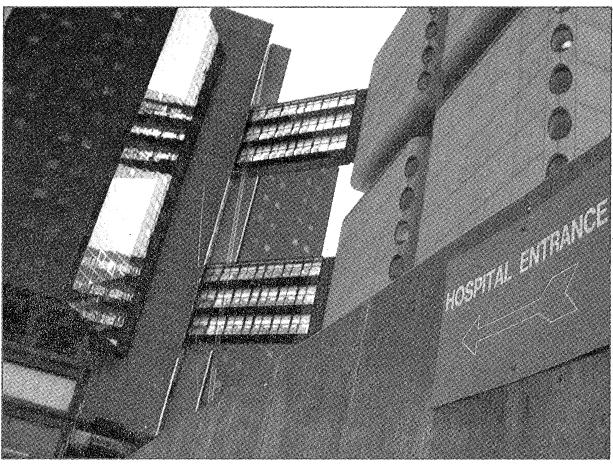
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Under Paterson's new plan students might get an extension on the time that are under their parents' group health insurance plan. This will allow more students to be covered if they attend graduate school or stay an extra few years in undergrad.

Three Decades Later, Equal Rights Amendment Still Three Votes Short

By Jon Millian Contributing Writer

In 1982, the Equal Rights Amendment, aimed at guaranteeing equal rights among men and women, ended with the approval of 35 states and needed 38 votes of ratification to pass. Its opponents argued such an amendment was unnecessary. Over a quarter of a century later, women still earn almost a quarter less on every dollar paid to men for the same work. Only 2.4 percent of Fortune 500 companies are

run by women.

These inequalities led Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, D-NY, to reintroduce the Equal Rights Amendment to the House of Representatives on July 21, 2009. The amendment, which is cosponsored by 24 Senators and 200 House Representatives states, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of sex." Many believe the time of ratification has finally come.

"Women have made incredible progress in the past few decades. But laws can change, government regulations can be weakened, and judicial attitudes can shift. The only way for women to achieve permanent equality in the United States is to write it into the Constitution," Maloney explained in a press release in July. "These 54 words, when passed by Congress and ratified by 38 states, will make equal rights for women not just a goal to be desired but a constitutional right."

However, overwhelming support in Congress, the amendment still faces an up-

hill battle. First introduced in 1923, the ERA has ignited passionate debate during its lifetime. Its vagueness has caused many to believe that, if passed, the bill wouldn't benefit anyone at all and may actually harm women in certain ways. Add in the constitutional amendment ratification process, and it becomes clear why this fight has continued for so long.

There are, however, still many advocates for the ERA who believe its passing is an

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GOV.'S PROPOSAL COULD CHANGE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SOME SUDENTS

By SHIREEN JAYMAN Staff Writer

Pink eye? Flu-like symptoms? Broken limbs? If you just graduated from college, you might hesitate before going to a hospital for treatment.

In his January State of the State Address, New York Governor, David A. Paterson, placed special emphasis on a bill that extends the availability of health insurance coverage to young adults through age 29.

The bill, known as "Age 29 Dependent Coverage Extension," allows young adults to be covered by their parents' group health insurance policy.

According to a press release from the governor's office, "young adults ages 19 to 29 represent 31 percent of uninsured New Yorkers." This new bill is attempting to provide health care for that age group.

Adults in this age bracket are not eligible to be covered under their parents' health coverage and often are working entry-level jobs that do not provide adequete health insurance, according to the release.

The current health care debates over a public insurance option for the 45.7 million uninsured people in the United States have failed to acknowledge coverage of the 19 to 29 age group.

This New York State legislation, passed in July 2009, acknowledges the health insurance issues of recent college graduates and young adults with jobs that fail to provide insurance coverage.

Many hospitals try to leave insurance coverage out of their treatment decisions.

According to Dr. Razia Aristide a doctor at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., hospital staff does "not discriminate against patients and their treatment based on their type of insurance."

Dr. Aristide explained that Methodist Hospital, patients are treated the same, whether they have insurance or not and whether they have private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

Paying for hospital bills is a different story.

According to Dr. Aristide, "Patients who do not have insurance do not come for follow up and will often visit the hospital after their

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In the Feb. 15 issue an article regarding bioterror incorrectly stated one nanogram can kill one person. The sentence should have stated one hundred nangrams can kill one person.

