed bride.

This would have been shocking had it not been the Student Activities Weekend Life Council's Murder Mystery Dinner. This year's dinner was conceived in November 2011 and planned out by a council of five students and two supervisors. **PAGE 8**

Students follow their noses in Kelly Dining cooking demo

Flavor seekers awoke their senses Friday evening with a spicy demonstration in the Kelly Dining Center. Executive Chef Al Aberg's "Follow Your Nose Spice Demo" allowed students to become better acquainted with the scents and uses of various spices and herbs. The lesson also provided participants with a dash of history. **PAGE 9**

SPORTS:

Time is now for men's basketball

So this is it. A second regular-season championship in three years, and now the Seawolves have never been in a better position to make it to the NCAA national championship tournament. **PAGE 16**

Women drop final two games of regular season

The Stony Brook women's basketball team dropped two games in the final week of the regular season, the last games before the America East conference tournament next weekend. **PAGE 16**

Men's lacrosse falls to #1 Virginia University

The third time was not the charm for the Seawolves. Playing Virginia, currently the number one ranked team in the country, for the third time in the past three seasons, Stony Brook lost 12-5 last Saturday afternoon. **PAGE 13**



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NEWS

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Framan Mechanical hired non-union workers so it could pay substandard wages.

At least half a dozen demonstrators participated in the protest, which took place every morning between Tuesday and Friday. An agreement was reached through the weekend, however, and Local 66 will not protest at SBU this week, Cavalieri said.

Framan Mechanical is running a yearlong project that will replace four major air handles, the internal piping and a cooling tower at the Life Sciences building, according to the university's Facilities and Services website.

The scary-looking rat balloons – which were about 15-feet tall and featured bizarre red eyes, long teeth and long claws – represent the “sneaky” non-union contractors and have been a symbol of union protests for years, according to Cavalieri. The other protestors refused to comment or be identified.

Christopher Hollister, Framan Mechanical's project manager and superintendent, said he doesn't have any control on the company's subcontractors and

that they are responsible for their own labor. But Hollister offered the union “some small labor” just so it can be represented, he said.

“We actually told them that next week we have some stuff coming up, which is why I don't even understand why this happened,” Hollister said. “They have no standing ... Calm down people.”

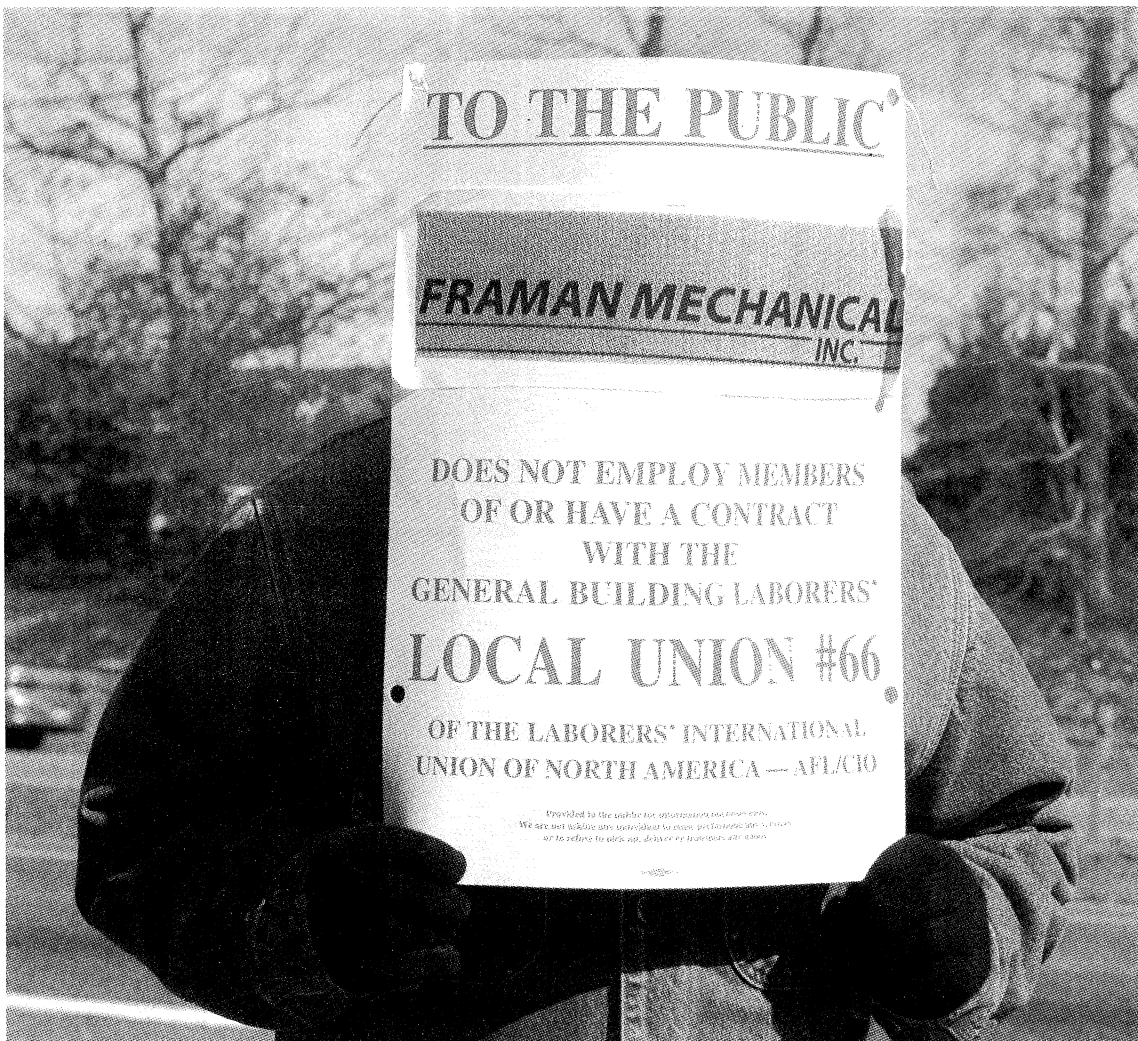
Laborers' unions like Local 66 represent workers involved in, among other things, cleaning-up, loading and unloading materials, removal of debris, demolition, digging and backfilling.

Hollister said those types of work would not be available during much of the project.

“To sign with them would mean that I'm guaranteeing them five days a week worth of work,” said Hollister on Tuesday, before the agreement was reached. “I don't have any type of work like that. The project is confined to only four rooms.”

He also said that the plumber who is working in the renovation is a member of Local 66.

SUNY Construction Fund, which is managing the project, has not returned a request for a comment.



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A Local 66 member hides his face with a sign. The group was accusing a company working at the university of hiring non-union employees so it didn't have to pay the state's prevailing wages.

New Bariatric and Metabolic Center at SBU Medical Center

By Amy Streifer
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University Medical Center has been the home of the new Bariatric and Metabolic Weight Loss Center. Director of the Center and Chief of General Surgery Dr. Aurora Pryor has seen

positive results thus far and believes that the program for the patients will continue to be beneficial.

“For those choosing surgery we offer a wide range of options with minimally invasive techniques,” said Pryor, who has been the head of the center since it opened September of last year. “We have

an excellent track record with outcomes far exceeding national numbers.”

Dr. Pryor has performed more than 2,650 weight-loss surgeries and has a 75 percent success rate, compared to the average national success rate which is at 68 percent.

The programs are designed to help people who are morbidly obese get on track to lose the weight and keep it off. For some people, surgeries such as stomach banding or stomach stapling are considered as options to reduce the size of the stomach and therefore lower food intake.

The New England Journal of Medicine conducted a study last year about appetite stimulant hormones Leptin and Ghrelin causing difficulty for those who had lost weight and were trying to keep it off. Even after a year of dieting, the hormones were showing to elevate levels of hunger in obese patients, making appetite more extreme and making it very difficult to resist gaining the weight again. Fortunately, with the kind of surgeries that Dr. Pryor takes on every day, the appetite hormones are not an issue.

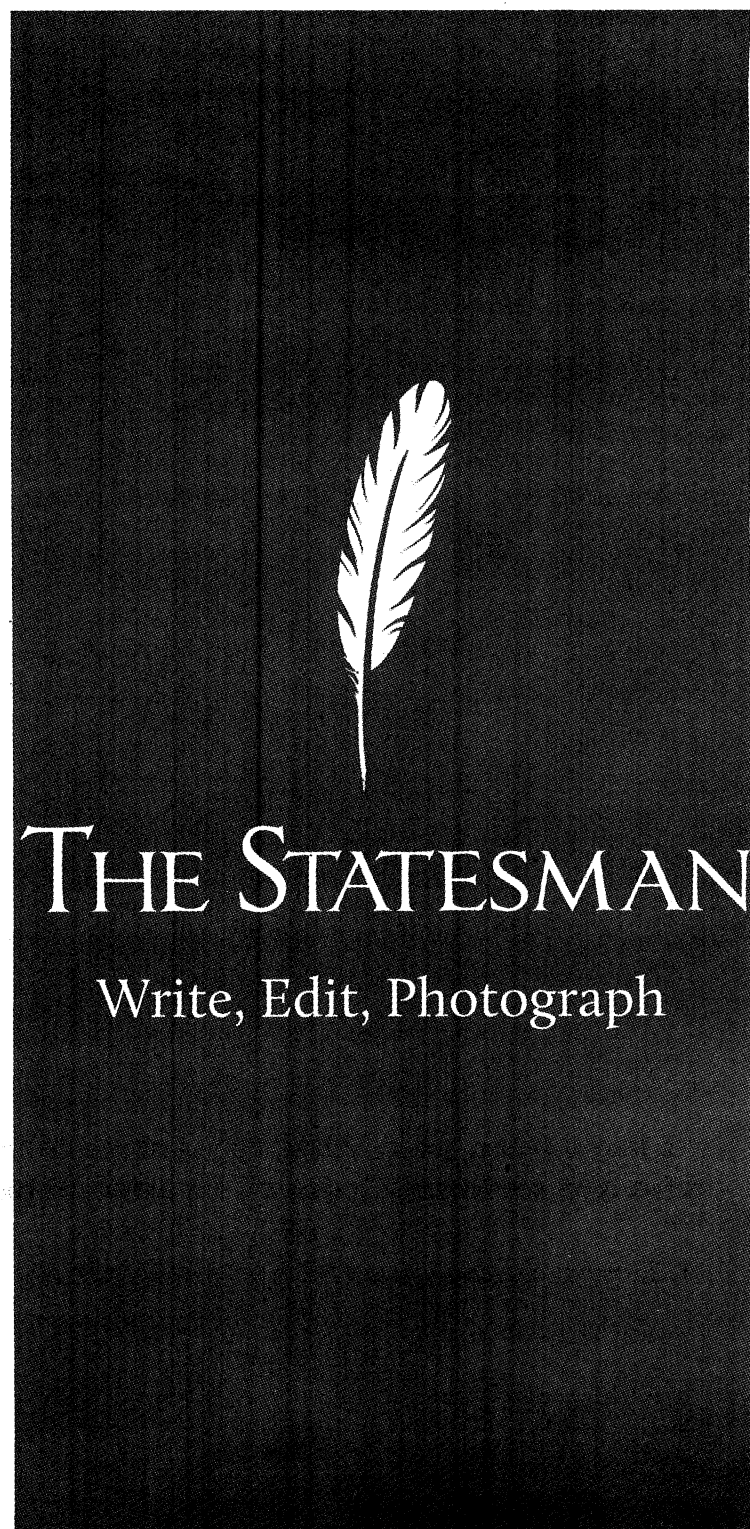
“The good news is that these hormones are suppressed with weight loss surgery, minimizing hunger,” said Pryor.



