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Project 50 Forward moves on

By Alexa Gorman
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University's Project 50 Forward is on-track and continuing to progress, according to President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr.'s State of the University address. The only problem is that no one seems to know exactly what track the project is supposed to stay on.

"I believe Project 50 Forward will add value to the Stony Brook degree, propel us into the ranks of the top 20 public research universities, and make a positive impact; but it is going to require the involvement of our entire university community," Stanley said in his address. "With your suggestions, engagement and support, we will look for every opportunity to provide our faculty and students with the resources they need to excel."

On the Project 50 Forward website, there is a contact link where visitors can ask questions and leave comments. According to James Montalto, the media relations manager, the process of gathering the feedback information has ended. Faculty and student focus groups were formed at the end of last spring. At this point, however, meetings and consults have ended.

"The student and faculty focus groups, teams and committees met often during the 18-month review to enable the consultant and the Program Management Office to secure a comprehensive

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Circle Road's circle breaks up

By Gavin Stern
Staff Writer

The north entrance to the university will undergo construction from Monday, Nov. 7 until Friday, Nov. 11, to complete a \$1.4 million construction project at the intersection of Circle Road and North Entrance Road. Zackary Will, vice president of the Commuter Student Association, described that intersection as "dangerous" because it is on a steep incline. "If you're coming from below you can't see the cars above. And if you're going downhill you can't see the cars below," he said.

"Roadway improvements are part of the campus-wide initiative to repair and/or relocate campus roadways in the interest of traffic and pedestrian safety," said media relations manager James Montalto in an email. Montalto said that the north entrance construction project will "improve sight lines for drivers." However, he would not describe the specific changes being made to the roadway to remedy the visibility issue.

Commuter students, though inconvenienced by the closure, are being kept in the loop by Commuter Student Services.

"We keep the students updated on our Blackboard page and various other methods that we use to reach out to commuter students," said Emily Resnick, senior adviser for commuter student services. "We are doing as much as we possibly can to let them know what's going on and keep them aware so they're making changes accordingly."

In the meantime, students needing to access the northern parking lots can take Toll Road, which is normally closed to traffic.

Toll Drive opens up to drivers for less congestion

By Amanda Samojedny
Contributing Writer

Toll Drive has been open to through traffic as of Nov. 2, from the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., to compensate for the closing of Circle Road from the North Parking Lot to the North Entrance while it is undergoing construction.

The construction project is a safety measure for both drivers and pedestrians using the North Entrance and Circle Road intersection, which will be realigned to improve the sight lines for drivers.

James Montalto, media relations manager, said roadway improvements are necessary for the safety of pedestrians and drivers. He said Toll Drive will remain open until construction

is done.

Toll Drive operates during class hours. Hundreds of students cross the road everyday, heading for the facilities on the northern part of campus in the Union. Now, being occupied by both drivers and pedestrians, the road is usually crowded.

Susan Facini, a sophomore with an undeclared major, has classes in the Physics and Humanities buildings. Living in Mendelsohn, she has to cross Toll Drive frequently, but doesn't find herself inconvenienced by the opening of the road.

"It hasn't been a problem," Facini said. "There's been a little traffic, but stopping and waiting a minute hasn't caused any



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Pedestrians crossing Toll Drive will have to be more cautious now that cars will be driving through from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as of Nov. 2 because of construction.

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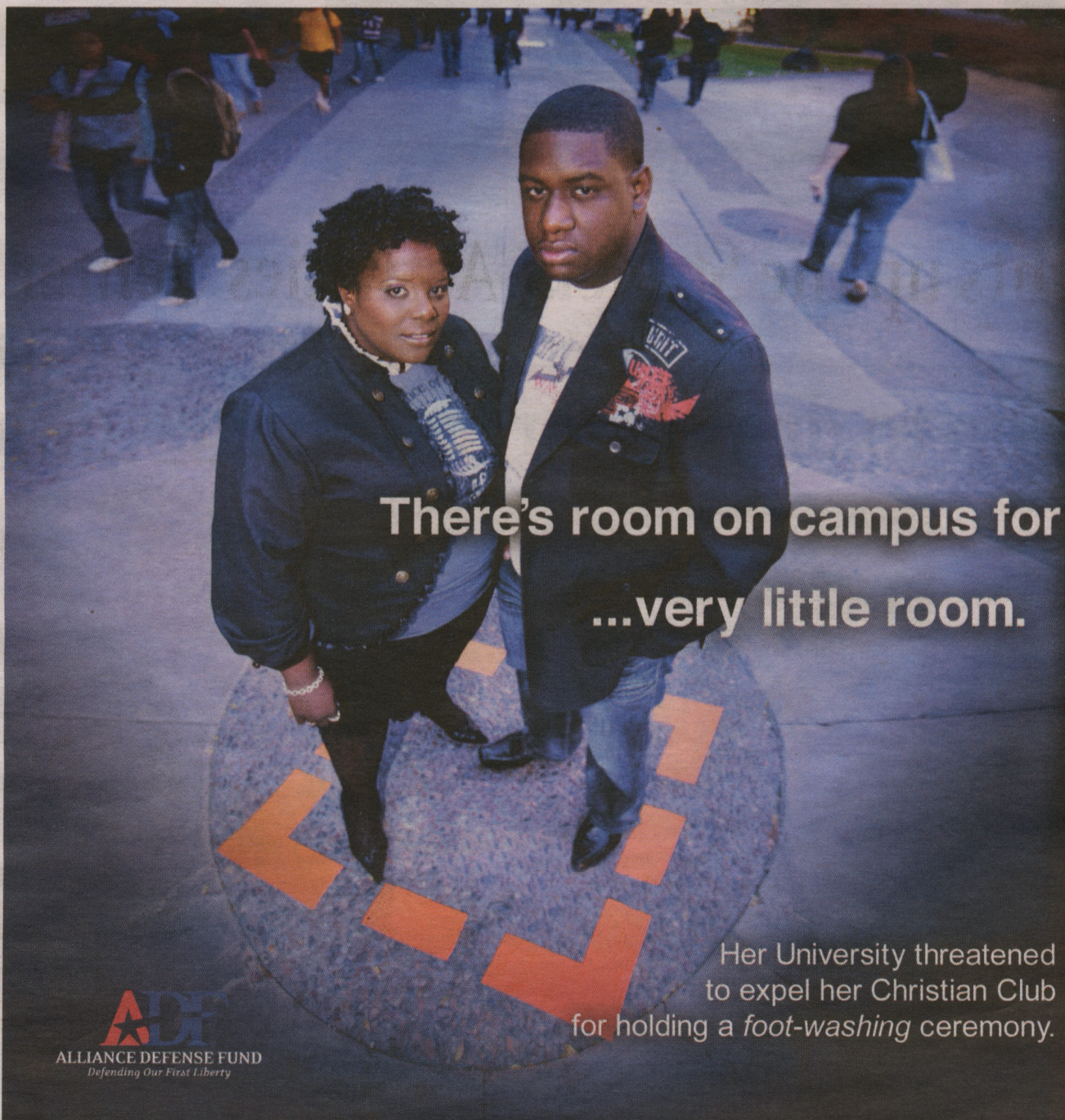
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NEWS

SlutWalk protesters strut their stuff for a cause

By Nina Lin
Contributing Writer

Whoops, shouts and a plethora of colorful signs made their way around campus as bemused onlookers stared last Wednesday. "Consent is sexy," read one sign. "No means no!" read another. In the middle of it all, a banner held at the front of the march only had one word painted in the middle of it: "Slutwalk."

The Stony Brook Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance, or LGBTA; the Social Justice Alliance, or SJA; the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance; Students Empowered Against Sexual Assault; the Society for Global Awareness and the university's Clinical Skills Center collaborated to create "SlutWalk Stony Brook," an event meant to educate students on rape culture and victim blaming.

It is a campus parallel of the first SlutWalk, held after Michael Sanguinetti, a constable with the Toronto Police Service, said the following to college students at York University in Canada, last January; "[...]women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized," *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported. From there, the movement grew and similar protests were held in cities across the U.S. and Canada.

"It doesn't matter how I'm dressed, or how I look, nobody has the right to touch me without my consent," said Nazma Niles, president of the Social Justice Alliance at Stony Brook, and one of the organizers of the event. "Women deserve the right to be safe, no matter what. It is a human right."

The 25-minute protest circled around the university's academic mall, with approximately 30 participants — both men and women — marching along the way.



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Protesters marched for 25 minutes for SlutWalk, an event to educate students on rape culture and victim blaming.

They all held their posters above their heads and chanted in unison. "However I'm dressed, wherever I go, yes means yes and no means no," they shouted. "Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Rape culture has got to go!"

"You should join us!" said one of the marchers to an onlooker, who just shook her head and walked off.

Not all responses were negative though. Jessika Edouard saw the protesters and had quickly run to join them.

"I'm going to walk with you," she said. The group happily welcomed

her; one of the marchers gave her a sign to hold. "I have to get more involved," she said as she marched along.

Behind her, Waldain Felix sat atop Nicholas Ela's shoulders, chanting with the rest.

"I know people who have been sexually assaulted," Felix said. "I have a mother, a sister and female friends." Males are also at risk for sexual assault, he said as he held up his sign, which called for the stop of rape, spelled out in bright, eye-catching glitter.

For sophomore Janine Mariani, the president of Students Empowered Against Sexual Assault, bringing SlutWalk to the university was an important move to make the issue more of a local one for the university.

"It [sexual assault] is definitely an issue on campus, and it needs to be addressed on this campus," Mariani said. "It's not the victim's fault, and people need to stop believing that. Nobody's asking to get raped."

As the protest winded down, marchers gathered around a

makeshift stage at the SAC Plaza for ending speeches. Bill Quinn, a Stony Brook sophomore who was watching the event, couldn't resist an invitation.

"We [Students Helping Honduras] were sitting at the table when you guys just came around and kicked ass," Quinn said to applause.

Nikki Bose, a member of SJA, then brought the speeches to a close. "Thank you so much, for all that have been survivors, or just supporters to our cause," she said. "Thank you so much."

Diwali Festival lights up the Student Activities Center

By Gabrielle Dusharm
Staff Writer

The Student Activities Center was once again alive with color and music as the SBU Hindu Students Council, HSC, and the Sikh Student Association, SSA, hosted a collaborative Diwali 2011 celebration in the center's ballroom this past weekend. The sold-out event included 224 students and families from a variety of cultural backgrounds coming together to celebrate the same holiday in their own unique ways.

Diwali is celebrated all over India for different cultural reasons. For Hindus, the "festival of lights" is a five-day celebration; oil lamps are lit to signify the triumph of good over evil, and families come together to participate in traditional activities and tell stories. For Sikhs, Diwali is a celebration of the freedom of the Sixth Guru and 52 princes from imprisonment in October 1619. The celebration includes fireworks, lighting oil lamps and celebrating with family.

"We wanted to create a unity between the campus [and] South Asian communities," said Manvir Singh, sophomore and president of SSA. "We

felt that if we combined [HSC and SSA] efforts together in one event, it would help us learn about each other."

Diwali 2011 offered a unique cultural experience in which educating the audience was the primary goal. Both the HSC and SSA provided short video presentations on their own meanings of Diwali, emphasizing both cultural differences and similarities. Refreshments and tradition food were served later on in the evening, catered by Diya Lounge. Students in jeans and T-shirts joined the sparkling saris and costumes on a kaleidoscopic dance floor, laughing and clapping loudly.

Kirti Parmar, a junior and member of HSC, performed Bharata Natyam, a classical Indian dance that she dedicated to the goddess Laxhmi, to open the festivities. The purpose of the dance was to bless those present with good health, wealth, prosperity, knowledge, wisdom, strength and power.

Yuva, a musical group, continued the celebration with an Indian a cappella arrangement. Senior and President of Yuva, Pirtya Chugh, says the 14-member group became official this semester.

Thillana, the 12-member South

Asian fusion dance troupe, danced to a mix of classical Indian music and bhangra, delighting the audience with a dash of the familiar Super Mario and Harry Potter themes. For seven years, the dance troop has been performing, combining hip-hop, contemporary dance, Bhangra, and Bharata Natyam. Vice president, junior and three-year member of Thillana, Maria Nomani said that the group tries to be different and incorporate meaningful concepts into their performances.

Stony Brook's premier Indian a cappella group, DeTaali, also gave the crowd a taste of "Hindi music — with a touch of everything else."

Created by senior and president, Shruti Tarigoppula in Spring 2010, DeTaali "represents diversity, promotes uniqueness, and strives to spread Southeast Asian culture through self-created musical arrangements."

Vishnu Rajan, senior and president of HSC, said the event took two months of planning with combined meetings between the clubs.

"The fact that we worked so well together opens up more [chances] to put other events together, not just [Diwali] but bigger events," Rajan said.



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The Hindu Students Council and Sikh Student Association celebrated Diwali, a holiday, known to some as a "festival of lights."



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Valve Center adds new beat to Medical Center

By Alessandra Malito
News Editor

Nestled in between the gift shop and the Starbucks café, and across from the main entrance of the hospital, stands the new Valve Center of the Stony Brook University Medical Center.

The Valve Center, which opened on Sept. 7, offers a comprehensive and specialized evaluation process unlike that of any other in the area for valvular disease, which can include the valve not opening enough to allow the blood to flow through the heart as it should, according to the American Heart Association. Stony Brook University Medical Center noted in its brochure for the Valve Center that valvular disease affects more than five million Americans.

"There's no good place for patients who have valvular disease to go to," said Smadar Kort, director of the Valve Center and a professor of medicine at the university. "We have really incorporated technology that can be used."

The center offers 2D and 3D echocardiograms, which are simply an ultrasound of the heart. The three types are transthoracic, which involves doing the exam by placing the probe on the chest, transesophageal, which puts the probe in the esophagus, and stress echocardiograms, which uses physical stress to assess the heart. The Valve Center brings together a variety of heart doctors, including a cardiologist, a cardiac surgeon and a nurse, who meet prior to the patient's arrival. When they meet, they are able to schedule testings and imaging, and meet with the patient all during the same day.

"So they don't have to come back a different day," Kort said.

Surgeries are also as simple non-invasive as possible. By having tiny incisions done during surgery, patients are able to recover

more quickly and possibly go back to work in a shorter amount of time. Rather than being out of work for four to six weeks, as Valve Center co-director Sandeep Gupta suggested, patients may be able to go back between three to four weeks.

