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## Sports

### Clutch Play Leads To Seawolves Win

Back in Big South Conference action on Saturday, the Seawolves headed 475 miles south to face the Virginia Military Institute Keydets. What ensued was a tough battle that waited until the last minute of regulation to be decided, with senior running back Conte Cuttino (Uniondale, NY) dashing into the end zone to put Stony Brook on top.

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## University Reconsiders an Idea 20 Years in the Making

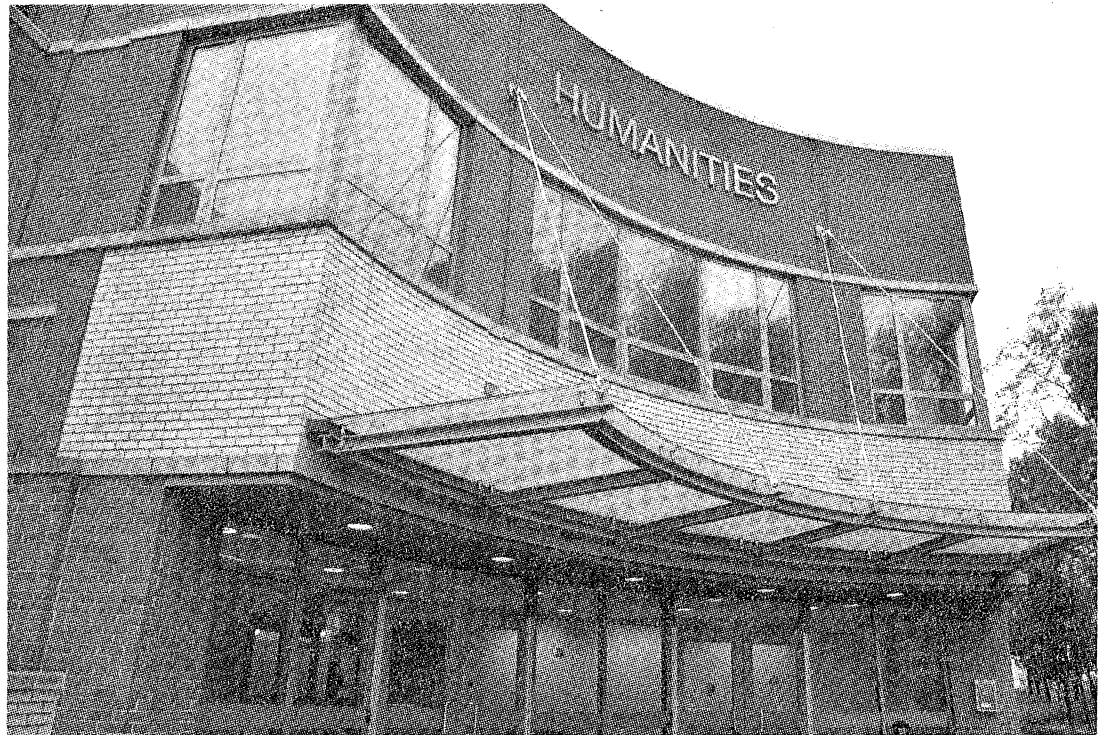
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# USG Prepares for Special Election

SHIREEN JAYMAN  
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate Student Government is holding elections for open seats this week.

The USG is supposed to "work closely with the University Administration to foster a spirit of community, diversity and fellowship, to create programs and services for the benefit of all members of the campus community," according to the USG Constitution.

Students can vote for candidates through SOLAR from Oct. 21 to Oct. 29.

Voters can only vote for senatorial candidates in their undergraduate colleges because

senators represent the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Health Sciences Center, and the College of Arts and Sciences. That is, a student from the College of Arts and Sciences can only vote for the senator in that college.

The four candidates for the senate are Aneta Bose, Theresa Geckle, Debora Machalow, and Sean Moore. Freshman Representative candidates are Michael Carlino, Samuel Cushner and Catherine Young. There are two candidates for sophomore representatives, Michael Chuprin and Katie Patestas, and Alice Yu, the candidate for senior representative, will run without opposition.

Class representatives have

no specific duties outlined in the constitution, but according to the USG website they "are given a powerful voice for the concerns of the students in their class." Representatives have been known to organize events for their class.

Syed Haq, a junior, political science-business double major, and senator for the USG said he finds that being in the USG is what you make of the position.

The candidates running for vice president of student life are Marvin Etienne and Keith Tilley.

The vice president of student life will supervise the Student Activities Board, according to Haq. The board is an agency within the USG that holds events

for the student body. The SAB puts together Brookfest at the end of each spring semester, organizing a carnival and concert for students.

The usual voter turnout includes students from clubs and organizations, according to Haq, because "they are directly affected by USG... their appropriations and allocations are affected" by decisions made by the student government.

The election this week is being held because certain positions are still vacant.

"Either people who are running didn't get the required number of votes or there was nobody running for that senate position last year," Haq said.

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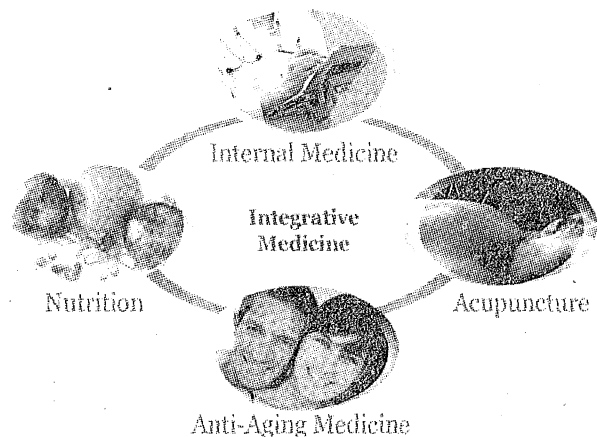
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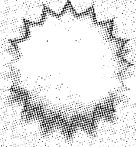
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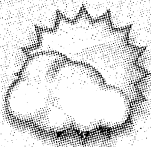


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High: 55°F

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Low: 49°F

Partly cloudy.

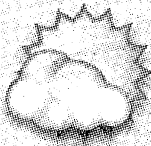


**Wednesday:**

High: 61°F

Low: 48°F

Partly cloudy.



**Thursday:**

High: 60°F

Low: 53°F

Party Cloudy.



**Friday:**

High: 62°F

Low: 56°F

Cloudy.

