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# Stanley says University's future is bright

By Erika Karp Managing Editor

President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. discussed new investments in advancement and research and applauded the adoption of the NYSUNY 2020 legislation during his annual State of the University Address on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

"Despite these severe cuts, our budget picture today looks far brighter than it did last year," Stanley said. "This year Stony Brook University and all of our supports helped lead the fight for something historic in NYSUNY 2020."

The legislation, which New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law in August, will allow Stony Brook to implement tuition increases of \$300 for the next five years, increase tuition for out-of-state students and allocates \$35 million in capital funds to Stony Brook.

"For the first time we know our future revenue and we can gauge in long-term fiscal planning," Stanley said.

Since 2008, Stony Brook has received more than \$82 million in budget cuts. According to Stanley, the increase in revenue will not offset the continued cuts until the fifth year of the tuition plan.

Stanley assured that the increases would not affect the most economically disadvantaged students. According to Stanley, Stony Brook will cover the "tap gap," or difference between tuition increase and the maximum TAP provided by the state, for families making less than \$75,000.

But NYSUNY 2020 isn't the only thing that Stanley hopes will propel Stony Brook to truly

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EZRA MARGONO / THE STATESMAN

About 8,000 fans packed LaValle Stadium Saturday to watch the Seawolves take on Lafayette for their sixth Homecoming win in a row. Look for coverage on pages 10, 11 and 20.

# Burglaries reported in Tabler and Kelly Quads

By Nelson Oliveira Staff Writer

At least one burglar entered residence halls in Kelly and Tabler Quads early Thursday, Sept. 22 morning and stole personal objects from students, Stony Brook University Police said.

The incidents occurred between 2 and 6 a.m. at four suites at Dewey, Schick and Sanger colleges, said Chief of Police Robert Lenahan in an email sent to students later that day.

Some of the items stolen include cell phones, credit cards, at least four laptops and an Xbox, Lenahan said.

Witnesses said the burglar is an Asian male in his twenties, 5-foot-9, with a slim build and spiky black hair. He was wearing blue jeans and a dark tank top. The suspect entered all rooms through open doors and unlocked windows, Lenahan said.

Two students were able to recover their belongings after they saw the intruder enter their rooms. Lenahan said the victims chased the suspect and confronted him, but he "fled the scene in an unknown direction."

Adam Davies, a Dewey resident, was one of the students who pursued the suspect. Davies said the intruder entered his room at about 5:30 a.m. while he was sleeping. He woke up when he heard a noise and was able to see the suspect walking out with his MacBook. Police could not confirm his story.

Davies said he chased the suspect down the hallway and took his laptop back without much effort.

"He just gave it to me," Davies said.

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# Stony Brook student facing deportation

By Nelson Oliveira
Staff Writer

An undocumented Stony Brook University student is being deported back to Bangladesh with her mother this Thursday, according to a letter they received from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement two weeks ago.

Nadia Habib, a 19-yearold psychology major, was brought to the U.S. when she was one-year-old and did not know about her undocumented status until her senior year in high school.

"Her home is the United States, her community is here, her life and family are all here," said Sonia Guinansaca of the New York State Youth Leadership Council, which is leading a campaign to stop Habib's deportation.

Habib has three younger siblings who are all U.S. citizens. Her father, who came to the country years before her mother, has a green card and is not facing deportation.

"Going back to a place she does not even remember is scary and the idea of being separated from her family is even scarier," Guinansaca said

The student's mother, Nazmin Habib, has been seeking asylum for both of them for more than 10 years with no success, according to NYSYLC.

Habib did not return a

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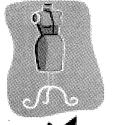
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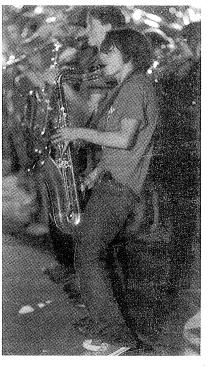
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# Homecoming candidates spark creativity with acts

It would not be Homecoming if there were no opportunities to show of some Seawolf Swagger during this year's Homecoming King and Queen creative explosion. **PAGE 9** 

### CORRECTION:

On our last issue, The Statesman incorrectly stated that University President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. "held a meeting on Sept. 12 to apologize for illegally closing" Southampton. The lawsuit agreement settled in August says that nothing contained in the stipulation "shall be deemed to constitute an admission of liability or wrongdoing by any part.



### Seawolves Showcase

The Seawolves Showcase featured performaces from student groups and clubs, the Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band and each quad.

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### **SPORTS:**

### LaValle Stadium Red Zone student section gets a makeover

There are some who say "Ask and you shall receive." Well, the Stony Brook Seawolves fans in the Red Zone student section of LaValle Stadium and Pritchard Gymnasium have asked for a few things over the years, but now the school has given back to perhaps the most loyal part of its fan base.

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### Stony Brook alumnus defenseman dies

Frank Conti's number, 97 will not be worn this season. In addition, the Stony Brook football team will be wearing a memorial sticket with his jersey number on their helmets. The team will always have Frank beside them.

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# **NEWS**

# "Do I Look Illegal to you?"

SJA protests the unfair treatment of undocumented students



CHRIS SETTER/ THE STATESMAN

Members of the Social Justice Alliance protest racial profiling and voice their support for the DREAM Act.

By Sara Sonnack Asst. News Editor

Amid all the splendor of Wolfstock, one student group gathered in the SAC Plaza holding cardboard signs challenging passers-by with one question: "Do I look illegal to you?"

The Social Justice Alliance, or SJA, a student activist group on campus, held a silent protest on Wednesday, Sept. 21, in support of undocumented immigrants on campus, whom they say get treated unfairly.

"It basically consisted of just having all different students,

whoever wanted to participate, coming up grabbing a sign that said 'Do I look illegal?' and obviously we all look very different, we're a diverse group of people," said Jessica Rybak, treasurer of the SJA. "It was to challenge the racial stereotypes that just inherently are evoked in immigration politics and with undocumented students on campus. I think it was a successful event, we had a lot of people come out and support." According to Rybak, undocumented students cannot apply for scholarships, so that in itself makes it more difficult for them to go to college.

The SJA was first formed in

2001 in opposition to the prowar feeling that the nation had after Sept. 11. According to their website, the group is involved in many progressive fights such as immigrant rights, the feminist movement, anti-war movements and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights.

Their most recent protest was also in support of the DREAM Act, which would allow undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. at a young age to stay in the country as long as they either go to college or serve in the military. Congress voted against the act

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"I'm bigger than him, so I was not scared."

Investigators are working with the possibility that there is a second suspect involved and that the incident is connected with similar burglaries that took place in Kelly Quad two weeks ago.

In that case, the burglar also acted during the early hours of a Thursday morning and stole the same type of personal objects.

Witnesses said the burglar also entered Baruch College. Another student who identified herself as one of the victims, Siyun Chen, said the intruder entered her room in Baruch from the balcony at about 6 a.m. and stole her laptop and \$30 in cash. Police could not confirm her story.

Lenahan said that student residents should never leave their doors or windows unlocked.

"You really need to lock your door," he said. "And if you see anything suspicious, no matter how silly it is, contact us. We'll come and look into it."

Davies said he always locks the door, but his roommate went to bathroom late that night and forgot to lock the room on his way back.

It is not known if the burglar is a Stony Brook student. Lenahan said he doesn't want to "take a guess" at this point. Davies said the suspect weighs about 145 pounds and had a cigarette in his left ear.

"In light of these recent events, we will be further enhancing our patrol coverage utilizing both uniformed and plain clothes officers," Lenahan said.



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Dewey College is one of the buildings that was robbed.

# Stony Brook student facing deportation

By Nelson Oliveira

Staff Writer

call for comment, but she told several news organizations this past weekend that she can't speak Bengali and doesn't know anyone in Bangladesh.

"University officials have been communicating regularly with Habib and are trying to provide her with some assistance," said University Spokeswoman Lauren Sheprow.

In August, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced a new process that would identify low-priority deportation cases in order to let some law-abiding undocumented immigrants earn legal status. Habib would benefit from the new process had her case already been reviewed, according to NYSYLC.

The plan includes DREAM Act students — those who come to the U.S. as children, graduate from a U.S. high school, have good moral character and complete two years of college or military service in

good standing

Habib, who lives on campus, is a junior minoring in biology and art. Guinansaca said Habib has always been an "outstanding student." She attended Bronx High School of Science before coming to Stony Brook.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has ordered Habib and her mother to present themselves for deportation at its New York office at 11 a.m. on Sept. 29. NYSLYC is organizing a rally at the site starting at 9 a.m. the same day to protest the pair's deportation. Habib is spending what could be her last few days in America with her family in Queens, Guinansaca said.

NYSYLC and Stony Brook have contacted several lawmakers, but as of press time, only U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) has showed some interest in helping the case, Guinansaca said.

President Barack Obama's administration has removed more than 1.1 million illegal immigrants from the country so far. In two full terms, former president George W.



PHOTO CREDIT: HANDOUT

Nadia Habib (right) and her mother, Nazmin Habib, are facing deportation back to Bangladesh.

Bush removed about 1.6 million illegal immigrants, according to data from the DHS website.

"We need to be doing all we can

to keep these talented, dedicated, American students here, not wasting increasingly precious resources sending them away to

countries they barely remember," said U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) in a press release last month.

### CAMPUS NEWS BRIEFING

### *USG Update*

By Nelson Oliveira
Staff Writer

### No Lawyer Approval: No meeting

The Undergraduate Student Government cancelled the Senate meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22, because its lawyer had not reviewed two contracts that would be discussed that night, USG President Mark Maloof said.

The USG lawyer is currently looking over the contracts, which deal with Child Care Services and the Stony Brook chapter of the New York Public Research Interest Group, Executive Vice-President Deborah Machalow said.

At the Sept. 15 meeting, two different contracts were approved by the Senate "despite not having the okay from our lawyer," Machalow said. Even though they were approved, those contracts are now "awaiting legal clearance."

Due to Rosh Hashanah, there will be no Senate meeting this week. The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 6.

### Academic Affairs Meeting

By Kelsie Cassell
Contributing Writer

professors.

Changing campus lifetime was the moving topic at the Senate's Academic Affairs meeting on Sept. 20. Other topics included a possible increase in campus dining hours and the hiring of 250 cross-listed

The meeting began with the announcement that the administration is attempting to eliminate campus life time on Wednesday and replace it with campus life times on Monday and Friday. Executive Vice President Deborah Machalow said that the ultimate goal is to reduce 55 minute classes and increase the number of 80 minute classes.