One goal of the center is to have a more timely approach to caring for its patients, who are expected to be seen by doctors within a week of referral. The final stage of treatment should happen within a desirably short amount of time. In order to make the process move more swiftly, Kort said the doctors meet upon referral to discuss the symptoms of the patient and the following steps to cure or treat the problem. That way, when the patient comes in to be seen, he can talk about additional incurring pains and the doctors will have solutions to heal him already.

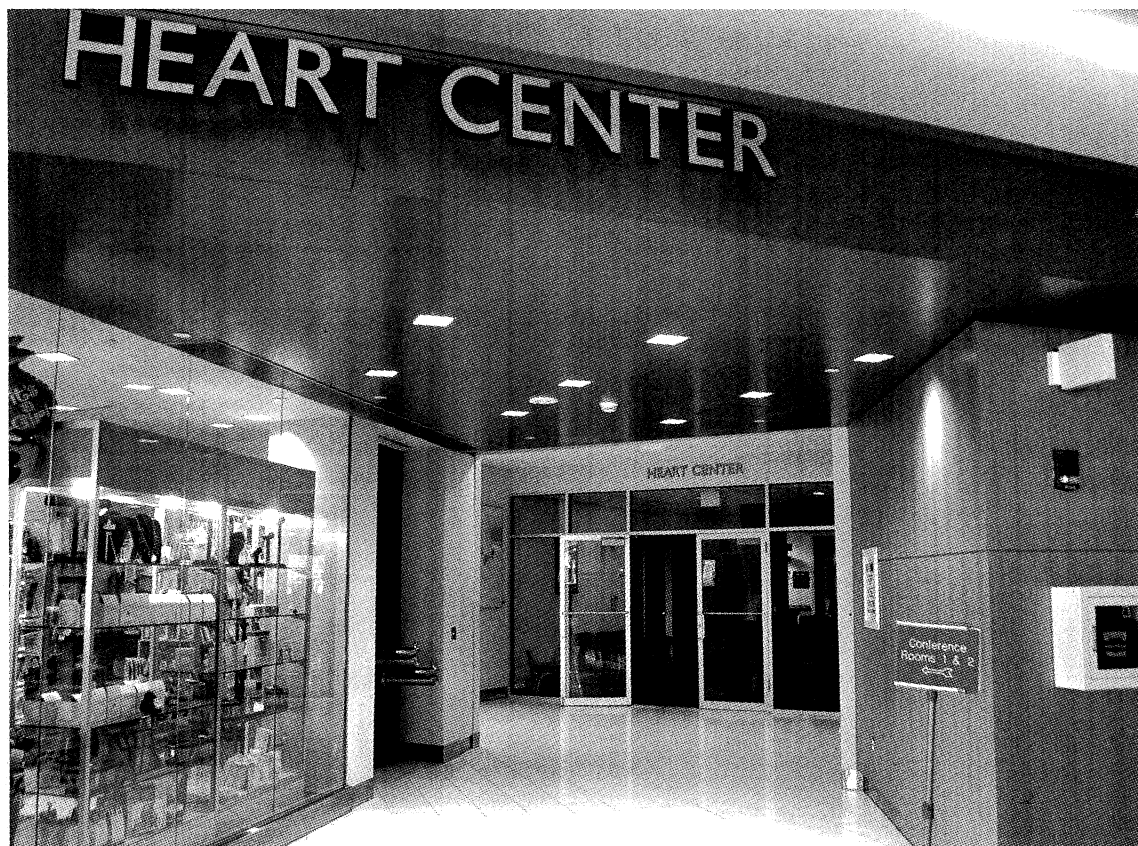
In order to enhance patient treatment further, a patient's personal physician, who referred him to the Valve Center, as well as his personal cardiologist, receive follow ups by the doctors at the hospital's specialized valve center.

"Putting the expertise in one place is very important so patients get the best outcomes," Gupta said.

In fact, specializing in a specific disease is no longer uncommon to the Stony Brook University Medical Center, which houses multiple centers, such as the new Cancer Center.

According to Gupta, the way a hospital is organized is different than the way doctors are taught during medical training. The Valve Center will offer one appointment with a cardiologist, cardiothoracic surgeon and nurse practitioner.

"Medical care now is very organ specific," said Gupta, who went to medical school for four years and then spent an additional nine years after going through training through residencies. The hospital



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SBUMC's Valve Center is just one example of the hospital's disease-specific centers.

is broken down into areas such as the pulmonary and lung clinic and heart clinic.

The Valve Center, which operates underneath the Heart Center at the hospital, has all it needs to treat their patients.

"[They] have it all in one place," Gupta said. "I think that's important for patients that all their doctors are talking to each other and they get the expertise all at once and they get immediate answers."

According to Kenneth Kaushansky, dean of the School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, the hospital is divided into major centers and disease-specific centers.

"It does not cost a lot of resources to set up a center," Kaushansky said. While he was unable to provide the exact amount the Valve Center cost, he compared it to the cost of a major center, such as the Cancer

Center, which will be in at least half of the new Medicine and Research Translation building that is costing \$195 million to construct. The money is coming from a number of sources, including \$35 million from the state, philanthropists, and the university and medical center funds.

Having centers like the Valve Center is important, because it provides the viewpoints of the cardiologist and surgeon sides. The two types of doctors are trained to see the disease differently – a cardiologist looking at treating valvular disease with medicine and a surgeon looking to treat it through surgery – so the Valve Center provides the opportunity to join the two perspectives into one.

"It allows us to choose what is the best for the a patient," Kaushansky said. "It forces us to talk about every patient as an

individual and forces us to make the absolute right decision for the patient one patient at a time."

The Valve Center is just an example of where the hospital is going as far as trending. Kaushansky said it makes perfect sense to be looking at taking care of patients this way.

"I think you'll see that in a lot of the best academic medical centers," Kaushansky said.

Stony Brook University houses the only echocardiography laboratory in Suffolk County. Echocardiography is the study of obtaining ultrasound images and one of only 28 in all of New York State to achieve triple accreditation from the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission in all three forms of adult echocardiography – transthoracic, transesophageal and stress. The Medical Center performs 13,000 noninvasive imaging studies per year.

Symposium fills purpose of promoting drug research

By Paul Huynh
Contributing Writer

Linghui Wu, a third-year graduate student at Stony Brook, uses mouse fertilization to study the interaction between the sperm and eggs of a human.

She describes complicated organic syntheses to construct an egg with receptor proteins that model interactions during mouse fertilization. She has colored x-ray fluorescent diagrams that show whether or not the head of the sperm, or acrosome, which contains DNA and proteins to fertilize the egg, remains intact or has merged with her structure.

This was one among many cutting-edge science projects displayed at the fifth annual Institute of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery Science Symposium hosted at Stony Brook

University.

Another Stony Brook student and Intel Semifinalist, Brian Ralph, said "Blocking the transport of endocannabinoids can be vital to stopping the addiction of illegal drug users."

Endocannabinoids activate the receptor proteins in the pituitary gland of the brain to release dopamine, a neurotransmitter that causes marijuana-like effects and excitement. For his project, he took part in screening for endocannabinoid transport inhibitors using a biological laboratory technique, gel electrophoresis. The release of dopamine caused by illegal drug users play a significant role in their addiction.

Not only were there presentations offered by Stony Brook students, but also lectures given by professors.

Celia A. Schiffer, a professor at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at University of Massachusetts Medical School, described her research involving the development of strategic inhibitors that prevent HIV drug resistance. She showed models of the activity of modern drugs, which block the active site of the HIV protease. But often, these drugs are ineffective. The problem is that they fit into the active site of the enzyme for some time, but then the virus protein mutates to accommodate the shape of the particular drug.

In such a case, the drug is unable to block the effects of the virus, and is thus rendered useless. Instead, Schiffer proposes that smaller and more precise drugs are made that fit exactly in these active sites that prevent them from mutating and conferring drug resistance. She is

pursuing this approach with many different professors across several universities and co-founded the Institute for Drug Resistance.

Another professor, Carlos Simmerling, used computers to stimulate a better model of the interaction of a protein and a ligand using data gained from docking, and other programs, like AMBER (a molecular dynamics program) and Visual Molecular Dynamics, or VMD. With the help of his student, Neville Bethel, Simmerling created videos that model how proteins get to this transition state using calculations of free energy using computer programs, and how to verify these accepted models. He explained the limitations of these computer-based models, which do not reflect the effect of other factors relevant in the human body, such as pH. This was the final presentation given

during the ICB D&D symposium.

Iwao Ojima, the director of the Institute of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, established the Institute of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery in conjunction with the Center of Structural Biology, the Center for Structural Diseases and the Long Island Cancer Center. He has expanded it to include drug discovery because it plays an important part in molecular medicine.

Its purpose is "to promote highly productive interdisciplinary and collaborative research among chemists, biologists, medicinal chemists, pharmacologists, and physicians to attack major biomedical problems to find solutions including the discovery of novel therapeutic drugs."

The symposium by the Institute of Drug Discovery seems to be fulfilling its purpose thus far.

Drivers have access to Toll Drive 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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problems for me.”

Other students who also cross Toll Drive shared similar statements.

“I have class in the Union every day,” said Theresa Mayerhofer, a junior double majoring in anthropology and sociology. “It hasn’t been a problem for me personally. Usually I don’t have to wait at all.”

While the traffic on the road is consistent and often results in a line of cars, students do not seem to be the ones who have to

wait.

Theodore Hueckel, a junior majoring in chemistry, has noticed that drivers using Toll Drive appear to be more inconvenienced than the pedestrians.

“This morning, I watched a dozen students cross the street while one car had to wait,” Hueckel said.

He saw this occurrence more than once during the day on his way to classes.

“Walking from Staller to the Union, I saw a line of at least ten cars, and not one of them got to go past,” Hueckel added.

Those who skate, longboard or bike to class may find the road’s opening to be more of an inconvenience. Tom Fasano, a freshman studying applied math and sciences, longboards to class and crosses Toll Drive, “every day, more than once,” he said. “The problem is, now I have to stop myself at the edge of the street.”

The university has instated necessary safety precautions along the road, now being shared by drivers and pedestrians. Even though the speed limit is 15 mph and there are two temporary stop signs positioned

for oncoming traffic in either direction, a crossing guard has been stationed at the crosswalk in the middle of the street where pedestrian traffic is most congested. The University Police Department is contributing to these precautions in positioning officers along Toll Drive to direct traffic as well.

According to Montalto, “Stony Brook C-CERT (Campus Community Emergency Response Team) members will also join officers at that location to assist in these efforts.”

During the time increments when classes are in session, the

pedestrian and vehicle traffic is minimal. When classes have just been let out, however, drivers on Toll Drive may find themselves waiting several minutes for large crowds of students to cross the street.

Montalto added that the “North Entrance and Circle Road heading in both directions will be closed to all traffic to allow for the connection of the new roadway to the existing roadway.”

These closings may increase congestion on Toll Drive, but for now, the opening of the road has not been a major problem.



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Construction on Circle Road has been causing traffic jams, which led to the opening of Toll Drive as of Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

50 Forward moves on

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perspective during the review process,” said Montalto in an email. “The meetings have concluded.”

From this point on, the implementation and oversight will be coordinated by the Program Management Office.

The 18-month marker was intended to conclude the Operational Excellence prong of the project. But as of now, there has been no announcement stating this phase has been completed.

Fred Walter, the university senate president, supports the project as a whole, but is concerned with the lack of communication, he said.

“The Senate complaint is that there is no written guidance,” Walter said. “I am fearful that the plans are going forward without enough faculty oversight. Part of the difficulty with Project 50 Forward is the consultant left at the end of June.”

Bain & Company suggested the process in which Stony Brook carried out their plans, and after their consultation, it became the university’s responsibility to follow up with the proposed changes.

The majority of the savings will come from office supplies and the implementation of Shared Service Centers. According to James Fabian, the assistant vice president of procurement services,

these small adjustments will save the university about \$10 million.

“We’re looking at every possible expense...from office supplies to travel on campus,” Fabian said.

Stanley’s message to faculty and staff, which was published on the Project 50 Forward website in August, expanded upon this view. Stony Brook bought about \$160 million worth of goods and services in 2009, a number that can be decreased by 6 to 9 percent. Spending policies have been set as well as a “strict focus to limit hiring as the university fills vacancies internally where possible through a process of redeployment and reassignment providing training and development of staff if needed.” This should reduce time and cost to hire by about 40 percent, according to the report.

“The university vowed that it was not going to lay people off,” Walter said. “But there is not a particular job guarantee. Management has the right to determine where people are [staffed].”

From here on, the Program Management Office is overseeing the Operational Excellence phase of Project 50 Forward. The university community can expect an update in the coming weeks. Faculty, students and staff can expect more changes, and hopefully more detailed information.

“These are trying times,” Walter said. “Business as usual is not going to work.”

Campus News Briefing

USG election results, new clubs receive funding

Hussain Wins Close Election

In a very low voter turnout, political science major Adil Hussain was elected the new vice president of academic affairs for the Undergraduate Student Government on Friday, with a tight 21-vote win against his opponent.

Hussain, who has designed layouts for *The Statesman*, had 251 votes while English major Amanda Cohen had 230. Nearly 16,000 undergraduate students were eligible to vote.

The new vice president said he wasn’t surprised at the tight difference because Cohen “also ran a great campaign,” but he was “bothered” by the 481-voter turnout – about three percent of eligible voters.

“I feel like people aren’t willing to log into SOLAR just to go in and vote. I don’t know why, and that’s something that should be important to them,” Hussain said. “Everyone has a lot of problems with the USG, but they don’t realize that voting is what changes it all.”

The 19-year-old sophomore is planning to promote USG’s PASS – Providing Academic Support for Students – tutoring program, make recitations more effective, create a new tutor evaluation system and reduce the communication gap between students and professors.

“Unfortunately, the lack of help from some professors and [teaching assistants] set us up for failure in those core classes we need for our majors and this is unacceptable,” Hussain wrote on his Facebook campaign page. “With my leadership and dedication and the support of the Student Body, I will make academia more efficient for Stony Brook students.”

Freshman Rep Election Goes Into Runoff

In another low voter turnout, USG’s freshman representative election did not have a winner last week.

Because none of the seven candidates received the required 51 percent of votes to be elected, the top two candidates will face each other in a runoff election this week.

Political science major Stanley Ige received 84 votes, and Tyrik Jiang, a history major, had 62. The runoff voting is taking place on SOLAR between Monday, Nov. 7, and Friday, Nov. 11, at noon.

Ige said he was “disappointed” at the 300-voter turnout and will try to get more students’ attention this week.

Jiang said he expected the turnout to be low because he did research and found out that it is common at Stony Brook. But he was “pretty shocked” he came in second place. The difference between him and the third-place candidate was four votes.

