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**A downed telephone pole and tree just off Old Town Road in Setauket, N.Y. on Oct. 30, caused a power outage to the street and surrounding area. The damage is due to Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall the night before.**

## Sandy causes damage across campus

By Nelson Oliveira  
Assistant News Editor

Although Stony Brook University did not see the worst of Superstorm Sandy last week, the storm knocked down many trees and power lines on campus, broke windows, and caused a balcony to collapse, according to university officials.

"Some physical damage occurred—in some instances quite severe—to campus building roofs and exteriors, and a number of trees have fallen and caused significant damage to exterior lighting, as well as walkways, roadways and property," SBU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said in a statement Friday.

The destruction from Sandy, a hurricane downgraded to superstorm, was not isolated to a specific area on campus, but in terms of exterior damage and flooding, the places that were most affected were the Life Sciences building, the Stony Brook Union and Chapin Apartments, university officials said in a press conference Thursday.

At Chapin Apartments, a balcony collapsed from one of the residence halls and trees fell onto the roofs of some buildings, said Lawrence Zaccarese, assistant chief of police and director of emergency management.

The superstorm knocked down several power lines on Nicolls Road and Health Sciences Drive, said Barbara Chernow, senior vice president for administration. The vast majority of downed trees were at the Research and Development Park, Zaccarese said.

An unknown student had minor injuries from a branch that fell from a tree and broke a window in the student's room, Zaccarese said. No more information on the student or the extent of the injuries was available as of press time.

Stanley said the campus "successfully managed through this incredibly destructive storm and its aftermath."

Chernow said, however, that "it will take days, if not weeks, to assess the damage" caused to the campus environment and to the mechanical systems in the university buildings. The university still has not evaluated

## SBU student dies in storm related crash

By Deanna Del Ciello  
News Editor

Vishwaja Muppa, a Stony Brook University student, died early Tuesday morning in a car accident in Port Jefferson Station.

According to a *Newsday* article, Muppa, 21, was in the back seat when a Suffolk police

car broadsided the vehicle at the darkened intersection of Route 347 and Route 112. The power outage was due to Hurricane Sandy.

Muppa was riding in the 2002 Toyota Highlander when the marked Ford Crown Victoria collided with the Toyota at approximately 1:30 a.m.

"She was such an amazing

person," Simi Jawandha, an SBU student and friend of Muppa, said in a Facebook message. "I think everyone should know that. She was literally the first friend I made in college and more than my best friend she was a sister."

Jawandha said Muppa was majoring in biology and planned on graduating in the

spring. She was also involved with the executive board of a new community service club, Thaakat.

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. sent an email to the campus community Wednesday morning addressing Muppa's death.

"On behalf of Stony Brook University," Stanley wrote, "I extend personal and heartfelt condolences to Vishwaja's family, her friends, her professors and all those who knew her."

According to this email, a group of SBU students was in the car with Muppa. One of the students is in critical condition at SBU hospital while the others "were spared from life-threatening injuries."

Muppa worked as a secretary in Stanley's office since her freshman year.

Tiffany Ramgolam, a student at SBU and friend of Muppa, said "she had a strong drive."

According to Jawandha, Muppa had "such a bright future ahead of her" and planned on going to medical school. Jawandha also described Muppa as being "an intelligent, caring, fun individual."

Jaspreet Benipal, a student at SBU and friend of Muppa, described Muppa as "kind-hearted, selfless, always ready to help a friend in need," in a Facebook message.



PHOTO COURTESY: JASPREET BENIPAL

**Muppa, at center above, was killed in a car accident early morning on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the intersection of Route 347 and Route 112 in a Hurricane Sandy related accident.**

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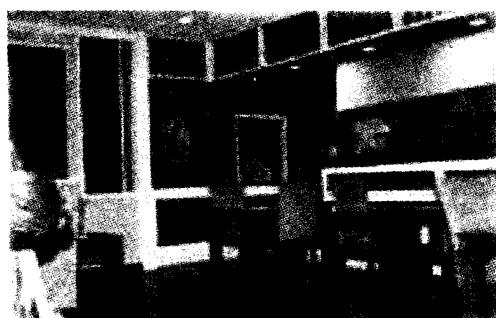
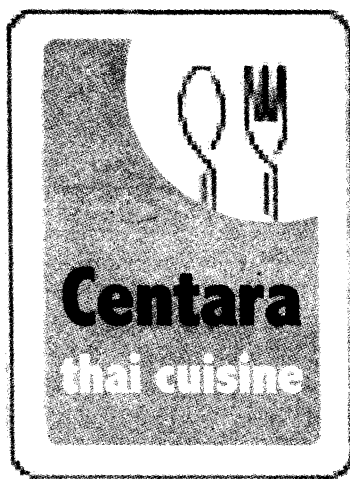
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A female commuter student was robbed near Schomburg on Oct. 30 while retrieving something from her car by a man who brandished an "unknown object."  
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The men's soccer team, which lost to Vermont last week, has secured a spot in the America East championship after defeating Binghamton 5-4 in overtime on Saturday.  
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The Seawolves, who are currently No. 9 in the FCS, defeated the VMI Keydets 45-7 on Saturday. Running back Miguel Maysonet also broke a conference record for single season rushing yards during this game.  
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#### Seawolves Sweep at A.E. Championship

Both the men's and women's cross country teams took America East Championship titles last week, a school first. On Oct. 27 the women's team won its sixth straight title and the men's team took it's first title in school history.  
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## Commuter student robbed near Schomburg

By Emily McTavish  
Assistant News Editor

A female commuter student was robbed on Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the parking area near Schomburg Apartments by an unknown male, according to a statement issued by the Office of Emergency Management.

The female student was getting something out of the trunk of her car, said Assistant Chief of University Police Lawrence Zaccarese, when she was approached by the individual, who displayed an unknown object and demanded her bag.

The student dropped her bag and ran, Zaccarese said, and the assailant took the bag and left in an unknown direction.

The victim told the police that the robber had olive skin

and was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black hat and a black scarf that covered his face.

"It is absolutely an isolated incident," said Zaccarese, who is also the director of emergency management. "It's a robbery that we don't necessarily think is associated with the hurricane."

The campus community was alerted about the incident and ongoing investigation through the SB Alert system that afternoon.

"It's incidents like this remind us how important the systems we put in place to keep our campus secure are being used," Senior Vice President for Administration Barbara Chernow said.

Any information about the robbery should be reported to the University Police Department.

## Sandy causes campus-wide damage

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the cost of the damages.

For the most part of last week, the university police blocked traffic across the campus' three main entrances between the West and East campuses to Nicolls Road to control traffic. Even though the traffic lights on campus did not stop working—the university generates its own power—the lights near the campus

entrances on Nicolls Road were out for days.

"There's a prioritization for people coming to and leaving the campus," Zaccarese said. "Even though it may be inconvenient at times to get out of campus, it's the safest configuration."

Until Thursday, Nov. 1, only the outer loop buses were running at a normal schedule. The Hospital/Chapin route started running on

Friday, Nov. 2.

Chernow said the SB Alert system played a very important role in keeping students informed during the storm. Since Friday, Oct. 26, the Office of Emergency Management has sent out more than 20 notifications related to Sandy. On Wednesday, the office's Twitter account—@SBUEM—went from 523 to about 800, Zaccarese said.



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Superstorm Sandy uprooted trees all over campus last week, including this one between the Staller Steps and the Melville Library.

## Southampton and Manhattan campuses affected by outages

By Yoon Seo Nam  
Staff Writer

Power outages left almost a million Long Island customers in the dark last week. Even though Stony Brook University students experienced a very brief outage on the main campus Monday night, the Southampton and Manhattan campuses went through much longer outages.

At SBU's power-independent main campus, "an unexpected malfunction" on a part of high voltage equipment caused a 37-minute outage between 10:05 and 10:42 p.m. Monday.

Lawrence Zaccarese, assistant chief of police and director of emergency management, said the university could secure electricity because the campus is isolated from LIPA's power supply.

"By doing that—'islanding' is the term that we use—we secured ourselves so that when LIPA lost power, we maintained our own," Zaccarese said.

Resident students on the Southampton campus, however, were not as lucky. They were evacuated and housed on the university's main campus last week, SBU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said in a statement on

Friday, Nov. 2.

Power was restored to the Southampton campus that Friday, Stanley said.

As of Friday, the Manhattan campus was still without power.

At the peak of the outage, LIPA said that more than 945,000 of its 1,126,633 customers on Long Island were without power due to the storm.

By Sunday night, the number had number dropped below 300,000.

Power should be restored to

most people by the end of the week, LIPA said.

Stanley said the main campus community was "very fortunate in that we experienced just a brief power interruption."

