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## Bill Clinton Promotes Get Out the Vote



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Former President Bill Clinton meets students after a rally for Congressman Tim Bishop.

By MEGAN SPICER  
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On Wednesday, Oct. 27, former United States President Bill Clinton, joined by democratic congressional and current candidate Timothy Bishop (D-Southampton), talked to the students about their futures and how important it is for them to vote for Bishop on election day.

The line to see former President Clinton speak in support of the Get Out the Vote rally with Bishop extended all the way from the Indoor Sports Complex to beyond the Union.

"You're committing malpractice for your own future if you don't vote," Clinton told the crowd.

The crowd radiated excitement and anticipation throughout the duration of the speakers who spoke before Clinton, such as New York State Democratic Party Chairman Jay Jacobs, who had the crowd in a raucous laughter.

"Everything you need to know about politics, you learn when you first learn how to drive a car, it's that simple. If you want to go forward, you put it into D, if you want to go backwards, go into R," Jacobs said to the crowd.

There was no calming down the crowd once Clinton was introduced, however. When he

stepped up to the microphone, the room erupted into cheers, cameras shot into the air and the room was lit up by camera flashes.

For almost half an hour, Clinton spoke of all that Bishop and other democrats have done, as well as his accomplishments during his presidency, all of which were met with a booming cheer from the crowd.

The topic that was discussed in length was Bishop's bill to direct more money towards student loans and increasing the time it would take to pay those loans back.

He also addressed President Barack Obama's presidency and the amount of criticism he receives.

"It's like saying you could get behind a locomotive going straight down hill going 200 miles per hour and stop it in ten seconds," said Clinton in reference to the efforts Obama is making toward solving the financial crisis that began during Bush administration.

The event was heavily directed toward students and the impact that they have on the elections each year. It was noted that when Bishop was elected in 2002, a large portion of the votes came from the university.

During Clinton's speech, he challenged the members of the audience to really think about the upcoming election.

"So here's what I think you

need to decide. Where are we? The facts matter. What do we need to do? Who's more likely to do it?" proposed Clinton.

At the end of the rally, after Clinton had said his final "God bless you," he and Bishop made their way to the front of the stage to meet supporters and fans who were scrambling for a photo or a handshake from the prominent political figures.

However, the buzz didn't die down immediately after Clinton and Bishop had left for good.

"I loved it. Especially the part the loans because I'm one of them," said Theophilus Hamblin, 24, who skipped an internship meeting to attend the event. "The loans that I have are like \$20,000 so if it's fixed rate then that's good for me."

Students and community members walked out of the sports complex staring at their hands in disbelief that they just shook the former president's hand or that they were within feet of him.

"It's like a dream come true because I never thought I would see him live and he's just so bright and he knows so much about what he's talking about and presents the positions so clearly," said Anna Gualandi, a woman from Sayville who dropped all her plans when she heard about the rally on the radio earlier that morning. "He's a rock star."

## A Glimpse into the New Simons Center

By ANUSHA MOOKHERJEE  
Contributing Writer

Jim Simons, the hedge fund mogul and the man behind the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, was on campus on Tuesday for a pre-grand opening tour of the new building. In 2008, Simons gave a \$60 million gift, the largest in Stony Brook's history, for the development of the center.

In 1968, Simons became chairman of the mathematics department at Stony Brook. When asked why he chose Stony Brook as the location for the new center, Simons said it was "a natural thing for the University since the combination of geometry and physics started here."

The tour started off with an introduction by Stony Brook President Stanley L. Stanley, Jr. about the necessity for such a center to excel the research being done in both fields. In the middle of statewide budget cuts, Stanley talked about how this was a great opportunity for the school and the effects such a center can have for a school. He, along with the director of the center, staffers and others who made the center possible, joined the press on a tour of the center, which is finishing up its last touches before its opening on Nov. 2.

The center marks a new step in

research in both these fields. John Morgan, the founding director, explained the complexity needed to share research between these two notable fields. With both fields having research that complement each other, communication between the two is vital to taking new steps in research. Each field also has its own language, which are not always interchangeable between the subjects, creating difficulties for scientists and mathematicians to share their research and collaborate.

According to Simons and Morgan, this idea of sharing is a main point behind the design of the center. Created to bridge the gap between the subjects, the building both physically and metaphorically accomplishes this. There is a bridge that connects this new building to the already existing Math Tower. This physical side to the idea between collaboration allows members of both disciplines come together to share research and discussions. Blackboards placed around the new building allow for researchers to write down ideas as they come, making sure every idea is not forgotten.

Even the art in the building represents ideas the development of ideas and the blend of both the fields. Nina Douglas, the art

See SIMONS on 5



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The new Simons Center for Geometry and Physics will open on Nov. 2. The center is named after Jim Simons, a hedge fund mogul who donated \$60 million for the center.



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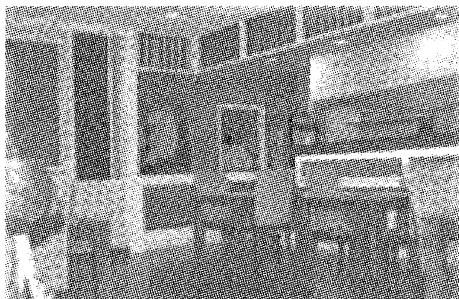
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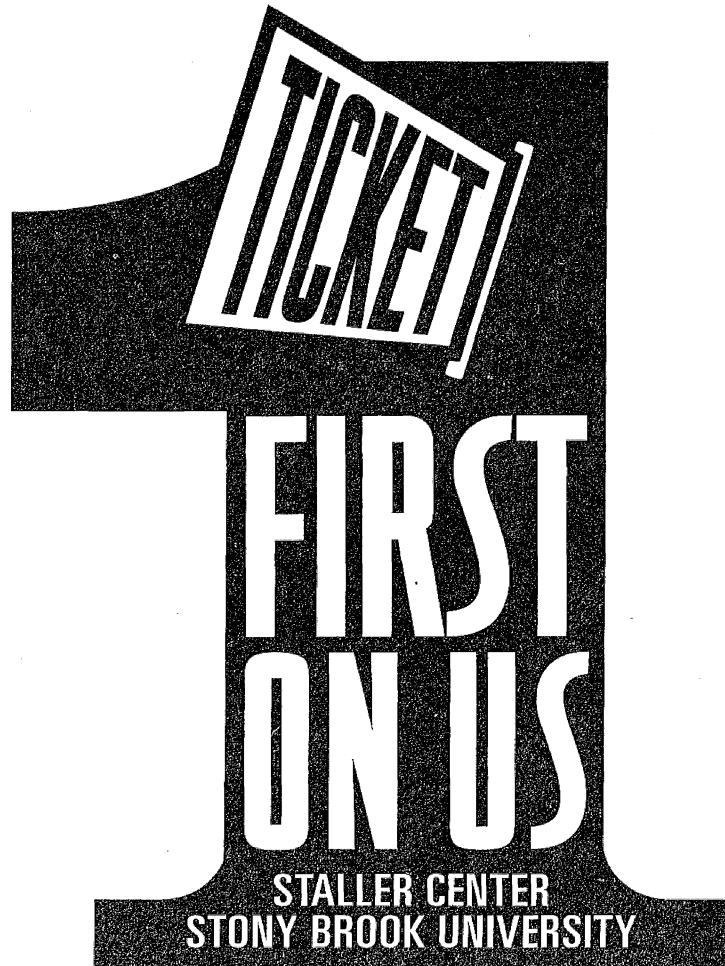
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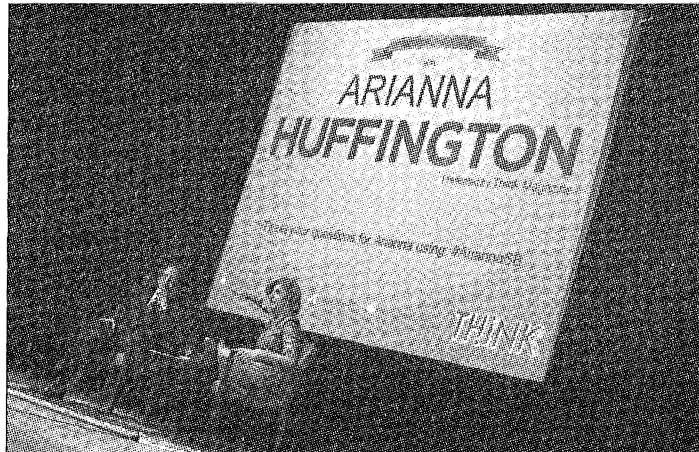
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# NEWS

## Arianna Huffington Visits Stony Brook



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Arianna Huffington spoke at the Staller Center on Monday.

By FRANK POSILICO  
Editor-In-Chief

Arianna Huffington spoke Monday to a packed audience in the Staller center about her new book "Third World America" and how she believes the country is heading in the direction of becoming a third world nation.

Huffington, the editor-in-chief of the *Huffington Post*, has written over a dozen books and is one of the most sought after political

thinkers today. She was brought to Stony Brook by a crowd-sourcing contest in which *Think Magazine*, a progressive publication on campus, was chosen as one of 15 finalists out of about 200 submissions. *Think* placed third and garnered more than 400,000 votes in two weeks.

"When the contest ended it was very up in the air," said Adam Peck, the founder and editor of *Think*. "We were told she was going to do the top three but there was no real confirmation, we were cautiously optimistic."

Huffington sat down with Dean Howard Schneider of the School of Journalism to talk about her book, views on the media and the current political landscape of the country. Her book speaks about how American politicians are ignoring the middle class and throwing away the American dream.

When asked if a third world country was inevitable, Huffington said it is not a time for compliance but a time to course correct.

"It is important to sound the alarm before the iceberg hits the titanic," Huffington said. "We're at the stage now where if we course correct we can avoid the fate of becoming a third world country."

Huffington claims that we are living in an oligarchy right now and that the middle class has no representation in the government. She says we need to change this by making people see that government is not a spectator sport.

"Change always comes when the people insist on change," Huffington said drawing parallels to the women's rights movement and the civil rights movement of the 1960s. "We can't see ourselves as simply complaining and sitting on the sidelines."

Huffington, who was a supporter of President Barack Obama during his campaign was asked by Schneider to give the president a grade from A to F. She artfully dodged the question, however, saying that politics is a comparison game. She likened America's current problems to a cancer.

"It's like saying, 'We cured 70 percent of it, but your cancer has moved to stage four,'" Huffington said.

Huffington said this is a golden age for news consumers, but with the current misinformation and rumors that appear in the news each day, Huffington said that in the future of the news media, trust is everything.

If you blog for the *Huffington Post* you are not allowed to espouse conspiracy theories and you must correct yourself if there is a mistake in your blog entry. She said that updating and correcting information is the most important thing to focus on in today's world of misinformation.

Not everyone was as smitten with Huffington as most the constantly applauding audience was.

At one point during the

question and answer session, Kevin Saballa, the president of the campuses un-official Tea Party club, asked Huffington what she thought about the Tea Party movement and anger toward the current government.

She believes the Tea Party anger is legitimate and sympathizes with their anger.

"It's an anger against the establishment that has completely betrayed the American people," she said.

"I liked the fact that she was addressing anger of the average voter from all parties, although when she said voting incumbents out was a bad idea, I was not really thrilled, Saballa said in an email message. "If the incumbent is the one who is doing the under hand deals that just helps he/she or their buddies who lobby them and not the American people then they become almost like monarchs."

Although Huffington talks a lot in her book about the possibility of a third world America, she does not see that as an inevitable future.

"If we stay on this track we will become a third world country," she said. "We either become third world America, or a country better than what we were."

## Rally to Restore Sanity And/or Fear a "Tremendous Success"

By ETHAN FREEDMAN  
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, comedic political satirists Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert hosted "The Rally to Restore Sanity And/or Fear" at the National Mall in Washington, DC. The rally, a portmanteau of Stewart's Rally To Restore Sanity and Colbert's March to Keep Fear Alive, drew in a crowd estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands. Announced on Sept. 16, the rally served as a not-too-subtle jab at Glenn Beck's "Rally to Restore Honor".

In the days leading up to the event, many major figures plugged the rally. On an episode of the *Daily Show*, Oprah Winfrey appeared via satellite and, in a semi-spoof of her own show, announced for the audience members to look under their seats to receive free tickets to the rally. President Barack Obama mentioned the rally at a town hall meeting and appeared on Stewart's show eight days before the rally took place.

The crowd, originally estimated to be 25,000, according to the

permit filed, was very active in propagating their own versions of sanity; creating posters and signs critical of the Tea Party and Anti-Muslim rhetoric, among other things.

A major proponent for the first half of the rally was the musical potpourri that came out in support of the rally. Artists who performed included The Roots, John Legend, Mavis Staples, Jeff Tweedy, Tony Bennett, Kid Rock, Sheryl Crow, and T.I., who performed in a taped segment.

The pinnacle of the musical performances, however, came in the form of a medley. Stewart introduced Yusuf Islam, the artist formerly known as Cat Stevens, to sing his 1971 hit "Peace Train." Colbert, however, was not having it. He announced to the audience "my train is arriving at the stage now and the conductor has an important announcement to make," before making way for Ozzy Osbourne and his hit "Crazy Train". The two artists dueted it out as proxies for the two comedians before they decided to embrace and leave the stage. Left with a no artists on stage, the two pondered about what 'train' the audience

could 'board.' "Love Train" cried Stewart finally, "that's scary, you know, STD's, heartbreak", to which Colbert agreed, which led to the O' Jay's singing the classic "Love Train".

Another notable facet of the rally was the banter between Stewart and Colbert. Stewart and Colbert, in their characters, represented the polarization of the masses and the media. Stewart's personality was representative of intelligent, reasonable discourse and Colbert's of the excessive, fear-mongering aspect of news journalism.

