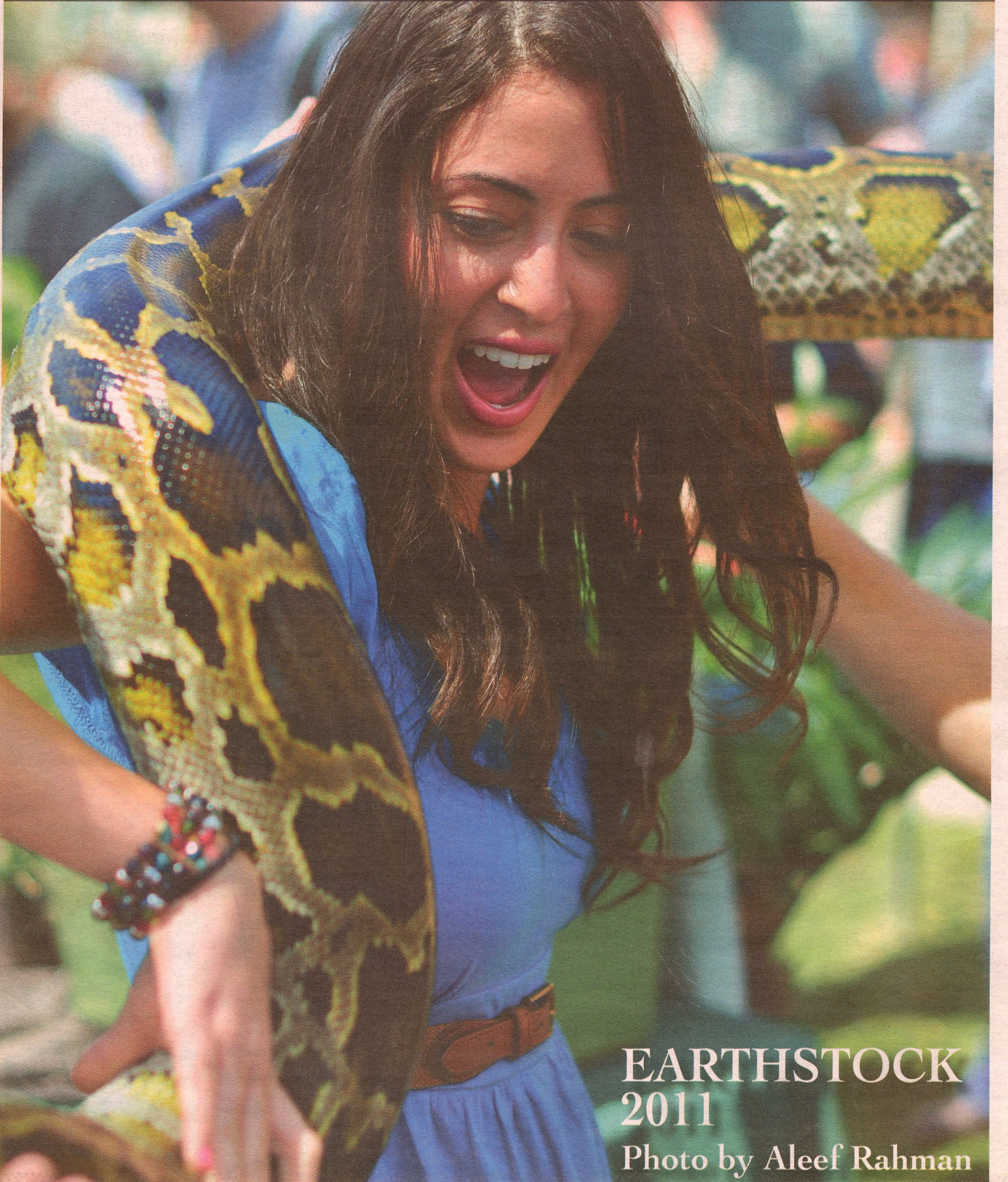


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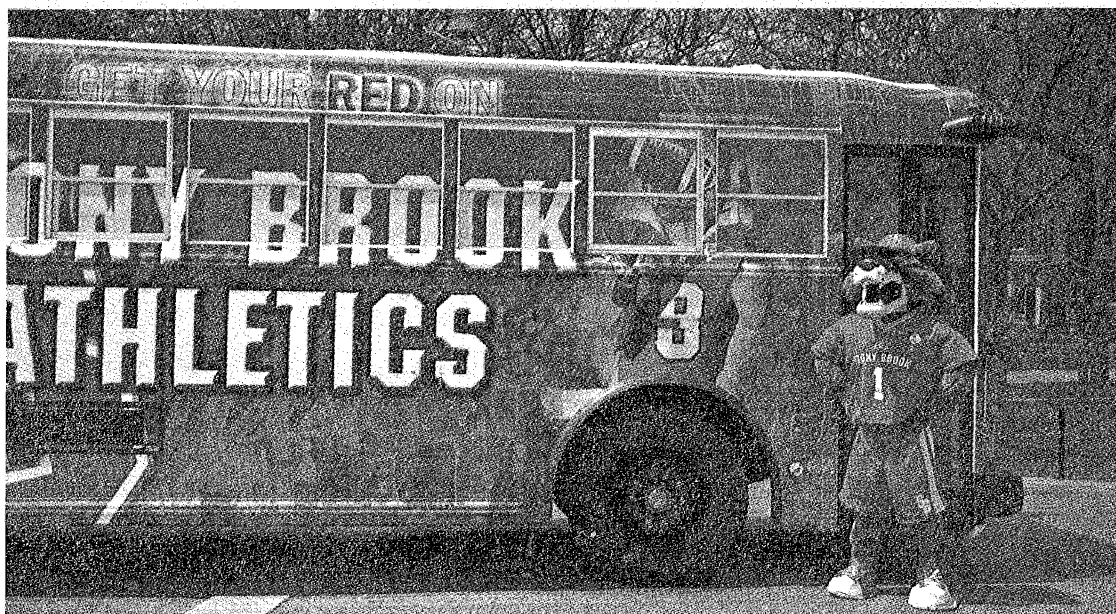
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NEWS

Stony's Buses Get Wrapped Up in New Design



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Two of the university's buses have been covered with new designs, featuring different parts of campus. More will be coming by the beginning of next semester.

By JAMES KAFTEN
Staff Writer

Students traveling around campus throughout the past week may have noticed a festive change made to some of the campus buses. The Stony Brook Department of Transportation and Parking recently decided to wrap some buses in sports-themed designs, both to protect the vehicles and promote school spirit.

So far two buses have been wrapped. One is what the Department calls "Athletics" themed, and is emblazoned with pictures representing various Stony Brook sports, as well as a large picture of the mascot, Wolfie. The other bus is designed with a "Stony Brook Motor Sports" theme, and promotes the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences' Motorsports team. Both motifs are intended

to brighten the looks of buses that might ordinarily seem dull.

"They're interesting," said Deran Schweitzer, a Stony Brook commuter. "It's much better than just a bland white design. It adds some spice to the buses."

According to James T. O'Connor, the Director of Transportation and Parking Operations, the designs were conceived by the Department of Facilities and Services, and developed by the Vice President, Barbara Chernow. O'Connor said that because the buses are used so exhaustively, they were in need of some everyday protection.

"Our SBU Transit buses are used approximately 12 to 15 hours per semester weekday on average," O'Connor said via e mail. "And these new wraps will help protect our bus fleet, increase their life span and should decrease the maintenance required in order to keep the buses operational and presentable."

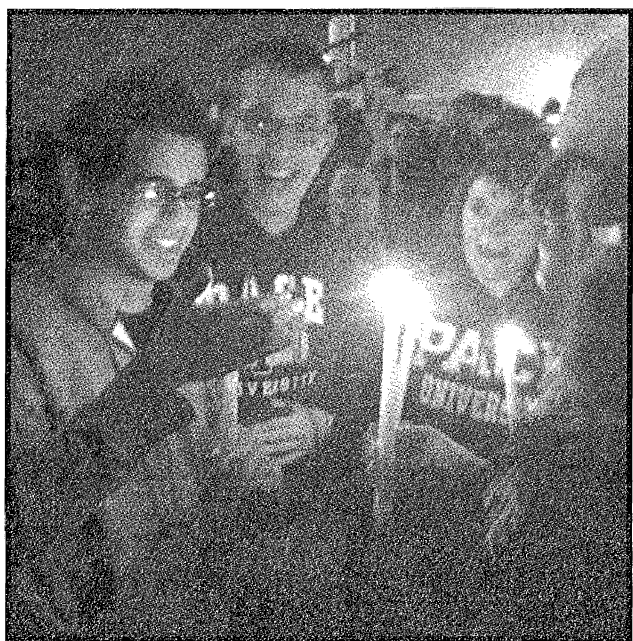
The two buses that were wrapped

are the newest of the fleet obtained by the university in September 2010. According to O'Connor, these wraps are also part of a new school initiative to promote programs and activities on campus that many students might not be aware of—not to mention spread a sense of school spirit.

"Although these two wrapped buses have been in service for only a total of four days," O'Connor said. "The feedback we have received from students, faculty and staff has been overwhelmingly positive."

However, despite the early success of the designs, the Department of Transportation and Parking does not yet want to commit to wrapping more buses. O'Connor says that they will continue to listen to feedback, and will make a decision later on what to do next.

When asked if he thinks the university should wrap more buses, Schweitzer said. "If there's money for it, why not?"

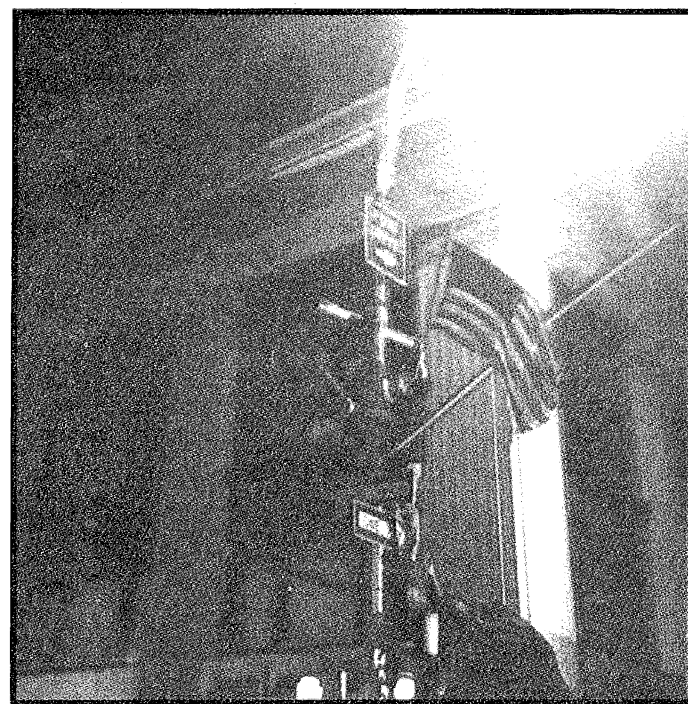


*"So many people are crowding the streets right now you can't even move. The excitement is palpable and you can't help but get caught up in it. You can hear 'USA, USA' for blocks."
~Kwame Opam*

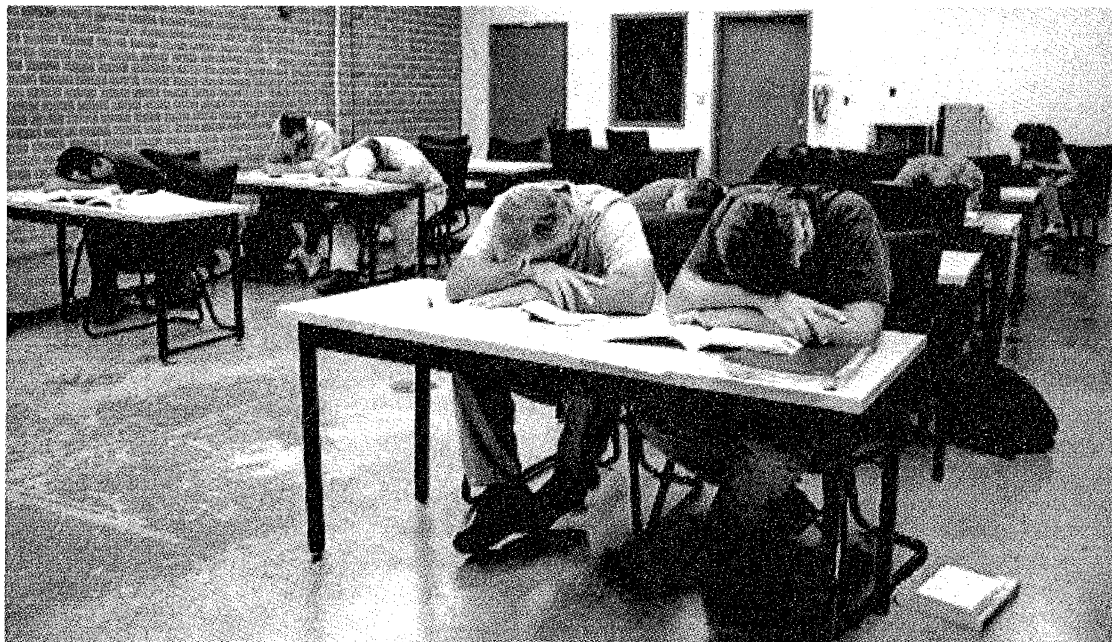
Osama bin Laden Killed

In a late night address to the nation, President Barack Obama announced that Osama bin Laden, the Al Qaeda leader and man behind the September 11 attacks, is dead. His death comes nearly 10 years after the War on Terrorism began.

Kwame Opam, a Stony Brook alumni and former Statesman staffer, captured the following photos at Ground Zero following the announcement.



Students May Rise Before the Sun for Physics



By SARA SONNACK
Staff Writer

Kay Chen will be setting her alarm for 5 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday during the fall 2011 semester at Stony Brook University. She isn't the only one; She and roughly 540 of her classmates will have to wake up early to make sure they get to their 6:50 a.m. physics class on time.

Physics 121, or Physics for the Life Sciences I, will be offered at this new time slot come this fall.

The class is primarily for pre-med students. Some of the topics being covered will be Introduction to Quantum Mechanics, Thermodynamics and Theory of Light. There is a lab that goes along with this lecture, though students will receive only one grade for the work they do in lecture and lab.

According to Richard Gatteau, director of the academic and pre-professional advising center, review sessions have been held this early, but never an actual class.

"Prior to this upcoming term,

Physics 131 was the earliest scheduled class at 7:25 a.m., which will stay at that time slot," Gatteau said. "It was an issue of space. Javits 100 is the largest lecture hall, and we try to maximize the use of it."

Students were not so happy when they realized what time their class was being held. "My first thought when I saw the time slot was 'Why am I pre-med?'" said Hafsa Nomani, a sophomore biology major.

Gatteau said the university made the right choice scheduling the class at that time though he

knows students may not like it. "The early morning classes are not preferred by most students," Gatteau said. "If we were to move a class to 6:50 in the morning it would have to be a class that was required in order to generate enrollment."

Dmitri Tsybychev and John Hobbs are two people who are not complaining about the time the class is offered. They also happen to be two of the three professors teaching it. Roderich Engelmann, the third professor for this class, was not available for an interview.

"It's fine, you teach in the morning and then you're free all day," Tsybychev said.

Hobbs also didn't complain about the time. "It might be a little bit of an inconvenience but it's not major," he said.