A decision on holding classes there "will be made on a day-to-day basis until power is restored," he said.

The campus also experienced an Internet network outage between Monday and Tuesday, which was due to regional power outages, university officials said.



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The student was robbed at the parking lot near Schomburg.

## Classes canceled for a week due to Sandy

No plan to extend the semester to make up for lost days

By Nina Lin  
Assistant Photo Editor

The ravaging force that was superstorm Sandy tore through Long Island last week, with damage extensive enough to keep most Stony Brook University facilities down for the week.

But although five days worth of classes were canceled, SBU administrators do not plan to add another week to the end of the fall semester.

"At this time there is no plan to extend the semester," said Dennis N. Assanis, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, in an email. "Following consultation with Deans and Chairs earlier today, we are asking that faculty teach all essential content within the

existing class time left in the semester."

Faculty and students would have to cram missed materials into the remaining five weeks of the semester, but the date for priority registration has moved. Students with priority registration will start Nov. 7 instead of Nov. 5, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. said in an email.

Students were also urged to keep updated for any further cancellations into the second week of post-Sandy recovery, Stanley said. Whether or not this will affect the current decision to not add classes is unknown. "More information on this important issue will follow as it becomes available," he said.

### Still recovering

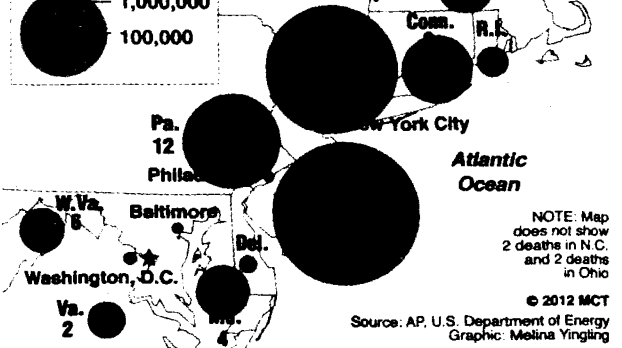
Superstorm Sandy has killed at least 92 people in the U.S. and left millions without power.

Deaths, by state

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NOTE: Map does not show 2 deaths in N.C. and 2 deaths in Ohio

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# Port Jeff experiences record-high flooding

By Barbara Donlon  
Staff Writer

Weeks after being named Seawolves country, Port Jefferson was hit hard by superstorm Sandy this past week.

Water levels hit record highs as water reached all the way up Main Street in Port Jefferson. Businesses scrambled to prepare for the storm by placing sandbags outside of their entrances, tape on their windows and moving furniture to prevent any damage.

"We tried to move furniture and unplug electrical items like our blow dryers," said Alexis Franquiz, owner of Artemios Salon in Port Jefferson.

Luckily for Franquiz, the only thing that happened to her business was loss of electricity, which happened to most of Port Jefferson. Downed power lines and trees left hundreds of thousands without power all over Long Island.

The lack of power in Port Jefferson has left it more of a ghost town than Seawolves country. Without any electricity, businesses can't open, which is hurting some of the business owners.

"I definitely missed about a weeks worth of sales almost. I haven't made money since Sunday," Ricki Steiner, a Port Jefferson resident and owner of 411 Retro Boutique in the Harbor Square mall, said.

While Steiner has been unable to open her business due to loss of power, her husband, who also owns a business in the mall called The Twilight Café, has been open

throughout the hurricane.

Steiner says her husband's café was the only place open in downtown Port Jefferson and that made for long lines on Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hurricane Sandy left a mark on Port Jefferson as many remain without power and traffic lights. It is recommended that people stay

off the road unless needed. LIPA hopes to restore power within the next week for much of the area. Until then, roads are dark at night, so caution is encouraged.



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**Main Street in Port Jefferson, N.Y., flooded early afternoon on Oct. 29 as Hurricane Sandy made its way towards the east coast, making landfall that evening. Many Port Jefferson residents wandered around the downtown area despite village official's call for a mandatory evacuation at 10 a.m. that morning.**

## Student dies in storm related crash

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"She was just an amazing person," Benipal said. "We met freshman year but got really close thanks to Physics 121 class. She would always drop what she was doing and go out of her way to help me...She always knew how to brighten my day."

Jawandha said she remembers Muppa as being a fun person.

"College wouldn't have been the same without her," Jawandha said. "I honestly can't imagine having to live the rest of my life without her either...She was an incredible person and she meant the world to me."



PHOTO COURTESY: SIMRANJIT JAWANDHA  
**Vishwaja Muppa.**



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**An SBU parking pass at the scene of the accident at the intersection of Route 347 and Route 112.**

## Students have mixed reactions toward class cancellations

By Lisa Setyon-Ortenzio  
Staff Writer

It is clear that Hurricane Sandy has definitely caused a lot of damage all around the state of New York, but it has also prevented students all along the East Coast from attending class.

For a week, thousands of students were either stuck at home or on campus due to heavy rain, wind and blocked roads.

For the students of Stony Brook University, the reactions toward this free time were mixed.

For Jackie Altan, a freshman undecided major, the week was quite lifeless. "I did nothing," Altan said. "No one was on campus. It was so boring. I just stayed in my room and ate. I also went to Staller, Union and watched movies."

For Rick Timmerman, a freshman majoring in business management, this week allowed him to relax and spend some time with his friends.

"I went on the tennis court and played with some of my teammates," Timmerman said. "After that, we usually just sat in front of the TV and played video games or did our homework. Nothing crazy."

Ericka Garufi, a junior majoring in psychology, took advantage of this time off to rest. "I stayed inside, hung out with friends and slept."

If the cancellations of classes gave most of the students the opportunity

to rest, it couldn't have come at a better time for some others.

Louise Badoche, a freshman majoring in biology, had the opportunity to catch up with some work in addition to experiencing a hurricane for the first time.

"I have studied for my classes all week," says Badoche. "I am from France and it was the first time in my life that I lived [through] a hurricane. I have to say that despite scaring me, this hurricane has totally shocked my parents as well as my friends back home. I received a dozen of emails from them, wondering if I was fine."

For Jessica Kaplan, a freshman majoring in chemistry, this week was extremely frustrating.

"I live in Connecticut and I was not able to take the ferry," Kaplan said. "I wish I could have gone home earlier. There wasn't anything to do on campus. Because of the hurricane, my roommates and I had to move our room around, so one of the beds was in the middle of the room. I watched six movies in less than three days."

For Khanh Linh Pham, a sophomore majoring in Biology, the first couple of days were "terrifying."

"My roommate went home so I was all by myself," Pham said. "Luckily my friends let me stay with them. Otherwise, I might have passed out when the electricity went out."

This situation has not only affected SBU students; it has also impacted students from all over Long Island.

Tatiana Rajaona, a junior from Molloy College majoring in finance, moved out and stayed for a week at her friend's house.

"My friend's parents didn't want to let me stay on campus by myself since most of the facilities were closed," Rajaona said. "At first, I enjoyed the days off but I found myself bored quite quickly. I stayed inside and spent most of the time in front of the TV and my computer before we lost power."

Julien Philippe, a junior from Fairleigh Dickinson University majoring in management, found it amusing to see how students reacted to the newfound spare time.

"It was really interesting to see how dependent everybody was on their electronic mobile devices," Philippe said. "As soon as the Internet and power went out, most of us didn't know what to do. Instead of trying to get to know each other better, we just sat around and complained."

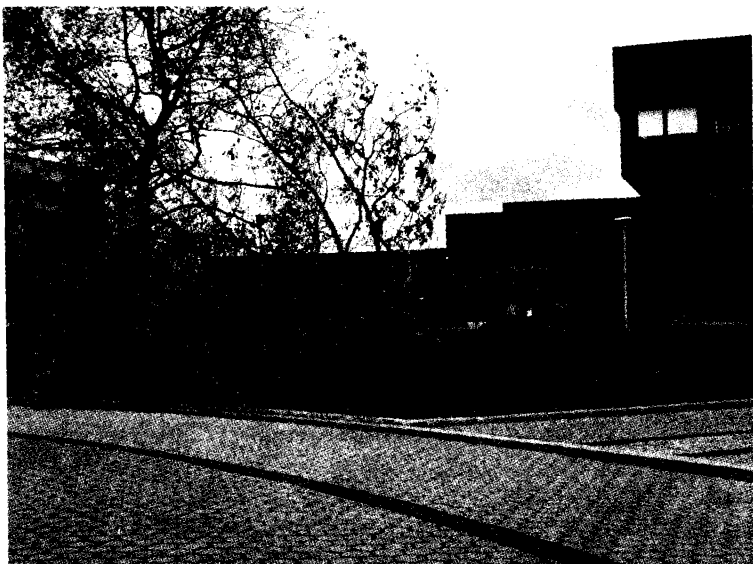
Even though the storm has passed, the consequences of this natural disaster will be palpable for a long time. Students' lives will definitely take a long time to return to normal due to class cancellations and major damages.