The USG election is not the only contest top-candidate Ige has participated this month. Ige was a male beauty contestant at Africa Student Union’s King of Africa Pageant on Saturday, Nov. 5.

USG Recognizes New Clubs

Three Stony Brook clubs – Dumbledore’s Army, the Neuroscience Axis and Stony Brook HEALS – were granted funding eligibility at USG’s Senate meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Dumbledore’s Army is a chapter of the international charity organization Harry Potter Alliance, whose goal is “to increase activism for social change by using parallels from the Harry Potter books,” according to the club’s constitution.

The Neuroscience Axis aims to facilitate interactions between students of neuroscience and other biology concentrations. Senator Max Gunther said the club used to be “focused on neuroscience only,” but it has now opened up to all specializations under biology.

SB HEALS wants to make the university, “a hub for social and educational outreach programs in the local and international communities,” its constitution says. Alok Joshi, the organization’s president, said SB HEALS’ primary goal is to educate less fortunate children around the world. The acronym HEAL stands for health, education, advancement and lifestyle.

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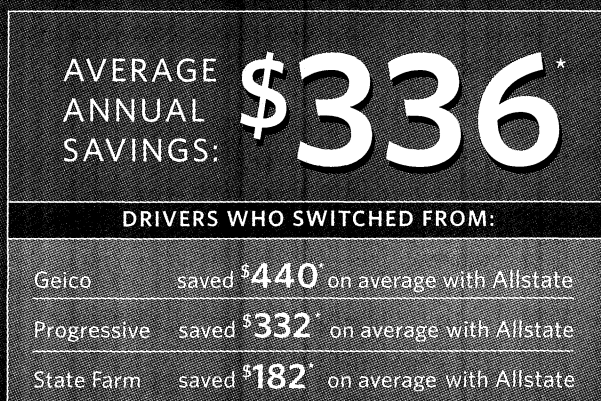
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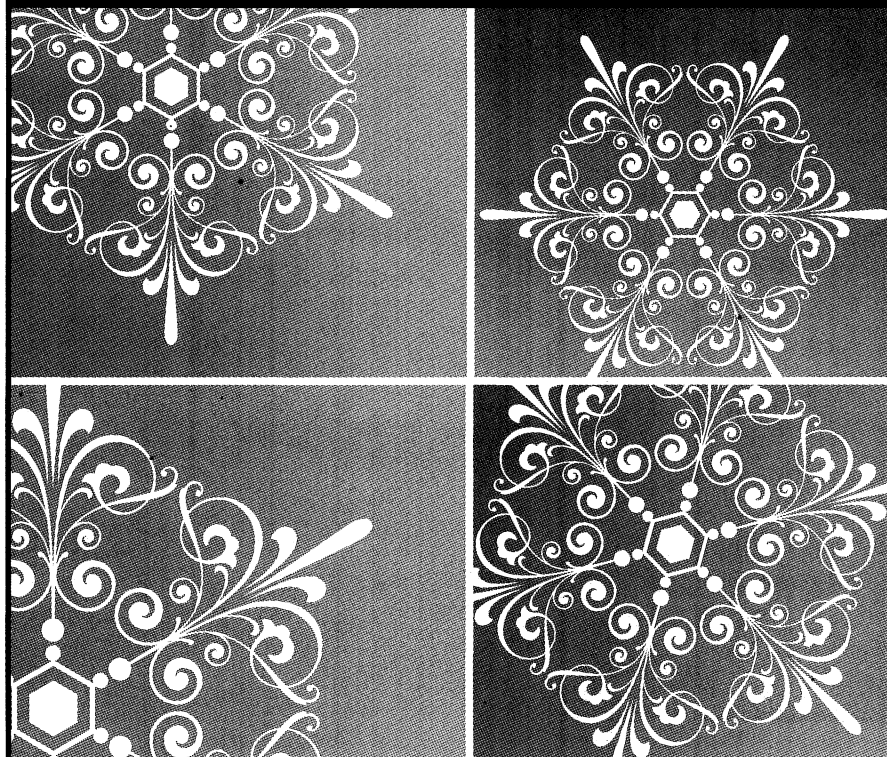
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-Letter To The Editor-

Dear Editor:

The other day I read the Oct. 31 *Statesman* Campus News Briefing which, among other things, mentioned a USG Senate vote scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3 regarding on-campus tobacco smoking.

Apparently led by a group of six students known as "Battle Against Tobacco," the measure would, if passed, effectively ban smoking throughout the entire campus. I urge the Undergraduate Student Government to oppose this legislation and make the responsible decision for the sanity of this university.

Firstly, why any group would "battle" against a legal, non-narcotic substance that is removed from plants for peaceful consumption is beyond me. Although the

health hazards of tobacco smoking are undeniable and widely known in the world today, the act of picking up a cigarette, lighting it, inhaling, and exhaling is perhaps the most individual activity one can partake in.

It seems to be taken for granted that smoking is already banned indoors due to the risks associated with passive, or second-hand, smoking.

Outdoors, during a school year which comprises many windy months, these risks are exponentially decreased and truly constitute a moot argument. In the end, how can "Battle Against Smoking" or the USG grant themselves the authority to infringe upon a legal, individual act? Stony Brook University comprises over 1300 acres of land.

This means that a student

coming out of a final, a professor who has just been fired, a dishwasher who just ended an eight hour shift, a university police officer who just had to tackle a 400-pound student, a janitor who just had to clean up the remnants of a dorm party, and whoever is reading this would actually have to take a significant hike off campus onto a major thoroughfare just to have one cigarette!

Some people need to become aware that change solely for the sake of change is not always in the best interests of rationality and sanity.

This is not an argument in favor of smoking, but rather an argument in favor of liberty.

- Joseph Santangelo

We Can't Wait: Helping Manage Student Loan Debt A Letter From President Barack Obama To College Newspapers

Over the last few weeks, I've had the opportunity to get out of Washington and talk with folks across the country about how we can create jobs and get our economy growing faster.

This is a tough time for a lot of Americans – especially young people. You've come of age at a time of profound change. The world has gotten more connected, but it's also gotten more competitive. And for decades, too many of our institutions – from Washington to Wall Street – failed to adapt, culminating in the worst financial crisis and recession since the Great Depression.

For the last three years, we've worked to stabilize the economy, and we've made some progress. But we still have a long way to go. And now, as you're getting ready to head out into the world, many of you are watching your friends and classmates struggle to find work. You're wondering what's in store for your future, and I know that can be scary.

The truth is, the economic problems we face today didn't happen overnight, and they won't be solved overnight. But the fact that you're investing in your education right now tells me that you believe in the future of America. You want to be a part of it. And you know that there are steps we can take right now to put Americans back to work and give our economy a boost.

The problem is, there are some in Washington who just don't share that sense of urgency. That's why it's been so disappointing to see Republicans in Congress block jobs bills from going forward – bills that independent economists say could create millions of jobs through the kinds of proposals supported by Democrats and Republicans in the past.

Now, the best way to attack our economic challenges and put hundreds of thousands of people back to work is through bold action in Congress. That's why I'm going to keep demanding that members of Congress vote on common-sense, paid-for jobs proposals. And I hope you'll send them a message to do the right thing for your future, and the future of our country.

But we can't wait for Congress to do its job. So where they won't act, I will. That's why I've announced a new policy that will help families whose home values have fallen refinance their mortgages and save thousands of dollars. We made it easier for veterans to get jobs putting their skills to work in hospitals and community health centers.

And at the University of Colorado at Denver, I announced steps we're taking to make college more affordable and to make it even easier for students like you to get out of debt faster.

Michelle and I know what it feels like to leave school with a mountain of debt. We didn't come from wealthy families. By the time we both graduated from law school, we had about \$120,000 worth of debt between us. And even though we were lucky enough to land good jobs with steady incomes, it still took us almost 10 years to finally pay it all off. It wasn't easy.

Living with that much debt forces you to make some tough choices. And when a big chunk of every paycheck goes towards student loans, it isn't just painful for you – it's painful to our economy and harmful to our recovery.

That's why we're making changes that will give about 1.6 million students the ability to cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their income starting next year.

We're also going to take steps to help you consolidate your loans so that instead of making multiple payments to multiple lenders every month, you only have to make one payment a month at a better interest rate. And we want to start giving students a simple fact sheet called "Know Before You Owe" so you can have all the information you need to make your own decision about paying for college. That's something Michelle and I wish we had.

These changes will make a real difference for millions of Americans. We'll help more young people figure out how to afford college. We'll put more money in your pocket after you graduate. We'll make it easier to buy a house or save for retirement. And we'll give our economy a boost at a time when it desperately needs it.

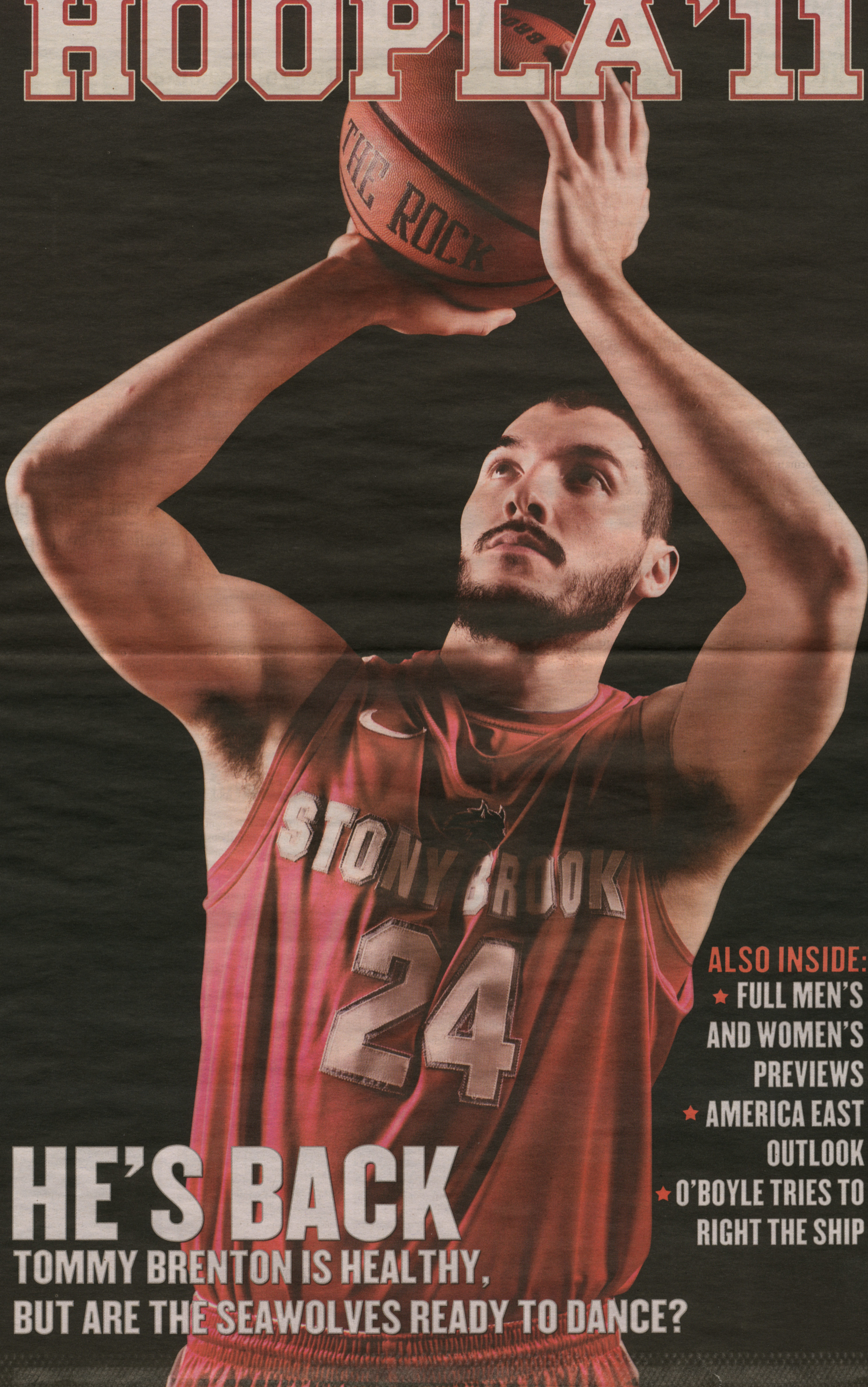
That's not just important for our country right now – it's important for our future. Michelle and I are where we are today because our college education gave us a chance. Our parents and their generation worked and sacrificed to hand down the dream of opportunity to us.

Now it's our turn. That dream of opportunity is what I want for my daughters, and for all of you. And even in these tough times, we are going to make that dream real once again.

In the weeks ahead, I'm going to keep doing everything in my power to make a difference for the American people – including young people like you. Because here in America, when we find a problem, we fix it. When we face a challenge, we meet it. We don't wait. And I hope you'll join me.

-President Barack Obama

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HE'S BACK

TOMMY BRENTON IS HEALTHY,
BUT ARE THE SEAWOLVES READY TO DANCE?

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MEN'S PREVIEW BIG DANCE OR BUST

Men's hoops chases first America East championship

By Mike Daniello
Assistant Sports Editor



Making it to the championship game is never enough, and that is definitely the case for the Stony Brook men's basketball team. Losing by just two points is bad in itself, but losing by that in the America East Championship game to Boston University left a hunger in the Seawolves.

Head coach Steve Pikiell is in his seventh season as head coach of the Seawolves, and has transformed the team from constant ninth place finishes to reaching the NIT and America East tournament finals in consecutive years.

"We went from a team everyone wants to play, to a team no one wants to play," said Pikiell. Reaching championships is a tremendous accomplishment for any coach, but the Seawolves and Pikiell are looking to make it to the next level. "We expect to compete for league titles not only this year, but for seasons to come," said Pikiell. He is not the only one in the organization that feels the same way. Senior guard, Bryan Dougher said: "We expect to make the NCAA tourney and nothing less. I feel we have all the right pieces with the new guys and having Tommy (Brenton) back, we will compete."

Getting Brenton back gives the team a top scorer, rebounder and assister. He was an All-America East second team player

and selected to the America East All-Defensive team in 2009-10. Brenton also averaged close to 10 rebounds per game during conference play and was ranked 28 in the nation in rebounding. Rebounding is just part of his game; Brenton had seven double-doubles. He also led the team with 87 assists and 59 steals.

