

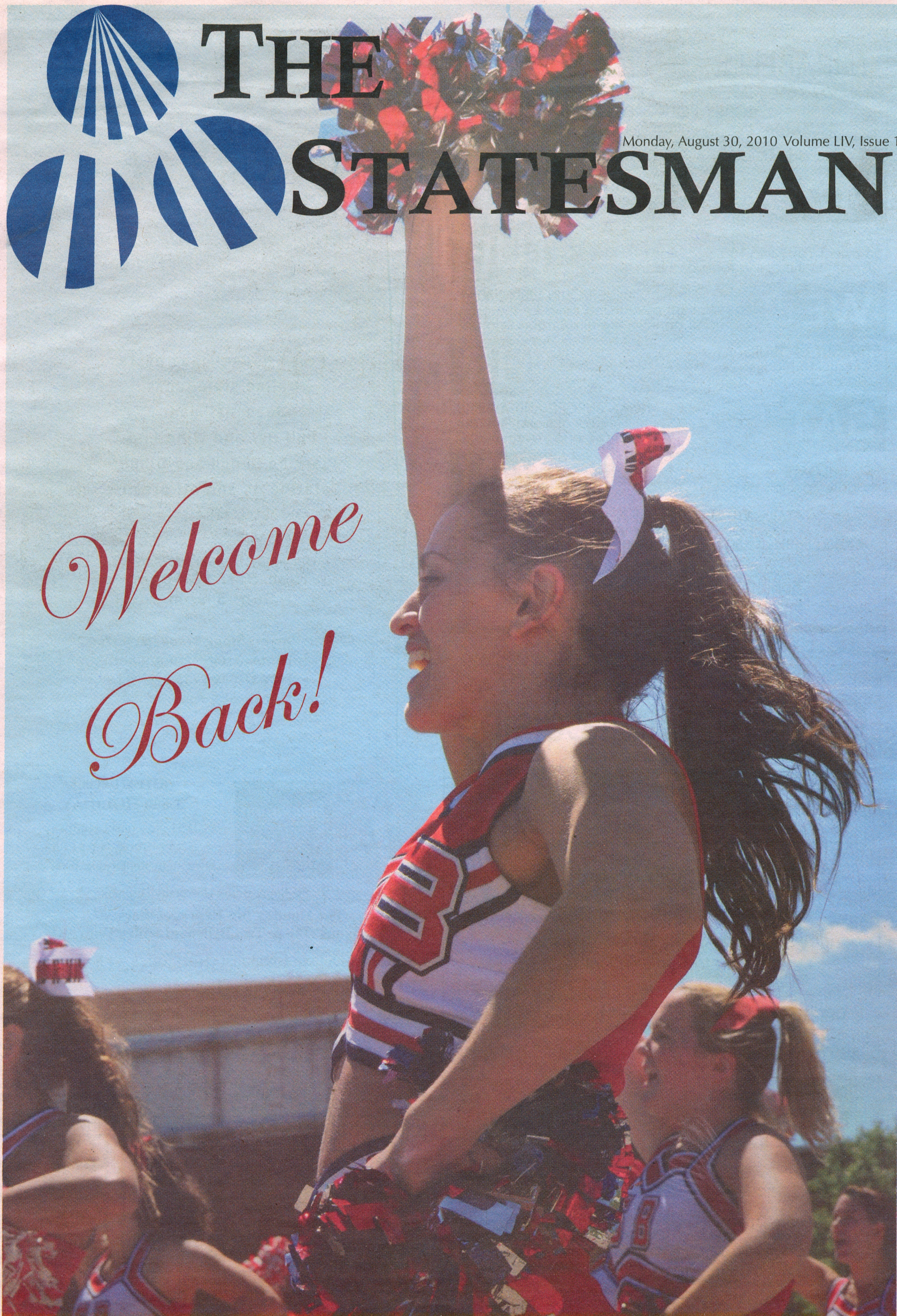


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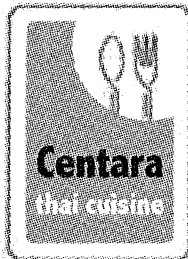
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NEWS

New students find classes are filled

By ALESSANDRA MALITO
Staff Writer

Incoming freshmen may be able to fill their time with social activities as Stony Brook University welcomes them to campus, but they may not be filling their schedules as much.

After a number of budget cuts, classes have been reduced in size and even in existence, giving incoming freshmen a difficult time finding classes they need to take, along with what they'd like to take.

"My schedule's really weird now because I had to find the classes that I needed and the

good times were taken," said freshman Sarah Bengeloun, 17, of Dix Hills, who is currently undecided. "I wanted to take a DEC course."

Because of the lack of variety in DEC courses available to freshmen, they may have to settle for something they have no interest in, if anything at all.

"There were only two left, so I had to settle with this one I really didn't want to take," Bengeloun said. "I really didn't want to take [it] but I figured first semester finishes fast so just take it and get it over with."

She wanted to take Elements of Music and Moral Reasoning, but more importantly she wanted to take WRT102, the advanced of the writing requisites. Although she qualified for the class for the first semester, she was unable to enroll.

"I think it's important to have a writing class because college writing is a step up from high school and if we don't have the writing course to start us off, we may feel a little 'out of our league' I guess," she said.

Nicole Schwager, 17, a history major and an incoming freshman, also found trouble picking classes.

"Most of them were filled before my orientation date, and what was left got filled up quickly," she said. "The instructors and orientation leaders were really helpful in finding classes I was interested in. It was finding ones that were open that was the issue."

Advisers and undergraduate students worked together to make the cut-back classes as easy to enroll in as possible.

"I think the advising staff, undergraduate college staff, and the College of Arts and Science leadership worked very hard over

the summer to minimize any disruptions or difficulties, and worked with all students through the fall orientation process," said Charles Robbins, vice provost

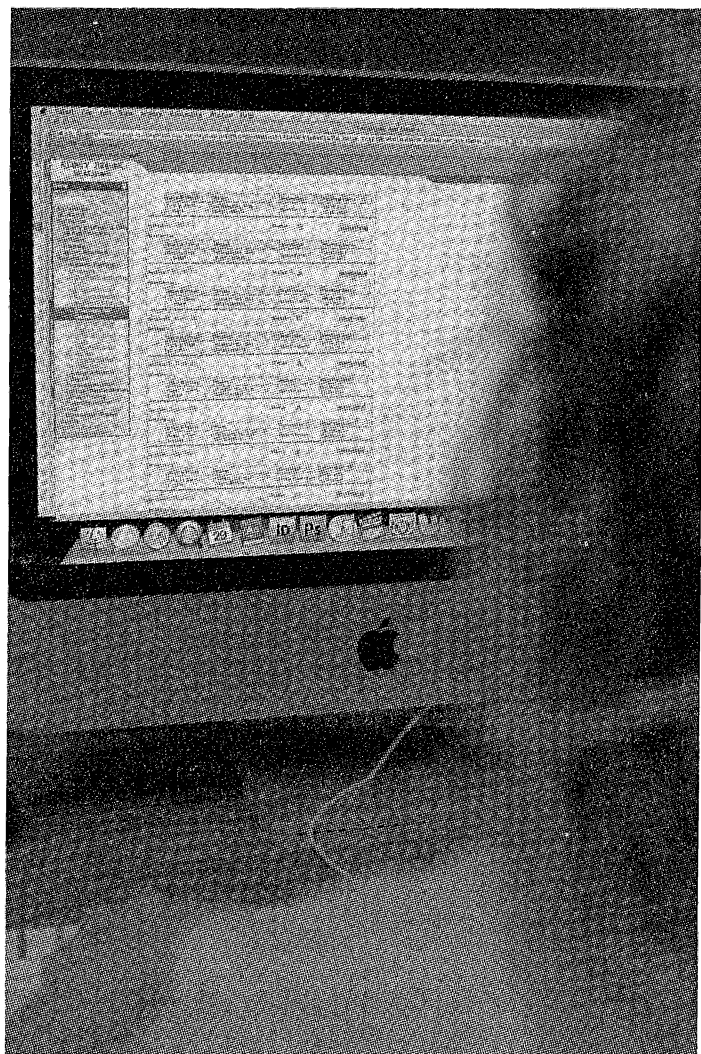
do."

Stony Brook University has slashed expenses for programs. In the past two years, the university has lost about \$60 million

“The overall economic situation won't improve. It's very difficult to predict what they'll do and not do.”

Charles Robbins,
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

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New students found many classes closed or wait listed on the the university's SOLAR system.

for undergraduate education. "It's stressful, I don't deny that, but they worked very hard to ensure that the vast majority of students were able to leave with programs that were appropriate for what they wanted to study."

Freshmen, who are divided into groups during orientation, had difficulties finding classes.

"Everyone in my group had this problem in one way or another," Schwager said.

Whether they'll run into the same obstacles in the upcoming semesters or not, however, is impossible to tell.

"Unfortunately, I think that the overall economic situation will remain tight, and depending on the actions of the state legislature, then it might," Robbins said. "The overall economic situation won't improve. It's very difficult to predict what they'll do and not

from state funding, which is 20 percent of the university's budget. Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., along with other university representatives, has gone to Albany numerous times during the budget season to try and restore funding, although it was not granted. Because of this, the university has stopped one of two leases at the Stony Brook Manhattan satellite location and closed the Southampton campus, along with plans to create a campus with undergraduate programs in Korea.

In the meantime, one way to try to get around missing out on necessary or desired classes is to register as soon as a registration appointment is made.

"It's just a matter of making your schedule a priority and getting registered early for next semester," Schwager said.

South Asian Student Alliance investigated

By ERIKA KARP
News Editor

Allegations of misconduct against Stony Brook's South Asian Student Alliance, or SASA have resulted in an investigation into the Undergraduate Student Government funded organization.

According to two SASA executive board members, who spoke on the basis of anonymity, the 2009-2010 President, Jeevan Thomas, and Vice President, Trisha Sakhuja, allegedly abused

their power and mishandled funds.

"The university is taking these reports seriously and is investigating," said Lauren Sheprow, director of media relations.

The club receives Under Graduate Student Government, or USG funds, which come out of the mandated \$92 student activity fee that is included in students' annual tuition bills.

The two members claim ticket compensations for SASA events, such as the SASA Sholay Show, were given without an

executive board vote. Thomas allegedly mishandled money collected for the annual formal event in March and financial information was withheld when requested by the board members.

"Not only are their actions a distasteful representation of Stony Brook University, but of South Asian American students and lastly of SASA, which has been one of the largest cultural organizations in Stony Brook history," one of the executive board members said.

According to the two, a letter,

obtained by the *Statesman*, outlining the allegations against Thomas and Sakhuja was sent to various campus administrators.

"There are a lot of exaggerated allegations towards me and Jeevan personally," Sakhuja said when asked about the letter.

Susan DiMonda, associate dean and director of student life, declined to comment on the investigation or the letter.

"We have not cheated USG," Thomas said. "We never tried to cheat SASA."

Both sides feel that personal

issues contributed to how the executive board was run and the issues that have surfaced. The two anonymous members feel that personal issues contributed to how Thomas and Trisha made decisions.

Thomas and Sakhuja agree that these personal issues were a driving force in why the allegations surfaced.

According to Sheprow, the club will still be a recognized club on campus for the 2010-2011 school year and a final decision will be made once the review is complete.

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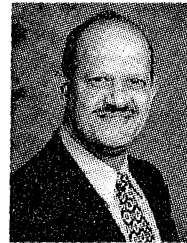
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Southampton looks to go solo

By **ALESSANDRA MALITO**
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Southampton campus may be virtually closed as far as classes and dorming, but the discussions certainly aren't.

After an unsatisfactory ending for students, parents and

Thiele. "My goal is to see that it returns to a productive use as fast as possible."

In order to do that, he and LaValle, who is also the namesake for the university's stadium, have sent legislation to the state, asking that a study be done to evaluate the possibility of a new SUNY college at the 82-acre property in

After learning in April that the state would cut funding up to about \$34 million, Stony Brook University administration decided they would close the campus. To educate a student at Southampton campus costs about two and a half times more than a student at west campus.

Current students and parents

as it was thriving."

Of the 477 students at Southampton, 373 were full-or part-time undergraduate students, whereas the rest were either at the graduate level or west campus undergraduates. According to Lauren Sheprow, director of media relations, the campus had received a 54 percent increase in admissions applications this past year, along with SAT scores that rose by 100 points.

Because residency is no longer offered, which is saving the university \$6.7 million per year, students had the options of dorming at west campus or commuting.

"My child is reluctantly moving to Stony Brook's campus because the timing of the announcement to eliminate her college at Southampton left her with no other alternative," Semente said. "I am packing my daughter up to move to a school that she did not choose to attend. And I had to pay for it as well."

According to Lauren Sheprow, as of July 27, there were 305 Southampton students registered for Fall 2010. Room assignments were selected by 159 of the students.

Professors were also affected by the closing of the campus. Of the 147 faculty and staff members at Southampton, 28 percent were unaffected by the campus's demise. The remainder, which included 33 faculty members, 67 non-teaching staff, five west campus employees and one Research Foundation employee, were able to meet with the department of Human Resource Services to find job opportunities and provide tips.

Some criticize Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley, Jr. for the suspension of the campus.

"I think he's done a lousy job," said Thiele. "I think in the year that he has been the president of the university, the university has taken a major step backwards. It's true certainly with Southampton."

Others feel he is doing the best he can.

"I think he's a good president," said Assemblyman Steve Engelbright, who, along with his two daughters, graduated from Stony Brook University. "I think he's faced with some terrible realities, and he's doing everything he can given the cards he's been dealt."

