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CUOMO'S PROPOSED BUDGET CALLS FOR MORE CUTS TO SUNY

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Assistant Sports Editor

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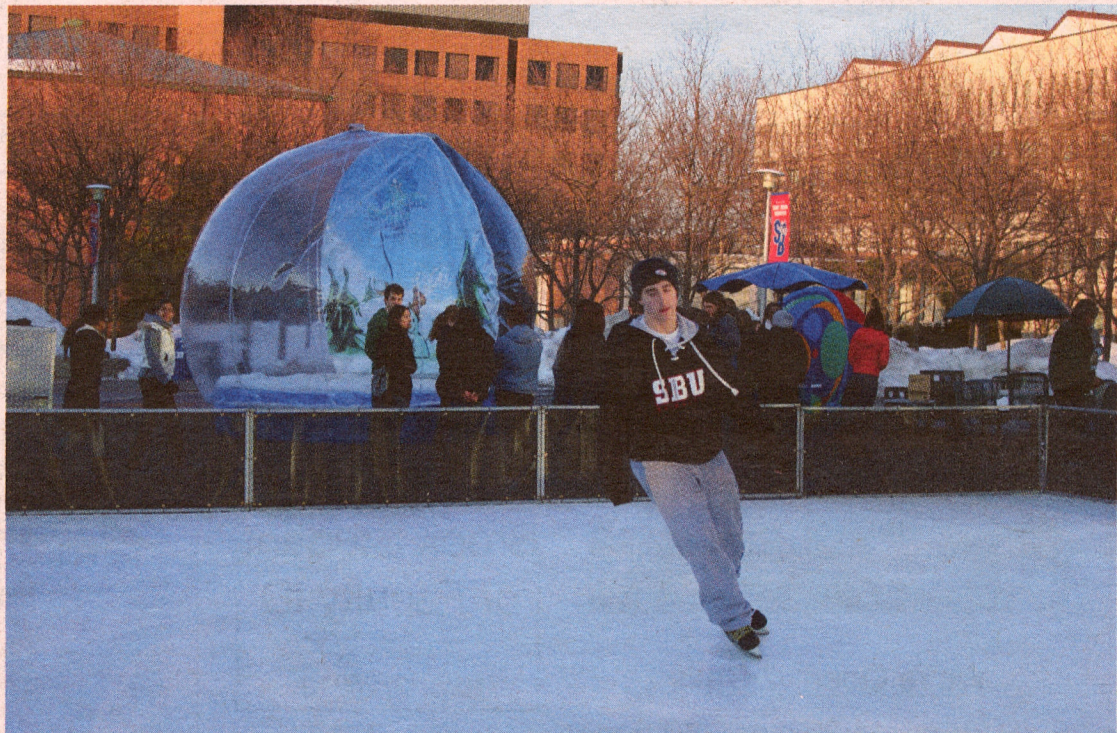
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The Student Activities Plaza was transformed into a Winter Wonderland on Sunday, Feb. 6 featuring a ice skating rink, snow globe and an arts and crafts station.

Black History Month "Growing up, not old"

By ALEXA GORMAN
Contributing Writer

Black History Month celebrations at Stony Brook University kicked off last week with guest speaker Marc Lamont Hill, Ph.D., associate professor of education at Teachers College and an affiliated faculty member at the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University addressing this "peculiar" period of history in which we live.

"We live in a nation that isn't just growing old, but it is also growing up," Hill said on Feb. 2. "We live in a moment of social

distress. But don't lose sight of the fact that we still have work to do."

About 100 students, staff and faculty members gathered in the Student Activities Center auditorium to celebrate the Black History Month Opening Ceremonies. The themes of this year are "Sankofa" and "Writing a New Chapter for the History Books."

Sankofa can be interpreted as, "Go back and take," or "It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten."

"Sankofa is always the main theme of Black History Month," said Cheryl Chambers, associate dean and co-chair of the Black

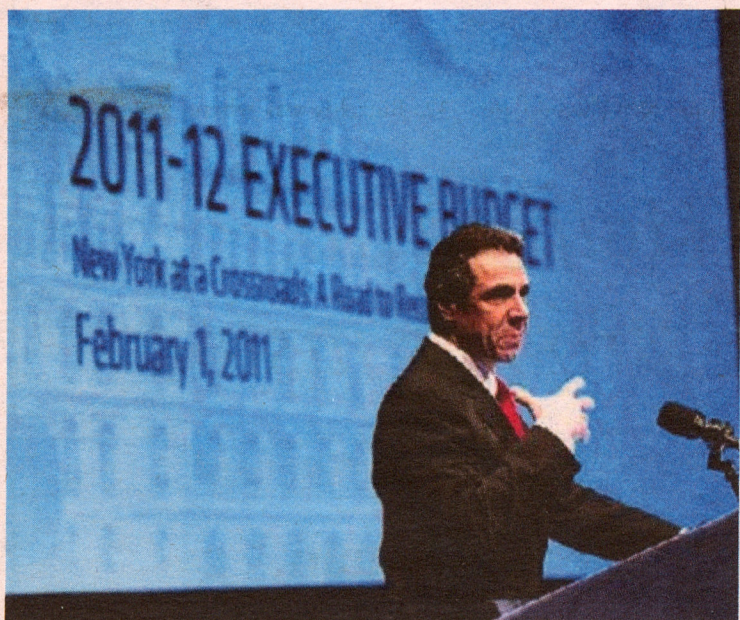
History Month Committee at the Office of Multicultural Affairs. She attributed the selection of "Writing a New Chapter for the History Books" to the students who serve on the committee.

Chambers thought Hill's presentation shed ample light on both points of this year's theme.

"He was able to really translate and extrapolate what that means not only for African-American students but for society in general," she said.

In order to tackle some of the challenges faced by the African-American people, Hill offered a

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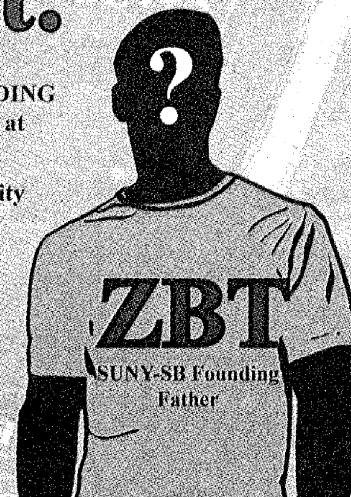
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Students staging a protest against SUNY budget cuts, Spring 2009 (Kenneth Ho / The Statesman)

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Stony Brook Community Reacts to Egyptian Conflict



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Anti-government protesters gather in Tahrir Square, Cairo, Egypt.

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Assistant Sports Editor

While Egypt may be more than 5,000 miles away, the events unfolding have not only transfixed the news airwaves, but also Stony Brook students, especially those with family and friends still living in the country.

"I'm barely sleeping because I'm constantly watching CNN," said Mohamed Sayed-Ahmed, a senior psychology major and political science minor. Some of Sayed-Ahmed's family members are witnessing the chaos in Egypt

for themselves, and the events have him worried here in the United States.

However, while the potential danger to his loved ones has him worried, Sayed-Ahmed is clear that he supports his people's cause against President Hosni Mubarak.

"I understand why it's happening," he said. "It's a good thing for our people. Mubarak's been in for 30 years; he's done nothing for the country."

"I was shocked," he said when asked about his initial reaction to the protests. "I just didn't know how to take that in. It was tough seeing my country go through that. Everything just happened so fast

after Tunisia."

The overall situation in the Middle East has inflamed greatly since one young Tunisian man set himself on fire when he couldn't get a license to sell fruit. The protests in Egypt, which began on Jan. 25, were said to have been inspired by the ousting of Tunisian former dictator Ben Ali.

Egypt, with a population of approximately 80 million, is the largest of the Arab countries. It is also one of the few nations in the Arab League, which has diplomatic relations with Israel, giving Egypt a crucial role in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. The Israeli government has

watched the developments in Egypt without offering much input.

Despite his relations with the United States, Israel and other nations, Mubarak has a dismal human rights record and high levels of unemployment leave millions of young Egyptian adults to scrape for a living or to flee to another country.

"I think that the regimes have stayed longer than they should," said Sr. Sanaa Nadim, Chaplin for the Islamic Society of North America at Stony Brook. "People are changing. The populations are young. They're more connected with the rest of the world. You have so many fantastic minds in the country who are ready."

The connection with the outside world has been a prominent theme of the scene in Egypt. The fact that the Egyptian government felt the need to shut down the Internet shows how technology can and is being used to get news out to the public. Many Egyptians have resorted to texting to communicate within and outside of the country.

Just because the Internet was shut down within Egypt doesn't mean that it hasn't been used to aid its people's cause. Many organizations have grown online, some of which promote marches in capitals around the world. Demonstrators in Washington, London, etc. have demanded that President Mubarak give in to the demands of his people and surrender power.

