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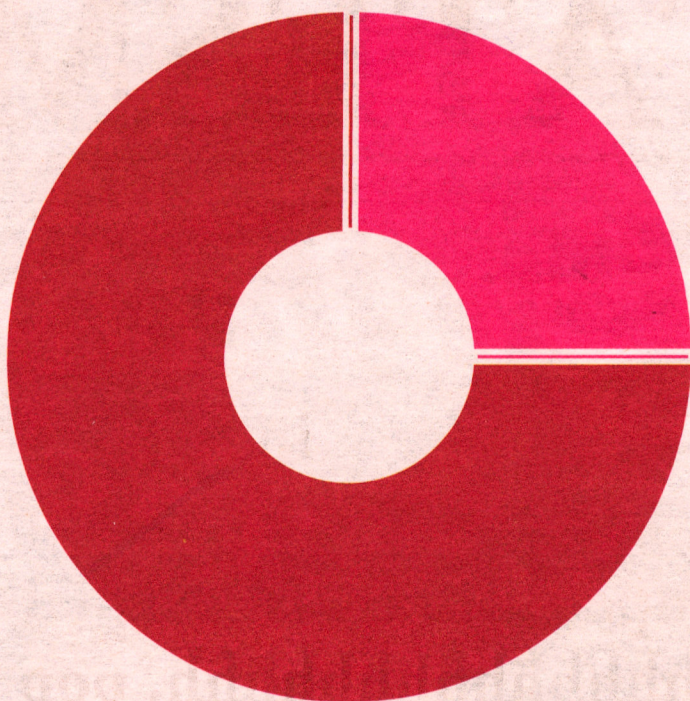


# OUR SEXPERT ANALYSTS ASK...

## Are you a virgin?

**Yes**  
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**No**  
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**Yes**  
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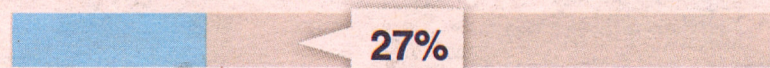


## 2011 Statesman Sex Survey

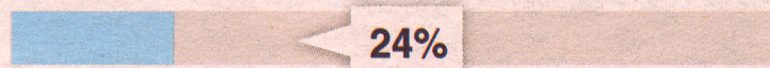
The 2011 sex survey was directed toward people at Stony Brook University. This year, about 500 people submitted complete responses to the survey. People were asked several questions about their own sexual activities, their perceptions about sex at Stony Brook University and their views on sex. For more information from the survey check out [www.sbstatesman.com](http://www.sbstatesman.com) (Layout design by Adil Hussain)

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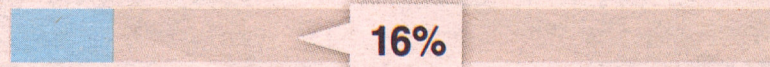
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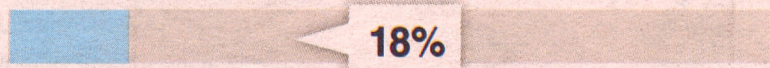
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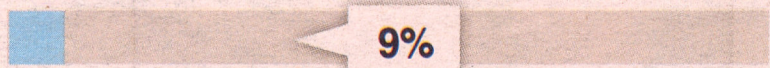
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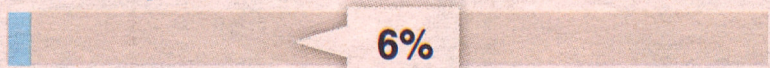
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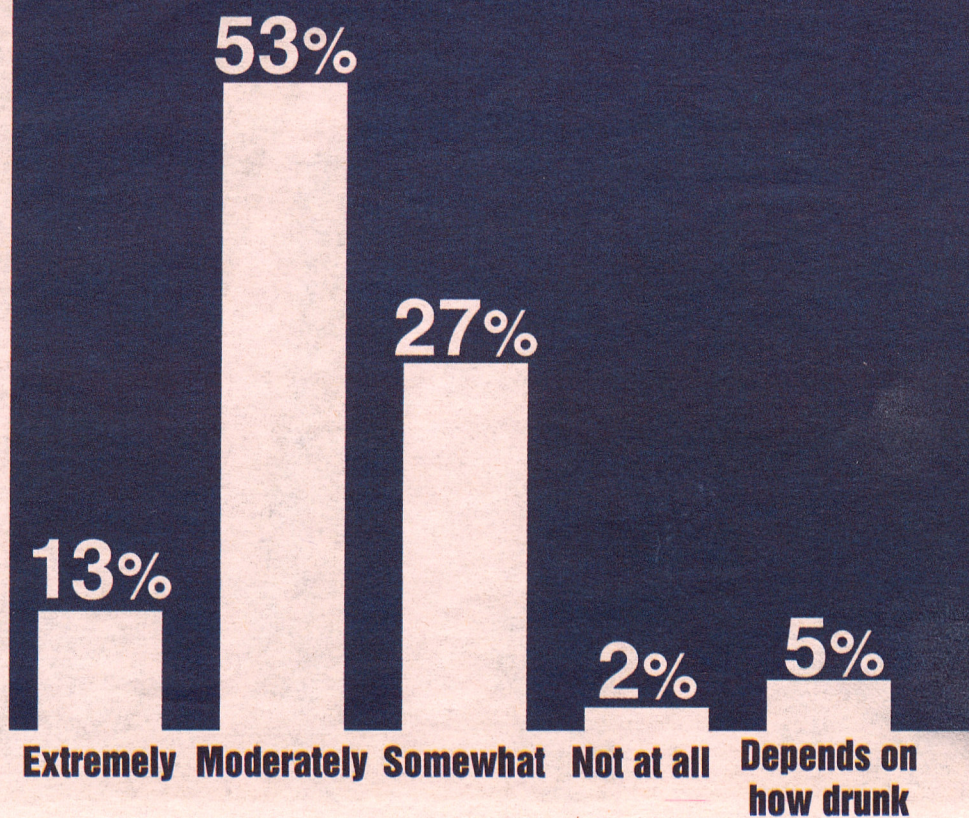
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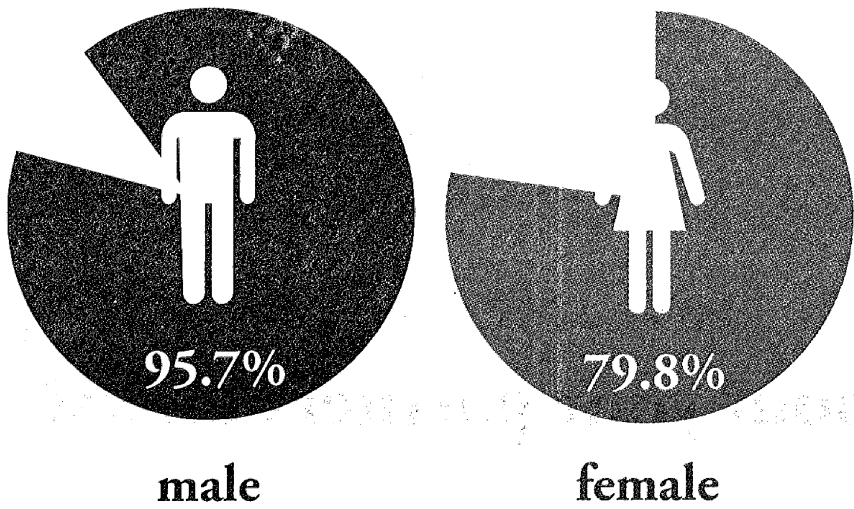
# Stony Brook University Sexology

## Q: How would you describe your sex life in one word?

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 interesting rough virgin and proud  
**nonexistent**  
 lacking average legend-...wait for it...  
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 meaningful, meh,  
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 supercalifragilisticexpialidocious,  
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Percent of people who have masturbated:



# 64.3%

yes

# 35.7%

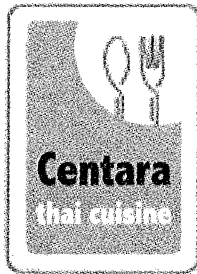
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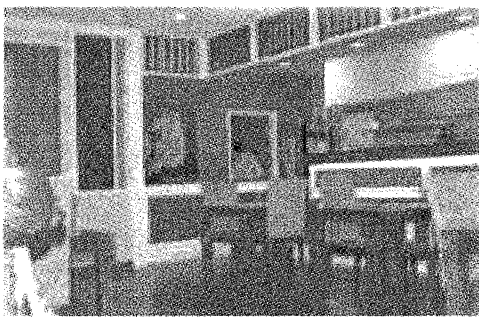
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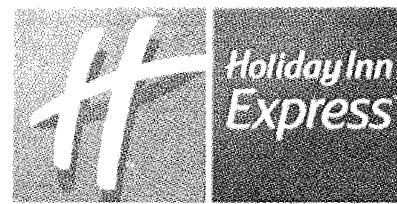


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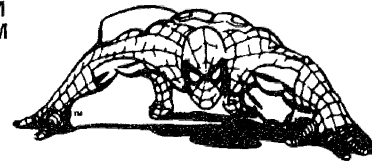
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# NEWS

## Culture Shock: Sex Around the Globe

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Despite a person's cultural background, there are some aspects that transcend a nation's borders: religion, politics, survival and sex.

Each culture has its own way of dealing with sex in the media and no two nations have the same view of sex.

"Sex is vulnerable," said Emily Alcott, a 19-year-old psychology major and an American student. She feels that the American society is open to talking about sex.

Jungmin Lee, a 21-year-old English literature major and exchange student from Seoul, Korea, said that Korean culture is more conservative than American culture and doesn't openly talk about sex. The Korean culture views sex more as a personal issue.

This difference in culture regarding sex is a culture shock that exchange students experience when they come to America to study. In Lee's culture, sex is a private matter, even kept out of the media.

"When I watch 'Friends,' the sitcom, they talk about sex openly, Lee said. "They have lines like 'No, I won't have sex with you!' But in Korea, there are no lines like that, especially when [the show is] not R-rated." She said that she

would not feel comfortable watching sex scenes in Korean TV shows, but sees similar scenes in American shows, such as a hook-up scene between Rachel Berry and Finn Hudson from "Glee," as normal.

Alcott said that she does feel pressure in the American media towards sex. "People think we need to be more sexy [than we are]," she said. "We shouldn't need to put as much effort into it."

The pressure from the entertainment media is the same to Lee as it is to Alcott. "I think movies and songs have a key role in that pressure," Lee said. "In movies, sleeping with guys is portrayed like nothing."

However, the idea that having sex is not important does not transcend into reality, according to Lee.

"Men talk about, like, having sex with girls proudly ... I don't think women feel free to talk about that issue because they are afraid of being judged by others," Lee said.

Commenting on the fact that there are words in English for women who are promiscuous, Cameron Meiklejohn, a 29-year-old sociology major from the University of Queensland in Australia, said "why is there not a discussion or a term used" for men who are promiscuous.

However, Angelo Cardullo, a 19-year-old environmental studies

major and an American student like Alcott, sees that the American media is more focused on censoring sex than in other cultures.

"In Europe, toplessness is normal and more accepted," Cardullo said about his time spent studying abroad in Italy. "In America, that's taboo."

These cultural differences can be seen outside of the media in the way people interact with each other.

Meiklejohn commented on the difference of "going out" in America compared to Australia.

"Seems like much more of a game," Meiklejohn said. He sees a "much greater level of competitiveness between the guys in terms of scoring the girls which [he doesn't] really see with [his] friends as the driving force behind hooking up, as [Americans] call it."

Lee said she was shocked when she went to an American party and saw people who had just met each other making out. Lee says that hooking up is more personal in Korea and would not happen often at parties.

According to Meiklejohn, in Australia, people "go out to have a good time," not to see who they can take home.

In simple mannerisms throughout different cultures alone, one can see the culture's attitude towards sex. Though it is uncommon in America for friends

to greet each other intimately, it is a common thing in European cultures for friends to greet each other with a kiss on both cheeks; This is widely accepted as a friendly greeting in these cultures.

While Meiklejohn

spent some time living in Cairo, Egypt, he noticed that men would walk the streets linked arm in arm "like you would with your boyfriend or girlfriend."

"I was like, 'Oh my God, that would never happen in Australia,'" Meiklejohn said. "That level of 'This is my best friend, and I'm willing to display that in such an open way.' Anything beyond shaking your friend's hand in Australia is considered going too far ... you don't hug your friend, that's blurring the line of sexuality."



In Korea, it's not the men who walk around affectionately, it's the women.

"Women just hold hands as friends," Lee said. "[It is] one way to interact with each other."

If she saw two women holding hands in America, she wouldn't automatically assume that the women were just friends, as she would in Korea.

But, no matter what each person's definition and opinion of sex is, on Valentine's Day, love is in the air. Or, at least, in every store's window display.

