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Students share thoughts on dorm living at Stony Brook

By Jasmine Blennau
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University has the largest campus of any SUNY school, and with that size comes many residents. On campus there is undergraduate housing and apartments. When freshmen apply for housing they are divided into quads based on areas of interest called Undergraduate Colleges (UGCs). The purpose is to bring together students who share similar interests.

Megan Hertz, a senior business management major who interns in the Admissions office, described herself as someone who agrees with pro-quad equality, the idea that one quad is not better than the other.

"All the quads are generally the same," she said. "While Roth does have air conditioning, it really doesn't matter because wherever you go on campus you're going to find amazing people as long as you put yourself out there and get involved."

Hertz encourages freshmen students that they will be fine wherever they live as long as they have an open mind.

The UGC for Mendelsohn Quad, or "Mendy," is Information Technology Studies (ITS), and the UGC for H Quad is Leadership and Service (LDS). Mendelsohn Quad and H Quad are near the stadium



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Construction on new dorm building on John S. Toll Drive at Stony Brook University began in June. The new housing will add 759 beds to accommodate more students.

and the Stony Brook Union. These quads are both corridor style, which means approximately 36 residents live in double-occupancy bedrooms along a hallway, sharing a common bathroom, shower and lounge area.

"I like the pit area," said Ahmed Enaitalla, a senior resident of Mendelsohn who is a double major in psychology and sociology. "It's a great place to just hang out or play

some sports when it's nice out. The location to the academic buildings is also convenient, with the exception of Javits."

Enaitalla also said that being close to the recreation center is definitely a plus.

"Community life is great," said Hilton Au, a senior technological systems management major who has lived in H Quad's Benedict,

Langmuir and James colleges. "There are a lot of events and the RAs really try to involve everyone."

Tabler Quad and Roth Quad are across the street from one another down Circle Road from Kelly and Roosevelt. The UGC for Tabler is Arts, Culture and Humanities (ACH) and the UGC for Roth is Science and Society (SSO). Tabler and Roth both have suite-style dorms.

Tabler is known for musical performances at the Tabler Center for Arts, Culture, and Humanities (the TAC). The downstairs of the TAC is Tabler Café, which has a Dunkin' Donuts and a large lounge area to meet up with friends.

Residents of Roth and Tabler are close to Red Mango, Starbucks and Wendy's in the Roth Café. Roth Quad is known for the annual Roth Regatta in the spring where clubs and UGCs race boats constructed from cardboard and tape.

Kelly Quad and Roosevelt Quad are located down the street from the Student Activities Center (the SAC) bus loop. The UGC for Kelly is Human Development (HDV), and the UGC for Roosevelt is Global Studies (GLS). The suite-style dorms in Kelly are composed of three double-occupancy bedrooms, a common room (like a living room), and a bathroom with two sinks and a shower.

Roosevelt is corridor style, and in each building there is a 24-hour lounge for students to hang out whenever they want and shoot a game of pool. Living in Kelly or Roosevelt is convenient for students who use the Long Island Rail Road because the Railroad bus stops right at the intersection between the two quads.

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Biotechnology startups receive \$100,000 each in grants

By Ryan Wolf
Staff Writer

PolyNova and Traverse Biosciences, two Stony Brook University biotechnology startup companies, have received matching grants of \$50,000 from both Accelerate Long Island and the Long Island Emerging Technologies Fund.

The two startups received the grants along with three other Long Island biotechnology startups: Green Sulcrete, SynchroPET and Goddard's Lab, an independent firm that is housed in Stony Brook's Calverton Business Incubator. Each startup received \$100,000 total in grant money in June after applying for seed funding or early investment.

Accelerate Long Island is a regional initiative that aims to provide financial assistance and mentoring to high-tech startups on Long Island.

The Long Island Emerging Technologies Fund is a collaboration between Topspin Partners and Jove Equity Partners.

PolyNova is developing a new type of prosthetic heart valve that is made up of polymeric biomaterial which "offers high durability and low

[blood clotting potential]," according to Thomas Claiborne, a postdoctoral fellow of biomedical engineering at Stony Brook who founded the company. The new heart valve will help patients suffering from aortic stenosis (AS), a type of heart disease.

Claiborne worked with Stony Brook biomedical engineering professor Danny Bluestein, who funded the project through a National Institute of Health grant, and University of Arizona professor Dr. Marvin Slepian.

This new funding will help "secure [intellectual property rights], start operations, pay salaries, and perform more fundraising" for Claiborne and PolyNova.

Traverse Biosciences, which aims to produce a new canine medicine for periodontal or gum disease, is located in Stony Brook's Bioengineering building. It was founded in June 2013 by Joseph Scaduto, who was selected by Stony Brook's Center for Biotechnology to be one of two BioEntrepreneur-In-Residence (B-EIR) in 2013. As a B-EIR, Scaduto was tasked with launching a new bioscience company based on biomedical technologies created by Stony Brook within a

year. The program is an effort to promote economic development on Long Island.

The company's work resulted in the leading sample known as TRB-N0224. The drug is designed to enhance the effectiveness of the treatment while avoiding antibiotic resistance to help treat canines' gums.

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, periodontal disease affects more than 80 percent of all dogs in the United States by the age of three, making it the most common dental disease among dogs.

The fund will help to further Traverse Biosciences's goal and help "scale-up manufacturing of our lead drug candidate, as well as an initial assessment of safety and efficacy in a canine model of periodontal disease," Scaduto said.

The application process for the grant was "a competitive process which included providing business plan materials, multiple investor presentations and a due diligence process," Scaduto said.

Startup companies are distinct from other businesses because they are companies that are in the very early stages of development but



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Stony Brook biotechnology startup Traverse Biosciences will use funds to produce a canine gum disease medicine.

have a design focused on growing very quickly.

New York, in recent years, has been losing businesses and startups shortly after their formation due to expenses, which has led to a push to promote the creation of new startups, according to the website of the New York state initiative known as Start-Up NY.

The push for providing grants to startups throughout the state has gained support recently with NY Senator Kristen Gillibrand and Congressman

Timothy Bishop introducing the Technology and Research Accelerating National Security and Future Economic Resiliency (TRANSFER) Act last month.

The act would provide grants of up to \$100,000 to startups and nonprofits from startup incubators such as Stony Brook's Calverton Business Incubator, which works with startups in the development stages.

Mark Lesko, the executive director of Accelerate Long Island, could not be reached for comment.