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Men's lacrosse team gunning for a title

Stony Brook's men's lacrosse team is prepared to build on the success of last season to capture its first America East Championship since 2002.

The team finished the regular season 8-5 overall

and 4-1 in the America East, its best conference record since 2006. After sharing the 2009 regular season title with UMBC...

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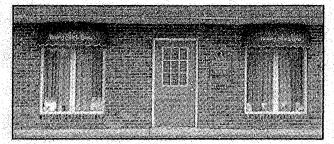
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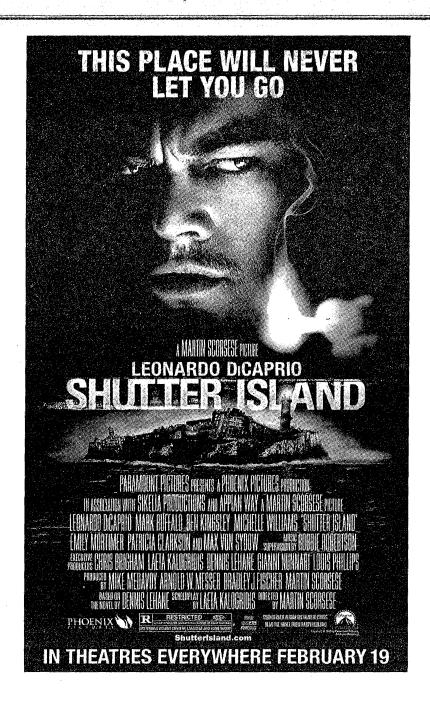
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illness has progressed to a level that requires more intervention."

Under the new law, families will pay individual premiums instead of the employers, according to the release. Premiums will cost less because coverage will shift from individual policies rather than group ones.

Paige Eastwood, 20, a junior and a political science major, is concerned about the fiscal cost and rise in insurance for parents overall.

"Anything that has to do with expanding health care costs users money in the long run, in terms of prescription costs and what have you," said Eastwood.

Under the "'Age 29'," there are two ways in which coverage can be extended, a young adult option and a

make available option.

The young adult option, "permits eligible young adults through the age of 29 to continue or obtain coverage through a parent's group policy," according to information on the New York State Insurance Department website. "Employees or their eligible dependents may then elect the benefit and pay the premium, which cannot be more than 100 percent of the single premium rate."

This option can be equated to adding a line onto a family cellular phone plan. It's called the young adult option because eligible children can opt to continue to be covered by a parent's health insurance until age 29.

make-available The option requires insurers to make an extended coverage option available to the children of their policyholders.

The New York State Insurance Department places emphasis on the fact that for the make-available option, "the employer or group decides whether to offer this benefit to employees. The young adult does not get to make this choice."

"I suppose the fact that the job market is stale and even for kids not going on to graduate school, this is a big thing," said Eastwood, in reference to the coverage extension bill.

Dr. Aristide approves of the extension of insurance coverage. "23-to-29 is the age that people graduate college and may not be employed immediately, which means that this population may not have adequate insurance coverage and will not be able to follow up with their physician. They may not even have a physician for primary care."

Arts at the Brook

This is a new section in Arts & Entertainment that will announce theweekly events on campus to keep the student body informed on the latest in music, movies, theatre, dance and art at Stony. Brook.

MUSIC:

The University Cafe's Sunday Concert Series continues this Sunday with a performance from Peter Mulvey at 2 p.m.

The Tabler Arts Center is hosting its first Open Mic Night of the spring semester on Tuesday Feb. 23 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the cafe are of the TAC.

The Stony Brook Baroque Ensemble

hosting "Early Music Lately: An Introduction to Early Day Music" Sunday, Feb. 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. This event will begin in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center with a talk with David Blake and will continue with performances till 3 p.m. For a full schedule of the performances that day visit the Department of Music page on the Stony Brook website.

Later that afternoon at 3 p.m. the ensemble will perform "Love Songs and More" in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center.

ART GALLERIES:

The Univery Art Gallery is hosting the "MFA Thesis Exhibition 2010" on the first floor of the Staller Center for the Arts through Feb. 27. The exhibition is showcasing the artwork of MFA students, Joseph Andrew Esser, Julianne Gadoury, Kristine Granger, Elizabeth Dee Heifferon and Danielle Rago.