In one segment, Stewart introduced the "Medal of Reasonableness", which he awarded to Armando Galarraga, the Detroit Tigers pitcher who lost his bid for a perfect game because of a bad call, yet showed remarkable sportsmanship towards the umpire. Colbert, not to be outdone, awarded his "Medals of Fear" to news organizations that didn't allow their employees to attend the rally. Stewart gave further medals to Mick Foley, the wrestler who defend a child attacked by gay slurs, to Velma Hart, a regular woman whom was critical, yet fair to President Obama in a town

hall meeting, and to Jacob Isom, who prevented an evangelist from burning a Qur'an by stealing it from his hands.

Colbert awarded his remaining awards to Anderson Cooper's black t-shirt, for always being on the news reporter during a heartbreaking news story, and to Mark Zuckerberg, the Facebook billionaire, for his supposed efforts in destroying internet privacy.

But at the end of it all, sanity won out. At the end of the event, Jon Stewart was left with a small block of time in which he delivered

an eloquent and beautiful message of connectedness and concession. He put it this way: "This was not a rally to ridicule people of faith or people of activism ... or to suggest that times are not difficult and that we have nothing to fear. They are and we do. But we live now in hard times, not end times."

In a way, the rally was not intended as a satire of our politics, but as a sobering realization of our reality. Behind the veil of comedy, there was a distinct point, in the notion that our country is not falling from our hands.



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Stephen Colbert brings out a paper mache puppet of himself.

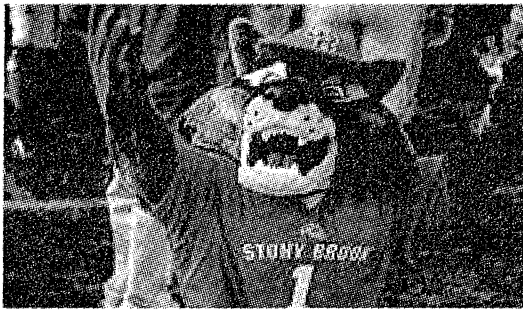


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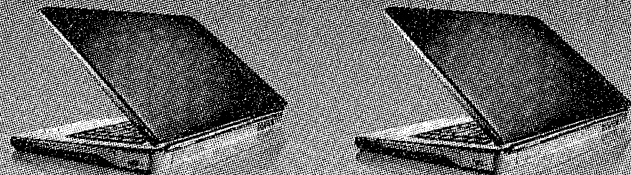


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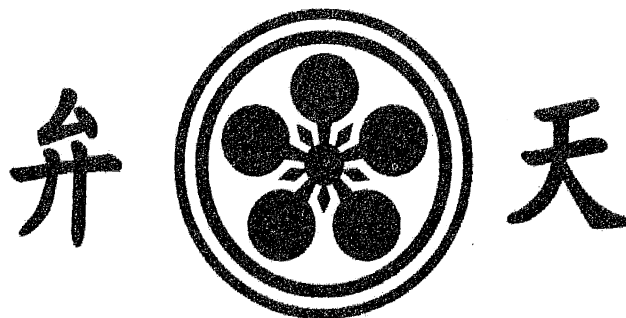


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# Stony Books Closes its Doors

By ERIKA KARP  
News Editor

For the first time since July of 1979, 1081 Route 25A is up for lease. The windows are covered in brown paper. The door is locked. The store once filled with school supplies, chemistry textbooks and course readers is vacant. The small store known as Stony Books will no longer see crowds of students waiting on line to buy or return their course materials.

Owner Robert Breun unlocks the door. Inside, the square room once of full shelves is virtually empty, with the exception of two chairs by the counter. He pulls up a chair and sits.

Over the years, the store has become a staple amongst Stony Brook students looking for an alternative to the campus bookstore.

"I had two heart attacks this summer," he says leaning back in the chair. "It has had a negative effect on my health."

Breun's health issues, combined with a slowing business

environment and his lease coming to an end, created what he calls a "perfect storm," for his decision to close shop. And while he would have loved to leave the business to his nephews, the uncertain business environment made him decide otherwise.

Breun, a Stony Brook University alumni and old manager of the university's campus bookstore, decided to open the store after seeing a demand for used books. Breun says that when he was an undergraduate, the only books you could buy were new books.

According to Breun, his success stems from the fact that he has continuously tried to offer the lowest priced books he can find.

"We do search the four corners of the earth for them," Breun says.

While Breun says he has enjoyed coming to work over the years, the last few have been different.

"It's been hell the past two years," Breun says.

From trying to compete with the internet and dealing with the Faculty Student Association at Stony Brook, whom he says makes it difficult for him to work with

professors interested in having their course materials available at the store, it's just time to say good bye.

But the real stress factor has been the book publishing companies themselves.

"The publishers are the ones my rage is against," Breun says. "Every term they will raise the price."

In a 2008 study by the New York State Comptroller Office, between 1988 and 2004, increases in textbook price averaged at about six percent—double the rate of average overall inflation.

According to his nephew, Paul, the life cycle of a typical textbook is only 12-18 months.

Breun says he has had a "very positive view" of faculty and students over the years. But for more than 30 years, he has not had a New Year's day off and has worked seven days a week, so retirement is looking nice. He isn't quite sure what his plans are, but says he is planning on spending time in Florida, where he has a home.

"We'll see," Breun says. "Probably after three days I'll be bored."

# Stony Brook's Concrete Kings

By ELAINE VUONG  
Staff Writer

The longboarders on campus don't ride just for recreational purposes – it's a way of life, a social agent and a green-mode of transportation that helps them get to classes quickly.

Alex Neufeld, a biochemistry major, launched the Concrete Kings at Stony Brook/Stony Brook Longboards to unite fellow riders in a community where they can share ideas and talk about their passion for the sport. The "Concrete Kings" title was derived from his time spent at a Brooklyn store where riders dubbed themselves that name.

Neufeld, the club president, has a lot in mind for the spring semester when they'll become an official club. They plan to participate in events like the Broadway Bomb in New York City, where riders have the freedom to go down Broadway sans traffic interference and charity events where they can raise money for each mile they ride.

Neufeld became serious about longboarding this past spring when he began by riding around the halls of his dorm building.

At that time, Sean Caruso helped Neufeld and other friends by acting as their mentor. Caruso taught them a technique, the stand-up slide, and is now the club "coach."

"He has the mechanics on how to push you," Neufeld said.

The club is not only open for experienced riders, but also for the inexperienced. Caruso, a mechanical engineer major, is the go-to guy for those just starting out. As an avid long boarder for four years, he can teach new riders techniques for success: balance, sliding, carving, speeding, stopping and safety.

"It's not about how good you ride – it's how you ride," he said.

"I do not currently longboard, but with some guidance from the club and my current stability skills, I don't think it's too far out of my reach," said Dean Bowen, the club advisor and manager of fitness and wellness programming at Stony Brook University. He believes that everyone should stay active and that the Longboarding club can assist in "infus[ing] this mentality across the campus."

It doesn't take long to fall in love with longboarding. Garret Zeidner, the club secretary and a psychology major, bought his first

board this summer and compares the progress to a "relationship." At first, Zeider thought of it as a means to get to class. Eventually, it became an "acquaintance, [he] fell in love with it and now it's a part of [his] life."

"You can break bones and fall all over with road rash stripping you in random spots – it just makes you want to get back on that much more," club member Lauren Rosenblum said about longboarding. "I joined because the sport has exploded on campus and I think it's a great opportunity to bring that community together."

The club also plans to join ranks with organizations like the cycling, fitness or environmental-related clubs because of their overlapping interests. Longboarding can be seen as a cardio workout or an eco-friendly mode of transit. Caruso has even ridden to East Setauket, Huntington, Ronkonkoma and other towns relying solely on his long board.

During the spring semester, club rides will most likely happen during campus lifetime. Check out their Facebook group, "Concrete Kings at Stony Brook/Stony Brook Longboards," for more information.

# A Glimpse into the New Simons Center

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director of the building, shared a small glimpse into the big visions of the art displays. One wall will display clay butterflies by a faculty member in the ceramics department, which represents the ideas taking off. Other displays will include moving metal window displays, a rock wall inscribed with the favorite equations of professors and a semi-permanent art gallery.

The building also has enough points to apply for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED Gold status. LEED is an international green building code. The fountain in the front, for example, serves more than just an aesthetic purpose: it also has heat sensors to help regulate the internal temperature and prevent the inside of the building from warming up to keep cooling costs down. It is connected to a geothermal well underneath and because of a rainwater collection system on the roof, all of the water is self-sufficient. The system holds 4,000 gallons of water, which can supply the toilets and irrigation with enough water. The building is connected to other water sources when rainwater is not plentiful.

Every aspect of this building finds ways to incorporate green design without compromising the needs of the building. Tiles on the roof minimize sunlight absorption by being a light color to cut even more cooling costs. The rooftop has a small garden and features a distant view of the Long Island Sound.

The tiling in front of the building is a unique part of this building.

"The whole pattern never repeats, so if we wanted to, we

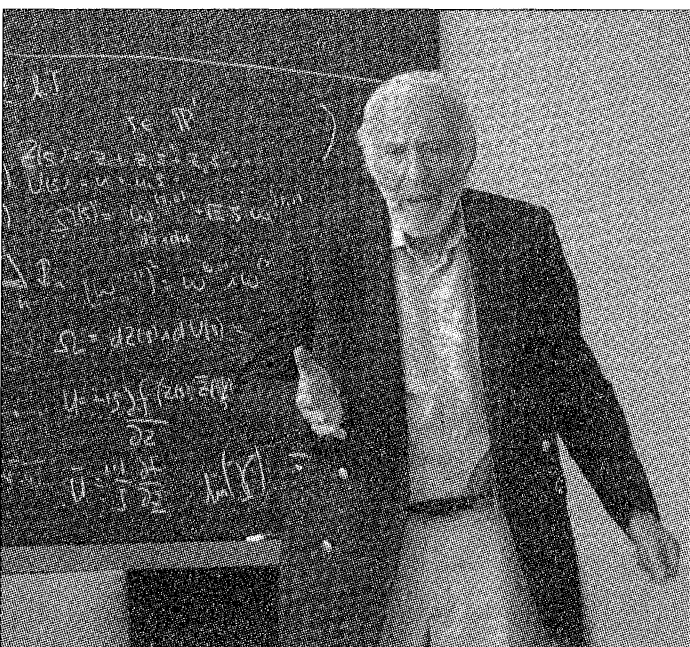
could keep tiling the same two shapes to Connecticut!" Morgan said.

According to Morgan, the design, which is named after Roger Penrose, a mathematical physicist, uses the kite and rhombus shape to create a similar looking design, but the original design will never be repeated.

At full capacity, the center will hold a faculty of a director and six permanent members. It will also provide space to allow 12 post-doctoral positions, as well as about 18 visiting professors. All of these measures will allow different researchers to combine ideas and come up with new ones.

This center has common rooms, offers afternoon tea, a café, an auditorium with a capacity of 250 people and a smaller lecture room for 100. The designers were meticulous, and even the blackboards have been designed to absorb the right amount of chalk to prevent smudges and allow smooth writing, while being easily erasable. All of these small attentions to details allows the researchers and academics using this center to work to their fullest potential.

Simons said he hopes to see conferences about ongoing research to take place at Stony Brook. Since 1990, Stony Brook has held a game theory conference, which many respected professors from around the world attend. Simons hopes that this center will allow conferences like these to become more prominent and regular at the school. The funding that the Simons Foundation has donated will allow the new Simons Center to sponsor events, increasing the prominence Stony Brook has in the research worlds of math and physics.



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Jim Simons speaks at a pre-grand opening tour of the new Simons Center for Geometry and Physics.



# Politician Profiles: Congressional Senate

## Chuck Shumer- Democrat



Senator Charles "Chuck" Schumer is running for a third term during this election season. He has been a New York senator since 1998 and became the senior senator in 2000.

Earlier this year, Sen. Schumer voted in favor of the health care reform.

Sen. Schumer has traditionally voted in agreement with the pro-choice view on abortion. He received a zero percent grade from the National Right to Life Committee, which indicates a pro-choice stance.

He voted in favor of the economic recovery stimulus package in Sept. 2008 and of adding onto it in February and July of last year.

Sen. Schumer has historically voted in favor of public education and has been in favor of spending for better education.

The Campaign for America's Future, which, among other things, supports energy independence, gave Schumer a 100 percent rating or that he was in favor of such.

Sen. Schumer voted in favor of Cash for Clunkers in Aug. 2009. He was also in favor of expanding NATO into Eastern Europe. In the Middle East,

he has pressured Arab nations to end the Israeli boycott and condemned Iran for state-sponsored persecution of Baha'i. He has also condemned the Chinese government for violence in Tibet.

Sen. Schumer was born on Nov. 23, 1950 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1974 and then ran for the New York State Assembly. At 23, he became the youngest member of the State Legislature since Theodore Roosevelt. At 29, Sen. Schumer won the House seat for the New York 9th Congressional District.

## Jay Townsend- Republican



Jay Townsend is running for New York state senior senator this election season against two-time incumbent Charles Schumer.

Townsend says that he would try to reduce American dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels on the grounds that it leaves America vulnerable to supply distributions that can cause chaos for the average consumer and that it funds America's enemies in the War On Terrorism, according to his website.

He said that he is opposed to

President Barack Obama's new health care policy and would try to repeal the act that the senate passed in favor of in March of this year.

Townsend would try to increase military spending and the defense budget. He says that President Obama is repeating the mistakes of past European military powers and would oppose the president's policies in defense spending.