Engelbright was the Curator of Geologic Collections earlier in his career, as well as being the founding director of the Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences, which is located at the university.

According to Sheprow, Stony Brook has created an advisory committee in order to develop a business plan for the use of the Southampton campus. Some ideas for consideration include developing the campus as a center for creative arts, maintaining and building programs in the Marine Sciences and providing graduate programs. Another feasible option is having a different SUNY campus use it.

The independent SUNY campus that the legislators would like to make would include programs for the arts and possibly a joint collaboration with Southampton Hospital.

This isn't the first time the campus has been closed. When Long Island University shut down the school in 2005, Thiele and LaValle urged the state university to make the campus a part of it. Now they're looking to make the space its own entity entirely.

"Our main goal here is to maximize the use of that campus," Thiele said.

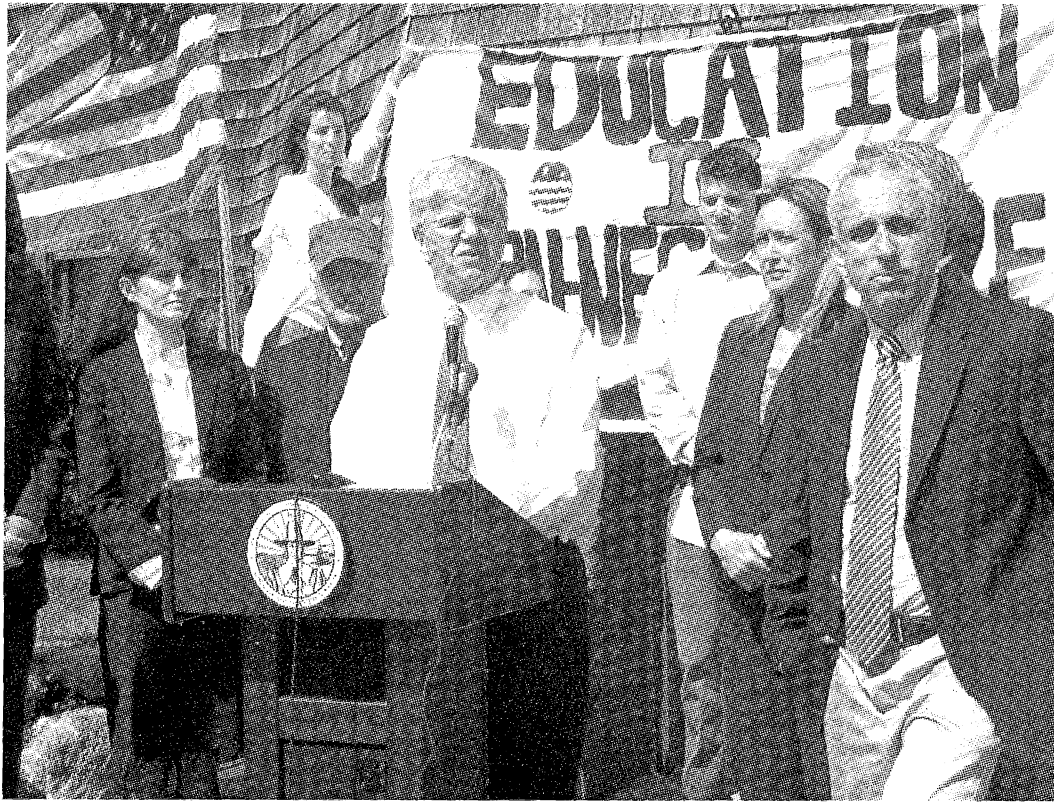


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Assembly Man Thiel at a press conference held at the Southampton campus in April.

professors alike, local legislators such as Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Jr. and Senator Kenneth LaValle are looking to find an alternative to using the resourceful location at Southampton. After all, New York State did spend \$78 million for it, Thiele said.

"I think this semester is going to be a lost semester there," said

Southampton.

"The only way that campus can succeed is if it is community-driven and the decisions of that campus are made not on how they'd help another institution but how they would help Southampton and the East End community," the assemblyman said.

are also feeling the pain, after losing their desired school.

"As a parent of a student who searched for a year to find a college perfectly suited to her," said Julie Semente, a parent from Staten Island "I am sickened by the action Stony Brook's administration has taken in killing the college at Southampton just

Voice of the Campus

What is a goal for your first semester at Stony Brook?

Kelly Seecharran

Freshman

Undecided



"Finding my place around campus. It's so big!"

Tyrella Walker

Freshman

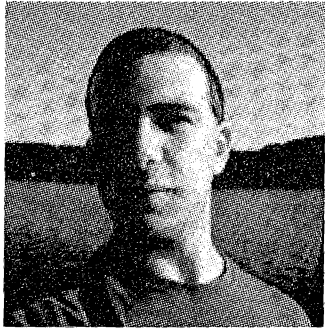
Health Science



"Making the grade this semester."

H I G H T E C H N I C A N B E A I M

Have you bumped yet?



By CHARLES COSTA
Columnist

Just as there are many ways to bang, there are many ways to bump. For reference though, the comic illustrating "bumping" is a pretty extreme illustration. It was the best one I could find on the Internet for purposes of keeping this column at an R level since NC-17 is too narrow.

Now going back to the technology. I'm talking about

bumping phones to exchange information, be it contact information such as a business card or address book entry, photos, files, and even money via Pay-Pal, who officially created an application to use their system securely. The application is known as Bump (bu.mp).

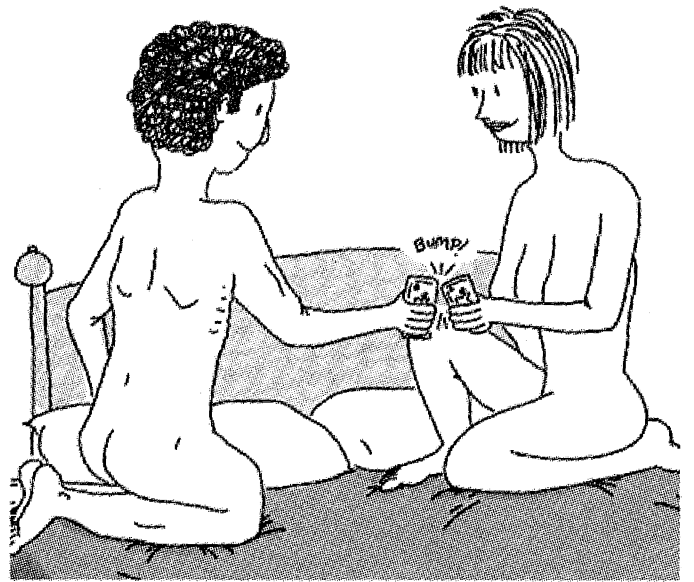
Bumping, is intended as simulating a fist pound while holding your phones. Through the use of the many sensors within the Android and iPhone, the application lets you exchange data without actually needing to have the phones contact each other. Unlike Bluetooth and the now obsolete Infrared standards, which also do not require physical device contact, Bumping is much more flexible and easier and more enjoyable (puns not intended).

Although the platform is fairly new, Bump sports an impressive array of features

from the ability to connect your Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace and numerous other social networking accounts to compare contacts/friends between yourself and people whom you may bump.

As mentioned earlier, PayPal has integrated Bump into their official iPhone and Android applications, which allows you to lend money with friends or contacts without having to lug a large silver briefcase around with you all day. Now you have the option of carrying your phone, or being fancy and buying a silver hard case for your phone.

While overall Bump has a great concept, the technology is limited to matching phones meaning an iPhone must bump an iPhone rather than opposites like an iPhone bumping an Android. iPad users can also use the iPhone version of Bump and an iPad version is in the works.



How babies are made, 2010.

Rod Cottingham

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M. SOCCER: Team returns key players

From M. Soccer on 24

said that Fernandes will have his work cut out for him this season, as opposing defenses are sure to have their eyes on him.

"We won't surprise anybody this year," he said.

Markovic said he expects to see more out of Bonilla this season in terms of production, and has called on the transfer from Hartwick to play a greater role in creating from the midfield and scoring goals.

Markovic said that Bonilla has put in the offseason work to raise his fitness level to where it needs to be to accomplish that.

The hero from last year's conference title run that included a shootout victory, crowd-favorite goalkeeper Ante Rogic, has transferred out of Stony Brook.

Taking his place will be sophomores Stefan Manz and Danny Bonomini, who are neck-and-neck for the starting job coming out of preseason, according to Markovic.

The team spent time in Ecuador this summer, preparing for the season by playing against professional clubs in a three-city tour.

Markovic said that the trip was a "great learning experience from a soccer standpoint and from a cultural standpoint," and said that the team was immersed in the South American style of soccer that they strive to emulate.

"We really got a chance to see a



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country where soccer is played very well, and similar to how we want to play it," Markovic said.

Stony Brook's conference schedule kicks off on Oct. 2 when the Seawolves host Boston University.

Boston was picked to finish in first by the preseason polls, edging Stony Brook by just one point and receiving the same number of first place votes.

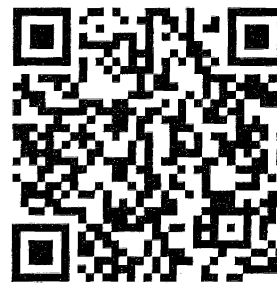
Markovic said that while the

team isn't too concerned with the polls, it may add motivation in playing a team that will likely be challenging for the conference crown.

"That game is going to be two teams that will likely be around at the end," Markovic said, pointing to the game as the most important on the schedule.

"It will be a good way to set the tone for the rest of the conference season," he said.

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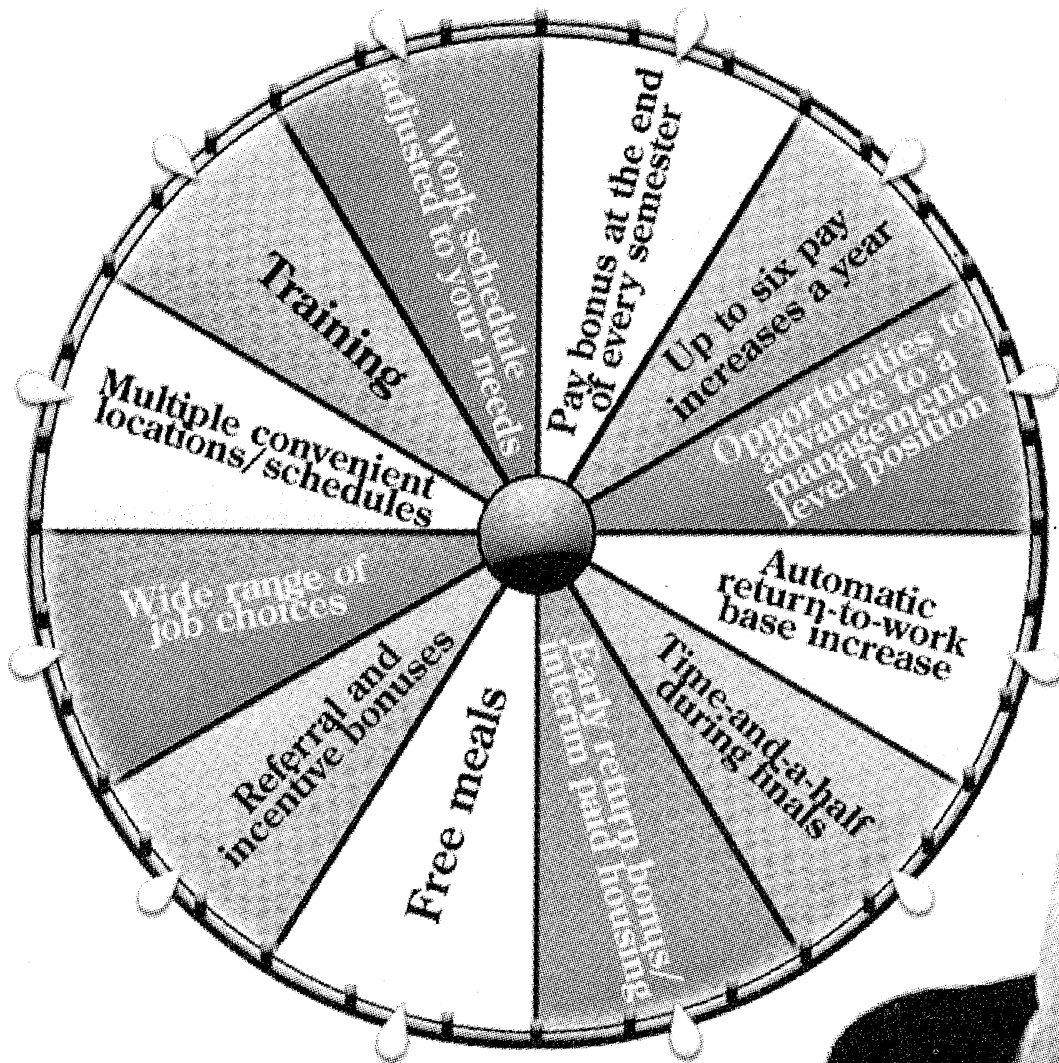
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STONY BROOK 101: A GUIDE TO SBUISMS

The Atrium - A popular study area in the Humanities Building.

Bamboo Forest - A hidden gem located behind West Apartments.

Brookfest - An annual end of the year concert, which has featured up and coming artists such as Matt and Kim, Keri Hilson, Nas and Fabolous.

Chemistry - The bane of every science or pre-health student's existence.

Diversified Education Curriculum classes, or DECs - The collection of classes every student needs to take before they graduate. A more complicated way of saying "core classes."

