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## Snapchat: fun with friends or a sexting application?

By Jessica Suarez  
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It used to be that when someone took an awkward photo of you, it would end up on every social networking site for the entire world to see, like and comment on. But now, when someone snaps an embarrassing photo of you, it is usually because as soon as that photo is opened it is gone just as quickly as it was taken.

The app Snapchat has become quite popular among college students and can be downloaded for free on an iPhone or other smartphone.

"I used it for a few months but just with my close friends," sophomore linguistics major Tiffany Farrell said. "Almost everyone I know downloaded it when it first became popular."

Many take comfort in the fact that the picture they take, no matter how embarrassing or inappropriate, will self-destruct in a few seconds and will not end up on any social networking site.

Some people take advantage of this feature to use Snapchat as a sexting app.

"I have heard of it being used as a sexting app," senior psychology major Brittany Mortimer said. "But I would personally never use it as a sexting app."

Originally, many felt comfortable

using Snapchat as a way to participate in sexting. Users assumed that their photo was secure being viewed for such a short amount of time. But people quickly found a way to make the 'snaps' reappear.

While viewing the photo, a user can take a screenshot, which will save the picture to their photo library. It will also notify the sender that you took a picture of their 'snap.'

The concept of Snapchat was originally developed by Evan Spiegel, who utilized this idea for a final project in his product design class at Stanford University, according to an article in "Forbes" magazine.

"Everyone said, 'That is a terrible idea,'" Spiegel said. "Not only is nobody going to use it, they said, but the only people who do will use it for sexting," according to the article.

"You can send pictures and time how long the person sees them for, so it allows for people to send provocative pictures without worrying the person receiving them will save them," Mortimer explained when asked why she believed the app would be popular for sexting.

Spiegel's "terrible idea" has now grown into an app that is used 50 million times a day by millions of users. The app is most popular with teens and young adults.

Spiegel explained that many

of his friends on Facebook were self-conscious and afraid to act like themselves on these social networking sites. He felt that their pictures were posed and not a good display of their true character.

"People are living with this massive burden of managing a digital version of themselves," Spiegel laments. "It's taken all of the fun out of communicating."

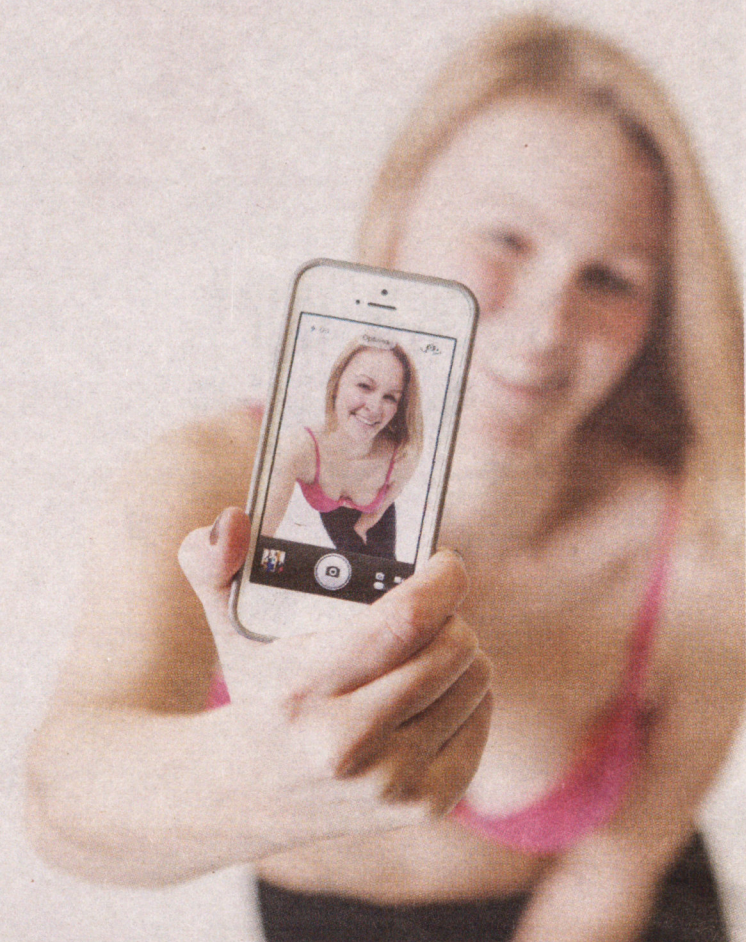
Even though its original intention was not for the purpose of sexting, some users share those risky photos through Snapchat that they might be too afraid to send over text.

"I never thought of it as an app for sexting," sophomore mechanical engineering major Russell Amore said. "But I know that some people use it as one."

Facebook launched an app in December 2012 with the same features as Snapchat called Poke. Even though the concept of the app was the same, many users decided to stay loyal to Snapchat.

Although the features of the app may seem beneficial for sexting, many people who use Snapchat and similar apps such as Poke just use it for fun with friends, if they use it at all.

"It was funny for a while but then we just stopped using it," Farrell said. "I deleted it because I send pictures through iMessage and don't need to use an app to do the same thing."



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**Snapchat, a smartphone app, allows people to take and send photos that appear only briefly for the recipient.**

## Social media changes the game of dating and relationships

By Kelly Frevele  
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Nowadays, social media use has become a common practice among young adults.

In fact, according to a Pew Research poll, 92 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 use social networking sites.

However, studies from publications such as Psychology Today are showing that although sites like Facebook and Twitter appear to be increasing communication, there are actually dangers associated with this increased use.

The danger most people are concerned about involves the relationship and personal issues that are developing due to the decrease in face-to-face interaction.

According to Psychology Today, interactions online are completely different than the interactions one would have if he or she were physically with another person. It creates a sense of social isolation and there can be vast incidents of miscommunication.

In terms of relationships, many are not afraid to confront their significant other using text messages because they will not have to see the other person's reaction.

This "emotional invisibility," as Psychology Today refers to it,

can result in miscommunication and more confrontation due to the fact many people misconstrue what is transmitted through

messaging.

Ultimately, it is nearly impossible to show genuine empathy and sensitivity through



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**Couples compete for face-to-face time with technology.**

a text message.

Dr. Craig Malkin, a clinical psychologist, wrote an article for "The Huffington Post" claiming social networking increases our fear of intimacy because it is being used as a substitute for

**"Interactions online are completely different than the interactions one would have if he or she were physically with another person."**

-Psychology Today

actual communication.

It is stretching beyond social networking to other technological devices such as video games and distracting websites such as Reddit or Youtube.

People are not seeing the point of going out and talking with their friends when they can just

be sitting at home, allowed to escape from the world.

Eventually, people become uncomfortable with the idea of face-to-face interaction because they become so used to not having consequences regarding their behavior.

However, some people believe that messaging really does not harm relationships whatsoever.

In fact, a Pew Research poll recently showed that 80 percent of Internet users participate in voluntary organizations, compared with 56 percent of non-Internet users.

Some believe this debunks the argument that those who use social media are more reluctant to leave their homes and interact with people out in the "real world."

In 2010, Pew researchers reviewed an SNS survey whose results showed that the average users of social networking sites are the ones less isolated in society and more politically aware, and sites such as Facebook provide people with the opportunity to reconnect with lost acquaintances and reignite a relationship.

The effect that technology has on relationships is clearly mixed.

Nevertheless, what all experts seem to agree on is that everything in moderation is a positive thing.

Social media and other technology will only be the downfall of those who let it control their lives.

# Weighing the pros and cons of contraceptive methods

By Matt Sacco  
Staff Writer

Sex, when done right, is an enjoyable, healthy and stress-relieving encounter between consenting individuals. Let us keep it at that. Below is a review of several different types of birth control for both males and females and their relative merits. Here are included familiar methods as well as more esoteric ones; some popular forms of birth control, like vasectomy, were omitted because they were irrelevant to our readership.

Ratings are by Planned Parenthood and are out of a five-star ranking.

**Breast-feeding**  
Effectiveness- \*\*\*\* (1/100 result in pregnancy)  
Convenience- \*  
Pleasure Factor-\*

A little-known fact is that a breast-feeding mother can ensure sterility for six months after she gives birth, provided that she nurses her baby consistently, i.e. without the use of any formula. This is because the production of a hormone governing ovulation is stopped.

All those who have taken their token elementary school sex-ed course know that ovulation is the process by which a woman's ovaries produce egg, which become available for fertilization by a male's sperm.

There is an obvious downside to this method: by the time one can actually employ breast-feeding as a contraceptive method, the damage, so to speak, has already been done. In addition, most women say that breast-feeding makes them feel 'unsexy,' which can reduce satisfaction for both parties.

Breast-feeding will not prevent the contraction of STDs.

**The Diaphragm**  
Effectiveness- \*\*\*\* (4/100 result in pregnancy)  
Convenience- \*\*\*  
Pleasure Factor- \*\*

A diaphragm is a shallow, silicone or latex cup that is inserted into the vagina. It prevents pregnancy by covering the cervix, which is the narrow, bottlenecked lower portion of the uterus which connects to the vagina.

When properly cared for, it lasts about two years and can cost anywhere from \$15 to \$75. A diaphragm should be coated with spermicide before use.

The diaphragm can be inserted hours before intercourse, making it possible for partners to proceed without interruption.

In addition, its presence cannot be felt by either the male or female participant, except males with abnormally large penises.

The diaphragm has its

downsides: vigorous thrusting or unusual sex positions can displace it, opening up the cervix for sperm.

In addition, some women may experience vaginal irritation if they have a silicone or spermicide allergy of which they are unaware.

Women should also be sure to urinate before inserting the diaphragm and after intercourse in order to avoid urinary tract infections.

through bodily fluids, such as blood, semen, saliva, and vaginal or anal fluids. Wearing a condom prevents the fluids of partners from intermingling, provided that it does not tear during use. Both partners should take care to ensure the condom is put on correctly to minimize the risk of tearing.

There are many different brands of condoms, most of which are widely known. Ribbed varieties are available for female

prevents eggs from leaving the ovaries. In addition, they thicken the mucus inside the cervix, which disrupts the flow of sperm therein. The implant must be inserted by a professional. It can cost anywhere from \$600 to \$800 and lasts up to three years.

Implants are very effective for preventing pregnancy, but their high price tags make them inaccessible for most people. In addition, once the commitment is made to insert the implant, it

all genital contact whatsoever, be it vaginal, oral, anal, etc. Others understand abstinence as forbidding vaginal intercourse, but allowing all other forms of sexual contact. In both cases, since the sperm never enters the vagina, there is absolutely no chance that conception will occur. The latter, broader definition does not protect against STDs.

The decision between abstinence and being sexually active should be informed by what you feel is best for your health. One should not feel obligated to have sex; conversely, one should not feel obligated to be abstinent.

**The Pill**  
Effectiveness: \*\*\*\* (Less than 1/100 women get pregnant each year when they take the pill every day as directed, 9/100 if they don't always take it as directed)  
Convenience- \*\*\*\*  
Pleasure factor: \*\*\*\*

Oral contraception, often referred to as the pill, are made of hormones that prevent the ovaries from releasing eggs each month and make mucus in the cervix thicker. If the body doesn't release an egg, sperm cannot join with it and the thicker mucus keeps the sperm from getting to the eggs.

When taken properly, the pill is a very effective form of birth control. Certain things can reduce its effectiveness, though. To work best, the pill must be taken at the same time each day. Certain antibiotics also interfere with the pill. Vomiting or diarrhea can also lower its effectiveness.

Physicians suggest that a backup form of protection, like the condom, is used in conjunction with the pill in order to work against any such complications.

The pill does not prevent STDs and can cost anywhere from \$15-\$50 per month, depending on health insurance plans.

**The Shot**  
Effectiveness- \*\*\*\* (1/100 women get pregnant each year if the shot is always used properly, 6/100 women get pregnant if the shot is not always used properly)  
Convenience- \*\*\*\*  
Pleasure factor- \*\*\*\*

The birth control shot is injected into a woman's arm four times per year, once every three months. The shot contains hormones that prevent pregnancy, much like the pill.

Some benefits of the shot include not having to remember a daily pill and long-term protection. It can also prevent cancer in the lining of a woman's uterus.

Women must go see a physician every three months to have the shot injected, and each injection can cost \$35-100, not including any exam fees.



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Condoms and the pill are popular forms of contraception, but there are other options.

**Condoms**  
Effectiveness- \*\*\* (2/100 result in pregnancy if used correctly, 18/100 if used incorrectly)  
Convenience- \*\*\*\*  
Pleasure Factor- \*\*\*

Condoms are latex or polyurethane balloon-like implements that a man pulls over his penis for the purpose of preventing his ejaculate from entering the woman's vagina. It also reduces the risk of STD contraction for both gay and straight couples. This is because most STDs are contacted

pleasure, while thinner ones are available for men's pleasure. Partners should work together to find a product that is mutually satisfying.

**Implants**  
Effectiveness-\*\*\*\*\* (Less than 1/100 result in pregnancy)  
Convenience- \*  
Pleasure Factor-\*\*\*\*

Birth control implants are matchstick-sized implements that are inserted into the arm. They work by releasing a hormone called progestin, which

will be impossible to conceive until either the effect wears off or a \$100-\$300 fee is paid for a removal operation.

You can obtain implants through your medical provider. Implants do not protect against STDs.

**Abstinence**  
Effectiveness-\*\*\*\*\*  
Convenience- \*  
Pleasure Factor- N/A

The definition of abstinence varies among people. For some, abstinence means refraining from

# Debunking common magazine relationship advice

By Nina Lin  
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Everyone wants a healthy relationship. Ask monthly glossies like "Cosmopolitan" and "Vogue." Tips from experts proliferate the Internet, with love experts preaching the virtue of communication, trust and commitment.

Then there are some tips that are better off being ignored. Tips like:

1) Know everything about each other. Everything. According to every love expert since the dawn of time, the mark of a good relationship stems from knowing each other's Facebook passwords, underwear sizes and the name of the puppy they had as a grade-schooler. Don't know his favorite color? You two are so not meant for each other.

Solution? There are probably better things to worry about in a relationship than knowing the size of your partner's pupils.

2) Communicate, but never nag. Boyfriends and girlfriends alike know what it is like to be on the receiving side of a good nag. While naggers will give a thousand and one reasons why they do it, nagging — whether active or passive aggressive — is the one thing every relationship suffers

from. It's not even as though naggers are being annoying on purpose. This, to them, is "communication".

Solution? Say it once. Say it twice. Then leave it alone. While

a good behavior hygiene. But if the listener is still not responsive, then it may be time to reevaluate the relationship.

3) Always do the things they

Solution? There will always be someone compromising and being miserable in the name of making their partner happy. But there is nothing wrong with having completely different hobbies and

This goes right up the alley with tip one as some of the worst relationship advice ever given. Sure, it is nice to be friendly with your boyfriend's buddies, but dating someone of a group does not mean you have to be instant friends with all of them. Want to get along with your girlfriend's friends? Better keep that at a minimum.

Solution? Be friendly, but do not take it to heart if they're not your automatic best friends. And for the sake of your partner, don't get too friendly too fast. After all, they are not the people you are dating.

5) Always be you, no matter what anyone says. Don't grow. Don't change. Don't let your partner make you a better person and let you realize flaws you've never realized about yourself. If he or she is not satisfied with you, well then, that must be their fault.

Solution? A healthy relationship brings out the best in each other. A regular relationship stagnates. Although it is not healthy to date someone who does nothing but pick out your worst points, a good relationship does not coddle either. So do not feel persecuted next time a boyfriend or girlfriend critiques you. Accept it, value their judgment at your discretion, and then decide if you want to adopt



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**You don't have to be best friends with your partner's friends, but it's good to be friendly.**

communication is an oft-touted solution to every good relationship, no one likes to repeat themselves or hear the same things all the time. Expressing oneself clearly is

like. Magazines are not the only ones advocating shared activities. But what happens when the girlfriend's an avid rock climber but the boyfriend hates heights?

spending a little less time together. Absence does, indeed, make the heart grow fonder.

