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## 2014 STONY BROOK FOOTBALL PREVIEW

### SBU under investigation for handling of sexual violence and assault cases

By Arielle Martinez  
Assistant News Editor

The United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is investigating Stony Brook University and 75 other colleges and universities across the nation for their handling of sexual violence cases, federal officials confirmed Thursday.

The university is under investigation for its compliance with Title IX, a federal law that protects people from discrimination based on sex under any education program receiving federal funds.

"We are aware that an individual filed a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, and because it is a pending complaint we are unable to provide any additional information," SBU's media relations officer Lauren Sheprow said in an email.

The investigation started on July 23, 2014, according to a document sent to The Statesman by the U.S. Department of Education. However, the department will not disclose any case-specific facts or details while the investigation is ongoing.

On June 29, The Statesman published an article on Stony Brook University's policies on sexual assault and harassment complaints. University policies forbid parties involved in sexual assault investigations from using recording devices or having legal counsel present during proceedings.

The Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action (ODAA) collaborates with University Community Standards, which investigates Title IX complaints against students, and Employee and Labor Relations, which investigates complaints against faculty members and other university employees.

On June 5, 2014, the university announced that Raúl Sánchez, the former senior director for Title IX and Risk Management, was replaced by Marjolie Leonard, the interim director of ODAA, after Sánchez was in the position less than a year.

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Stony Brook University students return to residence halls in Mendelsohn Quad before classes start on Monday, Aug. 25. Freshmen moved in on Friday, Aug. 22 and attended orientation activities throughout the weekend.

### NY SUNY2020 grant program raises Stony Brook student tuition

By Ryan Wolf  
Staff Writer

For the 2014-2015 school year, both in-state and out-of-state students at Stony Brook University will see increases in their academic tuition.

Stony Brook's out-of-state tuition rose from \$17,810 in 2013-2014 to \$19,590 for the 2014-2015 school year—an increase of 10 percent, according to the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

For in-state students, the tuition for this school year increased to \$6,170 from \$5,870

in 2013-2014.

The size of this increase was controlled by the New York state initiative known as NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grant program, which came into effect in July 2011 and will end after the 2015-2016 school year.

The initiative, according to the SUNY website, focuses on economic growth for New York state by providing SUNY University Centers with opportunities to gain additional funding for campus projects while limiting the amount by which schools within the SUNY system can raise their tuition from year to year.

SUNY schools can increase tuition for out-of-state students by up to 10 percent each year while tuition for in-state students can be raised by up to \$300 annually.

The out-of-state student tuition increased from \$13,380 in 2010-2011 to \$14,720 in 2011-2012. This trend continued with the 2012-2013 tuition increasing to \$16,190.

Meanwhile, tuition for in-state students went from \$4,970 in 2010-2011 to \$6,170 for the 2014-2015 school year.

According to the NYSUNY 2020 bill, the tuition increase limitations is intended to

provide students with a stable annual tuition increase and end unexpected tuition spikes which several students have experienced nationwide.

"Parents and students could not predict or plan for their tuition expenditures," Lauren Sheprow, the university's media relations officer, said. "There were some years that tuition increased by more than 25 percent, and at times there was no increase for years."

Though the cost of academic tuition at Stony Brook University has been on the rise

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### Influx of new students leads to more tripling in dorms

By Jasmine Blennau  
Staff Writer

Most of the incoming freshmen and new transfer students that chose to live on campus will be tripled this academic year, according to Campus Residences.

According to the Stony Brook Undergraduate Admissions website, "In order to offer as many students as possible the experience of our residential learning environment, strategies that include assigning three students to a double room and other temporary housing will be utilized."

Campus Residences acknowledges that "while some rooms will be detripled relatively quickly, it is possible that your room may not be detripled this academic year."

Detripling offers will be

determined by a lottery drawn of all tripled residents based on proximity to the vacancy. If a student is drawn from the lottery, they will receive the first space available nearest their tripled room.

Chandler Criebe, a senior double major in biology and psychology, said that at the orientation fair, parents were told by Campus Residences staff that most of freshmen students will still be tripled by the end of the year.

"Only one guy was really angry and said he was going to sue," Criebe said about an orientation fair in July. "The rest of the parents were unhappy but weren't making that much of a scene." Criebe said that staff resolved the situation.

Alan S. deVries, the associate

director of Residential Programs for Administration and Services and director of Conference Housing, said that such instances are not the norm and that Campus Residences staff members are specifically trained to explain tripling to parents and students and to resolve roommate issues.

The university is trying to make the tripling situation easier for students by providing some amenities. Students who are tripled will receive a 15 percent discount on housing (\$565) for the semester.

In order for tripled students to have a more positive experience, the university is providing lofted beds, a third desk and more bathroom cleaning to corridors and suite style tripled rooms.

To make moving easier, when a

student is removed from a triple, a room change crew will help the student move to their new room.

"Our Senior Staff retreat this year focused specifically on how we would organizationally work to maintain the quality of service provided to all residents, realizing that the increase in students [and] triples impacts every resident, even those not living in a triple room," deVries said in an email.

The lack of on-campus housing is due to the increase in housing renewals from returning students and the increase of enrollment into Stony Brook.

Ninety percent of all freshmen currently live on campus, according to the Campus

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# NEWS

## What you missed at Stony Brook while you were away



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By Sandhiya Kannan  
Staff Writer

### Campus Dining changes

In response to student feedback surveys and focus groups conducted during the spring semester, Campus Dining announced a series of changes and new additions to on-campus dining locations over the summer.

One of the most popular requests fulfilled by the policy changes is the rollover of unused meal points from the fall to the spring semester, according to Angela Agnello, the director of marketing and communications of the Faculty Student Association (FSA).

Students will also be able to upgrade or downgrade their plan at any time, stepping down from platinum, gold and silver to bronze.

Additionally, all meal plan and retail rates will remain the same as last year, and the meal plans have also been extended for use at J Club, Jasmine's all-you-can-eat lunch buffet. For a complete list of announcements, see Campus Dining's website.

### Long Island Railroad workers strike

A strike by Long Island Rail Road workers' unions that was scheduled to begin July 20 was

averted upon Gov. Andrew Cuomo's negotiation of a 6.5-year deal featuring wage increases and better benefits for workers.

The university is trying to work with a variety of transportation services to aid commuters, according to Director of Sustainability and Transportation Operations James O'Connor. He highlighted the partnership with the 7Bus service and the plans for enhanced service during the time of the potential strike as one way the university strove to provide alternate modes of transportation.



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### Student deaths

In a tragic series of events, this summer has seen the loss of two members of the Stony Brook community. Stony Brook alumnus Artem Gleb Ayzen, class of 2012, was killed in a hit-and-run on North Country Road the night of July 9. Ayzen was continuing his studies at Stony Brook to earn his master's degree and doctorate



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in electrical engineering.

Amanda Gambacorto was killed on Aug. 16 in a racecar crash at Wall Stadium Speedway in New Jersey. The 21-year-old student was a philosophy and environmental humanities double major.

### Toll Drive residence hall

Construction of new residence halls and a 60,000 square foot dining facility began on Toll Drive between Mendelsohn Quad and the Wang Center. Groundbreaking on the first phase of the project, which includes the dining facility, took place on July 30.

The second phase, which will add a commons building, is scheduled to be completed by fall 2016. The new suite-style buildings will add 759 beds to the university's housing capacity, bringing the total above 10,300. The dining facility portion is intended to take the place of the food services of the Stony Brook Union, according to a university press release.



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## SBU Wolf Ride program adds four stations despite company bankruptcy

By Sandhiya Kannan  
Staff Writer

The expansion of Wolf Ride Bike Share, Stony Brook's bike rental program, took place this summer despite the fact that the Public Bike System Corporation (PBSC), the firm that developed the bike share system, declared bankruptcy this past January.

Four new stations have been installed on campus this summer alone, bringing the total number of stations to eight and the number of available bikes to 60.

Students can now rent bicycles from stations outside of Javits Lecture Center, James College, Frank Melville Library, the Life Sciences building, South P Lot, the Student Activities Center (SAC) and West Apartments C and I.

PBSC, a Montreal-based company also known as Bixi, filed for protection under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, but would "remain in operation during this period of restructuring and...continue to maintain its services to its users," according to an official statement on Bixi's website.

However, the service could only be sustained through a transformation into a non-profit organization and a loan from the City of Montreal. The corporation has systems in place internationally, with many operated by third parties.

Stony Brook's Director of Sustainability and Transportation Operations James O'Connor

explained that the plan to develop the bike share system further went on smoothly despite PBSC's bankruptcy and reclassification.

"The management of the company responsible for the bike system is not directly involved with the system on our campus," he said. "Upon receiving student feedback for Wolf Ride, we were able to see which areas would benefit most from expansion and take that into consideration in terms of our budget."



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### One station was moved from the SAC to outside of the library.

PBSC's website lists the Wolf Ride program as the first of its kind established at a university. The system is managed by the Office of Sustainability.

Other than the installation of new stations, O'Connor explained that there was always the possibility of changes made to existing setups.

This summer, for example, one of the two bike stations outside the SAC was moved near the library to better service students.

Additionally, bike rental rates will remain the same, with the first 60 minutes free for students and extra charges applying only after extended use. Faculty, staff and visitors will still be required to purchase a subscription to use Wolf Ride, according to the Office of Sustainability's website.

Wolf Ride has offered nearly

8,000 rides since its launch in spring 2013, according to the Office of Sustainability's website.

"We completed the installation of new stations this summer, when there were fewer students on campus...and we would certainly like to continue to expand the bike share program in the future," O'Connor said.

## Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights opens investigation against SBU

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Stony Brook University was awarded a \$270,000 grant by the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women in 2012 for its sexual assault prevention programs. However, 17 forcible sexual offenses were reported on the Stony Brook campus in 2012—four more than in 2011 and 10 more than in 2010, according to the University Police Department's 2013 Annual Security and Fire Report.

In the state of New York, the U.S. Department of Education is also investigating CUNY Hunter College, Elmira College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Pace University, Saint Thomas Aquinas College and Sarah Lawrence College.

The department has ended its investigation of Binghamton University after announcing the investigation in May.

In October 2013, the OCR reached an agreement with the State University of New York to ensure Title IX compliance. The investigation that led to this agreement was not based on a complaint filed by individual.

However, the OCR did review 159 individual cases of alleged sexual harassment from SUNY

Albany, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Buffalo State College and Morrisville State College during the investigation.

The OCR investigates a discrimination complaint by using techniques such as "reviewing documentary evidence submitted by both parties, conducting interviews with the complainant, recipient's personnel, and other witnesses, and/or site visits," according to the U.S. Department of Education's website.

If the OCR determines that a university failed to comply with the law, the office will try to get the university to reach a resolution agreement. The OCR would then monitor the university's implementation of the terms of the agreement.

If the university refuses to negotiate an agreement, the OCR may cut off the university's federal financial assistance or refer the case to the Department of Justice.

Both the complainant and the university can agree to a resolution negotiated by the OCR prior to the conclusion of an investigation.

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Handshakes can be an indicator of a person's age. Warren Sanderson, an economics professor at SBU, and his colleague Sergei Scherbov studied handgrip strength.

## Under the microscope: aging revealed by handshake strength

By Ruchi Shah  
Staff Writer

Every other week, Ruchi Shah, a junior biology major, will take a look at Stony Brook-related science and research news.

Handshakes have been used as a greeting for hundreds of years, but new research now uses handgrip strength as an accurate indicator of an individual's age.

"Our main idea is that the study of aging has focused too much on age," Warren Sanderson, a professor of economics at Stony Brook University, explained. "It sounds a bit strange, but we argue that in order to study aging, we have to focus on the characteristics of people, not just the number of birthdays they have had."

Sanderson and his colleague Sergei Scherbov, the deputy program director of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), decided to use

handgrip strength when they set out to better understand the speed of aging in educational subgroups in the United States.

The researchers could not use age as a comparative measure because while two individuals might have the same numerical age, the number does not account for differences in education, experience or physical characteristics.

Instead, Sanderson and Scherbov used handgrip strength because it is "an extremely good predictor of future mortality and morbidity...The handgrip strength of 18-year-olds is a good predictor of how long they are going to live and a good predictor of whether or not they will become disabled sometime along the way."

The study used data from the Health and Retirement Survey (HRS), and subjects were divided into two education subgroups, those with less than a high school diploma and those

with more education.

The researchers then used statistical analysis tools to compare differences in education levels to differences in handgrip strength and ultimately, differences in the aging process.

Sanderson and Scherbov's results suggest that "at any fixed chronological age, more educated people have stronger handgrips than less educated people."

For example, the handgrip strength of 65-year-old white male with less education was equivalent to the handgrip strength of about a 70-year-old white male with more education.

The results suggest that the more educated an individual is, the more slowly he or she ages.

Sanderson and his team are currently investigating factors that determine the speed of aging in several countries in an aim to better characterize the aging process.

## Both in-state and out-of-state tuition rise for Stony Brook undergrad students

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for the past several years, the university's tuition is lower than the national average. In 2013-2014, the average tuition for four-year public universities was \$22,203 for out-of-state students and \$8,893 for in-state students, according to College Board.