As for the ever-present Israeli issue, even though the government remains quiet, many Jews support

the Egyptian's cause.

"I think that the Israeli government should assure the Egyptian people that it supports their quest for a fair and democratic society and stands as a neighbor and ally ready to assist them in any way they can," said Rabbi Joseph Topeck, Chaplin for the Hillel foundation of Jewish Life at Stony Brook.

According to Sayed-Ahmed, the United States should have no fear that an Egypt not governed by Mubarak would attack Israel.

"If we were going to do that, we would've done it a long time ago," he claimed.

The Egyptian cause has captured the hearts of many people around the world. For the first time since 1989 when Eastern Europe rose up against Soviet power, a great number of people are simultaneously banging on the door that leads into a free society.

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Senior, psychology major

state," Nadim said on the future in Egypt. "They are amazing people. They are good-hearted. They have an amazing history. There is so much for Egypt to offer."

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President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. made a big point of developing the Stony Brook's research sector in his inaugural address last year, most notably concerning the hospital

"So, at this point we cannot simply cut our budget and maintain

excellence," Stanley said in a statement.

However, nothing is final yet; this massive cut is still in its proposal stage, and the group of state senators referred to as the "Long Island Nine" says that they will block it from being put into effect. The Long Island Nine is a group of nine Republican state senators from Long Island, including Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, who the Stony Brook stadium is named after.

LaValle spoke with *The Statesman* on Friday, saying that Cuomo's proposed cut in state aid takes too much away from SUNY as compared to CUNY.

"I will be looking at and comparing the cuts to the city university to what the governor did

to the state university," LaValle said. "There has to be symmetry."

This line of thinking is shared by others in the Long Island Nine. Sen. John Flanagan, who represents the East Northport district, says that the cuts to Long Island schools are unreasonably greater than cuts for schools elsewhere.

"I look at that [percentage cuts in district] and I scratch my head and ask: Where is the fairness and equity?" Flanagan said in a recent *Newsday* article.

The Long Island Nine has firmly stated that they will not allow Cuomo's new proposal to pass and, as LaValle put it, "Make more bad news for [Stony Brook]" and the rest of the island's schools.

"SUNY has lacked a cheerleader, an advocate. That will be my role," LaValle said. "When we get through this legislative session, there will be greater hope, greater promise and hopefully tangibly something that will help Stony Brook fiscally."

In his interview, LaValle reached out to students, saying that he will fight for their education and future.

"At the end of the day, it's about students," he firmly stated. "If we didn't have students, we wouldn't have a higher education system. We want to make sure that all of the students have access to higher education, but if when they graduate there are no jobs, then we have failed as a government to complete the job."

Spring Semester Provost Lecture Series Kicks Off

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Assistant Sports Editor

The United States has the wrong focus on how to improve education, according to John Ewing, who thinks good teaching is critical.

"For education, you need teachers," Ewing explained. "Teachers are the craftsmen of education."

Ewing, the president of Math for America, was the first speaker for the spring semester's Provost Lecture Series. He addressed a crowd of approximately 50 people, including President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., in the Simons Center auditorium on Tuesday afternoon.

After earning his PhD. in mathematics from Brown University, Ewing became the Executive Director of the American Mathematical Society and served in that position for 13 years. In 2009, he joined Math for America, a non-profit organization with the goal of

improving mathematics education in U.S. public secondary schools. Their strategy is to find, train and retain competent teachers in this field.

The themes of Ewing's lecture were the purpose of education and what is the best way to accomplish that purpose. Ewing said the answer for the second theme had been the same for the past 2,500 years: good teachers. He brought up some of the great scholars of western history from Plato to John Locke to John Dewey as evidence.

"History remembers the great teachers," Ewing firmly stated.

However, Ewing continued, the United States has gone in a different direction in evaluating education and the learning process in general: test scores. This is because, he said, the American culture generally has a short-term view on complex problems.

"If you're going to deal with teachers, you'd better have a long-term view," Ewing declared.

Instead, Ewing cryptically noted, the focus has been on immediate higher test scores

under the guise of student achievement. Former President George W. Bush's "No Child Left Behind" and President Barack Obama's "Race to the Top" echoed this.

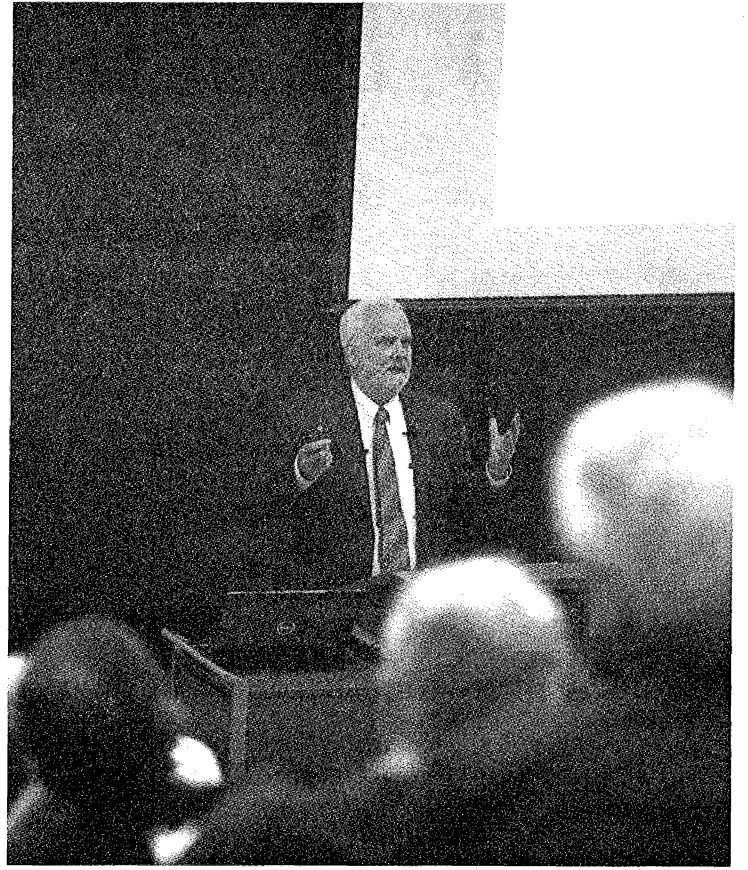
However, Obama concurs with some of Ewing's sentiments, saying that teaching is the best thing for any American who is unsure about what job to apply. This was one of the things that Obama stated was part of his plan to "win the future."

Closer to Stony Brook, Ewing and Math for America have been working in New York to seek out better teachers and better social conditions for them to teach. Instead of focusing on the bad teachers, Ewing states, the best teachers should be rewarded and used as examples for those just beneath them.

"It does work," Ewing said. "The good teachers do serve as models for the others."

Though the results in Ewing's plan won't be immediate, that should not be of concern.

"Real achievement is measured in lifetimes, not one test score."



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John Ewing, president of Math of America, speaks to a crowd at the Simons Center about Math education.

Voice of the Campus

Students' Feelings on Egypt



Suzanne Digioia
Sophomore

"My sister was going to school there and we also have a lot of Egyptian friends. We were Skyping with people who were literally in their houses with baseball bats - they say it's even worse than the news is saying now."



Hadia Benhalima
Sophomore

"We've been talking about it a lot in my family and we've actually been kind of waiting for something like this to happen. We're not happy with what's going on in the Arab world."



John Lee
Junior

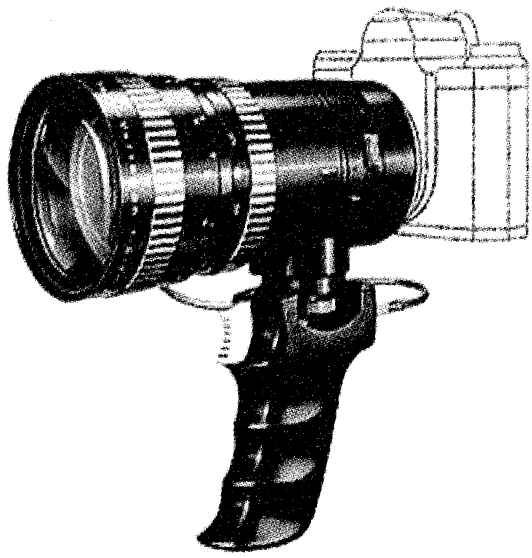
"Hopefully it will create a wave of opposition against corrupted governments. It will feed off a positive vibe in the Middle East."



Jerry Tirado
Non-Matriculated Student

"I kind of like what Obama is doing, because the US gets involved way too much in the world. He's basically doing nothing, which is great."

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Campus News Briefing

Undergraduate Student Government Update

There is an open senate seat since Sen. Mike Spinelli left at the end of last semester.

President Pro Tempore Kirin Mahmud has resigned because of personal reasons. An election was held at the meeting between Sen.'s Deborah Machalow, Thomas Kirnbauer and Allen Abraham. Machalow won the election, but did not have the constitutionally required majority vote of the filled seats of the Senate. The current membership of the Senate is 21, but Machalow only had 10 votes. There will be another election at the next meeting.

