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A Promise From the President

President Samuel Stanley Vows Not to Forget Students



STATESMAN ON POLITICS

By April Warren

Walking into the president's conference room Wednesday for a campus media meet and greet, his first order of business echoed what he would later discuss as one of his priorities: get to know the students. After going round robin, the mildmannered man concluded; "Hi, I'm Sam Stanley President of Stony Brook University."

As the new captain charts his course for the next few months and beyond, he is looking to institue a new University Council that hopes to bring academics to the same table as the administration, devise his own version of former President Kenny's Five Year Plan, bring in new faculty and look for ways to increase revenue.

All the while vowing he "won't neglect the students."

Before his appointment Stanley held the position of Vice Chancellor for Research at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., director of the Midwest Regional Center for Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases and a professor in Washington Univer-

a B.A. in biology from the University of Chicago and an M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School.

The president's dense background in the health and science field is a shift from former President Shirley Strum Kenny's fourteen year administration that stressed the importance of the humanities.

Under her supervision the Charles B. Wang Center highlighting Asian and Asian American studies opened in 2002, the 8,300seat Kennth P. LaValle Stadium allowed sports teams to host their competition in an impressive venue, the acquisition of the Southampton campus created more of a focus on marine sciences and a new School of Journalism emerged.

"I don't think any institution can be great without the humantities," Stanley said.

Although the president did not delve into specifics, his new university plan will not follow the exact track as Kenny's.

'Times are changing, things have evolved," Stanley said. One thing the president emphasized was the drive to obtain more scholarships for research which will help offset the budget deficit.

In July, Stanley met with isty's School of Medicine, according SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher

to the university website. He holds on her tour of the campus to address the many budget concerns. "I was very impressed with Nancy Zimpher. I think she really gets it."

> In response to one reporter's question of what is the top priority on his laundry list: more faculty.

> "While we've grown in enrollment we have not grown in faculty," Stanley said. He hopes to recruit scholars well versed in more than once area to help manuver through budget constraints. According to Stanely recruiting better facutly and better students is cyclical.

Before leaving Missouri,

Stanley did decide to take one piece of his former campus with him. An idea for a University Council that will "really weigh in on the issues." The council is made up of vice presidents, deans and two faculty senate presidents, according Stanley's letter to the campus. The new president's goal is for the council to open up communication between departments and act as a sounding board.

As he forges ahead he is aware he will hit some roadblocks. "We can't do everything to appease everybody," Stanley said.



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President Samuel Stanley speaks with members of the student media.

Whats Your Major? PIRACY



By Shireen Jayman

The average college student keeps up with the newest music and movies, frequently filling his MP3 player and laptop with new material. Programs like Limewire, Shakespeare and DC ++ have become the dominant source of media for college students across the country. This phenomenon has not gone unnoticed by the media industry.

The only obstacle that stands in the way of downloading endless amounts of songs and movies is the small fee that accompanies every transfer. File sharing programs allow for net users to download music and movies from other users for no charge.

Joel Tenenbaum, a 25-yearold graduate student at Boston University, downloaded and shared 31 songs from a peer-

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Pricey Parking

By KAITLYN EPIFANE AND KLARA HUSZAR Contributing Writers

Math formulas and the names of philosophers were not the only things Stony Brook University students were worried about at the end of the Spring 2009 semester. The struggle students had finding parking spaces and avoiding parking tickets also weighed in their minds.

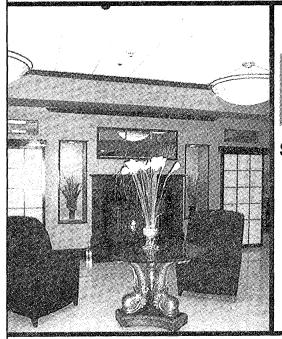
It's because of the crowding problem," said Laurie, a secretary in the Parking Services office who declined to give her last name. Last year, 44 percent of the undergraduate population were commuters, according to records from Stony Brook's website.

"You can definitely tell it's too crowded here," said Jonathan Loh, a senior who lived in the West Apartments last semester. "You used to be able to loop around in the parking lot, but now you have to stop, back up and turn around because they made the area into new spots. It's very inconvenient."

Sasha Idkiss, 22, has managed to illegally park several times and has not received a ticket. "I kind of just make up my own spots," said Idkiss. If she is in a lot that has no available spaces Idkiss will park in any space that her car will fit, even if it isn't marked as a

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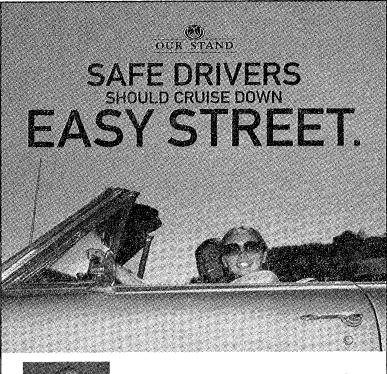
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New Technologies, New Note-taking

By Charles Costa

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While it would be great to sleep in class and still learn, I won't officially condone the activity. Rather, I suggest ways to take your note taking to the next level, by using tools such as OneNote, part of the Microsoft Office Suite (office.microsoft. com) provided at no cost to students at Stony Brook University, or Evernote (www.evernote. com), which comes in free or premium versions.