From weather.com

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But a "mutually agreeable relationship between developer Stony Brook Harbor Construction and university officials may not translate into an agreeable relationship between university administration and students. For one, an already congested West campus could become even more grid locked during and after the 2-year construction project. Despite the fact that officials say the new Hilton hotel will not increase traffic on Nicholls Road they have yet to devise a way of easing the impact the increase of

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Stony Brook University officials have not released the rate per night. The Holiday Inn and Hilton Express offer comparable rates. The location isn't the best," said the biology major.

Jasper Wilson, USG president offered this comment, "It won't conflict with a thing. It will help with hosting. If those things are true then it's going to be a pretty sweet deal." Kriscenski went further, "There is a potential opportunity to have a hotel management program. Cornell University has one, but that would have to be in the contract."

An artist rendering of the hotel was not available at press time.

## Making Students into "Sexperts" University Hosts Event Promoting Safe and Fun Sex

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Staff Writer

Walk in. Take a seat. Have a condom.

The Resident Hall Association's Educational Committee hosted Sexperts at the Student Activities Center on Oct. 14, an event designed to enlighten and educate the student body about sex.

Unlike Ducky Doolittle's "Orgasms For Everyone" event, the RHA informational had multiple peer speakers where "sexperts were created in the process," said Paul Currie, a junior biology major, and vice-president of the RHA.

Tables lined the SAC audi-

torium walls, promoting various ideas like abstinence and protected sex. Games included a wheel of sex positions and a water-filled condom toss. People constantly surrounded a table about sex fetishes, barely allowing room for an outside glance.

Every 10 minutes from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. prizes were raffled off, ranging from books about sex to a sash of 40 condoms.

Prizes were donated by the Center for Prevention and Outreach as well as the university bookstore, and the grand prize was an all you can eat package with chocolate syrup, honey and whipped cream.

Peer speakers included "various committee members who

researched a topic extensively," according to Andrew Nanayakkara, a sophomore biology and math major, and the co-chair of the RHA Educational Planning Committee.

Nanayakkara was pleased with the turnout, calling it the "biggest RHA event ever, next to the RHA block party." The number of people who showed up was "way more than I ever anticipated," Nanayakkara said.

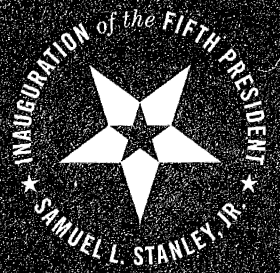
The crowd kept up a constant murmur and cheered after prizes were given away. The Stony Brook Beatboxing Team and bellydancers performed during the event, attracting extra audience members.

Emily Gerner, a junior and

a psychology major, thought that the event "was a really good way to bring together students to highlight sex and being safe." The information provided by the booths and the speakers "emphasized that views on sexual activity are different for many people," Gerner said.

"All the information is there for audience members to get," Currie said. "The program is really about becoming sexperts yourself."

Pamphlets and fliers were passed around during the two-hour event, with information like "101 Things to Do With Your Girlfriend/Boyfriend," "Protection 101," and "A Guide to Aphrodisiacs."



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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

# ABC Presents the Modern Family

By SAMANTHA BURKARDT  
Staff Writer

What is the stereotypical modern family in America? We don't have just one model suburban family anymore. According to ABC's new mockumentary, "Modern Family" there are three.

The Pritchett family consists of an uptight mother who is married to a wannabe cool father. They are both trying to raise their three children the right way but bash heads on how to approach situations at times. Agreeing seems to be one of their biggest problems. When the wife says no to buying their son a bike because he hasn't been responsible with his other toys, the father goes out and buys one, because he's more worried about people teasing his son for riding a girl's bike. After he buys his son a bike, he finds a bike just like it on a sidewalk and thinks it's his son's. In order to teach his son a lesson he takes the bike, only to find that his son never left his bike unattended.

The grandfather in the Pritchett family is in his 60s and married to a very sexy and young Spanish woman. Her son is a junior high student stuck in a 10-year-old's body, who tries to win the hearts of older women and



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looks at life more maturely than boys his age. Grandpa isn't used to having kids around the house again and his step-son believes his real dad is like Superman. They too have different ways of looking at life and how to approach situations, but they grow closer through the episodes.

The last couple is two dads, trying to live a normal life with their adopted Vietnamese daughter in suburbia. One of them is more open about being gay and has no problem with how others look at their life. The other just wants to be accepted and not bother the public with their lifestyle. Their viewpoints can often clash, which makes this comedy all the more fun.

Through all the family's antics, such as shooting one another with a BB gun and flying planes into one of the father's face, they come together at the end and love one another more and more each day.

"Modern Family" brings new and fresh material to prime-time television. This kind of mockumentary pokes fun at all kinds of couples in America's society and revels in making people laugh through everyday life situations. From buying diapers at Costco to doing the baby welcome dance, every situation becomes funnier with this show. You can watch Modern Family every Wednesday at 9 p.m. on ABC.

## Happy Birthday to John Lennon

By R.J. HUNEKE  
Staff Writer

John Lennon displayed purely unequivocal aspirations to bring peace, creative thought and feelings of brother and sisterhood, despite myriad differences, to everyone who has ever blinked in bright disparate horizons.

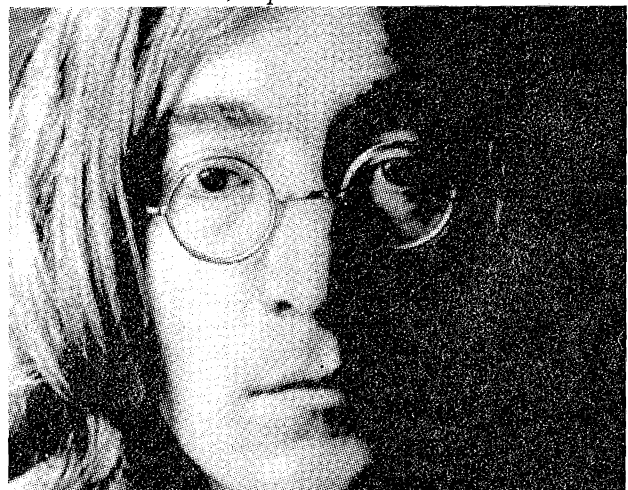
John Winston Lennon was born on this day, October 9, 1940, in Liverpool, England.

The music that John Lennon created, as a member of the Beatles and as a solo artist, continues to broaden the synapses, rejuvenate the cranium and lift up the smiles of innumerable faces.