Budget hearings are mandatory this semester because of the ruling in *The Statesman's* court case last year. According to USG law, all clubs must have a budget hearing. Budget hearings will be held on March 5th and 6th.

The senate and other members of the executive council commended Vice President of Communications David Mazza for the job he did on advertising the Aziz Ansari show. Mazza, who failed to effectively advertise the USG elections last semester, was threatened with an impeachment,

Campus News

In an email to the campus community from Vice Provost Charles Robbins, a course retake policy is likely to be change beginning this fall as class space continues to become tight due to budget cuts.

Aziz Ansari's show has been rescheduled to this Wed. Feb 9 after his show was canceled last Tuesday because of the inclement weather.

The University Police Department is investigating a string of various fires in Stimson College. The department is investigating the incidents and is asking anyone who has information to contact Det. Peter Stumpf at (631) 632-9882.

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"We live in a world that is committed to remembering everything," he said. "Yet at the very same moment the West is also committed to remembering the most painful memories."

Hill referenced the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, noting that they were "only cosigned in ink; they were written in blood."

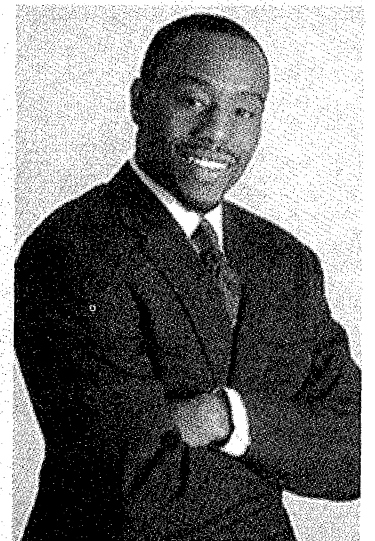
He continued to say that even today, injustices still occur. According to Hill, just because Barack Obama is president and Oprah Winfrey has her own television network does not mean our society is perfect. He pointed out the fact that when tragedy strikes, people are willing to run to the streets and protest, but protesting is not effective

enough on its own.

"The fundamental problem with the world is this: there are too many people that don't do anything," he said. "Everyone wants to leave [and protest], but nobody wants to do the work."

"To engage in activism is to be rendered marginal in your time," he said. The marginality of the present, however, plays into the infamy of a movement in the future. Hill argues that one must "challenge what counts as common sense."

Black History Month activities will continue through Feb. 24. One addition to this year's program is the Black History Month Unity Forum, which will be held as an open discussion on African issues and stereotypes both globally, and locally on Feb. 22.



Dr. Marc Lamont Hill spoke to Stony Brook students at a Black History Month Opening Ceremony.

LET'S TALK

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SEX...

on Feb. 14

ARTS & Entertainment

ROY LOTZ: One-Man Band Records "Playing With Myself"

BY MEGAN SPICER
Copy Chief

Artists must make sacrifices for their art.

For 19-year-old Roy Lotz, more than 60 hours and the comfort and warmth in his toes were lost after recording his album "Playing with Myself" in his unheated Westchester basement over winter break.

Though the 6'3" anthropology major lives in a musical household -- his father is a jazz bassist and stepmother a jazz critic -- he has only been playing guitar since 11th grade and singing since 12th grade. While working in Canada at his family's cabins for two weeks during the summer, Lotz turned to Jimi Hendrix to pass the time and from there developed a passion for music.

Lotz, who is a member of the Stony Brook High C's and has a strong resemblance to Wesley in "The Princess Bride," recorded the entire album himself and had to lay track over track in order to create the effect that he wanted. He plays guitar, bass, piano, drums, flute and the occasional harmonica for all of the tracks.

"The first step is determining what instrument would be best to record first," Lotz said. "This is usually the instrument that is present throughout the entirety of the song, like a bass or an acoustic guitar. Then I determine the appropriate tempo for the song."

Like many young artists who draw inspiration for their music from heart break and hormone-fueled emotions, Lotz doesn't.

"I'm so young and I feel like I haven't experienced anything," Lotz said, adding that he chooses not to write from his own experiences because he feels as

though he doesn't have enough.

This is not to say that songs about emotion are absent from the album.

"When I try to write more emotional songs, I approach it from a way that I try to think of hypothetical situations that I identify with but not necessarily have experience," Lotz said.

Lotz also looks to literary classics for inspiration. The fourth track on his album, "Locked Up," was written from the perspective of a character from an Ernest Hemingway short story.

Lotz is clever and quick-witted with his lyrical choices and has a problem with having too many words and not enough space to fit them all.

Music moves people in different ways. Lotz perceived music differently after he started to understand music in a different capacity.

"Initially, when I didn't know anything about music, it was this mysterious, good feeling that surges through you," Lotz said. "It's hard to describe. When I was listening to Jimi Hendrix it was just sort of a quasi religious experience and I've never really been religious so it's the closest I've ever gotten. It's just like this feeling of something so great beyond yourself some like high intellect and power and what they can do."

Then Lotz picked up the guitar and the music changed.

"And then I started to understand music," Lotz added. "And in a way it makes you enjoy music slightly less when you can dissect it from a functional perspective. Music is a way of communicating. It's an international language."

"Playing with Myself" is

not the first album that Lotz has recorded. In high school, he recorded an album called "Trying" and gave them as a gift to his teachers after he graduated. Then, at the end of last semester, Lotz recorded "Singing in the Shower" out of his dorm room.

After the semester was over, he moved into working on "Playing with Myself" over the summer.

The 19-track album was initially going to have 25 tracks on it, but Lotz decided that it would be too many.

All of the songs have individual sound bites that have been laid over each other to create the final product. The title track, "Playing with Myself," is comprised of 26 tracks that all work together to create the song.

When an artist allows for their work to be heard or seen in the open world, there will always be the moments that stand out above others. For Lotz, that moment was when he walked into a friend's suite and recognized his music playing through the speakers.

What to Get Your Sweetheart for Vday

BY ALCIA TERRY
Staff Writer

With Valentine's Day in the imminent future, "What do I get?" is a question likely to have you pulling your hair out. It may be a relief for guys to know there are options out there that are creative, thoughtful and romantic that don't have to be worth a whole semester's tuition. For example, amazon.com sells stacks of what you think of as "chick flicks," and your girl thinks of as "greatest movies of all time." Some come in romantic comedy packs of four and start at \$12.49.

Sweets are a bit cliché, but if you ask most women, chocolates are always a sweet gesture! There's a Godiva at the Smith Haven Mall or you can order online at godiva.com. There's a great assortment of special Valentine's Day chocolate starting around \$10.00. If you want to be a little more original, Crumbs Bake Shop makes specialized cupcakes for every occasion ranging from \$20.00 to 30.00 and can be ordered for delivery on crumbs.com.

If you're looking for something inventive, there are a lot of creative romantic gifts online. Boldloft.com sells illustrated pillowcases depicting love cartoons and other ideas that will have her squealing, "How cute!" and have you sighing in relief. Prices range from about \$25.00 to 40.00.

If you want to take good care of your girlfriend this year, the massaging bed rest sit up pillow from Brookstone comes with armrests, a built-in massager and reading lamp. It is perfect for when you're not

there to hold her; priced at \$99.95.

Now, I don't know who is harder to shop for generally, but on Valentine's Days, I feel it's definitely men. Regardless, if you get imaginative, there are some things out there this year for you that make gifting your guy a whole lot easier like New York Jets M&Ms, NFL My Team M&Ms start at \$10.99, come in every team and are available at mymms.com.

For your movie buff sweetheart you could pick up "Inception," the "Die Hard" Collection or the "Social Network," which are all available at FYE at Smith Haven Mall. Hint: for a good deal try amazon.com. For the guys who love their games, Black Ops received a 9.0 rating on gamespot.com, as did FIFA Soccer 11, Need for Speed Hot Pursuit. These games are all available for Xbox 360, Playstation 3 and Nintendo Wii and range from \$49.99 to \$59.95.

If your guy has the iPhone, Urban Outfitters and uncommongoods.com have an iPhone case that doubles as a bottle opener, priced as low as \$14.99, or you can create your own GelaSkin-removable art prints, of pictures of you or anything for \$14.95. They also offer GelaSkins for the Blackberry Curve, iPods and pretty much any other technology your man has.

So, go get creative, and don't forget to have fun. Valentine's Day is all about love. If you don't have a valentine, there's no reason you can't buy any of these great items for yourself!

Arts at the Brook

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2 p.m.-University Café: Rod MacDonald

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Arts at the Brook

Harry Potter Mania

“QUIDDITCH IS OUR DRUG”

BY MEGAN SPICER
Copy Chief

Their eyes lock on the opposing players on the other side of the pitch. Their muscles tighten with anticipation. This is the moment they have been training for over the past month. This is what the hour-plus practices each Wednesday on the Physics lawn were all about.