# Sandy's impact on Long Island

Sandy's hurricane-force winds left a path of destruction on the northeastern United States last week, and Long Island felt the wrath of the storm from the South to the North Shore.

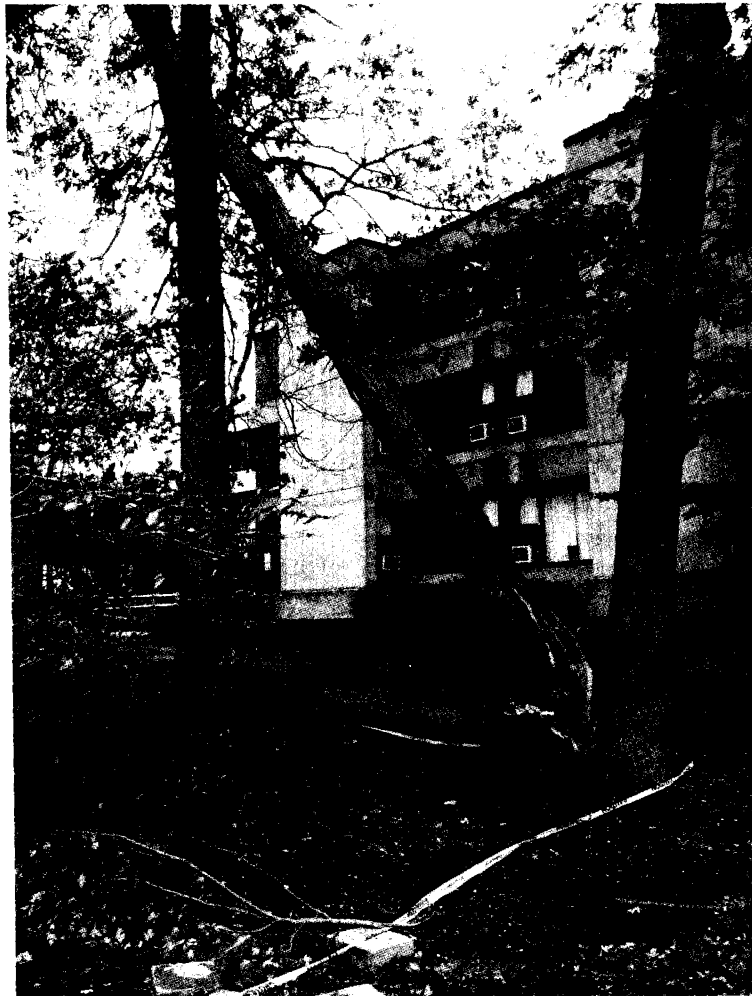
The Long Island Power Authority said that about 100,000 homes and businesses were destroyed or severely damaged on Long Island and the Rockaways. More than 900,000 customers lost power during the storm, according to LIPA.

As of press time, power had been restored to 675,000 LIPA customers. Sandy left more than 100 dead in the U.S. Four of them died on Long Island. The huge storm caused up to \$20 billion in insured losses and \$50 billion in economic losses in the country, disaster modeling company Eqecat projected.



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**Sandy uprooted a number of trees at Stony Brook University last week, including his one next to Staller Steps.**



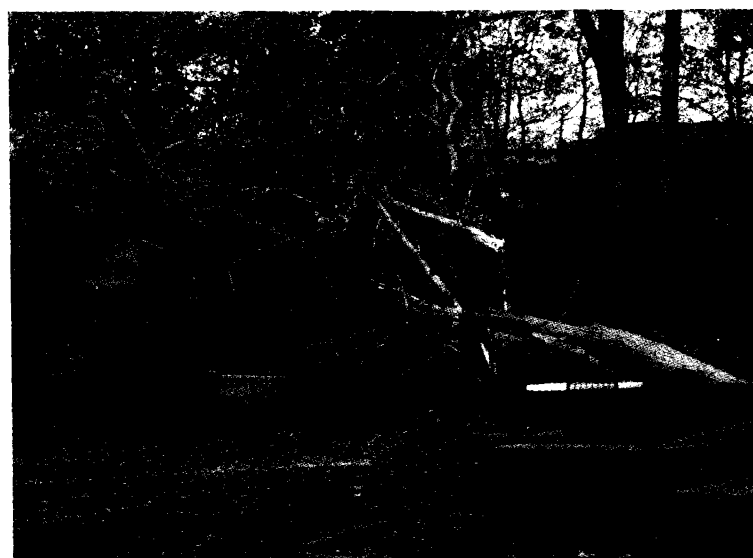
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**Superstorm Sandy split trees all over the campus last week, including this one in Roth Quad.**



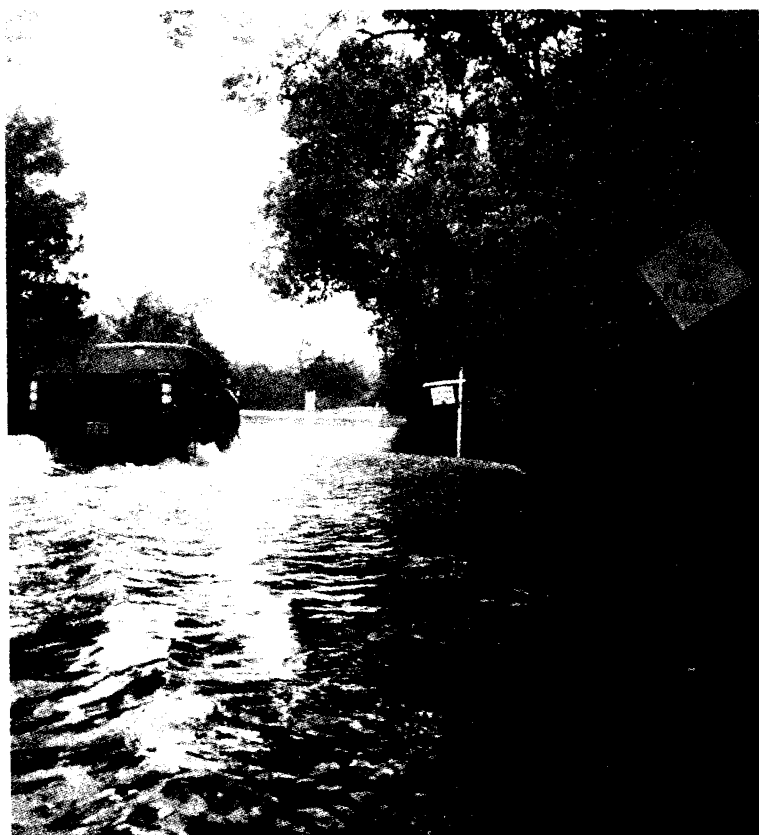
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**The Port Jefferson Fire Department arrived at The Fifth Season restaurant on East Broadway in Port Jefferson at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Oct. 30, the day after Superstorm Sandy made landfall on the east coast. According to Port Jefferson Fire Chief John Pisciotta, the department was responding to a phone call about a small electrical fire within the restaurant due to the flooding the day before caused by Sandy.**



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**With hurricane-force winds, Superstorm Sandy knocked down many trees on campus, including this one in Kelly Quad.**



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**West Meadow Road in Stony Brook, N.Y., flooded early afternoon on Monday, Oct. 29, before Superstorm Sandy made landfall on the east coast that evening. Residents of the area drove around to see the early onset damage from the storm.**



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**Maureen and Bradley Raiha of St. James, N.Y., clean up the fallen trees in their yard with the help of their daughter after Superstorm Sandy on Tuesday, Oct. 30. According to Maureen Raiha, the property lost a lot of trees but only the house's porch was damaged. Maureen said the family does not expect to have power for a few days, but this is not a problem for them. "We're campers, so we have it all," Maureen said of the family's preparedness to live without electricity.**



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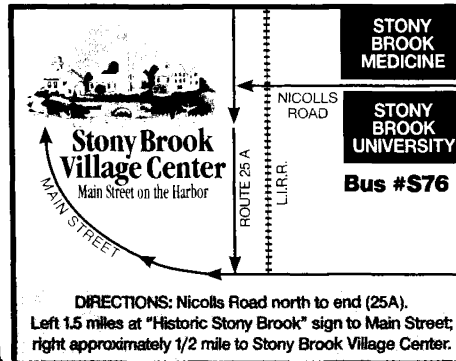
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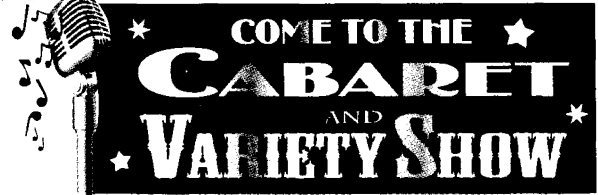
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## What's to come in Staller's upcoming homage to Chekhov

By Dipti Kumar  
Staff Writer

Delicate as a glass figurine, soft as a feather or rambunctious as a drunk—these various elements of this play mesh together to interpret one of history's greatest Russian dramatists and short story writers, Anton Chekhov.