This would ultimately result in a decrease in both the number of classes offered and the amount of budget spent on professors. Sen. Corey Platt suggested that this could promote the amount of people who remain on the weekend and overall school spirit, but the general consensus was the opposite.

"Switching club days to Fridays will diminish club interest, especially commuter involvement in clubs because students aim to not even have class on Friday," Sen. Priya Sohi said. "As the Commuter Student

Association president, I know for a fact that if club days switched to Fridays, my active members would cease to exist."

Then Sen. Andrew Tausz proposed that one food service should open early enough to serve the students with 6:50 a.m. morning classes. Just last semester the earliest class began at 7:20 a.m., so the need for earlier food services becomes even more important as the classes start earlier and earlier. Commuter students who take early trains would also benefit from the proposed changes to food service hours.

It was also revealed that the university is hiring 250 cross-listed professors who will be able to teach a wider variety of classes. It is assumed that the new batch of teachers will primarily be science professors. Hiring more science professors would promote research at the school and compensate for the diminished funding from the state.

The meeting closed with the election of Sen. Platt to Chair and Sen. Tausz to Vice-chair. Chief Justice Moiz Khan Malik will bring up the proposed increase in dining hall hours at the next FSA meeting and Chief of Staff Kate Watt will try to dissuade the new campus life time schedule at the next USG meeting.

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last December.

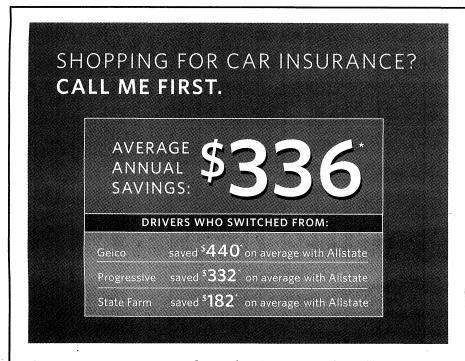
"The DREAM Act is a way of regularizing the situation for hundreds of thousands of millions of young people in this country who want to stay here, who should be allowed to stay here and this gives them an opportunity to do it," said Michael Zweig, director of the Center for Study of Working

Class Life.

Rybak said the group is going to create a "dream team" of their own. "One of our goals is to have a 'dream team' to support the DREAM Act and to make a safe place for undocumented students and international students to go to know that they have a special community, that they do have a place here and that they're valued here at this university."

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## ACH students 'Stand Up' to Bullying

By Margaret Randall Contributing Writer

The undergraduate college of Arts, Culture and Humanities, or ACH, is organizing the first Stand Up to Bullying Day for Stony Brook at the Tabler Black Box Theatre at 6 p.m. on Nov. 14. Wrist bands from the Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation, Inc. will be given out and there will be speakers from ACH's new Bullying Task Force.

The Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation, Inc. was founded in May 2011 by retired professional rugby player Ben Cohen, whose father was beaten to death after standing up for an employee.

"We are very excited about this," said Jeremy Marchese, the ACH undergraduate college adviser. "The support we have received so far is very great. We are happy; it can only get bigger from here."

Stony Brook has already created

a community pledge in response to Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi's suicide last year. ACH has created its own commitment that puts more emphasis on actively taking a stand. This Stand Up Commitment was created on Monday and has already been signed by 200 ACH students.

No college campus is without bullying, not even Stony Brook.

"I think college campuses across the country do," Marchese said. "I think this is a widespread thing. I think Stony Brook is unique in the stance that it's taking against it: Particularly, with the start of the Community Pledge last year."

Marchese, ACH Fellows Benny Lam and Danielle Barbato, and Graduate Assistant to the Dean of Students Denise DeGennaro are some of the Stand Up representatives who will speak at

Future events will be planned to bring the Stand Up foundation's message to the entire campus.

### Fundraiser raises money for Tanzania orphanages

By Seth Hoffman Contributing Writer

International Academic Programs held its first fundraiser ever on Saturday night.

All donations went to Tanzanian orphanages in Mto wa Mbu. The fundraiser was held at Pentimento Restaurant in Stony Brook, and cost \$75 per person. A genuine African dinner was served, there was live African music and African artwork was for sale.

"We decided to organize this event since we are all dedicated to the Tanzanian cause. The orphanages there really need this money," said Frances Aldous-Worley, assistant to the dean of the International Academic Programs, who helped organize the benefit.

Worley first went to Tanzania in 2003 with the International Academic Programs when she was an undergraduate student. She now goes every summer, teaching classes in Tanzania to Stony Brook students and leading the trip along with William Arens, the dean of the International Academic Programs. Arens created this trip in 1998, and has since been taking 15 to 30 students to Tanzania every summer.

"When we first started going, we would see the orphanages with no water, inadequate beds and hard living conditions," Arens said. "We decided we should leave something to help out every summer when we came."

Arens says the most rewarding part of giving money to the orphanage was "bringing water and the ability to shower."

Each year, Arens and his students buy supplies before going to the orphanage and give the rest of the money they raised in cash to the orphanage.

fundraiser, Before this students would organize their own events, including ice cream socials, residential hall events and club meetings to raise money to send with the summer trip to Tanzania.

After senior Maria Rodriguez went to Tanzania in 2010 she decided to raise funds with the help of the on campus UNICEF

"After going to Tanzania and seeing the orphanages, I thought about my experience and what I could do to give back," said Rodriguez.

Alumni also attended the benefit to support Tanzanian orphanages.

"I feel like even though I went so long ago, I'm in this for the long haul," said Christina Szaraz, an alum of the class of

But Rodriguez and Szaraz agree this benefit was more successful as a whole.

The benefit raised \$3,000 from the sale of art pieces and the costs of the 50 tickets that were sold.

Last year, the fundraiser raised a total of \$7,000, compared to \$10,000 the year before. This year's fundraiser is not yet over, and they hope to meet at least last year's total.

"This benefit was a success and we will definitely continue to have it every year," Aldous-Worley said. "This was hopefully the beginning of a nice tradition for the International Academic Programs."

# A new way to connect

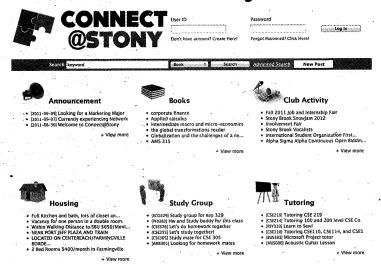


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### The Connect @ Stony website enables students to find out about different resources and announcements.

By Dustin Wingate Contributing Writer

If Stony Brook students wanted to go to a central online location to buy or sell books, find carpool rides, join a study group, locate tutors and more, they now have a new website to go to: connectatstony.com.

Last semester, senior computer science majors GyungJin Lee, Dongri Zhu, Akshay Veloor and Tin Aung Khine were working on a small-scale project in their software engineering class. This project eventually developed into what is now known as connectatstony.com.

"Students on campus can reach out to a source where all students

can reach out to for anything," Khine said. He said he compared connect@stony.com to Facebook. "When Facebook started at Harvard, they really had pride that their campus had this social networking and that it grew to other colleges, and eventually expanded to the world. We want something for our campus as well, contribution from the students."

This semester the site went live and read with this prominent statement: "It is with pride to launch this website and promote about our campus. This certainly is an achievement to Stony Brook University."

The connectatstony.com website, along with the Facebook "Connect At Stony," page

provides a variety of helpful tools. The Facebook page tends to be the major attractor of students; with 775 friends and growing. However the team wants the students to go further than simply adding the friend. They want students to then go on the website.

Connectatstony.com offers a variety of services. These include, but are not limited to car pools, study groups, housing options, buying/selling books, tutoring, announcements and activities.

"Connectatstony.com covers everything a student needs," Khine said.

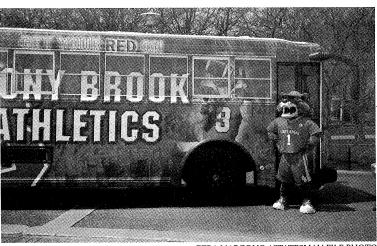
Rebecca Sadique added the Facebook page as a friend. "I saw that a lot of my friends added Connect At Stony, so I added Connect At Stony, too," said Sadique, a marine biology major who hasn't used the group for anything yet, but plans to in the future.

The that pulled team connectatstony together this semester is now all seniors, but the group won't disappear when they graduate.

"Just because we are graduates, we're not going to stop," Khine

Looking to the future, the team is "waiting for the day during orientations when students come in and if they have any questions they would hop on connectatstony.com."

### University opens up about closed back doors



EZRA MARGONO / STATESMAN FILE PHOTO

### One of the school's new wrapped buses.

By Andrew Kozak

Students may be getting a longer ride than they bargained for when they get on campus buses this

The rear doors on the buses have remained closed, resulting in an extended waiting period to get on and off the bus. However, this minor aggravation is only temporary.

"We purchased new Thomas buses back around Christmas 2010," said James O'Connor, director of Transportation and Parking Services. According to O'Connor, the doors on the new buses differ from that of the Blue Bird Buses used prior to last

"There is a difference in quality and an interlock device on the rear door," O'Connor said.

According to O'Connor, while the new buses are better, the original

Blue Bird buses had an interlock to stop the throttle if the rear doors

The department of transportation and parking services is now retrofitting the same lock system onto the new buses. Until the repairs are finished and the interlock system is installed, the back door will have to continue to not be used "in the essence of safety," O'Connor said.

The issue should be corrected within three to four weeks.

Passengers on the buses state that this move has been quite the inconvenience.

"There is no order really," Kyle Engel said. "When they both open there is an option. Now we have a mass of people trying to get on. It affects both entry and exit."

Remya Uthup, a senior, had her own opinions on the mater.

"It's stupid," Uthup said. "Why

pay so much money to have to change the lock system?"

In all, students feel the same about the back door not being in use. There is an air of aggravation among students when they realize the door will not open. Students instinctively move toward the door, only to remember that it is no longer

'We realize they are important," O'Connor said in reference to the rear exits. He also acknowledged that the department is aware of these concerns. According to O'Connor, transportation department employs 40 drivers and has more than 60 buses. Not only must the department retrofit the new buses with the same lock system, but they must also train all drivers on the new

As a safety precaution, there is an emergency release valve so the back doors have the ability to be opened in case of an emergency.

"Emergency levers should be treated as such," David McAvoy, the transportation fleet manager, said. McAvoy stressed that the emergency valve is an important safety feature, but its use has increased recently.

On using the lever to exit through the rear door, McAvoy expressed his opinion in short, "It should not be done."

While the annoyance of having to stay on the bus a few seconds longer has pained and annoyed students things will return to normal.

"It is a non-issue," O'Connor saic "Operations will continue soon."