Hobbs said that in general, there is no attendance policy for this class. "The class does use clickers and we will continue to do that," Hobbs said. "We ask the first clicker question about five to 10 minutes into the class and we do drop a certain number of clicker questions in a semester."

The tests will not be given at that time in the morning, though. "The course has always had centrally scheduled midterms in the evening," Hobbs said.

Even though students may not like the time slot, they are choosing to take this class as

opposed to another physics class later in the day.

Ying Tang, a sophomore biology major, said he likes physics but does not like to work hard. "This is the easiest physics class," Tang said. "I was thinking about taking Physics 141 at 8:20 a.m., but I'm too lazy."

Professors Tsybychev and Hobbs agreed that Physics 121 was an easier class.

"We don't use rigorous mathematics concepts," Tsybychev said. "In physics, it's not all about solving the problem. It's about finding the root of it and simplifying, not solving exactly."

Hobbs concurred. "The main thing is the absence of calculus," he said. "That's probably why students think it's easier."

Gatteau wanted to point out that if students could not take the class that early, they have the option of taking it during the summer session. In the summer the course is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Chen was interested in taking it over the summer as an alternative. "I don't know how they can expect us to be up and attentive at that time in the morning. I would've taken it over the summer, but I already bought plane tickets to China before I found out about the time."

Centara thai cuisine

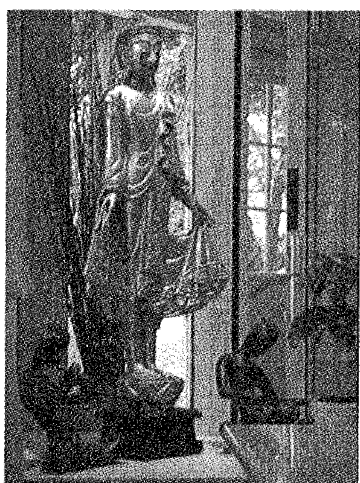
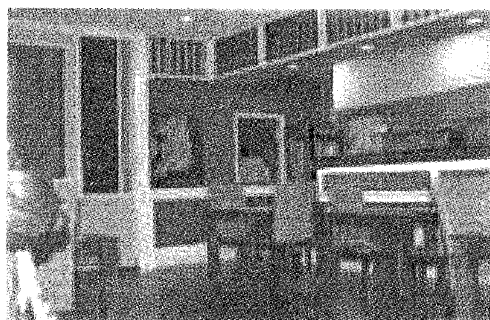
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Neuro Drinks: Looks May Be All That Matter

By EVAN LIVINGSTON
Contributing Writer

No longer will Stony Brook students fall victim to fatigue, stress, memory loss, sadness or even a decrease in pleasure response because of a new super drink that boasts benefits like no other preceding it.

Another chically designed bottle with a colorful liquid, chockfull of vitamins and minerals has hit the market as well as the shelves of Stony Brook. Neuro Drink, a supplement that has gained considerable attention, is making its way onto college campuses across Long Island.

Neuro Drink's mission statement on its website boasts a "design to sustain and enhance an active lifestyle with natural ingredients, each beverage is packed with essential vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and botanicals at dosages backed by scientific research."

But not from the FDA.

Neuro Drink is not approved by the FDA, and in fact, as the warning label suggests on Neuro Drink flavor Neuro Gasm, "not recommended for children under 12 years of age, or pregnant or nursing women or people sensitive to caffeine."

Every single drink that is offered by the company contains substantial amounts of caffeine, according to Chris Tuttle, a dietetic intern at Stony Brook Hospital.

"The high caffeine content in these drinks gets the persons heart rate up enough to make them say, 'this is working,'" Tuttle said. Tuttle also confirmed that some of the ingredients in the drinks could become harmful. In Neuro Sleep, there is an ingredient that Tuttle says could affect the way other medications work in a person that is using the drink. "Anti-depressants and epileptic medications to just name some," Tuttle said.

There is an array of eight different drinks that the manufacturer offers. Neuro: Trim, Sleep, Sonic, Sun, Sport, Bliss, Aqua and the auspicious Gasm.

Neuro Gasm: the title alone brings



EVAN LIVINGSTON / THE STATESMAN

While Neuro Drinks may look pretty in all of their colors and flavors, they are not as healthy as they seem.

the genre of nutritional supplement drinks to a whole new playing field. The different flavors promote different "essential functions" by infusing the drinks with vitamins, minerals and herbs. As per the mission statement of the company, "Neuro Drinks offer consumers an alternative to products that perpetuate our self medicating caffeine-dependent society."

These complications are not mentioned on the bottle whatsoever. Another ingredient found in almost all of the drinks is crystalline fructose, which Tuttle said is much, worse than high fructose corn syrup, an ingredient the public has come to know as a very unhealthy sugar substitute.

"Some drink manufacturers take out the high fructose corn syrup because it is known to be bad and instead add this crystalline fructose to pull one over on

people," he said.

"The colorful bottle and interesting names of the drinks caught my eye at first, and after tasting it, it doesn't taste as bad as you think," said Scott Bishop a computer science major. "It does more [for me] than all those other drinks do and it's new so I have been sticking with it."

Bishop's statement reflects an attitude that some supplement drinkers have in common—they take the word of whoever makes the drink.

The founder of Neuro Drinks, Diana Sanela Jenkins, is a woman with ties to high profile celebrity outlets. With these connections, the product hit the market running, energetically enhanced, of course. She helped to create two foundations, The Elton John AIDS Foundation and the Clinton Foundation, which celebrities from

around the world have made donations to as well as made appearances for their benefits. Jenkins has prominent friends such as Kid Rock, Cindy Crawford, George Clooney and Guy Ritchie, who help her financial endeavors in any way they can. No nutritional background, but a killer group of celebrity friends and a sense for business and promotion.

Through the Neuro Drinks website, any consumer can find local food markets that sell this cleverly bottled liquid.

There is much care taken in the packaging, web page design and the hip promotion of the Neuro Drink. But the more important aspect of the product—what is being ingested—is being regarded as like an afterthought. In this supplement's eyes, it may not be what is on the inside that counts, but how good you look while you're taking a sip.

- Police Blotter -

Monday, April 18

An officer reported damage to screen in Wagner College that it was believed to be intentional.

Tuesday, April 19

There was a report of harassment in Yang.

There was a report of larceny in the Student Union.

Wednesday, April 20

There was a violation of vehicle and traffic law in the Cardozo parking lot.

There was a violation of vehicle and traffic law on Stony Brook Road, resulting in the revocation of the driver's license.

There was a violation of vehicle and traffic law on South Drive.

Thursday, April 21

A purse was taken from a housekeeper's unattended car in the Health and Science Center. The investigation is still open.

There was a report of larceny in the Long Island State Veterans Home.

Saturday, April 23

There was an Alcoholic Beverage Control violation in Langmuir College.

Sunday, April 24

The RHD of the West Apartments reported that there was a broken window.

University police patrolled the area and everything appears in order.

Culinary Club See Visions of Culinary Beauty in the City



CHRISTIAN SANTANA / THE STATESMAN

Workers at Papabubble, a candy shop in Manhattan's NoLita neighborhood, make hard candy from scratch.

By CHRISTIAN SANTANA
Staff Writer

Although most college students would normally shy away from the prospect of waking up in time to catch a 10 a.m. train on a Saturday morning, members of the Culinary Club did just that when they embarked on their food tour of Manhattan's NoLita neighborhood.

The nearly two dozen connoisseurs made the early trek to the intersection of Lafayette and Spring Streets, where they met with tour guides from City Food Tours. Guide—and also founder of City Food Tours—Joyce Weinberg told students that in the next two hours, they would “visit six different countries—with no jet lag.” Weinberg started her touring business in 2003, after spending more than 25 years in the food industry, managing ventures ranging from a 125-seat restaurant in Philadelphia to Fortune 500 food and confectionery businesses.

“These foods are made painstakingly, with passion,” Weinberg said.

First off on the tour was the small Vietnamese deli Saigon, between Mott and Broome Streets. While Saigon serves small appetizers such as summer rolls and salads, its specialty is the banh mi, a French-inspired sandwich that comprises a crusty wheat and rice flour baguette often filled

with pate, grilled pork or chicken, and packed with cilantro, pickled carrots and daikon.

Down the block, on Broome between Cleveland Place and Lafayette Street was D’España, a boutique specializing in Spanish food products, such as Serrano ham and a multitude of goat, sheep and cow’s milk cheeses.

“If you take anything from today, don’t eat Kraft cheese,” Weinberg said as she and another guide handed out samples of Manchego and Mahón cheeses—two of Spain’s most famous cheeses. Manchego, a sheep’s milk cheese originating from the central La Mancha region of Spain, features a whitish color with a brown, inedible rind, while Mahón is made from cow’s milk and is produced on the Mediterranean island of Minorca.

The tour group also learned a little something about cheese: anything from the color of the cheese to how it tastes can be affected by the diet and habitat of the milk producing animal. In essence, a nation’s cheese is a sort of microcosm of its history and geography. Mahón cheese, for example, features a distinctive salty taste due to the sea breezes around Minorca.

“Cheddar cheese was made because of hard British winters. Cows don’t produce milk during the winter, and before refrigeration, you had to know what you were going to eat so that you didn’t die,” Weinberg said.

Much like how cheeses can be

indicative of a nation’s culture, history, and geography, the types of restaurants a neighborhood has can be representative of its population and income bracket. As the tour group edged closer to the borders of Little Italy, it was easy to see why the neighborhood got its name. Though the neighborhood’s borders shrink as it is slowly assimilated into NoLita and Chinatown, the area around Mulberry Street is still home to Italian restaurants such as Lombardi’s (Spring Street between Mott and Mulberry)—the birthplace of the New York style pizza. Lombardi’s once occupied the space that is now home to Gatsby’s Bar, Lounge and Grill, but the continuous rumble of the 6 Train beneath the street cracked its antique oven. More than 100 years after it was founded, Lombardi’s still manages to draw crowds.

While munching on prosciutto bread from Parisi’s, the tour headed towards Prince Street for its next two destinations, which were next door to one another: Pinche Taqueria, a hole-in-the-wall Mexican joint—people were sitting on the planters outside—and Liebe, which, despite its German-sounding name, is an Indian fusion restaurant. Though the group didn’t sample any of the tacos, a guide doled out servings of another Pinche Taqueria specialty: fries made from yuca or cassava, a starchy vegetable and staple food in South America and the Caribbean, which were then washed down with mango lassi (an Indian yogurt based drink) from Liebe.

It was finally time for desert, and the group hit its last two destinations—Oro Bakery & Bar at Broome St. between Mott & Mulberry Sts. and Papabubble, an artisanal candy shop just across the street. At Oro, plates of snickerdoodle and chocolate cookies awaited them, but for many, one of the tour’s biggest highlights was at Papabubble, where the two women behind the counter made “caramels artesans,” spinning a huge multicolored hunk of pliable hard candy into an ice cream cone shape, then cutting it into individual sticks. Though it’s a labor intensive process (the mass of hard candy weighs in at nine kilograms), according to one worker, “you can automate it, but it just wouldn’t be the same.”

Although the Culinary Club had originally planned to go on a trip to the set of Bravo TV show Top Chef,

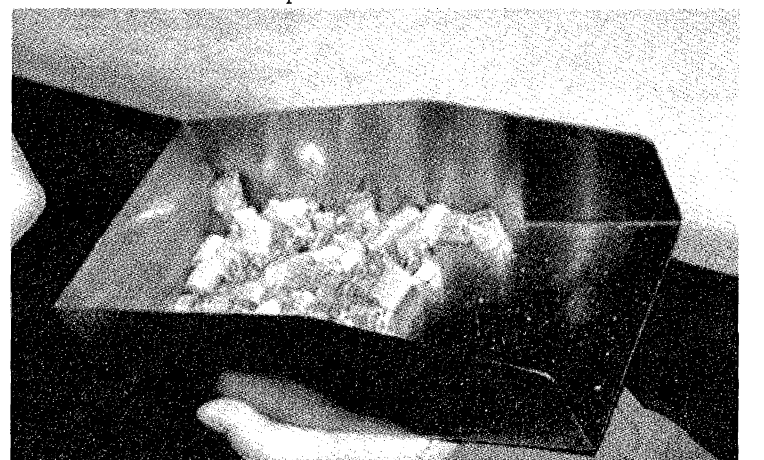
according to junior business and economics major Trupti Patel, who handles the club’s public relations, the original venue could only host 15 people and was much too costly.

Regardless, Liang Zhuo, a senior biochemistry major and the Culinary Club’s president for the past year, thought the trip went well.

“I’ve only seen this on the Food Network,” Zhuo said, in reference to the candy production process at Papabubble. “This is the first time I’ve seen it in real life—this is so cool!”

Janice Costanzo, the Craft Center Coordinator and faculty advisor for the Culinary Club, said it was great for Long Islanders such as herself, who don’t normally take tours.

“It was a great way to see the city and spend two hours eating lunch,” she said.



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The finished hard candies.

Stony Brook University Library Reads into E-Books

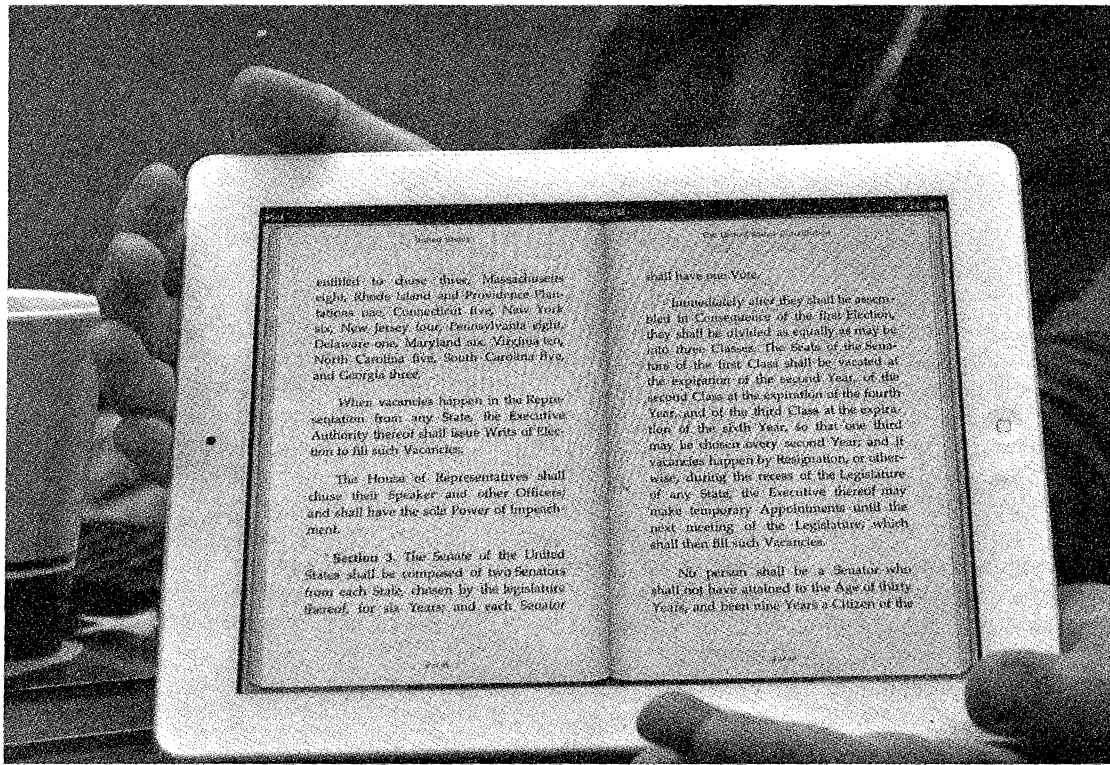
By TAKEIA BEARD
Staff Writer

The role of technology is becoming an increasingly important component in the classroom. All Stony Brook students are exposed to technology in some way and use the many resources available to improve their own learning. One of the newer resources available is becoming more common is the use of e-books to replace textbooks.

