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USG approves new financial bylaws

By Matt Sacco
Contributing Writer

After going through a gauntlet of meticulous scrutiny, the 2012-2013 Financial Bylaws were unanimously approved by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate on Thursday.

Among the changes, the bylaws now allow clubs to use their budgets for air travel and restrict apparel spending.

The bylaws were drafted over the summer by Treasurer Allen Abraham and former Treasurer Thomas Kirnbauer under the supervision of President Anna Lubitz and former President Mark Maloof.

Addressing a controversy that happened last year when the roller hockey team's inability to pay for a flight to Salt Lake City resulted in its forfeiture of the bid for the national title, the new bylaws now allow clubs to pay for air travel with USG funding.

A new restriction that would prohibit clubs from spending more than 10 percent of their budget on apparel was another significant change. This, said Abraham, is in response to the tendency of certain clubs to spend their entire allotted funds on T-shirts, which do little to enrich student life.

Club coaches, who are now mandated to become CPR certified, also face mandatory background checks before being hired.

There are now four grants available to clubs: asset, event, national event grants and regional event grants. Event grants are capped at \$3,000, while regional and national event grants are capped at \$4,000. Asset grant requests over \$2,700 must be approved by the Senate. All of these events are funded by 40 percent of the rollover of USG's \$3.1 million budget. Five percent of ticket revenues will also go into the event grant fund.

Abraham also announced some important provisions, including the formation of an event committee for the purpose of approving grant requests, which was previously done by the whole senate before proving to be tedious and obstructive due to the volume of grant requests received.

If a club overdrafts on its budget in one semester, the

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While playing in front of 34,512 people in the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, the Seawolves kept it a close game.

SBU's reputation continues to grow

By Jessica Suarez
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University attributes its competitive admission rates to its high-quality education and successful marketing of the school. Among the list of the public Association of American Universities, SBU has the fifth most competitive admissions rate.

For the last five or six years, the acceptance rate for undergraduate admissions has hovered at the mid-40 percent mark, but as SBU has become more competitive, the acceptance rate has decreased, with last year's rate totaling 40 percent. Among freshmen who enrolled in August, the rate of acceptance was just about 40 percent.

The application rate for the current full-time freshman class increased 2.6 percent, with a total of more than 27,000 students applying, according to statistics from Associate Provost for Enrollment and Retention Management Matthew Whelan.

Out of the number that applied, about 11,000 students were accepted into SBU. Out of those who were accepted, a total of 2,672 were enrolled at SBU as of day five of the fall semester.

Compare these statistics to those of five years ago, when the number of full-time freshmen applications that SBU received was 24,960. Out of those applications, 10,846 students were accepted to the university.

In the five-year period between 2007 and 2012, the number of applications SBU has received increased roughly 10 percent, according to Whelan.

Although the number of applications that SBU has received increased over the last five years, the number of students put on the wait list fluctuates from year to year. But it gets tougher every year to get off the wait list because the total enrollment of the school

is not greatly increasing and competition is getting tougher.

Each year, being removed from the wait list becomes a more difficult task as SBU's total enrollment has not greatly increased despite toughening acceptance rates. In the past year, however, more students were taken off the wait list because the number of students that SBU accepted increased.

When comparing the admissions rate by gender,

"It has been relatively stable," Whelan said. Five years ago, SBU had an enrollment of 50.1 percent male and 49.9 percent female. Compare that to SBU's gender breakdown for the 2012-2013 academic year, which is 51 percent male and 49 percent female.

"We have done a lot of work as a university over the last several years in telling our story and in

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The five-year period from 2007 through 2012 saw a 10 percent increase in applications to SBU, according to Associate Provost for Enrollment and Retention Management Matthew Whelan.

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PASS tutoring program expected to resume

Providing Academic Support to Students (PASS), a tutoring program run by the Undergraduate Student Government, will resume operations in the coming weeks, said Derek Cope, current vice president of academic affairs, who oversees PASS. **PAGE 9**

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Stony Brook grad student publishes poetry

"Pulse of Poetics: An Anthology of the Evolution of Poetic Form" by Joseph Labriola, is a well concocted, meaningful poetry anthology with universal themes that will tug at the heartstrings of anyone able to relate to the selected poems. With topics such as politics, vice, art and war, the poems explore these themes' wide-reaching and global effects. The book opens with the colorful character Wilson Von Baron, an Oxford professor, publisher and world-renowned anthropologist who represents the curiosity for studying human culture. **PAGE 13**

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SPORTS:

New York Matchup: Stony Brook falls 28-17 to Syracuse

Stony Brook's football team dominated the first half against Syracuse University, but the speed of the game and late penalties cost the Seawolves their third game of the season. The 28-17 win for Syracuse snapped a seven game losing streak, while Stony Brook finished with its first loss of the season. **Page 23**

Fernandes superb for Men's Soccer in pair of victories

Led by strong play from senior Leonardo Fernandes, Stony Brook continued its strong play at home, defeating Fordham 2-1 on Friday and dominating Buffalo 4-0 on Sunday. Fernandes had a goal and an assist against Fordham, and contributed two goals against Buffalo. **Page 20**

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NEWS

Fair reflects size, diversity of student body

By Matt Sacco
Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook University Academic Mall was crowded on Wednesday afternoon as students browsed the diverse club offerings of the fall Involvement Fair.

"It's probably the biggest thing I've ever seen," said Ewelina Turlik, a senior double majoring in psychology and sociology. "There are a lot of clubs. Some of them I've never seen before, and I'm a senior."

Anthony LaViscount, interim director of student activities, estimated that there would be between 2,000 and 3,000 people at the fair. However, Peter Nazaroff, a biomedical engineering major, said that "everyone showed up, whether they liked it or not."

The Involvement Fair has been a signature program for Student Activities for at least 25 years, LaViscount said.

In past years, the university could only offer 150 tables for the fair, but due to the increase in the number of clubs and organizations on campus and an increased demand, 198 tables were offered last year. And this year, SBU provided 250 tables for the fair.

With humidity at 49 percent and the temperature hovering around 80° F, the weather was pleasant and accommodating to the large crowd.

Although the fair was slated to begin at 1 p.m., students became curious as early as 12:30 p.m., while clubs were still setting up. By 1 p.m., their stations were replete with tablecloths and attractive props.

The College Democrats offered students the opportunity to "take a picture with the president"—referring to a scale cardboard likeness of President Barack Obama—and the Taiko Tides Club arranged taiko drums like large vases on and around its booth. Other clubs had more elaborate components.

The archery club—whose members grinned with enthusiasm and perhaps a bit of anarchy—hoisted sufficiently dangerous-looking hunting bows above the crowd while the various dance clubs took advantage of a sound system (courtesy of Student Activities) and gave choreographed performances. Among them were the belly dancers and the ballroom dance team.

Janine Mariani, a junior majoring in linguistics and member of the ballroom dance team, led an inspired interpretation of Lady Gaga's "Born This Way."

"People are always intrigued [after they have seen the dancing]," Mariani said. "They think: 'I should come and learn this for some reason!'"

The burgeoning scope of the fair



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The Involvement Fair has been an important program for students for at least 25 years, according to Interim Director of Student Activities Anthony LaViscount.

reflects a campus concerned not only with occupying its growing student body, but with finding expression for the increasingly fine facets of its ethnic, intellectual and recreational life.

Chinese Christian Fellowship President Michelle Hung, a senior biomedical engineering major, expects growth. "We are 30 or 40

people and growing," she said.

Senior bioengineering major Denis Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese Student Association, estimated his attendance rates similarly.

"Last year we had 35 to 40 people on average," he said. "This year we are shooting for fifty." Both clubs want to bring people together.

For many, the event has served as an entry point on the road to realizing a full and developed student body through immersion in campus life. For others, the spectacle suffices.

"It's unbelievable; great event. Everyone is out, having fun," said John Leddy, director of athletic bands. "We're all Seawolves."

Suffolk county transit now takes Saturday shoppers

By Emily McTavish
Staff Writer

Like many Stony Brook University students, SBU Transit and Suffolk County Transit, or SCT, are in the early and challenging stages of a new relationship.

The S60 and S69 routes from SCT started taking students to Port Jefferson and the Smith Haven Mall on Saturdays for free with presentation of a campus ID card on May 26. This is a change for returning students, who are used to a Saturday mall route that

was provided by SBU Transit.

"Essentially we would have two buses between Stony Brook and Suffolk doing a very similar bus route on Saturdays," Director of Sustainability & Transportation Operations James O'Connor said.

As part of the terms with SCT, the university will financially compensate SCT for every Stony Brook student who uses the Saturday shopping lines. With the success of the program, O'Connor said there could be an opportunity to extend the relationship.

"In a global sense, maybe

students [could] commute on Suffolk Transit to campus in avoidance for using their own cars," O'Connor said.

Challenges that O'Connor has come across have included advertising the change and informing students. Signs depicting the updated routes have been posted at bus stops, and there have been updates to the transportation website and the SBU Smart Transit application, O'Connor said.

O'Connor explained that the idea for the relationship came from a request by the students

participating in the Transportation and Parking Student Advisory Committee nearly three years ago.

"Originally the students said, 'Hey, why don't you look at trying to allow us to get on Suffolk transportation using our ID cards?'" O'Connor said. "And ultimately it took us a long time to forge the relationship."

Lei Hou, a graduate student in computer science, became involved in the shopping route discussion with the advisory committee while serving as the vice president for the Chapin Apartment Resident Association.

More Chapin residents take the shopping route than residents of other quads on campus, according to Hou. She wanted to see increased bus frequency and more options for students to go shopping.

However, Chapin residents have not been the only ones enjoying the change. Megan Pease, a freshman earth and space sciences major, appreciates the weekend shopping routes through SCT.

"I think it makes it a lot better than having students try to figure out their own way to places or just be trapped here until family or something," Pease said.

Pease explained that she had used the SCT lines about two weeks ago to go to the Smith Haven Mall with friends and found it very convenient.

"The benefits of such an arrangement are that students receive the same frequency or

increased frequency of service," O'Connor said. SCT services run all year round, O'Connor explained, so students on campus during the winter and summer sessions may take advantage of the Saturday bus routes.

"There is also an opportunity for students to work later if they wanted to at the mall and get back to campus later," O'Connor said. He also said that students can go shopping earlier or later and go to Port Jefferson via the Suffolk bus lines on Saturdays.

According to O'Connor, these changes also mean better sustainability. Students pay a transportation fee, which pays for drivers, buses, fuel and other transportation costs. O'Connor explained that the change will save almost 3,500 gallons of fuel per year that would come from the fee.

Clifton Bangaree, a senior biochemistry major, is not as excited about the changes to the weekend routes. Bangaree cited having better experiences with SBU Transit than SCT.

"It kind of sucks now to know that I have to wait for the Suffolk County bus. Like it's not so reliable anymore," Bangaree said. "And it would suck to be stranded at the mall or something cause it's a long trip back. It's an expensive cab ride back if you're waiting on a bus."

O'Connor is encouraging students to join the Transportation and Parking Student Advisory Committee for feedback about the changes.



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Stony Brook buses like these will no longer take students to the mall on Saturdays.

Kenyan activist gains political asylum in U.S.

By Brittany Stapelfeld
Contributing Writer

On the outside, Oliver Mashaka does not appear very different from his peers at Stony Brook University. He wears red SBU sweatpants to class, plays on the frisbee team and loves eating at Jasmine. But all it takes is one conversation with him to realize that this political activist and philanthropist has experienced things that most SBU students cannot relate to.

Although this is his first semester at SBU, Mashaka has been making a difference in his home country, Kenya, and in the United States for many years. After leaving Kenya in 2007 due to safety concerns, he is now continuing his altruistic lifestyle on Long Island.

Whether it is through talking about his journey with students at local high schools or risking his life by participating in an organization in Kenya to increase voter participation, Mashaka is and always has been doing things for others.

"Every human being has a purpose in life," he said, "and mine, I think, is to help people. If I am not being of service to people, I will be miserable."