### Good eats say, "good bye"

By Brian Stallard Staff Writer

Clifton Bangaree and Ashrinder Ranu are two roommates who, like many students, had high hopes to move to one of several highly desired residence halls. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control, this was one dream that would not be fulfilled. Instead they found themselves in Benedict College in H-Quad, a region well off the beaten path.

"We had no choice, pretty much," Ranu said.

"We tried to rationalize it," added Bangaree. "We were like, well at least we'll have Benedict Dining."

Ranu and Bangaree had come from Roth and Kelly respectively, quads with their own conveniently placed dining halls. Yet still, both quads at least required residents to leave their buildings and take a short walk before grabbing a bite.

For Benedict residents, food was never more than a staircase or two away; an improvement in convenience for anyone new to the building. One could say it even made up for the quad being so far away from the rest of the campus.

But that is no longer the case.

The day the two moved into their dorm, they learned the dining facility, which would have been located not even a hallway away from them, had been closed indefinitely.

"With Benedict, I feel like it's the farthest away from anything now," Ranu said.

And he wasn't the only one disappointed in learning Benedict no longer sported a dining facility.

"Freshmen go up to the door, try to open the door, and then I have to tell them 'Hey Benedict dining is no more'... they get pretty disappointed about it," said Peter Milian, a residential assistant in Benedict.

Milian admitted that he, too, was disappointed in learning the building had lost one of its few redeeming qualities.

With H-Quad and particularly Benedict losing its luster to residents, it's natural to wonder why exactly the dining hall was closed in the first place.

According to their official site, the Faculty Student's Association, or FSA, closed the Bendict dining facility, also known as "H Café", to help fund the eventual construction of a "student residence hall and dining center immediately east of the Stony Brook Union," a construction job that is estimated to cost \$34 million.

The site goes on to explain this new dining center, closest to Mendelsohn Quad, will serve the same purposes the Student Union now does.

This will also prepare for an eventual full renovation of the Stony Brook Union.

"They want to re-do the union. You can't do that until the new [Mendelsohn] building's open because you need to have something there where kids can eat.. that was their reasoning," said Frank Fanizza, former president of the Residence Hall Association.

In several press releases, the FSA has stated they plan to complete construction of the new Mendelsohn Dining Hall before 2014. Such a decision leaves them with very little



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What was formerly Benedict dining is now barren but might be a lounge for LDS.

time to scratch together enough funding to get things started. The "underutilized H Café dining service " was closed as soon as possible.

Also, to make sure the "necessary" closing of Benedict dining goes as smoothly as possible, FSA already completed an expansion to the Student Activities Center dining facility and extended the hours of the Student Union dining to 3 a.m. seven days a week, according to Angela Agnello, the director of Marketing & Communications for FSA.

Fanizza said FSA had contacted his organization before the official closing of Benedict Dining to talk about the decision.

"When FSA contacted us, they really just wanted... a residential perspective on the idea of closing 'Bene' in regards to the new Mendelsohn building that is going to go into construction soon," Fanizza said.

He went on to say that although many were upset with FSA's proposal, it wasn't everyone, and there was little RHA could do.

"They had every intention with going ahead with their idea, but it was good enough at least that they wanted to come to us... to have the courtesy of at least telling you," Fanizza said.

Fanizza said most people who protested the closing of the facility did so because it is as if residents are paying for something they would never get to use. It was speculated the new dining hall will not be completed within the next couple years because construction on the new facility has yet to begin.

"It doesn't sound fair," said Benedict resident Adam Wagner, who, being a freshman, is actually most likely to enjoy the new facility's completion out of all of Stony Brook's undergrads. But Fanizza says that in his opinion, no student is actually losing out here.

"It is bizarre to think that [all of this] is going towards something that we will never use... but you have to also remember that people who live here now are benefiting from things that alumni before them paid for... so it's kind of like just giving back," he said

Within the last four years alone, Kelly Dining, the Wang Center, the Union Commons, and Roth Dining have all enjoyed renovations, not to mention the addition of a Starbucks to the Medical Center and the construction of two brand new dorm buildings.

Still, students can always find reason for complaint. Clifton Bangaree said the brunch at H Café will be missed.

"Those waffles were the best," he said, shaking his head.

# Meet your Homecoming King and Queen

Nick Ela

Junior, Computer Science

Why did you want to be Homecoming King?

Throughout my life I have always been a background character following the main stars. I've now made it a goal of mine to write my own story and to star in my life. I know I'm capable of a lot more than what I've done so far and I've been pushing myself to come out of my shell more and more during my time so far at Stony Brook. Running for Homecoming King was a way to challenge myself to leave my comfort zone and push myself to meet my new expectations of myself.

What does being crowned Homecoming King mean to you?

Homecoming King is the epitome of school spirit and pride. Student leaders strive to become recognized as the Homecoming King and Queen because of their love for the University and what it has to offer.

What activities/clubs are you involved with?

I am the president of the Residence Hall Association, an active member of both Community Service Club and the National Residence Hall Honorary and a USG Senator.

What is your favorite Stony Brook Tradition?

Homecoming. The spirit of the students and fans can be felt throughout the campus and the whole community as they all come together to support their Seawolves.

Jaime Poynter
Senior, Psychology, minor in Child and Family Studies

Why did you want to be Homecoming Queen? I applied to be on the Homecoming court because I believe that this is a great way to represent the university that I love. I have dedicated the past three years to Stony Brook and this campus has truly become my home. Being a part of the Homecoming court has connected me with other student leaders and has given me the opportunity to be even more involved in one of my favorite Stony Brook traditions- Wolfstock!

What does being crowned Homecoming Queen mean to you?

It means even more than I can express. To me, being a part of this court means that I have been recognized for the time, energy and dedication that I have put in over the last three years.

I am so honored to have this opportunity.

What activities/clubs are you involved with?
Resident Assistant, Office Assistant, Senior Academic Peer Advisor, National Residence Hall Honorary active member, Meal Plan Resolution Committee member, Student Ambassador

What is your favorite Stony Brook Tradition?

It is definitely a tie between Homecoming and Roth Regatta. The atmosphere and spirit that surround Homecoming is infectious and I love seeing everyone wearing their Stony Brook red! Roth Regatta is always an exciting event and I believe that it really shows off the creativity of the students here at Stony Brook.

### CSS continues drivein movie night

**By Colleen Nitowitz** Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, Sept.14, students gathered in the South Parking Lot for a drive-in movie style viewing of "Super 8" at 7:30 p.m.

Stony Brook University's biannual drive-in movie is a free event sponsored once every semester by the Commuter Student Service, CSS, and the Commuter Student Association, CSA. It draws in a large crowd of cars filled with students who enjoy this old fashioned tradition of tuning their radios to hear the audio of the big screen movie. Though the tradition of drivein movies has diminished across the country, it is newly adapted to Stony Brook University within the past few years.

As drive-in movies have always had a way of bringing people together in a relaxing way, Stony Brook has brought back this special way of viewing movies that has remnants of a simpler time when people gathered around together and enjoyed a night of fun with friends and family.

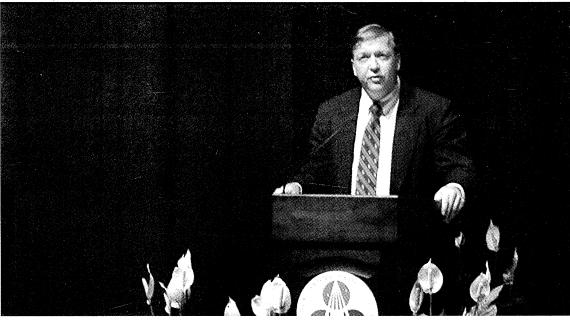
The CSS/CSA has opened a novel idea of their own drivein theatre in 2007 for students to relax from their studies for a night of fun right here on the campus.

Brook Commuter Stony services has reestablished the tradition and invites all to bring their car and popcorn to view the movie on a large screen set up in the South Parking lot, which is normally swarmed during the day with commuters coming to and from class in a rush.

The CSA and CSS are student run and cater to making commuters have the same experiences as those who dorm at Stony Brook. The much anticipated drive-in movie night is open to all who wish to attend, including residents and family members.

Past movies from fall and spring semesters at Stony Brook include "Transformers," "I Love You Man," "Sherlock Holmes," and "The Dark Knight," and most recently, "Inception."

Those who have missed the event can look forward to the Spring 2012 semester drive-in movie and can find more details from the CSS Facebook page studentaffairs.stonybrook. edu/css/ where information of upcoming events is published.



President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. speaks to the crowd during his state of the University

### Stanley says University's future is bright

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become the "Berkeley of the East," a vision of Stony Brook's second President John S. Toll, for whom a special memorial was held prior to the address. Toll passed away in July at the age of

According to Stanley, the university is also looking at ways of obtaining better philanthropic support by developing new advancement initiatives.

This may be a challenge, as some alumni don't have a strong connection to Stony Brook, but Stanley thinks it is possible.

"Simply remind people that they did make friends," Stanley said of the challenge at a reception following the speech.

Stanley is also looking at using Stony Brook's partnership with Brookhaven National Laboratory and Advanced Energy Center to the fullest by collaborating with the two on research endeavors.

faculty New administrators, including new Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dennis Assanis, were also introduced during the address.

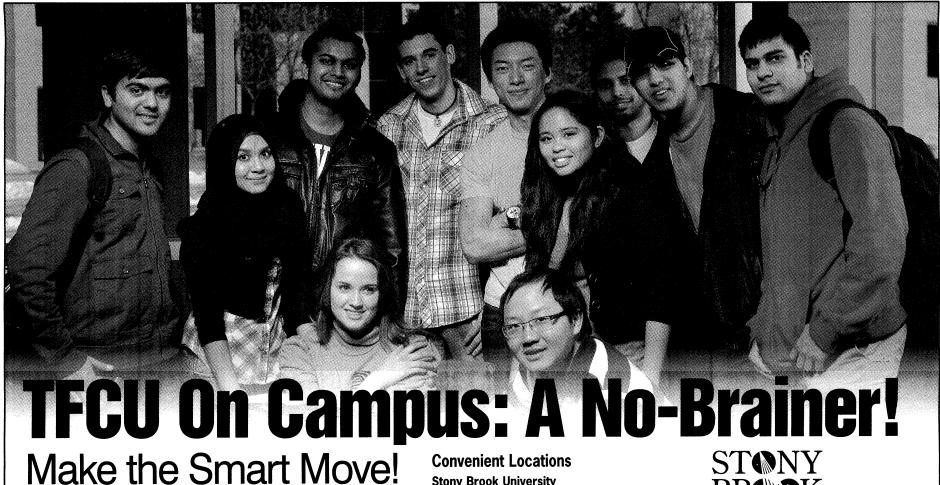
According to Stanley, Assanis

will be looking at and developing new initiatives in online learning.

