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Maloof accused of breaking USG law

By Nelson Oliveira
Assistant News Editor

Mark Maloof, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, faced tough scrutiny at Thursday's Senate meeting after he revealed he had hired Moiz K. Malik, former USG Chief Justice, for director of the Audio/Visual Board earlier this semester without senate approval.

Maloof appointed Malik to direct the agency in late January, but the four-senator committee assigned to check out and interview the candidate did not second a motion to approve the nomination. Malik was never presented to the Senate, but Maloof gave him the job anyway.

Senator David Adams, the committee member who motioned to approve Malik's appointment, said Maloof's failure to consult the senate was illegal, as per USG law.

"We have someone working for us illegally and that's problematic," Adams said during the meeting. "Upon that vote failing in the committee, why wasn't [the job] put back up on ZebraNet?"

The USG Code says that the committee has to approve a president's appointment and recommend in writing the confirmation of the candidate to the senate. The appointment then must be approved by a majority vote by the senate.

On Thursday, senators repeatedly asked Maloof why he did not start a new search after Malik was not approved. Maloof told senators he would like Malik to get denied first before beginning the search. He admitted the misstep, but he said the committee "didn't approve the appointment but didn't deny it either" and that his decision was in the best interest of the students.

"I was a little selfish," he said. "In my eyes if you guys [in the committee] weren't going to point it out, I wasn't going to call it out either ... I want to apologize for what happened, but I think I made the right decision for what this government needed."

The agency, known as A/V, provides audio and video equipment for student clubs to use in their events. The agency had been shut down in November, when the previous director left.

This is the second scandal in

USG President Mark Maloof revealed at the senate meeting that he hired Moiz K. Malik without senate review.

Professors strive for Lilly Medal Cancer center hires new director

By Chelsea Katz
Staff Writer

Professors Russell Mittermeier and Patricia Wright were named finalists for the Indianapolis prize, the largest grant prize in animal conservation.

The winner of the Indianapolis Prize receives \$100,000 and the Lilly Medal.

A nominating committee and a jury select the finalist. While there are not any definitive selection rules, panels often look to the significance of the nominees' achievements in animal conservation, dedication, the professional status of the nominators and more, according to Judy Gagen, a spokeswoman for the Indianapolis Zoo.

Mittermeier is an adjunct professor of anatomical sciences and the president of Conservation International.

"Driven by an inexhaustible quest to see and save the last remaining biodiversity hotspots, Russ Mittermeier is a true champion of the natural world," said Rick Barongi, director of the Houston Zoo, in a press release from the Indianapolis Zoo. "Armed with an astonishing range of knowledge and deep-seated passion, Russ is part of an elite league of wildlife conservationists who dedicate their entire lives to inspiring others to connect and care about nature."

In 1972, Mittermeier worked with a task force in Washington D.C. to bring a group of golden lion tamarins from Brazil to the

United States.

He also coined the idea of "primate ecotourism," inspired by bird-watching. Mittermeier aims to have people watch primates in their natural habitats in South and Central American and Asia.

Mittermeier holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Dartmouth College and Harvard University, respectively, in biological anthropology. He realized that he wanted to be a biodiversity conservationist when he was 5 or 6 years old. "Originally, when they asked what I wanted to be when in first grade, I said, 'Jungle explorer,'" Mittermeier said. "And that was reinforced during my childhood by mother taking me to American Museum of Natural History and the Bronx Zoo ... and reading all the Tarzan books."

As a biodiversity anthropologist, Mittermeier aspires to not lose any primates to extinction. Every other animal group has lost one or two species to extinction this millennium. The primate group has not.

Mittermeier cannot remember how many times he has been nominated for the Indianapolis Prize but knows that he has been named a finalist at least twice. Many former winners and nominees are colleagues and close friends of his, and he is honored to be in the same category.

Patricia Wright is a professor of biological anthropology and

By Amy Streifer
Staff Writer

Yusuf Hannun, from the Medical University of South Carolina, has recently been hired as the new director of Stony Brook University Cancer Center.

For almost two years, the position had not been filled until Stony Brook's Dean of Medicine Kenneth Kaushansky, who was appointed in June 2010, made it one of his initiatives to hire someone for the position.

"The job stayed open for about a year and a half until I got here," Kaushansky said. "We did a national search. When I put out a call for candidates, we had many people who were really quite good."

Kaushansky ended up choosing Hannun, former deputy director of the Hollings Cancer Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. Hannun also held the position of professor and chairman of biochemistry and molecular biology department.

Hannun comes into Stony Brook with significant experience in cancer research and the study of lipids. Lipids are a category of molecules, which include fats and cholesterol, that can dissolve in alcohol, but not in water, making them more difficult to study.

"These molecules are very important in cell regulation and cell communication," Hannun said. "Many of these pathways that we study are turning out to be important in both cancer pathogenesis and cancer therapeutic."

Hannun arrived at MUSC in

1998, and in 2009, he helped turn MUSC's Hollings Cancer Center into one of only 66 centers designated by the National Cancer Institute. According to their website, NCI said that each designated center is "recognized for their scientific excellence. They are a major source of discovery and development of more effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment."

With such a prominent accomplishment under his belt, the question now is what Hannun will do to improve Stony Brook's Cancer Center, which is not currently NCI-designated.

Hannun, a graduate from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, said he believes that research is the vital element to a successful cancer center that has high hopes at one day being NCI-designated.

Hannun explained that graduate and post-doctorate students drive a majority of the research.

"The better you mentor students and post docs, the better research you get to do, so they are very intertwined," Hannun said. "It's a very rewarding experience."

Kaushansky admitted that patient care is at the top of his list of things that need to improve at the Cancer Center, which is one of the reasons why he chose to recruit Hannun for the job.

"We need to recruit more people like Yusuf, more research scientists who are going to make breakthroughs in cancer biology," Kaushansky said. "People who are going to take those new insights into cancer biology and turn them into better patient care and

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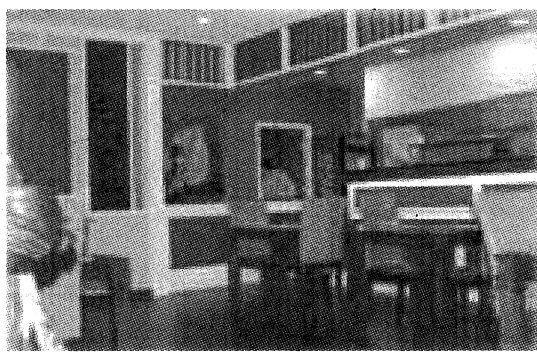
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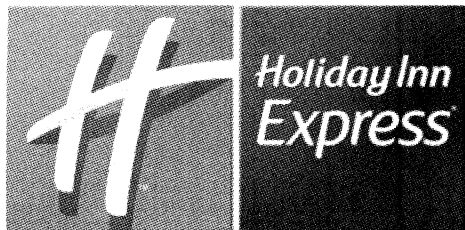
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- Shamanic Drumming Meditation
Charles B. Wang Center Room 101, 6 pm
- Green Research
Student Activities Center (SAC) Room 303, 2 pm
- Lecture: Starving the Ocean
Berkner Hall (Building 488) Brookhaven National Lab, 4 pm
- Global Water Brigade: Expedition to Honduras
Emma S. Clark Library, Setauket 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 18

- Sustainability Studies Alumni Career Panel and Reception
Brook Alumni Room (Wang 401), 1 pm
- Panel: Forests in Peril: If a Tree Falls, the World Should Hear It!
Humanities Bldg., Room 1006 4 pm
- GSO Presents: Stony Brooklyn—Razia, Sebu Nation
University Café, 8:30 pm

Thursday, April 19

- Great Debate: Population Bomb
Humanities Bldg., Room 1006 4 pm
- Film/Discussion: Between the Harvest
SAC Ballroom B, 7:30 pm

Friday, April 20

- Earthstock Festival
- Academic Mall**
Rain Location: Student Activities Center
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 - Pride Patrol, 10 am
 - Live musical and dance performances on two stages
 - Environmental and educational displays and exhibitors, 11 am
 - Opening Remarks/Green Pledge Ceremony, 12:15 pm
 - Eco-scavenger Hunt, 1 pm
 - Rubber Duck Races, 2 pm
 - Ice Cream Social, 2:30 pm
 - Drum Line and Color Guard Showcase, 3 pm
 - Ecofeminism: Women Saving the Planet, SAC, Room 303, 3 pm

Charles B. Wang Center

- Earthstock Environmental Student Research Exhibition
Theater Lobby, 6:30 pm
- Provost's Lecture: "The Weather of the Future"
Heidi Cullen, Vice President for External Communications and Chief Climatologist, Climate Central
Theater, 7:30 pm

University Café, SB Union

- Acoustic music by Jack's Waterfall
8:30 pm

Roth Quad

- Concert: Do It in the Dark
9 pm

Saturday, April 21

- West Meadow Beach Clean-up
Bus Leaving from Stony Brook 1 pm

Sunday, April 22

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New calendar to go into effect despite debate

By Deanna Del Cielo
Assistant News Editor

Despite many complaints, Stony Brook University's controversial new academic calendar, which will no longer observe religious holidays besides those that are federally mandated, will be in effect starting next fall.

According to Charles Robbins, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges, the calendar was changed due to complaints from the students and faculty about the unpredictability of spring break and how it did not give students enough time to prepare for finals.

The new calendar creates standardized academic breaks. Spring break will now be after the seventh week of classes. Classes will only be cancelled on contractually mandated "no-class" holidays, such as Labor Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Otherwise, classes will remain in session for religious holidays, except for those that require to be cancelled by contract.

This change in the calendar sparked a controversy among the various religious groups on

campus.

"The Interfaith Center chaplains are very concerned that this policy will result in a large number of faculty and staff being unable to teach classes on major holidays, and that large numbers of students will miss important course work," Rabbi Joseph S. Topek, director of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life and chairperson of the Interfaith Center, wrote in a letter addressed to the Stony Brook Jewish Community.

Junior history major Aaron Gershoff, board member of Hillel, started a petition with other students opposing the changes.

Gershoff said the goal of the petition is to "let the administration know they have wronged us in a way that is very hurtful to us, that will impact us and our school studies further down the road."

Robbins does not see the changes to the calendar as controversial. According to him, the "vast majority" of students and faculty does not see this as a controversy.

"They understand the fact we're getting in line with what most universities in the United States do," Robbins said, "and believe that the new calendar, being more predictable and

equal for everybody is what we should do." Robbins also said that "changes were made with the best of intentions to highlight the academic mission and to treat everyone in the community equally."

However, the religious groups feel that they are not being treated equally by these changes.

"We now have to make a choice between going to class and practicing our faith," Gershoff said. "It's not fair to have to be put in this position."

Robbins said students will not be penalized for missing class for religious purposes.

Students will also be given plenty of time to make up work and that assignments and exams will not be scheduled on religious holidays.

According to Robbins, the school is "committed to making sure that everyone is free to practice their faith and their religion without any penalty or consequences from the new academic calendar."

This is in accordance with the New York State Education Law which also states that any student who is "aggrieved by the alleged failure of any faculty or administrative officials to comply in good faith" with the law, the student can take

action "in the supreme court of the county in which such institution of higher education is located for the enforcement of his or her rights."

Robbins' main justification for the changes is that this type of an academic calendar is one that most universities follow and is necessary to have when the student population is diverse such as Stony Brook's.

Gershoff said following in the steps of other universities is not in Stony Brook's best interest.

"Why do we have to be like every other university? Stony Brook University has got to be one of the best universities in the nation and has been called the best value in the nation with the calendar the way it's been. Why can we not be a unique university that respects everyone's religious beliefs and still strives for academic excellence?" Gershoff said.

This new academic calendar will be in effect for the next three years, when the calendar will then be redone.

"All change creates some tension, all change creates reaction," Robbins said. "If people look at the outcome we came up with, they will have to agree with it's a better calendar."

Additional reporting by Philly Bubaris

Student arrested for assault

By Nelson Oliveira
Assistant News Editor

A male resident student was arrested after he punched another male student in the face and broke his nose at around 2 a.m. on March 30 at Dewey College.

The defendant had been unwantedly following the victim, a commuter who was walking a female student to her room along with another friend with no affiliation to the university, while the four were coming back from a party on campus.