## Hook-ups, Slip ups and Breakups

**"Our relationship was basically over anyway. But instead of handling it maturely, he decided to tell me that the reason he's dumping me was that he was dying. Yes, dying. He gave me a legit disease that I looked up afterwards. It was in fact a disease that kills. Needless to say, I still see him alive and well on campus today. Occasionally, it's with his new girlfriend."**

**-Female, 21, Political Science**

"I hooked up with a girl at her Christmas party, and a week later she asked me out officially. On our first 'date night' we had full out lesbian sex for the first time. I was not used to the intense feeling, so I asked her to stop right in the middle of it all. She thought I was freaked out by the whole sleeping-with-a-girl thing, so she completely shut down. A day later she texted me, telling me she wanted to talk. She broke up with me, but we continued to hook-up for a year, even when she found a boyfriend. I felt kind of like a dirty mistress, but looking back it was probably worth it. It was still the best sex of my life."

**-Female, 19, Biology/Pre-med**

"We met at a fraternity party and started dating a few weeks later. We were together, on and off, for almost a year. At first he seemed to be romantic and spontaneous, but later he just became lazy and unmotivated. He never wanted to do much of anything. Most times he wanted to stay in, and on the few occasions when we did go out, he made me pay for everything. Towards the end of the relationship, I had a weird feeling that he was sleeping with other girls. Things hadn't felt right with me after the last time we had had sex, so I made an appointment with my gynecologist. Soon enough, my suspicions were confirmed. He had given me an STD. When I confronted him about it, he wasn't even sorry. We broke up immediately after, and a few months later, when I started seeing guys again, he had the nerve to interject, and even told a really nice guy off once. I was humiliated and insanely angry, and did the only thing I could at the time: I told the entire Facebook world that he was a terrible lay."

**-Female, 20, Sociology**

"He was literally the perfect boyfriend. He was 6'4", toned and covered in tattoos. He was in a band and even wrote me my own song. The bad thing about dating or breaking up with a musician is that they are very emotional beings. We broke up before going away to college because of distance. It was difficult for us and we missed each other a lot, but I wanted to get over him and he wouldn't let go. I would get constant phone calls of him crying and pleading to get back together. There's breaking up and then there's having to deal with a guy who acts like an emotional child. I had to block him from Facebook and ignore his calls for an entire semester for him to finally get the hint."

**-Female, 18, Business**

"We had been dating for almost two years. I went away to Stony Brook, which is 110 miles away from home. September was okay. October things started to get rocky. In November, everything crashed. Thanksgiving weekend, when we were both at our separate parties (and had done a sufficient amount of drinking) she called me, upset about something or other. We started yelling at each other on the phone, and I drunkenly called her one of the few words a girl never wants to be called by her boyfriend. She hung up, and I felt horrible. Trying to avoid an inevitable break-up, I got on a 4:17 a.m. train from Stony Brook, and started the three hour trek home. By the time I got back, no one was awake to pick me up from the train station. I was at least four miles from her place. I ended up walking there, just to find a 'Let's-Hate-On-Her-Boyfriend' slumber party. After much convincing on my part, she finally came outside. We talked for at least an hour, and that's how we broke up. A few months later, I found out from a friend at work that she had cheated on me at that party. It had been with a good friend of mine."

**-Male, 22, Applied Math and Statistics**

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# The Ugly Side of Sex

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## STDs at The Brook

At this point in our lives, many of us have become used to, and even enjoy, talking about our sexual conquests, our number of partners and even our craziest sexual encounters.

But sexually transmitted diseases are very rarely a part of those conversations; They are not something we tend to think about while talking over a cup of coffee on a first date. The fact of the matter is, no matter how much we try to ignore the idea of contracting an STD, the risk is there if you're having sex.

According to an e-mail from the Director of Student Health Services, Dr. Rachel Bergeson, out of the 24,882 appointments scheduled at the campus health clinic last year, only 393 students submitted themselves to STD screening. According to Bergeson, out of these 393 screenings, 42 students were found to be in contact with an STD—nearly all were chlamydia infections.

While these statistics suggest that the rate of sexually transmitted diseases are low on

Stony Brook's campus, according to nursingschools.net, one out of every four college students will contact an STD, and 50 percent of people will test positive for an STD at one point in their lives.

The site also reported that in a study done among college students, more than half of the participants thought that they could identify a person with an STD just by looking at them. In actuality, most infected people will never experience any symptoms.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a national 3 percent increase of chlamydia infections in 2009. Of the 1,244,180 cases in the United States, 300,000 of them were gonorrhea cases. Bergeson said that women should get screened for STDs once a year, while men should seek screening if they experience any possible symptoms.

"If an STD is left untreated for a prolonged period of time, it can lead to infertility," said Jean Tully, a physician's assistant at Student Health Services.

Tully defined a prolonged

period of time as several years.

"Many women who experience problems are those who become sexually active in their teens," she said. "[They] don't get themselves tested and then realize that they can't get pregnant when they're in their late twenties due to fallopian tube scarring."

Chlamydia, gonorrhea and the human papillomavirus can be tested for during an annual gynecological check up. Some tests take as little as 24 hours to have the results returned, while more serious sexually transmitted diseases require blood tests to detect the antibodies. These tests typically take three to five days to receive the results.

Student Health Services recently began offering confidential HIV screenings and tests. According to Tully, these confidential screenings require a mere swabbing of the mouth and only take twenty minutes to receive results.

According to Bergeson, the next day designated for HIV screening is Feb. 24 and students can call health services to make an appointment.

## Getting Tested

"I'm a journalist for *The Statesman*," I confidently tell the receptionist at Student Health Services while noticeably lowering my voice. "I'm writing an article on sexually transmitted diseases and I—uh—thought it would be appropriate if I got tested—you know, so I can tell my readers what it's like."

The receptionist looks up kindly. I don't think she really believes my whole speech about being a journalist. It's probably one of many convenient excuses she's heard about why somebody wants to get screened for STDs. If she's judging me, she's really good at hiding it as she easily schedules me an appointment. I don't feel quite as humiliated as I thought I would.

The next day, I walked back to Student Health Services feeling confident. I thought to myself, I don't have anything to be embarrassed about and I definitely don't have anything to worry about, right?

After struggling in my typical way when inputting my personal information into the virtual health forms at one of the computer stations, I barely had time to sit myself down on one of the squishy chairs in the waiting room before my name was called. These people really don't give you any time to change your mind and run out the door screaming, because if you're going to chicken out, you might as well do it in style.

I followed a woman who identified herself as Mary into a small room where I was forced to surrender personal information such as my number of sexual

partners, the date of my last menstrual cycle. Is it too late for me to run out the door screaming?

I recite the same speech I gave the receptionist the day before. I don't think Mary believes me either, but she doesn't say anything.

After I take a breath from *Stony-Brook-Statesman-Journalist* explanation, I ask Mary if I only have to take a blood test.

"No, you're actually scheduled for a full gynecological exam," she replies.

What? Maybe I should have shaved my legs for this, I thought. However, I am a journalist and I need the full experience in order to relay it to you, the reader.

"No, I want a blood test," I tell her.

"Well, you can have one of those, too," says Mary cheerfully, as she leads me to an exam room. As if this isn't awkward enough for me, now I have to do it without pants on. Fantastic.

Physician's assistant Jean Tully greeted me. I don't know if it's because I gave her my "I'm a journalist" monologue or because I'm new to Student Health Services, but she takes a good 20 minutes to explain individual diseases and the harm they pose to the body. Then, she manages to make the rest of my time in that room as emotionally and physically painless as possible.

She tells me that I'll hear back about my chlamydia test within 24 hours and my gonorrhea test results should be available within three days.

"I think most students spend more time worrying about getting tested than it actually takes to

screen them," Jean tells me.

I think she might be right, as I've noticed that I haven't spontaneously combusted from embarrassment and that I don't actually feel mortified anymore.

A gynecological exam allows for women to be tested for infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and HPV.

Despite the fact that I am irrationally afraid of needles, it seemed like a necessary thing to do and something important to know. So I headed a grand total of fifteen meters down the hall for blood work and handed the phlebotomist technician—a.k.a, the woman who's going to draw my blood—my paperwork.

The technician advises me to watch as she puts the needle in my arm. I think she's crazy, but I listen to her anyway.

I make her reassure me that she is the best at what she does, to which she replies, "Absolutely."

Of course, I let out a small involuntary scream as the needle went in, but I soon realized that getting blood work was absolutely painless, and felt embarrassed—yet again.

Before I knew it, I was walking out the door a free woman, feeling oddly proud of myself for going through the experience and knowing that I took control of my sexual health. Getting tested can be embarrassing but if I learned anything in the 45 minutes I spent at Student Health Services is that the peace of mind is worth every bit of discomfort you might feel and, in reality, there's nothing to be embarrassed about at all.

## The Scoop on STDs

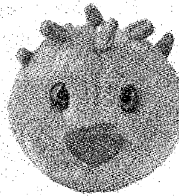
GI Joe once cleverly told us that knowing is half the battle. Now that we're grown up and have discarded our plastic action figures and traded in our Saturday morning cartoons for sleeping late, we find ourselves using his words of wisdom for a new chapter in our lives—our sex lives.

Many of us have come to regard sexually transmitted diseases as if those who contract them are social lepers, but the reality is that the statistics dictate that 50 percent of us will contract an STD within our lifetime. Meanwhile, we are neither educated on what exactly these diseases might do to us nor are we aware of what treatment and preventive options there are available.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are an estimated 19 million new cases of people infected with STDs each year and nearly half of these infections occur among people between the ages of 15-24.

There are dozens of different sexually transmitted diseases but we've decided to give you the lowdown on five of the most commonly contracted STDs.

### Chlamydia



Contracted through oral, vaginal or anal sex, untreated chlamydia can lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

in women, which can cause infertility. Nicknamed the silent killer, most people will show no symptoms of the infection. Chlamydia can easily be detected by swabbing the inside of the penis or vagina, and can be cured with the use of antibiotics.

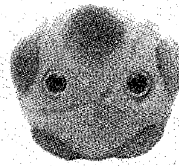
### Gonorrhea



Gonorrhea can be contracted through the sharing of bodily fluids; blood, saliva or semen. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 40 percent of

women with untreated gonorrhea will contract Pelvic Inflammatory disease but the infection can also lead to ectopic pregnancy and infertility. Like chlamydia, gonorrhea can be asymptomatic but some symptoms include discolored discharge from the penis or vagina and difficulty urinating. Gonorrhea can also be cured with antibiotics.

### The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Genital Warts



Thirty-three percent of people with an STD are infected with HIV. Depending on the study, it is reported that 50 to 80 percent of all sexually active people will have some type of HPV. While

most types are harmless, types six and eight will cause genital warts and types 16 and 18 can cause cervical cancer. The Gardasil vaccine can protect women against types 16 and 18 but not types six and eight. There is no cure for a person already infected with HPV but annual pap smears can help a doctor monitor the virus in women.

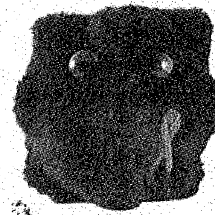
### Syphilis



Syphilis is contracted through direct contact with a syphilis sore during oral, anal or vaginal sex. Initial symptoms for syphilis

may be difficult to detect, as they are sporadic and disappear quickly, but the first symptom is typically an open sore on the mouth, vagina, penis, or anus. Syphilis can be treated with penicillin, but if it is left untreated, it can damage the brain.

### HIV/AIDS



Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) can be contracted through the sharing of sexual fluids or blood. First reported in the United States in 1981, AIDS, which develops from Human Immunodeficiency Virus, attacks the helper-T cells in the blood stream which causes the body to become vulnerable to serious diseases. People with AIDS tend to develop rare kinds of respiratory infections and cancers which will eventually lead to death. There are currently treatments for HIV and AIDS patients but there are no known cures.

# Classes Bring Sexy Back to Stony Brook

By TAKEIA BEARD  
Contributing Writer

The bedroom is no longer the only place where sex is important — is now becoming a dominant theme in the classroom as well, and Stony Brook is no exception to this trend.

You may have heard of *Sex and Politics in Italian Cinema*, or HUI 231, taught by Gioacchino Balducci.

"It's a film course, It's about national cinema and old Italian movies with English subtitles," Balducci said. "The title is called sex and politics in Italian cinema, but basically, it is a history of Italian cinema. The reason why we put 'sex and politics' is because these two themes prevail in Italian cinema ... we talk about the difference in viewing sexuality."

Balducci pointed out the

importance of sexual and political themes in old Italian films and the roles that they played in relating to the audience. The novelty of sex in foreign films was what drew Americans to theaters showcasing them.