Both tools are useful as they both support: organizing notes into notebooks, attaching/link-

or word documents, and adding drawings, both programs also boast features which set themselves apart from each other.

OneNote boasts a robust interface, tight integration into the Microsoft Office suite, and with an innovative recording system, which syncs your typing with audio recordings taken through OneNote. Despite the robustness of the software, OneNote is only usable on the Windows, or Windows Mobile platforms.

On the other hand, Evernote, with versions available on Windows, Mac, and the iPhone and Blackberry, stands out through its online sync feature that makes your notes accessible on internet connected computers, with or without Evernote installed. Evernote also includes applications for the iPhone and Blackberry, although they also have support for conventional mobile

Although it is important which is an excellent alternative

ing external files such as images to have great notes for class, academia is also about spreading knowledge, so why not share and exchange your notes with friends. Although you could use email or copiers for making clones, you also could use drops. Group collaboration tool Drop. io (www.drop.io) allows students to share their notes - in real time, essentially putting the classroom online. Just like a swiss army knife, Drop. io can be used in many ways; from uploading files, media, and notes, to even integrating chat rooms,

> When I asked Peter Frasca, community manager at Drop. io, about statistics regarding student usage, he pointed out the key aspect that sets the site apart from others - they don't really keep track of user information, because they focus on simplicity and the needs of the user.

conference calls, and even faxes.

compared to Blackboard.

Creating a drop is as simple as visiting the site, and typing in the name you want. Although free drops are limited to 100mb. users are free to ate as many as they like. When I asked Peter whether they discouraged splitting of drops, he pointed out that they want users to share as much as they want - and that the premium accounts include additional features aside from extra storage.

Speaking of sharing and collaboration, how about we cover transcription? I mean, while sharing recordings of lectures is great, being able to share text documents of the work is also ideal, which is why tools such as NoNotes (www.nonotes.com) are worth consideration for making life simpler. In my interview with Matt Whitteger, director of

for student to student activities, business development at NoNotes.com, he mentioned that the idea for the service came from transcription systems in medical schools, where persons conducting autopsies would record their steps and then have the notes transcribed.

Although such services in medical school are expensive due to the excessive steps and detail involved, NoNotes is able to offer low prices as it relies on proprietary software although humans also are involved in the transcription when necessary. This model of transcription is similar to services such as ReQall (www.reqall.com) which focus on short notes - up to 30 seconds long.

Regardless of your learning style, be it auditory or visual, chances are there's a tool to make your learning simpler. Overall the tool you pick should be based on your personal preferences and needs, so be sure to find a set of tools that works best for you.

Whats Your Major? PIRACY

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to-peer file-sharing program in 2003. That same year, Tenenbaum received a notice from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), fining him \$3,500 for the illegally downloaded music. Unable to pay the fine, Tenenbaum was taken to court in 2007 and sued for more than one million dollars.

"Joel chose to stand his ground." reads the mission statement from joelfightsback.com. "It's about defending the average Davids against the corporate Goliath.

On July 31, 2009, a judge found the defendant guilty of copyright infringement. Tenenbaum is ordered to pay the RIAA \$675,000 and will be forced to declare bankruptcy if the verdict stands an appeal.

According to a study done by the Institute for Policy Innovation, "global music piracy causes \$12.5 billion of economic losses every year, 71,060 U.S. jobs lost, and a loss of \$2.7 billion in workers' earnings." These numbers are advertised on the "Piracy: Online and on the Street" page of the RIAA website.

Doug Gale, president of Information Technology Associates, disagrees with the claim and points the finger of blame at the recording industry. The RIAA has "made extensive use of erroneous figures," says Gale in a press release, "to promote legislation that would transfer the responsibility—and cost—of preventing student piracy to colleges and universities."

The RIAA regularly sends letters to universities, charging students with illegal piracy and file sharing. The letters ask for \$3,000 to \$5,000 from each student to avoid a lawsuit. An average college student who cannot afford an Itunes song for \$.99 on credit would hardly be able to take care of a \$3,000 grievance fee.

The College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, which is yet to be passed, will have colleges and universities installing filtering mechanisms on their campus networks in order to stop peer-to-peer file sharing. Already, the Limewire program is banned from the web servers of several college campuses, including Stony Brook University.

With the world economy faltering and plunging into debt with every passing day, companies as well as users are tightening their belts and trying to save as much money as they can. College students save the \$.99 that it takes to buy a song by downloading music off of programs like Shakespeare and DC ++. Recording companies respond in turn through legal

Despite the growing number of lawsuits, the average number of people using file-sharing programs and networks has soared over the past few years. From 2003 to 2005, the number of people illegally downloading music in the United States has jumped from 3.5 million to 6.5 million, according to a study done by BigChampagne Media Measurement.