When the victim asked him to stop following them, the defendant punched him in the face. University Police arrested the individual and charged him with misdemeanor assault.

Three days later, the defendant filed a retaliatory harassment complaint, stating that he had a bump on his head caused by one of the people involved on the March 30 confrontation. Eric Olsen, assistant chief of patrol, said no charges are being made for the second complaint.

Princeton Review names professor one of the best

By Michelle Frantino
Contributing Writer

As registration for fall 2012 goes underway, many Stony Brook students will turn to ratemyprofessors.com, a popular professor-rating site, in hopes of finding good comments about their future instructors.

Students interested in taking a class with sociology Professor Catherine Marrone will not be disappointed by the numerous pages of ratings she has.

Professor Marrone has been named among the top 300 college and university professors in the nation by The Princeton Review in the newly released

book, "The Best 300 Professors."

The book was created with ratemyprofessors.com by using qualitative and quantitative data collected from students at colleges and universities across the nation.

Professor Marrone has been teaching sociology to undergraduate students since 1998. She is the director of undergraduate studies and serves as a faculty advisor in the multi-disciplinary studies major.

Marrone said the recognition becoming public made her nervous, but the idea that Stony Brook University would be listed in the book was a great thing.

"I didn't think of it as an award for me," Marrone said. "I thought that it was Stony Brook that was being recognized, and that made me happy."

She attended Stony Brook, receiving both her BA and Ph.D in sociology. She then completed a two-year post-doctorate program at the Yale School of Medicine in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health.

"I just love the whole perspective of the social environment and determining new behavior," Marrone said. "It's interesting how influential all sorts of relationships are in terms of behavior."

Her love for sociology and

interest in medicine led her to focus on medical sociology, the study of health care delivery, epidemiology and healthcare professions.

"I was very interested in nursing and medicine because I was interested in gender," Marrone said. "I wanted to know the history of why women went into nursing and men became physicians."

Marrone always knew she wanted to be a teacher.

"I love learning," she said, "and if you love learning, you love teaching."

After taking a sociology class in high school, she was immediately drawn to the field.

"I'm in that rare, rare group who came to college knowing what they wanted to do," Marrone said.

Her students say that her love for teaching and sociology comes through every time she lectures.

"She is definitely from a very rare breed of professors," Mohammed Naeem, a student of Marrone's, said. "I absolutely love going to her class. She creates this very comfortable atmosphere where learning is enjoyed and coming to class feels like a blessing rather than a burden."

Marrone said that she likes teaching large classes.

"There's a certain energy in

a big class that I like," Marrone said. "You have more students and you get more feedback."

Clayton Fordahl, a second-year Ph.D student in the department of sociology has been a teacher's assistant for Marrone for the past three semesters and said that students always seem to take a liking to her.

"All the students I have talked to seem to really love Professor Marrone's courses," he said. "Students that are not sociology majors likely find her courses as enjoyable as the sociology majors do."

Marrone said that besides the material, it is the students that really make teaching enjoyable.

"I love, love, love the students," she said. "I find them to be such great young people."

Marrone says that there has been an overwhelming response to the award.

"It really made me feel very, very touched," she said, "I was kind of embarrassed by it."

As far as ratemyprofessors.com goes, Marrone said she does not look at it.

"I know its there, but I feel like if I look at it I am kind of snooping because it is a student tool," she said. "I am so flattered, and I can't believe that students take the time to write nice things about me up there, but I don't really look."



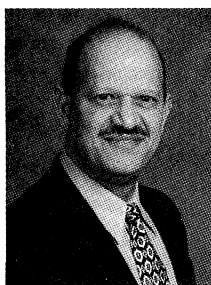
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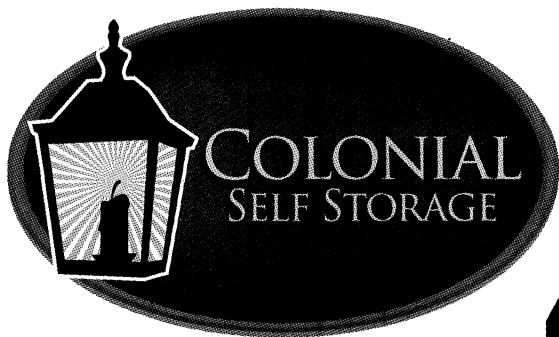
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Students are urged to "Think Again" before they judge

By Emily McTavish
Staff Writer

The Think Again campaign posters are hard to miss and are drawing attention, as well as confusion, from students around campus.

The posters feature photographs of Stony Brook students with the slogan "Think Again" and a Quick Response Code, which students can scan with their smartphones, to open the campaign's website.

Aleef Rahman, a recent graduate from the public health and MBA program, has been spearheading the Think Again campaign to change the perception of SBU students who overestimate the actual number of students who engage in high risk behaviors such as alcohol abuse, drug use or sexual harassment.

"These public health campaigns focus on changing attitudes," Rahman said.

"Stony Brook students overestimated their peers' alcohol use as nearly double the actual use," according to the campaign's website. By scanning the QR code from the posters, students can reach the website, which offers more figures about high risk behaviors on campus as well as resources for more information or help.

Stony Brook has joined the National College Health Improvement Project. The Think Again campaign is a part of Stony

Brook's Serious About Safety projects on campus as part of the toxic drinking intervention initiative. The campaign has also been working with Counseling and Psychological Services, the Center for Prevention and Outreach, and Red Watch Band, Rahman said.

"I think it's a wonderful way for us to integrate technology, art and science towards making a difference in our campus culture," Ahmed Belazi said in an email regarding the campaign. Belazi was a part of the team led by Dr. Jenny Hwang, associate dean and director of Prevention and Outreach, who has been looking at the high risk behavior of drinking.

The posters feature students serving as student ambassadors for the campaign.

"Some of the student ambassadors drink; some don't. They embody the image that you don't need to engage in high risk behaviors," Rahman said. The student ambassadors range in backgrounds and areas of study and can be found on the campaign's website.

According to Rahman, from Monday morning to Thursday evening, the campaign had 4,030 hits on its website. The posters will stay up until the end of the semester.

"Each poster is unique to the academic building," Rahman said. "I want the entire university to know about this."



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The Think Again campaign made a prominent appearance on campus this week.

The Think Again campaign is using Google Analytics to calculate the success of the project by monitoring the time a person spends on each message or photo on the website, Rahman said.

"While it is still quite early to make any substantive conclusions about the successfulness of the Think Again campaign, if even one student is able to look at their relationship with alcohol in a new and healthier way or help a friend do the same, then I would say the program has been successful," Belazi said in an email.

The posters are certainly

drawing viewership

"I think that the posters are very good at getting attention," freshman mechanical engineering major Michael Shea said. "It encourages you to learn more about what you should know about."

"I think it's profound. It's attention-getting," freshman engineering science major Alia Rafiq said. Rafiq said she did not know what the posters were about and, although she had not scanned the QR code, found out about the campaign's goals through word of mouth.

Rahman's methodology of integrating public health issues, marketing and photography like the Think Again campaign will be a part of a series of presentations at Harvard Medical School this fall. "I wanted it to really grab people's attention. I didn't want to indoctrinate them with health issues," Rahman said.

The Think Again posters will be on campus again in the fall, and Rahman is encouraging students and faculty to become ambassadors for the campaign.

"This is just the beginning of the campaign," Rahman said.

Yusuf Hannun fills position that was vacant for two years

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more advanced patient care."

Mentoring students and post-doctorates while also focusing on research that needs to be done is a direction Kaushansky and Hannun.

"It's equally important to develop the clinical side to high excellence because that's where we deliver outstanding care to patients and we provide an outstanding environment for medical education," Hannun said.

Good friend and former colleague at MUSC's cancer center, Tony Alberg, expects Hannun to thrive at Stony Brook and be beneficial to a campus that could use a better equipped cancer center.

"Yusuf is a visionary and demanding scientist with an inexorable drive to propel cancer research forward, both in his own research and developing the research of others," said Alberg, who now serves as the director for Cancer Prevention and Control at Hollings.

University of Kentucky College of Medicine Biochemistry Professor Bob Dickson nominated Hannun for the Avanti Award in lipids in 2010, which he later went on to win. Dickson thinks it's very possible that Stony Brook will be the second NCI-designated school appointed under the direction of Hannun.

"I see no reason why he cannot steer the Stony Brook's Cancer Center towards becoming an NCI-designated Cancer Center," Dickson said.

Hannun's values concerning research and the recent donation of \$150 million by hedgefund manager James and Marilyn Simons in December 2011 will help push Stony Brook's Cancer Center in the right direction.

The university plans to build a state-of-the-art Medical and Research Translation (MART) Building. This building will focus on cancer research and advancing cancer care for patients. On Stony Brook's website, the new MART building is expected to come equipped with five cancer biology-oriented labs, 30-room cancer clinic for patients, 30-station clinical infusion center, a 300-seat auditorium for conferences, breakout rooms for smaller conferences and new classrooms for students. With Stony Brook's new state-of-the-art center and Hannun's background in research and history of patient care, hopes are high for Kaushansky.

"We are committed to making available to our patients the very best medicine has to offer; our patients deserve that from us," Kaushansky said.

Hannun's recent appointment has been recognized by colleagues across the nation as a step in the right direction for Stony Brook.

"Dr. Hannun is a thoughtful investigator," Charles Serhan, a Professor of Anesthesia at Harvard Medical School, who worked with Hannun in the Lipid Research Division of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology,

said.

Serhan also has a personal connection to Stony Brook University and looks forward to seeing the impact Hannun will have on a thriving school.

An alumnus of the biochemistry department as an undergraduate at Stony Brook, Serhan said he was "very pleased that someone of Dr. Hannun's international stature would join the already exceptional faculty of Stony Brook University."

Hannun admitted that one of his primary goals was to become NCI-designated. If Stony Brook receives this achievement, they would only be the second NCI-designated center on Long Island along with Sloan-Kettering, which has two areas located in Hauppauge and Commack.

"We ought to be the leading cancer care designation in Long Island, without question," Kaushansky said. "The people of Suffolk County deserve no less. Sloan-Kettering is who we're taking on next."

Kaushansky said that it will probably take Hannun five or six years to receive the NCI-designation at Stony Brook, but he's confident in keeping that as a goal.

For Hannun, he said his main concentration is on research that has to be done. As to whether or not he believes a cure for cancer is in the near future, Hannun remained realistic, but hopeful.

"It's not going to happen tomorrow or next year, but it's happening," he said.



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After two years, the Cancer Center has a new director; Yusuf Hannun.

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Professor Patricia Wright.

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the director of the Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments.

Despite *The Statesman's* attempts to reach out to Wright, she was not available for comment. Mittermeier, a colleague, said that he thinks that Wright is currently in Madagascar doing research.

Wright discovered the golden bamboo lemur in 1986. Upon discerning that timber businessmen were exploiting rain forests natural resources helped to create Ranamofana

National Park in Madagascar, which is now regarded as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Twelve different types of lemurs reside in the park

Wright is considered a leading expert on lemurs and landscape conservation in the scientific community.

"Madagascar is a place so special, with so many unique species, that it feels like another world. But it is one in the gravest peril, with so many species on the edge of oblivion and one woman stands out its savior—Pat Wright," said Stuart Pimm, a Doris Duke professor of conservation ecology at Duke University, in a press release from the Indianapolis Zoo. "With her passion, scientific excellence, fund-raising skill and political acumen, Madagascar's biodiversity has a chance. Everyone who works to conserve that biodiversity has benefitted from her presence."

The Indianapolis Zoo will announce the winner of the Indianapolis Prize on Sept. 29 in a ceremony at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis.