However, sexual attitudes across the Atlantic are quite different. In Italy, there are no sexual taboos anymore because there is no censorship and people are comfortable with sexual scenes.

"Turn on a TV in Italy and everyone is often naked ... it's not a scandal anymore," Balducci said.

Balducci insisted that students who take this course learn many life skills, in addition to film analysis, when watching Italian cinema.

"It's nice to see that kids at this time, at this age, can be moved by films made in 1948, that these films can still appeal to them," Balducci said. "It gives me



satisfaction, because that proves that this is a work of art."

In another popular class in this category, HUI 235, or *Sex, Love and Tragedy in Early Italian Literature*, students study 14th century society, learn "how people behave with a man and a woman ... how sex was considered at the time" according to professor Charles Franco.

"The 14th century is completely different than today ... there was a lot of promiscuity, cheating was common at the time," Franco said.

Franco also commented on the growing popularity of these courses, saying that "somehow [students] are attracted to the material."

Sex in the classroom is not only limited to literature or cinema; human sciences also explore this concept in classes like *Biology and Human Social and Sexual Behavior*, or BIO 358.

"We look at how humans came to be unique and exactly what is unique about us, including our sexual and child rearing behavior, our language capabilities, our large and powerful brains, and our unique social behavior in that we cooperate with such many non-kin adults throughout our lives in many different ways," said professor Joanne Souza.

Souza added that "as far as sexual behavior, we show how humans are neither naturally monogamous nor naturally promiscuous--our ancestors varied between the two depending on adult mortality risk."

This ongoing trend demonstrates an openness of sex in the classroom and the different ways that it can be explored. Sex is a topic of growing interest, and one that will continue to be discussed in a social and scientific way.

## According to *Elle*...



By ELVIRA SPEKTOR  
Columnist

Valentine's Day, or as a good friend recently coined it, "Single Awareness Day," has arrived. Feb. 14 can either be one of the most dreaded or most highly anticipated days of the calendar year. If you're taken, it's awesome. You (hopefully) have a great boyfriend or girlfriend who has spent the past two weeks in intense preparation, seeking out the perfect place to take you to that's still well within the budget of most "broke college students." (If you're insanely last minute like me, and just realized that today is in fact Valentine's Day, don't despair. I have great date ideas for you coming up.)

Maybe you're just testing the waters, playing the field or seeing people with an "it's complicated" sort of title. In that case, this day is just awkwardly confusing. If you're single, today may just be like any other day, only with couples acting more lovey-dovey and you experiencing that couple-induced nausea more than usual. Regardless of your relationship status, here are a few suggestions for how to have a successful day

that St. Valentine himself would have approved of.

If you're in a relationship, you've successfully completed Phase One: find somebody. Assuming it's a healthy relationship, it is tough figuring out what to do on this day of Hallmark cards and teddy bears. First, find out whether or not your significant other worships this holiday or thinks it is as big a joke as the SAC lunch lines at 12:50. If they love the day, do something romantic. On a tight spending cap? Make him something: a card, a picture frame or a homemade red velvet cake. Buy her some Red Lobster biscuits, make her a coupon book with redeemable favors, or, my personal favorite (from that scene in "The Princess Diaries"): have a pizza pie delivered to her door with an M&M message written on it. If you're interested in doing a little bit of light traveling to New York City, I recommend the website [livingsocialdeals.com](http://livingsocialdeals.com). Just sign up, and the website will send you daily activities — be it an hour-long massage, a three-course meal with a bottle of wine or a New York chocolate tour — for up to 75 percent off of the usual price. It'll make any date night, Valentine's Day or otherwise, worthwhile and affordable.

If you're closer on the spectrum to Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher from that new movie, (it's great) "No Strings Attached," I'd tread lightly, — no one wants to be dubbed a "Stage Five Clinger." So, instead of guessing what your "fun buddy" wants to do, ask. Or, if you're more of a go-getter, suggest something silly. Go play

a round of mini golf. Split a milkshake at a diner. But keep in mind, you and your maybe-we'll-date-eventually-but-for-now-we'll-just-call-it-seeing-each-other-and-see-where-it-goes person may not be on the same page. You may not even be in the same book or library for that matter. As Ashton Kutcher is forced to realize in the movie, it's impossible to make someone change if they don't want to. So, suggest something fun and carefree, but don't let yourself become too upset if they tense up and say they have an abundance of homework. Many just have the Valentine's Day jitters and just want to spend the day riding solo.

If you're single, don't sweat it. After all, it's a day just like any other and will be over in 24 hours. That doesn't mean, however, that you should pass that time wasting away in your room with the curtains closed, listening to Barry Manilow and eating discounted CVS chocolates. It'll be alright. Instead, I suggest spending the day in the company of great friends. Throw an anti-Valentine's Day party. (Or, if you're not much of a planner, check under your door for fliers, as I've definitely seen at least one fraternity on campus planning an upcoming party.) Watch a few "Friends" episodes, catch up on your journalism homework or buy yourself something nice.

If these ideas just aren't doing it for you, I'll bring in an expert. This past Friday, my best friend from Brooklyn visited me, and we spent a lazy evening sitting in Borders, sipping spiced chai lattes

and reading British *Cosmopolitan* magazines. It was there that we met Cindi Sansone-Braff, a relationship expert, author of the new novel, "Grant Me a Higher Love," and the Best Long Island Psychic of 2011 as proclaimed by the *Long Island Press*. When I mentioned my column idea for this week, she offered me her advice on the matter.

"Being single on Valentine's Day gives you so much to celebrate. Be grateful that you're not in a bad relationship, because then you'd still have to buy a card. And there's no card that says, 'My Relationship Stinks!'" she said.

What does Sansone-Braff suggest? "Get yourself a gift. Hang out with your single girlfriends. Get to a positive place. Stand on your own two feet for a while. Heal your own issues. Do some inner homework, and then start preparing for a future relationship. There are a lot of single people out there right now, and that's good; there's no place lonelier than being in an unhappy relationship."

If you're interested in securing a mate right away, this "Romance Whisperer" proposes making a list. "Write a list of your ideal soulmate characteristics, and try to be the living embodiment of that. You want someone honest? Be honest. You want someone you can trust? Learn to be trustworthy," Sansone-Braff insists.

Ronald Villano, a charming inspirational speaker and personal counselor was another person my best friend and I had the pleasure of meeting that Saturday evening. The recent

author gave me some great advice as well: "Don't settle for mediocre. You can't always fix somebody. A lot of times there are promises that will never change." His trusted advice? "Be in a relationship with yourself for a while. Make yourself your best friend. Make yourself your valentine. Wake up and write five things you're grateful for every morning. I guarantee you'll be happier. Valentine's Day can be every day."

And, if you're still not convinced, Harvey Aronson and Irene Virag, two lovebirds who teach journalism classes together here at Stony Brook, shared their secrets on how they've stayed madly in love for the past 19 years. Having previously been entangled in an editor/reporter kind of relationship, Aronson and Virag fell in love with one another and then fell in love with teaching. "We believe in love. It's a wonderful thing when you love somebody you can really share your life with."

How do they spend the holiday? "He sometimes writes me sweet silly poems. Like the 'roses are red, violets are blue' kind but with a twist," Virag says. They'll go out to dinner in Manhattan if they have the time, and spend the day happy and in love. "Togetherness works for us," they explain.

Whether you're single, flirting or taken, at least the game "Angry Birds" doesn't discriminate. This past Sunday, they released a new seasons' update: the Valentine's Day levels. So even if your Valentine is a drag, you'll always have those feisty birds.



# Sex Guru Visits Stony Brook

By VANESSA OGLE  
Staff Writer

Non-Conservative Sex Night with Reid Mihalko was all about unleashing one's inner self — fetishes and all.

The laughter-encouraged event, which was hosted by Stony Brook's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance, stressed the importance of consent in sexual activity, in addition to discussing other sexual concerns, such as porn and "solo sex."

"You're not a bad person because you're thinking about chasing someone in a panda suit," Mihalko told the audience last Thursday night. "If you're thinking about chasing a panda, on the other hand..."

Senior Zach Knowlton, a history major and member of the LGBTQA, thought his talk would be beneficial.

"[He covers] things not a lot of sex educators do," Knowlton said.

The black font on the white slides of Mihalko's overhead presentation juxtaposed the rainbow décor spread over a table near the entrance, which offered free condoms and information about HIV testing and counseling.

Through humorous anecdotes, Mihalko gave advice for saving

oneself from heartache.

"Don't date jerks and don't stick your dick in crazy," he said. "Date your species."

Mihalko also discredited the teachings of health education teachers everywhere.

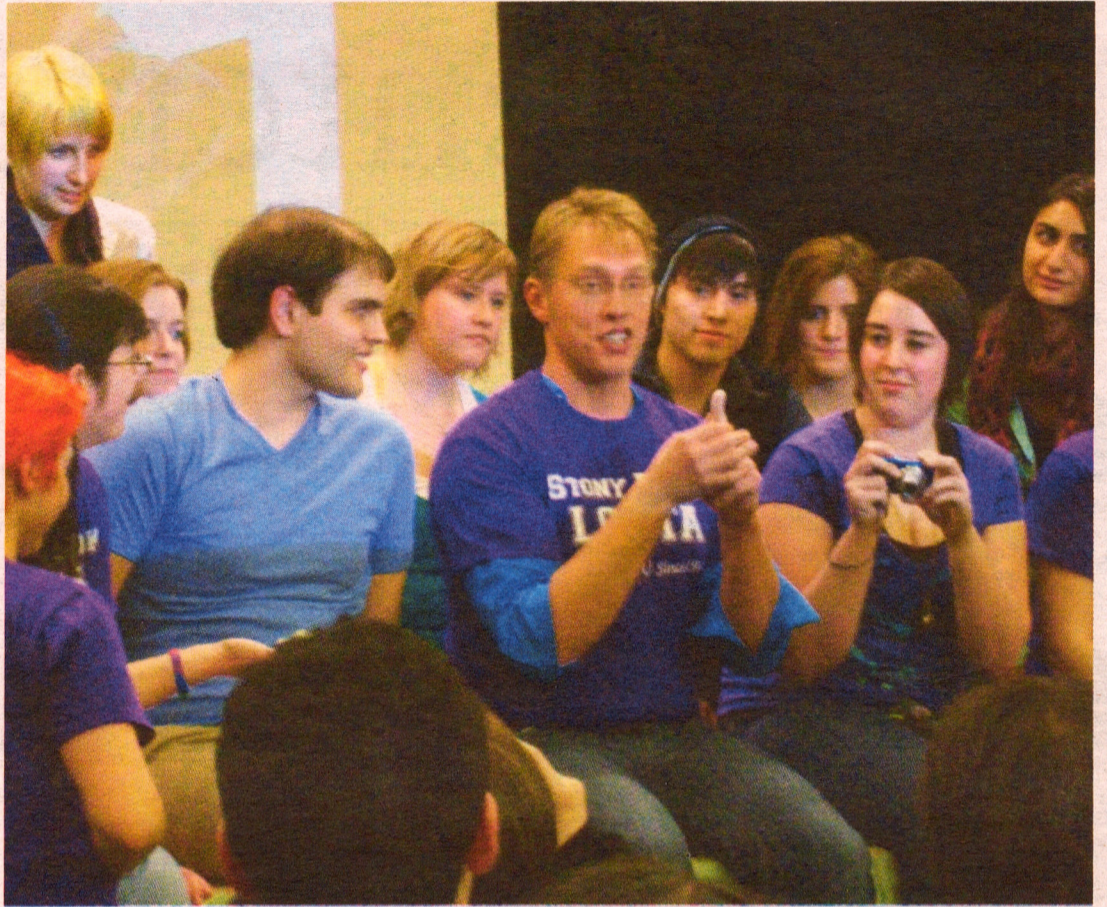
"There's no such thing as safe sex; there's safer sex," he said.

He urged the audience, while lying on his back with his eyes to the ceiling, to have the STD talk with their partners before the situation, which he unabashedly simulated, occurred.

The crowd's active participation allowed the event to stretch past the two hour time slot. Audience members took part in a group breathing session, a question-and-answer period and shared reasons why they came — to the event, that is. At the end of the night, any student who wanted to be part of Mihalko's YouTube demonstration of finger condoms on a cupcake was invited to sit onstage as the guest speaker tended to the white frosting with his hands.

However, Non-Conservative Sex was not only about sex. One anonymous question, scrawled onto an index card, asked about celibacy and how to handle negative comments about choosing to abstain from sex.

"If someone's bashing on you, tell



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Reid Mihalko demonstrating the use of a finger condom.