"It's a great way of delivering education to those who don't have access," Assanis said at the reception about an idea to broadcast classes to people outside the Stony Brook community.

According to Assanis, this will help build a brand for Stony Brook and spread the university's name.

"We have come along way since the days of 'Mudville' and the 'Bridge to Nowhere'," Stanley said. "But we are not resting on our laurels. There is much more to be done."



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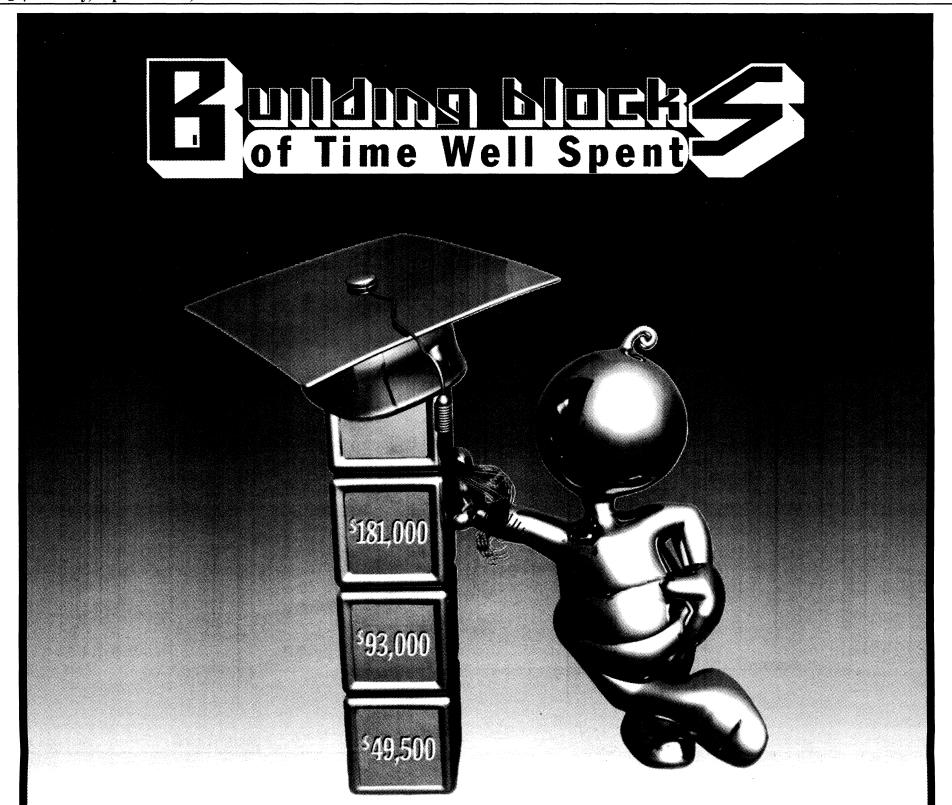
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# Students show off their spirit at showcase

By Elvira Spektor Arts & Entertainment Editor

Stepping into the second annual Seawolves Showcase this past Friday felt just like walking facefirst into a scene of High School Musical. No spirit? No entry.

The mood was light; fun. There was a bumblebee's buzz whizzing throughout the Sports Arena. Performers were nervous; spectators were eager; alumni were proud. It was easy to tell: Their inner seawolves were showing.

They weren't the only ones. Stony Brook's own furry mascot was possibly the most spirited that evening. Costume or not, the crowd could see his grin from emanating from inside the suit.

Wolfie skipped. Wolfie jumped. Wolfie even did the worm. Wolfie was a seapup again, excited for tomorrow's big day.

One of the first acts that evening was Stony Brook's own Ballroom Dance Team. Yelena Mirsakova, 20, and an information systems student, wore a Beyonce-style silver shimmy dress as part of her ballroom routine.

As president of Stony Brook's Ballroom Dance Team, she said it was "exhilarating" to ballroom dance for such a large crowd of peers, even as an intermediate in her field.

Besides the hours of dance prep, how does she push herself on stage?

"I just do it. I just go to have fun. "There's no other way," she

This year, the showcase found its home inside, whereas last year it had been held outside, under the stars

Jeffrey Barnett, the assistant dean of students, said that though the plan was to hold the showcase outside on the Staller Steps, the foreseeable rain made it impossible to have the event there again.

This showcase, he estimated a

turnout of 1,300 to 1,400 people, a much greater turnout than the steps had seen last year.

"Tonight I'm overwhelmed by the spirit, enthusiasm, and love of our students," Bartnett said.

According to him, based on last year's "phenomenally gifted" performance, PUSO was this year asked to close off the showcase.

But the show wasn't nearly ready to end. The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band was shown a lot of love by students. The arena floor rumbled with their spirit. Their red, blue and gold hues enticed wide-eyed, cheering students.

A member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority stepped so hard, her earring fell out, clinked onto the ground and hopped off of the stage. To finish off their act, the sisters bent their 10 strong fingers into a triangle, a symbol of their loyalty to delta.

The belly dancers continued the energy. Their hips swung as they shimmied onto the stage. They performed a seductive dance, straight out of an Arabian Nights

"You just have to go out and look. You'll find something. It's infectious."

JAIME POYNTER 2011 HOMECOMING QUEEN

novel

And then the football players

came out. Coach Chuck Priore looked tiny in comparison to the team. Almost too suddenly, the audience was tossed into the 1960s Grease homecoming opener.

"Put a pin in the wide receiver's hand!" Priore joked, making silly voodoo references. It resembled Coach Calhoun's "We're gonna yank 'em ... tear 'em ... rrrrip 'em. We're gonna take 'em and roll 'em around and rip 'em up to pieces..." speech all too closely.

And, cliché as it sounds; it was nice to finally feel some real oomph at this school.

Jaime Poynter, who on Friday was still a nervous Homecoming candidate, called the showcase a kind of "spirit night." A 21-year-old psychology student, she performed a skit with fellow students from Kelly Quad.

"I love this event," Poynter later said. "It gets everyone ready for the excitement of tomorrow."

What advice would she give to students who still consider Stony Brook a pack-my-suitcase-and-go-home-every-weekend type of school?

"Don't accept that mentality. Stay here one weekend and leave your room," Poynter said. "You just have to go out and look. You'll find something. It's infectious."

The next day, she won the title of Homecoming Queen.

Ryan Messina, 20, and a linguistics major was one of the most spirited people in the crowd.

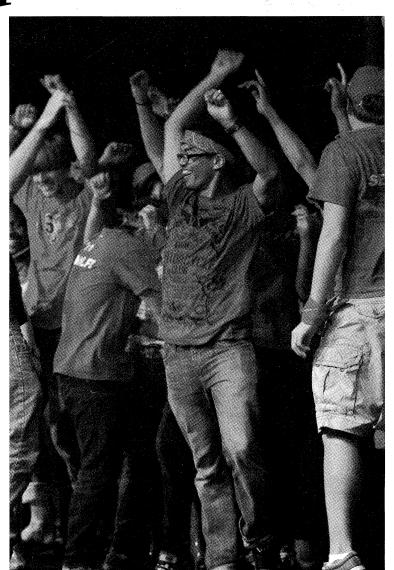
"It's hot!" he said. "The spirit is incredible."

Where does he dig up his SBU swagger?

"I was in the band for three years, so I always get pumped when I see them. But I find my spirit inside me," Messina said.

Messina later splashed the crowd with his spirit as he stomped the stage in the Philippine United Student Organization, PUSO, performance

PUSO girls looked like they



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Students dance at Seawolves Showcase on Friday.

had just walked out of an Herbal Essences shampoo commercial. Their long, straight hair danced with them to crowd favorite tunes like "Bass Down Low."

PUSO got a well-deserved standing ovation that night. From the arched eyebrows in the audience, it was clear that more than one student wondered when they'd appear on a Randy Jackson-produced dance show.

The Residence Hall performances got a lot more support than other, lesser known cultural dance groups and Greek organizations.

Kerstel Folkesto, a 19-year-old mechanical engineering major, said this was the first time she's been to the Seawolves Showcase. On a worst-to-best scale of one to 10, she'd rank the evening as a "7.5."

The mishaps of the evening?

A few performers fell of the stage. A few bra straps slipped off of shoulders. And Wolfie did the stanky leg.

By the time the last red-wearing student walked out of that arena, one thing was clear. We weren't students in the crowd that night. We were Seawolves.

# TWO Revivil ARTSY EVENTS

**Pocket Theatre**- Performance of Musical Revue on Oct. 6 4-10 p.m. Pocket Theatre will be doing a variety of musical sketches.

The Tempest- An adaptation of Shakespeare's work performed by The Royal Shakespeare Company from Sept. 29 - Oct. 9 Hosted by the Department of Theatre Arts.

### More photos from Seawolves showcase continued...





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### Homecoming candidates spark creativity with acts

By Will Rhino Staff Writer

It would not be a Stony Brook Homecoming if there were no opportunities to show off some Seawolf Swagger during this year's Homecoming King and Queen creative explosion. The creative explosion is the annual contest where the Homecoming court has approximately five minutes to show their peers and a panel of judges what makes them so worthy of the crown.

"I don't really know what they do," said Kristen Butler, a junior double majoring in marine science and chemistry.

question be answered shortly as the Stony Brook mascot, Wolfie, ushered everyone into the SAC auditorium. As students cheered, the Homecoming Court was introduced. The 10 contestants briefly strode across the stage, some, of course, giving a pageant wave to the crowd.

All were met with loud cheers and plenty of noise as their fellow Seawolves cheered them on. Each contestant had their turn to strut their stuff. Junior Robert Drago performed Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass" rap with lyrics such as "See I need you all on campus for weekends," in place of "See I need you in my life for me to stay." Another rap performed by senior Amanda Eckert was done to the once popular tune by D4L, "Laffy Taffy." Senior Elizabeth Brenner parodied "Jessie's Girl," by transforming it into "Wolfie's Girl." Tracey Rho came out dressed in some very original attire and parodied the "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and the



Homecoming King and Queen candidates strut their stuff at the Creative Explosion Wednesday night.

Connection commercial.

Senior Hector Martinez and Junior Nicholas Ela performed skits containing multiple songs. Martinez set his performance against the backdrop of being a new student at Stony Brook, and Ela was on a quest to find a sage to truly discover what a Seawolf

Seniors Toni Foster and Jonathan Milard had similar ideas. They both brought out the Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band. Foster played the violin while accompanied by a small group of band members in a crowd-pleasing instrumental rendition of P!nk's "Raise Your Glass." Milard used the band to reflect onhow his time at Stony Brook has only increased in intensity through the years. Jaime while a video parodying "The Brady Bunch" and Duck Sauce's song "Barbra Streisand" played. It expressed her time at Stony Brook through pictures of her involvement on campus. Senior Frank Fanizza chose to perform what was formerly the most popular YouTube video, "The Evolution of Dance." He came up with his idea because he was looking for something to please everyone and it was a "funny white boy dance." According to both the judges' laughter and the audience's screams, the performances were a huge hit.