Mashaka was born in Kenya on Feb. 17, 1982, at a chaotic time in the country's history, when the air force was attempting to overthrow the Kenyan government. His mother went into labor after the 6 p.m.



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Mashaka volunteers at Hobbs Community Farm in Centereach, whose proceeds go to food pantries on Long Island.

curfew that was being enforced at the time. His father then had to convince authorities to allow them to leave their house to go to the hospital. For this reason his parents gave him the name Mashaka, which means 'trouble' in Swahili, one of the official languages of Kenya.

Mashaka, the youngest of four children, said that he had to constantly explain the story

behind his name as he was growing up. This, in addition to the political involvement of some of his relatives, ensured that he would never be ignorant to the political atmosphere of his country.

After high school, Mashaka started working with the Red Cross. Through this job, he was given the opportunity to come to Long Island for six months in 2007 to work at a retreat center in Wading River, N.Y.

When Mashaka returned to Kenya in 2007, the country was undergoing a political transition. Mashaka became involved with a group called Biafra Youth, a group that would go door to door to talk with people and encourage them to vote, especially if they were not happy with their leaders and wanted to change them.

The increase in voter education and the promoting of what Mashaka described as "young, uncorrupted politicians" by the group accomplished a lot for the country when new leaders took seats in parliament. However, despite opinion polls predicting a different outcome, on Dec. 30, 2007, the incumbent leader of Kenya, President Mwai Kibaki, claimed that he had won a second term in office and refused to step down.

Mashaka did not have much time to dwell on his disappointment. The next day, while waiting to celebrate the New Year with his family, "goons" from the Mungiki, a political-religious criminal organization that is outlawed in Kenya, came to his house with torches and machetes. Mashaka said that they were there because of his role in Biafra Youth and that they threatened to burn his house down if he did not come outside.

"Thankfully there was a helicopter flying over that scared them away," Mashaka said. "But I didn't go to sleep the entire night, I stayed awake, scared, but

they did not come back."

The next day Mashaka went to his job at the Red Cross headquarters and continued to work with the organization, traveling throughout Kenya until he left for the United States and started the application process for political asylum, which was granted in December 2011.

After a year of presenting his case to the Department of Homeland Security, explaining his story and why he was afraid

educate them," Mashaka said. "Books and education are key to help improving the lives of people."

Larry Hohler, president of Hope Children's Fund, said that "[Oliver] has proven to be an energetic and effective spokesman for his people, and is a good friend of Hope Children's Fund."

This past summer, Mashaka worked at a law firm in Hauppauge, N.Y., for

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OLIVER MASHAKA

for his life if he returned to Kenya, Mashaka was granted political asylum. During this time, he became just as involved in the United States as he was in Kenya.

Mashaka joined the Council for Prejudice Reduction, a program to help stop bullying. Through this and the people he met during his first trip to the U.S. in 2006, he made connections with people that invited him to speak at conferences and even the United Nations. After that, he was invited to speak at different schools on Long Island for Hope Children's Fund, an organization aimed at supporting the future of the children of Kenya, by teaching students about the state of education in Africa and encouraging them to donate books to the cause.

"There are places [in Kenya] where kids have only one book for their entire class or don't even have a classroom and I think the best way to help people is to

attorney Charles Russo and volunteered with Russo at Hope House Ministries, a charity organization.

"My experience with Oliver was phenomenal. He is a very hardworking and industrious man. He is a remarkable human being and I know he will go far in life," Russo said.

Through some of his work on Long Island, Mashaka learned about SBU and felt as though it would be a good stepping stone for his future and would assist him in obtaining his goal of serving others. He is currently a sophomore majoring in political science and sociology. Although he wants to go to law school one day, he says that he does not focus very much on the future.

"I aspire to be the best human being I can be. I aspire to be the best brother, son, friend, helper, that I can be," Mashaka said. "But really, I just do my best every moment. I live my life for every moment."



PHOTO CREDIT OLIVER MASHAKA

Mashaka and political activist Cornel West at a uncton in NYC for workers rights equality.

New financial bylaws

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same amount will be subtracted from its funding for the following semester.

The amendment process began later on. One notable concern of the Senate was the lack of a check for the treasurer's power to freeze and unfreeze the budgets of clubs who were in violation of the USG Code. In light of this, Kirnbauer and Abraham offered to divide the power to freeze a club's budget between the treasurer and an independent fiscal agent and to give the power to unfreeze a budget exclusively to the agent. This was accepted by the Senate.

A particularly heated debate ensued after Senator Anne Chau proposed that both on-campus and off-campus events be eligible for event grants. Spearheading this push was Vice President of Academic Affairs Derek Cope, who said that allowing event grants for

only on-campus events would be discriminatory toward clubs who are competitive in nature because they would have no grant-related way to fund meets.

"There are 160 clubs, and every club always wants more money to do...as many events as possible," said Senator Priya Sohi at the meeting. "If every club did what they want to the extent that they wanted it, we wouldn't have enough money to support everyone's endeavors."

Cope said that by not giving competitive clubs a grant for regional competitions, the Senate was "throwing them in the trash."

Eventually, the language of the bylaws was changed to allow clubs to use a national event grant for a regional competition "in which multiple schools are invited to attend" if it is proven to be essential to future participation in national events. It is up to the club to prove to the Senate that the proposed event meets these criteria.

A motion by former Treasurer Kirnbauer to allow clubs whose budgets were frozen to petition the Senate to unfreeze their budgets was adopted.

Other items on the agenda were the announcement of the development of an iPhone app for SOLAR; the appointment of Abraham and Cope to two vacant spots on the Faculty Student Association board; and the approval of the new budget timeline. A new Justice for the USG Supreme Court, Anna Santiago, was also approved by the Senate.



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USG Treasurer Allen Abraham.

SBU reputation

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marketing to different places in and around New York City, Long Island and the five boroughs," Whelan said.

He continued by explaining that SBU sends out admission counselors to visit high schools and continues to make sure that it is bringing in students from quality institutions who will succeed.

Roughly 80 percent of undergraduate students are from New York State, according to Whelan. The majority of undergraduate students that attend SBU will always be from New York because it is a New York State institution, he stated.

But, it is also important to have geographic diversity among the undergraduate students. It is beneficial to have perspectives from students across the nation when talking about national issues in the classroom, Whelan explained.

The number of international students has just about doubled in the last five years. This year, SBU had about 250 international freshmen on F-1 student visas.

Along with being geographically diverse, under-graduate students from SBU come from many

different financial backgrounds.

Approximately 35 percent of students are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant Program. This is the federal financial aid program for students from low-income sectors. SBU also has the second lowest tuition of all the schools that are a part of the public Association of American Universities.

To maintain SBU's diversity, the undergraduate admissions office is constantly trying to inform prospective students about what the university has to offer.

Social media has played a crucial role in the increase of applicants over the past few years; it is used as an outlet to communicate with prospective students from around the world.

"Social media is a set of tools that allows us to make what can be a complicated process, simpler and a lot more personal for perspective students who can be overwhelmed by the complexity of the admissions process," Stefan Hyman, the web and electronic information coordinator, said.

For the future, Whelan explained that he feels the number of applicants will continue to grow as the reputation of SBU continues to grow.

In HSO, everyone is Haitian by association

By Chelsea Katz
Staff Writer

"HSO is open to all people," said Christina Dauphin, a senior health science major and president of the Haitian Student Organization, or HSO. "This is a very rare case that we have an all Haitian e-board. The general body is very diverse." Last year, there were also African-American members of the executive board, and the club thoroughly enjoys educating non-Haitians.

Anya Charles, a junior biochemistry and health science major who serves as the HSO cultural officer, joined the club because she moved to the United States from Port-au-Prince after the 2010 earthquake and was looking for a sense of community. She thinks that the HSO is a great way to demonstrate Haitian culture.

"I wanted show people both sides of the reality," Charles said.

The HSO executive board comprises a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, three public relations officers and two cultural officers.

The cultural organization is known for its Kompa Night dance event and Creole 101. It brings in guest speakers to educate members about Haitian culture. The HSO also hosts a Voodoo 101 night. This night is dedicated to disseminating common myths and stereotypes that surround the voodoo religion. Black magic is not actually a part of the voodoo religion, and Haitians are not the religion's only practitioners.

The HSO also collaborates with the on-campus chapters of the African Student Union, Rise Again Haiti and the NAACP. The clubs co-host a field day



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The HSO executive board at their Ayiti Lounge open-mic night.

where double-dutch is a popular event. The HSO's Facebook wall is filled with advertisements for other clubs supporting African culture.

According to Dauphin, Rise Again Haiti is more concerned with reconstructing Haiti through community service and financial aid.

HSO is more focused on sharing social and cultural aspects of Haitian culture, learning language and music and breaking stereotypes.

"We are fortunate to be friends," Dauphin said.

The Stony Brook University chapter of the HSO also works with other chapters, mostly in New York City.

Dauphin's sister was the president of the HSO at Brooklyn College. This year, it is trying to bring other chapters to a conference at Stony Brook. It is having trouble collaborating financially with other schools because of strict USG regulations.

Last Monday, the HSO hosted its third annual "Ayiti Lounge"

open-mic night (Ayiti is Haiti in Creole).

The show featured performances by The High C's, The Stony Brook Vocalists, independent rappers and singers and The Comedian's Guild. The HSO found all of the talent.

Dauphin estimated that around 120 people attended, considering that the event's organizers ran out of plates and forks. Most were not Haitian, which Dauphin called "refreshing."

Charles and other cultural officers were in charge of looking for performers, maintaining contact with caterers and fleshing out details ranging from the dinner tables' red plates and golden napkins to the music that played while people strolled in for the event.

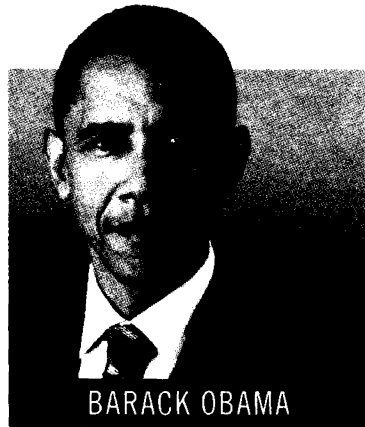
Charles' favorite part of being a member of the HSO is that the group has formed its own community. "We are like a family," she said.

The HSO meets on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in SAC 311.

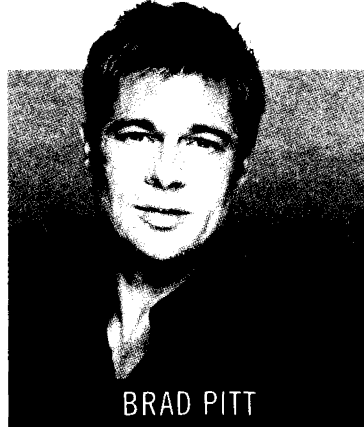
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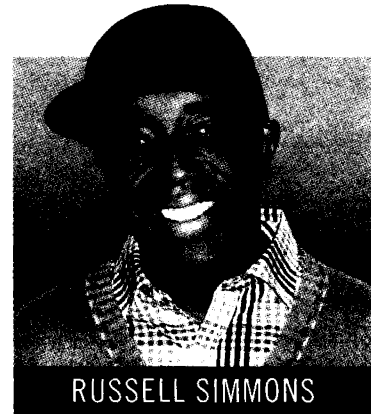
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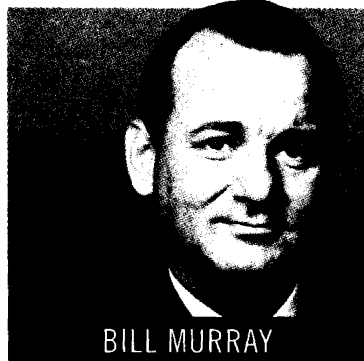
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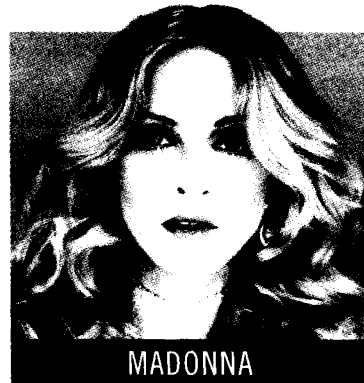


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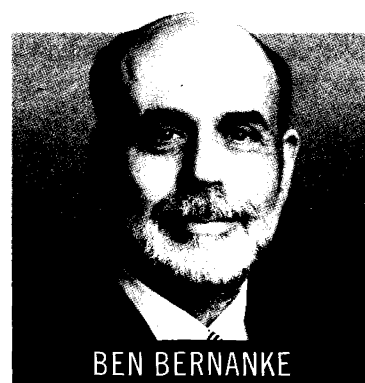
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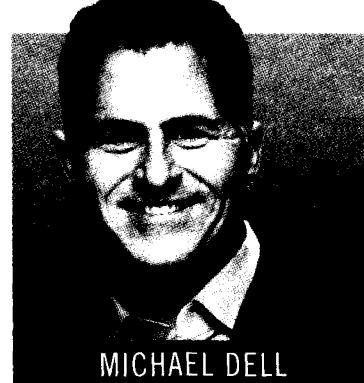
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In spite of the different roads travelled for these famous faces, tucked away in their backgrounds they all worked in food service early in their careers. Yet only one of them - the least renowned of this accomplished group - has some attributes that sets her apart from the rest. This person also has food service experience but exacted a taste of success and notoriety somewhat earlier than the others, and is someone who is very much within reach of all members of our campus community.