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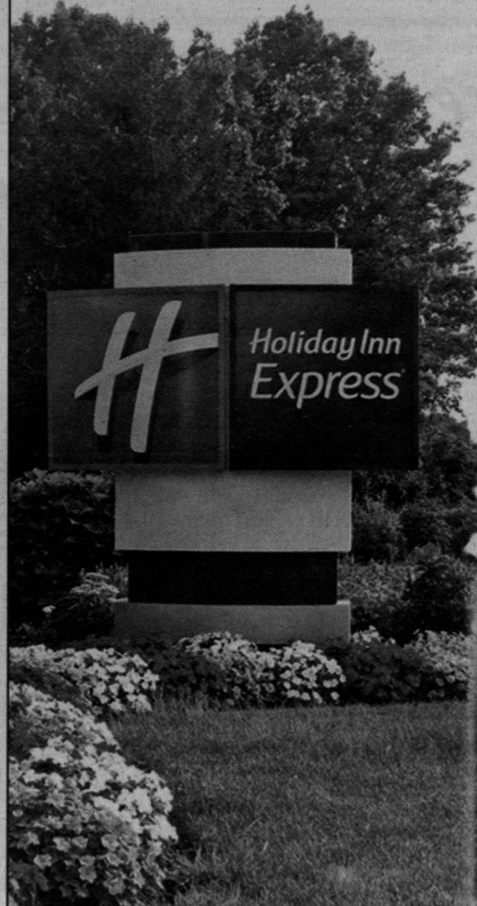
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NEWS

Under the Microscope: Lyme disease cases increased over past twenty years

By Ruchi Shah
Staff Writer

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

Over the past twenty years, the number of Lyme disease cases has increased 25-fold, with New York having the highest number of reports between 1990 and 2012.

Most Americans rarely perceive Lyme disease as a serious threat, mainly because the initial symptoms resemble those of the flu of other illnesses. However, according to the CDC, Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne disease in the United States.

The organism that causes Lyme disease, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, was first identified at Stony Brook

with different protein coats.

In collaboration with scientists at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Luft set out to create a vaccine that would be effective on all strains of *Borrelia*. Through the use of BNL's synchrotron facility, scientists were able to solve the structure of the most abundant outer surface protein of *Borrelia*. Using this structure as a scaffold, Luft and his team bioengineered a unique protein that encompasses different parts of the various *Borrelia* species.

Essentially, the solved protein structure was used as a template. Sections of the same protein that varied in other species were swapped into the template to create a new protein that had parts from other species and does not exist in nature.

These engineered proteins were developed into a vaccine

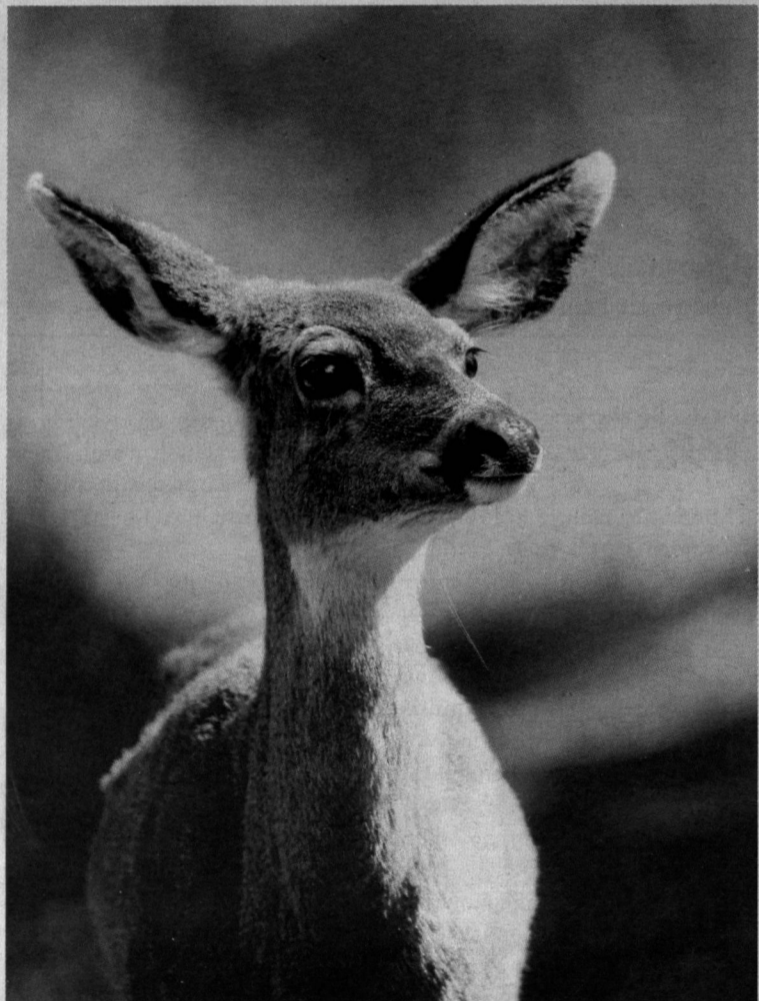


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Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne disease in the United States. SBU researchers found the vector in 1984.

University in 1984. A bacterial infection spread through a bite from an infected tick, the disease can result in long-term health problems like memory loss and muscle dysfunction if not treated early.

Dr. Benjamin Luft, professor of medicine at Stony Brook University Hospital, first became interested in investigating Lyme disease after "witnessing a lack of effective diagnostic and treatment options for patients."

Luft began his research in 1986 by collecting samples from around the world of various species of the Lyme disease bacteria, *Borrelia*. One of the main difficulties in creating universally effective tools to combat Lyme disease is the variety of *Borrelia* species, each

that has now been licensed to Baxter International Inc., a U.S.-based health care company. The vaccine underwent phase one of two clinical trials in Europe and is showing safety and efficacy.

"We're all excited," Luft said. "This is one of the first vaccines bioengineered in this manner."

Luft is currently working to develop a better diagnostic test for Lyme disease. The current ELISA screening test misses the disease about 35-50 percent of the time.

Luft has created a library of proteins by sequencing the entire genome of all 22 strains of *Borrelia*. Through a better knowledge of the organism, Luft aims to create effective assays that will lead to more accurate diagnosis.