4) Be friends with their friends.

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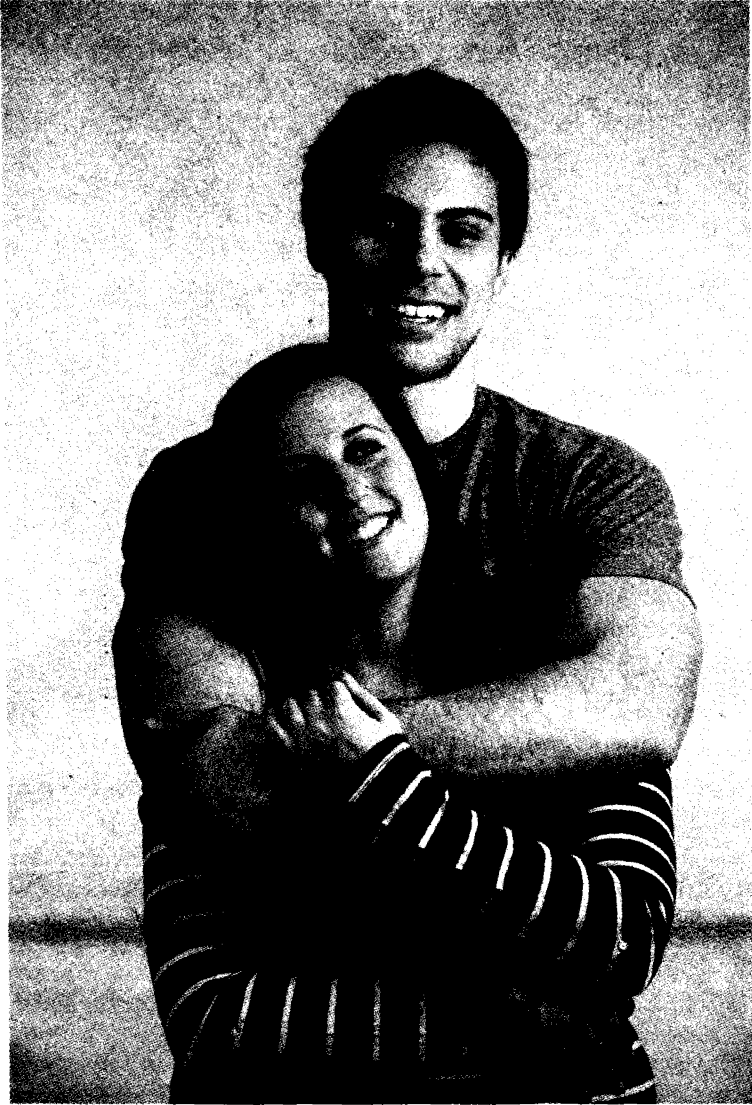
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# Research shows what your brain is like when in love

By Ruchi Shah  
Staff Writer

Follow your heart and not your head is a common adage, but scientists have recently been discovering the substantial role the brain plays in love. The pleasurable feelings that accompany love are so similar to those that accompany drugs that both result in brain activity in the same reward area of the brain.



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**According to the study, those newly in love show the same brain activity as those in long-term relationships.**

These findings, presented in 2010 by Mona Xu as a part of her Ph.D. studies suggest that the brain is quite literally "on love." As Dr. Arthur Aron, professor of psychology at Stony Brook University, explained, these feelings of love are so intense that Xu was investigating their role in countering drug addiction.

In a recent study by Xu, when heavy smokers who had recently fallen in love were deprived of

tobacco and shown a picture of their partner, they reported a less intense craving for tobacco than when shown a neutral picture. Therefore, people in love have an easier time quitting smoking than their single counterparts because love satisfies the desire created by a drug addiction by stimulating the same part of the brain.

These positive feelings and brain activity remain consistent as a relationship grows, according to Aron, who was at the forefront of the study. Aron chuckled as he recounted the couples, some of which were still "all over each other" after 20 years of marriage.

After recruiting and interviewing couples that were in relationships for more than 20 years, Aron and his colleagues examined brain activity in the dopamine reward area using fMRI. They found that the reward center brain activity of those in long-term relationships is almost the same as the activity of those newly in love. This means that healthy love produces the same pleasurable feelings, regardless of how old the relationship is.

The brain also plays a substantial part in abandoning a monogamous relationship, as in the case of infidelity. Former Ph.D. student Irene Tsapelas studied this phenomenon by splitting people in relationships into two groups.

One group was made to feel that their lives were boring and the other group was made to feel that their lives were overwhelming. Both groups were then shown 10 pictures of attractive people of the opposite sex with a list of characteristics. After conducting a series of unrelated activities, those who felt their lives were boring remembered people with positive



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**Excitement is vital to the healthiness of a relationship.**

traits that their significant other did not have. Conversely, those who felt overwhelmed remembered traits their partner had. Therefore, excitement is vital to the healthiness of a relationship.

In another study by Aron and Tsapelas, they found that the amount of novel activities done at year seven of a relationship, predicted relationship satisfaction nine years later. Aron elaborated with,

"exciting adventures can enhance and strengthen relationships as long as the activities are not stressful." Trying a new coffee shop, attending a play, or going hiking are all suggestions Aron gave for keeping love new and lasting, because excitement keeps the brain interested. Therefore, the next time feelings of love flood your body, pay as much attention to your brain as you do your heart.

## Condom review: which one suits your needs best?

By Janelle March  
Contributing Writer

Free condoms are passed out in every residence hall office on campus, but are they protecting students from the risks of sexual activity?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says, "It's most important to choose latex condoms that say 'disease prevention' [referring to sexually transmitted diseases] on the package. Other features are a matter of personal choice."

Healthwise, most condoms are created equal. However, there are many options on the shelves--lubricated, ultra thin, ribbed, for her pleasure, for his pleasure.

"My favorite condoms have always been Crown," Ryan Heslin, a junior, said.

The manufacturer of Crown Condoms, Okamoto, markets its product as "the closest thing to nothing at all" and "Skinless Skin."

"The Journal of Sexual Medicine" published a study of 2,000 men who detailed their

sexual acts and reported that sexual pleasure was increased when the men were satisfied with how their condom felt.

The best condoms according to "Men's Health Magazine's" article "The 4 Best-Feeling Condoms" are: the Trojan Thintensity, LifeStyles SKYN, Durex Extra Sensitive Condom and the Durex BARE Latex.

These condoms feature heightened sensitivity which separates them from the competition.

Although Crown Condoms did not place in "Men's Health Magazine's" list, the brand did place on a different "best" list. Condom Depot, an online sex goodies retailer, rated Crown Skinless Condoms number one via user panels for seven years in a row.

Crown describes this particular line as "thin, yet strong and slightly larger than average."

"I prefer Trojan condoms. My favorite are Magnums because the material is better and it makes it feel more like the real thing. They have the best lube on them too,"

said Mianna Questelles, a sophomore in the social work program.

Trojan describes its Magnum Lubricated Condoms as "larger than standard for extra comfort with silky smooth lubricant for comfort and sensitivity."

Magnum condoms can also be found for free at Stony Brook. These particular condoms cost about \$1.13 per condom from a store, while LifeStyles Colors Condoms are about 54 cents per condom.

Unfortunately for Heslin, Crown brand condoms have not yet made their way into our campus selection.

He can expect to dish out about 83 cents per condom in the drugstore for Skinless Skin condoms.

In comparison, Trojan's Thintensity retails at about 79 cents per condom; LifeStyles' SKYN at \$1.16; Durex Extra Sensitive comes in at about \$1 each and Durex BARE at 91 cents per condom.

"Good" condoms are an investment so the free condoms in residence halls may look better and less expensive.



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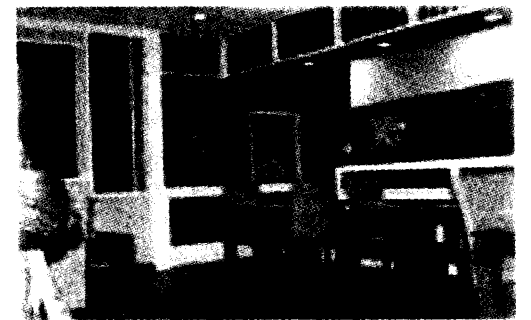
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# Getting the scoop from relationship and sex experts

By Rolyne Joseph  
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Protected sex is the most effective way for people to have safer and healthier intercourse with their partners.

According to Planned Parenthood, this includes using condoms or having foreplay without intercourse. The organization encourages these practices because safer sex can prevent sexual transmitted diseases (STDs), pregnancy and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Celeste Hirschman and Danielle Harel, sex and relationship therapists based in San Francisco, insist partners share their desires and experiences before having sex.

From their website celesteanddanielle.com and by appointment, they encourage couples to use condoms during sexual intercourse, oral sex and other sexual encounters because condoms are the best method for reducing the risk of STDs and preventing unwanted pregnancy.

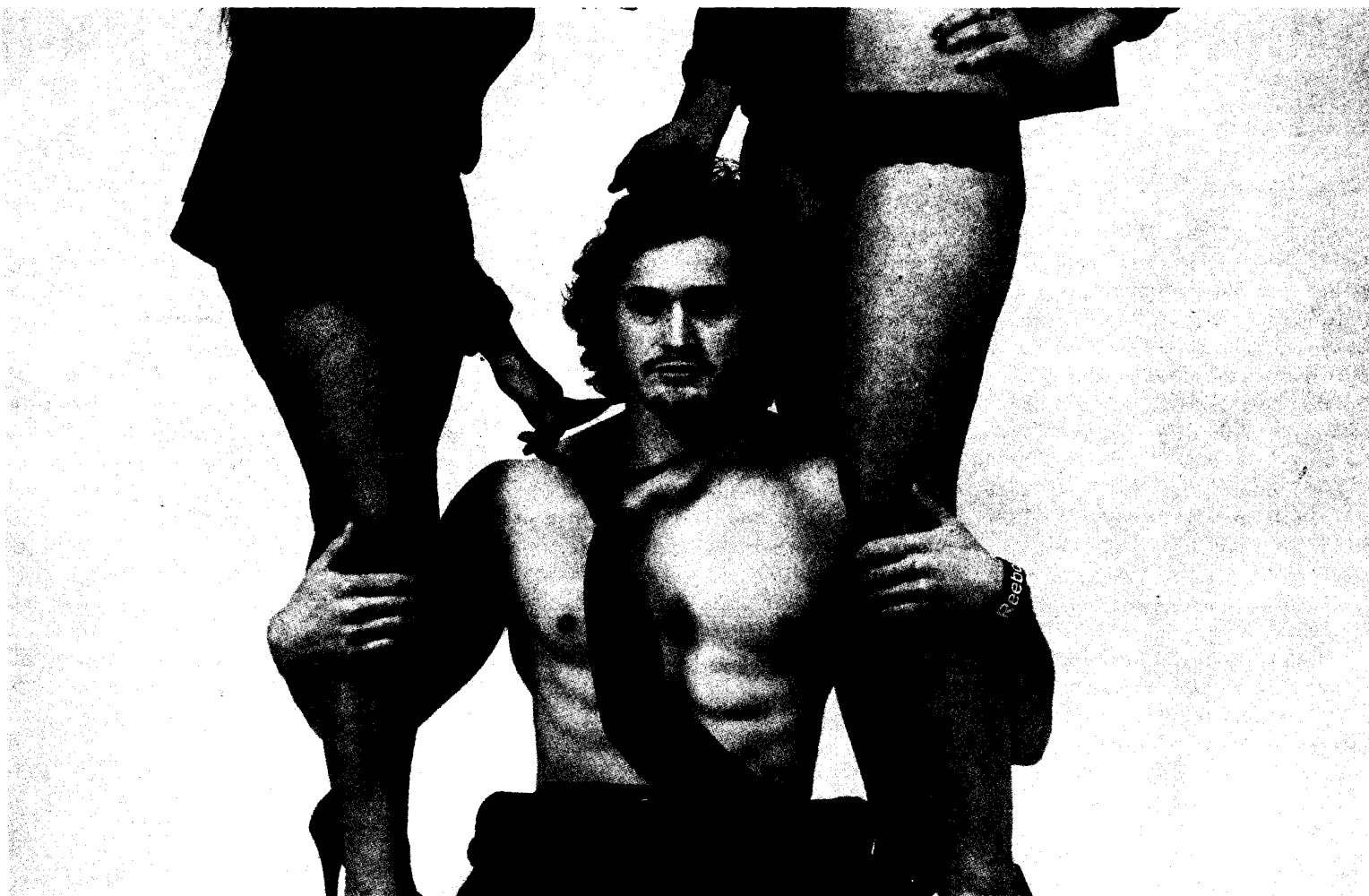
For people who are allergic to latex condoms, another option is using polyurethane condoms, according to the Coalition for Positive Sexuality's website.

People who are in monogamous relationships who choose not to use condoms should be tested to make sure they're healthy, Hirschman and Harel said.

And if a person has STDs or any other bacterial infections, he or she should inform their partner.

Hirschman and Harel also suggested that individuals get tested before having sex, because they have the ability to make sex safer for their partner.

They recommend that women consider non-hormonal forms of birth control such as the modern intrauterine device (IUD), a birth



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**"It is...important to take care of your and your partner's sexual health," Hirschmann and Harel said.**

control that can lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.

In the question and answer that follows, Hirschman and Harel teamed up to share their expertise.

**Q:** What advice would you recommend for someone who is sexually active?

**A:** Sex can be a wonderful part of an intimate relationship, and it is important to share your sexual desires and preferences with your partner or partners so you can have the most satisfying sexual experiences possible. In addition

to being clear about your needs and desires around sex, it is also important to take care of your and your partner's sexual health.

**Q:** How can a person protect themselves and their partner?

**A:** The most effective protection against sexually transmitted infections is a condom. Condoms should be used every time you have intercourse in order to make sure you are fully protected. It is also possible to get a sexually transmitted infection through oral sex, so you may want to use a condom for oral sex as well.

There are many forms of birth control to choose from and we suggest you use the type of birth control that you feel you will most be able to stick with.

**Q:** What are the best ways to practice safer sex?

**A:** It is helpful to have the lights on when you are putting on a condom and to make sure you read the instructions before putting a condom on. Make sure you squeeze the reservoir tip between your fingers to make sure there is no air trapped in it and keep it squeezed as you roll down the condom all the way to the base of the penis.

**Q:** How can people lower their risk of getting sexual transmitted infections?

**A:** Used properly, condoms are extremely effective in minimizing the transmission of STDs, especially HIV.

**Q:** If the person is not having sex, should the person be concerned with sexual transmitted infections?

**A:** You can get sexually transmitted infections from all different kinds of sexual activity,

including intercourse, oral sex and anal sex. Women are more at risk for sexually transmitted infection from penis - vagina sex than men because the vagina has more mucous membranes. Anal sex without a condom is a high risk activity because the tissues in the anus are very delicate and can split creating a greater likelihood of transmission.

you do not want. People are also more likely to get sexually assaulted if they are highly intoxicated. Additionally, you may be less likely to use a condom or to use a condom properly.

**Q:** Why should lubrication be used with condoms?

**A:** Condoms are much less likely to break when additional

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-Hirschman and Harel  
Sex and Relationship Experts

**Q:** How does safer sex prevents STDs, pregnancy and HIV?

**A:** HIV and some other STDs are transmitted by bodily fluids—blood, semen, and vaginal secretions and also breast milk though that is pertinent for mother/child transmission more than sexual transmission. Other STDs, such as herpes, are transmitted by coming into contact with active sores or infected skin.

Condoms create a barrier between your body and the bodily fluids, sores and skin of another person so that bacteria and viruses are less likely to be transmitted.

**Q:** Why should a person avoid a combination of alcohol and sex?

**A:** If you drink, you lower your inhibitions and you may make decisions to have sex with people you do not want to have sex with or partake in sexual activities that

lubrication is used. Because a condom is different than skin, it can be more drying to the vagina. So additional lubrication decreases friction and limits the likelihood of breakage. Additional lubrication is essential to anal sex because, unlike the vagina the anus is not at all self-lubricating.