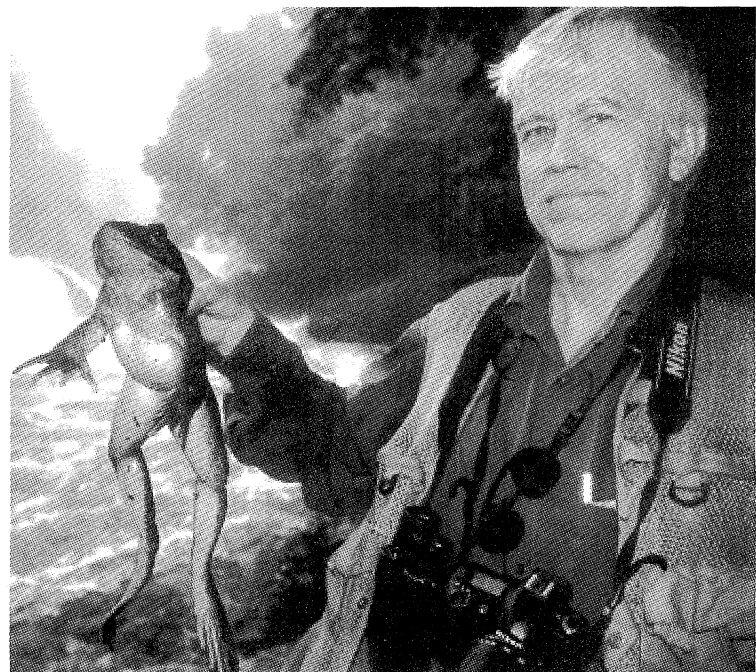


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Professor Russ Mittermeier

Scandal shakes USG

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the USG this academic year. Two former vice presidents—Allen Abraham, who is running for USG Treasurer at this week's election, and Farjad Fazli—resigned in November 2011, after an internal audit showed they illegally, as per USG law, provided wages to their assistants. One of the violations, according to payroll documents, included creating a position without the senate's authorization. Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow said Maloof's actions are "entirely reprehensible."

"The USG laws were created to protect the student and the student activities fee," she said. "The senate is being ignored and its rules are being completely disregarded."

USG operates under Robert's Rules of Order, a popular guide to running meetings. The rules require that every motion made in a committee be seconded. If there is no second, the motion dies, according to Robert's Rules.

Senators spent most of Thursday's meeting discussing how and whether Maloof violated the USG law and what to do about Malik, but no consensus was reached. Senator Jason Sockin, who found out Malik was in the job just days ago, said he was upset Malik is going to hold the position for at least another week even after the story was unveiled.

"If he stays, we're rewarding him for getting the job illegally," Sockin said.

Adams said Maloof should re-hire Malik as an assistant and assign him to take care of the agency until the end of the semester so the legality of the situation is restored. Malik is earning \$9.50 an hour and can only work up to 20 hours a week.

The other senators present at January's vetting committee—Oluwasegun Adedapo, Tiffany

Bibby and Ryann Williams—said the reason not to approve Malik was that he had no experience working with audio and video. Some of the senators also said Malik is not well-liked in the USG and is known as being "arrogant" and "rough on the edges."

Maloof said, however, that Malik is a very hard worker and is doing a good job directing the agency.

"I needed someone that I knew I could trust to do the job and handle tens of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment, and the only person was Mr. Malik," Maloof said. "I know he didn't have all the A/V knowledge that I know some people would expect from an A/V director, but he did have the administrative knowledge and the skill set he would need to clean up the agency, and I thought that at that time this was a priority."

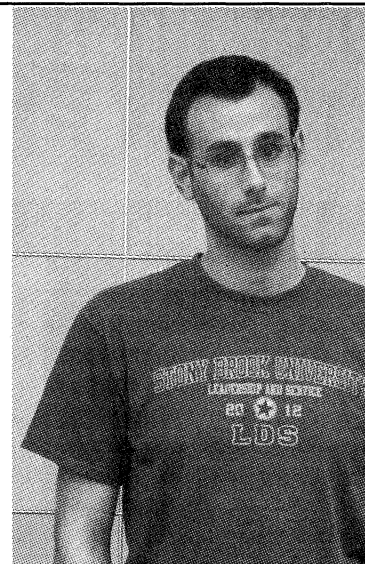
Maloof said there had been a lot of corruption in the agency, where "things were going missing," and he said he needed someone to restructure it. Malik said thousands of dollars' worth of equipment had been stolen from the agency in previous years, and he has worked to stop that. Last summer, an \$8,000 gator vehicle used to transport equipment was stolen from the agency, according to USG.

The agency is currently creating its first inventory system, discarding outdated equipment, cleaning out the equipment closet, testing current equipment for damages, repairing equipment and creating a handbook, Maloof said.

Malik said most senators were aware he was working with A/V ever since he started and that the controversy is part of USG's political games.

"I sat in the senate office and met with clubs while senators were there," he said. "There's always a lot of political squabbling in the last weeks of the semester."

Senators also took issue with



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USG President Mark Maloof

the fact that they never received a letter of resignation from Malik as USG's chief justice and some still thought he was still working in the judiciary department. Although USG's website still lists Malik in the position, the acting chief justice this semester has been Associate Justice Joseph Garlow.

Malik has worked with USG for years now. He's been a senator, treasurer and director of Student Activities Board. Last year, he ran for USG president but was defeated by Maloof.

Malik also said his lack of experience should not be a reason not to hire someone for a USG position. He said the purpose of USG is to give opportunities for people to learn and practice different skills.

Senator Eric Lau said the "bashing" against Maloof during the meeting was excessive because Maloof was the only one to take the initiative to reform an agency that was "very corrupt."

"Instead of being bashed, he should be commended because I don't think anybody in the executive council or the senate would have won about in trying to reform it," Lau said. "Even though he did this illegally ... he was trying to help."

Lau also said that without the agency, clubs would be paying three times as much for outsourcing A/V equipment.



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Students walking between the Student Union and the Melville Library will find a new food truck parked and serving.

New food truck at SBU

A new food truck has been rolling around the Stony Brook campus since last week.

MoGo Chef offers home-style gourmet food, including wraps, sandwiches, salads, soups and grilled dishes, according to mogocheff.com.

The food truck was launched in 2011 by a couple from Shoreham, N.Y. who lost their jobs because of the financial crisis, according to its website.

MoGo will be on campus until at least the end of the semester on weekdays in front of the Union.

Last week, *The Statesman* reported on the loss of the previous food truck.

The Grey Horse Tavern's food truck experienced a decline in sales and had to leave the Stony Brook campus.

Who's the next leader of USG?

Elections start April 16 and end April 20; voting held on SOLAR

By Richard Clay

Juan Pablo Cordon

Juan Pablo Cordon is the self-proclaimed "underdog" in the presidential race. As a sophomore without any prior service in the USG, he faces challenges with name recognition among students.

"I'm really under the radar," he said. "The other two have discarded me as not a threat."

His experience with the hall councils in dorms leads him to favor a more personal style for the USG, he said. He suggested that a visiting representative from the senate could go around to the hall meetings every week and hear what students are up to.

"My primary intention is to promote campus life," he said. "A lot of people on this campus think that there is nothing to do. They go home on the weekends because they find the campus boring. I want to show them that there's a club for everyone. There's always an activity to do here."

Cordon plans to improve student life by directly interacting with students and telling them about clubs.

"I'd be like, 'Hey how are you doing?'" he said. "Get to know the person a little bit, and be like, 'Are you in any activities on campus?' And if they say, 'No, there's nothing to do on campus,' that's when I jump in and say, 'Whoa, what do

you mean there's nothing to do?'"

Cordon said that he does not want anyone to go through what he went through starting the golf club. He said that a lot of students are turned off by political nonsense in the USG.

"They're like, 'I wish things were just easier. I could just go to my club, get my check, and have fun.' And that's what I want them to do," Cordon said. "I don't want them to have to deal with the USG, and having to run here and there."

"I want to make the organization more efficient. Just get things done in a quicker manner," he said.

Cordon said that he wanted to make the requirements the USG places on clubs more transparent and easy to navigate.

"Possibly come up with lists of people," he said. "What their responsibilities are, and make this available to people."

As another way to increase transparency, Cordon suggested that all Stony Brook students join a Facebook group. He said that he or a subordinate would then type updates to the newsfeed on a daily basis.

According to Cordon, his campaign is not producing any posters because his message is not easily condensed to a poster. He said that his ideal poster would be a living picture frame, similar to the animated portraits in the Harry Potter universe.

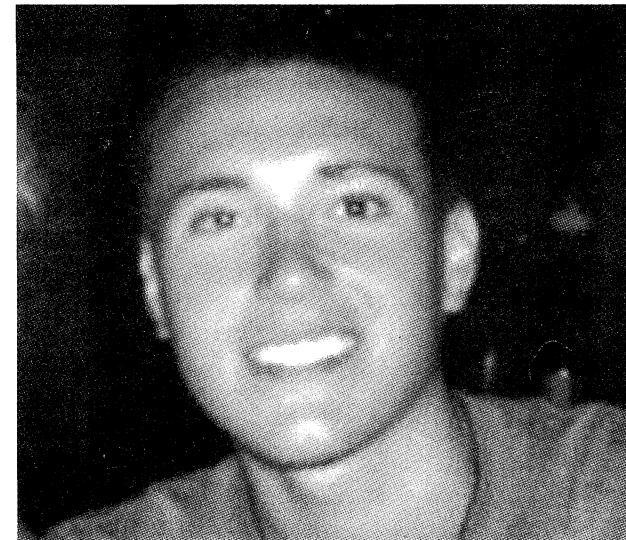


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"I feel like if you see a poster with a picture of me that says, oh, 'Promoting student life and efficiency,' which is what my poster would say, it wouldn't give you the whole story," he said. "I need to talk to you face to face."

Adil Hussain

Adil Hussain was elected in November 2011 as the vice president for academic affairs. He also works with *The Statesman* as a layout editor. He said that he wants to bring to the general USG the same reform that he has effected in the office of academic affairs. According to Hussain, the program administered by his predecessor had been paying tutors for hours even when the tutors were not doing anything.

"When I was given this program, there were about 12 tutors. And half of them didn't have students!" he said. "Why are they on payroll, why are they getting paid, if they don't even have students?"

Hussain said that after interviewing and evaluating each of the tutors, he and the USG removed ineffective tutors from the payroll.

"I'm not going to sign any checks until you guys come in and meet with me," he recalled saying.

Removing this wasteful spending reduced the cost of the tutoring program and allowed it to continue, he said. Hussain pointed to his reform of a USG tutoring program as the kind of change he would like to initiate more broadly as president.

One issue that has created confusion and frustration is the difficulty clubs have in receiving payments from the

USG. Questions about changes to the payment procedures dominated the discussion at a town hall event earlier this semester. Hussain said that if he were president, he would support updating the software that is used to make the payments.

"The system that's put up to allocate is the most outdated system out there," he said. "[The new version] has so many more features that would benefit them and make their lives so much easier, and yet we have yet to invest in it. This is ridiculous. There's so much more we can do."

Hussain is optimistic that many changes can be implemented quickly. He offered concrete examples of what can be done to improve the USG and its communication with students: change the USG website to a Wordpress site, generate forms online, add polls to the Facebook page and work with the Department of Information Technology to put tutoring on Blackboard.

Hussain said that when he and the vice president of student life recognized a lack of awareness about the USG, they implemented a proposal to add a presentation to incoming freshmen as part of their orientation.

"In the next four years, everyone who comes in will know what USG is, from day one," he said. "That is what



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we did, and we implemented that."

Hussain said that the student body should choose to vote for the Students United Party.

"I couldn't do this without the team I work with. And I couldn't do this without the students who vote for us," he said. "It's not necessarily that I'm asking you to vote for me, I'm asking you to choose the best candidates."

Anna Lubitz

Anna Lubitz is a senator representing the college of Arts and Sciences. She was elected in spring 2011. Lubitz said that her experience in the senate showed that she was capable of representing the community. In fall 2011, she authored the resolution that provided more field space to clubs after hearing about the issue from the soccer club president, Lubitz said.

Describing herself as a local, she said that she wants to enhance the reputation of Stony Brook University as a fun place to be.

"It's a great research school, it's great in certain areas like medicine, science, but it's also known as a 'suitcase school,'" she said. "We want people to stay here and enjoy being here."

In order to achieve this, she said that the USG should create more "fun and memorable events, more concerts throughout the school year."

When asked how she would achieve this with a limited budget, she suggested soliciting ideas from the students.

"Maybe we could have smaller venues," she said. "We have to hear from the students and hear what they want."

She recalled singing happy birthday to a student while standing in line to get into the Bruno Mars concert.

"It was just a great campus community, and we were just singing together," she said.

Lubitz said that she plans to increase awareness about the USG by increasing the number of town hall meetings in the

year. After reading about the town hall meeting earlier this semester, she said that she thought that it could be offered three or four times a semester.