While the Homecoming Court posed for some photos on stage, Jasmine-Chiquita White, a senior applied math and statistics major, said that she "loved it." She came supporting Roh, but she had a great

obnoxiously popular Education Poynter was mysteriously absent time watching everyone perform. A second question was Her favorite performance, aside from Roh of course, was one of the two marching band acts. "Jonathan was amazing," she said. The evening was divided into two sections: a questionand-answer portion and the part people actually go to see, the performances.

The whole point of the evening is to see how the Homecoming best "express can themselves," said the Academic Advising and Pre-Professional Director Assistant Mary Beth Power. Of course, there's more to this event then excitement, cheering, pageant waves and creativity. The court took turns answering three questions. "Why should you be the Homecoming King or Queen," the standard question.

specifically tailored for each candidate posed by one of the judges, and a mystery question drawn from an envelope served as the final question. These mystery questions were designed for the creative spirit the contestants were expected to demonstrate. They ranged from, "What superpower would you have and why?" to "If you could create a bumper sticker that describes you, what would it be?" Assistant Director Powers, a ninth-year judge, said that the Homecoming Court is chosen based on their essays and applications, but in order to win each must show their creativity.

"We just cast our votes," she said. However, the winners were not revealed until the halftime show of the Homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 25.

# One Band. One Sound. All Spirit.

By Jacyln Lattanza Contributing Writer

What's a Seawolf? T-shirt, check. Knee-high black socks and dinkles, check. Blue overalls and red jacket, check. White gloves, check. Hair on the top of my head, check. Shako, check. Most importantly, flute, check.

It's go time!

Today is Homecoming, the day our Stony Brook Seawolves take on the Lafayette Leopards, the most spirited event of the year. I, along with The Spirit of Stony Brook, the marching band, could not be any more ready to show off our enthusiasm!

"Go, the Seawolves (Hey!)! Beat, the Leopards (What? What?)!" In straight lines, section by section, we start marching. The drum cadences are echoing through the parking lot as the rest of the band chants Stony Brook cheers while performing section flair, the movements we make with our instruments or bodies. With every roll step, I am focused on the head in front of me as I hear the tailgaters cheering us on. The excitement is building as we march to Wolfstock Village and perform for all of the fans enjoying the barbeque.

"ARE YOU READY BAND?" "AWOO AWOO!" The drum majors take the field as the drum line follows. Patiently waiting, facing toward the back of the field, our feet are together, stomachs in, chests out, shoulders back, elbows frozen and our eyes are full of pride. The time is here to show all of Stony Brook that we are one band, one sound and, most importantly, that we are Seawolves! With songs such as "Stony Brook Fanfare," "Alma Mater" and "Victory Song," we are truly getting the crowd ready for an exciting game. At the conclusion of the song "We're an American Band," I run toward my tunnel spot facing the crowd. As my fingers move quickly along my flute keys during "Carmina Burana," the roar of the crowd starts to grow. I cannot turn around, but I know that Wolfie and the team are about to run out. As Stony Brook's "Fight Song" is being played, I am



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The Spirit of Stony Brook Marching Band riles up excitement from SBU students at the game.

swallowed up by white fog and can hear the enthusiasm all around me.

Cheering in section 109 is one of the most exciting and fulfilling aspects of the game. Knowing that the spirit of the whole stadium is being generated from our section is a great feeling. With upbeat songs such as "Bad Romance" "Gonna Make You Sweat," "Let's Go Seawolves" and "Defense!" cheers, we do our best to expose the crowd's spirit. We love interacting with our favorite mascot, Wolfie, and the students in the Red Zone because we know that the louder we cheer, the better the football team will play. When I am cheering and dancing in the stands, I am always smiling because I am thinking about how grateful I am to have the opportunity to be a part of a marching band with an outstanding director and a ton of great friends.

There are five minutes left in the second quarter. While passing fans who acknowledge us, we run around the stadium and wait

anxiously in the tunnel as some sections get together and say a cheer or do a dance. With 46 seconds on the clock, we take our off-field positions near Lafayette's bench. The crowd is cheering on the top of their lungs and chanting "Marching Band!" "Marching Band!" It is hard not to smile while at attention as I hear all of the fans cheering.

The rush of excitement fills the whole stadium as we run onto the field and take our positions. With the stadium lights blazing down on us, I stand with my flute in front of me and soak in the sea of red that has grown tremendously since our pre-game performance.

"Dynamite" by Taio Cruz is our first song. Focusing on each note I have to play and each set I have to complete, all of the outside noise around me is almost completely tuned out. "Forget You" by Cee -Lo Green is next on the set list. As the band stands in place, we are accompanied by the Stony Brook Dance Team. With each beat, I am

swaying back and forth and having fun with my section. The mash-up of Pink's "Raise Your Glass" and Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" is next, which means I need to stay focused, especially because this song has the most movement. After getting past the first few notes, I hear the student section erupt. With several thoughts running through my mind, I know I cannot turn my head to the side. I am hoping the applause is for the band; however after a guy in his boxer shorts runs past me screaming with his hands up, I realize that it was for him. Although I am startled, the show must go on, and it did. For our last song, a group of band alumni joins us on the field to play Ke\$ha's "We R Who We R." This song does not contain any moving sets, but it does include a dance. With jazz hands and even a booty shake, I am having an awesome time.

As a surprise, we run over to the Red Zone and play a section of "Raise Your Glass" over all of their

applause. It feels great to be able to dance and play in front of a section that is dancing and cheering along with us. Besides the Spirit of Stony Brook, these students are the most spirited, and I can really feel the excitement they have for the band.

It lasted forever, but the most thrilling third quarter, followed by the fourth, the 37-20 victory feels amazing.

As fireworks explode in the air, it feels great to watch the football team come over to our section and dance to the song "Shout It Out" that we are playing for them. Seeing the team acknowledge the band after each game makes me feel great, since I know that the football players actually do appreciate what we do for them.

After a long game, the whole band joins in a circle to reflect on the victory, and, in unison, we try something new.

"HISSSSSSSS..." "Band Atten-Hut!" Silence. HUT!" "Dismissed."



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Jake Holderman, flute section leader, and Jaclyn Lattanza perform at Stony Brook's annual homecoming football game.



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Emily Atchison and Carlo Limbog play the trumpet and trombone, respectivly, and incite school spirt.

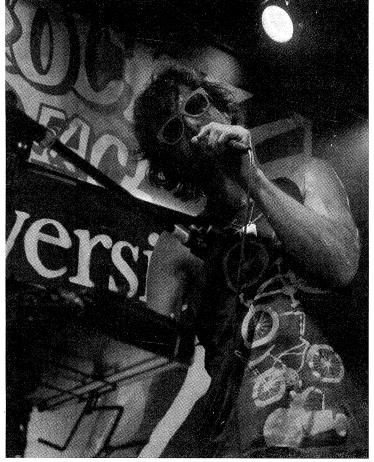
# Black Taxi pulls up to rock at Stony Brook

By Elaine Vuong Staff Writer

Roughly 200 students stood in a room where spotlights speckled the dim area and the physical distance between each person was about the width of a water bottle. The music from the bands onstage revived the crowd from a boring Monday spent in classes. Everyone was immersed in the collective delight of music, energy from the performers and sweat by the end of the night. This was the inaugural Rock Yo Face Case for the fall semester at the University Cafe.Black Taxi, a Brooklyn-based band, headlined the show and was opened by This Good Robot and 3db. The Rock Yo Face Case is a campus showcase series that provides music and entertainment.

As the first act, the three members of the instrumental band 3db warmed up the audience with a handful of songs heavily relying on Kshitij Tyagi's guitar, whose riffs sang effortlessly.

Drummer Anthony Tricarichi kept the rhythm flowing fast and Spencer Thomas, who switched between keyboard and guitar, provided the musical support for Tyagi.Rock Yo Face Case veteran band This Good Robot were next on deck to perform. The Long Island band, which includes eight members, performed songs from their new album "The Human I Am." Despite their uncommon band size, each member fit in with the band as a whole and had enough room on the small stage to show off their moves. Their sound



ELAINE VUONG / THE STATESMAN Ezra Huleatt sings to a crowd of concertgoers at Ucafe.

alludes to the band Thursday, a post-hardcore band, with strings of electro-pop threaded into their songs. Lead singer

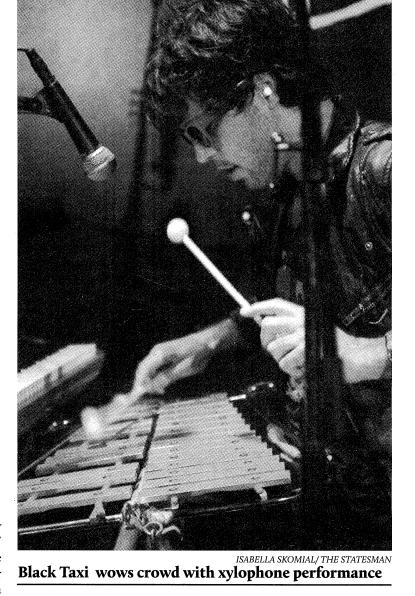
audience through his quirky and contagious dance moves despite his fever that night, as he announced before starting the set. At one point, Ragosta even tied chains to his boots like Cake or Hot Hot Heat. and smashed them around

onstage.

Black Taxi, a four-person indie-rock band, captivated the audience with their electric sound and energy. Lead singer stage presence could rival Red

Hot Chili Pepper's Anthony Kiedis or The Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger. The small stage was not enough room to harbor Michael Ragosta roused up the his energy -- from banging on a drum, blowing on the trumpet or playing the keyboard while jumping around onstage -while the band rocked out tunes comparable to bands Their danceable electro/ indie/pop sound roused up the audience and kept them moving alongside Huleatt throughout the night.

As the last performers, Ezra Huleatt's commanding they sealed off the first show of the semester right. Even if



attendees weren't into Black Taxi's genre of music, their physical performance was enough to sell the show.

Rock Yo Face Case first started about four years ago at the hands of Stony Brook students Patrice Zapiti and Carlos Parreno. The series began "illegally at the Tabler Arts Center," Zapiti recalled onstage during Monday night's show, and has morphed into a kinetic scene for college students to see performers of different genres of music. The series is now recognized by the University and has a staff of organizers and volunteers.