We are referring to Carla Kentoffio, an SBU student who has earned the title of—*Student Employee of the Year for New York State.*

This award was forged out of the long established recipe for success; seeing, accessing and embracing opportunity to exact out-of-the-box accomplishments. Carla leveraged her work experience in campus dining service and the FSA's Human Resources area to spearhead a special initiative of her own, dedicated to increasing the value of the student staff work experience in campus dining through work skills development. In the process, she created new opportunities for other student's work skills development and general improvements for the student staff workspace.

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Help Wanted: Website aims to match pros with students

By Mike Cusanelli
Contributing Writer

Senior psychology major Steven Dell'Amore has built quite the personal online network, and he and his friends want to help other college students do the same.

The 20-year-old is one of the co-founders of a new student-run start-up site called Lend Experience, which seeks to connect students with alumni and professionals willing to share career advice, job training and shadowing opportunities.

"We want to empower students with our site," Dell'Amore said. "We want to give students the tools [to succeed] that universities haven't empowered them with

"We want Lend Experience to be used as a place to be proactive to your career."

JIM MYERS
CO-FOUNDER

yet."

But the site aims to be more than just another LinkedIn or Monster.com clone in that Lend Experience is meant to foster real-life professional connections. The site has already been successful in helping several high school students gain shadowing opportunities, including one West Islip student who got the chance to shadow at NBC and another student who will be shadowing at MSG.

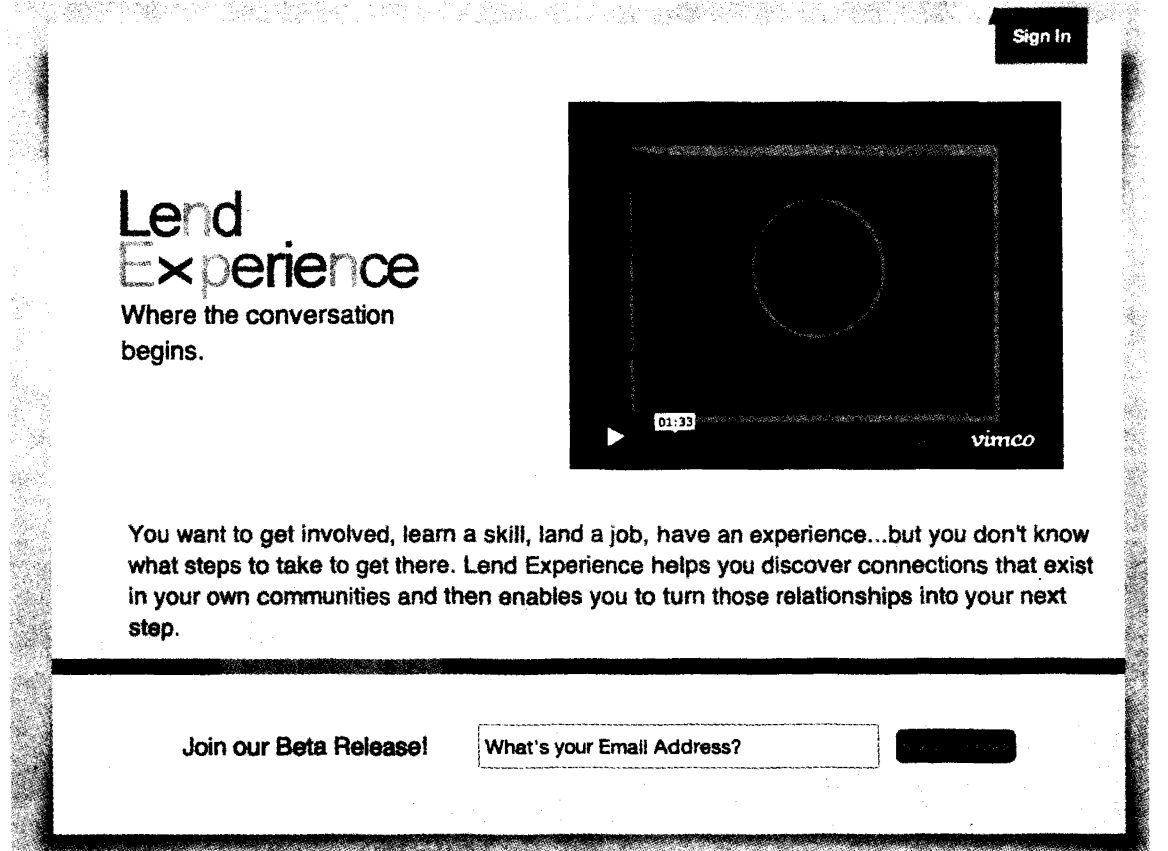
"I describe LinkedIn as a professional Rolodex," Dell'Amore said. "You have all these contacts but what do you do with them?"

The site, which is currently in beta form, has used feedback from initial users to create a personalized user profile experience called MyStory, which turns the user's resume and personal info into a unique presentation.

Dell'Amore met his fellow co-founders, Gettysburg College alumni Jim Myers, 22, and Fred Reimer, 27, at a benefit dinner held in West Islip at the beginning of the summer. Dell'Amore said he was instantly fascinated with the concept of creating a hub for professionals and student opportunity-seekers to talk and exchange ideas.

"I really was into in the whole idea of getting the community more connected," he said.

According to Myers, Stony Brook University was the perfect place to continue testing the site because of the diverse student body and the breadth of clubs available. With a test site in place, the trio focused extensively on creating an environment where



COURTESY OF LEND EXPERIENCE

The site hopes to connect students with professionals willing to share career advice.

students would feel comfortable asking for career advice and where professionals could help to mentor future workers.

What Dell'Amore and his friends think makes Lend Experience unique is its focus on open-access community groups. Unlike sites like Facebook and LinkedIn, there are no friend requests or page administrators. Anyone is welcome to join any community they are interested in, and all users have equal access to administrative permissions for their chosen communities.

By using a Wikipedia-like model for community pages

and full Facebook and LinkedIn integration, the partners hope to attract as many users as possible to participate and share career opportunities with others.

"We want Lend Experience to be used as a place to be proactive to your career," Myers said. "Everything you do on Lend Experience benefits you in real life."

Dell'Amore presented the site to members of the Undergraduate Student Government at last week's Senate meeting and encouraged them to spread the word about Lend Experience.

Myers and Dell'Amore plan to

get student leaders established on the site and then build an audience through word of mouth and user recommendations.

While it's still unclear how receptive students will be to yet another social media site, Dell'Amore, Myers and Reimer remain confident that Lend Experience will make a splash among users with its emphasis on creating a website built for students, by students.

"We're really open to what Stony Brook students are interested in and how they want to use the site," Myers said. "We want our site to be about communities."



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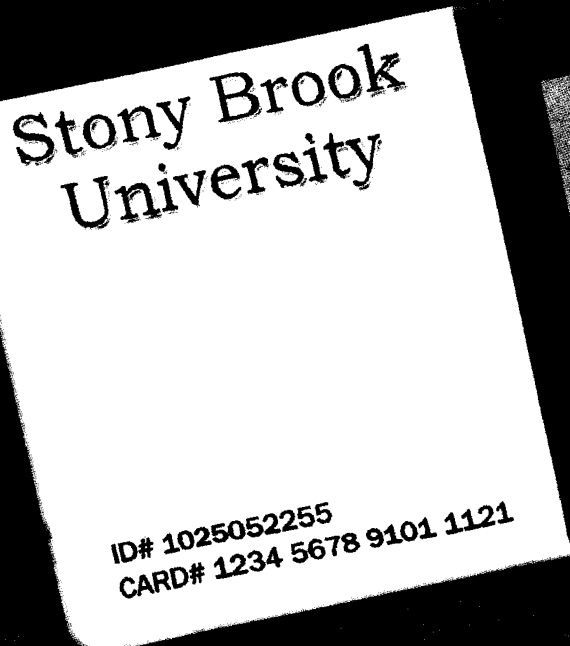
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PASS tutoring program expected to resume

By Christine Powell
Staff Writer

Providing Academic Support to Students (PASS), a tutoring program run by the Undergraduate Student Government, will resume operations in the coming weeks, said Derek Cope, current vice president of academic affairs, who oversees PASS.

The program, which supplements various tutoring services on campus, was launched in 2007 to provide students with one-on-one assistance, but it only ran for a short time last year before operations stopped.

Adil Hussain told *The Statesman* in April that before he was elected to the position in the fall of 2011, his predecessor, Shamell Forbes, had depleted the program's budget. This forced the program to be shut down because tutors could not be paid.

Cope said he believes that the \$20,000 budget ran out prematurely because tutors were being dishonest about the number of hours they were with their students and were receiving weekly paychecks of \$450.

Records of how Forbes used

the budget and how tutors were misusing the program no longer exist, Cope said.

According to Cope, tutors get paid \$15.00 per hour to work with up to three students, and each student can receive up to 10 hours of assistance per week.

As new vice president of academic affairs, Cope said he is trying to revise the bylaws of the program "to maximize the

PASS, which is funded by the mandatory Student Activity Fee, is \$30,000.

Cope said he plans to change the bylaws to decrease how many hours per week students can receive tutoring from 10 to three and pay for tutors \$10 an hour instead of \$15.

In addition to such changes, Cope said he plans to implement procedures to safeguard against

student liaison will sit in and evaluate the tutor on a monthly basis to make sure they're providing an adequate tutoring service and being truthful about the amount of hours they tutor."

Cope also said that any tutors caught trying to cheat the bylaws would be fired.

If the USG Senate does not approve his proposal, Cope said that the current bylaws will have to remain in place. If that is the case, Cope will limit the number of students tutored each per week so that the budget lasts until May and PASS remains operational.

"It's a limited budget of \$30,000, which means \$15,000 per semester," Cope said. "If I pay the tutors \$10 an hour, that means at max 90 hours of tutoring per week, which is only 30 students. It might have to come down to first come first serve."

To qualify for the position, tutors must have received at least an A- in the course they wish to tutor or get a letter of recommendation from a professor who teaches the course.

Cope said that interviews for tutors have already been conducted, but none of the

positions can be filled until the Senate approves them.

He also said that he has noticed a need for a tutoring center at SBU and is working to organize such a resource for students.

"As of now there is no center on campus that centralizes tutoring," Cope said. "I have been meeting with Dr. Charlie Robbins, vice provost, and we are working on a project for that."

Sandy Ren, a sophomore nursing major, said that she would like to see a centralized tutoring location on campus.