Pearloma Dias and Adrea Reyes, two information systems majors at Stony Brook University, support the idea of a wider use of e-books.

"It's eco friendly," said Reyes, who added that she would most likely buy an e-book instead of a textbook; however it depends on price. When asked about the possibility for plagiarism with online text, Dias commented that publishers were obviously afraid of losing money, "that's the only thing stopping them from having e-books and they should be around, and they're still around, there are books online." Reyes or Dias currently uses e-books for any of their classes.

Nathan Baum, the head of Electronic Resources and Services, agrees that there is a need for more e-books in classrooms. "We're behind in e-books compared to



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Reading textbooks and novels with binds may soon be just as common as e-books at Stony Brook.

a lot of other universities and it's an area that is on my table to investigate," Baum said. "We really need to move in that direction."

Baum explained that "there are different types of ways we can get e-books... We have to investigate these different ways, different publishers have e-book options. There are aggregators who will

provide e-books with a bunch of different publishers. They all have different plans and deals and policies that they use."

"We have to become more familiar with those, based on our own subject needs and based on what's available," Baum added.

Baum also mentioned the costs involved in purchasing e-books.

"It will involve most obviously

cutting back on materials for print and substituting e-books for those" he said. However, he was confident that the e-books would be popular and a more efficient use of resources. "They're available 24/7, people can have access whenever they need them." He also said that they could be a useful tool for reserve textbooks, allowing multiple people to view

one book at the same time.

"This would make it a lot more accessible," Baum said. "There are other features that other e-books have the ability to search through them quickly."

When introducing e-books into the school environment, Baum admitted that the library will be impacted the most, a cost that may have to be reimbursed by fees and tuition from students.

"I don't know if there will be a bigger increase to support a bigger collection of e-books; it's not in our direct plans right now," Baum added. Students will also have to consider the different types of technology they have available to access e-books, most of which are offered on the Internet.

"There is a growing trend to make e-books available on mobile devices and that's hit public libraries a lot more than it has university libraries," Baum said. "Students are really connected to their mobile devices and more and more want to do their research on them, access information on them. So that's one area that the library is going to have to figure out options."

While students and faculty seem supportive of supplementing textbooks with online versions, there are still a number of financial and technological barriers which Baum's department must address in order to successfully introduce them.

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Burn Center Patient's Family Donates Xbox as Thanks

By **ELMIRA SPEKTOR**
Staff Writer

Devin Stinsman is no angel. He is 4'8" and lanky like a string bean. He has dirty blonde hair and curious brown eyes. He always has a "devilish look" in those eyes, his mother, Dee Stinsman, says.

Devin is only nine and loves motorcycles and video games. He's kind of a speed junkie. On more than one occasion, his parents have dubbed him with the title of "Satan's seed."

Devin has always been an active child. He is warm and friendly, and he cannot be calmed down. He is constantly asked to not touch things. He usually touches them anyway.

But Devin does not have a malicious bone in his body. He likes mostly everything and dislikes barely anything. The thing he hates the most is "fire."

One day, Devin was in his

parents' full service and repair Motorcycle shop, Chaos Cycle. It was the end of this past January, and he was sitting next to a 200-square-foot heater.

Devin had been coming to the shop since he was five.

But on this cold day, the space heater sparked. Within seconds, Devin's entire right leg was engulfed in flames.

"You can't image what that was like," Dee said. She was there when it happened. "It was total shock."

Upon putting out the flames, the Stinsman family hurried Devin to Brookhaven Memorial Hospital. That was the closest hospital. They took Devin right away but "didn't have much expertise" according to Dee.

He was then transported to Stony Brook University Medical Center's Burn Center, where it was announced that Devin had suffered from third degree burns down to his muscle, as well as vascular damage.

Devin stayed at the Burn Center for about a month, while he recuperated. It will take him at least a year to fully recover from the burns.

"He's young, so it will heal better," Dee said.

But for Devin's mother, father and 17-year-old sister, the trauma of the experience may last forever.

According to the press release issued by Stony Brook University Medical Center, this Burn Center is the facility of choice for the more than 1.5 million residents of Suffolk County. It coordinates burn services throughout the county and allows for research in burn care.

How was Devin's experience?

He felt as any restless, energetic 9-year-old in need of much bed rest would feel: bored.

So, he asked his mom for the one thing that could make it a little bit better – the company

of his beloved Xbox 360.

Dee had no problem agreeing. The very next day, she brought Devin's Xbox 360 from home to the children's room of the Burn Center.

"If not for his game console, he would've been going out of his mind," Dee said. "There wasn't much of an outlet for him."

The Xbox 360 quickly fit in with the portable plasma TV and video games that were donated by the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund.

During this time, Devin's school district did a fundraiser for the Stinsman family. It received donations of \$400 from the children at his school.

Deciding what to do with the money was a no-brainer. As soon as he was released from the Burn Center, Devin and his mom headed over to their local Wal-Mart and purchased a brand new Xbox 360.

They brought it directly to the Burn Center. Devin donated the video game console so that the kids at the unit can have a fun and diverting activity to help them through their recovery. The date was March 7. It was also Devin's 10th birthday.

"We wanted to give back," Dee said.

She also said that the purchase of the game was a "collective decision" between her and Devin.

On Saturday, May 7, the Stinsman family will be hosting a fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Stony Brook Hospital Burn Center; they are hoping to raise \$10,000.

The family is excited to hold Long Island's Biggest Motorcycle and Hot Rod Festival. They are excited to enjoy the bike show, and are excited hear a plethora of rock bands. But more than that, the Stinsman family is excited to give back to the unit that helped save their son.

Through the Eyes of a Volunteer: ASBO 2011

By **PAUL STALLER**
Contributing Writer

What did you do during your spring break this year? This spring break I had the chance to make 43 new friends while helping restore the environment in Pensacola, Fla.

Alternative Spring Break Outreach, or ASBO, gave me the opportunity to experience things I never thought possible. I made the decision to partake in ASBO at the beginning of the fall semester, because I wanted to make a difference and actually do something useful during my spring break. There were 43 other people who also participated in ASBO; this strengthened my decision because I was able to meet a variety of new people. This year was the first year in which there were two separate trips —one to New Orleans and one to Pensacola, Fla. I chose to go to Pensacola because the work we did focused more on environmental restoration. I always wanted to participate in ASBO and I am very happy I was able to. ASBO is like nothing you have experienced before.

To start off, the 25-hour bus ride to Florida was an experience in its own. When you are stuck on a bus for that long with so many other people, it doesn't take long for everyone to let their walls down and reach a comfort level with each other.

When we arrived at Camp Timpooshee we all got situated into our cabins and immediately played volleyball and Frisbee and hung out on the beach. It was great to get to know each person on a personal level while being there. One of the best moments of ASBO was the night we all went out. It was great to see everyone hanging out. ASBO is not all fun and games

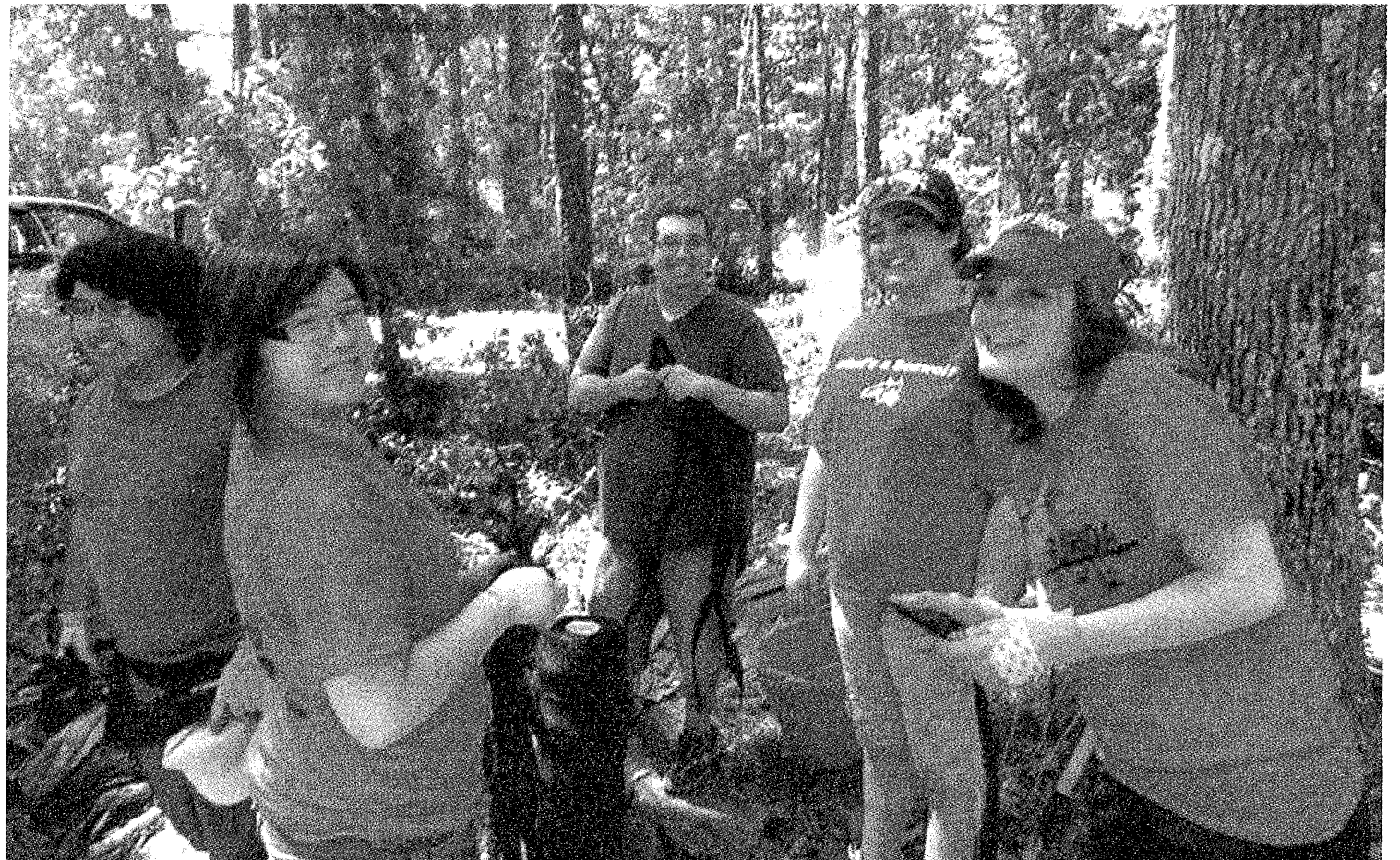


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Paul Staller (middle) and other Stony Brook students volunteered in Pensacola, Fla. over their Spring Breaks this semester. Staller is accompanied by (R to L) Hector Martinez, Jennifer Park, Alicia Minervini and Christina Muggeo.

though; the main reason ASBO exists is so we can help others.

We had five work days during our stay in Pensacola. On two of those, we helped out at the camp we were staying at. Though the work at the camp might seem like nothing to an outsider, it made a huge difference to those at the camp. Imagine 44 people doing the jobs that five people normally do. During the other work days we worked with different organizations, such as Community Collaborations International to help restore the coastal areas of the

bay. We bagged fossilized oyster shells to build oyster reefs to help prevent erosion due to crashing waves and to give baby oyster a good place to grow. We also planted two different types of sea grass to prevent coastal erosion.

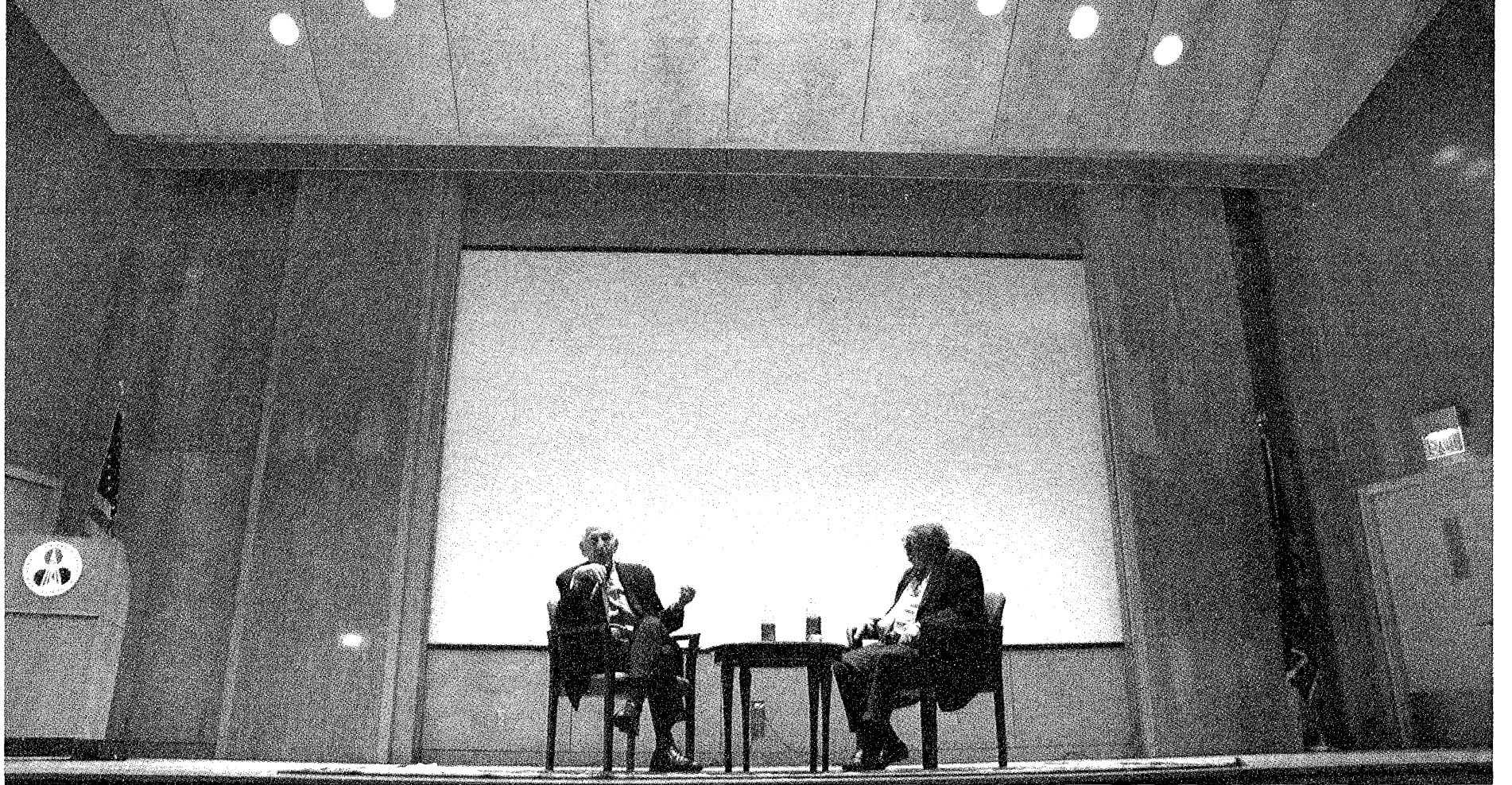
Knowing that we were able to help these organizations restore the environment was such a gratifying experience. Being able to see the people's faces as we worked with them was amazing. They were so happy that we gave up our time to help them. I felt incredible that after knowing each other for such a

short period of time we were able to work efficiently and contribute to restoring the coast.