ZebraNet helps students find work on and off campus

By Colleen Rowe
Contributing Writer

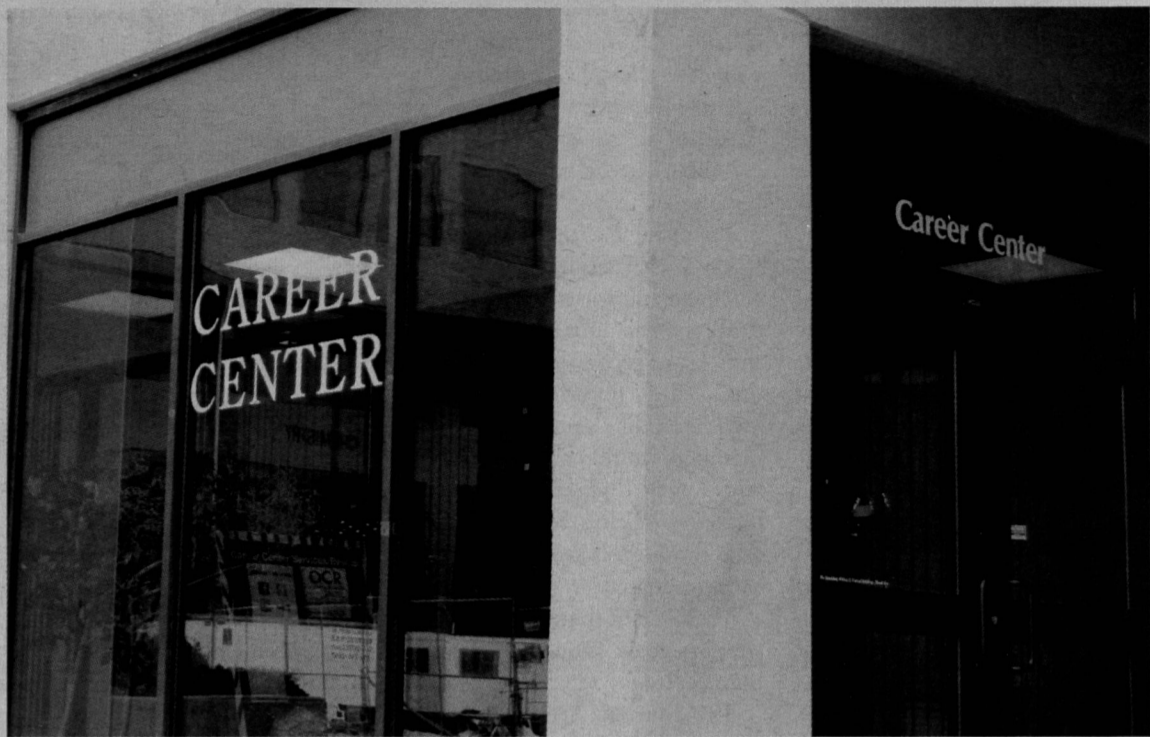
ZebraNet, an online job listing and recruiting system available through the Career Center's webpage, is uniquely helpful to Stony Brook students. Once students log in to ZebraNet, they are redirected to a webpage with different tabs, including Employer Directory, Job & Internship Search,

ZebraNet give specific instructions for the applicant to submit his or her resume and, sometimes, a cover letter through ZebraNet. ZebraNet allows users to upload various versions resumes and cover letters for specific positions.

There is also a tool, "Resume Creator," that lets users to create a resume through ZebraNet, providing different formatting options depending on the

actually work?" For students, it varies. Michael Luning, a Stony Brook alumnus who majored in business management, said that ZebraNet is "definitely a great resource" and has gotten an interview through its usage, even though he declined the position to follow a different professional pursuit.

Sophomore biology major Amanda Wilken said that she



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ZebraNet is an online job listing system that Stony Brook University students can use to find jobs and internship opportunities. It can be found on the Career Center's website.

OCR, Events & Job Fairs, and Career Research Tools. Among these drop-down menus, most useful is the Job & Internship Search, which lists on-campus and off-campus jobs.

Fewer than ten applications are submitted to most off-campus job postings, making the competition for these positions slim, according to Marianna Savoca, the director of Stony Brook University's Career Center.

"Last year, the amount of students who logged in ranged from 2,372 - 4,914 per month," said Andrea Lipack, the associate director of the Career Center, in an email. "The lowest number indicating logins for the month of June and the highest number indicating logins for the month of October. The busiest months for ZebraNet logins are September, October, January, February and March."

Many of the jobs listed on

experience and academic status of the applicant. Another tool, the "Job Search Agent," allows students to enter specific criteria for the job they hope to pursue. Students who use this tool are emailed all jobs fitting the criteria they have entered, Lipack said. For example, if students enter the keyword "finance," they will automatically be sent emails notifying them every job currently posted in the financial industry.

Students have obtained jobs and internships on campus in the College of Business, the Music Department, the Academic Success & Tutoring Center and a number of other departments located at Stony Brook. Among the companies and organizations offering jobs and internships off campus are TekTree LLC, World Business Leaders and United Nations.

The question that everyone is probably asking is, "Does ZebraNet

found the site confusing and difficult to use.

Regardless, ZebraNet is not only useful to students, but also to the businesses that value Stony Brook and the students it teaches, Savoca said. For on campus employers, ZebraNet is useful for student job recruitment.

"The College of Business uses ZebraNet on an annual basis to hire student assistants for jobs in marketing, web design, event promotion, general administration and student services," said Marie McCallion, the director of the MBA program at the College of Business, in an email.

"It's an excellent resource to find highly qualified students with a variety of interests. Students are able to apply the knowledge from their majors to real-life work accomplishments, something invaluable when it comes to looking for your first 'real' job."

Students describe life in SBU campus quads

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"You have to face the fact in Roosevelt that most of the buildings are old and the renovations can only do so much," graduate student Errol Kupelian said regarding his undergraduate years spent in Roosevelt. "But the people there are surprisingly cultured and people from all walks of life tend to meet there."

Lauterbur and Yang are the two newer buildings next to Roosevelt Quad and across the street from West Side Dining. Lauterbur is part of Kelly and

corridor style, while Yang is part of Roosevelt and suite style.

Undergraduate students with U3 or U4 standing and graduate students are eligible to apply for housing in West Apartments. West Apartments and Schomburg Apartments are one- and two-bedroom apartments for couples and families, four- to six-bedroom apartments for undergraduate students, and three- and four-bedroom apartments for single graduate students and students in the Health Sciences Center.

The apartments are located on the West Campus behind Kelly and Roosevelt Quads.

"West is a very different experience," Kupelian said. "It promotes the opposite style of living as a corridor-style building. It's much more private, but that's good when you have a lot of work to do."

When Kupelian became a graduate student, he was forced into West Apartments, but he said he would have preferred to remain in Roosevelt because the price is less expensive.