"I feel like it would be a lot easier if you could have people from each department in one location," Ren said. "Then if you need physics and calculus tutoring, it's in the same place instead of going all the way to different ends of the campus."

Satabdi Sugandha, a sophomore English major, said that tutoring should be mandatory.

"Just one mandatory fifteen minute session," Sugandha said. "Getting students there is the hardest part, but I think after that everything would flow and students would be doing a lot better."

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DEREK COPE
VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

budget so that more students can get tutoring and the budget can last for a longer amount of time."

This year's budget for

continued dishonesty by tutors.

"Now there are going to be time sheets that each tutor has to fill out and the tutee has to sign," Cope said, "and the



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Aggressive Harassment

There have been three cases of aggressive harassment on campus since Sept. 3, according to police reports. One case involved a staff member who reported receiving harassing emails from an ex-boyfriend on Sept. 4, which led to an arrest. There was another case on Sept. 5 at the University Hospital, where a complainant stated she was receiving threatening voicemails. A third case involving a complainant receiving alarming e-mails and phone calls was closed because the victim refused to cooperate.

Criminal Mischief

There have been five cases of criminal mischief reported to the police since Sept. 3. A complaint told police that they believed someone was damaging their vehicle in the parking lot near West A apartments. The case is currently open.

Criminal mischief was also reported at the Student Activities Center due to a broken faucet in a men's bathroom. This case

has been closed and no possible suspects have been found.

Underwear Stolen From Laundry

A student issued a complaint that underwear was stolen from the laundry at West Apartments on Sept. 7. Police said the case is still ongoing.

Money Stolen from University Hospital

University police responded to an accusation of larceny at the University Hospital, where money was allegedly taken on Sept. 7. This case is still open.

Domestic Violence

Police arrested a male resident student in front of Kelly Café on Sept. 6 after a female resident student reported a domestic violence incident.

-Complied by Ashleigh Sherow

S3 Fusion replaces CPK

By Sarah Elsesser
Contributing Writer

There are twelve dining locations, two food trucks and more than thirty different food choices available at Stony Brook University. Now, as if these options were still not enough to meet the needs of students, school officials recently added S3 Fusion, an Asian-styled food vendor, to the Roth Food Court.

"I love the food here," Marylin Lu, a journalism graduate student, said. "I came here because I heard the food was delicious and wanted to try something new."

S3 Fusion gets its name from the three food categories—salad, sushi and stir-fry—that one can choose from. Its colorful menu is jam-packed with pre-made salads, sushi rolls, specialty rolls, dim sum and entrees that change twice a day every day.

The new restaurant is located in the upstairs dining portion of the food court between Wendy's and the Roth Market, where California Pizza Kitchen used to be. Fusion replaced CPK this year after CPK's contract ended.

"I'm a little upset with Fusion," Salvatore Caldarello, a junior marine vertebrate biology major, said. "It's not really anything different when every quad has Asian food. At least California Pizza Kitchen was a change."

Although S3 Fusion does offer



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Students try the new dining option at Roth Food Court.

a lot of options, more people still prefer Asian food from Jasmine, which is in the Wang Center. This is not just because the running water and trees add a nice ambiance to one's dining experience, but also because students say they get more for their money.

"I wouldn't suggest Fusion," Sarah Aboura, a freshman chemical engineering major, said. "It is regular food for high prices. I would rather get something cheaper and better tasting at Jasmine."

The prices, in fact, are a common complaint amongst the students. According to a typical SBU meal plan, an average meal is supposed to cost around \$7. It is hard to stay within that range at S3 Fusion, especially if one is

looking for a full meal.

One of the combo meals offered is \$8.95, most sushi rolls range from \$7.78-\$10.00, specialty rolls are \$9.45 and the sushi combo meal is a whopping \$14.96, which is a little more than double the cost of what one meal is supposed to be. One must also keep in mind that this option does not include drinks or any additional sides.

"I wish it could be better," Jenifer Pritchard, a senior theater arts major, said. "It is expensive for so-so food."

Alysha Bullock, an undeclared freshman, said S3 Fusion is not so bad.

"I really like Fusion because they have more of a variety," she said. "It is decent Chinese food and close to my dorm."



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Stony Brook updates looks while increasing quality

By Morgan DiCarlo
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook's campus is in a constant state of expansion. From its beginnings in 1957 as a small teacher's college, the university has greatly expanded in size. Even now, many modern rehabilitation, beautification and renovation projects are happening on campus.

Many changes are in store for Kelly Quad. Sponsored by the Faculty Student Association (FSA), the Kelly Dining center is currently being redesigned and renovated. For the convenience of students, the area will remain open throughout much of the academic year with very little interference from the construction process. According to the FSA website, the new addition to Kelly Dining will be

an 8,000 square foot grade-level building.

Regarding the aesthetics and design choice for the new dining center, the director of marketing & communications for the Faculty Student Association, Angela Agnello, said,

"The new West Side Dining construction and renovation project, which will replace Kelly Cafe, taking shape next to Nobel Halls, presents a modern, positive, and inviting image. This is reflective of extensive input that the FSA solicited and received from the student community about preferences for a new dining facility."

The new center will provide many more dining options to students, including a new coffeehouse that advertises "amazing coffee and Wi-Fi service." This fits into what

the students want, Agnello said in an email that, "It was clear from all of the input received that modern university dining facilities need to provide food service and to serve as a place for students to meet, socialize, connect online, and study."

Also, there will be a deli, offering paninis and sandwiches. The other new restaurants consist of a smokehouse barbecue, Asian noodle and dumpling bar and an international market with daily gourmet entrees. The new Kelly dining hall will continue to feature late dining hours. It is expected to open in spring 2013.

As many Seawolves have come to notice, another renovation project is happening on campus right next to Melville library. The old chemistry building is undergoing renovation and expansion that will transform

the old chemistry building into a modern, up-to-date classroom building which will house three new 250-seat lecture halls. Construction of this class building should be completed by the fall of 2013.

Perhaps the most anticipated construction project is that of the Campus Recreation Center, located between Pritchard Gymnasium and the Student Union. The building will have three stories with 85,000 square feet of programming space. The first floor will feature a lounge area with cable TV and wifi, as well as a three court gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and badminton. In addition, the first floor will house a multipurpose room for club sport meetings and a fitness studio. On the second level, there will be two more fitness studios, a 1/10th

mile track and more than 13,000 square feet of weights, lifting and a stretching area. The second floor will also provide a wellness suite, with personal trainers, testing centers and even computer stations. The lowest level of the building will house locker rooms, changing rooms and the multi-activity court. The multi-activity court, or 'MAC,' is designed for soccer, roller hockey, fencing and other club sport practice sessions. The Campus Recreation Center is expected to open in a few weeks.

The newest projects on campus all focus on state-of-the-art design and top quality services for the SBU student body. Seawolves can expect many exciting and convenient changes to campus life and learning in the next year.



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Kelly and Roosevelt Quads have been receiving a major facelift as the Nobel Halls and the new Kelly dining center are being built.

THREE ARTSY EVENTS

1) The Clean House

The Asylum Theater Company will open the Staller season with this romantic comedy that tests our devotion to the people closest to us. Performances will be held Sept. 20 through the 23 and Sept. 27 through the 30. Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are available on the Staller website.

2) Homecoming Carnival

A carnival will be held at the Academic Mall on Wednesday, from 12 to 2 p.m. to celebrate Homecoming week. It will feature games, a caricaturist, performers and an Apple Market.

3) Seawolves Showcase

Various clubs and organizations will showcase their talents at this Friday's pep-rally. The event, which will feature live performances, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Staller Steps.



Local Thai restaurant serves traditional recipes

By Dipti Kumar
Contributing Writer

For the ardent foodie, Stony Brook University's campus dining options can sometimes get dull and monotonous. Do not worry, however, for there are plenty of restaurants and interesting pit stops around the corner, and they are just a hop, skip and jump from the Stony Brook train station.

Located strategically at the junction of North Country Road and Quaker Path, Centara is hard to miss. The name cleverly explains the location: "to be in the center," translated from Thai.

I walked inside and was surrounded by a clean, bright space painted in light tones of pistachio green. A couple of Thai artifacts at the entrance added a touch of decoration. The light musical tunes of Thai music set the mood.

The menu has a good selection of all courses from starters to entrees. Owner and chef Arty has ensured that the menu stays true to his Thai roots and his family's long guarded culinary secrets. From pad Thai,

massaman curry and the signature basil chicken dishes, Arty says every item on the menu is made with authentic Thai ingredients and the freshest produce from the market.

After taking my seat at the table, I opted to order a plate of spring rolls while I waited for my main course. Arty has been in the food and beverage industry for twenty years, and he knows what sells. With an air of confidence he dismisses any talk of competition and says, "I've covered the territories."

Within a few minutes, I was presented with three crispy golden brown spring rolls that were still piping hot to hold. The sweet plum sauce on the side was a perfect complement to the stuffing of thinly shredded Asian vegetables. Remembering some rather terrible experiences with spring rolls in the past, I cautiously bit into mine only to be pleasantly reassured that it was good indeed. I had just nibbled my way through the second roll when my main course arrived.

I ordered a spicy chicken gravy with fresh vegetables and rice. The portion size was impressive considering I was a single diner on this occasion. I love vegetables a tad bit more than I prefer meat, so this dish satiated my taste in both regards. The steaming hot meal was fresh, had a home cooked feel and, believe it or not, I had leftovers.

Portion size here is above average, and it is a better option to order more and share as that way you get to taste the varieties and pick your favorite. Centara is a student friendly restaurant that ensures Stony Brook students get a 10 percent discount on their final bill.

Centara, like many restaurants in the local area, does have its share of slow days, but, as students move in for fall classes, the business automatically picks up. Arty's love for food made him open Thai Gourmet at Port Jefferson's Carmin Plaza. If you live near Miller Place, then Sabai is another of Arty's restaurants.

Centara does not, however, do home deliveries, owing that fact to snow days and the shortage of reliable workers. It is a good place to visit with friends or have some quality time on your own. Centara undertakes catering orders for parties and functions, and Arty adds that the food is primarily gluten free.

My bill was around the average price of a meal, drink and dessert at Jasmine.

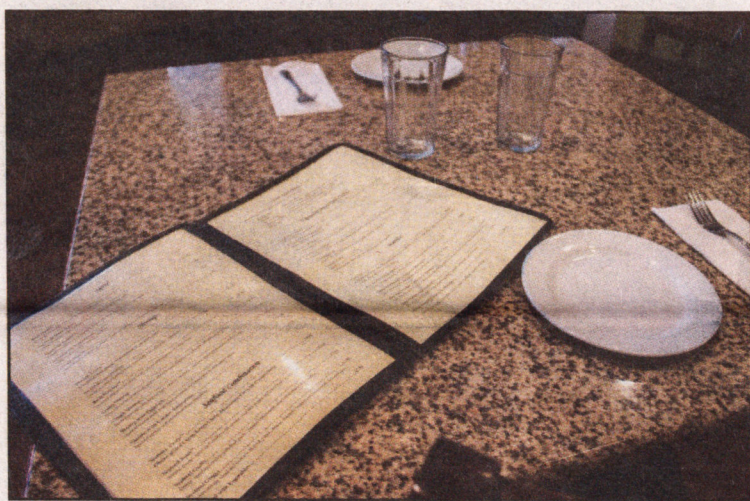
Centara is open all days for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. It does not serve alcohol.

Koh Hai Cha-roen Ar-harn! (Bon appetit).



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Susan Nitmait is the head chef at Centara Thai Cuisine.



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Centara Thai Cuisine, located across from the Stony Brook train station, is a nearby option for students looking to eat off campus.

Stony Brook grad student publishes poetry anthology

By Atiba Rogers
Staff Writer

"Pulse of Poetics: An Anthology of the Evolution of Poetic Form" by Joseph Labriola, is a well concocted, meaningful poetry anthology with universal themes that will tug at the heartstrings of anyone able to relate to the selected poems. With topics such as politics, vice, art and war, the poems explore these themes' wide-reaching and global effects.