Pricey Parking

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parking space.

As the number of commuters keeps rising, available parking this year is hard to come by. For students who are not as lucky as Idkiss, the consequences can be expensive.

Hillary Scheier, a fifth year commuter at Stony Brook, received a ticket last spring for parking in a metered spot and not paying. "I think I know the rules- I mean after I got my ticket." Scheier complained that she was unfamiliar with the parking regulations and sometimes her lack of knowledge resulted in parking violations.

For those who opt to park in spots that have meters, not paying the meter or letting your car sit past its allowed time

"Parking enforcement goes to the meter and pulls the tape, which is a print out of who paid and who didn't pay," said Arthur Shertzer, parking relations and appeals coordinator. The print out tells the officers which spaces are paid for and which spaces are not. The officers look and if there is a car in an unpaid space they issue a ticket.

Other students, like Nicole Gentile, believe parking officials give tickets just for fun. "If you're even one minute late and they see you coming to your car, you'll still get a ticket," Gentile said.

Students are advised by parking officials to leave their cars in specific designated areas based on their permit. Many times, according to Shertzer, "quirky things do happen."



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Many students find parking spaces hard to come by.

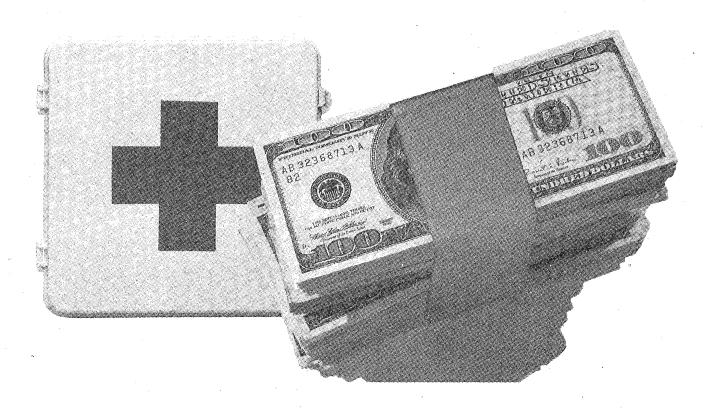
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Meet the New President

By ZEBA AHMAD Opinions Editor

After using the summer to acquaint himself with the campus, its faculty, and its students, President Stanley seems well apprised of the current situation here at Stony Brook. Though approachable and unassuming, Stanley is possessed of the gravity and aplomb that inspires both confidence and productivity. Impressive academic credentials notwithstanding, he seems wellequipped to deal with the administrative and economic concerns of the "everyday" ins and outs of student life at Stony Brook with genuine interest and a manner of responsibility, balance, and directness.

President Stanley outlined his administration plans to the student press in a meeting this afternoon. His responses to a wide range of questions centered on one key theme: what he very eloquently described as the "optimization" of "use and impact" of the resources such as intelligent and physical capital that Stony Brook has in abundance. He in-

tends to improve the Humanities departments and to remedy class size problems with an increase in faculty members, on whom he also intends to economize: he mentioned multidisciplinary academics as attractive to students and other professors. He describes a few developing areas of the University, including the professional relationships with Brookhaven and Cold Spring Harbor National Laboratories and the ancillary Southampton and Manhattan campuses, as "untapped," but full of potential he intends to "exploit."

In short, his plans are ambitious, considering his intended improvement of the reputation and resources available to Stony Brook, but conservative considering his limited commitment of University funds and the refreshingly unspectacular nature of his plans. With the oscillating overhaul of the national situation, it's a relief to see a balanced but assertive take on making the best out of we have; through the application of common sense and a reluctance to appease, his effort holds its directionality.

It's clear that President Stanley has a solid, practical vision of the University's future; an improvement in our national status and prospects due to actual improvement in the work done here. He recognizes Stony Brook's strenghts, which are manifold. We are diverse in the traditional sense of having different backgrounds, but also in the sense of having vastly differing prospects for our graduates. It stands to reason that the new president will prove most helpful to the University if we choose to make best use of his individual interests and capabilities.

At the meeting, President Stanley emphasized that he plans to remain accessible to students by occasionally eating at the SAC and attending sports events. He insisted that the students themselves are his best resource for finding out how the administration can improve their time at Stony Brook. Stanley has made progress in uniting the administration and academic portions of the University; we reciprocate by presenting a unified student body.

A university presidency is a job like any other. President Stanley has to represent us to his superiors, and our funds and reputation is at stake. It's therefore the responsibility of every student organization to voice its collective concerns to his staff.

We can use our new suffrage to take better advantage of University research departments (in both the social and the hard sciences) and other resources uniquely available to Stony Brook undergraduates as inspiration and preparation for higher education.

But the greatest contribution that Stanley can and intends to make is to the faculty at Stony Brook. If cultivating a better reputation for advancement attracts more high-profile and accomplished professionals to add to our already capable and passionate existing members, who will in turn attract motivated and intelligent undergraduates, the University will have a resource that lasts longer than the administrative accomplishments of any president.