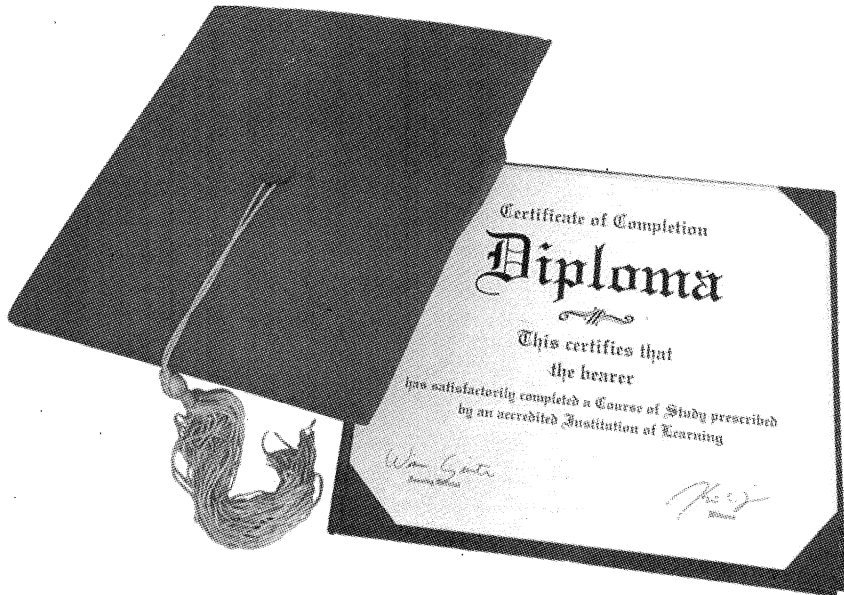
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Aurora Pryor is the director of the new Bariatric and Metabolic Weight Loss Center at SBUMC.

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New Bariatric and Metabolic Center at SBU Medical Center

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Many people that are morbidly obese are depressed, and some of those individuals cope with the depression through excessive eating. At the new center, a psychological team is on duty to deal with the patients' unhealthy relationship with food.

"We feel strongly that combining surgery with the interdisciplinary program facilitates the best outcomes and most weight loss for our patients," Pryor said.

Since many morbidly obese individuals tend to depend on food as a coping mechanism, psychologists are assigned to patients to help them adjust their behaviors and train them to overcome and conquer their personal issues with their weight for the long-term.

"Psychologists are important because they help to identify any barriers that patients might see before or after surgery which may prevent them from having the best treatment outcome," said psychologist Genna Hymowitz, who works with patients at the new weight loss center.

"We strongly recommend that every individual undergo a psychological evaluation to help

any mental health care needs that aren't being met," said Hymowitz.

Jordan Katz, senior executive account manager of Allergan, a company that makes surgical bands, also known as lap bands, is familiar with the weight-loss surgeries that Dr. Pryor does since he had a successful lap-band procedure four years ago. Katz has lost almost 100 pounds since his surgery and is aware of how important the new center is for people who are suffering with their weight and have a desire to turn their lives around.

"I tell the patients that the best decision you can make is to have some kind of weight-loss surgery because it's the only thing that's been proven to work for the morbidly obese," said Katz. "It's about being healthy, moderation and not overindulging."

With such a high success rate and quality, outstanding experience, Pryor hopes to help the center continue to develop and get bigger.

"We plan to grow all aspects of the program, creating a true center addressing the entire spectrum of needs for patients with obesity and its complications," said Pryor.

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Dr. Aurora Pryor
Chief of General Surgery

Police Blotter

• Students Arrested for Larceny

University Police arrested three students – two residents and one commuter – for petit larceny on Thursday, Feb. 23. The students were involved with an incident that took place at the Roth Café on Friday, Feb. 17, when several boxes of plastic utensils and napkins valued at \$150 were taken without permission.

• Multiple Items Stolen in One Day

Three reports of larceny took place on campus on Monday, Feb. 20. At around 2 p.m., an unsecured bicycle was reported taken from a bicycle rack outside the Charles B. Wang Center. Earlier that day, police attended reports of a cell phone taken from Kelly Dining Hall and several items stolen from a parked vehicle in the University Hospital's valet parking lot. None of the items have been recovered yet, according to police, and an investigation is ongoing.

• Seven Referrals for Marijuana Violations in a Week

University police issued four referrals on Friday, Feb. 17, for marijuana violations at Yang Hall. The day before, three referrals were issued for the same reason at Benedict College.

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soon.

USG is not planning on adding extra money for the grants but it still remains a possibility.

According to Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow, USG had \$85,000 at the beginning of the academic year to put towards Event Grants.

Kirnbauer said the money for the grants depleted "quicker than expected" and that USG did not spend more than half of the money allocated for the grants in the Fall semester.

However, with multiple applications for large grants from many clubs, such as the \$20,000 Asset Grant that was approved during this week's meeting for the Sailing Club to buy boats, the money was spent quickly. Kirnbauer said the money was spent so quickly because it was a new opportunity for clubs to take advantage of, which they were made well aware of at the

beginning of the year.

"It's a new system that the senate is operating under," Machalow said. "There was no such thing as event grants in the old financial bylaws. It takes a lot to work out the kinks and this is one of the kinks. I wish there was more money in the pot."

The money for the grants comes from a rollover process of money left over at the end of the academic year. It is USG's annual goal to spend their entire budget, but Machalow said approximately \$200,000 is usually left over. According to the financial bylaws, "at least 40% of the previous Academic Year's rollover budget shall be allocated for Event Grants."

There were more Asset Grants this year than Machalow could remember in years past. This and the creation of Event Grants helped deplete the money more quickly than anyone was expecting.

USG President Mark Maloof created an executive order at

the beginning of the semester to rewrite the financial bylaws, according to Machalow. "If it goes through, there will be graphic changes to the bylaws and the event grant process," she said.

Machalow said she hopes the clubs will react positively because USG is trying to incorporate ideas from the clubs but she does "think there's going to be some confusion because [the senate] would have rewritten a major piece of legislation essentially twice in one year."

This quick depletion and soon to be lack of money will not affect on-campus events not hosted by clubs. Machalow said that the budget for the spring concert and other events comes from a different pool of money, one that the Student Activities Board controls. Therefore, USG and SAB will be able to host events as planned. Only clubs who were in need of extra money and planning on receiving it through these grants will be affected.

Here comes the bride, all dressed in red

By Gabrielle Dusharm
Staff Writer

The Bride wore red. Gold threads glittered as she gracefully rose from the palki.

Blushing bride Priya Echesse, played by Sahar Bilal of the Hindu Student Council, or HSC, walked toward the altar and was greeted by her mock-future in-laws with a traditional aarti blessing.

With a nervous smile, she sat down next to mock-groom Roy Beeyu, played by Roy Tamil of Bengalis Unite, or BU. Separated by a curtain, both recited the mangalashatakam, the eight auspicious verses that serve as their wedding vows. As they ended, guests clapped and threw flower petals. The curtain was lowered in a symbolic acknowledgement.

The new couple's pretend life together was starting.

Nearly 170 guests attended

the BU and HSC Mock Bengali Hindu Wedding in the Student Activities Center Ballroom on Saturday.

Traditional weddings can span a week or more with different celebrations taking place each night, but Stony Brook students only had one night to enjoy the festivities. Gaye Holud, a ceremony in which the bride and groom are covered in turmeric paste and given gifts in preparation of their wedding, was held the previous night. The bride and guests also experienced the intricate art of mehndi, applying elaborate henna designs to the women's hands and feet in the night before the ceremony.

For those new to Indian weddings, programs describing every step were placed at the tables accompanied by a slideshow which guided guests through the ceremony.

"We know that [Hindu

weddings] are so different from a normal wedding," Sonal Nadiadhara, vice president of HSC, said. "We really did try to make the atmosphere authentic and real."

The traditional Indian wedding ceremony is about five thousand years old and is composed of numerous steps that vary with each Indian subculture. Each step has a symbolic and spiritual meaning that is meant to unite not only the bride and groom, but also their families.

"In South Indian weddings, the bride changes her saris three times: one from her mother-in-law, one from her mother, and one she picked out herself," Shruti Tarigoppula, president of De Taali, an a cappella group, said. "The last sari is always white and gold."

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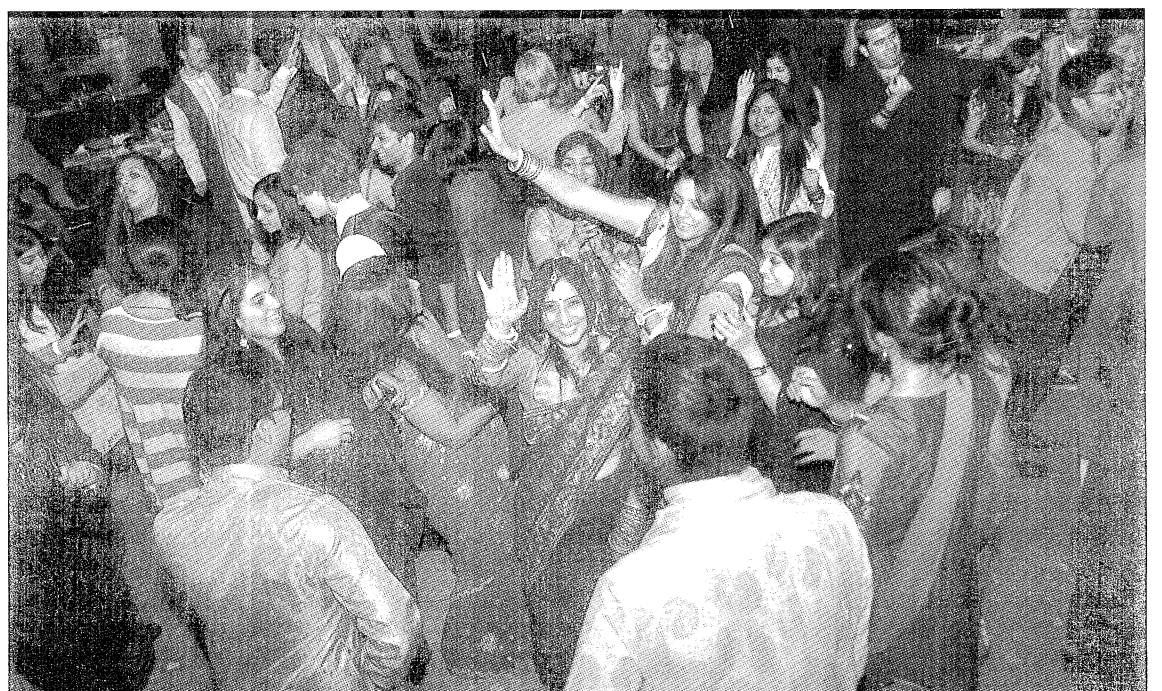


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The Hindu Student Council and Bengalis Unite held a mock Bengali Hindu Wedding in the Student Activities Center on Saturday.

Here comes the bride, all dressed in red

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Among other differences mentioned, the bride is carried in a basket by her family.

The parents of both the bride and groom entered first, greeting one another as the groom and the rest of his 'family' made their way to the altar amid joyous shouts and celebration. The bride was carried to the altar on a small platform, a palki, by her 'brothers' and escorted by an 'uncle.' Before sitting around the fire, both families circled candles and incense in front of the couple in a traditional aarti blessing.

A 'priest' was present to conduct the ceremony.