Earthstock - Stony Brook's annual Earth Day celebration.

Free - Every college student's favorite word.

Hofstra - Stony Brook's EX-rival football team.

Inner quad - The middle of the quad where students congregate.

Jasmine - A dining location that serves Chinese, Korean, Indian, Japanese food. It is known to leave students full and running to the closest bathroom.

Javits Lecture Hall - The building with the largest lecture hall on campus.

Kelly Quad - The only quad on campus with balconies. It is perfect for late-night munchies.

LaValle Stadium - Where the Seawolves go to battle.

Meal Points - Used to buy food at campus eateries.

They tend to become non-existent... very, very quickly.

Midnight Scream - A tradition during finals week where students scream out of their windows every day at midnight.

News Literacy - The class almost every Seawolf will take during their stay at Stony Brook.

The Press - An inferior publication at Stony Brook.

"Q" - A letter that appears on your transcript if you are caught plagiarizing.

Quad - A group of residence halls.

Rape Trail - A trail that connects Tabler Quad and West Apartments.

Residential Safety Program, or RSP - The

program monitors buildings and offers a walk service for students.

Roth Pond - Home to turtles and ducklings... And leeches.

Roth Regatta - The annual boat race where students build boats out of duct tape and cardboard.

Seawolf - What's a Seawolf? I'm a Seawolf!

South P Lot - The HUGE commuter parking lot.

Staller Steps - A popular hang spot.

Statesman - The best campus publication!

Strawberry Fest - A springtime tradition where students can taste a variety of strawberry-themed foods.

Student Activities

Center, or SAC - The building at the "center" of campus and has a cafeteria, bank, gym and marketplace. It also has an abbreviation that is almost as funny to say as, "The Wang Center."

Tabler Quad - The quad where you will find every guitar-playing hipster on campus.

Union - Best location on campus (due to location of Statesman office).

Wolfie - Our cute and cuddly mascot.

Yang - One of the new residence halls, which puts the rest of the halls to shame.

Zebra path - The black-and white-striped path connecting the academic mall to the north side of campus.

A Guide to Campus Dining: The Do's and Dont's

-By Sam Kilb



THE SAC: The SAC is right in the middle, and you can't miss it. Great place to people-watch while eating.

Options: American grill, sandwiches, pizza, salad bar, omelettes and more, all in the same place.

Do: Try to go while classes are in session. At meal times, the line just to get in can stretch down the hall.

Don't: Get in behind someone paying with cash or credit. They take too long.

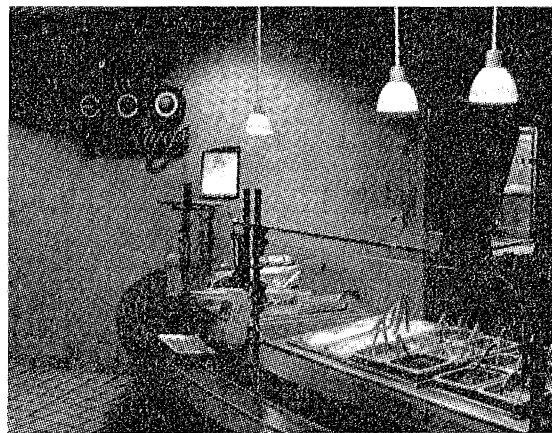
THE UNION:

The union's dining options are many. There is the main food court is on the ground floor in the middle; a deli just inside the doors on the academic mall side; Delancy Street, next to the dining area; and Starbucks on the second floor.

Options: The deli is open later than any of the other venues at the union (serving, you guessed it, what a deli normally serves). The commons features a grill, a Mexican food place, Asian food and a salad bar. Delancy Street offers kosher food. Starbucks, enough said.

Do: Try David's Cookies from Delancy Street (they've made appearances in other dining halls as well.)

Don't: Limit yourself to sitting in the cafeteria. There is a lounge, an outdoor eating area and a ballroom to consider as well. Or the Staller steps.



ROTH FOOD COURT:

Overlooking romantic Roth Pond, Roth is home to campus' mainstream chains.

Options: Wendy's, California Pizza Kitchen, American Kitchen upstairs and Downstairs, a coffee place.

Do: Pick up a Statesman while you wait in line at Wendy's.

Don't: Expect a late-night Wendy's run—Roth is only open until midnight.

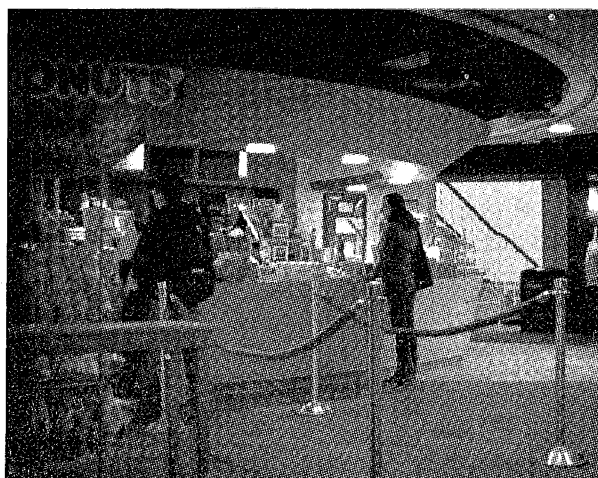
KELLY DINING CENTER:

Kelly used to be known for being open 24 hours a day, but a look at the Fall 2010 hours shows that it's only open from 7am-3 a.m. this fall. Located in the heart of Kelly Quad, it's the place to go if you're hungry at night. Additionally, there is Kelly Brunch when the only option is an all-you-can-eat buffet from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Options: Upstairs, an American grill, Italian, Mexican, pizza, sandwiches and omelet. Also, an organic place. A coffee house dresses up the austere first floor.

Do: Keep an eye out for the chef demonstrations and sign up.

Don't: Go there for the aesthetic value.



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A place that's more about open mic night than food.

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The Class of 2014

By the Numbers

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Freshmen enrolled in the class of 2014.

28

More Freshmen than last year.

27,825

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Accepted

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Average SAT score of incoming freshmen

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By DAVID O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University was founded in 1957 as a science/research institution, one of many new schools created by the Eisenhower administration to spur the American population to compete with the Russian superpower, which had just recently launched the Sputnik shuttle and later the first man into space. According to the council on foreign relations, sputnik's lingering legacy in the United States is NASA and the internet.

And Stony Brook has certainly grown since then, both in size and in prestige. It covers more than 1,000 acres on the north shore of Long Island, and 98% of the faculty hold doctoral degrees, making Stony Brook one of the top 100 universities in the country and the top 200 in the world. The university is responsible for more than 1,500 inventions and more than 450 patents and discoveries, such as the discovery of only the second case amongst sharks of virginal birth by a team that included Dr. Demian Chapman according to scienceandinventions.com.

This prestige has drawn approximately 10,000 resident students and even more commuter students. These students apply for 65 majors and 77 minors. The majority of them don't regret their decision to make Stony Brook their jumping off point to

the working world or graduate school. Statistics indicate that 94% of the 2007 graduating class are continuing their education or employed. Stony Brook ranks 23rd amongst public universities for the highest paid graduates according to Payscale.com.

Stony Brook has fulfilled its original purpose as a science/research institution. The National Science Foundation recognized it among ten other universities for combining research with undergraduate education.

Stony Brook has a growing Journalism School, founded by ex-editor at *Newsday*, Howard Schneider. A strong journalism presence has brought in bountiful new journalism students.

Stony Brook's mascot has become a well-known symbol on Long Island. "Wolfie" makes appearances at numerous public events from Stony Brook sporting events to charitable events. Anyone who is full of energy should try out for the "Wolfie" team.

The Stony Brook sports program has grown as well. They are Division 1 in every sport, and the basketball team made their first national tournament game last year.

Stony Brook has created a community where exciting college experiences can blend with serious study. One can find many people on campus from faculty to staff to students who are willing to give assistance with everyday problems. It's all aimed at creating another great year at the Brook.

Roommate Issues, Now I'm in Class, How to Deal Where do I go to Study

By ELVRIA SPEKTOR
Staff Writer

Starting fresh at University is difficult on all accords. The greasy cheeseburger from the SAC food court never tastes quite as good as mom's homemade dishes. The fashion ranges from whether students should wear red or blue plaid pajamas to their 3 p.m. classes. And suddenly, you go from having a bat cave of your very own to sharing a room with a perfect stranger.

Sometimes, you luck out. You're matched with the perfect roommate – the one who loves Eminem's new CD just as much as you do, who brings a Playstation 3, and who always has extra No. 2 pencils on the day of your calculus midterm. But what happens when you aren't so lucky?

Like silly bands, roommates come in all different shapes and sizes. And each one will do as they please to make college the best four years of his or her life. Not necessarily yours.

You may be woken up at 5 a.m. daily, by a roommate that insists it is the optimal time to take a jog around Roth Pond. Or, you may feel like a

third wheel in your own room, as your roommate's boyfriend constantly spends the night. Maybe your roommate is a fan of Thirsty Thursdays. And Thirsty Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. You may misplace your graphing calculator. And then spot your roommate using it. Along with your lost iPod. Maybe you'll even find a voodoo doll with your name on it under your roommate's bed.

If your roommate displays one or more of these behavioral patterns – don't be alarmed. The key is always communication. Chances are that your roommate isn't a mind reader and won't know what you're thinking until you share your thoughts. So, suggest taking an evening jog together. Share your schedules and establish visiting hours, including hours of privacy. Offer to be his wingman if he limits his partying to weekends. Remind your roommate that you'd love to share – as long as she asks first.

If all else fails, call your Residential Advisor to mediate. Worst case scenario? They'll put you on the waiting list to transfer rooms. And hopefully the next roommate will have that Playstation 3. And two controllers.

By RACHEL CHINAPEN
Staff Writer

As an incoming freshman you might think of walking into Stony Brook's library with one thing on your mind—an intense study session without any distractions. But unless you're prepared to wait 15 to 20 minutes for a computer or empty table, you're out of luck.

Though the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library is filled with great places to study—such as the Commuter's Lounge and several computer classrooms, or SINC sites—these places are often packed during midterms and finals.

Finding the perfect place to study can be a challenge depending on your studying habits. While some prefer a quiet space, others easily tune out the hustle and bustle of campus life with a simple iPod or mp3 player.

For these students the campus Starbucks is perfect. Located on the second floor of the Stony Brook Union, Starbucks provides a lively environment with cozy couches and spacious tables to work on. Starbucks is perfect for the student who likes to snack or down coffee while studying since there are no food or cell phone regulations. It can get awfully crowded and loud during the afternoon rush, but the traffic and noise often calms down towards the night and on weekends.

However, for the students who need a quieter environment to study, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, or SBS, may be perfect. Tucked away in the far corner of campus, few people who don't have classes in the building are actually willing to take the hike there. With spacious lounges and no food or cell phone regulations, the SBS lounges provide the same freedom as Starbucks, but with much less noise.

For the super-serious studier, select rooms and areas in the Melville library are still the best bet. With strict regulations over food and electronics, the library provides a better environment for those who find it difficult to resist veering off course every five minutes. One of your best bets for an empty table remains on the third floor in Main Stacks. Tables surrounded by endless rows of books provide for the perfect study haven, especially if you're writing a lengthy research paper.

The truth is that there are gold mines located all over Stony Brook campus when it comes to studying. For some, the simply furnished penthouses in the dormitories will do the trick. For others, lounges in the Student Activities Center or Wang Center may be a better fit. It may take a few attempts, but taking the time to find your own study heaven will be well worth it once the A's start rolling in!

Stony Brook Traditions

By JENNIFER LONG
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Stony Brook University prides itself in having many old, longstanding traditions. Though the institution has only been around for a little over 50 years, there are events as well as landmarks that have lasted for many years and continue on today. Here are just a few traditions Stony Brook continues to celebrate every year.

Wolfstock

Wolfstock is Stony Brook's campus-wide Homecoming celebration. Usually taking place in October, Wolfstock is a weeklong event in which the homecoming king and queens are crowned and carnivals and comedy shows take place. The week leads up to one of the most anticipated football games of the regular season in which current students and alumni alike cheer on the Seawolves.

Midnight Scream

If there's a screech of screaming students at midnight during finals week, don't be alarmed. Midnight scream is a Stony Brook tradition for students to expel their exhaustion and frustration of studying by screaming at midnight. Students scream at the top of their lungs to keep themselves motivated for afterhour study sessions.

Strawberry Fest

Long Island is known for its juicy red strawberries, and every year Stony Brook celebrates strawberries by holding a festival dedicated to them. Strawberry Fest usually takes place in the last week of April in coordination with Diversity Day. Students can buy tickets to sample strawberry pizza, strawberry chicken, strawberry ice cream and much more.

Earth Stock

Earth Stock is a celebration of the Earth. This event usually takes place on Earth Day in the Spring and is full of lectures, concerts and displays to promote an eco-friendly lifestyle for all people.



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Roth Pond Regatta

Many would never want to step foot inside the Roth Pond, but at the end of the spring semester many Stony Brook students brave the pond to race each other in a regatta. This tradition, dating back to 1989, is one that inspires creativity because the students who sail across the pond can only use cardboard, duct tape and paint to build their boats. No one stays dry during this event.

The Zebra Path

The Zebra Path connects the



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Academic Mall to the north side of campus. This path was created by a public arts student, Kim Hardiman, who won a grant for the project in 1989. The Zebra Path was painted red in 2007 for Stony Brook's 50th anniversary during Wolfstock, but it was restored to its original black and white in Spring of 2010.