Letter to the Editor: Law School Thus Far

To the Editor,

Several friends (and family) have been asking me what the law school life is like. I decided to write this letter when I received my latest response from a friend asking me how the workload is.

Here is my response: Overall, it isn't bad.

Now, sometimes I frame my response as "it isn't a lot of work" and people are surprised and rightfully, concerned. "How is law school not that much work?" Well, I need to explain that response and why I find law school to be tolerable (thus far). So then, why the horror stories?

Well, first, let me tell you that law school IS stressful. Overall, I don't want to give you the impression that law school is a big party, or even a marginal one. And my schedule clearly points out it is nothing of the sort.

True, there are many parties that you can go to, and you can certainly neglect your schoolwork, but you will face the consequences. No, a teacher will not yell at you. Instead, you may not be able to take the exam if the professor thinks you didn't do the reading, and in law school, professors randomly call on students. Personally, I really like participating in class. The main impetus for this is the educational experience involved.

I want to be challenged.

12-hour days seem like a lot, but with that being said, your outlook on law school is really determined by you, and what you personally make of it.

If you are going to law school to either: A) make money or B) as an alternative for not getting into medical school then law school is not the place for you (BTW, these were the top two reasons on why people attend law school.) If it's the latter (which is #1 on the poll), please re-take the MCAT's and go to Medical School. Law and medicine are two completely separate things.

If you want money, then think carefully whether law school is right for you. Sometimes I say law school is "not as much work as I expected" but what I really mean is that I find the work to be an enjoyable, pleasant, educational and overall, a very stimulating experience. I don't find it to be "work" as the type people usually characterize it as -- a grudgingly boring, mundane experience, the "why am I even here" sort of thing.

"Why am I at law school" -since the start of classes, I have never
once said that and I do not intend to
ever say that (well, at least not really
mean it.) Some people who go to
law school do, in fact, say that.

I honestly look forward to

going to the library, reading cases and analyzing them. Please also be aware that my answer is very subjective and responses will vary, depending on someone's interest in law school, their professors, their classmates, their law school, their study habits and why they are there in the first place.

So, the first step is appreciating the subject area of law. If you don't like studying the law, if you don't like reading cases, writing briefs, analyzing fact patterns and dissecting legal analysis of the subject matter, then you will be miserable here. So far, I am enjoying it.

If you do enjoy learning about original is available on rethelaw, then it could very well be the op-ed@sbstatesman.com.

place for you. However, I do hope your study skills are being perfected during undergrad. I also strategize when I do my work, instead of leaving it all for the last minute. This is only a preliminary evaluation of my schedule and of law school in general. Continue to wish me luck.

Andrew Bruskin is an alumnus of Stony Brook University. He graduated in December 2008 with Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa distinction. He now attends the College of William and Mary School of Law.

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MOVIES

Dinner and a Movie

By Ula lukszo Staff Writer

Nora Ephron, the director who brought us "Sleepless in Seattle", "When Harry Met Sally" and "You've Got Mail", delivers what may prove to be her most carefully crafted film yet in "Julie & Julia."

"Julie & Julia", based, as the tag line says, on two true stories, is a film about Julia Child and a modern-day young woman who worships Child as her idol.

Julie Powell (Amy Adams) is a young married woman who lives in an unpretentious neighborhood in Queens, NY and works a harrowing day-job answering phone calls from relatives of 9/11 victims.

Her "friends" are high-pow-

why Julie is friends with these women at all.

When one of her friends becomes well-known through her online blog, Julie decides to write a blog of her own, in which she documents her newlyinvented project of cooking her way through the 500+ recipes in Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" in one year.

Spliced between Julie's own story of finding a project she loves and plunging each day into something new, is the story of Julia Child in 1950's France.

Julia Child (Meryl Streep) is bored and searching for a hobby in Paris, where her husa diplomat for the U.S. governered executives with designer ment. After trying out various

of cobb salads. It is unclear ery, Child enrolls in a cooking course at the Cordon Bleu

> Just like Julie, the movie implies, Child also had to search for a passion to fulfill her life, and she found it, like Julie, in

> Bouncing between contemporary Queens and 1950's Paris, the film shows how the two women, moving in parallel worlds and with parallel-if distinct-goals, deal with both setbacks and successes. For Child, it is in the writing and publishing of her cookbook, one that will teach American women how to cook French food.

For Julie, it is about becomband (Stanley Tucci) works as ing a writer in her own right, as well balancing relationships. The film shows how quickly

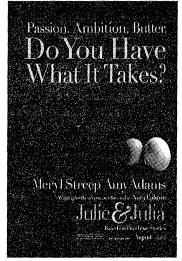
clothes and perpetual diets hobbies, including haberdash- Julie's marriage suffers when she becomes obsessed with her blog and her "fans."

> Ephron manages to combine a lovingly nostalgic look at the life and figure of Julia Child, whose oddly-accented yodel of a voice haunts many of our own memories of watching her show on PBS as children, with a wry yet heartfelt story of a young woman struggling for success and self-actualization.