Garlands of red and white flowers were exchanged by the couple to symbolize their love and respect for one another, a part of the ceremony known as Mala Arpana. After speaking their mockvows, the couple walked seven semi-circles around the fire, a custom that is usually done after tying one end of the groom's scarf with the bride's dress.

These seven semi-circles represent their bond for life, expressing their hopes for strength, prosperity and happiness for a married life. A final blessing was offered by the priest and

prayer to the Hindu god Lord Ganesh as the bride and groom left the altar.

The bride threw flower petals behind her to symbolize the honor her new family will bring to her old family.

The atmosphere transitioned from a formal ceremony to a relaxed reception charged with laughter and dancing.

At one point during the night, the bridesmaids stole the groom's shoes as part of a tradition. At the beginning of the ceremony, they asked him for a ransom if he wanted his shoes back. He eventually bargained with them.

Authentic Bengali cuisine and a wedding cake were served as guests were entertained with musical performances from both HSC and BU, as well as a cappella group De Taali.

A traditional bharatanatyam dance performance was given by Sowmya Sundaresh.

The celebrations continued with members of both groups engaging in fast-paced and energetic dancing, winding down as the bride and groom prepared to disembark on their new journey together.

The couple sped off into the night, leaving guests to reflect upon the evening of celebration with a new experience and understanding of the Hindu and Bengali cultures.

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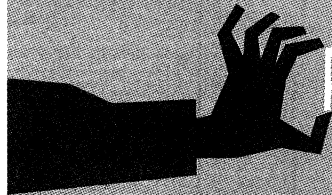
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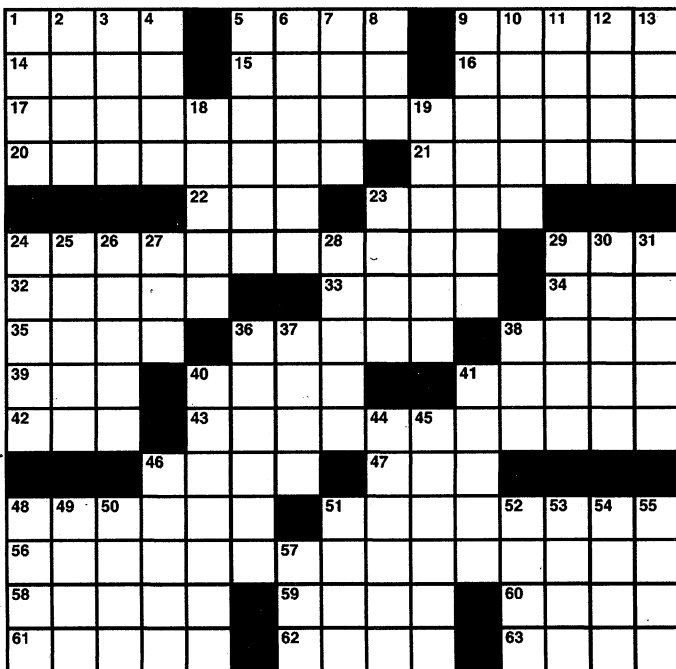
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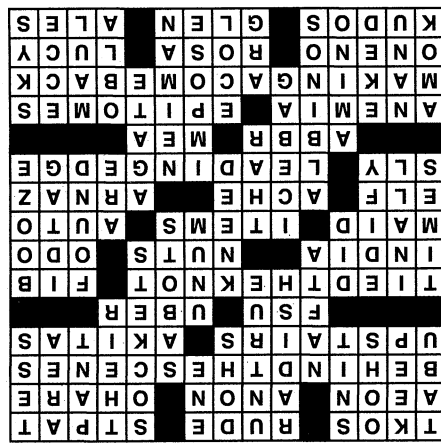
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 - 51 Embodiments
 - 56 Returning to popularity, or what you'd have been doing if you followed the sequence formed by the first words of 17-, 24- and 43-Across
 - 58 Informal bridge bid
 - 59 Activist Parks
 - 60 Ball of Hollywood
 - 61 Praise
 - 62 Sheltered valley
 - 63 Brown or cream bar orders
- DOWN**
- 1 "Forbidden" cologne brand
 - 2 Hang on to



By Lila Cherry

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- 3 Partners of aahs
- 4 Fit of agitation
- 5 Pungent salad veggie
- 6 Fictitious
- 7 Cries from Homer Simpson
- 8 Opposite of WSW
- 9 Plugging-in places
- 10 "... all snug in ___ beds"
- 11 Cool off, dog-style
- 12 Locale
- 13 "... of the D'Urbervilles"
- 18 USA/Mex./Can. pact
- 19 Wooden shoes
- 23 E pluribus ___
- 24 Los Angeles daily
- 25 Counting everything
- 26 Spiritually enlighten
- 27 Completed
- 28 Kicked with a bent leg
- 29 No longer lost
- 30 Luggage attachment
- 31 Hooch
- 36 Swelling treatment



- 37 "... she blows!"
- 38 Exist
- 40 White whales, e.g.
- 41 Colorful marble
- 44 Levy, as a tax
- 45 Upscale retailer
- 46 ___ acid
- 48 Unrestrained way to run
- 49 Half of Mork's sign-off
- 50 Barely made, with "out"
- 51 Environmental sci.
- 52 Beatles nonsense syllables
- 53 Manhandle
- 54 Caesar's "Behold!"
- 55 "The ___ the limit!"
- 57 Neighbor of Braz.

Today's Birthday (02/27/12). You play a prominent role in the group. Direct traffic. Accept well-earned compliments. Step into greater leadership this year (which includes saying "no" sometimes). Attract influential friends. Expand your circle while supporting home and family.

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 9 -- Follow a stronger leader, and beat your best time. You're a champion. Toss the ball to your partner. Your luck has just improved immensely. Pay it forward.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Take every opportunity to share good tidings. Important people speak well of you. Be prepared for uninvited company. Accept a pearl of wisdom from a friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Handle kitchen repairs, and you'll appreciate it daily. A discovery brings sought-after information. Accept a tough assignment that brings more income.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Think of ways to increase your resources. Offer new services. Help your friends, and let them help you. Expand your view. It's a great time for travel.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Your career can really take off now. The money's available, but save more than you spend. Relationships are most important. Rid yourself of unnecessary obligations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You're on a roll. Step onstage, and speak your part. You're lining up the pieces for a positive change. Be prepared, so you can move quickly when necessary.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Suggest an innovation. What you learn today benefits more than just yourself. Your theory works! Replenish your reserves. Tap into your environment.

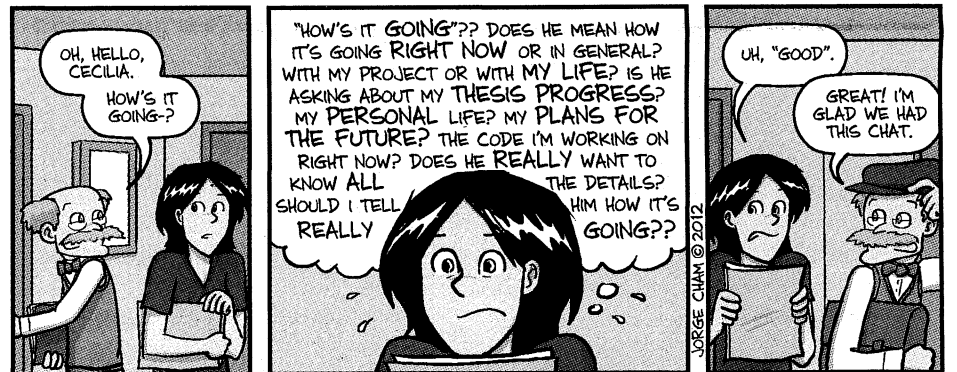
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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Today's a whirlwind of activity. Your productivity reaches new heights, especially when you're having fun. Anything's possible. Leave time for relaxation.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Ideas flow like water, so pluck some from the stream and write them down. Charm customers with your skills. Competition has you pick up the pace.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Friends help you solve a philosophical problem. Your imagination profits. Make commitments and promises in the privacy of your own home.

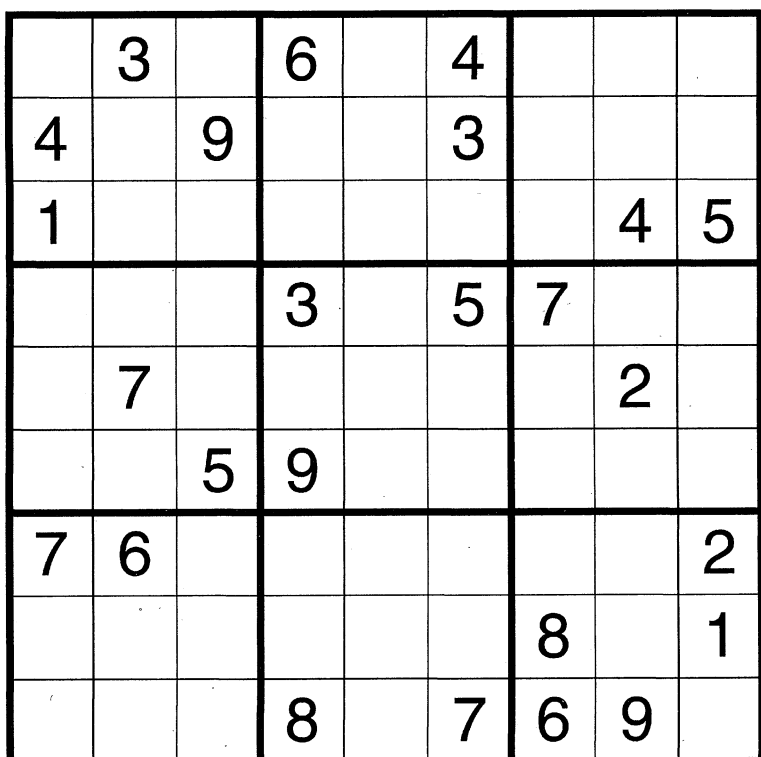
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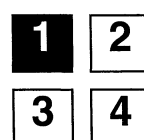
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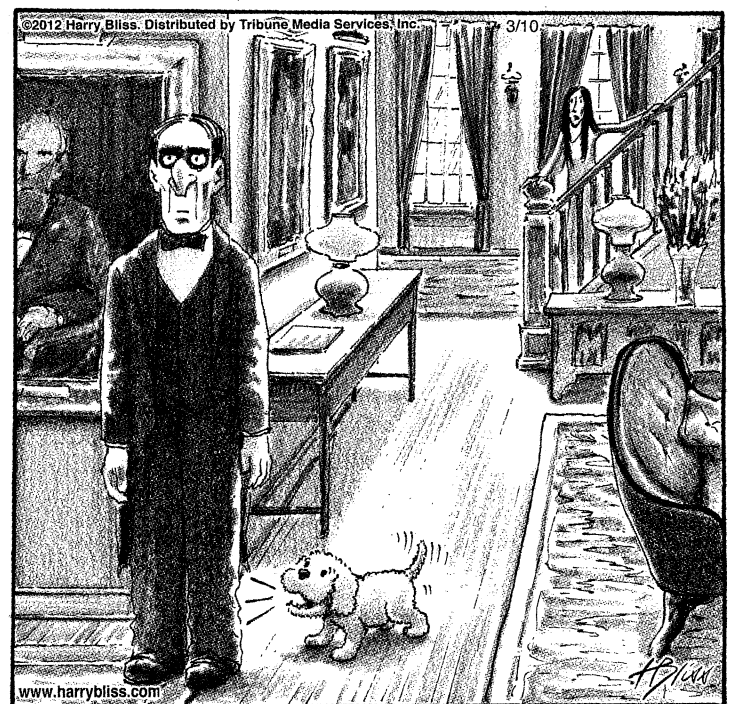
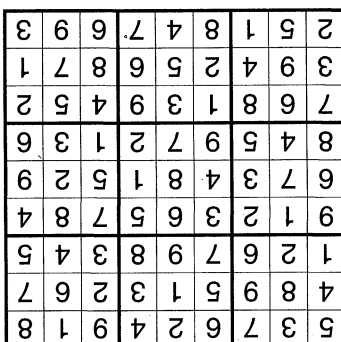
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"Oh, for heaven's sake, Theobald — give her a little chase!"