**Q:** Why should young people practice safer sex?

**A:** Sexually transmitted infections can change your life drastically. If you get an STI, you will need to inform all of your partners and, if it is a virus like HIV or herpes, you will have it for the rest of your life and will have to let future partners know. While many people are now living with HIV and it is not necessarily a death sentence, it generally shortens your lifespan and makes your quality of life much lower.



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**"You can get sexually transmitted infections from all different kinds of sexual activity," Hirschman and Harel said.**

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Students share intimate details about sex soliciting apps

By Brandon Benarba and Robert Cimino  
*Staff and Contributing Writer*

Although Grindr and Blendr, two social networking applications for iPhone and Android devices, seem at first glance to be geared toward soliciting sex among their communities, their actual use has a wider application than just that.

"I think it's easier to meet new people outside the app, but Grindr gives me the confidence to talk to people in real life," Ryan Tiss, a sophomore undeclared major, said.

As it turns out, the intended use of Grindr, an application for gay, bisexual, bi-curious and transgender men looking for sex, is often ignored.

When asked why he uses Grindr, Adam Snyder, a freshman computer science major and Grindr user, replied that he "just wants to make

new friends and meet new people." Not every Grindr user shares Snyder's intentions. Others partake in the sexual ethos categorized by apps of this nature.

Joey Aubrey, a sophomore theater major and another Grindr user, promptly suggested sex within mere seconds of initiating a conversation, which is one of the intended uses of such an app. In fact, Grindr has a pretty convincing 'hook-up' frequency. User Josh Jones reported that through the use of the Grindr app, he was able to get together with about 120 men throughout the course of three years.

This deed was made possible through the use of location-based services. When browsing a user's profile, Grindr is able to narrow down to the exact foot just how close a match is in proximity to your smartphone. This ten mile radius allows for

each user to upload as many men as they want, up until the pixels of their screen are bursting with more than 50 results of potential matches.

Looking back on Grindr's intended use to initiate hook-ups, this system proves sufficient and meets the demands of the community it serves to support. Additionally, due to the versatility of the app, it is able to support niche communities utilizing the app for its unintended uses.

Blendr, the sister app to Grindr, was created with a larger focus on relationship building and friendly digital discourse. By adding gender and sexuality options to Blendr, Joel Simkhai, creator of both apps, aimed to expand the reach of Blendr beyond the mere hook-up facilitating nature of Grindr. Still, similarities can be seen in the appearances and the communities of both apps.

"A lot of people are only here for hookups and sex," user D.D. 22, said. "Most are men, but there are also women who only want sex, just not as many."

To help derive which particular experience the user is looking for, Blendr allows users to set up customizable searches to fit their social needs. It could be forging friendships, relationships or simply a hook-up. Additionally, users are able to further customize their experience by adding hobbies and interests to their profiles. By utilizing the location services built into smartphones in conjunction with the customization options, Blendr

is able to find people nearby who share similar interests.

Although sex is still at the apex for some, many Blendr users view the app as a way to feel like a part of a custom-made community.

"I think the app is a great communication tool, especially for those who think they might be the only person on campus of their sexual orientation," K.G., a sophomore biology major, said.

Although the intended uses of Grindr and Blendr are varied, they are serving the communities they were designed to serve in ways Joel Simkhai may not have even predicted.



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Grindr and Blendr allow you to send sexual photos to your interest through messages.



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The Grindr app is geared toward the gay community.

## THREE ARTSY EVENTS

### 1) Stuck On You

Commuter Student Services is hosting Stuck On You on Feb. 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.. This program gives students the opportunity to make flowers for friends, loved ones or a secret Valentine crush.

### 2) "Modern Art by Modern Artists"

The "Modern Art by Modern Artists" gallery, hosted by the Craft Center, will be open to the public until Feb. 14. Students can check it out in the Student Activities Center Art Gallery.

### 3) The Involvement fair

On Feb. 13 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. there will be an involvement fair in the Student Activities Center. Live performances will take place.

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Take a few minutes to make a gift from the heart!  
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# THE STATESMAN'S Hottest Celeb Picks of 2013



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While there are countless A-list celebrities that deserve to be on the first *The Statesman's Sexiest List*, it is just not possible to include all of them. The arts & entertainment editors and the photo editor have teamed up to rank the sexiest celebrities based on sex appeal, success and personality.

First up is Emma Stone.

She was undisputedly at the top of everyone's list. She is the epitome of class. She is also absolutely stunning. She introduced herself to audiences in "Zombieland," and we fell in love with her after seeing her star in "Easy A." It does not hurt that she's also in one of the best celebrity relationships with Andrew Garfield.

Our second celeb to make the list is Beyoncé. It does not really bother us that she is a tad out of our age range or married. She is pure talent, and she is so beautiful at the same time. Maybe all it took for us to remember how great she is was a killer halftime show at this year's Super Bowl.

Last up is Alison Brie. The sexy star of "Community" is slowly becoming the "it girl" of comedy. She recently starred in "The Five-Year Engagement" and "Save the Date." She's also a frequent star of AMC's "Mad Men." If her acting chops aren't enough, a running gag on "Community" is about how large her breasts are.

As for the males, first pick goes to Joseph Gordon-Levitt. He's been acting since his youth, but he really shows off his acting chops in "(500) Days of Summer." He has continued strong and recently starred in

"Looper." His boyish looks really work well for him, and his charisma and charm really seal the deal.

On the other side of the coin from JGL is Alex Pettyfer, who is Hollywood's latest edgy bad boy. His unapologetic attitude has a certain raw magnetism to it, and anyone who saw "Magic Mike" knows he has a killer body. He definitely has the sexy part down.

Frank Ocean is last on our list. We may not be completely clear on what his sexuality is, but we do know he's definitely attractive. The young R&B crooner came out of nowhere this past year, and we sincerely hope he's here to stay. His Grammy-nominated album "Channel Orange" is definitely worth a listen. He's got a certain cute charm to him that just draws people in, and that's part of what makes him so attractive.

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# Flirtexting: 10 rules to flirting through technology

By Emily Heller

Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Let's face it. Technology has taken over, and it has sadly become a primary way of communication. That being said, flirting has become harder by being easier to mess up. Here are 10 rules to live by when 'flirtexting' that special someone.

1) The waiting game: So you just went on this awesome date. The waiting game begins of who should text whom first. Showing you are interested is important, but you don't want to sound over-eager and stalkerish.

Ladies, I know you want to make the guys do all the work. But if he paid for dinner, it would not hurt to send him a text saying thanks for the night out. If he does not pay and does not walk you to the door, let him make the move. See what he does on his own.

Men, if you paid and acted like Mr. Chivalrous for a night, let her text you. If she does not, she might be waiting for you to go out of your way again. Girls like that might be too needy.

2) The "y" rule: This might seem a bit ridiculous but trust me, it matters. When a love interest texts you with a "hey," you might want to be conscious of how many "y's" used. The rule is: if someone sends you a "Hey," you might just be considered a friend. If you are using only one Y, be conscious that it sounds like you are texting your grandma. Two to three Ys send just the right message to that

special someone and makes them feel wanted. Using more than three might make you look like a serial killer.

3) The one hour rule: Texting conversation can sometimes get stale. Don't overdo it. If someone has not answered you in over an hour, you are allowed ONE more text to restart conversation. If it dies again, the ball is in their court. Being the one to always resurrect the conversation may come off as desperate. Do not be the one doing all the work. Besides, relationships in any stage need a little texting break sometimes.

4) "Lol": You just wrote (what you thought) was a hysterically-insightful, groundbreaking, life-altering text message and your love interest replies with "lol." End the conversation. Then grab some Ben & Jerry's.

5) Interval texting: Texting your love interest can be sort of like running sprint intervals on a treadmill. When your sweetie texts you back, wait a few minutes. The golden rule is: Send your next text message five to 10 minutes after their previous one. If conversation is getting spicy—breaking the rule is allowed. But remember, you always want to keep the other person on their toes.

6) That late text: Gentlemen (and I use that word selectively), do not even TRY to text a girl after 11 p.m. if you have not talked to her all day. This makes you look like a rabid wolf searching for innocent prey. Come on guys, girls are not that stupid. And if you are, let me spell it out for you. Ladies, he is trying to get the goods.

I do not care if he tells you he wants to cuddle and watch endless episodes of "Say Yes to the Dress" with you. If he is not your boyfriend, he has no business getting into your bed before taking you to dinner.

7) "That" vs. "Dat": Need I say more?

8) Novels vs. "k": When that special someone asks you how your day was, it does not mean they need to know everything down to the color of your socks. If you have a touch-screen phone, look at the length of it. If your text takes up the screen, trim it down. Take out the part about putting American cheese on your sandwich. If you are giving a play-by-play of your life, you might as well wear a sign on your forehead that says "LOVE ME." Keep it casual, but do not give one word answers; be a little more specific. In-between makes you sound personal and chatty.

9) Emoticons 101: Emoticons (smiley faces, wink faces, etc.) can make or break a conversation. However, use them sparingly. This way it will be twice as special when you send them to your interest. Too many winky faces can make your tone sound a little perverted. And let's face it, this is not "Sesame Street," no one is always happy. Using an excessive amount of smiley faces can send someone running for the hills. Be cool, not "Overly Attached Girlfriend." Google it and you'll see exactly what I mean.

10) Sexting: If you are going to do it, be smart. Pictures are like a virus



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**The one hour rule can also apply to phone conversations.**

and will spread like wildfire if sent to the wrong person. The key of sexting is to keep the person on the other end guessing. If they see all of you before they have had it, there is not much to look forward to. As far as messaging your lover all the charming things you want to do to them, keep it

classy. Remember, your conversation is not "Confessions of a Porn Star." You want them to pleasantly use their imagination, not quiver in disgust from phrases they did not even know existed. If you are not feeling the sexy talk, mention their parents. That will be a sure way to get them to shut up.

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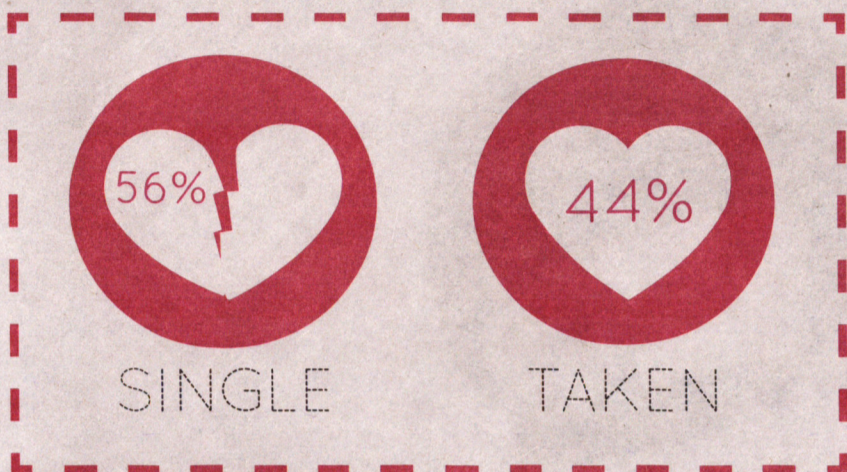
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# STATESMAN SEXOLOGY 101

The 2013 sex survey was directed toward people at Stony Brook University. This year, about 560 people submitted complete responses to the survey. People were asked several questions about their own sexual activities, their perceptions about sex at Stony Brook University and their views on sex. For more information from the survey check out [www.sbstatesman.com](http://www.sbstatesman.com)

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## WHICH QUAD IS SINGLE & READY TO MINGLE?

H	78.9%
MENDELSON	53.8%
ROTH	53.3%
TABLER	59.6%
ROOSEVELT	54.8%



## HOW OFTEN DO YOU MASTURBATE?

LADIES GENTLEMEN

Never



Not in the past year



A few times per year



Monthly



2-3 times per week



4 or more times per week



# DOING IT DIRTY ON CAMPUS

MEZZANINE OF JAVITS ROOM 100

varsity weight room

LIBRARY STACKS

ROOF OF PHYSICS

men's bathroom in  
the wang center

Basement of Harriman  
laundry room

lobby bathroom in staller

ESS 001

Atrium in Humanities

WEST APARTMENT KITCHEN

**USG OFFICE**

outdoor track at night

bamboo forest

Commuter lounge

KELLY DINING CENTER

BEHIND THE COUNTER AT WENDY'S

MENDY LAUNDRY ROOM

BASEBALL FIELD DUGOUT

RECREATION CENTER

LOCKER ROOM

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**YES!!!! (60.2%)**

**No. (39.8%)**



## Stony Brook Wet Dreams

HAVING SEX ON TOP OF A DESK IN AN OFFICE. OR HAVING SEX IN EVERY ROOM OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED, NOT-MOVED INTO HOUSE. LOTS OF IT.

HAVING SEX WITH THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE STATESMAN, RIGHT IN HIS BUTT, BENT OVER HIS DESK.

ANYTHING WITH MARK WAHLBERG

ORAL SEX IN WHICH I LICKED NUTELLA OFF MY PARTNERS GENITALS

HAVING A DAY AND PLACE TO MYSELF WITH MY PARTNER TO HAVE WILD CRAZY SEX ALL DAY.

I FANTASIZE ABOUT TRAVELING THROUGH EUROPE AND HAVING MY BOYFRIEND TAKE ME ALL DIFFERENT WAYS AND IN ALL DIFFERENT PLACES. PASSIONATE, ROUGH, GENTLE OR QUICK IN RUINS, FANCY HOTELS, BACK ALLEYS, GARDENS, PASTURES, ANYWHERE!

I WANT TO BE PROPERLY DOMINATED. I WANT TO BE MANHANDLED AND ROUGHLY THROWN ONTO THE BED AND BE BITTEN AND SUCKED UPON LEAVING LOVE MARKS ALL OVER MY BODY. I WANT HANDS AND LIPS TO BE SOFT AND FEATHERY THEN ESCALATE INTO A PASSIONATE HAIR PULLING FRENZY. I WANT HIM TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO AND TAKE WHAT HE WANTS.

MEETING SOMEONE WITH PUBIC HAIR LONG ENOUGH TO REACH THEIR ANKLES

favorite sex positions?



DOGGY



REVERSE COWGIRL



BUTTERFLY



SIDEWAYS



LOTUS

WHAT IS THE **WILDEST/**  
**STRANGEST** THING  
THAT YOU HAVE DONE  
SEXUALLY?

PHOTO: EZRA MARGONO



I HIKED MY GIRLFRIEND'S  
SKIRT UP AND FINGERED HER  
IN A PUBLIC RESTAURANT

GETTING ORAL SEX IN  
SCHOOL BEFORE LUNCH IN  
HIGH SCHOOL

MY GIRLFRIEND GAVE ME A HANDJOB IN THE BACK OF HER PARENT'S CAR. OH  
AND THEY WERE DRIVING ME BACK TO MY HOUSE WHILE SHE DID IT.

GIVING MY BF A BLOWJOB IN HIS KITCHEN WHILE HIS MOM WAS UPSTAIRS.