On top of that, the film is full of food. You will leave this film wondering what boeuf bourguignon tastes like and asking yourself whether you'd be up to de-boning a duck. It's a wonder you can't smell the food that this film is filled with!

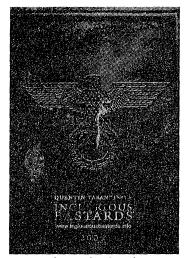
Whether you see it for the food or for the story, you will leave satisfied. The film never

gets campy or silly, and is definitely worth watching...and re-watching. Out in general release now, it will also play at the Staller Center on campus, Friday, Dec. 4th.



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Inglorious Bastards Is Boomin'



By R.J. HUNEKE Contrinuting Writer

Quentin Tarantino A+ has outdone himself once again. As Lt. Aldo, played by Brad Pitt says, "You see, we're in the business of killin' Nazis, and boy, business is boomin."

The tale is loosely based on factual accounts of American-Jewish soldiers wreaking guerilla-war-havoc on Nazis in German occupied France during World War II.

The cinematography is the well-painted Fuhrer himself.

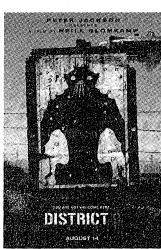
so real it is haunting, and the 1940's come across in tumultuously detailed and colorful scenes of the European countryside and cityscape dominated by Maltese-cross-laden uniforms.

At the heart of the story is the perfect villain, Col. Hans Landa. He is not a mindless slave, nor a witless brute, but an ingenius, inquisitive, and enlightened individual who loves reveling in himself with a smile.

Though at times the film is a little slower than most of Tarantino's past flicks, the time spent really addresses certain character buildup that becomes essential to the audience's feeling for the multi-dimensional people highlighted.

This is not your typical "America versus Nazi-Germany," cardboard character versus cardboard character shootem-up movie. This is a funny and intelligent look at a unique point in history and how things may have happened amidst the flying Nazi scalps, comedic banter and near impossible odds of a number of secret plots to kill not just Nazis, but to knock off

DISTRICT 9



Media Credit: Google Images

By R.J. HUNEKE

DISTRICT 9 is director Neil Blomkamp's extraordinary vision, produced/branded by Peter Jackson (as the replacement project for a stalled Halo movie), and it is the surprise hit of 2009!

The repressed alien society of Johannesburg, South Africa screams at the apartheid system of government that has haunted the country for many years. There are even private security contractors in the film way as the realistic scenes

who like the company formerly known as Blackwater. appear to be above the law as they make themselves the self-declared overlords of District 9. MNU's enemies are treated worse than animals and the alien prawns suffer throughout the surreal, engaging, and adrenaline lined story of a man hunted amidst the aliens in the concentration-camplike region. MNU desires technology for weapons and above all money, and no moral code can get in their

under the name of MNU, that fly by on the big screen pull at your humanity.

When a prawn's emotions get the better of him at one point the creature slams an arm into the wall - the way any human might in frustration - and the prawnchild's persistent remarks to return home make you very aware of this toddler's youth.

It takes a lot to come out of a great action movie feeling for aliens, despising humans and thinking on humanity's current transgressions, but Blomkamp puts together a phenomenal film.

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What to Expect This Fall

By Ivanna AvaLos

Arts and Entertainment Editor



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The end of summer guarantees two things: the start of another school year and an exciting new fall movie line-up.

SEPTEMBER:

Jennifer's Body -

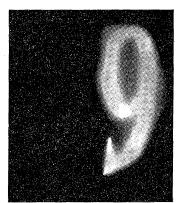
As if high school wasn't scary enough, here comes the story of Jennifer -- a young cheerleader played by Transformer's Megan Fox -- who is sacrificed to the devil by a local rock band looking to gain success and gets possessed by a demon. Amanda Seyfried (Mammia Mia) plays Needy, the shy best friend of Jennifer. After Jennifer's sacrifice Needy starts to realize that her former best friend isn't acting her usual self lately and learns she is feeding off the flesh of the boys in their school. Only trouble is no one believes her. It's up Needy to stand up to Jennifer and stop her from finishing off the entire male student body at their high school. "Jennifer's Body" seems like an action thriller that gives high-schoolers another reason to fear going back to school this fall. It hits theaters on Sept.19.

Tyler Perry's "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" -

Director and writer Tyler Perry is at it again. In his seventh directorial movie Tyler Perry reprises his role as the Southernm wisecracking, lovable matriarch Mabel Madea Simmons in "I Can Do Bad All By Myself." This movie focuses on three young siblings who are sent to live with their only relative April, played by Taraji P. Henson, after breaking into Madea's home. April, a selfish heavy drinker and nightclub singer, however, doesn't want anything to do with her niece and nephews. The children are searching for a place to belong and April is searching for hope and faith in life. In true Tyler Perry fashion this movie promises to have lots of heart and lots of laugh so bring some tissues for the Sept. 11 release.