The time is now.

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This is quidditch, and these are the Stony Brook Bolts.

Harry Potter’s magical game of broomsticks, bludgers, quaffles and the golden snitch has come to life this semester at Stony Brook University. The rest of the nation – and the world – seems to be under the same spell.

“If you don’t understand it, you can’t accept it,” said Daniel Ahmadizadeh, the freshman biology major who got the quidditch club off the ground this semester.

Ground quidditch is described by some as a combination of many different sports, including dodgeball, volleyball and rugby.

After participating with his varsity basketball and other sports teams in a quidditch game while he was going to the Bronx High School of Science, Ahmadizadeh was hooked. Through a driving motivation to stay active on campus and because of his skill in creating Facebook groups, Ahmadizadeh was able to garner enough interest from the student body to make the quidditch team a reality.

“I was the president of my class in high school, and I did a lot of stuff by creating Facebook groups,” said Ahmadizadeh. “I started the Stony Brook Quidditch team to see if there was any interest, and it turned out that there was so I said ‘Let’s make this Facebook page an actual group.’”

Then Ahmadizadeh met Kevin Nee, a freshman computer science major from West Babylon, on a train ride over the summer, and they started talking about quidditch. Pretty soon Nee, who is one of the largest players on the team next to Ahmadizadeh, was almost as heavily involved in the creation of the club quidditch team on campus as Ahmadizadeh was. There are a variety of names for the game of quidditch, the most common of which being “muggle quidditch” or “ground quidditch.” According to the International Quidditch Association’s (IQA) website, the sport was started by Xander

Manshel in 2005 at Middlebury College in Vermont. The first game was between Middlebury and Vassar College on Nov. 11, 2005, after which the IQA was created.

Since then, muggle quidditch has become a national sensation with more than a thousand teams from 13 countries. In just the Northeast, there are 29 official teams – not including the 34 other teams that are in the process of becoming an official team.

And that’s just in the United States.

There are quidditch teams spanning the globe from high schools and colleges in Australia and New Zealand to community leagues in Europe and Asia.

The sport is taking over the world.

“The bottom line is: you have to give it a shot,” said Ahmadizadeh, the 19-year-old redhead.

Quidditch play goes as such:

The game is played on an oval playing field called the pitch. Each team has seven players on the field – two of whom must be of a different gender than the other players. They play while running around on official quidditch broomsticks. One hand must remain on the broomstick at all times.

Each team has two beaters who are the defensive players and three Chasers who are on the offensive. There is one keeper and one seeker – Harry Potter’s position – who catches the snitch to end the game.

The chasers wear white headbands and score points by getting the quaffle – a volleyball – by kicking or throwing it through one of the three hoops at the end of the pitch. Every time the chaser gets the quaffle through the hoop, 10 points are awarded to his or her team.

The beaters wear black headbands and are out to get the other team’s chasers. They throw one of the three bludgers – a dodge ball – at the other team. If hit, they are temporarily knocked out of play and must drop the quaffle and retreat back to their own hoops before coming back into the game.

The keeper, designated by a green headband, is the goaltender.

But the focus of the game is on the yellow-headband wearing seeker and the snitch runner. The seeker must chase after the snitch runner, dressed in all yellow, who runs in and outside the pitch. The snitch runner is a neutral player chosen by the host school and is usually a cross-country runner. The snitch can either be a towel or a tennis ball in a sock that hangs out the snitch runner’s back pocket. Once the snitch has been stolen from the snitch runner by the seeker, that team is awarded 30 points and the game is officially over.

The IQA, according to the official quidditch rule book, describes itself as “an academic- and physical health-oriented nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and governing a real-life version of the sport of Quidditch from J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter novels, and utilizing the game to inspire youth to lead more physically active and socially engaged lives.”

The game certainly lends itself to being physical. The team of roughly 30 members meets on the lawn outside the Physics building during Campus Lifetime for an intense practice.

Ahmadizadeh says that workouts combine rugby and basketball drills.

“It is literally the thing I look forward to most during the week, even though Dan makes us run for like five minutes at the beginning,” Abigail McTeirnan, a freshman, said about the once a week practices.

The team learned the basics of the game the first time they got together. They worked on catching and quickly releasing



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Intensity builds during a Stony Brook vs. Charleston quidditch match at DeWitt Clinton Park in New York City.



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Stony Brook's quidditch team poses for a photo at the New York City competition.

the ball with only one hand. It was shaky at first - players dropped the balls almost every other time.

"How do you catch with only one hand?" junior Jon Millard, a tall, thin, President Obama look-a-like, asked himself while sitting off to the side. "Well, I guess if you bring the ball in close to your chest..." His voice trailed off as he imitated the whole process to himself.

Then they started to play "steal the quaffle," a game very similar to "steal the bacon," but with much more intensity. As numbers were called out and people charged to the center of the pitch, they met their opponents head-on. Some members collided into each other and rammed knees and feet.

But by the end of practice, the team was getting the hang of things and was quickly throwing the balls soon after they caught them with only one hand.

The team participated in its first tournament, just three weeks after their first meeting on Sept. 22, in mid-October at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. The event was called the Brotherly Love Tournament. The Bolts came in seventh place out of twelve teams.

That was the weekend that changed everything for the team.

It all started with the 6:30 p.m. train ride from Stony Brook to New York City. They had about an hour between their arrival to Penn Station and their bus departure to Pennsylvania. With the extra time they had, the team explored the city.

For some, it was their first time in the city and seeing attractions like Times Square.

The excitement was built as the Stony Brook Bolts took a Bolt bus into Philadelphia.

The excitement got to be too much for some as game day approached quickly.

"We all cuddled up together," Nee said. "None of us could sleep. We were so excited and it was like natural caffeine."

Some of the members of the team woke up at the crack of dawn to help set up for the day's events and above all else, to learn more about the sport. When the rest of the team woke up, they all worked out for the two hours prior to the start of their game.

At game time, the Bolts were warmed up and ready to go. Anthony Zutter led the procession of the team down a hill



to the pitch and did laps while leading the teams in cheers. Blue-eyed and strong-jawed Zutter was no stranger to the game of quidditch. When he is not playing for the Bolts, he competes with another community team

The team was pumped, even more pumped when Ahmadizadeh scored the first goal of the game.

The intensity was reciprocated by the other teams.

"We did not expect that kind of intensity from the other team," said Nee. "We didn't expect them to basically throw us on the ground and kick us around."

Nothing could compare, however, to when the Stony Brook team beat Chestnut Hill with a score of 110-10.

"At the end of the day, we didn't just pack our bags and leave," said Ahmadizadeh. "We integrated with all of the other teams. We took pictures. Met other teams. It was the Brotherly Love Tournament."

All of the tournaments that are held in the fall are in preparation for the big tournament: the World Cup.

This year, the World Cup will be held in New York City on Nov. 13 and 14. Teams from all over the nation and Canada will be competing for the title of the best quidditch team in the land.

The team had to come home to Stony Brook and reality at the end of the weekend, though.

Presently, the club is not funded by the Undergraduate Student Government. USG rule says that any new club wishing to be recognized by USG must wait a full semester before it can receive funding for equipment and other expenses such as transportation and registration fees. Being recognized by USG also means that the team would have access to space in the Student Activities Center and have time on a recreation field.

"The Staller Steps are serving as our office for the time

being," said Ahmadizadeh with a chuckle when he told the team where they would be meeting for practices.

As a result, the Bolts have been doing everything they can to raise money for the time being; their most profitable income being t-shirt sales.

The scarlet shirts can be seen everywhere. They're emblazoned with the Flash Gordon sign and read "Stony Brook Quidditch."

The t-shirts aren't only on the backs of the Stony Brook players. Members of the campus community not involved in the club have bought shirts as well. And the team is on a mission to get high-ranking members of the community and the t-shirts together in as many pictures as possible. After, the author of the freshman seminar book, Junot Diaz, spoke at Commons Day. Members of the team approached him and asked if he would take a picture holding a shirt - he did. They are looking to add Wolfie and members of the sports teams to that list.

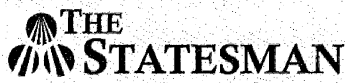
The team has done much more for the players than just providing them with something to do every Wednesday for an hour or so.

"Everyone is there to have a good time and to go hardcore at something they love," McTeirnan, who is a biomedical engineering major, said. "It's such a funny concept that you can't be in a bad mood while you're playing."

The team is about family and coming together for one common purpose.

"Quidditch is our drug," said Ahmadizadeh. "We're a team sport where everyone helps each other out at the end of the day. It detoxes you from the daily college work and stress. You have this to retreat to."

"This is the start of history in the making," Ahmadizadeh said beaming.



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OPINION

Questionable Pricing At Campus Dining

By **BRYAN CARROLL**
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On my first stroll through the Student Activity Center-I noticed a phenomenon of higher than normal prices. For example, Oreo double stuff cookies were \$8.27 on campus yet \$2.50 at Target. Another example could be a half-gallon of milk, \$3.37 on campus and \$2.19 at Target and \$1.99 at Stop and Shop.