**F\*\*\*\*D MY PROFESSOR**

LET A GIRL FINGER MY ASS WHILE SHE BLEW ME

**GOLDEN SHOWER**

HAD A ROUGH SEX THREESOME WITH TWO SORORITY SISTERS

HAD SEX WHILE SHAVING MY BEARD

SEX WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S BOYFRIEND

**WHAT IS THE WILDEST/STRANGEST THING  
THAT YOU HAVE DONE SEXUALLY?**

**I HAD SEX ON A MOVING TRAIN ON ST. PATRICKS DAY  
WITH A GUY I MET ON THE STREET IN TIMES SQUARE.**

**ONE TIME I WAS GIVING ANAL TO A GIRL AND AFTERWARDS  
SHE TRIED TO GIVE ME A RIMJOB, IT WASN'T PLEASANT.**

**HAD A FEMALE STRIPPER GO DOWN ON ME.  
AND I'M STRAIGHT!**

**F\*\*\*\*D IN MY FRIENDS PARENTS SHOWER. F\*\*\*\*D ON THE COUNTER IN A  
BATHROOM AT A FRIENDS HOUSE. AND HAD MY BUTTHOLE EATEN OUT.**

**HAD WORCESTER'S SAUCE SUCKED OFF MY PENIS  
AT A FRIENDS HOUSE.**

**HAD SEX IN A MOVIE THEATER. OOPS.**

**GETTING NAKED IN THE DIRECTOR OFFICE TO AVOID  
SUSPENSION, WE HAD SEX, IT WORKED.**

**ONCE I WAS TOO TIRED TO HAVE SEX  
I JUST WENT TO BED.**

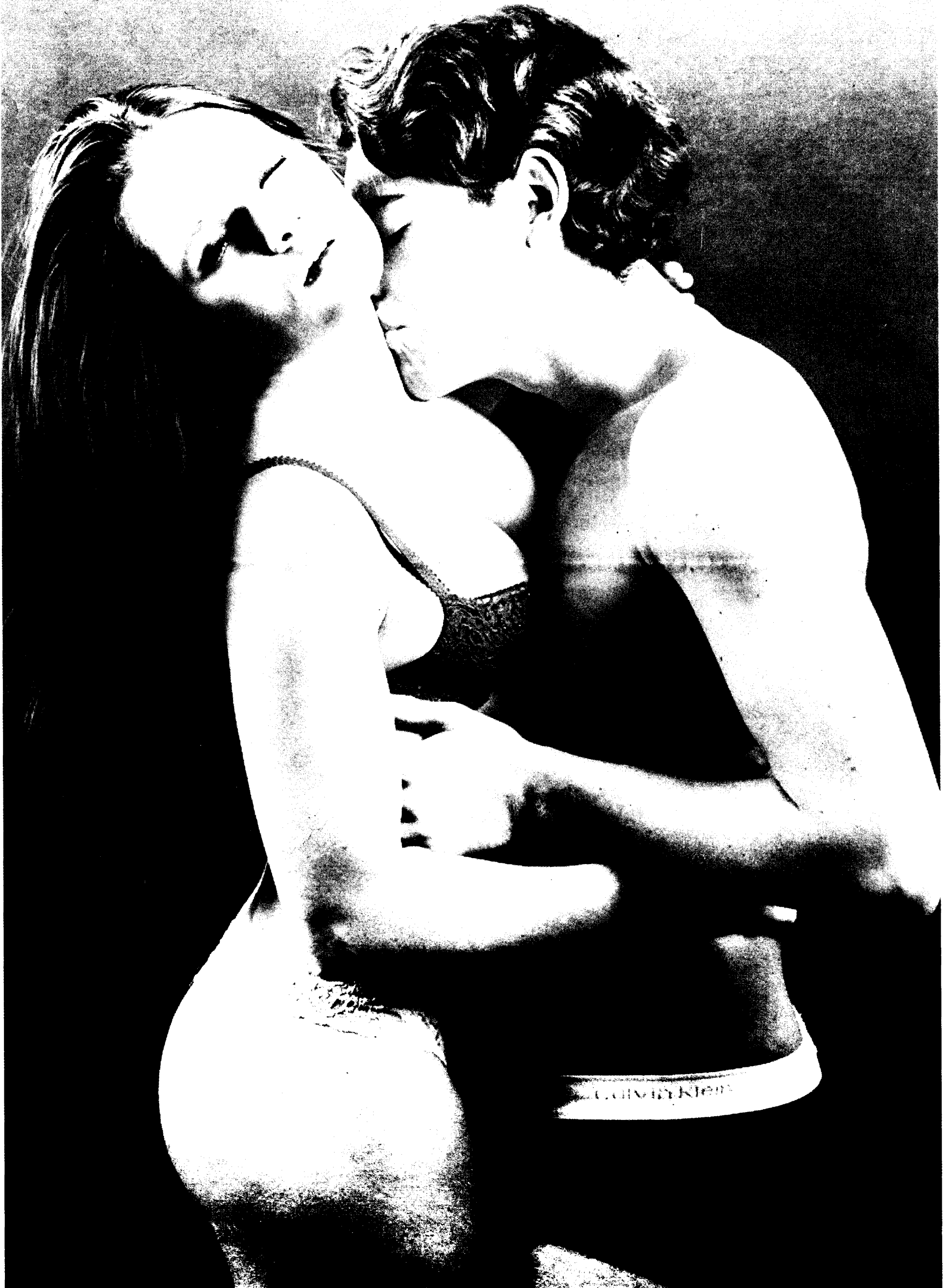
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# Stony Brook S&M club teaches safe bondage to students

By Chelsea Katz  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University's The Next Generation chapter (SBUTNG) was sitting in the Union like any other meeting day. In walked a girl with a stack full of holy books. She asked what club this was. The students

told her she was in the wrong room. Again, she questioned. "Is this the religious club?"

No, they told her; this was the BDSM and kink club.

She promptly left.

SBUTNG educates the Stony Brook community about fetishes, BDSM and the kink lifestyle. Members heavily emphasize

a consent culture and safe, trusting intercourse. They also discuss having a safe space where members are genuinely excited to talk about their "sexpeditions."

BDSM stands for multiple alternative sex styles and activities such as Bondage, Dominant/Submissive, Sadomasochism and more. They call themselves "The Next Generation" to show the group is meant for those who want to learn more about kink and fetishes and are between 18 and 35-years-old. The club also discusses topics such as anthropomorphic animals, or furies, voyeurism and exhibitionism. Not all BDSM activities involve having sex.

According to a story by NBC, there are also kink clubs at Harvard University, Columbia University, the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota—just to name a few.

"The T.N.G. members are everywhere," SBUTNG president Dakota Eye, a junior art major, said. "We are among you all the time. You'd be really surprised."

Not everyone is accepting, and some BDSM enthusiasts feel the need to have two Facebook accounts to make sure certain people in their lives do not find out about their sexual tendencies.

Tristan Catalano, a sophomore geology and atmospheric and oceanic sciences major who serves as the club's treasurer, likes that he can show up to meetings in whatever attire he chooses.

"I respect that that's what they think but I want them to respect that I think differently," Catalano said about people who do not agree with the kink lifestyle. If future employers see Catalano's lifestyle choices and do not hire him, he would be upset.

SBUTNG became an official Undergraduate Student Government sponsored club four semesters ago and met informally the semester before. When they were applying for final approval, club members had to emphasize that they were not just a "sex club." To become an official member, interested persons must attend one meeting. There are approximately 30 official members.

SBUTNG is not just for those looking for those wanting to talk about their sexcapades. "A lot of what we talk about in between the dirty stuff is stuff like 'Have you watched the latest Dr. Who?'" Eye said.

Susan Morgenlander, a senior sociology major and secretary of the club, is a practicing Catholic and likes that other SBUTNG

members do not make fun of her choice of waiting for someone special. She is glad that she attends the meetings because when the time comes, she feels that she will be more prepared and knowledgeable.

She also likes that she can always find someone to hug at meetings.

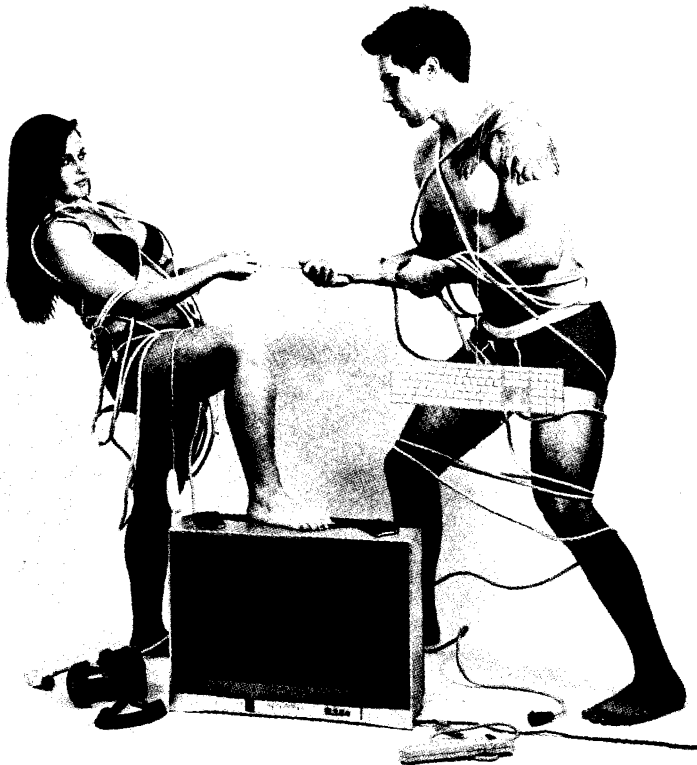
"People who come to TNG should wear their sassy pants," Eye said. A typical ice breaker at TNG could ask a participant their name, their preferred pronoun, their kinky social media activity and with what fruit they would choose to have intercourse, assuming there was mutual consent.

At meetings, Eye leads a discussion and sometimes members of the club demonstrate aspects of safe sex such as "sexual scripting." If one party does not consent, it is rape.

In addition, the club will be holding a "Not 50 Shades of Grey" event to condemn the wide-read series' false portrayal of BDSM activities.

Eye, Morgenlander and sophomore marine vertebrate biology major Robert Chard described TNG "like a hug... with a paddle right to the a\*\*."

SBUTNG meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in SAC 305.



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**BDSM. activities can involve bondage as a kink or fetish.**

## From dinner to the bedroom: what to wear on your date

By Atiba Rogers  
Staff Writer

For girls:

Date night: A bodycon dress can hug curves for as low as \$24.56 at asos.com, and looks great when worn with a pair of kitten heels. A chic cocktail dress with four or five inch heels can do the trick. To keep things sexy, wear black—preferably a racer neck bodycon for a thrill. Keep the makeup to a minimum; there's no need to turn a guy off with a cakey face. Keep it simple and sultry. One can never go wrong with a touch of red lipstick. Make it pop like you will after this hot date and try Love Me Be Legendary lipstick by Smashbox for only \$19.00.

After date: Lace bralette with a see-through hipster lingerie—which can be bought at Urban Outfitters—to match. To kick things up a notch, allure him with a hint of Chance by Chanel for the collarbone. Choose from a pink or red color. Make sure to have a garter belt and leggings to complement your get-up and to give him something to play with. By this time, it wouldn't be advisable to wear much makeup—it could be getting messy, after all.

If things don't go as planned, just call a few single friends over and watch "Girls" while devouring a pail of ice cream. That is, after all, all a girl wants on V-day anyway. Buy a pair of comfy boyfriend sweatpants, if you don't already



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**Men should wear button downs in order to keep it casual.**

have a beau to steal some from.

For guys:

Date night: Keep it casual, you will want to loosen up a bit to keep the girl comfortable. Try a button-down collared shirt with a chest pocket with a dark pair of pants to match—and make sure they're fitted. If you choose to wear jeans, throw a tie in there, like a solid one

available for \$23.99 from gap.com. Try to throw in a little gray while everyone else sticks to mostly black and charcoal. You can throw a blazer on if you see fit. H&M has some that will leave any man resembling a modern day James Dean for fair prices. Splurge on a pair of black or dark brown shoes from Aldo; it will be a great investment.



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**Wearing fragrances can bring your partner closer to you.**

After Date: After a great night, freshen up and get ready for the night cap. Put your best foot forward and do not disappoint. Remember, no socks! That is extremely tacky. Now, there is no need to beat around the bush. Steer clear of the tighty whiteys and try a pair of boxer briefs instead. It is just that simple. All you have to do now is lay her down on

the bed so that she will have a great view of your bum in those briefs. Throw some rose petals and take them up with your mouth while she watches the way you behave in one piece of clothing.

If things do not go as planned, grab a pair of Lucky shorts and boot up the Xbox 360. That is something that will never disappoint or leave.

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If I stood outside the SAC and asked as many people as I could how they felt about being sexually abstinent, what would you imagine the responses I'd get would be? I believe many would laugh; some might question if they were being called unattractive.

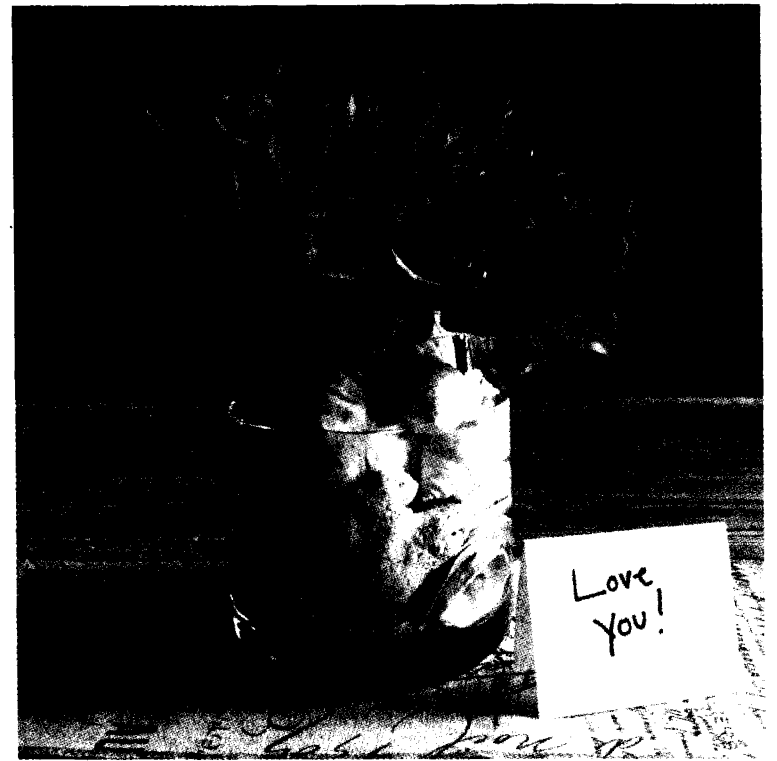
I imagine others would call me a religious weirdo, and, finally, a good portion of those left would insinuate that I was no fun and did not know how to live. Abstinence just is not 'cool' anymore, nor is it an acceptable choice for a person to make for his or her body.

When I speak about sexual abstinence, I am speaking about a self-enforced restraint to hold back from physical pleasure with another person. This can be chosen at any point of life. You could have had sex once before or many times before. Abstinence is merely a period of time in which you do not have sex. Often, abstinence is confused with being chaste and celibate. Unlike being abstinent, being celibate is a lifelong endeavor.

Sexual abstinence is chosen for a variety of reasons, with religious and cultural reasons being among the most popular. Some religions forbid sex before marriage, and religion, as many of us know, often leaks into culture. Some cultures even go as far as forbidding the hymen to be broken before marriage.

Hymen reconstruction is common among these types of cultures to boost the value of women who may or may not have had sex. In addition to these reasons, abstinence can be chosen for mental or psychological well-being, medical reasons such as heart conditions, unusually painful intercourse or trauma. Some people might abstain for financial reasons, simply because they cannot afford children or birth control.

Abstinence is not always chosen for religious reasons.



A flower arrangement for Valentines day with a card. PHOTO CREDIT: MCT CAMPUS

Are religious young adults often pressured into accepting celibacy or abstinence as their own, personal choice? Absolutely, social institutions are known to create social standards from which people cannot deviate. However, that tends to be a smaller percentage of people in America, presently. People have so much freedom due to new forms of media, living hours away from their homes, dorming in college, etc., that I do not believe this pressure holds the same weight as it did before 1920.

What I believe is wrong is pressuring someone to break or do something they do not believe in. If someone says they are abstinent, do not make a joke. The media makes abstinence out to be a laughing stock. I bet everyone remembers the Family Guy episode "Prick up Your Ears?" It was the one about ear sex. The man speaking to Meg's high school seemed like an uneducated man, but he says sex is bad while ear sex is fine.