MOVIES:

The Wang Center is hosting "Flesh and Soul: Dance on Camera Films," a showcase of six films that interpert dance through cinema and cinema through dance throughout the world.

The event will present the following movies: 'Horizon Exile, "Mysteries of Nature. "Caught in "Reincarnation," Paint, "La Vie Est Belle" and "Bahudha on"Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

TELEVISION:

SBU-TV, channel 20, is continuing its celebration of Black History Month with a presentation of The Strange Fruit". The documentary, based on Billie Holiday's classic song of the same name is airing daily beginning Feb. 14 to Feb. 28, 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

"Race-The Power an Illusion" is airing throughout the month of February every day at

12:30 a.m.

NEWS

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absolute necessity that would bring immediate reform to identified inequalities.

One of the more scrutinized inequalities is the gender gap, also known as the "glass ceiling." In 2008, women earned 77.1 cents on average for every dollar earned by men for the same exact work.

"I think it certainly is necessary to pass the ERA," said self-proclaimed feminist Sarah H. Sternglanz, a professor of women's studies at Stony Brook University. "It would certainly make life a lot easier on us." Sternglanz, along with many advocates for women's rights, believes that although there are laws in place protecting women, many of them are either not being enforced correctly or not being enforced at all. Sternglanz also echoed Maloney' claim that most women's rights are not properly protected.

What we have now are

not rights," she said. "Congress passed these laws, which means they can take them away as well. An Amendment would make that much harder to do."

This advocacy for equal rights from the feminist movement has kept the Amendment from being thrown out completely. However, a strong opposition continues to stand in the way. Suzanne Bibby, Legislative Director of the conservative grassroots organization, Eagle Forum, rejects Sternglanz's views on the ERA.

"Not only is ERA unnecessary, it is also a fraud because it pretends to put women into the Constitution," she contends. Like many opposed to the ERA, Bibby argues that advocates of the ERA have never been able to show how the amendment would actually benefit women because women are already accounted for in the Constitution.

"The U.S. Constitution is completely sex-neutral. It uses only sex-neutral words like 'we the people,' citizen,'

'person,' 'resident,' 'Senator,' Bibby 'inhabitant,' etc," said. This is true. Although it's also true that when the Constitution was drafted. white male landowners and only white male landowners were allowed to vote, despite the language of the Constitution. However, this is not the main problem that Bibby has with the ERA. She believes there are subliminal motives attached to the amendment.

"Feminists and [liberals] who support the ERA know that it is not really about women," she said. They know and understand the larger goal and that is to put the word 'sex' into the Constitution in order to achieve a whole array of agenda items. These include same-sex marriage, which if the ERA was adopted and ratified, it would activate the gay rights movement to go before activist judges and demand 'equality...on the account of sex.' See, because it's not 'women' in ERA... it's discrimination on the account

of 'sex.' It is deliberately written to be so vague."

These objections weren't made without substance to backitup. Bibbycites NARAL v. Johnson, a 1998 New Mexico Supreme Court case. The court ruled that because New Mexico has its own ERA in its state constitution, it was unconstitutional not to allow taxpayer funding of abortion. Only women get abortions and denying funding for this would be discrimination based on sex, so funding must be allowed.

This attitude puts equal rights in the back seat. The ERA has been around so long and been ratified by so many states but never made it all the way. This brings up the issue of ratification itself.

In order for an Amendment to be ratified, it must pass through both branches of Congress and then be ratified in 38 states. When the 1982 deadline came around, the ERA had come up just short, as it was ratified by 35 states. Some advocates believed the deadline didn't actually



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Professor Sternglanz wants an amendment to ensure the rights of women.

matter.

The ERA's official website supports the "three-state strategy," which said the 35 states that had already ratified the amendment can't withdraw their vote. Therefore, once the amendment passes through Congress, it will only need three more states to be ratified. Supporters of the strategy cite the 27th Amendment, or the "Madison Amendment," which is concerned with

congressional pay raises. It was ratified 203 years after it was introduced in 1992. If this precedent is upheld, chances of ratification are undoubtedly increased.