"Donka - A letter to Chekhov" is a homage to Chekhov for writing four of the most memorable drama pieces of all time: "The Seagull," "Uncle Vanya," "Three Sisters" and "The Cherry Orchard."

The play, which is currently touring around the world, will be staged at Stony Brook University on Nov. 10.

Written and directed by Daniele Finzi Pasca, Donka is a theatrical treat for the senses. Pasca's creativity was seen in Cirque du Soleil's "Corteo" and the Broadway hit "Rain."

In "Donka," Pasca recreates the feeling of lightness—a performance unhindered by one particular actor or theme, that effortlessly glides from act to act, taking the audience out of reality and into the world of theater.

Popular Australian artist David Zampatti writes in his

review, "Finzi Pasca's idea is clear from Donka's subtitle—it's a letter not from but to Chekhov; the response of a modern imagination to the great Russian playwright and storyteller."

This is a whimsical world where music, dance and the circus coexist in harmony. The airy, fluid motions in the play are defined by both subtle and animated illustrations. Elements from each of Chekhov's four plays are interpreted through song, dance, allusions and the power of conviction in comedy.

Donka was first staged two years ago in Sweden, and the logistics behind this particular play are complex, according to Alan Inkles, director of the Staller Center. Pulling together safety precautions for the troupe, re-creating the magical feeling in the set and getting everything done in time for the show are challenges Inkles is excited about.

The period costumes designed by Giovanna Buzzi, video projections, unusual props and Pasca's graphic lighting help carry the play forward like a gush of wind—lightly lifting the performance and the audience to a distant world on the stage.

Comedy as a theme is interpreted through the circus of acrobats, jugglers, musicians and contortionists. The play is set to classic orchestral music that ranges from Maria Bonzanigo to

Russian folk dance.

Pasca and his team of eight performers from Italy, Germany, Brazil, Canada and Mexico have created a sophisticated theatrical display of jaw-dropping stunts.

Donka does theater in ways not imagined before.

Students can obtain a discount or purchase student rush tickets for \$7 right before the show begins.



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Performers in the middle of "Donka - A letter to Chekhov," which will be hosted by the Staller Center on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

## THREE ARTSY EVENTS

### 1) Donka

The Staller Center is hosting the performance "Donka - A letter to Chekhov," on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. on the Main Stage. The play will contain jugglers, acrobats and dancers. Tickets are \$38.

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The Wang Center is hosting an art gallery dedicated to the 10 year anniversary of the building on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The gallery will feature architecture and sculptures. It is free to the public.





# Larry Rivers gallery comes to campus

By Fumi Honda  
Contributing Writer

What is art through the lens of a musician, film director, actor or a nightclub's emcee? This month, you can find an answer at the Staller Center for the Arts' "Larry Rivers: Collaboration and Appropriation" exhibit.

Born Yitzroch Loiza Grossberg, the artist who created the exhibit's artwork was active through much of the 20th century, and he led a controversial life filled with heroin and a variety of women, according to a "The New York Times" article. He carried that same experimental spirit into his artwork. As a pioneer, he broke the limitation of style by merging figurative art, which depicts the reality, and juxtaposed it with abstraction.

"Larry could paint really quickly," David Joel, the director of Larry Rivers Foundation, said. It is estimated that the unusually prolific Rivers created more than 3,500 pieces. His art influenced many minds of the next era, including, most significantly, Andy Warhol, who openly admitted this inspiration, according to the Larry Rivers Foundation website.

Rivers's subjects range from personal encounters with friends and pop culture film stars to solemn topics such as the Russian Revolution and the plight of Jews in Europe.

Rivers's multiple personalities and multi-talentedness make him hard to categorize; "The New York Times" recently had an article touting him as "an artist with a musician's ear for duets." One of the best examples of this is his lithographic series entitled "Stones." In this collaboration with Frank O'Hara, he drew upon his experiences as an improv jazz saxophonist at the Julliard School by engaging in a dialogue between himself and the poet solely through images and words. There was a lot of collaboration between the two, and it would have been filled with intellectual tension. As Helen Harrison, the curator of the exhibit, puts it, "much as jazz soloists take cues and improvise" upon one another.

The first piece that catches people's attention as they enter the gallery is Modernist Times (1988), in which Charlie Chaplin tripped over the abstract mechanical wheels as he usually would in the working class scenes in the movies. Just like how



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## One of the many pieces of Larry Rivers' artwork on display in Staller.

people now craze over the remix of a radio hit, Rivers based this piece on Fernand Léger's inspiration in the film "Modern Times."

Rivers doesn't just pay homages to predecessors like Gogh, Max Ernst, and Matisse, rather, he completely reinterprets them. For example, the torment of Van Gogh was vividly portrayed with chairs dangling all over his head in "Art and the Artist: Chairs and Van Gogh." The naked dancing humans by Matisse were created with new hues of colors—bold, romantic red and professional, navy, blue fitting to metropolitan taste.

A nonconforming master cannot be respected without criticism as well. According to an article in "Vanity Fair," it comes in the form of the documentary, Growing, which centered on his topless adolescent daughters, not included in the exhibit. However, his other experimental films, "A Day in the Life of a Cleaning Woman" and "Mounting Tensions" are screened continuously in the gallery.

Although Rivers passed away in 2002 at the age of 78, his interactive piece continues to invite students to participate in a colloquy with him. For those who wish to be endowed in his enigma, the exhibit runs until Dec. 8, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday, and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.



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The Staller Center Art Gallery hosts renowned artist Larry Rivers' work.



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# Both "Go On" and "The Mindy Project" get full seasons

By Will Rhino  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

## "Go On:"



## "The Mindy Project:"



As the fall television season wears on, the ratings drop, fans desert their shows in favor of real life and cancellations begin to kick in. Some freshmen series, however, manage to beat the

ever dwindling odds and achieve that coveted full first season.

Two of these lucky shows include Matthew Perry's NBC comedy, "Go On" and Mindy Kaling's FOX comedy, "The Mindy Project."

Both shows star two well-known and established actors. Perry obtained his fame during his decade long run on "Friends" and Kaling from her work on "The Office."

"Go On" is a show with plenty of heart although it lacks a bit of a central story arc. Perry plays Ryan King, a man

who is forced to join a support group to cope with the death of his wife.

While it does not take long for King to cause trouble and throw a wrench in the group dynamic, that is quickly remedied.

This show does indeed go straight for the emotional kill by providing plenty of comedy, but what really stands out are some truly heart-wrenching scenes with King and his dead wife, who spends her ghostly time encouraging him to move on with the new friends in his life.

While the grief the members display is not really authentic at all, it does provide for decent comedy. Watching the gang become more co-dependently in love with each other is a fun ride, and it is great to see them rely on each other to solve their problems. The relationship works both ways as well. Some of the most 'ahhh' worthy moments occur when the group members help their counseling leader through her real life problems.

"Go On" can best be described as a mixture between the witty banter of "Friends" and the quirky nonsense of "Community" (both are also NBC shows, so it is not a surprise a mix like that could occur), but while "Go On" is not as good as either of those two shows, it is still fantastic in its own right. Providing good laughs and a stellar cast, the only thing this show is missing is a cohesive storyline; the characters can only help each other through so many grief problems before something more real happens. Given time, this could be one of NBC's strongest shows.

Mindy Kaling's show, on the other hand, goes for full on ridiculousness. These people bicker and self-loathe enough to make even Liz Lemon (Tina Fey's character in "30 Rock") proud.

A young doctor, Mindy Lahiri



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Matthew Perry, star of "Go On," at the 2012 Emmy Awards.

(Kaling) tries to navigate her life as a single woman with a career. It pulls out the whole romantic comedy storyline, but it fleshes it out so much better because, while she may be infatuated with finding love, she has work drama, friend drama and wild adventures to contend with.

Similar to the "30 Rock" dynamic, it is clear Mindy Lahiri is supposed to be a fictitious version of Mindy Kaling (made slightly obvious by the fact that they share a name). Both Mindys are crazy, funny, bubbly, compulsive and neurotic.