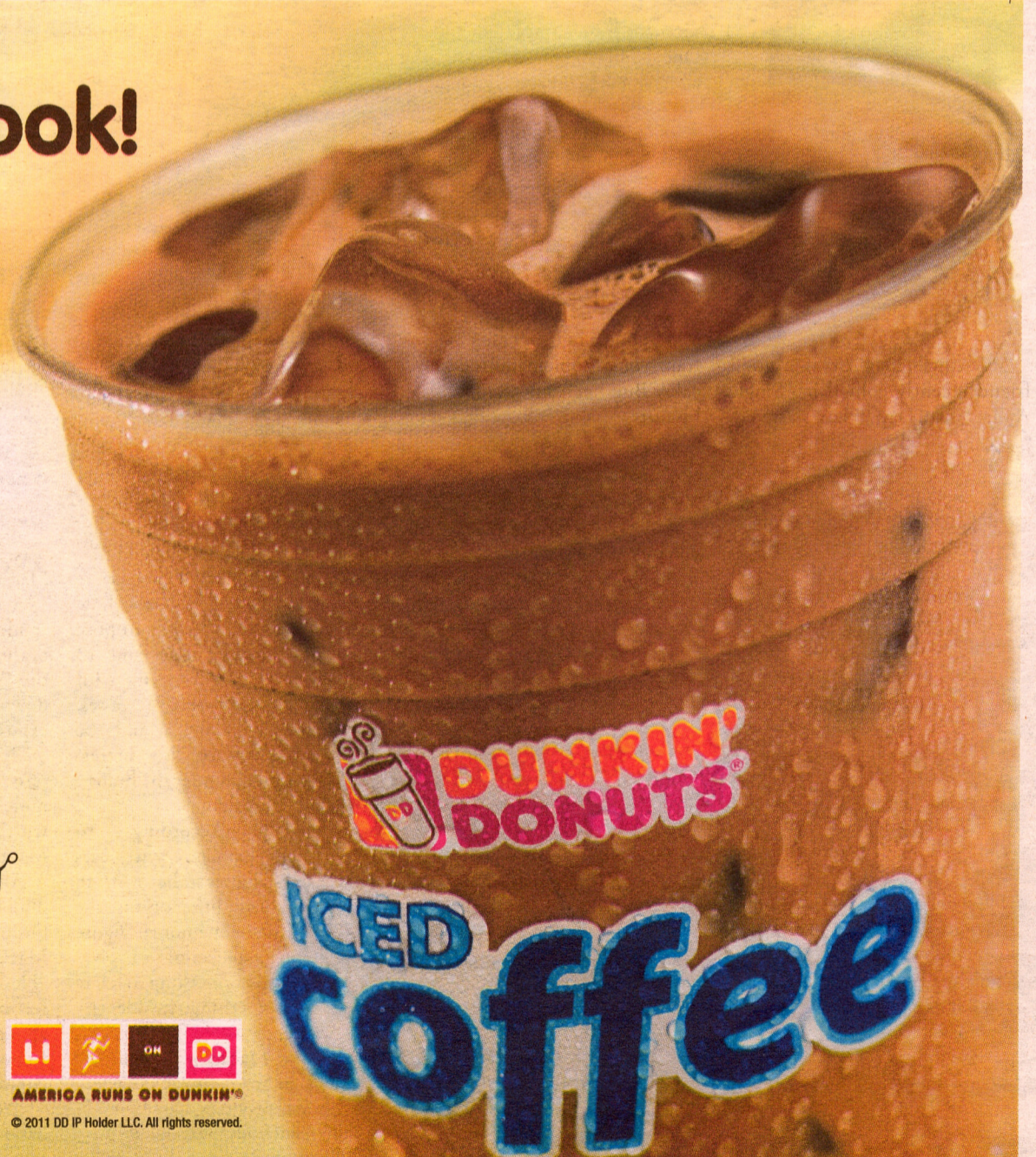
them to stop being a dick," Mihalko said in his microphone voice, reiterating the night's theme of

being exactly who you want to be by enjoying the sex you want to have. "It was very ... entertaining,"

said freshman Shayla Ramos, a double major in philosophy and psychology, with a giggle.

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# ARTS & entertainment

## The Art of the Nude Model

By **ARIELLE DOLLINGER**  
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Growing up, most of us are taught that nudity is inherently bad; that it is completely and absolutely taboo.

Allison Conley, however, believes no such thing.

Conley, a senior at Stony Brook University majoring in digital arts, has been working as a nude model since the summer of 2008, and sees no problem with taking off her clothes.

"I mean, the first 10 minutes I ever did it was a little bit strange," Conley said as she began to describe her modeling experience. "But, after that it's not, it's not weird at all."

Conley began posing nude for art classes in an attempt to improve her own art skills and become more involved within the art

community. She said that if she were to see how it felt to pose nude and to come up with creative poses, she would be able to better-render the human figure.

According to Conley, who uses figures in her work to bring in emotions, the use of the human figure in a piece of art gives viewers something to relate to; something to identify with.

Jamie Macaulay, a graduate student in Stony Brook's Master's in fine arts program, agrees.

"If somebody shivers, or they blush, we understand the meaning

of that in a way that's different than understanding sort of the behavior of an animal," Macaulay said.

Macaulay, who teaches Foundations of Drawing at Stony Brook, teaches his class to draw the human form at the conclusion of the semester because of its complexity.

He says there is a difference between what his students see in pop culture and what they draw in his class.

This then begs the question, "Where is the line between nude art and exploitation of the body?"

“ You can tell when they're a little bit new because, when you take off your robe, they won't talk to you, it's like a wall goes up.

**ALLISON CONLEY,**

Senior, digital arts major

There must be a reason why we consider Picasso's "Blue Nude," a portrait of a woman's back, to be art, while photos of Megan Fox is not used as an example in art classes.

"It has to do with the difference between the nude and the naked," Macaulay said.

According to Macaulay, the "nude" is simply a representation of the male or female figure, while the "naked" is "kind of stripped down and being laid bare and exposed."

"Nudes within art history are often the projection of the ideal nude, which is bound up then with somebody anonymous," Macaulay said.

Anya Skylarova, a freshman double majoring in studio art and business at Stony Brook, shares Macaulay's opinion, and said that, "Nude art can evoke a sensual feeling, however, it's more an appreciation of the human body."

But not all artists feel as comfortable.

"You can tell when they're a little bit new because, when you take off your robe, they won't talk

to you, it's like a wall goes up," Conley said.

Sophia Dang, a fourth-year Stony Brook student double majoring in studio art and art history, said she felt that way when she first started taking art classes.

"When I first started, I didn't know where to look," Dang said.

But as time progressed, Dang became increasingly comfortable and began to view the human form as simply a group of shapes with differing highlights and tonal values.

Dang said that she no longer

feels like she should look away from the nude model standing in front of her, because she no longer focuses on the body as a body. She sees the body as more of an art piece.

"I think the more you do it, the more desensitized you get, and it's not even about the body anymore," Dang said.

Though Dang said that she has been desensitized, Macaulay disagrees.

"Drawing from a model, any kind, is always very deeply sensual, but it's not necessarily erotic," Macaulay said.

Conley said that an erotic vibe is not necessarily the defining factor.

According to Conley, the distinction between art and pornography is based on the intent of both the artist and the viewer.

"Even if it's obscene, you can always have a poetry or beauty about something. Art doesn't always have to be pretty," Conley said.

Conley said that depictions of the nude can each be interpreted in whichever way their viewers believe them to be. She said that if children are taught that they do not need to be ashamed of their bodies, they will not look at a naked person as a wholly sexual being.

"I think it's peoples' own, if they find it erotic, it's their own perversions," Conley said.



# Your Valentine's Day Playlist

By MELISSA HEBBE  
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Whether you're practically married or living the single life, there's a song for you this Valentine's Day. Check out our Valentine's Day playlist.

After a romantic night out, you might want to get some smooching in. Music gets you and your loved one in the mood. Songs to get it on to:

- "Crash into Me" by Dave Matthews Band  
*"Who's got their claws in you my friend, into your heart I'll beat again."*
- "I'll Make Love to You" by Boys II Men  
*"I'll make love to you like you want me to."*
- "Let's Get It On" by Marvin Gaye  
*"We're all sensitive people with so much to give. Understand me, sugar, since we got to be. Let's say, I love you."*
- "Naughty Girl" by Beyonce  
*"Baby, the minute I feel your energy your vibe is just taking over me."*
- "Pour Some Sugar on Me" by Def Leppard  
*"Sometime, anytime, sugar me sweet, Little Miss Innocent, sugar me."*
- "Promiscuous" by Nelly Furtado and Timbaland  
*"Promiscuous boy, you already know that I'm all yours. What you waiting for."*
- "Sex on Fire" by Kings of Leon  
*"If it's not forever, if it's just tonight, oh it's still the greatest, the greatest, the greatest."*
- "Shook Me All Night Long" by AC/DC  
*"Cause the walls were shaking, the Earth was quaking, my mind was aching and we were making it, and you shook me all night long."*
- "Underneath It All" by No Doubt  
*"You're really lovely underneath it all. You want to love me underneath it all."*
- "Your Body is a Wonderland" by John Mayer  
*"And if you want love, we'll make it, swim in a deep sea of blankets."*

Whether you two have been together for a few short months or a couple of years, your feelings for one another are strong. What better way to express them than with some songs?

- "Best I Ever Had" by Drake  
*"Sweat pants, hair tied, chilling with no make-up on, that's when you're the prettiest. I hope that you don't take it wrong."*
- "Chasing Cars" by Snow Patrol  
*"If I lay here, if I just lay here, would you lie with me and just forget the world."*
- "Fallin' For You" by Colbie Caillat  
*"I've been spending all my time just thinking about you. I don't know what to do. I think I'm falling for you."*
- "Hey, Soul Sister" by Train  
*"You gave my life direction, a game show love connection, we can't deny."*
- "Hey There Delilah" by Plain White T's  
*"If every simple song I wrote to you would take your breath away, I'd write it all."*
- "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz  
*"There's no need to complicate. Our time is short. This is our fate. I'm yours."*
- "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars  
*"When I see your face, there's not a thing that I would change, 'cause you're amazing, just the way you are."*
- "No One" by Alicia Keys  
*"You and me together through the days and nights, I don't worry 'cause everything's gonna be all right."*
- "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry  
*"Let's go all the way tonight, no regrets, just love."*
- "The Only Exception" by Paramore  
*"I've got a tight grip on reality, but I can't let go of what's in front of me here."*

It's Valentine's Day, and you're single. Don't let it get you down. Instead celebrate your single life with some of these tunes:

- "Telephone" by Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce  
*"Call all you want, but there's no one home and you're not gonna reach my telephone."*
- "Yeah" by Usher feat. Lil Jon and Ludacris  
*"Up in the club with my homies, trying get a lil' V-I, but keep it down on the key."*
- "F\*\*\* You" by Cee Lo Green  
*"I guess she's an Xbox and I'm more Atari, but the way you play your game ain't fair."*
- "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz  
*"I wanna celebrate and live my life, saying ay-oh, baby let's go."*
- "I Like It" by Enrique Iglesias feat. Pitbull  
*"Baby, I like it the way you move on the floor, baby, I like it, come on and give me some more."*
- "Riding Solo" by Jason DeRulo  
*"I'm putting on my shades to cover up my eye. I'm jumping in my ride. I'm heading out tonight. I'm riding solo."*
- "SexyBack" by Justin Timberlake (feat. Timbaland)  
*"I'm bringing sexy back, them other boys don't know how to act."*
- "Single Ladies" by Beyonce  
*"Cause if you liked it, then you shoulda put a ring on it."*
- "So What" by Pink  
*"So what? I'm still a rockstar, I got my rock moves and I don't need you."*
- "TiK ToK" by Ke\$ha  
*"Wake up in the morning, feeling like P. Diddy."*

## Red Hot Chili Pepper Professors

By NICOLE BANSEN  
Contributing Writer

Whether it be on a TV show, in a movie, in a book or even in the real world, people are often unafraid of admitting their attraction to a teacher.

Researching on the website, ratemyprofessors.com, students have the opportunity to not only rate a professor in his or her teaching abilities but also whether they consider the professor as "hot" or "not."

Ratemyprofessors.com is known by students as a helpful guide for when it comes to selecting courses or researching a potential professor. Once a student selects a professor's name, the site will list the overall rated quality, helpfulness, clarity and easiness of the professor's grading.

Depending on the professor, there may or may not be a little red chili pepper beside the other ratings.

When a student clicks on the pepper at the top of the screen, an information box appears and reads, "Is your professor hot? Hot professors get a red chili pepper." What the site doesn't tell you is that the more times students rate the professor as being "hot," the brighter the chili pepper appears until it's at the point of being shown ablaze.

In other words, there are three levels of "hotness" a professor can be. The lowest level a typical red chili pepper, the second a pepper emanating an orange glow and the highest level a chili pepper engulfed in flames.