Imagine. Imagine that one word could carry such weight, such infinite possibility, such moral implications, such artistic freedoms... imagine.

It is tough going through this world aware of the fact that such a spirit of man is gone from the earth. It was over 28 years ago that John Lennon, the man, was murdered outside his home, the Dakota building, in Manhattan.

Lennon was the last of a dying breed, cut from the same cloth as Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi. His memory, song, message and proud works stand strong today in millions, if not billions, of people who speak



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his name, his words, or his songs aloud, or to themselves. Each new thought has potential.

Today we celebrate the 69th birthday of John Lennon. His soul visits us, as we carry on. Remember to live life like John Lennon did: mix carpe diem with a striving for the betterment of others, where empathy and sympathy should prevail, and remember... John Lennon lives on.



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# Suspension of Belief

By LINDSAY WOODRUFF  
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In the Monday, October 12 edition of The Statesman, the article "Controversial Flyers Posted Around Campus" addressed the issue of hateful flyers found in campus buildings on Blasphemy Day, a movement intended to "open up all religious beliefs to the same level of free inquiry, discussion and criticism to which all other areas of academic interest are subjected," according to the official website [www.blasphemy-day.com](http://www.blasphemy-day.com). What this movement really does is needlessly mock world religions, and the fact that these flyers were present on a diverse college campus such as ours is despicable and inexcusable.

To begin, I would like to bluntly state that Blasphemy Day is stupid. The message contradicts itself – on the website, a post entitled "The Im-

portance of Blasphemy" notes, "It is your responsibility as a logical person to shed light on the darkness of ignorance wherever it may be." It goes on to say "The only real blasphemy is ignorance." If someone can explain to me what is not ignorant about a day devoted to purposelessly offending people based on what they believe, I'd love to hear the explanation.

Does religion "deserve it"? Maybe in some ways. Some beliefs may seem a bit far-fetched, if not just silly, and dogma can sometimes be dangerous. Historically, it has led to prejudice, oppression, and war. Yet, religion serves an important psychological and sociological function. If it didn't, it would not still be a factor of civilization that persists throughout millennia. Consider the benefits of religion: those who follow one tend to have higher levels of self-esteem, a greater sense of immediate and global

community, increased mental health, an outlet for creativity and service, and the strength to conquer adversity. What is the reason for trying to put down people who feel these benefits simply because you disagree with the religious principles?

It is true that religious texts have the potential to be interpreted in several different ways, some of which are just downright scary. However, I feel that the concept of free thinking is also subject to interpretation, and the subsequent actions can be equally as horrifying. I believe that is what has happened with the creation of Blasphemy Day and with flyers such as the ones described in the article.

Religion certainly is not "immune to criticism". It never has been, nor should it be. But it is important to note that there is a difference between criticism and insult. Furthermore, there is a difference between thinking freely and

simply acting with animosity just because you disagree with religious principles. The notion of thinking freely should involve some actual thinking – perhaps some research, some open-mindedness, and some questioning. Religious criticism should ideally be done in intelligent discourse between people of differing views, not by cowardly plastering hateful flyers around a generally peaceful, diverse college campus.

Religion is not going away any time soon, and the basic principles of each religion are not going to change. So, instead of expending energy being malicious, why not try reading a book once in a while or listening to someone with beliefs that vary from your own, and developing some notion of respect? Refusing to respect our fellow human being does not make society free. It binds us to ignorance and unnecessary conflict and inhibits social change.

## Letter to the Editor: Left and Wrong

BRENT NEENAN  
Contributing Writer

As I sat in the HSC cafeteria amongst my peers, reading the latest issue of The Statesman, I came across an opinion article by the Contributing Writer, Michael Heinz entitled "No Drama' Obama Needs to Go." Within the article, Heinz argues that the right-wing media, Corporate America and Republicans are feeding lies and misinformation to the General Public in order to advance their agenda and to continue the "status quo" the country has become accustomed to. I would like to state it in my opinion; Michael Heinz has stifled his own understanding of the issues by observing the politics of today through the lens of the contemporary liberal, or he is deliberately presenting a slanted point of view using The Statesman to peddle his own propaganda.

Heinz' first claim made is concerning the latest Supreme Court nominee and newest Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. He affirms: "...officials denouncing Obama's pick for the conservative-packed yet somehow still 'radically liberal' as a 'reverse racist'... and centering

their opposition to her around her gender and ethnicity." If Heinz took the time to research all the information out there on Sotomayor, he would understand that there was cause for concern about her "impartiality" as a Supreme Court Judge and not necessarily about her liberal or conservative points of view. Additionally it was her own statements to which brought the issue of race in the confirmation process. Stated in the Supreme Court Oath, "...I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all, the duties incumbent upon me..." in which all Supreme Court picks are to recite and follow to the best of their abilities. Sotomayor herself stated on multiple occasions: "I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would, more often than not, reach a better conclusion." Not only did her own words inject the factor of race into the confirmation hearings, she literally defied the entire Supreme Court Oath's notions of being fair and impartial with her very own statements. Not something conjured up by the "right" and a legitimate cause for concern in my opinion. I would prefer to have an impartial left-of-center

judge on the bench before a right-of-center judge that views the law with a slanted bias.

Heinz also states that; "... conservatives are doing whatever they can to shape the debate around absurd distractions and to turn public opinion around using fear and misinformation." If Heinz took the time to listen to any debates about Healthcare Reform, he would know that there is validity in the arguments against it. Not only is it healthy for any Democracy to thoroughly debate any change in policy but the Democrats attempts at this Healthcare bill have gone awry. The Democrats are talking

about using "reconciliation" to pass it through. "Reconciliation is a legislative process of the United States Senate intended to allow a contentious budget bill to be considered without being subject to filibuster." This means that the Democrats want to circumvent a large enough percentage of American Representatives that could normally block the passage of healthcare. Is this using "fear or misinformation" on behalf of the "right" or is this simply the "left" hijacking what was once a democratic system of government by passing legislation that the people don't necessarily want or understand?

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# Mark Knopfler Gets Lucky

By MICHAEL KIMMEL  
Staff Writer

Mark Knopfler has always traded in nostalgia. Think about his most celebrated songs with Dire Straits: long, rambling evocations of pre-industrial Britain, loving renditions of craft work, apprenticeship, and close families gathered around the radio.

Even "Sultans of Swing," the band's breakthrough hit in 1978, celebrated an utterly anachronistic "trumpet playing band" in the midst of disco and rock and roll. And those refrigerator delivery guys in "Money for Nothing" were the noble remnants of a deindustrializing Britain in thrall of the cult of celebrity.