Greek Rocks

Colorful rocks scattered across Stony Brook's campus represent many of the fraternities, sororities and campus organizations at the university. These boulders



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are remains from the ice age glaciers that once covered Long Island. During the building of the university, these rocks were uncovered and used in the landscaping of the campus.

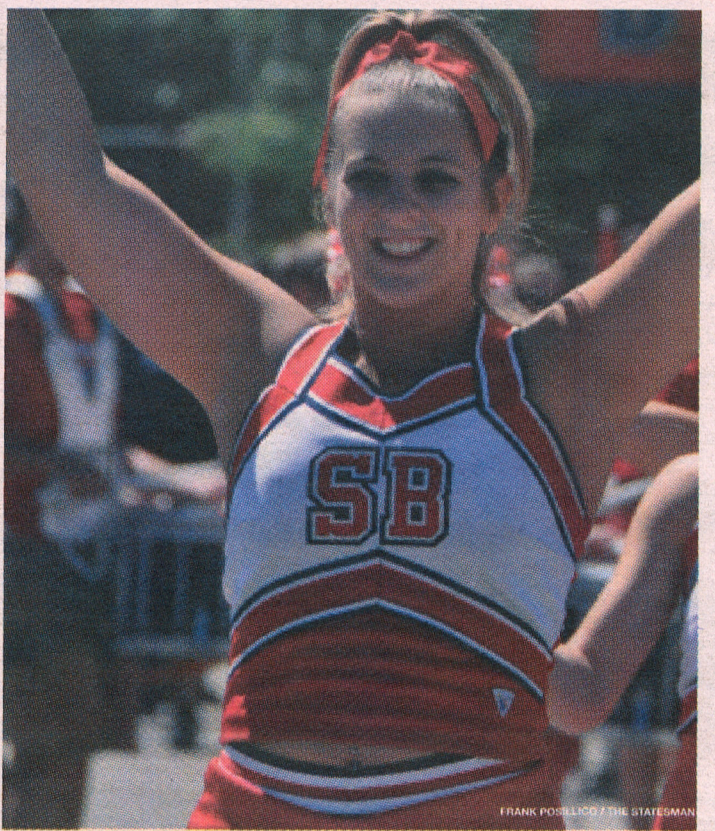
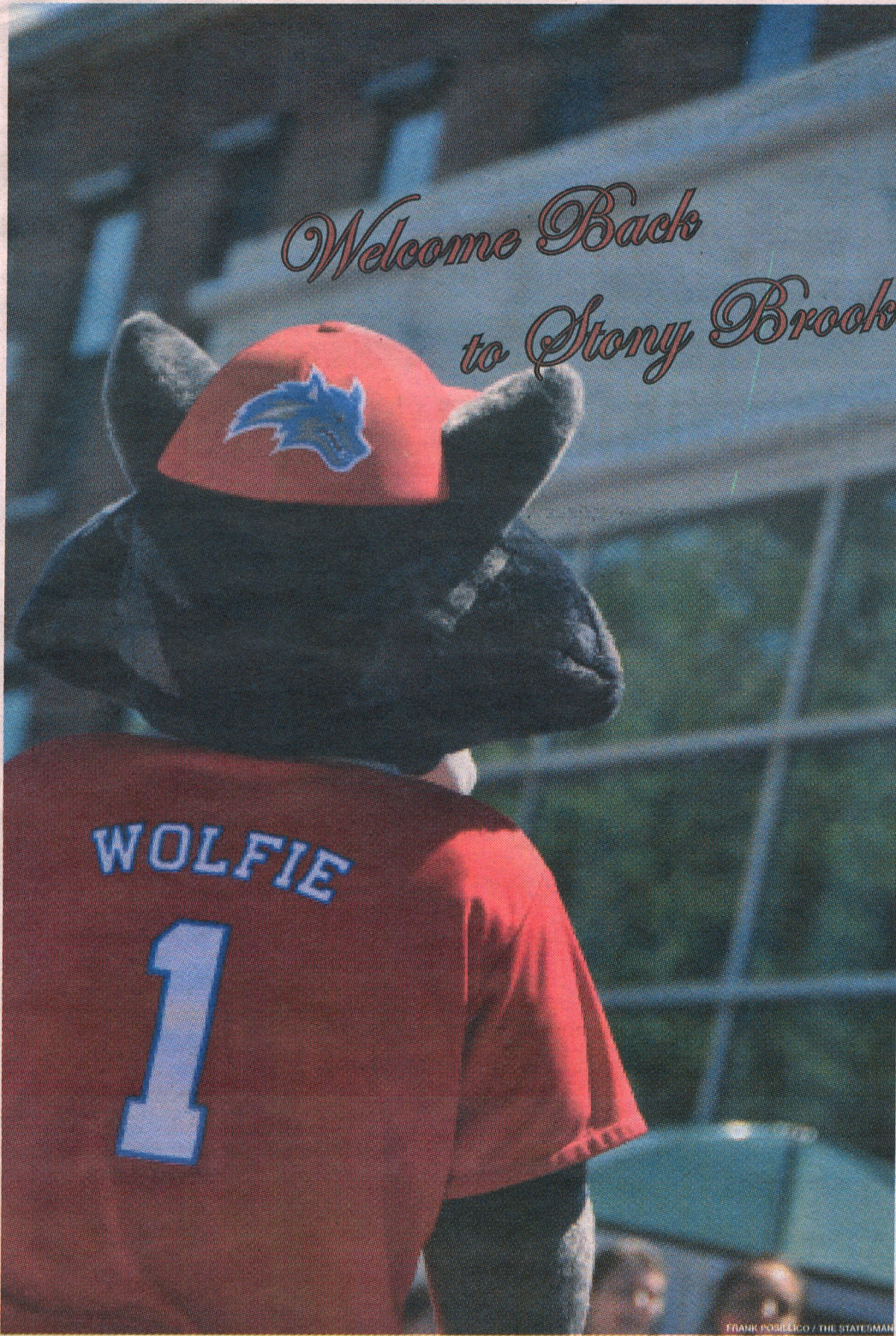
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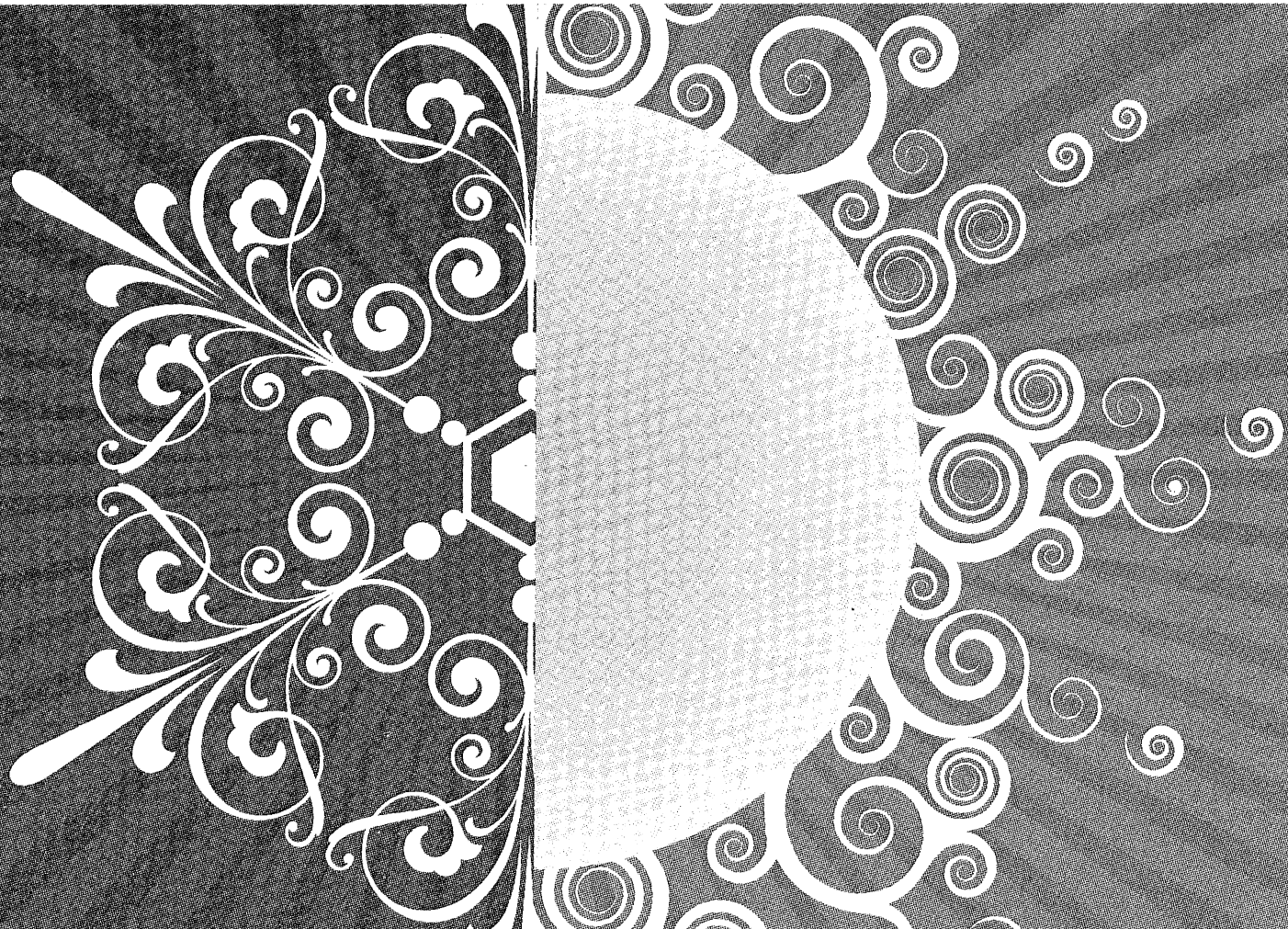
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OPINION

Defining Us: Generation Y

By LAMIA HAIDER
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As college students, what happens to be the one thing we dread the most? No, not having our mothers see those incriminating Facebook photos we happen to be tagged in, though that is a bloodcurdlingly frightful scenario.

Many of us are plagued by the uncertainty of what lies ahead after our undergraduate bubble is popped and we are left to fend for ourselves in the real world.

A recent article in the *New York Times* titled "What is it About 20-Somethings?" attempts to address this issue by taking a rather critical and some might say one-sided look at what characterizes Generation Y.

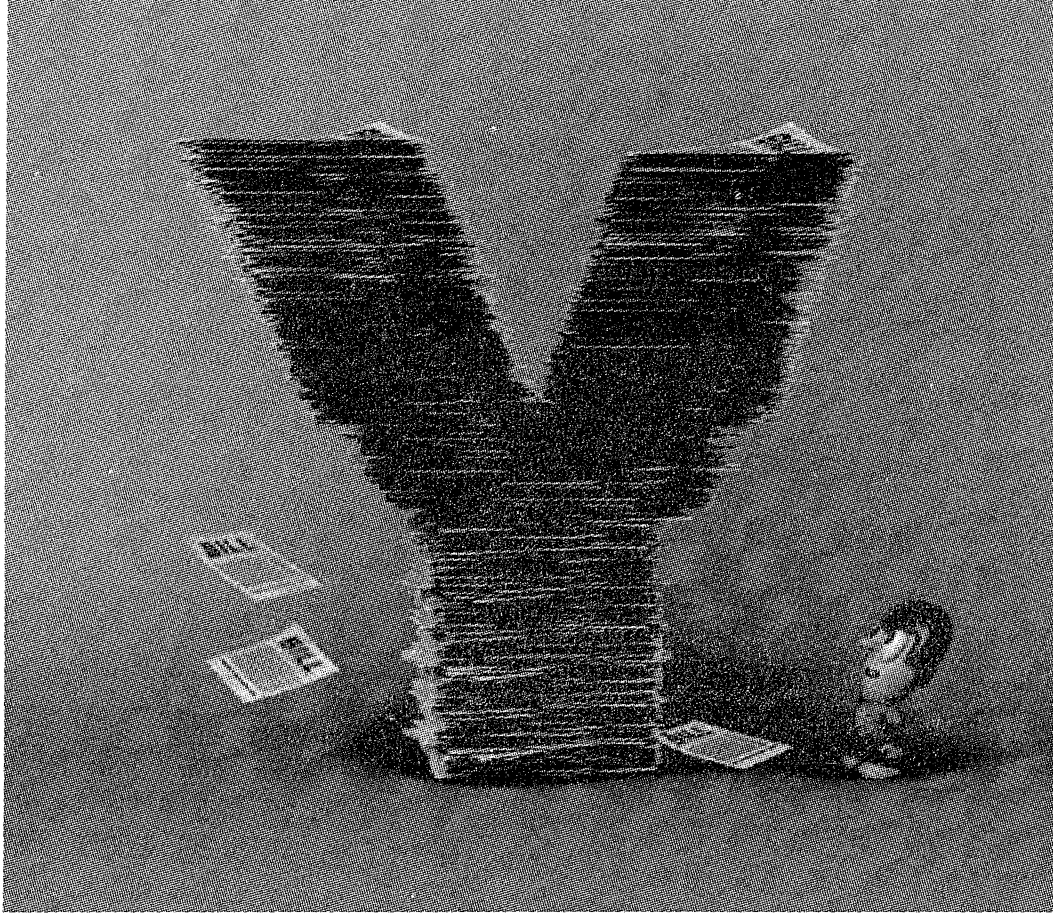
The article states that our generation happens to be "growing up" much slower than our predecessors. Firstly, let us examine their criteria for being an adult.

Apparently to reach maturity means "completing school, leaving home, becoming financially independent, marrying and having a child" all completed with aplomb by the time you are 25.