They also added two players to the program. Junior Ron

Bracey transferred in from Kellogg Community College, and freshman Scott King was recruited. Bracey averaged 23.3 points, 6.8 rebounds, and 3.4 assists per game last season, while at Kellogg. He was an NJCAA All-American last season and led the Seawolves in scoring while in Europe with 11.6 points per game. King, meanwhile, is considered a great three-point shooter and

brings great range to the team. "Scott has the best three point shot and highest vertical at 41 inches on the team, but he has to deal with the typical freshman adjust," Pikiell said.

The Seawolves have a few tough games this season, one against Indiana, Boston College and Rutgers, and two against each Vermont and Boston University. "We're going to handle these games the same as the others. We're a team based around defense and rebounding," Pikiell said. The game against Rutgers is part of the MSG Holiday Festival and will be played at the Madison Square Garden. "A lot of New York schools were considered for the spot, and it means we have come a long way; it's great for the school," Pikiell said.

The two games against Boston are must-see games, as well as the ones against Vermont. Even though Boston won the America East Championship last season, some forget that Vermont won the division with a 13-3 record. "We have a tough schedule and a lot on the road, but we're really excited for the season," Pikiell said.

Seniors Dougher and Dallis Joyner, are going to be key contributors for the Seawolves this season. Dougher, who was named to the preseason All-America East team, is coming off a season

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY TERRIERS

Preseason Poll: 1st
Last year: 21-14 overall
12-4 America East

Outlook: Boston University is looking for a repeat trip to the NCAA tournament this season. First-year head coach Joe Jones, who spent seven seasons as Columbia's head coach, takes over the program. The Terriers will rely heavily on guard Darryl Partin, as well as their duo of sophomores D.J. Irving and Dom Morris. The Terriers will raise their banner in their season opener on Nov. 11 against Northeastern.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT CATAMOUNTS

Preseason Poll: 3rd
Last year: 23-9 overall
13-3 America East

Outlook: Vermont brings back 10 players, including four starters, from last year's regular-season winning team. Leading the team this year will be Brendan Bald and Brian Voelkel. Bald was named Defensive Player of the Year, while Voelkel won America East Rookie of the Year last year. New coach John Becker takes over for his first game at South Florida on Nov. 12.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY GREAT DANES

Preseason Poll: 4th
Last year: 16-6 overall
9-7 America East

Outlook: Albany made great strides last season with a nine-win improvement, and the future looks promising for the Great Danes, returning their top two scorers and their only two All-Conference players from last year: junior guards Logan Aronhalt (14.6 ppg) and Mike Black (12.3 ppg), both third-team choices. Albany kicks off its 2011-12 campaign with a tough game at Pittsburgh on Nov. 11.

Finally, Bracey is making the grade and living his dream

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

Ever since the days of honing his skills at a neighborhood parking lot and eventually playing at Withrow High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, Ron Bracey had aspirations of playing at the highest collegiate level in the country, NCAA Division I.

Those aspirations were not unrealistic. Back in 2008 when he was a senior at Withrow, several Division I schools had

interest in the 6'5, 220 lb. swingman. However, while they liked his talent and ability to score, academically, he was lacking.

"I didn't take school as seriously as I should have," Bracey said. "It was mainly a lot of distractions, just being around my friends, playing around and not staying focused."

Despite this setback, Bracey's goal was not unachievable and out of reach: he would just have to wait longer and change his approach to academics.

"His dream still could be reached," said Walt McBride, who was Bracey's coach at Withrow at the time. "He just had to take a different path."

In Richmond, Indiana, New Creations Christian School head coach Tony Cole was looking for someone to help his shorthanded team.

"We didn't have a kid who could come off the bench," said Cole. "We heard of Ron, and we said, let's get a hold of him."

After a difficult transition period

where he adapted to his new team, Bracey would eventually become one of Cole's key bench guys, playing a big role on a team that would go 48-8.

"Ron never hit the books hard until he realized how much potential he had," said Cole. "He really matured and learned to play defense, the only reason he didn't start was because he came in so late."

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS

Preseason Poll: 5th
Last year: 12-18 overall
6-10 America East

Outlook: The Wildcats will look to avoid the injury bug this year after being plagued last season. Still, UNH was able to rank 18th in the nation in scoring defense, thanks to senior forward Brian Benson, who was second in the league in rebounding with 8.3 per game and fifth in blocks with 1.1 pg. UNH will welcome back senior guard Alvin Abreu who missed all but four games last season. The Wildcats begin play on Nov. 11 against Suffolk.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE BLACK BEARS

Preseason Poll: 6th
Last year: 15-15 overall
9-7 America East

Outlook: Maine lost eight of its final nine games a year ago. The Black Bears bring back most of their conference-leading offense, including seniors Gerald McLemore, a two-time all-conference selection and the conference's active-leading scorer (13.3 ppg and 1,199 points), and Raheem Singleton (3.7 apg) who was third among assists. Maine opens up its season on Nov. 14 against Maine Machias.

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD HAWKS

Preseason Poll: 7th
Last year: 11-20 overall
7-9 America East

Outlook: The Hawks reached the America East semifinals last year but will need to replace four of its top five scorers. Senior guard Andres Torres will provide a veteran presence to a team that will have seven total new players to the team. The team's top returning scorer (8.0 ppg), Maciel averaged 16.0 points in two America East tournament games. Hartford first plays Sacred Heart on Nov. 11.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY RETRIEVERS

Preseason Poll: 8th
Last year: 5-25 overall
4-12 America East

Outlook: UMBC returns senior point guard Chris De La Rosa, the league's top returning scorer. He averaged 15.5 points per game last season. The all-conference preseason choice also led the league in assists last season (6.0 apg). Sophomore Chase Plummer should also be watched to have a breakout year after being a solid bench player last season. The Retrievers season opens on Nov. 11 against Penn.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY BEARCATS

Preseason Poll: 9th
Last year: 8-23 overall
4-12 America East

Outlook: The Bearcats will look to bounce back after a disappointing campaign. The team brings back three starters from last year's team, including senior center Kyrie Sutton. Also, the team brings back Jimmy Gray who averaged 8.1 points a game in conference play last year. But they could have a tough year losing their five highest scorers from the previous season. Binghamton opens up against Colgate on Nov. 11.

PROGRAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION

WOMEN'S PREVIEW

AMERICA EAST PREVIEW

O'Boyle takes the reins

Can the new coach turn SBU women's basketball around?

By David O'Connor and
Catie Curatolo
Assistant Sports Editor & Staff Writer

Perhaps more than anyone else, Beth O'Boyle is extremely excited for basketball season.

The first-year coach has high hopes for the women's basketball team, despite inheriting a squad that finished 6-22 overall (3-13 in America East conference play) last season.

"I'm excited to be here," said the new head coach Beth O'Boyle. "I think our goals for the season are we want to build our culture. . . the culture of our program is competing every day and practicing and pushing [our] selves."

O'Boyle is very dedicated to the idea of her team building "culture." That means doing well in the classroom, working hard at practice and generally being all-around good people.

"That's what we do, that's what Stony Brook does," O'Boyle said. "Then, we're a high level competitor and everything we do is for a winner and a loser. We're really developing that competition."

Despite the new outlook O'Boyle's arrival brings to the team, Stony Brook was still voted to finish second to last in the America East pre-season coaches polls.

However, O'Boyle sees that as more of a reflection of last year than a prediction for this year. She cites the loss of Kirsten Jeter, who graduated last year after becoming the fourth player in SBU history to have 1,400 points and 700 rebounds in her career, as a reason for the low ranking.

"Pre-season polls don't really matter," she said. "The only thing you care about is the one at the end."

O'Boyle is going to need to



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Beth O'Boyle is introduced at BBall Madness. She's tasked with turning around a struggling program.

instill fire in her team to make up for the departure of Jeter. During her career at Stony Brook, Jeter was the conference leader in points with 1,467, rebounds with 739 and steals with 246. She played 118 games with Stony Brook.

But that era is over, and O'Boyle is looking ahead, not to the past. "I'm looking forward to us getting better," she said. "Every day, I want to see us improve and compete."

Five new Seawolves will be looking to help the team do just that. Freshmen guards Natalie Myers and Miranda Jenkins and forward Kellie Krueger will get their first taste of college basketball with Stony Brook this winter. O'Boyle said that each brought something useful to the emerging squad.

Myers and Krueger will join junior Dani Klupenger to form a trio of players from Oregon. None come from the same hometown,

however.

"The previous coaching staff was from the West Coast," O'Boyle explained.

Also joining the team this year will be junior forward Jessica Previlon, who transferred from Monroe College, and sophomore forward Sabre Proctor, who transferred from North Carolina A&T. However, Proctor will have to sit out this season due to NCAA eligibility rules.

As for the rest of the conference, O'Boyle is optimistic about her team's chances and sees an opportunity to improve on last season's performance. "I think the league is very open," she said. "It's definitely competitive. I'm looking forward to see how we stack up."

O'Boyle, who voted for UMBC to finish first in the America East, said the polls have no effect on the

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Horsey returns from injury

By David O'Connor
Assistant Sports Editor

The time is now for Misha Horsey, who is about to embark into her final season with the Stony Brook University women's basketball team. For more than four years, she has been calling Stony Brook her home, and now is her final opportunity to represent that home well on the basketball court.

"I'm more enthusiastic about everything," she said. "I think we have a much better team. We have a positive atmosphere."

Horsey finds herself on a team with four seniors out of 15 players alongside guard Tamiel Murray, guard/forward Witney Davis and forward/center Destiny Jacobs. This winter will offer these four women the chance to conclude their career with the Seawolves in style.

She is certainly ready to return to the court after a longer wait than usual. Horsey's season came to an abrupt end on Nov. 18 of last year when she suffered a clean ACL tear in a 84-72 loss to Hofstra University. She is only too eager to shake off the cobwebs and see some action once again.

"Sitting out was horrible for me," Horsey said. "I couldn't help my team win. I was more hungry."

Horsey continued to work hard during and after the season to prepare herself for this last opportunity. She "red-shirted" the 2010-11 season, meaning that she can still play one more season under NCAA rules in addition to the three she has already played. She is excited for the new opportunity.

"We're excited that Misha was able to come back," said head coach Beth O'Boyle. "She does have quite a bit of experience."

It has been a long road from

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE BLACK BEARS
Preseason Poll: 9th
Last year: 4-25 overall
2-14 America East
Outlook: The Maine Black Bears were voted to finish last in the America East this season in part because they will be led by a brand new head coach, Richard Barron. Barron and his coaching staff have brought in five new players to the squad in the hopes of building Maine into a conference contender. Their season will start on the road at Central Connecticut on Nov. 11.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT CATAMOUNTS
Preseason Poll: 7th
Last year: 5-25 overall
5-11 America East
Outlook: The Catamounts are relying on six new players this year to improve the team's performance. Seton Hall transfer Shanai Heber who sat out last year due to NCAA policy will all contribute to the Catamounts' success this year. The Catamounts start their season on the road at Columbia on Nov. 11.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILDCATS
Preseason Poll: 6th
Last year: 9-20 overall
6-10 America East
Outlook: The Wildcats will be returning four of their starters. New Hampshire's top scorer with 12.9 ppg and rebounder with 8.9 rpg, Denise Beliveau will be returning for her senior year and looking to lead the Wildcats to another surprise finish. New Hampshire starts on the road at Brown on Nov. 11.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY GREAT DANES
Preseason Poll: 5th
Last year: 16-14 overall
9-7 America East
Outlook: The Great Danes are reliant on Defensive Player of the Year Ebone Henry, who posted 14.4 ppg, 7.3 rpg and 2.6 steals-per-game last season. Aiding her is junior forward and rebounding specialist Julie Forster who led the conference with 9.7 rpg last season. Teams will also be wary of the Great Danes 6-foot-9 freshman Megan Craig. The Danes start their season on the road at Fordham on Nov. 11.

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY BEARCATS
Preseason Poll: 4th
Last year: 19-5 overall
11-5 America East
Outlook: The Binghamton Bearcats fell short in the conference tournament by losing to tournament runner-up Boston University. First-team all-conference guard Andrea Holmes made a major impact on the team's performance last year as she posted 14.3 points-per-game in addition to 3.3 assists-per-game. The Bearcats get their season started against Mansfield at home on Nov. 8.

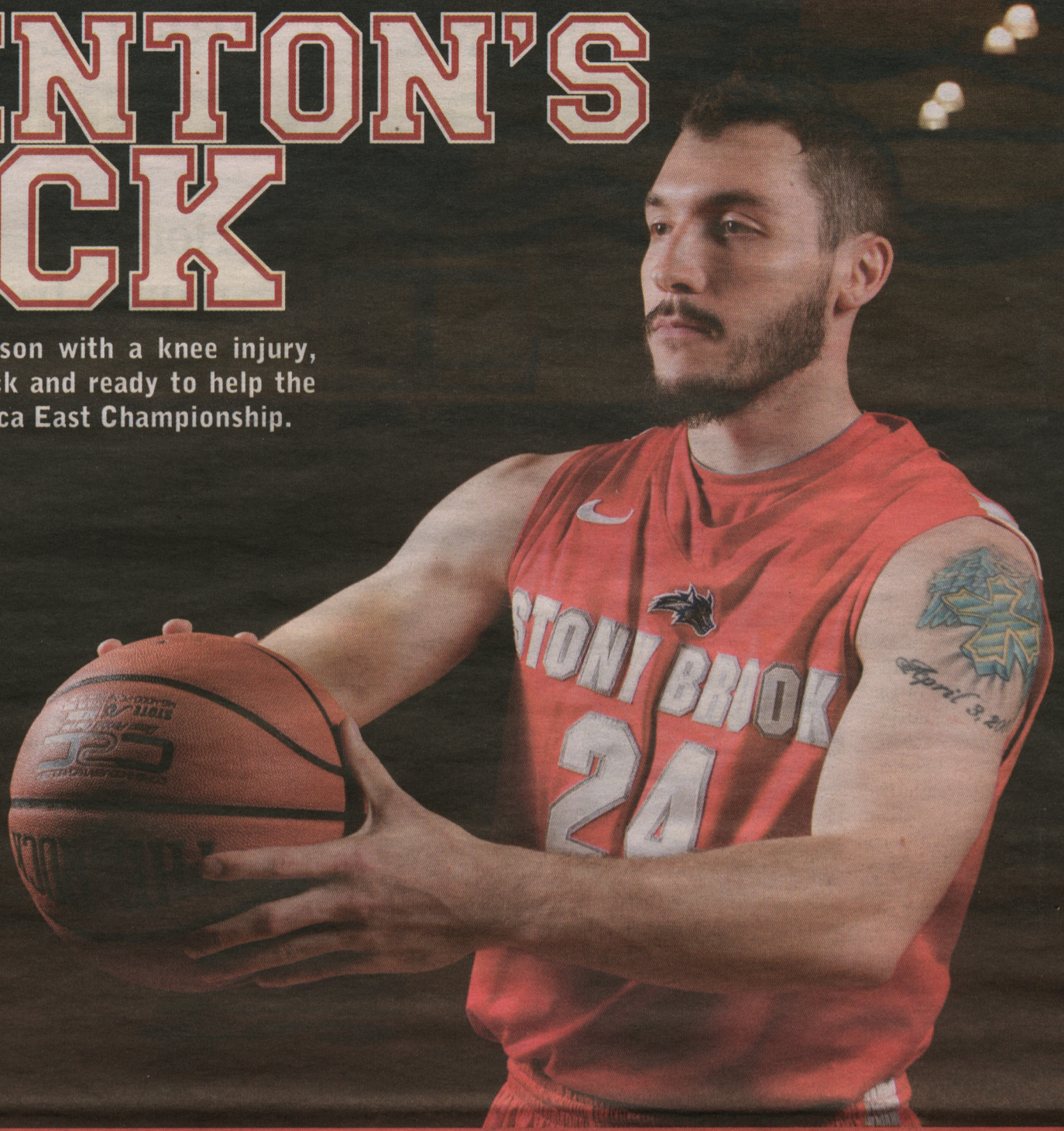
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY RETRIEVERS
Preseason Poll: 1st
Last year: 20-12 overall
13-3 America East
Outlook: The Retrievers earned the team's first ever WNIT bid last season, and UMBC returns first-team all-conference seniors Michelle Kurowski and Erin Brown, in addition to senior Topé Obajolu, who proved to be a defensive powerhouse recording 56 blocks and 10.6 points-per-game last season. The Retrievers open their season against Morgan State at home on Nov. 11.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY TERRIERS
Preseason Poll: 2nd
Last year: 17-14 overall
12-4 America East
Outlook: The Terriers will be returning last season's Player of the Year in junior guard Chantell Alford, who led the league in points per game with 15.0, and will be looking for another good run for the conference title as they return all but one of last season's starting lineup. The Terriers start their season on Nov. 11 at home against Providence.