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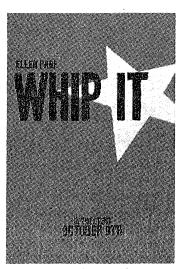
"9" is the post-apocalyptic animated adventure story produced by the famous Tim Burton. In Burton's latest animated



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movie humanity is fighting to stay alive in a world where machines have fought back against mankind. This movie promises to follow Burton's tradition of using animation in a film with themes and issues aimed at adults. Catch Burton's latest movie Sept. 9.

OCTOBER:



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Whip It -

Ellen Page stars in Drew Barrymore's directorial film debut "Whip It" about a young indie-rock misfit (Page) from Bodeen, Texas who does not fit the image of what her mother thinks a young woman should be. Page's character, Bliss, comes across a team of female roller derby players -- Drew Barrymore, Kristen Wig, Juliette Lewis, Eve, and Ari Graynor -- while on a shopping trip. Bliss eventually joins the roller derby league and finds that she has found her true passion. Barrymore's film comes out Oct. 2.

Couples Retreat -

"Couples Retreat" is a comedy that follows four couples and their different relationships. Kristen Bell and Jason Bateman star as a married couple that are trying to make their marriage work by going on a couple's retreat and sign up their married friends as part of a group package. Among there group of friends is Kristen Davis and Jon Favreau who play a married couple who, on the surface, appear to have a perfect relationship but are each engaging in affairs. Vince Vaughn and Malin Akerman play the only couple in the film that appears to have a solid marriage. Also starring is Fazion Love whose character is an entering a new relationship with a younger woman played by Kali Hawk.

Where the Wild Things Are -

Writer Maurice Sendak's children's book hits the big screen in a live-action movie of the same name. "Where the Wild Things Are" is the story of Max, a young boy dressed in a wolf costume who creates an imaginary world to escape to after his mother sends him to his room without supper. There, wild and mysterious monsters roam a forest. Discover where the wild things are Oct. 16.

NOVEMBER:

A Christmas Carol -

Charles Dickens' famous holiday story "A Christmas Carol" is undergoing another adaption this fall season. This animated adaption features Jim Carrey as the cranky Ebenezer

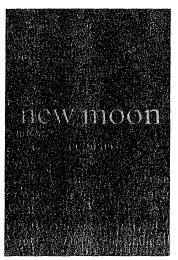
Scrooge as well as the Ghost of Christmas Past, Ghost of Christmas Present and Christmas Yet To Come. In the teaser trailer Jim Carrey is almost unrecognizable in role as Scrooge. Though the story is nothing new, this adaption provides a new flip on an old story with graphics that will not disappoint. "A Christmas Carol" comes out in theaters Nov. 6.

2012 -



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John Cusack stars as a father in "2012" -- a story in which, in accordance with the Mayan calendar and science, the world ends in the year 2012. As humanity sees its world falling apart before its eyes, humans fight to stay alive and protect their families. For those who are planning to see this movie they should expect lots of explosions, crashes and action.



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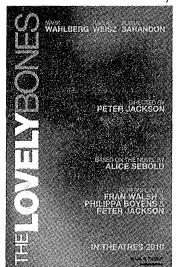
New Moon -

"New Moon" is the second film adaption of Stephanie Myer's vampire book series. The film follows where the first leaves off. Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) celebrates her 18th birthday with boyfriend Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and his vampire family that ends with Bella's life in danger. Cullen breaks up with Swan after this incident in an attempt to give her a normal and safe life. After Edward leaves her Bella grows closer to her family friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). As their friendship grows Bella learns that Jacob and his family have a secret of their own and have a history with the Cullen family. Catch "New Moon" in theaters Nov.

DECEMBER:

The Lovely Bones -

Based on the novel by Alice Sebold, "Lovely Bones" follows protagonist Susie Salmon and her family played by Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz, Rose Mcluver, and Susan Sarandon. Susie played by Saoirse Ronan is a 14-year-old girl who narrates the story of her rape and murder in December of 1973 as she looks down on her family



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from her personal heaven. If the movie is half as good as Sebold's novel it will be worth spending the money to go see in theaters. The story of Susie, Salmon like the fish, comes out Dec. 11.