I learned so much about myself and other people while I was in Pensacola. I learned that I could do a lot more physical labor than I thought possible. I also learned that while helping others you don't realize how hard you are working, because all you can think about is the good you are doing. I learned that there are so many people willing to help in this world. It is not every day you find 100 students that are willing to give up

their spring break to volunteer. The greatest thing I learned from this experience was how grateful people are when you help. The people we worked with and the locals we met were all thankful for the work we did and showed gratitude. I would recommend participating in ASBO to anyone who is interested in making a difference. Not only can I say I helped restore the coasts of Florida, but I now have 43 new people to say "Hi" to on campus, 43 people to grab lunch with and, most importantly, 43 new friends.

Before Assange... there was Ellsberg



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Daniel Ellsberg (left) speaks with Professor James M. Klurfeld (right) of the School of Journalism during a lecture held by the *Stony Brook Press* and the Graduate Student Organization.

By CHRISTIAN SANTANA
Staff Writer

When Daniel Ellsberg leaked the first excerpts of the Pentagon Papers to *The New York Times* in 1971, he sparked a chain of events that would forever cement his place in American history. Seeing parallels between his actions and those of WikiLeaks' Julian Assange and the currently detained Pfc. Bradley Manning, Ellsberg, once known as "the most dangerous man in America," spoke out in support of the whistleblowers during his recent visit to Stony Brook University.

On a stage decorated with two chairs, a coffee table and a rug, Ellsberg was interviewed before a nearly full Student Activities Center auditorium by journalism professor James M. Klurfeld. According to a recent editorial by the *Stony Brook Press*, which helped sponsor the event with the Graduate Student Organization, Ellsberg was brought to Stony Brook in keeping with their "tradition of our mission to fire a vital public debate on campus."

"The Press supports and funds this because of a mission to tell the truth—even when there are risks," said the *Press*' Executive Editor Najib Aminy, a senior journalism student, in his opening speech.

Ellsberg's release of the 7,000 page Pentagon Papers—a top-secret document chronicling the United States' involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967—

was revealed to have been a lengthy process, beginning with his stint with the global policy think tank RAND Corporation in 1958. In 1964, he moved on to work at the Pentagon, and in 1965, he traveled to Vietnam to serve for two years at the American Embassy in Saigon, where he evaluated pacification in the field. It was here where his views would change drastically.

"Our justification was protecting civilians and making them see that they were being protected by friends, helped, and supports of democracy," Ellsberg said. "It was hard for Americans to see that others might view them as invaders or occupiers."

Ellsberg said that Americans underestimated the commitment and resolve of Vietnamese forces, ignoring the elements of nationalism involved and the idea that the Vietnamese were trying to expel an occupying force from their country.

"My impression was that we were like the Redcoats," he said. "It became clear to me that we weren't going to win—not with the way we were doing things."

Ellsberg drew parallels between the Vietnam War and the ongoing war in Afghanistan, saying that enemy forces have superior knowledge of the terrain and a much stronger resolve on their sides. He said that the difference in motivation in fighting against an occupying force versus fighting for an occupying force was unfathomable, and is something we are still unable to grasp in Afghanistan and Iraq.

By 1969, Ellsberg had known that the war would not only continue, but would also grow even larger. That year, he photocopied the study that would later come to be known as the Pentagon Papers and sent it to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Two years later, he would send it to the *New York Times* and more than a dozen other newspapers. Doing so sparked a backlash from Washington that would involve wiretaps on Ellsberg's phone, an attempt to discredit him by stealing his medical files from his psychiatrist, and even sending what Ellsberg called a "White House hit squad" to incapacitate him on the steps of the Capitol building.

However, despite his notoriety among the Nixon administration—then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger would bestow him with the label "most dangerous man in America"—Ellsberg maintains that he was only one person in a chain of events, and that the "5,000 Americans who went to prison for protesting the war were part of it, too."

Ellsberg asked why it was insensible to put one's life on the line to end a war, and advised the audience, as citizens to "stop letting leaders determine who should be exterminated."

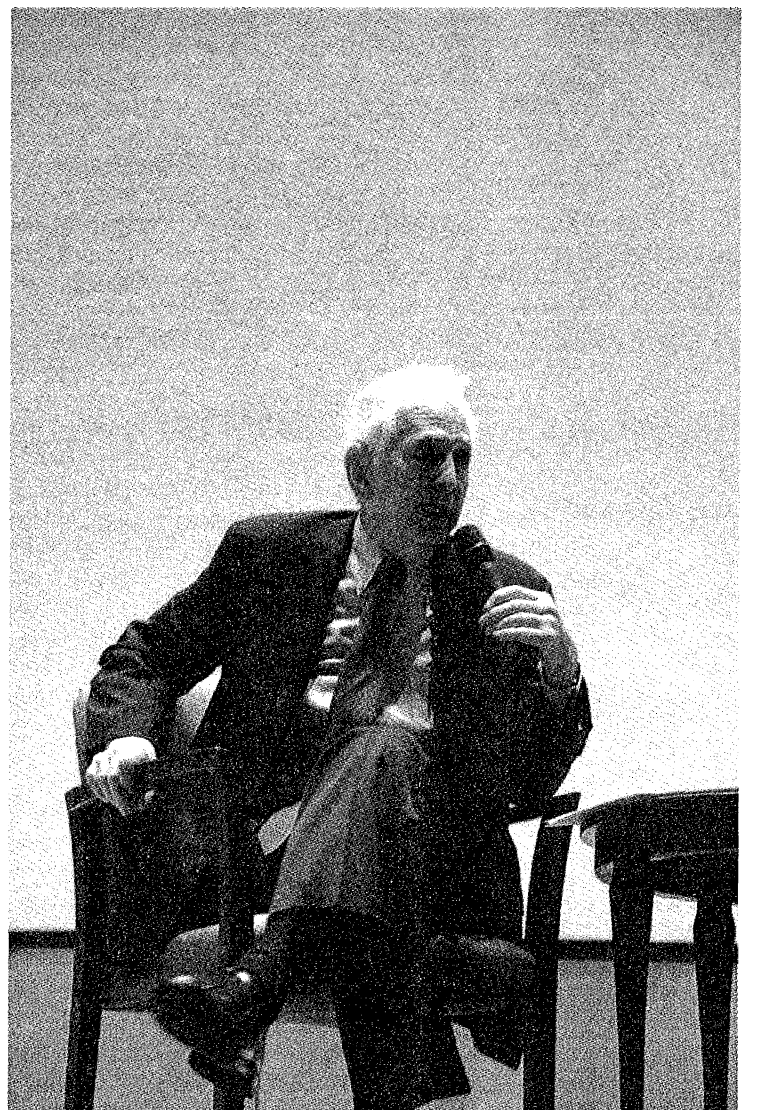
"As humans, we accept the deaths of those unlike us," he said. "Those other women, children, and even adult males deserve respect, and if we don't act on that, as Bradley Manning

said, we are doomed as a species."

Hassan Ali, a graduate student studying social welfare, said he was surprised that the history behind the Pentagon Papers

had extended so far back and was still relevant today in relation to Bradley Manning.

"He put his life on the line to make a difference," Ali said.



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Daniel Ellsberg answers a question from the audience.

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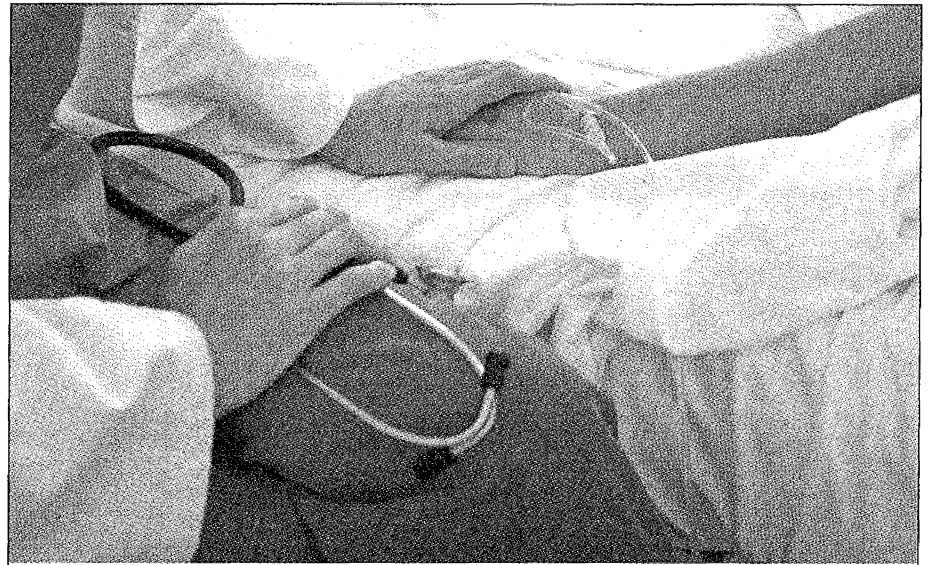
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Students May Have to Slice Projects Without Laser

By FRANK POSILICO
Editor-in-Chief

Graduate student Chris Corder may have to start his research from scratch if the laser hidden away in the basement of the Physics building isn't replaced before the end of its life cycle.

Corder, a 25-year-old graduate student at Stony Brook along with four other students working on their Ph.D's, rely on the Verdi laser in order to graduate. But lately, it has become a race against time and money to complete the project.

"Our research would have to dramatically change and would prolong the time it would take you to graduate," Corder said about the laser's replacement. "If you have to dramatically change what your project is you're almost guaranteed to add another year of not two years."

Harold J. Metcalf, a Physics professor at Stony Brook University, is the man behind the project. Metcalf and his students perform basic research that has no attainable end product.

"We use lasers to shine on beams of atoms, to make atoms do what we think would be interesting to make them do," he said. "It's about advancing the state of knowledge, which also educates students."

Metcalf argues that basic research can lead to better understanding and knowledge about how the world works, in addition to training students to be able to solve problems that have not been solved before.

The Verdi laser helps Metcalf do this. He was able to scrounge and save his budget for years so he could buy one. He now has two and says his lab is one of the few on Long Island, or in the country that have one.

But its price tag of \$120,000 and the repairs that come along with it are starting to impact the research.

"When I bought it I thought, 10 years this is great. But now,

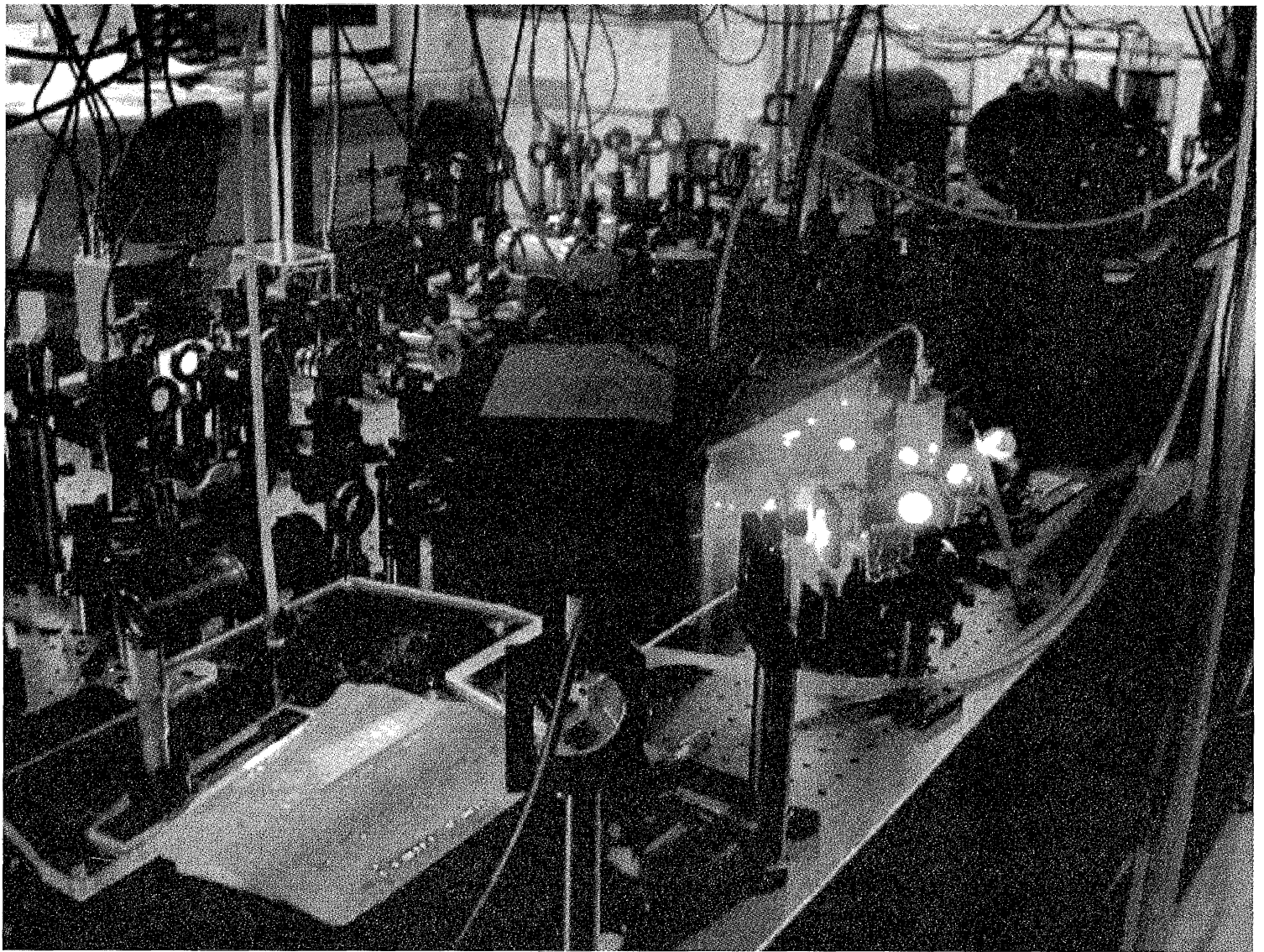


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The Verdi laser that has a life span of 10 year is growing old. Parts that need to replace it are hard to come by.

it's nine and a half years later and this thing is starting to go down," Metcalf said. "I'm in a situation where the granting agency is under pressure to have their budgets reduced and that could mean that when this thing goes down it won't be refurbished."

But he is running into issues with replacing parts in the laser that have started to fail. Replacements will cost roughly \$30,000, and that money is not easy to come by.

According to Nancy Daneau, the deputy to the vice president for research, the \$50 million of stimulus money that Stony Brook received will start to

run out in the next two years. In addition, state funding is expected to decrease under Gov. Andrew Cuomo's new budget.