Two products that I hold dear would be Gatorade G2 and Naked Juices. These items were \$2.16 and \$4.38 at SAC and \$1.00 and \$2.99 at Target, respectfully.

I continued this research

even further and surveyed 26 items found in the Student Activity Center and published on the price and portion guide found on Campus Dining website. It was surprising to find out the average price premium was 42 percent higher than three local stores.

The demand for profits margins might just be the reason for the premium. From an economic standpoint, it is easy to increase prices if the demand is so high. At Stony Brook University, though, the Meal Plans Resolution Committee approves the prices for items carried during a formal bid process and only change with cost of living adjustments done every year. The Cost of Living

Index includes home prices, doctor visits, hair cuts, movies, energy, blue jeans, bowling and apartment rent, but not food. This list continues at Bankrate.com. A more applicable index for the barometer of consumer prices would be the consumer price index. The Bureau of Labor

Statistics comments that the CPI is 1.5 percent. Thus far 2011 prices are just 1.5% higher than 2010. In a single year, this index gets 'inflated or deflated' monthly, but an average can be generated from historical perspectives.

According to SUNY Procurement Guidelines, the campus must be able to justify and document the selection of

the vendor and establish the reasonableness of the price. From a legal argument, one might call this situation price gouging.

According to New York Law, (NY GBS Law §396 NY Code- Section 396-R) "the amount of the excess in price is unconscionably extreme; or that there was an exercise of unfair leverage or unconscionable mean the amount charged grossly exceeded the price at which the same or similar goods or services were readily obtainable by other consumers in the trade-area."

Perhaps this might give you a new perspective next time you visit the SAC to buy food.

Do Athletes Earn Their Paychecks?

By **ELIZABETH BRENNER**
Contributing Writer

When someone says pro-athletes, what's the first thing that comes to mind? A paycheck with a jersey on who doesn't care about other people? If so, you may be one of the millions who see them as overpaid, self-obsessed people. But do they all deserve that label?

All we ever seem to hear about is when this player got arrested for driving under the influence, another for sexual assault, and we all remember that time when a certain NFL player got arrested for accidentally shooting himself in the thigh.

Do you remember the good old days when you never really heard about players getting arrested? You only heard about the great things they did not only on, but off the court as well. That's why this topic struck my interest -because we never hear about professional athletes doing charity work or good deeds. Many don't believe they deserve the big paycheck without the charity work. But, just because we don't hear about it doesn't mean it doesn't happen.

Think about it this way -we don't always hear about a cop who saved a store owner while being shot at by a robber, we don't hear about a firefighter

who rescued someone from a burning house or even an emergency medical technician working tirelessly to keep someone from going into cardiac arrest.

Does that mean it doesn't happen? No, all it means is that it's not news that editors want to run; face it, infamy sells-that's why we hear more about arrests than any thing else.

So, is it really our place to judge them and gauge their paycheck by the work they do outside their job? No. As long as they show up for practices, games, required meetings, do a good job and follow both the league and the team's rules, then there's no reason they shouldn't get paid.

How would you like it if someone came to your work place and said that you don't deserve your paycheck because you didn't do enough outside of work. It is true that some companies do require volunteer work, but it's a minimal amount.

Chasing a ball or a puck around a field or court may seem pretty easy to us -but then again your livelihood doesn't depend on the three-pointer.

I've never played pro-anything, but I can guarantee you there is a lot more stress on those players, as they're trying to not get tackled before their team can get a first down, than

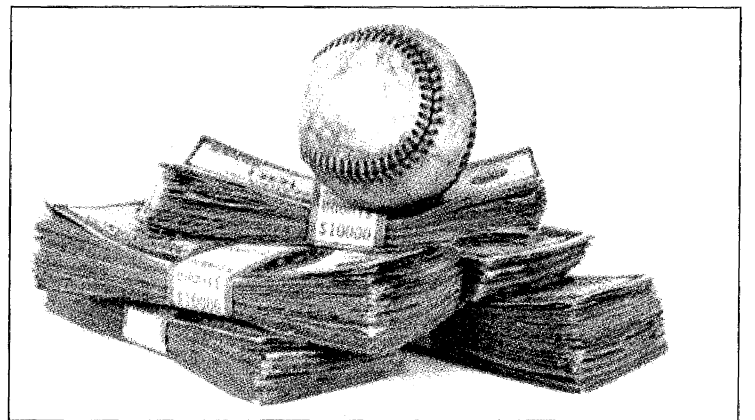


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you ever had trying to win back the 20 bucks that you bet on your pick-up game.

Nothing is as easy as it seems-and that's what some people have to understand. Most working people have 9 to 5 jobs, Monday through Friday. Athletes aren't as lucky. Take the New York Jets for example. They work six days a week, with only Tuesday off. They split their time at work, between practicing, watching videos and lifting weights so they're physically fit. As Marty Lyons, former New York Jet, puts it, "it's a full time job."

So, maybe with all the practicing and traveling they have to do, not all athletes have time. Think of your busy schedule: work, school, home and even kids to take care of. Maybe you go to the salon once a week. Do you have time to do volunteer work? Many of

these athletes have families just like everyone else. Just because they play sports for a living and have a locker instead of a desk doesn't mean that they work any less hard than you.

Secondly, athletes don't have the chance to memorize a pitch to a client. They do practice all week, but no one knows for sure what the other team is going to do.

They don't know if someone is going to tackle their quarterback before they can run a play. Anyone who's ever played competitively can tell you that many things on the field are unpredictable.

Thirdly, athletes, in general, have to constantly be on their toes and in top physical shape to try and avoid an injury that could cost them their career.

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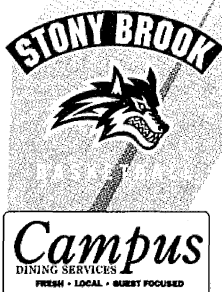


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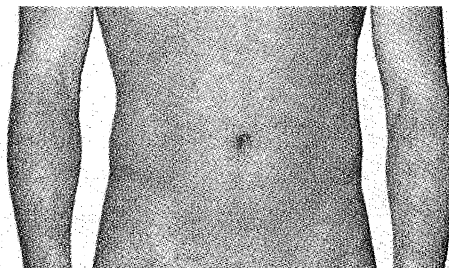
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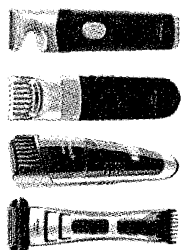
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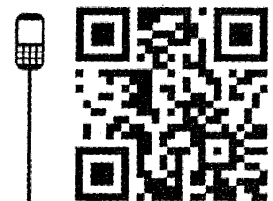


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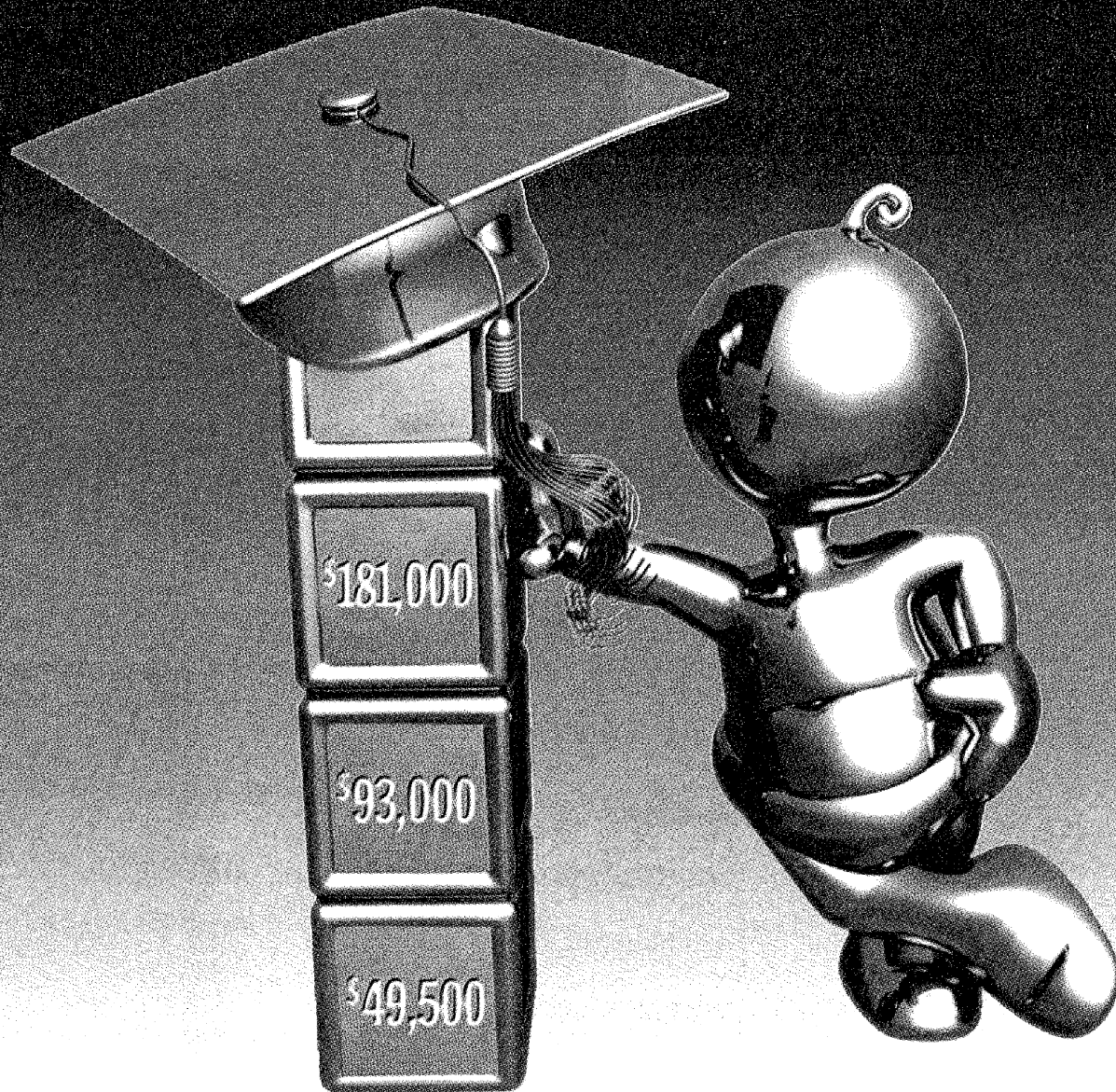
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Do Athletes Earn Their Paychecks?