The bi-weekly concerts are located at the University Cafe at the side of the Union. Their next show on Oct. 3 will feature ska bands Royal City Riot and Lawn Chair Bombers.

### Eat. Brew. Cook



By Alycia Terry Staff Writer

I am so jealous of everyone who has his or her own grill and brought it to the tailgate before Saturday night's homecoming game. There is nothing like a fat, juicy hot dog right off the grill, unless if course it's cooked in beer.

### What you have: **Delicious Beer**

Go to 7-Eleven and get:

One package hot dogs

Don't forget buns

I was a little doubtful when Mike Grippo and Anthony John John, both seniors at Stony Brook, told me they cooked hot dogs in "Natty" light, but I was broke this week, so decided this idea was worth a try. I reasoned that "Natty" was almost water anyway so how bad could this turn out?

Fill a large pot with enough beer so the hot dogs will float. Through trial and

error, I've found it's a bad idea to fill the whole pot. A little less than three-fourths full should be adequate for a package (8 hot dogs). Bring to a boil and add the hot dogs. It should only take about five minutes or so. Keep an eye on them and immediately remove with a pair of tongs.

Eat them then and there or wrap in tin foil and bring to the game along with the leftover beer (not from the pot; I doubt that'd be too Harvard's Pale ale in twelve good). You've got to love football season.

forget there are about fifty other reasons why fall is awesome! The top five can be summed up in three words, "pumpkin flavored things." Be it a pumpkin pie, coffee or ale, I literally can't get enough of it; especially if it's served in a tall, icy glass from behind the bar at John Harvard's. It's even better if it's got that brown-sugar and spices rim. I'm not alone. In the New York Cork Report, John Harvard's head brewer is quoted as saying, "[Our Pumpkin Ale] outsells by volume all other beers we brew here. Even the beers we brew all year. I'll brew more pumpkin ale from September to December than I brew of the John

months."

Maybe you aren't familiar I really do love football with what I'm talking about. (I'm a Jersey girl, so it's all If so, do me a favor and about the Giants) but don't try this. Get yourself some pumpkin flavored beverage (Sam Adams Pumpkin Ale, Blue Point Mother Pumpkin Ale and of course JH's Pumpkin Spice are all highly rated by me), get a glass, and mix together one part brown sugar and one part cinnamon. Wet the rim of the glass (for a twist, use a fruit juice like strawberry), lay the sugar mixture on a paper towel and place the glass on top twisting until enough of it sticks. Flip the glass, pour and enjoy.

Realistically, I know you might not want to go buy brown sugar and cinnamon, so if you don't have it, Reddiwhip on the rim of the glass works too!

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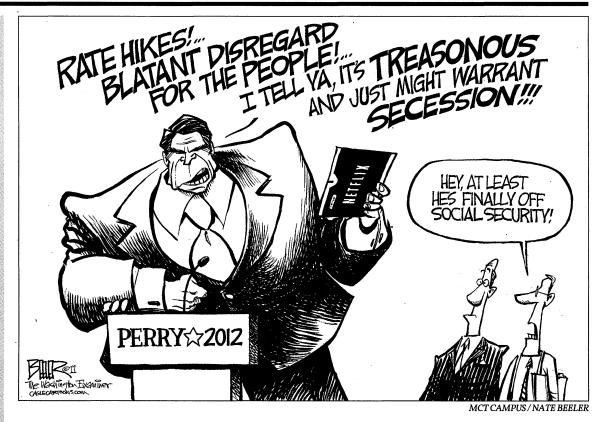
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# Signal 7 for the SBVAC

By Anusha Mookherjee Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp has been our volunteer ambulance service on campus for over 30 plus years. It responds to calls on campus, and the surrounding community, and is fully run by students of Stony Brook. It has for a questionable reputation on campus, I wanted to reflect more on an organization that many do not take the time to learn about. I've had a unique opertunity to get a view into a tight knit, impressive, award winning, well-run organization that provides the highest standard of medical service to

During my freshman year, I was advised multiple times by people not to join SBVAC. Advised is probably too nice of a word for the language used during the multiple Finding a conversations. positive comment was a rare occurrence, and after multiple conversations about how awful, cliquey and mean spirited the organization was, I decided it wasn't even worth attending an informational session.

opportunity to look into the organization that affected not only our campus, but also the surrounding community in a new way. Many students have a very negative perception of SBVAC based just on word of mouth and from the presence of the group of campus. They seem to be a group of semiqualified, pompous students who think that their knowledge makes them better than the rest of us. Though some may carry this attitude, I'd like to present another view: professionalism and dedication to the job.

This year, more than 400 applicants applied into the program, and only 18 got accepted. Each probationary member, or probie, is required

to attend a six hour class every Sunday, do many sign-offs for skills, and have a two strike rule for their tests. They are also required to pass the state EMT course, in addition to the Stony Brook course. Now, imagine, after all this work, not even officially being a member of the organization. They clean up your vomit on Friday nights and respond to elders in cardiac arrest. You see them at all our sporting events and doing community outreach. Yes, you may think they are cocky in their uniforms, but aren't they doing a job? Like anyone, they should be able to walk around proud of their work and accomplishments without such harsh criticism for what exactly?

We look at a police officer, or the military personal with respect when we see them walking down the street, but when SBVAC walks in, we just roll our eyes. It can seem unfair for a student to ask another student for more respect, but we do owe SBVAC for the work they do. To give the best care to us as students, SBVAC trains their members to be even more qualified than A year later, I got a different a state EMT to maintain the

high standard that won the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Services as the 2003 New York State EMS Agency of the Year, more than 2000 plus agencies.

It is the same as a sports team. Those who spend hours training together inadvertently will become a family. My high school swim team, for the lack of a better word, was a cult. We all dedicated our free time to improving ourselves as swimmers and each other and doing our best to be the best. We hate cops who give us tickets, or teachers who give us a bad grade, but in reality they are just doing their job. It's the same situation in any job that asks for a higher skill. As a lifeguard, my co-workers and I would constantly get "the face" of disrespect. Yes, we may just sit there on a chair, but when you start cramping in the pool, we are the first to jump in to get you. We take advantage of the fact that we have such a quick response system on campus. We don't look at our peer mentors, tutors and TAs in a negative light, but why do

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One of SBVAC's ambulances.

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### Alumni Flock to Wolfstock

Looking to be reunited with their classmates of the past, alumni came from far and wide to enjoy Long Island's Biggest Backyard BBQ. These lifetime Seawolves congregated at Wolfstock Village to share the electric atmosphere of homecoming with their friends and families. One passerby was heard saying, "It sure must be a lot of fun coming to Stony Brook." Given the excitement shown on the attendees' faces, this was certainly a day that will not soon be forgotten.

Keeping with the Seawolves spirit, some of these dedicated graduates even had gifts for current students – advice.



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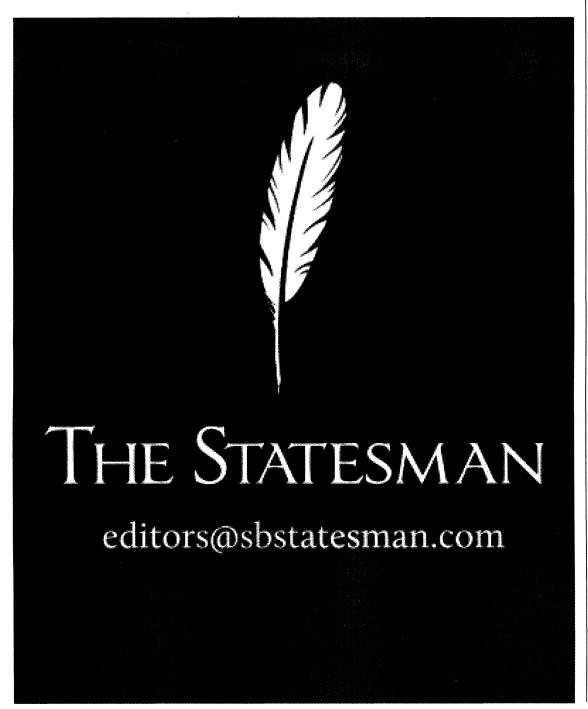
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"Have a good time, but don't forget what you're here for."



**Gregory Huntington** '89 Bachelors in Biochemistry

"Study hard."



### Signal 7 for the SBVAC

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we to the members of SBVAC? We all strive to be the best in our respective fields across the board.

Sitting down with the chief of operations, Daniel Wolbrom, I had the chance to discuss some of the basics that SBVAC manages without. Currently, there are three running ambulances, was bought in 1997. The wear and tear of the ambulances is inevitable based on the amount of usage, but I was almost shocked to hear how some simple changes could be made to improve the response times. Wolbrom gave an example of a problem during the winter of extreme cold. In the freezing temperatures, the older ambulances need time to warm up or the maximum speed will be three miles per hour and after snowstorms, SBVAC members literally must climb on top the roof to clear of snow in a hurry.

In addition to the cold affecting the engineering of the car and the snow physically impairing medicines on board get ruined when exposed to these temperatures. [Let it be noted that SBVAC replaces damaged and expired medicines, and rotates ambulances to use the best available option at the time of a call to maintain standards.] Wolbrom gave the simple solution of a garage. It is almost standard for an ambulance service to have one to protect the expensive ambulances, and prevent damages and help reduce costs in repair, maintenance and mechanical issues due to severe weather. Though he realizes this poses more of a challenge due to the size of project, he believes that it is a smart investment to improve the life of the ambulances, and allow better service.

This brings us to the point of the necessity of a larger force to meet the demands of what SBVAC responds to. It almost ems counter productive to have an ambulance service on campus when our volunteers spend more of their valuable time on a call trying to get old ambulances to run. By investing in the best quality of equipment now, money can be saved long term in repairs and maintenance that a new ambulance won't run into as easily.

This lack of funding literally puts a monetary value to our emergency response care to the rough budget estimate of \$140,000. It is also an issue of safety and responsibility towards the students, and as our student population grows, as must the ability to serve the increasing numbers. Throughout the interview, Wolbrom was very humble

modest about achievements of SBVAC, and the position that they are in now financially. His focus is on bettering the community and always improving the care that the organization provides, but also realizes that change can't happen over night and so far has done a tremendous job with these restrictions and problems he faces. As students of this University, it's in our best interest to start caring about a service that some day may save a life you know, including your own.

This article started with harsh, yet blind criticism. Though it is hard to respect those who you may see in class every day, we all need to start showing the organization a bit more gratitude for the work, service and time they put in as our equals to respond to our health emergencies. They work within a tight budget that doesn't accurately reflect the importance of their work, yet manage to the best of their ability under constraints. The members I've had a chance to meet have re-worked my opinion about the organization through the sheer passion, dedication and drive that they have for the work and service that they provide.