The bill was introduced in the House of Representatives but still hasn't been introduced in the Senate. As to whether or not the amendment will ever actually get ratified, Professor Sternglanz does not have an answer as of yet.

Stony Brook University Makes Kiplinger's List of Best Values in Public Colleges

By Jasmin Frankel

An excellent educational value at a low price is how Stony Brook University made it on Kiplinger's list of "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." The finance magazine ranked Stony Brook in 39th place, the same as last year's ranking.

Stony Brook has been recognized for its tremendous value for students, according Whelan, Matthew university's assistant provost for Enrollment and Retention Management. Such recognitions include the London Times, Higher Education and U.S. News and World Report. Whelan went on to say, "[the university's] goal is to provide students with great value, affordable tuition and quality education."

Recognition of Stony Brook's low priced tuition does not end with the administration. When asking Sophomore Josh Eichel how he felt about the university being recognized for its qualities, he said, "I am very glad to be able to have the opportunity to go to such a good school and I am very glad that a public school is able to be ranked so high, showing you don't need to be rich to get a college education."

According to Dr. Peter M. Baigent, vice president for Student Affairs and associate provost for Enrollment and Retention Management, almost two-thirds of the ranking is based on the academics. Then the cost of expenses is assessed by looking at the in-state tuition, students financial need after grants and the average debt a student holds before graduating.

All other SUNY schools are ranked lower than Stony Brook, except SUNY Binghamton ranking in fifth and SUNY Geneseo coming

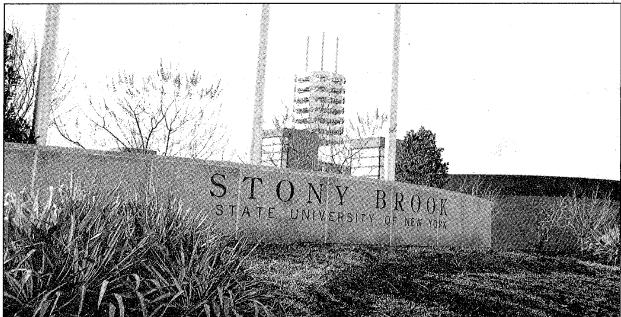
in at ninth.

"We are happy that we are placed so high, where academic quality is the major contributing factor and anticipate our continuing ascent in these rankings over the coming years," Baigent said. "This result reinforces what a great value Stony Brook is, given its ability to provide access to a wide array of high quality programs for a broad spectrum of students."

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 4 issue, this headline did not match

the article below it. This is a reprint of the headline with the correct article and author.



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ARTS

Japanese Artist Utada Performs Energetic, Sold Out Show At The Fillmore In Manhattan

By Bradley Donaldson Editor-in-Chief

The Fillmore New York at Irving Plaza in Manhattan looked more like a camping ground than a concert venue on Feb. 8.

Bundled in blankets, and sitting on newspaper - some dozing off in lawnchairs scores of fans lined the venue's sidewalk. The queue had at least 50 people by 7 a.m. The concert, however, would start 12 hours later.

By 7 p.m. – showtime – the column of shivering bodies twisted down the block, swerving around the corner, and continuing on. Passers-by would ask, "Who's playing?"

"Just say the Jonas Brothers," was the mantra of the crowd.

It was effective. After all, who would question why hundreds of people were braving near-freezing temperatures to be serened by Nick Jonas? No one, apparently. One group of girls passing by gave an expectant, "Of course" when they were

But say "Utada," the stage name of Japanese-American recording artist Hikaru Utada, and evebrows raise.

Utada – pronounced *ooh-tah-dah* – stopped by The Fillmore to perform as part of

her "In The Flesh 2010" tour, in which she played eight shows across the United States, and two in London. To say she brought the house down at The Fillmore would be an understatement.

After waiting about an hour, after the bland opening act DJ Rizzo, the lights dimmed, and lyrics that sum up Utada's foray into America spilled into the music hall: "I just wanna crossover between this genre that genre..."

It was time to let loose. The crowd burst into a chorus applause and screams, and shortly after the upbeat interlude, Utada stepped out onto the stage.

Somehow the crowd got even louder.

The speakers blasted the heavy bass of "On and On," a fast-paced song meant for the club: "Make the night go on and on and on/ You know we go on and on and on..."