However, times have changed drastically and with it the goals and ideals of the population have also altered. The economy has been a defining factor in how our generation is perceived. Not knowing exactly what we want from life after university, then being jobless after university, still living with our parents, then moving from apartment to apartment and never quite settling down into some comfortable suburban niche are just some stereotypical traits that have stuck to us, the erratic Millennials.

Does this make us less mature? If you consider the situation in the terms set by the article's definition of maturity then yes, but perhaps it is the definition that is flawed. It does not account for the twists and turns that society and the economy have taken as of late.

Apparently we are a generation that meanders through life on different paths rather than



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marching purposefully along with everybody else, and this indecisive yet individualistic approach is seen as inefficient. However, the somewhat deprecating view of our generation in the *New York Times* article fails to consider the social environment that our generation is living in.

We happen to have more options and more opportunities than our parents or our grandparents, so we are able to focus more on self-fulfillment rather than satisfying the standards of society.

For example, when my father berates me for considering career options other than those in the medical field, I realize that it is because he simply worries for my future, since in his time studying in preparation for high-paying careers was the only way to attain a comfortable living.

Careers relating to subjects that invoked interest in the student sometimes would not lead to a job that could eventually make the individual enough money to get married and feed

any subsequent offspring.

A psychology professor interviewed for the *New York Times* article succinctly explains the major shift in the youth's priorities that has led to a dwindling need for such customary stability: "Among the cultural changes he points to that have led to 'emerging adulthood' are the need for more education to survive in an information-based economy; fewer entry-level jobs even after all that schooling.

Young people are feeling less rush to marry because of the general acceptance of premarital sex, cohabitation and birth control. Young women are feeling less rush to have babies given their wide range of career options and their access to assisted reproductive technology if they happen to delay pregnancy beyond their most fertile years."

With the progression of the Information Age, women's rights and a culture that celebrates individual independence comes...well, us. You step onto a university campus, such as Stony Brook

itself, and you get a glimpse of the future, and the potential of the students cultivating their own interests to build this future is sometimes awe-inspiring.

Women who are taking on the male-dominated engineering field, men aspiring to be teachers, pre-med students who find time to hone their musical talents, students who are willing to risk economic uncertainty to follow their passion in art or theater and other such individuals or groups that would have been anomalies merely twenty years ago are now defining our generation.

We are multi-faceted and multi-talented, and these traits open up so many more choices and opportunities for us, and allow us to slog through these times of fiscal hardship. Our generation may not be known for taking down the Berlin Wall, or staging Woodstock, but it will be known for cultivating a wellspring of talent, skill and determination through challenging times. We are going to grow up but we shall do so on our own terms.

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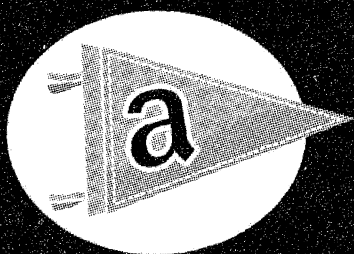
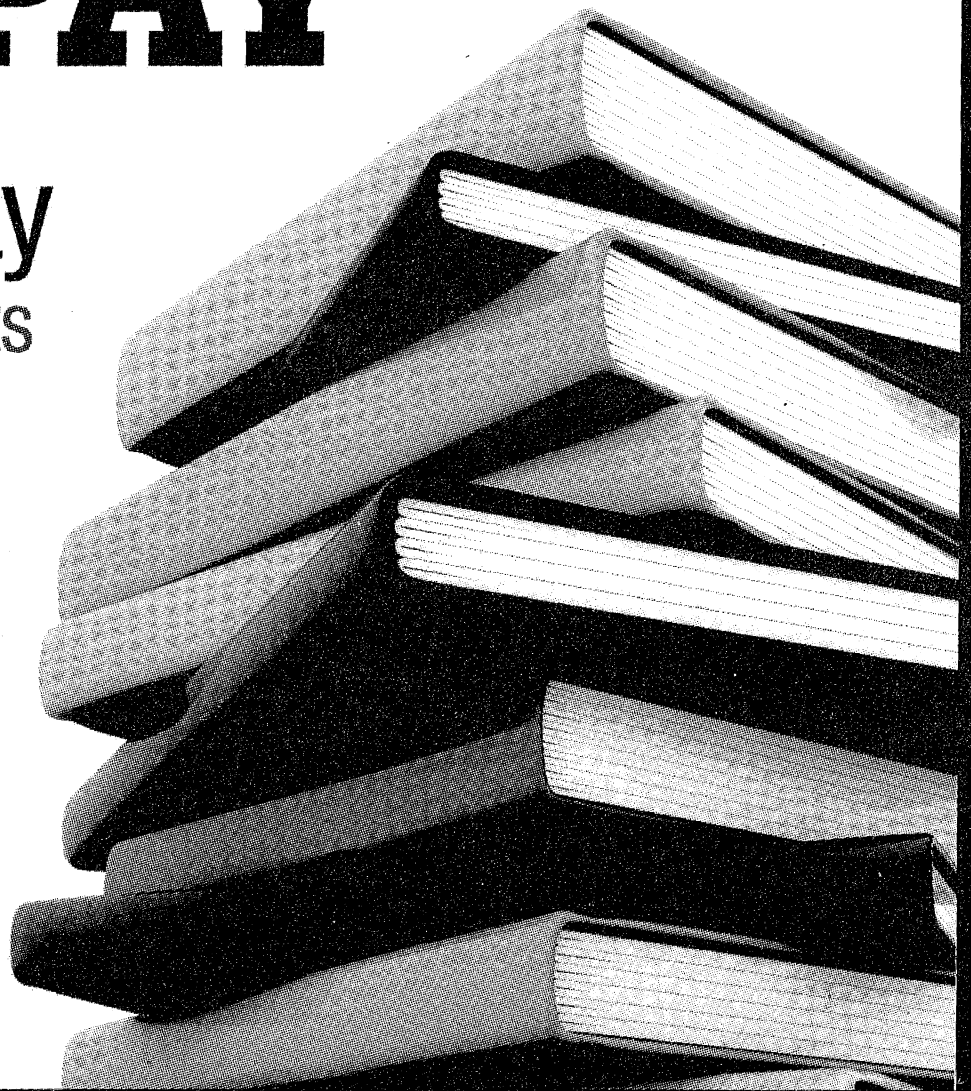
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ARTS & entertainment

Opening night sells out, Stony Brook Film Festival 2010

By JENNIFER LONG
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It was too good to be true. These were the words Alan Inkles used to describe the two films that opened Stony Brook's 15th annual film festival. Inkles, the director of the Stony Brook Film Festival, marked this year's opening night as "groundbreaking." One of the films made its United States premiere and the other made its east coast premiere. This was the first time two films were shown on opening night.

The sold out theater seating over 1,000 people played two Dutch films: *The Storm* and *Bride Flight*. Both were directed by the same man, Ben Sombogaart, and both were based on the same event in history, the North Sea Flood of 1953. In attendance were the producer and lead actress of *The Storm*, Sylvia Hoeks and Alain De Levita. After the completion of *The Storm*, which played first, the audience rose to their feet and turned to De Levita and Hoeks to applaud their work.

"I had never really experienced something like that in our 15 years," Inkles said in regards to the standing ovation after *The Storm*. "I can count on one hand the amount of nights in this theater that I remember feeling the kind of goose bumps that I felt when the audience did that."

The second film, *Bride Flight*, did not receive the same response. Inkles admitted that *Bride Flight* can be a tough and long film to get through, especially after already sitting through a very emotional movie like *The Storm*.

In addition to the films, there was a question and answer period as well as an opening night party in the university art gallery to kick off the festival. During the question and answer period between the two showings, Hoeks and De Levita explained more about *The Storm* to the audience. Hoeks explained her character in the film as a vehicle in which to tell the story of the storm. She said that the director, instead of telling a true story, made one character that you could feel the emotion and tragedy of the storm through.

Hoeks also spoke about the premiere of *The Storm* last year in Zeeland, the setting of the film and the area the North Sea Flood hit the hardest. She said many of the people in attendance were people who survived the flood. She said the film

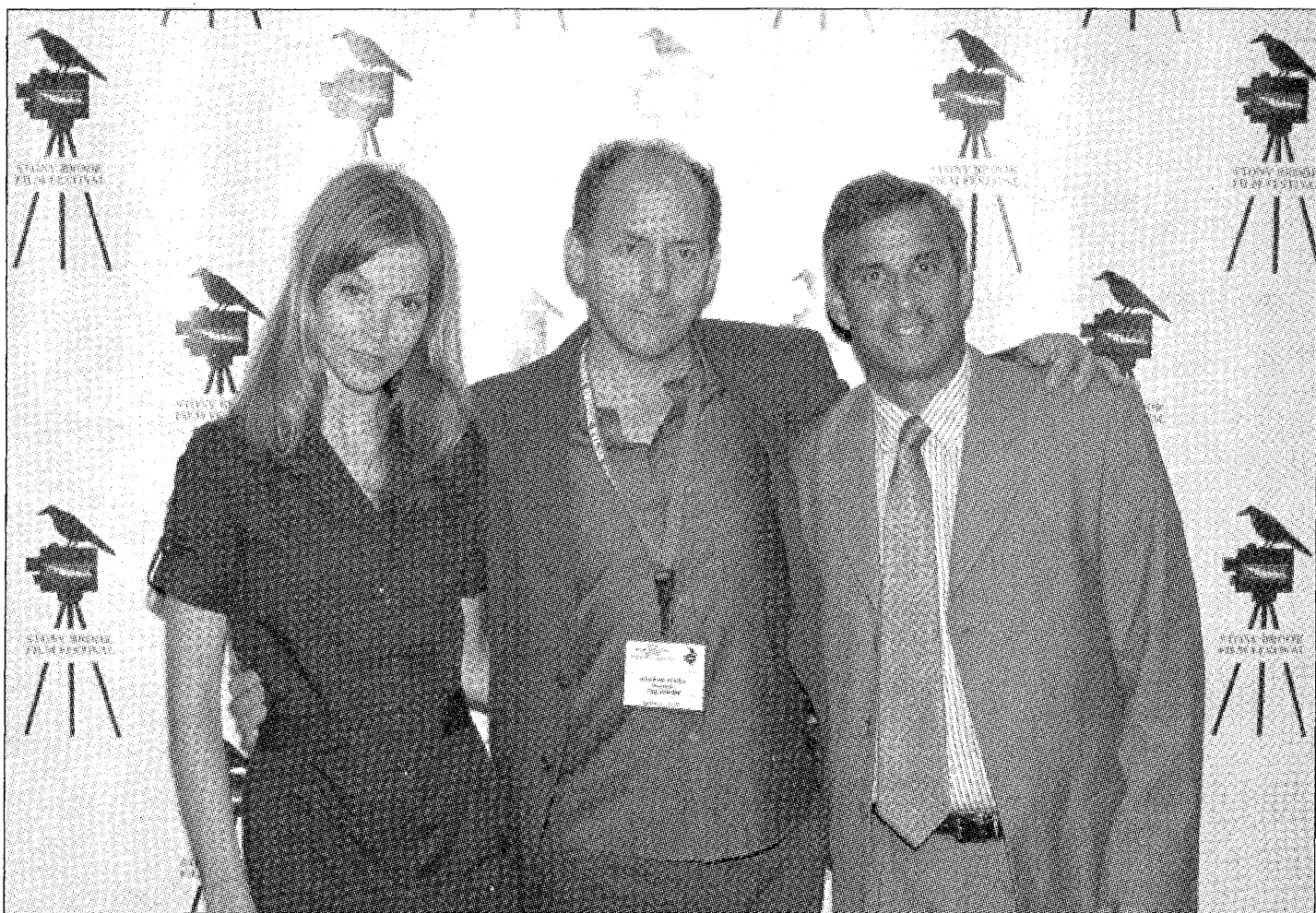


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Sylvia Hoeks, who played Julia in *The Storm*, Alain De Levita, producer, (Nijenhuis & de Levita Film & TV B.V.), and Alan Inkles, director of the 15th Annual Stony Brook Film Festival.

gave those in attendance a chance to grieve when they hadn't previously been able to.

"They didn't really talk about it a lot because in Holland, in the place that was affected most by the flood, they were very religious and they thought it was God's will so they didn't talk about it much," Hoeks said. "So this film gave them the power to talk about it and to grieve more. For them it was a very happy experience."

De Levita also said that the film can be appreciated by Americans as well because of Hurricane Katrina that devastated New Orleans in 2005. He hopes that because of films like *The Storm*, there will be dams built to prevent further tragedies.

"The film is a dramatic film about surviving and what can happen, so if anything, we hope that big dams will be built like we did in the Netherlands," De Levita said. "If you go to the Netherlands you should see the dam. It's huge, even by American standards."

The Storm was one of the most expensive films created in the Netherlands. De Levita expressed hopes for the film to one day be circulated in the United States.

This is another reason why Inkles believes this opening night was so groundbreaking. Now he is in the process of trying to get *The Storm* and other films that premiered at the festival considered for distribution in this country. Not only does it benefit the films, but it also gives recognition to Stony Brook.

"This is Stony Brook, this isn't Sundance, it isn't Toronto," Inkles said.

According to Inkles, nine of the 21 screening nights were sold out. This is six to seven times more sell outs than any previous year.

Those in attendance included people from the community, other producers, actors, sponsors and Stony Brook students.

A new addition to the film festival this year was CCS 204 - The Stony

Brook Film Festival: Films and Contexts, a summer class involving 12 to 13 students that attended the whole film festival. They critiqued films, met with filmmakers and directors, toured the facilities and film booths and learned about film marketing. Inkles believes the pilot year of this class was a huge success and he's sure that it will either double or triple next year. In his opinion, "it's all about the students."