The university broke ground on a new dorm building between Mendelsohn Quad and the Charles B. Wang Center in June that will add 759 beds to accommodate more students.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Hiccups in budget applications

By Chelsea Katz
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Channeling one's inner Bruce Lee is not cheap. It requires gloves, kicking pads and body guards. It is something that Stony Brook's Martial Arts Association knows first-hand.

In Spring 2013, the club decided to establish a more formal bond with the Undergraduate Student Government. Currently, they are in the process of earning line-budget status—a status that allows them to apply for a USG-sponsored budget. The entire process takes two years.

"The reason why we applied for a budget was to have some club-owned gear," Martial Arts Association Treasurer Yun Lin said. "More people can practice at a time instead of waiting in line."

After receiving recognition from the office of Student Activities, the second step in applying for line-budget status is to draft a constitution, which is a stumbling point for a lot of clubs according to Vice President of Clubs and Organizations Kimberly Pacia. When aspiring club members draft their constitution for approval, they often forget to add that the only people who can vote or hold a position on the club's board are those who pay the student activities fee.

A USG justice reads and approves constitutions and

the Vice President of Clubs and Organizations invites the executive board of the club to a Special Services Council meeting. There, members of the council question the club members about the purpose of the club and events and such. With that approval, the question moves to the USG senate floor. If the senators vote to recognize the club, the club needs to complete a year without a budget to prove that they are fiscally responsible.

"All of our bylaws are in place because of things that happened in the past," Pacia said.

USG Treasurer Kathryn Michaud said that the lengthy process accounted for clubs that USG recognized and lasted until the founding members graduated. She said the founding members would use their new fall and spring budgets to buy new tools for the club, but would then take those tools with them when they graduated.

Then, another club with similar goals would ask for a budget. It was a cycle.

The Martial Arts Association used their own personal equipment during the first year and brought in a volunteer instructor twice a week to teach their 10 or so regular members.

During the Spring 2014 semester, the Martial Arts Association applied for a probationary SSC budget. They added up the cost of the new gear

and added in the possibility of paying their instructor.

Usually when clubs apply for budgets, they do not always properly justify why they need a certain amount of money.

"They aren't as descriptive as they should be," Pacia said.

In the Martial Arts Association's case, USG approved a \$490 probationary budget, which was less than the proposed budget of closer to \$650 because it was against USG rules to fund club t-shirts.

Now, the Martial Arts Association needs to apply for a new budget each semester for a year and again prove that they are financially responsible.

"It's important that they stay in contact with my position," Pacia said. "They should constantly make sure that they're finding out all the correct information so they don't have any troubles."

Michaud suggested that new clubs should reach out to already established clubs for advice and that club members should not be afraid to stop by the USG office to ask for help.

And if the Martial Arts Association can maintain its probationary budget status, they can apply for that line budget status—funding that Lin said would be really helpful.

"Instead of taking practice hits, we can have full hits..." he said. "So we know what is actually like to take a punch."

Taking a breather with the ladies behind Hand and Stone Massage Spa

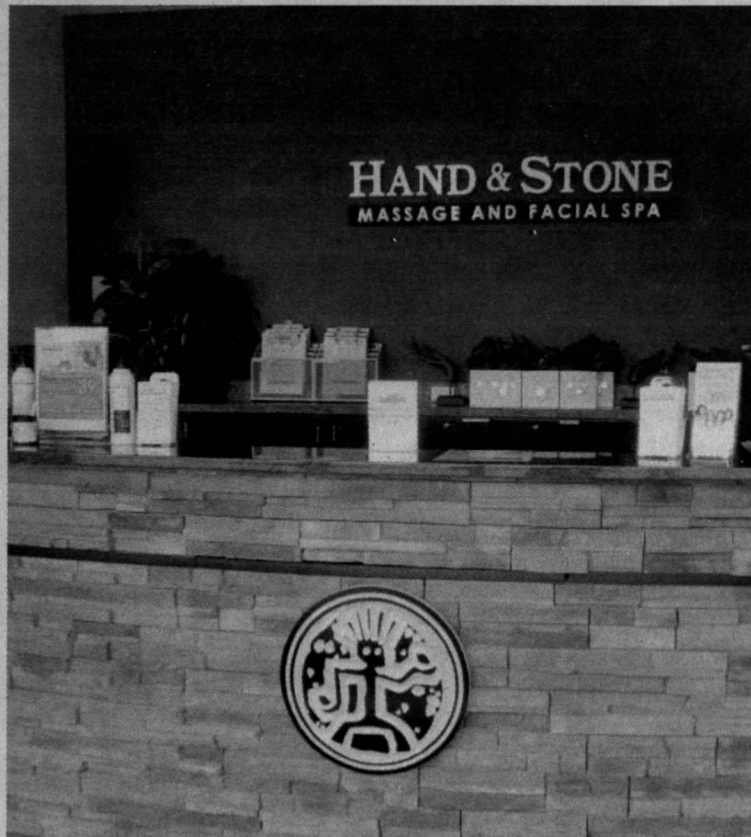


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The manager of Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa on Nesconset Highway suggest massages every few weeks.

By Giselle Barkley
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Moving to college is a big step for students and their families. Students uproot their entire lives, leaving the comfort of their parents' home to squeeze into a basic college dorm room. While parting from familiar surroundings and preparing for college are exciting changes for some, with changes comes stress.

The American Psychological Association claims that meditating, socializing, laughing and exercising are four out of five techniques which help to reduce stress. But for those who do not have the patience to lie down or sit cross legged and focus on their breathing or the desire to talk to a friend or to get up and sweat their stress away, taking a break and treating oneself is another method to combat a difficult situation.

For Tina Kirch and her sister-in-law Karin Gargiulo, helping people overcome their stress is part of their daily routine at the Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa in Stony Brook.

The spa is located about six minutes away from Stony Brook campus via car.

The Stony Brook branch of the Hand & Stone franchise, co-owned by Kirch, her husband and brother, opened towards the ending of December 2013.

However, according to Gargiulo, the manager of the spa, they scheduled their grand opening on June 21 of this year due to the weather conditions last winter.

During the grand opening,

potential clients received mini spa services, which were a mere sample of the options that Kirch and Gargiulo provide at Hand & Stone.

Clients can choose from more than five types of massages including deep tissue, trigger point, sports, pre-natal and hot stone massages to name a few, as well as various facial services.

But the duo do not simply think clients should treat themselves with a massage or facial once in a blue moon, but rather on a regular basis.

Gargiulo recommends that her clients receive a massage every two to four weeks to help reduce their stress.

"With society and the way things are, people are really stressed out and they are turning to all sorts of conventional methods, and it's really not working," Gargiulo said regarding prescription medications.