From **ATHLETE** on 10

Let's face it, unless they're a professional dart player, all they need is one good smack to the shoulder or knee or one good fall and their career could be over.

Before you say "boo-hoo poor them, so they won't make 5 million dollars," step back for a second and think that for some of these athletes, the only talent they have is sports. Not all pro-athletes actually have contracts with their team for consecutive years. Some such as figure skaters, don't even have a team paycheck to fall back on. The pathetic aspect is that many -at least that's what it seems like- spend their money getting into trouble with the law. It's obviously illegal to break the law, and if that's what they want to do, it's their prerogative.

But, there are athletes who do good deeds as well. Take

Marty Lyons a former Jets player for example. He started a foundation, the Marty Lyons's foundation, in 1982. The foundation now spans over 11 states and helps hundreds of children and teens with terminal illnesses get a wish.

But he's retired, what about current athletes? Well, I wasn't going to let the fact that I couldn't initially find anything on Google stop me. After all, just because it's not readily accessible online doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

But, there has got to be something on the Internet, especially on the NFL. It's the height of the season, you'd think it'd be easy to find; and I did find something, after hours and hours of digging. The story was about New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez, and an 11-year-old cancer patient named Aiden. It showed that Sanchez truly earns the millions that he's making.

So, what did he do that was so spectacular? He was a hero to that little boy.

On Dec. 15th, 2010, Aiden Binkley went to the Jets training facility in New Jersey. According to various reports, Sanchez and Binkley exchanged cell phone numbers, and, to Binkley's surprise, the two routinely texted and spoke on the phone.

According to ESPN, Sanchez even showed up at Binkley's house one day and sat by the boy's feet, waiting for him to wake up. In numerous articles Aiden's family mentioned how happy Aiden was just talking to Sanchez in his last few weeks. Unfortunately, the boy passed away on Dec. 30th. *The Daily News* reported that Sanchez had offered to pay for the boy's funeral. Even though all of this occurred within a few weeks of December, Aiden's story wasn't released until after the boy's funeral was held.

You could argue that he did

this one act because he wanted the good press, but according to his representative and brother Nick Sanchez, that was the last thing on his mind. Nick stated that Mark likes to stay away from interviews pertaining to charities because, "he doesn't want to give the impression that he's trying to capitalize on good press by supporting these groups." In truth, he volunteers and mentors with numerous organizations, many involving youths.

I bet nobody saw that one coming. A celebrity not wanting to capitalize on doing good deeds. So maybe that's the true reason we don't hear about pro-athletes helping others. They don't want us to know. Think about that for a moment. Do you expect a citation for volunteering in a hospital or for donating your time if you read for the blind or elderly?

So, yes, some athletes may need lessons in money

management, and perhaps a visit from the common sense fairy. But, to say that they deserve their pay check to be docked because we think that they don't do anything that justifies calling them a hero is wrong.

If you are truly helping others for the sake of helping others, then you don't expect to get rewarded with a news article or a citation from the mayor. The reward is a smile or a laugh. If you don't expect a reward for every little good thing you do, then why should a pro-athlete get a reward? They shouldn't and they know that.

So the next time you say an athlete isn't worth their paycheck for not doing good, you should do two things:

1) Dig a little deeper than a simple Google search. Not all pro-athletes are self centered you might be surprised.

2) Ask your yourself if YOU volunteer -those is glass houses should not throw hockey pucks.

Seawolves Hockey Clinches Division

From **HOCKEY** on 16

A few minutes later, Phil Borner blasted a slapshot past Birmingham from the point on the power play at the 16:23 mark to give Stony Brook the lead.

Stony Brook rode the momentum from the second period throughout the third, holding off Drexel to seal the win.

The Dragons controlled the play in the Seawolves' end with less than a minute left, but Seawolves goaltender Chris Hausel (Kirkwood, Mo.) and the defense managed to hold off the

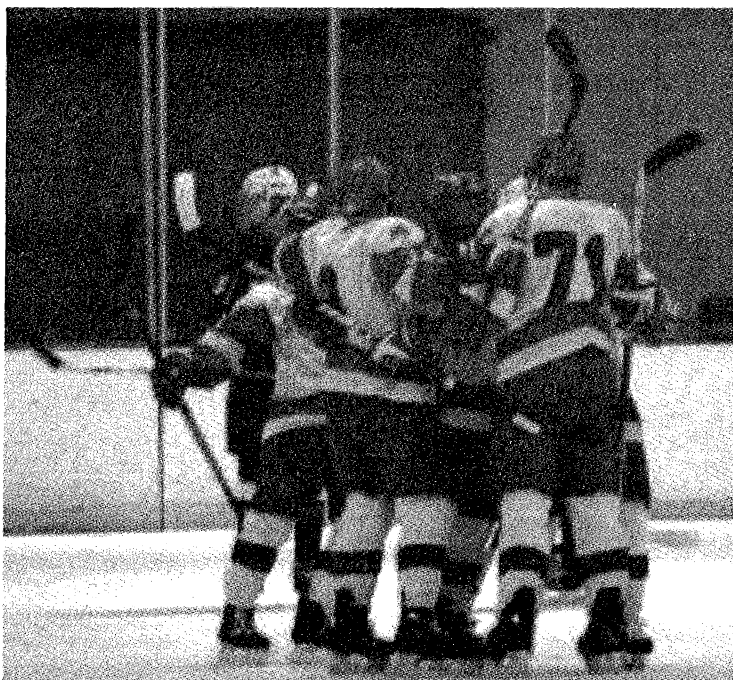


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attack.

Before the game, the team honored Anthony Fronzoni, a former player who died in a car accident in 2006.

The team also honored their three seniors, Bryan Elfant (Belle Harbor, N.Y.), Peter Zarella

(Staten Island, N.Y.) and Ryan.

"Everyone's been great," said Ryan, reflecting on his career at Stony Brook.

"Chris is very confiden," said Garafalo. "He's a winner. He wants to be on the ice. I don't think we can replace him."



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The Ghosts of Seawolves Future

A look at the new faces of Seawolves football for next year...

Dante Allen • DE • 6-5 • 240 • Huntington Station, N.Y. • Huntington H.S.

Bryce Brantley • DE • 6-4 • 255 • Huntington Beach, Calif./Edison/Orange Coast College

Naim Cheeseboro • DB • 6-1 • 190 • King of Prussia, Pa. • Upper Merion H.S.

Joe Danaker • OL • 6-2 • 295 • Germantown, Md./Northwest/Lackawanna College

Craig Geoghan • DB • 6-1 • 195 • Ronkonkoma, N.Y./Sachem North/Nassau CC

Jerry Hubshman • OL • 6-4 • 265 • Dunmore, Pa. • Dunmore H.S.

Masengo Kabongo • DE • 6-2 • 285 • Stratford, Conn. • Fairfield Prep/Maryland

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Louis Murray • DB • 6-0 • 175 • Inglewood, Calif. • Junipero Serra H.S.

