

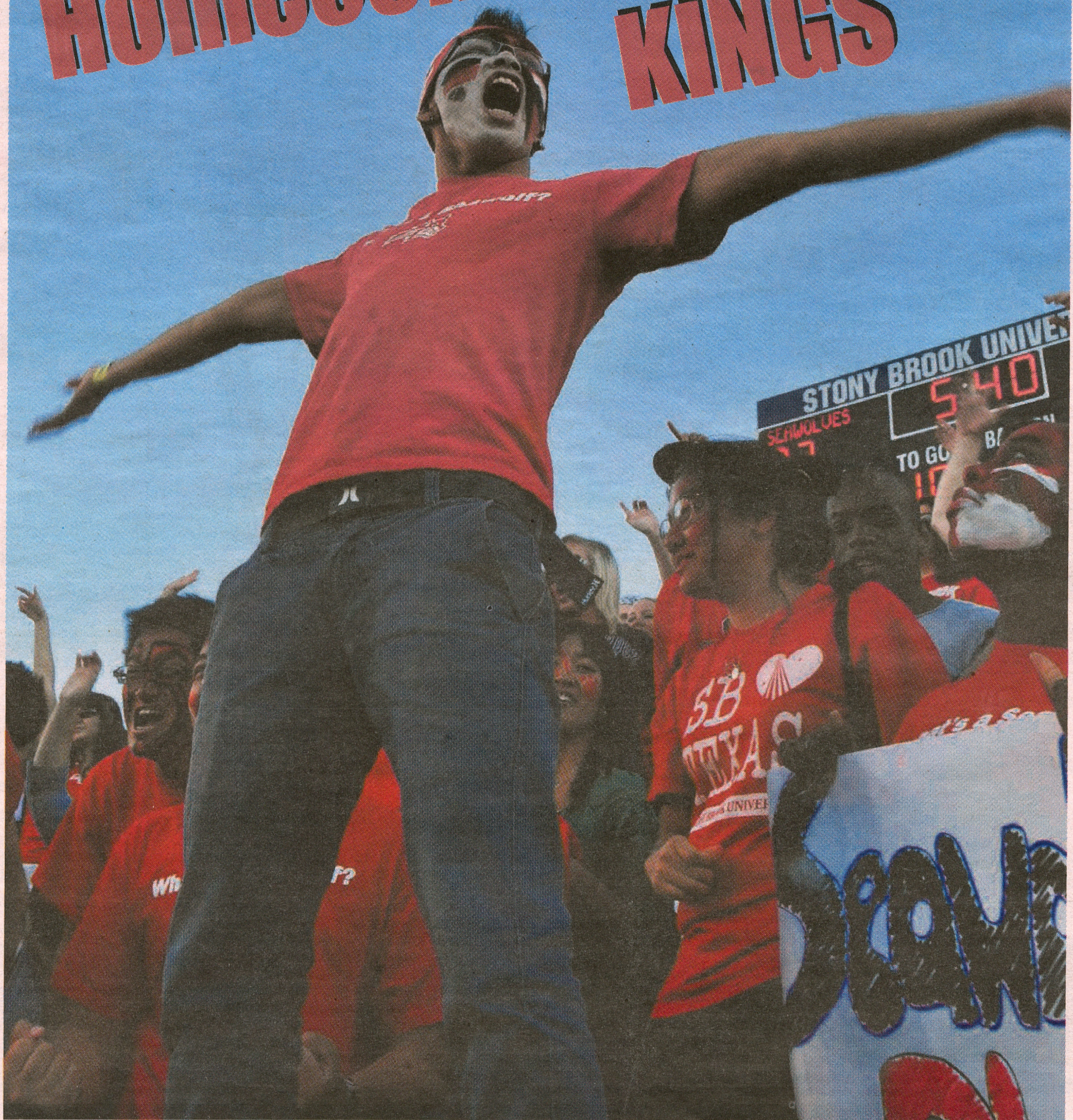
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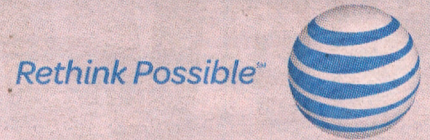
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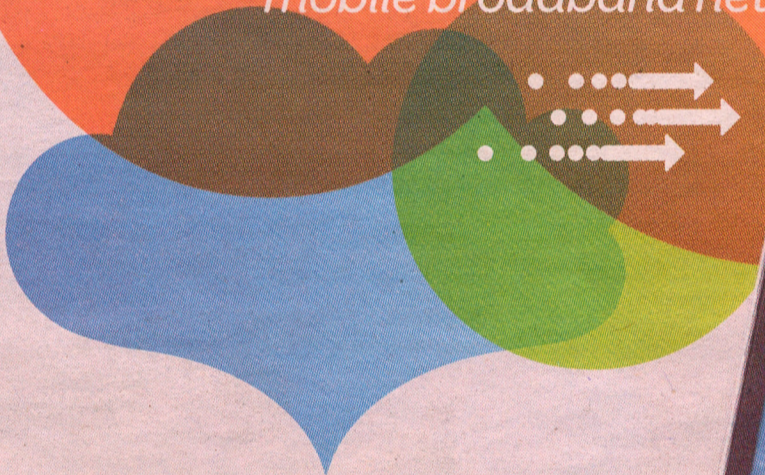
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# NEWS

## Stony Brook Council Stands By Stanley

By ALESSANDRA MALITO  
Assistant News Editor

The Stony Brook University Council stood by President Samuel L. Stanley Jr.'s decision to close Southampton's residence halls and relocate undergraduate academic programs to the West Campus on Monday.

The decision was the result of a council meeting that started at 9 a.m. before an audience of professors, administrators and students of both campuses, along with New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, who has been actively rallying with the Southampton students.

There was, "a real sense of loss and even anger, but at the end we felt we had to be fiscally responsible," Stanley said of the decision he made in April, which caused an uproar from Southampton students and faculty. "With all the things in mind, it felt like it was the right decision."

The council's decision came after Supreme Court Justice Paul J.

Baisley, Jr. ruled in favor of the six students who sued the university for illegally going about the process of relocating the campus. The decision stated closing the campus without the council's approval violated New York State law. But according to the council, Stanley discussed his decision during the May 11 meeting.

"Fiscal times are tough," said Kevin Law, chair of the council. "Times require tough decisions and leadership."

John Botos, the former undergraduate president of Southampton, spoke in front of the council earlier that morning, in response to Undergraduate Student Government, President and Stony Brook University council member Matthew Graham's statement.

"The decision to close the undergraduate portion is in the best interest of the SBU community," said Graham, who was originally in favor of the Southampton students' position back in April, before looking into the research the council did. He changed his mind and realized he "can't support a

decision which wouldn't be sound for the other 25,000 members of the undergraduates."

Southampton students, led by Botos, did not agree.

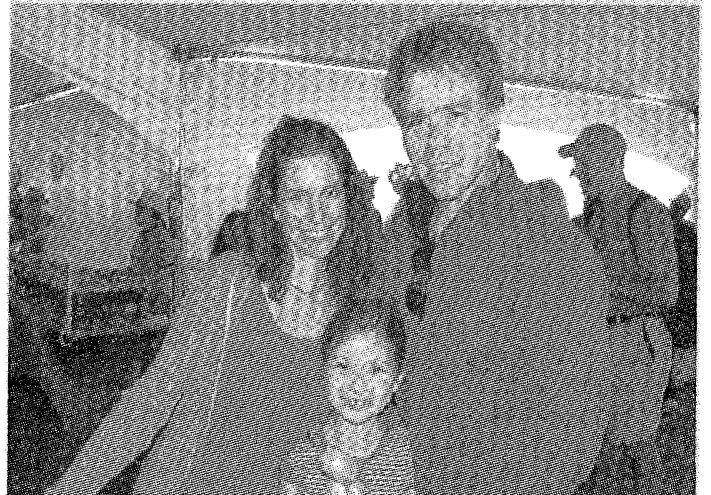
"We did not vote for you, they voted for me," Botos said to Graham, in between his three-minute statement to the council.

The council looked over prospects of the currently campus in Southampton. So far, plans being considered include creating a campus for the arts, which can link to the satellite campus in Manhattan, enhancing the marine science aspect of the building, which would include the marine station renovation with its ocean access, a program called "A Semester at the Sea" and a marine vertebrate biology program that is unique to the nation, and continuing the professional education to meet the community's needs in health sciences and cultural events.

"I've really lost faith in the council and president," Botos said. But the for him and many of the students at the meeting the fight is still not over.

## Stony Brook Alumni Return

Do you have a favorite memory of SBU?