"We are predicting over the next five years to have a flat or reduced budget," Daneau said. "It will mean people will have to submit more competitive proposals."

The laser is not the only thing that will have to fight for funding. Across the board, professors will need to work harder on communicating the need for funding in a situation where competitiveness is at an all-time high. For professors, this means less time to focus on teaching and more time

searching for funding for their research.

The Research Foundation, the agency that manages all research money for SUNY campuses, does lend money to researchers, but only if they have proof of potential funding opportunities.

This is something Metcalf does not yet have. His two grants, one for graduate students that doesn't support non-Americans and one from the Navy, which is up for renewal in October.

"I assume, hope and hope, it's going to be renewed but if not I have to do something and I don't know what I can do," Metcalf said.

Metcalf and his students do not worry on a daily basis about the funding. His students say they are sheltered from the budgeting issues for the most part. But the issues still affect them and could have a detrimental affect on their graduation.

Though the outlook seems bleak, the Vice President of Research office says they are working hard to step in and help professors receive the funding they need.

"We just have to hope it will be renewed," Metcalf said. "That's no way to run an operation, but that's the way it has been forever."

Stony Brook Auxiliary Continues to Lend a Helping Hand

By MEGAN SPICER
Copy Chief

On the third floor of the second building in Jefferson's Ferry, a small elderly apartment complex off of Route 347 lives a woman who is a mother of one and was once a journalist. Her roommate is a black cat that goes by the name of Lucy — named after its predecessor, also Lucy — that makes use of its time by weaving in and out of the potted plants that are on the counters that divide the kitchen and living room. The radio is tuned to a classical

music station that provides brief segments from National Public Radio. The walls are covered in paintings — some of cats and some of places around the world.

On the gold colored plush couch is Caroline Levine and over the course of almost 30 years, she has been active an member of the Stony Brook Auxiliary and currently as the president of the Auxiliary, an organization that lends a helping hand to the Stony Brook Hospital so that it may do the same for the patients that come through its doors.

When the Auxiliary was a young organization, Levine was

asked if she would like to help and more than willingly agreed.

"I thought, 'Well, I've always been interested in volunteer service and I worked but I always wanted to do volunteer work,'" said Levine, who did some volunteer work while she was in graduate school. "I thought this was wonderful and it's been very satisfying and, of course, as the years went on and I grew older I had serious illnesses and Stony Brook saved my life. So, I still feel a debt of gratitude for what they did and so it's a really good feeling to give back."

Through donations from

roughly 300 members of the Auxiliary and other members of the community, the organization has become one that has raised the funds to support the hospital. The objective, Levine said, "is to help the hospital obtain things to benefit patient care for which they don't have money."

"We are a fundraising arm for the hospital," Levine said. The organization works in numerous ways to raise funds for the hospital to buy equipment such as ambulances and heart monitoring equipment, like the Cardio Q. Throughout the years the group has donated more than \$6 million

to the hospital, with the most recent donation of \$10,000 to the newly established Children's Hospital. They have raised the funds in ways such as vendor sales that can be seen in the hallways of the hospital, new and used sales and annual membership dues. They also work in conjunction with the gift shop in the main lobby of the hospital. From July 2009 to April 2010, \$85,422 net funds were generated from the gift shop, according to the Auxiliary's annual report.

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"I wish we could do more," Levine said. "I wish we could get more funds." Levine added that the Auxiliary does not ask for money from major corporations because "it wouldn't be right if [they] are thinking about a company that [they] want to buy from because it wouldn't be right. It wouldn't be ethical."

Because of the recent major budget cuts of almost \$55 million in operating expenses that have happened to the hospital, Levine said that they are going to work harder to continue supporting and supplying the hospital with equipment that benefits patient care.

"We can't walk alone, that's the reality," Levine said. "The cuts that are happening are just so sad because I don't think that politicians know what they're doing." The Auxiliary

is doing more to get additional volunteers to join the organization. Not only do the members pay an annual fee of \$25, but they can also offer new fundraising ideas.

"It's people who have to make an effort and realize that their participation is vital and that a handful of people can't do it all," Levine said. "What one person does impacts on another; we're all a part of a community and we have to help each other." She added that while some current members don't volunteer but continue to donate money to the organization.

With the help of the donations from members of the Auxiliary, the community and patients, three ambulances, a mammogram machine and other equipment has been given to the hospital. Levine said that she did not know if patients and their families were made aware of the Auxiliary after they had been released from the hospital. None of

the future major purchases could be discussed while they were still in the planning process.

The group not only donates to the hospital, but also sponsors events that promote well-being. In the up-coming months, they will be planning a free dermatology screening at a beach on Memorial Day. This is event is important to Levine because she was diagnosed with skin cancer in the past and had a "big chunk" of her nose removed; as a result, she puts on sunscreen every day and urges everybody to do the same.

Levine added that the most memorable moments of her time with the Auxiliary are the times that the board voted to buy new equipment or donate to a certain area of the hospital because it promotes the organization's mission.

"I go back to my old philosophy that without good health, you have nothing," she added.

Recycle This: Long Island Rates in Decline



By DAVID MORRIS
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Despite ubiquitous talk about how "green is good," nearly all Long Island municipalities have exhibited sharp declines in recycling over the past decade.

According to a new survey by Stony Brook University's Department of Technology and Society and the Waste Reduction and Management Institute, recycling rates on Long Island dropped from 29 percent to 24 percent; Suffolk's overall recycling rate was 27 percent, while Nassau's was only 20 percent.

The study, "Recycling on Long Island 2009: A report on municipal programs in Nassau and Suffolk Counties," is prompting officials like Brookhaven town supervisor Mark Lesko to rethink how their municipalities manage waste.

"The results of the study are frankly disturbing," Lesko said at a press conference. "It's a wake up call to the entire region. We must

recycle more."

While Brookhaven saw an 11 percent decrease in recycling, the town is in far better shape than almost all locations on the east end of the island. According to the survey, East Hampton saw the highest rate of decline at 4 percent. Babylon and Oyster Bay were not far behind with declines of 46 percent and 45 percent respectively.

But for every bit of bad news, there were scattered specks of improvement. Southampton was way ahead of the pack with an 85 percent rate of recycling. Shelter Island was the only other site with a recycling increase at a total 63 percent recycling rate.

The cause of the otherwise pervasive declines cannot be precisely defined.

"I think the reason for the decline is due to the change in materials and the change in lifestyles," said the report's lead author Krista Greene, a graduate student at Stony Brook's Department of Society and Technology. "For instance the switch from heavy materials

like glass to lighter materials like plastic."

New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele points his finger at a lack of education and awareness.

"If the same commitment was given to recycling as smoking or drunk driving, I think we would see better results," Thiele said.

Some Long Island residents like Hampton Bays middle school teacher Amanda Heenan attribute apathy to the cause of the island's low recycling rates, an attitude derived from Suffolk County's method of trash collection.

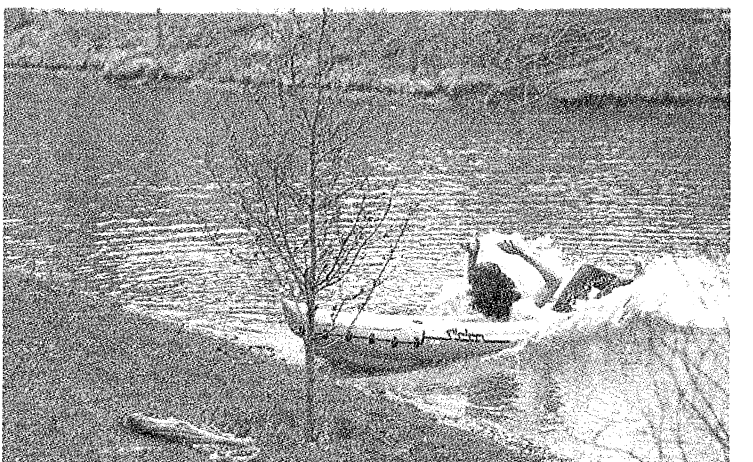
"Where I live, you have to drive to special facilities to drop off your recycling and put the garbage into special bags," Heenan said. "Recycling in my town is kind of inconvenient."

Heenan is describing the "Pay as You Throw" system designed for more sparse areas of Long Island. The system charges residents per pound of waste. Other more densely populated areas of Long Island, like Hempstead, have curbside pickup of waste and recyclables. In areas like East Hampton that are sparsely populated, residents must drop off all trash to waste facilities or hire private companies to collect these materials. Recyclables must be separately bagged in special plastic provided by the town to every resident.

In some municipalities, residents are charged for trash collection through property tax.

Stony Brook University was not included as a part of the survey, but according to Greene, a study comparing the university to other schools in the area and possibly the country may be the next step.

A SNAPSHOT FROM THE STATESMAN VAULT



Boating in Roth Pond

March 31, 1973

Photos by Larry Rubin

EARTHSTOCK 2011

By WILL RHINO
Staff Writer

The sun was shining, blue and green flags were waving in the breeze, solar panels were set up, the fountain was running and live music was being played as students wandered about the Academic Mall during Stony Brook's annual Earthstock festival.

Earthstock is a week-long event that celebrates and encourages sustainability and being "green," or environmentally-friendly. The culminating event is the Earthstock Festival, which takes place on the last day and features the most student involvement.

This is Stony Brook's 10th Earthstock festival, and it is an event of ever-increasing importance. But, as Malcolm Bowman, one of the academic co-chairs of Earthstock and a professor in the Marine and Atmospheric Sciences department said, students should "celebrate the joy of being alive" as well.

The majority of the day was spent in warm sunshine, with few clouds in the sky, as students explored the Academic Mall's various activities. Students could spend their time at Erik's Reptile Adventures, for example, which held demonstrations all day using the various reptiles they brought to campus.

Students gathered around as the men showed a snapping turtle's vicious bite on a defenseless stuffed animal. An alligator lay motionless in a clear container. The men played a trick on students by announcing that they were bringing out a toad, but tossing a stuffed animal into the crowd instead, causing one student to yell and then laugh it off.

The main reptilian attraction—the snakes—were then placed around students necks for picture taking—if they were brave enough.

While students snapped pictures with snakes, two stilt-walkers juggled and danced their way down and back the mall, and attendees also took pictures of the flashily dressed performers.

Some students filled their time by participating in a drum circle. Participants just had to take a seat and could beat on drums with their peers to make an interesting beat. A more professional team of drummers performed in the SAC plaza and drew a crowd themselves at around 1:30 p.m.

From about 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. students were welcome to participate in the Residence Hall Association's Eco-Hunt for a chance to win a free bike. Nahrin Ali participated, while walking and around looking at the

booths, and said that she was really "looking forward to the duck races."

The Eco-Hunt had 11 stations, and included games such as "recycle pong" and "bottle squishing."

The annual duck race took place at 2 p.m., as students gathered around the man-made brook outside of the Administration building to watch the army of red ducks make their way down the water's path to the finish line. Students gasped in awe and laughed as some ducks took the lead only to later fall behind. The speed of the ducks seemed to depend on whether or not they were on their bellies.

The selection of booths and stations varied greatly; there was a farmer's market, car dealership and Stony Brook clubs among others. One station sold fresh fruits and vegetables and accepted campus cash, while another sold organically made soaps for cash only. The Sierra Club, a major off-campus environmental organization, had a booth.

Stony Brook's Environmental Club also had a table. Its president, Andrew Greco, and the rest of the club is responsible for the "Do it in the Dark" concert that takes place in Roth quad.

The concert is important because "the idea is that it's a solar powered concert," said Alex Catti, a freshman double major in Italian education and theatre arts. The giant solar panels gathered sunlight all day in the SAC plaza in preparation for the

concert.

One of the more relaxed attractions of the day was the live music from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in front of the Administration building. Peat Moss and the Fertilizers performed. More students began to gather to watch and listen when the other events started to die down.

Peat Moss and the Fertilizers played covers of many popular hits, ranging from Third Eye Blind's "Semi-Charmed Life," to Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean."

Once Peat Moss started a rendition of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance," there was no stopping the students. Dancers proceeded in front of the stage and moves from the video were executed. However, students could just tap along and sit on the fountain if dancing in a conga line or stage diving was not their type of enjoyment. At 3 p.m., Peat Moss and the Fertilizers closed with a cover of Journey's "Don't Stop Believing," which was a crowd-pleaser for sure.

Thankfully, the warm weather held out until the end of the day when, at 9:30 p.m., the Do It in the Dark concert started off with Stony Brook's own High C's. Free water bottles with the logo "I am NOT Plastic" on them were given out as a few other bands played covers and original songs.

As the last band left, students drifted apart, and the festival came to a close.



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Ducks Race Down the Stony Brook

By ELAINE VUONG
Staff Writer

A cluster of 682 red ducks sat at the top of the fountain to race each other in the 9th Annual Rubber Duck Race as a part of the Earthstock festival.

At 2 p.m. on Friday, the ducks were released in the Wang Center's man-made "Stony Brook" that leads to the Wang Center where the first and last place ducks would be crowned the winners. The red rubber ducks could be "adopted" for \$1 each in the Student Activities Center or at a tent near the Academic Fountain fountain the day of the event.

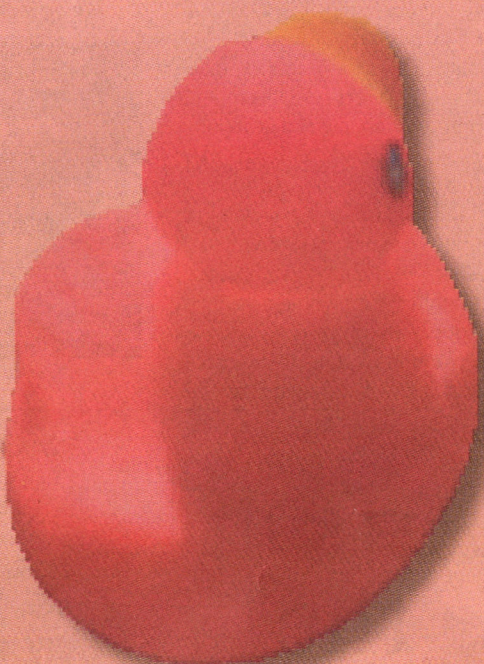
"The race is fun, exciting and different," said Associate Dean and Director of Student Life Susan DiMonda. "You get 600 people competing at once."

The winners of the race were student Marco Gambino, duck number 522, and VP Coordinator for Human Resources and Budget, Rosalie Kosonen, duck number 343. Both won four tickets to a Long Island Ducks game, a Stony Brook sweatshirt, a T-shirt and gadgets from Student Life.

"This is pretty original," said Daniel Doherty, a junior marine sciences major, who was watching the race for

the first time. "I've never heard of anything like a rubber duck race."

All proceeds from the event will go to Stony Brook's Student Life Foundation, to fund future campus events.



ARTS & Entertainment

Environmentally Friendly Art One Southampton Student Keeps Spirit Alive

By ALESSANDRA MALITO
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While it may seem as though most artists are too busy picking out splashes of colored paint and thicknesses of brushes, they're not just walking down the aisles of their local Michael's and AC Moore stores. Some artists use leaves, fire, water and snow for their artwork. They explore the way that the wind will affect their work, and even the way that their work will affect the wind, in attempt to express themselves. Some artists simply use the earth as their canvas.