From watching the doctors, nurses and assistants try to hire new hospital staff, or seeing them interact drunk at a club, it is fun to see a group forced together in an office mingle outside the

hospital walls and play nice with people with whom they begrudgingly hang out.

"The Mindy Project" also manages to capture that feeling of being single and desperate so well and make it funny. Mindy is a mess, but she is trying to get by as best she can. Her chipper disposition juxtaposed to her bitter self-deprecation and occasional mean streaks mixed with kindness works well for everyone who has ever just been in a bad mood for no reason, and that is where this show really clicks.

Despite only airing four episodes so far, FOX has given this show the green light for a full season of 24 episodes, and "Go On" has hit its plateau at approximately six million viewers, a fantastic catch by NBC standards.



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Mindy Kaling poses in a FOX promo for "The Mindy Project."



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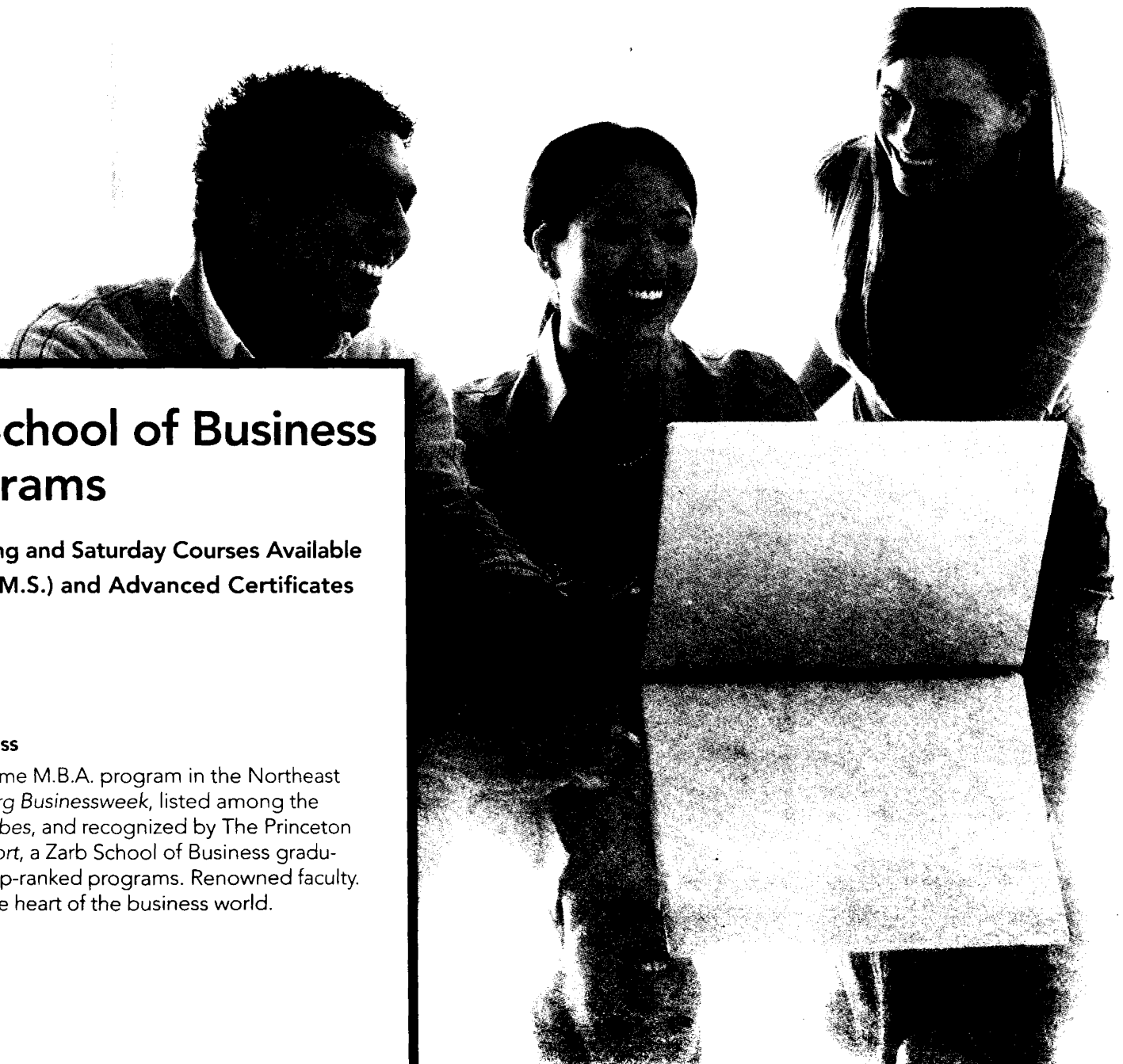
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## The new issue: climate change

Climate change isn't a myth. Hurricane Sandy proved this after leaving a huge trail of destruction that hit close to home for many Stony Brook students. To others, this came as a nice vacation off from school, but the reality of the storm was widespread destruction. In the aftermath of one of the strongest storms to hit the Northeast, climate change is a pressing issue that must be dealt with.

In a surprise announcement, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg endorsed President Obama after Hurricane Sandy. He stated that Obama was the better candidate to deal with the issues of climate change. Chris Christie, a well known Republican and keynote speaker at the last Republican Convention, was also grateful for and impressed by the actions of Obama. This election, it is crucial to think about issues that will affect us in the next few decades. Climate change is just one of the major issues that goes ignored, but Sandy gave many the much needed wake up call. The strength of the storm and weather

patterns we experienced were due to climate change.

As unfortunate as it may seem, this storm isn't the once in a lifetime storm that some perceive it to be. The temperature of the atmosphere has been slowly increasing due to human actions—namely the burning of carbon based fuels—and this has resulted in storms that are more frequent and severe. By increasing the temperature of the planet by merely a few degrees, the warmer oceans create stronger hurricanes. The other dangerous aspect of Hurricane Sandy was the way it interacted with the Jet Stream, which has changed its position on the globe because the ice caps have continued to melt.

As a result of the melting ice caps, the sea level has been steadily rising. This put low lying areas at an even higher risk of flooding, as this storm has highlighted; anyone who has been watching the news since the storm has watched the devastation that flooding has inflicted upon parts of Long Island, New Jersey, and lower Manhattan. It took nearly

a week for the subways and other infrastructure in the city to recover, which has shown the weakness in the current system. Luckily, Mayor Bloomberg is quite aware of the potential for additional flooding in the future, and has mentioned plans to revamp the low lying areas in the city in preparation. If this is what Sandy can do to a few states, imagine what the ice caps' melting would hold in store for the planet. Ignoring global warming only makes disasters more widespread, and harder to prepare for.

President Obama has taken the right actions after the storm, but it is essential that we take actions to fight the changes currently happening. This isn't a normal cycle the earth is going through; it is one caused by human exploitation that only we can fix. For this reason, we need to elect someone who is qualified and fit to pass new legislation that will protect the environment and foster regrowth. Remember on Election Day, you vote for more than just job creation and economic growth.

## What do you think?: NYC Marathon

The Northeast has been devastated by Hurricane Sandy, which caused massive destruction and at least 100 casualties. Especially hit by this disaster were downtown Manhattan and Staten Island, and in light of this, huge amounts of resources were dispatched to these areas to help those in need. However, New York City officials simultaneously continued to plan for the upcoming annual marathon that takes place around the city.

This caused outrage among city residents, who pressured Mayor Bloomberg into

abandoning his plans to host the race. Those that protested the race stated that their main reason for opposing the marathon was the sheer amount of resources that were being invested in it while so many suffered nearby. A picture taken of generators at the site of the race in Staten Island circulated around social media, and was a big contributor in moving people away from supporting the marathon, because many Staten Island residents were still without power.

The New York City marathon is one of the most competitive in the world, and as such, a

huge number of countries are represented by runners in the race. These athletes train for a huge amount of time and travel enormous distances in order to compete in the race. The marathon was canceled at extremely short notice, which is very unfair for the runners. Many felt that it was a stolen moment, and it won't be given back this year.

What do you think about this ordeal? Send us your letters about the cancellation of the NYC Marathon and relief efforts in progress due to Hurricane Sandy.