She said she also wants to send out more emails to students and incorporate messages about the USG into the 101 classes that freshmen take. She recalled her experience as a TA in one of those classes.

"I told them about USG and about other clubs and organizations," she said. "And my students were excited about it, and they wanted to get involved."

Another idea she put forward to improve communication was that senators not be required to be in the office for office hours. Senators are currently required to be in the USG office for two hours a week.

"I'd rather see them out talking to students," she said.

Lubitz said that her devotion to the school and students set her apart from her competitors.

"We are all very different," she said. "I have a true passion for Stony Brook."

She hastened to add that she wanted to keep the tone of the election friendly.

"I'm not targeting anyone in specific," she said. "But in general, I'm not looking to have this on a resume, or something that looks nice."

Lubitz said that what differentiated her policies from her



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competitors' was that she wanted what is best for Stony Brook.

"We share some ideas," she said. "But our party, in general, we have a true passion for the USG and the students."

She urged students to vote in order to make their voices heard in the USG.

"We're all Seawolves, in the end," she said. "And we are all here on campus to make it the best it can be."

Allen Abraham runs for treasurer after resignation

By Alessandra Malito
News Editor

Allen Abraham, former Vice President of Clubs and Organizations, is running for treasurer, and if elected, looks to rid the Undergraduate Student Government of preferential treatment.

Some clubs and organizations receive preferential treatment because they know someone in USG, he said, and wants to make it so "everyone is treated the same."

In January, *The Statesman* reported payroll discrepancies by Abraham and former Vice President of Communications, who both resigned from their positions.

"I know I did something wrong, but I wasn't malicious in any way," Abraham said, adding that for the misplaced money he didn't take two weeks of pay. "I wasn't trying to steal money or anything. It was an honest mistake when trying to clear the structure of the communications department. There was a lack of oversight, and I did make a mistake."

Abraham has experience in the organization and said he has seen an imbalance in the way clubs are treated. He did not wish to name any clubs in particular.

"Certain clubs were pushed because they know someone," Abraham said. "That is wrong because you're supposed to represent them equally."

While out of office, he has spent time with clubs and seen those affected by funding cuts over the past year.

"There are club leaders literally paying out of pocket for expenses not funded by USG," he said. "That's dedication right there."

He said making sure the clubs have enough money to fund medium-sized events would bring a bigger crowd to the events and get more people involved. He said he would look into event grants to find better ways to fund the groups.

"I'm not in it for the money. I'm in it for the service," he said. "I hope that people will find it in themselves to forgive me for the mistakes I made."

Cyril Kattuppallil jumps from rugby to USG

By Alessandra Malito
News Editor

Cyril Kattuppallil plans to meet a representative from each club and organization if elected, to ensure a sensible budget, he said.

"What I want to do is bring more money to the clubs," he said, adding that there seems to be a sense of corruption that comes with the territory of entering the Undergraduate Student Government. "When they get in USG, they get power hungry, stop realizing why they're in it for the first place."

Kattuppallil has held various positions on the rugby team, including secretary, vice president and president, and he recently stepped down. In the past year, he said he has dealt with USG a lot through his rugby board positions.

He has also spoken with clubs and organizations about what USG can improve.

"What I've been hearing from clubs and

representatives is that they don't like the fact that USG is telling us how to spend their money," he said. "I want to show them I trust them with that stuff."

If elected, he said he would want to sit down with each club's representative to discuss a way to find a reasonable budget.

"I don't want to break it down, like sports or multicultural; you're all equal in my eyes," he said. From there, he can keep them informed of the process and keep them engaged with what both sides are doing.

He would also like to work on funding for events, as clubs have told him they can't spend as much money but prices for events are going up.

"If the organizations have the ability to host awesome events, campus life would drastically increase," Kattuppallil said. "This is everyone's best four to five years of their life, we should make the most of it."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Combating bullying through peer education Students learn about overcoming the bully through plays and a panel discussion

By Elvira Spektor
Arts & Entertainment Editor

On March 31, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Stony Brook alumna Dana Moriarty. We bonded about the important things in life: print media, annoying classmates and our days as Stony Brook college students. Though Moriarty graduated more than 25 years ago, many quirks about this campus have transcended her time here and merged into mine.

We also grabbed two slices of pizza and sat to discuss "Combating Bullying," the theme of this year's Northport One-Act Play Festival. Moriarty, the associate producer and sound technician of the festival, had insight on the pervasive issue of bullying. As I munched on my delicious parmesan-chicken slice of pizza, we talked about bullies, victims, and the pending anti-cyberbullying legislation in New York State.

Performed at St. Paul's Methodist Church, the plays were written, acted and directed primarily by students from Suffolk County high schools. Students and professors from Stony Brook University have typically been active with this festival, as well. Lara Hunter, the program coordinator of "Swallow This" at Stony Brook is a frequent contributor.

"I thought it was a very powerful show. Bullying is such a pervasive issue that I had suggested we do this topic. I thought it was something everybody could relate to... it's touched everybody in one way or another," Moriarty said.

The festival stretched for three days of performances, from March 30 through April 1. Jo Ann Katz, the co-founder and producer of



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Dana Moriarty, an SBU alum and the associate producer and sound tech of the Northport One-Act Play Festival, stands next to the "stop bullying" display on March 31.

the festival, estimated roughly 300 people in attendance over the weekend. Working beside her was Michael Casano, a playwright and the other co-founder. The matinee performance that Saturday

was dedicated to the student plays about bullying. After the plays, audience members were invited downstairs for a panel discussion. It was Moriarty's job to oversee this panel. As part of

the discussion, parents, students and playgoers were able to speak to Suffolk County police officers, educators, psychologists and bullied victims.

Katz said that a "common theme" within the five plays was that the victim often got in trouble instead of the bully.

"It's complex. It's not just black and white. We live in a society where everybody wants to put the finger on somebody else and not accept responsibility for the role they may have played in it," said panelist Robert Goldman, the supervising psychologist for the Suffolk County Probation Department. Goldman admitted that he had been bullied as a child. "I had swastikas drawn on my locker. If I had the feeling of support and safety, that's what I'd needed."

According to the CDC, 160,000 children across the United States miss school daily due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students. These plays shine a light on these alarming numbers.

"Between these statistics and the tragic accounts we hear about young people taking their own lives as result of constant bullying by their peers, we wanted to do

whatever we could to address this issue with parents and their children, to help them better understand and confront these types of situations if they're impacted," Katz said in a press release.

Katz added that the one-act play festival only occurs in the spring, while other playwriting and reading events take place at St. Paul's weekly. She explained that the process of producing this festival is a long one. It begins in the spring, when topics for the festival are chosen. Last year, the topic was cell phone use while driving. The year before that, the first year of festival, it was alcohol and substance abuse.

In early August, the producers send out submission requests eager to find the perfect plays to perform. After the selections are made, the rehearsals, the set building and the auditions take place.

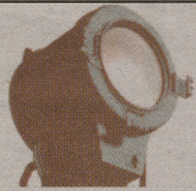
But both Moriarty and Katz seemed pleased with the festival outcome.

"They all had merit and addressed different aspects of bullying and the ramifications of fighting back," Katz said. She invites Stony Brook students to check out the festival next year.



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Dana Moriarty (left) and Jo Ann Katz, the co-founder and producer (right) sit beside the stage waiting for the plays to begin.



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile: Jenifer Chiodo



By Chelsea Moccio
Contributing Writer

Her hand seems to glide over the paper. First it is just lines, and then those lines start to take shape: an eye, a nose and a mouth. After a few more

strokes and some shading, you have a person.

Junior environmental humanities major Jenifer Chiodo has just completed another caricature. "Most people like to work from the

outside in, but I like working from the inside out," she said.

Jen, who said she has always paid attention to people's features, began drawing when she was a little girl. In high school, she was in the National Art Honor Society and drew caricatures during her homecoming for \$5.

Eventually, word of Jen's business spread, and she soon had jobs at churches and the Meadow Club, a catering hall in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Once that happened, Jen realized she could market her talent, so she put up flyers and posted on Craigslist. Soon she was getting called to do sweet 16s, engagement parties and birthday parties. She has not done a wedding yet, but that is one thing she hopes to do in the future.

According to Jen, it is easier for her to draw people she does not know rather than people she does know. Her favorite type of person to draw is a teenager; she finds them to be



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One of Jenifer's completed works of art with the subject.



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Jenifer in the middle of one of her caricatures.

more "relatable."

Not only is Jen a talented young artist, but she also manages her own business. She charges \$75 an hour for her talents, a lower price than other artists in her field would charge. "I try to keep my prices

low," Jen said.

"If you have a skill, don't limit yourself," she said. When asked what advice she would give to students who are trying to start their own business, she said, "There's always something more you can do."



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile: Luke Fontana



By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

He is not your everyday triple threat, and he has the most cheerful, unforgettable laugh. From a distance, he appears to be an average college student, but he is not. He loves to challenge himself.

"I love to be involved; I never want to wake up and not have something to do," sophomore sociology major Luke Fontana said. "Luke

Fontana is someone who wakes up every morning and thanks God that he has another day."

Fontana's hard work and personality brings forth a lot of success and many opportunities. He landed a winter internship off campus for the winter couture fashion week as a public relations intern for New York Fashion Week. Fontana managed to work the Waldorf Astoria fashion shows for fashion designer Edwin D'Angelo.

To go along with his position as hall council president of Dreiser College, Fontana dances with the PUSO Modern Dance Crew and serves on the executive board as co-founder and secretary of the Stand Up Charter, an organization that helps raise awareness and prevents bullying of those in the LGBT community. Stand Up Charter is currently trying to collaborate with the athletic department in promoting

a widespread anti-bullying campaign.

"I was bullied a lot when I was younger because I was so enthusiastic, and a lot of people didn't understand that," Fontana said.

When he was a child, his father used to tell him to "grow up to be a good person, it doesn't matter what labels people put on you. As long as you can wake up and say, 'I'm a good person,' your life will have so many blessings."

Not only is he involved in numerous organizations, but Fontana will also intern for the SSK (Shirley Strum Kenny) Arts Festival the week students come back from spring break. The festival promotes the arts at Stony Brook, named for SBU's fourth president.

Fontana is a contemporary dancer, and his dance performance, part of an Afro-Brazilian dance ensemble, was on April 14. He is also choreographing a piece.



Luke Fontana (far right, left photo) performs on stage in the SAC with PUSO Modern Dance Crew.

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Staller brings Oscar winning George Clooney film to campus

By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

A forehead marked with worry lines, eyes framed by black-rimmed glasses, a head full of silver hair and a hope to revive a marriage. He looks like an ordinary person living in Hawaii. "The Descendants" opens up with a voice-over, and Matt King (George Clooney) gives a brief overview on how it is far from paradise and sipping on Mai Tais. He is put in an unimaginable predicament that will change the events of his life and the lives of those around him.

Matt, a wealthy real estate lawyer, has trust money, but he lives off of his own income by choice. His resistance on self-sufficiency does not sit well with his father-in-law, who often criticizes him for it.

Matt's wife Elizabeth (Patricia Hastie) is a vegetable. It is not

until Elizabeth falls into this state that Matt realizes how bad his marriage is falling apart. Unbeknownst to him, Elizabeth had strayed from their marriage. By the end of the movie, the issues regarding their marriage, including what it had turned into, is confronted.

Matt's perspective changes throughout the film. In the beginning, all he does is focus on his job, real estate transaction law. His personal life and family are not high on his priority list. Faced with the hard decision of taking his wife off of life support, however, forces him to grow into a braver man in front of his daughters, somewhat uniting his family, which what his wife would have wanted.

The challenging of the decision comes in telling his 17-year-old daughter, Alex (Shailene Woodley), and 10-year-old, Scottie (Amara Miller). The

scene takes place in the family pool. Matt looks down at Alex as she swims through fallen brown leaves, and beaks the news that her mother will never wake up from the comatose state that she is in. The most powerful moment is when Alex dunks her head under the surface of the water and lets out a scream, the camera angle allowing viewers to see the agony and hurt on the Alex's face.

At first, Matt is filled with so much hope, but has so many challenging moments in the film, and it is often difficult to gauge when it is appropriate to laugh or cry, like when Alex's friend makes some very insensitive remarks.