Students who wish to rate a professor use a numerical system for topics such as textbook use, interest in class and professor helpfulness. Other topics, such as attendance, professor status—still teaching or retired—and appearance, are only given two options to choose from. In this case, the appearance choice is either "hot" or "not," but is not mandatory for raters to pick one, unlike other choices. In fact, next to the choice of appearance, it says in quotations "just for fun."

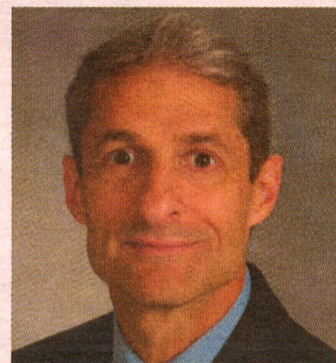
Nick Martinez, a senior majoring in anthropology, admitted to providing feedback for the site. When asked if he takes the appearance part of the ratings seriously he shook his head saying, "Nah. It really has nothing to do with the class. It's not important. The professor could look like Frankenstein and still be a good guy."

Richard Reeder, who is a professor of geology, is one of the elite group of pepper-receivers. Reeder said that he feels flattered about the title and never saw it coming.

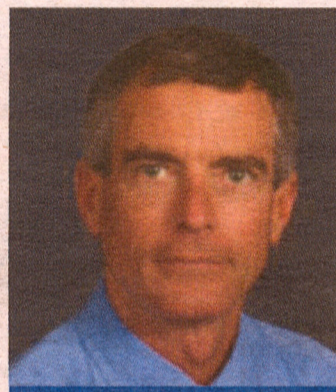
When asked to share a piece of advice for those professors who did not receive peppers, Reeder said, "As my mountaineering friend once said, there's not much room at the top!"

Though Reeder's students apparently found him to be an attractive member of the male gender, this is not to say that the only appealing aspect of Reeder is his looks. His students also rated him very highly in all categories on the website, and he was much more satisfied with these ratings.

"After all, I'm here to help students learn and expand their intellect," Reeder said. "But, I've always felt there should be a fun side of college, and it's nice to see this aspect of human nature in our students."



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# How Hot Is Stony Brook?

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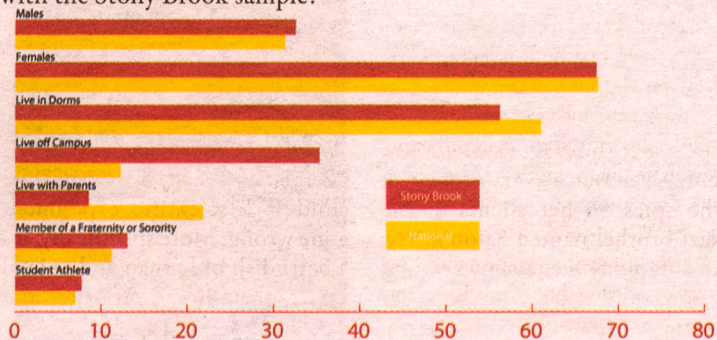
# More Than Candy

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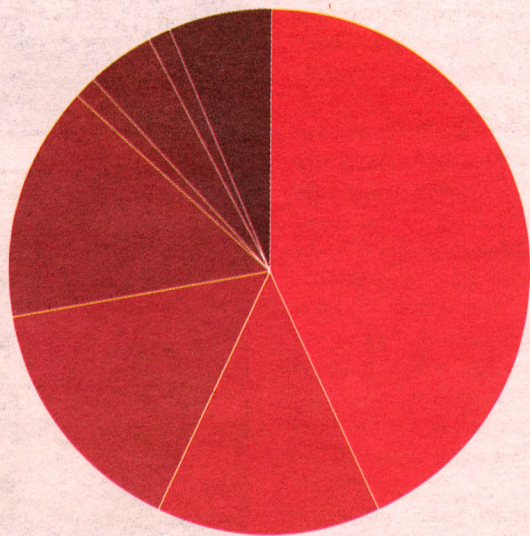
Watch any movie or TV show about college life and you'll get the impression that pretty much everyone is having sloppy, drunken sex with pretty much everyone else. Few people date in conventional ways. Everyone just hooks up. Long term relationships are more likely to be friends with benefits and booty calls. Hooking up is the new collegiate norm.

Or is it? Along with a few of colleagues around the country, we decided to find out. The Online College Social Life Survey has collected online survey data from about 14,600 students at 20 colleges and universities about their sexual activity. This was not a random sample of students. Instead, we sampled schools to make sure we had large and small, public and private, urban and rural, and elite and non-elite. We compared our data to other surveys, and feel confident that the data that we have are pretty close to what's happening nationwide.

Who was surveyed? Here's a chart comparing the national sample with the Stony Brook sample:

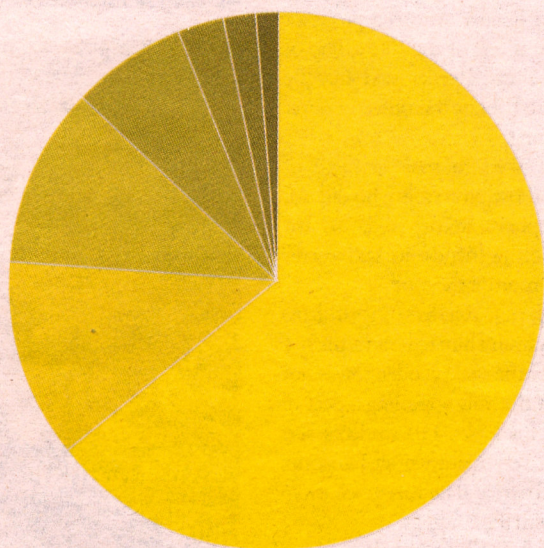


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So, what are they actually doing?

We found that what people call "hooking up" covers many different behaviors, including kissing, 61 percent, and non-genital touching, 51 percent, oral sex, but not intercourse, 24 percent, manual stimulation of the genitals, 38 percent, and intercourse, 23 percent. It can mean "going all the way." Or it can mean "everything but."

Nationally, we found that by their senior year students had averaged nearly seven hook-ups during their college careers. A little less than half, 42 percent, say they have never hooked up, while slightly less than a third, 28 percent, have hooked up ten times or more.

So, hooking up is pretty common, but still, two out of five college students don't hook up at all.

When we asked those who had hooked up what happened, here is what they said:

96.3% kissed

(94.7% of men, 97.2% of women)

82% touched the other's genitals  
(86.3% men, 79.9% women)

37.3% received oral sex  
(47% of men, 32.4% of women)

36.9% had intercourse  
(37.9% and 36.4% of women)

2.5% had anal sex  
(4.9% of men, 1.2% of women)

42.7% had an orgasm  
(49.3% of men, 39.4% of women)

So, how does Stony Brook compare? Nearly half of all males, 48 percent, have never hooked up. Fewer than one in twelve, 7.4 percent, have hooked up 15 times or more. And more than three-fifths of the females, 62.7 percent, have never hooked up. Just 1.7 percent have hooked up 15 times or more.

And what happened when they did hook up? Just over two-fifths, 40.6 percent, have vaginal sex; 40.1 percent have oral sex. At their last hook up, 44.4 percent of the men and 22.9 percent of the women had orgasms. So there is a slight orgasm gap.

One interesting finding is that 37.9 percent of the women thought their partner had an orgasm at last hook up - pretty close to the percentage of men who did. This means the women can tell. On the other hand, the men dramatically over-estimated the orgasms of their female partners - by nearly 200 percent! Though 22.9 percent of women had an orgasm; 43.7 percent of the men think their partner had one. Are the women faking it, or are the men just awful judges of female sexuality?

In most respects, then, Stony Brook naked looks pretty similar to everywhere else. We're more diverse racially and ethnically, but fewer Stony Brook students hook up. When they do, they do what everyone else does - and with similar "results."

College students are not nearly as hot as the media seem to suggest, whether at Stony Brook or elsewhere. So if someone tells you that they hooked up, with like, three different people last week, the data suggest that they're probably lying.

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Valentine's Day began as a Roman festival taking place on February 15. It was a day connected with fertility. As fertility and love ceased to be synonymous, lovers began to establish their own traditions by sending valentines and red roses, or by taking a few hours to have a romantic dinner with a loved one. Even if you don't have a date, grab some friends and hit one of these local eateries on Valentine's Day for some guaranteed good food and maybe even a little romance.

Mirabelle's Tavern is a fairly new restaurant with a cozy atmosphere, fireplace and a full bar. The menu is a bit out of the ordinary, offering everything from French bistro items to American comfort food, so make sure you check out the menu before you go. The tavern is close to campus, right off Main Street in Stony Brook. On February 14, Mirabelle's is offering a special Valentine's menu for a little under \$60 per person.

Pasta Pasta deceptively juvenile name does not seem to suggest the great selection of Italian and American cuisine that reviews rave about. However, this restaurant has been mentioned in Zagat and Great Restaurants of Long Island and described as "very intimate." This Italian restaurant is offering its regular menu on Valentine's Day, which can be seen online. An average entrée is about \$20 per person.

O Sole Mio is another nearby Italian restaurant, located across the street from the Smithaven Mall. With a comfortable and classy atmosphere, the restaurant offers reasonably priced food. You can even find coupons on its website. O Sole Mio offers its regular menu on Valentine's Day with specials, and average entrée prices range from \$7.99-20.50. If you feel like having an intimate dinner in the dorms they even deliver!

Kimi Japanese Restaurant is recommended for its heart-shaped sushi, fried ice cream and udon. The restaurant was rated on zagat.com several times as very fresh with great service and a nice ambience. This is the place to bring your sushi-lovin' date. Chicken, beef and salmon dishes are also available for those less crazy about sushi and sashimi. The average entrée is about \$16, although there are many cheaper options if you go for sushi! Kimi Japanese is located on Main Street.

The beautiful Country House offers an elaborate Valentine's Day menu for a super romantic meal, with dishes named after famous couples like "The Marilyn and Joe" (crab cakes), as well as "The Jen, Brad and Angelina" (filet mignon, duck confit and lamb chops). The menu is on the pricey side-the entrée list starts at \$25 and you could pay as much as \$65 for surf and turf-but overall the Country House promises a very special experience with a large variety of dishes. Just a fun fact to add to the romance, this restaurant is rumored to be haunted by the beautiful Annette Williamson!

# It's Not Just About the Sex, or Is It?

## Top 10 Best Sex Scenes

BY YOUN CHUNG  
Contributing Writer

Sex. We all do it. Humans do it. The birds and the bees do it. "Love and Other Drugs" (2010) and "No Strings Attached" (2011) are two recent movies that are based on the premise of casual sex. Despite the increasing number of sex scenes found in movies, we avoid talking about them, and they are quickly forgotten like some traumatic memory. But the fact is cinematic history has preserved a multitude of sex scenes. Here are what I consider the 10 most notable sex scenes based on their relevance, popularity and peculiarity.

### 1. *The Notebook* (2004, PG-13)

A film based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, "The Notebook" is a popular romance that stars Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. It also contains one of the most romantic sex scenes of all time, including classical piano, rose petal paths, candles and a decent amount of sex. While it isn't the steamiest sex scene and probably the least realistic of the list, "The Notebook" has one of the most enviable portrayals of premarital sex that any teenage girl or boy could wish for.

### 2. *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* (2008, PG-13)

During their summer stay in Spain, two friends—Vicky, played by Rebecca Hall, and Cristina, played by Scarlett Johansson—both fall in love with painter Juan Antonio, played by Javier Bardem. While this Woody Allen film has a number of sensuous scenes, the best sex

scene in the films contains no sex. In Juan Antonio's first encounter with Vicky and Cristina, he asks them both to join him on a lovers' holiday for the weekend. "...I'll show you around the city, and we'll eat well. We'll drink good wine. We'll make love," Bardem's character says.

### 3. *Nine ½ Weeks* (1986, R):

Mickey Rourke was a sex symbol even before he starred in "Iron Man 2," "The Wrestler," and "Sin City," most notably in the erotic drama "Nine ½ Weeks." Kim Basinger, who plays the protagonist Elizabeth, was the Angelina Jolie of her era. This film portrays a number of fetishes including cross-dressing, playing with ice, spoon-feeding, strip teasing and having public sex in the rain among a number of other erotic acts. While "Nine ½ Weeks" has been called "soft-core porn," it has a decent story and cinematography. "Nine ½ Weeks" builds a sado masochistic romance and focuses on the sexual growth of the female protagonist Elizabeth in a delicate, titillating manner.