With constant email reminders about "going green," and even some paper-using methods, it may seem as though environmental art is just a fad as a result of awareness of the necessity of caring about the ground we walk upon; but it isn't. For decades, the field of environmental art has been forming and evolving, just like the rest of society.

Marc Fasanella, an environmental art professor at Stony Brook University who originally worked at Stony Brook University's Southampton campus, teaches the art of natural processes in his class. For him, it seems as though it's about how art changes in the environment.

According to Fasanella: in the 1970s, it was about changing the environment. In the '80s, it was about using the environment—such as a sculpture of leaves, for instance—and in the '90s, it was conceptual.

Fasanella cited artist Jackie Brookner's "Prima Lingua"—an environmental art piece that involves volcanic stone and a basin. The sculpture took four to five years to make, and resulted in seeds growing on the stone due to natural processes.

"While something is decaying, another thing is growing," Fasanella said about art in natural processes.

He plans on creating an art exhibit that showcases environmental art. He

is also writing a book about the subject.

"We see nature as something we need to tidy up," he said, giving examples such as raking the leaves and trimming the grass. "There's nothing there and there's so much there."

By raking the leaves and trimming the grass, he said, people are decreasing the richness of the environment, and "getting rid of what naturally filters stuff."

And as the richness of the environment decreases, so does the possibility of using parts of it to make art.

Kathleen Furey, a student originally from Southampton, used leaves in the fall for a project for her class with Fasanella. The project required students to follow an environmental artist's work. In Furey's case, that artist was Ana Mendieta.

According to Furey, she was thinking about her project one day, saw her medium of leaves, and it all started to make sense.

Furey said that she had originally planned on using sand and shells because of the great amount of time that she spends around them, but the leaves and the light were beautiful, and she couldn't resist.

"If art is not part of education, we're missing the development of half of our brain," Furey said. "Our brains function in more ways than calculation...we're exposed to all different types of arts, all different types of physical movement—dance, music, visual



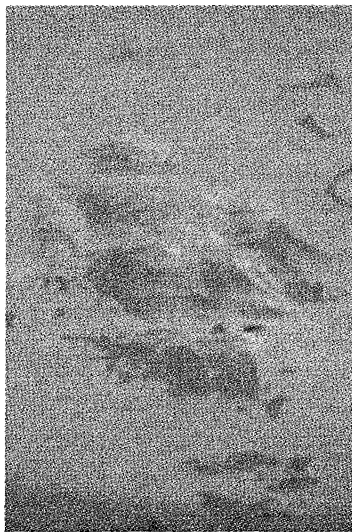
art—all different types of disciplines of art. I think that's really important."

Other students use their instinct to make environmental art. Martha Weller, who also studied at the Southampton campus, works with landscape design. She has a business called Garden Environment, Inc., and a certificate for landscape design from New York Botanical Garden. Weller works mostly with high-end East End people with second homes, although she does work with some businesses also.

"People are happier in an aesthetically pleasing environment," Weller said. "It's something that's always going to be a challenge."

To Weller, it's about "drawing from nature and helping to merge human's modified environment with natural environment without imposing on the natural environment and minimizing the natural environment."

There are multiple mediums of which environmental art can take advantage. Whether it's the blades of grass on the Staller steps, or the rippling waves on the shores of a beach, the natural environment allows space for art to live and breathe.



KATHLEEN FUREY

Thoughts on the Royal Wedding

By NICOLE SICILIANO
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On April 29, Prince William and Kate Middleton finally tied the royal knot. After a much anticipated six-month-long engagement and a decade-long and highly publicized relationship, it became clear that the world was fascinated with the commoner who won the future King of England's heart. The event's broadcast began at 4 a.m. eastern time with an estimated two billion people around the world tuned in to witness the procession, ceremony and most importantly: what and who the bride was wearing.

To answer some of these questions, Middleton, who was given the title of the Duchess of Cambridge, wore a dress designed by Alexander McQueen that included a plunging neckline and long lace sleeves. The wedding party arrived in Rolls Royce's and left in classic carriages. The ceremony went off without a hitch—with the exception of Middleton's father dropping his hat and a breathless moment for viewers when it seemed the gold wedding band might not fit on the bride's finger.

The wedding, which culminated into a 45 minute traditional church ceremony, two kisses on a balcony and three receptions, continues to receive media coverage. However, while some people continue to drink up the ending to a story book romance, many have grown weary.

Here are some thoughts Stony Brook University students have about the nuptials.

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"It was a bigger deal than necessary, for Americans at least. There are so many other things we should be focusing on right now."



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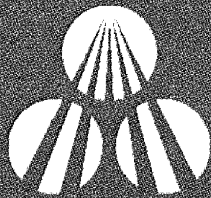
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Cooking with the Sun

By ELAINE VUONG
Staff Writer

Fire, wood-gathering and hours of preparation used to be necessary efforts to prepare meals. Now, cooking a hot meal can be accomplished in a shorter time frame by simply using aluminum, cardboard and the sun.

On April 26, the Department of Technology and Society sponsored a solar cooking demonstration by Solar Cookers International (SCI), a non-profit organization aimed at combating environmental and health risks associated with cooking over open fires.

Karen Sobel Lojeski, a Technology and Society professor, and two PhD students—Crystal Cook and David Edelstein—helped put the event together. They recruited Dr. Arline Lederman, the vice president and U.N. representative of SCI, to present at Stony Brook.

“We wanted to help others understand how technology works and interacts with human beings and how it affects all of us,” Sobel Lojeski said.

SCI explains the many benefits of solar cooking: it reduces cooking fuel by one-third, cuts back on scarce firewood and omits the risk of smoke inhalation from fires. By extension, it also reduces the amount of carbon dioxide and soot released into the atmosphere.

SCI has introduced solar cookers to Africa, Bangladesh, China, Afghanistan, Switzerland and Haiti with

their focus on women and children. Meal preparation in those countries is dependent upon children gathering firewood and women cooking the food. With the solar cooker, women and children liberate themselves from hours of collecting wood, high costs of fuel and health risks associated with outdoor cooking at a low cost—\$25 per solar cooker.

The solar cooker is not only used in other countries, but also in the United States; In fact, brownies were baked prior to the event using the solar cookers.

The solar cooker is the nucleus of the event. It is a light device that appears to be travel-friendly and could be confused for a tanning reflector. The aluminum walls are folded upwards at an angle so the interior bounces sunlight around to distribute heat. The pot of food sits in the middle and cooks as efficiently as it would if it were held over fire or a stove. Heat is spread evenly, getting rid of concerns of burning the food.

In countries that use the solar cooker, a main concern is forgoing the food's cultural and signature smoky flavor—an aspect associated with cooking over open fires. Lederman said that this could be easily remedied by briefly burning the food over a fire, versus having the entire meal cooked over it.

“With understanding, [solar cookers] could be adapted by one-third of Earth's population very quickly because of its benefits,” Lederman said.

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 - 13 Guido's note (2 words)
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 - 15 Sleep (pref.)
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 - 23 Irish foot soldier
 - 26 Block
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As Spring Arrives, Staller Steps Are In Full Bloom

By YANY WU FENG
Contributing Writer

As the weather gets warmer, students shed some layers and gather together to spend some time around the Staller Steps. It's a place that unites and flourishes student spirit.

Carolyn Delena, a freshman double majoring in theater and French, says the steps are the best place to enjoy spring.

“I like here a lot, especially when the weather is nice,” Delena said. “I come here to lie down and enjoy the weather with a lot of people around; I always come between classes!”

The steps offer more than just a resting space surrounded

by green grass and sunlight. They also play an essential role for summoning families and friends to reunite again after a long day of working and studying.

“It's spring! And the weather is so great,” said Sara Rehart, a senior chemistry major. “I usually come with my sister and other friends to talk while getting tan.”

“I often come with one or two friends, but I always end up with a big group of friends, it's amazing to see friends around without planning it,” said Alexa Markel, a freshman anthropology major.

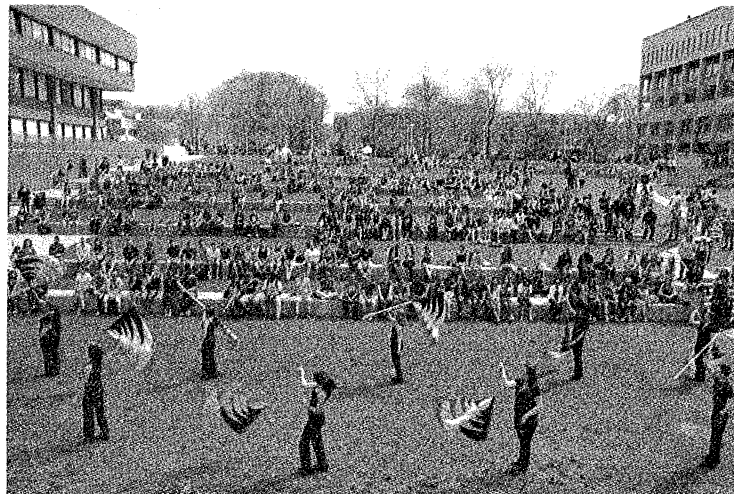
Somehow the steps have created a bridge that connects the time, space and souls of those students that are looking for a spice of delight.

Eric Sita, a freshman athletic training major, adds that the steps give him a place to relax and exercise.

“It's relaxing here, I happen to come here very often with my friends to play Frisbee, and to get away from stress,” Sita said.

The steps have nourished the social life for those who need to relieve from the academic pressure, and blossomed students' campus life.

Ela Profka, a freshman business major, says the steps as her favorite location to do all her hobbies. “It's the best place to stay for free time, especially during spring. I enjoy coming here to read, do homework, hang out with friends, or sometimes I just



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bring my laptop and iPod and listen to some music. Also, last semester, while I was taking art classes, I love to come here, sit around and start drawing.”

That's why students say the steps don't only allow thoughts to fly free, they can also combine hobbies and class work to get students inspired.



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OPINION

High School Students Present at Earthstock *Should They Have Been Allowed?*

By ELIZABETH BRENNER
Staff Writer

Earthstock always has dozens of organizations, businesses and campus clubs with tables. Walking around, I noticed a good amount of posters with high school names on them. At first, I thought that they were campus organizations at the tables that worked with high schools to help spread awareness of environmental conservation.

Then, after looking closely at the pictures on one board and talking to people at other tables, I realized it wasn't a campus club or organization, it was the high school clubs themselves—and in some cases I didn't see an adult, which is why I thought they were college clubs.

If the high school students did not have an adult chaperone, then the responsibility for their safety fell to the university. But when they're thrown in a mix of both campus and outside clubs and organizations, it's hard to keep track of who is who.

It makes no sense to have high school clubs come to a world renowned university and be thrown into a mix with school sponsored clubs and organizations. There weren't any other colleges present. There was no "see the achievements of our local high schools section," which is what they should have done if they were going to have the high school students present their clubs goings-on.

High school students, who can be anywhere from 13 to 18 years old, should be self-contained, such as in the SAC ballroom, where the community and campus can go visit them, but where they won't be allowed to roam by themselves, unidentified, and could get a BYOC—otherwise known as Bring Your Own Condom bag, because they



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Students participating at different tables at Earthstock Festival at the Academic Mall

were not allowed to get one. I actually overheard someone telling that station that there are high school students around and to make sure not to give them bags.

However, there were so many people there that a high school student could have grabbed one when someone wasn't looking. There is also the fact that as long as the high school students act the part of a college student and don't wear high school apparel, they could seem like freshmen.

After all, none of us mature college students have or even wear high school shirts, jackets, and sweatshirts-right?

I'm not saying that the high schools don't deserve recognition for the good

things they do for the environment, but they should be doing it in an appropriate venue within the university, so they can be properly supervised by staff from their high schools and if none are there, by default Stony Brook personnel. They should also be identified by name tags with their high schools on them so people such as the man walking around with a sign for "free deluxe hugs" does not have a high school student approach him for one. We can all use our imagination about what the deluxe part is. (Something tells me it's not a hug that lasts more than three seconds.)

Imagine the press the university would get if something happened to a

high school student here. Even though they are in high school, and will soon be in college they are still, I assume, invited guests of the university, and did not just show up the day of the event.

The university would get the bad rap in the press, not the high school chaperone. After all, dozens of high school students reside here in the summer. However no one is going to send their child, especially underage children, somewhere where there is a history of "deluxe hugs."

So, the next time high school students have tables set up for a celebration the university, administrators should make sure that they are treated like high school students, not college students.

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Obama: Tougher Than He Looks

Does The GOP Have Any Chance Of Beating Him?

By RAVNEET KAMBOJ
Opinion Editor

As the election comes closer and closer, it's hard to see what the GOP's strategy is going to be. The candidate leading in their polls is Donald Trump. Close runners up are Mike Huckabee and Michelle Bachmann.

If that's really the best that they can come up with, then they are going to have an extremely hard time winning the election. Even if they manage to come up with a halfway sane candidate they will still have a tough time winning.

President Barack Obama is still very popular among people and has a job approval rating that is much higher than Former President George W. Bush had for most of his term. Obama also holds the incumbent advantage; it is usually always harder to beat an incumbent than an ordinary candidate in any election.

Firstly, however, let's look at the candidates the GOP has right now and see what their chances are realistically. Donald Trump is a multi-billionaire real estate mogul who also has a reality TV show and a lot of failed businesses and casinos.

Over the past several years, he has been known for bad decisions that have cost his company millions and millions of dollars, and he has run several projects into bankruptcy.

He also claims that the best thing for America to do is to just take the oil that we want and tell other countries what they can and can't charge for oil. He wants to strongarm

the rest of the world, which is his idea of good international relations.

He also has a history of pricing out poorer families in areas around New York and replacing their buildings with his brand of gold foil covered architecture. He has been a strong proponent of the birther "conspiracy," which claims that Obama was not born in the United States and is thus ineligible to hold office.

The entire birther movement, whether anyone wants to admit it or not, smacks of subtle racism and feels more like bitter people who are holding a grudge than competent people with a legitimate complaint.

The best thing for the Democratic party would be if Trump actually won the GOP nomination; that would almost ensure Obama's victory in 2012.

Let's turn our attention to the other candidates. Michele Bachmann of the sixth Congressional District in Minnesota is about as dim as they come. Her speeches and her claims elevate even Sarah Palin and her brand of stupidity.

It is surprising and a little sad that someone like Bachmann can get elected to office. She has made numerous incorrect statements about the Constitution and seems to lack an understanding of how government works.

One of her amazing statements is as follows: "I find it interesting that it was back in the 1970s that the swine flu broke out then under another Democrat President, Jimmy Carter. And I'm not blaming this on President Obama, I just think it's an interesting coincidence."

Right then, I guess that's enough for the people in her district to vote her into office, but she might have to be a little more sane to run the country. There are actually websites that compile her most ridiculous quotes and statements.

Here is another wonderfully accurate quote by her: "But we also know that the very founders that wrote those documents worked tirelessly until slavery was no more in the United States." Everyone knows that the founders lived for another 100 years after the founding of the United States until the Civil War started and eventually lost their lives at Gettysburg.

Everyone knows that, right? But wait, she has a great plan for creating jobs for Americans, and here it is: "If we took away the minimum wage—if conceivably it was gone—we could potentially virtually wipe out unemployment completely because we would be able to offer jobs at whatever level."

I don't know why no one ever thought of that before. It's a stroke of economic genius. I could fill this entire newspaper with Bachmann quotes and intelligence, and maybe she can eventually have a show on Comedy Central. Let's turn our attention to some other candidates, like Mike Huckabee.