The revelations of the effect of infidelity will leave audiences in disbelief. Luckily, the Staller Center will be presenting this blunder-filled, emotional drama on Friday, April 27 at 9:30 p.m.



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George Clooney standing with his two onscreen daughters.

Finding happiness in its simplest form

By Diane Vestuto
Contributing Writer

People often forget to appreciate what is right in front of them, including the people they surround themselves with. When Gretchen Rubin, author of "The Happiness Project," realized she did not appreciate her wonderful life, she set out to change her attitude.

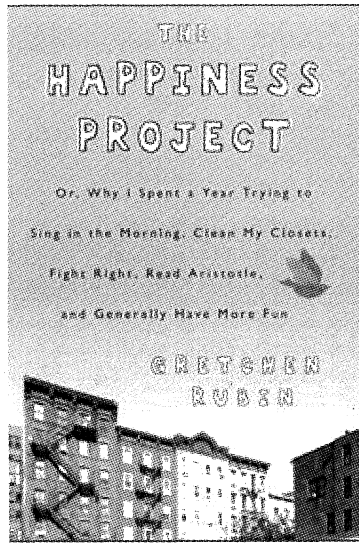
Rubin started her "Happiness Project" when she realized that she was about to waste her life away when she stopped appreciating the good things in her life. She decided to become responsible for her own happiness and was able to make little changes in her life that improved her quality of life. Rubin drew on philosophers and other religions that have studied what they believed were the origins of happiness. Using this research, as well as statistics on happiness and well-being, Rubin discovered simple ways to increase happiness.

Most people cannot abandon everyday obligations to go on a soul search around the world to find joy, as Elizabeth Gilbert did in "Eat, Pray, Love." Rubin's book provides simple things possible for happiness and goals that can be set to achieve a happier state. Rubin's "The Happiness Project" first started out as a blog for her experiment to find

new ways to be happy. She has now turned that experience into a best-selling book. Rubin made the decision to spend one year consciously pursuing happiness. Every month, she tackled one specific aspect of her life – marriage, attitude, parenting – and attempted to [some related] resolutions that she hoped would make her happier.

Through her warm and engaging style, Rubin provides lots of information and statistics from her research into achieving happiness and well-being. Neatly woven into her account of her progress toward happiness, she presents this research in casual prose that makes readers think and encourages them to find happiness. For example, exercising every day helps prevent dementia and allows people to feel better in the morning. Along with her research, Rubin also includes anecdotes from her life, the comments and opinions of her blog readers and the people she meets. These stories help add color to the topics she covers while also showing her journey to happiness.

With all her research, Rubin challenges the belief that money cannot buy happiness. She proves this through the idea of growth. Growth makes people happy, so if a person were to have more money than he or she did last year, they



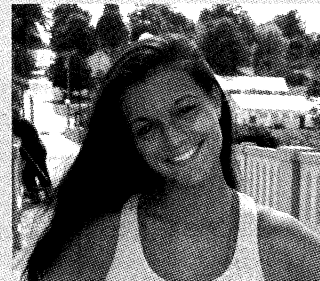
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would be happier. Money becomes the source of that happiness. Even the joy of giving a gift to someone can stem from money as it almost becomes akin to buying joy.

This book provides some of the many ways people have to try and be happier. By just changing something like an attitude to how people can approach specific situations, it can have a positive effect on an entire community. Rubin reminds her readers that the days are long, but the years are short. Rather than complaining about the long days, people should have a positive attitude, and these individual years will be much more enjoyable.

Which spring event are you most excited for and why?

Megan Mottola
sophomore, psychology



Definitely Earthstock because I'm all for the environment, and I'm actually changing my major to environmental humanities. I do as much as I can to "go green." I consider myself somewhat of a hippy, as do my friends.

Karthik Rao,
junior biology major:

I like Roth Regatta because it's an event that revolves around the creativity and unity of the student body. Watching the creations of the students sail across Roth pond is both hilarious and inspiring.



Compiled by:
Jaclyn Lattanza

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Earthstock

This week long festival celebrating Earth Day culminating in the Earthstock Festival featuring leaving music and the duck race. The event takes place all along the Academic Mall starting at 10 a.m.



2) The Big Lebowski

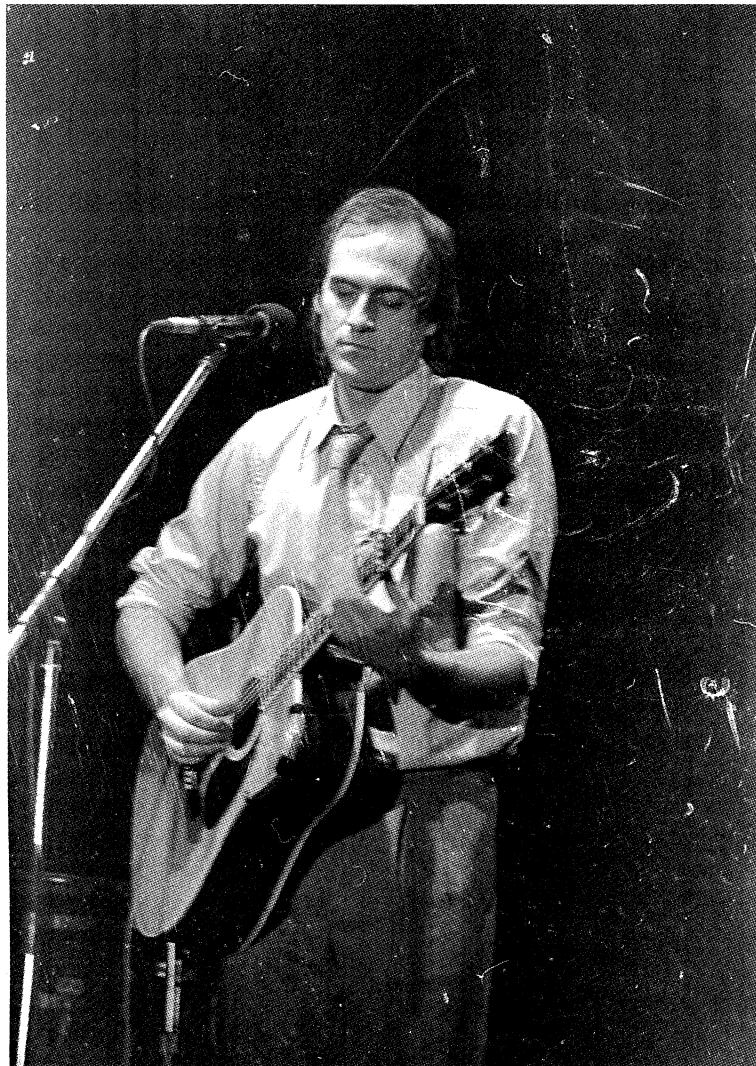
The Staller Center will hosting this cult classic as part of their cult class film series on the Main Stage at 9:00 p.m.



3) Stony Brook Dancing with the Stars

The Ballroom Dancing Team will be hosting the Stony Brook version of "Dancing with the Stars" on Wednesday at the Staller Steps during Campus Lifetime.

A look back at Stony Brook's concerts



STATESMAN ARCHIVES: DAVID JASSE, 1970

By **Catie Curatolo**
Staff Writer

Date of the show: March 21, 1970

Top song in 1970: "Fire and Rain"

After 1970...

"Fire and Rain" came off of the 1970 album *Sweet Baby James*, which sold more than 3 million copies in the United States alone. Both the album and the song reached No. 3 on the Billboard charts. After that success, and because of appeal to female fans, interest in Taylor soared.

He starred in the movie *Two-Lane Blacktop*, performed at a concert the funded Greenpeace's protests of nuclear weapons tests, and was on the cover of *Time*.

His next album, *Mud Slide Slim and the Blue Horizon*, contained his biggest hit, a remake of the Carole King song "You've Got a Friend," for which he received his first Grammy for Song of the Year by Male Performer award. His

fourth album, released in 1972, received lukewarm attention; more attention was given to his marriage to fellow artist Carly Simon the same year.

The next few years were filled with highs and lows for Taylor - while his albums *Walking Man* and *In the Pocket* tanked, the 1975 album *Gorilla* went Gold and contained a cover of Marvin Gaye's "How Sweet it Is (To Be Loved By You)," one of his biggest singles.

Following his exit from Warner Bros. Records, the record label released his greatest hits, which became Taylor's best-selling album. It went Platinum eleven times, sold almost twenty million copies worldwide and is still considered the best-selling folk album ever.

After leaving Warner Bros. Records, Taylor continued to make records and maintain a large fan base. His achievements declined slightly after his divorce from Simon in 1983, but they saw a resurgence in the late 90s and early 2000s with the release of several of his most lauded albums.

For more on

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Additional information and a schedule of each department program is listed on the Commencement Web site.

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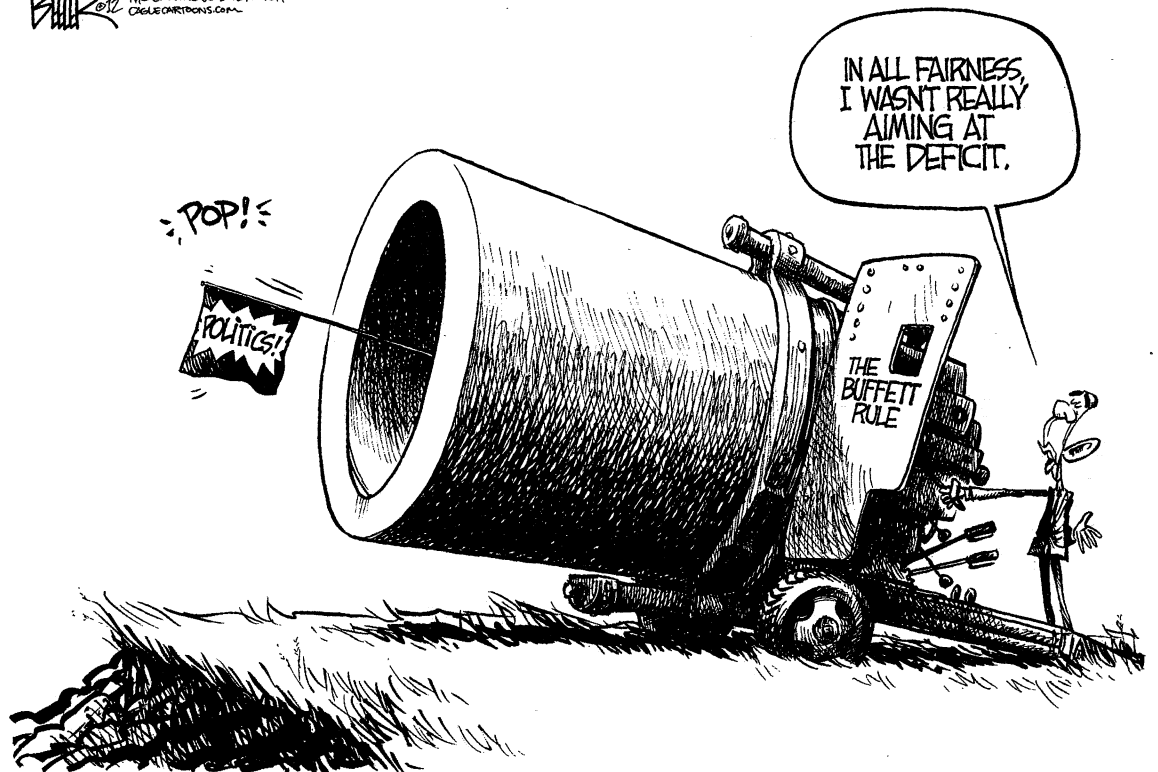
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Editorials

What's on this year's ballot?

Nearly every year in this space, there is an editorial imploring the student body to turn out in significant numbers to vote. But this year, there's an urgency to that plea that cannot be ignored.

As many of you know, the Undergraduate Student Government is in charge of controlling the purse strings of the clubs and organizations on campus, leaving the people we elect in with a lot of influence of how money is distributed. It's more than just the treasurer involved. Every member of USG brings in ideas of the changes he or she wishes to see, bringing their own personal issues to the table. Like any public office, the list of candidates has brought forth a huge range of issues that their campaigns that could change the direction USG has been going.