The increase in tuition for Stony Brook University students will bring in an additional \$90.5 million in revenue, according to the university's Challenge Grant application.

"All revenue from tuition increase is being used for new faculty hires and to fund new

and additional programs for our students," Sheprow said.

Stony Brook University has hired 200 new faculty members within the past three years—more than the 147 new hires that were originally planned in the Challenge Grant application, according to Sheprow. The university plans to hire 120 new faculty members by 2016 and to increase enrollment by 1,200 more students.

The addition of new faculty is an effort to bring the university's student-to-faculty ratio down to 22-to-1 while also improving the four-year graduation rate by eight percent, according to the application.

To counteract the increase

in tuition for students, the NYSUNY 2020 plan provided that a portion of each school's revenue be invested in financial aid.

Stony Brook University created a need-based scholarship program for families with an income of \$75,000 or less and a merit-based scholarship for students with a 3.0 GPA and a family income between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

According to Stony Brook's Office of Institutional Research Planning & Effectiveness, 9,126 undergraduate students out of the total enrolled 15,837 undergraduates received federal, state, local, institutional, or another source of grant aid.

## Police Blotter: Summer Crimes

On Monday, June 9, \$30 in U.S. currency was stolen at the Health Sciences Center. The case has been closed.

On Monday, June 9, a vehicle was keyed at the University Hospital. The case has been closed.

On Monday, June 9, there was a reported theft in James College of a laptop and a beard trimmer. As of August 8, the case was still open.

On Tuesday, June 10, two 15-year-olds who were patients at the University Hospital got into a physical altercation. The case was closed.

On Wednesday, June 11, a patient made threats to members of the hospital staff. The case was closed.

On Thursday, June 12, a bomb threat was faxed to the Department of Radiology in the Health Sciences Center. This threat was deemed to be unfounded.

On Monday, June 16, a Chevrolet four-door sedan drove through the gate at the Health Science Center garage. An arrest was made.

On Wednesday, June 18, a man rammed into the back of the vehicle of his ex-girlfriend. The event occurred at the intersection of South Drive and Marburger Drive. An arrest was made.

On Sunday, June 29, there was an unlawful posting of signs along the South Entrance and Health Sciences roadway. The case is now closed.

On Wednesday, July 9, a male commuter student was referred for making a verbal reference to a bomb to staff members from the computer science graduate school.

On Saturday, July 12, a patient at the University Hospital spit at and threatened an employee. This ended in an arrest.

On Sunday, July 13, a visitor at the hospital reported \$1,784 in U.S. currency stolen from her purse when she was in the waiting room. The case is closed pending new information.

On Friday, July 25, a Fire Marshall was notified and responded to the West H apartment building where a student was referred for criminal tampering.

On Sunday, July 27, a female commuter student was arrested for driving while intoxicated and referred to the Office of Community Standards.

On Wednesday, July 30, a suspicious package was delivered to the School of Dental Medicine. A staff member from the School of Dental Medicine received a package containing a framed Eli Manning card from an individual who is unknown to him. The case has now been closed.

On Saturday, Aug. 2, the University Hospital reported a theft of needles, but the hospital declined to press charges.

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## Several freshmen to remained tripled for entire school year

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Residences website. Eighty percent of freshmen lived on campus in 2008, and 84 percent lived on campus in 2013, according to the Stony Brook University Common Data Set. In total, the number of undergraduate students living on campus has increased from 53 percent in 2008 to a projected 62 percent this fall.

"Students want to be on campus and the university wants to accommodate that," Stony Brook University Media Relations Officer Lauren Sheprow said.

A new dining and residence hall on Toll Drive is estimated to be completed in fall 2016, adding 759 beds to Stony Brook housing. It is expected

that a second residence hall in the Toll Drive project will receive a bid from a contractor this fall.

Brookhaven Residential Village, an area of housing at Dowling College that is leased for Stony Brook students for the next two years, will house approximately 200 transfer students this fall who would otherwise not receive housing. deVries said that the students who attended a visit to the Brookhaven Residential Village had an overall positive reaction.

"The University has historically guaranteed housing to freshmen who apply by May 1st. Transfer students are not guaranteed housing but are accommodated on a space available basis. [It is] unlikely that this will change in the future," deVries said.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## USG will kick off the fall semester with some laughs



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The Undergraduate Student Government brought The Cataracts and Mac Miller to Stony Brook last fall. This year, USG booked comedian Bob Saget. Tickets go on sale Aug. 28.

By Giselle Barkley  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

There may be no better way to ease into another academic year than with laughter—and

that is exactly what Stony Brook's Undergraduate Student Government decided to do this fall semester.

Instead of kicking off the fall semester with a concert like last

fall, USG invited former Full House star and stand-up comic Bob Saget to perform in the Staller Center on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.

Saget, who is known for

playing the family-friendly role of Danny Tanner on Full House, is described by some people as "filthy" when it comes to his stand-up comedy.

Students have the chance to discover exactly how filthy his stand-up comedy is, for free. Saget's performance is covered by the Student Activity fee. However, students still need to pick up a ticket at the Ticket Office in the Student Activities Center in order to reserve a seat for the show.

But this show will not be the only performance taking place this fall. USG postponed this year's fall concert because of the concert's venue.

According to Danny Chung, USG's Vice President of Communications and Public Relations, USG believed that having the concert in the university's new arena was "the best option in all areas," from security to acoustics and cost, to name a few.

"Without knowing when the arena would reach its completion we felt it would be wise to postpone the date of the concert," Chung said via e-mail.

But, Chung said that USG is always on the lookout for performers, lecturers and comedians who will be available on certain dates, without breaking USG's budget—and Saget fit the bill.

After weighing the pros and cons of inviting a lecturer or a comedian, Chung said that USG "determined that a comedian would be best for the beginning of the semester since it is more light-hearted and focused on entertainment."

Chung believes that choosing a performer to come to the university depends on the performers cost, availability, relevance and past performances.

He added to this saying that USG tries to balance these factors and choose a performer that Seawolves can enjoy.

Judging from the event's Facebook page, Saget's performance seems like a hit among students.

As of Sunday afternoon, around 480 students have already indicated that they will attend Saget's performance. This does not include the 76 individuals who indicated that they may attend the event.

On average, students who did comment on the event's page appear ecstatic for Saget's show at the university. A few alumni also commented on the page saying that they wanted to attend but were told that the event was for students who pay the student activities fee.

There are some who even posted their surprise that Saget is performing at a college, knowing full well that his performances are nowhere close to PG.

As for the fall concert, Chung stated that October would be USG's ideal month to schedule the concert. Their goal is to have it as soon as possible.

Chung gave away very little when discussing plans for the concert. He did say that USG is looking into various artists as well as genres.

"We have heard what the students have to say, and we are doing our best to bring a variety (in genre) to the fall [and] spring concerts," Chung said.

When it comes to booking performers—whether they are people in the music industry, lecturers or comedians like Saget—Chung restated that USG does not only work to stay within their budget, but also strives select an individual who will appeal to the majority of Stony Brook students.

## SBU teaches students the ins and outs of the film business

By Krysten Massa  
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University has teamed up with Christine Vachon, American film producer of close to 80 films, including the award-winning independent romantic drama "Boys Don't Cry," to create a new graduate film program.

Perhaps the greatest perk of the new program is that students can receive a new, quality learning experience comparable to that of other New York film schools without breaking the bank. Costs for the graduate program are less than \$30 thousand for New York states residents, much cheaper than competitor schools.

The aim of this new graduate program is to match the reality of the film business today. Different master classes and workshops will be available to students at both the Southampton and Manhattan campuses. Killer films, a New York-City based

independent film production company that was founded in 1995 and has since produced a number of respected films, such as "Far from Heaven" and "Boys Don't Cry," will utilize the facilities on both sites to create learning labs for students enrolled in the program.

During the semester, independent film-makers will mentor the students to teach them the ins and outs of the film business.

"We've seen a great increase in interest in the film program since partnering with Vachon and Pamela Koffler of Killer films," Magdalene Brandeis said. Brandeis is the producer, novelist and director of Manhattan Programming.

According to Brandeis, the high interest in film careers has been prominent for a long time, but Stony Brook University did not offer a graduate program in digital filmmaking, until now.

The original class the Stony

Brook Manhattan campus offered was named the Killer Masterclass and featured both Christine Vachon and Pamela Koffler. The workshop focused on how to make a movie.

When this class filled to capacity, the faculty created the summer program, "20/20/20." The initial idea was for 20 students make 20 short films in 20 days. However, faculty has been able to expand their production component from 20 days to two semesters.

This sequence of the students filming, editing and making their own films is part of the first phase of the program, which is the production intensive.

As part of this new program, Stony Brook is offering a series of semester-long master courses this fall in Manhattan, including courses for directors and producers and a screenwriting workshop.

Second-year graduate students who have completed the production-



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Students put their stories to film in the 46-credit program.

intensive portion of the program will get the opportunity to work together to create an episode series.

Brandeis expressed her excitement for all of the new opportunities given to students through the graduate film

program. Other faculty members who are involved with the program were unable to comment in time for this publication, however, more information about Stony Brook's new graduate film program is to come.

# Neighbors: a movie that ensures lots of laughs

By Colleen Rowe  
Contributing Writer

Nicholas Stoller's feature film, "Neighbors," targets the clichés of American university culture and, more specifically, fraternity brotherhoods. The movie has a way of making the audience laugh at situations that would make any child protection activist cringe.

Revolving around a series of volatile interactions between married couple Mac (Seth Rogen) and Kelly (Rose Byrne) and their neighbors—fraternity brothers—this film is a satirical comment on the absurd stunts of the stereotypical male college student.

It is not surprising that Seth Rogen plays the male lead in a film like "Neighbors." The film fits Rogen's filmography of ridiculous comedies like Superbad and Pineapple Express.

Although slightly over-the-top with the far-fetched lengths these fraternity brothers go to in order to ruin the young parents' lives, there are particular scenes that prove to be humorous in their extremity. Rogen's character, for example, is catapulted from his work chair into the ceiling, and the fraternity brothers generate revenue by using sex toys to fix the outcome of the vengeful attacks on their house by this eccentric couple.

The addition of Zac Efron as the lead frat boy, Teddy, aids the ridiculousness of the situation. His commitment to the brotherhood through childish handshakes and alpha-male persona is amusing and perfectly placed.

Zac Efron attracts a certain type of audience—teenage girls or young women who have this perception of him as the model for the "perfect" male. "Neighbors" portrays his character as an obnoxious, pretentious leader. This switch from the male "teen dream" role-model confuses audiences, leading viewers to wonder if they should still be attracted to his rude character or exile him. This aspect of the film is clever and fits its satirical tone.

Similar to movies like "Animal House" and "Old School," this film is not fully original in its general

idea, but there are a few aspects that remain unique.

For instance, while "Frank-the-Tank" from "Old School" goes streaking, his wife moves on, dismissing his strange, rebellious activity as fruitless.

In "Neighbors," however Mac and Kelly remain a team and take part in extensive frat exploits that constantly disrupt their quiet lives.

As the "Mean Dean," played by Lisa Kudrow, insults them with her disinterest in their problems with the frat, the couple continues to support each other's views.

Kudrow, who is known for playing quirky characters such as Phoebe on "Friends," portrays a careless university leader who subtly threatens the couple with negative publicity to keep them quiet about the frat's outrageous behavior.

This is a portrayal of some higher institutions that dismiss serious accusations against their college organizations in order to maintain a respectable image to prospective students and investors.

Every character outside of the main cast seems to be thoroughly aloof and unconcerned with the seriousness of the fraternity's actions, including the couple's realtor.

Typical of Rogen films, cops are made fun of repeatedly. During one scene, a cop stares with his deadpan glare while stating, "We have caller ID. We're cops." This sense of entitlement is constantly reinforced in almost every scene in which a police officer is present. These small gags are amusing in their stereotypical vagueness, leaving room for viewers to think about larger social issues rather than simply laughing.

There are a lot of scenes that seem disconnected to the larger ideas presented, but the constant comedic one-liners keep audiences interested.

Overall, "Neighbors" is a movie to watch when one feels the need to laugh thoroughly. With its serious concepts shielded deeply by its constant hilarity, it is a surprisingly interesting comment on alcohol-obsessed fraternities and the institutions that protect them.