As a solo article, some of his best songs have recalled the drawing of the Mason-Dixon line ("Sailing to Philadelphia"), the solidarity of pre-Thatcherite English workers ("Brothers in Arms" and "Why Aye Man"), early rock and roll ("Calling Elvis") and even lost loves ("Romeo and Juliet.")

His signature fluidly melodic electric guitar harks back to a time of serious musical craftsmanship -- less bombast and fireworks, and more clean and complex, small and precise.

Like the Kinks with their Village Green Preservation Society, Knopfler aches for the pre-industrial era, before the lawyers and factories of "Telegraph

Road." But if we can't have it, at least we can return to what we might call the "pre-post-industrial" world, when the people who made things with their hands -- as well as those who installed and repaired them -- still had some



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craft pride. A world before abject mindless consumerism: the virtuous republic of producers and owners.

This nostalgia for both the pre-industrial and that "pre-post-industrial" are both on ample display on Knopfler's latest release, *Get Lucky*. He returns again to the post-war Glasgow of his childhood and the sooty de-industrializing Newcastle of his youth, to draw

inspiration for his often plaintive and occasionally anthemic evocations of the past.

Most of the songs are slow, languid ballads, punctuated by Knopfler's trademark guitar style -- poetically clean and

melodic. "The Car was the One" recalls high school nostalgia for cool sports cars, and "Before Gas and TV" evokes a working class family life reminiscent of "Leave it to Beaver" where the family gathers in the cramped, coal-heated living room to play homemade music and create memories that will obviously last a lifetime. "Piper to the End" recalls Knopfler's uncle who was a piper in the

British army, killed in World War II.

To be sure, Knopfler can still rock a bit, even after 30 years!

"Cleaning My Gun" is a gritty rock-blues number that suggests that nostalgia needn't imply giving up being wary of contemporary hucksterism. And "Border Reiver," which opens the album, is an uptempo, folk-infused song about a Glaswegian truck driver roaming the highlands borders, complete with accordion and penny whistle and a lilting Scottish beat. (It's reminiscent of "Southbound Again" from the very first Dire Straits album.)

One song, "Remembrance Day" captures the nostalgic mood, a mixture of resolve and elegy. He lists those long-gone pleasures of youth -- the aimless cricket game, the maypole and morris dancers, the church steeple -- and then names all his childhood friends, now scattered and lost. As if to underscore the personal, familial nature of his album, Knopfler even calls on a children's chorus to sing softly, "We will remember them."

An album this personal can be difficult to relate to. And nostalgia is a tricky currency, especially in the pop music culture of "right now." But Knopfler's music is so simple, and his guitar frills so hauntingly melodic that the tunes just stick with you long after the album ends. Which is sort of the point of nostalgia, isn't it?

## There's No Place Like Home

### Review of "Away We Go"

By ULA LUKSZO  
Staff Writer

In "Away We Go," Director Sam Mendes (*Revolutionary Road*) takes a turn away from unhappy couples and puts a happy couple front and center.

In the film, John Krasinski (*The Office*) plays Burt Farlander, a college dropout who works over the phone on insurance futures. His long-time partner, Verona De Tessant, played by SNL alum Maya Rudolph, is an anatomy illustrator.

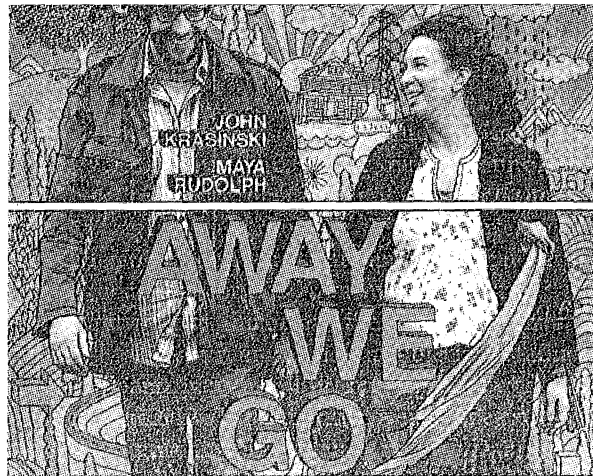
The film opens when Verona realizes she is pregnant. The couple is ecstatic and living near Burt's parents. They hope that the Farlanders (played by the excellent Catherine O'Hara and Jeff Daniels) will be around to help them out once the baby is born. However, the Farlanders have their own news: they are moving to Holland for two years and won't even be around when the baby is born.

Now six months pregnant, Vanessa suggests that, untethered as they are in the world, she and Burt might move

anywhere. Thus begins the odyssey of the film: to find the perfect place to raise their child—to find a real home.

The couple sets off on a journey around the United States and Canada, visiting places where they have friends or family. Their trip to Phoenix is dominated by the comic talents of Allison Janney (*Juno*) and stand-up comic Jim Gaffigan, who play a former co-worker and her husband who are evidently not in the happiest of marriages. Maggie Gyllenhaal (*The Dark Knight*) also makes a humorous cameo

as a hippie-bourgeois college professor living in Madison, WI, who still breast-feeds her 18-month old sons and doesn't believe in strollers.



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How-ever, not all the film is so light and fluffy. Amidst the humorous caricatures appear other characters, whose problems dwarf those of Burt and Verona's. Friends in Montreal, played by Chris Mes-

sina (*Julie & Julia*) and Melanie Lynskey (*The Informant!*), cannot have their own biological children, while Burt's brother in Miami (played by Paul Schneider of *Parks and Recreation*) deals with the fact that his wife has left him.

Throughout the film, Verona must come to terms with the death of her parents ten years earlier, when she was in college.

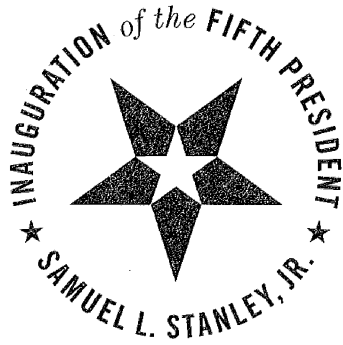
Over the course of *Away We Go*, Burt and Vanessa try to imagine what it means to have a home and be a family. Though they have moments of breakdown, the film never truly drops into melancholy. Instead, the couple resolve their issues through dialogue and humor.