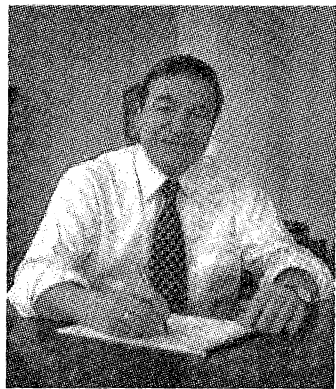
He would oppose what he labels as President Obama's "spending spree."

"We are drowning the next generation in a tsunami of red ink," he says on his website.

Townsend makes it clear on his website that he is an advocate of the Tea Party. He calls it "a good dose of reality" and "history in the making," which he has enjoyed watching.

Townsend grew up on an Indiana farm as the eldest of five children. He has lived in New York for 30 years as a student at Cornell University, an entrepreneur in New York City and the founder of The Townsend Group Inc. in the Hudson Valley as a consulting and market research firm.

## Joe DioGuardi- Republican



Joe DioGuardi is running against incumbent Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand for a seat for the Senate.

He has served as a Certified Public Accountant, or CPA and member of Congress. He is the first practicing CPA to be elected to Congress. He served two terms between 1985 and 1989.

He is an opponent of the increased spending which he believes to have become a problem in recent years.

He created what he calls a Congressional Credit Card Statement, which would show taxpayers the economic picture of the nation with particular attention on the national debt.

DioGuardi would encourage the growth of small businesses and oppose what he calls "red tape and government interference."

He believes that Washington is taking the wrong approach on the health care crisis. Instead of mandatory health care, DioGuardi wants to

reduce the price of health care. He thinks that the government should step back from the health care system and promote a competitive environment that focuses on wellness and disease prevention.

Despite being a member of the same party as former President George W. Bush, DioGuardi states that the war in Iraq was a mistake. He is in favor of a strengthened intelligence operation coordinated with the help of our allies instead of war as the means for which to combat global terrorism.

He supports the use of alternative sources of energy and opposes dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels. He is also opposed to stronger gun control laws.

## Kristen Gillibrand- Democrat



Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is running for a second term as New York senator. She originally secured the position after Sec. Hillary Clinton left Congress for the White House.

"Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is a proud New York democrat," reads her website. "She is running a grassroots campaign to help President Obama fix our economy and bring real, fundamental change to this country."

The senator has written legislation that would cut taxes up to 20 percent for businesses who hire. She continues to fight to cut taxes for the middle class and tries to help families hit by the recession.

Sen. Gillibrand voted in favor of an overhaul of the American health care system in March of this year, arguably one the important events of the first two years of the Obama administration.

She is also in favor of what she calls "more openness and transparency in government." She is the first member of Congress to list all of her daily meetings in her Congressional schedule.

Gillibrand is in supports the legalization of gay marriage and she has worked to provide health insurance to 11 million children. She wants to keep funding for public schooling strong and worked to provide \$52.9 million in education technology funding.

She is an advocate for laws that protect families from harmful chemicals and poisonous substances that hurt New York's family. She has also fought for tougher gun control laws.

Gillibrand was born and raised in upstate New York. Today, she and her husband Jonathan have two children, Theo and Henry.

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# ARTS & entertainment

## Diwali Festival of Lights: Sold out Show for Third Annual Event

By VANESSA OGLE  
Contributing Writer

Children are the powers of universal goodness.

"Good always overpowers evil," Harbinder Singh said. He is the head of the organizing committee for the third annual Diwali Festival of Lights, one of the biggest festival of Hindus, which is celebrated with great enthusiasm in India. Stony Brook's event included a variety of performances, food and culture. This year's show was sold out.

"It's about the kids, giving them a chance to perform," Singh said. "The idea is that these kids will only dance once or twice a year on stage. Give that to them, let them feel good about their culture."

The performance, held at the Charles B. Wang Center, mixed tradition with modernity. For those who bought a \$16 ticket, pre-show snacks were provided along with customary Indian dishes. The snacking began at 2:45 p.m., and those with colorful bracelets signifying tickets were allowed entry and access to the frosted doughnuts, Capri Sun, tea and water.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., a music video played on the screen of the Wang Center's theatre until the children entered, each with different colored lights symbolizing candles. As soon as the children entered, a magnified voice spoke through the microphone: "Applaud for the kids—keep that applause coming."

The children gathered on stage in festive clothes, and a few of the children in the front row sang along with a recorded version of America's nation anthem. After a round of applause, India's national anthem began to play, and adults edged to the aisle to record and take pictures.

The organizers of the event,

Harbinder Singh, Raveesh Talanki, and Dr. Srinivas Pentayala, spoke between events, encouraging applause and giving a history of the dances that ranged from Rajasthani to Bollywood to a Marathi folk dance.

They also verified not only what Diwali is, but what it means. A microphone was directed to willing audience participants, and children and adults also reinforced Diwali's importance of freedom and celebration of everything from justice to treats.

The performances lasted a bit longer than the estimated two hours, and among the different types of dance were instrumental performances and a play, which contrasted the differences of eastern and western cultures. The play used humor to highlight the misunderstandings of different cultures in a typical day, including table etiquette and casual wear.

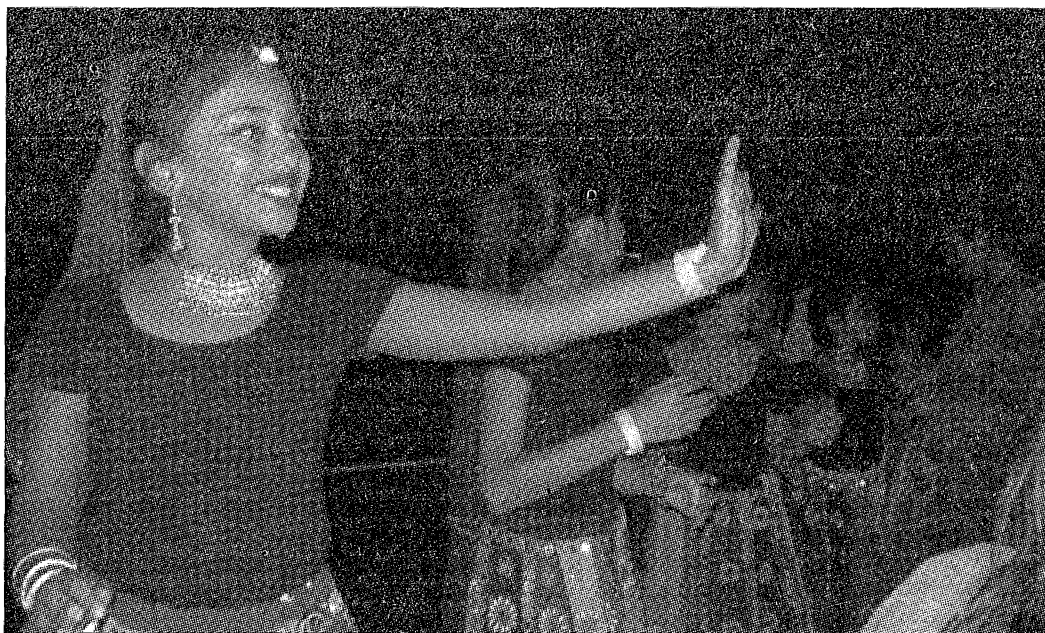
Diwali is celebrated a bit differently in other cultures but, as Professor S.N. Sridhar said when addressing Diwali's different meanings and stories. Diwali "brings people together from the north, south, east, west [and] different backgrounds."

Stony Brook graduate student Kadhambari Sridhar said this was her second year attending the festival.

"I like to understand the community outside of Stony Brook because most of us are pretty disconnected," Sridhar said. "It's nice to see life outside of Stony Brook [in] a vibrant Indian community. It's nice to bridge the gap by getting students involved."

As the show dismissed, there was a table by the doors with Domino's pizza and two other long tables filled with more Indian dishes. Spectators waited in line for dinner after the show, and many walked away with their plates full.

Just as Sridhar said, at Diwali "there's something for everyone."



VANESSA OGLE / THE STATESMAN

## New Production Boris Godunov Continues Met Live Series

By MELISSA HEBBE  
Staff Writer

200 people, 600 costumes, 73 orchestra members and 120 chorus members all worked together for the production of Modest Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov," conducted by Valery Gergiev and produced by Stephen Wadsworth.

Satellite streamed the Russian opera live from The Metropolitan Opera to the Staller Center on Oct. 23, and "Boris Godunov" was the second production of The Met Live in HD series.

The opera began as Boris Godunov, played by German actor René Pape, refuses to become czar of Russia, but eventually takes on the title. Following Godunov's crowning, the monk Pipen, played

by Mikhail Petrenko, tells Grigory, played by Aleksandrs Antonenko, of the death of Czar Dimitry, who was murdered by Boris. Grigory decides to pretend that he is Dimitry and tell of what Boris did. He flees to Lithuania to gain support.

In the following act, viewers see the guilt Boris endures from his actions. Grigory is pretending to be the rightful czar by claiming to be Dimitry, and wins over Marina Mnishkek, played by Ekaterina Semenchuk.

In the last act, the people of Russia are debating over whether or not Dimitry is still alive. Boris pleads to the Holy Fool, played by Andrey Popov, for prayers, but the Holy Fool refuses because Boris is a murderer. Boris dies, and Grigory, pretending to be Dimitry, comes and leads a crowd

to Moscow. The Holy Fool is left wondering of Russia's destiny.

Lee Reycraft, a retired teacher residing in Northport, said he thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

"The production was very, very innovative in keeping with the original score," Reycraft said. "It was a very eye-opening kind of production. [It was] also interesting to see how he worked the production around the Holy Fool as sort of a commentator on the plight of the Russian people and also the fact that he could almost like see the future, see what was coming up."

The next Met Live in HD screening at the Staller Center will be "Don Pasquale" screened on Saturday Nov. 13 at 1 p.m.

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Brookhaven National Laboratory - Berkner Hall 12 p.m.

Bob Dylan Tribute  
University Bookstore  
12:40 p.m.

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Wang Center Theater 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY NOV. 4**  
Korean Film Series: 200 Pounds Beauty

Wang Center Theater 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY NOV. 5**  
Film: Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky  
Staller Center 7 p.m.

Film: Winter's Bone  
Staller Center 9:30 p.m.

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Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra  
Staller Center 8 p.m.

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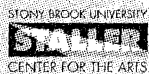
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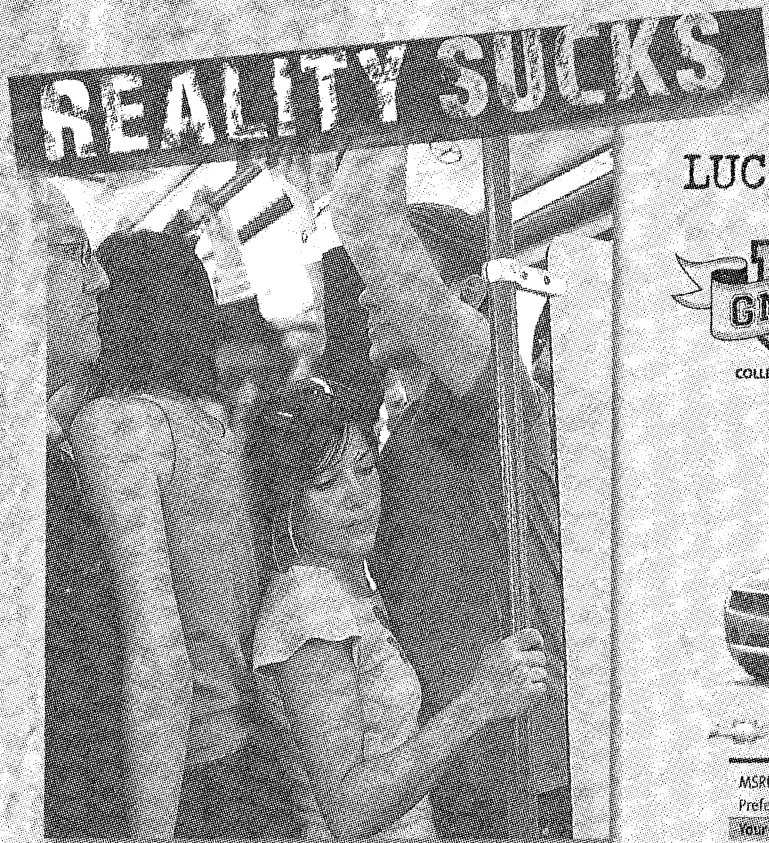
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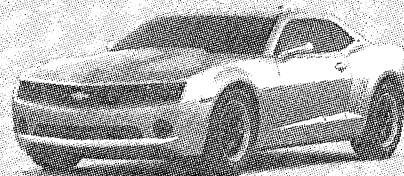
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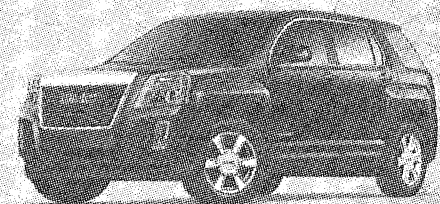


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# John Rabe Opens Staller Center's Fall Film Series

By YOUN CHUNG  
Contributing Writer

Go to Japan and try to find the Nanjing Massacre in a textbook and you'll find yourself squinting so hard that you'll be better off not looking in the first place. However, try looking for the Nanjing massacre in *John Rabe*, the film kicked that off this year's film series at the Staller Center, and you'll want to shut your eyes to it's heart wrenching story.

*John Rabe* is like the stylistic Chinese version of *Schindler's List*. It has that "kind Nazi" seen in *Schindler's List*, but instead of Liam Neeson saving Jewish prisoners from the Nazis, it has John Rabe, played by Ulrich Tukur, saving Chinese civilians literally beneath the Nazi flag from the Japanese army.