"When you make massage a regular part of your routine, you find that you are less stressed and you're making better decisions for yourself and you feel good."

Gargiulo, who practices massage therapy, believes that incorporating massage into one's routine will not only make them happier but also help them lead a healthier lifestyle, since they have something positive to look forward to.

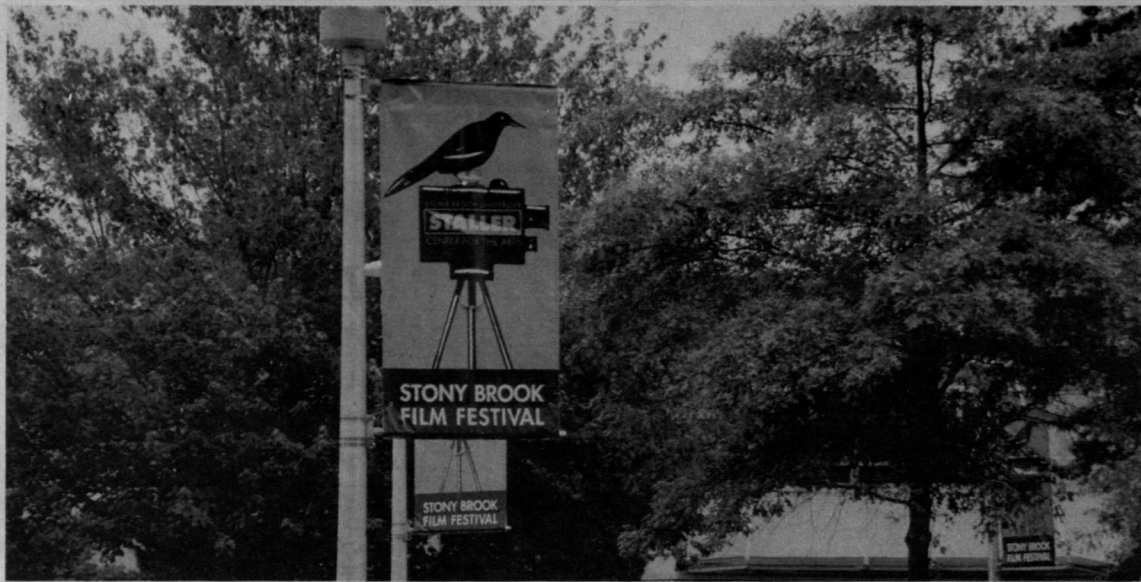
As former college students Kirch and Gargiulo know how stressful college can be



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Last year, new clubs applied for recognition with the help of Vice President of Clubs and Organizations Kerri Mahoney (right). This year, clubs answer to Kim Pacia (left).

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Stressed students can find relaxation at spa

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and they think that student and not only those in the workforce, should make the time to treat themselves.

"Stony Brook is a pretty intense university and for \$59.95 a month, they could get a massage or a facial," Gargiulo said about Stony Brook students. "This way they are taking care of themselves while they are going through quite a program."

First-time Hand & Stone clients who get their first massage or facial at Hand & Stone can receive an introductory pricing offer of \$59.95.

Those receiving their first hot-stone massage can receive an introductory pricing offer of \$79.95. These offers are not included in follow-up appointments. Those who want to get massages or facials on a

more regular basis can join the spa's Lifestyle Program and receive either massages or facials for \$59.95 each month.

Unlike massages, according to Kirch, a client's frequency to the spa for facial treatments varies.

"When I'm dealing with scarring from acne, it's nothing you can deal with every month," Kirch said. "You really have to be in here more consistently. For me, I have clients in here every three weeks."

As an acne sufferer herself, Kirch "threw herself" into educating herself about acne and natural ways of treating it after stepping into the industry and doing basic spa facials several years ago. Her passion for the industry sparked when she was in high school. After acquiring her cosmetology license at the age of 18, Kirch owned her own business while attending college.

In addition to the business she owned when she was 18-years-

old, Kirch has owned a couple businesses before becoming the owner of Hand & Stone in Stony Brook. Now as the owner of Hand & Stone, she has the opportunity to continue helping people.

"I love it. I love making people look good and feel good about themselves," Kirch said.

It took Gargiulo three years to get her license. She began practicing massage therapy and started working for Kirch 14 years ago. Gargiulo recently left her corporate job to become the full-time manager of Hand & Stone in Stony Brook.

"I look back and think 'these are the best decisions I've ever made,'" she said.

For Kirch and Gargiulo alike, the spa is not simply a business but a means to help people by providing anyone with massage and facial services, which according to Gargiulo were once thought of as an expensive luxury.



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Issues 121 and 122 of the "The Amazing Spider-Man" comics strike the balance between leisure and spine-chilling suspense when the Spider-Man vows revenge.

A look at "The Night Gwen Stacy Died"

By Eric Noh
Contributing Writer

In this new column, Eric Noh will explore trending comics.

With the fervent buzz about the film "Amazing Spider-Man 2" dulling to a low hum, one pivotal scene in particular warrants closer examination into the two comic issues that inspired it.

"The Amazing Spider-Man" issues 121 and 122 encompass the story arc commonly known as "The Night Gwen Stacy Died." The story arc itself not only drastically changed the tone of Spider-Man comics, but also shocked comic book readers who had never seen such an important character killed off in an instant.

Issue 121 is interesting in a number of ways, with the first being that the title of the issue is not on the cover.

The cover states that someone is going to die, but refrains from revealing who right off the bat. The title is not revealed until the very end for the sake of building suspense. Quite a smart technique in my opinion.

This story arc is definitely worth a read for any self-proclaimed Spider-Man fans who are looking to start reading comics. If a fan who has seen the movies were to read these issues for the first time, they would recognize many key plot points that were also present in the Sam Raimi films.

The overall writing for this story arc was gripping, to say the least.

The use of suspense in order to keep the reader guessing who was going to be offed was enough to keep the reader mesmerized, page after page. At the end of issue 121, the reader is shocked to discover Spider-Man clutching Gwen's lifeless body and vowing revenge on the Green Goblin, shouting, "You killed the woman I love and for that, you're going to die!"

It is spine chilling to see Spider-Man, who often cheerfully mocks his enemies, cursing them and calling for their death.

The rest of the dialogue is amusing to read. It is evident that the writing for comics then differ to the writing now. Readers may find themselves chuckling at the cheesy dialogue, such as Peter Parker referring to LSD as "mind

soap," or declaring that "the kid gloves are off" as he prepares himself to face the Goblin.