The elections this week brings up delicate issues of the scandals that have hit USG, the most recent one involving two former Vice Presidents. The Statesman has previously reported on the misappropriation of funds that happened during the fall 2011 semester that involved VP of Communications Farjad Fazli and VP of Clubs and Organizations Allen Abraham. Both came under fire for having their assistants on payroll, which violated USG bylaws for those offices and led to both resigning. After the payroll discrepancies, it's surprising to see Abraham have the audacity to even think about being a treasurer.

The flip side is that Abraham has said he has learnt from his mistakes and that his experiences have taught him the lessons he needs. This is pure politics. Though we have no way to judge his credentials of managing finances, there is no reason the student body should put trust into someone who got caught for misappropriation of funds. Looking back prior to this scandal, Abraham actually sat on a budget committee as a senator, and

experienced being the middle man between clubs and USG.

Sadly, this isn't the first scandal that has hit USG, but situations like what Abraham found himself in reminds us that as the student body we must think about whom we vote for. One scandal doesn't define a candidate, though unfortunately it can be scarring. It is crucial though to look into the past of a candidate whose prior scandal was related to the finances of USG. There are other candidates running who currently hold positions in the organization, so rather than blindly voting for a party and the nominees on their ballot, each candidate should be individualized. At the end, it's your money, your social life and your activities that would be jeopardized. Elections have many gray areas, scandals being one. Ignoring the scandals would just be plain idiotic, but it doesn't have to define an election. To those who complain about the work of USG, these are the issues to consider before voting for the same.

With USG's main task to the student body is allocating money, it is hard to ignore the situation that the organization finds itself in every year. Last spring, then-Executive Vice President Alexander Dimitriyadi wrote a letter to editor that was printed in *The Statesman* about the condition of USG's financial situation.

"Last spring, the USG Senate appropriated an unprecedented amount of funding towards student organizations: 57 percent, or over \$1.5 million of our annual \$2.8 million budget. I quickly learned, however, that this new baseline for club funding did not come without consequence. The USG's operational budget, which includes services such as event programming and free one-on-one tutoring, were at risk of running out of funds mid-year without cutbacks. In order to allow for improvement in these services, I condensed every USG

operational budget line looking for funding that could be re-appropriated."

He goes on his letter to talk about the delicate situation at hand and how he believes money should be allocated and the process by which that is decided. USG is always going to have to work within a budget, and with such a financial responsibility to the school and student body, you need to be 100 percent confident in the person you want deciding if your club is worth it.

Every two years, the Student Activity Fee's mandatory status goes up for a vote, making this year's election that much more vital to campus. Student life on this campus needs the Student Activity Fee. There are dozens of clubs and organizations on campus that benefit from the funds that come in from it, including *The Statesman*. Many complain about the lack of funding from USG, but without the student body voting to keep the Student Activity Fee mandatory this week, there could be no budgets at all. Currently, the fee is \$94.25, which, compared to all the other fees, is certainly not too much to ask in order to fund the activities that we all take advantage of.

In order to fully appreciate our time on campus, we need the right people taking care of our budget. We need the right people advising the treasurer and various boards, and we need the right issues being presented during meetings. Elections are open throughout the week, leaving you with plenty of time to learn the issues each candidate wants to push forward. Our student fee builds campus involvement and a better community as a whole. There has never been a good enough reason to wait for SOLAR to load but this year, voting in the USG elections can bring new change to Stony Brook University.

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Letters to the editor

Unethical behavior behind closed doors: Deborah Machalow *Updated*

The members of the undergraduate student government must uphold the principles listed in its code to represent the student body. It seems as if the Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow has used her position to serve her best interest not the student body.

Most people would say that writing an article about anyone would be stoop down to her level. However, Deborah Machalow is not innocent.

She wears a mask that covers her true identity. She vicariously passes or defeats any issue on the senate floor that she feels is important with the use of her puppet strings. Her puppets are easily manipulated by her

and will carry out the Deborah Machalow show. Let's call them,

"Jason S.", "Corey P.", "David A.", "Nick E.". These names are random and are not names of anyone in particular. Two of these names are fairly popular and received a recommendation by her in the SB Press

(Jason S. & Nick E.). It's just a coincidence then, that she would recommend these two to be executive vice president and vice president of student life for USG. Machalow used her position to promote a candidate for the election, which is unfair and illegal under section 111. Neutrality Laws of the USG Code. Clearly, Machalow, a stickler for the rules would never disobey the rules.

Machalow's senate meetings can be

compared to those of Supreme Court.

She intentionally sets the agenda to puts members of the gallery or executive on trial. Throughout the trial Machalow texts her puppets with questions used to hound individuals on trial with trivial questions to ruin their image. The sad part is that she makes it seemingly impossible not to notice her telling senators to check their phones. When the puppet senator asks her question, she sits back, smiles and rolls her eyes as the victim tries to defend their self.

The individual leaves the meeting with their head down, soon becoming the headlines in the next issue of the newspaper.

When the meetings are over, Machalow warns everyone to never cross her or they shall

suffer the same fate as each individual that was put on the stand. She instills a fear throughout the USG Suite, that a whisper of a rebellion sees her preparing a counter-attack. Machalow will use any law to defend her case whether it is morally or ethically correct to get her way. Anyone who disagrees with her is shot down by her rulebook, and thus no one wishes to challenge her.

In closing: Why should you care? If the people elected in USG are out to get us, then why do we stand by waiting for us to be put on the stand? End her reign of tyranny.

-Anonymous

Dear Editor,

As the polls open for this semester's Undergraduate Student Government elections, I am once again reminded of the mockery that student political parties make of the entire election. The several parties are little more than a ruse that employs a catchy name to get votes. To say that all of the parties stand for the same principles would be an overstatement; it can just as easily be said that they all stand for nothing.

This week, I urge my fellow students to make their decision based on a candidate's value, rather than a catchphrase. I am running as an Independent to be a CAS Senator. I have no catchy party name, nor any flashy posters around campus. What I do have are ideas to make this a

better university. As your Senator, I will introduce legislation to clean up the process whereby clubs apply for money. As it stands, clubs and organizations are often forced to miss deadlines and pay extra fees due to the USG's incompetence. I will make sure that event and tournament grants remain in place and are available to all clubs on campus. My ideas will improve the efficiency between clubs and the USG, and will therefore foster the growth of activities on campus.

As an Independent, I listen to students over any party. If I am elected, this is what I will bring to the USG.

Joseph Santangelo

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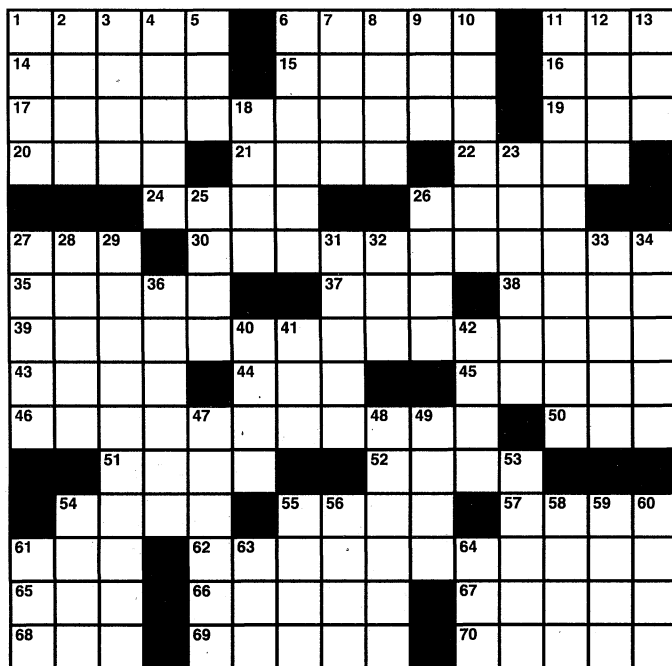
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Puts behind bars
- 6 Opera headliners
- 11 Dairy creature
- 14 Stan's sidekick, in old comedy
- 15 Call forth
- 16 Hubbub
- 17 Dish that's thrown together?
- 19 Fix a button, say
- 20 PDQ, in the ICU
- 21 "___ I a stinker?": Bugs Bunny
- 22 Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa
- 24 Belted out
- 26 ___ B'rith: Jewish org.
- 27 Phone bk. info
- 30 Where 6-Across often are when performing
- 35 Most of 34-Down's surface
- 37 Sugar suffix
- 38 Visiting Hollywood, say
- 39 Protective feature of most power strips
- 43 Ticklish Muppet
- 44 Bearded grassland grazer
- 45 Rib cage locale
- 46 Wall protector near a room entrance
- 50 Campfire residue
- 51 Catches some Z's
- 52 Musical work
- 54 Traveler's entry document
- 55 Woman's sleeveless undergarment, for short
- 57 Watchman's order
- 61 Tasseled headgear
- 62 One who follows tornadoes ... or an apt description of the starts of 17-, 30-, 39- and 46-Across
- 65 Get along in years
- 66 "Casablanca," for one
- 67 Protein-building acid
- 68 Low-quality
- 69 Make off with



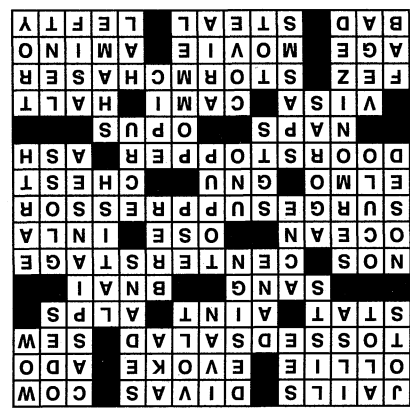
By Jennifer Nutt

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70 Liberal voter, slangily

DOWN

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- 2 "That's ___ of hooley!"
- 3 "Casablanca" heroine
- 4 Leans to port or to starboard
- 5 "Get it?"
- 6 Draw up plans for
- 7 "Fathers and Sons" novelist Turgenev
- 8 Chevy's plug-in hybrid
- 9 Rap sheet abbr.
- 10 Some Avis rentals
- 11 The Volga River flows into it
- 12 Dedicated poetry
- 13 "Holy guacamole!"
- 18 Copenhagen native
- 23 Not quite timely
- 25 Skin breakout
- 26 Uncle Remus title
- 27 Hard-___: very strict
- 28 Eye-related prefix
- 29 Spoke from the pulpit
- 31 Refresh, as a cup of coffee



- 32 Psychic hotline "skill," briefly
- 33 Shine
- 34 Fifth-largest planet
- 36 Old Greek markets
- 40 Capt. saluters
- 41 "___ momento!"
- 42 Neutral shade
- 47 Cricks and tics
- 48 Saddle knob
- 49 Sweeping in scope
- 53 Disgrace
- 54 Folk singer Suzanne
- 55 Sheltered inlet
- 56 "The Marriage of Figaro" highlight
- 58 "In your dreams!"
- 59 Pre-Easter time
- 60 City tricked by a wooden horse
- 61 "Marvy!"
- 63 Trike rider
- 64 Actor Holbrook

Horoscopes / Linda C. Black; MCT Campus

Today's Birthday (04/16/12). Plan the year ahead now, as the Moon transits Pisces. List the ways you love to spend your time, and find ways to do them more often. Put out the welcome mat for personal transformation, and open the door when it comes knocking. Discover spontaneity for pleasant surprises. 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 — Planning and research fits. Fine-tune your domestic scene. Whittle down your list, and the pressure lets up. Mercury enters your sign for three weeks of sharper intellectual ease.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Your friends want you to come out and play. Don't get distracted from a deadline, but it is possible to have it all. Compromise. You're smart enough to work it out.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Consider new opportunities for the next few days. There's a test. Mercury enters Aries for about three weeks, affecting Gemini's self-expression, short travel and family.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Your luck is shifting for the better. Don't launch until you're ready, but sketches take life. Mercury enters Aries for a period of talk and action at home.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Business heats up to a pleasantly profitable sizzle. Your environment sparks your creativity. Spread it around. Let a loved one teach you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Get into imaginative teamwork with experts and partners. Use a system that you know works. Pay bills first. Service is key for the foreseeable future.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — The excellent work you've been doing reflects well on you. The impossible is beginning to look easy. Dreams do come true. Be gracious to a hot head. Stay calm.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Focus on what's important. Work quickly and carefully. The coming days portend communication and action around joint resources, ends and beginnings. You're lucky in love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Figure out how to make beautiful, marvelous things happen. Words and action come together around higher studies, theology, philosophy and travel.