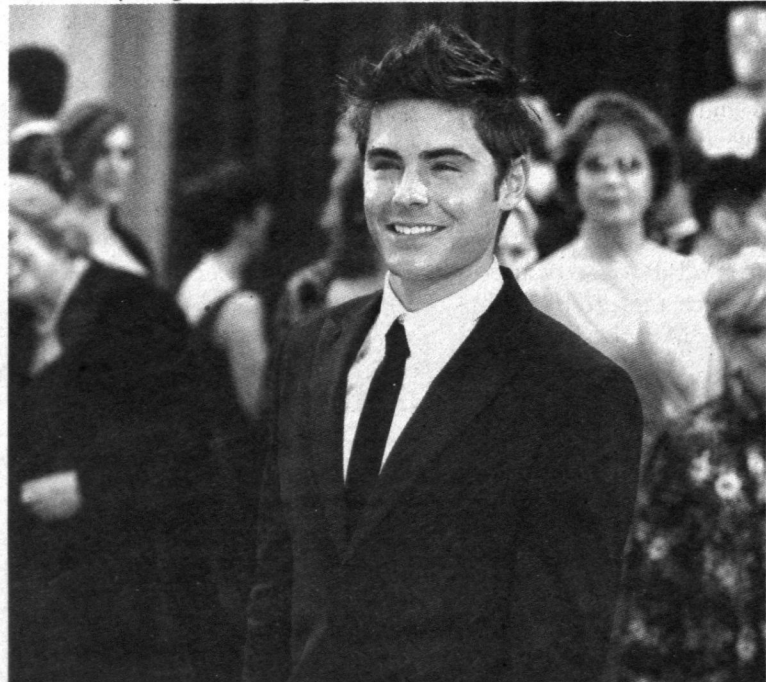


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Nicholas Stoller's summer film is a commentary on college clichés and fraternity tropes that is both funny and satirical.

# College gal cooking: Nut-free Pesto with quinoa, a different way of getting protein

By Giselle Barkley  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

If you are a pesto lover like me, then you know all too well that traditional pesto is made with nuts. But for someone who has nut allergies, finding that out the hard way like I did is not very fun. So let's make some nut-free pesto with quinoa instead of pasta.

Quinoa is a crop that people harvest for its seeds and it has a high protein content. If you are a vegetarian or vegan who is looking to add a different type of protein to their diet, quinoa is a great substitute.

The one catch to this recipe is that you need a blender to make the pesto. Aside from that, the

**Ingredients**  
2-4 cups of spinach  
4-8 cups of basil  
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil  
2-4 cloves of garlic  
1 lemon / 1 tbs freshly squeezed lemon juice  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1 tsp-2 tbs of Parmesan cheese  
1-2 cups of Quinoa  
2-4 cups water

ingredients are pretty simple.

When I am making this dish, I start with the quinoa first.

At least two cups of water are required for every one cup of quinoa. Place the water into a small pot and heat on a medium heat level until the water comes to a boil.

Add the quinoa into the boiling water and turn the heat down to low. Let it simmer until



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For those with nut allergies, regular pesto sauce is not an option. This version is nut-free and substitutes high-protein quinoa for pasta.

most of the water evaporates. The quinoa should take around 15 to 20 minutes to make.

While the quinoa is cooking, start making the pesto. I add the olive oil into the blender first because I find adding it first makes blending easier. Afterwards, add the spinach, basil, garlic, salt, pepper, Parmesan cheese and lemon juice.

When I am cooking, I usually just go by taste, so figuring out the measurements for the pesto was somewhat challenging.

I do not like my pesto to be super salty, so when it comes to adding the salt and Parmesan cheese, make sure you taste the pesto. I would suggest starting with one teaspoon of Parmesan cheese and tasting the pesto, adding more to suit one's palate.

Have a spoon or similar utensil handy to push the ingredients down into the blender periodically. I do this if the ingredients resting at the top of the blender are

too far from the blades and are not mixing with the rest of the ingredients. Making the pesto usually takes five minutes. It may take longer or shorter depending on the quality of the blender.

Feel free to customize this recipe based on what you like. I usually put more basil than spinach in my pesto because I find that the basil adds more flavor.

Sometimes, I do not put spinach at all.

I would not suggest putting more lemon juice in the pesto than necessary. I accidentally did that once and the pesto had a tart aftertaste.

If you are eyeballing the measurements for this recipe, be careful when adding the olive oil. If there is too much olive oil, it will separate from the rest of the ingredients over time.

I paired my pesto with quinoa, but feel free to mix it with pasta or even spaghetti squash. Bon appétit, everyone.

## FOUR ARTSY EVENTS

### 1) Scoopin' Out Success

The Department of Student Activities is giving out free ice cream on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. in the SAC Lobby. They will also give students the scoop on all Stony Brook has to offer.

### 2) Welcome Back Social

The African Students Union will kick off the school year with "The Welcome Back Social" which will take place on Aug. 28 from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in SAC 305. The night will feature games and cultural music.

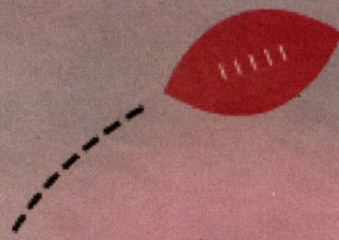
### 3) Hula Hoop Enthusiasts Kick-Off

The Hula-Hoop Enthusiasts Club will hold their first meeting of the school year on Friday, Aug. 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Union Bi-Level Lower Level. All levels are welcome at this hula-hoop dance party.

### 4) Craft Night

The Craft Center will be holding a beginning-of-the-semester Craft Night house warming party on Sept. 9 from 7-9 p.m. in SB Union 081. Participants will make their own folders, pen holders and desk organizers.





# RAISING THE BAR

## 2014 STONY BROOK FOOTBALL PREVIEW

### Football looks to rebound in second season

By Joe Galotti  
Sports Editor

The Seawolves' first year in the CAA did not go as smoothly as many expected. The team suffered a considerable amount of injuries to key players and did not have enough depth to navigate through a difficult schedule loaded with matchups against tough conference opponents. Stony Brook was able to come away with a few promising late-season wins over James Madison and Albany, but still ultimately finished the 2013 season with a disappointing 5-6 overall record (3-5 record in conference play).

A season like last year's might be enough to drive some head coaches to look to make big changes to their team's game plan. But Seawolves Head Coach Chuck Priore is still a big believer in the ground and pound philosophy that the program has had so much success with in recent years.

"That's who we are when it's all said and done," Priore said. "(We focus on) our ability to control the line of scrimmage and run the football. We got some options and we're excited about it."

One of those options will be Marcus Coker, a 1,000-yard rusher for the team back in 2012, who returns after missing all but two games last season due to an abdominal injury. He could be primed to deliver the big senior season that everyone expected him to have last year.

Behind him on the depth chart are senior James Kenner and sophomore Stacey Bedell, who both could be featured heavily in the offense this year.

Last year, Kenner stepped up in a big way in Coker's absence, rushing for 829 yards and five touchdowns over the team's final nine games of the season. In 2013, he finished with four games of 100 or more rushing yards and averaged 4.6 yards per carry.

Bedell will begin his first year with Stony Brook, after transferring from the University of Massachusetts. Last season, he had 93 carries and ran for 301 yards and a touchdown for the Min-



Wide receiver Adrian Coxson sprints into the open field after catching a pass. Jesus Pichardo / The Statesman

utemen. He also pulled in 88 receiving yards. His quickness could make him a big weapon in both Stony Brook's running and passing game.

There is plenty to be excited about on the ground for the Seawolves, but where there is a lot less certainty is how the offense will get the job done through the air. Lyle Negron, who started all 11 games for the SBU last season, has graduated, meaning the team will have a new starting quarterback this season.

Last Tuesday it was announced that Syracuse University transfer John Kinder will be given the first chance to grab hold of Stony Brook's starting quarterback position.

"John's overall athleticism and ability to escape and make plays with his feet adds a different dimension to our offense," Priore said in a statement. "He's still learning the offense, but I think he gives us the best chance to be a dynamic offense."

Kinder was the New York State Class A Player of the Year back in 2009, and during his time at Lawrence High School on Long Island, he threw for more than 3,000 yards and rushed for more than 2,000 yards.

However, once Kinder got to Syracuse in 2010, he struggled to move up

the depth chart as quarterback. But, despite his lack of playing time with the Orange, Priore still saw plenty of reason to try and bring Kinder aboard.

"We recruited him very hard five years ago as a high school player," Priore said. "He's a local kid, and I think he got some great experience in a college system at the FBS level."

Some of Kinder's top returning receiving targets will be senior wideout Adrian Coxson and senior tight end Will Tye. Both players had over 500 receiving yards in 2013.

Coxson and Tye along with receivers such as Jahrie Level, Louis Murray and Nick Wagner will have to try and find a way to replace the production of graduating senior Malcolm Eugene, who led the team in touchdowns, receptions and receiving yards in 2013.

In 2013, the Stony Brook defense was strong overall statistically, only allowing 22.0 points per game, 195.2 passing yards per game.

But, the Seawolves defense struggled in conference play, as they gave up 30 or more points in five of their eight CAA contests.

One major area where the defense also had problems last season was getting stops on the third down. Stony Brook allowed their opponents to con-

vert 40.1 percent of the time on third down last season, which was the fourth highest percentage in the conference.

A major reason for the defense's inconsistent play last year was injuries. The team's secondary was depleted early on in the year, and as a result players were constantly moving in and out of positions, making things extremely challenging when going up against talented CAA quarterbacks.

This year, the secondary seems to be much more stable going into the season, as Davonte Anderson, who had a team leading six interceptions in 2012, is now back in the lineup. Priore will need him to stay healthy this season, and knows that he brings so much more to the secondary than just talent.

"He's a three year starter who got hurt last year," Priore said. "So he brings leadership and consistency."

Anderson along with defensive backs Christian Ricard, Naim Cheeseboro, Jaheem Woods and Kye Morgan potentially give Stony Brook one of the more talented secondary units in the conference.

Up front on the Seawolves defense, there is also plenty of promise. Defensive end Victor Ochi established himself as one of the CAA's best emerging pass rushers in 2013, leading the team with 5.5 sacks per contest. Defensive tackle Aaron Thompson also is expected to be a big part of the SBU pass rush, after putting together a strong rookie campaign last season.

The head coaches around the CAA clearly do not expect much from Stony Brook this season, as they voted SBU to finish ninth in the conference's pre-season FCS Coaches Poll, and voted no players on the team's roster to the pre-season All-Conference teams. But, the Seawolves should have a strong enough running game and defensive unit to keep them in most games, and if they get strong quarterback play this season may be able to surprise people.

# MARCUS COKER

#34 | Running Back | Senior

*After missing all but two games due to injury last season, Coker returns in 2014 looking to lead his team to the playoffs and the top of the CAA.*

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Assistant Sports Editor

Earl Campbell is one of the most dynamic football players to ever play the game, period. After being selected with the first pick of the 1978 National Football League draft, the Texas graduate and Heisman Trophy winner had a career which kids dream about while growing up, becoming the model of a power running back, bulldozing anybody in his path. In his first season with the Houston Oilers, he helped turn a five-win team into a perennial playoff contender.

As Seawolves fans know all too well, Stony Brook managed only five wins itself last season. They could only hope that getting a guy back who idolizes Campbell, molds his game after the legend's and shares the same number could help bring the same results.

No. 34 is not as celebrated as the likes of 12, which was worn by seven Hall of Fame quarterbacks, 32, which was worn by arguably the greatest to ever play the game, Jim Brown, or 80, a classic wide receiver's number. Yet, every time that Coker jogs out of Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium's home tunnel, he chooses to sport a jersey with a "34" embroidered across his chest.

"It's just always been my favorite number," the Seawolves' thousand yard-rusher of 2012, said. "I always wanted to be like those guys."

There is absolutely nothing wrong with that. From Campbell and Walter Peyton to the likes of the more recent Ricky Williams and multi-sport extraordinaire Bo Jackson, No. 34 has had plenty of accomplishments attached to it. Most of all, far past individual accolades has been the most important of all for Stony Brook football: winning.

For the Maryland native, following in the footsteps of athletes who have lead their teams back to relevance into playoff contention, or from contention to championships is nothing to overlook.

Entering the Colonial Athletic Association in 2013, the Seawolves had their worst season in terms of record since 2008. With a tough conference change and many key injuries, it was not the easiest of transitions for the 5-6 Seawolves. If one would ask which injury hurt the most, the answer is star running back, Marcus Coker.

For a player who was the second-leading rusher in the Big 10 at Iowa, arguably the toughest conference in all of college football, before transferring to Stony Brook in 2012, missing a year hurt his team. In 2012, Coker rushed for over 1,000 yards while part of a backfield with current Pittsburgh Steeler Miguel Maysonet, who accumulated over 2,000. Known for his physicality, which eventually wears down defenses, Coker will be able to

combat the improved size and strength of the CAA.

However, the redshirt senior, who broke his leg during the spring in a motorcycle accident and received a fifth and final year of eligibility after sustaining an abdominal injury, which forced him to miss the majority of last season, acknowledges that the team has other running backs who are more than capable. Without Coker last season, the likes of James Kenner and Tyler Fredericks gave teams fits both in and outside of the numbers, rushing both through the middle of the field and towards the sidelines.

"I mean we've got some good backs out here so we're all competing for a spot," Coker said on his team's depth. "You've got to earn your spot, nothing is ever going to be given to you."

That is the sort of professionalism that Marcus Coker brings to the table. It is not out of the realm of possibility that it is a result of spending much time watch-

ing his idols like Campbell play and act.

"I try to run like him, watching his film growing up," Coker said. "Days before the game I'll watch some of his highlights and stuff"

At the end of the day, it takes more than a student-athlete who knows how to avoid tacklers to make a good football player. Having the knowledge that he is on a team with other good players pushes Coker every day.