*John Rabe* is a biopic about a Nazi businessman which saved hundreds of thousands of Chinese civilians during the Nanjing massacre by helping to create and maintain a safety zone. The film is based on Rabe's personal diaries during that time, and, thus, most of the main characters portrayed in the film

are based on real people.

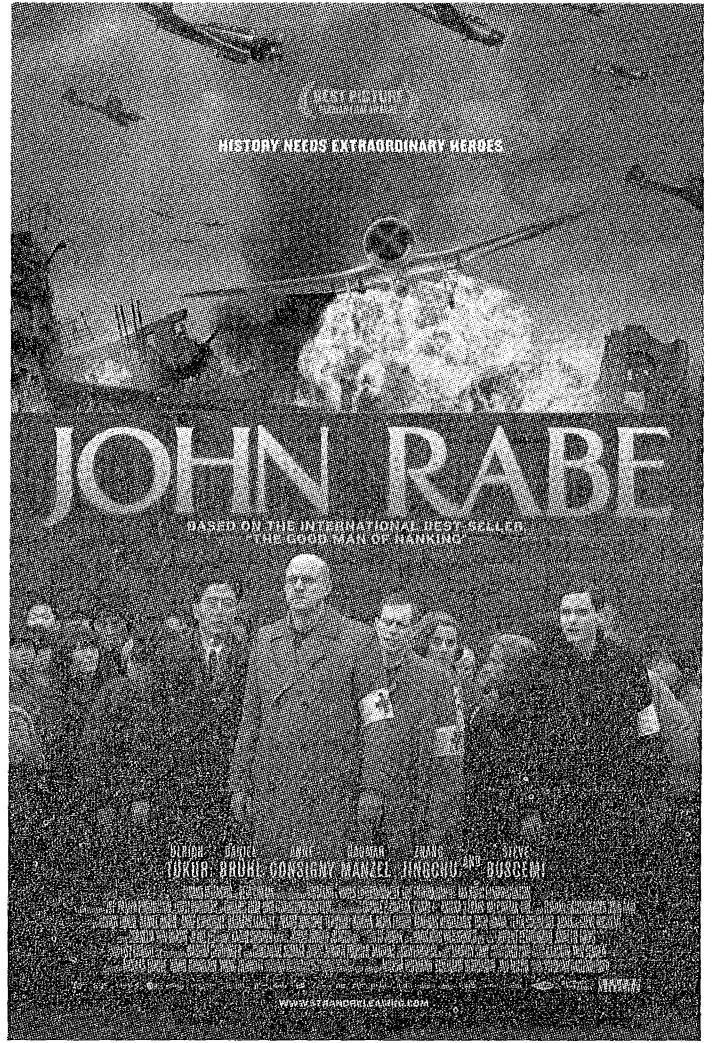
The acting in *John Rabe* is stunning. Tukur does a wonderful job as John Rabe and Steve Buscemi is a pleasure to watch on screen. Not only that but Daniel Brühl also appears with his baby face looks to stir some drama and star in a cliché romance (If you've seen *Inglourious Basterds* you may remember him as Private Fredrick Zoller—the Nazi war hero who killed the cinema owner played by Mélanie Laurent).

While the acting is a pleasure to see, what is even more pleasing to the eyes is the cinematography by Jürgen Jürges. The shallow focus shots complement the characters, perhaps hinting at their shallow, two dimensional personalities, while the deep focus shots showcase the talent of the production designer, Juhua Tu. Tu's sets in *John Rabe* are absolutely breathtaking in combination with Lisy Christl's costume designs. The three artists and actors work together in *John Rabe* in conjunction with the direction of Florian Gallenberger to paint a beautiful yet devastating image of Nanjing, from the ornate scene of an international diplomatic social celebration to the piles of rubble

after the Battle of Nanjing that are decorated with fresh and rotting Chinese corpses.

*John Rabe* isn't your average film and definitely not a Disney movie that will make you feel all good and fuzzy inside. *John Rabe* attempts to cover the serious subject of the Nanjing Massacre, and, thus, the viewer is pelted by the horrors that occurred. If you are sensitive, you may cry. If you are compassionate, you may be disgusted by the human rights abuses shown in *John Rabe* that are sadly not fictional. However, *John Rabe* will not drown you with sadness even if it does get close. Cliché plot devices and romantic developments provide relief to the constant devastation and hopelessness in the film, not to forget a noteworthy comedic relief scene in which Buscemi and Tukur sing drunkenly about Hitler's balls or lack thereof.

While *John Rabe* does a decent job in showing the devastation of the Nanjing Massacre, the film is subdued by clichés and corny romantic subplots. Despite the actors' brilliant portrayals of their respective characters, the characters are still undoubtedly flat. There is that absolutely evil Japanese officer and the woman



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that stubbornly cares too much for the lives of others. However, *John Rabe* does bring up the common questions of whether there can be a "good Nazi," the value of life and whether lives

can be compared or taken. Regardless, if you want to taste some prime cinematic talent with a miniature history lesson on the Nanjing Massacre, *John Rabe* is a good film that is worth seeing.

# Campus Dining's Open Mic Night Series Continues

By ARIELLE DOLLINGER  
Staff Writer

Eclectic. Off-beat. Unique.

All three words can be used to describe Stony Brook University's Tabler Arts Center, or TAC, on Oct. 20. The TAC played host to Campus Dining's monthly Open Mic Night, drawing students from all parts of campus to watch and perform.

During these Open Mic Nights, the TAC takes on a sort of "coffee shop" feel, the room's mood is low key, relaxed and comfortable, but also crowded. Seating became scarce as the night aged. Dunkin' Donuts

and Crazy Crepes, which are located just to the right of the stage, saw more customers than on an average night as a result of the extra pedestrian traffic.

Students sat on the couches and floor with coffees in hand. Some were engrossed in their own personal conversations, while others' eyes were glued to the stage, inspired by the 30 or so acts performing one after another.

Some played guitar and sang, while others beat boxed. Some played the violin, while others performed stand-up comedy acts. As each eclectic, and some slightly eccentric, acts took the stage, different

members of the audience seemed to tune in, turning their attention away from side conversations and focusing on the performer on onstage.

Kevin Kronrad, a freshman majoring in business, was one of the many performers to take the stage.

"I think it's a really fun time," said Kronrad when asked to share his thoughts. "It [shows] a lot of great talent and can help you make a lot of new friends. Playing a show feels amazing, [and] I think they should have them more often."

Mellow and low-key, Open Mic Night gives students the chance to share their talent with others, minus the intimidation factor that

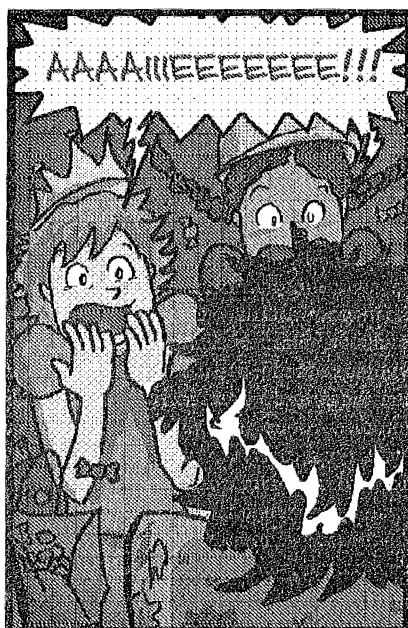
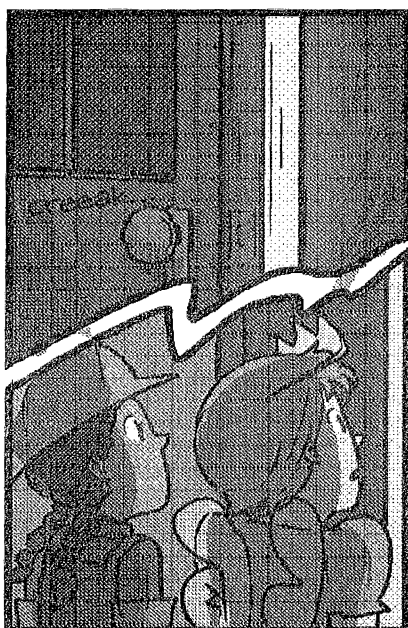
other outlets might impose. The comfortable couches are arranged in a way that makes it so that the performers onstage are not quite as stricken by the pressurizing faces of expectant students. The performers can take the stage without worrying that every face in the crowd will be staring, and judging. Students were simply chatting with friends, taking in the relaxed mood of the room, and enjoying the performance at the same time.

On the same night, a band brought in by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance, or the LGBTA, performed in the Black Box Theatre upstairs in the

TAC. The Shondes, an "indie punk act from Brooklyn," as described on the LGBTA's Facebook page, seems to cater to a different audience, appealing to those who are more inclined toward edgier music that cannot be found at the relatively calm Open Mic Night.

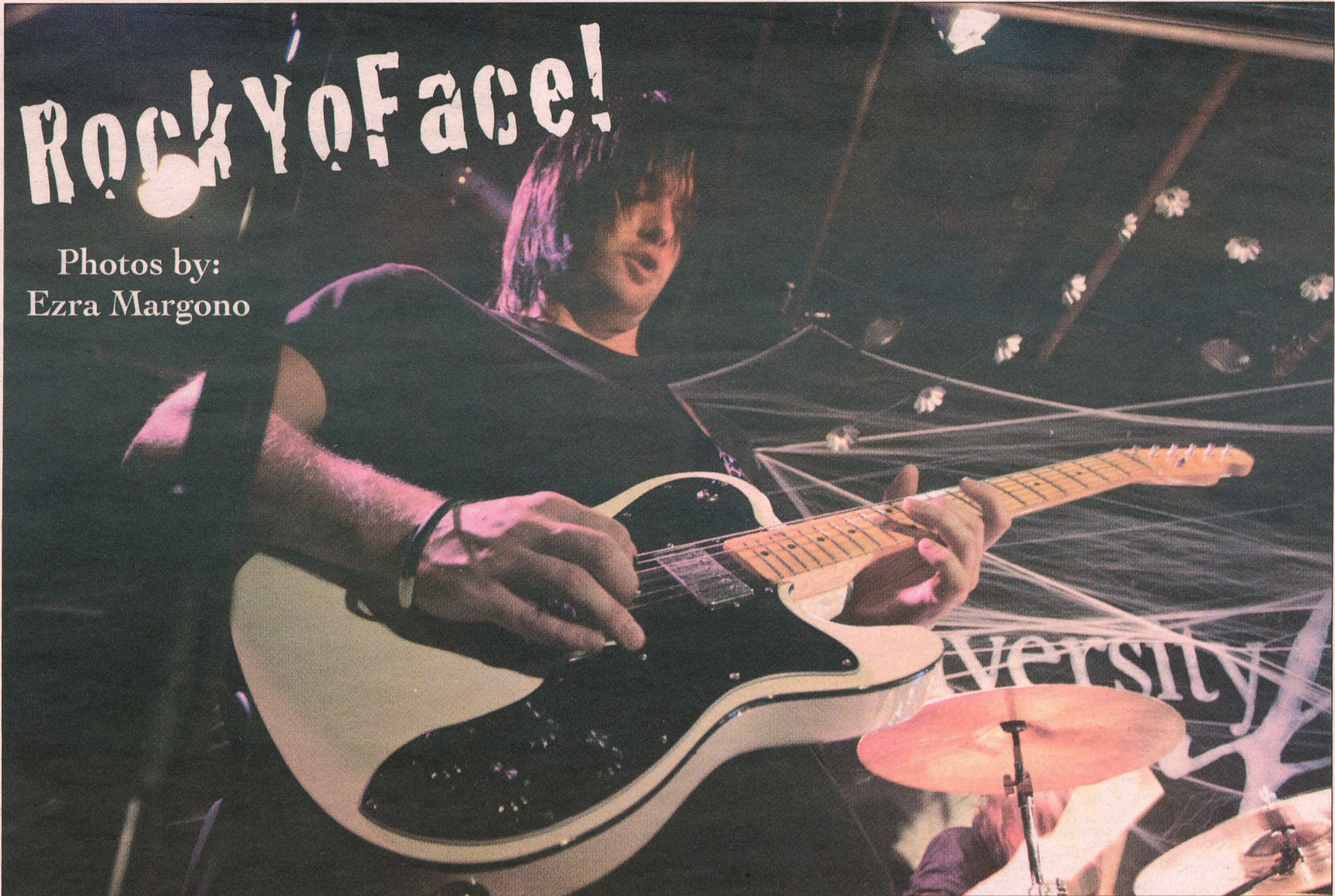
A night at the TAC can be calm and relaxed or high-energy and crazy, it really seems to be just plain unpredictable. One does not necessarily know exactly what type of environment he or she will be walking into, especially at Open Mic Night, but that is the fun of it.

It is comfortable, it is exciting, and it is worry-free fun.



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By SAMANTHA BURKARDT  
Staff Writer

Decorated with spider webs, ghouls, vampires and toilet paper, the Union Café was ready for a party. With UV lighting, strobe lights and a lineup of great entertainment, RockYoFaceCase's Halloween Concert was ready to begin.

The first band of the evening was Mania in Urbana. Their fusion of rock and experimental tunes got the crowd to sway and begin enjoying their night of dancing and spooktacular entertainment.