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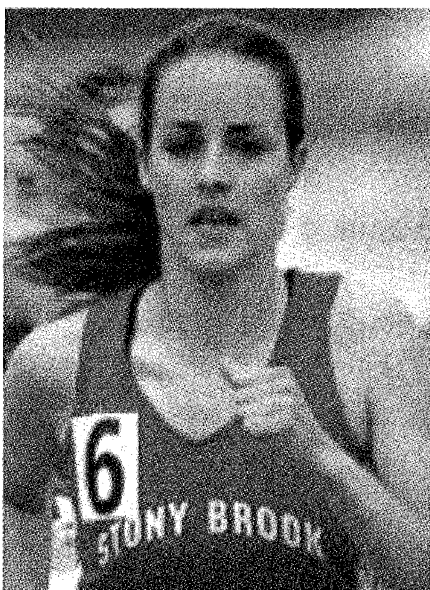
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Track Runs in Circles

Running for a day at the ivy leagues

By CATIE CURATOLO
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The Stony Brook University indoor track and field teams competed in the Giegengack Invitational at Yale University this past weekend.



Freshman Olivia Burne (Palmerston North, New Zealand) and junior Page Price (Tampa, Fla.) placed second in their races, automatically qualifying them for ECACs.

Burne ran the mile in 4:56.93, just 61 hundredths of a second behind first place. Price missed first by two tenths of a second, finishing

the 1000 in 2:53.73.

The women's distance medley team finished fifth, qualifying them for the ECACs with a time of 12:03.77.

The team consists of senior Carolina Cortes (Woodmere, N.Y.), junior Justine Noel (Brooklyn, N.Y.), junior Kristal Conklin (Middletown, N.Y.) and senior Laura Huet (Carrickmines, Ireland).

For the women's field team, junior Christina Johnson (Elmont, N.Y.) finished the 60m hurdles in 9.54 seconds.

For the men's field team, junior Matt Carnes (Hillsborough, N.J.) had a weight throw of 14.60m.

Junior Gerard Harley (Setauket, N.Y.) was the lone placer for the men's team, finishing the 3000 in 8:37.67 and winning third.

Track and field races again next weekend at Boston University's Valentine Invitational.

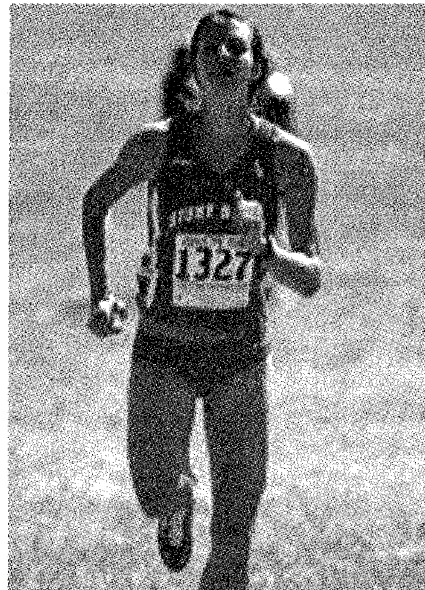


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Men's hoops falls to Boston University, 62-49

By JOHN TOCABENS
Staff Writer

For Stony Brook, it was the tale of two halves.

The first half of play seemed to be alluding to a very competitive second half finish. But it was not to be, with the Boston Terriers pulling away from the Seawolves in the second half, ultimately winning 62-49.

With his first 3-pointer of the night, junior guard Bryan Dougher (Scotch Plains, N.J.) became Stony Brook's all-time leader in career three-pointers. "I'm happy for Bryan," Seawolves head coach Steve Pikiell said. "He's earned everything he's got." Dougher finished with 17 points.

In terms of points, the two teams had nearly identical first halves. Both teams hit 10 shots and went 2 for 8 in three-pointers. The only difference was that Boston's John Holland made his two free throws whereas Stony Brook's Dallis Joyner missed his two attempts.

On the team's missed free throws-Stony Brook went 6 for 13-Coach Pikiell said, "I'd have shot them for them if I could."

That two-point difference is what gave Boston a 24-22 lead going into the half. And they wouldn't lose control of that lead for the rest of the night.

Marcus Rouse tried to set the

tone for Stony Brook on their first possession of the second half, sinking a three-pointer right off the bat. But then the fouls and turnovers began.

Holland got fouled and hit his free throws, which Stony Brook responded by turning the ball over and then fouling him again.

Dougher, perhaps trying to change the momentum of the game, drove through the paint and attempted a lay-up, which Boston's Patrick Hazel ferociously batted down.

On if he was disappointed about Dougher, who was nursing a thumb injury, only attempting 11 shots, Coach Pikiell said, "(Bryan) never gets great looks. 11 is a good number with the amount of looks that he got. They've seen the tape, he never gets great looks. Other guys have to step up."

At 12:43 in the second half, with Stony Brook down 42-29, Rouse got his first of two steals of the night. The crowd erupted, and it looked as though that play could lift the Seawolves up a bit, but Rouse missed on the ensuing lay-up attempt.

Hazel missed Stony Brook's missed opportunity with a vicious dunk, which silenced the Stony Brook crowd. "Those guys were monsters," said Coach Pikiell.

Bryan Dougher hit a couple of threes and two free throws and Dave Coley hit a jumper to

cut Boston's lead to 50-45. The Seawolves had an opportunity to steal this game. They had yet to take the lead away from Boston at all in the second half up to that point, but all they needed to do was take it from them once.

But instead the Seawolves spent the remaining 5:30 minutes of the game committing two turnovers, four fouls and scoring only four points. Patrick Hazel had another power dunk with just over a minute left that just about sealed the game.

At that point, there was nothing left to do but for one nearly nude Stony Brook fan to try to distract the Boston players while they took their free throws.

"This was a man's game. You need to go to war with other men," Pikiell said.

Stony Brook now stands at 9-13 overall (4-6 America East). They'll spend this week getting ready for 18-5 Vermont, who is coming off a 61-47 home win against Hartford.

While Stony Brook is the underdog going into this game, Pikiell said he is looking for a victory. "We've got to find a way to go up to Vermont and steal a win," he said.

The Seawolves will play the Catamounts on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Vermont.

Injury Note: Anthony Jackson wore a protective face mask during the game to protect his broken nose.

Stony Brook extends football coach Chuck Priore's contract

By SAM KILB
Sports Editor

On the heels of a second-straight shared Big South Conference football championship, Stony Brook University has extended head coach Chuck Priore's contract through 2016, the athletics department announced today.

"I appreciate the trust and confidence that President Stanley and Jim Fiore have shown in me as the leader of the program," Priore said in the press release. "I am excited about the future of our program and humbled by the opportunity to lead such a special group of coaches and student-athletes at one of the premier academic institutions in the country."

Priore just completed his fifth season with the Seawolves.

He has a 28-27 overall record with Stony Brook. Under Priore, the Seawolves have gone 18-6 at home.

Athletic director Jim Fiore tweeted a link to the release accompanied by the comment: "Well earned and much deserved. We are thrilled to have him @ SBU!"

Over the past two seasons, the Seawolves have gone 10-2 and shared two championships.

Stony Brook faced its first Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent in South Florida last season, and will travel to face University of Texas at El Paso and Buffalo in 2011.

Future schedules include Army, Boston College and Cincinnati.

Stony Brook to play Manhattan in ESPN BracketBusters game

By SAM KILB
Sports Editor

The Stony Brook men's basketball team will host the Manhattan Jaspers in an ESPN BracketBusters game on Feb. 19, but the game will not appear on the ESPN family of networks, according to the schedule released by ESPNU on Monday.

The BracketBusters event is a flex game that is scheduled to match up possible NCAA tournament contenders. The Seawolves, far off

the pace at 4-5 in conference play including a 69-59 win over the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on Monday night, did not make the top 11 matchups that will be on television.

Vermont, in second place in the America East with an 8-2 record, will play the College of Charleston on ESPNU.

Manhattan (3-18, 1-9 in MAAC play) is in last place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. It will be the first meeting between the two schools.

Men's basketball completes season sweep of UMBC

By ADAM MERKLE
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Three Seawolves starters scored in double figures as the Stony Brook men's basketball team defeated the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Retrievers, 69-59, on Monday at Pritchard Gymnasium.

Bryan Dougher, Eric McAlister and Marcus Rouse lead the team in points. Rouse (Upper Marlboro, Md.) had a strong night, finishing with 12 points along with five rebounds and two blocked shots.

The Seawolves came out firing to start the game with an early 8-0 run. Freshman McAlister (Hightstown, N.J.) played strong in the first with a steal, a block and two uncontested dunks. He finished the game with a career-high 12 points.

Despite Stony Brook's strong start and a 10-point halftime lead, 12 turnovers allowed UMBC to hang around before the Seawolves eventually pulled away in the second half.

Both teams relied heavily on their deep shooting, with a combined 49 shots taken from behind the arc. Dougher (Scotch Plains, N.J.) led all scorers with 19 points, including five three-pointers. His three with 2:11 left in the second half gave Stony Brook a five-point lead.