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A wedding ceremony that's to die for

By Nicole Bansen
Staff Writer

The guests at Becky Giovanni and Stanley Simpson's wedding reception were all having an enjoyable evening until the lights were killed, along with the newlywed bride.

This would have been shocking had it not been the Student Activities Weekend Life Council's Murder Mystery Dinner. This year's dinner was conceived in November 2011 and planned out by a council of five students and two supervisors.

Samantha Shetty, a sophomore majoring in biology and member of the Weekend Life Council, was very pleased with the turnout of people this year. "I think it wasn't catered to entertain a large group of people," Shetty said. "It was a selected targeted audience and everyone who signed up to show up came, so, overall, I think it was a great success."

The night started off with eager guests awaiting the arrival of the new groom, Stanley, played by Anthony Molinari, a senior majoring in information systems, who was running late. Guests read their objectives cards, which helped them gain important information on other characters; were given some fake money; and began walking around introducing themselves to others.

I was a neighbor and friend of the groom and his family, and I wound up sitting with other guests who were also acquainted with Stanley Simpson at one point or another. When the line for food opened up, the father of the bride, Tony Giovanni, a powerful and wealthy man with ties to the mob, went around charismatically greeting each guest.

But Mr. Giovanni was just one of the many suspicious characters that attended the festivities that evening. Darlene Simpson, Stanley's sister, hated Becky and complained about

the marriage all through the night. Karen Cake, the wedding coordinator, had been yelled at and overworked by Becky, so the two did not get along.

It was when Stanley and Becky made their way to the front of the room to make a toast that the lights went out, a thud was heard and upon the power being restored, Becky was seen face down on the floor. Some guests screamed while others gasped in surprise. "I felt the bullet fly right by me," Stanley said. "It could have hit me."

At this point, it was act two of the dinner, and guests were handed their second sheet of objectives. Things finally got really interesting. Some party guests were given secrets that were known only to them, and could be used to blackmail others or used to hide their innocence. While most started questioning members of both families, others used their secrets as a scheme to make money.

I talked to some guests and found out that Mr. Giovanni had hired a hitman, Harry Hitt, to take out Stanley. Fellow party guests instantly became suspicious of the bride's father. The groom's father, Hugh Simpson, instantly became a threat as well when people discovered that he sold Becky's life insurance, which was worth a small fortune, and made Stanley the beneficiary.

The guests were all called together when the hotel's chief of security finished investigating the crime scene. He revealed that he came across specific evidence that may reveal the killer. A note telling Harry Hitt to kill Becky was found with Tony Giovanni's initials on it. Along with Hugh Simpson's life insurance policy for Becky and Stanley, Tony's will and the tickets for the honeymoon were arranged by Stanley's brother, Brutus, a travel agent.

Party guests cast their votes as to who they thought did it, and



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it was revealed in the end that Stanley's brother, Brutus, was the killer. He forged the note to frame Tony, but, in doing so, proved that the signature was different from the one on Tony's will. Brutus was afraid that his brother and business partner would be stolen away from him by Becky, so he killed her. Only five guests guessed correctly, and I was surprised that my sleuthing skills made me one of the lucky few.

Molinari has been attending the Murder Mystery dinners for some time now, and he finds them entertaining and fun to be a part of. "Speaking for Stanley, I felt betrayed by my brother," Molinari said.

As for his "brother" Brutus, played by junior computer science major Nick Ela, he felt differently. "Becky was no good for him," Ela said tapping into his character. "I thought more people would guess it was me. I had some pretty suspicious lines, and I had a feeling I'd wind up being the murderer." Ela, who, like his character also has a brother, said that if he was ever in the same situation as Brutus, he would not commit murder, though only for legal reasons.



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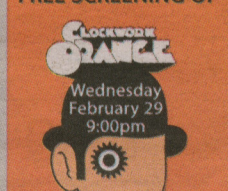
Before and after shots of the bride on her special day.

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Staller Film

Staller's cult film series continues with a showing of Clockwork Orange on Feb. 29 at 9 p.m.

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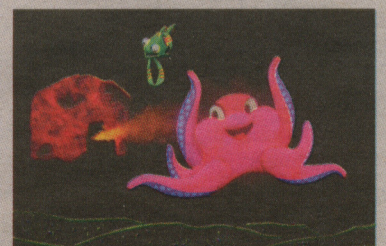


2) IMAGINOCEAN

This glow-in-the-dark under the sea theme show is advertised as not just for kids. It is March 4 at 4 p.m. on Staller's main stage.

3) Condom Casino

Win condoms by playing standard casino games March 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the SAC Ballroom B.



Stony Brook alumni takes home a Grammy

By Nicole Bansen
Staff Writer

Steven Mackey proves that Stony Brook University students keep achieving greatness even after they graduate. At this year's 54th Annual Grammy Awards, Mackey, an SBU alumni, had his latest album, *Lonely Motel: Music from Slide*, nominated for four awards: Best Contemporary Composition, Best Small Ensemble Performance, Best Engineering (Tom Lazarus and Jim Maylone) and Producer of the Year (David Frost). That night, Mackey took home a Grammy for Best Small Ensemble Performance.

When they announced his name for the Grammy, he was thrilled. "I was not able to attend because I had a gig in Philadelphia," Mackey said. "I was out celebrating after that when I heard, so it was a double party."

Mackey is no stranger to Grammy nominations. One of his other CDs, *Steven Mackey: Dreamhouse*, was nominated for four Grammys awards, including Best Classical Album of 2010. "I didn't realize how big the Grammys were until I

started getting congrats from all over the country after being nominated," Mackey said.

On his website, he refers to his music as a one-way trip. He tributes that to his many-journey related metaphors which give his songs the illusion of traveling. He wrote, "My music tends to explore fringe states of consciousness rather than brand-name emotions, but I aspire to maintain contact with the fundamental human urges that brought music into being — singing, dancing, and the search for transcendence — with terse melodies, rhythms that come from the body and evocative textures."

Before becoming a composer, Mackey's original passion was playing the electric guitar. "I taught myself how to play on my brother's guitar starting at age nine," Mackey said. "In my teens, I started playing with bands: blues, rock

and exploring fusion. I had not heard classical music until I took a music appreciation course

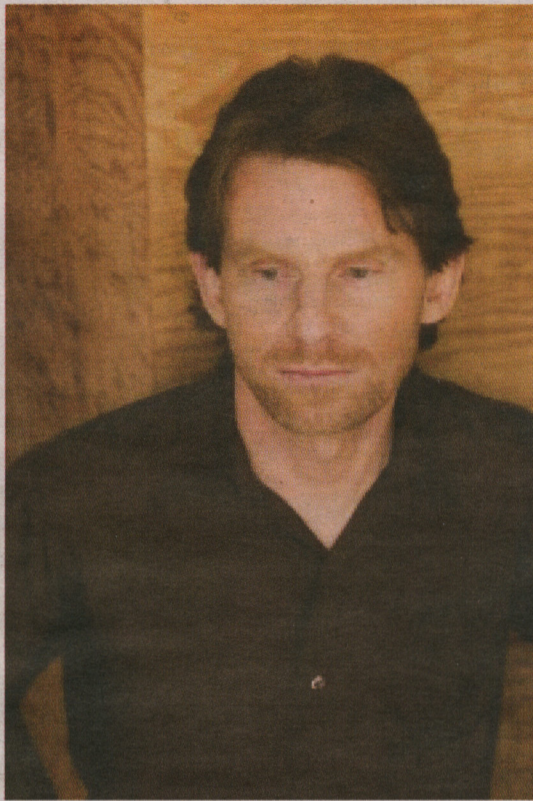


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in college. That is when I first heard the job description of a 'composer.'"

As an undergraduate, Mackey started off on the pre-med track.

He then switched to physics and, after that, music. He received his BA at UC Davis, and, from there, his main teacher suggested going to Stony Brook. Some of the professors Mackey recalls having include John Lessard, Sarah Fuller, David Lewin and Billy Jim Layton, though he admits Lessard was his favorite. He attended SBU for five years and a summer semester before graduating in 1980 with his MA in music.

After his graduation, Mackey further continued his education by receiving his Ph.D from Brandeis. Since then, he has composed for orchestras, chamber ensembles, dance and opera. "My greatest accomplishment is being in love with the act and activities of composing," Mackey said. "It is not only my profession but my favorite hobby as well." Aside from composing, he also performs with his band, Big

Farm, and is an avid tennis player and skier.

Currently, Mackey teaches at Princeton University, where he holds the titles of Professor of Music, as well as chair of the Department of Music. Mackey has been known to improvise with students in the context of composition lessons, just for fun or as part of his seminars. It goes along with his theory of, "Composing is no fun at all if you don't love what you are creating."

At Princeton, he has been teaching composition, theory, twentieth century music, improvisation and a variety of special topics since 1985. When asked if he would ever consider coming back to SBU to teach, he was honest in saying, "Probably not. Princeton is my home; the University has been great to me."

Regardless of where he teaches, Mackey advises any music majors or aspiring musicians to make sure they love what they do on a daily basis. "Don't worry about awards, reviews, etc.," said Mackey. "Focus on making your daily work enjoyable. As my father said, if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life."

Students follow their noses in Kelly Dining cooking demo

By Giselle Barkley
Contributing Writer

Flavor seekers awoke their senses Friday evening with a spicy demonstration in the Kelly Dining Center. Executive Chef Al Aberg's "Follow Your Nose Spice Demo" allowed students to become better acquainted with the scents and uses of various spices and herbs. The lesson also provided participants with a dash of history.

The presentation, which began shortly after five o'clock on Feb. 23, was a hands-on encounter with spices. From cinnamon to allspice, nearly 30 containers adorned the display table. The spices were accompanied by their respective samples.

Smelling and occasionally tasting was important as samples were passed to each participant and identified and discussed. Aberg gave background information for each, including their use or medicinal purposes, if any. He also touched upon where certain spices originated and how trading helped to spread spices from one area

to another.

"Spice is very important in the history of the world," said Chef Aberg. They are an important aspect of culture. Gumbo Filé, for instance, is a spicy herb used for making various types of gumbo, which is a Creole and Cajun stew. Chefs at the SAC used this as a spice in some foods set out for Mardi Gras.

Herbs and spices, however, are not to be confused. Herbs, like fresh basil or rosemary, are leafy green plants. They are not considered spices until they have dried. Unlike spices, which are incorporated into dishes, herbs are garnishes.

A spice is a dried seed, fruit, root, bark or vegetable-based substance used for flavor, color, medicinal purposes or as a preservative. The older a spice gets, the less pungent its smell. Depending on how old the spice is, it can still be used; tea can be made from aged rosemary. It can be used to help an upset stomach, digestive disorders and headaches.

Chef Aberg, who grows and dries

some of his herbs, believes that society's knowledge about spices is commercialized. "Kentucky Fried Chicken has their original recipe... once they manufacture their taste it's...there. There's not enough people home cooking. Most people wouldn't know half of this stuff," said Aberg.

For these reasons, presentations like Chef Aberg's "Follow Your Nose Demo" are important. They provide individuals with insight on various topics.