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD HAWKS
Preseason Poll: 3rd
Last year: 17-16 overall
11-5 America East
Outlook: The 2010-2011 America East Champions will be returning four of their five starters from last year, including the top three scorers from last season in junior forward Ruthanne Doherty, 10.1 ppg, junior guard Daphne Elliott, with 8.5 ppg, and last year's tournament Most Outstanding Player, junior guard Alex Hall, with 7.4 ppg. Hartford starts its season at home against Manhattan.

BRENTON'S BACK

After missing last season with a knee injury, Tommy Brenton is back and ready to help the Seawolves to an America East Championship.



Tommy sports two tattoos, both family-oriented. The first, on his ribs, says 'family' when viewed one way, and 'forever' from the other direction, he says. The second, visible on his left arm, commemorates the date of his grandmother's passing in a car accident: April 3, 2001.

By **SAM KILB**
Managing Editor

Tommy Brenton had made the play dozens of times before.

A few weeks before the start of the 2010-11 season, there was a pick-up game in Pritchard Gymnasium, the kind of game the basketball team plays nearly every day during the offseason.

His team lost the ball, and Tommy was characteristically in pursuit, all six-foot-five of him determined to prevent the easy basket.

He leaped for the block, his momentum taking him towards the stands where the Red Zone and pep band take up their posts on game days. Upon landing, his right knee dissented, turning sideways, resulting in a popping and snapping that so mangled the knee that it would require two surgeries and months of rehab to properly heal.

The scream that escaped from deep within him filled the empty seats several times over, and the season, for him, was over before it began.

Thomas Brenton was born on May 2, 1989, to Jeff and Susan Brenton. He started playing sports at a young age, in part because his brother, Ricky – four years his senior -- did.

Baseball was Ricky's favorite, and it became Tommy's as well. It was at a baseball game that seven-

year-old Tommy showed the first sign of his trademark toughness, wandering too close to the on-deck circle and taking a bat to the mouth.

"He lost a couple teeth, and was pretty shook up," his father said, "but he never missed a beat."

Tommy benefitted athletically from playing with the older boys, but early on he showed inherent ability in basketball. Most kids put their heads down and dribble in their first moments with a basketball, intent on keeping control of the bounce. Tommy could dribble, but he also looked to pass.

"More often than not at that age they would miss it, but I would keep telling Tommy, 'That's alright, that's a good play, that's what you want to do,'" Jeff said. "I think he got it...I think Tommy had a very good basketball I.Q."

Jeff Brenton served as Tommy's coach for most of his young life, taking him through travel basketball in his younger years up until high school, when Tommy quit playing other sports to focus on basketball. It allowed him to take the next step and play for Amateur Athletic Union teams where, it is widely acknowledged, the top level of play is found.

But it wasn't just AAU basketball that helped him grow as a player in high school – genetics came into play as well. Sometime after his sophomore

year, Tommy hit a timely growth spurt, adding several inches just in time for varsity basketball and helping him earn all-county honors in his junior year.

He was the undisputed star of his high school basketball team, playing with great athletes who excelled in other sports. In his senior season, Tommy led River Hill High School to its first Maryland 3A state championship, averaging a double-double at 20.9 points and 10.3 rebounds per game on the way to Howard County Player of the Year honors. Also in the starting lineup: two Division-I football players and a D-I lacrosse player.

"My senior year was the first time we won a state championship, and before that I don't think they made it anywhere close to that," Brenton said. "So really, my senior year, my team was the best we've had at that school."

Though Tommy was the main man, the suburban Maryland high school wasn't exactly a hoops hotbed, and even though he had plenty of Division II and III options, Tommy opted instead to go to Hargrave Military Academy, a prep school with a reputation for turning out D-I athletes.

At first, it wasn't quite what he expected. When he had visited for a tryout, the coaches had indicated that military was just word that went with the school,

and that the team wouldn't have to take part in those aspects.

When the Brenton family rolled up to drop Tommy off, it was greeted by sights of students drilling in full uniform. Soon after, a drill sergeant was teaching the players how to march and salute. From then on, it was dress up every morning after 6 a.m. wake-up, make the bed, go outside and march to breakfast.

"The whole thing was just ridiculous," Tommy said,

"but the basketball aspect was amazing."

Under head coach Kevin Keatts, who has since moved on to become an assistant under no less a name than Rick Pitino at Louisville, Tommy and Hargrave went 29-0 and picked up a national prep championship. It was enough to catch the attention of several Division-I schools, including Stony Brook. Assistant coach Dan Rickard alerted head coach Steve Pikiell, and Pikiell

BRENTON ON THE PHANTOM FOUL

With the score tied and time running out in the America East championship game in Boston last spring, Boston University's John Holland drove to the bucket, drawing a very controversial foul. Here's how Tommy saw the situation:

"I don't like watching games on replay, for me at least I don't like it. But if you ask a Stony Brook fan, it's not a foul, ask a Boston fan, it is a foul. But, I don't think it was. The way I look at it is, if we stop him, John Holland, any one of the 10 plays before, it doesn't come down to that. So we shouldn't really be complaining about that. If we play defense before, that foul doesn't really affect us."

went to see Tommy play.

"I think you can see why," Pikiell said. "He rebounds, he's tough, he knows how to play. He's a terrific athlete, 42 dunks as a sophomore, one of the best dunkers in the country probably. He's a terrific passer. I recruited him for a lot of reasons, those are just some of them. He's a winner, quite honestly, he's a winner."

Tommy took a few trips to visit campus, and after crossing Western Carolina — "was in the middle of nowhere" — and America East competitor University of Maryland, Baltimore County — "too close to home, literally 15 minutes away from my house" — off the list, he settled on becoming a Seawolf.

Even though he didn't want a school near home, Brenton keeps his family close. His family routinely makes the five-hour drive north for Seawolves home games, seeing about half of the games live and watching the rest online or on television. For the UMBC game, his father said, the Brenton fan club usually includes between 30 and 40 people, compete with signs saluting Tommy.

The Brentons approved of Stony Brook, too, and for the same reason Tommy did.

"The coaching staff, Coach Pikiell and the rest of the coaches, they stuck out," he said. "Every visit you take is basically the same thing, but the coaching staff really stuck out to me here."

He was accompanied by the rest of what could go down as one of the best freshman classes in Stony Brook history in Bryan Dougher, Dallis Joyner and Danny Carter.

"Ever since that first summer, our class really just clicked," Brenton said. "We just kinda stuck together. Every day — pick up [games], play together — for the past four years. So right now, we are really close."

They weren't just members of the same class that were members of the same team. In their freshman season, that group was thrown right into the fire, getting significant minutes.

Tommy credited Pikiell with helping the freshman elevate their play so quickly.

"He really boosted our confidence just by talking to us every day about how we need to step up, we're not freshman anymore, you have to play like juniors and seniors now," Tommy recalled. "Just giving us minutes right away really helped us ... By the middle of the season we didn't really consider ourselves freshmen anymore."

Before Tommy's first Division I game, Pikiell issued a challenge: get 10 rebounds. He pulled down 16.

And he didn't look back. Brenton started 29 of the 30 games the Seawolves played in his freshman year, leading the team in rebounding with 8.9 boards a game, earning him a spot on the America East all-rookie team. The Seawolves, clearly a team in transition, finished in fourth in the league standings and bowed out in the first round of the conference tournament to New Hampshire.

The sophomore season was far

more impressive, as the Seawolves won the America East crown before falling in the conference playoffs. The automatic bid to the National Invitation Tournament — the consolation tournament in March — led to a home game, because top-seed Illinois had booked a Cirque du Soleil performance in its home arena.

Pritchard Gymnasium, billed with tongue-in-cheek as historic and intimate, was deemed insufficient for the event, so Stony Brook freshened up the old arena and packed it to the

2010 shocked the America East basketball world.

"I never heard him scream like that, so you knew something was serious," Dougher said.

Associate head coach Jay Young was nearby, and called Tommy's father right away.

"I could pretty much tell from the sound of his voice that something was wrong," Jeff Brenton said.

A dislocated patella and torn ligaments would require immediate surgery. The Brenton family made the trip north to support Tommy.

significant time. Other injuries kept players out for games at a time. Even Coach Pikiell ruptured an Achilles'.

For Tommy, it was the worst injury he'd ever suffered, topping at best a sprained ankle. He found himself itching to play, but just couldn't.

"When I would watch or listen on the radio, that was probably the hardest part, just because I wanted to be out there and do something for them, but I couldn't move my leg," he said. "It was rough, just seeing them lose close games, just knowing

East championship. It was just the kind of offensive display that practically begged for a Tommy Brenton-type player.

"That was the most frustrating game, seeing John Holland play towards the second half," Brenton said. "He was just scoring at will. Knowing that I was on the bench, and could have been in there to help somebody guard him, or to guard him myself, it was a real tough thing to watch."

Part of the beauty of sports is that each year, the season starts again. Now, the 22-year-old is healthy, and is in his junior year of eligibility after redshirting last season — a decision that he says will allow him more time to develop before he seeks out an overseas professional basketball contract after graduation.

Over the summer, the team went on five-game tour of Europe, giving Tommy his first taste of competitive action again.

"That was kinda like a warm-up," he said. "My conditioning was poor, and I didn't really get back in the swing of things in Europe, but it helped to know what I need to work on between then and Indiana."

Don't expect him to sit a play out. It's the same Tommy that popped right back up after taking a baseball bat to the mouth.

"That's just how I've always been," he said. "Probably my biggest thing is competing, just getting a competitive edge on anybody is really where it comes from. Just knowing that if no one else is going to dive on the floor, I'll do it. Other than that, just helping my team. That's all I really care about."

This season, it's Big Dance or bust for the graduating Seawolves, and Tommy is determined to help accomplish that goal this season.

"That's definitely our goal, and it's been our goal since Coach Pikiell recruited us, is to get to the NCAA tournament. This is definitely the year," Brenton said. "Everyone's intensity and work ethic has risen. Bryan and Dallis and Danny, it's their last year, and that's kind of led the other guys to make them work harder."

He says he will be at 100 percent when the Seawolves open their non-conference schedule at Indiana on Nov. 11, and for his teammates, it couldn't come soon enough.

"He's a gonna be a huge difference," Dougher said. "He's the smartest player I've ever played with. He does things, sees things, that other people don't."

Coach Pikiell agreed that Tommy will have an impact, saying the big man is "in every part of our offense."

"He's our best passer. He's our best I.Q. guy, he's one of our best post-up guys, he can shoot the ball," Pikiell said. "I'm very happy to have him back this year."

But Tommy doesn't need to be an integral part of the team, at least not yet. He's just pleased to be getting back on the floor.

"I just want to play," he said. "If it's two minutes, I don't care. I've had enough of not being able to help at all. I can't sit and watch and be frustrated any longer. I'm ready." ■



brim with Seawolves fans for the school's first postseason men's basketball game.

Stony Brook jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but the size of Illinois was too much for the Seawolves, as the Fightin' Illini came back to win by double digits, 76-66. The long-armed forwards kept Tommy and company at bay for much of the game. Brenton led the team with just six rebounds.

But the game offered plenty of hope for what the next year could bring.

Then the injury changed everything.

A dislocated patella and mangled ligaments suffered during a routine game of pick-up basketball at Pritchard Gymnasium in late September

"I hoped it was fixable, that I wouldn't have to sit out that long," Tommy said. "But then with that MRI, X-ray, and everything...they told me I might be able to play conference play."

But when America East season rolled around, the injury wasn't healing right, and Tommy went back under the surgeon's knife.

"It was forever," Tommy said. "For about three months I was probably in the training room about three hours a day, doing rehab, trying to get stronger, moving, flexibility-wise. It was real tough."

And Brenton wasn't the only person to fall victim to the 2010-11 injury bug. The lone senior on that team, Chris Martin, missed

I could help them out here and there, maybe make a two-point difference."

After quite literally limping through the regular season, the Seawolves took the conference tournament by storm, first knocking off fourth-seed Albany before rocking regular-season champs Vermont in the semifinals, earning a spot in the America East championship game, 40 minutes away from the NCAA national championship.

The Seawolves led by 15 points in the second half before Boston University senior John Holland took control, scoring 27 points, including two pivotal free throws with one second on the clock that gave the Terriers a 56-54 win and the America

Funds unfrozen, but Arena is made to wait again

By Nelson Oliveira
Staff Writer

Anyone hanging around the sports complex is used to seeing an abandoned-looking facility with dim lighting and rows of bleachers stacked up on the side. The Stony Brook University Arena, which has been technically closed for more than three years now, might be coming back to life at last.