Here is a quote from him on a recent interview about Obama: "I would love to know more. What I know is troubling enough. And one thing that I do know is his having grown up in Kenya, his view of the Brits, for example, [is] very different than the average American." He again says in the same interview: "...if you think about



it, his perspective as growing up in Kenya with a Kenyan father and grandfather, their view of the Mau Mau Revolution in Kenya is very different than ours because he probably grew up hearing that the British were a bunch of imperialists who persecuted his grandfather."

Later, he claimed that it was just a slip-up that he happened to make twice. He also claimed back in 2008 that the the Constitution should be amended to be more in line with the Bible. Awesome stuff there.

In all seriousness, Mitt

Romney is a legitimate and sane candidate who has a good chance of actually running this country properly, and if he was to win the nomination, the election would definitely be a good hard fight that would be well won by either side. He, however, is not at the top of GOP candidates in recent polling.

The Republicans are running out of time to come up with a candidate that we can all be assured knows how to read. Until then, Obama may have already won the race before it even started.

Letter to the Editor: When they came for the Regatta

Dear Fellow Students,

My name is Aaron Ferri and I am writing to inform you about a terrible injustice that is taking place on campus. The Roth Pond Regatta, one of our most beloved campus traditions, has recently been stolen by our infamous USG. This is only part of a recent string of student government led seizures that have taken place this past year. I am writing to you all not only as the former President of the Regatta, but also as a concerned member of our community.

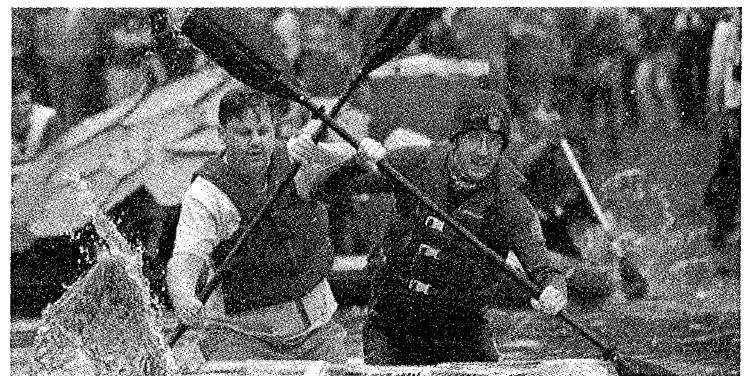
Although many of you may not know this, until this year Roth Regatta was an event run by the Roth Pond Regatta Club, a recognized student organization. However, last year saw the passage of the Office of Student Life, Programming and Activities Act. This controversial

piece of legislation took many of our treasured campus traditions, including the Regatta, and put them in the hands of SPA, a newly established branch of USG. Those of us who had poured countless hours into establishing these traditions were never consulted or even formally notified; we were simply informed the following year that a club that we were extremely passionate about now belonged to USG and that we had no say in the matter.

The justification for this take over was that USG would be able to open the planning of the event up to a larger segment of the student body and that the planning would happen more efficiently if handled by a central authority. As to date, with the event less than a week away, neither of these two goals have been met.

At least as a club, membership was open to the entire campus

community, and anyone who has attended a Regatta knows that it was a well run event—which brings up the age old adage, "don't fix what isn't broken." Although you may disagree about whether USG is the proper entity to run the Regatta, I feel the more important question is this: what right does USG have to take over a student run club? Yes, in a democratic system, people must capitulate to the will of our duly elected representatives, but is there to be no limit on how far government can go? At what point does democracy lead to a tyranny of the majority? Shouldn't a democracy have some checks on what it can and can't do? In our case, we aren't even talking about a majority, but rather a select group of overzealous students who take their jobs way too seriously. I say "jobs" because the Office of Student Life, Programming and Activities Act allows the SPA to pay



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themselves for stealing our traditions.

In all fairness, I am generalizing a bit, and I know several USG members who have done a terrific job of establishing a sense of community on campus. USG is simply piggybacking on the years of groundwork laid by others, and I think it is time that we as students take a stand. USG is meant to look out for us, not dictate

to us what we can and can't do as students. I have filed a brief against USG, but am hoping for the support of the student body as well.

Students of Stony Brook beware, for first they came for the Regatta....

Sincerely,
Aaron Ferri

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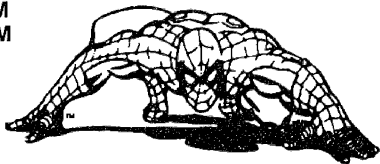
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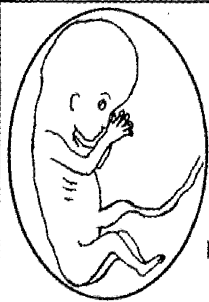
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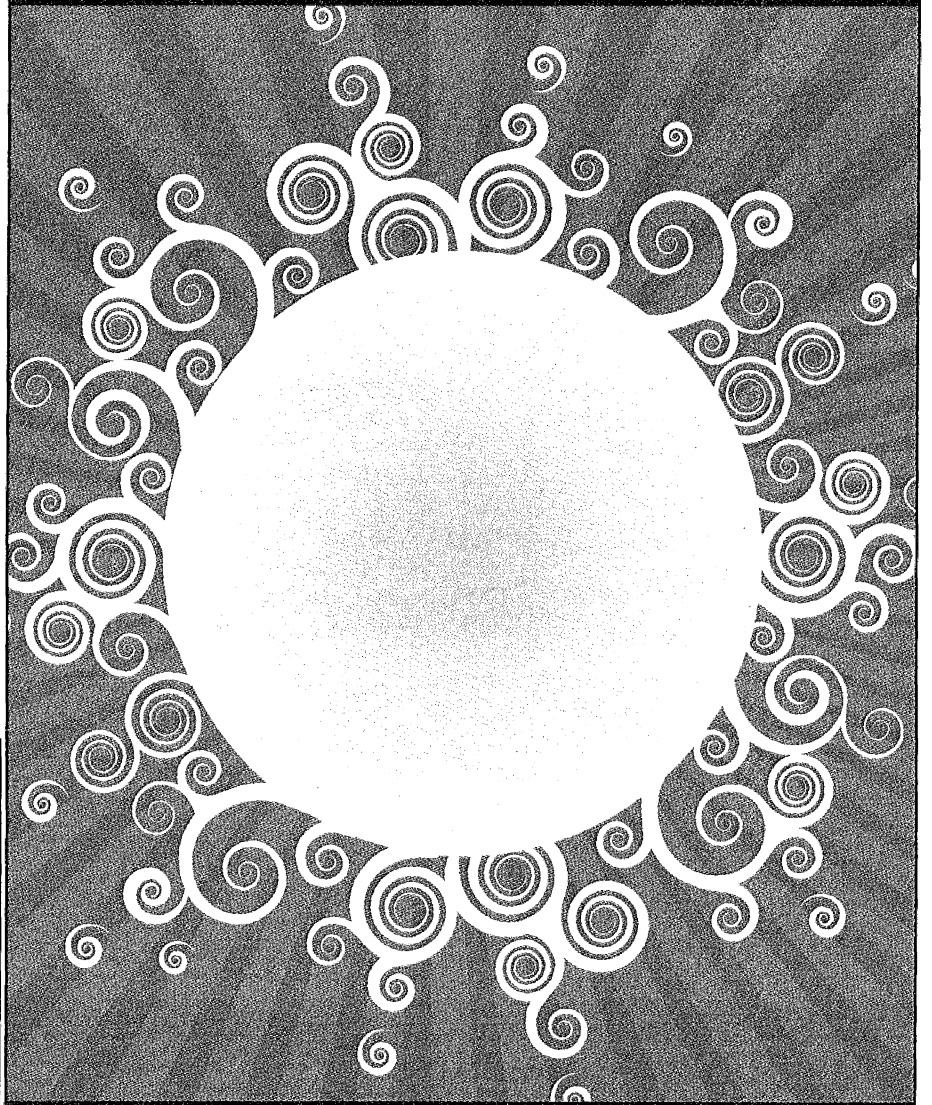
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Softball Successful in Final Home Stand of the Season

By SYED HASHMI
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The Stony Brook women's softball team took two out of three games against the Binghamton Bearcats at Stony Brook University over the weekend in the team's last regular season home games.

Led by senior Colleen Matthes (Severn, Md.), the Seawolves swept the Saturday doubleheader, winning by the final scores of 3-0 and 6-1. Matthes threw complete games in both games allowing no earned runs.

In the first game, Matthes helped the Seawolves (19-25, 5-10 AE) in the 3-0 shutout win, allowing three hits while striking out nine. It was her second shutout in as many starts.

Stony Brook got on the board early with an RBI double from junior Bernadette Tenuto (Audobon, N.J.) scoring freshman Jessica Combs (Hammonton, N.J.) in the first inning. Tenuto continues her terrific season leading the team in hits, batting average, doubles and RBI.

The Seawolves tacked on another run in the third inning on an RBI single to left from Combs,

scoring junior Lauren Maloney (Las Vegas, Nev.) to give Stony Brook an early 2-0 lead.

Junior Alyssa Hawley (Spokane, Wash.) capped Stony Brook's scoring in the first game after crossing home plate on an infield error by the third baseman.

Matthes once again took the ball in the second game of the doubleheader and stayed on point pitching yet another complete game in a 6-1 Stony Brook victory.

Benefitting from a six-run fifth inning, Matthes struck out nine with her lone run coming unearned and in the seventh inning.

In the bottom of the fifth the Seawolves mounted a massive two-out rally. Hawley brought in the first run with a squeeze bunt to third. Combs came to bat, and plated Hawley with an RBI single to make it 2-0. Sophomore Taylor Chain (Gloucester, N.J.) followed with a backbreaking home run with the bases loaded. It was the sophomore's first collegiate grand slam and only her second home run on the season.

Six runs would be all Matthes would need as she shut down the Bearcats (21-7, 9-5 AE) extending to 21 innings her streak of not allowing an earned run.

However, Stony Brook would end its home schedule on a sour note, squandering a 6-0 lead on Sunday and losing by a final score of 9-8.

Riding the wave of momentum from Saturday's sweep and the pregame ceremony honoring senior Matthes, the Seawolves erupted for six runs in the first inning.

Tenuto hammered a two run double to center field to open the game's scoring, and scored on a bouncing single up the middle by junior Suzanne Karath (Fishkill, N.Y.). Later in the inning, sophomore Gina Bianculli (Oakdale, N.Y.) cleared the bases with a three-run double to right-center.

Matthes and the Seawolves took their comfortable six-run lead into the third where Binghamton's Deannie Plemon launched a two-run homer to left-center field to cut the lead to 6-2. Plemon's homerun ended Matthes' scoreless streak at 23 innings.

Binghamton came all the way back in the fourth as Demi Laney crushed a grand slam chasing Matthes out of the game. The Bearcats tacked on two more runs in the seventh after freshman pitcher Alex Clark (Warsaw, Va.)



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The Seawolves have one conference series with Albany left before the America East tournament begins on May 12.

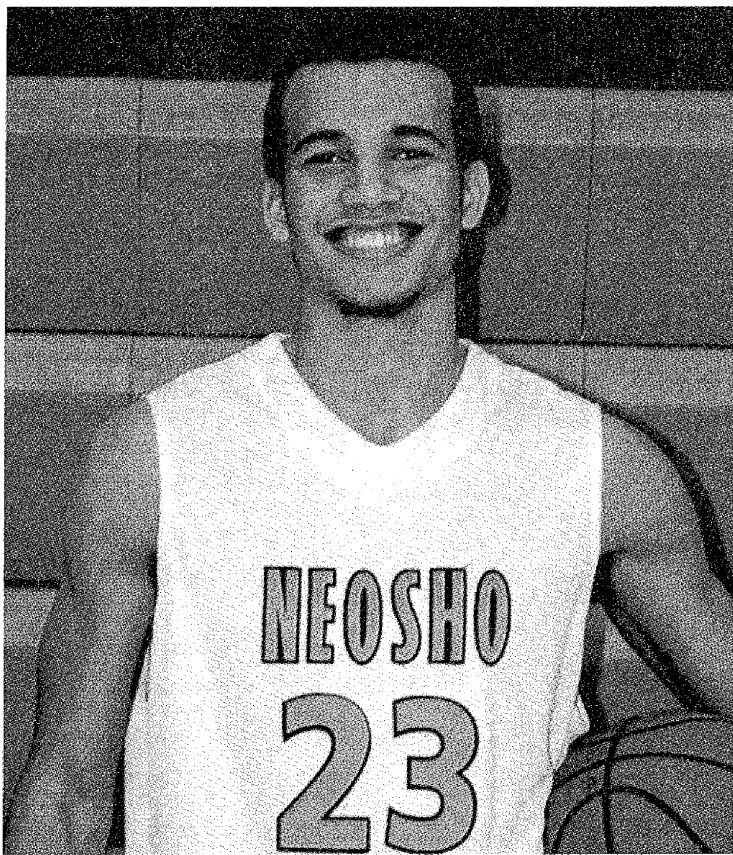
walked in a run before giving up another on a fielding error to make it 8-6 Binghamton.

The Seawolves tied it up in the bottom of the seventh as Combs delivered a clutch two-run double to right field to tie it up at 8. But in extra innings, Chain allowed her third run of the game, giving

up a hit to leftfield to put the Bearcats up 9-8. Stony Brook would go quietly in the bottom of the eighth, dropping the final game of the three-game set.

Stony Brook is ranked second-to-last in the America East with only a series with Albany to go in conference play.

Stony Brook Basketball Misses Out on Top Recruit



Sophomore guard Trey Anderson visited Stony Brook last week.

By SAM KILB
Sports Editor

An all-region point guard from Neosho County Community College in Kansas has decided against continuing his college basketball career at Stony Brook University.

Trey Anderson, a 6'4" 180-pound sophomore, earned all-region honors for his performances with the Panthers and will be suiting up for South Alabama next season, he said on his Twitter page.

"Just signed these papers for South Alabama! #powpow" Anderson tweeted on Friday afternoon.

Anderson was at Stony Brook University on a visit from Monday through Wednesday of last week, he confirmed.

At the time of his visit, Anderson had his choices down to South Alabama, Missouri State and Stony Brook.

Anderson averaged 20 points,

eight rebounds, and seven assists a game. He scored 621 points and shot 48 percent from the field, according to the Neosho athletics website.

He was a first-team selection to the Region VI men's basketball team, but was a second-team all-conference selection.

After a 16-15 season, the Panthers went out in the first round of the Region VI tournament, falling to Garden City, 86-62, on March 1.

Anderson scored 31 points, recorded four assists and grabbed 10 rebounds for Neosho.

Before transferring to Neosho, Anderson spent two seasons at St. Mary's. He redshirted his freshman year, then in his first playing season saw an average of four minutes per game over 17 games. He scored 1.3 points and grabbed .4 rebounds per game.

Anderson also played one minute in the 2010 NCAA national championship tournament, hitting two free throws against Baylor.

Success at Penn Relays

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Stony Brook University track and field teams left the Penn Relays with a win and two school records.