The demonstration was one of many offered by the Executive Chef's Kitchen program at Stony Brook. According to Angela Agnello, the director of marketing and communications of the FSA at Stony Brook, the program began after the servery of Kelly Dining was last renovated in 2000.

The topics of these presentations are determined monthly. Themes may be incorporated for special occasions, holidays, tips for students or new products. In addition, the Campus Dining Services nutritionist offers healthy cooking demonstrations once a week.

The executive chef, operations director and marketing director comprise the Campus Dining Services team. Not only does this group determine the topic, but also the location and chef in charge of each presentation.

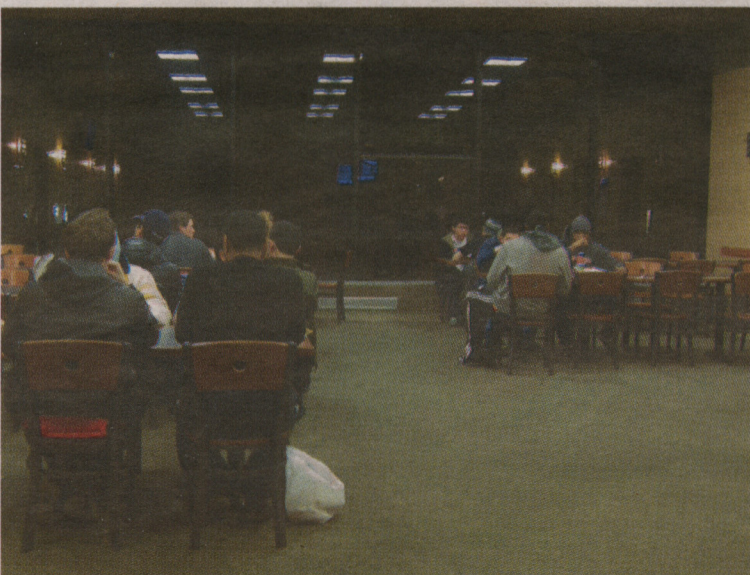
Like at many of the demonstrations offered by the Executive Chef's Kitchen, food was provided. Yellow rice with curried chicken and vegetables and cinnamon coated churros were served as dinner and desert.

Churros are sometimes referred

to as Spanish doughnuts. They are usually fried and sometimes sprinkled with sugar. Chef Aberg, however, left the final touches to the participants. Together, students created a blend of spices, including sugar, allspice, nutmeg and cumin, to name a few. The blend made for some sweet churros with a kick of spice.

Chef Aberg captured the attention of his audience with jokes, a dose of history and a lesson on spices. In addition to the free food, Dominic Dabrowski, a political science master's student, feels that he learns something new upon the events.

Dabrowski is no stranger to the programs Executive Chef's Kitchen offers, attending two or three a week. Based upon his experience, Dabrowski was very pleased describing Aberg's demo as "pretty far up there."



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Executive Chef Al Aberg hosted the "Follow Your Nose Spice Demo" in Kelly Dining Center to give students some hands-on practice with spices.

This week learn how to make: Thai Tuna Burgers



By Alycia Terry
Staff Writer

Smudges of dark ash rubbed on foreheads across campus; students in line for a juicy, meaty burger, sheepishly withdrawing with a shake of the head. Ash Wednesday, the day immediately following Mardi Gras, signifies the beginning of the 40 day period in which the Roman Catholic and many Protestant churches observe Lent. In times past this observance signified fasting, abstinence and other forms of self-denial, but today many people observe by giving up a favorite luxury or vice.

Deciding what to give up this year was akin to taking "Search for Life in the Universe" as my D.E.C. G—difficult and confusing. My first thought, since I was watching an awfully awkward episode of "Room Raiders" at the time, was to give up reality TV. But, then I really wanted to find out whose room got picked. My second idea was to give up beer, a favorite vice that I've found to be extremely hazardous to my spring diet. But, then what would I do on Tuesdays if I couldn't go to Billie's for dollar beers with my 10-cent wings? Eventually this thought process led me to

the luxury that I'd have to do without. No more wings for me, be they barbecue, buffalo, or hot.

As sad as I am to give up wings, I am partial to the tradition of having fish on Ash Wednesday and the four Fridays during Lent. I do love burgers and chicken—as my readers are well-aware — but there are dozens of different fish out there that can be prepared in hundreds of different ways. Long Island is filled with seafood and sushi restaurants, but don't spend fourteen dollars on a tuna burger that you can easily make six servings of for the same price. This recipe for Thai Tuna Burgers from allrecipe.com will make you look forward to meatless

What You Need:

1 1/2 pounds fresh tuna steaks, minced
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
1/4 cup grated carrot
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger root
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon ketchup

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 egg, beaten
6 hamburger buns
6 lettuce leaves - rinsed and dried
2 medium tomatoes, sliced
1 tablespoon lite soy sauce

Fridays.

1. In a bowl, thoroughly mix minced tuna, bread crumbs, green onion, carrot, ginger, cilantro, sesame oil, ketchup, soy sauce, cumin, salt, pepper and egg. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2. Preheat oven broiler.

3. Form tuna mixture into 6 patties, and place in a broiler pan on top oven rack. Cook, uncovered, 4 minutes per side, or until easily flaked with a fork. Serve on hamburger buns with lettuce and tomato.



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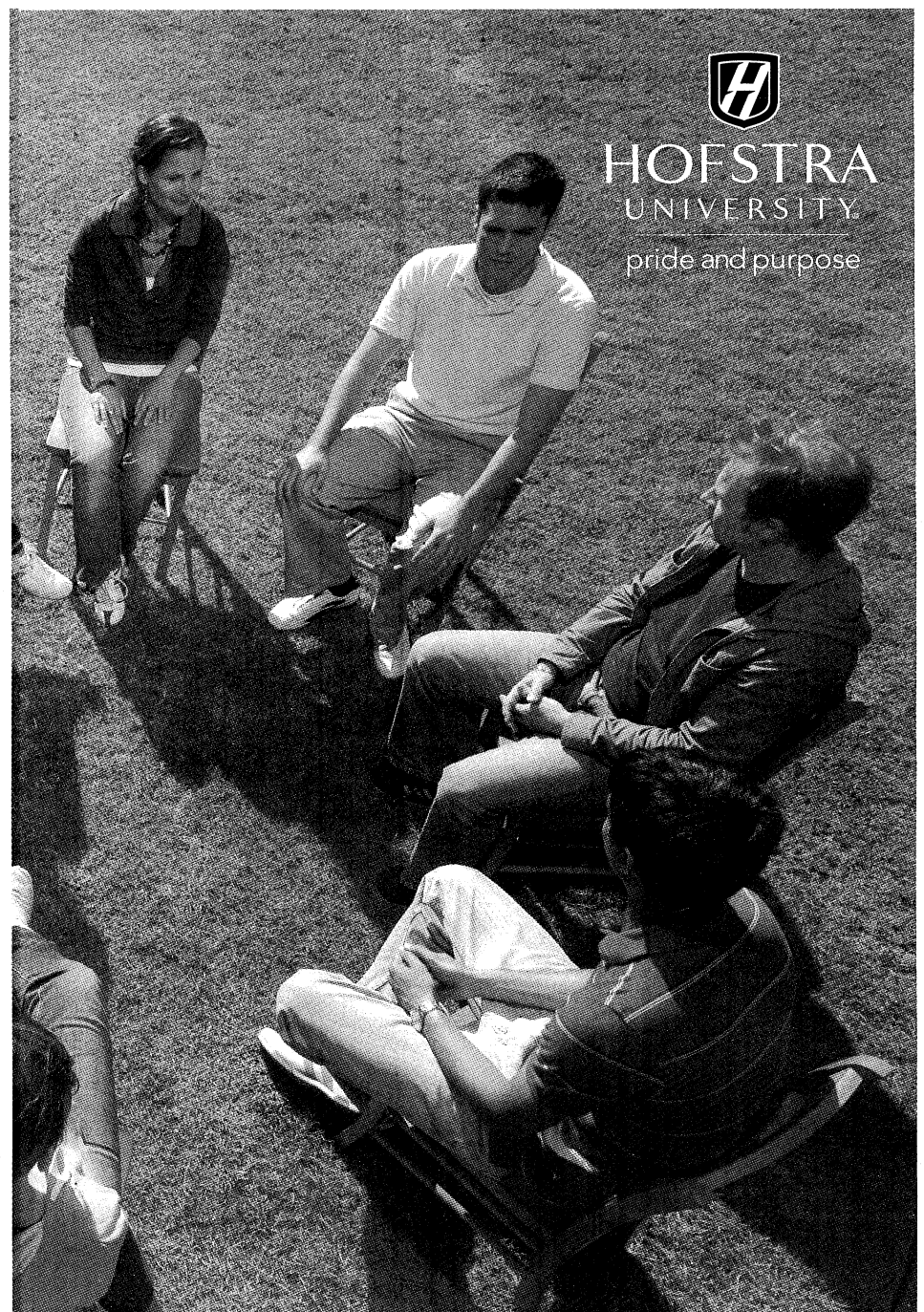
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Stirrings in Syria

By Anusha Mookherjee
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Dear Stony Brook Students,

Does anyone know what is going on in Syria? People on campus are so worried that the line at Starbucks is too long, that they have to get up at 8:20 in the morning, or that our precious, beloved memes might go away. Who cares?

Bashar al-Assad's regime started in 2000 with the death of his father. Prior to his death, Hafez al-Assad ruled Syria for 29 years. Hafez had an extremely hostile foreign policy, which set the stage for the current day regime. Bashar was appointed president and then won a controversial vote where he won unopposed with a popular majority of 97.2 percent. Today, Syria is a far cry from a functioning democracy. As a popular movement against Bashar's regime is building, so is the government violence against this uprising.

Homs, Syria is the third largest city in the country with a population around one million. Homs is one of the strongholds for the anti-Assad movement, but in recent weeks, the violence in bombings, killings and riots has dramatically increased, causing many civilian casualties. Though the United States, European Union, Arab League and Turkey have imposed sanctions on Syria, this is the only intervention so far.

Many news outlets have outlined reasons why there have been no military actions so far. The biggest problem is

that there is no consensus that can be reached by the United Nations Security Council. To those who don't know the power of the U.N., without the support of the council, there is no legitimacy to the actions taken by other countries against Syria. Russia and China, two allies of Syria, voted against a resolution earlier in the month that would have reprimanded the government and its actions. It is this opposition by China and Russia that has left the U.N. unable to intervene.

Obviously the U.N. is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to problems of intervention. Many are skeptical of the support people really have for the anti-Assad movement. In Libya, the problem was a lot more clear cut and visible, whereas in Syria, there is stronger support for the current regime. This split in the country leaves organizations such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which involves itself in military affairs, unclear about whether they should launch their own interventions into Syria. Without it being a U.N. operation, it would have no international legitimacy. This lack of knowledge of the opposition makes military intervention a risky move. If the U.S. was to send military support, many believe Syria could be the new Iraq. Many also believe sanctions to the country, which have already started are the best way to deal with foreign issues. Susan Rice, who is our ambassador to the U.N., believes that the U.S. should not intervene and support what could potentially be a civil war. With the

economy already falling apart, Rice believes that with the last of Assad's regime breaking, the people of Syria including soldiers will turn against the regime.

According to the resistance, the death toll has reached about 8,000, with 60,000 people detained and 20,000 missing. On February 22, Marie Colvin, a famed journalist was killed in Homs.