"The Kinks came to play. That was a big thing."  
Kostya Kennedy, Statesman Editor Emeritus,  
class of 1990



"My wife and I met here in the 1990's."  
Howard Sussman, class of 1996

## Students Protest Contracts, Southampton Cuts and PHEEIA

By DAVID O'CONNOR  
Staff Writer

A group of about 50 students rallied in front of the Stony Brook Union on Thursday. The group included graduate students, Stony Brook Southampton transfers and those against the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act, or PHEEIA.

Graduate students were protesting that the state government hadn't given them the contract that they were promised. Their last contract was in 2007, meaning their salary and medical benefits have not changed in three years.

Jim LaCarrubba, chief of staff for New York State Senator Brian X. Foley (D-Blue Point) also came to address the students.

"They had a contract," LaCarrubba said. "It should be honored."

There were also students who had gone to Stony Brook Southampton before the

Stony Brook University closed residential facilities in early April of this year.

"He unilaterally closed Southampton University," said Andy Homer, 22, a political science and psychology double major from Rocky Point, N.Y. "The meeting [of the Stony Brook Council] was a presentation weaved around his questionable decision and didn't allow the students to let their voices be heard. Today's rally is our chance to change that."

There were also students against PHEEIA, which would allow SUNY schools to set their own tuition. While the act did not pass, President Stanley has said that he still plans to fight for PHEEIA.

According to the protest's Facebook page, the organizers of the protest made it clear that they want the university to scale back tuition increases.

Derek McGrath, a 26-year-old Teaching Assistant in the English Department, said that he opposed PHEEIA because education

"should be protected by public funding."

"Private education is formulated on the idea of profit," said Nick Eaton, a 22-year-old Stony Brook alumnus from Selden. "They're putting investment opportunities and corporate interests ahead of student interests. They turn the university into a factory."

But LaCarrubba is in favor of PHEEIA.

"The whole premise behind PHEEIA is to help universities so that students can finish school in four years," said LaCarrubba. "There's a tap. If the student can't graduate in four years, his or her family would have to pay for the extra year. We're trying to make it so that the university would have the funding to help the students with that. PHEEIA would help."

Tim Paules, 22, a psychology major from Harrisburg, Pa. knew what he'd say to President Stanley. "I'd say he needs to be more aware of the student's needs. He needs to be pushing for more funding from Albany. If he's not doing that, he's not doing his job."



EZRA MARGONO/ The STATESMAN

Students protested numerous issues outside the Union on Thursday.

### CLARIFICATION:

In the October 4th issue of the Statesman the following paragraph from the story titled "Honors College Students Unhappy with Current Policy" should have read:

"The order of taking classes has changed," said Machalow. "A lot of students dropped Honors 301 and Honors 401, which are considered upper division classes. The prerequisites only states acceptance to the College, but now you have to take the classes in order."

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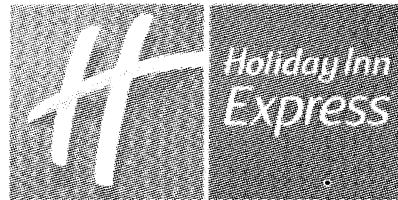
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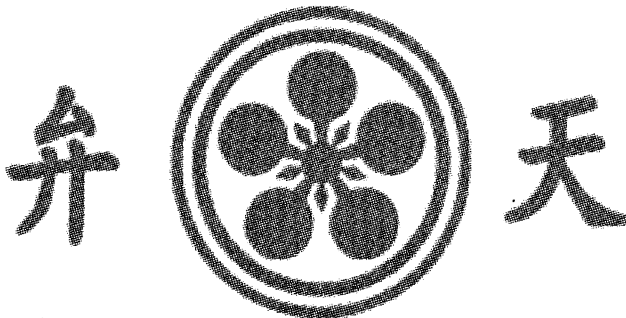
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# Enhancing Our View of Galaxies Beyond

By **SETH HOFFMAN**  
Contributing Writer

Students and members of the Stony Brook community packed into the Earth and Space Sciences Building on Oct. 1, for the lecture "Observing Galaxies Large and Small with the Hubble Space Telescope," despite the rainstorm that did not allow the audience to view the stars afterward.

The speaker, Dr. Jennifer Donovan Meyer, a postdoctoral research associate in the physics and astronomy department at Stony Brook, discussed the Hubble Space Telescope and new

advances in space exploration as part of the second Astronomy Night of the fall semester.

The Hubble Space Telescope, or HST, launched in 1990, orbits the Earth in only an hour and a half. Its most complex and colorful images are of our galaxy, the Milky Way, and of small dwarf galaxies nearby.

Meyer explained that the HST, with complex galactic images, has helped NASA understand how galaxies function with the development of a theory that galaxies are not isolated and instead merge together over time.

However, HST has a harder time capturing galaxies light

years away. But this is soon to change with its successor, the James Webb Space Telescope, or JWST.

"James Webb will be more useful than the Hubble," Meyer said.

JWST will be launched in 2014, replacing HST. It will have capabilities that NASA never dreamed of back in 1990, with the ability to take images of the first galaxies that formed during the Big Bang fourteen million years ago.

While the Hubble Space Telescope circulates 200 kilometers from the Earth's surface, the James Webb

Telescope will circulate 1.5 billion kilometers from the Earth's surface.

Therefore, the atmospheric dust that causes blurriness in Hubble's images will be avoided by the James Webb due to its distance from the Earth.

Currently, the Hubble captures all frequencies of visible light in our atmosphere. The James Webb will change this by capturing mostly electromagnetic light and some visible light, according to the James Webb website.

What many people don't know is that they can be their own astronomers online, as Meyer encouraged in her discussion.

With Galaxy Zoo.org, developed in 2007, anyone can register to classify galaxies as they are captured by Hubble. However, the galaxies that Hubble is able to expose were classified within the past twenty years.

According to Meyer, when James Webb is launched, this site will become much more useful as new galaxies will need to be categorized.

Meyer and NASA are asking students and the general public to get involved in classifying stars and galaxies that have never been viewed before, which can be done right from their own computers.

## Campus Recreation Center Construction Back on Track

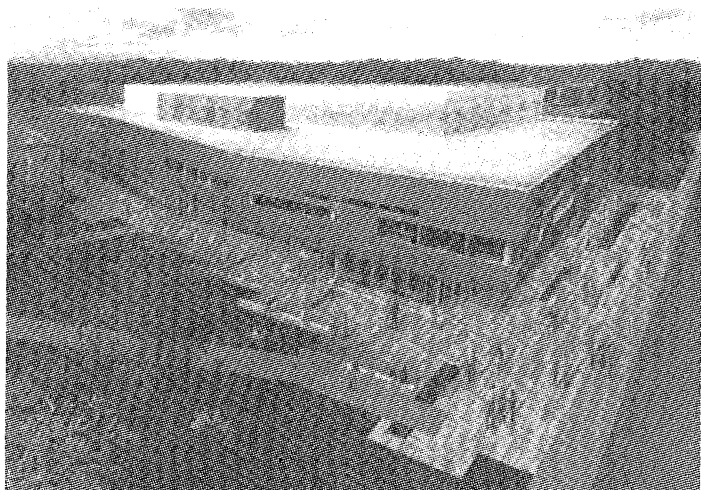


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An artist's rendering of the new Campus Recreation Center.

By **RYAN DAVENPORT**  
Contributing Writer

In June of 2009, Stony Brook celebrated the official groundbreaking of the new Campus Recreation Center, but actual construction on the center began six months later, in January of 2010. Shortly after, obstacles arose which put construction on hold.

Vegetation was discovered in the soil in the area that had been targeted for the center's foundation. To address this issue, a large portion of the soil had to be replaced. Despite this early setback, Susan DiMonda, associate dean and director of student life at Stony Brook, says that the project "is back on track, and is projected to be ready in the fall of 2012."

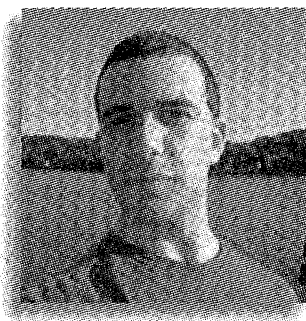
The new recreation center, an 85,000 square foot, state of the art facility, will house three

full-size basketball courts and a multi-purpose court for roller hockey and indoor soccer. The center was designed to meet the recreational and athletic needs of students, whether they be at the club intra-mural or truly recreational level. "This facility will allow for more competitive club sports programs, as well as offer more opportunities for our students to get involved in recreational sports," DiMonda said.

Club and recreational sports have been unaffected by the delay in construction on the new Campus Recreation Center, in large part due to the delay in renovations on Stony Brook Arena. DiMonda said she felt recreational sports "were lucky that the Sports Complex renovations were pushed back, because otherwise all of our club and intramural sports teams would have to share the Pritchard gymnasium with our varsity teams on campus."