It was fitting. Fists pumped the air and bodies shook to the beat. It didn't take long for the room to heat up, a warmth generated by flailing bodies and loving cheers.

The next song was "Merry Chrismas Mr. Lawrence - FYI," a melodious, mid-tempo track that showed off Utada's slightly deep, but silky voice.

The other tracks were met with equal enthusiasm by

the crowd, each one getting smoother on Utada's part.

About an hour into the show, the concert climaxed during Utada's medley of songs from "Exodus," her first U.S. release.

The tracks, "Devil Inside," "Kremlin Dusk" and "You Make Me Want to Be a Man" were combined smoothly, each remixed slightly differently for a heavier, more rock experience.

From the roaring drums and shrieking electric guitar of "Devil Inside" to the almost ballady "Kremlin Dusk," the crowd moved in unison with Utada who put her heart and soul into every lyric, every line. The transition to "You Make Me Want to Be a Man" was seamless, with the piano from the previous song starting into the next.

Utada slammed the drums herself during the instrumental ending of the last "Exodus" track, a move that garnered the applause and cheers of the crowd in front of her. The crowd never got tired.

At no other time was this clearer than during the encore when the mass of fans stomped the ground, screamed Utada's name and clapped their hands together. For three minutes they yelled, "Utada! Utada!" Over and over. Faster then slower. Then, at the end, one



27-year-old Hikaru Utada performing at the House of Blues in Los Angeles as part of her sold-out "In The Flesh 2010" concert tour. She performed at The Fillmore at Irving Plaza in Manhattan on Feb. 8.

big scream. Their efforts weren't in vain. When the band members took the stage, and Utada said, "I'm guessing you want me to perform one more song?" the swarm of people still had the energy to scream, "Yes!"

In the United States, Utada is a small fry. In Japan, she's a household name. An idiosyncratic singer who seems as genuine to her fans as her music, this Japanese songstress puts on an unforgettable show.

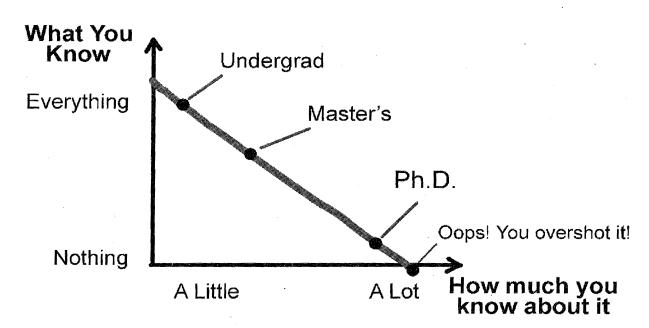
almost flawless in delivery and

emotion.

If her sold-out performance at The Fillmore at Irving Plaza last week was any indication, Utada may be making a name for herself here in the United States. And a very good name

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Politicians May Change, But Their Stump Speech Is The Same

Voters should hold politicians accountable for their actions

BY ROBERT J. WRANOVICS Contributing Writer

So here we are in 2010, with some new members in Congress and a new president.

It is evident that the faces have changed, but the same old agendas and false promises have continued. The "I promise to do this," or the "this will change" sounds great to our ears at first. It later becomes disheartening and frustrating, when you realize that you were just told this so that a candidate can hold office and pursue his or her own agenda.

Both republicans and democrats are guilty. Not only do both parties do this, they also preach bipartisanship, which almost never happens with any bill or law that gets put forward. Granted that debate leads to a stronger outcome, the stronger outcome is never reached because it tends to be not so much a debate, but the will of one party forcing the other party to join along. Hearing the word "bipartisanship" used a speech gets old fast.

This trend has been going on for some time now. It seems that all we truly receive are false hopes and promises that never get fulfilled. Nobody is perfect. However, don't say you're going to cut taxes and then turn around and raise them. Many politicians will campaign on specific platforms and then go against it once they obtain the office.

We don't even need to look at the federal office because it is very prevalent in our own state of New York. The misconception and disillusionment is astonishing as well as insulting.