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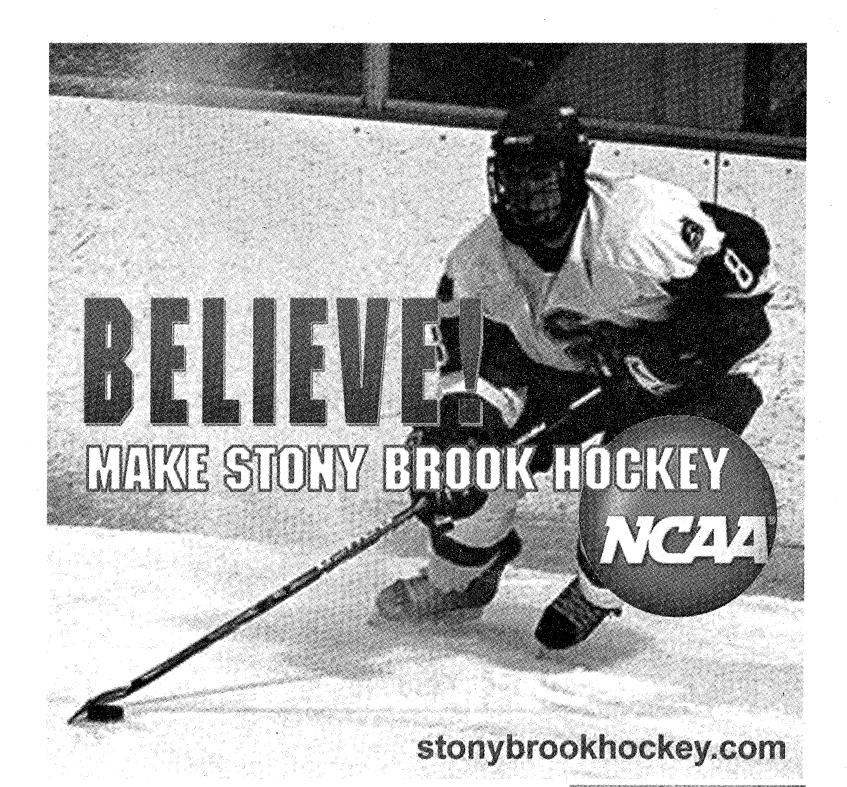
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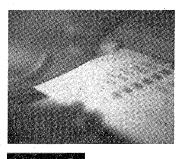


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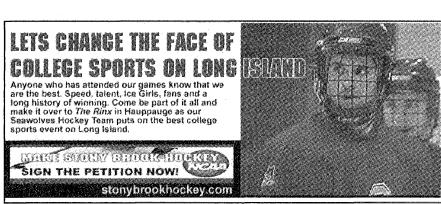
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Volleyball **Drops Home** Opener

By SARAH KAZADI Sports Editor

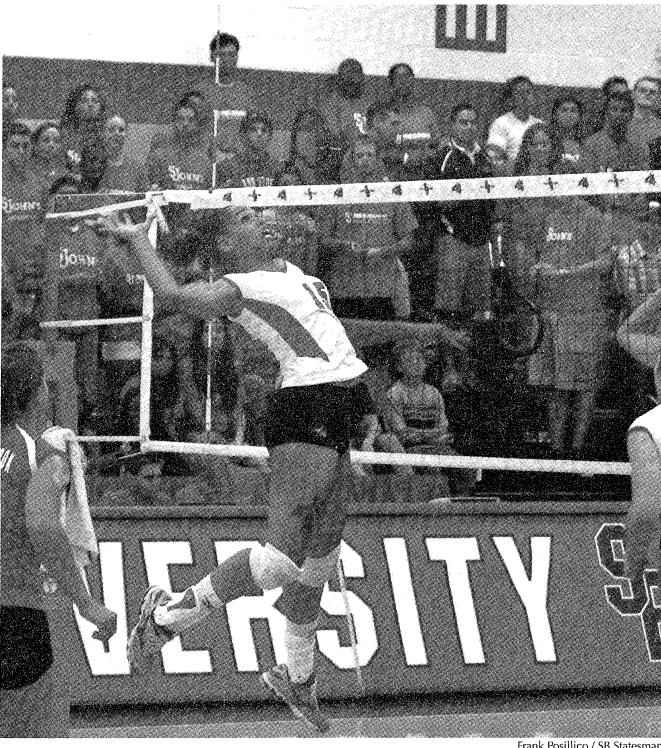
Still looking for its first win of the young season, the Seawolves volleyball team hosted the St. John's Red Storm Tuesday evening in Pritchard Gymnasium. But, despite a battling effort and standout play from senior Harmonie Calinda (Huntington, N Y.) and junior Ashley Headen (Alexandra, Va.), Stony Brook dropped the home opener 3 sets to 1 (22-25, 25-15, 25-18, 25-22) and fall to 0-4.

In the first set, the home team jumped out to an early 7-4 lead, feeding off of the energy from the nearly 450 in attendance. Despite a Red Storm timeout, the Seawolves kept the pressure on, attacking with an array of kills and blocks. Calinda notched six kills and the duo of senior Lindsey Gordon (N. Patchogue, N.Y.) and Headen tallied six blocks to give the Seawolves the 22-25 win.

But the next set told a different story. Stony Brook fell behind early, down by as many as nine points, and used two timeouts to regroup. St. John's went errorless on attacks and capitalized on costly Seawolves attack errors to coast to a 25-15 victory.

Another slow start, this time in the third set, led to another Red Storm victory. The Seawolves played catch up for the majority of the set, as the Red Storm tallied 15 kills and kept the Seawolves defense on its heels. Despite getting as close as 16-13, Stony Brook could not overcome its nine attack errors made in the set and dropped it 25-18.