## HIGH TECH REALM

### Trying on clothes... without taking off your own



By **CHARLES COSTA**  
Columnist

Welcome to the Earth in 2010, a society where the internet has made living from your home something anyone can do. From ordering food, household supplies, a spouse and plenty more, humans have little need to leave their homes, except when shopping for clothes.

Despite rapid advances in technology, science has been unable to recreate the fitting room for online usage; at least, until recently. Flash forward to the announcement of a startup called Fits.me. Pitching itself as a virtual fitting room for online retailers, the service utilizes a warehouse of robots specifically designed to model the measurements of different body types, all while wearing the same garment. This allows customers to see how a specific clothing size will look on them.

Using the Fits.me service is fairly simple. As described by a spokesperson for the company, customers simply print out a measuring tape and then enter a few key body measurements into the system. After those simple tasks, the customer immediately sees pre-recorded images from a robot that matches their shape and size.

Aside from the initial images for their size, customers are also able to see alternate sizes such as "Small" or "XXL" to provide comparisons of their choice. The ability to view the clothing from multiple angles, including a zoom feature, all provide a much needed peace of mind when shopping online similar to when trying on clothes in a fitting room.

How effective is this technology? While a robot still isn't a complete substitute to trying clothes on yourself, according to statistics provided by the Fits.me spokesperson, retailers using Fits.me have seen sales increase up to 3.1 times (depending on customer segment and product category), and returns have decreased by 28 percent on average.

Considering how only eight percent of apparel is sold online in the U.S., and 60-70 percent of those returns are due to poor fit,

Fits.me is certainly helping to make a home-bound life much easier to maintain. Although Fits.me is still in the early stages, the service is geared for sites with at least a few hundred thousand to millions of visits monthly due to the costs of the technology. By using a robust computer backbone combined with the scalability of technology, Fits.me is aiming to meet the needs of more and more retailers.

Specifically, Fits.me is currently on track to handle up to half of the largest U.S. clothing brands in less than ten months. However, the technology is currently limited to menswear as women have more complex sizing. Despite this, the spokesperson from Fits.me said that developing a system for women is important, as they purchase about two times as much clothing, and that such a system will likely be available by the end of the year.

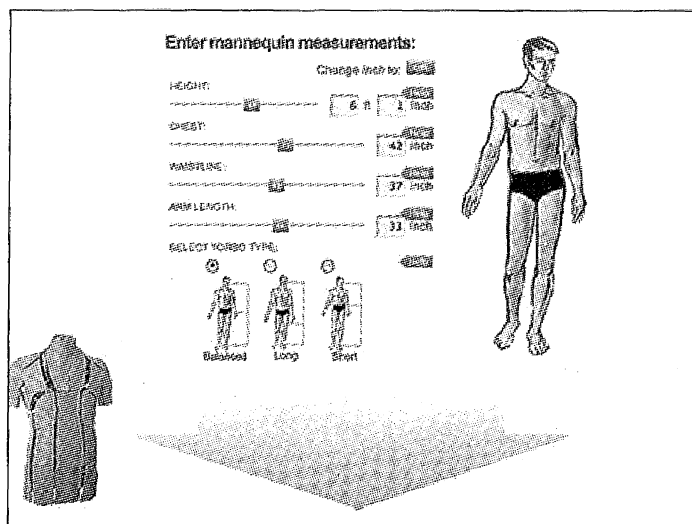


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# MEET THE 2010 HOMECOMING COURT



**Alexandria Lanza**  
Senior, Art History and Women's Study major, Staten Island, N.Y.

Q: What are some activities you are involved in?

A: I started a club on campus called "Focus." It's a magazine based on women's issues and diversity issues. And I was a peer diversity educator my first year. I was a teacher's assistant for a woman's studies class. And I'm the Vice-president of Golden Key International Honors Society.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Stony Brook University?

A: My favorite thing about Stony Brook would have to be the diversity. I've met so many different people, different religions, races, nationalities, heights, everything.



**Alison Huenger**  
Senior, BS/MAT program in education and chemistry, Seaford, N.Y.

Q: Why did you decide to come to Stony Brook?

A: It is a tradition in my family. All of my relatives have gone here and I couldn't see myself in any other place. The atmosphere is electric!

Q: What's a Seawolf?

A: I am a Seawolf! As a Seawolf you can achieve all of your dreams so you can make your university proud! A Seawolf not only has pride and spirit towards Stony Brook but has devotion toward uniting the community and the school.

**HOMECOMING QUEEN- Kirin Mahmud**  
Senior, Business and Economics major  
Yaphank, N.Y.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Stony Brook?

A: My favorite thing about Stony Brook would be the opportunity. It's a new school; it's young. The possibility to make an impact and leave your legacy, leave your mark on campus and inspire others to make change. That's something wonderful to see on campus.

Q: Why do you want to be homecoming queen?

A: I want to be homecoming queen because I came from a local high school around here and I got a lot criticism for choosing to come to Stony Brook because people thought I wouldn't get that whole college experience, especially being a commuter. But I definitely proved them wrong. I got involved in so many things. I love this campus, and it's given me so many opportunities to grow and meet new people, and I want to be homecoming queen to inspire others and advocate that this campus is wonderful and has so many things to offer.



**HOMECOMING KING- Charles Rico**  
Senior,  
Biology major  
Woodside, N.Y.

Q: What's your favorite thing about Stony Brook?

A: I would say the diversity. I've never met so many people, and I've gotten so close to people who are from completely different parts of the world. It's a good opportunity to learn about their culture, eat their food, listen to their music and learn a little bit of their language. It's awesome.

Q: Why do you want to be homecoming king?

A: I want to thank everyone for the growth that I've gotten here at Stony Brook. I don't think I'd be the person that I am now if it weren't for all of the people that I've met: all of the faculty members, all of the staff members and the fellow students. Everyone I've met has taught me so much and definitely brought out the best qualities in myself and just amplified it.



**Michael Glick**  
Senior, BS/MAT program in education and chemistry major, Smithtown, N.Y.

Q: What is your favorite Stony Brook tradition?

A: Probably homecoming actually. It's the whole atmosphere. It's the game, the fans and the spirit. I just love them all.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Stony Brook?

A: Mostly the friends that I made. They're awesome, and they're completely different people in every way but we just mesh together. You take people that are completely different and you get the best group of friends that I've ever had in my life.



**William Stevens**  
Senior, social welfare major,  
Medford, N.Y.

Q: What is your favorite Stony Brook tradition?

A: Homecoming is my favorite; the feeling of unity regardless of quad, field, or even year is just intoxicating.

Q: Where is your favorite place on campus?

A: I love it right here in H-Quad! Whether it's the in-ner quad, Campus Connection, or hanging in my home here in James, I couldn't be happier.



**Alina Onefater**  
Senior, Psychology and Business major, Bayside N.Y.

Q: What is your favorite Stony Brook University tradition?

A: It'd have to be homecoming because once I planned it last year I got to see everything that was done behind the picture and in front of it. It was so much fun. I was actually the one standing at the gate last year for homecoming handing out the fingers, and I guess I hyped people up.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Stony Brook University?

A: The amount of involvement that you can get into such as the clubs and organizations.



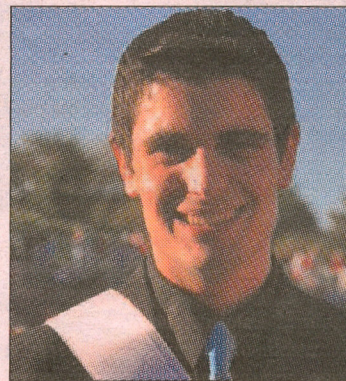
**Tiffany Fernandez**  
Senior, Biology major,  
Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Q: Why did you come to Stony Brook University?

A: I came to Stony Brook because it had a great science program, and also it's a great value for a campus that's in my backyard, and I love my family so I decided to come to Stony Brook to stay home.

Q: What is your favorite Stony Brook University tradition?

A: My favorite tradition would have to be Roth Ragada. There are people all around Roth pond and you get to see the creativity that all the great clubs have with the boats that they make out of cardboard and duct tape.



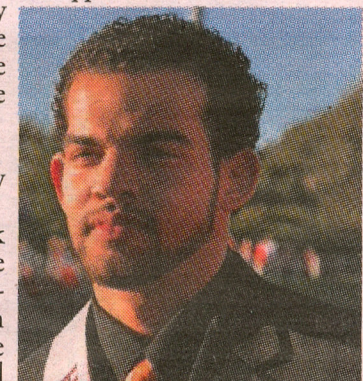
**Eric Asher**  
Senior, Biology major,  
Oceanside, N.Y.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Stony Brook?

A: My favorite thing about Stony Brook would have to be all of the fantastic people that I've met, the opportunities that I've been able to be involved with.