The book opens with the colorful character Wilson Von Baron, an Oxford professor, publisher and world-renowned anthropologist who represents the curiosity for studying human culture. Labriola is a MFA graduate student at Stony Brook University, and he created Von Baron to be a strong, culturally savvy character as the driving force behind his global anthology.

To catch a glimpse into the art expression, graffiti and its unnamed unique messages that plague the buildings of New York, read "Times Children" by Anonymous, which alludes to the American dream and the struggle to have a taste of living it.

One of the book's interesting poems is written by Stony Brook University alumna, Lillian McKenzie, titled "With the Flow." Labriola expressed his interest in McKenzie, the former English major turned biology major, and the twist that her work brings to the collection.

Each page has an interesting beginning with a background of the authors of each poem, and this is the exact intention of Labriola. He set each theme up in a way that is extremely relatable and relevant to the time that readers are living in, "I wanted poems that explore real world issues as well as reflect their author's voice and motivation for writing their work."

"The River of Styx" by Bernard Gates will open the reader up what it is like to be so close to danger and its complexities with themes reminiscent of the Cold War and Homer's "Iliad."

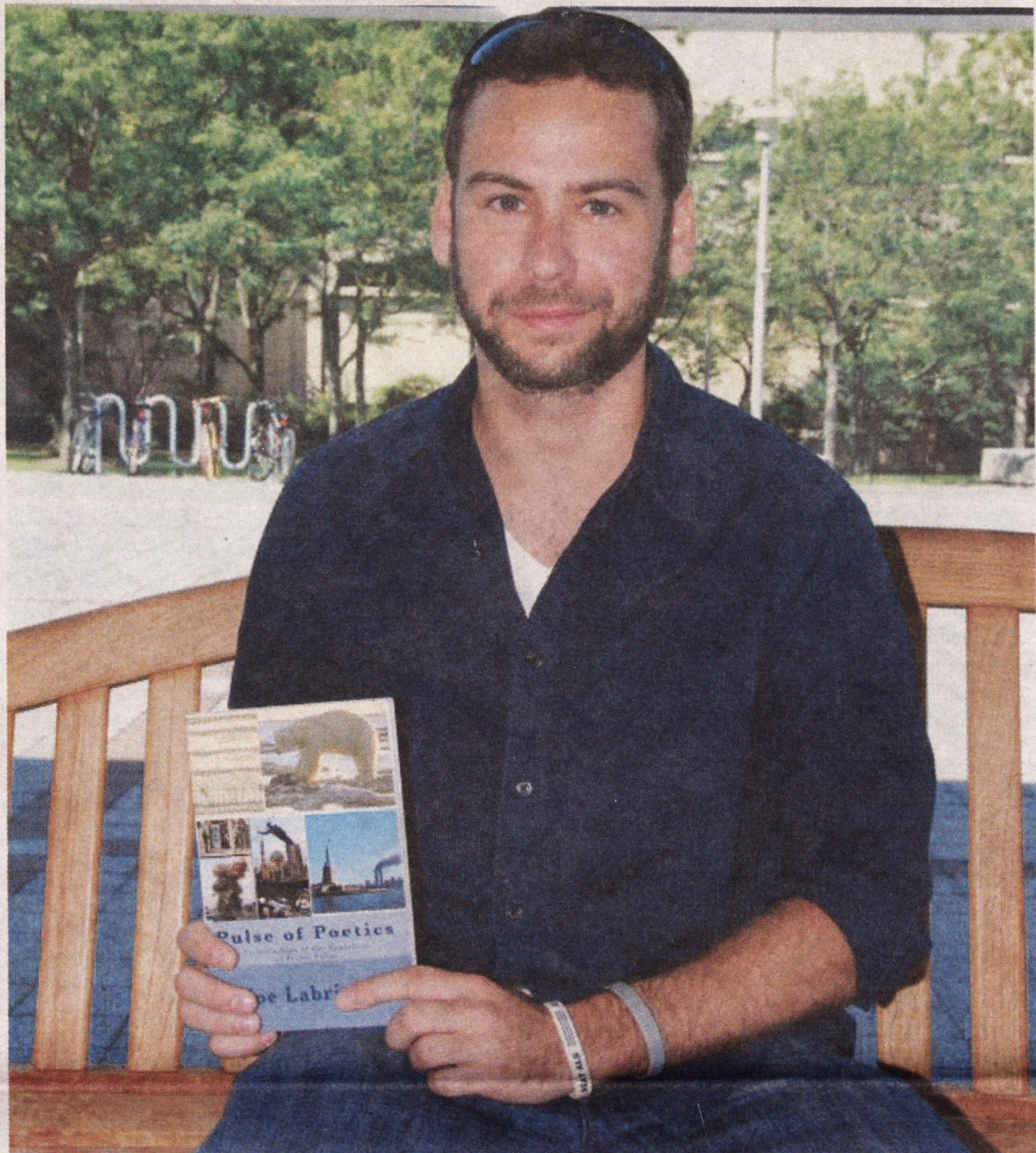
Globalization is responsible for the opportunity to experience the work of !Kuna Ka!bae (the ! represents a clicking sound used in his tribe's speech) of the Kung Bushmen in "To the Reborn Moon." Labriola gives credit to !Kuna Ka!bae, but this song is performed by his entire Bushmen tribe. Ka!bae's appreciation for nature and life on earth is a lot to take in. It is amazing how Ka!bae explains the patterns of the moon with so much conviction. "The moon has many such colors, dark and light, small circles, big shadows," Ka!bae says. "The moon gives us no pattern other than its full picture."

What Labriola tries to convey in this compilation—the culmination of years of novel writing and countless, determined edits—is strikingly vivid, and makes connections with readers.

"I'm very happy with the work I've produced. It's probably the published work that I'm the most proud of so

far in my writing career, and the fact that those who read it are convinced and entertained by my authors' biographies and

their poems, makes me all the more happy with all of the work that I put into the anthology," Labriola said.



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Joseph Labriola, a grad student at Stony Brook, showcases his anthology.

"ParaNorman" a kids' movie with a message of tolerance

By Emily Heller
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

At first glance, "ParaNorman" may seem like just another PG film attempting to add ghosts and ghouls to drive older audiences to the box office. Kids' movies that involve creepy towns, eerie characters and dark plots have been done before, but none are quite like "ParaNorman."

This stop-motion movie

produced by the creators of Coraline sends a hidden message of acceptance, anti-bullying and sexuality.

Norman Babcock is an outsider in his community of Blithe Hollow. His best friend is the ghost of his dead grandmother. The townspeople he gets along with are floating souls of dead neighbors. Both family and community members do not understand Norman or believe

he can see the deceased. Parents prohibit their children from playing with Norman, and, at school, bullies write profanities on his locker daily. Everyone, except for his overweight, redheaded friend Neil, who is also bullied at school, considers him a freak.

Norman's father is particularly intolerant of his son's ability to channel the dead and makes comments to Norman asking,

"Can't you be like other kids your age?" He often seems embarrassed by his son's abilities. In a scene where Norman ruins the school play due to an incident in which he channels the dead, he says to his parents, "This is so unfair. I wish everyone could see what I see. I didn't ask to be born this way."

This quote conveys the hidden plot within the movie. Children and young adults are often ostracized and picked on by both their parents and peers at school for being who they are. People of different races, religions and sexual preferences are all targets for bullies. The creators of "ParaNorman" had this in mind, and they used goblins and ghouls to help children get a better understanding of how these people feel everyday. While Norman is tormented by the people around him, he remains accepting and understanding of others.

"ParaNorman" is also the first animated children's film to have a gay character. In a comedic scene toward the end of the movie, Neil's older and masculine-jock brother, Chad, casually reveals he has a boyfriend. The other characters barely react to the news and the film moves on.

This may be the part where children turn to their parent and ask, "How come that boy has

a boyfriend?" or when parents throw their hands over their child's ears in shock, but it is necessary for kids to hear this at a young age. The younger they are exposed to people who have a lifestyle different than their own, perhaps they will be more accepting as they get older. The characters do not react to Chad's news which shows kids that homosexuality is not as strange as they thought.

In the final scenes of the film, Norman performs an act of heroism and becomes accepted by the townspeople who doubted him the most. It is hard to name an animated movie that does not end this way. Though the conclusion is anticipated before even watching the trailer, it has a deeper meaning for "ParaNorman." It helps children to understand the important lesson of acceptance. Whether someone is a different skin color, religion or sexuality (or can talk to ghosts), they deserve to be treated the same as everyone else.

The hidden messages of "ParaNorman" are not only meant for young people; this is a movie that people of all ages should take the time to see. The film's messages may be controversial, but they are necessary in today's social climate, especially if we want to foster acceptance among younger generations.



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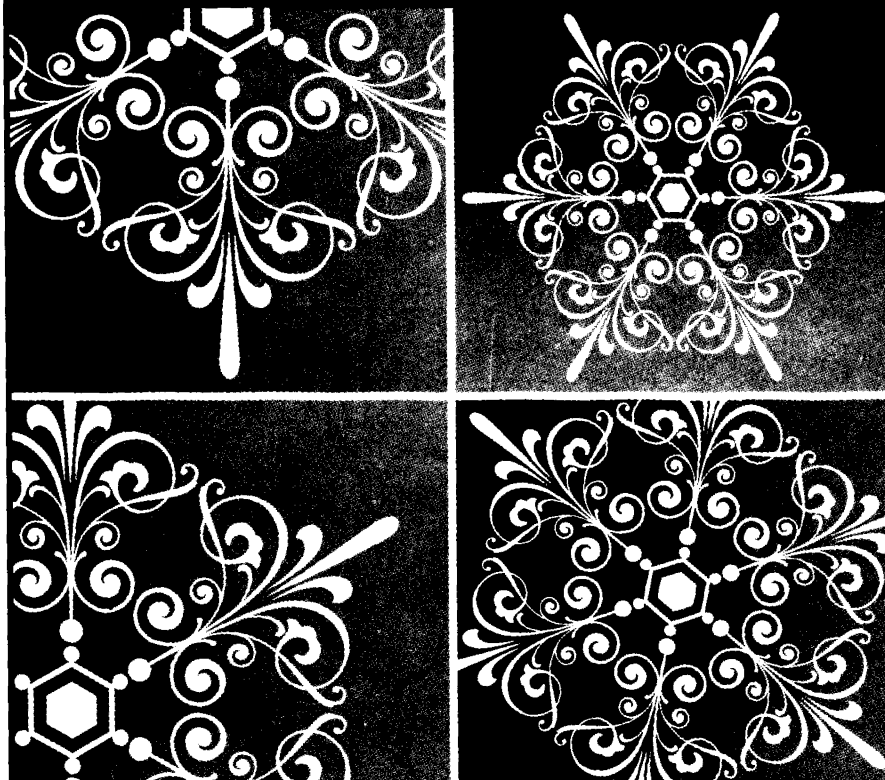
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The 99% who don't care

Occupy Wall Street (OWS) took everyone by surprise a year ago. To most, it came off as a disorganized protest of a system that even the protesters were heavily reliant on. Looking back at the start of the protests and occupation of Zuccotti Park in New York City's financial district (i.e. Wall Street), it is hard to see any changes. Despite the constant headlines, most of the 99 percent had no idea what the protests were trying to accomplish. As the movement marks its one year anniversary, it should re-evaluate the movement.

The movement focused on non-violent protest against the increasing wealth inequality in the United States. Seen as the youth movement of this decade, protesters marched and demonstrated against the very corporations that produced the consumer goods that belonged to protesters. The movement, which was started by a Canadian activist group, pushed OWS as "America's Egyptian Revolution." Coining the

term '99 percent,' protesters used this to describe the economic imbalance and the group they were in.