Corinne McGuirk, a sophomore cinema and cultural studies and biology chemistry major, said that her first time at the film festival and her involvement in CCS 204 was a great experience.

"[The film industry] really tells you a lot about human character and human nature and just how society interacts with each other," McGuirk said. "It teaches you about the human spirit and what we do for our enjoyment and what's current so I find it interesting to learn about people."

Another student Jeremy Schara, also a cinema and cultural studies major in the summer film festival class, said the festival really sparked his passion for filmmaking. Right now he's writing a script for a zombie movie. In his mind, he said interacting with people who were in the industry was the best part of the experience.

"It's really cool to meet the people who put these things together, to be able to walk up to a producer and ask them how they got started," Schara said.

Inkles said that throughout the two weeks of the festival, he received high praises for the two films that opened the first night. If appropriate, he says he hopes to continue showing two films opening night in festivals to come.

"Everybody told me nothing matched in their mind the energy and excitement of the opening night," Inkles said. "It might have been the best opening night we've had in fifteen years."

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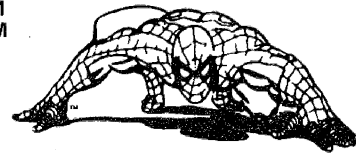
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Top 5 Movies of Summer 2010

By YOUNG CHUNG
Contributing Writer

The summer of 2010 was probably another memorable summer for somebody somewhere. Perhaps some guy went hiking across the Adirondacks or navigated the English Channel. Perhaps someone else worked some lame job at Hollister to pay for his college tuition. Or maybe some group of friends partied like Jersey Shore.

Nevertheless, Hollywood understands that school's out and movies are in. Thus, the best movies with the biggest estimated box offices tend to be released over the summer - unless they are deemed too awesome, such as *The Dark Knight*. Regardless, here are five Hollywood blockbusters that were released this summer.

1. Inception



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Inception is Christopher Nolan's latest baby. The director behind *The Dark Knight* and *Memento* hurled *Inception* into theaters this summer.

Inception incepted a number of people's minds and dreams. While anticipated by many this summer, *Inception* was also a disappointment for others. The disappointment was because *Inception* was more complex than the usual film.

Inception is a very complicated film that introduces a new type of screenplay that can only be executed through *Inception*'s dream-like storyline. Because *Inception* is of and about dreams, some audiences did not understand *Inception*. Others did understand *Inception* but left the theater furious. Others were just stunned and left in mind blown awe.

Inception stars a star-studded cast including Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Caine and Ellen Page. With an amazing, mind blowing soundtrack crafted by Hans Zimmer and a haunting rendition of "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien" by Edith Piaf, *Inception* is a summer must see.

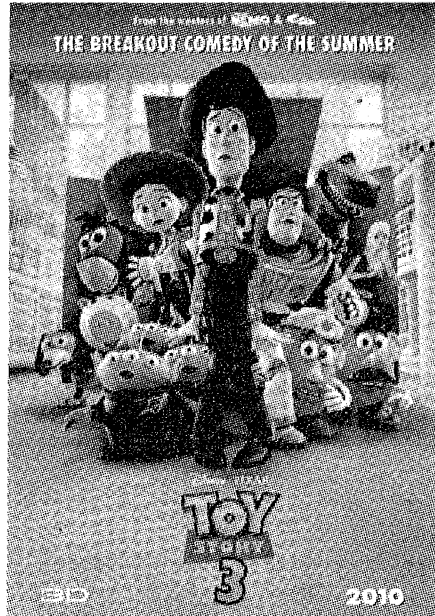
Whether you know the ending or not, *Inception* is one mind boggling, gloriously directed, paced, edited and executed cinematic work.

Also, I suggest you listen to the *Inception* soundtrack while doing daily chores or studying. You'll feel like you're about to barge in on a homework bad guy drug bust or something.



2. Toy Story 3

The newest and last addition to the Toy



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Story franchise, *Toy Story 3* was regarded dubiously when marketing began. After being hit by so many animated films and animated franchises such as *Shrek*, many Americans lost faith in the animated film. However, *Toy Story 3* blew people's minds. Whether you are a child or an adult, (hopefully not a baby or you would be extremely scared by the evil monkey), *Toy Story 3* is a nostalgic blast from the past with the accompaniment of the two famous toys, Woody and Buzz.

Unlike many other non-satisfactory franchise endings, *Toy Story 3* is probably one of the best endings to a franchise that could exist. To the weak of heart and very sentimental, *Toy Story 3* brought tears to the eyes of many. To the more non-weepee people, *Toy Story 3* brightened otherwise rainy days (rainy days which did not exist this summer but you understand the metaphor).

Toy Story 3 was a summer marvel released by Pixar. A glorious ending to a wonderful series, *Toy Story 3* is a must see, especially for the incoming freshmen at Stony Brook University, for you guys can proudly say that you left for college the same year as Andy.



3. Takers



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Takers probably doesn't count as a summer blockbuster since it hasn't even been released yet. However, *Takers* brings back the heist film. The heist film is *The Italian Job*, *The Ocean* series- all those films where a group of people

steal something, millions and billions of that something. The heist film has been lying low for some time but director John Luessenhop brings it back this you summer with *Takers*.

Takers stars a number of stars such as T.I., Chris Brown, Hayden Christensen and the awesome Idris Elba from *The Wire*. Loaded and loaded, *Takers* takes you for a murderous good run.

The acting is okay for a heist film. Sadly, there isn't much character development because the heist genre does not take time to explain things like that. The heist genre is one of the most seductive genres that exist. Loaded with luxury, hot guys, beautiful girls, fast cars and guns, *Takers*, the heist film of the summer, delivers.

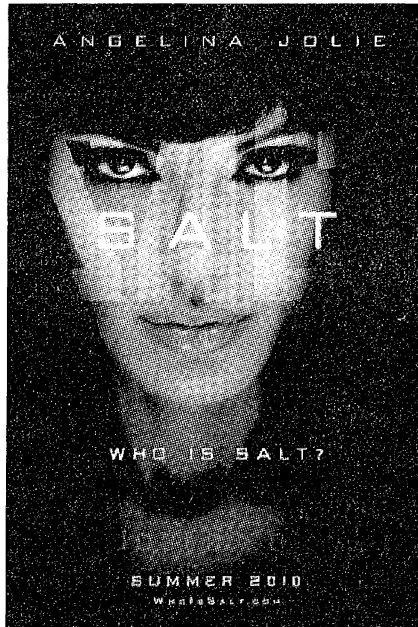
While there are a few moments of tacky lines and a seriously questionable British accent, *Takers* also showcases some gorgeous color schemes and takes *The Italian Job* to the next level.

If you loved *The Italian Job* or *The Ocean* series, you'll love *Takers* too. *Takers* is surprisingly worth the admission price. Enjoy.

Takers will be released nationwide on August 27, 2010.



4. Salt



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Salt is a government espionage movie that includes Angelina Jolie but was written for Tom Cruise. Fortunately, something happened for Cruise to decline this film, so Jolie stepped up. Jolie is a pleasure to see on the screen, especially when she's wielding guns and lethal weapons (which she does do in this film).

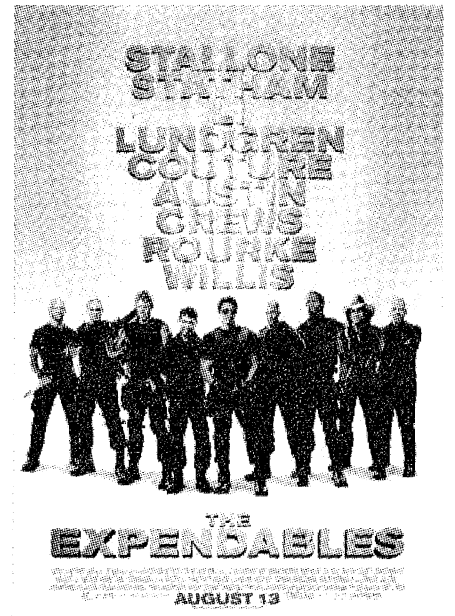
To keep it short, Angelina Jolie was pretty good, the storyline was unbelievable, the direction was hazy, the cinematography was cemented stereotypical Hollywood and the action was better than *Knight and Day*. (Sorry Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz).

People complain it could have been more because it could have. Sadly, *Salt* is supposedly getting a sequel but perhaps it'll get shot down. I guess I'd rather have a *Salt* sequel than a *Ferris Bueller* remake. (Yes you've heard me correctly. Hollywood is planning to remake that timeless movie).

The reason it's on this list is because it is mildly entertaining and slightly more intelligent than most of the Hollywood films that were released this summer.



5. The Expendables



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The Expendables, directed by Sylvester Stallone, is about a band of mercenaries that goes after a small island controlled by an ex-CIA agent. Advertised with a bold skull and a mind-blowing cast of Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Jet Li and Mickey Rourke, people went to see this film because of the stars and the guns. What you get when you see this film is exactly that. The typical tough guy leader of a group meets a girl, falls in love, goes back to rescue her from her dictator father and ailing island and then blows up the whole island sort of plot.

The Expendables is the stereotypical Hollywood blockbuster. While it was infinitely more entertaining than last year's *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra*, *The Expendables* has witty dialogue about Jet Li's small size and entertains those in the audience that like Michael Bay explosions, guns, and some more explosions with a hot chick that is not Megan Fox.



Honorable Mention: *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World, directed by Edgar Wright and starring Michael Cera, is about Scott Pilgrim, a poor bass player who went and got his heart broken by an evil female dog that was once a nice girl until she got a record deal and rose to fame. Scott Pilgrim is also a nerd and now has a seventeen year old, Chinese Catholic schoolgirl girlfriend. However, he meets the girl of his dreams, literally in his dreams, and must defeat his dream girl's league of seven evil ex-es to be able to go out with her and get past his second base achievement.

Scott Pilgrim may have started a whole new film genre. While I have seen animations in other real life movies before *Scott Pilgrim*, *Pilgrim* takes it to a whole new level. *Scott Pilgrim* is like watching a real-life video game without the button-mashing. While it isn't quite that cinematically brilliant, it is extremely entertaining. It isn't your pumping lead into guts, *Left for Dead 2* style entertaining, but more of a cute, I just punched you so hard I got a knock out in *Tekken* entertaining. Not only that, the costumes are cute and so is the screenplay. The acting was convincing as well, perhaps due to the flatness of most of the ex-es and characters.

The people that will be entertained by *Scott Pilgrim* are probably limited. But if you like video games, comic books or manga, you'll like *Scott Pilgrim*. If not, perhaps you'll like it and perhaps you won't.



Letter from the Editor: Welcome Back

The Statesman is changing. Every year the new editor writes this and writes those exact words. But this time there is a real change ahead.

As you can see from the issue you are holding, we have changed our look and increased the size of our paper.

The main reason for this is the recent decision of the editorial board to make the Statesman a weekly paper instead of twice weekly.

This decision was not one we took lightly, but in the end, we did it for editorial and financial reasons that will better provide you with a

quality newspaper every week.

This year we are expanding our coverage and launching a brand new website, which we will post on whenever a new story comes out, not at specific times each week and not a week after the paper has come out. The website will become as important as the print edition

and will have all the content from the paper and more.

We would like to welcome any new writers, photographers, copy editors and graphic designers to join the Statesman and become part of this tradition.

We will be holding an open house on Wednesday, September

1st for all students to come see the newly redesigned office and meet the editors and staff of the paper.

We have many plans for the paper and will promise that Statesman will remain a great paper and become even greater.

- The Editorial Board

Budget Shortfalls And Hopes For The New Year

By RAVNEET KAMBOJ
Opinion Editor

The past year was a tumultuous one for Stony Brook. Ups and downs in the Under Graduate Student Government, budget cuts, the closing of the Southampton campus and many more events left students and student government leaders feeling worn out.

The PHEEIA or Public Higher Education' Empowerment and Innovation Act now threatens to raise tuition on students while promising to make up for budget short falls. Even without PHEEIA school officials are still planning on possibly increasing tuition.

The Statesman itself was subject to these ups and downs when our budget was cut drastically and then, after a protracted period of legal positioning and meetings, was reinstated by the USG.

Many students last semester were shocked when they logged onto SOLAR to register for classes. They found that even though their enrollment date had just been reached, the classes that they needed to advance their majors were full or impossible to fit into their schedules comfortably.

Considering that Stony Brook

is partly a commuter school, this awkward scheduling is a real pain for many students. This shortage of classes is a serious concern as Stony Brook looks ahead to even steeper budget cuts handed down from Albany.

Right about now the school needs a fresh start and this is where the brand new year comes in. Every year is a new opportunity to do things differently. It is an opportunity for students to come closer together to organize groups and events on their own.

The age of social media and last year's Humans vs. Zombies game on campus shows that students have the ability to self-organize and have fun without needing a complicated process that runs through USG and university administration.

This year, USG officials need to put aside personal agendas and help streamline the governing process. Many times you hear of students complaining that it is hard to get anything done.

New clubs have a hard time getting funding and many people are often left feeling left out.

However, there is hope because the USG is made up of essentially good people who have the best interest of the student body at heart and have



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the power to make student life here better than it already is. This may be the year that they do it. Faculty plays an important role as well.

University faculty sometimes seem disconnected from the student body. This most likely comes from the fact that there are not enough teachers at the university and teachers who are here must instruct a lot of classes.