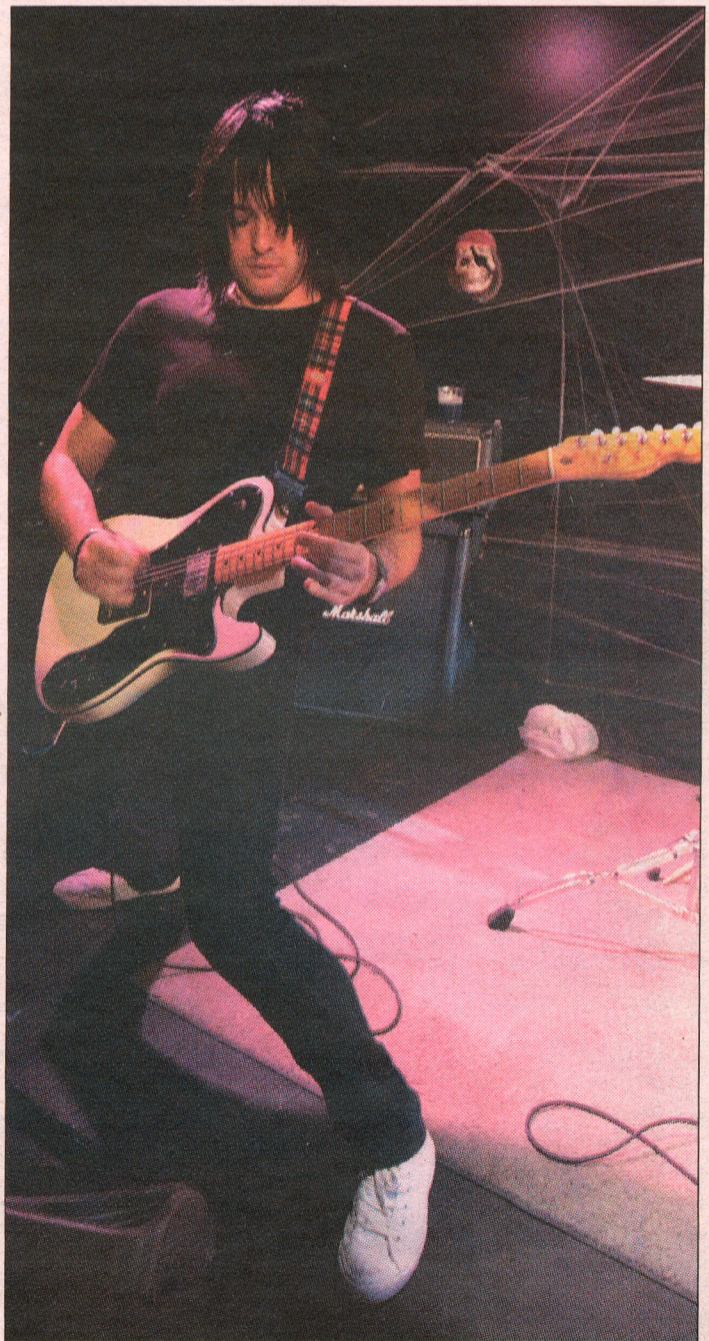
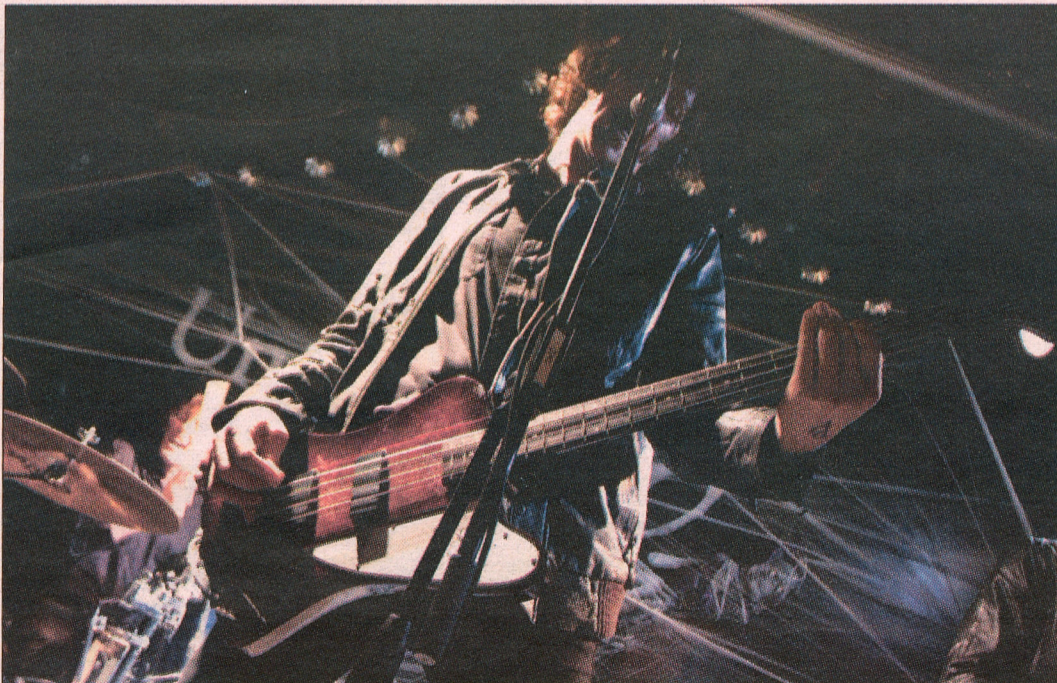
The Killing Floor picked up the pace after four women from the Belly Dance Team performed

on the middle of the dance floor, enchanting their audience with each swing of their hips. The Killing Floor is RockYoFaceCase's first international performance, coming directly from the U.K. The British men, with their lead singer from Florida, selected six ladies out of the audience for their last song to dance on stage with them as they got the crowd to rock to their sounds. They had a new twist on British rock and with the looks of the crowd's dancing, they liked it.

PUi ended the show with a blowout. The crowd moved with the fast-paced tribal rock and metal sounds, by jumping up and down with plenty of head banging. This band knew how to get their audience excited. The crowd wanted more as

PUi's sound engulfed the whole café. Everyone in the band was constantly moving to their own music, getting in their audience's faces and they were encouraging them to dance harder. They showed the other bands how to really entertain a crowd.

A new tradition that RockYoFaceCase has started with each show is a contest that is sponsored by Strong Island Recording Studio for free professional recording time. RockYoFace now even has a food promotional pack for a limited time that guests are able to buy from the Union Commons, the Union Deli cash registers or at the door the night of the event. It includes a hot dog, pretzels or fries, and a choice of a smoothie or a "rocktail."



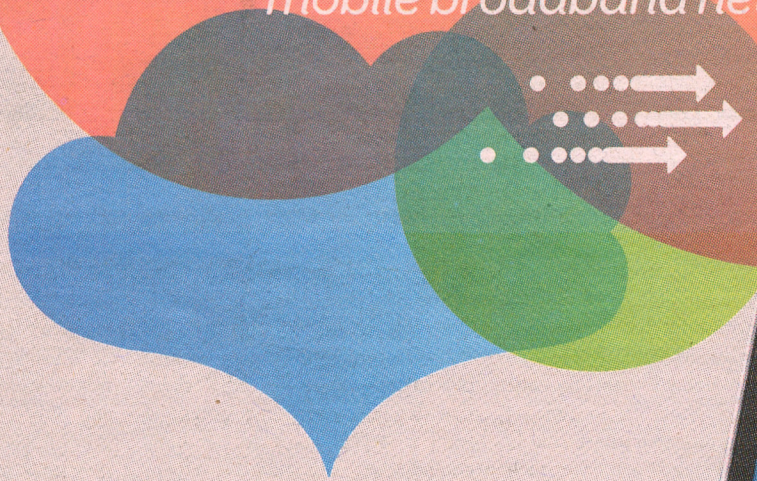


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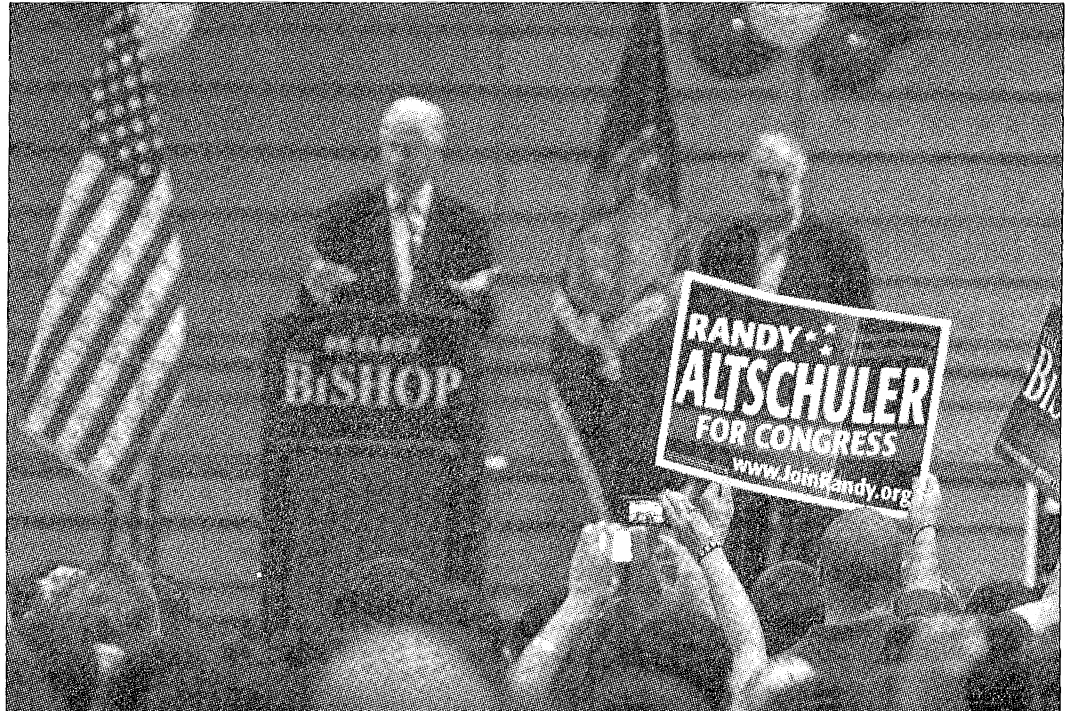
## Bill Clinton Comes To Stony Brook

BY RAVNEET KAMBOJ  
Opinion Editor

When Bill Clinton left office, he seemed to have put his political life behind him and turned his attention to world problems and devoted his time to creating projects to help the impoverished, both in the inner city and around the world.

He has stumped for candidates here and there in the many years since leaving office, but this election season he seems to be on a crusade of sorts. He has been to hundreds of rallies and events, and when he showed up to Stony Brook on Wednesday, he looked both tired and somewhat agitated. The crowd went wild when he came to the stage; however his speech had a somber tone. He informed the young crowd that it's future was a stake, and he pleaded with them to vote on Nov. 2.

There are a lot of students in college who do not vote. They either don't feel that the system works or are too lazy or busy to get out there. Bill Clinton made it clear that by not voting, students are throwing away a right that so many people fought for, and are leaving their respective futures in other peoples' hands. Clinton's speech sounded dire, and in reality, this kind of speech is more likely to hit home. Students stood quietly as he spoke of hypocrisy on the right. He made the point that Democrats actually passed a bill making any further



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A supporter of Bishop's opponent, Randy Altschuler, holds up a sign in protest when Clinton spoke at the rally on Wednesday.

bailouts for Wall Street illegal and he said that Republican candidates took the position that they would repeal this law immediately. He then went on to say that it makes no sense the Young Republicans are holding signs exclaiming that there should be no more bailouts when it is their candidates that want to make bailouts possible again. He then went on to espouse the good qualities of past conservatives, who were responsible

and cared about what happened to the people; however he made it clear that in his opinion, the Tea Party is nothing more than a fringe movement of people who claim that they love the Constitution, yet want to repeal many of our basic amendments. This fringe movement is swaying the opinions of many Americans, and they do not realize that their candidates really only care about big business and are basically

tricking people into voting for candidates that only will only make life better for the super rich.

Whatever one's convictions are, it is very important that we all go out and vote. If we live in this country, it is our responsibility to all those who gave up so much to make it possible. You have no right to complain about the system or anything in general if you do not do the one simple thing that makes such a huge difference.

## Playing it Safe: Finding Your Roommates Online

BY RHODA FENG  
Contributing Writer

A few new websites have cropped up where college students can search for prospective roommates. And it's no surprise, given the age we live in.

Had I been a freshman this year, I would have checked out any one of the sites in hopes of laying to rest one of my biggest worries about starting college. But looking back, I am glad to have spent two semesters with my freshman roommate even though – or rather, because – she was so different from me.

Our tastes differed in just about everything and while at times I desperately wished to be rid of her debauchery, I can't say that I regret being paired with her.

My "ideal roommate" is still someone who shares my love of reading, philosophizing and debating, but I have found such ideal qualities in the person

sitting next to me in class or down the hall.

Beginning freshman year, I consoled myself that if my roommate turned out to be pesky or disruptive, I would at least have the option of staying away from her by frequenting friends' rooms or paying extended visits to virtually any building on campus.

Then, the thought gripped me that keeping away from my room might seem like a feckless forfeiture. Put another way, my roommate – who had been transformed into my archenemy in the space of two seconds – would interpret this as a tacit agreement to let her have the room all to herself, all day long.

It would then only be a matter of time before she held regular parties in the suite and defiled my belongings in drunken malice. Talk about paranoia. Luckily, my fears quickly subsided once I discovered that my roommate was a considerate, friendly and funny person with whom I might

speak freely about worries of any kind.

All this is not to suggest that searching for roommates online is a waste of time. Some students and parents will find it a great comfort to be paired with someone they are somewhat acquainted with, even if superficially.

Indeed, where incoming freshmen once had a paucity of information about each other before moving in, social networking sites have done much to fill in the background and personality lacunae.