Abstinence is not about actively searching for loopholes or being sold a lie. Movies like "40 Year Old Virgin" give people a time frame in which they

must have sex. How sad was it for him to be a virgin? Some people would consider holding their virginity that long to be a success.

Abstinence is an equally valid choice for someone to make when they are deciding how to use their body. Next time someone tells you they are abstinent, don't question their manhood, femininity or sexuality. Simply put: don't create a situation in which they have to defend themselves. If someone led a life of sexual adventure, don't accuse them of being a liar if they are abstinent now.

You do not know what that person has been through. Some people have a religious preference—simple as that. People make their own life choices whether or not you agree with them. What if they have been through sexual trauma, and are abstaining because they are not ready yet? What if they are a college student who has enough fiscal responsibility to say, "Hey, I can't afford a child, and do not want to risk it?"

If you do not want others to judge you because of what you choose to do with your body, why judge anyone else?

## A note on the Sex Issue

In the last three years of publishing this issue, we have heard everything the campus community has had to say about this issue: vulgar, sexy, offensive, insensitive, liberating. Some look forward to it and others don't even want to pick it up. But, the thing is, we are going to do it again, we are going to talk about it. Not just doing the deed, the nasty, getting it in — whatever you want to call it — we are going to talk about relationships, sexual wellness and what the 'unspeakable' act really means. We are going to talk about

SEX.

We are going to do it not because we are college students, but because we are human beings. This is a subject that is very much prevalent in all our lives, whether we are doing it or not.

But, why this week? We choose Valentine's Day week each year because during this week of last minute flower and chocolate sales, semi-awkward and expensive dates, we want you to remember what really matters: the connection we have with each other, be it sexual or emotional, physical or

spiritual.

This issue was conceived when a new editorial board took over this paper. This year is that board's last year in attendance. The issue, however, will continue and will get better year after year. Sex will always be part of our conversation. Sometimes it's awkward to talk about sex, but we do ourselves a disservice, and *The Statesman* does the campus a disservice if we do not talk about it.

Enjoy the issue.

Frank Posillico  
Editor-in-Chief

# The internet's revolution of relationships

By Hillary Steinberg  
Contributing Writer

The internet has, without a doubt, revolutionized almost every aspect of life, be it social, educational, or economical. However, the internet has arguably changed the idea of sex even more than these other aspects. When technology develops so quickly, it is easy for us to get uneasy and try to simplify the changes in terms of good or bad. With a closer examination, however, we can tell that while these technologies are changing and different, not necessarily a black or white.

So how has the internet changed sex? Well, obviously, there's now porn everywhere. The internet has commodified porn to such a degree that you can get it wherever you want and whenever you want (and even when you don't want it). You can get it with headphones in, or on your smartphone, if you're considerably bold.

Porn is now both cheaper to obtain and cheaper to produce. This means that a larger spectrum of porn is being produced, so whatever you're into, it's there. In fact, around the internet this concept is known as rule 34, in that everything that can be porn, is porn. Seriously, you could be googling your favorite childhood cartoon and whoop, there it is.

It also means that most porn is free and readily available. The sting of having to pick up your favorite VHS of your favorite porn at the romantic depot is now completely eradicated. In actuality, internet porn is really all that our generation knows. We have no concept of it outside of this context. In addition, content can be seen by basically any age. While most porn sites have a

"welcome" page indicating a link to click if you are legally an adult, there is very little regulation.

One of the dilemmas ends up our need as a society to shelter children from sexualization, but at the same time many teenagers need an outlet for sexual activity. Similarly, one of the major downsides to the commodification of porn on the internet is that child pornography is infinitely more prevalent. Producers of child porn only need a webcam, and those who want to obtain it can do so so much more easily than before the advent of the internet. Tracking the movement, and ultimately duplication, of child pornography has become much more complex.

On a similar note, the internet has revolutionized how we think about fetishes. A fetish, for those of you who don't know...I guess, is defined by wikipedia as "sexual fixation with objects, body parts, or situations not conventionally viewed as being sexual in nature" (also to prove my point from before, when I googled it, you can guess how much porn came up). Fetishes, to varying degrees, used to be a dark secret that you harbored inside that you might have brought up if you were with someone who seemed into that, and if not, oh the shame.

Now, there are literally thousands of chat rooms/websites dedicated to connecting people all over the world with similar kinks. I even venture to say that in most cases this is probably good, as the majority of psychologists and medical professionals view fetishism as normal, and even regard it as a variant of already innate sexuality. The internet normalizes the idea of fetishism, instead of repressing it. This is how we got "Fifty Shades of Grey," so take that

as you will.

Lastly, you know I had to talk about online dating, which, despite once carrying a stigma of being used by those who could not get dates otherwise, is now seen as normal. Outside of it, people generally found "mates" as a result of social propinquity, which means people date based on physical and psychological nearness.

Basically, people meet people through their classes or jobs, or through people they know from these places. This is actually a very limited field of potential candidates, especially if you're into the whole one-true-soulmate-forever thing. Instead of founding a relationship on the basis of convenience, people, are in theory, actually matched up by compatible traits, and are not limited to their physical location.

If you feel the need to be limited again, you can always sign up to those super specific dating sites, like jdate or that one only for redheads or attractive people. Similarly, the internet has changed the way we can have long distance relationships. Ever heard of Skype sex? Yeah.

The downside of that? Chat roulette. Again, when children are involved this does have a downside. Anyone who has watched to catch a predator knows how easy it is for its namesake to find kids and not only expose them to graphic aspects of sex, but "groom" them, ultimately giving more control to the predator in real life encounters.

Many people choose to build entirely virtual relationships. This can be tricky behind the veil of anonymity. Sometimes, these people are embellishing aspects of themselves. Other times, they're not real at all. Right, Manti Te'o?

# Labels

By Michael Newcomer  
Contributing Writer

LGBTQA. Sounds like some sort of fabulous glittery sandwich, or a dyslexic reciting the alphabet, but it is neither.

The acronym stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, questioning and allied. These terms, along with pansexual, intersexual, asexual, polysexual, homoflexible, heteroflexible, androphilia, gynephilia, ambiphilia and a host of others only a thorough Googling could explain make up the broad spectrum of human sexuality.

I remember when I was younger getting annoyed with people on reality TV who would say, "I'm just not into labels, I just want to do me." It felt like a cop-out way of beating around the bush and hiding from their true sexuality.

I grasp more firmly now the idea that labels are confining, and more often than not undermine sexuality. As a man who is attracted to men, or MSM for short, I could be labeled gay. However, I am also a man who is attracted to women (that one does not get a nice acronym as we live in a "heteronormative" society, but for the sake of saving a long definition, Google is again suggested). So then I could be labeled bisexual, a term which carries stigmas of its own.

Sexuality is fluid. We all know plenty of men who would never even entertain the idea of entering into relationships with men, even though they have those stray gay thoughts every now and then. We all know heterosexual girls who get much closer than friends usually do once the second mojito hits.

I could see myself in a long term monogamous relationship with either a man or a woman, but my label sets me up for a less-than-comfortable societal reaction should I choose to do that. However, that does not mean I should go around making up a different label for myself -- there is already enough acronyms floating around to make glitter sandwiches for an entire pride parade. I understand the purpose of definition in sexuality, for the obvious purpose of figuring out who is into whom.

There is a point where everything gets muddled, though. Sexuality has gone from a place with too much black and white (a place where worrying about jail and ostracism took precedence over worrying about labels) to a place where there is so much gray area, so many labels that nobody can keep up. I just want to be Michael, someone who is attracted to men and women. Also known for his charming personality, witty sense of humor and keen intellect.

I, nor anyone else, should have to wear a sticker with my sexual preferences on my lapel for you to be able to get to know me. If you are curious, ask, but in reality, unless you are interested in someone, it should not be of much importance.

Labels place us in boxes. They group us together for convenience's sake. Though there is a wonderful sense of community in the LGBTQA food group, most of us have spent enough time in boxes (or closet, most likely) trying to find our way out. Sexuality can and should be a liberating aspect of our lives.

# Valentines day a waste of money

By Michael Cusanelli  
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day sucks. And yes, I know that's a typical answer for someone who isn't in a relationship. But there are a lot of reasons why Valentine's Day is a bad thing for couples too.

First of all, Valentine's Day puts unnecessary pressure on couples to 'prove' to each other how much they care. And most of the time, the only way to prove your love is by buying things. Yes, it's nice to have a day to celebrate your relationship, but shouldn't you be proving how you feel every day?

Valentine's Day has been a holiday for over 500 years, and you can be pretty sure that it didn't start with giving your girlfriend flowers and chocolates. It probably meant a lot more and was a day to show your love for someone. So why do Americans think it's okay to just buy a cheap card and call it a day?

Think about it. If you're with someone you really love, you shouldn't have to spend \$50 on flowers on Feb. 14 so your girlfriend knows how you feel. She should already know. And you should be treating her specially on a regular basis, not because the calendar tells you to. Because when you buy a singing card or a giant box of candy hearts, the only ones who are really benefiting are the companies that sell them.

And why does Valentine's Day suck for single people? Well obviously, we feel left out. It's a reminder of our supposed 'failure' to be in a relationship with someone at a certain time of year, so that we can feel included. That isn't really fair when you think about it. Holidays aren't meant to make you feel left out - they're supposed to be inclusive. When you craft a holiday that excludes half the people its targeting, you have a recipe for disaster.

And besides, just because someone goes all out on Valentine's Day doesn't mean he/she has a good relationship. You could be the worst boyfriend/girlfriend in the world, and a bouquet of roses and some candy isn't going to make anything better. It just proves you can spend money.

Even though I might sound bitter, I think there are some good things about Valentine's Day too. If you're lucky enough to really be in love with someone, why not celebrate it? Relationships aren't easy, and couples deserve a chance to toast their good fortune. But I don't think you should have to spend money on cards and candy - does this make you a better partner? There are plenty of free ways to show your love without rushing to the store for boxes of chocolates and Hallmark cards. If you're smart about how you celebrate Valentine's Day, you don't have to spend a dime. And chances are, you'll probably get points for originality in the process. Remember, flowers die within a week, and chocolates can be gone in a few hours, but making someone's day special can potentially last a lifetime.



So this year, if you're celebrating Valentine's Day, be unique. Do something unexpected, something that sincerely shows the special person in your life that you put more thought into your relationship than the time it takes to buy them a card. It'll make Valentine's Day all the more special for the both of you.



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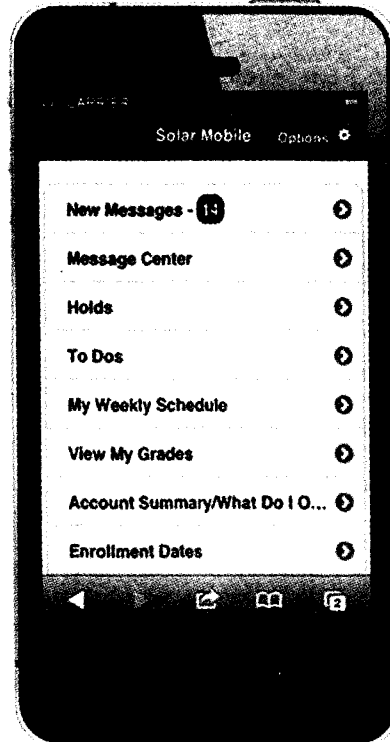
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# SPORTS

## Men's B-ball gets verbal from G/F Chris Braley

By Lisa Setyon-Ortenzio  
Staff Writer

Chris Braley, a former first-team All-Maine basketball star from Nokomis Regional High School who has spent the two last years at the Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. has given a verbal commitment to attend and play basketball for Stony Brook over the weekend.

Braley, who comes from a small town called Newport, which located in central Maine, decided to commit to Stony Brook for a couple of reasons.

"I committed to Stony Brook because on my visit I felt at home with the players, staff, and the entire atmosphere," Braley said. "I loved the academic opportunities the institution provides and the basketball program as of now and also where it seems to be headed. I'm very excited to be apart of it all. I had around 20 scholarship offers at one point and had taken official visits to James Madison, Maine, and Stony Brook."

Braley, a 6-foot-4-inch guard-forward, started playing basketball when he was seven years old and immediately fell in love with the game. "No one pushed me to play," Braley said. "It was something I just discovered on my own."

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# Men's basketball drops first place, loses 60-55 to Hartford

By David O'Connor  
Managing Editor

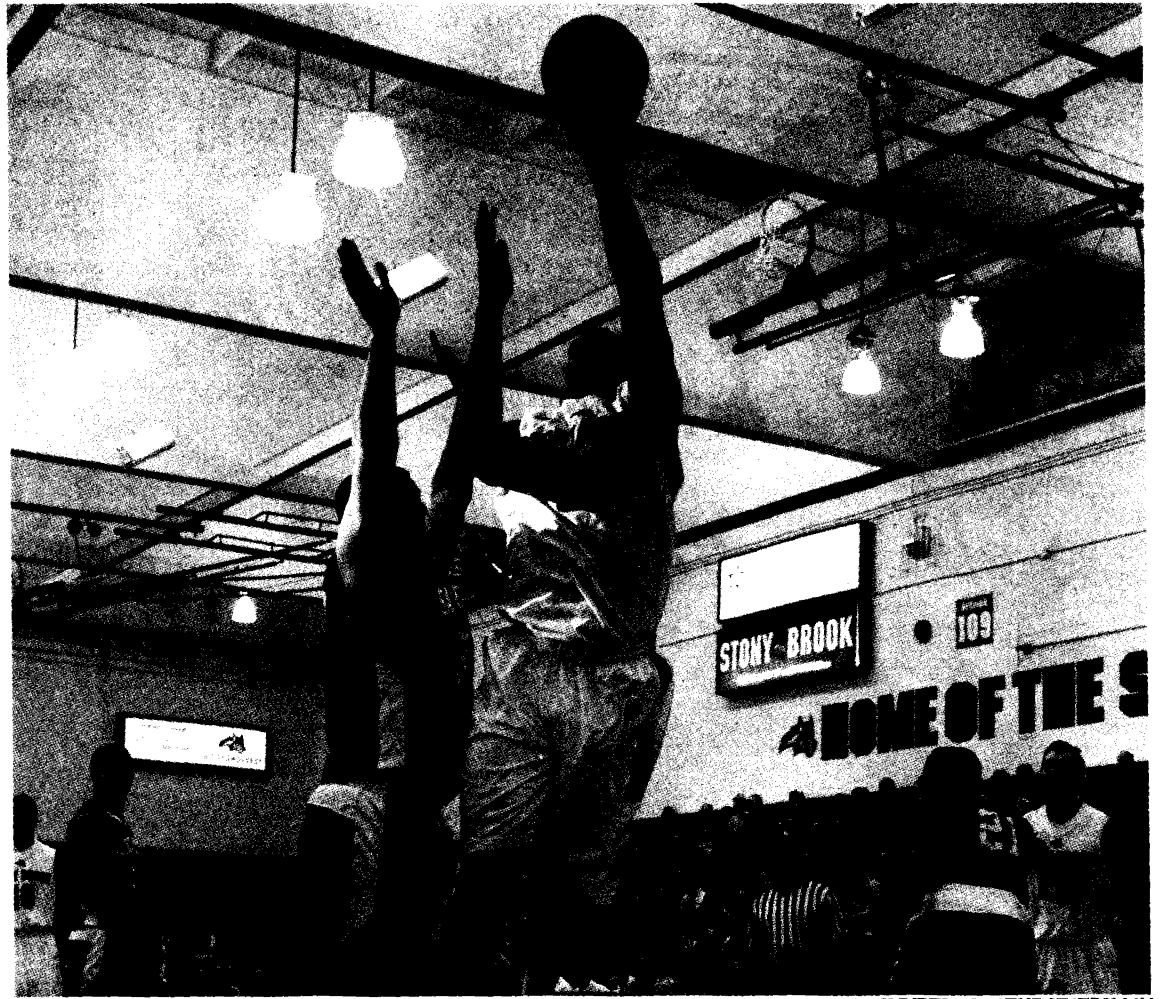
The Stony Brook University men's basketball team dropped a conference game to the Hartford University Hawks on Sunday afternoon, losing its second conference contest and dropping to the second record in the America East (17-5, 8-2). It was the first time Stony Brook has lost to Hartford in 10 games.