Zuccotti Park was full of tents and unemployed citizens, mainly students, occupied the park and were picketing in front of Wall Street every day. The park itself turned into a mini village, which included an on-site chef and Wi-Fi access for those sleeping to protest the large corporations. Using social media as a tool, the so-called poor protesters used their iPhones—which cost these 'poor protesters' at least \$200.00—to tweet and captured all the arrests on state-of-the-art Nikons. Instead of attending class or looking for a job, these protesters—with their heads in the clouds—decided to camp out in one of the most expensive cities in the world. Plants and sidewalks became public restrooms and credit cards—ironically, a symbol of the same fiscal irresponsibility the protests claimed to be upset about—became the payment option.

When the change the movement was looking for never happened, most had to settle with the discussion that it brought. Some discussed the disorder and waste of time, while some even went so far as to question if the movement even had a legitimate set of points to back the protests. The biggest question the movement raised was why the protesters couldn't just go wash up and go get a job. Needless to say, to most Americans, the occupation was and always will be a waste of time. Sitting on a sidewalk and tweeting all day doesn't challenge the system and brings negative reactions to the protests. The protesters' complaining of a lack of accessible education and jobs while spending all day protesting instead of being in class or looking for a job made the movement a paradox. The only way to change society is by taking action in a productive manner, not by lounging around in a park.

-The Editors

Saving U.S. foreign policy

With the recent killing of Ambassador to Libya J. Christopher Stevens, the state of American diplomacy with Libya and its neighbors is quickly falling apart. In response to an extremely anti-Muslim video made by an American citizen, Libya started a wave of protests across the Islamic world against the United States.

In light of the situation, the withdrawal of other ambassadors from neighboring countries is exactly what would please the protestors. Though the death of any Foreign Service member is never acceptable, one random act of violence should not derail U.S. diplomacy. While the violent reaction of Islamic nations toward an ignorant video is flat-out wrong, the United States would be just as wrong if it were to withdraw its ambassadors.

The response from the Islamic

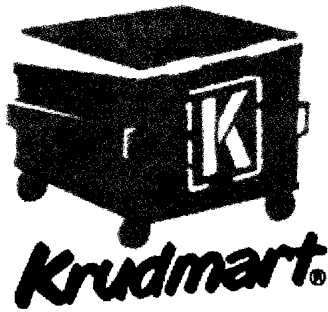
nations has been weak. Although Ambassador Stevens had no connection to the film, he was the target of protestors in Libya. The root of the protest comes from anti-American feelings in these countries, but in this day and age, the anger is misdirected.

Unfortunately, the radical members of all nations often speak the loudest, and, in some cases, can even influence diplomacy. As we move toward election season, it's crucial to create a new era of foreign policy. Though the violence may be an overreaction and a misdirected reaction, there is an important lesson to be learned. Beneath the finger pointing by the State Department and the governments involved, something must be done to address the feelings of hate toward the United States.

Along with creating new policies to lead this country, foreign policy

will play a huge role in the next few decades. Regarding the violence, American diplomats should hold their positions and show Islamic nations that the United States will not step down to reckless violence. The response to Libya should be focused on the death of the ambassador and isolated to the events that happened. Acts of violence should not determine diplomacy with all Islamic nations. By pulling out ambassadors in the countries that are being effected by riots, like Egypt and Sudan, the U.S. is backing down would be seen as a sign of weakness. To mend relations with countries in the effected region, the best possible option for the U.S. is to continue its diplomatic relations instead of causing an international dilemma.

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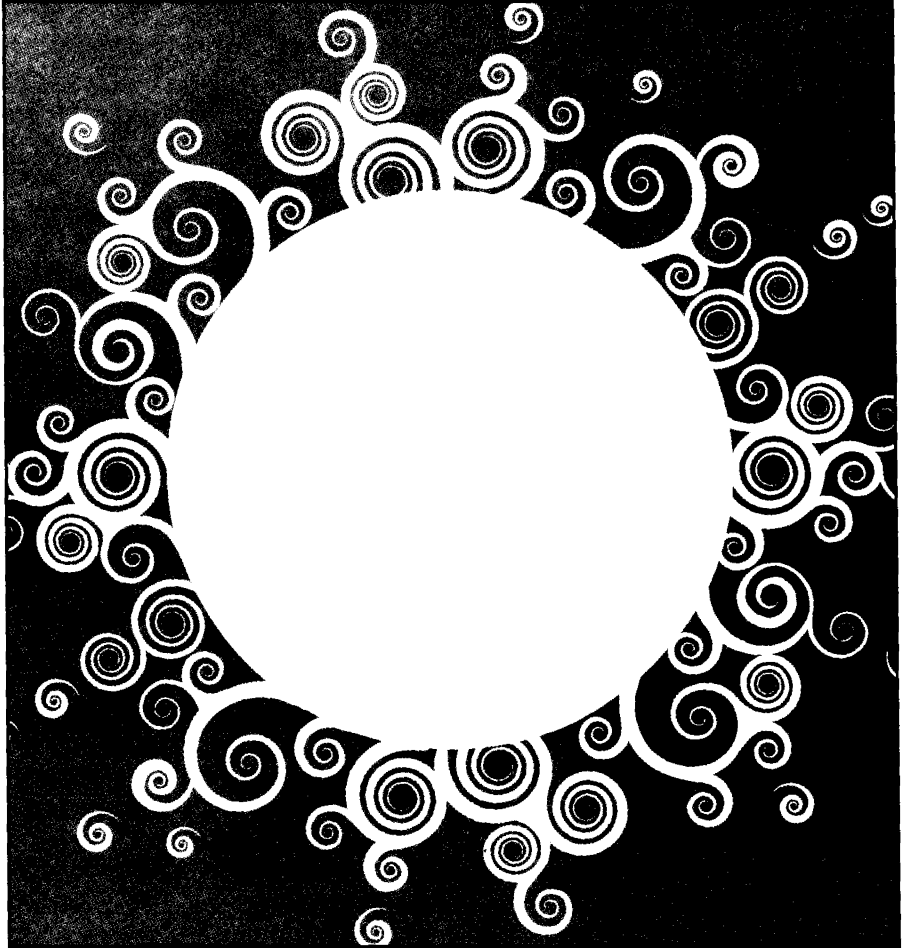
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An argument in defense of globalization

By Keith Olsen
Contributing Writer

The world, as massive as it had seemed just a few decades ago, has shrunk before our eyes. New inventions, such as information and networking technologies, have caused the people of the world to become closer. Not only that, but these innovations coincided with a massive political transition. The fall of the Soviet Union and subsequent changes to its sphere of influence caused the opening of enormous new markets, specifically in Asia and eastern Europe. By gaining access to these new economies, the American people have enjoyed increased prosperity while simultaneously lifting millions out of crushing poverty. This process hasn't just brought about economic benefits, but has also socially impacted the world's population. Boundaries of nations have become transparent,

allowing citizens of foreign nations to see each other more clearly, which gave rise to the realization that the diverse people of the world really aren't so different.

For all of the ways that globalization positively affected our society, there are naysayers claiming the negative aspects of this process far outweigh the assets we have gained. This argument is usually taken by supporters of the manufacturing unions, many of which were devastated by the transfer of jobs to other countries. This most notably includes the steel unions. Many of the jobs which the unions supported, especially in terms of manufacturing, were sent to China. As awful as the loss of these American jobs has been, America and China have both benefited greatly in the wake of these transfers.

Corporations are primarily concerned with profits. Therefore, when they are presented the

opportunity to cut costs by moving jobs to countries with a lower average wage, they have little incentive not to. Aside from the employees cut, many others gain from this change. Continuing with the example of the steel industry, by moving a plant to China, the steel is manufactured at a much lower price, which the corporation can sell at a lower price. This allows other businesses that buy the corporation's steel to sell the products made from the steel at a lower price. Cheaper prices cause a higher demand, meaning more sales. When a business experiences higher demand, it has incentive to hire more workers. Americans end up producing more final goods and hiring more workers. Not only does this increase the employment of our nation, but because more goods are produced, it also increases our Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

is a method used to measure the value of a nation's economy. It is defined as the value of all goods and services produced within a country. This includes the goods produced which are exported, but also far more than just that component. Globalization is increasing the productivity of our workers while simultaneously creating additional jobs.

However, it isn't just Americans who benefit from this deal. Globalization is causing the Chinese to go through a dramatic transition, changing the very identity of their nation. It wasn't too long ago that the majority of the nation's population were subsistence farmers, living below the poverty line. The increase of job opportunities foreign corporations are creating in these Chinese cities cause a huge migration for them, subsequently elevating the quality of life.

Not only socially, but due

to economic interdependence, the potential for serious violent conflict is largely decreased. Conflicts most often arose between groups of people who either misunderstood or were ignorant of each other's culture. Globalization has changed this, causing the nations of the world to get to know each other more intimately and concretely. Despite the loss of various manufacturing jobs, America and the American people have become more productive and obtained a higher standard of living. So despite the small setbacks that have occurred, we are clearly better off than we would have been had we not accepted this phenomenon. The brilliant political philosopher Machiavelli once proclaimed that "the ends justify the means," and in terms of globalization, he was completely correct.

November 6, making your vote count

By Anusha Mookherjee
Opinions Editor

I spent my first semester as a freshman becoming a U.S. citizen. To those who are given the privilege of becoming a citizen, it's a huge change in your life. I never really understood how closed-minded people could be until I had a girl call me out on being an immigrant and say that it was the reason for my lack of knowledge on anything related to the U.S. Ironically enough, she was a former R.A and still continues to lack any form of consideration to the fact this country was founded on immigrants, including her own father. Comments such as the few I received from her, just goes to prove how we all must educate ourselves to make an informed vote this year and think for ourselves.

As someone who managed to accomplish something most people spend more than a decade trying to do, it went without saying that the words of an ill-informed person wouldn't get me down. When I became a citizen last year, I was granted an important responsibility: the right to vote. Even before I turned 18, it was frustrating to see how little people cared about the future of the country that they live in.

This year's election will be the first for me, and instead of touting a particular political party as the best, I would rather push others to just go out to vote.

Since election time is just a few months away, it is crucial to make your vote count.

In the 2008 election, about 130 million people came out to vote. Although the population of the U.S. at the time was 305 million, only about 43 percent actually came out to cast their ballot. For a country that prides itself on democracy, this is a disappointing statistic. As students, we can change this. Politicians have always looked at the 18-24 age group as a useless voting group, deeming

it to be uneducated and too young to realize the complexity of world issues.