### 4. *Thank You For Smoking* (2005, R)

Jason Reitman, director of "Juno" and "Up in the Air," also directed "Thank You For Smoking," a satirical portrayal of the tobacco industry through the eyes of its main spokesman Nick Naylor, played by Aaron Eckhart. In one scene, Nick and his lover have sex while his lover watches Nick on TV. The best scene, however, is when Nick Naylor bargains with a Hollywood agent on key cigarette placements in movies. "Brad Pitt. Catherine Zeta Jones. They've just finished

ravishing each other's bodies for the first time. They lie naked, suspended in air underneath the heavens. Pitt lights up. He starts blowing smoke rings all around Catherine's naked, flawless body as the galaxies go whizzing by over the glass dome ceiling. Now tell me if that doesn't work for you," Eckhart's character says.

### 5. *American Psycho* (2000, NC-17)

"American Psycho" is the cinematic adaptation of the novel by Bret Easton Ellis. The film centers on Patrick Bateman, played by Christian Bale, who is a narcissistic Wall Street yuppie with psychopathic serial killer tendencies. While he is handsome, affluent and engaged to a beautiful young woman played by Reese Witherspoon, he also has a need that seems to be only satisfied with violent, homicidal acts. There are a great number of critical issues with the film and the novel, including those with gender and humanism. Still, one famous scene is when Patrick Bateman hires two prostitutes and then films himself having sex with them. While having sex, his only concern is his reflection in the mirror and how he looks while with two women at once. The popular Internet image of Christian Bale winking and pointing out of the frame originates from "American Psycho."

### 6. *Black Swan* (2010, R)

Darren Aronofsky films usually contain sex, from the awkward double ended dildo scene in "Requiem for a Dream" to the flesh pounding bathroom scene in "The Wrestler." In "Black Swan" he creates the bizarre oral

sex scene between the acclaimed Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis. Aronofsky has the capability to shoot a thrilling erotic film, ranging from filming strippers in "The Wrestler," to prim ballerinas that turn dark in "Black Swan."

### 7. *Salon Kitty* (1976, NR)

Tinto Brass, infamously known as "Tinto Ass," is one of the most erotic directors in cinematic history. Some consider his work to be pornographic, while others find him notable in the genre of erotic cinema. Brass has said, "I put two balls and a big cock between the legs of the Italian cinema." "Salon Kitty," which falls under the Nazi exploitation genre, is about a Nazi prostitute who spies on her clients in the Nazi brothel named Salon Kitty. An infamous scene shows young women auditioning to be Nazi agents for the brothel. A string of white, pretty and patriotic German women march onto the stage and then demonstrate their sexual prowess their with Nazi soldiers. The difference between erotic films and pornography can be seen clearly in Tinto Brass films. They include beautiful women, showcase beautiful cinematography and offer offer a visually stunning experience despite the sex. There is more to the sex, which can be seen in the plots, characters and visuals of his films.

### 8. *The Matrix Reloaded* (2003, R)

"The Matrix" by the Wachowski brothers was one of the most technologically advanced films of the last decade. "The Matrix Reloaded" was the highly anticipated sequel that succeeded in entertaining the audience

while also being intellectually stimulating. A notable feature is one of the most random, unexpected sex scenes on the big screen. One second the people of Zion are cheering, stomping and having a spontaneous party rife with sexual tension and music, and the next second Neo, played by Keanu Reeves, and Trinity, played by Carrie-Anne Moss, have sex quite explicitly.

### 9. *Splice* (2009, R):

"Splice" is a horror-sci-fi film that toys with the viewer's mind. Like "Oldboy" by Park Chan—Work in that it features sexual relationships between parents and child, but in "Splice," the parents are the scientists and the child is a scientific experiment gone wrong. More specifically, it's a petri dish of human and animal DNA that lives, breathes and fornicates.

### 10. *Antichrist* (2009, NR)

"Antichrist," directed by Lars von Trier, is like a Tinto Brass film in that sex plays a crucial theme but is also artistically shown in a visually stunning or a horrifying manner. While some of its sexual scenes have the potential to arouse with their depiction of sexual acts, most of the scenes are horrifying and emotionally numbing. For example, the opening scene of "Antichrist" has to be one of the most beautifully executed but horrifying sex scenes of all time.

*Notable mentions:* "Fight Club," "When Harry Met Sally," "Pretty Woman," "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," "Basic Instinct," "Dirty Dancing," "Brokeback Mountain," "Chloe," "High Art."

## Intimate Relationships 101

BY WILL RHINO  
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Dr. Norman Goodman steps into the lecture hall in Javits 110. Another day on the job, Goodman starts another discussion on the complicated and intense concept of relationships.

His class on intimate relationships teaches students about a variety of subjects, many of which can be useful on Valentine's Day. The class's core learning concepts include the nature of relationships, dating and marriage. These,

Goodman says, are the key forms of intimate relationships, contemporary dating and different forms of relationships between men and women.

Goodman, a member of the SUNY faculty and professor in the sociology department, meets with his class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a full house. This doesn't surprise Goodman, who said he knows that students find his class interesting.

Topics discussed in Goodman's class range from different types of marriages to dating in American society. To define an intimate relationship, Goodman turns to the students. He said in an

intimate relationship there is "a very positive state of mind. There is confidence, trust and affection."

Goodman encourages class participation and discussion. In a lecture about polygamy and monogamy in a marriage, the class asks a variety of questions.

"Does a matriarchal society, or society where woman are in charge, determine if woman can have more than one husband in a particular culture?"

Family, friends, spouses, children and countless other relationships are discussed. That's the type of thing Goodman teaches. Not only does he teach about

relationships, he also gives advice on how to get one for Valentine's Day. He said the best way is to just,

"Get out there," Goodman said.

When it comes to his class, the most important thing Goodman hopes students will understand is that the experiences they face are also faced by others all over the world. But at the same time, each experience is individual.

Goodman says he believes all the topics in his class are important. But in order for students to really understand the topics, students need to make their own decisions. The world is filled with people,

countless interactions occur between them. The ability to understand human relations is a complex system of varying culture.

Valentine's Day is a holiday of love and a celebration of relationships. This class provides insight on what constitutes love and relationships. In a world with so many types of culture, love can be defined as many things. Platonic love between friends. The love a nuclear family shares. The love of a husband and wife. Life is an endless series of interconnected relationships, something Goodman tackles each lecture.



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# OPINION

## The Real Valentine's Day Story What Love Really Means

BY DAVID O'CONNOR  
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So, by now you've noticed a theme in this issue. There's been a great deal about sex and all the fun, scandalous stuff that goes with it. If you're enjoying this so far, you might not want to read this article, though I strongly hope you do.

If you're not enjoying this, this may be the thing for you. I'm going to go into what I believe Valentine's Day is about; you can take it or leave it, but here is what I have to say.

The story of St. Valentine is this: in a time when marriage in ancient Rome was forbidden, he officiated weddings in secret. When the Romans discovered this, he was imprisoned. According to legend, he fell in love with a blind girl while in prison. The story goes that his faith and love were so powerful they cured her of her blindness. He later sent her a letter, the first she would have read, it said: "From your Valentine."

By the way, this is not going

to be some religious "fire and brimstone" speech, in case you were worried. But I felt the need to start here. The day we're celebrating is named after St. Valentine after all. This story means one thing to me, (and tell me if you've heard this from some Disney movie somewhere): true love conquers all.

This is not physical love, but love of the heart and soul. It is the most pure thing that anyone can feel. Perhaps we don't see women suddenly recovering their sight as the result of another person's love every day, but the power of love is on display both in our stories and in our real lives.

For example, since I'm a nerd, I'd like to bring up "Star Wars." What was it that brought Anakin back from the dark side? It was his love for his son, Luke, who was not available for comment on this article. The emperor couldn't understand the love that binds a family together, and that was, in the end, what destroyed him.

Getting away from "Star Wars" for a second, I'm sure that everyone has had their own love story tucked away in their mind.

## A Valentine's Day Message For Wolfie

BY ELIZABETH BRENNER  
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This February we celebrate not just Valentine's day, but we mark a mile stone for our beloved Seawolf: his 16th birthday. He celebrated it by inviting all of us, his Stony Brook friends and family, to a huge birthday celebration. But there is one holiday close to his birthday. A day when most of us probably forget about Wolfie.

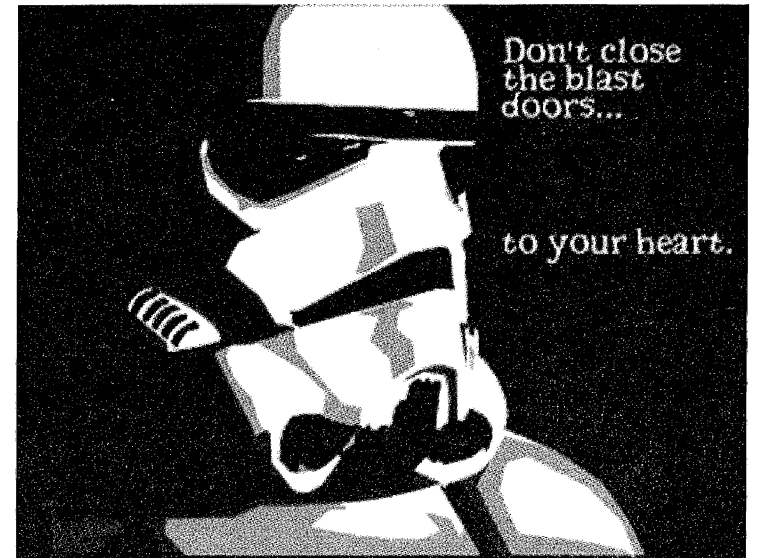
The day when you can tell others how much you love them and appreciate their friendship: Valentine's day. Has Wolfie ever received a valentine in his 16 years of life? No one should be left out on Valentine's day, including Wolfie.

I think he deserves a Valentine, and this why: Think about it, for every moment of

his 16 years, Wolfie has been here at Stony Brook University promoting school spirit. This has me thinking, Wolfie never went to elementary school where he would have gotten a valentine from his class mates. He never went to high school where he could have gotten a flower from another Seawolf. He skipped all that to come here. And what have we done for him? Bubkes. We've shown up to his birthday party, eaten his cake and haven't even left a present?

Think about it. Have you ever brought him a present in your time here? I'm proud to say that I've been going to Wolfie's birthday parties for as long as they've been thrown, but I feel bad that I have never given him a present. Come to think of it, I've never even given him a holiday present. Have you?

I think 2011 is the year when



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It's that fuzzy little thing we look to when we feel down and need a ray of hope. The ending might not always be happy, but we never fully forget that feeling.

My overall point is this: there's more to love than what goes on in the bed. I'm no expert on sex see the part that I love "Star Wars" above but I know that such things are always temporary. It comes and goes just like the tide; it never endures.

But that fuzzy feeling, it

never goes away. Whether it's for family, friends or that special someone, it will have an imprint on us for the rest of our lives. And in the end, love is the driving force behind all that is good in this world. Love of kin; love of freedom; love of justice; love of peace; etc.

Therefore, this Valentine's Day, discover something that you love, and watch it drive you—for your benefit and the benefit of those you care about.

this all changes. Wolfie is more than a friend to us at Stony Brook; he is family. He's been here for us through thick and thin through wins and losses. It's time that we give back to the Seawolf that has given so much to us. We should give him what all of us have had at one time or another: a valentine. I am determined to make sure that Wolfie will not have to go another year without a valentine. I am sending a public valentine to our beloved Wolfie.

Dear Wolfie,

With hair so fine it shines like silver pavement on a cold winter's night,

For more than a decade you've stood by our side, whether it's a hot August day, or a cold, snowy night

You're there cheering us on no matter the score.

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You've given your time to spread happiness and cheer, and you should know that with you as our mascot we have no fear.

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And we hope you'll be here forever and never leave.

On behalf of Seawolves far and near, we hope you know just how much you mean to our Stony Brook teams.

Wolfie should not be forgotten this Valentine's day. So whether or not you have a Valentine, take a moment to thank Wolfie and send him a Valentine. No one should be left out on a day hallmarked by love. Wolfie—I'd love it if you'd be my valentine.

--Elizabeth Brenner

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# Letter From The Editors

You may be wondering why *The Statesman* chose to produce an entire issue devoted to sex and relationships. Besides the fact that Valentine's Day is the appropriate time to do so, the simple answer is that it's fun. Here in the office, we felt that we needed to do something edgy and something that has never been done by former *Statesman* editors and staff in years past.

This is clearly a topic that can be dealt with in a multitude of ways. It can lack taste or can have class. We wanted to take a serious look at sex and relationships on the Stony Brook campus.

Although talking about sex

with your friends may seem more than easy, we can assure you that writing about it is not an easy task. Each name that appears in the masthead and throughout the 20 pages that we have put together has gone above the call of duty to ensure that you, the reader, are getting everything that you would expect out of a college newspaper.