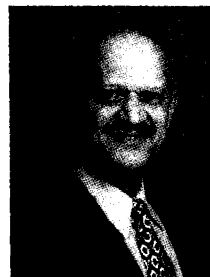
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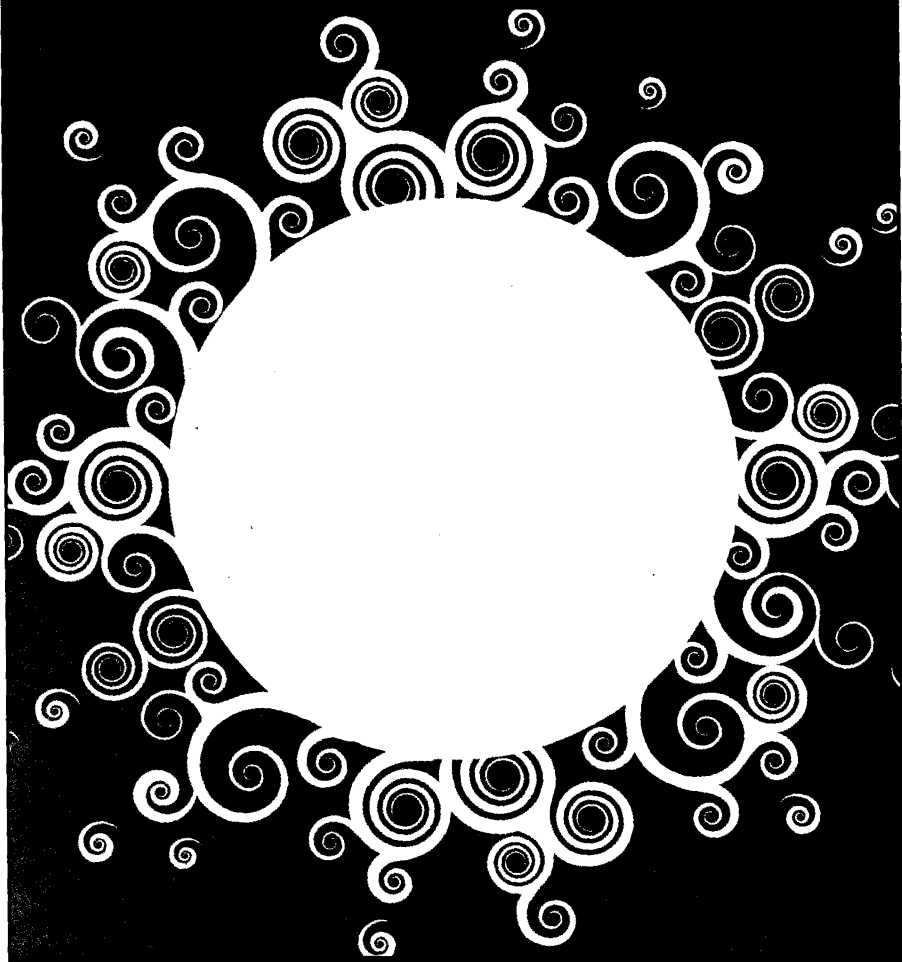
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# The Scottish Referendum

By Louise Scott  
Contributing Writer

The United Kingdom—confusing to some and simply England to others. The UK in fact consists of four countries—Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales—that are all represented by the monarchy. Each country has its own devolved powers that allow their governments to make decisions on their education and health systems. There is also a central government controlling matters such as defense and European policies, which exists in London, England. A lot of people don't know this about the UK—probably including some of its citizens—but it is a very big part of the country's structure and history.

Now, however, Scotland is asking to become separate from the UK, which will result in it moving all of its powers to the Scottish government. When I say Scotland is asking, what I really mean is that the government is asking; the Scottish Nationalist Party has been harping on for many years about the idea and are finally negotiating to have a referendum in the next election in 2014. The referendum is a single question on the ballot, which will ask voters whether or not they want Scotland to become independent.

For a lot of people, Scotland being its own country in complete control of every decision that needs to be made looks great. Whether in reality it is great, however, is a different question.

Being part of the UK gives Scotland a lot of financial stability. The UK in has a total population of 62 million with Scotland accounting for only 5 million. Revenue alone should ring alarm bells. Although taxation revenue per person is higher in Scotland than the rest of the UK, it doesn't mean that a population of 5 million is going to allow Scotland to run the way it has.

I should mention some of the benefits of living in Scotland, which might be enough to make you move there even with the not-so-great weather! Health care is free, including doctors, dentists, hospital care and prescriptions. Our public education system is free from primary school through to high school as well as four years of either university or college. I almost feel guilty when I talk about this, as our government pays for a lot compared to so many countries. Of course we have to take into consideration that the Scottish tax system is higher than other countries.

But yes, we receive a lot for free, which is something Scotland has to bear in mind when voting in the referendum. Compared to the rest of the UK, we receive the highest public spending per person. This means that our government allocates more money to each individual through services such

as health care and education than it does in England. The English have to pay for universities and college for example. So would we be able to provide these services free of charge when we have only our own income to use?

Personally, I really can't see how this will work in the long term. Our first minister seems to think we can base our economy almost solely on the fact we have oil in the North Sea. But, as far as I'm aware, oil is a finite resource with an ever changing economic value. Do we really feel comfortable with that as our core basis?

We have only recently properly come out of the recession period and it's hard to say whether Scotland would have been able to recover the way it has if we were a single devolved country. The UK has a triple A credit rating (the highest), so being a part of this union allows Scotland to be financially safe. If it became separate, there is speculation around what rating it would receive—which might not necessarily be the highest. This could therefore affect our trading system, as other countries may not feel as safe trading with such a small country that has no financial back up.

Becoming independent would allow us to make our own decisions when it comes to the European policies we choose to adapt. The UK is part of the European Union, which is the union between 27 countries in Europe combining both economic and political issues. It has similar characteristics to the union of the United Kingdom as each country has its own powers but the union acts as a sort of 'safety blanket;' in case something goes wrong with one country, the others can help out. Scotland may not necessarily be automatically accepted into the European Union upon becoming independent, so not only would we have no help from the UK, but we also could have no help from the EU. Both these unions have helped us with trading and staying in a good financial condition. To go from having both to none could prove to be a major blow for Scotland.

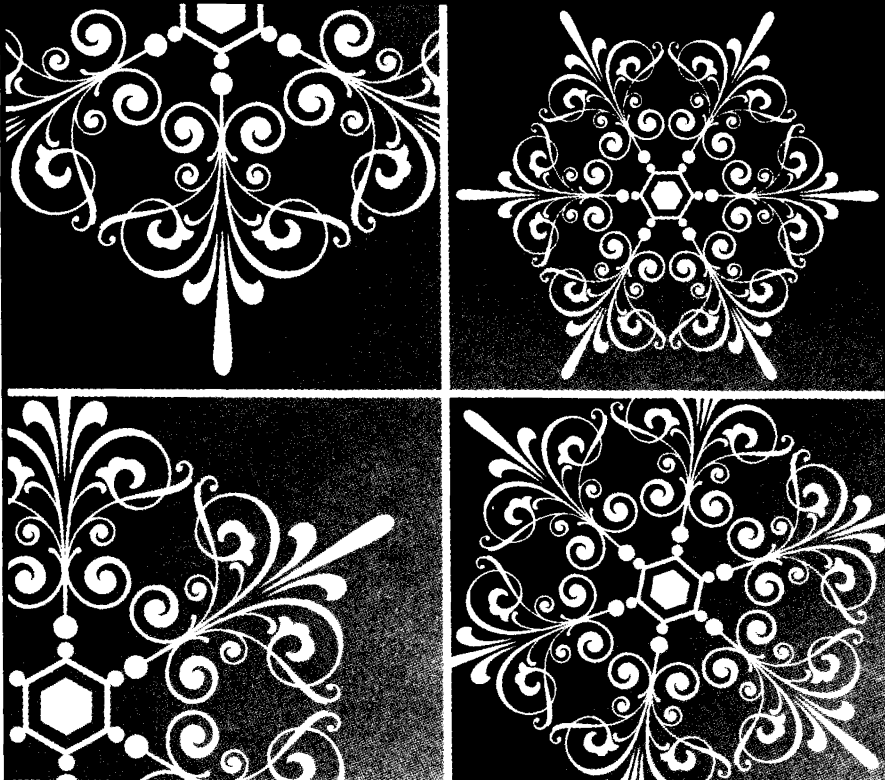
Everyone is going to have a different opinion on this matter. And maybe, yes, for the first few years, independence will be great for Scotland. But it is the long run that I'm worried about and this is a decision that cannot be taken lightly. The government further wants to lower the voting age to 16 for this election, which I strongly disagree with, but if they are planning on doing this they have to educate the Scottish people. People need to understand both sides and realize what the potential risks are if we become independent. This is not a decision we can revert back on if it doesn't work out. Scotland is doing well at present and I know a lot of people would hate to see our country struggle in 10 years' time all due to the wrong decisions being made.