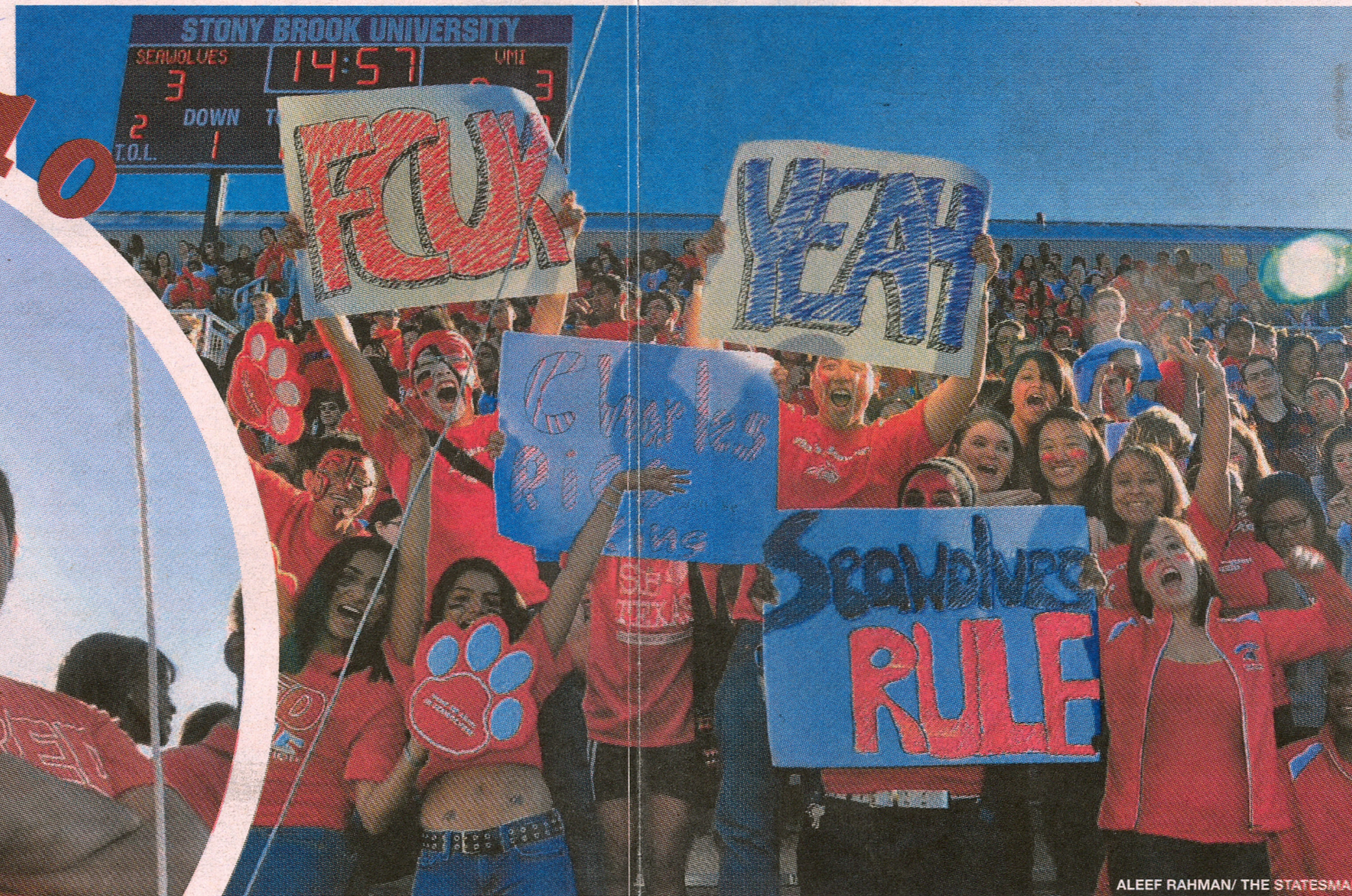
Q: What is your favorite Stony Brook tradition?

A: My favorite Stony Brook tradition would probably be homecoming. I love homecoming because I love working with my building on banners into the early hours of the morning and planning our skits. It's definitely my favorite part.

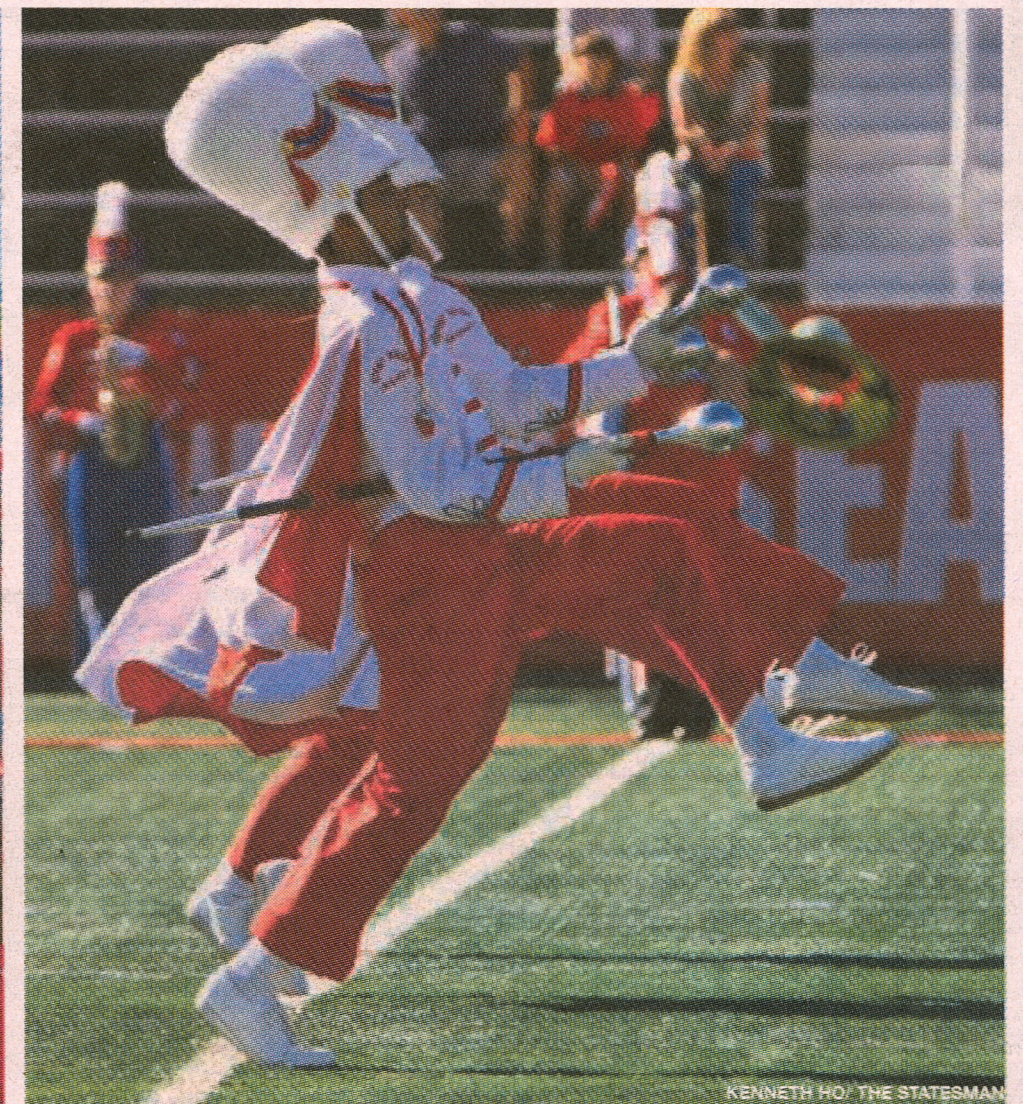


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# ARTS & entertainment

## New Traditions Spark Creativity in Seawolves Showcase

By **ALYCIA TERRY**  
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New traditions, mixed with old traditions, mixed with a whole lot of Stony Brook swagger, definitely equated to one awesome way to kick off homecoming weekend!

The Wolfstock showcase, which took place Friday night at 7:00 p.m. on the Staller terrace, had almost 30 groups participating and had a very nice turnout. The event was immediately followed by an Undergraduate Student Government, USG, sponsored concert featuring Long Island cover band, The Gyst.

The parade of past years is not to be belittled. It included the marching band, cheerleaders and residence hall organizations. As reported by past homecoming newsletters, it was a display of student created banners and floats. So what were some of the reasons that administrators decided the homecoming weekend needed to be revamped? According to grad student and assistant to associate director of residential programs, Mary Dimacali, "We wanted to start a new tradition that would garner the most S.B.U. pride and spirit for homecoming. Homecoming should be celebrated!"

In response to why the showcase may be better than the parade, Dimacali attested that the homecoming parade of past years was mainly participated in by those who were members of organizations running it. She continues, "the showcase involves all different types of groups including the homecoming contestants, Greeks, and residence halls, the diversity is sure to catch the maximum amount of attention."