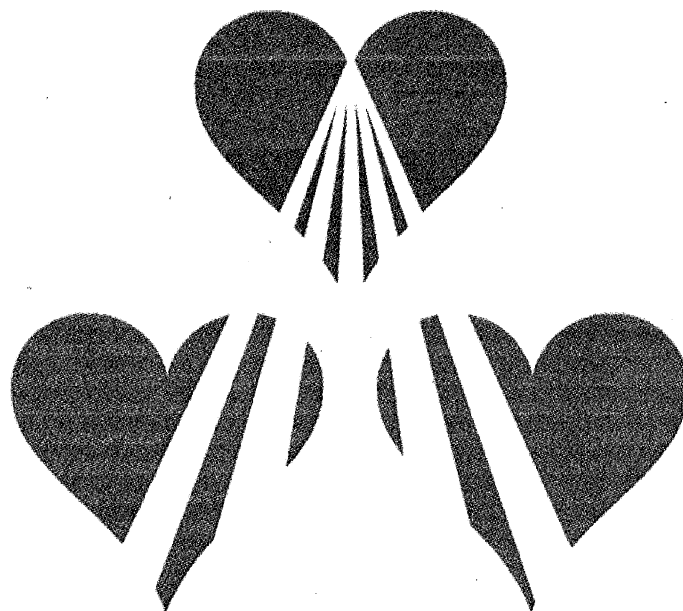
We understand that *The Statesman* is not viewed as a paper that would devote an entire issue to a topic as controversial as sex and relationships. We haven't forgotten the paper's devotion to news and other happenings around the campus

community. Coverage of Aziz Ansari, along with multimedia to complement the story and other campus news will be made available throughout the week and most assuredly for next Monday's issue, at which point *The Statesman* will return to our more standard format.

Also, we would like to offer a special thanks to Adil Hussain for his stellar graphic design skills that he applied throughout this issue.

Enjoy,

The Editors



## Career Center Falls Short at Internship Fairs

*Editors Note: This submission was run anonymously at the discretion of the editorial board.*

While the summer may seem far away, the time to apply for internships and full-time jobs is quickly approaching. Many students — graduating or not — try to make the most of the summer by gaining experience in the fields that they have interest in. Many companies look to college campuses to recruit interns because they can find extra help for the summer while training them directly for a possible career later on. At an institution such as Stony Brook University, this is done through the Career Center that hosts several career fairs during the semester and has connections with many Long Island and national companies.

Having attended many

career fairs over the years, it is clear that the same companies continue to come back and while these organizations are successful and well known, it may not be what the majority of students are looking for. Besides the IT and Healthcare professions, which require a specific degree or interest, there are many companies with branches on Long Island that look for local residents to work at their offices. These companies include: Geico, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Frito-Lay and others that offer a summer internship or entry-level position. Those jobs usually provide sales experience and offer limited promotions for the interns to advance within these companies. The benefit of these sales positions offered by the companies is that many students are trained

extensively by the companies, have the possibility of a job after graduation, and gain experience in the "real world" in a position that is more common than most people would believe.

There is, however, a negative to the career fairs and what they can offer. What the fairs fail to offer are positions that the broader population of Stony Brook can benefit from. With a diverse campus such as Stony Brook, many of the students are not from the area and are not planning on staying in the area after they graduate. While companies like Geico and Enterprise offer positions around the country, the fairs are rather limiting for many students who want to experience internships away from campus and Suffolk County. The job fairs do not do this oversight on purpose though it is important

for the Career Center to take advantage of the fact that Stony Brook is within commuting distance of New York City, a business capital with many opportunities for young adults with bachelors and masters degrees.

Though many graduates at Stony Brook can expect a sales job upon leaving school, they should not be limited to living on Long Island and the career fairs should account for this fact. A commute into Suffolk County may be extensive for a few New York City-based companies but most would jump at the chance to recruit interns from a state university with literally hundreds of eligible potential employees, especially if some of that population is looking to relocate west to New York City. In the fields of finance and investing, many

New York-based companies do come to this campus to have their pick of many talented, young adults. It is the students looking for positions in human resources, marketing, advertising, operations and more that are limited to a sales job most likely on Long Island.

Having taken advantage myself of one of these internship sales jobs, I attend these career fairs now and see very little opportunity to actively move away from Long Island. I am grateful to have sales experience and have realized that it is very likely that I will work in a sales position but I have little inclination to stay in Long Island after graduation and would like the job fairs to further work to bring meaningful internships and positions not associated with sales.

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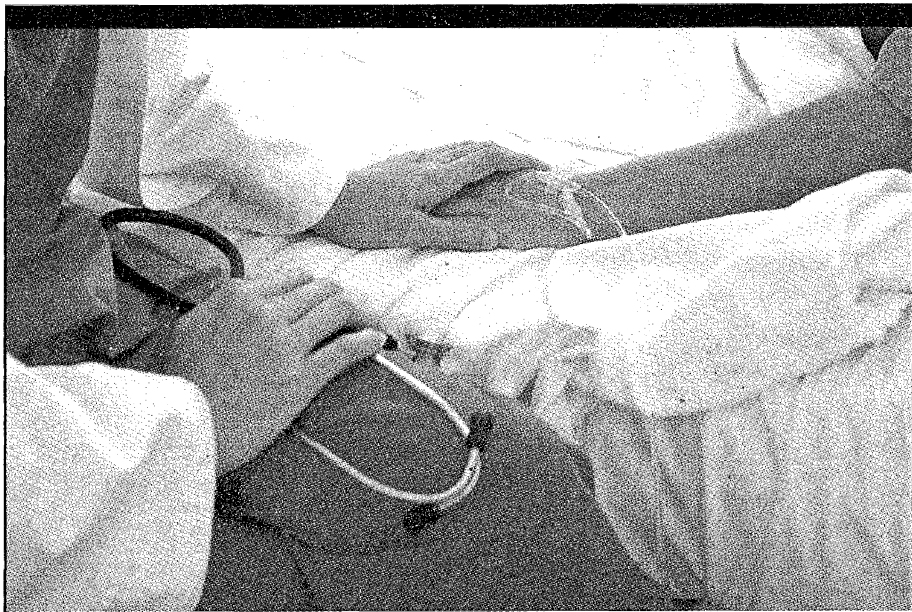
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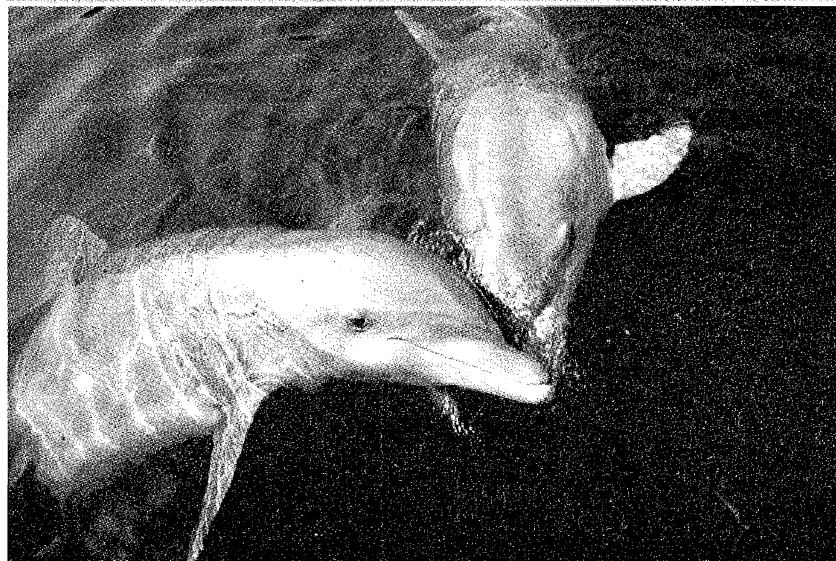
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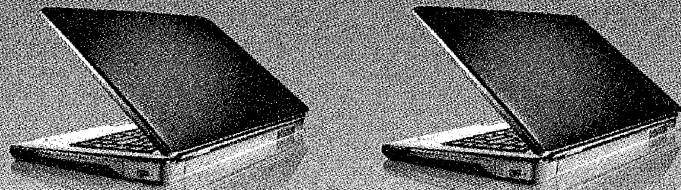
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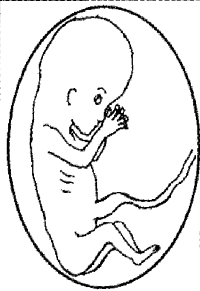
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# HOOPS: Stony Brook overcomes 12-point first-half deficit to win

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after Gerald McLemore stole the ball from Hayes, but he missed his jumper, giving Stony Brook possession.

Center Dallis Joyner (Norfolk, Va.) came up big on the ensuing play, grabbing two offensive rebounds before drawing a shooting foul. Despite shooting just 40 percent from the free throw line this season, he calmly sank both free throws to give Stony Brook a 59-57 lead.

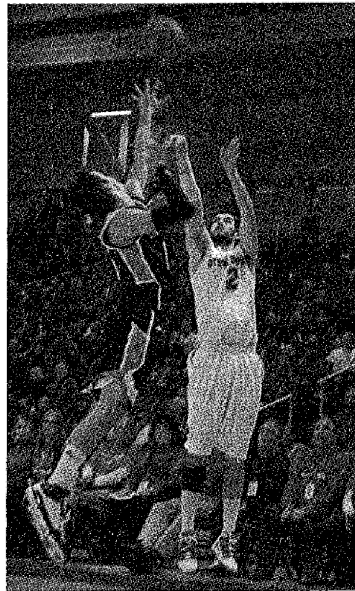
Two possessions later, Troy Barnies was able to get around his defender for a layup to tie the game at 59-59. Dougher missed a game-winning three-pointer to send the game into overtime.

As Maine blanketed Dougher to start overtime, Hayes took over, drilling a three pointer and hitting a jumper from the top of the key on back-to-back possessions to give the Seawolves a 64-61 lead.

"We were just running a simple offense," Hayes said. "They were

doubling Bryan so I was open."

Dave Coley (Brooklyn, N.Y.) extended the lead to six with a



Danny Carter

pair of free throws, but the Black Bears fought back with free throws of their own to cut the lead to one at 66-65 with 1:37 left. On the ensuing possession, Joyner made a big play, grabbing another

offensive rebound after a missed three-pointer from Dougher.

After a timeout, Dougher connected on a floater put Stony Brook up three, 68-65. Maine tried to answer back, but Joyner came up big again as he drew a charge to give the Seawolves possession.

Stony Brook would hit its free throws on its way to victory. Stony Brook hit 11 three-pointers for the third time this season and outrebounded Maine 40-34, including 14 offensive rebounds that led to 17 second-chance points. Joyner finished the game with 10 rebounds to go with four points. Carter chipped in with 12 points, all of them coming in the first half. Jackson finished with eight points and three assists.

For Maine, McLemore led all scorers with 23 points, making all ten of his free throws. Barnies finished with 28 points and 15 rebounds.

The Seawolves will be back on the road on Monday to face Albany at 7 p.m. (TV: MSG+). The two teams are separated by just a half game in the conference standings.

# W BBALL: Second conference win

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and scoring high percentage shots as opposed to trying to rain down three-pointers from the heavens. This was their strategy from the beginning.

"It was certainly a strategy," Thompson said. "We had the advantage down low."

The Black Bears became tired of being scored upon, so they forced the Seawolves, notably sophomore Juanita Cochran (New Orleans, La.) to the line. She would be forced to take eight free throws down the stretch.

Maine actually made the game a contest in the closing minutes. The closest they got was 63-60 in favor of Stony Brook with 23 seconds left. However, two free throws each from Jeter and sophomore Sam Landers (Springfield, Va.) gave the Seawolves 66 points, and that would prove to be enough.

The women will play next at Albany on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. They will next play at Stony Brook on Feb. 23 against Hartford at 7 p.m. as well.

# Around Seawolves Country

Lucy Van Dalen sets school record in 3000 meters

History was made at the Valentine Invitational in Boston on Friday night. Senior Lucy Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand) ran the fastest time in the country with an 8:56:77 in the 3000. It was less than a half-second faster than the previous mark and 18 seconds more than the school record. She has automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Sophomore Annie Keown (Auckland, New Zealand) took third in the 5000 (16:10.52). Her time was just three seconds shy of the automatic qualifying time.

Van Dalen's sister, Holly (Wanganui, New Zealand), ran in the same event, finishing with a time of 9:33:26, qualifying for the ECAC's (Eastern College Athletic Conference).

Junior Kristal Conklin (Middletown, N.Y.), freshman Olivia Burne (Palmerston North, New Zealand), junior Hayley Green (Wellington, New Zealand), junior LaQuashia Hall (New York, N.Y.), junior Mary O'Connor (Waterford, Ireland) and senior Laura Huet (Carrickmines, Ireland) also qualified for the ECAC's.