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**Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond speaks during a press conference at Edinburgh Castle, Scotland, January 25, 2012, following his statement to the Scottish Parliament outlining the referendum consultation.**

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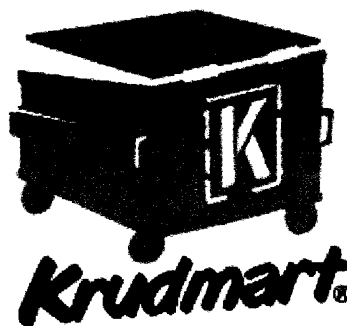
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## Seawolves return home with a straight sweep

By Jason Mazza  
Staff Writer

After more than a month on the road, the Stony Brook Seawolves women's volleyball team returned to the Prichard Gymnasium to face the Providence Friars Friday night.

In three games, Stony Brook swept the Friars 25-17, 25-17 and 25-15. It was a dominating performance for the Seawolves as they maintained the lead for all but a few serves in Friday's match.

Although the Friars had plenty of opportunities, in the end it came down to their inability to execute with a .086 hitting percentage in comparison to Stony Brook's season best .366 hitting percentage.

Coach Deb Des Lauriers was more than thrilled by Friday's statement victory against her alma mater, Providence. "I thought we played really well. Our goal was to get our offense going early and maintain the momentum throughout."

Stony Brook did just that on the hands of a 13-0 run to begin the first game. She continued saying, "The freshmen have been awesome for us so far. We've finally created a balance between veteran experience and energy from our underclassmen."

Freshman standout Melissa Rigo led the Seawolves' attack



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### The Seawolves swept Providence in three straight sets.

with 17 kills on 39 total attempts (.410 hitting percentage) on the heels of a 25-kill performance in their last outing.

However, this recent statistical outburst is no fluke. After the match, Rigo explained, "When we had the two week break, I focused a lot more on changing my approach, the way I hit and hitting my spots."

Rigo has recorded double-digit kills in all 22 matches this season and is now near the top in the country in kills as a freshman in Division I play and a definite candidate for conference player of the year.

Other standouts for Stony

Brook were junior Evann Slaughter and freshman Nicole Vogel. Slaughter had 12 kills and finished with a .429 hitting percentage. Vogel had a team leading 39 assists and also added 3 kills.

Stony Brook improved to 11-12 on the season and 6-4 in America East play. Providence dips to 1-27 and 0-10 in America East play.

The Seawolves control their own destiny with three home matches left. On Sunday at 1 p.m., Stony Brook University faces the University of New Hampshire at the Prichard Gymnasium.

## Seawolves win America East Championship

By Yoon Seo Nam  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's soccer team won its first-ever America East Championship, beating Hartford 1-0 on Sunday in Hartford.

Junior forward, Larissa Nysch scored the winning goal in the 13th minute.

Freshman Kirsten Baker crossed a ball toward Nysch, and she finished her chance, putting a swift kick into the net.

In the game, the Seawolves' defense was effective, blocking Hartford.

The defense allowed only two shots on target of 10. Seawolves' goalkeeper Ashley Castanio made two saves.

In the 31st minute, Castanio made a great save, tipping the ball over the net.

After the game, Senior Sa'sha Kershaw was named the America East Most Outstanding Player and named to the All-Tournament team.

Junior Ahriel Fernandez, Castanio and Nysch also made the team.

This is Stony Brook's first America East Championship.

Also, Stony Brook became the first 6th seed to win the title, and defeated the top three seeds in the tournament: Hartford, Maine and NewHampshire.

Stony Brook is also going to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

The 12-win season was the program's best since joining the America East in 2001.

It was also Stony Brook's first victory against Hartford since Sept. 28, 2008, when the Seawolves won 1-0 at home.

With Sunday's victory, Stony Brook improved to 7-4-1 on the road this season.

Nysch finished the season with the most points on the team, with 22 points.

She finished with nine goals and four assists on the season.

Kershaw was second on the team with 15 points, six goals and three assists.

Castanio ended up playing in all 21 games and finished the season with 111 saves and allowing 26 goals.

Her save percentage was .810, with 12 wins, six losses and three draws.

She had five shutouts this season.

The first round of the tournament will be on Nov. 9-11, and whom Stony Brook will have a game against will be announced on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

## Seawolves defeat Binghamton

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from the left. Time was running out, and the Seawolves seemed to still waste opportunities to make goals, although the goalkeeper provided stellar defense to keep the deficit at one.

With forty-four seconds left in the second half, Fritz showed off once again, and scored, tying the game at four, and also tying the record for goals scored in a championship game, as well as scoring the most points in a championship game.

"Honestly, I can't even remember how I did it...I just hit it, and I saw that it was gonna be a goal. I stayed composed, and put it away. That gave us another opportunity to prove that we are a better team than they are," said a modest Fritz. He continued, "We had great energy all over the game, we had some mistakes but we responded really well. We're really happy right now."

In overtime, Gobeil still showed struggles in trying to score, and Manz continued to show excellent defense, particularly when he saved a strong head shot from the Bearcats.

Yet, despite the struggles in the latter of the game, Seawolves cease to disappoint.

With fifty-two seconds left on the clock, junior midfielder Will Casey scored the winning goal off of a free kick in the box.

"We hung in there and we got it done in the end. A lot of hard work, everyone worked hard, and we just responded well," Casey said. "You're

gonna miss chances, and you just gotta keep going."

Seawolves won it, 5-4, in overtime. When asked about how Coach Anatol felt about the win against a relatively weakly offensive team, he replied, "A struggling team-you never wanna give four goals up but I'm happy that we responded, we wanna go into games and give up less goals. We're happy with how we responded."

In regards to the performance in the second half, Coach Anatol was rational, but confident: "Yeah it was a wild game. To go up twice then give up the lead and come out of the second half down two. The guys knew that they had to keep pushing and create a lot of chances. We knew that if we got in one we would be back in the game. That was really the focus."

Although the team lost to University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) a few weeks ago, they will be facing each other once again in the America East championship. "UMBC, it's gonna be a good game," Anatol said. "They're tough, they'll defend well."

We gotta go in that game and eliminate their chances and opportunities. We'll take the momentum full swing." The men are ready to fight as well. "That was my greatest game ever," said Fritz. "We really have to focus on our mistakes that we gave up, and if we correct them, I'm pretty sure that we can play better next time."

## Walter Payton campaign underway for Maysonet

By Mike Daniello  
Sports Editor

The Walter Payton Award is given to the top offensive player in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision and could find its way into senior running back Miguel Maysonet's hands.

Stony Brook athletics had come up with a campus-wide campaign for the senior, who leads the FCS in rushing with 1,502 yards and 16 total touchdowns.

He is among 20 nominees for the award and is the first Seawolf to be nominated.

Stony Brook has come up with a twitter handle, @Maysonet4Payton and will use the hashtag, #Maysonet4Payton.

The campaign also includes a website, Maysonet4Payton.com and will have highlights, quotes and statistics.

Maysonet is second in all-purpose yards with 199.11 yards per game and fourth in scoring with 10.67 per game.

He is also the leading rusher in the FCS with 129.2 yards per game and yard per carry with 7.03.

The senior is also in the top 10 in career yards and rushing touchdowns with 41.

Past Walter Payton Award winners include Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, former

quarterback Steve McNair and retired running back Brian Westbrook.

It will be tough for Maysonet, as he is going up against some of the top players in the country.

Among the nominees is runningbacks, Sharkir Bell of of Indiana State and Tim Flanders of Sam Houston State.

Also nominated are quarterbacks Taylor Heinicke of Old Dominion and Brad Sorensen of Southern Utah, and Aaron Mellette, a wide-receiver from Elon.

All of these players were named Top FCS players to watch for the 2012 season, by the NCAA.