The administrators didn't know what to expect when they redirected resources from the parade to the showcase, but the event by far exceeded expectations. They originally expected about twenty groups to sign up, but instead had a huge influx of organizations that wanted to perform. This feat was partially accomplished by using an incentive.

"All groups who participated received a two-hundred dollar grant towards programming," Dimacali said. "We thought if students are going to support Stony Brook, we need to support our students right back."

The showcase certainly received its due attention, being hosted by Streeter Seidell of College Humor on MTV. It was by far one of the best pep rallies of the season. The cheerleaders and marching band performed during the



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opening as people traveled en masse to the grassy steps in front of Staller. You could literally hear the spirit in the air as H-quad marched in carrying banners and chanting "H-quad, H-quad."

After the marching band did their thing and all the performers were finally accounted for, Streeter took the stage, kicking things off with some raunchy jokes and a "Shitty Tattoo" contest.

After Seidell thoroughly embarrassed a few people, the event kicked off with a performance of Taio Cruz's "Break Your Heart" by the High Cs, which some students around described as "Too cute," and "Really good!"

Almost everyone who performed was greeted by enthusiasm as the famed Stony Brook swagger radiated through the air. By far the crowd favorites, based on applause, were a step routine by the brothers of Malik Fraternity Inc., the Marching Band Drumline, "Sophisticated Ladies" of Sigma Gamma Rho and the amazing Puso. Other groups performing ranged from cultural Belly Dancers, the student percussion group Teiko Tides and Latin Ballroom Dancers to the beloved marching band and color guard.

Most of the quads were represented, most notably the loud and proud H-Quad. The quad, the largest group to perform by far, made a scene by spraying green silly string, sporting green glow sticks, and doing an

energetic hip-hop routine (only a portion of the quad danced; the rest just sprayed silly string).

One part of the tradition from previous years stayed intact. The students made homecoming banners that lined the walls around the terrace, sparkling and showing the dedication of Stony Brook students. The best banner contest winners were announced as Chapman Apartments in third place, Whitman College in second, and Tabler Quad taking first.

By the time the showcase event was over, school pride was almost a tangible substance, and it's safe to say a new tradition is here to stay. Amped up for homecoming weekend, people milled around campus, getting ready to go out and continue to celebrate homecoming weekend.

Those left behind were treated to a concert coordinated by USG. The student programming director and junior, Moiz Khan, said that homecoming activities such as this are usually left up to the administration, but this year, because of budget cuts, they didn't have the funds, so USG stepped up to the plate in order to keep up the "homecoming feel" of the weekend.

They brought in the self-claimed "New York's favorite party band," The Gyst. They were extremely energetic and very diverse in their music selections. They played "The Devil

Went Down to Georgia," "Empire State of Mind", Katy Perry's version of "California Girls", and so many more, even accepting someone's request to play "Summer". This is not the first time they've performed at Stony Brook; this actually makes the third year they've performed here in the fall around homecoming and Halloween. When asked, some of the band members said all of these shows were, "intense," and they expected no less of this year's show.

There was just one problem with the concert: to say the size of the audience was smaller than the audience for the showcase is a gross understatement. The entire terrace was absolutely packed for the showcase, whereas the concert featured an audience so small you could literally fit them all on the stage the band performed on.

The funny thing is that's exactly what happened. The very lively band got the audience so excited, one boy jumped on the stage and started to jump around and sing along with the band, and people just started running up to the stage.

After the concert, Khan said, "Those who stayed had fun, unfortunately not many stayed." Khan said he's not sure if they're going to be continuing this part of the tradition next year.

Either way, these are all part of what makes homecoming weekend here at the Brook a weekend people always remember!



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# Students Battle for Homecoming King and Queen Crowns

By **ARIELLE DOLLINGER**  
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Homecoming-It's the epitome of school spirit. And on the evening of Oct. 6, ten of the most highly spirited Stony Brook students competed against each other to determine which two individuals would be crowned the ultimate manifestation of Seawolf pride.

A line full of excited supporters formed throughout the Student Activities Center the night of the event. As the crowd entered the auditorium, each audience member received a ballot to be used to vote for his or her picks at the end of the program.

Among the male contestants were William Stevens, Maxx Wilfredo Rivera, Michael Glick, Eric Acsher and Charles Rico. Their female counterparts, Tiffany Fernandez, Alina Onefater, Alison Huenger, Alexandria Lanza and Kirin Mahmud, did not fail to dazzle the audience.

The evening started as each contestant answered two questions - one of which they were informed of before the contest, and a second that had to be answered completely candidly.

The first question, the same for every contestant was "Why do you think that you should be homecoming King/Queen?" The second was specific to the topic each individual discussed in his or her essay upon entering the contest. Contestants were asked to describe their involvement in their respective on-campus activities, or to elaborate on their aspirations.

The next round brought more excitement as each contestant displayed a talent. Most talents involved a musical component, as some contestants played music, and some contestant's performances had a strong musical presence in the background of their act.

Stevens was the first to perform with his band. Throughout the performance, Stevens became engulfed in his own music, dancing and jumping around the stage in a way that made many audience members laugh. Stevens also made a comment right before he began playing that clearly targeted the soft-hearted.

"I wore these shorts because my mommy likes them so much, so thank you mommy," Stevens said.

Fernandez, wearing a gorgeous white dress, sang with the Stony Brook Gospel Choir and was accompanied by a violinist and pianist. The choir acted as a line of backup singers for Fernandez, and was extremely enthusiastic and cheerful.

Rivera played the trumpet, accompanied by a drummer, bassist, and pianist. Rivera seemed completely enveloped in the music.

Onefater recreated a carnival-esque scene on stage for her talent. Dressed as a clown, and with balloon animal creations, face painting, Latin-inspired music, "vote for Alina" sign and back-up dancers, she convinced the audience to comply when Onefater asked them to dance to the Cha-Cha Slide.

Glick showed off his talent as a drummer, while a slideshow of photographs of himself and other students at Stony Brook events played on the screen above him.



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The slideshow exhibited his school spirit and involvement, while his drumming exhibited his talent and drive.

Huenger's talent was not musical, but did involve an iconic member of the music industry. She expressed her desire to help in the fight against "Beiber Fever," an obsession with Justin Beiber that is so intense that there is cause for both concern and medical attention. Huenger's dance number (to a Justin Beiber song, of course) ended with a public service announcement, with "Arms Of An Angel" subtly playing in the background.

Ascher performed a short segment entitled "Eric's Kitchen." Not only did he instruct the audience on how to make "Red Hot" soup, he did a dance with belly dancers backing him and his partner up.

Lanza told the audience (through song) to "follow the zebra path home." The Witch, the Lion, and the Tin Man accompanied her as she danced and sang the tune. Lanza made a speech of sorts, relating her Stony Brook experience to the Tin Man's hardened heart, which eventually softens. Lanza told the audience that "each of us are on our own way to a Wizard," and that "all of

those scarecrows out there will truly learn the power of their own minds."

Rico danced onto the stage, and proceeded to ask a girl waiting onstage if she would dance with him. She replied, "You just don't have enough swagger." Rico then did an Indian-style dance with two others, to find his swagger. He asked once more if the girl in the red dress would "join me in the baile. Musica maestro!" The two danced to Ricky Martin, which gave Rico an excuse to take off his jacket and show the audience his muscles.

Last, but not least, Mahmud also performed a dance number, after showing a music video of herself dancing to "Empire State of Mind, with words altered to suit Stony Brook. Mahmud's dance number began as an Indian dance in Indian garb, and transitioned to a dance more typical of American hip-hop.

The contest was full of excitement

and surprises, but it did not go off without a hitch. During Rivera's act the lights went out. The host would joked by saying the group was "so talented they can play in the dark."

One of the judges, a self-described "woman of many words," Jennifer Penn, a clinical case manager of the counseling and psychological services department at Stony Brook, commented at the end of the contest, "There was a lot of talent. [It was] very exciting."

Huenger added that the event "was full of energy, entertainment, and wonderful people." He said he "really enjoyed getting to know everyone on the Court over the past week" and added that "each and every one of the candidates truly deserves the honor of being homecoming royalty."

The winner of the contest was announced at half time of the Homecoming Football Game against the Virginia Military Institute.

## Apple Fest Proves A Success

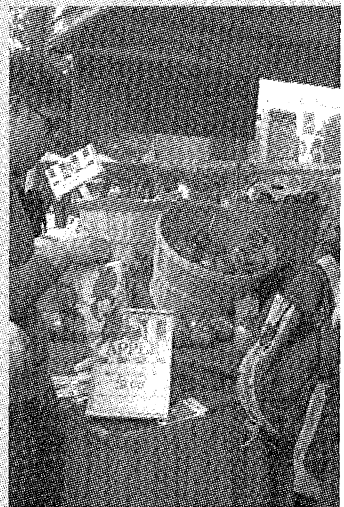
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Apples make some of fall's favorite treats so there's no surprise that the most popular station at the homecoming kickoff during campus life time was the Apple fest Station.