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We all need to accept that sometimes, others will be better in areas we can't excel in ourselves we should not take our own personal biases out on a group that provides us with such an important, free service. Without SBVAC, the ambulances that would respond to your calls would be less qualified to find your specific building and not know the ins and outs of our quads. It's the fact that they are students that make them more qualified to work for us than an off-campus corp. Any group will have the members that reflect the negative image, but SBVAC is an organization that everyone should take a minute to re-evaluate before passing judgment.

Reflecting back, I do regret my decision of not applying. I would highly encourage others to at least attend an informational session or talk to a member of the organization, and within five minutes, you will have a completely new opinion of the organization. Though it is extremely competitive and cutthroat, SBVAC only asks for the best because they provide the best.

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By Robert Fisher

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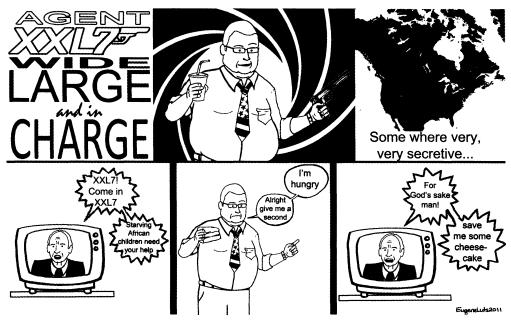
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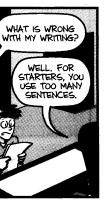


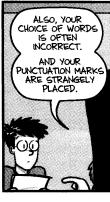






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# Stony Brook alumnus defenseman dies

By Chelsea Katz Contributing Writer

Frank Conti's number, 97, will not be worn this season.

In addition, the Stony Brook football team will be wearing a memorial sticker with his jersey number on their helmets. The team will always have Frank beside them.

Conti, a defensive tackle for the Seawolves who graduated in May 2011, died suddenly at work on July 17 of myocarditis, a cold-like virus that causes swelling in the heart and is common in athletes.

"He was a very strong person," said Francine Conti, his mother. "He never quit... he was loyal and dedicated. He had a great personality."

Conti had played football in sixth grade and continued through his years at Sachem North High School.

According to his profile on the Seawolves website, he was captain of his high school team during his senior year and was named an All-league selection. He was also noted for his skill in track and wrestling.

Conti also played football for Nassau Community College.

He graduated with a degree in sociology and was working as a bouncer in Allen Park.

Conti went through a lot due to football injuries.

He tore his anterior cruciate ligament, which left him on the sidelines for the 2009 season.

He also had knee surgery while playing for the Seawolves.

Despite the difficulty, he never stopped smiling.

"He was a person of high character," said head football coach Chuck Priore. "He powered over any situation, I think because he was taught well at home. He loved life and gave everything he had."

Priore continued, "He had a great love for birds. Just picture this six-three, two hundred plus pound guy sitting there looking at birds.

I think he liked them because they were free like he was free of problems."

Two years ago, Conti passed out at football practice.

Upon medical review, doctors said that he might have myocarditis — the very disease that would eventually take his life — but ruled it out and permitted him to play again.

"He never should have been cleared to play football," said his mother.

Frank's death was "out of the blue," said Francine. "He was bouncing and he just collapsed."

The Stony Brook University football team held a ceremony in Frank's memory on Aug. 14. Speeches were given by coach Priore and his teammates.

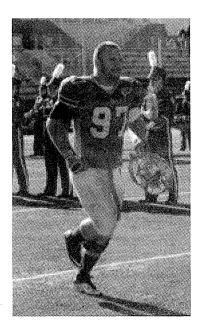
At the Sept. 17 game against Brown University, a moment of silence was observed for Frank.

"You wouldn't find a better teammate," Priore said. "He made you laugh. He kept you going."

The Conti family has requested that anyone interested in making a donation in Frank's memory should please make it to the Stony Brook Football Fund for Excellence in his name.

When asked if there was anything that Frank would want

the Stony Brook community to remember him by, his mother mentioned a saying that he created and got tattooed: "Perseverance and persistence distinguish the strong from the weak."



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Frank Conti '11, died in July, two months after graduating from Stony Brook, where he played defensive tackle for four years.

# Cross country teams continue run of success at Leeber Invitational



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Jillian Fauster placed in the top 50.

By Catie Curatolo Staff Writer

After winning the season opener against Quinnipiac in the beginning of September,

runners from the cross country team placed in the top 50 at Fairfield's Leeber Invitational this weekend.

James Snak, a sophomore from Smithtown, N.Y., finished in 29th place, with a time of 20:17.87.

Freshmen Tyler Frigge and Matt Zampariello also placed high for the men's team, completing the race in 27:53.44 and 28:47.41, respectively.

Sophomore Robin Lynn was the top finisher for the women's team. Her time was 20:17.87.

Two other SBU women placed in the top 50 - senior Jillian Fauser and freshman Kate Pouder. Fauser finished 36th with a time of 20:38.49, while Pouder took 41st in 20:58.10.

The Seawolves compete again on Friday, when the men's team will be headed to Bethlehem, Pa. for the Paul Short Invitational, and the women are headed to South Bend, Ind. for the Notre Dame Invitational.

### Volleyball trounces Fordham in five sets

By Anthony Santigate Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Stony Brook senior Alicia Nelson showed why she was able to record 1,000 career kills with her season-high 25 kill performance in a five set win over Fordham University. Sophomore Evann Slaughter added a careerhigh 22 kills as she was able to lead the Seawolves to wins in the second and third sets.

For their third straight five-set win, senior Kelsey Sullivan had 49 assists and eight digs, while freshman Taylor Gillie chipped in with a season-high nine kills and 11.5 points. "She came up big today," said head coach Deborah Matejka-DesLauriers, "especially for a freshman."

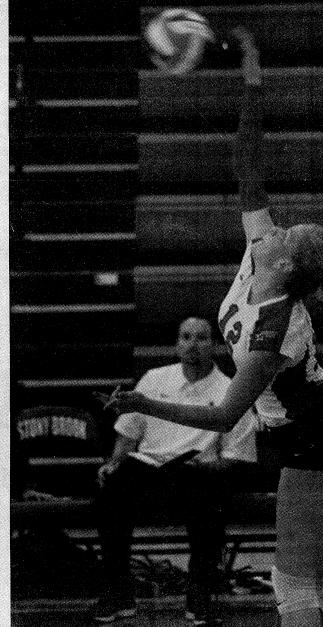
Freshman Laura Hathaway added 13 digs for the Seawolves.

The two teams were evenly matched throughout most of the night. The teams traded the first two sets, both times ending within five points. The third set was just as close until Slaughter came up with a clutch kill to tie the game up at 24, and the Seawolves were able to close out the set a few points later.

It looked as if SBU would win in four sets after taking an early set lead, but the Fordham Rams were able to string together at one time 8 out of 11 points and take the set to force a fifth set.

The decisive fifth set was tight early, but Nelson had her last few kills at the right time, finishing the game with her 25th kill.

After the game, Matejka-DesLauriers said about the upcoming games: "If we could play like that, besides some of the mistakes, we'll be fine."



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Senior Alicia Nelson added 25 kills to her lengthy resume of more than 1000 career kills, leading her team to a five set victory over Fordham University.

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Men's soccer wins big

halftime, with Cruz stripping the ball away from Jonny Raj and hitting a shot from close range into the top of the goal.

The second half was all Seawolves. It was actually Fairfield that wound up scoring the game-winning goal, when, in the 58th minute, Jack Cleverley turned a Christian Molinar cross into his own net.

Stony Brook padded the lead in the 65th minute, with Cruz taking a perfectly timed pass from Leonardo Fernandes and finishing on his first touch, sliding the ball beneath Fairfield's goalkeeper.

The final tally was scored by Glenn Whelan, who headed home off a laser-like cross from Serigne Sylla.

However, a mere four days later, the Seawolves fell back to their old ways, as the offense was stifled in their game against the University of Pennsylvania Saturday afternoon.

After erupting for four goals against Fairfield, Coach Ryan Anatol and his team could not get anything going against a stingy Pennsylvania defense, getting blanked 3-0, marking the fifth time

the team has been shutout this season.

It was a poor performance from the start as the Quakers scored all three of their goals in the first 17 minutes of the contest.

Penn's leading scorer, Christian Barreiro, got the home team started the right away, scoring in the ninth minute by sneaking a shot into the net off the right goal post.

Penn kept the pressure firmly on the Stony Brook defense and its junior goal keeper, Stefan Manz, scoring again in the 14th minute when Duke Lacroix snuck a shot just underneath the outstretched Manz to boost the Quakers' lead to 2-0.

The game all but ended in the 18th minute when Penn scored for the third time as Jake Levin hammered one in off a corner kick to put the Seawolves in a 3-0 hole.

Stony Brook would have some chances in the second half but could never get one by Penn's goal keeper Max Kurtzman.

With the loss, the Seawolves fall to 3-4-2 after winning two in a row at home.

Stony Brook ends its road trip Sunday night when they face off against Temple at 8 p.m.

### **FOOTBALL**

# Around the Big South Football rewards alumni

#### **COASTAL CAROLINA 31,** 'afternoon before a crowd of 14,257 NORTH CAROLINA A&T 14

Aramis Hillary threw two touchdown passes to Matt Hazel and one to Marcus Whitener to lead Coastal Carolina to a 31-14 win over North Carolina A&T Saturday afternoon at Aggie Stadium. With the win, the Chanticleers improve to 3-1 on the season, the team's best start since opening the 2005 season with the same mark. It is the third time in the program's nine years that the team has started 3-1, also accomplishing the feat in 2004. Hillary finished with 255 passing yards, completing 18 of 24 passes with the three scores and no interceptions. Hazel was his top target, catching six passes for 92 yards.

#### **LEHIGH** #15/16 27, LIBERTY 24

For the second week in a row, Liberty's Top 25 match-up came down to a last-second field goal attempt. After falling to No. 13/14 James Madison at home on a clockexpiring 40-yarder, the Flames could not find the same result, as Alex Kacere attempted to send the game into overtime with a 54-yard yard attempt. However, the kick fell into the end zone, allowing No. 15/16 Lehigh to escape with a 27-24 Homecoming victory, Saturday afternoon, inside of Goodman Stadium. The game marked the first time No. 23 Liberty had faced back-to-back Top 25 opponents since the close of the 1999 season. With the victory, the Mountain Lions raise their record to 3-1 on the season, while the Flames drop to 1-3 for the first time under head coach Danny Rocco.