The funding for the 4,000-seat arena renovation has finally been approved, but Stony Brook is currently taking care of new contracting rules before construction bidding begins, university officials said.

In her most recent facilities report, Vice President for Facilities and Services Barbara Chernow announced the approval of the funding, saying that the project would "reconfigure the layout of the arena, and add lighting and air conditioning."

University Spokeswoman

Lauren Sheprow said the funding is available but the plan is being adjusted to comply with new state laws.

"New State contracting rules that all SUNY campuses must now adhere to have delayed the University's ability to start the project. We are in the process of addressing these rules and hope very soon, to get the green light to go to bid," said Sheprow in an e-mail.

The venue was shut down in 2008 after the financial crisis forced the state to freeze a \$20 million renovation funding that had just been approved, according to Todd P. Phelps, the associate director of athletics facility and event operations. For all these years, the Seawolves have played the America East basketball tournament at the 1,800-seat Pritchard Gymnasium, which is also located at the sports complex.

When the renovation plan threatened to take the home court

away from the basketball team for an undetermined period, the university decided to renovate Pritchard and close the arena until restorations could begin.

"The school made an investment to renovate Pritchard under the assumption that since the arena renovation would be going on, the teams would need a place to play," said Director of Athletics Communication Thomas Chen.

The funding then got frozen and Pritchard turned out to be in better conditions to host games. But since America East requires the host of the tournament final – the highest-seeded team in the conference – to have a facility that seats at least 3,000 people, Chen said that if the Seawolves get to that position, the game will be held at the arena even if the project is still in limbo.

"It's an important game, obviously. You want to play the championship game on your home court, so Stony Brook will make it happen," Chen said.

In order to do that, the department would have to spend some money on sprucing up the arena, which has actually happened at least two times in the past three years. The latest example was when the Seawolves men's basketball team played against the University of Maine in February.

"It was our Winter Fest, it was our alumni day and it was a nationally televised basketball game on ESPNU," Chen said. "So all those factors were the reasoning to want to open up the arena and get more fans in the building to watch that game."

Some of the work done for that event was fixing up the bleachers, bringing in more lights and cleaning the place.

Although Pritchard's seating capacity is less than half the arena's, America East officials said they're satisfied with the venue.

"We believe Pritchard Gym is a great facility for the Stony Brook basketball programs

and is comparable to many other basketball facilities in our conference," said America East spokeswoman Leslie Casey in an e-mail.

Chernow did not comment on the project and the University's media relations office is not releasing any further information at this time. It is still not known what the new rules are, how soon the construction might begin, the date the funding was approved, or whether the project will still cost \$20 million.

Chen and Phelps from the athletic department told The Statesman they had not been informed of any updates on the project.

"At this point I have not heard anything as to an official confirmation that we can move ahead with the project," Chen said last week. "It's going to get done at some point but at this time we just don't have that official confirmation."

Summer European tour good therapy for stunned Seawolves

By Syed Hashmi
Sports Editor

In an injury-plagued, up-and-down, inconsistent season, the Seawolves managed to come seconds away from what could have potentially been the program's greatest achievement. But the Boston University Terriers played the role of spoiler, recuperating from a double-digit second-half deficit to edge out the Seawolves in the final seconds and ending Stony Brook's season in bitter fashion.

However, this offseason the men's basketball team took part in its first ever European tour. From August 11 to 22, the Seawolves traveled through Dublin, London, and Paris, taking part in five exhibition basketball games to help the team get over the shock of last season, and get them ready for the upcoming championship push.

"We played good basketball against some good pro teams," head coach Steve Pikiell said. "Average age was 29 on the teams

we played, so they were men. They were strong, organized and had practiced and played together for years. It was a great basketball opportunity."

It was also a chance for players and coaches to acclimate with the new talent and some of the returning talent. Red-shirt junior forward Tommy Brenton missed all of last season with a knee injury suffered in the offseason and used the European tour as a tune-up.

"Tommy's back and healthy again," said coach Pikiell. "He had five dunks against the French team, people were wondering if he was back, he had five dunks in a game that's usually a good sign that his legs are back."

The team also welcomed junior guard Ron Bracey, a transfer from Kellogg Community College in Ohio. The 6'5", 220 lb. guard had an impressive trip, good enough to grab the attention of senior captain Bryan Dougher.

"Ron had a good tour," said Dougher. "He does a lot of things that we didn't have last year. Getting to see him play in game

competition was great."

Dougher also had a great trip averaging over 10 PPG, but focused mainly on how much the trip helped the team come together.

"It was big for us because we had 10 practice days over the summer as a team," said Dougher. "Everybody got into the gym together, we ran over some plays, we got some sets in, and once we got over there, we were just hanging out together, traveling to different places in different countries that none of us had ever been to, and all of that really brought us together as a team."

For a team that went through so much injury and heartbreak last season, it was a great way for the team to refocus its attention and get back to what its set out to do since Coach Pikiell took over the team more than six years ago.

"We've built a program now that competes for league titles every year," said Coach Pikiell. "If you keep getting to the plate enough times, you're going to hit a home run one of these days."

El-Amin makes waves playing pro overseas

By Syed Hashmi
Sports Editor

Two years removed from arguably the most successful season in Seawolves history, guard Muhammad El-Amin has made major strides in his professional basketball career.

After graduating from Stony Brook University in 2010 on the heels of the school's first America East Conference championship, and National Invitational Tournament bid, El-Amin took his skills to Europe, playing for PVSK Pannon in Hungary.

The 6-foot-5-inches guard from Lansing, Michigan turned around a team that went 9-17 the previous year, and launched them to sixth in the league standings at 14-12. El-Amin won the league's scoring title, averaging 22.0 PPG, including a 47-point display against Szeged, and earned all-league second team honors.

El-Amin's evolution as a basketball player since leaving Stony Brook has been sizeable. During his time in the America East, El-Amin was seen as a great one-on-one scorer.

However, the style of play in Europe cannot be any more different, as coaches emphasize team play and ball movement above all else.

Now in his second season in Hungary, El-Amin is not only leading the league in scoring at 25.7 PPG but also leads the league in assists with 6.7 per game showcasing his ability to be a multi-purpose basketball player, something that he was not asked to do during his time at Stony Brook.

The young guard from the Great Lakes hopes to one day return and play professional basketball in the states.

But there's more to basketball than just statistics, and El-Amin

recognizes that fact.

"Coach Pikiell and I talked a lot about being a professional before I left," he said.

"He and the other coaches have helped me mature a lot, and taught me to be a professional in



El-Amin is enjoying life and basketball overseas.

everything I do."

El-Amin hasn't forgotten about his former teammates either, and is excited for the upcoming season, a season that many people consider to be the Seawolves' best chance to finally earn the school's first NCAA tournament bid.

"I still talk to all the players there, we're like a little family," said El-Amin.

"I think they're going to win this year now that they have all the pieces together. I think they need to all have one goal and that's to go to the [NCAA] tournament."



Prep school helped Bracey grow, on and off the court

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While he improved his attention to his school work, Bracey was still unable to qualify for Division I schools.

"My grades in high school weren't good enough," Bracey said. "So I had to go to junior college."

With several junior colleges pursuing Bracey, Cole heard about Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Michigan. Thinking it would be a good fit for Bracey, he recommended the program to him.

"I thought, admittedly selfishly, that he needed to be close to me," Cole said. "I knew that he needed an opportunity to start, and they [Kellogg] needed a scorer."

Bracey would go on to become one of Kellogg's best players in their history.

He became the school's first player to break the 1,000 point mark and won many accolades, highlighted by being named a second-team All-National Junior College Athletic Association All-American Selection in his final year.

"He made the impact that I expected when I signed him," said Melvin McKnight, the head coach at Kellogg.

While he performed well on the court, McKnight knew that Bracey needed to improve his grades in order for him to reach his goal of playing Division I.

"I was tough on him all the way," McKnight said. "I've had a lot of kids in the past with talent, but they didn't have the grades. I'm very proud of him."

According to McKnight, Bracey came to Kellogg with a 2.2 grade point average, increasing it to a 2.6 average by the time he left.

"He always made sure to text me, make sure I'm going to class and check up on me," Bracey said. "Just to make sure I would get where I needed to be."

With his GPA up, Bracey started to get offers from colleges, including St. Bonaventure University, Montana State, Utah, Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky. In total, Bracey estimated that he received 10 offers total from Division I schools.

In the end, Bracey decided to commit to Stony Brook, capping a journey that began three years ago and finally becoming a Division I player.

"I had a good relationship with Coach [Lamar] Chapman, who was recruiting me, and Coach Pikiell, I feel that they are good people," Bracey said. "Plus, it's a good school academically."

When Stony Brook started making contact with Bracey in December, the team had already used their lone available scholarship on Scott King. However, the transfer of Preye Preboye to Division II Lynn University opened up a second opportunity for Bracey.

"I didn't want to go the freshman route with that scholarship, his body was ready to go, game ready," Pikiell said. "I liked the fact that he could shoot, I liked the fact that he could rebound, I liked the fact that he could post up, I liked the fact that he was a great foul shooter."

Those skills were put on display during the team's trip in Europe this past August, where he led the team in scoring, averaging 11.6 points in the team's five games.

"He did all that not knowing how we really wanted him to play, not knowing the plays," Pikiell said. "He really didn't know what he was doing yet, I thought that was a real good sign."

While he praised Bracey's impressive play early on, Pikiell cautioned putting high expectations on his new player, mentioning that he needed to time to adjust to the team's complex defensive system.

"He played a lot of zone last year, just stand around and flap your arms, and now we got all kinds of coverages, there's a lot of stuff going on," Pikiell said. "Even Muhammed El-Amin came in here, he didn't play his first six games, it's a huge adjustment."

Whether he starts or comes off the bench, Bracey now looks forward to his next challenge: to help Stony Brook win their conference tournament and gain its first appearance into the NCAA tournament.

"I want to get to the NCAA tournament," Bracey said. "And I'll be happy when we get there."

Dougher and Joyner return as leaders



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where he led the team in scoring with 410 points, 12.8 per game, 67 assists, 34 steals and 87 three-pointers made.

Joyner started 19 games last season and led the team in rebounding with 204, an average of 6.8 per game. He finished second in blocks with 22 and led the conference in offensive rebounding with 98, an average of 3.3 per game.

These two seniors have been major parts for this team and are looking to end their college careers on a positive note.

The team also took part in an exhibition tour in Europe this

season. They finished 4-1 on the trip, which lasted a week in the middle of August. "It was a great experience not only for basketball, but for education," Pikiell said.

The team visited multiple museums while overseas, and worked on team chemistry. "It gave me a chance to look at some of the younger players we have," Pikiell said.

Stony Brook defeated Killester, UCD Marian, MK Lions, and Charenton, and lost to the Midnight Madness. The first two games were played in Dublin, Ireland, the next two were in London, England, and the final game was played in Paris, France.

This was the first time overseas for 13 of the 14 players, as Danny

Carter is from Windsor, England.

Bracey led the team in scoring with 11.6 points per game, Brenton led with 7.6 rebounds per game, and Dougher led with 4.8 assists per game.

Stony Brook lost two letterwinners in guard Chris Martin and guard/forward Preye Preboye. This team is hungry for another shot at the NCAA Tournament, and with Brenton returning and the arrival of Bracey and King, they have a shot most teams do not have.

Coming close last season was not enough for the Seawolves, and with one of the best Stony Brook men's teams ever returning, this team could make it to its goal: the NCAA Tournament.

O'Boyle is focused on developing program

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team's performance.

O'Boyle is no stranger to working hard. A graduate of Gettysburg College, she was a four-time letterwinner in both basketball and soccer, and a two-year captain in both sports.

To her, the development of the athlete as a student is the most important thing. Her team at Canisius College, where she worked for four years, was recognized by the NCAA for having a Top 25 grade point average.

"I think part of it is with our recruiting, we really look for players that their work ethic in the classroom is the same type of work ethic that I'm going to see on the court," O'Boyle said.

O'Boyle said academics were one of the reasons she was eager to coach at Stony Brook.

"I basically look at it as, [the players] are going to be taught by professors who are going to push them," O'Boyle said. "Our job as coaches is to give them the same type of experience on the court."

A native of Rockville, Md., O'Boyle has been coaching since 2001. In Rochester, she was the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for four years. Her team made back-to-back appearances at the NCAA Division III Final Four in her last two seasons.

She spent three years as the highly acclaimed head coach at Montclair State University in New Jersey. She moved on after the 2007 season to be the assistant coach at

Canisius. She was promoted to associate head coach in 2009. With O'Boyle, the 2008-09 season was the best in the school's history. They won 24 games, went to the MAAC Championship game and qualified for the WNIT for the first time in Canisius' history.

Last April, O'Boyle was hired by Stony Brook. Along with assistant coaches Jesse Fleming, Crishna Hill and Cori Chambers, O'Boyle plans on building a strong team that's devoted to working hard and being the best they can possibly be.

But really, she just wants to make Stony Brook a hard playing team the other teams will remember.

"Our most important goal is that we're going to compete every day," she said.

Horsey, women's basketball team working to learn new coach's system

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Wyncote, Pa., for Horsey, who experienced challenges and success at Cheltenham High School under coach Bob Schaefer. She was a three-year letter winner in her career there; she broke the all-time assist record by racking up 538 such. She earned honorable mention as a senior and was rated as one of the top 300 players in the country by All-Star Girls Report.

Horsey had her share of trials and experiences before she first donned Seawolves' red. She co-captained her high school team to the 2007 Pennsylvania 4A state championship, participated in the 2006 Adidas top-ten all-American

camp, and competed against Elena Delle Donne, who was considered one of the top girl's basketball players in the country at that time.

Following a busy high school career, Horsey decided to come to Stony Brook. One of the things she highlighted was important to her in her decision was the strong education she would receive.

"They had a very good academic advisor," she said. "I wanted to maintain my academics."

She certainly did not waste time getting used to her new role as a Seawolf and had plenty of opportunity to not only learn a new system but also prove her own abilities to the rest of the program. She started every game in her

freshman year. To her, the whole of athletics has continued to grow since then.

"I think the program has built so much since my freshman year," she said. "I'm very glad that I've been a part of that winning experience with the other teams. I feel that, when I come back here after I graduate, it's going to be even better."

With regards to what Horsey plans on doing after she is forced to hang up her jersey for the last time, she said that she would love to sit in a different position on a team bench.

"I definitely want to coach and get [other people] to have the experience as I did," she said.

"Basketball helps you through life."