But a closer look reveals something unsettling: the process of selecting the "right" roommate online leads students to discriminate against each other on the basis of a few arbitrary traits.

This, by far, is the biggest problem with such services; in choosing the "most compatible" roommate, one ineluctably indulges in stereotypes. It is true that students paired with strangers also hold prejudices, but

they are in a better position than their pro-choice counterparts to annul certain prejudices by actually living with someone they might not have given a thought to otherwise. College officials are right to insist that the random pairing of freshmen prepares students for the real world.

Coexisting with peers of different temperaments, tastes and talents teaches students to become more mature and informed citizens, which we can never have too many of.

Some people readily compare roommate-scouting services with online dating services, but I hesitate to make such a comparison. If such an analogy holds, then it makes as much sense to say that those who do not use such services are either already in happy relationships or accept arranged marriages.

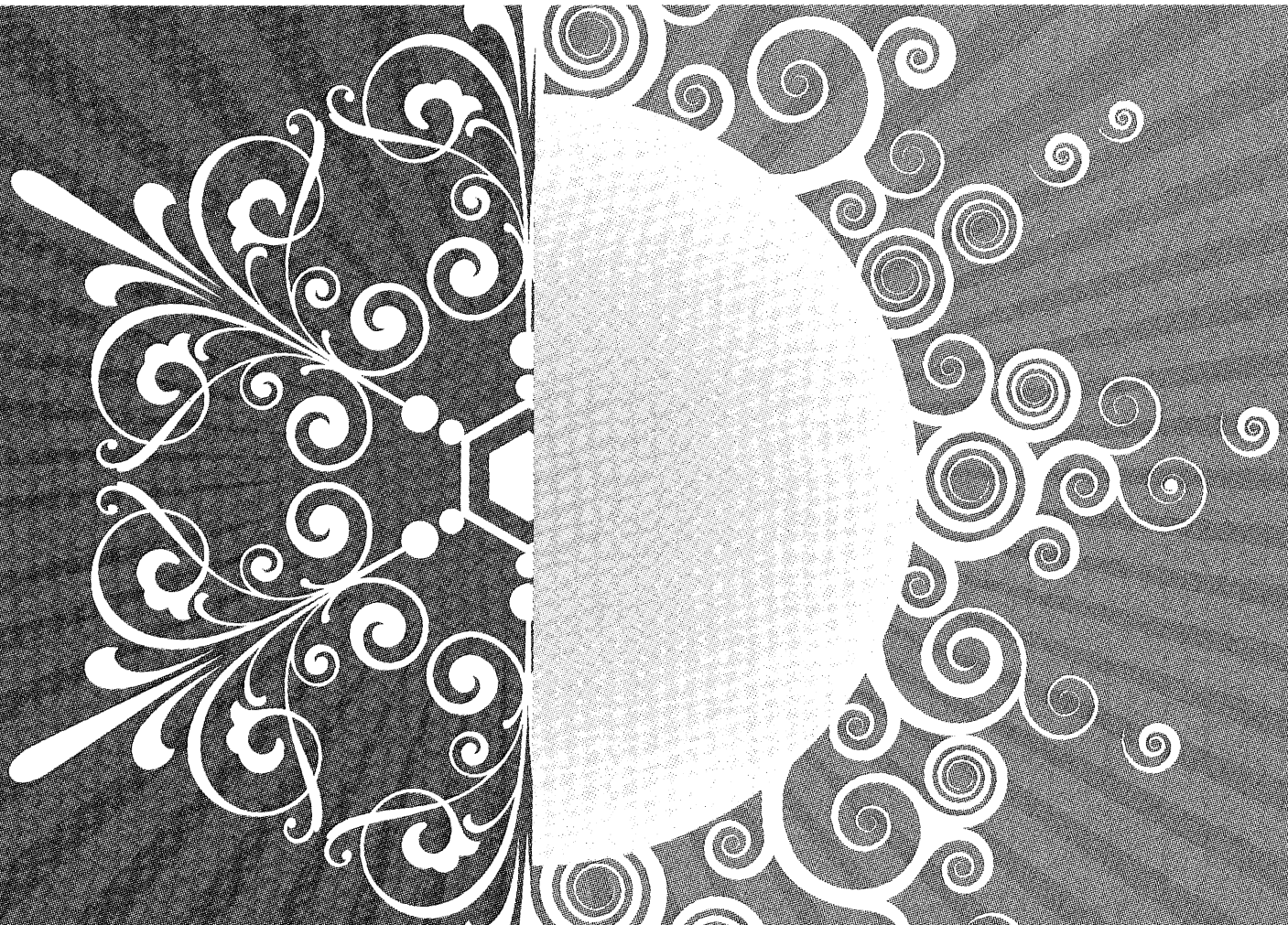
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# Playing it Safe: Finding Your Roommates Online

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biggest inconsistency in such analogies lies in the peoples' motives. Students searching for roommates online are driven to such sites in the first place out of regard for their own independence, whereas users of dating sites are looking for partners, some might even say soul mates, to whom they will sacrifice some of their independence in the process of developing a relationship.

Silly analogies like the ones above either misunderstand the implicit meaning of relationships

or forget that the college years are, above all, about becoming truly independent and coming into one's own. Being paired with someone you don't know diminishes your independence no more than does being paired with someone you know.

It may seem valiant to try to take control of your own "destiny" and map out your existence, but it's worth bearing in mind that the true value of a college education lies in interacting with all sorts of people, and forming friendships facilitated by fate. Ultimately, the decision to choose or not choose is yours. Choose wisely.



# The 2010 NY Gubernatorial Race

By RAVNEET KAMBOJ  
Opinion Editor

The 2010 gubernatorial race has been a nasty and dirty fight. It has become more than just a state election; it has become a battleground for liberal vs. conservative ideals this election

season. The Democratic candidate, Andrew Cuomo, is facing off against Republican candidate Carl Paladino, who has the support of the Tea Party movement. According to the latest polls, Cuomo is firmly in the lead. New York state is heavily influenced by the people in the heavily populated areas of the state, which are overwhelmingly Democratic.

This is because people in urban areas can see the negative effects of the issues Tea Party supporters cling too. Whereas lax regulation on guns and banks and low spending on public infrastructure might be beneficial in a rural area, in a city, these things become disastrous, as can be seen by everyday events. Gun violence, along with irresponsible banks and low regulation by the government, creates a very hostile environment for New Yorkers.

This is why for a majority of New Yorkers, the Republican position makes no sense, and even seems hypocritical. Tea Party supporters claim that they hate big banks and Wall Street yet their candidates clearly support policies that would make it much easier for these groups to abuse the system. Like all fringe radical movements, they seem blind to any criticism and shut down every attempt at honest discussion with buzz words and key phrases that really don't mean anything.

Whenever their positions or lack of real ideas is challenged they yell

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out "Don't tread on me!", "Down with big government spending!", or "Liberals are socialists!" They don't really understand the true meaning and history of these phrases, and it is insulting that they take iconic

American symbolism like the Gadsden flag, which is the coiled snake on a yellow background, the phrase "Don't Tread On Me" and events like the Boston Tea Party and twist them into symbolism that matches their extreme and radical views.

It is not unlike the radical Islamists, who take religion and do much of the same twisting and misconstruing to convince people to support insane and violent positions.

This election day, it is clear that most New Yorkers will choose the Democrats, not because they are perfect but because they are not extreme. Republicans of old were intelligent and respectable candidates all worth voting for, who honestly did want to help the country and make it a better place for all.

New Yorkers elected two Republican mayors in a row. However, this Neo-Conservative movement that is so extreme and contradicts itself at every opportunity gets very little support from New Yorkers who directly know how positions translate into reality.

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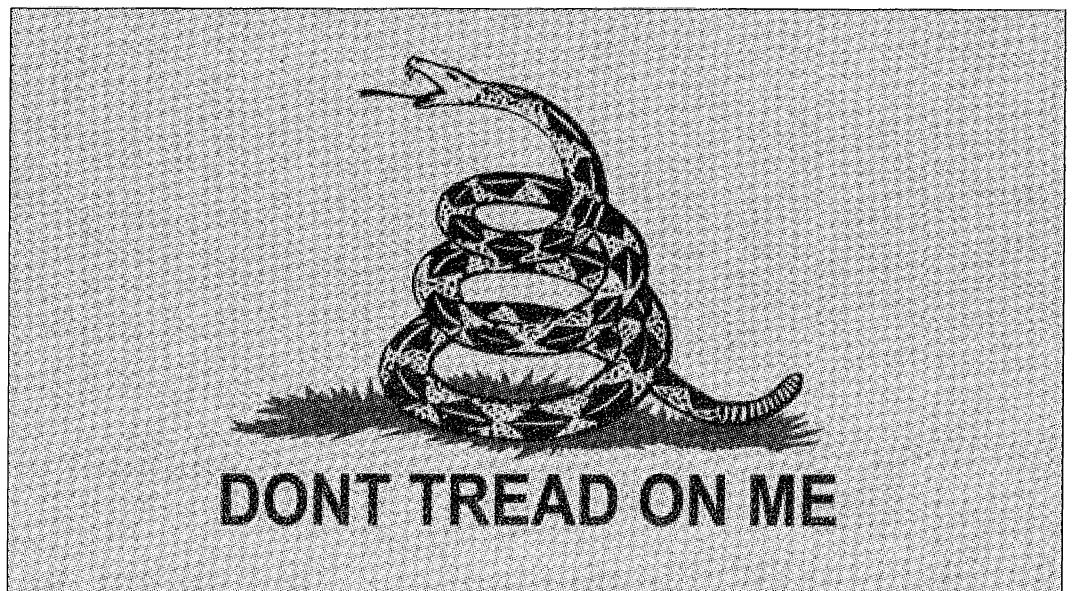
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# Men's Rugby Dominates Kings Point

By PHILOMENA BUBARIS  
Contributing Writer

Yesterday, the Stony Brook men's rugby team decisively defeated the Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy 40-13. This victory places the Seawolves on a path to the Division 1 national playoffs.

Just this year, the men's rugby team advanced from Division 2 to Division 1 after being undefeated last year. "We just moved to D1... and we are about to win," said senior and team captain Peter Molloy. "The point we are at right now is the highest Stony Brook Rugby has ever been as a team."

Kickoff was at 1 p.m. and there were 100 fans in the stands, some dressed in costumes for Halloween. Twenty minutes into the game, senior and team captain Jasper Wilson and senior Joe Russo had scored two tries making the score 14-0.

A Kings Point player was placed in the "sin bin" and his team was forced to play a man down for 15 minutes. This gave the Seawolves even more of an advantage.

Fans roared when Wilson ran approximately 50 meters down the field to score another try, making the score 21-0 at halftime.

From the beginning, this game appeared to be hardly a challenge for the Seawolves.

After halftime, Junior Andrew Kozak ran two tries and Kings Point scored two penalty kicks making the score 33-6.

With approximately 10 minutes left in the game, head coach Danny Yarusso began switching out players, to give others a chance to play. Sophomore Dimitri Rauseo scored the final try, followed by Kings Point's only try as the whistle blew the game to a finish.

The final score was 40-13. This puts the Seawolves

in a match against Southern Connecticut next week who defeated them by only two points earlier this month.

Coach Yarusso, known by his team as "Shaggs," has watched his players step up and replace the star veterans who were injured at the start of the season. As injured players return, the coach is faced with a tough

decision as to who will start in the playoffs.

If they win next week, they go to nationals. If they lose, they are finished. "Next week, I think we have a 50/50 chance," said Coach Yarusso. "We are two entirely different teams that both play to our strengths very well."

As for top players, they

are confident that they will beat Southern Connecticut next week. "We are especially motivated to win," said Wilson. "We have a bunch of our guys coming back from injuries . . . and we are hungry."

Stakes are high as the team heads to Connecticut for the game next weekend. "Right now, our number one goal is to

beat Southern Connecticut," said Kozak. "If we lose, we train harder and begin again."

Coach Yarusso is confident in his team and proud of how far they have come.

"Making the Division 1 national playoffs is an achievement for the team and the university," said Coach Yarusso.



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# Men's Soccer Falls

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what the offense needed to wake up as the Seawolves turned up the offensive intensity as the team would take a bevy of shots in the last 15 minutes, two in particular which were stopped on great saves by the Retriever's goalkeeper.

With less than two minutes to go, sophomore forward Antonio Crespi (North Babylon, N.Y.) was denied on a header by UMBC goalkeeper Dan Louisignau. And then with only 10 seconds left on the game clock, Fernandes found an opening and ripped a shot, only to be denied by an outstretched Louisignau to end the game.

"Our guys don't go down easy," Markovich said of the late offensive push. "We fight to the

end, we should have had one, a little unlucky, but the keeper made a great save. It wasn't to be."

With the win, UMBC (10-4-2, 4-1-2) avenged last year's championship loss, and earns a the first round bye along with Boston College as the top two seeds in the conference.

The Seawolves begin their championship defense against Vermont at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium next Saturday at 5 p.m.

"Our chances are good in the playoffs," Markovich said. "Clearly, we have one of if not the best team in the league. The championship is up for grabs and we're ready. The work that our guys did on the road, and during the season got us into the playoffs, got us a home game in the playoffs, and we'll be ready."

## Hockey wins in both weekend games

By KYRIL KOTLOVSKY  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook surrendered only one goal this weekend in wins against Scranton and Towson, improving their record to 7-4 and keeping their undefeated home game streak alive.

A common theme for the Seawolves in both games was the ability to score early goals. Defenseman Phil Borner put home a slapshot from the point five minutes in against Towson, while Mike Cacciotti redirected Wesley Hawkins' blast a mere 57 seconds into the game against Scranton.