Faculty could really help to ease concerns of students by becoming more active in the out of classroom activities that occur around campus. When students feel that their university is going through trouble, nothing helps alleviate that than having the people who really run the school

participate in events and really connect with the students.

There are many hopes for this new year because time and time again we see that Stony Brook students are not ready to accept the labels that are placed on us. When called the unhappiest campus in the country, students emphatically showed that this was not the case.

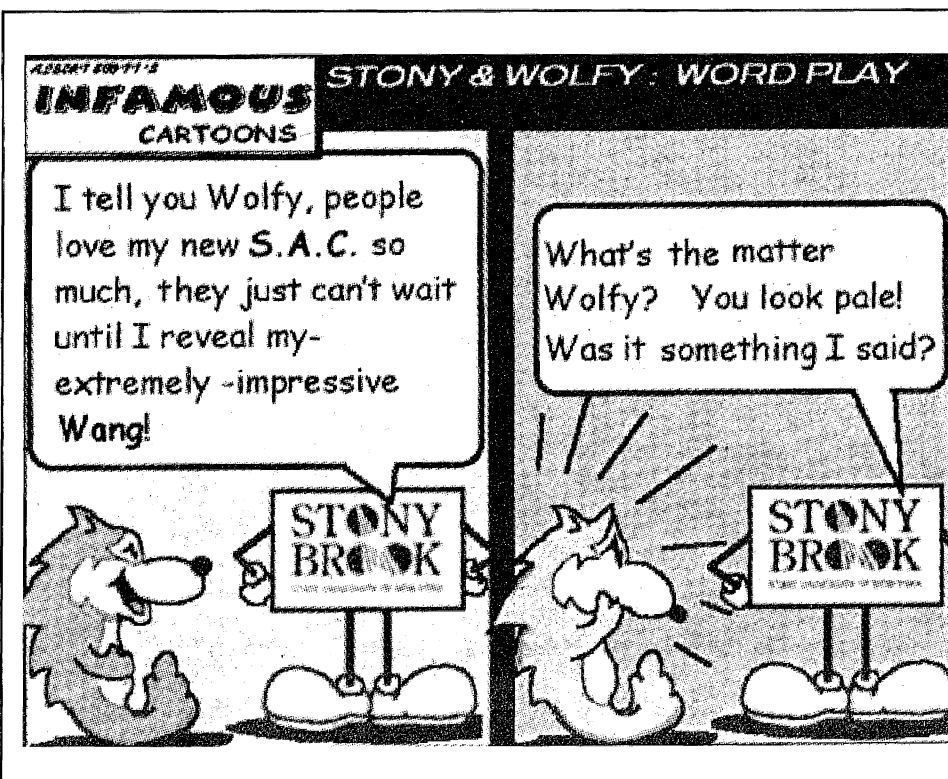
Personally, I know that every student here that puts in a little bit of effort into getting involved and meeting people here at Stony Brook has an amazing time. The incoming freshmen have interesting and sometimes daunting times ahead of them.

They must navigate an unfamiliar place with new rules and people. They must also

adjust to the harder classes they will now be taking compared to high school. The budget problems will also begin to weigh on their minds.

Hopefully, this semester will see the budget woes of the school eased. Whether this will be through PHEEIA or the state, the university needs the relief soon.

Either way, no matter what happens, it is up to all of the student body to make sure that this university stays a friendly and fun place for students to be. A new semester is always a new chance and it is now up to us to straighten out our school, hold faculty and USG responsible, and have a great time in the process as well.



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FOOTBALL: Picked to finish second in polls

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years of his career sharing the ball-carrying duties with Stony Brook's all-time leading rusher, Conte Cuttino, giving the Seawolves the most dangerous rushing attack in the conference. While he did say he was happy about moving into the lead role, he said that having Cuttino made it a lot harder for teams to defend the running game.

"It feels good but then again it's going to be harder than it was last year because it was hard for defenses to key on two running backs at once," he said.

This year, it could be even harder for opposing defenses, as they will have to watch three running backs at once. Stony Brook added a pair of transfers at the position: junior Brock Jackolski (Shirley, N.Y.) and sophomore Miguel Maysonet (Riverhead, N.Y.). Both backs transferred from Hofstra University after the school announced that it was dropping its football program at the end of last season.

Both Jackolski and Maysonet won the New York State Player of the Year award in their respective senior seasons. They were also winners of the Carl Hansen Award, given to Suffolk County's most outstanding player. Jackolski was an all-around threat for Hofstra last season, ranking second on the team with 787 all-purpose yards. As a true freshman in 2009, Maysonet led the Pride in rushing with 385 yards.

"They're competing for playing time, they're both good players," Priore said. "I think both of them will provide us with leadership and experience."

Paving the way for the rushing attack will be senior captain Paul

Fenaroli (Monroe, Conn.), an All-Big South first-team selection in 2009 and a preseason all-conference pick in 2010. He has made 27 consecutive starts at center and will anchor an offensive line that has cleared the way for a rushing attack that ranked 29th in the nation last season.

Probably the biggest loss from last year's team comes on the defensive side of the ball in the form of linebacker Tyler Santucci. The 2009 Big South Defensive Player of the Year, Santucci ended his career tied for the Stony Brook career record for solo tackles with 145. He also was named a second-team All-American by the Associated Press last year. But he is still a part of the Seawolves family, serving as a graduate assistant this year.

"It's great having him here with us," said Priore. "It's good for the kids too because they have somebody to identify with. He's very well-respected."

Priore said there is no replacing him, but still believes the team has quality talent at the linebacker position.

Picking up the slack will be senior captains Julian Glenn (Uniondale, N.Y.) and Stephen Schwicke (East Patchogue, N.Y.). Both of them have been in the program for four years and bring that experience to the position.

Anchoring the secondary is senior captain safety Arin West (Toms River, N.J.), who returns after an outstanding junior season. A first team All-Big South selection, West recorded 80 tackles, three interceptions, three fumble recoveries and one forced fumble.

Stony Brook will begin the season on the road for what may be the biggest game in school history. For the first time ever, they will

face a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) program when they take on the University of South Florida in Tampa on September 4. USF ended the 2009 season with a 27-3 victory over Northern Illinois in the International Bowl. They finished with an 8-5 record.

"I certainly expect it to be a challenge for us, but I expect us to be prepared," Priore said of the game. "Anytime you're playing a team that's supposed to beat you, it gives you an opportunity to earn some respect."

The Seawolves will start the conference schedule on October 9 in the homecoming game against VMI. For the second year in a row, they will face Liberty in the final game of the season, a matchup that could decide the conference championship. Stony Brook was picked to finish second in the conference behind Liberty for the second straight season.

Priore said he doesn't care about the preseason polls.

"When it's all said and done it doesn't matter who picks us, it matters what we do on the field," he said. "I don't really pay attention to what people say about us."

Gowins does, however.

"I honestly think we should be first," he said. "But we just have to prove everybody wrong because we were second last year too and we finished out on top."

2010 also marks the first season that Stony Brook will be the only football program on Long Island. Priore said the Seawolves are ready to accept that responsibility.

"I certainly believe that we'll represent correctly on the field," he said. "More importantly I think it's a place where the fans on Long Island can come and enjoy a great Saturday game."

From Hofstra's loss, SBU's gain

By SAM KILB
Sports Editor

On December 3, 2009, Hofstra University announced that it was shutting down its football program to reinvest in academics.

Hofstra, Stony Brook's main athletics rival, was the only other Division I football program on Long Island, leaving the Seawolves with a monopoly on LI high school football talent looking to stay at home and play at a high level.

It also left the Seawolves with something else—five transfers still looking to play college football on Long Island.

Here's a look at the newcomers: Miguel Maysonet, RB, Sophomore

As a true freshman with the Pride, the 5-foot-10-inch, 205-pound Maysonet led the team in rushing with 385 yards.

He also scored three touchdowns

and gained 68 yards receiving.

Brock Jackolski, RB, Junior

The 5-foot-10-inch, 200-pound Jackolski was a multifaceted threat for Hofstra, rushing, receiving and returning kicks.

As a freshman at Hofstra he led the team with 1,200 all-purpose yards.

Reginald Francklin, LB, RS Freshman

The 6-foot, 230-pound linebacker did not play last year at Hofstra, and is looking to make noise at a position that graduated All-American Tyler Santucci.

Armand Poole, OL, Senior

Poole began his career on the defensive side of the ball before moving to offense as a sophomore. At 6 foot 2 inches and 285 pounds, he started 29 games for the Pride.

Andrew Nelson, DL, Junior

The 6-foot-4-inch, 300-pound Nelson played in all 12 games for the Pride last season, recording 26 tackles.

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Stony Brook Football Schedule--Fall 2010

9/4	@ South Florida	7 p.m.
9/11	vs. American International	6 p.m.
9/18	@ Brown	12:30 p.m.
9/25	vs. Massachusetts	6 p.m.
10/9	vs. VMI *	3:30 p.m.
10/16	@ Lafayette	1 p.m.
10/23	@ Coastal Carolina*	7:30 p.m.
10/30	vs. Charleston Southern*	3 p.m.
11/6	@ Presbyterian*	1 p.m.
11/13	vs. Gardner-Webb*	1 p.m.
11/20	@ Liberty *	3:30 p.m.
11/27	First round of FCS playoffs	TBD

Volleyball wants improvement in 2010

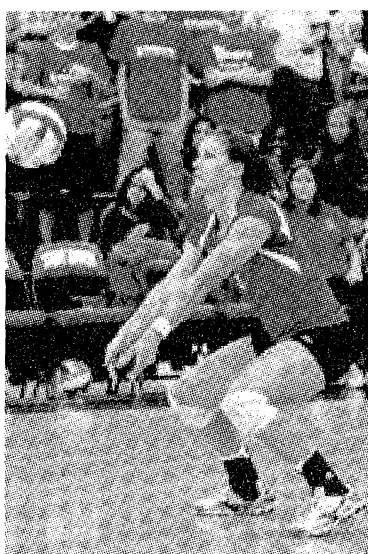
By MIKE DANIELLO
Staff Writer

Stony Brook women's volleyball is back with a vengeance this year after a disappointing 2009 season in which they finished .500 and barely missed the playoffs, ending up in a four-way tie for the final playoff spot and losing out in the tiebreaker by three points.

The team is led by Coach Deborah Matejka-DesLauriers, who is in her ninth season with the team.

She has taken the Seawolves to the America East Championship tournament five times since 2000, and this season hopes to take the team back to the playoffs.

"Our team goal this year is to



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be back in the final four of the America East Championships,"

Coach Matejka-DesLauriers said. "We want to be better all around, both offensively and defensively. Serving is going to be a key component to our offensive game this season."

To help, Matejka-DesLauriers brought in four new players.

First she added junior Masa Balandzic, a 5-foot-6-inch setter and defensive specialist who played at Northeastern Junior College.

Then Matejka-DesLauriers recruited three freshmen to the roster: Hailee Herc, Kaitlin Costello, and Evann Slaughter.

Herc is a swing hitter coming from Eden, NY. Slaughter is a middle blocker from Clinton, Md. Costello, another swing hitter out of Our Lady of Mercy High School (Webster, NY), was an All-Greater Rochester first team selection.

Stony Brook will start the season

on Friday, Aug. 27 at the Golden Gopher Invite in Minneapolis, Minnesota. First the Seawolves will take on Marquette, followed by Minnesota, and Denver on Saturday, Aug. 28.

This invitational consists of several quality opponents, but the one Matejka-DesLauriers said she finds the toughest is Minnesota. Minnesota, ranked sixth in the nation, is a competitive team and will be one of the elite teams Stony Brook will face this season.

Also, the Seawolves have two players, junior Alicia Nelson and sophomore Greta Strenger, who are from Minnesota and wanted to visit their hometown and compete in front of their family and friends.

Following the Golden Gopher Invite, the Seawolves will take part in the Yale Invitational in New Haven, Conn.; the Fordham

Invitational in the Bronx, NY; and the Marriot Cavalier Classic in Charlottesville, Va., before starting their regular season on Sept. 19 at American.

The Seawolves will play their first home game against Brown on Sept. 25.

This should be a good season for the Seawolves, who look to improve on the .500 record last year. Coach Matejka-DesLauriers already likes the chemistry and work ethic of the Seawolves this year.

"I have high expectations for this group and look forward to our first competition weekend in Minnesota," she said. "Our newcomers are very solid all around players with an added energetic spark."

Now all the Seawolves have to do is play hard and win some games to reach the playoffs once again.

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Men's rugby faces bigger W Soccer: Solid challengers in promotion recruiting class

By NOAH KIM
Staff Writer

After going undefeated in the fall of 2009, the Seawolves are looking to continue their success this upcoming year after promotion to a bigger, more athletic Division I of club rugby.

A repeat performance of last fall will be a tall order, but assistant coach Mike Moulton is confident that the Seawolves will hold their own.

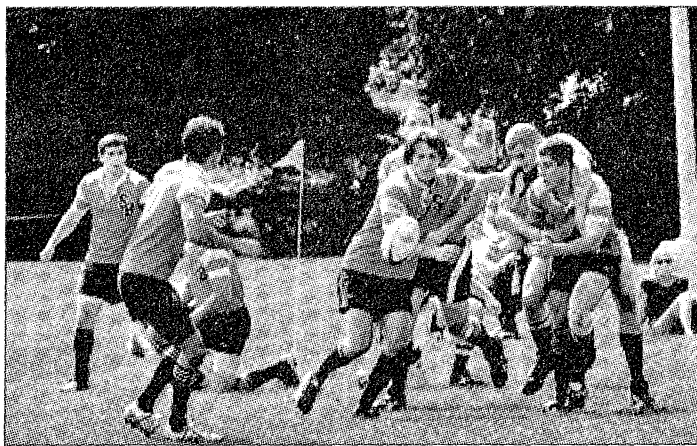
"We will be undersized in comparison to other teams in our union; however, if we play to our strengths, we will do well," he said. "We should have a good shot at winning our union."