Senior Lucy Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand), junior LaQuashia Hall (New York, N.Y.), junior Page Price (Tampa, Fla.) and sophomore Annie Keown (Auckland, New Zealand) set a school record in the distance medley relay (11:31.92). The women's 4x800 team, including Van Dalen, Price, junior Mary O'Connor (Waterford, Ireland) and junior Kristal Conklin (Middletown, N.Y.) won the event with a time of 8:51.33, which is also a Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) qualifying time. Junior Gerard Harley (Setauket, N.Y.) ran a time of 14:36.34 in the Olympic Development 5000.

The women's sprint medley relay team, consisting of junior Christina Johnson (Elmont, N.Y.), freshman Katie Manzi (Swan Lake, N.Y.), Hall and Conklin, ran a 4:08.87. Junior Hayley Green (Wellington, New Zealand) finished fifth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:34.79.

Senior Laura Huet (Carrickmines, Ireland) won 18th in the 5,000 with a time of 17:12.27, which qualifies her for the ECAC. She has competed in the Penn Relays for the second straight season.

Stony Brook Tennis Gets Served in America East Championships

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Stony Brook men's and women's tennis teams both lost in the second round of the America East championships.

Binghamton defeated the men's team in doubles play,

winning 8-1 twice to take a 1-0 lead for the match. The Bearcats then took the rest of their singles matches to secure the victory.

Sophomore Roope Kailaheimo (Helsinki, Finland) lost 6-3, 6-4 while freshman Nikita Fomin (Moscow, Russia) lost 6-3, 6-2. Stony Brook finishes the season with a 9-10 record.

In the women's match,

sophomore Nini Lagvilava (Tbilisi, Georgia) and senior Gayatri Krishnan (Chennai, India) won 8-5, and juniors Katherine Hanson (Smithtown, N.Y.) and Salome Mkervalidze (Brewster, N.Y.) won 8-7. Stony Brook as a team lead 1-0. Boston won two out of first three single matches, leaving the score of the match 2-2. Then the Terriers took

a 3-2 lead when Stefanie Nunic defeated Lagvilava in three sets.

The final match was between Krishnan and Monika Mical. Krishnan had a 4-3 lead in the final set, but Mical won the last three games to secure the victory for her team.

The women's team finishes the season 15-5, the most wins it is had since the 2004-05 season.

Women's Lacrosse Senior Taking Her Talents to England



Patricia Molfetta will take what she has learned at Stony Brook to her new position as a coach for a team in England.

BY DAVID O'CONNOR
Asst. Sports Editor

Sometimes the best students become the best teachers because they loved what they learned so much. The Stony Brook University women's lacrosse team may feature one such person.

Patricia "Trish" Molfetta, 21, decided that she loved the game of lacrosse so much that the first thing she wanted to do when she left college was to teach the sport to others; she wants other children to have the same passion for lacrosse that she had when she was young.

"There's baby pictures of me with a stick in my hand," Molfetta said. "The sport always intrigued me. It wasn't as mainstream."

However, it is not Long Island or anywhere else in the United States where Molfetta plans on beginning her lacrosse "ministry."

"I actually have a job set up to co-coach in England next year," Molfetta said. "It's a nine

month program. You go coach and bring lacrosse to towns in England that don't have lacrosse."

Though this may have been news to most, anyone who was close to Molfetta could've guessed that this was the journey upon which she would embark.

"I knew that I wanted to coach," Molfetta said. "I applied for the job in November. I found out during preseason that I go the job."

Molfetta was amused yet excited at the thought of one of her potential English teams coming to face one of their Long Island counterparts.

"So many mixed emotions," Molfetta said. "I'm not from around here, but this has been my home for four years. I'd definitely want to give the Long Island team a run for their money with my team."

However, Molfetta's interest in coaching is certainly not spontaneous. As she would tell anyone, she has had some great coaches in her development as a lacrosse player such as coach Joe Corace at Mahopac High School, where Molfetta was a

four-time letter winner.

"I think that he's definitely a contributing force to how tough I am and how I can handle anything that's thrown my way," Molfetta said.

Molfetta brought her toughness to Stony Brook four years ago, where she met head coach Allison Comito, for whom she says nothing but praise. Even with the opportunity to coach looming on the horizon, Molfetta's focus remains at Stony Brook on the lacrosse field, and that is a large part of what has endeared her to her coaching staff.

"She has set a great example as to what it means to be a natural leader," Comito said.

Beyond her experience in England, Molfetta is unsure of where she'll go next, but those around her believe that the outlook is bright for her future.

"Trish's future holds endless opportunities, and I'm really excited to see where it takes her," Comito said. "Her work ethic coupled with her good nature will allow her to be successful with whatever is near and dear to her heart."

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the fourth inning allowed Stony Brook to put the game out of reach. Freshman Joshua Mason (Woodland Hills, Calif.) singled with two outs and freshman Kevin Courtney (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) reached on an error to score Mason.

Bearcat right-fielder Peter Bregartner threw the ball into the Seawolves dugout to score Courtney.

Johnson cruised to his seventh victory, striking out five and not walking a batter.

Stony Brook fell to Binghamton 4-2 on Sunday, snapping an 11-game winning streak.

Freshman Brandon McNitt (Chino Hills, Calif.) allowed three earned runs, 11 hits and two walks in seven innings of work.

Jay Lynch struck out eight batters in a complete game for the Bearcats.

The Seawolves have a two-game lead in the America East. Sophomore Maxx Tissenbaum (Toronto, Ontario) had three hits and an RBI for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook scored first as junior Pat Cantwell (West Islip, N.Y.) scored on Tissenbaum's liner.

Binghamton scored two runs in the second, one unearned, to go up 2-1.

The Bearcats added another run in the sixth inning off a Mike Thompson sacrifice fly.

The Seawolves scored in the bottom of the sixth inning as Tissenbaum doubled and scored on a fielder's choice from sophomore Travis Jankowski (Lancaster, Pa.).

Binghamton shut down the Seawolves the rest of the way and added another run in the ninth inning.

Lynch got out of a little jam in the ninth inning after Jankowski doubled with one out.

But Lynch struck out freshmen Michael Hubbard (Northridge Calif.) and Courtney to end the game.

Peter Bregartner went 3-for-4 for the Bearcats.

Stony Brook will travel to Marist on Wednesday for a scheduled 3:30 p.m. start.



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Tyler Johnson won game two of the series for Stony Brook.

Baseball On The Rise

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who Senk mentioned were Tropeano and junior right-hander Tyler Johnson, who, along with Senk, are trying to prepare the younger players for the coming in-conference schedule.

"There's always a little added pressure with people expecting you to win the conference," Johnson said.

Despite that pressure, he is optimistic about the games to come.

"I think we're playing this year with a lot more confidence," he said. "Everything's clicking. We think we can beat whoever we face right now."

However, the young guns are apparently ready to prove their worth.

Senk added that, in his mind's eye, he sees a bright future for his team.

"We're extremely optimistic about the future," he said. "They're going to get better, and, as a result, we'll get better."

Women's Lacrosse Drops Final Game of Season

By AMY STREIFER
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team finished its 2011 season on Saturday afternoon, losing its last game of the season, 14-10, when it traveled to New Haven, Conn. to take on Yale.

Senior Melissa Cook (Bay Shore, N.Y.) finished her Seawolves career by scoring three goals, giving her a team-best 28 goals this season.

Less than two minutes into the match, Yale scored its first goal, and it continued on a 7-2 run.

Abby Ford (Baltimore, Md.) scored to cut Yale's lead to four goals, but Yale continued to be aggressive and managed three more goals against Stony Brook before the half was over.

Kaila Gottlick's (Madison, Conn.) goal at 3:34 helped the Seawolves battle back, but the score was 10-5 in favor of the Bulldogs.

When the score was at 13-7, Stony Brook began cracking down on Yale's offense and slowly tried to manage a comeback.

Within five minutes, Alyssa Cardillo (Farmingdale, N.Y.) and Victoria Cable (Oakton, Va.) both scored goals for Stony Brook.

Shortly after, Stony Brook won the draw control and Patricia Molfetta (Carmel, N.Y.) scored another goal for the Seawolves off of an assist from Courtney Bertolone



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Stony Brook women's lacrosse, pictured here against Iona, dropped the final game of the regular season to Yale University.

(Farmingville, N.Y.), with 3:51 remaining.

It was as close as it was going to get for the Seawolves. Though winning more draws than Yale, 14-13, Stony Brook managed to commit one more turnover than Yale, 14-13, and the Seawolves also committed 38 fouls, seven of which led to free position attempts for Yale.

Despite the loss, there are

positive things to focus on with the end of their season.

Cook finishes her Stony Brook career with 112 goals, which will put her in fourth place all-time in the program's history.

Cook also finished with 147 points, putting her fifth all-time, and 35 assists, tying her for seventh best all time.

Samantha Djaha (East Islip,

N.Y.) scored 95 goals in her career, placing her fifth place all-time. Djaha also is seventh in points (110) and fourth in draw controls (100).

Ford and Cardillo each finished the season with 20 assists, tied for ninth-best in SBU single-season history.

Ford has 46 assists in her career, which makes her fourth-best in the SBU archives. She

has one season of eligibility remaining.

Cahill and Djaha have both been nominated for America East Fans' Choice Player of the Year. The two players enjoyed what may be considered their best season of their collegiate careers in what is their last season at Stony Brook.

Stony Brook will lose nine of its seniors after this season.

SPORTS

Stony Brook Baseball On the Rise

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Asst. Sports Editor

Stony Brook has seen its share of good baseball pitching over the years. The field that the Seawolves baseball team will soon call home is named after current Minnesota Twins relief pitcher Joe Nathan ('97), the first Stony Brook athlete whose number was retired. Now, Seawolves baseball is seeing a resurgence in pitching, capitalized by the first and second no-hitters in Stony Brook's history.

"There's a lot of positive things that have taken place here," said head coach Matt Senk. "A no-hitter is certainly one that ranks up there as one of the best."

The first no-hitter came on March 18 at the Seton Hall Strike Out Cancer Tournament in New Jersey. Freshman right-hander Frankie Vanderka (Levittown, N.Y.) pitched in Stony Brook's first game of the tournament against the New Jersey Institute of Technology in his second start for the Seawolves.

He faced 30 batters in all that day, only three over the minimum batsmen for a game. He walked two and hit one with a wild pitch. Vanderka's teammates mobbed him after the game concluded.

The next no-hitter came six days later at the West Point Military Academy. This pitching gem was a combined effort between junior right-hander Nick Tropeano (6-1) and freshman right-hander Brandon McNitt. The only Army batter to reach base that game was Shaun Wixted, who made it to first on an error to lead off the ninth inning.

Otherwise, Tropeano (West Islip, N.Y.) earned the historic win, and McNitt (Chino Hills, Calif.) secured his third save of the season. Their efforts, combined with that of Vanderka, have put an exclamation point on Stony Brook's thus far 30-10 season.

"We're very optimistic about our young players and our future," Senk said. "The new players came with a certain level of ability that has allowed our overall pitching to improve."

While this surge in pitching dominance is certainly welcome, it is not a departure from what Senk tries to instill in his players.

A couple of quality pitchers

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Men's Lacrosse Wins Final Game of Season

By ADRIAN SZKOLAR
Staff Writer

With the top seed for the upcoming conference tournament already secured, the Stony Brook men's lacrosse team completed its perfect conference regular season by defeating Vermont, 12-9, Saturday afternoon, winning its second straight America East regular season title.

The Seawolves (9-3, 5-0 America East) will host Binghamton at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the America East semifinals.

Stony Brook jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first quarter. Jordan McBride (New Westminster, B.C.) scored three of the goals, with Kevin Crowley (New Westminster, B.C.) scoring the other goal.

However, Vermont would be persistent.

With under 30 seconds left in the quarter, Vermont's Derek Lichtfuss and Geoff Worley scored two goals in a six second span to quickly make the score 4-3.

After the quick goals, Stony Brook took control, outscoring Vermont 5-1 in the second quarter. Robbie Campbell (Delta, B.C.), Timmy Trenkle (Commack, N.Y.), Russ Bonanno (Seaford, N.Y.) and



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The Seawolves put the finishing touches on the regular season with a win over Vermont. The loss to Cornell, above, was one of the rare blemishes on Stony Brook's record this spring.

McBride scored for Stony Brook to give the Seawolves a 9-4 advantage heading into halftime.

Stony Brook's Campbell and Graham Adams (Royal Oak, Mich.) scored to give Stony Brook an 11-4 lead in the opening minutes of the third quarter, their biggest lead of the game.

Vermont scored five goals in the second half.

Despite not surrendering a goal in the fourth quarter and out-shooting Stony Brook 21-11 in the half, the Catamount comeback would come up three goals short.

"Give Vermont a lot of credit," said head coach Rick Sowell said in a press release.

"They haven't quit all year, and that's a testament to their coaching staff and players."

The Seawolves have won six straight games.

Stony Brook defeated semifinal opponent Binghamton 13-6 when they met during the regular season.

"We're looking forward to Wednesday," Sowell said.

Baseball Takes Two of Three From Binghamton

By MIKE DANIELLO
Staff Writer



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Travis Jankowski waits for a ball in the outfield. He scored two runs and had two RBI for the series against Binghamton.

The Stony Brook baseball team took two out of three games against Binghamton University over the weekend.

The Seawolves are 30-10 on the season and 11-2 in the America East Conference.

In a thrilling extra-inning game, Stony Brook team defeated Binghamton 5-4 in game one. Senior Chad Marshall (Paris, Ontario) scored the game-winning run in the 10th inning on a wild pitch. Sophomore William Carmona (Hempstead, N.Y.) threw 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief for the Seawolves.

Junior Tyler Johnson (Chatsworth, Calif.) gave up only four hits in the second game as Stony Brook won the game 6-0, and swept the doubleheader. Johnson (7-2) has thrown 18 consecutive scoreless innings and has not allowed a run in five of six starts.

Marshall went 5-for-8 Saturday and needs only ten hits to break Stony Brook's all-time hits record. The Seawolves won 11 straight games and have won 30 games for the ninth time under head coach Matt Senk.

Binghamton tied the first game at four on a single by John Howell in the seventh inning. Howell was tagged out by junior catcher Pat Cantwell (West Islip, N.Y.) on a failed squeeze attempt. Sophomore Jasvir Rakkar (Brampton, Ontario) walked a batter and was relieved by Carmona, who got a groundout to force extra innings.

Dave Ciochhi was thrown out at second base by sophomore Tanner Nivins (Kitchener, Ontario) trying to stretch it to a double in the 10th inning. The next two Bearcat batters reached base, but were thrown out attempting to steal by Cantwell.

Marshall led off the bottom of the 10th inning with an infield single and advanced to second on a Carmona single. Sophomore Maxx Tissenbaum (Toronto,

Ontario) walked to load the bases. Bearcat reliever Zach Juliano threw the second pitch of the following at bat to the backstop, which allowed Marshall to score the winning run.

Junior Nick Tropeano (West Islip, N.Y.) started the first game for Stony Brook and struck out nine in six innings to earn a no-decision. Carmona allowed two hits in 3 1/3 innings of relief and went 3-for-5 with an RBI.

The Seawolves led 4-0 early in game one after scoring four runs in the first inning.

Binghamton scored a run in the third inning and two in the fifth inning before tying it in the seventh inning.

Stony Brook scored two runs in the second inning of game two on a Nivins run-scoring triple and an RBI groundout from sophomore Travis Jankowski (Lancaster, Pa.). The Seawolves scored another run in the third inning on a Carmona RBI single.

Poor Binghamton defense in

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