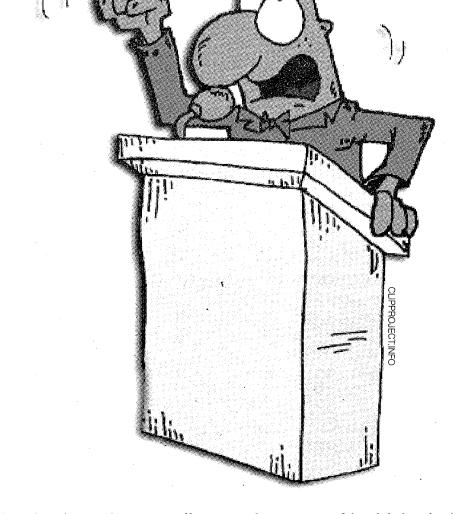
It is astonishing in the fact that it is able to continue to happen, insulting in the fact that many politicians feel the people are too dull to understand this.

I'm sure I'm not the only one that feels

I want to see more members in office live by the simple motto of "practice what you preach." It is our obligation to hold our politicians accountable on their promises, so that they can live up this motto.

This brings up another good point. Why aren't we holding our officials accountable for mistakes they have made?

It seems that each and every time something goes wrong, they get a free pass on a mistake. I feel that they can do the exact opposite of what they have promised and



still get elected to another term in office, to continue with their agenda. In every other job in our society, if you do a poor job, fail to meet deadlines and outright lie, you will be fired almost immediately from your job. Why doesn't our political system work this

What can be done to keep our elected officials in check and to keep them honest is to make sure that nobody is safe and will automatically win because of their district, affiliation, etc. Come November, it is our duty as citizens to look around and make a judgment for ourselves as to how well of a job our officials are doing and if they stuck faces singing the same tune.

to their promises. If they did, they should be given the opportunity to continue their jobs within term limits. If they are doing poorly or continued with the trend of the same old, they should be kicked out and somebody else should be given a chance. Granted, no one system is perfect. However, our country's system is very unique and it should be taken care of and not abused. Just imagine, if we held our politicians accountable for their actions, both good and bad, how much better the system as a whole would function. No two people will have the same views, but we all can agree that we are tired of the new

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Seawolves Calendar

Team	Last Event	Upcoming	Notes
Men's Basketball	2/16/10 Win at UMBC, 86-72	2/19/10 at Albany (viewing in SAC Ballroom A) 7 p.m.	Seawolves are on an eight-game win streak and in first in the America East.
Women's Basketball	2/17/10 Loss at Boston U., 69-59	2/23/10 vs. Vermont, 7 p.m.	Junior Kirsten Jeter scored her 1,000th point in the loss at Boston on Wednesday.
Ice Hockey	2/13/10 Win at #11 Rhode Island, 8-6	2/20/10 ECHA Playoffs	Ice Hockey has earned an automatic bid in the national championship tournament.
Men's Tennis	2/13/10 Wins at Army, vs. UConn	2/20/10 at Columbia, 4 p.m.	Ivan Rummel was named AE Male Player of the Week
Women's Tennis	2/17/10 Win at St. John's, 5-2	2/19/10 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (at West point)	Anna Pieschl was named AE Female Player of the Week
Men's Lacrosse	5/2/09 Loss at UMBC AE Championship		After falling in last year's final, lacrosse is returning most players. See preview below.
Women's Lacrosse	2/13/10 Loss vs. Colgate, 10-9	2/18/10 at Denver, 6 p.m.	Tough loss in opener. Mickey Cahill was named AE Defender of the Week.

Men's Lacrosse Preview:

Gunning For A Conference Title, Team Set To Open Season at LaValle on Saturday

By Sarah Kazadi Sports Editor

Stony Brook's men's lacrosse team is prepared to build on the success of last season to capture its first America East Championship since 2002.

The team finished the regular season 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the America East, its best conference record since 2006. After sharing the 2009 regular season title with UMBC, the first in Stony Brook's program history, the Seawolves lost to the Retrievers in the conference championship game.

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"We feel like we have a good combination of talent, experience and motivation because we made it to the championship game last season," head coach Rick Sowell said.

Stony Brook is returning 23 letterwinners and all but one starter.

"When you return most of your team, it's an automatic goal to try and get back to the championship," Sowell

A school-record four players were named to the All-America East first team, including team captains Jordan McBride (New Westminster, Canada) and Steven Waldeck (Levittown, N.Y.).