AKRON 36, VMI 13

The Akron Zips rolled up 534 vards of total offense, including 359 in the first half to post a 36-13 win over VMI Saturday

at InfoCision Stadium. The Zips won their first game of the year and utilized a balanced offensive attack to subdue the Keydets. Akron redshirt freshman running back Jawon Chisolm rushed for 154 vards on 20 carries in the opening half and finished the day with a career-high 188 yards and one touchdown, while sophomore wideout Keith Sconiers caught seven passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns. Akron gained 294 yards on the ground and 240 through the air on 81 total offensive snaps. VMI's scores came on a 39-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Eric Kordenbrock to junior receiver Stefawn Ross late in the first quarter and a Chaz Jones 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Akron controlled the ball for 37:44 of the game, including nearly 12 minutes in the first quarter alone.

#### **FURMAN** 62, **PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE 21**

Justin Bethel blocked his second punt in as many games for a touchdown, while freshman Demarcus Rouse scored two touchdowns, but the Presbyterian College football team didn't have an answer for Paladin quarterback Chris Forcier, who threw seven TD passes, leading Furman to the 62-21 win in front of 12,139 fans at Paladin Stadium in Greenville, S.C. The Paladins improve to 2-1, while the Blue Hose fall to 1-3. PC is off next Saturday before travelling to Stony Brook Oct. 8 for a 6 p.m. game. Furman put 14 points on the board early in the first quarter after PC fumbled the ball in its first two possessions, giving the Paladins the ball deep in Blue Hose territory each time.

#### NORFOLK STATE **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 3**

After three weeks on the road,

the CSU football team had a tough homecoming as they fell to the Norfolk State Spartans 33-3 on Saturday in the home opener at Buccaneer Field in Charleston, S.C. The Buccaneers finished the day with 141 yards of total offense to NSU's 519. They were also outgained on the ground 234-55 by the Spartans, and picked up 86 yards of through the air to NSU's 285 passing yards. The Bucs were able to pick up 11 first downs on the afternoon, while NSU came away with 24. Both teams were 100 percent on fourth down conversions, while each converted on five third downs as well. Quarterback Malcolm Dixon led the Bucs, going 7-of-19 with one interception for a total of 86 passing yards. Teddy Allen led the run with 17 carries for a total of 29 yards, but it was BJ Hackworth who had the longest run of the day at 10 yards. He ended up with 15 yards on eight carries, while Dixon carried the ball 17 times himself. Kirby Broome led the receivers with 28 yards on two catches, while Nathan Perera and Kevin Glears had 19 and 13 receiving yards, respectively. Once again, Andy Brown was one of the highlights of the day as he punted eight times for 339 yards, averaging a solid 42.4 yards per punt with two inside the 20 and one touchback. He was 1-for-2 on field goals. Chris Kuzdale's career-high 16 tackles led the CSU defense, while Daniel Dieudonne and Matt Hardy each had solid efforts with 12 and 11 stops, respectively. Isaac Lowrance recorded the Bucs' lone sack of the day for a loss of five yards, and totaled two tackles for loss. Zac Johnston, who ended the day with eight tackles, also recorded to stops for a loss of six yards. **BIGSOUTH.COM** 

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on both sides of the ball. We played as good a third quarter as we've played all year," Priore said. "We came out of the tunnel after the second half and played like

To say that the Seawolves played well after the first half might be an understatement.

To be fair, they exploded. Before the end of the third quarter, Maysonet managed 12 carries for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

"We did what we do best. We ran through them," Maysonet said. "We finally got our first win."

The defense deserves a lot of credit for the success of the Seawolves on Saturday night.

In particular, junior Dan Mulrooney played spectacularly with one interception, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

"I was in the right spot a lot of times tonight," Mulrooney said. "I can attribute it to our defense."

Lafayette scored midway through the third quarter when junior quarterback Andrew Shoop threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Mitchell Bennett to cut the Seawolves' lead to 20-13.

Skiffington kicked a career best 46-yard field goal before the end of the third quarter, putting the Seawolves up 23-13.

The fourth quarter consisted of complete Seawolves domination. Maysonet had a 30-yard touchdown run with 10:58 remaining in the fourth quarter, giving Stony Brook a 30-13, which was their biggest lead of the

Lafayette answered back with a five-yard touchdown pass from Shoop to sophomore wide receiver Mark Ross, which made the score

Maysonet scored his fourth

touchdown in the last five minutes of the game, and he acounted for all 44 yards on his last touchdown

Priore gives an enormous amount of credit to the defense for contributing to the Seawolves

"Our defense made big plays all night and turned the ball over," Priore said.

The defense had three interceptions in the game, and sophomore Jawara Dudley led the defense with nine tackles and two

Priore was very happy with the way his team played and is very confident in the way that they are performing.

"This isn't going to be a team I ever yell at," Priore said. "They never do anything wrong. I really wanted them to get this win."

The Seawolves proved to be dominant over Lafayette for the majority of game.

Running backs Brock Jackolski and Maysonet combined for 297 yards, proving once again that Stony Brook's running game is threatening to any opposing team.

"What happened in the second half needed to happen," Priore said. "We needed to run the football and win the game."

Stony Brook can now enter its bye week without the added pressure of getting into the win column.

After the week off, the Seawolves will resume play on Saturday, Oct. 8, when Stony Brook will host its first of six Big South conference game of the season against Presbyterian College at 6 p.m.

The Seawolves made quick work of the Presbyterian Blue Hose last season, beating them in their stadium 37-7, and they hope to continue the trend this season by grabbing their second win in a row.

### LaValle Stadium Red Zone student section gets summer makeover

By David O'Connor

Assistant Sports Editor

There are some who say "Ask and you shall receive." Well, the Stony Brook Seawolves fans in the Red Zone student section of LaValle Stadium and Pritchard Gymnasium have asked for a few things over the years, but now the school has given back to perhaps the most loyal part of its fan base.

Over the Summer, Stony Brook Athletics refurbished the Red Zone's student section in LaValle Stadium.

"It consisted mostly of an addition of a podium for someone to lead the chants as well as new bleachers an a fresh layer of paint," said Garrett Matula, president of the Red Zone. "As for the comfort it makes it more organized chaos with one person leading chants and spirit fingers but also the new benches are comfortable. As for further additions to the stadium I'd really like to see bleachers behind both field goals and do something like St. Johns during soccer where the red

storm switches sides to be behind their team."

"It's the same but new," senior Ray Ragunauth, an athletic training major, said. "It's better than same and old. I was here over the sun while they were [working on] it."

Work on the student section took the majority of the summer and continued precariously close to the Seawolves' home opener against Brown University.

"They were there from the middle of June to some time in the middle of September," said Adam Gutes, an athletic communications assistant. "You have to take into account lacrosse season and the weather."

With everything that is new about the student section's appearance, the sentiment on the part of its inhabitants remains the same.

Ragunauth said that the best part about being in the Red Zone was "just seeing everyone I know cheering - everyone coming together."

For others who have not frequented the Red Zone, it provides



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Red Zone president Garrett Matula lead his army of fans on Saturday night.

a nice new perspective on Stony Brook's sports teams and possibly a chance to get close to Wolfie.

"I used to be on the dance team,"

said Katherine Galatis, a senior and biology major. "It's a lot of fun being able to sit back and enjoy the game."

Refurbished or not, Seawolves

fans have given a hint with their actions that they shall return to the Red Zone week after week.

# **SPORTS**

# Home, sweet home: Seawolves take down Lafayette



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The Seawolves remain undefeated at Homecoming games under head coach Chuck Priore. Saturday's game was their first win of the season. Miguel Maysonet (#5) continued his spectacular season running for 105 yards on 12 carries with two touchdowns.

By Amy Streifer Staff Writer

Stony Brook outplayed Lafayette on Saturday night as the Seawolves defense played outstandingly, and junior running back Miguel Maysonet exploded for a career-tying four touchdowns in one game to lead the Seawolves to a 37-20 victory.

The win was the first for the Seawolves season and took place at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium with a packed Red Zone and a sold-out crowd of 8,278.

This was the second meeting between the schools as Stony Brook avenged a 28-21 loss suffered at the hands of Lafayette last season.

Head coach Chuck Priore, who has never lost a homecoming game, admits that the homecoming crowd contributed to their victory.

"I think it kept us in the game in the first half," Priore said. "When you're not playing well, you look to feed off something. We fed off it. That was as good a crowd that we've had since I've been here."

The game started off slow for both teams, but Lafayette was the first to score when their kicker, Austin O'Brien, made a 30-yard field goal in the first quarter and a 24-yard field goal in the second quarter to give the Leopards a 6-0 lead.

Stony Brook made the scoreboard when Wesley Skiffington connected on a 37-



### Remaining 2011 schedule

KEY: **Bold = Home** Normal = Away/Played

\*Asterisk denotes Big South contest

Opponent	Date/Time	
vs. Presbyterian*	Sat., Oct. 8	6 p.m.
vs. St. Anselm	Sat., Oct. 15	6 p.m.
at VMI*	Sat., Oct. 22	1:30 p.m.
vs. Coastal Carolina*	Sat., Oct. 29	4 p.m.
at Charleston Southern*	Sat., Nov. 5	1:30 p.m.
at Gardner-Webb*	Sat., Nov. 12	1:30 p.m.
vs. Liberty*	Sat., Nov. 19	1 p.m.

yard and a 36-yard field goal to tie the game for Stony Brook at 6-6.

Skiffington has more than the win to be proud of. After the game he was given the title of all-time leading scorer amongst Stony Brook's kickers.

Skiffington has broken Mike Soto's record of 156 points, which was set back in 2003.

"I was making the best out of the opportunities I was given," Skiffington said. "You can't be thinking about last week. It's not in my head at all."

Despite a sluggish first half, the Seawolves picked up their game in the third quarter and the team decided to prove to their home crowd that this homecoming would be one to remember.

Priore said that some adjustments were made before the second half of the game.

"We made a couple adjustments

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### MEN'S SOCCER

# Inconsistency continues to plague Seawolves season

By Sam Kilb Managing Editor

After being shut out in four of its first six games, the Stony Brook men's soccer team finally hit top gear, using three second-half goals to beat the Fairfield Stags, 4-1, in front of a handful of people at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Tuesday night.

Berian Gobeil Cruz scored twice in a dominating performance for the Seawolves, who improve to 3-3-2 and have won two games in a row.

The Stags struck first in the eighth minute.

Jon Clements hit a powerful shot that flew straight into the top corner of the goal from nearly 35 yards out.

But the Seawolves were having the better of the game, peppering the Fairfield goal and ultimately outshooting the Stags, 18-3, including 9-0 in the second half.

Stony Brook struck back before

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Stony Brook's Serigne Sylla had one shot and one assist in Tuesday night's game against Fairfield.