The Seawolves lost the game, which had been rescheduled because of this weekend's blizzard, by five points, 60-55, and allowing their opponents to make more than half of their shots in their second loss in 11 games. The Hawks won in large part due to their 10 three-pointers, seven of them in the second half, overcoming a nine-point deficit to win. They were a little short of 50 percent in making half of those shots.

Freshman forward Jameel Warney lead his team in points with 21, a career-high. He was successful on his first seven attempts of the game. Senior forward Tommy Brenton also performed well with 11 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Stony Brook went into the second half, leading 32-27. It expanded its lead another four points to have a 39-30 advantage with 17:03 left in the game. The Hawks then exploded for 11 straight points, nine of them coming from three straight three-pointers.

The Hawks would be unable to build a strong lead, however, and



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**Jameel Warney had a career-high 21 points, but it was not enough as the Seawolves lost.**

the Seawolves crept back and stood on top of a 45-44 lead with 8:49 left. At this point, Hartford's Mark Nwakamma scored seven straight points to give his team a lead that it did not lose.

Stony Brook did come close to catching up by scoring six straight points to trail only 53-51 with 2:51

left, three of those points coming from a long shot by junior guard Anthony Jackson. It would all be in vain though, and the Hawks came away with the victory in front of their home crowd.

The Seawolves will next play Binghamton University at home at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. It will be the first

of three straight games at Pritchard Gymnasium. The second of those games is against the University of Vermont, the victor of last year's conference tournament on Stony Brook campus and the victor of its only other loss in conference play this year. They have six remaining conference games in the season.

## Women's Basketball loses to Boston University, Hartford over past week

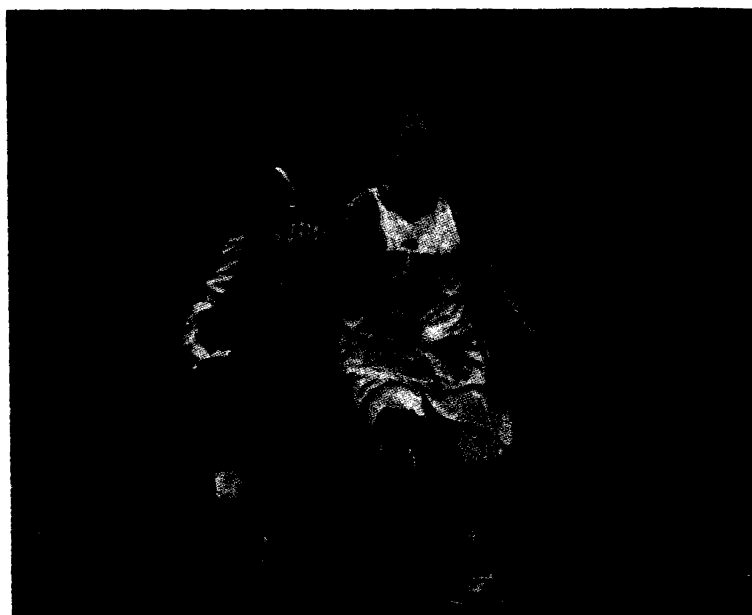
By Jason Mazza and Joe Galotti  
Staff Writers

After Nemo postponed Saturday's women's basketball contest to Sunday afternoon, the Seawolves (12-12, 4-7 AE) aimed to gain ground on the upper echelon of the America East conference as the hosted University of Hartford (16-8, 7-4 AE), a perennial power in the league.

Despite a 36-26 rebounding advantage from Stony Brook, the Seawolves ultimately fell to the Hawks 60-44.

Head coach Beth O'Boyle was less than pleased with her team after the game. "We just couldn't hold onto the ball, whether we were taking contested shots or turning it over we couldn't execute our game plan. I said coming in if we could control the ball and out rebound them (Hartford) we had a good shot."

Truthfully, junior guard for Stony Brook Chikilra Goodman



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**Dani Klupenger hit four three-pointers on Sunday.**

was a representation of the game at large for the Seawolves. She pulled down 11 rebounds, but also turned the ball over six times.

In reference to Goodman, O'Boyle said, "The turnovers were a result of her trying to do

too much. We spent the whole game behind and that caused her over-aggression."

Senior guard Dani Klupenger reached the 100 three-point field

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## Football announces 2013 recruiting class, 24 new faces

By Adrian Szkolar  
Assistant Sports Editor

With the team set to move to the Colonial Athletic Association next season, as well as graduating many key players such as Miguel Maysonet, Kevin Norrell and Kyle Essington, head coach Chuck Priore restocked his team on National Signing Day on Wednesday, signing 24 players for next year's squad.

"It's a very well-rounded group of guys, we met our positional needs, and we added talent for the future," Priore said. "Based on their accolades, and based on our evaluations of them, we think it's going to be a good foundation for us to build upon."

Of the 24 players who committed, 17 are high school seniors, five are junior college transfers and two are transfers from FBS schools. Seven of the players are defensive backs, while five are linebackers.

While Priore does not expect many of the high school recruits to challenge for playing time immediately, he has high hopes

for the older transfers, particularly tight end Will Tye, a transfer from Florida State who Priore considers the top recruit of this class.

The other FBS transfer, kicker Nick Ferrara, hit 18 of 25 field goal attempts last year playing for Maryland, and had 35 punts with an average of 39.8 yards per punt. He will be the favorite to succeed the graduated Wesley Skiffington, who handled the kicking duties last season.

"We took him because he's got game experience, our hope is that he comes here and is successful here as he was at Maryland," Priore said. "He knows he's got to compete on the field."

Along with Tye, several of the junior college transfers, including defensive back Zedrick Gardner, quarterback Conor Bednarski, running back James Kenner and defensive back Max Martinez have already enrolled at Stony Brook for this semester and will participate in spring practices.

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# Wrestling to host first home meet this season, match up against SUNY Cortland

By Mike Daniello  
Sports Editor

The Stony Brook Wrestling Club will be holding its first home meet on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Ward Melville High School. Its members will be taking on another SUNY school, Cortland. The team is currently 1-3 in dual matches, but is looking to improve its record on Saturday.

Head coach Shaun Lally decided it was time for the team to finally have a home match. "It needed to be done. They should be entitled to at least one home competition," Lally said. "We needed to have a

home match and show everyone how its being supported."

This will also serve as a homecoming for some of the wrestlers at Cortland—Mike Piro, Nicholas Falco and John Widmann are from Long Island, so they will be returning to the area where they started wrestling. "They have a lot of guys from Long Island and they're known in the SUNY system," Lally said. "It's a battle between upstate and downstate."

Unlike Stony Brook, Cortland has two wrestling teams—one that is part of Cortland athletics, the other a club team. Stony Brook will be taking on the club team, which is

coached by Justin Altro.

This home match is just the beginning for the program, according to coach Lally. "We wanted this for a very long time. We'd like to host a tournament and more matches every year," he said.

With the season coming to an end, Lally has reflected on what has been a very successful year for a new program on campus. "I love the competitions and tournaments. I'm looking forward to regionals, which we're working towards," Lally said.

Tickets are available through the Stony Brook wrestling club and can be found on the club's Facebook page.

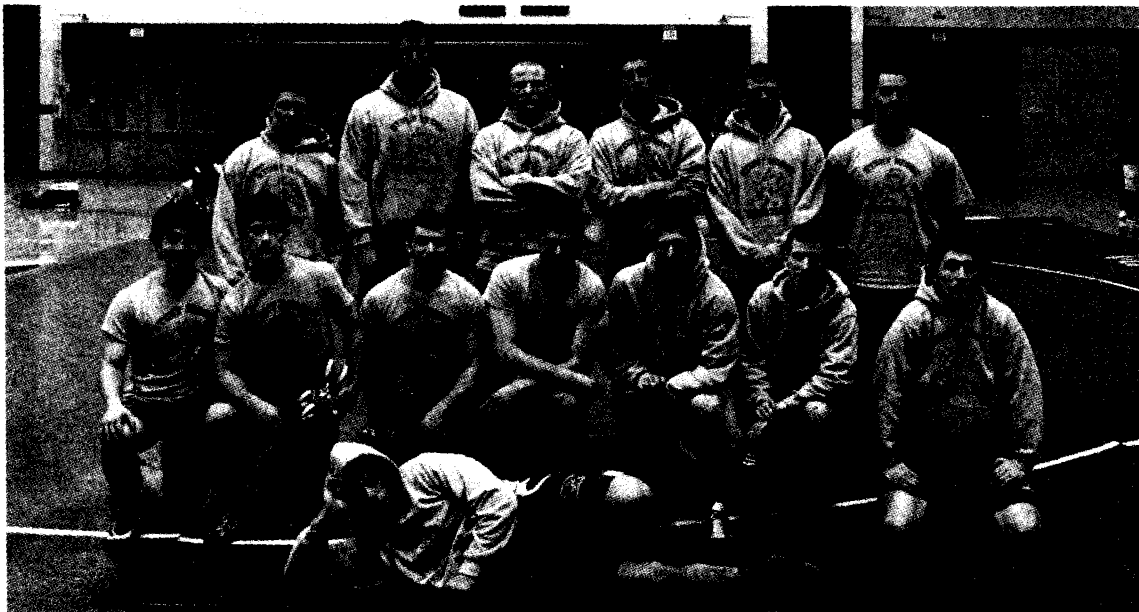


PHOTO COURTESY OF STONY BROOK WRESTLING

The Wrestling team will have its first home meet at Ward Melville High School.

# Men's Basketball adds G/F Chris Braley to 2013-14 recruiting class

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Braley made his first official visit to Stony Brook on Jan. 26, when the Seawolves gave

him a good first impression by defeating the Maine's Black Bears 79-69.

"My first impression was how passionate everyone was about

the school and especially the basketball program," Braley says. "The fact that they sell out all their games is a true testament of how much support they get and how well liked they are in the Stony Brook community."

When Braley is asked what he could bring to the basketball program, he often says that his leadership and work ethic will definitely help the team to get better.

"I think I bring good versatility and toughness to the court," Braley says. "I'll try and help the team in any way possible."

Braley will officially become a member of the team as soon as he signs his National Letter of Intent. National Signing day starts on April 17.

With the addition of Braley, Stony Brook has one more scholarship left to give for next season. The team signed German guard/forward Roland Nyama earlier in November, and guard Kameron Mitchell, who joined the squad on January as a walk-on, will get a scholarship next season.

According to Rivals.com, a website dedicated to high school recruits, Stony Brook has shown interest in 6-foot-9-inch forward Luke Petrusek, who currently attends nearby Northport High School in Northport, N.Y.

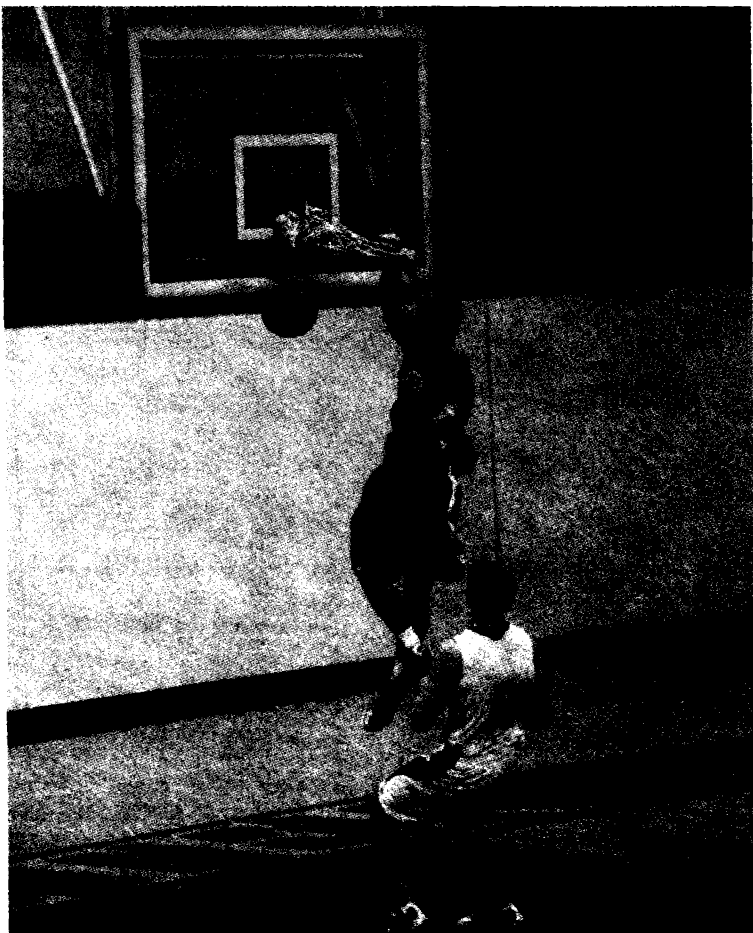


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SBU's newest commit Chris Braley goes for a dunk while playing for Phillips Exeter, a prep school in N.H.

# Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse 2013 Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
Sat., Feb. 16	at Bucknell	Lewisburg, Pa.	12:00 p.m. ET
Wed., Feb. 20	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Wed., Feb. 27	at Central Connecticut	New Britain, Conn.	4:00 p.m. ET
Thu., Mar. 7	vs. Duquesne	Downingtown, Pa.	3:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Mar. 9	vs. Longwood	Stony Brook, N.Y.	1:00 p.m. ET
Wed., Mar. 13	at Marist	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	4:00 p.m. ET
Sun., Mar. 17	vs. Maryland	Stony Brook, N.Y.	TBA
Wed., Mar. 20	vs. Iona	Stony Brook, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Mar. 23	at Vermont *	Burlington, Vt.	12:00 p.m. ET
Sun., Mar. 24	at Siena	Loudonville, N.Y.	1:00 p.m. ET
Tue., Mar. 26	vs. Fresno State	Stony Brook, N.Y.	7:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Mar. 30	vs. Albany *	Stony Brook, N.Y.	1:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Apr. 6	at UMBC *	Baltimore, Md.	5:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Apr. 13	at New Hampshire *	Durham, N.H.	12:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Apr. 20	vs. Boston University *	Stony Brook, N.Y.	1:00 p.m. ET
Sat., Apr. 27	vs. Binghamton *	Stony Brook, N.Y.	1:00 p.m. ET

# Women's Lacrosse returning key players Peterson, Cook

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finished the 2012 season as one of the nation's best two-way players. She also ranked third in the country in goals per game (3.58). Hillier had 47 goals and 21 assists last season, second on the team in both categories.

The Seawolves have been practicing very hard to make the 2013 season even more successful than the last. "Everyone of our kids is probably in the best physical condition of their life," Spallina said. "I think that their level of preparation has been outstanding."

Although the team returns every starter, defenders freshman Alyssa Fleming (#16), Shoreham, NY and University of Florida transfer and redshirt freshman Maegan Meritz (#12), Farmingdale, NY will be starting this season Spallina confirmed. "Both of them have star qualities," he said. "They are going to be huge impacts from the field in addition to all of our returning

players."

Junior Frankie Caridi (#2, goalkeeper) and sophomore Michelle Rubino (#1, midfield), two players who garnered all-conference recognition along with Petersen, Cook, Rotante and Hillier, are among those who will return this season.

Last season's overall success has made it easier for the returning players to set higher goals to reach with their new teammates. "We're not just going to settle for the America East Championship," Petersen said.

It is going to take hard work and perseverance from each player to achieve this. "The team believes," Spallina said. "Our goal is to make it to the NCAAs and go in there and make some noise and try to be playing in the final four."