"It steps up your level of play because all of them are fighting for that starting spot," Coker said. "You just have to be that much better."

And with those intentions in mind, Coker looks to ground and pound the Seawolves back to FCS contention.

"You just got to make this last one count," he said. "Have some fun."

With the "34" on his back, Coker will do more than just have fun, but in his last hoorah, make a spectacle of entertainment for fans, teammates and the whole world to see.

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given to you.



## MEET THE OFFENSE

### KEY PLAYERS

- RB Marcus Coker — Rushed for 1,018 yards and 9 TDs in 2012
- RB James Kenner — Rushed for team leading 829 yards and 5 TDs in 2013
- TE Will Tye — Had 4 TDs and 520 receiving yards in 2013
- RT Cody Precht — Started all 11 games in 2013
- C Mike Lisi — Played 10 games in 2013
- WR Adrian Coxson — Had 3 TD and 544 receiving yards in 2013
- WR Jahrie Level — Played 9 games and had 117 receiving yards in 2013
- FB Chris Makulik — Played in all 11 games as backup fullback in 2013
- LG Jerry Hubshman — Played in 4 games in 2013
- RB Tyler Fredericks — Played in 7 games scoring 2 touchdowns

### KEY ADDITIONS

- + QB John Kinder — Transfer from Syracuse University
- + QB Conor Bednarski — Transfer from Fullerton College/Redshirt in 2013
- + RB Stacey Bedell — Ran for 301 yards for UMass in 2013
- + OL Shane Johnson — Played in 9 games for University of Pitt. in 2013

## Position to watch

### RUNNING BACK

Last season, the team's running game appeared to be in trouble after losing star halfback Marcus Coker before the third game of the season. But, in 2013 James Kenner emerged at the position finishing with a team leading 829 rushing yards. This year Coker is back, and will combine with Kenner and University of Massachusetts transfer Stacy Bedell to give SBU potentially one of the deepest backfield units in the CAA.

## Players to watch



### WILL TYE

#### Tight End

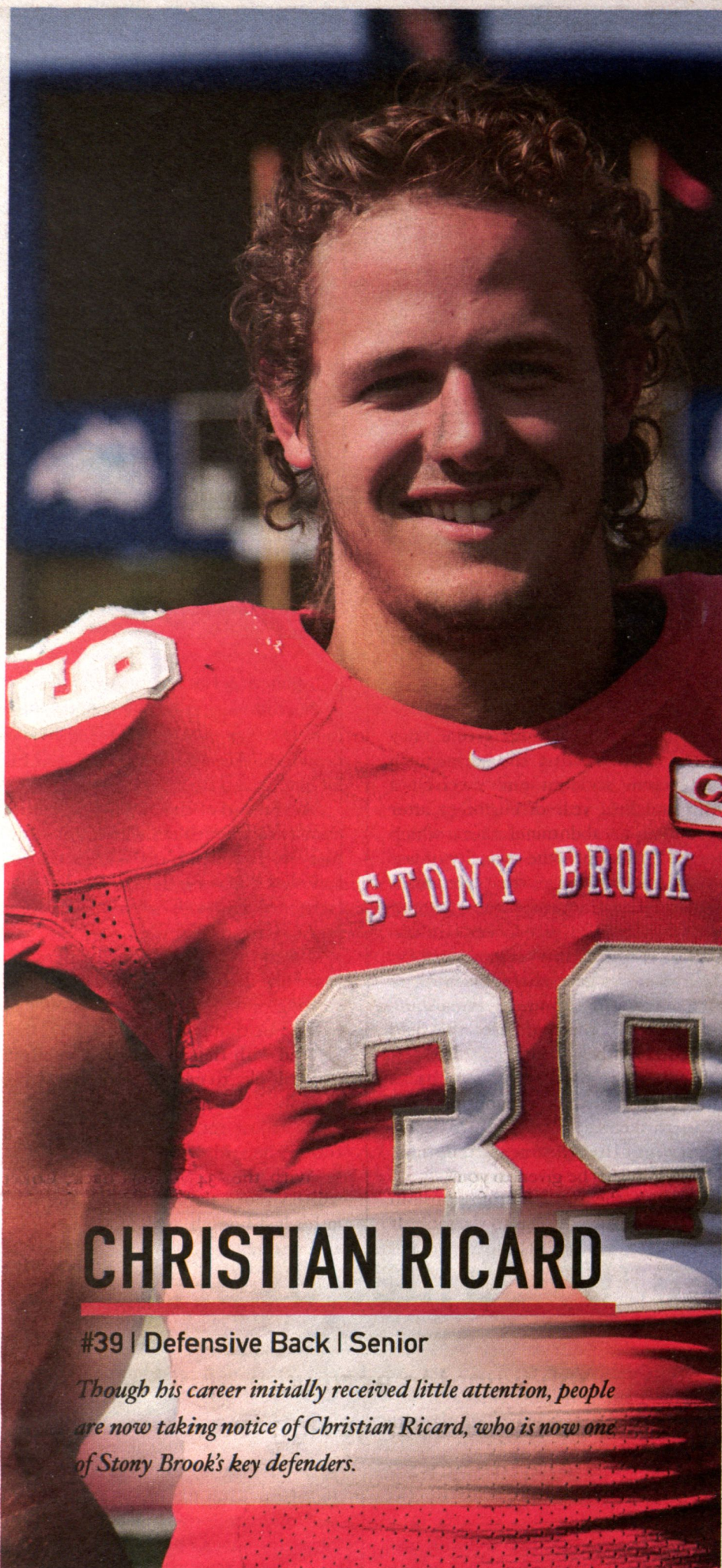
Tye proved to be one the Seawolves' most important players in 2013. Last season he was one quarterback Lyle Negrón's favorite receiving targets on offense, and also served as one of SBU's kick and punt returners. The senior will be asked to do more of the same this upcoming season, as he looks to close out his collegiate career with a playoff berth.



### ADRIAN COXSON

#### Wide Receiver

In 2013, Coxson put together a breakout season, becoming a major offensive threat for the Seawolves. In a late season game against James Madison he had a career high 9 receptions and 183 receiving yards, helping lead SBU to a 41-38 victory. In 2014 he will likely be taking over the role of the team's No. 1 receiver, and will be asked to take his game to new heights.



## CHRISTIAN RICARD

#39 | Defensive Back | Senior

*Though his career initially received little attention, people are now taking notice of Christian Ricard, who is now one of Stony Brook's key defenders.*

By Jason Mazza  
Staff Writer

Each year, the Stony Brook University football team invites several players to attend the school with the possibility of being a non-scholarship-receiving player on the roster (walk-ons). In the summer of 2010, defensive back Christian Ricard was one of these players.

Standing at over six feet and weighing 205 pounds, Ricard certainly had the makeup of a Division I player. However, as a native of Spencer, Massachusetts, Ricard slipped through the cracks of recruiting and received only a few Division III offers. The lack of attention and scholarship never faded

tallied eight total tackles to help beat the Wildcats and added seven in the second round loss to Montana State.

With the graduation of Dominick Reyes and injuries to senior defensive backs Reuben Johnson and Davonte Anderson, Ricard was asked to move to free safety and lead the young and inexperienced defensive backfield.

"Moving to free safety forced me to become more athletic and I was able to learn more about coverage and reads," Ricard said.

Despite a disappointing 5-6 campaign, Ricard led the Seawolves with 91 tackles including 17 in an upset at James Madison.

In 2014, Ricard will move back to the Rover position where he started his

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him though.

"I knew from day one I could make a big impact at Stony Brook, I just needed to make everyone else a believer," Ricard said.

Ricard joined the team in a period of transition. The Seawolves had just received an influx of transfers from the then recently-closed Hofstra football program. The veteran transfers and Ricard's unheralded talent led to a red-shirt season for 2010.

Ricard got the opportunity to prove himself on the Special Teams in 2011. In 2012, Ricard began to see consistent time in the field. With 53 tackles, Ricard was a part of a defense that led the Seawolves to a share of the Big South regular season title and an at-large bid to the FCS playoffs.

There, the Seawolves met soon-to-be CAA foe Villanova. On that cold and wet November night, a star was born. An injury to senior quarterback Kyle Essington put added pressure on Stony Brook's defense to hold Villanova's freshman star quarterback, John Robertson. Redshirt sophomore Ricard was ready for the challenge. He

career. Head Coach Chuck Priore said, "He's moving back to his comfortable position so were excited."

Before the Ricard and the Seawolves return to conference play where he has had success, they will travel to the University of Connecticut to play the Huskies.

When asked if Ricard had thought much about the team's first ever trip to UConn, he quickly interjected, saying, "Of course! The school's just a half hour from my house and I dreamed about playing there growing up. Last year, the Boston College game being removed was really disappointing. I played with a bunch of their (UConn) guys so it should be fun."

After serving as a Second Team All-CAA defensive player in his junior year, Ricard hopes to get even better and be more competitive this year. Rising from the bottom to the top of the depth chart, it's impossible to put a limit on Ricard's potential, but, he would rather not think about it.

"I'm just worried about today and helping this team win," he said. "We've got a lot of young guys, but we need to

## Position to watch

### LINEBACKER

SBU fans can expect a much different look at this position in 2014. Rahim Cassell showed plenty of potential back in his two seasons with the University of Oregon, and could be poised for a big year. The team will also look for two of their key reserves from last season in Jeremy Leggiero and Julian Quintin to put together breakout seasons. The addition of Cassell should give Leggiero and Quintin more time to develop into consistent tacklers.

## Players to watch

### VICTOR OCHI

#### Defensive End

In 2013 Ochi was a major force on the defense, posting 5.5 sacks and 33 tackles. In a critical game against Maine last year he came up big, finishing with eight tackles and 2.5 sacks. He has proven to be extremely durable, playing in every game for SBU the past two seasons. This season he will be asked to provide leadership for a young and talented defensive line unit.

### DAVONTE ANDERSON

#### Corner Back

After redshirting last season due to injury, Anderson will look to finish out his Stony Brook career strong in 2014. In 2012 he had a team-leading six INTs and nine pass break-ups. His 12 career collegiate INTs are the second most in the program's history. This year the senior will look to bring leadership to the Seawolves secondary.

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## MEET THE DEFENSE

### KEY PLAYERS

- Rover/S Christian Ricard — Led team with 91 tackles in 2013
- CB Davonte Anderson — Led team with 6 INT in 2012
- DE Victor Ochi — Led team with 5.5 sacks in 2013
- DT Aaron Thompson — Had 2 sacks and 26 tackles in 2013
- S Naim Cheeseboro — Had 69 tackles, 2 sacks, and 1 INT in 2013
- Rover Max Martinez — Had 24 tackles in 8 games in 2013
- S/CB Jaheem Woods — Had 23 tackles in 11 games in 2013
- DT Dante Allen — Had 1.5 sacks and 20 tackles in 2013
- LB Jeremy Leggiero — Had 16 tackles in 11 games in 2013
- LB Julian Quintin — Had 1 sack and 20 tackles in 2013

### KEY ADDITIONS

- + LB Rahim Cassell — 32 tackles for University of Oregon in 2013
- + CB Kye Morgan — Appeared in 2 games for University of Virginia in 2013
- + NT Ousmane Camara — Graduate of Bay Shore HS/Redshirted in 2013
- + DE Allen Singleton — Graduate of Atasocita HS/Redshirted in 2013

# Seawolves in the CAA: Year Two

By Cameron Boon  
Assistant Sports Editor

After last year's debut season in the I-AA powerhouse CAA, Stony Brook is back and looking to improve on its inaugural season in the Colonial Athletic Association. That year, the team produced a 3-5 conference record, which was the first time the Seawolves fell lower than .500 in conference play since 2004. It was also the first time since 2008 that Stony Brook finished below .500 in overall record.

The first conference team the Seawolves face this season is the William & Mary Tribe. The Tribe finished 4-4 in conference play in the 2013 season. Their schedule included a 24-17 loss to West Virginia in Morgantown, where the Tribe had a 10-point lead midway through the third quarter and then fell apart.

The most crucial aspect of Stony Brook's first conference game this year is how fast the Seawolves start, as the Tribe started very quickly last season. The Tribe outscored their opponents in yards last year 158-82 in the first half, while then only outscoring them 94-86 in the second half. The Tribe will start the season ranked No. 22 in the FCS Coaches Poll.

The next two games will be a test to see where the Seawolves will stand in the CAA. The first of the two will be contested in Towson, Maryland,

where the Tigers will play host to Stony Brook. The Seawolves had a 21-10 halftime lead a year ago against Towson, a team who finished as runner-up to Maine last year in the CAA after going 6-2. The Tigers then ripped off 25 unanswered points to run away with a 35-21 victory at LaValle Stadium. Towson will begin this year ranking No. 7 in the FCS Coaches Poll after reaching the FCS National Championship game a year ago.

The second tough test in a row for the Seawolves is against the reigning CAA champion Maine Black Bears at LaValle Stadium. They are ranked No. 20 in the preseason FCS Coaches Poll and return three All-CAA selections from a year ago, as well as 15 starters. Their place kicker Sean Decloux is a preseason All-American pick. In last season's matchup, the Seawolves rallied from a 13-0 halftime deficit to take a 14-13 lead, but were unable to hold on as Maine won the game 19-14 in Orono.