It is a refreshing reminder that comic books are meant to be silly and amusing, given that the target audience consists of young kids. It is even silly to see Spider-Man mocking the Green Goblin as he pummels him mercilessly after Gwen's death. He yells at the Goblin for what he did, yet he still makes jokes. It is quite an amusing display of emotional, yet hilarious, turmoil.

The artwork is also rather amusing, though new time readers who are used to seeing artistic detail in comics today may be deterred by the somewhat simplistic art style.

If one keeps in mind that the artwork of comic issues from the 1970s are drastically different from the ones of today, then one will simply have a jolly good time.

The artwork in these issues are pretty standard to The Amazing Spider-Man series, but a few things did have me breaking out in laughter.

In his LSD ridden state, Harry Osborn (Peter's best friend) is just having all sorts of trouble and it is clear on his face.

He looks like a malnourished mix between Steve Buscemi and Chris Martin.

Though he clearly is in need of help and attention, Peter Parker blatantly ignores him in issue 122 as every frame of Peter just shows his face in distorted anger. Granted, he had just lost Gwen and believed Harry's father to be the culprit.

But I believe that is no reason to just abandon a friend in need; especially when he looks like a combination of two celebrities—and not in the good way.

The issues tell the story quite well and, despite being a very serious story arc, it retains the same old Spider-Man antics that fans all know and love.

From Spider-Man joyfully making fun of his enemies as he beats them to a pulp to the angry ranting of J. Jonah Jameson as he continues to abhor the red and blue vigilante, these two issues changed the perspective of the comic book world and still live in infamy as encompassing the drama that was "The Night That Gwen Stacy Died."

All in all, this story arc gets four Tobey Maguires out of five.

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Many off-campus merchant have discounts for Stony Brook students. Tickets at the Stony Brook AMC Theater are \$3 off for students on Thursdays, the Dunkin' Donuts on North Country Road gives students a 10 percent discount, and The Statesman regularly carries a coupon for Lindy's Taxi. Just remember to bring your student ID.

2
It's cheaper to fix a bike than to buy one

The Freewheel Collective is a community bicycle shop in the basement of the Stony Brook Union that helps community members maintain and repair their bikes at little to no cost. They also collect donated and found bikes. If you can fix it, it's yours. Their website is <http://freewheelcollective.wordpress.com>.

3
You can see the stars through the streetlights

The Department of Physics and Astronomy hosts Astronomy Open Night on the first Friday of every month. After the 7:30 p.m. lecture in the Earth and Space Sciences building, walk up to the roof for observation through the rooftop telescope.

4
You have a say in the university services you pay for.

Every university service that you pay for has an advisory group that includes students. This includes the Faculty Student Association, the Office of Transportation and Parking Operations and the Department of Campus Recreation. You can find meeting or contact information on the department websites.

HUMANITIES

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5
There's an app for that

You can check your meal points, find the next bus, put in work orders and look up sports scores on your phone with free apps from various departments. Just search Stony Brook in the Apple or Android app stores.

6
You don't have to struggle through tough classes

There are plenty of tutoring services set up to help students succeed. Residential Tutoring Centers in Mendelsohn Quad, Roosevelt Quad and Roth Quad operate Monday through Thursday. You can also make an appointment with the Undergraduate Student Government's PASS tutoring service or the Writing Center.

7
You should go out of your way to see some buildings

The Simons Center for Geometry and Physics may be off the beaten path for some students, but take the time to walk in anyway. In addition to regular classes the building hosts a variety of lectures, exhibitions and has gourmet café on the second floor. Also, check out the screen at the front of the building. It moves.

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8
It's sometimes worth taking the road less traveled

You can find the trailhead for a nature path on Circle Road a few minutes walk from Tabler Quad. There are also paths between Tabler and Roosevelt Quads, and paths to Stony Brook communities from the Tabler parking lot and West Apartments. Just be careful at night. These trails aren't lit.

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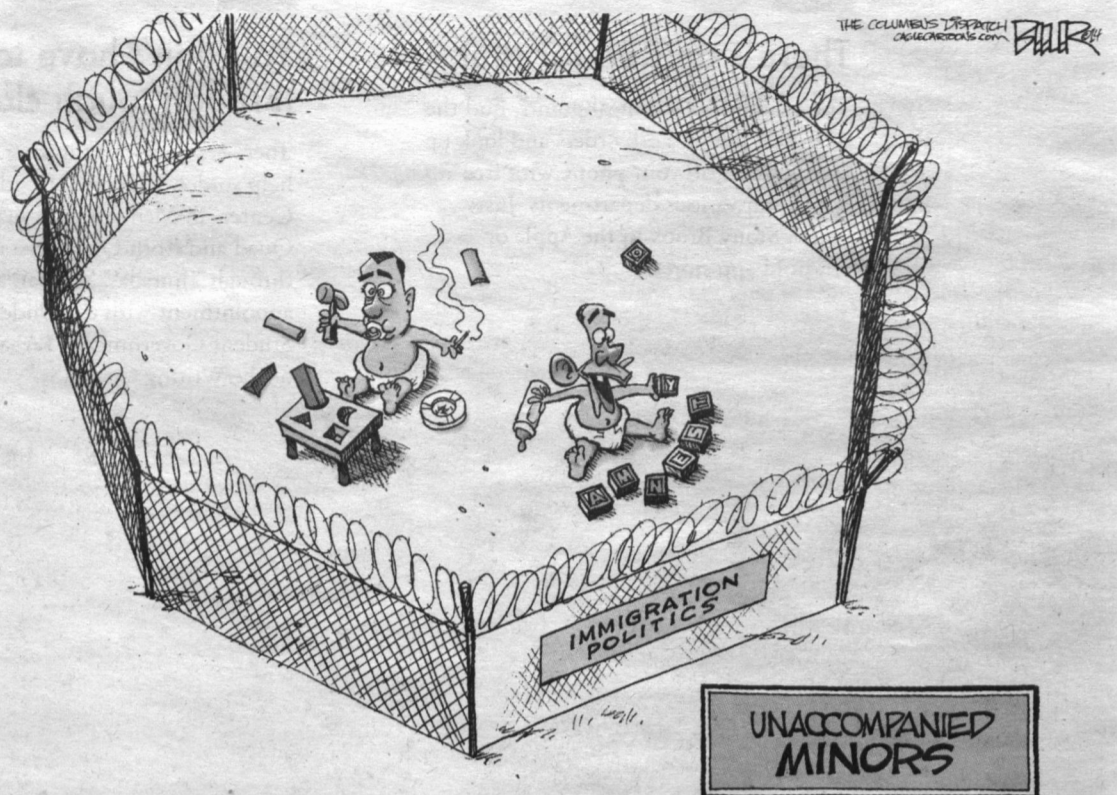


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You chose Stony Brook for a reason

By Tejen Shah
 Assistant Opinions Editor

Hello freshman! You thought this day would never come, didn't you? Well, it is here! You are finally in college, a place where all your academic dreams will come true (with a whole lot of hard work of course).