But Horsey's immediate focus is not on post-graduate life but rather on the season-to-be. Apart from returning from a little less than a year of a hiatus since her injury, there is another challenge that she and everyone from last year's team will have to face: adjusting to a new head coach.

"I think that the only advantage I have is experience," she said. "With a new coach, we're all like freshmen. It's a little difficult learning new techniques. We're getting accustomed to new things."

O'Boyle can see how all of her players are on the precipice

of something new considering the new top brass at the head of women's basketball.

"Right now, we have four seniors," she said. "Obviously we're looking to them to provide a competitiveness in our program. But everything is new for all 15 players. Each of them, no matter what year they are, is going to play a vital role."


Despite everything that is new for Horsey this year, there are some things that she still holds over from her growth as a Seawolf over the past four years.

"I've learned that the key to any successful team is leadership," she said. "I think leadership can get us to the championship this year."




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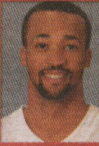
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Yule Ball casts spell over Stony Brook students

By Will Rhino
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Yule Ball, "where students of Hogwarts will socialize with their foreign guests from Beauxbatons and Durmstrang to celebrate Christmas and the Triwizard Tournament," according to the Warner Brother's website, enchanted Stony Brook students in real life.

The elegant ball, which takes place at fictitious Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, found its way to Stony Brook University through Dumbledore's Army, or DA, a Harry Potter-themed club on campus.

But this Yule Ball didn't take place to celebrate Christmas or the Triwizard Tournament.

The point of the Yule Ball was to get DA on the map. One of the goals of the club is to start doing charity work under the parent organization the Harry Potter Alliance, said Katlyn Addison, a sophomore Asian and Asian American Studies major.

Dumbledore's Army wants to "help give back to people with the magic of Harry Potter," she said.

As for the ball itself, it was "one of our first big events," Addison said. "Originally we wanted to have a sorting ceremony," but that was kept to just within the confines

of the club itself. Instead, DA threw a ball.

Their goal: at least one hundred people. That goal was met and surpassed for sure. During its peak at around 9 p.m., there were approximately 150 people dancing Friday night away in the HDV/GLS center in Kelly Quad.

The ball, which began at 7:30 p.m., was decorated with 16 tables—four tables for each of the houses in Harry Potter, Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw.

The entertainment featured were The High C's, Stony Brook's all-male a cappella group.

Things got a touch awkward when dinner was over and the High C's stopped, so DA pushed through and began the music part of their evening.

The lights remained on, for the a little while longer anyway, as students tried on a sorting hat, and the popular YouTube video, "Harry Potter in 99 Seconds" played. The video basically summarizes the seven Harry Potter books in 99 seconds and has almost 5.5 million views.

What really kicked the night off? What other song could possibly start off a dance at a science fiction or fantasy themed party? "Time Warp" from The Rocky Horror Picture Show.



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Dumbledore's Army members and Hogwarts students pose at Stony's Yule Ball

It loosened the crowd up to really get the dance party going, and Stony Brook students accepted the invitation to begin dancing.

Now, it was a semi-formal event, so some took this more seriously than others. Arguably the best dressed there was Christine McAndrews, a forensics major who preferred that her college remain

unnamed.

She's a huge Harry Potter fan and was invited by her friend. What really drew attention to her was her elaborate "Hermione dress" that Hermione wore to the Yule Ball in the film. It was "made for me by Alex London," she said. He's an up and coming designer who was just featured in fashion week, she said.

However, this event isn't only for die-hard Harry Potter fans. Cathy Tang, a sophomore chemical engineering major said that she "hasn't read any of the books."

She was just looking for a good time with her friends, which is something the Yule Ball seemed to achieve as students danced the night away without complaint.

Beauty Bazaar transforms SAC lobby on Thursdays

By Leah Shaw
Staff Writer

A fair-skinned woman with dark, lanky hair leans around the side of a glass display case, pointing at a certain pair of feather earrings, international of course.

"Jewelry is important," she said to a student, who is pouring over the four tables' worth of various sterling silver, beaded and feathered offerings. I have to have jewelry on because I love it."

Mary Ellen Rosenberg, and her husband Edward, have been selling jewelry at the Student Activities Center, or SAC, for about 25 years. They were students themselves in the late 80s and married young. Jewelry-selling was popular then, so the couple decided to get into the business, and set up shop.

Today, the Rosenbergs sell unisex jewelry all over Long Island at different fairs and festivals. But every Thursday, rain or shine, they can be found showcasing all things dangly, sparkly, beaded and feathered in the SAC lobby. Mary herself picks out the jewelry to sell, most of it from Italy, Thailand, China, the Middle East and India.

"It's a collection," Mary said. "It's my collection."

The Rosenbergs' price competitively and that, coupled with convenience, is what she believes attracts students to her and her husband's bazaar. It also helps them sell their most popular items: rings, earrings and bracelets.

Some students purposefully trek

to the SAC every Thursday for the shopping.

"Oh I come here all the time," Sofia Bierre-Antoine, 19, says. "They have nice jewelry and the prices are good...I like the rings."

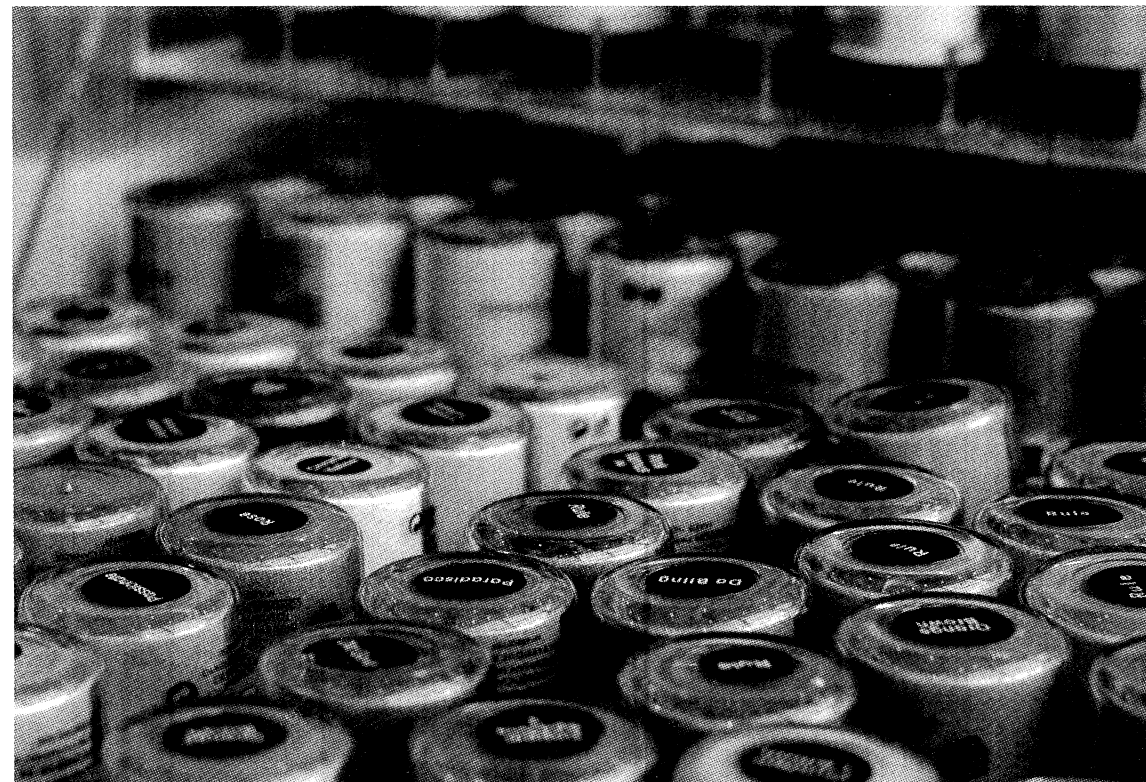
Across the lobby, surrounded by five tables worth of beauty products including pastel-colored loofahs,

grabbing shopping bags. They hand baskets to students whose eyes go big at the prospect of buying department and drugstore brand products right on campus.

O'Donohoe is the driving force behind her beauty stand, Ageless Cosmetics, which has been selling beauty wares at Stony Brook

for, and tries to keep them that way once marked. Both retailers have noticed changes in business throughout the years: less new faces and more returning faces. "Many people don't realize were even here," says O'Donohoe. "With the size of this campus we should have more business."

The rules for selling at the SAC are in accordance with a contract with the Faculty Student Association, or FSA, O'Donohoe said. Businesses must pay rent per table of goods and prices vary according to the day of the week; Rent for Monday to Wednesday is higher. O'Donohoe contributes the lack of business to FSA restrictions. "They don't let us advertise...we pay rent per table," O'Donohoe said. FSA could not be reached for comment. Kerice Binns, 21, who walked along the displays browsing, agrees. She's shopped at Ageless Beauty before because there's nowhere else to buy these kinds of products so close and on campus. The prices are also fair. "If more students came around this time, it would definitely be more popular," Binns said. Mary Rosenberg feels the issue comes from a variety of places. "Less people come here," she said. "There are so many dining halls now. It never used to be like that. Now, it's all spread out." "As people get closer to finals we see less business," Rosenberg said. "But we only come as long as students keep coming." Mary O'Donohoe may not see as many customers as she would like, but the ones who do come appreciate it. "The girls enjoy it," O'Donohoe said. "They always say, 'I'm so glad you're here.'" And for both businesses, that's worth enough.



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University for 20 years.

She purchases the products that line five display tables through various wholesale distributors.

"I've been doing this for so long, you develop relationships with them," O'Donohoe said. She prices her wares based on how much she buys them

Yalile

Suriel, 18, didn't know about the shops in the SAC until recently.

"I've never been to the SAC on a Thursday at this time," Suriel said. She picked up a soft, shimmery coral polish, comparing it to the color already on her nails.

2011 Holiday Events

November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY GRAND BUFFET

Mirabelle Restaurant at Three Village Inn

Lavish display of traditional Thanksgiving favorites including salads, soups, carving station, traditional sides, chafing-dishes and desserts. Adults, \$49, Children 12 and under 1/2 price (plus tax and gratuity). Reservations Required, starting at noon.

Dec 2 & 3

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MIRABELLE RESTAURANT Prix Fixe Dinner \$70. Reservations Required.

Dec 31

NEWYEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Mirabelle Tavern at Three Village Inn Sit Down Prix Fixe Dinner Starting at 5:30 pm. \$60, Kids (Under 10) half price.
MIRABELLE RESTAURANT, Multi Course Dinner \$115. Reservations Required.

Jan 1

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MAMA exhibit strikes fearful emotional responses in students

By Laboni Gomes
Contributing Writer

It was a chance for Stony Brook artists to show off their true talent at the MAMA Art Exhibit in the Union on Halloween night. Accompanied by the "RockYoFace" electronic show, it was a night of true expression that filled the room from all corners.

The display was intriguing from the moment students walked into the dark tent with glow lights attached to its black, curtain-like "walls." It really gave the exhibit a cool, urban feel. This feeling continued from the tented entrance to the gallery. The bright lights and the electronic beat pumping in the background from the show in U Café made it appear as though you were at an underground gallery in New York City. The art was well-spaced throughout the room, making it really easy to get around and see every work of art on display.

"The presentation's really impressive," said Christine Bilfinger, a 20-year-old Spanish major, as she pointed at the multiple works placed on a sort of gated frame.

However, it was not just the presentation of the art that struck the viewers of the gallery that night; it was the art itself that made its impression.

"It's very nicely presented," said Erika Ocampo, an 18-year-old biology major. "There is a general theme of the entire exhibit and each piece has a

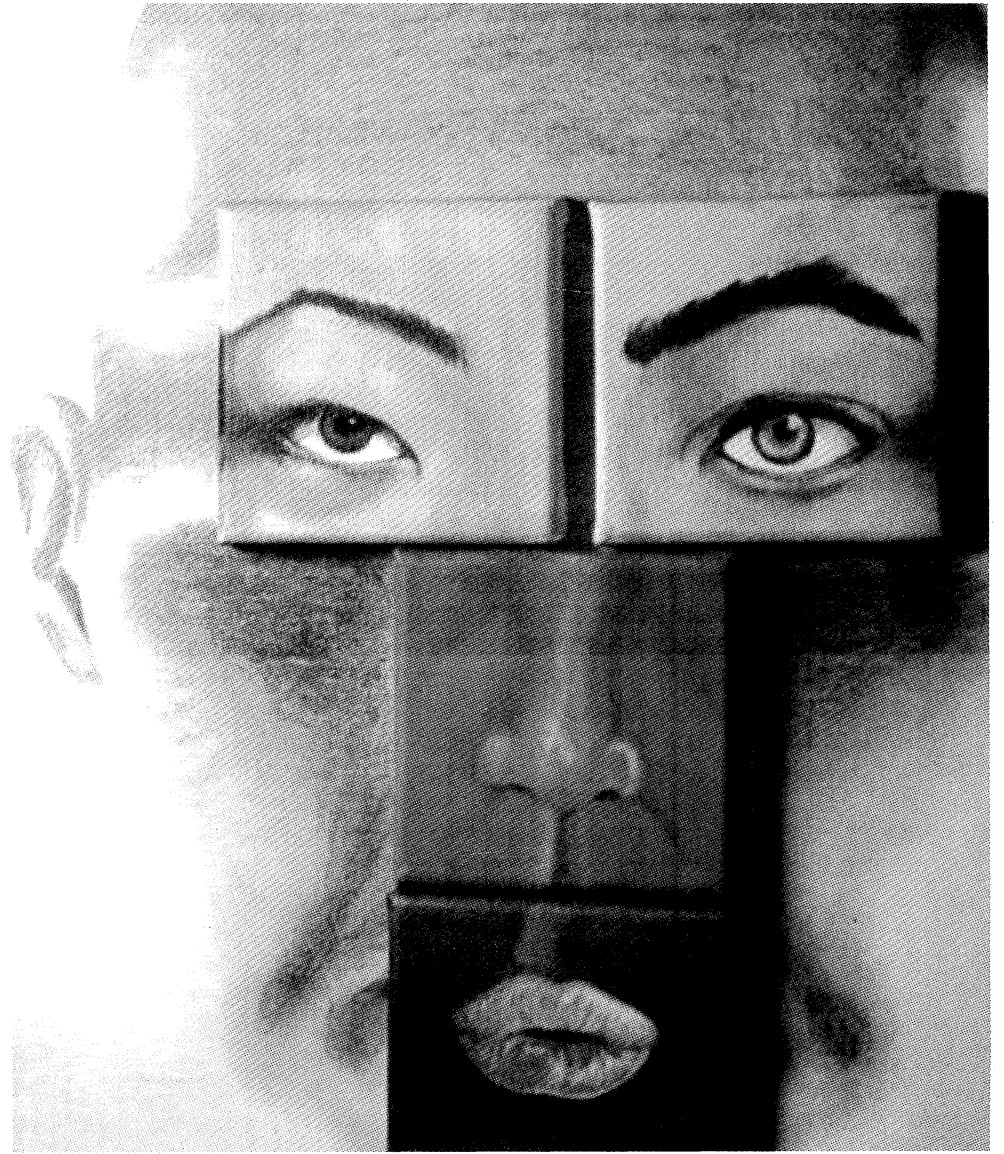
deep, underlying meaning."