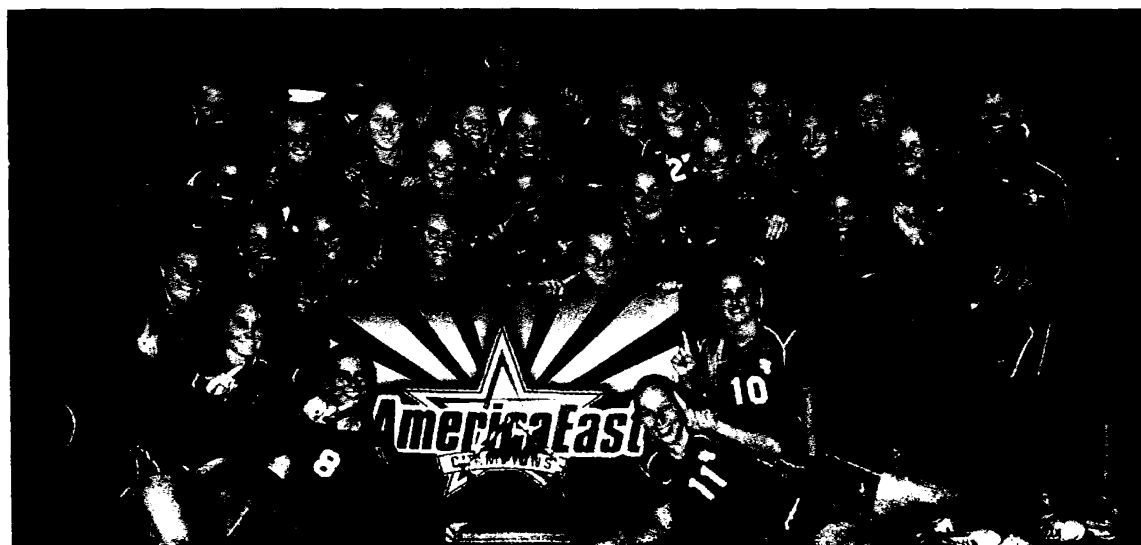
Maysonet will have one more game to improve his stats, on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Liberty.

He has broken career records this season with 32 attempts against Army, yards with 233 against Coastal Carolina and longest rush of 84 yards against Central Connecticut.

The award is given to honor the late Walter Payton, who starred for the Chicago Bears in the National Football League.

Payton also played for Jackson State University in college before being drafted.

He also has another award named after him, the Walter Payton Man of the Year award, given to NFL players, who volunteer and give back.



COURTESY OF STONY BROOK ATHLETICS

Stony Brook won its first ever tournament championship by defeating Hartford.

# SPORTS

## Football crushes VMI 45-7

By David O'Connor  
Managing Editor

It was the last regular season home game for the seniors on the No. 9 Stony Brook football team, and they along with the rest of their teammates made it count.

The Seawolves decimated conference opponent Virginia Military Institute Keydets 45-7, improving their overall record to 9-1 and 5-0 in conference play.

"Obviously it was a great win for the seniors," head coach Chuck Priore said. "I'm really excited about the way we played. I thought we played hard on defense. We didn't give them anything except one drive."

The first half went about as well as it possibly could for Stony Brook.

The team scored four touchdowns and never allowed the Keydets to do the same. In fact, the Seawolves did not have to punt the ball at any time during the half.

The Seawolves ate up a little more than six minutes on their first drive and scored a touchdown when senior quarterback Kyle Essington threw a pass to fellow senior wide receiver Kevin Norrell.

It was the first of three such

touchdown pass completions of the evening between those two. Essington threw for 166 yards and completed 12 of 17 passes on the day. Norrell caught eight passes and gained 113 yards.

"Each week these guys go in and do their job," Norrell said, "And it shows. We're having fun out there, and everything is easier when it's like that."

A few minutes later, senior running back Miguel Maysonet ran for 16 yards to score the second touchdown of the game, improving Stony Brook to 14-0.

He scored three touchdowns in the game; he has done so six times this season, a Big South conference record.

He also broke his and the Big South's single-season rushing yards record in the game. He ran for 149 yards, averaging 7.4 yards a carry.

Junior running back Marcus Coker also punished the Keydets by accumulating 139 yards.

Stony Brook added another two touchdowns in the second quarter as the result of another run from Maysonet and pass to Norrell.

The Keydets were limited to completing only three first downs in the half and gaining 55 yards of total offense as opposed to 229 from Stony Brook.

Maysonet added another touchdown to his total in the third quarter, but the Keydets finally broke onto the scoreboard with a touchdown of their own with 38 seconds left in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Essington completed his third and final touchdown pass to Norrell of the game, and the Seawolves kicked the only field goal of the game with 6:08 left to further increase their margin to 45-7.

Stony Brook coasted to victory with the time remaining.

This was the last regular season home game that Stony Brook will play as a member of the Big South conference.

Stony Brook has lost only one regular season game at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium while a member of the conference. The Seawolves are 23-4 overall in conference play.

Next week, the Seawolves will travel to Liberty University in Virginia to play their last game of the regular season.

At the moment, it is not certain if Stony Brook will win the conference and therefore its automatic bid to the FCS tournament, so this away game is still very significant.

"They're going to be pumped



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Maysonet ran for three touchdowns in the win against VMI.

in front of their home crowd," said Maysonet, who has been nominated for the Walter Payton award, which shall be given out after the season. "If we go out there and play our game and

do what we do best, we've been handling business so far."

The game will take place at 3:30 p.m. this upcoming Saturday in Lynchburg, Va.

## Men's soccer advances to America East Championships

By Mira Gor  
Staff Writer

The clock struck noon on a chilly Saturday afternoon as the men's soccer team, coming off of a 2-1 loss to Vermont last week, took the field against Binghamton University to safeguard a spot in the America East championships. An athletic battle full of inconsistent leads, breath-stopping goals, and complete action throughout the hundred minutes of gameplay, the Seawolves emerged victorious.

Freshman midfielder, Alejandro Fritz, provided stellar offense throughout the game. He assisted the first goal of the afternoon, scored by senior forward Raphael Abreu, less than ten minutes into the first half. This was a promising start to the game, especially because the visiting team wasn't a high scoring team.

Yet, the Seawolves couldn't hold the 1-0 lead for long. Less than five minutes later, the Binghamton Bearcats retaliated with a long kick assisted by defender Trey Jasenski to midfielder Adam Whitehead, and immediately tied the game at 1. This pattern of gaining the lead and then losing it was evident on both sides: Fritz displayed his talent with about 20 minutes left in the first half by scoring outside the mid-right post unassisted. The game was now at 2-1, with the Seawolves in the lead, although it did seem that senior midfielder Berian Gobeil

might have been injured during that important play to maintain contention. He returned in the second half, seemingly healthy, yet made many failed attempts to score in the latter of the half.

Keeping the Seawolves on their feet, the Bearcats' defender Jasenski struck again with a long-range shot off the crossbar of the goal, tying the game at 2, and eliminating Stony Brook's lead for quite some time. While it seemed that the Seawolves were playing well throughout the game, it was blatantly visible to see their performance weaken as the second half of the grueling battle began. About three minutes into the second half, the Bearcats' Jake Keegan scored off of Adam Whitehead's assist, leading Binghamton 3-2, and scored off of Whitehead and Keegan about twenty minutes later when forward Steven Celeste struck a header into the net.

"Half time, we had gone up two, and we felt like we gave them their best opportunities. They're a team that wanted to oppress us, so we wanted to create a space behind them," said Coach Ryan Anatol.

Down by 2 throughout a majority of the second half, the Seawolves were showered with opportunities to make a come back, yet repeatedly failed to do so. After Keegan's goal, the Seawolves had an opportune moment to score off of a corner kick by freshman midfielder Martin Giordano, but wasted the kick by a



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Men's soccer defeated Binghamton 5-4 in OT to move on.

hit off the crossbar. What was most shocking was senior midfielder Berian Gobeil's many missed attempts at scoring goals. "Yeah, he missed chances, but I felt as though Berian was a key component to get back in the game. We were getting a lot of success off him getting the ball," coach Anatol said.

Despite the lack of offense in the second half, senior goalkeeper Stefan Manz put all effort in making sure that the Bearcats' lead stay put. Approximately seventy

minutes into the game, Manz made a spectacular save that protected the Seawolves from what could have been a three point deficit. A save that sparked the momentum that swept the Seawolves along, the confidence and agility evident in the first half suddenly seemed to reappear. Seventy-minutes into the game, senior midfielder Leonardo Fernandes scored off of a free kick

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## Seawolves Sweep at A.E. Championship

By Catie Curatolo  
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Both the men's and women's cross country teams took America East Championship titles last week, a school first. On Oct. 27 the women's team won its sixth straight title and the men's team took its first title in school history.

The last time such a sweep occurred was in 2003, when both New Hampshire men's and women's teams won the title.

Sophomore Eric Speakman was the first of four male Seawolves to finish in the top 15, with a time of 25:11.43. He is the first SBU runner to win the individual title since Tim Hodge did in 2008.

Juniors Daniel Denis and Carlos Roa, as well as freshman Mitchell Kun, also placed in the top 15.

Junior Samuel Kimmey was the final scorer for the Seawolves, finishing 28th with a time of 26:34.71.

On the women's side, all five scorers finished in the top 12.

Junior Olivia Burne took fourth, leading the Seawolves with a time of 16:58.37.

Cleo Boyd, a freshman whose debut for the Seawolves was the Championship race, finished fifth in 16:59.17.

The Seawolves next race is Nov. 9 in Madison, Conn. at the NCAA Regional Championships.