Looking back at high school, many of you might have envisioned yourselves at Stony Brook since the ninth grade, or if you are anything like me and a good portion of this university, Stony Brook was the last place you expected to end up. You probably applied to Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford, MIT and other extremely selective universities with top of the class marks and high hopes only to get countless letters of rejection.

I am sure you can still feel the pounding of your heart and dropping of your stomach upon reading the sad documents that tell you that you are not good enough.

Some of you might have received admission to these highly coveted institutions only to realize that actually attending was only a pipedream; you could never afford it. You thought life was over the moment you realized the Ivy

League was not calling your name. You will never be able to tell your friends and family you went to one of the most prestigious schools in the world.

Having gone through such an emotional roller coaster, I am going to say two things. First, the expectations top flight universities put forth for the students that they admit are a tad ridiculous, so do not dwell on it, and second, the appeal of such universities are only in the name, which you will realize by appreciating the institution you are already attending.

High school seniors, especially during the winter and early spring months, are frantic about colleges. Their lives revolved around getting into their dream schools. They have everything going for them: they are at the top of the class, have incredible SAT scores, have taken 10 AP classes, played three sports and have written stellar essays. Nonetheless they are rejected.

This leaves them wondering, "Why? What did I do wrong?"

I think that the latter question is in fact inherently wrong. They did not do anything wrong. It is the universities that are losing out by rejecting such incredible students and in having such high expectations. Seriously, how much

more can you expect a 17 or 18 year old to accomplish? Some of them have not even had their growth spurts!

Not every student can come from a poor, underrepresented minority, have top marks and overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. It just is not possible.

The fact of the matter is that a large portion of college admissions boils down to luck. Sometimes, this luck is out of your control, so quit feeling sorry for yourself and realize you did everything you could.

Many of the colleges that we grow up dreaming about are also not often not all they are cracked up to be. According to a New York Times article by Trip Gabriel, in 2010, three Cornell University students committed suicide in three consecutive months. Suicide had become such a problem at Cornell that the school installed nets at various high points around campus to avoid future incidents.

These were isolated events, but think about it, would you really want to go to a school that aside from its top notch academics is known for being conducive to suicide?

By no means am I attacking Cornell, or any other elite school for that matter. What I am trying to say is that in life we often think that when things do not work out the way we planned, we have failed. And sometimes we think something is going to turn out to be a magnificent success and we are promptly, deeply disappointed. More often than not, however, things end up sorting themselves out. College is no different.

I can say that I am incredibly happy here at Stony Brook. Possibly happier than I would have been at a Columbia or Cornell. Naturally, there are times I get incredibly frustrated with this school (and I am not alone), but in the end it sure did work out. And it will for you. So enjoy your freshman year, because it will fly by!



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Stony Brook's services and environment are constantly underestimated, losing the credit they really deserve.

The World Cup inspires widespread patriotism



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As soccer becomes more popular, passions are inflamed.

By Hunter David Frederick
Staff Writer

From June 12 to July 13, the world will be captivated by once-every-four-years wonder that is the FIFA World Cup. Teams, players and fans will descend on one country (this year, it is Brasil) in order to watch their respective national teams play and hopefully beat those of the other nations.

Personally, I was cheering for a U.S. victory, which about as high as one could hope. But as most of us now know, whether you were following the World Cup or not, the U.S. was eliminated by Belgium, 2-1 on Tuesday, July 1. But despite what some other soccer fans are most likely feeling after their elimination (here's looking at you, Spain and England), I could not be happier with the U.S. team. Their amazing performance proved something important to the rest of the world.

The U.S. came into the Cup with the odds stacked against them, having been assigned Group G for the 2014 World Cup, which the media had nicknamed the "Group of Death." Group G contained Germany, a European soccer powerhouse, Portugal, with their world renowned striker and captain Cristiano Ronaldo, and Ghana, a team the U.S. has struggled with in the past (the U.S. lost to Ghana in the group stage in 2006 and again in the knockout Round of 16 in 2010). Most people thought the U.S. team was out before they had even set foot on the pitch.

But we did not give up hope. We chanted "I believe that we will win!" and we did. Technically.

After an inspiring-if-sloppy 2-1 victory over Ghana, a deflating last-minute 2-2 tie with Portugal and a nerve-wracking 0-1 loss to Germany, the U.S. advanced through the group stage along with Germany. The U.S. was on to the knockout rounds, starting with the Round of 16. We did not make it any farther than that unfortunately, but I think most U.S. fans went away from that game happy overall. Sure it was a devastating loss, but we went farther than anyone thought we would and we showed what U.S. soccer talent can be.

I think we needed something like this, as a country. Soccer is such a universal sport and as we as a society expand and the reach

of the individual starts to push international boundaries, we need something we all can relate to. The sense of unity soccer provides is perhaps even stronger here at home. We all love to cheer on a sports team, so what could be better than cheering with most of your country for the same team? National teams also bring national recognition and praise for the players that make the difference. Tim Howard had a World Cup record 16 saves in the game against Belgium, and he was rewarded with numerous internet memes about the things he could save (the dinosaurs, Mufasa and the Titanic just to name a few).

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Let's take a step back for a second and address the elephant in the room. Soccer, or football/fútbol as it is known everywhere else, has just never been as big in the U.S. as it has been overseas. But I think that's slowly changing, and for the better. To me at least, soccer fulfills a unique role when it comes to watching sports. Yes, it can end in a tie and the pace can get rather slow. But that same slow pace can pick up to the point where you lose your voice yelling. While every sport has its unappealing aspects, soccer provides the most constant action, amazing displays of talent and athleticism, and so many magical miracle goals.

So yes, those at home and abroad that think the U.S. has no business in international soccer can look at this year and only observe the loss, but myself and a lot of other people around the world know better. They know that we will not take this lying down. Our national team will evolve and train. They will come back harder, better, faster, stronger and ready to go all the way in 2018. And the fans will be right behind them.

Surrounding community offers break from stressful campus life

By Hillary Steinberg
Staff Writer

Getting involved on campus, behind studies, is possibly the single most effect way to develop in and become a part of the Stony Brook community. That being said, a much needed break from campus life is necessary if any student wants to maintain their sanity. A change of scenery, or namely a change in menu, can be just what a student needs to relieve stress. Here are my personal best options for off campus fun.