The line for these delicious treats went from the beginning of the zebra path all the way to the fountain. If you've ever gone to the SAC for breakfast, you can imagine the length of the line. At this booth, there were many apple items available for consumption - apple pie and apple cider, and one was able to create his or her own caramel apple from either chocolate or candy dip.

Students enjoyed the items at this station very much. When asked why they were drawn to this station of all the other ones in the Student Activities Center plaza, Kevin Sabella, a senior, said "I smelled the hot chocolate fudge and couldn't resist."

Brittany Beaumont, a freshman said, "The fact that they have so many different things to put on an apple makes people want to



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## The Collaboration: Groups Come Together in New Tradition

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Stony Brook kicked off their Wolfstock Homecoming celebration with an event, The Collaboration on Thursday, Oct. 7.

The Collaboration brought many organizations together, including the African Student Union, the Latin American Student Organization, and the Caribbean Student Organization, among others. This program was held in various locations in the Student Activities Center.

One of the ballrooms had been transformed into Wolfie's Fun Factory. Many entertainment booths were set up to cater to the 100 people in attendance. Students had the opportunity to partake in activities such as decorating flip-flops and having caricatures made.

In addition, there were interactive games, air hockey, and board games.

Many students were delighted to be able to play classic video games, including Street Fighter. However, they were less than thrilled about waiting in lines. Tammy Wen, a junior English and sociology junior, said, "I think each booth should have had more people so the lines wouldn't be so long! But it is overall fun."

The Art Gallery room was known as Café 1957 for the night. At any given time, there were at least thirty people in the room enjoying the light coffeehouse foods and drinks that were served.

Among the performers were acoustic musicians and stand-up comedians. The vocalists alongside the guitarists left the audience awestruck with their harmonious melodies. A local comedian, Paul

Anthony, entertained the crowd with his endless streak of punch lines.

He jokingly mentioned his performances were always clean, and then saturated his act with profanity, which the crowd found extremely hilarious.

The last location, the auditorium, was called Brook-End Theatre for the Collaboration event. The hosts of the program played the two films, "The Longest Yard" and "The Blind Side." Football plays a major role in these movies, which proved to be appropriate for the homecoming celebration.

Most students enjoyed the festivities of The Collaboration, with the exception of minor issues. Markeem Reid, a senior business major, said "It should have been better advertised. However, it was a good way to kick off Homecoming."

pay for it." Apples seemed to create a great level of spirit amongst students. Many shared laughs after taking a bite of the delicious apple dipped in chocolate, mainly because you can be compared to a five year old with chocolate smeared across your face.

This new addition to the Stony Brook Wolfstock tradition created a lot of homecoming spirit for the Stony Brook community.

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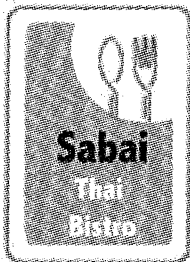
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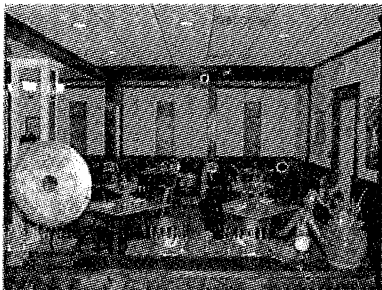
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# OPINION

## Doing Away With All The Lines

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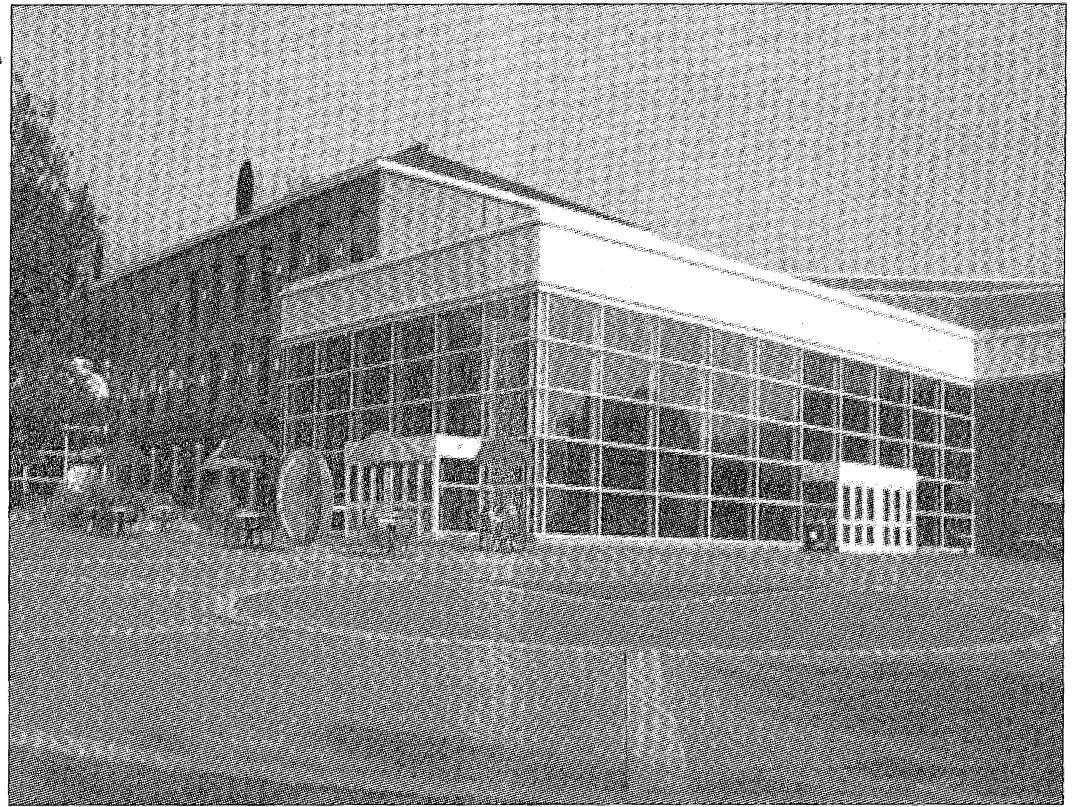
Not too long ago, I stood in line at the Student Activities Center to order dinner. I knew ahead of time what I was going to get, but the SAC is one of the few places where making up your mind early will not serve you well. If anything, it will drive you mad. My initial experiences with ordering hot lunches and dinners from the SAC were not so bad, but it hardly helps to have a novice's perspective on things.

I'll even grant that my freshman year experience of ordering food at the SAC was mildly pleasant. But this year there's been, it seems to me, a deterioration in the quality of service. The lines are longer, the meals are more sloppily prepared, and the atmosphere is more congested.

When I waited in line at Charcoal Grill a few days ago, I had no illusions about the time it would take for my order to be fulfilled. By the time the three people ahead of me had placed their orders, ten minutes had passed. I anticipated that in the next five to ten minutes, one of the chefs would ask to take my order. Five minutes passed, then ten.

The last person to order had still not received her dinner, and I was running out of patience. Now, a rational person would have realized that the time wasted standing in line is a sunk cost, and would have probably abandoned her post to fix a salad or fetch some fruits, but I was determined to hold out until the end. Another ten minutes passed before a chef raised his eyes to mine and repeated my request for a grilled cheese sandwich with tomatoes.

To stand in line for thirty minutes behind thirty or even ten people is understandable, but to be next in line for twenty minutes is grossly iniquitous. While I waited and glared at the incompetent chefs, they idly checked their phones, disposed of garbage and – with the same gloved hands, no less – prepared burgers that nobody



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had ordered, as if they had all the time in the world. One chef, who had been hurriedly flipping patties, managed to drop a pair of tongs in the space between the grill and adjacent counter when he hit it against the grill in an attempt to dislodge it of burnt scraps.

It is infuriating even for the most placid person to wait in line while chefs ignore her presence and busily scramble about labeling boxes and preparing burgers for people who may not have even entered the SAC. What impels the chefs to such erratic behavior? If their intent is to create shorter lines, it is ironic in that they have succeeded only in creating torturous ones. If their aim is to please students by providing an assortment of ready-made burgers, their reasoning is indubitably perverse.

Some students will settle for anything that is available, but in this case, the chefs will receive neither thanks nor rebuke as their efforts go unacknowledged. When confronted with a line of customers, however, they set themselves up to be disparaged by avoiding eye contact until

they finally purpose to resume their task of serving hungry, in-the-flesh students. Only rarely will a chef serve you in a timely fashion.

There is a very simple solution to the problem I've expounded upon. In places where students typically stand in long lines (e.g. Wrap it Up, Charcoal), they can write their specific requests on a sign-up sheet. That way, chefs know exactly what to prepare and in what order, and students are not bound to wait in lines to voice their requests.