"We are running a dominant system," said Assistant Coach Colin Brumsted. "We're just a better team, plain and simple."

The Seawolves were able to play two distinctly different games this weekend, finding their scoring touch on Saturday in a 10-1 romp of the Towson Tigers, then following up that performance with a humbler 4-0 margin of victory against the Scranton Royals. "The biggest difference was that they, (the Royals), were collapsing today," Forward Chris Ryan chimed in. "We just kept playing our game and the floodgates finally opened late and we took advantage." Asked if the team could play this way to Nationals, Ryan offered an emphatic response. "Absolutely we can. We have what it takes."

"It's definitely a different atmosphere on the road," said senior-year defenseman Pete Zarrella. "We struggle because we don't attack as much, and we let the game come to us rather than play aggressively." Attack they did, as the Seawolves recorded over 100 shots in the two games, while finding the back of the net 14 times. "We came out flying. Guys did their jobs from the first

shift."

In the game against Scranton, goalie Josh Brand recorded his first shutout of the year. "Guys really picked up their game," Brand praised. "The defense as a whole did an outstanding job protecting the net. We really outperformed the competition these last two days."

Said Brumsted of his team's effort: "Our defensemen of course played great as a whole. Give credit to the fourth line guys too. And [defenseman Jordan] Delerenzio. He's been stepping up every shift, he plays and hits hard, and he's made great improvements from last year."

On the offensive side, Forward Wes Hawkins paved the way with a goal and three assists combined in the two games.

"He's smart," said Brumsted, "He reads and reacts quickly to every play, and knows what he's doing before he does it."

Hawkins, one of the team's offensive leaders, now has 8 goals and 12 assists in just 11 games.

"My linemates," he answered with a shrug when asked what the key to his success was. "I have good linemates, not much else to say. I played with Cass, (Forward Mike Cacciotti), for two years down in Juniors. Him and [Forward John] Jennings are both really easy to work with."

Brumsted acknowledged the importance of many of his players' experience in the Junior Hockey League, citing it as the primary reason for the Seawolves' ability to score gritty goals.

"We're trying to adapt. We want to get those garbage goals. It's hockey, they don't always come pretty."

The pair of wins provided a great remedy for the Seawolves, who lost two close games to Delaware in last week's road trip.

"We have great fans here. It's always nice to have support. It motivates us to win," Brumsted added.



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## Women's Soccer Falls to Maine in the America East Semi Final

By DAVID O'CONNOR  
Staff Writer

The second-seeded Stony Brook University women's soccer team (6-9-2, 5-2-1) came up short in the semifinal game of the America East Championship Tournament against the sixth-seeded University of Maine Black Bears (8-8-4, 3-5-0), 3-1.

"Maine came in with nothing to lose," said Stony Brook head coach Sue Ryan. "Our nerves got the in way. We weren't as fluid as we normally are."

The Seawolves are now 8-8 against the Black Bears all-time. They had defeated their New England rivals, 2-1, this past Thursday with two goals from junior midfielder Dominique Adamo (Ramsey, N.J.). Stony Brook also won the last playoff meeting between these two teams, 2-1, in the quarterfinals in the America East tournament in 2007.

It was the second time in three years that Stony Brook secured the second seed in the tournament.

Maine upset third-seeded Hartford in the quarter final, 1-0, with a goal from Hannah Breton.

Though Stony Brook outshot Maine 14-10, the Black Bears took advantage of their opportunities, scoring two goals in the first half and one in the second.

Stony Brook got a shot off quickly, but the Black Bears weren't deterred. In the 12th minute, Kelsey Wilson scored Maine's first goal. She is the team leader in that category with eight and has been named to the all-conference second team.

They struck again very quickly in the 24th minute. With an assist from Kaitlyn MacIsaac, Carolyne Nellis

headed in Maine's second goal into the right corner of the net.

"One of our players got beat inside, and they got to it first," said Ryan about the play after the game.

Stony Brook fired only five shots in the first half to Maine's six. Seawolves all-rookie goalkeeper Chelsea Morales (Temecula, Calif.) made one save in that half and three overall. Maine's Meagan Price-Leibenzede had five saves overall.

Nellis came around for another go in the 73rd minute and scored her second goal of the game and her fourth of the season. It was the result of a turnover in the box, leaving the net open for an unassisted goal.

However, the Seawolves weren't to shut out. Junior midfielder Colleen McKenna recorded an unassisted goal in the 89th minute, her fourth score of the season.

Maine will now move on to play first seed Boston University, who is perfect in conference play and hasn't let up a goal since Sept. 12th. The tournament final will begin next Saturday at 1 p.m.

Stony Brook will now have to look to the future.

"You can see a lot of growth in our younger players," said Ryan. "The juniors have to step up," she added referring to the Spring and next Autumn.

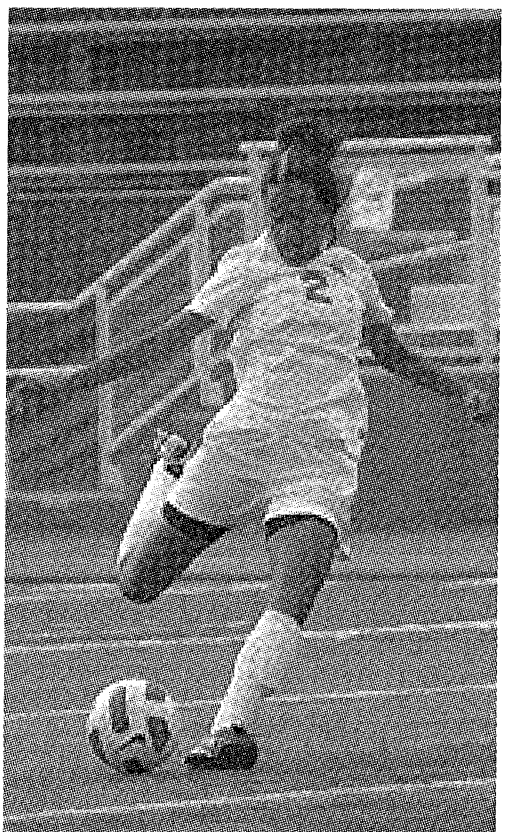


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# SBU Football Defeats Charleston Southern

From FOOTBALL on 20

town in the third quarter. They scored 21 unanswered points. Jackolski pushed his way for the first touchdown of the half with a one-yard run. Maysonet notched the other two touchdowns, one via the run and the other via the pass.

Priore has a very high opinion of his running backs.

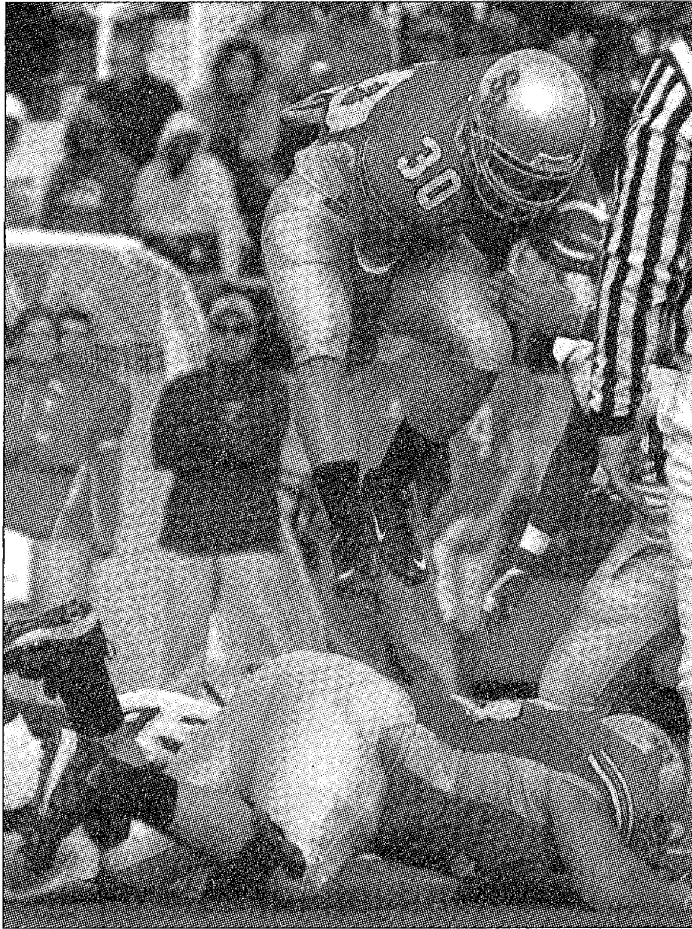
"They're certainly talented," he said after the game. "We knew that when they were coming in. They come in with a smile on their faces every practice. I love coaching kids like that."

Another big moment in the third quarter put the Seawolf defense in the spotlight. With third down and five yards from a first down, Bucs quarterback Andrew Trudnowski tried to run the ball himself, but junior Andrew Nelson (Uniondale, N.Y.) of Stony Brook forced the ball out of Trudnowski's hands. Sophomore Craig Richardson (Malden, Mass.) recovered the fumble.

"It was huge," said Richardson. "It gave good field position to the offense. Big momentum shift."

Richardson also had a game-high 10 tackles on the day.

The Bucs clawed back for the rest of the game, managing to score two more touchdowns. However, Seawolves junior quarterback Michael Coulter (Yorba Linda, Calif.) put the game out of reach with his second touchdown pass of the day, this one being to sophomore wide receiver Jordan Gush (Dallas, Tex.), raising the score to 41-14 Stony Brook.



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Though Stony Brook had some harsh penalties down the stretch, Priore was able to find a silver lining.

"Most of the time when we don't have penalties, we're not playing aggressively. I can live with aggressive penalties."

It was head coach Chuck Priore's 100th game in said position. He is 65-35 through those hundred games.

"I'm getting old," Priore said with a laugh. "It's a tough business.

You coach for a kid's success."

Stony Brook will next go down to Clinton, S.C., to play Presbyterian, their fourth conference opponent of the season. They will play their final home game on Nov. 13th against Gardner Webb at 1 p.m. They will finish off the season once again against Liberty.

"I feel that Presbyterian's getting better and better every week," said Priore. "We'll have our work cut out for us on the road."

## Around the Big South

*While in most other sports, Stony Brook competes in the America East conference, Seawolves football is a participant in the Big South Conference. The America East does not have a football division.*

### COASTAL CAROLINA 30, GARDNER-WEBB 27 (OT)

Zach MacDowall gained 17 yards on a busted play and scored from eight yards out in the first overtime to give Coastal Carolina (3-5, 2-1) a 30-27 win at Gardner-Webb (3-5, 1-2) Saturday afternoon at Spangler Stadium. The win was Coastal's seventh in a row in the series, improving to 7-1, and a perfect 4-0 in Boiling Springs.

### LIBERTY 34, PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE 24

No. 16/12 Liberty overcame two first half turnovers and a tied halftime score by scoring on its first three drives of the second half, propelling it to a 34-24 victory over Presbyterian College, Saturday afternoon, inside of Bailey Memorial Stadium. With the win, Liberty moves to 6-2 on the season and 3-0 in Big South play, following its fourth-straight win. The loss drops Presbyterian College to 1-7 on the year and 1-3 in conference action.

### ARMY 29, VMI 7

After a sluggish first half, the VMI offense made things interesting after halftime, but couldn't overcome the Army Black Knights and the Keydets fell, 29-7, before a crowd of 32,410 at Michie Stadium Saturday afternoon. The rushing tandem of sophomore Jared Hassin and senior Patrick Mealy combined for 265 of Army's 316 yards rushing for the game and the Black Knights raised their overall season mark to 5-3 and matched their win total of 2009. VMI dropped to 3-5 on the year in the non-conference tilt which was VMI's second consecutive trip to Army in as many years.

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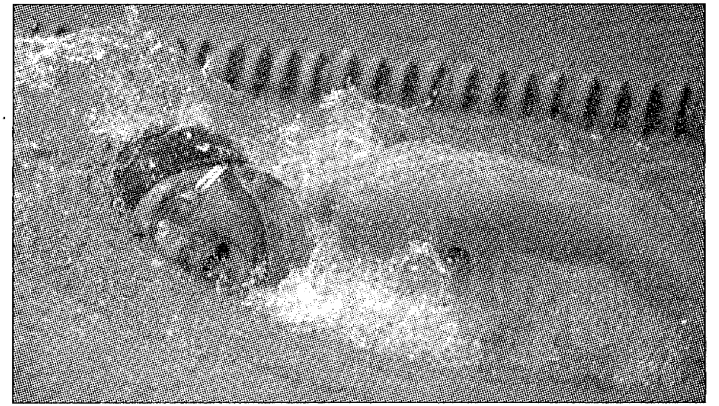


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## Swimming and Diving swept first home meet of season

BY CATIE CURATOLO  
Staff Writer

In the first home meet of the season, Stony Brook's swimming and diving teams lost to the University of Massachusetts.

The men's team lost 184-114, despite the efforts of junior Sean Conway and senior Lukasz Ochmanski.

Conway (Oakdale, N.Y.) won two events: the 50 free (21.86) and 100 free (47.97). Ochmanski (Lodz, Poland) also won two events, with season-high times for Stony Brook: the 100 fly (54.17) and 200 free (1:45.21).

Junior Cliff Gonzalez (White

Plains, N.Y.) placed first in the 100 breast and senior Matthew McCort (Commack, N.Y.) placed first in the 200 fly.

On the women's side, the team lost 159-114, despite three victories from freshman Renee Deschenes (Winnipeg, Manitoba).

Deschenes placed first in the 100 back, the 200 back, and the 200 fly. Freshman Veronica Reid (Duncan, British Columbia) won the 100 and 200 breast. Junior Darcy Heuser (Centreville, Ohio) won the 100 and 200 free.