"*Away We Go*" is a realistic portrayal of a couple that loves each other deeply, that is just as confused about parenthood and how to bring up a family as any other couple of first-time parents.

Unlike the high-drama of a film like *Revolutionary Road* or the exaggerated hijinks of pregnancy movies like *Baby Mama* or *Knocked Up*, *Away We Go* is heartfelt, funny and moving all at the same time. Rounded out by an amazing cast, the film is the sleeper hit of the season.

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### Friday, October 23

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### Saturday, October 24

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### Sunday, October 25

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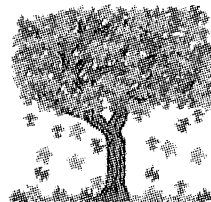
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## THE BUZZ WITH THE BIZZ

It Was All Black and White



BY JOHNNY "BIZZ" COFFARO  
Columnist

Ever since Stony Brook's 50th Anniversary, the legendary Zebra Path that goes into the academic mall has been repainted red and white. I remember back in the day during my freshman year in 2006 to 2007 when the Zebra Path was actually black and white.

This path, which runs parallel to the Melville Library, is supposed to lead students to the Career Center. The logo of the Career Center revolves around the program that Stony Brook adopted called ZebraNet, a list-serve where you put in your resume and cover letters and search for potential companies you would like to apply for. This system helps Stony Brook students find clients who are looking to hire Stony Brook students. I have one and I highly recommend everyone to join ZebraNet. It doesn't matter what you have decided to major in, the workers at the Career Center try to provide students with potential companies.

For some reason it really irritates me walking along a red and white 'Zebra Path' that should be painted in black and white stripes.

Funny thing that I heard about this little issue is that freshmen and new



Frank Posillico / SB Statesman

students do not know that this red and white striped path is the Zebra Path because of the obvious color choices. One day walking to the Stony Brook Union

building I saw a huge poster taped up onto the Career Center window. It was a picture of the old Zebra Path in black and white stripes, and the poster tells

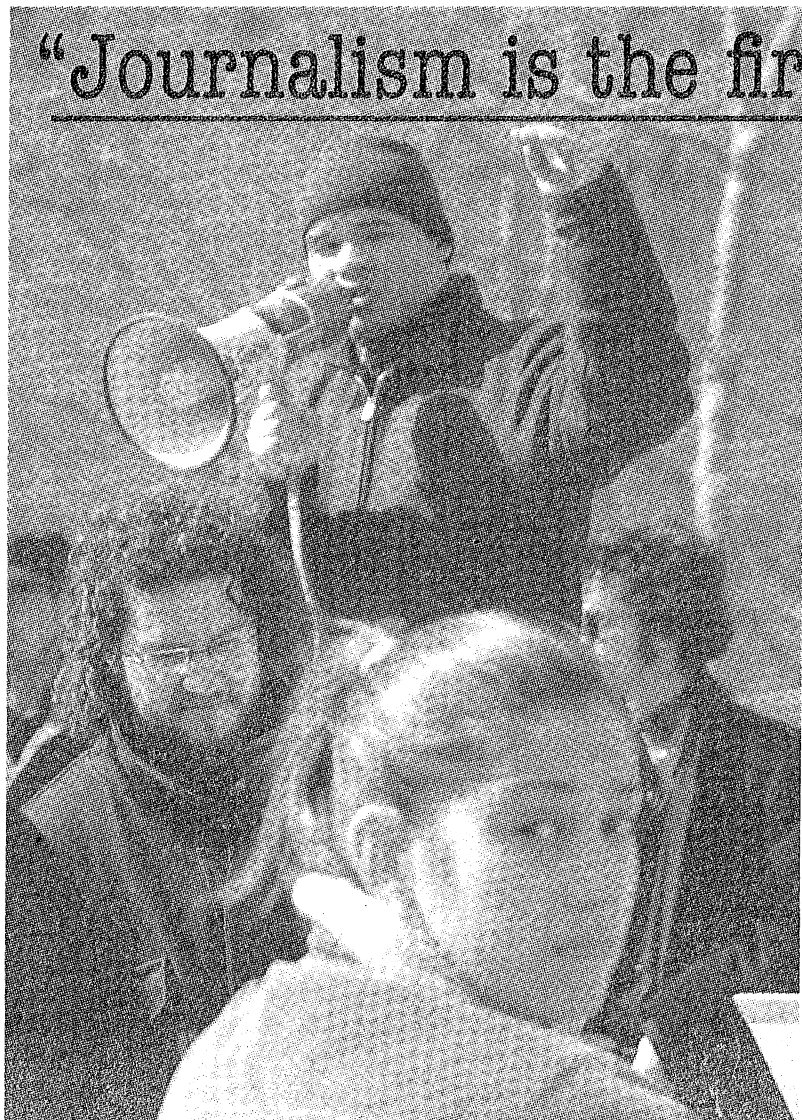
viewers that it is the actual Zebra Path to lessen confusion. I honestly miss the old black and white striped path instead of this Peppermint Patty Path. Candy Lane, which I like to refer the path as, was a good concept to have for Stony Brook's half-century anniversary, but I think we need the old path back!

The Career Center is where our 'career counselors' are located. They help out all students, not only seniors, with internship opportunities and other job related issues. There are also resume clinics, cover letter workshops, lessons about etiquette and much more.

Stony Brook students, take advantage of these opportunities that are open for us and get involved. I go a few times each semester to get some help knowing what to do to build up a good resume. Also look out for Career Center oriented programs that go around campus. Residents, there are some RAs like myself who will have a Career Center workshop program to tell in detail what the Career Center has to offer and have a guest speaker answer necessary questions some students may want to know about them. To stress again on the fact that the Zebra Path should be black and white, I just want the Zebra Path to actually resemble a zebra, so new students don't get confused.