From the men's team, senior Alex Felce (Stroud, England), senior Shamell Forbes (Springfield Gardens, N.Y.) and junior Gerard Harley (Setauket, N.Y.) qualified for the IC4A's.

Women's lacrosse loses season opener to Colgate

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team fell to Colgate in their season opener, 17-15 on the road in Hamilton, N.Y.

"It took too long for us to start today," head coach Allson Comito, who is in her sixth season with the Seawolves, said. "We dug ourselves a hole we couldn't come back from."

Seniors Melissa Cook (Bay Shore, N.Y.) and Samantha Djaha (East Islip, N.Y.) each scored four goals.

Freshman Alyssa Cardillo (Farmingdale, N.Y.) had the team high in points with two goals and three assists.

Things went terribly for the Seawolves from the beginning, for Colgate scored the first five goals of the game. Then Stony Brook retaliated with three goals of their own.

To continue the tug-of-war, Colgate scored the next four goals and led 11-6 at halftime.

Stony Brook scored five of the first seven goals of the second half, but Colgate was able to squeeze out a win in the end.

The Seawolves will have their home opener on Wednesday in LaValle Stadium at 3 p.m.

# LOVE: Athletics can bring people together (or inspire singularity)

From LOVE on 20

interests besides running," said Varone, a 21-year-old health sciences major and Seawolves distance runner. "We...still have many other things to talk about. Also, I believe that when you find the right person, your interests become common whether they were there to begin with or not."

Fauser and Varone met before school began when Fauser was visiting her roommate, another runner who was already on campus for preseason.

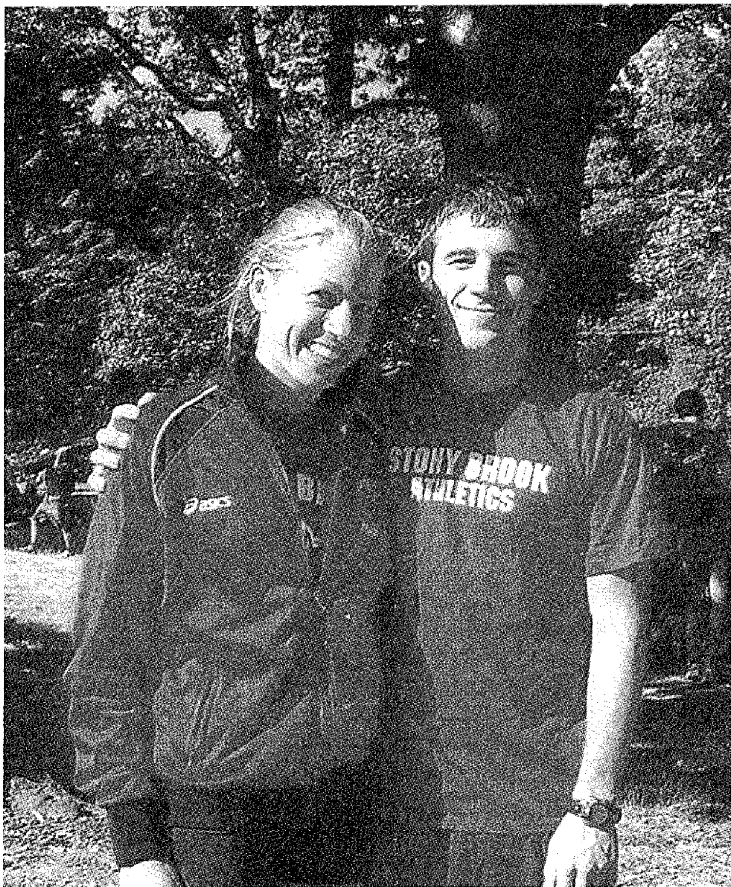
Fauser accompanied her roommate out to her car, where they bumped into Varone and a few of his teammates.

"I couldn't wait for college to start," Fauser, a 20-year-old mathematics major and mid-distance runner, said.

Track and cross-country have unique time-management concerns that basketball players don't have to deal with. "Our meets are always changing [times and dates], and we have to plan as we get our schedules, but we still find time to spend together," Varone said.

However, many times the meets coincide with each other, allowing the couple to make up for weekend time that might normally be spent going out together.

"For the most part, we get to spend time with each other at the meet itself," Varone said. "Also, we have practice at the same time in the morning so we are able to see each other after practice before we



Jill Fauser and Alex Varone have been dating for two years. They say running track enhances their relationship, but it isn't everything.

start our classes. Having the same practice time makes it much easier to see each other and talk about things that we are thinking about."

Neither Fauser nor Varone said that running is an essential part of their relationship, but added that the time spent together enhances it.

"We have practice together every morning, and just the exchange of a smile to each other starts my day off

right," Fauser said.

## Tackling the Single Life

A relationship isn't meant for every athlete. C.J. Olson, a 21-year-old junior, plays wing for the men's club rugby team. Olson said when he first came to Stony Brook, he had a girlfriend from high school, but that the long-

distance relationship has since ended.

"I never forgot to call her, but it was another element of life that added strain," the engineering science major said. "Honestly, being single is a lot easier for me."

Even though rugby isn't an official Seawolves sport, the players still have a rigorous training schedule. The team practices three nights a week for two hours, and players who wish to play on the "A" team must go to the gym at least five times a week for two hours each time. On top of that, Olson, who is the vice president of the rugby club, tackles about two to five hours of administrative work a week.

Still, he said, he wouldn't mind having a girlfriend, as long as she didn't distract him from his work.

"I'm sure a girlfriend would bring out something different in me that I don't normally bring," Olson said. "It will probably make me a little more well-rounded....If a girlfriend truly cares about you, she'd try to keep you on track."

Olson said teammates don't shy away from relationships even with the time constraints.

"My [teammate] is ecstatic that he has a girlfriend," Olson said. "She's his first ever girlfriend."

"It's funny because he's making all of these rookie mistakes in the relationship," Olson said, laughing. "I don't think he understands the dynamics yet."

But as soon as he steps on the field, the only focus is on the sport.

"It's like a switch—there's a social time, and then when there's a game time, he hits the switch," Olson said.

# SPORTS

## Seawolves stun Maine in OT

## Women's hoops stops slide

By DORIC SAM  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook's men's basketball team put on a show for a sold-out crowd of 4,423 at Stony Brook Arena, defeating Maine 71-69 in overtime in an exciting back-and-forth battle. The game was televised on ESPNU for Stony Brook's first regular-season national home telecast and a part of Seawolves Winterfest 2011.

"It was a great environment here today, and I think that helped our team win today," head coach Steve Pikiell said. "It was a tremendous crowd, and it was a proud day to be a member of the Stony Brook community."

The Seawolves have now won back-to-back games to improve to 11-14 overall and 6-7 in the America East Conference, moving them into fourth place.

"We're playing good basketball now," Pikiell said. "We're better defensively and we're rebounding better, so I'm really pleased with how we're progressing down the stretch."

The Black Bears, who entered the game in second place in the conference, have now lost four straight games, falling to 14-11 overall and 8-5 in the conference.

Junior Bryan Dougher (Scotch Plains, N.J.) led the Seawolves with 20 points, all of which came after halftime. Sophomore Leonard Hayes (Voorhees, N.J.) added 16 points and six rebounds.

Maine came out firing in the



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Sophomore Leonard Hayes (15) scored 16 points, including six in overtime, to help the Seawolves come back and win.

first half, jumping out to a 14-2 lead. But Stony Brook battled back with start five minutes into the game. big plays from freshman Anthony

Jackson (Columbus, Ohio), who provide a huge spark off the bench.

"He gave us a great lift and got us going in transition," Pikiell said. "He did a good job sparking us and hitting threes."

After a missed jumper from Raheem Singleton, Jackson was able to find Danny Carter (Windsor, England) for a fast-break dunk that brought the crowd to its feet and put the Seawolves within one, forcing Maine to call a timeout. Jackson later drilled a deep three-pointer to give Stony Brook its first lead, 24-22. Despite scoreless efforts from three of their starters, the Seawolves would go into halftime with a 34-33 lead.

Dougher finally got on the scoreboard with a three-pointer four minutes into the second half and followed with a layup and a floater on back-to-back possessions, sparking a 17-8 run by Stony Brook. His three-pointer with just over nine minutes left gave Stony Brook its largest lead at 51-41.

"I loosened up a little bit and got better looks," Dougher said. "In the first half I forced a couple shots, so I just let the ball find me [in the second half]."

Defensive lapses allowed the Black Bears back into the game, as a layup from Sean McNally tied the game at 57-57 with three minutes left.

It looked as though they would be able to complete the comeback

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By DAVID O'CONNOR  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Stony Brook University women's basketball team defeated the University of Maine Black Bears on Sunday afternoon, 66-62, bringing an end to their four-game losing streak.

Interim coach Evelyn Thompson said that she will use this game a source of inspiration for the rest of the season.

"We want to use this as a spring board," she said after the game.

The Seawolves didn't start out well. Their offense was static, and they weren't able to make good use of offensive rebounds. Stony Brook had 22 offensive rebounds for the game, but those rebounds translated into only 12 points.

However, Stony Brook began to heat up as time went by. Spurred by senior Kirsten Jeter (Elmont, N.Y.), the Seawolves secured a 35-26 lead at halftime. Jeter would have 15 points in the half and 26 for the game, a game-high. She also had the game-lead in rebounds with seven.

Stony Brook continued to fire at their torrent pace in the second half. They primarily focused on getting the ball close to the basket

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## VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL:

# Stony Brook athletes play the love game, too

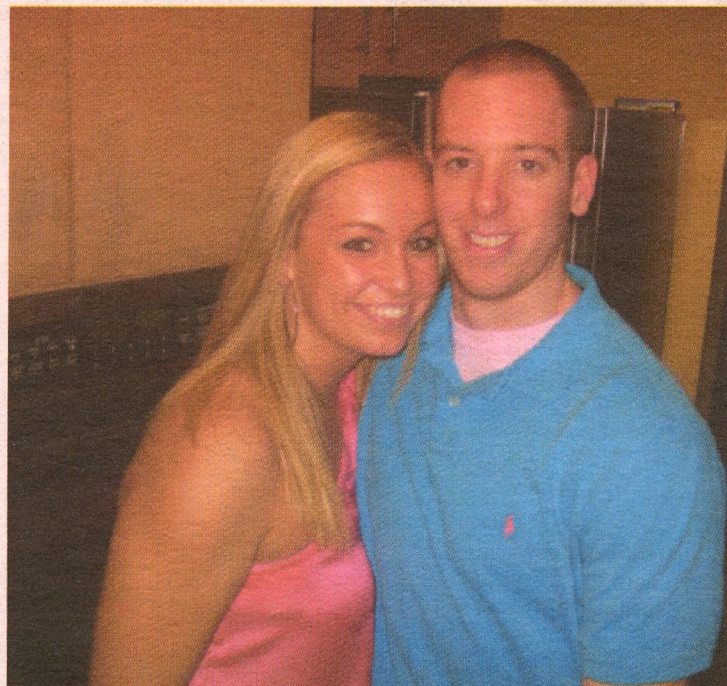
By SAM KILB  
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On Valentine's Day, millions of Americans will be treating their significant others to a special evening. Millions of others will get together with friends to lament — or celebrate — their single status.

Bryan Dougher won't be with his girlfriend, or thinking about the holiday much at all. That's because the junior guard will be in Albany, where the Seawolves men's basketball team will take on the Great Danes in an America East conference game.

His girlfriend is highly qualified to understand that Dougher won't be around for a date. Dani Klupenger, Dougher's girlfriend of over a year, is also a basketball



Dani Klupenger and Bryan Dougher, both basketball players at Stony Brook, say understanding tough schedules is key to their relationship.

player at Stony Brook.

"I think it's easier because people who don't play sports don't understand scheduling," Klupenger, a 19-year-old journalism major, said. "I understand that he has practice and then a team meeting and then another practice, and vice-versa."

Even without a relationship, the schedule of an athlete at a Division-I school like Stony Brook is stretched.

Athletes must balance homework and studying with practice and weightlifting sessions. But some, like Dougher and Klupenger, voluntarily add another commitment to their schedule.

Klupenger and Dougher agreed that, with both of them being athletes, it is easier to juggle a relationship along with school and sports.

"We understand each other's

time commitments, so that's never really a problem," Dougher, a 21-year-old business major, said.

The couple said they don't fight much because they have learned to not sweat the small stuff.

"If we don't see each other all day, then we'll see each other tomorrow," Klupenger said. "I don't take it personally because I understand that basketball is technically his job."

### Running With Love

For Alex Varone and Jill Fauser—track and cross-country athletes at Stony Brook who have been in a relationship for two years—their sport brought them together but, they argue, it doesn't keep them there.

"We have other common

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