During her final interview to Anderson Cooper of CNN, she talked about the violence in Homs and about the amount of shell fire that is affecting civilians in order to break the strongholds. During her interview, CNN showed the graphic video of a child, whom Colvin witnessed, die of shrapnel that had hit him. The boy, only 2 years old, lay on a table soaked in blood, struggling to breathe until he stopped about a minute later. It was a heartbreaking video but shows why the United States, and more importantly the U.N. needs to take action against Syria.

As an ongoing event, I will keep writing about the violence in Syria, but as students, take a minute to read on the events unfolding there. The resistance is begging for help so now we need to stop wasting time resisting the early morning classes, and unfair tests, and start protesting the violence of Assad's regime. The resistance has a weak voice, but can become the new government with the influence and power of the United States. With pressure from students, we can start a change of policy towards Syria.

On Fallen Stars: America's Fascination with Tragic Celebrity Deaths

By Lamia Haider
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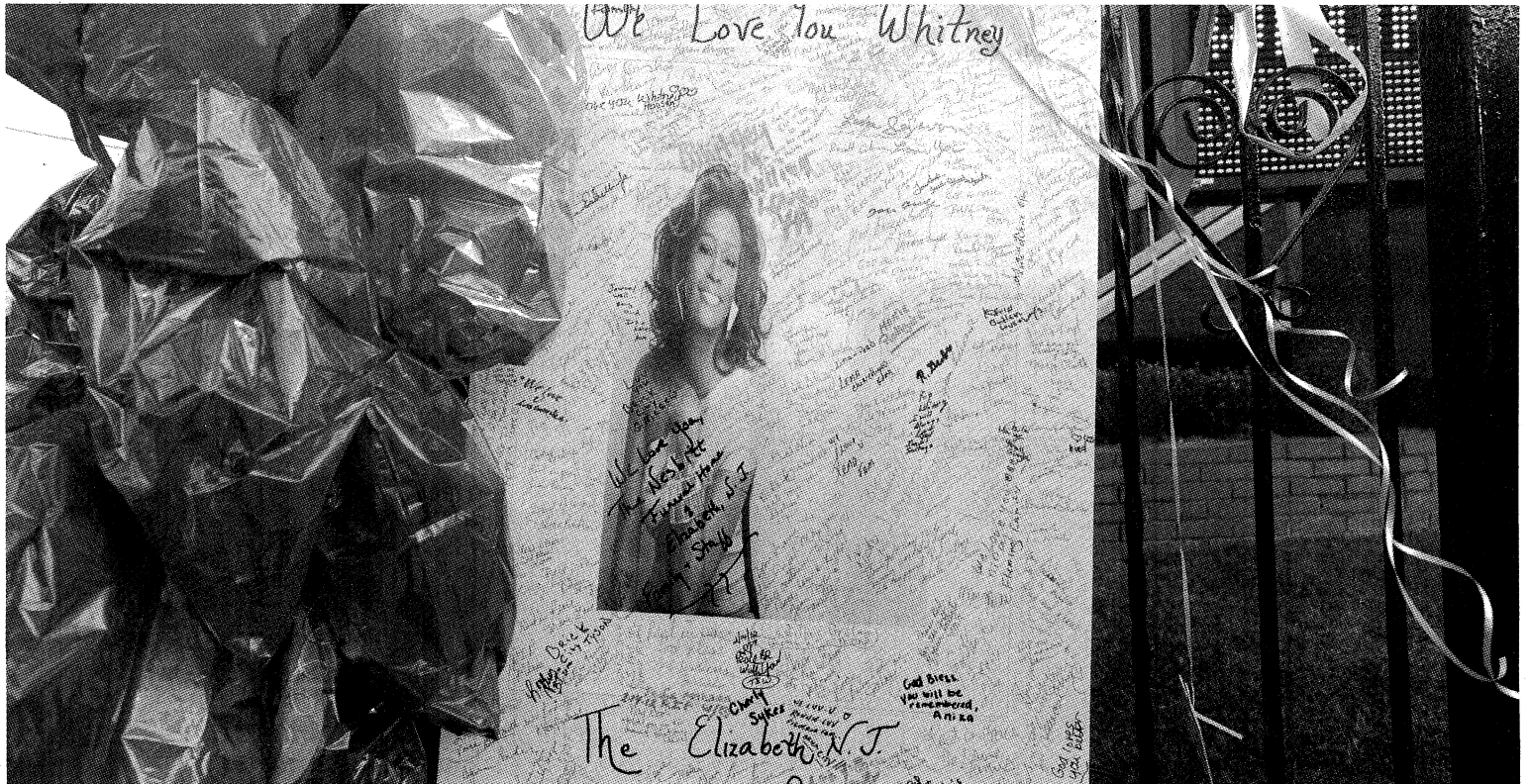
I was at a friend's house when I heard about the death of Whitney Houston. My friend was half-heartedly scrolling through the Yahoo News headlines when she suddenly had an outburst.

"Whoa, Whitney Houston's dead!"

I was preoccupied with bouncing her infant son on my lap and admiring how enthusiastic he was about drooling on things, so it took me a moment to fully register what she was saying.

"Oh...that's too bad, I guess? I never really got into her music," I responded lamely, unsure about how to react. I always meet celebrity deaths with confusion and guilt. The confusion stems from not knowing how to react to the death of a complete stranger, even if it was a famous stranger. The guilt arises from the fact that whoever it was that died was still a person and I feel like I should try to muster up some sort of feeling of loss for their sudden departure. A few days later I learned that a drug overdose was the cause of her death, and I had the unsettling realization that people were talking about this with a strange note of relish in their voices.

Sex, drugs and violence have always been the cornerstones of society. Whether you're trying to stop it, improve it, avoid it, control it, sell it, or buy it, most of society is precariously balancing on these three pillars. Celebrities have it bad because they have the harsh beam of the limelight enveloping them and illuminating every one of their



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flaws. The public loves sordid tales, ones involving vapid sex tapes, blurry photos of famous teenagers out on a night of marijuana-infused fun, and news stories about the sudden fall from grace of a star who was found dead in a hotel bathtub.

America is still hooked on Marilyn Monroe, as can be evinced by the five billion women who have impersonated her for some photo-shoot or other. The alleged suicide of the young actress gave the media something to publish in sensationalist tabloids so that the public could gorge themselves on scandal and ignominy. A similar scenario followed the tragedy of Heath Ledger's death, Brittany Murphy's demise, as well as the

deaths of many other stars who were found with pill bottles and

photos of lifeless faces shrouded by blankets, drug paraphernalia

"These deaths then give rise to a maelstrom of photos of lifeless faces shrouded by blankets, drug paraphernalia littering kitchen counters, and black matte body bags being wheeled away."

an empty glass. These deaths then give rise to a maelstrom of

respect needed to avoid having a

photo of his corpse taken.

The purpose of all of this is to feed the constantly gaping maw of entertainment for the masses. The public isn't simply satisfied by the perpetual whining of the Kardashians or the comical antics in Jackass. Their fascination with these revered celebrities extends to having to see the former actors on their deathbeds. There is something enthralling about people who are still young and living glamorous lives suddenly dropping dead. Adding drugs to that mixture only makes it more preoccupying for people. At this point just about anything passes for entertainment, and individuals who have lost their wills to live and sought refuge in a bottle of oxycodone are subjected to this kind of scrutiny instead of being given the respect they deserve.

Is My Brain a Ten?

By Jen Chiodo
Contributing Writer

"You have a sexy brain."

My ex boyfriend has a new girlfriend. I don't know her name, I don't know her personality, all I know is that he describes her as characteristically 'hott.' He complains about her a lot to me — she is naggy, she is critical, she is too conservative—but they are, of course, still together.

"You have a sexy brain."

The ex and I remain good friends after a year of negotiations and the like. It may sound cruel but one of my biggest reasons for leaving him was because I found him superficial. He currently lives in Manhattan, the most superficial island in the Northeast. I wore my best outfit to see him for the first time in six months.

"You have a sexy brain."

This is what he said to me over lunch, right after I finished explaining a dating nightmare that happened a few days earlier. He told me that I had to value myself and date someone on my level.

"You have a sexy brain."

I looked at him straight on, and he looked into my eyes as he said it. I looked at his pupils to see if they were dilated, one of my surefire indicators of whether someone is physically attracted to me. They weren't. I woke up the next day with my head cocked to the side. His comment perplexed me and infuriated me at the same time. What the hell does that mean? Does it mean he doesn't find me physically attractive? Does having a sexy brain account for love or lust? Is it more or less valued than having a sexy butt?

"You have a sexy brain."

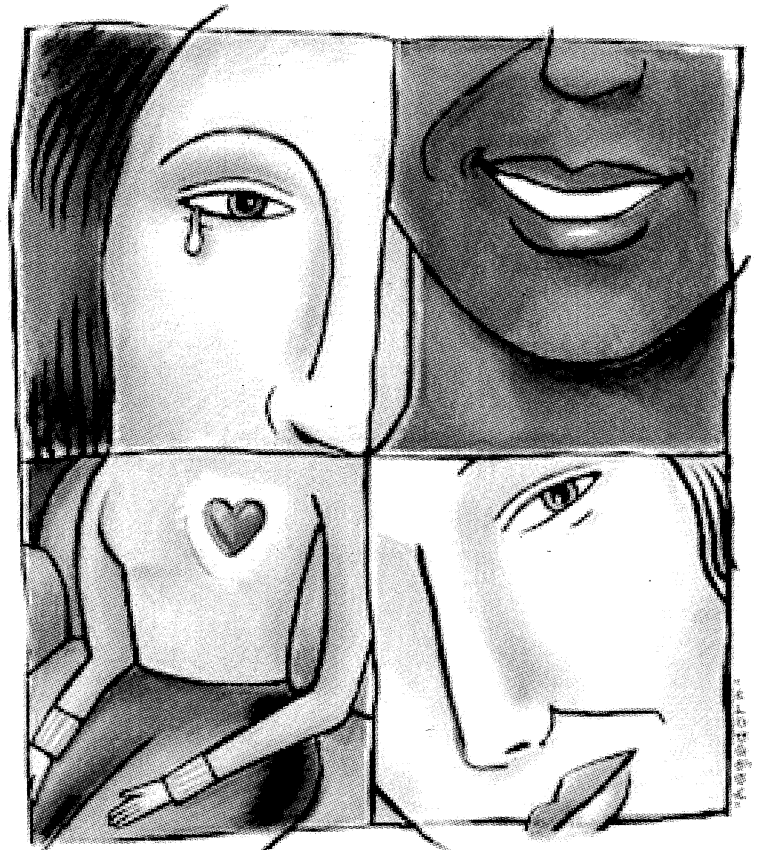
Women want to be called sexy. Regardless of her age,

race, color, career...it makes a woman feel like, you know, a Wo-man, and they feel sexy. The same way it makes a man feel sexy when you call him handsome and masculine and all those good things.

But the specifics of it — I am, as a whole, not totally sexy, but my brain is—it's a bit disconcerting, coming from the dude whom I spent two years of my waking life devoted to, both physically and mentally. Then again, that is pretty awesome, right? I mean, I haven't broken my back in school for five years to have an unattractive brain by any means. Come to think of it, lately my biggest problem with meeting guys my age is that I feel they can't keep up with me most of the time.

"You have a sexy brain."

This reminds me of when the ever-successful womanizer, Jack Nicholson tells older lover Diane Keaton in the



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movie "Something's Gotta Give", "You are a woman to love." Keaton was so perplexed by his comment that it led her to write an entire play based on the infuriatingly unique compliment. My ex's

compliments lead me to write an entire article. Guess it's our sexy brains getting in the way of rationalizing our sexy hearts. Either way, I guess I should just shut up and be flattered already, right?