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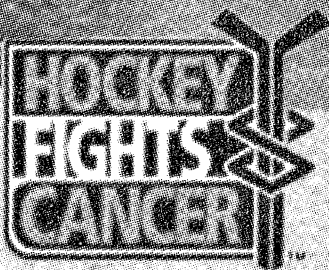
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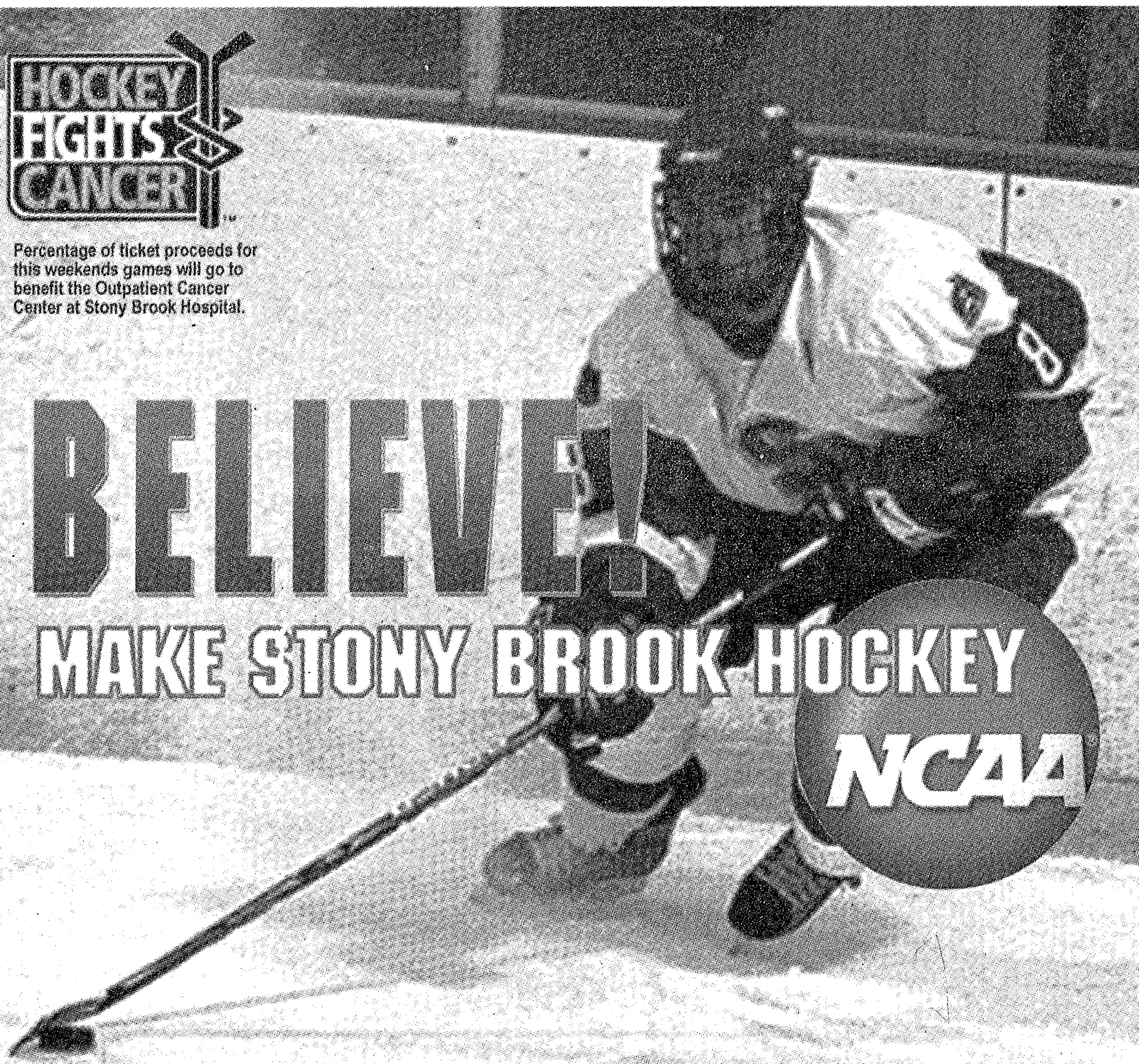


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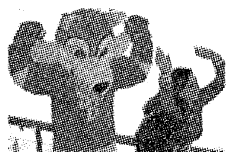
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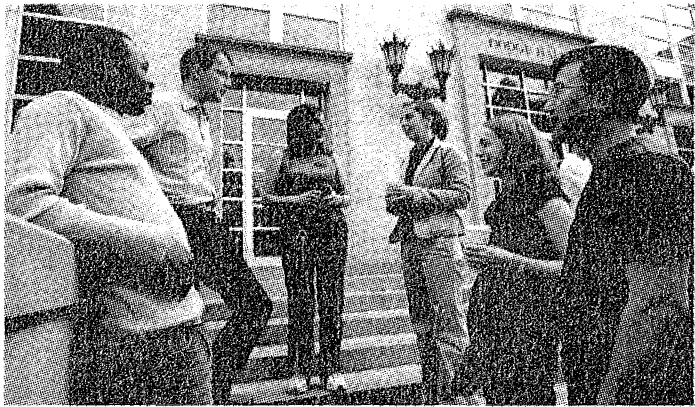
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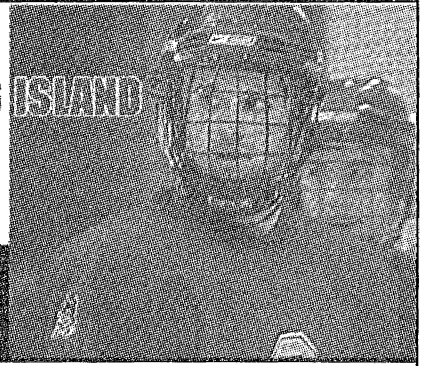
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# Black Widows Rout Fordham

BY SARAH KAZADI  
Sports Editor

On a rainy Sunday afternoon that transformed the campus recreation fields into a mud bath, the Stony Brook University Black Widows were seemingly unaffected. Bearing the ugly weather, the women's rugby team trounced visiting Fordham University, 67-0, picking up its first postseason win.

Fordham arrived late, and only warmed up for ten minutes before kickoff, which did not help in their quest to take down a hot Black Widows team that was eager to make this a statement game.

"Yes, I think that was just more motivation for us to kill them," said junior wing Allegra Waters. And kill them they did. The Black Widows shut out the visitors from the Bronx and built a 40 point advantage by the halftime break.

The postseason atmosphere accentuated the Black Widows' energy and contributed to the rout.

"There's definitely more intensity this weekend because its playoffs," added Waters. "And because its Fordham and we knew we could beat them."

The last time the two teams played, Stony Brook won by a narrow margin of 5-0. But the heightened stakes resulted in a blowout this time around.

Coach Ali Nazir credits his team leaders, junior lock Meagan Border and senior fly half Amy Drislane, for the effort.

"The captains brought it," he said, "They took care of the warm ups all by themselves. I've got to give it up to them, they stepped up."