The Seawolves kick off their season on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Bucknell and return home on Saturday, March 9 to face Longwood at 1 p.m. in LaValle stadium.



STATESMAN FILE PHOTO

Claire Peterson, a pre-season All-American, is expected to be a key player for the Seawolves this season.

# Swimmers enjoy healthy relationship

By Jaelyn Lattanza  
Staff Writer

It started out as a friendship and then one night it just happened.

But it was not just a hook-up that sealed the deal for the couple. Junior economics major Allison Zelnick and senior health science major Hajime Ichikawa started dating last May. The two met in 2010 when

Zelnick joined Ichikawa on the Stony Brook swim team.

"He's always been that really close friend that cares about what's going on in my life," Zelnick said. "He doesn't just listen to things I say just because I need to vent. He actually will carry on a conversation, which I like."

Although neither of them discussed their feelings for each

other initially, their friendship grew stronger as they started spending more time together.

"There'd be plenty of times where she would just make my day," Ichikawa said. "I was in an emotionally low time back after champs when I didn't swim well and other relationships hadn't been going well. She was a really good friend and it built off that."

Training as athletes, studying and working does not leave much time for the two to spend time together, but they do manage to find time right before they go to sleep and on the weekends.

"We usually just lay around because we are so tired, but we like going out for sushi a lot," Zelnick said. "We always try to plan fun things to do together."

The couple plans to go archery shooting in the near future. However, Zelnick admits, "we're both super competitive so we can't play any games against each other because we don't want to lose."

But there is one type of game that the couple can anticipate the winner of. "She's really good at video games and I'm not," Ichikawa said.

Despite being an athlete, Zelnick admits, "Haj is more into sports than I am. He actually really likes to follow football, basketball and baseball and I'll sit there just for moral support."

Although they have their differences, like all couples do, they

## Statesman Poll: Sexiest Athlete

The Statesman ran a poll last week asking participants who the sexiest Stony Brook athletes, male and female were. The results:

**Male: Tommy Brenton, Basketball**

**Runners-up:**

- Hajime Ichikawa, Swimming
- Leonard Hayes, Basketball
- Mitchell Kun, Track and Field

**Female: Dani Klupenger, Basketball**

**Runners-up:**

- Melissa Rigo, Volleyball
- Allison Zelnick, Swimming
- Olivia Burne, Cross Country

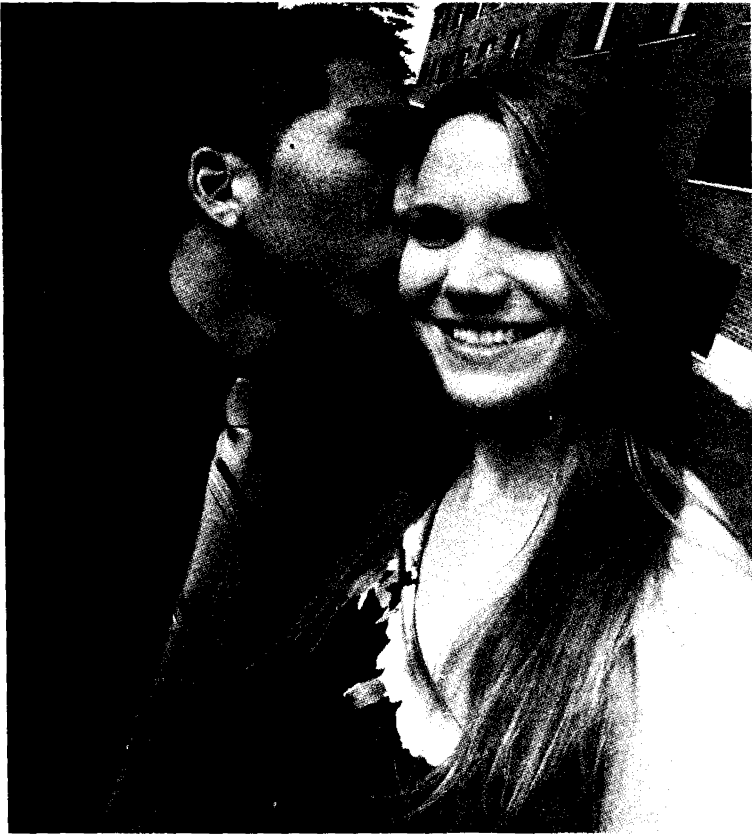


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**Junior Allison Zelnick & senior Hajime Ichikawa met through their involvement in SBU's swim team.**

can definitely agree on one thing. "We're both driven to be super athletic," Zelnick said. "We both have a goal of being really successful in our career."

When the team is competing, they really enjoy cheering each other on. Zelnick competes in the freestyle and butterfly strokes and Ichikawa competes in the breaststroke. The team is not competing this season

due to the renovation of the pool.

"We really work well just because it's based off friendship first," Ichikawa said. "She's my best friend."

Because they both have late work and class schedules on Valentine's Day, the couple plans to celebrate the holiday along with its nine-month anniversary on Friday, Feb. 15 at Takara Japanese Restaurant.

# An interview with Stony Brook Hockey's Sam Brewster

By Adrian Szkolar  
Assistant Sports Editor

This week, *The Statesman* sat down with Sam Brewster, a sophomore forward on Stony Brook's ice hockey team, for an interview. Brewster, who is from Plano, Texas, was also a model for this issue.

**Statesman:** Why did you decide to model for the sex issue, and what was the experience like?

**Sam Brewster:** I may have gotten signed up by a friend for that one (laughs). It was different; you definitely see how confident you are pretty quick with your clothes off. I did it because a friend of mine signed us up, and he almost didn't do it, but he did end up doing it, and it was just a fun thing to do.

**Statesman:** How does a kid from Texas end up playing hockey here?

**SB:** I played every sport growing up, baseball was really my thing. I ended up starting to play hockey when I was 15, I tried out for my JV team because a bunch of my friends played and said it was fun, and I instantly fell in love with the game. The [Dallas] Stars had won the cup not too long ago, so I just fell in love with it and worked as hard as I could, and I ended up making a junior team up in Boston and played there for two years, and I actually followed a girl here. It didn't work out, but I'm happy to be here.

**Statesman:** On your team, who is the best at attracting the ladies?

**SB:** Oh man... we have some young guns who are pretty good, I've got to give them credit, each of them has their own game, some kids play the sensitive card, some kids play the thug card, I don't know if I could pick out one guy. The older guys, they take their time, they pick their spots, everybody's got a little game to it.

**Statesman:** How are the girls at Stony Brook, and how do they compare to the girls in Texas and Massachusetts?

**SB:** They are much better than the girls from Massachusetts, this year, a bunch of girls showed up on campus, we just all noticed there was an influx of attractive girls, but it's hard to compare with Texas, the stereotype is true. Blond, beautiful, that's what I'm

used to being around.

**Statesman:** You have a tattoo on your bicep, can you tell us about that?

**SB:** It's a red-tail hawk, the tip of the wing goes from my chest, and the other tip of the wing goes to my back. My mom, when I started playing hockey, she started noticing red-tail hawks that weren't native to my area of Texas, it would be odd,

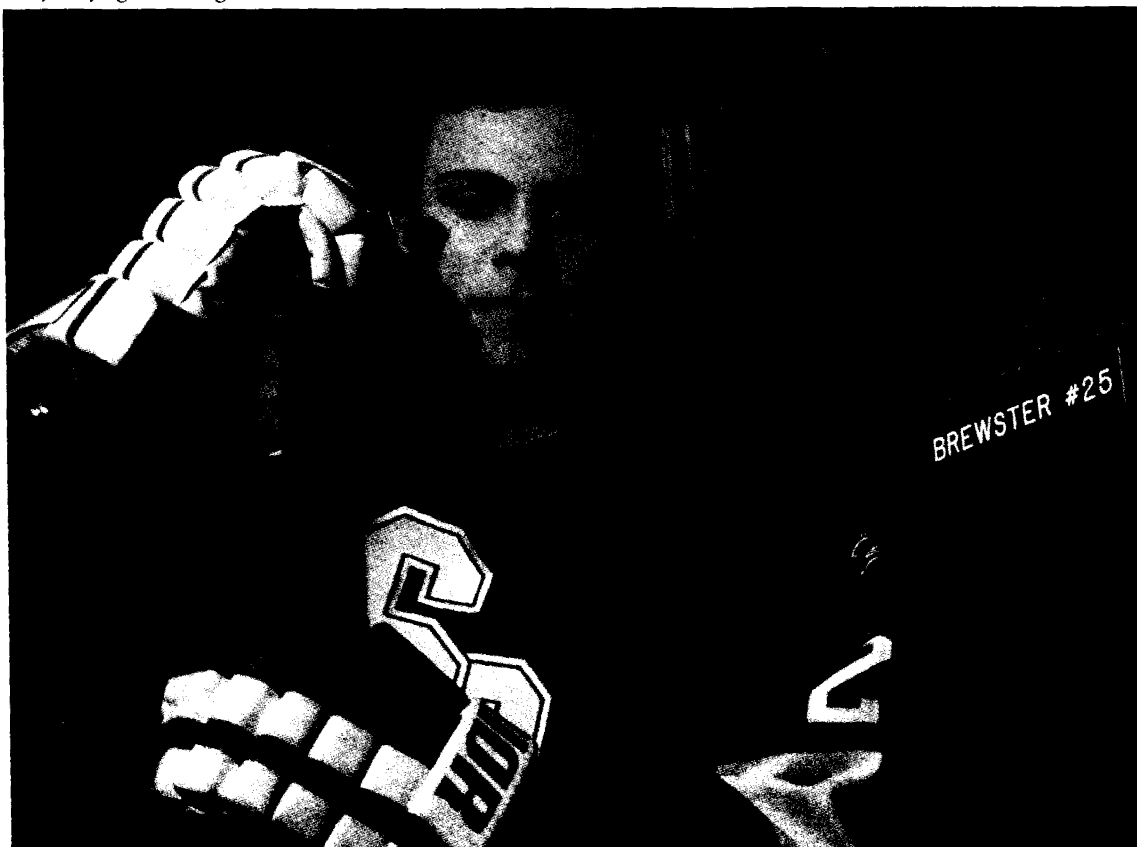
they would just be flying very close to our car, she saw them more often, and then I started seeing them, she always associated them with me and her. I was up in Boston, there was a fight on the streets and she heard that I got hurt, I was sitting in the cop car, and she was emotional, she was tearing up and choking up, she went up to my room just to see my stuff again, and sitting on the branch outside my window was a red-tail hawk. The next morning, she walked out, still kind of shaken, and there was another red-tail hawk just sitting there. I've always believed in something greater, I know somebody is watching out for me.

**Statesman:** Does being on the hockey team help with the dating scene for you?

**SB:** Yeah, it definitely does. Some girls have an idea of what hockey players are, and we're known as being smash-mouth kind of guys. We're chill, but we have an edge to us, but it's fun, you can definitely use that card.

**Statesman:** What do you look for in a girl, looks and personality-wise?

**SB:** My first thing is always eyes. I love contrasting eyes, that's what grabs me, and I always love long, wavy hair. I will see a beautiful girl, but then, if I see her dressed up in a pony-tail and playing volleyball with her friends or whatever, I'll be instantly attracted at that point, I'll be like: 'yeah, that girl's got it.' I don't have a set type, so it's whatever comes around.



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**Sophomore Sam Brewster, a native of Texas and a forward on Stony Brook's ice hockey team, sat down for an interview with *The Statesman*.**



# Football announces new signings

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"They are going through the process of learning our system now, how we prepare in the off-season," Priore said. "We're expecting them to progress and hopefully, contribute to our team success."

Three of the high school recruits are local products from Long Island: linebacker John Haggert from Sayville, running back Tyler Fredericks from Lawrence and Ousmane Camara from Bay Shore.

"It certainly was our starting point and what we try to do, and we got three kids who could really

impact our program," Priore said.

With the team moving to the CAA, one of the top FCS conferences in the NCAA, Priore believes this recruiting class can help set a foundation as the team adapts to a higher level of competition in future years.

"Some kids looking at us and looking at our schedule, seeing that we're going to be playing at the best conference at the FCS level," Priore said. "This certainly is the largest class we've brought in numerically, largest number of freshmen in one class since I've been here, I do think it has real good quality."

## Stony Brook Football 2013 Recruiting Class

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.
Reggie Allen	DB	6-0	171
Humphrey Anuh	LB	6-2	200
Conor Bednarski	QB	6-2	216
Tyrice Beverette	DB	6-1	195
Josh Bevillard	DL	6-2	244
Ousmane Camara	DL	6-2	270
Ron Denig	LB	5-10	220
Dakota Everett	LB	6-3	245
Nick Ferrara	K	6-0	190
Tyler Fredericks	RB	6-0	215
Zedrick Gardner	DB	6-2	205
Armani Garrick	OL	6-3	298
Lionel Guillaume	OL	6-2	275
John Haggert	LB	6-0	210
Marvin Hart	DB	5-10	180
James Kenner	RB	5-11	210
Quinton Littlejohn	DB	5-10	165
Max Martinez	DB	5-9	196
Kamani Odrick	LB	6-2	205
Keyon Pinnock	WR	6-2	196
Travon Reid-Segure	DB	5-9	175
Markinson Sainvil	DL	6-0	230
Allen Singleton	DL	6-1	257
Will Tye	TE	6-3	263

# Women's b-ball loses two in a row

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goal mark with four triples and 14 points.

Sophomore guard Amber Bepko would have none of Stony Brook as she posted a game high 20 points shooting 7-11 from the field and 3-5 from being the arc.

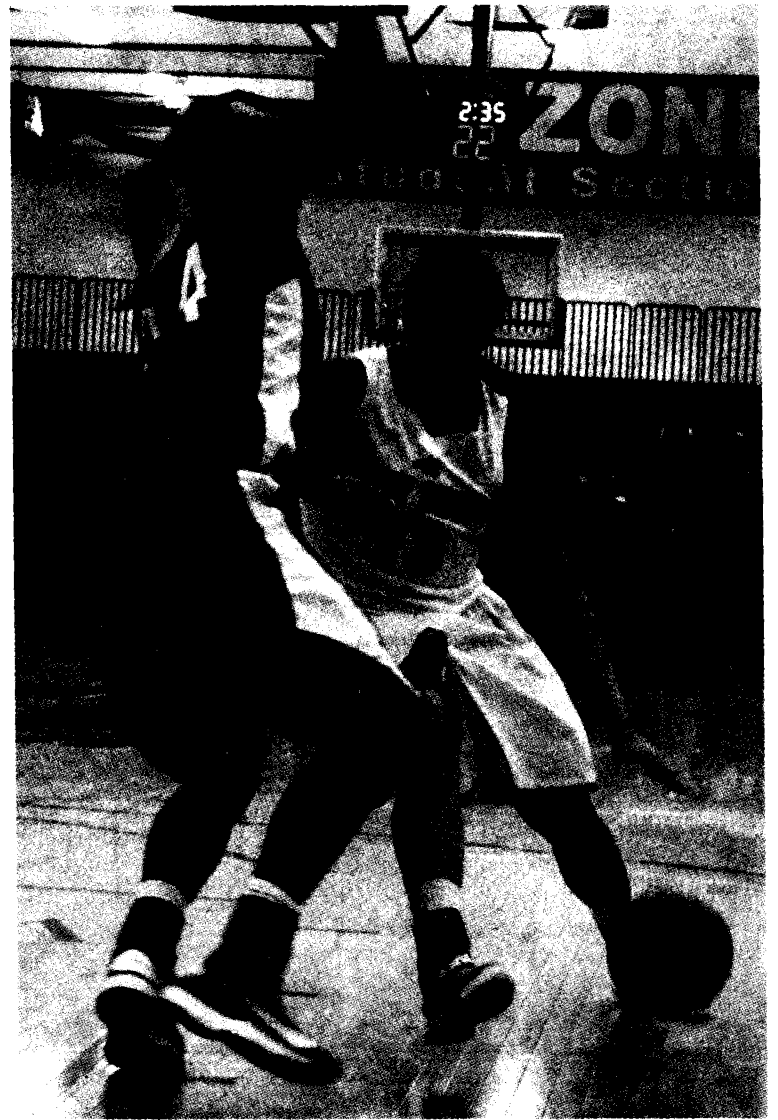
On Wednesday, Feb. 6, junior forward Sabre Proctor scored 14 points for the Seawolves, but it was not enough as the Stony Brook's women's basketball team lost to Boston University 64-45, at the Case Gym on Wednesday night. Little went right for Stony Brook on this night, as BU was in control from start to finish.