With the sign-up sheet scheme, chefs can efficiently prepare meals without ever forgetting what each person ordered, and a cursory glance at the sheet would inform them of the quantity demanded of each type of burger and thus, how many to prepare. Another method is for students to write their orders on sticky notes, which chefs could then peel off and stick on boxes.

An alternative to this is for students to label boxes themselves and place them in a line. Either way, chefs would not have to waste time scribbling cryptic annotations on boxes,

which cashiers often have a hard time deciphering.

Besides, chefs would ideally devote all their time to preparing food, and refrain from touching waste writing utensils and other inedible materials.

But if none of my plans for creating more efficiency in the SAC are actually adopted, there are still other ways of reducing students' wait-time. All viable plans will hinge on a reprioritization of cooking tasks; the chefs need to realize that it is their charge, first and foremost, to attend to the requests of students who are physically in line rather than to prepare burgers that are destined to turn cold.

If they are so overwhelmed with requests that they are unable to prepare turkey burgers and double cheeseburgers for anticipated customers, why, that is not such a bad thing. Those who would have opted for ready-made burgers will simply have to wait in line like everyone else. But even this situation can be avoided if chefs plan to satisfy only real requests, which, this writer believes, is no great thing to ask.

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# FOOTBALL: Defense holds strong in big conference win

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fourth down, which moved the chains and allowed sophomore kicker Wesley Skiffington to tie up the score on a 24-yard field goal.

Skiffington's field goal, coupled with Coulter's touchdown pass, gave Stony Brook a 10-3 lead heading into halftime.

Firmly in the driver's seat, the Seawolves offense came out looking to add on to their seven-point lead. Coulter once again found Jordan Gush on a quick slant for a 28-yard gain, and then hit Brevi for a 9-yard pass. But a costly holding penalty would stall the drive, sending out Skiffington to hit a career long 44-yard field goal, settling for 3 points. "You can't overcome first and 20 and second and 20," Coach Priore said of the holding penalties. "You don't want to be put in that situation."

VMI's next offensive series would lead to another 3-and-out, but Keydet punter Marc Ray fumbled the snap in the end zone. Rich Vitale recovered the fumble, giving Stony Brook its

second touchdown of the day and a comfortable 20-3 lead.

The Keydets answered back early in the fourth quarter. After pulling starting quarterback Cameron Jones, backup Eric Kordenbrock found Mario Scott wide open down the sideline for an 80-yard touchdown play, the longest of the game for either team. But that would be all from Kordenbrock, as he was knocked out of the game on the touchdown throw.

Up 20-9, Stony Brook would turn to its former Hofstra standouts to put the game away. Junior running back Brock Jackolski (Shirley, N.Y.) and sophomore running back Miguel Maysonet (Riverhead, N.Y.) would pair up for 65 yards on six carries on the final Stony Brook scoring drive, capping the day on a 25-yard TD run from Jackolski, his fifth of the year.

Jackolski finished the game with 93 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries. Maysonet added 99 yards on 21 carries.

But the focus after the game was on the stellar play of the defense.

"At the end of the day, the biggest stat we had was 22 rushes for 8 yards," Coach Priore said. "If you're gonna do that then teams are going to be able to throw the ball around for a little bit, but they aren't going to be able to sustain drives."

The defense, which had its fair share of trouble against non-conference opponents early on in the year, held VMI to 192 total offensive yards, forcing two interceptions and two fumbles.

Senior defensive lineman Jonas Rousseau (Brooklyn, N.Y.) had five tackles and 2.5 sacks in the win, a main reason as to why the Keydets could never get anything going on the ground.

"We know what type of team we are," Rousseau said. "We knew we should have won those games. We didn't come here timid. We knew we were one or two plays from being 3-1. We came here and put a complete game together."

Stony Brook will look to build on its most recent victory when they travel to Easton, Pa., to play Lafayette next Saturday at 1 p.m.

# Around the Big South

LIBERTY 44, CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 20

Reigning Big South Offensive Player of the Year Mike Brown made a push to retain the title Saturday afternoon, as the junior was responsible for five of Liberty's six touchdowns. The play of the quarterback helped Liberty open up conference play with a 44-20 victory over Charleston Southern in front of a homecoming crowd of 18,587 fans.

With the victory, the Flames (4-2, 1-0 Big South) began their push toward a fourth-straight Big South Conference title and the league's first-ever automatic berth to the NCAA FCS Playoffs. The loss, Charleston Southern's second in a row, drops the Buccaneers to 2-3 on the season and 0-1 in Big South Conference play.

Following a two-game homestand to re-open an expanded Williams Stadium, Liberty will take to the road for the next few weeks before returning home on Nov. 6 against Gardner-Webb. Next weekend, the Flames will make the trek over the Blue Ridge Mountains to square off against the Keydets of VMI in a Big South Conference match-up. Kickoff at Foster Stadium is slated for 1:30 p.m., where the Flames will be looking for their fifth-straight victory over VMI.

Charleston Southern hosts Gardner-Webb in a game that will be televised on ESPN3.com beginning at 1:30pm.

COASTAL CAROLINA (1-4, 0-0): Idle

GARDNER-WEBB (2-3, 0-0): Idle

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE (0-5, 0-1): Idle

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# Women's soccer beats UMBC

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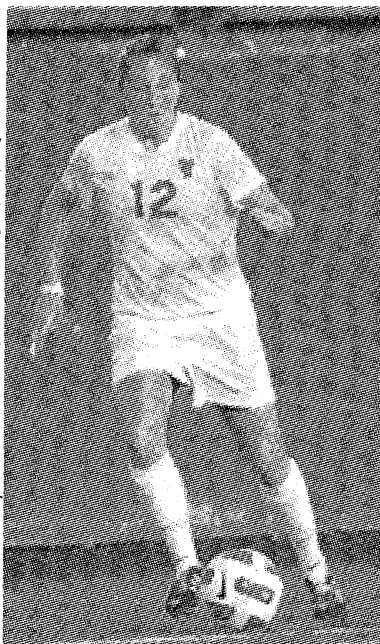
The Stony Brook University women's soccer team (4-8-2, 3-1-1) struck first and struck early in its game this Sunday at UMBC, defeating the Retrievers, 2-0.

The Seawolves scored both goals within the first 12:26 of the game. Junior Colleen McKenna (Manorville, N.Y.) delivered the first blow at 8:45 at the top of the 18-yard box with an assist from sophomore Taryn Schoenbeck (Newark, Del.).

It was McKenna's second goal of the season and the second assist for Schoenbeck in as many games.

Less than four minutes later, Stony Brook struck again in the form of junior Dominique Adamo (Ramsey, N.J.).

Holly Razzaghi (Bloomsburg,



Junior Colleen McKenna

Pa.) intercepted a UMBC clearance and passed it to Adamo, who knocked in the Seawolves' second goal off of the crossbar.

She is the team leader in points with nine (four goals and three assists).

From that point forward, UMBC goalkeeper Lauren Kadet didn't allow any more goals, but neither did Stony Brook's Chelsea Morales (Temecula, Calif.). It was Stony Brook's second straight shut-out. Morales had five saves.

Stony Brook held its lead despite being outshot, 12-9.

The Seawolves have scored 12 goals over their past six games, going 4-1-1 over that stretch. They only scored four goals in their first eight games.

Stony Brook will next make the trek to New Hampshire to play their final conference road game of the season. The game will start at 3:30 p.m.

# Men's soccer wins in Albany

By DAVID O'CONNOR  
Staff Writer

The Seawolves' men soccer team (7-5-1, 1-1-0) conquered the Albany Great Danes (4-7-0, 0-2-0) on Saturday, shutting them out 2-0 in the state capital.

Stony Brook had come into the match ranked third in the BigAppleSoccer.com top 10 poll of New York-area schools after falling to Boston University, 2-1, last week.

The momentum belonged to the

Great Danes during the first half in front of their home fans. They outshot Stony Brook 8-4 with four of their shots on net.

Sophomore goalkeeper Stefan Manz (Bronx, N.Y.) made all four saves, keeping his team in the game.

His shutout of Albany gave him four this fall, which ties for first in the America East. He is second in the conference in saves, of which he had five overall on Saturday.

In the second half, the story was the Seawolves offense. Sophomore Leonardo Fernandes (North Babylon, N.Y.) was fouled in the 61st minute, giving him

the opportunity for a free kick. His first shot was blocked, but he kicked the rebound in for Stony Brook's first goal. Fernandes leads the team with six goals this season, putting him in the top five in the conference in that category.

In the 83rd minute, sophomore Rafael Abreu (New York, N.Y.) scored the Seawolves' second goal with an assist from Craig Hanton (Barrie, Ontario). It was Abreu's third goal and Hanton's first assist of the season.