But the Black Widows received valuable contributions from a variety of players. Multiple players scored more than once, including sophomore lock Erin Mansfield, who tallied 3 tries on the day to help Stony Brook build its insurmountable lead.

The Black Widows took care of business defensively also, feeding off of the offensive success to keep the visitors off of the scoreboard. Junior prop Karen LaGrega picked up a try and a few huge tackles, including one that sent a Fordham player face first into the ground for a mouthful of mud.

The only sore point in the easy win was the injury suffered by sophomore fullback Alexandra Slavin, who collided with a Fordham player while kicking and had to be helped off the field with less than 8 minutes remaining.

The 67 points scored are the most that Stony Brook has put on the scoreboard this season. "We're going into next week with the momentum of crushing a team like this," added Nazir.

The win is fuel heading into next weekend's matchup. The Black Widows travel to Rutgers University Sunday to take on the nation's second ranked team and hopefully extend their postseason.



Nick Genovesi / SB Statesman

The Seawolves picked up another home win Saturday night.

## Protecting Home Ice, Hockey Beats Towson

BY SAM KILB  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook University Seawolves Hockey team defended its undefeated home record on Saturday night, defeating the Towson University Tigers, 6-4.

Playing in front of over 600 rowdy, red-clad fans armed with megaphones and a pep band, the Seawolves opened the scoring early, when senior Greg Maggio (Stony Brook, NY) scored off a pass from sophomore Kyle Houser (Apopka, FL).

The Seawolves dominated the first period, recording two goals from junior Chris Ryan (Flushing, NY) and another tally from freshman Sean Collins (Port Jefferson Station, NY) to take a 4-1 lead into the first intermission.

The second period saw the Seawolves extend their lead. Sophomore Mike Cacciotti (Staten Island, NY) scored on a 2-on-1 break, with assists going to his linemates Ryan and Assistant Captain Mauricio Torres

(Fountain Valley, Calif.). Two minutes later, junior Kevin Wong (Manalapan, NJ) scored to extend the Seawolves lead to 6-1.

Stony Brook spent much of the third period shorthanded. Towson tried to climb the mountain, but staunch defending from captain Colin Brumsted (Columbia, MD) and pivotal saves from freshman Josh Brand (Odesa, FL) preserved the Seawolves victory. In addition to the standing room only crowd, 800 plus watched the game LIVE on stonybrookhockey.com sponsored by National Grid.

Fifteenth ranked Stony Brook (4-1) take the ice at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23 at the Rinx in Hauppauge against the 10th ranked University of Rhode Island Rams. The Seawolves will be fundraising during that game and the next as part of "Hockey Fights Cancer" month. The team will use pink tape in honor of those battling cancer, and will be accepting donations and donating some of the gate to support the Outpatient Pediatric Cancer Center at Stony Brook University.

## Volleyball Falls To Bearcats

BY SARAH KAZADI  
Sports Editor

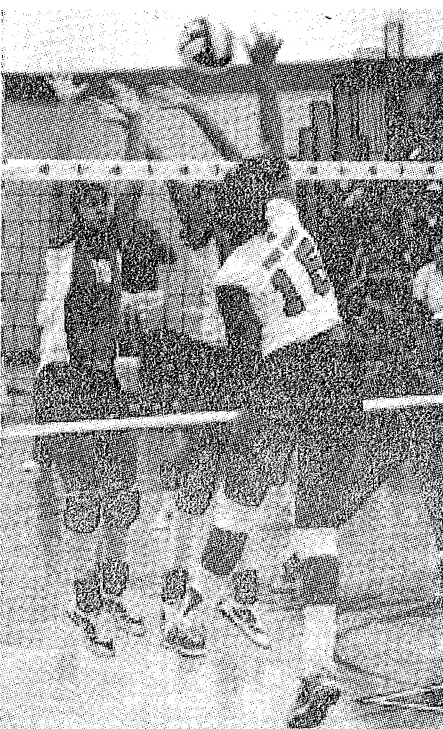
After having their eight-game winning streak snapped on Friday, the Seawolves looked to bounce back on Sunday, traveling to Binghamton to face the Bearcats. But, despite a solid 9 kills and 6 digs from senior Harmonie Calinda (Huntington, NY), Stony Brook dropped its second consecutive game, falling in straight sets, 3-0 (25-12, 25-18, 25-22).

"I think the big loss against Albany carried through into the match against Binghamton," said junior Ashley Headen (Alexandria, VA). The Seawolves got off to a slow start defensively, allowing the Bearcats to hit .556 as a team and easily take an early one set lead, 25-12.

The second set saw Stony Brook pick up almost as many errors as kills, as the team notched nine put-aways but also seven errors. The Bearcats took advantage of the mistakes, building a 14-7 lead and eventually taking the set 25-18.

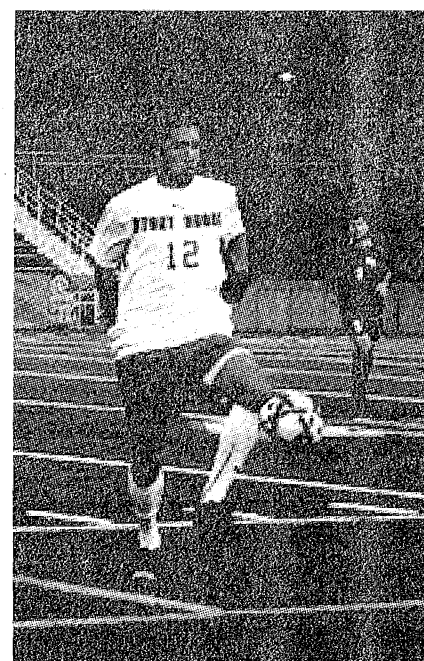
In the third, the Bearcats held on to a slim 13-12 lead until the Seawolves strung together 3 straight points to go ahead 15-13. The teams would be tied at 19-19, until five more Seawolves' errors would let Binghamton untie it and pull away for the win, 25-22.

The Seawolves look to snap this short losing streak on the road against the UMBC Retrievers on Friday at 7:00 p.m.



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Senior Harmonie Calinda: . . . . .

# Men's Soccer Shuts Out Albany



Sam Kilb / SB Statesman  
Freshman Forward Berian Gobeil.

BY SAM KILB  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook men's soccer team won its second consecutive match Saturday night, beating the Albany Great Danes, 1-0. The win puts Stony Brook in a tie for third in the America East Conference.