The Seawolves swim again November 6 at the University of Maine.

## SBU Volleyball wins over Providence

BY NOAH KIM  
Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook volleyball team won the first game of a three game home stand on Friday, making it three wins on their home court this season. The victory against New Hampshire, 3-0 (25-11, 25-22, 26-24) improved their record to 4-4 in the American East Conference and 9-15 overall this year.

Junior Alicia Nelson led the Seawolves with 15 kills while senior Jeanette Gibbs and sophomore Greta Strenger combined 27 digs on defense.

A kill by Nelson jump started Stony Brook to a quick 3-0 lead, only to lose that lead from an error by junior Kelsey Sullivan. The Seawolves regained the lead with a 5-0 run, 14-8, which was capped by a kill from Strenger. Stony Brook blew it open 18-10 which resulted in a New Hampshire timeout. However the break only benefited the Seawolves as a 6-0 run late in the first set gave them the 1-0 advantage.

After a dominating first set, Stony Brook stumbled upon some trouble with an early four point deficit in the second set. However, a five point spurt gave them the lead, 8-6, as freshman Hailee Herc blocked a New Hampshire attack. After a timeout, a service ace from senior middle blocker Ashley Headen widened the lead to four. Stony Brook lead

as much as 7 until New Hampshire rallied late in the set to close within 1. However sophomore Corrine Perry's service ace sealed the set for a 2-0 advantage for Stony Brook.

The third set was a close match, as neither team was able to run away with a lead. Stony Brook was down, 23-24, but a kill by Headen tied the game and extended the set. After going up 25-24, a service ace by Headen closed out the game as the Seawolves swept New Hampshire.

After Sunday's game against Providence, Stony Brook closes out their home stand to UMBC. If the season were to end today, fourth place Stony Brook would move on to the American East Conference Tournament.

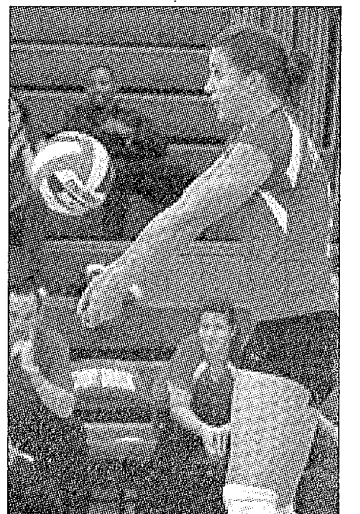


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# SPORTS

## Women's Cross Country Wins AEC Fourth Time in a Row

BY CATIE CURATOLO  
Staff Writer

The women's cross country team won the American East Championship for the fourth year in a row. Seniors Lucy Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand) and Holly Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand) finished in first and second place, respectively.

Lucy finished the 5,000 meter race in 16:48.33, her third straight first place win this season. Holly followed in 16:49.35.

"The girls were great today," head coach Andy Ronan said in a press release. "To handle the pressure of going for four in a row with such a strong performance makes them special."

Junior Hayley Green (Wellington, New Zealand) finished fourth in 17:21.03. Sophomore Annie Keown (Auckland, New Zealand) finished fifth in 17:23.53. Freshman Olivia Burne (Palmerston North, New Zealand) finished 12th in 18:00.40.

Along with the Van Dalens, seniors Carolina Cortes (Woodmere, N.Y.) and Leanne Skrabacz (West Seneca, N.Y.) have an American East title in each of their four years at Stony Brook.

Senior Tim Hodge (Tawa, New Zealand) led the men, finishing the 8,000 meter race in ninth place. Junior Gerard Harley (Setauket, N.Y.) placed 27th, and freshman Daniel Denis (Bayport, N.Y.) and junior Drew Dillingham (Riverhead, N.Y.) placed in the top 50.

Cross country races again at the NCAA Regional Championships in Madison, Connecticut on November 13.

## Football Defeats Charleston Southern



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Sophomore running back Miguel Maysonet (5) takes off past the Charleston Southern defense on Saturday. Maysonet led the team with four touchdowns on the afternoon.

## Men's Soccer loses to UMBC 1-0

BY SYED HASHMI  
Staff Writer

After clinching a spot in the America East Conference tournament with a 1-0 win against Hartford, the Stony Brook men's soccer team lost out on a first round bye after being shut out by University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 1-0 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium Sunday night.

A win or draw would have given the Seawolves (9-6-3, 3-2-2) the

number 2 seed in the tournament and a first round bye, which came in handy last year during the team's championship run.

"Obviously the bye is big. You get some more rest," Coach Markovich said. "But, at the same time, we're a good team, we've got a home game, and that's almost as good."

Playing against a prolific UMBC offense, the Stony Brook defense held tough in the first half, holding the Retrievers to only one shot on goal. UMBC came into the game sporting America East's

best offense, leading in conference goals, assists, and points.

But the UMBC offense would not be held quiet in the second half, as junior forward Andrew Bulls scored the Retrievers first and only goal in the 65th minute on a free kick from 20 yards out. The unassisted goal was the Bulls fourth of the season and came on a costly Stony Brook penalty, one of 15 on the day for the Seawolves.

"They have two special players, Bulls and Houapeu," Markovich said. "Houapeu was able to get the free kick, Bulls put it in."

The tandem of Bulls and senior midfielder Levi Houapeu has been a headache for opposing teams all season long. Houapeu leads the league in goals with 12, and Bulls leads the league in assists with 13. The Stony Brook defense played both players aggressively and it proved costly leading to a foul, and the resulting free kick goal.

Both teams would combine for a total of 27 fouls, as the game started to become more and more intense until the 77th minute where emotions came to a boiling point as a scuffle broke out at midfield. No one was ejected, but three yellow cards were handed out, sophomore midfielder Leonardo Fernandes (North Babylon, N.Y.) and junior defenseman Serigne Sylla (New York, N.Y.) both were carded for the incident.

But the scuffle proved to be

BY DAVID O'CONNOR  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook University football team (4-4, 3-0 Big South) defeated Charleston Southern (2-6, 0-4 Big South) on Saturday, 41-21, behind a balanced offense and opportunistic defense.

The Seawolves began the day looking to go 3-0 to start their conference schedule for the second time in two years.

On offense, the stars of the game were sophomore Miguel Maysonet (Riverhead, N.Y.) and junior Brock Jackolski (Shirley, N.Y.), who both transferred from Hofstra after that school closed its football program last winter. Maysonet had 195 overall yards on Saturday with four touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving), setting a record for a Stony Brook player at LaValle Stadium and tying an overall school record. Jackolski had 185 yards and one touchdown.

Both players concurred as to where credit was due.

"It says a lot about our linemen," said Maysonet after the game.

His fellow former Hofstra player agreed. "I was confident in the O-line today," Jackolski said. "They had a fantastic day."

Maysonet also singled out one player in particular for his work blocking the lane, allowing the backs to push the ball forward.

"I want to give the credit to [wide receiver] Matt Brevi," said Maysonet. "He did a great job blocking the corner every single time."

Six drives could produce no points in the first quarter and only five first downs and 112 yards of offense by both squads.

"Games are won or lost by adversity," said Priore.

The second quarter was far more exciting. The Bucs struck first and took the 7-0 lead. But Stony Brook attacked back in the next drive. Maysonet ran 32 yards for Stony Brook's first score, but Seawolves kicker Wesley Skiffington, who also missed from 48 yards and had another 29-yard attempt blocked on earlier drives, missed the extra point.

The Bucs couldn't muster much on their next drive and had to turn it over to the Seawolves once again. Jackolski carried the ball for 57 total yards on this play, but Maysonet dealt the finishing blow with an eight-yard run to give Stony Brook its second touchdown of the day.

Stony Brook really went to



KENNETH HO / THE STATESMAN

The Stony Brook baseball team carried on a Halloween tradition with its intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday. Each year, the players don their favorite halloween costume for a friendly softball game. This was the third year the game has been played.

See MEN'S on 18

See FOOTBALL on 19





# Holiday Buffet Party

**\$49 per guest 40 guest minimum**

Includes one half hour chef's selection of four passed hors d'oeuvres, two salads, four entrees & carving station, two sides, dessert buffet and coffee station, unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks  
unlimited bar: \$6 supp. per guest

## Holiday Lunch or Dinner Party

**Lunch: \$29 per guest Dinner: \$39 per guest**  
30 guest minimum

Three course sit down includes: appetizer, selection of main course, fresh baked rolls, unlimited soft drinks, dessert & coffee service  
unlimited beer & house wine \$6 Per Guest Supp.  
unlimited bar & passed hors d'oeuvres \$12 supp per guest

### Appetizer (Select One)

- Caesar Salad
- Pumpkin Bisque
- Quiche and Small Salad
- Warm Goat Cheese Salad
- Wild Mushroom & Chicken Vol au Vent
- Penne with Tomato Concassé
- Butternut Squash Ravioli  
Caramelized Apple & Sage Cream
- Trio of Baked Clams

### Entree (Select Three)

- Seared Organic Salmon
- Cheddar Crusted Cod
- Roasted Pork Tenderloin
- Roulade of Organic Chicken  
Winter Vegetable Medley
- Seared Breast of Organic Chicken
- Mirabelle Duck Confit
- Sliced Shell Steak
- Grilled Loin of Lamb  
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### Dessert (Select One)

- Holiday Bûche de Noël Cake
- Apple Tart Tatin
- Rich Chocolate Mousse
- Pear Tart Raspberry Purée
- Ginger Almond Tart
- Coffee Service

### Salads (Select two)

- Tossed Mesclun Salad
- Classic Caesar Salad
- Wedge Lettuce  
smoked bacon, blue cheese
- Soba Noodle Salad  
soy ginger vinaigrette

### Hand Carved Selections (Select One)

- Sliced Shell Steak
- Roast Leg of Lamb
- Smoked Ham Steamship
- Roast Vermont Turkey

### Buffet Entrees (Select Four)

- Ginger Garlic Chicken
- Thai Style Beef  
Soy Ginger Broth
- Chicken with Artichokes & Sun Dried Tomatoes
- Seafood Fra Diabolo  
Tomato Saffron Broth
- Classic Beef Bourguignon
- Penne Ala Vodka
- Mirabelle Duck Confit & Wild Mushrooms in Vol au Vent
- Pan Seared Salmon  
Tarragon Cream

### Sides (Select Two)

- Tavern Fried Potatoes
- Crispy Onions
- Yukon Gold Potato Purée
- Saffron Potatoes
- Grilled Polenta with Fruit
- Stir Fry Rice
- Vegetable Medley
- Vegetable Stir Fry

### Dessert Buffet

- Holiday Bûche de Noël  
vanilla cake with mocha mousse
- Viennese Pastries & Assorted Cookies
- Coffee Service

Prices are subject to an 18% service charge and NYS sales tax.

150 Main St., Stony Brook, NY 631.751.0555 lessings.com





**Dec 3 & 4**  
**CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR**

The 3 Village Historical Society's Tour of Homes Decorated for the Holidays. Begin your tour with Lunch at 11:30 am or Dinner starting at 5pm.

**Dec 3 thru 5**  
**DICKENS FESTIVAL**

Port Jefferson becomes a Dickensian town for the weekend. Enjoy Dinner with a festive Prix Fixe Menu.

**Dec 5**  
**STONY BROOK ANNUAL "TREE LIGHTING"**

Brunch with Santa starting at 10:30am.  
Dinner from 5 pm in the Tavern or Mirabelle Restaurant.

**Dec 5, 11, 12, 18, 19**  
**BRUNCH WITH SANTA**

Brunch Buffet with Santa & Strolling Carolers from 10:30am-2pm, Adults \$29.95, Kids (Under 10) \$15.  
Reservations Required.

**Dec 8 & 16**  
**SENIOR HOLIDAY DANCES**

Dance to "The Golden Oldies" with Live Music.  
3-Course Luncheon, \$35 Inclusive. Cash Bar Available  
11:30am - 3:30 pm. Advance Purchase Required.

**Dec 17**  
**SMALL OFFICE HOLIDAY PARTY**

Complete Holiday Celebration: Each company has its own reserved tables. Buffet Dinner, DJ, Dancing & Open Bar  
7:30pm - Midnight, \$55 Per Person Inclusive.  
Advance Purchase Required.

**Dec 19**  
**BRUNCH WITH SANTA AT CHATEAU COINDRE HALL**

Brunch Buffet with Santa & Strolling Carolers, from 10:30am-2pm.  
Adults \$35 Inclusive, Kids (Under 10) \$15.  
Advanced Purchase Required.

# 2010 Holiday Events

**Dec 24**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER**

Mirabelle at Three Village Inn Grand Buffet Dinner starting at 4pm. \$55 adults, kids (under 10) half price.  
*MIRABELLE RESTAURANT Prix Fixe Dinner \$70.*  
Reservations Required.

**Dec 26**  
**GRANDPARENTS HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET**

Special event with clown entertainment & prizes.  
Buffet with unlimited mimosas for adults & soft drinks for kids.  
Adults \$29.95, 1 child per adult eats Free.  
Each additional child \$15 inclusive (10 & under)  
10:30am - 2:30pm. Reservations Required.

**Dec 31**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**

Mirabelle at Three Village Inn Grand Buffet Dinner starting at 5:30pm. \$55, Kids (Under 10) half price.  
*MIRABELLE RESTAURANT, Multi Course Dinner \$115.*  
Reservations Required.

**Jan 1**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH BUFFET**

A lavish buffet with unlimited champagne and mimosas.  
12pm - 3pm. Adults \$29.95, Kids (Under 10) \$15.  
Reservations Required. Dinner served in the Tavern from 5pm.