The next matchup is against a CAA newcomer, as Elon comes over from the Southern Conference. They return one All-SoCon selection from a year ago in running back Kierre Brown. They also return 14 starters from last year's team that finished 2-10 and finished the year on a six-game losing streak.

Stony Brook's next conference matchup is against the highest ranked team in the FCS Coaches Poll this pre-

season, the New Hampshire Wildcats. They are ranked No. 4 in the poll, and are looking to build on their second place finish, tying the Towson Tigers at 6-2 in the CAA. The weapons are back for New Hampshire, as quarterback Sean Goldrich returns, leading with the starting running back and two of the three receivers returning from last season. The problems will lie up front, where only one starter from last season returns.

After a bye week, Stony Brook will face the easier part of their schedule. They will face three of the bottom four teams in the CAA last season, the fourth of those teams being the Seawolves. The first is James Madison. The Dukes finished tied with the Seawolves with a 3-5 conference record. The Dukes return two All-CAA selections, S/PR Dean Marlowe and LB Gage Steele. Marlowe was also an All-American last season. The Dukes return 13 starters from last year as well.

The final home regular season game will be against the Rhode Island Rams, the team the Seawolves opened their CAA play with last year with a 24-0 victory in Kingston. They return two All-CAA selections from last season, with punt returner Robbie Jackson and line backer Andrew Rose (cant find this guy) garnering spots. The Rams, who return 12 starters from last season, were picked to finish 11th in the conference.

The annual Empire Clash will happen up at Albany this season, when the Seawolves take on the Great Danes. After last season's 24-3 demolition, Stony Brook will look to make two wins in as many seasons against their New York State rivals. Albany returns 15 starters from last season, including one All-CAA selection in RB Omar Osbourne. They were predicted to finish 10th in the CAA this season.

## CAA BREAKDOWN

\* Stony Brook is entering its **second season** as a member of the CAA.

\* The conference features **12 teams**, and will welcome Elon University this season.

\* Maine finished as the **top team** in the CAA in 2013, going 7-1 in conference play.

\* CAA teams Maine, Towson, and New Hampshire all participated in the 2013 **FCS Playoffs**.

\* Towson finished as the **highest scoring** team in the conference in 2013, averaging 36.6 points per game.

\* William & Mary gave up the **fewest points** in the conference in 2013, only allowing 14.0 points per game.

\* Villanova quarterback John Robertson was selected as the 2014 Preseason Offensive **Player of the Year**. Last season he threw for 13 touchdowns, while rushing for 20 touchdowns.

\* William & Mary defensive lineman Mike Reilly was selected as the 2014 Preseason Defensive **Player of the Year**. Last season he registered 11.5 sacks in 12 games.

# Football alumni continue to make strides at pro level

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

While the Stony Brook football team continues to prepare for their opening game on Thursday against Bryant, many of the team's former players have been attempting to find stable ground in the world of professional football.

Stony Brook's starting quarterback from last season, Lyle Negron, has signed a contract to play in France according to an Instagram post of his. He will be playing for Les Gladiateurs de La Queue-en-Brie in France's second division come 2015.

Negron threw for 2,367 yards in his final year as a Seawolf, the second most for a season in the program's history. He also threw for 17 touchdowns, including a record-tying 91-yard touchdown toss against Albany.

Michael Bamiro, a first team All-Big South in his final season at Stony Brook, spent last year on the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad after the same team released him from a three-year contract.

Bamiro's had to change his game to suit his coaches' desires, moving to guard from his native offensive tackle position. Unfortunately for Bamiro, he was released in the first round of cuts prior to Tuesday's deadline.

Over a year after Miguel Maysonet went undrafted, the former Seawolf is also fighting for a spot in the NFL. The 5-foot-10-inch 210-pound halfback spent three seasons with the Seawolves after transferring from Hofstra, totalling 53 touchdowns in his Stony Brook career and winning Big South Offensive Player of the Year twice.

Maysonet spent this past season as a nomad, failing to find a steady home in the pros. After signing with the Philadelphia Eagles in April 2013, Maysonet was waived the following month and was picked up by the Cleveland Browns.

A month later, the Browns also released him, which sparked a bevy of practice squad assignments for Maysonet. The Indianapolis Colts, San Diego Chargers, New York Jets and Washington Redskins would all employ Maysonet to their practice squad by season's end.

Things took a turn for the better as Maysonet was signed to a reserve/future deal with the Pittsburgh Steelers in January.

A reserve/future contract is like any other, only it takes effect in the following season. Thus, Maysonet has been participating in Steel-

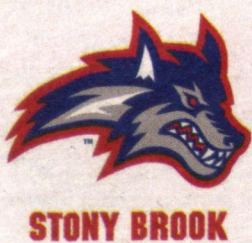
ers camp, despite technically being signed last season.

Maysonet made his NFL debut on Aug. 9 in New York of all places, with the Steelers visiting the Giants in a preseason exhibition. Maysonet had two carries and picked up eight receiving yards on two catches.

Other former Seawolves that drew interest from NFL squads include defensive back Winston Longdon, who attended the Jets rookie camp back in May, and wide receiver Malcolm Eugene, who according to the National Football Post, worked out for the Oakland Raiders, Jets and Colts back in May.

Stony Brook has yet to see one of its alumni establish a regular role on an NFL team, but the program seems to be getting closer and closer to reaching that goal with each passing season.

## 2014 Schedule



Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.  
vs. Bryant



Sept. 6 at 12 p.m.  
at Connecticut



Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.  
vs. American International



Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.  
at North Dakota



Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.  
vs. William & Mary



Oct. 4 at 3:30 p.m.  
at Towson



Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.  
vs. Maine



Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m.  
at Elon



Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.  
at New Hampshire



Nov. 8 at 1 p.m.  
vs. James Madison



Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.  
vs. Rhode Island



Nov. 22 at 3:30 p.m.  
at Albany

# What did you binge watch this summer?

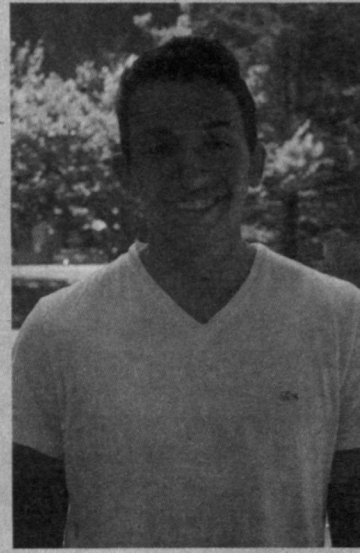
By the time the summer heat sets in, all students really want to do is sit down and relax. Most importantly, they want to grab a snack, lay down on the couch and turn on their televisions or computer. For summer 2014, Stony Brook student Amanda Ng tuned into Zooey Deschanel in FOX's "New Girl." Ahmed Ahmed "The Office" with John Krasinski and Rainn Wilson." Verdah Ahmad stuck with NBC with Amy Poehler and the fictitious Pawnee, Indiana "Parks and Recreation" department. Sticking with her pre-medicine track, Kathy Nickson joined Dr. House's (Hugh Laurie) team and diagnosed patients with different diseases. Ben Belliveau played a "Game of Thrones," HBO's series based on George R. R. Martin's popular series of novels. Unlike some of the other students who resorted to sitcoms and dramas, recent grad Peter Milien spent his summer watching YouTube videos.

But the question is if they will be able to keep up with their shows as the homework builds.

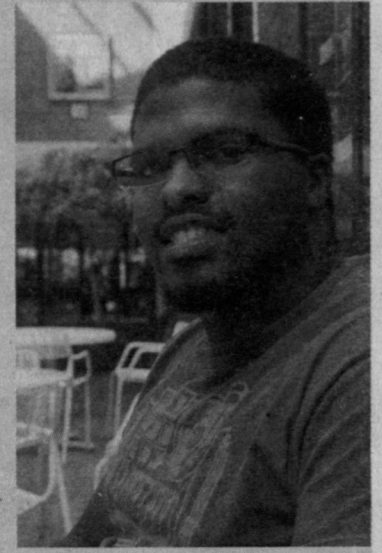
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Freshman, psychology major



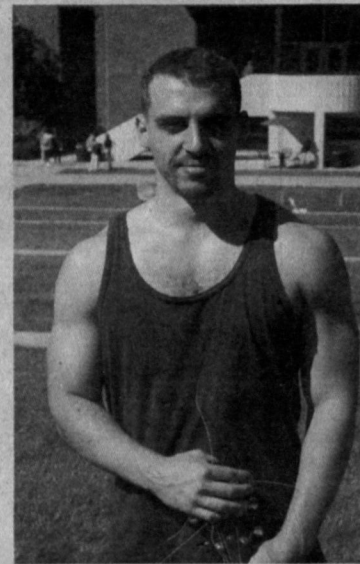
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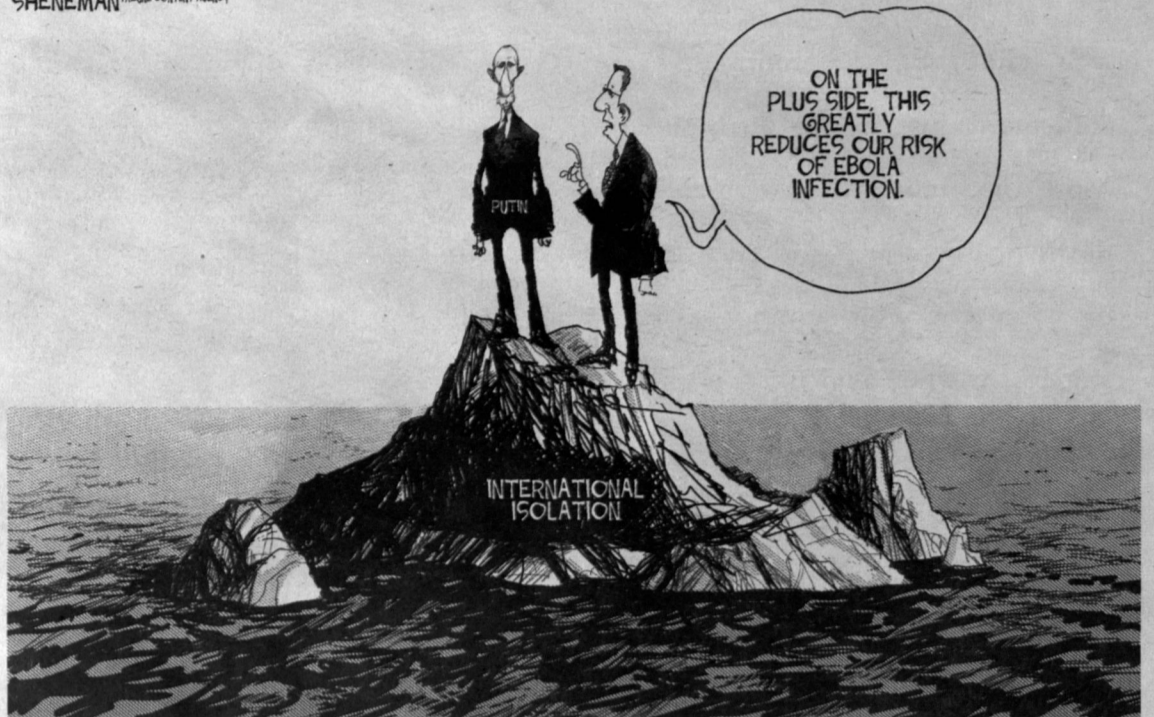


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## Editorial: Welcome back, Seawolves!

Welcome to a new semester at Stony Brook University! Whether you are a freshman who just moved in or a senior who knows the campus like the back of their hand, every school year brings a new adventure for those who are willing to take advantage of the opportunities available to the enterprising student. Just as the university continues to grow and expand its horizons, so too does it allow students to do the same for themselves.

There are many clubs and organizations on campus students join both to meet people with shared interests and to build their resumes. Considering the relative ease in which one can create a new club, there are now over 300 organizations for nearly any type of hobby or passion. Whether students are into art, anime or even expanding their knowledge of foreign cultures, a club is nearly guaranteed to exist that will cater to the student's individual interests.

While we were off on vacation or working at an internship (or just watching Netflix), the university was busy—construction on campus is still visible in quite a few locations, and while this may be a nuisance for students, as their favorite shortcuts may be blocked off or even slated to become obsolete, the effort on the part of the university to improve and increase facilities on campus is incredibly promising. Growth is indicative of a thriving institution, and judging by the amount of construction on campus, Stony Brook is doing very, very well.

There is much to look forward to in the athletics department, with new director Shawn Heilbron now at the helm. The men's basketball team is looking to make its first trip to the NCAA Tournament after being on the cusp for years. If they make it, they will do so in style. The new Stony Brook Arena is set to open with a performance by the Harlem Globetrotters next month, and it is a beautiful

stadium that will play host to many of Stony Brook's Division I teams.