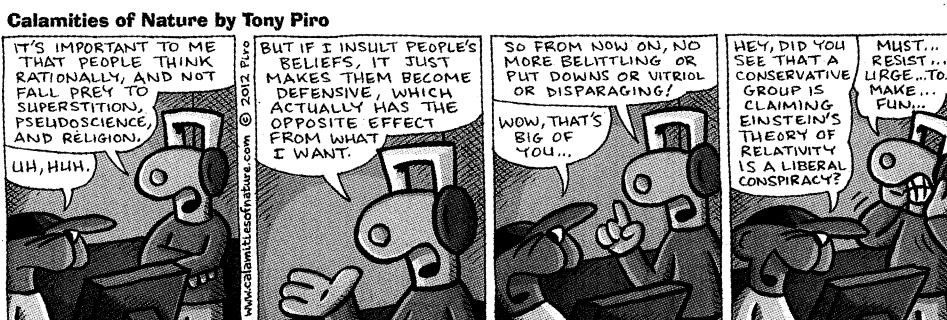
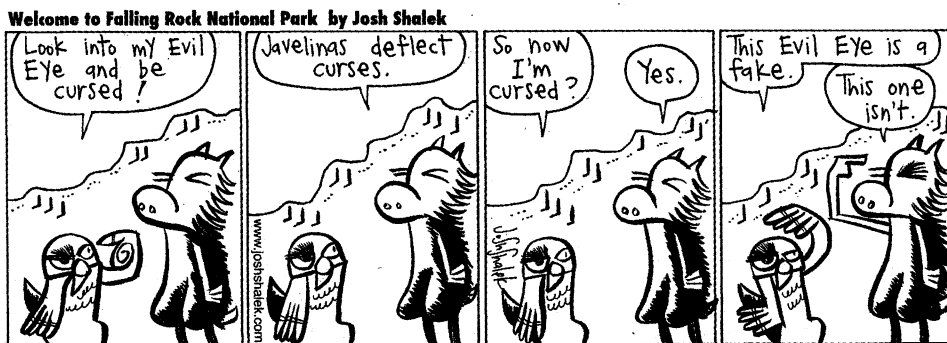
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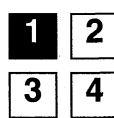
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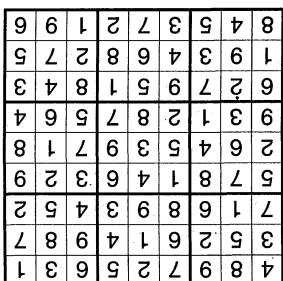
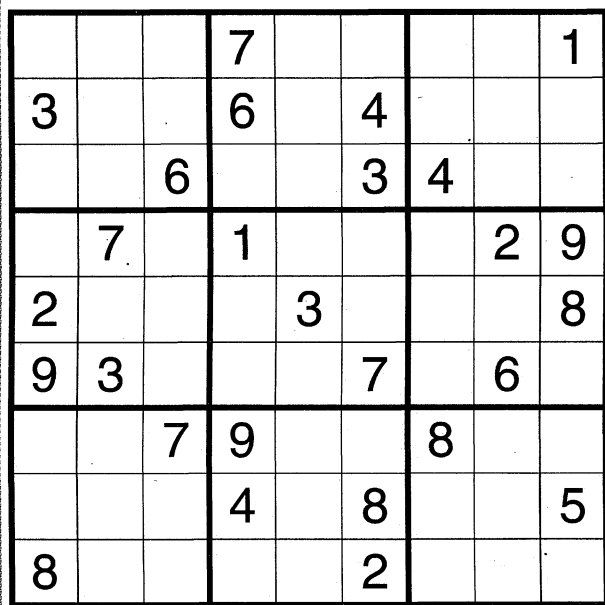
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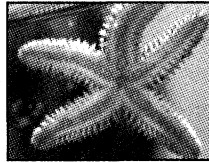


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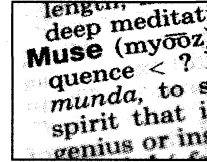
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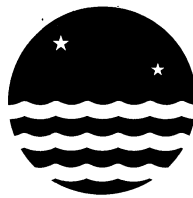
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Softball overwhelms conference opponent in all facets

By Mike Daniello and Anthony Santigate
Assistant Sports Editor and Staff Writer

Stony Brook softball had an impressive weekend, sweeping UMBC on the road in Baltimore with a combined score of 34-4. Thanks partly to freshman Allison Cukrov's record-tying 11th shutout of the season, the Seawolves improved to 8-1 in the America East.

Stony Brook won Sunday's game 5-0 after sweeping Saturday's doubleheader. Senior Lauren Maloney had a big weekend, finishing 5-for-8 with five RBI's, including a solo home run on Sunday. Maloney had an RBI single in the first inning to put the Seawolves up early.

The Seawolves added two more runs in the second inning off of RBI singles from freshman Lauren Kamachi and sophomore Nicole Schieferstein. Maloney's home run in the sixth inning put Stony Brook up 4-0. A UMBC throwing error gave the Seawolves their final run of the game off of a ball hit by senior Alyssa Hawley, which allowed junior Samantha Rossi to score from second base.

Cukrov allowed only one base runner, which was a fifth inning single, while striking out four. She lowered her America East leading ERA to 1.05 and improved to 17-4 overall after this weekend.

Saturday's big offensive day scored

the most runs in one day in the program's history, eclipsing the prior mark by one run. Also, the 19 runs in game two of Saturday's matchup was the most runs the Seawolves scored in one game in over five years.

The offensive picked up runs from up and down the line up. Senior Suzanne Karath set the pace with a game-starting triple in the first inning in game one. She later scored on an error to put the Seawolves up 1-0. Maloney hit a sacrifice fly later in the inning to put them up 2-0 before sophomore Jessica Combs

doubled home a run to add to the lead.

Freshman Shayla Giosia hit her team-leading sixth home run of the season to lead off the third inning. She later added two more RBI's in the fourth inning with a single to put Stony Brook up 7-1.

Stony Brook added three more runs in the fifth inning as Kamachi singled in a run, before Karath hit a two RBI single.

Cukrov picked up her 12th straight victory and improved to 16-4 with a complete game effort,

where she struck out five batters.

The second game of the doubleheader started in Stony Brook's favor, as the Seawolves sent 15 batters to the plate in the first inning where they scored 11 runs. Stony Brook had seven hits in the inning, while UMBC committed two errors, allowed two walks, a wild pitch and a hit-by-pitch. It was the most runs scored in an inning for Stony Brook since it scored 12 against Toledo on Feb. 19, 2010.

Hawley had two hits and scored two runs of her own in the first

inning and finished 3-for-5 with two RBI's in the game. Hawley was one of three Stony Brook players to have three hits in the second game, the other two being Maloney (3-3, two WBI, four runs) and senior Bernadette Tenuto (3-for-4, three RBI, two run).

All nine of Stony Brook's starters had hits in the second game, and nine different players scored at least one run in the game. Stony Brook's top five hitters, which consisted of Karath, Hawley, Giosia, Maloney and Tenuto, finished 11-for-20 with nine RBI's and 14 runs scored.

Sophomore Alex Clark earned a victory in the game after relieving Cukrov in the third inning. Clark gave up a three-run home run in the third inning, but managed to settle down and finish the game.

Both of Saturday's games ended after five innings due to the eight-run mercy rule. Stony Brook has won eight games this season by the mercy rule and has scored 10 runs or more in seven different games.

Stony Brook currently averages 5.4 runs per game, which is up from last season's 3.1.

Their 34 total runs this weekend as team ties the program record for most runs in a three game series.

The Seawolves have a seven-game week coming up with the first of those Tuesday at home at 2 p.m. against Rutgers.



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Men's and women's tennis make the most of senior weekend

By Adam Merkle
Staff Writer

Both the Stony Brook men's and women's tennis squads enjoyed a successful Senior Weekend as they dominated St. Francis on Friday and then went to Quinnipiac on Saturday to the tune of back-to-back 7-0 victories at the University

Courts.

With a beautiful weekend for sporting events, the Seawolves utilized the weather and home-court advantage to completely demolish their opponents.

In five singles matches, the men's team could not be stopped, with sophomore Nikita Fomin's taking the No. 1 match, and freshman Francis

Bertrand's following up with an equally impressive performance.

The women's squad encountered similar success against St. Francis, as it also held its opponents scoreless, not dropping a single point to the visitors.

After cruising to an easy doubles point, junior Nini Lagvilava and freshman Polina Movchan combined to lose just one set in singles play.

With a third straight victory, the men's squad continues to bounce back to an 6-8 record, while the women's squad notches another victory, bringing it to 8-6 on the season.

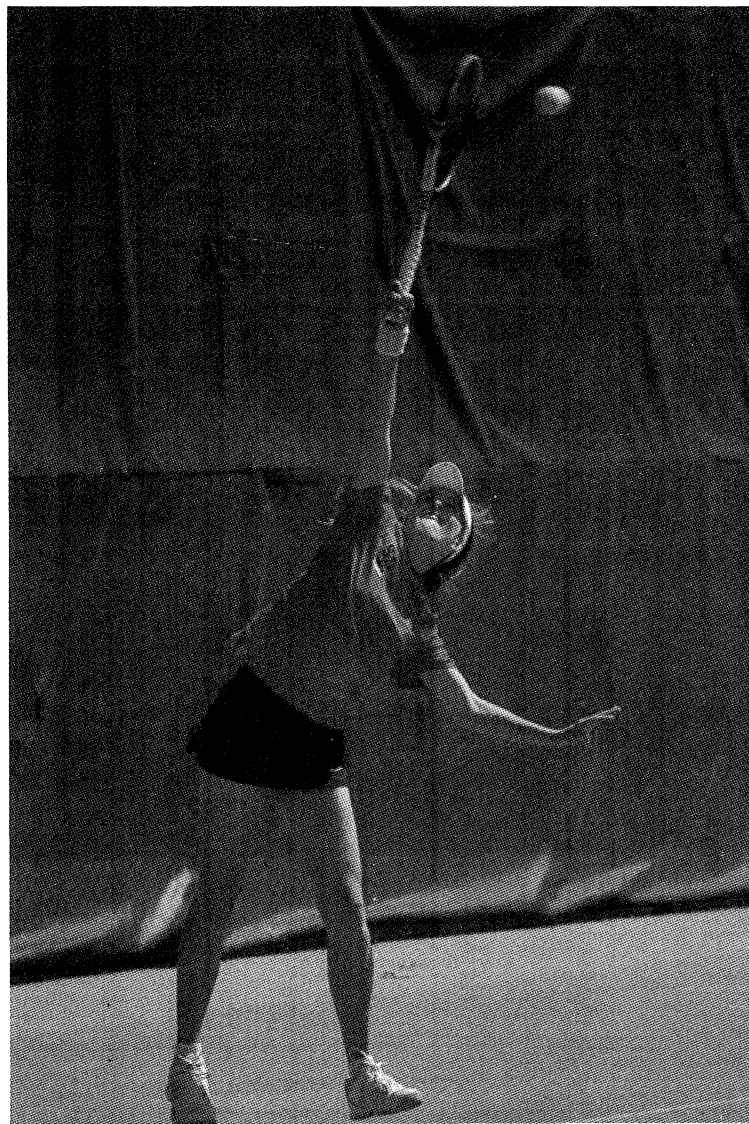
Saturday's match against the Quinnipiac Bobcats had an added level of significance for the Seawolves as Senior Day honored five Stony Brook student athletes.

Two men's squad athletes, Roope Kailaheimo and Max Sztabholz, were honored, as well as three on the women's squad, Katherin Hanson, Prerana Appineni and Salome Mkervaldze.

In women's action, Lagvilava and Movchan won the deciding match in double's play, giving the Seawolves the early point advantage on the Bobcats.

Stony Brook would take five straight singles victories to run away to a 6-1 victory against Quinnipiac to put it at 9-6 with just three games until the America East Championships.