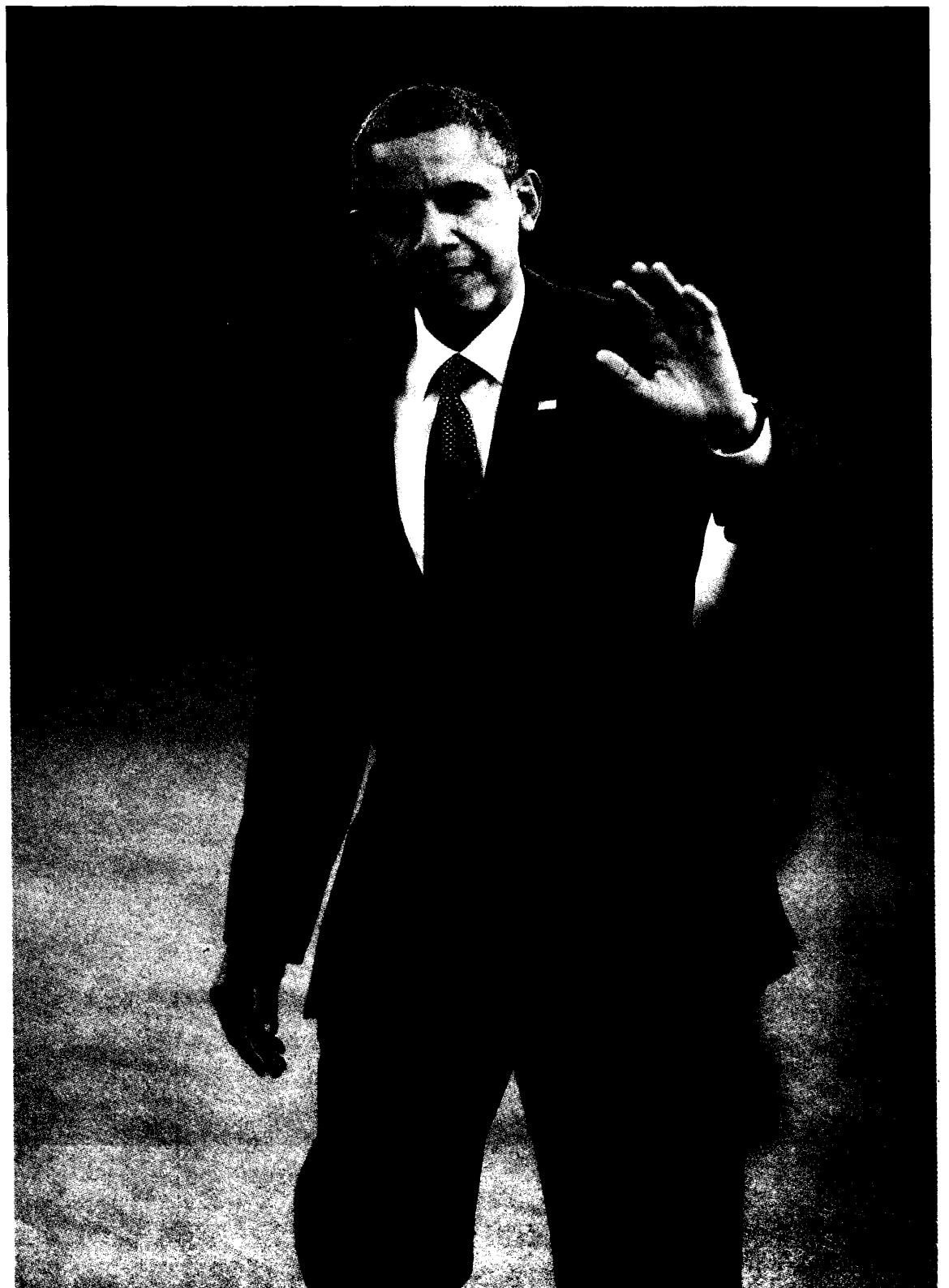
Because of this, the problems that we face as students and as the next generation go ignored. Much of that has changed as this election approaches, with issues concerning education, healthcare and economic reform affecting our generation more than ever before. It is crucial to vote for issues that affects us, rather than vote based on issues that will affect our parents and the older generations.

When I vote this year, it won't be for a candidate who will give me immediate change; it will be for the candidate who has a long-term plan that I can take advantage of once I graduate. If you are an out-of-state student, it's even more important to register for an absentee ballot and send in your vote. It's up to the new generation to change the American way of short-term thinking and bring the country into a more global mindset of thinking in the long term.

When becoming a citizen, everyone must take an oath to protect the U.S. To those who were born citizens, you were given the privilege from day one, whereas others have to work to earn it. Rather than beating down on immigrants, it's time to focus on the fact every citizen gets a vote, and it should be used wisely.

The system in place today has so much power. We get annoyed with the government when it fails us, but we forget that we are the ones who have the power to vote people in and put public pressure on the government to get members who fail us out. It's all in our hands.

Not voting means giving more power to the government and giving it a free pass to compromise on our values. I urge you as the new incoming class to all take an hour out of your day to go vote on Nov. 6. To those who aren't sure about government and its present role, voting is the only way to change it.



As the election comes closer, President Barack Obama is making his final push for re-election. America votes on Nov. 6.

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Fernandes superb for Men's Soccer in pair of victories

By Adrian Szkolar
Assistant Sports Editor

Led by strong play from senior Leonardo Fernandes, Stony Brook continued its strong play at home, defeating Fordham 2-1 on Friday and dominating Buffalo 4-0 on Sunday.

Fernandes had a goal and an assist against Fordham, and contributed two goals against Buffalo.

"He brings a lot of quality, he's a good attacking, creative player, and he can score goals," head coach Ryan Anatol said of Fernandes. "But this year, Leo has been bringing good leadership as well, he's really leading by example."

On Friday, freshman Alejandro Fritz scored the opening goal in the 26th minute.

Fernandes beat a defender in the box and dished the ball to a wide-open Fritz on the left side, who blasted the ball past Fordham goalkeeper Sean Brailey.

"I saw Berian [Gobeil] made a run, he committed the defender," Fernandes said. "Alejandro was by himself, and I laid it off for him, it was a great shot."

Fordham's Kalle Sotka would draw level in the 55th minute, drilling a cross from Kyle Bitterman into the top corner of the near post side.

Fernandes scored the game-winner in the 63rd minute on a counter, burying a cross from

senior Antonio Crespi past Brailey.

"It was a great ball by Antonio," Fernandes said. "It was a great counter, he just put it in the six yard."

Fernandes also had a penalty attempt in the 86th minute, but was stopped by Brailey.

It was the first penalty Fernandes missed in his career, having previously been 7-7.

"It feels good, we're just taking it one game at a time" Fernandes said after the game. "We're just trying to rack up the wins, and trying to get a good record going into the conference games."

On Sunday, Fernandes continued his strong play from Friday, scoring the opening goal in the 17th minute blasting a free kick past Buffalo goalkeeper Jonathan Viscosi.

Fernandes would double the lead in the 32nd minute, receiving a pass from Fritz and chipping the ball over Viscosi three yards away.

Senior Berian Gobeil would make it 3-0 in the 41st minute on another assist from Fritz, on another chip over Viscosi.

Freshman Martin Giordano would complete the rout in the 67th minute, volleying a rebound off of a corner 10 yards out for his first career goal for Stony Brook.

"Martin has been playing well," Anatol said. "He's getting

accustomed to the speed of the college game now."

Senior goalkeeper Stefan Manz, who was the team's first choice goalkeeper last season, has started the last three games for the team. He has appeared to of taken the starting job away from junior Carlos Villa, who started the first four games of the season.

"We go day by day," Anatol said of the first-choice spot. "Stefan has been doing a good job, and Carlos is a very good goalkeeper as well, we feel very good with both guys."

Junior defender Marius Krathe, a transfer from South Florida, continued his strong start for Stony Brook.

"Marius is a big time player, he's one of the best center-backs in the country," Anatol said. "He really takes control of the back four, which is a special quality which sometimes goes unnoticed."

Stony Brook will finish its non-conference portion of the schedule with a pair of away games next week.

The team will travel to Connecticut to take on Sacred Heart on Wednesday, and play Central Connecticut State on Saturday.

"We're pleased with the results," Anatol said. "But more importantly, we're pleased with how we've been playing, we're playing good soccer."



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Leonardo Fernandes scored two goals against Buffalo.

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Freshmen dominate at Seton Hall University Invitational Cross Country

By **Catie Curatolo**
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman domination from Stony Brook helped the women's volleyball team (5-7) split its games this weekend at the Seton Hall University Invitational.

The Seawolves fell in five sets (25-21, 23-25, 25-22, 14-25, 15-11) to tournament host Seton Hall on Friday, but rallied to sweep Morgan State 3-0 on Saturday (25-18, 25-16, 25-9).

Freshman Melissa Rigo, who is currently leading the team in points this season with 228, and fellow freshman Stephanie McFadden were named to the All-Tournament team.

Rigo, who now has four matches of 20 or more kills this season, recorded 21 kills in Friday's match and 11 on Saturday, a game-high for the Seawolves.

McFadden posted 16 kills and a .500 hitting percentage on Friday.

The duo shared the spotlight with Nicole Vogel, also a freshman, who had 45 assists and 19 digs in Friday's game and 19 assists on Saturday.

Vogel leads the team in assists so far this season with 352. She is well ahead of sophomore Hannah Dolan, who is in second place with 79.

It was a hard loss on Friday for

the Seawolves.

The Pirates took the first set and then quickly took the lead in the second set as well, initially leading Stony Brook 8-1.

However, the Seawolves battled back, tying the game at 19 and then taking the set off a Rigo kill.

The team went on a 10-3 run in the fourth set, hitting 25.6 percent and picking up the win.

With each team's having two wins, the match went into the fifth set. The set was tied at 10 when the Pirates scored four straight points to pull away.

Seton Hall had just one error to 10 kills in their winning fifth set.

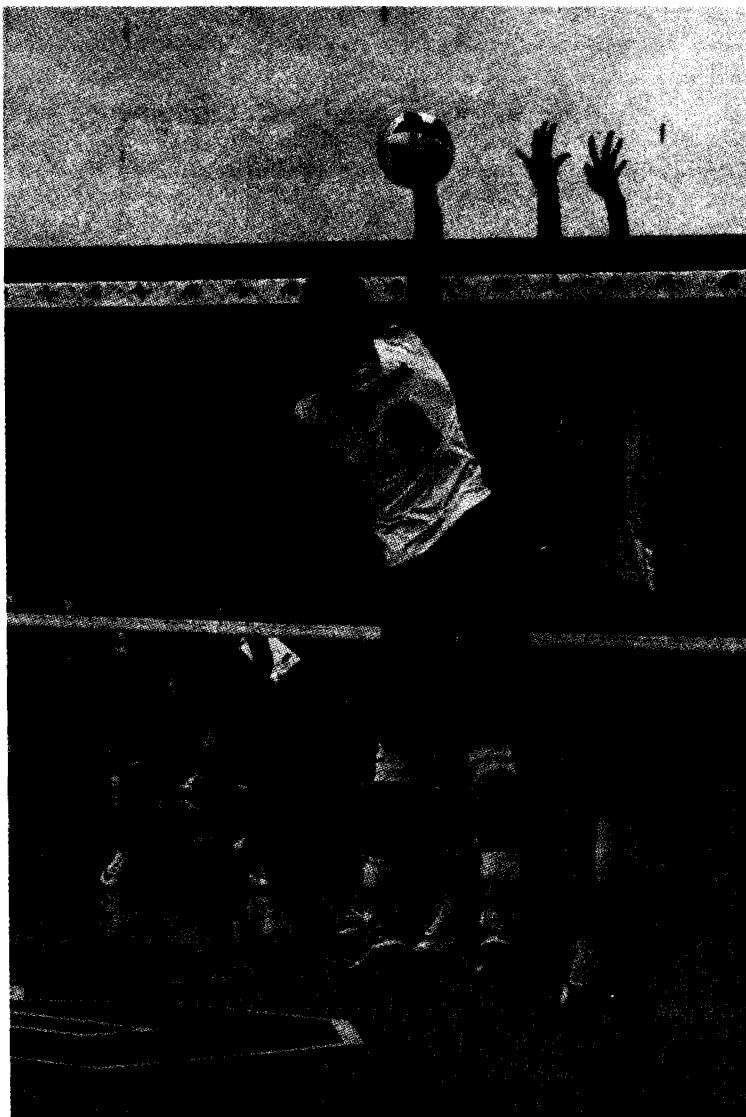
Despite the tough loss, the Seawolves pulled together for an easy win on Saturday.

The first set started out evenly until junior Hailee Herc hit a pair of aces that started Stony Brook on a 5-0 run.

In the second set, SBU jumped to a 9-3 lead and won the game by nine points.

Six straight points in the third set helped the Seawolves close the match. Four of those points came off of Morgan State attack errors.

The Seawolves are off until Tuesday, Sept. 25. They will host LIU-Brooklyn in the home opener at Pritchard Gymnasium. Game time is 7 p.m.



STONY BROOK VOLLEYBALL FELL TO 5-7 AFTER SPLITTING THIS WEEKEND

hosts first-ever Wolfie Invitational

By **Mike Daniello**
Sports Editor

Stony Brook hosted its first-ever cross country meet, the Wolfie Invitational, this past weekend.

The Seawolves competed against runners from Wisconsin (in the men's races), Providence, Marist and Manhattan.

Stony Brook had seven runners finish in the top 25 for the women.

Juniors Olivia Burne and Annie Keown finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Burne finished the race in 18:02.24, and Keown finished 15 seconds after that.

Freshman Christina Melian finished in eighth place with a time of 18:47.83.

Senior Kristal Conklin completed the race in 18:53.38 and finished in 10th place.