The Terriers did not trail the entire game, and were able to build an early lead in the first half. A three-pointer from Terriers senior Kristen Sims gave BU a double digit lead with 13:43 to go in the half, and from there they never looked back. Senior Chantell Alford hit a three-pointer right before the end of the first half to give her team a 35-21 advantage going into the half.

Things only got worse to start the second half for the Seawolves, as Stony Brook only scored two points in the six and a half minutes of the period, and fell behind 50-23 with 13:59 to play. Stony Brook did respond with a 16-3 run, but they were never able to get the game back within single digits.

BU shot 48.1 percent from the field and was a perfect 7-for-7 from the free throw line. Stony Brook struggled with its shots, finishing at 33.3 percent from the field, and missing seven of its 15 attempts from the charity stripe. The Seawolves also committed 18 turnovers on the night.

Proctor received her third consecutive start for the Seawolves was named one of the America East players of



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**Sabre Proctor dribbles inside against Hartford's Nikkea Smith on Sunday. Proctor finished with seven points.**

the game. She has now led the Seawolves in scoring in 10 games this season. She played a team high 32 minutes, and also had two assists and two steals.

Goodman also played well in the loss for Stony Brook, tallying 10 points, four assists and seven rebounds. Freshman forward Brittany Snow also added six points, and the Seawolves got seven boards from senior forward Gerda Gatling. For Gatling it is her fifth game this season with at least seven rebounds.

Alford led all scorers in the game with 20 for the Terriers

while classmate Mo Moran chipped in 12 points and three assists. Junior Rashidat Agboola was perfect from the field (6-for-6) and from the charity stripe (5-for-5) for BU, finishing with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Stony Brook next plays on Wednesday Feb. 13, as the Seawolves will travel to play eighth place Binghamton University (4-20, 3-8 AE).

The Seawolves currently are sixth out of nine teams in the America East standings, a half game behind Vermont.

## High hopes, expectations for Women's Lacrosse this season

By Jaclyn Lattanza  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook women's lacrosse team ended the 2012 season, runner-up to Albany by just two points, in their first-ever appearance in the America East Championship Final. But that bitter taste won't be lingering in the Seawolves' mouths for long.

The team has been ranked No. 1 in the 2013 America East preseason poll; No. 18 in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) preseason poll and No. 19 in the deBeer Media Poll. This marks the first time in school history that the Seawolves have earned a preseason national ranking.

The Seawolves are no longer considered underdogs, but for head coach Joe Spallina, they never were. "I don't believe in the underdog thing. I think if you have a good team, you have a good team," he said. "We felt like we had a good team last year and

never really embraced the role of the underdog even though people gave it to us. This year we expect to be the favorite and we expect to win."

Stony Brook's women's lacrosse program improved dramatically last season with the addition of Spallina who was the former Adelphi women's lacrosse coach. Spallina was named the 2012 America East Coach of the Year after coaching the Seawolves to 14 victories, a 10-win improvement from the season prior.

One of those victories was against Johns Hopkins, the program's first-ever win against a nationally ranked opponent. The team's final record was 14-5 and 5-1 in the America East.

"I'm a demanding coach but I also am a player's coach," Spallina said. "I'm on their side but they also understand that when they step on the field it's gotta be 110 percent or they're held accountable."

The 2013 season captains are seniors Claire Petersen (#20, attack),

Demmianne Cook (#27, midfield), Melissa Rotante (#19, defense), Janine Hillier (#24, midfield) and junior Jessica Romano (#28, defense).

"It's part of my job along with the other four captains to set an example for everyone else on the team and to set the expectations so everyone can follow," Petersen, who set a program record for single-season assists (59) and points (101) last season, said.

She is Stony Brook's first ever women's lacrosse All-American. She has been named 2013 preseason All-American by ILWomen.com and was named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-American third team and was America East Player of the Year in 2012.

Cook and Hillier are also dominant players. With nine goals in one game and a total of 68 last season, Cook

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# NEWS

## SBU police officer strikes pedestrian with patrol car

By Christine Powell  
Assistant News Editor

A University Police car struck Stony Brook student Brianna Bifone on the sidewalk near the Tabler West Bus Stop on Circle Road at 10:12 p.m. on Thursday while responding to an emergency call, according to multiple sources close to the situation.

The car continued into an embankment, pinning Bifone beneath the rear of the vehicle.

"According to eyewitness reports, the responding vehicle was traveling with its emergency lights activated when it struck a sidewalk which caused it to veer onto the opposite walkway, subsequently striking the student pedestrian," Chief of Police Robert Lenahan said in a statement.

Daniel Wolbrom, chief of Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SBVAC), said Bifone's legs were pinned beneath the car for about 30 minutes before she was extricated

and moved to an ambulance.

Both Bifone and the police officer were taken to Stony Brook University Hospital for evaluation.

Bifone is reported to be in fair condition, while the police officer, who sustained minor injuries, was treated and released from the hospital, Lenahan said.

The identity of the police officer has yet to be released.

The police officer was responding to a call regarding a "large group" at the Student Union when he struck the student, Assistant Chief of Police Lawrence Zacaese said.

The accident is currently under investigation, but Zacaese said there was no reason to believe the police officer was under the influence at the time of the incident.

The police officer radioed for assistance and emergency vehicles from University Police, Stony Brook Fire Department, Setauket Fire Department, SBVAC and Suffolk County Police Department arrived on the scene.



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A University Police Department cruiser is removed from a ditch near Tabler Quad after an officer struck a female student on the sidewalk.

## Construction related fire in Indoor Sports Complex

By Anusha Mookherjee  
Opinions Editor

A construction-related fire broke out late Wednesday morning, Feb. 6 in the Indoor Sports Complex. There have not been any reported injuries according to Assistant Chief of

Police Lawrence Zacaese.

Zacaese, who is also the director of emergency management for the university, said the fire was caused by construction material located under what would have become the new bleachers for the arena. The arena is the part of the complex that the university is in the process of renovating.

At the time of the fire, "just the construction workers that are working on the project" were present in the building, according to Zacaese.

Black smoke was clearly visible from the surrounding buildings, with the strong wind only adding to the billows blowing down Toll Drive.

Zacaese could not comment about how the fire will impact the arena's construction schedule, and stated "the damage in the full scope is still being assessed," but it is too soon to tell.

According to Zacaese, 50 to 70 first responders from the districts of Setauket, St. James, Stony Brook and Centereach arrived on scene with at least one fire engine and ambulance each to put out the blaze, which Zacaese described as "a small fire."

"[Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps] responded to an alarm for reported smoke," said Daniel Wolbrom, chief of SBVAC. "SBVAC nor the additional ambulances on scene treated or transported any patients."

The fire and remaining smoke was handled within a few hours. "[SBVAC] remained on standby and on scene until all operations were completed at 2:05 p.m.," Wolbrom said.

The sports complex includes the Pritchard Gymnasium and training facilities for student athletes. At the time of the fire, athletes were training on the opposite side of the complex from the fire. Allyson LaPorte, a freshman on the track and field team, was training with her team

in the weight room located in the basement of Pritchard Gym.

"One of the girls from the team, who had just been outside, came in and told us the fire alarm was going off and we couldn't hear it, so we actually continued lifting for a bit," LaPorte said. It was only after a few more people came in to tell them to evacuate that they actually did so. LaPorte described seeing a large plume of black smoke coming out of the arena and said it continued for a while.

The athletes were not allowed into the complex to get their bags until approximately 3 p.m. LaPorte was only able to collect her belongings after receiving a text from her coach saying that athletes were allowed in for just a few minutes.

"You could tell there was a fire just because you could smell the smoke," LaPorte said, as she recalled the few minutes she had to pick up her belongings. She noted the lockers are located far from the arena, so only the smell lingered.

Students were notified about the incident through both email and text message from Emergency Management and were encouraged to stay away from the area.



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Four fire departments showed up to the scene in the Indoor Sports Complex on Wednesday.

## Police Blotter

On Thursday, Jan. 31, police responded to a medical emergency at the Student Union. A male resident student was transported to the University Hospital for unknown reasons.

On Thursday, Jan. 31, a male student who had been suspended was arrested for trespassing at Ammann College.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, an intoxicated male resident student was transported via SBVAC to the University Hospital. He was referred to the university.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, a female resident student's North Face jacket and other personal items were stolen from Benedict College. The case is still ongoing.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, a growler of beer was reported stolen from a male resident student at James College. This case is still open.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, graffiti was found in an elevator at Keller College. The case is still open.

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, an exit sign was ripped down at Lauterbur College, and on Saturday, Feb. 2, four exit signs were ripped down and one exit sign was stolen from Lauterbur.

-Compiled by Ashleigh Sherow

# Christiane Amanpour donates \$50k to Marie Colvin Center

By Emily McTavish  
Assistant News Editor

Christiane Amanpour, an international correspondent for CNN and ABC News, knew Marie Colvin, a former war correspondent who grew up on Long Island—the two worked extensively to secure an exclusive interview with the late Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi in Tripoli two years ago. That was the last time Amanpour saw Colvin before she was killed in Homs, Syria, last February.

Amanpour opened the Marie Colvin Distinguished Lecture Series on Tuesday, Feb. 5 by announcing her donation of \$50,000 to the Marie Colvin Center for International Reporting to a packed audience of faculty, students and community members at the Stony Brook University Student Activity Center auditorium.

“Marie was one of those rare journalists who believed in telling the human story of war,” Amanpour said. “She also believed in mentoring young journalists, helping them discover that being a foreign correspondent can be the most noble and vital calling.”

According to the Marie Colvin

Center website, SBU’s School of Journalism aims to foster the next generation of international reporters through the center in honor of Colvin with overseas reporting trips and a journalist-in-residence fellowship.

“Christiane gave us two powerful gifts,” Howard Schneider, dean of the Stony Brook University School of Journalism, said. “A significant financial contribution and an inspiring message to our students about why they should devote their lives to journalism, even risk their lives for journalism.”

Amanpour said she was able to work alongside Colvin several times and was inspired by her work ethic.

“We have to be there,” Amanpour said. “There is no substitute for eyewitness news.”

Amanpour said that Colvin’s work and other foreign reporting has impacted the view of global politics, such as the Arab Spring.

“To hear leaders say we can’t intervene [or] we can’t make a difference—they’re wrong,” Amanpour said regarding the current civil war in Syria.

To the young journalists in the audience, Amanpour said that it is necessary “to be brave enough to



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**Amanpour also donated more than \$9,000 to the recent Journalism Without Walls Kenya trip.**

stand up and tell the truth” to hold the nation’s leaders accountable for their actions.

Amanpour added, jokingly, that reporting “is not the job you take if you want to be liked” because “the people we report on don’t like it.” However, she also said that it is not the role of a journalist to

make the audience or government officials comfortable.

“It’s not the fear of being banned,” Amanpour said. “It’s the fear of not asking the right question that keeps me up at night.”

Amanpour said she had learned from Colvin “to stay happy and

proud to make a difference” while reporting out in the field. She added that surrounding herself with family and friends helps her stay happy even in undesirable and difficult conditions.

“Apart from anything else, the journey is really a lot of fun,” Amanpour said.

# Assemblyman Englebright helps residents dig out cars

By Deanna Del Ciello  
News Editor

While Winter Storm Nemo barricaded Long Island with gusting winds and record high snowfalls, State Assemblyman Steve Englebright spent the night of the storm and following morning helping to dig out residents who were forced to abandon their cars due to the storm.

Englebright, along with Setauket firefighter Sue Meyers and Chief Financial Officer of EnviroTrac John Buhagiar, drove around the Three Village area Friday night helping people dig out their stranded cars before returning home.

The group reconvened

Saturday morning after the storm to tour the area, checking to see what damage was caused by the approximately 28 inches of snow Nemo dumped on the north shore of Suffolk County. The group came across unplowed side streets, homes without power, trees bending to touch the ground and community members working to unbury their cars.

“I’m going to guess 10 days,” Englebright said, giving an estimate of how long it will take for the area to get back to normal. “We’re in much better shape than we were with the hurricane. I think, all in all, we’re okay.”

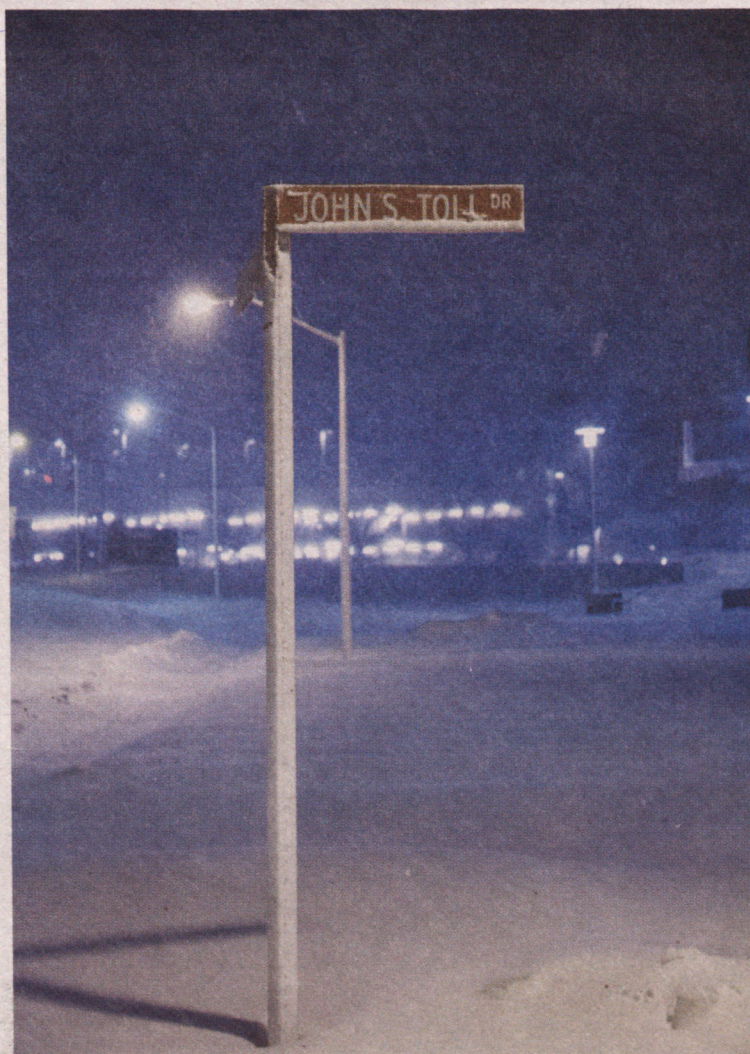
Englebright said he was concerned about the predicted 60 mph winds and the damage they would cause, but thankfully

the wind did not seem to be that strong, according to Englebright. Weather.com reported wind speeds at 29 mph gusting to 45 mph during the storm.

Winter Storm Nemo was not as bad as Superstorm Sandy, said Englebright, “mainly because people still have power.”

And while he estimated it will take approximately 10 days to get the area back to normal, Englebright said people should expect to be able to get to work on Monday and that the Town Highway Department is “doing a very good job.”

Reporting contributed by  
Rebecca Anzel



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**Due to Winter Storm Nemo, Stony Brook University cancelled classes after noon on Friday, all day Saturday and Monday. The storm left approximately 25 inches of snow.**

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**State Assemblyman Steve Englebright [left] spent the night of Winter Storm Nemo and the next morning travelling the area, helping residents dig out their stranded cars.**



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