Baseball sweeps four games in season opening tournament

By Mike Daniello
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook opened up their 2012 season strong, by winning their first three games. They won their first two games of the Colonel Round Robin by defeating Alabama State and Nicholls State on Friday.

The Seawolves beat Alabama State 3-2, and were led by junior William Carmona, who went 2-for-4 with a solo home run and brought in senior Pat Cantwell with a double in the seventh to score the go-ahead run. Sophomore Frankie Vanderka picked up the win with 3.0 scoreless innings of relief.

Alabama State led 2-1 after three innings before Carmona's home run tied the game. Senior Tyler Johnson pitched six innings and gave up one earned run.

In the second game Stony Brook was able to hold off Nicholls State after the Seawolves jumped out to a 7-0 lead. Junior Travis Jankowski went 2-for-5 with a pair of RBI and two runs scored, while Sophomore Brandon McNitt gave up two runs in 6.0 innings for his first victory of the season.

Stony Brook scored a run in the first inning against Nicholls State on a Carmona RBI groundout. Freshman Michael Roehrig added two more runs in the second with a two-run single. The Seawolves went

up seven with three runs in the fifth inning. Jankowski hit a two-run triple to add to the lead.

Nicholls State rallied by scoring two in the sixth and four in the seventh inning to get within 8-6. Junior Jasvir Rakkar came into the game with runners of first and second, but managed to escape. He retired the three batters he faced in order, with the last two on strikeouts.

Rakkar added two more strikeouts in the ninth inning to finish it off for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook beat Alabama State again on Saturday by a score of 6-0. Senior Evan Stecko-Haley allowed only two hits in 8.0 shutout innings, while freshman Kevin Krause hit a two-run home run.

Stecko-Haley retired 24 of the final 26 batters he faced, after allowing a leadoff hit in the first inning. He walked only one and struck out six to pick up his first victory of the season.

The Seawolves jumped out to an early 1-0 lead as Jankowski stole second and advanced to third on the wild throw. He then scored on a sacrifice fly from Cantwell.

Stony Brook added two runs in the sixth as junior Maxx Tissenbaum doubled and scored on Krause's home run. The Seawolves put the game out of reach with three unearned runs in the eighth.

Sophomore Joshua Mason pitched a scoreless ninth inning to give the

Seawolves the victory.

Baseball was able to finish off the sweep at the Colonel Round Robin, by defeating the host Nicholls State on Sunday. The Seawolves beat Nicholls State for the second time in the tournament, this time by a score of 4-1.

Campbell struck out a career-high seven and shut out the Colonels over the finals six innings, after allowing a run in the first. Vanderka pitched a perfect eighth and ninth to pick up a save for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook had 12 hits, two each from Cantell, Jankowski, Krause and Tissenbaum. Freshman Cole Peragine added a hit and two RBI for the Seawolves.

Nicholls scored a run, without any hits to go up 1-0 early. Stony Brook added an unearned run in the second to tie the game at 1. They then scored twice in the fourth from a run-scoring single from Peragine.

Stony Brook added another run in the fifth as Jankowski scored on a sacrifice fly from Carmona. Jankowski reached on a bunt single, stole second, and moved to third on a bunt from Cantwell before scoring.

Nicholls State never advanced a runner past second base, as Campbell and Vanderka combined to retire the final 10 batters.

Stony Brook travels to East Carolina for a three-game set next weekend.

Women's basketball drop two games in final week



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Senior guard Tamiel Murray had eight points and seven rebounds in Saturday's game at Maine.

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points, put the Hawks up by six points. Stony Brook's freshman Kelly Krueger wouldn't allow that to continue any longer when she was able to get two of her eight points with a jump shot, cutting the lead to just three at 14-11.

After a Horsey jump-shot, the Hawks responded by scoring six of the next eight points to take a 20-15 lead on the Seawolves with time running out in the first half.

Attempting to establish a paint presence, both Davis and Jacobs respond for Stony Brook with back-to-back free throw conversions to cut the deficit to just three points at halftime, 22-19.

Hartford opened the second half by scoring the first five points as the Seawolves struggled to convert from the floor.

Two straight scoring possessions for the Seawolves closed the gap to within four. However, the Hawks answered every chance they could get and pushed the lead to 10.

A couple driving layups by Previlon and Stony Brook's first three-pointer of the game from freshman Natalie Myers were instrumental in a 7-0 run that cut the Hartford lead to two points with 35 seconds remaining in the game.

"(The rally) was really a testament to the team," O'Boyle said. "We've talked about grinding out games and to keep making the extra play and they played really hard to close the gap."

Unfortunately for the Seawolves, a costly foul put them over the limit, and the Hawks would capitalize to stretch the lead to three. Hartford's Alex Hall gave the Seawolves a final chance to finish the comeback with a missed free throw, but the ball skipped off the rim and into Nikkia Smith's hands.

A few Hawks free throws later pushed the margin and with no time left in the game, the Seawolves fell, 49-42.

Before the game, the four Seawolf seniors in their final home game were honored: Davis, Jacobs,

Horsey and Murray.

On Saturday, Stony Brook headed north to take on the University of Maine Black Bears, where they would go on to trade baskets back and forth throughout the game, but run out of gas during the stretch and fall, 45-40.

Tamiel Murray led the Stony Brook offense with eight points, seven rebounds and five assists, while Kellie Krueger had eight points and four rebounds and Jessica Previlon chipped in with seven points and nine rebounds for the Seawolves.

The Seawolves offense had it going early, opening up a 5-0 lead on the Black Bears to start the first half, with buckets from Krueger and Destiny Jacobs.

Maine was able to respond to Stony Brook's early intensity with 10 straight points of their own to push a five point lead upon the Seawolves midway through the first half.

Whitney Davis was able to knock down a jump shot with 5:22 remaining in the half to give the Seawolves the lead once again at 15-14.

Stony Brook narrowly outplayed the Black Bears to go into halftime leading by just two at 21-19.

Maine stormed back yet again in the second half to overtake the Seawolves' lead at 30-29 with 10 minutes to go in the half.

Stony Brook then responded to open up with a rapid 10-2 scoring run in just under four minutes on Maine to take the lead by seven, 39-32.

The Seawolves clinged to a five point advantage over Maine for the next four minutes playing good defense until the Black Bears were able to break open an 11-0 run over the last four minutes and rally to a come from behind victory over Stony Brook.

Thursday, March 1 marks the opening day of the America East Championships in West Hartford, Conn. The Seawolves will be there to compete against a team that is to be determined in a tournament that will end a season of struggle for Stony Brook.

Men's lacrosse falls to #1 Virginia University

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

The third time was not the charm for the Seawolves.

Playing Virginia, currently the number one ranked team in the country, for the third time in the past three seasons, Stony Brook lost 12-5 last Saturday afternoon.

"We got off to a good start, but just couldn't sustain it," head coach Jim Nagle said in a press release. "I saw some really good things that we can build on going forward."

Virginia red-shirt senior Colin Briggs lead the Cavaliers with three goals and four assists, while Stony Brook senior Kyle Belton scored his first two goals of the season in a losing effort.

Mike Rooney, Russ Bonnano and Matt Bellando also scored for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the opening quarter on goals from Bellando and Bonnano.

Virginia, however, would come back and with 1:43 left in the quarter, would take their first lead of the game on a goal from red-shirt freshman Owen Van Arsdale.

Virginia carried their momentum into the second quarter, scoring the next three goals to take a 6-2 lead with 6:28 left in the period.

Stony Brook's Belton would break the Seawolves' scoring drought at the 4:28 mark of the quarter with a man-up goal.

It was the team's first goal in over 19 minutes of play.

However, that would be the closest Stony Brook would come for the rest of the game.



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The Seawolves lost their third game in three seasons to Virginia

Virginia would hold the Seawolves to a scoreless 4th quarter to secure the win.

Stony Brook goalie Sean Brady, making his second start for the program, made five saves.

Virginia goalie Rob Fortunato played better, making 14 saves.

In the previous two seasons, Stony Brook has played Virginia, a perennial power in NCAA Lacrosse, down to the wire.

Stony Brook opened last season against the Cavaliers at home, losing 11-10 in overtime.

Two years ago, Stony Brook came within one goal of upsetting top-seeded Virginia in the second round of the NCAA tournament, losing 10-9.

Stony Brook, now off to an 0-2 start, will play their first home game of the regular season against Marist next Saturday at 1 p.m.



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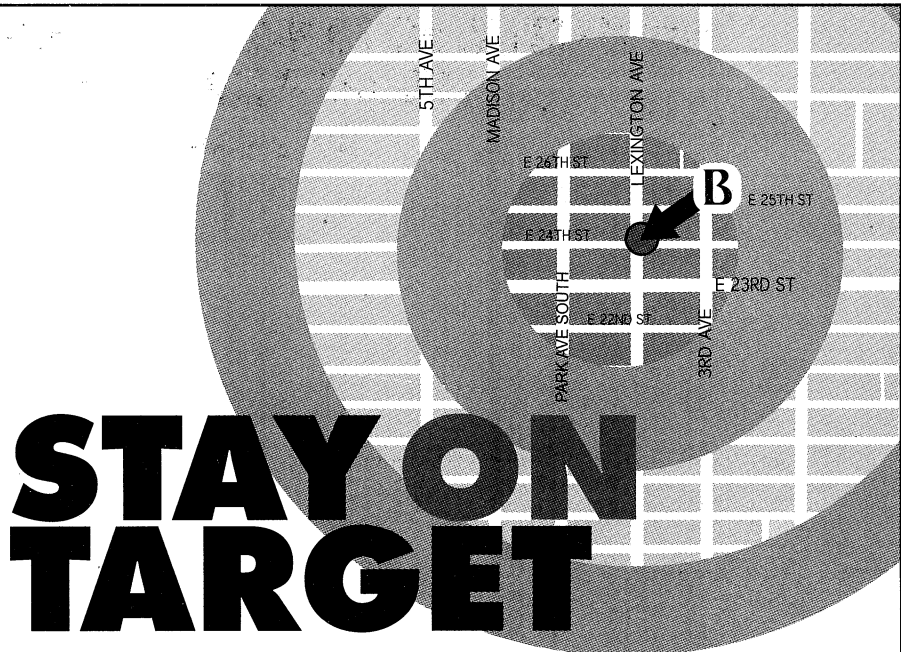
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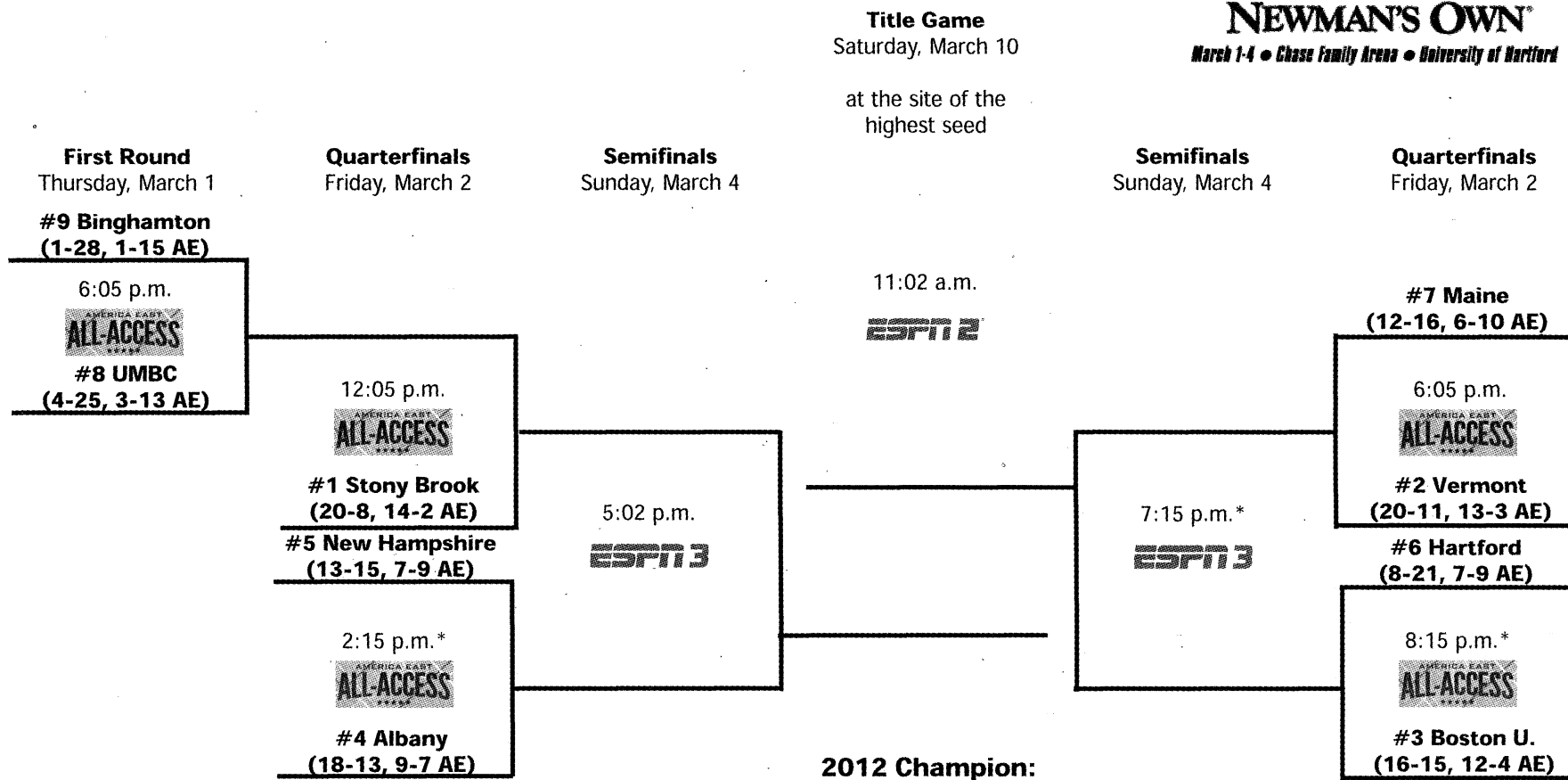
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Stony Brook basketball prepares for conference tournament in Hartford