That theme was fear, as was stated on the art exhibit's Facebook page. The meanings emerged when pieces were viewed, one by one. The presence of immense detail and artistry was astounding, which allowed the artist to invoke such emotion and fear. You could see the expression on a drawing's face that really made you stop and stare and think about the image staring back at you. It was this stirred-up emotion that caused several of the viewers to have their favorites of the night.

"It's pretty diverse," said Adam Meier, a 22-year-old environmental humanities major. In addition to saying that the show was "organized well" and that the artists were "very talented," when asked to say which work was his favorite, he said it was "Feel," a piece that had drawings of expressions all that surrounded a mirror in the middle that forced you to see yourself amongst all the other faces.

Verna Solomon also had her favorite. The 17-year-old biology major said that she really liked the piece "Rhythms" because it was "looking directly at you."

All in all, the gallery was a success. It great portrayal of what Stony Brook has to offer as a place with a lot of diversity allowing each and every person to express themselves in their own way. Through this exhibit, it allowed everyone, artists and viewers alike, to express themselves.



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Various facial components come together in this artwork.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: *The Comedian's Guild*

By Atiba Rogers
Contributing Writer

Open mic nights welcome talent with opened arms. Non-Profit talent based Organization, C.O.A.L.I.T.I.O.N., or the Community Of Alliances Living In Total Independence Of Negativity, on Stony Brook campus holds an open mics at the UCafé. President of the Comedian's Guild, Marlon McLeod made his debut on campus at the open mic at the UCafé in the fall of 2010.

McLeod couldn't see himself doing anything else other than entertaining people and he made the decision to bring his talent to Stony Brook University by founding the Comedian's Guild with eboard members with Alex Mignone, the

vice president, Abraham Williams as the treasurer and Harleen Singh as secretary.

As a comedian, McLeod has sternness to his character, a clean-cut young man with ambition and faith. When he spoke about his organization, he expressed his motives for the Comedian's Guild, "It is an organization that is dedicated to providing laughter for the campus community," Marlon said. "You don't have to be a comedian to join, you can do stand-up, enjoy the comedy or create skits."

When McLeod came to Stony Brook, there weren't any clubs on campus dedicated solely to comedians and McLeod wasn't able to find enough places to perform comedy. Without an outlet to share his talent,

McLeod and the other e-board members sat down on an inspiring April night at Roth café and the crew rounded up around a table to eat dinner. It was there that they came up with the idea to create a comedy club. McLeod and the members of the organization grew very close, he met Singh and Williams in class, and they're all pre-med majors. McLeod was introduced to Alex through his suitemate.

At the C.O.A.L.I.T.I.O.N. banquet this past Sept., McLeod had the crowd roaring with laughter as he put on a show for the Stony Brook family. There was amusement in the crowd as he took it away that night.

"I'm tired of Pitbull all over the radio. My least favorite Pitbull song is the one with Ne-Yo, "Give Me

Everything," where he rhymes Kodak with Kodak. The main reason I hate that song is because you cannot grab somebody sexy and tell them hey, give me everything tonight," McLeod said that night. "This ain't the Stone Age. This ain't the Bronx! If Pitbull makes another song I'm calling Michael Vick!"

He considered himself a comedian since the third grade and always wanted to do stand-up comedy at events. Louis C.K, Chris Rock and Dave Chapelle are among the few comedians that inspire McLeod. He encourages everyone to engage in activities with the Comedian's Guild, comedian or not and hopes to find young comedians to pass the organization on to after the graduates.

McLeod wants the Comedians Guild to get recognized on higher levels. He has plans to host grand charity events and has hopes of scheduling a famous comedian to perform at Stony Brook. "I just want to make Stony Brook a happier place." Working with other clubs and hosting more events are at the top of McLeod's list.

McLeod is not only a part of the Comedian's Guild organization but he also supports the Operation Smile organization that is dedicated to donating money to children with cleft palate syndrome.

The Comedian's Guild's meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m., in the SB Union in room 237. "Everyone is welcomed, come to meetings," McLeod said.

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) Squirm Burpee

The Handsome Little Devils, a theater company, is hosting the Squirm Burpee Circus. On Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. for \$15 dollars on the Staller main stage, see a show of hijinks and pandemonium in this four-person circus. It's filled with melodrama, and complete with a mustache-twirling baddie.

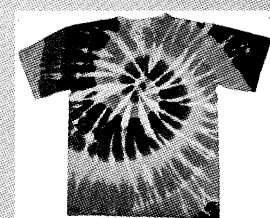


2) Craft Center

Make tie-dye T-shirts. It's Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Stony Brook Union Basement, room 081. It's completely free and the Craft Center encourages timeliness.

3) Teach Me How to Kompa

The Haitian Student Organization's general body meeting is teaching students how to do a traditional Haitian dance. It's on Monday, Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center, room 303.



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Rock Yo Face Case



By Atiba Rogers
Contributing Writer

Brooklyn's underground, Planet Rump, brings to the music scene their new, bold and futuristic sound. DJ Tantric and Miss Strawberry had the whole crowd on their feet jamming as they performed during a showcase at the RockYoFaceCase event held in the University Café. Though they have yet to receive mainstream success, the duo's singles are released via Internet, building a little buzz. The lyrics to "Humping Without Warning," a very vivid story about a woman's frustration with men humping her in the club, is very explicit in contrast to their new, funky single "Daydreams."

What genre of music do you consider your work to be?

Miss Strawberry: Mix of

electro, hip-hop and funk influence.

What image do you think your music conveys?

DJ Tantric: Moving forward by moving into the past, futuristic, out of space.

MS: Kind of what people in the 80s were like.

What is the inspiration behind your music?

MS: Our mission is to inspire and lead by actions with influences from the 70s, 80s, 90s, funk and hip-hop. Any beat that gets people hype on the dance floor. Liberate people on their booties.

As a band, did you come over any troubles or challenges?

DJ: It's very hard to find Reebok pumps these days!

How would you describe your fashion style?

MS: Bold, bright, electric,

tropical, funky and cosmic.

What success have you had so far as a band?

DJ: Our "Daydreams" single, kick starter campaign for our album to raise money to record our album and we're in Dynasty Electric's video. I deejayed with Samantha Ronson in early October for a gawker private event.

What is the best part about being in a band?

MS: Performing, there's no other rush that compares to when you get on the stage to inspire people.

What's the worst part about being in a band?

DJ: To be able to separate monetary success from intrinsic success.

What hope do you see for the future?

DJ: Our hopes are to tour the world, share our love and enjoyment with as many people as possible. We toured a lot in the Northeast and definitely want to expand.

What advice do you have for people who want to form their own band?

MS: Songwriting from the heart. Start from the heart, purpose and intention and write from that place and people will actually relate and hopefully dance.

Great Tiger (above left) and Miss Strawberry of Planet Rump (left)
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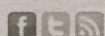
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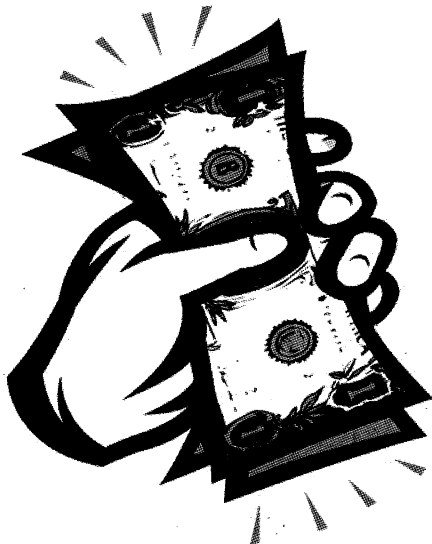
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SPORTS

Men's soccer to host Albany in conference semi-finals

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

Hoping to take advantage of having a first-round bye, a re-charged Stony Brook team will play Albany at home this upcoming Wednesday and hope to advance to the America East final.

By finishing second in the conference during the regular season, Stony Brook not only guaranteed themselves a home game, but an automatic bye into the semi-finals.

"We have a few guys banged up, so to give the guys some time to recover is good," said head coach Ryan Anatol after the team's 3-1 loss to Hartford in the regular season finale on Oct. 30, in a post-game interview with the Statesman.

Albany, the sixth and final seed in the tournament, overcame an early goal from Vermont's Zach Paul to upset Vermont 3-2 to advance to the semi-final.

Vermont scored two own goals in the final three minutes of the game clinching a spot in the semi-finals after Vermont goalkeeper Dave Ramada had his kick out of the box deflected off the back of his own teammate and into the net with

only 1:19 remaining in the match icing a win for the Great Danes.

During the regular season, Stony Brook and Albany played to a scoreless draw despite going to overtime.

Berian Gobeil-Cruz, who was named the America East striker of the year and had a team-best seven goals, will lead an offense that finished first in the conference in goals and shots per-game.

In addition to Gobeil-Cruz, the Seawolves will be counting on America East midfielder of the year Leonardo Fernandes to produce.

Fernandes was second on the team to Gobeil-Cruz in goals with six, in addition to leading the team in assists with five.

On the defensive side, the team will be lead by captain Kyle McTurk, who earned his first appearance on the All-America East first-team.

Albany will be lead by second-team All-America East goalkeeper Adrian Foncette, as well as their leading goal-scorer Quintel Gates and All-America East freshman team forward Pomare Te Anau.

The winner of this game will move on to the finals and play either Boston University or UMBC/Hartford on either Nov. 12 or 13.



JIA YAO / THE STATESMAN

Leonardo Fernandes (#10) hopes to lead Stony Brook to its second America East conference championship in three seasons.

FOOTBALL

Football wins sixth straight



EZRA MARGONO / THE STATESMAN

Miguel Maysonet (#5) ran for 182 yards on 17 carries.

By Adrian Szkolar
Staff Writer

With the offense's high-octane running attack continuing at full force, Stony Brook beat Charleston Southern 50-31, thanks to a dominating 2nd quarter performance.

With the win, Stony Brook has extended their winning streak to six games, the longest in the school's history.

Led by running backs Miguel Maysonet and Brock Jackolski, Stony Brook rushed for a total of 355 yards and scored six rushing touchdowns. It was the third time

this season that the team rushed for more than 300 yards in a game.

Only 1:05 into the game, Stony Brook took a 6-0 on a 59-yard run by Maysonet. Skiffington missed the extra point attempt.

Charleston Southern would respond back and score the next 10 points, thanks to a 40-yard field goal from Andy Brown and a 1-yard rushing touchdown from running back Keelyan Bryant late in the quarter.

Stony Brook would blow the game open in the second quarter, scoring 21 unanswered points. Jackolski scored on a 5-yard run four minutes into the quarter, and

Maysonet scored twice, the last touchdown with only 57 seconds left in the half.

Despite their poor performance in the second half, Charleston Southern kept on fighting. The teams would exchange touchdowns for the rest of the game.

In the third quarter, wide receiver Nathan Perera and tight end Carson Leshin scored receiving touchdowns for Charleston Southern, with Maysonet and quarterback Kyle Essington responding back with rushing touchdowns of their own.

Between the touchdowns, Stony Brook scored a safety after a botched Charleston Southern punt.

Charleston Southern's Perera and Stony Brook's Jackolski both scored touchdowns to round out the scoring in the 4th quarter.

With its running game running -7 yards total, the Buccaneers relied heavily on quarterback Richard Mounce's arm for offense. Mounce completed 19 of 41 pass attempts for 342 yards.

For Stony Brook, Essington completed 6 of 12 pass attempts for 109 yards.

Jackolski recorded his 1,000th rushing yard of the season during the game, joining Maysonet as the second player on the team to hit that mark. It is the second straight season that the duo both rushed for 1,000 yards each.

With a conference record of 4-0 Stony Brook is tied for first place in the Big South with Liberty. They will travel to North Carolina to take on Gardner Webb next Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Fenaroli added to Green Bay Packers practice squad

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When Paul Fenaroli fell victim to the final round of roster cuts at Atlanta Falcons camp in September, he didn't wallow in disappointment.

Instead, the former Seawolves offensive lineman kept training, and that paid off early last week when the Green Bay Packers added Fenaroli to their practice squad.

"Getting cut by the Falcons was kind of expected, they had a lot of veteran linemen they brought back, so it was nothing personal," Fenaroli said. "Although I thought I had a good camp, it just came down to numbers and they weren't able to keep me."

So Fenaroli travelled back to his hometown, training every day while serving as an offensive line coach at Masuk High School, the top football program in the state of Connecticut and the school from which Fenaroli graduated in 2007.

When the Packers came calling, Fenaroli returned to Long Island to work with Justin Kull at Revolution Athletics, the same trainer who helped him prepare for combines. Fenaroli said he feels the defending Super Bowl champions are a good fit for him.

"The offense Green Bay runs is similar in many ways to what we did at Stony Brook," he said. "Green Bay and Stony Brook both use zone blocking schemes in the running game. The basic

techniques and steps are the same, so having already done it for four years at Stony has been very helpful so far."

The Packers were actually one of the first teams to show interest in Fenaroli, he said.

"They actually called saying they wanted to bring me in for camp," Fenaroli said, "but when the lockout officially ended, the Falcons were the first to offer me a spot, so I went to Atlanta."

He had a successful camp with the Falcons, surviving until the final round of roster cuts on Sept. 2.

During his time at Stony Brook, Fenaroli started the last five games of his freshman year and didn't miss a game after that, starting at center for three straight years.

The 6-foot-3-inch lineman blocked for one of the most prolific running attacks in the country his senior year, ranking eighth in the FCS, averaging 218 yards per game and producing two 1,000-yard rushers.

He was named a first-team all-Big South player in both his junior and senior years.

And, the National Football League is in Fenaroli's blood: his grandfather, Jon Fenaroli, suited up for the New York Giants.

With the Packers, Fenaroli isn't sure what the expectations are, but he hopes to do better than that.

"I'm just taking it day-by-day, trying to continually improve," he said. "My goal for the season is to do whatever is asked of me to help the team succeed."