Now in his junior year, McBride is poised to lead the Seawolves to success. Last season, he earned All-America honors for the second straight year. He led Stony Brook and the America East in goals and

was second in the nation in goals per game, with an average of 2.80.

Waldeck returns after recording his best season in a Seawolves uniform in 2009. He was selected as Stony Brook's Male Athlete of the Year. He led the team with a career-high 96 ground balls and was seventh in the nation in ground balls per game at 6.40.

Junior Kevin Crowley (New Westminster, Canada) also returns after an outstanding season as a sophomore at Stony Brook. Crowley was second on the team, in both goals (28) and assists (23), and first in points (51). He finished 13th in the nation in points per game with an average of 3.40 and was named to the All-America East first team

for the second straight year.

To join the veterans, there are six new additions to the team. Coach Sowell said he will be leaning towards a veteran lineup, but he named freshman Joseph Laforet (Ontario, Canada) and transfer Tyler McCabe (Coram, N.Y.) as two newcomers that could be seeing playing time this season.

After finishing the 2009 season ranked #20 in the USILA Coaches Poll, Stony Brook will be facing three top-ten teams in the first half of the season. They will continue to build their rivalry with the Virginia Cavaliers, as they face them early in the season for the fourth straight year. This year also sees the additions of St. John's and 2009 national

runner-up Cornell to the non-conference schedule.

"We have a tough schedule before we even play against our league," laughed Coach Sowell. "But if we play good lacrosse, there's nobody on our schedule we can't beat."

The Seawolves play three out of five conference games on the road, beginning with a rematch of last season's championship game against UMBC. According to the preseason coaches' poll released on Tuesday, Stony Brook and UMBC are the co-favorites to win the America East championship.

The Seawolves will open the 2010 season against Siena on Saturday afternoon. Face-off is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Around Seawolves Country

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Ice Hockey Upsets #11 Rhode Island

Stony Brook Ice Hockey had a good weekend by anyone's standards, as the #20 Seawolves upset the #11 Rhode Island Rams.

On Friday, the Seawolves held off a late Rams comeback to win, 5-4. Junior Chris Ryan had a hat trick.

On Saturday, the Seawolves won again, 8-6.

The team now has division playoffs starting this weekend before heading to the National Championship tournament in March.

Women's Lacrosse's Cahill Named Defender of the Week

Junior Mickey Cahill (Bay Shore, N.Y.) was named the America East Defender of the Week for her performance in the team's 10-9 loss against Colgate last Saturday.

Cahill made nine saves in the game.

Women's lacrosse now heads west for a two-game road trip in Denver. The Seawolves play Denver on Thursday and Duquesne on saturday.

Men's Tennis Stays Perfect

The mens tennis team improved to 5-0 last weekend, defeating Army, 6-1, before dominating Connecticut, 7-0, in the afternoon match.

Junior Ivan Rummel (Budapest, Hungary) was also named the America East Male Player of the Week.

The team takes on Columbia next, travelling to take on the Lions on Saturday.

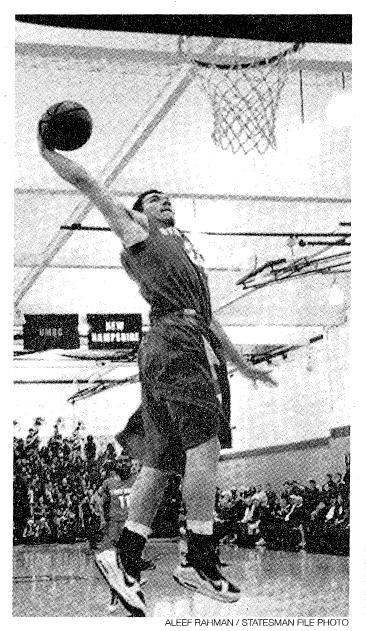
Women's Tennis Wins Fifth Straight

The women's tennis team defeated St. John's, 5-2, to win its fifth straight match on Wednesday.

Sophomore Anna Pieschl (Gothenburg, Sweden) was named America East Female Player of the Week.

The team is now 5-1 this spring. It plays its next match on Friday at West Point against Fairleigh Dickinson.

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Sophomore Tommy Brenton (left) and men's hoops are rolling ahead of Friday's game at Albany. Junior Kirsten Jeter (right, here against Binghamton) scored her 1,000th point on Wednesday against Boston.