The fourth set showed a more resilient Seawolves bunch. Despite being down 3-0 early, the home team battled back to grab a 7-5 lead, which stretched to 10-6 after a quick offensive burst. But the Red Storm rallied to trim the gap to one, at 13-12, and eventually evened the



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Harmonie Calinda notched a double-doucle but crucial errors cost the Seawolves the win down the stretch.

score at 16-16. Multiple lead changes ensued, until the Seawolves fell behind for good at 21-20. St. Johns held on for the 25-22 win and took the match 3-1 to improve their own overall record to 1-3. The loss overshadows the impressive efforts from sophomore Kelsey Sullivan (Hamilton, Va.) and freshman Corinne Perry (Northport, N.Y.), who combined for 49 assists.

The Seawolves are eager to get in the win column, but they will have to do it away from home. The team is set to embark on a 13-game span away from home, participating in invitationals at Harvard, Columbia, and Brown. Despite being away from Pritchard Gymnasium and the Seawolves' fans, Stony Brook will look to make a step in the right direction against Toledo on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday's Dinner Date

By Sarah Kazadi

It's almost Saturday evening. The table has been set and the waiter is preparing a table for a party of two: Stony Brook and Hofstra. It's the 13th date between the two programs that love to hate each other, and the restaurant better hire extra security.

The Seawolves will travel to the Pride's James M. Shuart stadium to face their hated rivals in the season opener, and

look to change the fact that they've been on the losing end of every game between these two teams.

To say this is a big game is an understatement. Many Stony Brook students plan on travelling the nearly 40 miles to support the Seawolves in the midst of the Pride faithful. There is even a "Red Zone" Student Section Road Trip scheduled to assure that Seawolves fans can get to Hofstra and make their presence felt on Saturday evening.

The Seawolves have endured a series of 27 practices and scrimmages to lead up to Saturday's dinner date. With 40 lettermen, including 15 starters, returning, the core from last season's Big South Conference 2nd place squad is intact. Also, the memory of last season's 43-3 home loss to the Pride is still vividly fresh. Come Saturday, the Seawolves will have a chance to avenge that loss and finally be deemed comparable to their Long Island rivals. Only question is: Are you ready for some football?

Women's Soccer

By SAM KILB

It's been a good start for the Seawolves women's soccer team. After a tough 2-0 loss to Iona in their opening game of the season, the ladies recovered by playing a national top 25 team in Rutgers to a 1-1 (2OT) draw.

The Seawolves' only goal in that game was scored by freshman Meghan Gilley (Macungie, Pa.), who found the net in the 87' to send the game into overtime. Gilley earned SimplexGrinnel Stony Brook Athlete of the Week, America East Rookie of the Week, and Big Apple Soccer.com College Goal of the Week honors for her efforts.

The women are headed south for two games in North Carolina this weekend before coming home to face Quinnipiac on Sept. 10.

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Seawoives Fall to Long Island Rivals





By SAM KILB

Night and day.

That was the difference between the two halves for the Stony Brook men's soccer team as they hosted Hofstra Tuesday night, falling to their Long Island rivals, 1-0.

Despite a furious late rally that saw the home team outshoot Hofstra 11-1 in the second period, the Seawolves were unable to recover from a goal scored before the clock operators had even figured out how to use the scoreboard.

A Hofstra free kick from senior Rob Youhill (Harrogate, England) was slid just inside the post off the head of freshman midfielder Stephan Barea (Levittown, N.Y.), putting the visitors ahead for good in just the first minute of play.

The rest of the half was all Pride as a shellshocked Seawolves team managed little more than feeble counter-attacks.

Hostra nearly doubled their lead with little time left in the first period. Making his first start as Stony Brook's number 1, goalkeeper Anthony Rogic (Boonton, N.J.) stonewalled an acrobatic attempt from Hofstra's Brett Carrington (St. George, Barbados), keeping the score 1-0 at half.

Coming out of the break, it was Hofstra that had the first opportunity, as an effort from the Pride's Rory McCrea (Sherburn-In-Elmet, England) was brilliantly caught by Rogic, diving to his right.

That was the last sniff of goal for the blue and gold.

Attacking the South end of Lavalle Stadium, the Seawolves played with new fire, led by freshman Kyle Schlesinger (Selden, N.Y.) taking over the midfield.

In the 53rd minute, the Seawolves had their best chance of the game as a cross from Berian Gobeil (Montreal, Quebec) fell kindly for Antonio Crespi (North Babylon, N.Y.), whose shot from point-blank range was parried by the Hofstra goalkeeper into an inviting position. The rebound attempt was cleared off the line.

Though the ball didn't find the net, the chance changed the game, drawing the crowd of a little over 600 into the action and sparking the Seawolves attack.

Just a couple minutes later a sublime flick-on header from Gobeil left Crespi one-on-one with the goalkeeper, but a rushed finish rolled wide.

Stony Brook had yet another chance in the 58th minute, as a free kick from Schlesinger curled to the head of Damion Brown (Kingston, Jamaica), but Brown's effort glanced harmlessly off the side-netting.

The second half chances were an encouraging sign for a young Seawolves team as they head on the road for three straight before returning to Lavalle Stadium on Sept. 13.



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