The university also continues to offer services to help students improve their job or internship prospects. ZebraNet is the Career Center's database of hundreds of opportunities, paid and unpaid, that are offered to Stony Brook students by local businesses and organizations. The best part about ZebraNet is that it can be used even after you graduate. These experiences can often teach you more than even your classes can, so we highly recommend seeing what ZebraNet can offer you.

Campus Dining received quite a lot of criticism last year through various platforms—weird things were found in food, students considered food prices too costly and hours of operation for the dining halls were insufficient.

We are very excited by the promising list of improvements Campus Dining released in August. Finally, meal plans are rolling over from the fall semester to the spring—we do not have to buy over-priced cases of water anymore. The kiosks in the Student Activities Center should hopefully cut the wrap line down during lunch time. This is one of many solutions being enacted by Campus Dining to help make a better and easier dining situation.

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# Motives for continuation of Gaza conflict unclear



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Religious violence has been a problem in the Gaza Strip for the past few decades.

By Paul Grindle  
Staff Writer

Death, destruction and mayhem have ruled the ever-suffering Palestinian coastal enclave of the Gaza Strip for the last seven weeks as hostilities between the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and an array of Palestinian militias (most notably with that of the de facto Islamist governing party, Hamas) have produced thousands of casualties, a majority of them being civilians. Temporary cease-fires have been negotiated but, when not left to expire (resulting in a return to hostilities), were violated, resulting in even more hostilities.

After a temporary ceasefire was negotiated on Aug. 13, the first stage of a grand bargain for a long-term ceasefire was agreed by Israel and all relevant Palestinian parties on Aug. 18, with an extension of the most recent temporary cease-

fire for another 24 hours starting on Aug. 19. But a few hours after that extension went into effect, Hamas rockets were shot into Israel from the Gaza Strip, resulting in massive IDF retaliation in Gaza. This inspired an ominous implicit threat from Hamas to shoot down aircraft in Israeli territory and a warning to all foreign craft to stay clear of Israel.

With direct warfare on the verge of reemerging, casualties mounting (the U.N. estimates 2000 deaths on the Palestinian side and 66 on the Israeli side), and peace seeming increasingly impossible, many are asking one question: why?

On July 12, three Israeli teenagers were kidnapped in the West Bank. Publicly, Israel declared Hamas responsible for the kidnapping and, though they denied responsibility, Hamas political leader Khaled Meshal publicly congratulated

the kidnapers. The response to this kidnapping was a multi-week search (resembling a small invasion) through the West Bank for both the teens and the kidnapers. The bodies were eventually found dead on land belonging to the Palestinian Qawasameh tribe. Formerly moderates, the Qawasamehs are a radical opposition faction in Hamas (which is hardly a unitary movement) that attempts to frustrate any attempt at peaceful Israeli-Palestinian relations, frequently aiming to launch rockets in the name of Hamas to destroy ceasefires.

In response to the Israeli incursion into the West Bank, rockets were launched by non-Hamas groups from the Gaza Strip. Israel responded with attacks on Palestinian positions in Gaza on June 29, killing one member of Hamas. Enraged, Hamas shot numerous rockets into Israel.

In retaliation to this and the rockets that have been continually launched at Israel for years from the Gaza Strip, Israel launched a massive air campaign and followed by failed cease-fire attempts, a ground campaign aimed at rooting out Hamas' infrastructure and, later, network of cross-border tunnels from Gaza to Israel that allowed Hamas militants to enter Israeli territory.

Fighting continued for weeks, with cease-fires being negotiated and either ending or being violated, with the most recent of them having collapsed just as a long term cease-fire was about to be implemented. Among the most difficult terms of peace to implement are demands from Hamas that Israel allow the air, sea and land blockades against Gaza to end and demands from Israel that the Gaza Strip, long known for its militant opposition to Israeli control, be demilitarized.

On its surface, this narrative gives a simple overview of the conflict. But the devil is in the details. It was later revealed that Israel knew, due to DNA testing, that the boys were almost certainly murdered well before the Israeli incursion into the West Bank. They also knew that Hamas had not launched a rocket at Israel since signing the 2012 cease-fire agreement after an earlier Israel-Gaza conflict and that Hamas had worked to try to contain more radical groups from launching rockets.

Yet, Israel continued to blame Hamas for rockets launched into Israel that Hamas had no ability to control (as if Hamas pushes too hard against the more radical Palestinian groups, it would be seen as an ally of the enemy and risk losing power). Israel also

knew that the kidnapers were part of the Qawasameh tribe and that Hamas central command had not ordered the kidnappings. So why would Israel go after Hamas like this when they were being cooperative with the Israelis?

Earlier, on June 2, Hamas had

...Israel used their kidnapping as a pretense to uproot Hamas' support and infrastructure in the West Bank.

let go of its de facto control over the Gaza Strip (which it took in a preemptive counter-coup against rival party Fatah's attempt to oust Hamas from its democratically elected position in charge of the Palestinian government in 2007) and handed over power to a Hamas-Fatah unity government. Israel refused to accept any Hamas-backed government, as not only does Hamas refuse to give up violence and accept Israel, but Israel also conspired with Fatah and the West to remove Hamas from power and sees this government as one that will concede less to Israel in peace negotiations now that the movement Israel tried to crush is in power again.

So, with full knowledge of the fate of the boys well before

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## Housing finally a priority for SBU Administration

By Emily Benson  
Staff Writer

The best things in life come in threes, right? For the sake of Stony Brook's incoming class of 2018, I certainly hope so. Almost all have been told that they will be placed in triples for their first semester. This is not the first problem to come up from Stony Brook's lack of housing

and has been a cause of common complaints among students.

As a response, the university has announced the building of two new residence halls, adding 759 additional beds for students on campus. Even if it will not fix the problem entirely, adding the new dorms will no doubt help the housing situation.

According to Newsday, Stony Brook currently has on-campus

housing for less than half of its students. It is noticeable too, especially this year when there are an increasing number of freshman being admitted and with most of them being tripled or told they are on wait for housing. This growth, thought tight for space, is great for showing how Stony Brook is distancing itself from being a school know for commuters.

With the new addition of the dorms, Stony Brook will have the largest on-campus housing in the SUNY system with a bed count of 10,300. The new dorms will not only ease the demand for housing, but will also appeal to students who are looking as a close college community on campus.

However, housing does not just exist on campus. Many upperclassmen prefer to move off-campus to get their own place, free from RAs and campus housing prices. The housing the students find, however, is not always safe. According to the Times Beacon Record, the Stony Brook Concerned Homeowners have been trying to raise awareness of illegal off-campus housing, where landlords provide student housing that violates town code. Anthony DeRosa, one of the association's founders, said the university should try adding more apartment style/town houses on campus, which "might encourage some students to still seek on campus housing."

This will be another obstacle for the school to tackle. SBU

spokesperson Lauren Shepro released a statement saying the university has spoken with local developers on building apartment style housing in areas that do not violate the code. Most of these promises are fleeting, and the only tangible responses we have seen to any housing issues are the new residence halls, which should not go unnoticed and is a step in the right direction of better housing for the school.

The new addition of housing will greatly ease tension for future incoming students. As for the Class of 2018, tripling is not terrible. Yes, space is tight and privacy is limited. But if you end up with a roommate who does not believe in showering, cleaning or getting out of bed, at least you are not alone. The struggle of housing, in dorm rooms or off-campus, is really just another right of passage in college. You must claw your way through the craziness just as every other student has. And, at least for once, it seems like Stony Brook is trying to help its students and diminish some of the craziness. Let's just hope that it works.

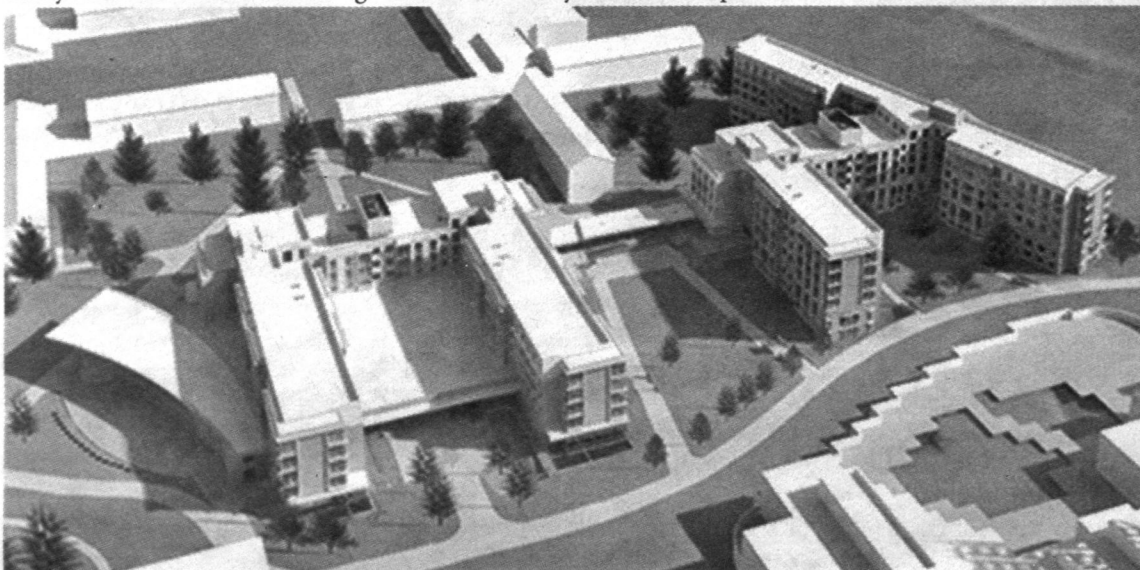


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The new dorms will add some much needed beds so that tripling will be minimized. The University is trying its best to accommodate the increasing student population.

## Use ZebraNet, it works

By Tejen Shah  
Assistant Opinions Editor

Whether you are a rising senior, graduate student, or an incoming freshman, you have all heard of or will hear about the ever-famous Zebra Path. Thousands of Stony Brook students walk on that little strip of concrete between Frank Melville Library, the Chemistry building and Frey Hall on a daily basis. We admire its uniqueness and mock its wackiness. What we often do not realize, however, is the true purpose of the Zebra Path.

For starters, it is definitely not there for aesthetic reasons. It is safe to say that the campus might just be prettier without it. However, it is not there for no reason at all.

The real purpose of the path is actually quite simple: it is a reminder. It reminds students that this university can help you find that opportunity you are looking for through the remarkably underused database, ZebraNet.

I know that everyone is told what ZebraNet is during freshman or transfer orientation

field of work. ZebraNet can get you in touch with employers, researchers and volunteer outlets that will teach you things that school alone could never offer.

It is as simple as visiting the Career Center website, clicking on the ZebraNet Database link, signing in with your NetID and

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password and simply browsing through whichever category interests you. Once you have picked a category, all you have to do is toggle through the hundreds of jobs, internships and other opportunities available and select one or more that is

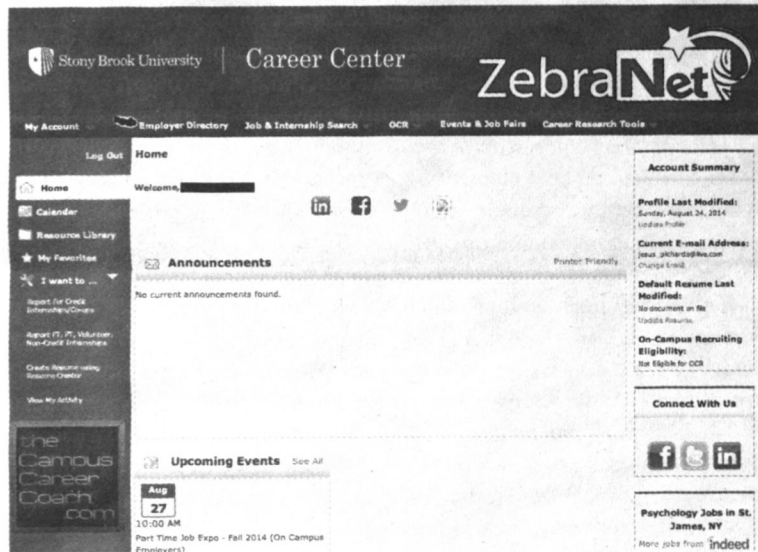


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**You can find hundreds of opportunities through ZebraNet.**

and may even have some practice with it before school starts, but if you are anything like a normal college student, this type of

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information that is not pertinent to a class or specific subject goes in one ear and out the other because it is deemed unimportant. Sometimes, however, it is this type of information that is actually the most important. Of course grades are vital, but it is often the experiences we have in our lives that help us get farther.

This is where ZebraNet comes in. It is a tool that is available to both current students and alumni to explore opportunities in any

best for you. More often than not, the employer has already written down vital information about the position they wish to fill, and they often ask for a resume, email or phone call, or all three to convey your interest to them.

I sometimes tell people who ask about my current job and I find that nine times out of ten, they are incredibly interested and want to know where in the world I found such an opportunity. When I tell them it was through ZebraNet, they are immediately astonished. They say things like, "I had no idea our school could help with that" or "Wow. I did not know anyone even used ZebraNet."