Jeter Scores 1,000th Point, Seawolves Fall to Boston

BY SAM KILB Assistant Sports Editor

Junior Kirsten Jeter (Elmont, N.Y.) scored her 1,000th point as a Seawolf, but Stony Brook's women's basketball team another close one slip away Wednesday night, falling to the Boston University Terriers, 69-59.

The loss drops the Seawolves to 8-18 this season. The team is 6-8 in America East play.

Jeter, the fourteenth player in school history to reach 1,000 points, led the Seawolves in scoring, dropping 22 points on the Terriers. She also grabbed six rebounds.

Senior Crystal Rushin valley Stream, contributed doubledouble, scoring 10 points and pulling down 14

The Seawolves were in the hunt early on and led for a good portion of the first half until Boston's Alex Young hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 20 with 7:24 to go in the half.

Štoný Brook wouldn't let go and battled back to tie the game at 23 with a Jeter

But the trail went cold soon after, and Stony Brook trailed by 10 at the half.

The Seawolves couldn't get their noses back in front in the second half, despite outrebounding the Terriers, 51-42, in the game.

The Seawolves next take the floor on Feb. 23 when they take on Vermont in Pritchard Gymnasium, one of two women's home games

Seawolves Men's Hoops Takes The Show To Albany

By Sarah Kazadi Sports Editor

Fresh off a road win Tuesday at UMBC, the Seawolves will look to extend their eight-game winning streak when they travel to Albany for a date with the Great Danes Friday night. It will be the third-tolast game of a season that has seen Stony Brook complete turnaround bottom dweller to league leader of the America East Conference.

Stony Brook's oiled machine of offensive execution and defensive prowess is running as smooth as ever at the right time. The squad has kicked its play into high gear when it matters most: only a few games away from the conference tournament and an automatic invitation to the NCAA's Big Dance.

The winning streak has seen the team win by an average of almost 13 points a game, even pummeling the tough Binghamton Bearcats 81-61 at Pritchard Gymnasium Saturday.

The 1,500-seat Seawolves' gym, now regularly packed full of screaming, red hot fans, has been good to the Seawolves. The squad has won all of its seven conference contests at home, and holds an 11-1 home record for the season. Stony Brook has the chance to go undefeated in home league play for the first time in team history. Only Vermont stands in their way on Feb.

But before that game is this one, against the

struggling Albany Great Danes on Friday night. It will be aired on MSG Plus, the team's sixth televised game this season.

Albany enters the game looking to build on their 75-62 win over UMBC, only their second win in their last ten games. The Great Danes average around 62 points per game, and are led in scoring by junior guard Tim Ambrose's 13 points per game. They are currently seeded eighth in league rankings and will most likely be partaking in the play-in game of the AEC championship tournament. If Stony Brook closes out the season at first place, this could be a preview of a firstround matchup.

Last time these two teams met, Stony Brook edged Albany 67-61 at Pritchard

Gymnasium, behind 17 points from freshman guard Marcus Rouse (Upper Malboro, Md.) and a solid double-double from sophomore center Dallis Joyner (Norfolk, Va.). The game was knotted at 58 with a little more than two minutes to go, but clutch free throw shooting from sophomore guard Bryan Dougher (Scotch Plains, N.J.) helped the home team seal the deal.

The Seawolves will try to take their high-flying, attacking show on the road and continue their winning ways when the ball tips off at 7 p.m.

The university sponsoring a viewing party for students to watch the game on the big screen starting at 6:15 p.m. in SAC Ballroom A.

Baseball Picked to Finish Second in the America East for 2010

A preseason poll of America East coaches has the Stony Brook Seawolves baseball team expected to finish in second place in the conference this season.

The Seawolves received two first-place votes and accumulated 21 points in the poll. They finished directly behind Maine, who gathered 23 points and three first-place votes.

The Seawolves will return 13 letter-winners from last season, including four-All-America selections.

The team's season begins with a lengthy road trip before returning to Stony Brook for the home opener against Iona scheduled for March 17.

2010 America East Preseason **Coaches Poll**

1) Maine (3) 23

2) Stony Brook (2) 21

3) Binghamton (1) 19

4) Albany 13

5) Hartford 9

6) UMBC 5