Coming off a clinical performance last weekend against Binghamton, the Seawolves were again in form, keeping the ball for most of the game and limiting Albany to just three shots on goal. Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Anthony Rogic (Boonton, NJ) stopped all three, recording his second straight shutout.

Stony Brook scored the eventual game winner in the 11th minute of play. A free kick from near midfield off the foot of senior Collin Geoghegan (Lindenhurst, NY) soared into the penalty area where it was met by freshman Berian Gobeil-Cruz (Montreal, Quebec), who got just enough head on the ball to push it past a charging Albany goalkeeper.

The lead held throughout. Albany's best chance came in the 71st minute when a Great Dane attacker hit the goalpost, and Rogic was forced into a brilliant stop on the rebound.

Stony Brook's third win of the season brings the Seawolves to 3-9-3 this fall and 2-2-0 in conference play. The Seawolves are third in the America East, tied with Binghamton. In a note addressing supporters on Friday, head coach Cesar Markovic called Binghamton "eternal rivals" of Stony Brook.

Markovic also noted optimism for the future, citing the number of freshman that have started each game and that nine of Stony Brook's 14 goals have been scored by freshmen.

Stony Brook wraps up its home stand at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21 when they take on Vermont at Laval Stadium.

# STATESMAN SPORTS

## Clutch Play Leads To Seawolves Win



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Seawolves running back Edwin Gowins.

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Back in Big South Conference action on Saturday, the Seawolves headed 475 miles south to face the Virginia Military Institute Keydets. What ensued was a tough battle that waited until the last minute of regulation to be decided, with senior running back Conte Cuttino (Uniondale, NY) dashing into the end zone to put Stony Brook on top.

The Seawolves picked up their first road win of the season, 27-20, and remained unbeaten in the Big South behind Cuttino's heroics and another big game from sophomore quarterback Michael Coulter (Yorba Linda, Calif.), who collected 316 yards and two touchdowns. The win ups Stony Brook's record to 3-4, as the team heads into the thick of conference play.

"We needed that win from a conference perspective and I think we needed to win one that way," said Head Coach Chuck Priore. "You need to be able to come back and win games. It was a good win for us," he added.

After both teams failed to score on their repetitive opening drives, the Seawolves struck first on a 9 play, 80 yard drive midway through the first quarter. For his fourth touchdown grab of the year, red-shirt freshman Jordan Gush (Richardson, Texas) took a 20 yard pass from Coulter, but the extra point was off the mark and the Seawolves were held to a 6-0 advantage. They would hold this lead until late

in the first period, before VMI would capitalize on a blocked Stony Brook punt and good field position to eliminate the gap. The first period concluded with the Keydets up 7-6.

The Seawolves did not take long to retaliate, striking back a little over two minutes into the second period. A short 4 yard pass from Coulter to sophomore wide receiver Matt Brevi (Tampa, FL) capped off a 69 yard, 12 play drive that put the road team ahead, 13-7.

The lead would stretch to 16-7 after redshirt freshman placekicker Wesley Skiffington (Brandon, FL) would bounce back from his missed extra point attempt to knock in a 24 yarder right before the halftime break.

Despite a combined 7 drives in the third, both teams failed to score in the quarter, and the 16-7 Seawolves' advantage held heading into the final period.

In it, the Keydets trimmed the lead by scoring less than a minute in, pulling to within 16-14.

Skiffington would give the Seawolves a little more breathing room with his record 12th field goal of the season, bypassing Bob Burden's 1986 record of 11. The kick put Stony Brook ahead, 19-14, with a little under 7 minutes to go, but VMI would not back down.

The Keydets bounced back with another touchdown, concluding an 8 play, 69 yard push that put the home team up 20-19. However, VMI's two point conversion attempt failed, and the Seawolves were

only down one with the ball and less than 3 minutes to go.

In crunch time, a series of Stony Brook players stepped up to assure that the team would make the long trip home with a win in its back pocket.

First, Brevi put the Seawolves within striking distance by returning the Keydets' kickoff for 31 yards, positioning the road team on the VMI 49 yard line.

Coulter then took over, completing three passes in a row to senior wide receiver Stephan Towns (San Diego, Calif.). Towns concluded the game with career highs in both catches and yards, with 11 and 112 respectively. His last reception drew the Seawolves within 13 yards from the end zone with 52 seconds to go. Then, Cuttino carried it in for the score, setting up the two point conversion from Coulter to junior wide receiver Donald Porter (Charles Town, WVA) that gave Stony Brook a 27-20 cushion.

The Keydets would have one more chance to score with time winding down, but Seawolves defensive back Chris Richards' (Quartz Hills, Calif.) interception eliminated all hopes of a VMI comeback victory.

The 27-20 score held as the final, and Stony Brook picked up the road win and momentum heading into Saturday's matchup against the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, which is to be televised on the Middle Atlantic Sports Network (MASN). Kickoff is slated for 3:30 in La-Valle Stadium.

## Women's Soccer Falls On Senior Day

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The women's soccer team's six-game unbeaten streak ended on Sunday with a shutout loss at the hands of the Albany Great Danes, 2-0.

The Seawolves hoped to extend the streak in what was not only their last home game of the season, but also their Senior Day. Honored with flowers during a rainy pre-game ceremony were the team's seniors: goalkeeper Marisa Viola (Cutchogue, NY), and backs Alexandra Teti (Dowington, PA), Kelly Grant (Fairfax, PA) and Michelle Strifsky (Lansdale, PA).

Viola, who is Stony Brook's career shutout leader, could not shut out Albany. She tallied only four saves while Albany's sophomore goalkeeper Cate Crenson had eight.

Stony Brook's backs were physical all game. Nevertheless, the team as a whole committed sixteen fouls and allowed Albany to capitalize on a free kick. Albany sophomore midfielder Chrissy Klepper scored the game-winning goal from fifteen yards out in the 25th minute, receiving a cross on the free kick from sophomore midfielder Rebecca Lee.

Despite the defensive effort, the Seawolves could not keep up with Albany's speed and versatility. In the 39th minute, the backs allowed Albany senior forward Ashley Tirabassi to dribble to the center of the box and shoot a goal into the lower right post.

The Seawolves took sixteen shots, eight of which were on goal, but failed to find the best way to score against a team who went toe to toe with them physically.

The loss is the first for the Seawolves in America East play this fall. They remain second in conference standings with Boston University in first and Binghamton in third. Both Stony Brook and Boston have one loss.

The Seawolves will play their final game of the season on Thursday when they visit the Maine Black Bears. Kickoff is at 3 p.m.