The Seawolves will next play New Hampshire on Wednesday in LaValle Stadium in Stony Brook.

# Volleyball sweeps Retrievers

By NOAH KIM  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook volleyball team swept UMBC on Friday in three sets to improve to 2-1 in conference play and 7-12 overall.

The 3-0 (25-22, 27-25, 25-21) victory put the Seawolves third in the American East standings behind Albany and New Hampshire.

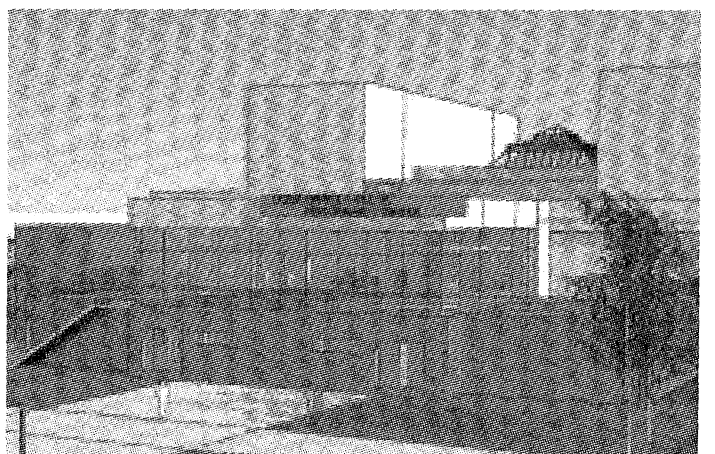
Junior Alicia Nelson had a game-high 18 kills to once again lead Stony Brook. Nelson notched double digit kills for the ninth time in ten games this year.

Senior Jeanette Gibbs posted a team high 11 digs while freshman Hailee Herc contributed 9 kills and 9 digs.

The game was Stony Brook's third road win of the year.

The Seawolves return home this weekend to host first place Albany on Saturday, Oct. 15.

# Athletics receives record donation



Conceptual drawing of the Dubin Family Athletic Performance Center.

By SAM KILB  
Sports Editor

The largest-ever donation to a SUNY athletics program has been offered to Stony Brook for the construction of a new weight room and training facility, according to an athletics press release.

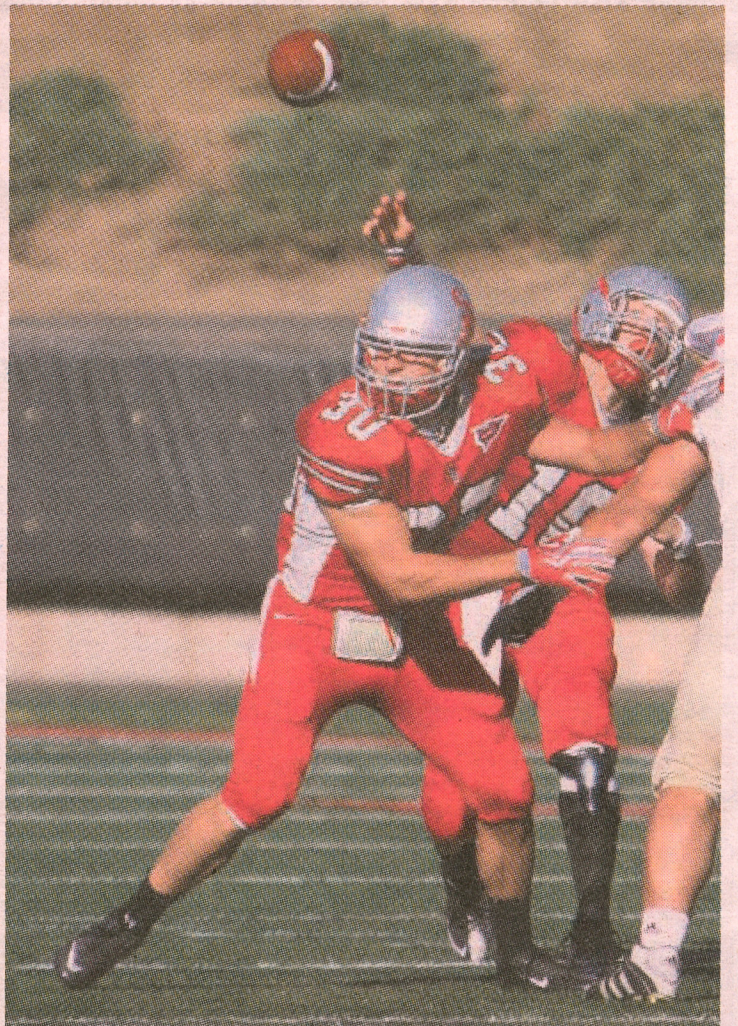
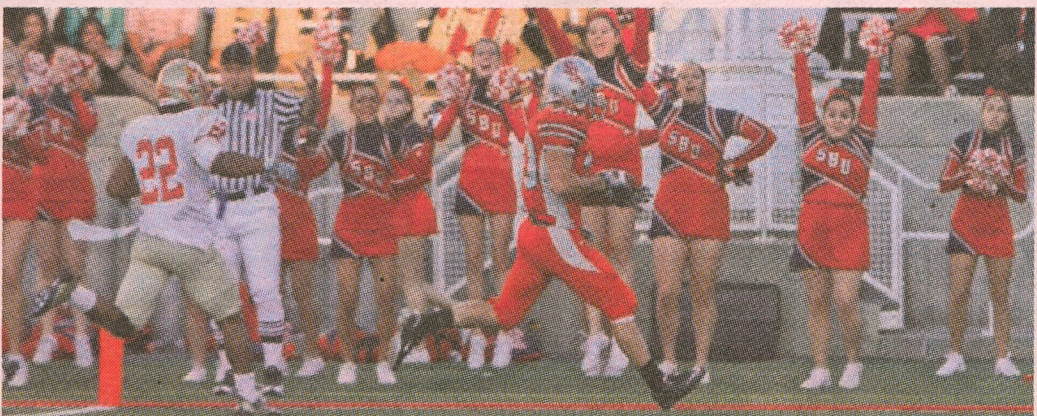
The \$4.3 million donation, made by investor and philanthropist Glenn Dubin of the class of '78, will result in the Dubin Family Athletic Performance Center

inside the sports complex overlooking LaValle Stadium and is pending final approval.

The Center will include weightlifting racks, dumbbell sets, Olympic platforms, a cardio fitness area, space for plyometric exercises and an office for the strength and conditioning staff.

Plans for the Center are currently in the design phase. Construction is expected to be completed by Fall 2011.

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# SPORTS

## WOLFIE'S WARRIORS



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Freshman Davonte Anderson and sophomore Dominick Reyes lay a hit on a Virginia Military Institute ballcarrier.

### Seawolves win homecoming, Big South opener

By SYED HASHMI  
Staff Writer

Riding the wave of emotion built up by the 7,400-plus fans in attendance at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium for homecoming, the Stony Brook football team took apart Virginia Military Institute, 27-9, in its first Big South conference game of the season.

The Seawolves (2-3, 1-0) used a much-needed bye week to help end a two-game skid that included the team's first loss at LaValle Stadium since 2008.

There was an air of confidence as the team flooded out onto the field in all-red uniforms to show their support for Wolfstock 2010 having never lost a homecoming game under head coach Chuck Priore. The Seawolves are now 6-1 in Big South home games.

"Our home record is very good," Priore said. "The kids are very comfortable in this environment."

Junior quarterback Michael Coulter (Yorba Linda, Calif.) had his best game of the season, completing 14 of 19 passes for 194 yards. Coulter's only touchdown

came with the score tied 3-3 midway through the second quarter.

After a quick VMI three-and-out, Coulter hit junior wide receiver Matt Brevi (Tampa, Fla.) in stride over the middle for 48 yards, setting up a first and goal at the VMI six-yard line. One play later, Coulter would find sophomore wideout Jordan Gush (Richardson, Texas) open by the right pylon for the team's first touchdown of the day, and the 20th of Coulter's career.

The quick three-play, 54-yard

scoring drive came amidst an SBU run of 20 unanswered points.

"Our offense is really starting to gel," Coulter said. "We still have a lot of stuff to work on, but this is a good building block for us as we get started for the conference."

The game started off in VMI's favor as the Keydets (2-3, 1-1) marched down the field on the opening drive. VMI quarterback Cameron Jones completed nine of his first 10 passes, converting five first downs and holding the ball for nearly seven minutes.

"We didn't want to let up a big

play," said sophomore linebacker Rich Vitale (Higganum, Conn.). "We were just trying to keep everything in front of us, and make the team drive on us, which they did."

The Seawolves defense stiffened in the red zone, forcing VMI to settle for a field goal and an early 3-0 lead.

That lead would be short-lived as Stony Brook put together its own long scoring drive, aided by a backbreaking VMI penalty on

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