I know many of us like to find opportunities on our own, but many struggle to do so in the first place. There is no shame in getting some help, especially from the world-class institution you pay thousands of dollars to attend. So if you are looking for something to put on your resume, some extra cash, or maybe even just an unforgettable experience, check out ZebraNet and take advantage of what Stony Brook has to offer you.

## You can let your old friends go

By Jonathan Kline  
Staff Writer

As the summer comes to an end, the inevitable goodbyes will start to happen as you begin to say farewell to your friends, telling everyone that you will stay in touch or that you might try to visit them up at whatever school they may be going to. While this is a great and noble idea, the unfortunate reality is that sometimes, this just does not happen.

It is, without a doubt, pretty hard to stay in contact with every single friend that you had in high school. In fact, you will probably not see many of them again because, unfortunately, that is just what happens in life; people drift apart. You might grow distant from a person that you were close with in high school, but that does not mean that you cannot go out and meet new people.

**Do not let old friends from back home keep you from meeting new people.**

Meeting new people is one of the most exciting and rewarding things about going to college since almost everyone, just like you, barely knows anyone to begin with. You can go down the hall and meet a new person, or join a club or sports team



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**You will make lifelong friends at Stony Brook University.**

and meet a whole new group of people right then and there. You may not become friends with any of these people; on the flipside, they may become your closest friends, even closer than your high school friends. However, you will not know this unless you go out and explore your new campus and environment.

Now another thing to keep in mind is that you still will probably talk to a couple of your friends from high school. Do not be dissuaded from talking to them, as they were your closest friends for a reason.

In this new age of technology, keeping in contact is easier than ever: with the touch of a button you can send a text to a friend 1,000 miles away, and vice versa, so if you feel that distance may be a problem, it surely will not be one if you and your friends are willing to make your friendship work.

However, do not let old friends from back home keep you from meeting new people. Do not feel guilty if you do not talk to your old friends as

often as you may have liked, or that you do not get to see them. That is just a by-product of going to different colleges and this should not deter you from going and meeting new people. You only have one time to go through college as an undergraduate, whether you are a freshman or transfer.

Make the best out of your first year at Stony Brook; get involved, go to events and meet new people. Then, when the breaks roll around, see your old friends again. You will be able to keep a balance between your old and new friends and although it may be hard to figure out at first, it is something that you will eventually learn to do.

So, with that being said, enjoy your time here at Stony Brook, and remember that Stony Brook is what you make out of it; you can have an amazing four (or more) years here or a horrible four-plus years here.

The deciding factor in that situation will ultimately be you. Good luck and enjoy the semester!

## Gaza conflict remains ambiguous

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the excursion, Israel used their kidnapping as a pretense to uproot most of Hamas' support and infrastructure in the West Bank. Knowing the retaliation this would produce from the Palestinian side, the inevitable rocket attacks gave

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Israel political cover to launch attacks on Hamas in Gaza (which is inside its borders, not controlled by Israel). This opportunity to weaken Hamas would also allow Israel to go after other militant groups (like Islamic Jihad in particular) so that the civilians in southern Israel would finally have relief from the frequent rocket fire from Gaza.

In essence, it appears as if



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**Secretary of State John Kerry has been attempting to diffuse this conflict, but has not obtained any results.**

Israel is gambling that with this kerfuffle, it can neutralize Hamas (and other groups) as threats to its security. With a power gap due to weakened Palestinian militias, this could allow the new Palestinian unity government to establish its control over Gaza with Fatah at its helm to moderate against radical influence, negotiate as the representative of all of Palestine instead of as the illegal unrepresentative government of a failed coup attempt, as the "official" Palestinian government

was until June 2. It is also possible that this could've been Netanyahu's way of appeasing the hard-right members in his cabinet who were angry at him for wasting time with failed peace negotiations earlier this year.

It is too early to say just what the Israeli motivation for the moves on Hamas were, but with hostilities still ongoing and with no sign of ending, it is clear that the world's largest open-air prison has a lot more horror to face in the near future.



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# Precht continues to thrive after moving to right tackle position

By Joe Ryder and Joe Galotti  
Contributing Writer and Sports Editor

The graduation of offensive lineman and former member of the Philadelphia Eagles Michael Bamiro left a big pair of shoes to fill, both literally and figuratively, for the Stony Brook football team.

The man, known to his teammates as "Big Mike," stands at 6-foot-8-inches and weighed 335 pounds and was a major reason for the success of the team's running game in recent years.

At the start of the 2013 season, the Stony Brook football team had to deal with the loss of its All-Big South tackle, and, as a result, decided to have its right guard, Cody Precht, slide over to Bamiro's former position.

Taking over for Bamiro may seem like a daunting task, but Precht said he did not have much trouble making the transition.

"Believe it or not it wasn't too big of a jump because I started getting some practice reps (at right tackle) the previous spring," Precht said. "I mean it took some time getting used to but it wasn't that big a deal."

Precht certainly was able to fill the large shoes he inherited, as last season he helped pave the way for Stony Brook's three leading rushers to average over 4.3 yards per carry each.

When asked about Precht's move over to tackle, Chuck Priore, the team's head coach, had nothing but

praise for Precht's work ethic and performance.

"Cody's a great kid," Priore said, "He's a team player, so he reacted well [to the position switch] and played very well. He'll be there again this season and he's done a good job at it."

Precht, who made his first career start for Stony Brook against the 2011 season opener for the University of Texas at El Paso, has been the cornerstone of the Seawolves offensive line since, starting in all 37 games from the 2011 season onward.

Precht started his playing career at right guard and was part of a combined offensive line that helped propel Stony Brook to a FCS second-ranked points per game average, 38, and a fourth-ranked rushing attack, averaging 267.31 yards per game on the ground in 2011.

In 2012, Precht and the offensive line blocked for two 1,000 yard rushers, one of which was Walter Payton Award finalist Miguel Maysonet.

Precht, now entering his senior season, was named to the Second Team All-CAA by College Sports Madness. In 2013, he once again proved to be a key component of the team's offense, starting all 11 games for the Seawolves and even making a start at center in a late-season game against James Madison.

But despite Precht's strong play, the Stony Brook offense struggled for much of the last season, finishing

just eighth in the conference in points-per-game. One area that Precht says the team "will need to improve upon this season is converting on third down situations.

"Whether its 3rd and long or 3rd and short we got to get better," Precht said.

One of the people tasked with helping the Seawolves improve upon this problem is the team's new offensive line coach Rob Neviasser, who Precht claims has been "awesome" since joining the team.

"He pushes us to the limit, so I think the toughness he's getting out of us is going to push us past the problem on 3rd down," Precht said.

For Precht, as with every other Stony Brook player, the football season never truly ends. Long before training camp commenced in August, the road to the season was well underway in the weight room and film sessions.

"(I was) staying on the film and making sure the weight room stays good because that's important, especially in this conference," Precht said. "We have to come every day with a focus and get better at everything."

It is that work ethic that allowed Precht to take over an NFL-level talent almost seamlessly and become a major leader for this Stony Brook team. The Seawolves will need big things from the senior lineman this season, and if the last three years are any indication, he will be up for the task.

# SBU adds linebacker Cassell

By Joe Galotti  
Sports Editor

One of the biggest questions facing the Seawolves defense as they entered training camp this year was who would be giving them quality reps at the linebacker position. The team's two starting linebackers from last season, Jawara Dudley and Grant Nakwaasah, have both moved on, leaving a pair of big holes to fill at the position.

Just a little over two weeks before the team's first game, Stony Brook may have found an answer to that problem. On Aug. 13 it was officially announced that former University of Oregon linebacker Rahim Cassell will be joining the Seawolves for the 2014 season.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 225 pound junior accepted a grant-in-aid offer to join the team, and will have two years of eligibility remaining. After redshirting back in 2011, Cassell played two seasons as a backup linebacker for the Ducks.

"We're excited that Rahim has chosen to continue his education at Stony Brook," head coach Chuck Priore said in a statement. "Obviously, Rahim has a lot of ability as evident by his success in the Pac-12. We look forward to his contributions as a person and a player to the team."

Last season Cassell appeared in 13 games for Oregon. He recorded 32 tackles, 13 of which were unassisted. He had a career-high six tackles in a contest against Stanford, and also forced a fumble in a game against Oregon State. The junior from Lakewood, California brings plenty of potential talent to the Seawolves

linebacker spot. Coming out of high school he was a consensus three star recruit, and was ranked as the No. 30 outside linebacker by ESPN. Getting a player who has experience playing in a conference as strong as the PAC-12 should be a major boost for the Seawolves.

The Seawolves are looking for two of their reserve linebackers from last year, junior Jeremy Leggiero and sophomore Julian Quintin, to make big leaps in 2014. But, Leggiero and Quintin both have had a limited amount of playing experience at the collegiate level, and asking both of them to fill two starting roles may have been difficult. The addition of Cassell should give Stony Brook more depth at the position, and give Leggiero and Quintin more time to develop into quality starters.

Cassell became available to Stony Brook after the University of Oregon announced last month that he would no longer be a part of their football program. His exit from the team came just a few months after Cassell was charged with driving while under the influence. He was arrested for the DUI charge back on May 4, and has a court case scheduled for Oct. 29 according to a report from Newsday's Greg Logan.

While Cassell's recent legal troubles may have been a concern to Priore and the Seawolves organization, they were clearly not enough to deter SBU from bringing aboard a PAC-12 conference level talent to their program. It is unknown if his addition will cause problems for Stony Brook off the field, but the team has seemingly found an answer to their linebacker situation on it.

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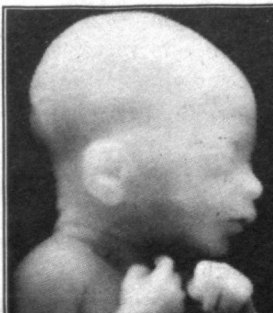
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## Women's soccer looks to build on strong 2013

By Joe Ryder  
Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook women's soccer team returns this year with high hopes of claiming their second regular season conference title in as many years in the America East and looks to improve upon their second-place finish from last year and claim the championship.

According to the 2014 Coaches Poll, the team is ranked no. 2 in the conference. Stony Brook will face a challenging schedule this season, facing the likes of University of Connecticut on Sept. 7 and St. John's University on Sept. 18. Rival University of Maryland-Baltimore County, who beat the Seawolves for the America East Conference title last season will play host to Stony Brook on Oct. 5 in what will be a key conference matchup.

Stony Brook has established itself as an annual competitor in the America East, and coach Sue Ryan is confident that although they face a tough schedule, the team will take games in stride.

"We are excited to compete with some of the best programs in the country for our upcoming 2014 season," Ryan said. "Each game will provide a fast-paced and competitive environment for our team as we move toward our goal of competing in the NCAA tournament."

This year the team takes the field with 18 returning players and 12 incoming freshmen.

"This has been one of the most competitive preseasons we have ever had here at Stony Brook," Ryan said. "The freshmen came in fit and ready to contribute and the returners have done a fabulous job of integrating them into what we have built here. Our players are working hard to earn spots for the fall but they have also done a tremendous job of supporting the people they are competing against for the spots. It has created a nice dynamic."

The team is not without notable departures though, including



Castanio looks to anchor a young back line with no seniors in 2014.

America East first-team All Conference athletes Stella Norman and Larissa Nysch, a defender and forward respectively.

Nysch was especially important in leading the team to nearly two goals per game, adding 11 of her own to outscore opponents by an average of .73 goals. In addition, Nysch penciled her name into the Stony Brook record book, kicking her way into ninth on the school's all-time list of goals in a single season with her 2013 effort.

Ryan, in her 30th season as head coach of the women's soccer program, though, believes the Seawolves have enough returning experience to make up for the losses along with the pieces in place to make up for the production.

Leading the Seawolves on the field this season are two captains, senior Shannon Grogan and redshirt junior Regan Bosnyak.

Ryan has confidence in her two captains and their ability to lead the team in their quest for a conference championship.

"With twelve newcomers and two new coaches joining the staff, there was a lot of change this offseason," Ryan explained. "Shannon and Regan have done a fabulous job of taking the team by the reigns, embracing the change and getting everybody to buy into our team concept and the core values of our program."

Another notable presence on the field for Stony Brook is their goalkeeper, redshirt senior Ashley Castanio. Last season Castanio posted an impressive 1.12 goals against average and .829 save percentage. Last year's America East Goalkeeper of the Year, Castanio currently sits second in school history with a 1.18 career GAA. She is behind Marisa Viola, who currently stands at 1.02.

Once the team kicks its way into October, every match will be against conference foes, leading up to the all-important conference championships come Oct. 30 as the Seawolves hope to secure home field advantage and clinch another NCAA berth.

## Women's Soccer loses season opener, rebounds with victory

By Cam Boon  
Assistant Sports Editor

Friday night was opening night in the 2014 NCAA Women's Soccer season, and Stony Brook was looking to start coach Sue Ryan's 30th season with a win.

However, the Rutgers Scarlet Knights had other plans, as they defeated the Seawolves 3-1 across the river in Piscataway, NJ in a non-conference matchup behind two goals from sophomore midfielder Madison Tiernan.