UMBC started out flat and tried to play catch-up the entire game. Shooting only 30 percent from the floor, the Retrievers were led by guard Chris de La Rosa, who finished with 12 points on 3-14 shooting, and Chase Plummer, who had 13 points on 5-12 shooting.

With this win, Stony Brook moves to 4-5 in the America East, tying with Albany for 5th place in the conference. They move to 9-12 overall with seven games left, including a nationally televised game against Albany on ESPN.

The Seawolves play at home next as they take on Boston University (10-13) on Friday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in Pritchard Gym.

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Stony Brook Men Fall to Vermont

By THOMAS CHEN
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The Stony Brook men's basketball team shot only 38.6 percent and committed a season-high 24 turnovers in a 65-42 loss to Vermont Sunday afternoon at Patrick Gym at Vermont.

The Seawolves slip to 9-14 overall and 4-7 in America East. Vermont has now won seven straight games and improves to a league-best 10-2.

"We had too many turnovers today," head coach Steve Pikiell said. "Give credit to Vermont, they're a good team and they played a good game, and when you play good teams, you can't give up so many possessions."

Early in the first half, Stony Brook was taking advantage of numerous Vermont turnovers and hanging with the Catamounts. Marcus Rouse (Upper Marlboro, Md.) had an early basket that put the Seawolves up 6-2.

Vermont took control of the contest from there, outscoring SBU 30-9 the rest of the half.

The Seawolves trailed 16-13 when the Catamounts went on an 8-0 run over a six-minute span to open up a 24-13 advantage.

After Dave Coley (Brooklyn, N.Y.) ended SBU's scoreless run with a long jumper, UVM ended the half with another 8-0 run capped by Brendan Bald's three-pointer just before the buzzer, sending the Catamounts into the locker room with a 32-15 advantage.

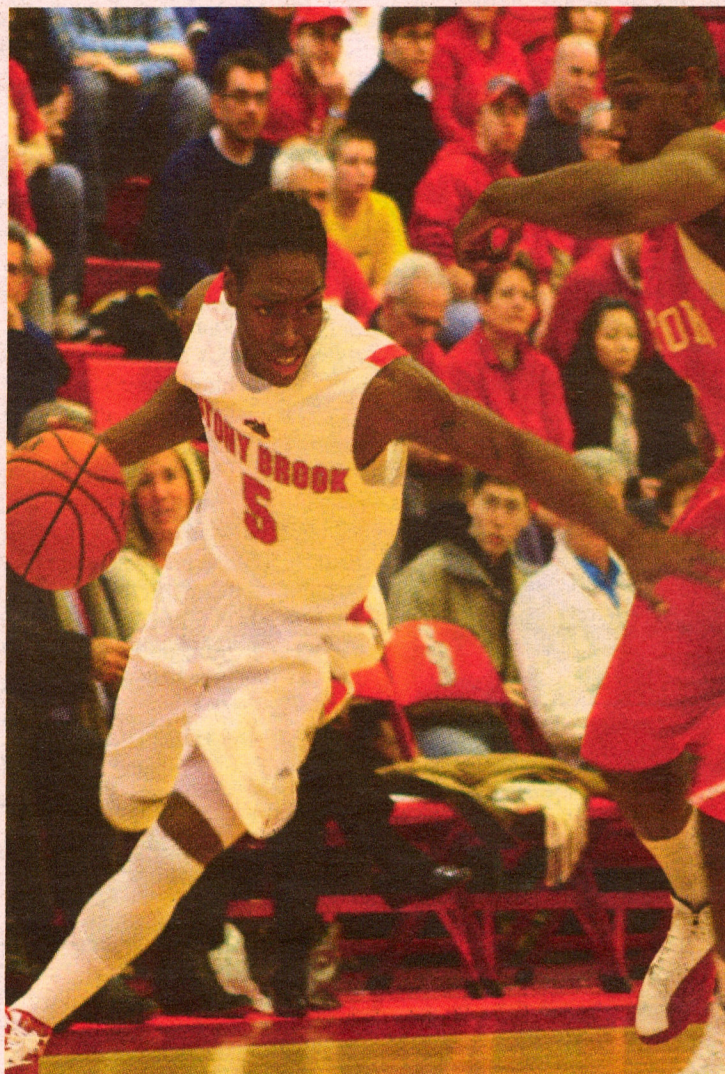
In the second half, Stony Brook had a spark as Leonard Hayes (Voorhees, N.J.) dropped a two-point jumper and a three-point basket on back-to-back possessions to get his team back within 12, 32-20, but Vermont exploded with a 16-2 run punctuated again by a Bald 3-pointer to put the game out of reach.

Hayes, Stony Brook's America East Player of the Game, led the Seawolves with 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting. Danny Carter (Windsor, England) added eight points.

Vermont shot 56.5 percent for the game and was led by Bald's 19 points, earning him America East Player of the Game honors.

Evan Fjeld added 14 points, and Brian Voelkel contributed 10 assists.

The Seawolves will head home tonight and then go back on the road Wednesday to take on New Hampshire at Lundholm Gymnasium at 7 p.m.



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Seawolves Hockey Clinches Division

By ADRIAN SZKOLAR
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On a night when former player Anthony Fronzoni was honored, Stony Brook's ice hockey team survived a brief scare and defeated the Drexel Dragons 2-1 on the strength of goals by Chris Ryan (Flushing, N.Y.) and Phil Borner (Woodbridge, Va.) and clinched its division.

"Effort is a big part of the game; skill only gets you so far," said head coach Chris Garafalo. "I will give it to Drexel, they worked hard, but when you take over 40 shots on goal, you need to come away with more than two goals."

Stony Brook controlled the puck for most of the first period, out-shooting Drexel 15-6 in the opening session.

However, the game remained tied thanks to the effort of goaltender Adam Birmingham (Avondale, Pa.), who made a spectacular sprawling save on a one-timer from the Seawolves' John Jennings (Vero Beach, Fla.) six minutes into the game. Birmingham made another spectacular save at point-blank range late in the period.

Despite being outplayed in the first period, Drexel opened up the scoring early in the second period, capitalizing on scramble in front of the net while on the power play. Despite the fact that the net was dislodged, the goal stood.

"You can't let a thing like that get to you," Jason Aro (Wantagh, N.Y.) said of the goal. "You can't blame the ref. You can't let a call from a ref decide the game; you need to keep going."

Late in the period, the Seawolves responded. During a 4-on-4, Ryan tracked down a puck flicked high into the air, managed to get a step on the defense and beat Birmingham with a low shot on a breakaway at the 13:55 mark.

"I was hanging out on the wing, and I anticipated where the puck would go, and it took a weird bounce and I took advantage of it," said Ryan.

Stony Brook will have a shot at redemption when they play at home on Wednesday against the University of New Hampshire at 7 p.m.

Stony Brook Women's Basketball Falls Tremendously

By DAVID O'CONNOR
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The Stony Brook University women's basketball team lost to the Vermont, 68-50.

The Seawolves were neck-and-neck with the Catamounts for nearly the entire game, but then the wheels came off and Vermont cruised to victory.

On a more encouraging note, Stony Brook, along with the rest of the America East, took the day to play the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Pink Zone game to raise breast cancer awareness.

The start of the game was a sign of things to come. Vermont quickly secured a 9-2 lead a little less than five minutes into the game.

The Catamounts were more succinct with their passes, and those passes turned into points.

However, the Seawolves weren't about to stand by and watch Vermont tear them apart. Within another four minutes, Stony Brook, behind the juggernaut of senior Kirsten

Jeter (Elmont, N.Y.) would tie the score at 11. Jeter would just about have the team lead in the trifecta of basketball statistics; she tied with sophomore Sam Landers (Springfield, Va.) for the team-lead in points with 13, and she lead the Seawolves in assists and rebounds with four and eight, respectively.

Neither team would be able to gain a significant lead for the rest of the half.

Perhaps the most notable moment before time expired for the break, with Stony Brook leading 25-24, was the injury to Vermont's Ashley Hoyt. Hoyt went down just as the buzzer sounded, but she was able to walk off the court on her own power a few minutes later.

The early goings of the second half favored Stony Brook. With 15:38 left, they lead 35-28. Eventual game-leader in points Tonya Young of Vermont also bruised herself after colliding with her own bench. She too was able to get up on her own power.

With only about 10 minutes left, Stony Brook still lead 39-

32. But this was where things began to head south for the Seawolves. Within the space of four minutes, Vermont nearly tied the score. Stony Brook only lead 44-41, and the crowd was on tenderhooks.

But that crowd would be sorely disappointed. The Catamounts would finish on a 27-6 run. There was one stretch of time where Vermont scored 14 straight points to give themselves a 11-point, 55-44 lead.

Stony Brook would only score six points for the rest of the game, four of those coming from two late shots from Landers.

Interim coach Evelyn Thompson was severely disappointed after the game, looking dejected as she emerged from talking to her players. She decided that she wasn't going to talk to the media after this experience.



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