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

It is the time of year that makes Seawolves basketball players and fans more excited than any other. The brisk weather with the promise of spring to come always brings with it at least one thing in the world of collegiate athletics: playoff basketball. The winter of discontented Stony Brook basketball fans, who have been waiting to see the finish of the regular season, is almost at an end.

The Stony Brook men's and women's basketball teams will embark to Hartford, Conn., this upcoming weekend to compete in the America East conference tournament. For the men, this is a chance to capture the conference title that narrowly escaped their grasp last March and put the finishing touches on an already successful season. For the women, this is their opportunity to make up for any disappointments this season. For both squads, the regular season is over, and all that matters now is how well they perform in individual forty-minute games.

The women will play the first game of their tournament this coming Thursday at 6:05 p.m. against their opponents, the University of Maine Black Bears. Should the Seawolves be victorious, they will go on to play the top-seeded Boston University Terriers on Friday.

As for the men, the team will be able to rest on the first day of competition as 9th-seeded Binghamton University plays the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on Thursday.

Stony Brook will play the winner of this game the next day. It would be the first of three games that the Seawolves would have to play should they go to the championship game. Because of their win against the University of Maine on Sunday, that championship game would be played on Stony Brook's court if the Seawolves make it that far.

"All season we've been looking for that home game and that championship," senior guard Bryan Dougher said. "Anybody in this league can win on any given night."

Stony Brook hopes to carry the night of the last day of the tournament on its home court

Men's and women's swimming and diving teams compete at conference championships

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook swimming and diving teams traveled to Boston University to take part in the America East Championship meet at the Boston University Aquatic Center, a four-day event from Thursday through Sunday.

The men's team completed five events on the first day and achieved second place overall and the women fifth.

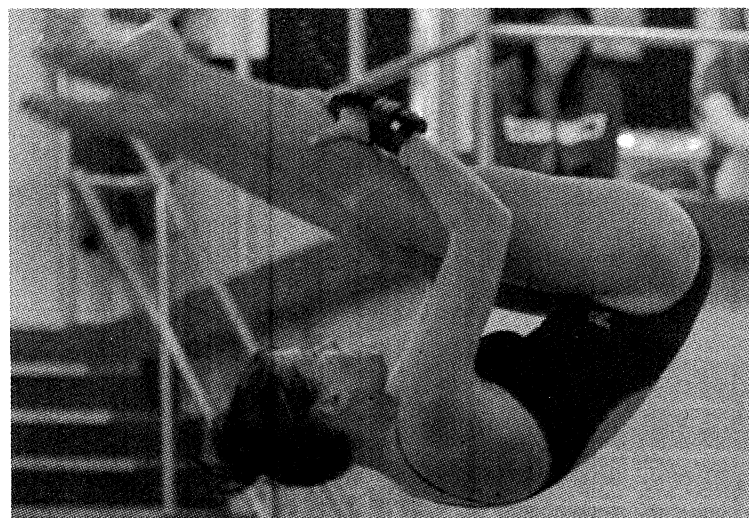
The first event of the day was the one-meter diving competition. Freshman Kyle Gannon took fifth place with a season-best score of 239.55. Freshman Kaleim Reid also placed in the event with ninth.

The men's 200 medley relay team, consisting of freshman Larry Barbosa, junior Daniel Wenzel, senior Mark Anderson and senior Ed McIntyre, won second place with a time of 1:34.58 while the women's team took sixth place in the same event even though it swam a season record time of 1:46.84.

Both the men and women also participated in the 800 freestyle relay. The men's team achieved third place with a time of 6:53.27 and the women fourth place with a time of 7:28.78.

The standings did not change for the better for Stony Brook at the end of the second day's events. The women remained in fifth while the men slid down to fourth after 14 total events over the first two days.

In the first event of the day, senior



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The swimming and diving teams traveled to Boston.

Darcy Heuser made seventh place in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:56.48. She also was part of the 200 freestyle team who won second with a time of 1:35.20, which was less than a second behind the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) team.

Sophomore Allison Zelnick was part of a tightly contested 50 free; the top five competitors all finished within four-tenths of a second. Zelnick took fourth place with a time of 23.85.

In the same event for the men, senior Sean Conway achieved eighth place with a time of 21.46.

Junior Molly Swartz took fourth place in the three-meter dive in her first championship meet with a score of 235.10.

On the third day of action, both teams finished the places where they

had started. Conway and Heuser each finished in third place in their respective 200 freestyle events. Conway achieved a time of 1:40.54 while Heuser finished with 1:50.05.

Junior Julie Policht finished in sixth place in the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.61.

Barbosa also added a 10th place performance in the 100 fly with a time of 51.03.

Anderson finished in seventh place in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 57.76, and Wenzel completed the 100 backstroke with a time of 53.04, securing 10th place.

Ganon scored fourth place in the three-meter dive with a score of 252.25.

At the time of production, the results from the final day of the championship

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Time is now for men's basketball

By Sam Killb
Managing Editor

So this is it. A second regular-season championship in three years, and now the Seawolves have never been in a better position to make it to the NCAA national championship tournament.

The road to the tourney goes through Hartford, where Stony Brook will have to avoid some early March madness in the conference tournament — a feat that has been easier said than done in recent years. But this group has the talent, the depth and the leadership to punch its ticket to the dance.

Please, please don't blow it.

For the first time since they arrived here, the starters on the floor for Stony Brook will be more senior than their opponents. It's important that they take advantage of it this time.

Last year, after a season that started with high expectations and was riddled with injuries along the way, the Seawolves improbably made it to the conference finals, only to blow an enormous lead under the weight of a huge second-half performance by Boston University senior John Holland.

That one hurt, but this year, the seniors waiting to have a monster game are wearing Stony Brook uniforms.

Danny Carter, Al Rapier, Dallis Joyner and Bryan Dougher are all playing in their final season, and this is their last chance to make another mark on Stony Brook and the America East.

Make no mistake — this senior class, and let's include Tommy Brenton, who is a junior after sitting out last season with an injury — has already made its mark on this program. When they

came in, Stony Brook wasn't even getting a winning record, much less conference titles. Dougher turned down Princeton to play for Stony Brook, and now stands 30 points away from having the most points in the school's Division-I history. They took a chance on Stony Brook, betting on head coach Steve Pikiell and their own abilities to take them to the ultimate prize of the NCAA tournament.

Now, they stand three games away. Each game will be the biggest they've ever played, in part because each could be the last in college for these seniors.

And it's important that they treat it this way. The conference tournament is never a cakewalk, as proven by Stony Brook last year. And last week, Binghamton — possibly the worst team in the country at a dismal 0-26 — knocked off America East frontrunners Vermont in a game that gave the Seawolves the inside track to this regular season championship.

But this group has been good about keeping its focus all year. That's how the team got here in the first place, taking care of business against the lesser teams.

Sunday's game was a prime example of this, as the Seawolves handled a Maine team that finished in the middle of the pack. It was an easy game to look past, but Stony Brook stayed level and celebrated as a result.

All year, the players have talked about how the coaching staff has kept on them, never letting them rest on their laurels or take a game off.

"They're too confident," Pikiell often said in the post-press conference. He deserves a lot of the credit for putting this group together and keeping them playing



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Junior Tommy Brenton looks to be a key difference in this season's tournament.

as hard as they can all game, every game.

They will need every ounce of that effort and focus next weekend. Add a dash of seniority,

a sprinkle of good shooting and a healthy helping of defense and rebounding (Brenton being back in the mix doesn't hurt, either) and the championship game will be in

Stony Brook on March 10.

So this is it: NCAA tournament or bust. But first, take care of business, and bring the championship game to Stony Brook.

Women drop final two games of regular season



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Senior Misha Horsey played her last home game at Stony Brook on Wednesday.

By Adam Merkle
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's basketball team dropped two games in the final week of the regular season, the last games before the America East conference tournament next weekend.

In a battle fit only for a Seawolves Senior Night, the team was able to fuel a late game rally after being down double digits in the second half, bringing it within two points with less than a minute in the game.

Ultimately, however, Stony Brook was unable to come away with a victory, despite the thrilling conclusion as it fell to the Hartford Hawks, 49-42, on Wednesday night in Pritchard Gymnasium.

"Tremendous effort all around tonight," head coach Beth O'Boyle said. "It was really nice to see everyone dig down and give it their best efforts tonight. Tamiel (Murray) really commanded our offense today, Whitney (Davis)

was aggressive and hit some big shots, Misha (Horsey) also hit some needed shots and Destiny (Jacobs) came up big on the glass for us."

Senior Whitney Davis led the Seawolves with 12 points in another double-digit scoring performance in which she was able to elude numerous defenders to create open shots for herself.

Freshman Kellie Krueger and junior Jessica Previlon chipped in off the bench with seven points and rebounds and eight points and six rebounds, respectively.

The Seawolves would not allow Hartford to dictate the pace from the start as both teams played to a tie game for nearly the first 10 minutes of the contest. Jessica Previlon's free throw gave Stony Brook the 9-8 lead midway through the first half.

Two straight three-pointers from Hartford's Alex Hall, who finished with a game high 19

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