Freshman Tara Peck took 13th place and completed the race in 19:05.64.

Junior Robin Lynn and sophomore Kate Pouder finished back-to-back, with 23rd and 24th place, respectively.

Sophomore Eric Speakman finished seventh for the men with a time of 26:22.59.

Junior Carlos Roa finished in 16th place with a time of 26:22.59.

Stony Brook had two more runners finish in the top 25: junior Nicholas Lemon finished 21st (27:17.39) and sophomore Chris Sauer placed 25th (27:31.66).

Stony Brook's next race is Friday, Sept. 28 at the Paul Short Run, which is hosted by Lehigh.

Women's tennis shines at Stony Brook University Classic

By **Catie Curatolo**
Assistant Sports Editor

With four singles wins and one doubles win, the Seawolves made a statement this past weekend as they kicked off their season with the Stony Brook Classic.

The hosts put on an impressive display, winning every category except two.

Senior Nini Lagvilava beat fellow Seawolf and sophomore Polina Movchan 6-3 and 6-1 in the flight 'A' finals.

Lagvilava beat Celine Maier of Fairleigh Dickinson in the

quarterfinals and Erin Colton of Army in the semifinals before she got to Movchan.

Movchan beat Jordan Brewer of Amherst and Jamila Paul from Army before ultimately losing in the final.

The two Seawolves teamed up for the flight 'A' doubles, losing in the semifinals to Brewer and Amherst teammate Gabby Devlin.

Lagvilava and Movchan were partners last year too, ending the season with a 17-6 record overall.

Sophomore Cassandra Dix beat Navy's Sam Droop 6-4 and

6-3 to take the flight 'C' final.

Freshman Lisa Setyon took the flight 'E' final after beating Army's Kelly Daniel 6-4 and 6-2.

Freshman Jackie Altansarnai beat her fellow freshman teammate Becky Shtilkind to win the flight 'B' finals 3-6, 7-5, 10-7.

Shtilkind beat Sue Ghosh of Amherst in the semi-finals to advance, while Altansarnai defeated Lisa Maas from LIU.

Altansarnai and Dix teamed up to cap the Seawolves' outstanding tournament by winning the flight 'B' doubles.

The duo beat Navy's Stefanie

Ton and Mikaela Carlson in the quarterfinals and Safi Aly and Caroline Richman from Amherst in the semifinals.

They beat the Navy duo of Logan Antill and Gabby Winter, 8-5, to take the crown.

The two categories not won by the Seawolves were the flight 'D' singles and the flight 'A' doubles, which went to Nicole Chis from Fairleigh Dickinson and Brewer and Devlin, respectively.

The women's tennis team will be back in action next weekend at the three day West Point Invitational, which starts on Friday, Sept. 21.

Women's soccer defeats Lehigh, Manhattan this weekend at LaValle

By **Mike Daniello and Yoon Seo Nam**
Sports Editor and Staff Writer

Stony Brook women's soccer defeated Lehigh University 3-1, after rallying from an early deficit. The Seawolves received goals from junior Larissa Nysch, senior Sasha Kershaw and freshman Tessa Devereaux.

Lehigh scored an early goal from Paige Elliott just 2:25 into the match. Nysch scored in the 15th minute, to tie the game at one.

The game remained tied into the second half until Kershaw's goal, which was scored just 52 seconds in.

Devereaux scored her first goal in her college career, just three minutes after Kershaw's.

Nysch, Kershaw and Devereaux all had a goal and an assist on the day.

Junior goaltender Ashley Castanio had three saves on the day as she picked up her sixth win on the season.

Stony Brook outshot Lehigh 20-9, as they improved to 6-2-1 overall and 3-0-1 at home.

The Seawolves final non-conference game is on Friday, Sept. 21, as they host Loyola University.

The Stony Brook women's soccer team defeated Manhattan College 1-0 Friday, with the winning goal made by senior captain Sasha Kershaw in the second half.

Kershaw scored in the 85th minute after getting a ball from a freshman Raven Edwards in the left wing.

Stony Brook was dominant in the game and but could not finish many chances they made before Kershaw scored.

As soon as the game began, the Seawolves threatened the Jaspers. In the 13th minute, Edwards missed a shot, shooting the ball right to the goal.

After six minutes, freshman Tessa

Devereaux threatened Manhattan as her shot deflected off a Manhattan defender.

Even though the Jaspers tried to pass the ball upfield, they were blocked by the Seawolves' defenders.

In the second half, both teams were more aggressive. The Jaspers made two shots on goal of four shots, but Seawolves goalkeeper junior Ashley Castanio denied the chances with two saves. Castanio got the third shutout of the season.

In 60th minute, sophomore Regan Bosnyak and Edwards missed two chances that were made in a row in the box. Taryn Schoenbeck, a senior, also could not finish two chances in the 73rd and 75th.

The Seawolves outshot the Jaspers 30-4. Head coach Sue Ryan did not much worry about missing many chances. "The concept of soccer is that you have to take lots of chances



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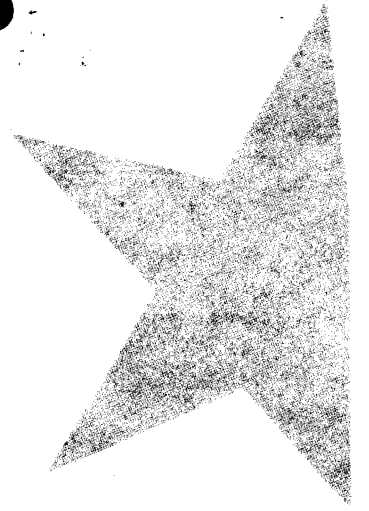
Women's soccer defeated Lehigh University 3-1 Sunday.

to score a goal," she said. "It's not similar to basketball where every time you shoot you suppose to score."

Coach Ryan also complimented

Kershaw, who scored. "Big players do big things in big situation," said Ryan. "That is the leadership of the senior captain coming out."

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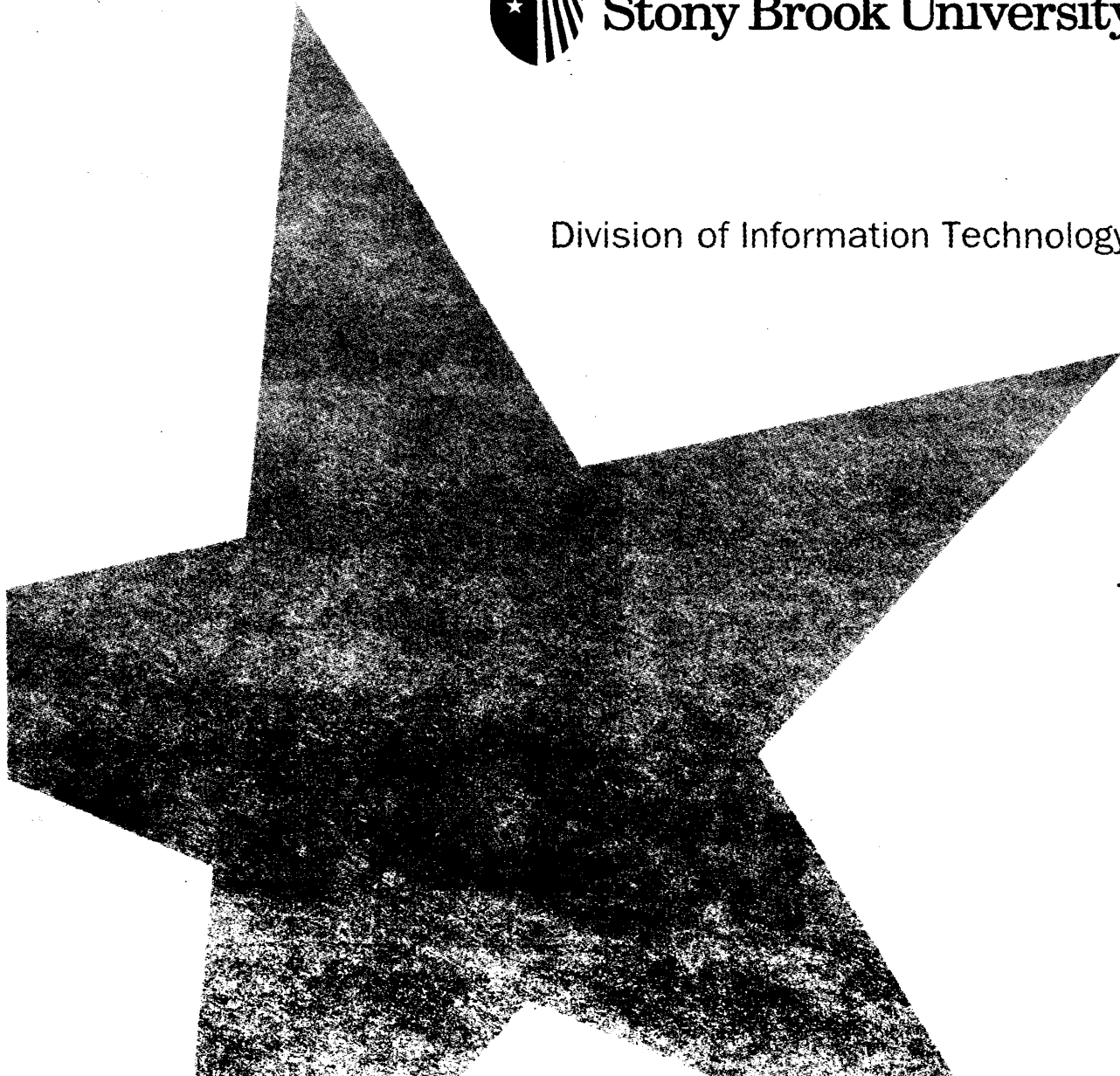
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New York Matchup: Stony Brook falls 28-17 to Syracuse



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Stony Brook was unable to keep up its strong first-half display in an upset bid.

By Amy Streifer
Staff Writer

Stony Brook's football team dominated the first half against Syracuse University, but the speed of the game and late penalties cost the Seawolves their third game of the season.

The 28-17 win for Syracuse snapped a seven game losing streak, while Stony Brook finished with its first loss of the season.

Stony Brook silenced the crowd of 34, 512 at the Carrier Dome on Saturday when senior quarterback Kyle Essington found wide receiver senior Kevin Norrell for a 63-yard touchdown pass, giving Stony Brook an early 7-0 lead.

"That was a big play in the game plan," said Essington. "We just executed it well, he ran a great route and it was nice to start the game off like that."

Syracuse wasn't going to fall that easily, and it answered back less than a minute later when quarterback Ryan Nassib found runningback Princeton-Tyson Gulley for a 61-yard pass.

Stony Brook proved to be the stronger team in the first half, but by the second, it seemed to have a hard time keeping up.

"The speed of the game got to us a little bit in the second half," said coach Chuck Priore.

The Seawolves only scored 49 yards in the second half and struggled to keep up with Syracuse's rushed style of play. Syracuse had 549 offensive yards in the game, while Stony Brook only had 310.

"At the end of the day, we didn't come to play the second half," said senior Stony Brook runningback Miguel Maysonet, who finished with 163 rushing yards and a touchdown.

Maysonet's touchdown was voted #1 in ESPN SportsCenter Top 10 College Football Plays as he hurdled over a defender on his way to the end zone, but coach Priore made sure to give another player partial credit for the astounding play.

"Mike Lisi, our center, had a tremendous block on that play," said Priore.

The second half was rough for the Seawolves, as their defense began to slow down and their offense was unable to produce.

The Carrier Dome, which can be deafening at times due to the enclosed arena and large crowd, was a factor in the game for Stony Brook.

"It caused some communication problems in the huddle, but that's part of football," said Priore.

Despite the loss, Stony Brook has now proved that it can compete and hold its own against major Division I football teams.

In two weeks, Stony Brook will be faced with another tough test when it takes on Army.

"It's a tough loss," said Essington. "We've got to keep working and were looking forward to next week."

The Seawolves' next game, which is also their homecoming game will be against Colgate and will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22 at LaValle Stadium.



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