The men continued to hammer their opponents on home court as they rolled past Quinnipiac with victories in



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Both teams overpowered Quinnipiac University in Senior Weekend matches at mid-day on Saturday.

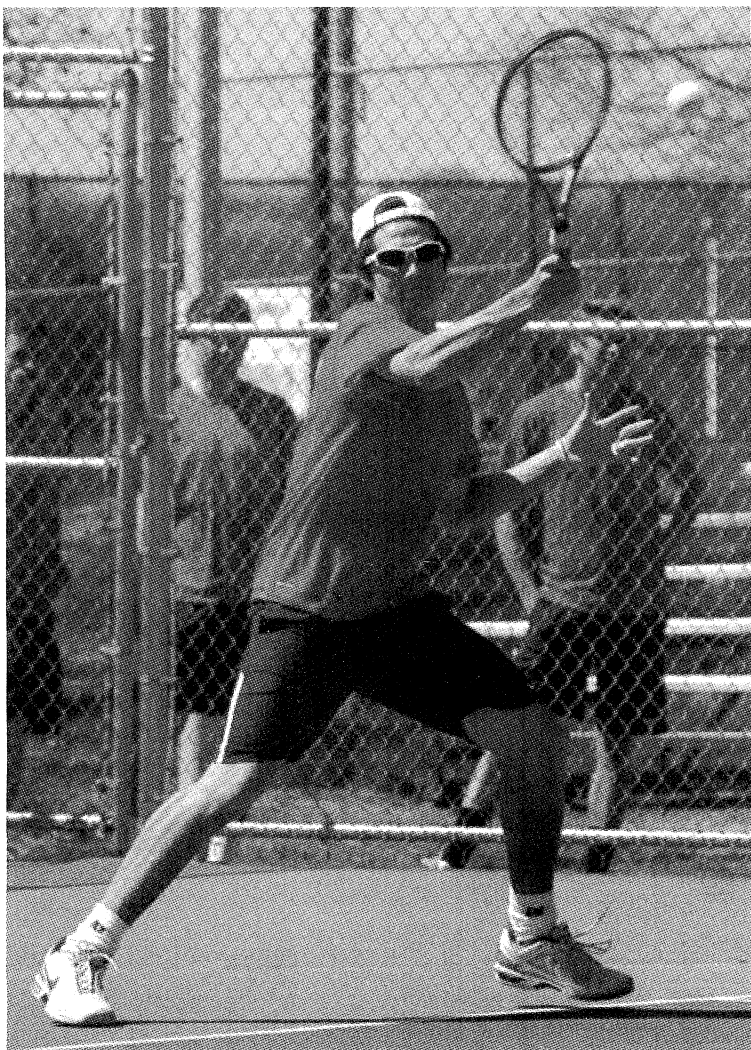
every singles and doubles set on the afternoon.

Kailaheimo enjoyed Senior Day success in the No. 3 spot during singles play, as he went on to win both sets, 6-3 and 7-5.

Sztabholz came into his Senior

Day singles match, and he did not disappoint, upholding the dominance the whole squad played to this weekend.

He did not lose a point or drop a game in straight sets en route to a 6-0, 6-0 mauling of his Quinnipiac opponent.



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Stony Brook's tennis teams have international talent.

Baseball continues strong conference play

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first game for the Seawolves, giving up just two runs in five innings.

Albany scored first, but Stony Brook put up six runs in the second, sending 10 batters to the plate and blowing the game open.

Albany tacked on another run in the fourth, but Stony Brook got two runs in the fifth after a sacrifice fly from sophomore Kevin Courtney and an RBI single from junior Travis Jankowski.

Jankowski had a combined four hits and five RBI's in both games.

Stony Brook clinched the game when junior G.C. Yerry came in to pitch the final two innings, allowing no runs to score and giving Johnson the win.

The Seawolves started the second game hard, scoring two runs in the first off an RBI single from Carmona and a run-scoring double from Krause.

An RBI triple from freshman Cole Peragine and an RBI double from Tissenbaum helped add three runs in the second.

In the fourth inning, a run-scoring triple from Jankowski and a run-scoring single from Krause gave the Seawolves four more runs and the game.

Senior Pat Cantwell had three hits, and Carmona had four runs

in the second game.

Earlier in the week, the Seawolves defeated the Iona College Gaels, 10-3, and the Marist College Red Foxes, 14-5, on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

In Tuesday's game, Krause and Peragine got three and two hits, respectively, with the latter also adding two RBI's.

Krause hit an RBI single in the first inning, giving Stony Brook its first run of the game.

Iona then briefly took control of the game in the top of the fourth with a two-run home run from Colin Lyall.

The Gaels' lead would not be secure for long, however, as the Seawolves scored four runs in the bottom of that inning. Peragine did the most damage when he hit a single with the bases loaded that scored two runs.

Stony Brook further padded its lead in the sixth inning by scoring another five runs. That would be all the scoring for the game.

As much success as Stony Brook had in its first game of the week, it had even more in Wednesday's game. The Seawolves scored 14 runs on 17 hits. Carmona was the star of the game, accumulating three hits and three RBI's.

The score was tied as the game

progressed into the bottom of the fourth, 2-2. However, the Seawolves used this chance to put the game entirely out of reach. They scored eight runs. Seven of them came with two outs. This

inning effectively brought the game to an end.

Stony Brook's next game is at home Wednesday against Rhode Island.



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Senior William Carmona had six hits in Sunday's doubleheader against the University of Albany.

Women's Lacrosse loses to Yale

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exchange free-position goals to start the second half, but the Terriers would go on a four-goal run to take a 12-9 lead.

Stony Brook would respond back with a four-goal run of its own to take back the lead, with goals from Rubino, Hillier, Cook and Petersen.

After Kupres and Boston's Annie Stookesberry exchanged goals, Boston's Kristen Mogavero tied the game at 14 with 4:28 left in the game.

Boston's Mallory Collins scored the game-winner with 3:12 left in the game.

Despite the loss, Stony Brook clinched a spot in the America East Championship, qualifying for the tournament for the first time since 2007, and will play Albany next Saturday.

"This loss wasn't just about today," head coach Joe Spallina said in a press release. "We have work to do, and we will grow from this, get better and get another opportunity in the America East Tournament. Right now though, our focus turns to ourselves as we prep for Albany."

SPORTS

Baseball strong in past week, takes five of six games

By Mike Daniello and Catie Curatolo
Assistant Sports Editor and Staff Writer

Stony Brook (24-10, 5-2 AE) baseball split their doubleheader on Sunday with Albany and finished the week with a 5-1 record. Junior Tanner Nivins went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead Stony Brook to a 6-4 victory. The Great Danes rallied in the second game for a 7-6, 10-inning victory.

Junior William Carmona had six hits in the doubleheader and had four RBI in the second game. Junior James Campbell allowed just one run in 2.1 innings of relief to earn the win in the first game.

Albany scored three runs in the third inning to take an early lead in the first game. Stony Brook tied the game in the fourth inning, which was highlighted by a two-run triple from freshman Cole Peragine. Peragine went 7-for-14 with four RBI in the series.

The Seawolves broke the 3-3 tie in the fifth inning off an RBI single from freshman Kevin Krause and a run-scoring double from Nivins. Albany got a run back in the sixth inning, but Stony Brook scored another in the seventh off an RBI single from Nivins.

Sophomore reliever Joshua Mason allowed a double to Mike Tirri to open the seventh inning, but retired the next three batters to end the inning and earn a save.

Stony Brook scored three runs in the first inning to take an early lead.



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After a less than ideal start to the season, Stony Brook has picked up its game in conference play thus far.

They scored the first run on a sacrifice fly from junior Maxx Tissenbaum and a two-run home run from Carmona. It was Carmona's seventh home run of the season.

Carmona had an RBI single in the third inning before Albany scored a run in the fourth. Tissenbaum had another sacrifice fly in the fifth inning to put the Seawolves up 5-1.

The Great Danes answered back two unearned runs in the sixth inning and one run in the seventh to pull within 5-4.

An RBI double from Carmona in the eighth inning put the Stony Brook lead back to two, but Albany tied the game in the bottom of the inning.

A scoreless ninth inning from

both teams put the game into extra innings. After Stony Brook failed to score in the top of the 10th inning, Albany loaded the bases with one out in the bottom half. D.J. Hoagboon had a walk-off single to give Albany their only victory of the series.

Senior Evan Stecko-Haley started the second game for Stony Brook and allowed just one earned run on five

hits in six innings.

The team swept Albany on Saturday, with a combined 31 hits and 22 runs in the doubleheader.

The Seawolves won game one, 9-2, and game two, 13-3.

Senior Tyler Johnson started the

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Men's Lacrosse beats UMBC

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

It looks like Stony Brook men's lacrosse is back on track.

Continuing its strong start in America East Conference play, Stony Brook defeated UMBC, 10-8, Saturday night. Stony Brook is now 3-0 in conference play after going 1-7 in out-of-conference play.

Red-shirt freshman Mike Rooney and senior Robbie Campbell led the way for the Seawolves, both scoring four goals each.

Stony Brook jumped out to

a 3-0 lead early into the game. Campbell scored 1:15 in, and Rooney scored a man-up goal eight minutes later. Campbell scored again one minute later after Rooney's goal.

UMBC's Joe Lustgarten scored to get the Retrievers on the board at the 2:54 mark, but senior Russ Bonanno and Campbell both scored to give the Seawolves a 5-1 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Campbell and UMBC's Scott Jones both scored in the second quarter to make the score 6-2 going into the half.

After sophomore Matt

Bellando and Rooney scored the opening three goals of the second half to give Stony Brook a seven-goal lead, it appeared Stony Brook would coast to a win.

However, UMBC would storm back with five unanswered goals. After Jones scored with 32 seconds left in the third quarter, Conor Finch and Matt Gregoire scored goals four seconds apart to open up the fourth quarter.

Jones would score the next two goals to make the score 9-7 and bring the Retrievers to within two.

That was as far as UMBC would get. Rooney would score his fourth goal of the game at the 8:11 mark to end UMBC's run.

Jones scored his fifth goal of the game with 2:23 left, but the game was over at that point.

"Rooney's goal was huge," head coach Jim Nagle said in a press release. "They really got rolling in the fourth quarter, but Mike's goal stemmed the tide."

Junior goalkeeper Sean Brady made 14 saves for Stony Brook.

Stony Brook will take a break from America East conference play, taking on Yale at LaValle Stadium Monday night, and resume conference play against Hartford on Saturday.

Women's Lacrosse has first conference loss

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

The Seawolves are no longer perfect in America East play.

After defeating Yale 12-8 last Wednesday in an out-of-conference game, Stony Brook suffered its first loss in conference play on Saturday, losing to Boston University 15-14.

Stony Brook now has an overall record of 11-4, including a 3-1 record in conference play, second in the America East standings behind Boston University.

Against Yale, junior Janine Hillier lead the way for the Seawolves with three goals and three assists, with junior Demmianne Cook adding four goals.

After Hillier and Yale's Devon Rhodes exchanged tallies in the opening minutes, freshman Amber Kupres and sophomore Emily Mercier scored to make it 3-1, and Stony Brook would lead for the rest of the game.

Yale, however, would keep it close. Kerri Fleishacker would make it 3-2, and after freshman Michelle Rubino and Cook both scored for Stony Brook to make it 5-2, Yale's Jen DeVito scored the final two goals of the first half to

make the score 5-4.

That was as close as Yale would get. Hillier and Rubino would score the first two goals of the second half to give Stony Brook a 7-4 lead, and Yale was unable to get to within two for the rest of the game.

Goalkeepers sophomore Frankie Caridi and junior Hannah Perruccio split time in net, with Caridi credited for the win.

Against Boston University, Stony Brook jumped out to a 4-0 lead within the first five minutes of the game, with goals from junior Claire Petersen (2), Hillier and Cook.

Boston would come back with a 5-1 run and tie the game at five with 13:25 left in the first half. Boston's Hannah Frey scored three goals during this scoring outburst.

After Kupres and Boston's Molly Swain exchanged goals, Boston would take its first lead of the game with a goal from Danielle Etrasco.

Rubino would score twice in the final two minutes to give Stony Brook an 8-7 lead at the half.

Etrasco and Hillier would

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Red-shirt freshman Mike Rooney scored four goals in Saturday's game against the the UMBC Retrievers.