The team this year does not have a single superstar player, but instead the players rely on each other to fully execute and form a well-balanced team, according to Moulton.

Seniors Josh Friedlander and Pete Demato, both of whom were named collegiate regional all-stars last season, will lead the team this fall.

Russell Carr will also play a prominent role on the team, as the junior was a collegiate all-star in his second year on the team last season.

The players entered preseason training—called "hell week"



STONY BROOK RUGBY

The men's rugby team earned the right to play in club rugby's top flight in 2010.

among their ranks—with an eye towards priming themselves for the upcoming season. Hell week consists of both fitness and training sessions, as well as scrimmages to get players back into that competitive feeling before the year begins, Moulton said.

Both the players and coaches have high expectations this year, as a winning record as well as a division title is the goal for 2010. Ultimately, the Seawolves want to make their first-ever appearance in the national championships.

Moulton emphasized a hard work ethic as well as a team-oriented mentality as keys to succeed. He mentioned "healthy, intense" competition and "pressing

each other" as some specific keys to victory. "As long as our athletes raise their level of play and make the next [guy] perform to the best of his abilities, we'll do well," he said.

The program has become increasingly competitive as more people become interested in the sport, leaving the coaches to say they expect great things from the program. Head coach Danny Yarusso said, "I am truly excited with the future" of Stony Brook rugby. Moulton added, "The sky's the limit."

The men's Division I rugby team opens its season on Sept. 12 against the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Women's rugby program builds off momentum

By NOAH KIM
Staff Writer

Coming off a competitive year, the "Black Widows" are looking to improve even more in the upcoming women's rugby season.

A division title is well within reach for the program that has been on the rise since its inception. Over the past 20 years, the program has become more competitive as rugby has become an increasingly popular sport.

Once just a club that lacked funds to compete, the Black Widows are now seen as a successful team recognized by the university. Although still technically a club, head coach Steve Galaris knows that his rugby team is more than that.

"We've assimilated to the university because they've been so generous to us," he said.

Galaris, who has been with the team for seven years, says that the club "has moved up in division status, membership is on the rise, and there have been better style of play and knowledge" during his tenure at Stony Brook.

In order to continue their development, the Seawolves have set specific goals for the

near future. Assistant coach John Isles said that in the next 3-5 years, a promotion to Division I is one of their priorities, which can happen even with tough competition in the coming years. However, the team will have to make the Division II regional



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playoffs first, a goal they have set for 2010. The step after that would be a national playoff appearance.

Galaris has high expectations for his team, saying one day he wants the team to develop into a "perennial powerhouse."

Off the field, Galaris wants to

recruit more underclassmen to increase the team's youth while promoting the sport of rugby overall, an objective that he called one of the most important.

According to Galaris, it is still unknown who will lead the team this year. Although there are a number of veterans on the team, the most valuable players will be determined from hard work in practice and throughout the course of the season. Players to watch out for are senior Erin O'Sullivan and sophomores Katherine Foran and Alexandra Slavin, all of whom Galaris thinks have a good shot at leading the team.

Galaris said he is looking forward to seeing which of his players can step up and lead the club both on and off the field, even if it's an underclassman.

With experienced personnel and strong coaching, the Seawolves look forward to jumping off to a good start in their home opener against Rutgers on Sept. 19.

The players, including junior flanker Allison Baldowski, feel optimistic. "We have a tough fall schedule," she said. "But our team has a lot of hard workers so we will definitely be a force to be reckoned with."

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equipped to win the conference, but to win NCAA games as well.

"It's always the same, most teams want to win the conference and use your nonconference games to ready yourself to win the conference," said Ryan. "But as you start getting better you want not just to win the conference and play in the NCAA games, you want to win the NCAA games."

In the preseason, the Seawolves were picked to finish second in the conference by a poll of America East coaches. Second in this poll is an impressive feat, as the team picked in front of them—Boston University—has won the America East crown in each of the past three years.

It's not hard to understand why there are lofty expectations for Stony Brook this year. They're returning the vast majority of starters, including sophomore midfielder Taryn Schoenbeck (1 goal, 3 assists in 2009) and last year's leading goalscorer Kershaw (6 goals, 2 assists in 2009), who each earned a spot on the conference All-Rookie team and now have a full season under their belts.

Ryan said the new class of recruits is possibly the team's best ever and said thanks go to head recruiter and associate head coach Steve Welham, who is solely in charge of the recruiting process.

Of the new recruits, Ryan said that goalkeeper Ashley Castanio, a local product out of Oceanside

High School in Nassau County, may have an immediate impact this season as she competes for the starting goalkeeper position vacated by recently graduated Marisa Viola, who broke the program record for career shutouts during the 2009 season. Freshman Chelsea Morales earned the start in the first three games.

The Seawolves also hired a new assistant coach, Heather Hathorn, from UC-Irvine, where she was also an assistant. Coach Ryan, who is heading into her 26th year as head coach of the women's soccer team, said that it is great having another set of eyes to watch the players, run training sessions and meet with players.

An injury-free preseason set the Seawolves up for a rematch of last fall's 1-1 tie against Rutgers. Ryan said she expected Rutgers to come out with a chip on their shoulder.

"I think they're going to have a little bit of a grudge against us," said Ryan. "It was a bitter pill for them to swallow and we held on for the tie so I think that will be addressed in their pre-game locker room talk."

Rutgers earned their revenge, taking a 3-0 victory over the Seawolves, who managed just one shot.

The women then lost their next match, a 4-2 drubbing at home against Siena on Friday.

On August 29, the Seawolves (0-3) fell to Iona, 1-0.

The Seawolves next take the field at 7 pm on September 3, when they take on Marist at LaValle Stadium.

Cross country looks to continue run of success

By DAVID O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University is ready to kick off another sports year, and the cross-country teams, purveyors of past success, are ready to strive for a repeat performance, both athletic and academic, under Coach Andy Ronan.

"We're not trying to out-do the past," Ronan said. "We add some new people every year. The first goal is to integrate them with the returning runners."

"For the women, we want to defend our title. For the men, we want to challenge for the conference title. We hope to advance to the NCAA championship," he added.

With the first meet on Sept. 4 in Stony Brook, Coach Ronan has been using his considerable experience—16 years, 10 at Stony Brook and six at Providence College—to prepare his group for competition running.

"Every season is different," said Coach Ronan. "We're evaluating where everyone is."

Since his arrival at Stony Brook, Coach Ronan's cross-country

teams have earned four America East individual championships, three METS individual championships, one ECAC individual championship and one America East team championship.

The women's team has finished third or better in the conference every year since 2002. Since 2004, the men have three top-three finishes.

Ronan won the America East Coach of the Year award for three years in a row, from 2005 to 2007.

Before arriving at Stony Brook, Coach Ronan helped coach Providence College to winning six Big East cross-country titles, one for every year. Ronan, a native of Wexford, Ireland, won four Big East championships while attending Providence.

Ronan's NCAA experience will come in handy in coaching Stony Brook's star female running duo, the Van Dalen twins. Juniors Lucy and Holly Van Dalen both competed at the NCAA level last fall, earning all-conference and all-region honors.

The pair were named All-Americans during the spring track and field season.

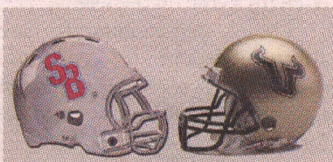
SPORTS

Seawolves football ready for "big year"

By DORIC SAM
Staff Writer

"Who is Stony Brook?? Fastest rising D1 program in America. Emerging power at FCS level. EXCELLENT school on Long Island."

Those words, indicative of the growing esteem for Seawolves athletics across the country, were tweeted earlier this month by Executive Associate Director of Athletics Bill McGillis of the University of South Florida, Stony Brook football's first opponent in 2010. After earning respect at the national level with the most



Stony Brook at USF

When: 7 p.m., Sept. 4

Where: Raymond James Stadium, Tampa Bay, Fla.

Listen: WUSB 90.1

Fast Fact: This is Stony Brook's first ever game against an FBS opponent.

successful year ever for Stony Brook's athletics programs, the Seawolves are prepared to continue their rise this year, starting with the football team.

In 2009, just its second year in the Big South, Stony Brook was able to

win a share of the conference title with a dramatic victory in the last week of the season over perennial conference powerhouse Liberty. The Seawolves finished the season 6-5 overall and an outstanding 5-1 in the Big South. The conference title is the Seawolves' first since winning a share of the Northeast Conference in 2005.

"It was certainly rewarding to be conference champs," said head coach Chuck Priore, who was named Big South Coach of the Year. "But last season had its ups and downs, so we're looking to be more consistent this year as we have higher expectations."

These high expectations are inherited by a young team, as Stony Brook graduated 26 seniors last year and is only returning a total of eight starters on offense and defense.

"This year's team is going to be younger on both sides of the ball and doesn't have the same number of leaders," said Priore. "But I think it's also a team that has a little more talent and is a little closer together."

Leading the offense will be junior quarterback Michael Coulter (Yorba Linda, Calif.), who started every game for the Seawolves last season. He led the Big South with 15 touchdown passes and was one of only three players in the conference to finish with more than 2,000 yards of offense last season. Coulter also engineered game-winning drives in three games, including the final game against Liberty.

"The offensive game always starts with the quarterback," said Priore. "Coulter had a good campaign in 2009 and has prepared correctly to



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Seawolves football is gearing up for a conference season that could land the team in the national championship playoffs.

lead the team in the 2010 season."

Coulter is the only quarterback on the roster with significant game experience.

Joining Coulter in the backfield will be standout running back Edwin Gowins (Bellport, N.Y.), who was named to the Big South Preseason All-Conference Team last month.

In just two seasons, he has already totaled 2,200 yards on the ground, ranking fourth all-time in school history. Gowins managed to lead the team in rushing for the

second straight year with 890 yards and nine touchdowns on his way to being named to the All-Big South first team in 2009. Not only did he lead the conference in rushing, he also ranked 22nd in the nation, despite being slowed by a foot injury for most of the season.

"I'm 100 percent recovered this year," Gowins said. "We have a big year ahead of us, and I'm looking forward to it."

"Big year" is the appropriate phrase. The 2010 season marks the first time the winner of the Big

South will receive an automatic bid to the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs to compete for the national championship. But instead of getting overexcited in the hype of the playoff bid, Gowins said the team is taking it one game at a time. Still, he said, the chance for an automatic bid does give them added motivation.

Gowins spent the first two

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Women's soccer takes on unfamiliar role

By PATRICK JACQUES
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The Stony Brook University women's soccer team is coming off another strong season, having made it to the conference semifinals for the third straight year. With nine returning starters, including 2009 America East Rookie of the Year Sa'ha Kershaw, the Seawolves find themselves in a new role: being one of the teams to beat this season.

"We were in a position before where we were hunting teams in front of us," head coach Sue Ryan said. "Now everyone is going to want to play their best game against us, so we are going to have to be a lot more consistent in our play."

Consistency, elusive in 2009, will be key to a successful season for Stony Brook this year. Last season,

the Seawolves played then- #23 Rutgers to a tie and finished with a 5-2-1 conference record, including a win over Boston University that ended the Terriers' 22-game conference winning streak. However, the team struggled with its difficult nonconference schedule, posting a 2-8-1 record and losing its final two conference games. In the playoffs, Boston avenged their regular season loss by ousting Stony Brook in the semifinal round of the conference championship.

Coming into this year, the team's goal is to compete deep into the NCAA season, according to Ryan. Ryan makes it a point to subject her team to a difficult nonconference schedule with the hope that it will not just make the team better

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Men's soccer, ahead of schedule, hopes for another championship

By SAM KILB
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An unlikely conference championship and the resulting NCAA tournament bid found the Seawolves in Rhode Island last November, visiting Brown in the opening game of the national championship tournament.

After a 0-0 stalemate that lasted through regular time and the first overtime, Brown finally made the breakthrough in the second overtime, ending Stony Brook's dream season.

But to head coach Cesar Markovic, entering his seventh season at the helm of the men's soccer team, the trip to the tournament was an added bonus for his young team last season.

"We won a championship ahead

of schedule," he said. "Expectations were not high last year."

This year, Markovic said, the goal is clear: make it back to the NCAA tournament and play deep into the bracket.

"When you get a taste of something good, you want more," he said. "But it's a long road ahead of us."

The first stop on that road is close to home, at Long Island rival Hofstra. Stony Brook plays at Hofstra on Wednesday, Sept. 1 in what Markovic expects will be a heated battle.

"It's a great rivalry, it draws big crowds," Markovic said. "Most teams try to ease into the season, but we know with this team we will have a battle. It turns into a barnburner a lot of times."

The Seawolves have played Hofstra every year since 2003,

beating the Pride twice and losing on four occasions. The last time Stony Brook triumphed in the Long Island Derby was in 2007, when the Seawolves recorded a 3-1 win. In 2008, the teams played to a 2-2 (2OT) draw.

The Seawolves will benefit from the return of senior captain Mladen Ramic, who missed all of the 2009 campaign with an injury. Ramic will start at center back for Stony Brook.

Stony Brook also retains the services of 2009 America East Rookie of the Year Leonardo Fernandes and his central midfield partner, junior Wilber Bonilla.

Fernandes led the team with seven goals in 2009, including a cracking free kick to seal the America East title game. Markovic

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