Her classmate, Jennifer Andresen, added the third Rutgers goal, helping them improve to 22-5-4 all-time on opening night and 7-0-1 in matches against Stony Brook. They have won the last three by a combined score of 8-1.

Tiernan scored the first goal of the game just under five minutes in, taking a pass from Amy Pietrangelo and putting it past Seawolves keeper Ashley Castanio to the right, and giving Rutgers a 1-0 lead. They would take that lead to the break, and defensively holding Stony Brook to only five shots.

Tiernan scored her second goal in the 62nd minute, with assists from Amanda DeVolk and Brienne Reed to make it 2-0 Rutgers. This was Tiernan's first career multi-goal game, while shooting a career-high seven times, and hitting the target thrice. That number tied a career-high.

Andresen streaked into the box in the 74th minute, taking a head-flick pass from Jessica Puchalski and beating Castanio to the left side of the net, all but icing the game at 3-0.

Maxie New made sure the Seawolves would not go scoreless in their season opener, as she slotted a free kick goal in the 82nd minute of the game.

The Seawolves rebounded on

Sunday in their home opener at LaValle Stadium, defeating the Delaware State Hornets 1-0 in a non-conference women's soccer matchup.

This was a classic example of a game which the scoreboard does not tell the story of the game.

The Seawolves outshot their opponents 22-6 in the game, and 12-2 in the first half in their first win of the season.

Castanio did not have to do a lot in this game, recording only one save.

The Seawolves were only able to put seven of them on target, which mostly led to the low scoreline.

The lone goalscorer for the game, freshman Maddie Good, scored her first career NCAA goal in the 76 minute unassisted. This was also her lone shot of the game.

Seven different Seawolves put a shot on net, providing offensive pressure from all angles but just were not able to score more in the game.

The Hornets struggled to a 1-16 record last season, so the Seawolves were not facing the toughest of opponents, but Stony Brook had to sweat this one out against their Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference opponents.

Tessa Devereaux, the lone returning player from the America East All-Conference team a year ago, led the offensive attack with five shots, including one on net.

Regan Bosnyak, returning this year from an injury that made her miss nearly all of last season, recorded four shots, as well of one on target.

Keeper Katelyn Koslosky kept the Seawolves out of the net for most of the day, recording six saves.

The Seawolves will look to make it two in a row on Aug. 28, when they head up to Loudonville, N.Y. to take on the Siena Saints, with the matinee set for 3 p.m.

## Stony Brook hockey team releases schedule

By Cam Boon  
Assistant Sports Editor

After making their first ever trip to the ACHA semifinals at the Division 1 level, the Stony Brook Seawolves club hockey team will be back at it again, looking to take a step forward and take home a national championship.

Entering the season ranked no. 3 in the country, Stony Brook will look to avenge their loss to Arizona State in the semifinals after blowing a 3-2 lead to the Sun Devils going into the third period.

The Sun Devils ended up winning the national championship by defeating Robert Morris University 3-1.

It was their first national championship in school history, earning them the Murdoch Cup.

They will get a chance to avenge this loss on Nov. 8 and 9, when Arizona State makes the trip up north to Long Island and the Rinx at Hauppauge for a twinbill with the Seawolves. The matchup for Nov. 8 is scheduled

for 8:30 p.m., while Nov. 9 is a matinee scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m.

The Seawolves will then travel to the Grand Canyon State on Jan. 22 for an 8:15 p.m. matchup with the Sun Devils.

Stony Brook will then stay in the state to play the in-state rival of Arizona State, the Wildcats of Arizona for a twinbill on Jan. 23 and 24.

Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The Seawolves are not scheduled to face RMU this season.

For those big matchups, and the rest of their games this season, they will look to returning ACHA All-Americans Chris Joseph and Ryan Cotcamp to lead the charge.

Both players participated in the World University Games in Torino, Italy.

Joseph finished with two goals and was a backbone for Team USA's defensive core.

Cotcamp finished with a goal and three assists during the tournament, adding offensive

finesse to the team.

Arizona State sent three players to represent their country, who finished fourth in the 2013 tournament.

The Seawolves schedule this season features eight teams ranked in the final top 25 from a season ago, and two of those include the Wildcats and Sun Devils.

They face the no. 9 Liberty Flames four times this year. They play in Lynchburg, Virginia the weekend of Nov. 14-15.

Liberty then comes to Stony Brook the first weekend back from Christmas break on Jan. 10-11.

The Seawolves will also face off against the no. 12 team from last season, the Delaware Blue Hens, four times.

Stony Brook will travel to Newark, Delaware the last weekend before the Christmas break, Dec. 5-6.

They will then host the Blue Hens on Jan. 17-18. Jan. 17 is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., while the game on Jan. 18 will face off at 3:30 p.m.

## Slovakian big-man Jakub Petras is the newest Seawolf

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook has made a last ditch effort to bolster their roster come the 2014-15 college basketball season by signing overseas recruit Jakub Petras, as confirmed by the athletics department.

Petras is listed as a 6-foot-8-inch power forward, but is much closer to a 6-foot-11-inch center in person and according to online sources.

Petras hails from Slovakia, where he attended the Canarias Basketball Academy in Spain, whose alumni include Joel Freeland of the Portland Trailblazers.

Petras has represented the nation of Slovakia in the 2010 under-16 Division B European Basketball Championship and the 2011 under-18 Division B European Basketball Championship.

Although there is no word as to whether he'll be redshirted or not, it is safe to assume Petras will play a role this year. One of

this team's biggest holes is in the height category, with Scott King and Jameel Warney being the roster's tallest players. Having lost their starting center from last year, Eric McAlister, the Seawolves had plenty to gain from an extra big body up front, especially one of Petras's stature.

Until Petras came into the fold, the assumption was that Rayshaun McGrew, who exploded late last season and was a major piece in Stony Brook's playoff run, would be Warney's running mate in the frontcourt. McGrew's only 6-foot-7-inch however, meaning Warney would likely slide down to the center position. Although there is little to ascertain about the mysterious import, Petras could have a legitimate shot at starting if he is more than just extremely tall.

Stony Brook has now filled out their roster for the upcoming season. Petras is joined by Roland L'Amour Nyama as the only members of the men's basketball team to join the squad from across the pond.

# SPORTS

## Seawolves look to start 2014 season strong against Bryant

By Cam Boon  
Assistant Sports Editor

When a Stony Brook student walks near LaValle Stadium on Thursday afternoon, there will be a noticeable and distinct setting: the smell of grills fired up, rows of cars parked and cornhole games laid across the pavement will set the scene.

This means one thing; college football season is back. Along with a lot of other schools starting their seasons Thursday night, the Seawolves are no different, as they welcome the Bryant Bulldogs to town.

Bryant comes back to Stony Brook for the second straight season, as they were the homecoming opponent a year ago and put a big scare into not only the Seawolves, but also the record attendance of 11,224 at the stadium on Oct. 5, 2013.

During the matchup, the Bulldogs scored on a 13-yard touchdown run by Mike Westerhaus with 13:12 to play in the fourth quarter to pull within one at 14-13.

Kicker Tom Alberti, who returns to the team this year as a senior, then proceeded to miss the extra point, preserving the Seawolves' lead.

They would extend the lead to 21-13 when Lyle Negron found Devante Wheeler for a 41-yard touchdown pass.

Bryant took their next possession and drove to the Stony Brook 28-yard line before turning it over on downs and icing the game for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook will look to avoid a scare like this in this season's

game, but will have to do it without two key players.

Both senior running back Marcus Coker and junior linebacker Julian Quintin were suspended earlier this week by coach Chuck Priore because of team rules violations, some of which dated back to February.

Coker was supposed to be a main weapon in the offense, especially in an offense that wants to ground and pound this season after an adjustment to the physicality and skill of the CAA last year.

Adrian Coxson and the other senior wideout Jahrie Level will look to lead a young receiving core comprised of two freshman and four sophomores, and give quarterback John Kinder plenty of weapons to throw to.

Do not be shocked if you see a lot of ground and pound this game from the Seawolves, as they have a host of running backs who can carry the load even without their senior Iowa transfer.

James Kenner, Stacey Bedell, and Tyler Fredericks are all very capable backs, and Priore will most likely look to them early and often in this one to lead the offense against a defense that allowed 143.8 yards per game on the ground last season.

Kinder will also be able to add to that running attack, as he was praised by Priore for his athletic escape ability and to make plays with his feet when being named starter on Aug. 19.

The Seawolves will have to look out for defensive linemen Jeff Covitz and Maduka Nwanekezi of the Bulldogs when



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The Seawolves will look to build on their 5-6 (3-5 CAA) record from the 2013 season.

running.

Covitz finished last season with 10 sacks and 20.5 tackles for loss, while Nwanekezi finished with 5.5 sacks and 18 TFL.

The Stony Brook defense, led by Victor Ochi up front and Davonte Anderson in the secondary will look to shut down the Bryant offense.

The priority will mostly be up front in shutting down the ground game.

The Bulldogs had the bulk of their success in this department last season, rushing for 143.2 yards per game last season.

Four backs took 70 carries or more last season for the Bryant ground game, and all of them are back for another season.

Michael Perry and Ricardo McCray return as seniors, while

Paul Canevari and Ryan Black return as juniors.

Perry and Canevari led the rushing attack, as Perry rushed for 599 yards, while Canevari totaled 430.

Perry was also a receiving threat last season, catching 21 passes for 143 yards. He was third on the team in catches.

Stony Brook will also be looking to its newest arrival on defense, former University of Oregon linebacker Rahim Cassell, to make big plays on a defense that is very young in the linebacking core with no senior leadership.

The Seawolves had a little bit of trouble stopping the run in last season's matchup with the team from Smithfield, Rhode Island, allowing 152 yards.

The passing attack does not look as formidable as last season for the Bulldogs, as their top man, Jordan Harris, graduated. He finished last season with 64 catches for 1031 yards and five touchdowns.

The next highest was sophomore Chad Ward, who will look to lead a receiving core in which the top two receivers from last season are juniors.

The Seawolves will want to make sure they are not caught looking ahead, as they have a matchup with an FBS team from the American Athletic Conference in the Connecticut Huskies.

Kickoff in this one is set for Thursday night, the first time ever LaValle Stadium will host a Thursday night at 7 p.m.

## Anatol hopes young talent can lead team to bounce back season

By Zach Rowe  
Staff Writer

This summer, soccer fever swept across the United States, as millions of fans got behind Tim Howard, Clint Dempsey and the rest of the American squad as they made their run into the round of 16 of the World Cup.

For those Stony Brook fans who are hungry for more soccer, the men's team has a whole season ahead of them and they fully expect to compete for the America East championship.

"I think it was a great year for the game," Head Coach Ryan Anatol said, "We've been working hard to build relations with the community. I think we're going to be a fun team to watch."

Last season, Stony Brook had a rough year, only going 1-5-1 against America East competition. They obviously hope to do better this year, and they will have a different squad complexion to do so.

Stony Brook lost four seniors from last season, including defensive midfielder Will Casey. Replacing them is a glut of young talent.

The team features 10 true freshmen, five redshirt freshmen and only one senior. You might think that such a youthful team would have a learning year ahead of them in preparation to be a strong competitor next year. But Anatol believes his team can compete.

"Our goals are always the same," Anatol said.

"We want to win the conference championship. But we understand that we're still a fairly young team. Our goals are to get better and grow every day.

"I think we're going to be pretty good going forward. I think we're going to be dynamic. I think we're going to cause teams problems."

The returning players have an important role to play, as they will be the leaders of the team. The lone senior, Keith McKenna took a big jump last season, starting 13 games and scoring the first four goals of his career.

Junior Martin Giordano was named to the second All-America East team at the end of last season and lead the team in points, and is expected to be the leader of the midfield.

Junior Alejandro Fritz leads



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Martin Giordano led SBU in points and assists in 2013.

returning players in goals from last season, trailing Casey by a single goal. Replacing departed goal keeper Carlos Villa will be a challenge, and it will most likely be sophomore Jason Orban's responsibility to mind the net in his absence.

The team expects to be flexible, with their tactics varying based on the opponent they face.

Formation-wise, Anatol said that they will keep four backs on defense, but they will vary the placement of their midfielders and attackers based on the matchup.

"I think we're going to be pretty dynamic, we're going to push numbers forward whether we're in a 4-2-3-1 or a 4-3-3," Anatol said.

"I think that might change game to game depending on the personnel.

"I think this team is going to be very special. We have lofty expectations. We want to win a conference championship. That's what we're here to do."

The Seawolves open their season against Central Connecticut in New Britain this Friday and their home season Sept. 5 start Lehigh.

### Upcoming Stony Brook Sports Schedule

**Football**  
Thursday, Aug. 28; 7 p.m.  
vs. Bryant

**Men's Soccer**  
Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.  
at Central Connecticut

Monday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.  
at Connecticut

Friday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.  
vs. Lehigh

**Women's Soccer**  
Thursday, Aug. 28, 3 p.m.  
at Siena

Sunday, Aug. 31, 1 p.m.  
at Wagner

Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.  
vs. Seton Hall

**Women's Volleyball**  
Friday-Saturday, Aug. 29-30,  
DePaul Invite in Chicago