Walking distance:

Station Pizza (Pizza Place): Station Pizza and Brew no longer sells brew, but it's the best pizza for the price, with walking distance in mind. What to order: Garlic knots and white slices. Delivery?: Yes.

Soup's On (Soups and Sandwiches): they have rotating soups every day. They call come with bread, and their mac and cheese is pretty good too. Great for: When your friend is sick.

Green Cactus (American Mexican): There is a bunch of Mexican food around, but this place is pretty on point and is a little bit cheaper. What to order: Foot long burrito

Fratelli's Bagel's Express (Bagel Cafe): The bagels here are good for breakfast and lunch (they're not open for dinner). They make a solid bacon egg and cheese. What to order: Sunflower bagel with pesto mayo and mozzarella or strawberry bagel with chocolate chip cream cheese.

Honorable Mentions: 7/11, Dunkin Donuts and Dominos, the Bench and Subway

Avalon (Park and Preserve): An outdoor preserve by a lake, this is one of the only places you're guaranteed to see a duck, or actually find some quiet on the island. Great for: Remembering what the light of day feels like.

Port Jefferson Village (on the S60 bus from campus):

The Steam Room (Seafood): not very complicated, but straight up some great seafood. It is a summer favorite, but it is good any time of the year. When to go: Thursday: two lobsters for the price of one

Port Jefferson Frigate (Candy Store): if

you have ever lusted after the candy store in Willy Wonka, this one is bigger and has gelato. Great for: When you need a sugar fix during finals

Save-A-Pet (Pet Store): Save-A-Pet is a great no-kill shelter around here for cats and dogs and all of the proceeds of the store go to the animals. There is usually a dog and a couple of kittens hanging out. They are always looking for volunteers!

Harbor (Public Park): The harbors got a lovely park and a nice little strip of beach. It is really nice when it starts to get warm. Great for: Instagram shots of the sunset. At the Smith Haven Mall (by bus)

Mosaic Grill (Turkish): Seriously the best mall food you will ever have. The portions are pretty generous and it is legitimate. What to order: Shwarma

Godiva Chocolatier (Chocolate and milleshakes): Life hack: if you get a card and spend just \$10 with them a year, you will get a free chocolate every month. Totally makes being dragged there and enduring the mall rats worth it.

Driving distance:

Kumo Japanese Steakhouse: A little pricey for dinner, but any other time, it is solid Japanese food. Happy Hour specials are \$4 a roll. When to go: Happy Hour and Lunch Hibachi

Greek-to-Go (Greek): a family owned restaurant, they have a Stony Brook discount, deliver and are super nice. What to order: gyro melt and their burgers.

Hess (Gas Station): The cheapest gas station around and their cash and credit price is the same. They even have an app. You are welcome, drivers. Life Hack: Do not go when school or work gets out.

O Sole Mio (Italian): Largely considered some of the best Italian around. You can eat at the counter cheap for pizza or sit down, fill up on the bread and eat leftovers for days. What to order: Chicken picatta or caesar salad slice

AMC Loews Stony Brook 17 (Movie Theater): When to go: Thursdays (Student discount). Life Hack: If you go to a midnight premiere, do the 12:05 to skip middle schoolers and their parents.

Sweetbriar Nature Center (Public Park): It is a wildlife rescue in Smithtown. It is free and you can meet foxes, hawks and my best friend, Noodles

the Opossum. What to see: There's a real bald eagle. See it for America.

Sushi Palace (All-you-can-eat Sushi): My friends and I usually use this a celebratory dinner. It's \$20 for all you can eat and believe me, you will have eaten more than the value after stuffing your face. When to go: When you are starving with a large group of people.

Tiki Action Park (Arcade, Golf and Go-carts): When you need to do the suburban usual, this is by far the most tolerable place for laser tag, arcade, etc. When to go: When you need an outing for your club and you need to get off campus.

Se-Port Deli (Deli): A campus hotspot, this Italian deli serves gigantic, delicious sandwiches. Grab a Gasm your first time round, then start exploring the rest of their endless menu. Be warned though, if you are not from around here, you will be surprised when it is a bit pricier than any deli you have ever been to, but it is well worth it. What to order: Your first time? Gasm. Really hungry? Try the Island Platter. Do not forget that large half 'n half with your order.

Favorite Beaches:

Smith Point (Public Beach): It's a schelp in Shirley, but it's a south shore beach so it is not very rocky. It is an oceanfront county par.

Robert Moses (Public Beach): Also on the south shore in Babylon. It is the oldest park in Long Island. It used to have a nude beach, but sadly you will have to keep your bathing suit on...for now

I can not make any promises that these places will give you the most authentic eating experience. I can not guarantee that laying on these beaches will give you the epiphany you have been waiting for to tell you what to do with the rest of your life, but I have had great experiences at these locations.

Getting off campus clears your mind and reminds you that there is a world outside of the Stony Brook bubble. Stony Brook is your home now, you'll be living here on average four years (and some of you much longer). You have every right to claim local status after some exploring. So if you have got a hankering for some real food, or just need to get outside in a place where the chance of you getting into a fight with a goose goes is not guaranteed, check them out.



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Many locations off-campus offer great food or a fun venue for hanging out with friends.

Former Seawolves Coley and McAlister sign contracts abroad

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

The graduating seniors of the Stony Brook men's basketball team may not have achieved the NCAA Tournament berth they hoped for, but a couple of them have found their childhood dreams realized in spite of this.

Guard Dave Coley and forward Eric McAlister have both signed pro contracts to play overseas during the past month, Coley in Slovakia and McAlister in Denmark.

Coley has signed with BK Iskra Svit, which competes in Slovak Extraliga, Slovakia's top basketball league.

The news was first broken by Coley's former head coach Steve Pikiell in a tweet congratulating Coley on his deal.

Coley later confirmed to me that he had indeed signed the contract.

"My agent and I took our time and weighed out what's best for right now in taking the next step in my pro career," Coley said over text message.

"I have a lot of trust and faith that he would find the best possible solution for me."

Coley will be playing alongside fellow U.S. imports Travis Wallace from Florida



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Dave Coley and Eric McAlister add to a list of Seawolves who have signed deals overseas.

A&M and A'Darius Pegues from Campbellsville University.

"First and foremost I have to thank god for allowing this to happen," Coley said.

"I felt great and blessed that I actually have a chance to play professional basketball, especially because it's something I love to do."

Iskra Svit finished third in the nine-team league last season, with a record of 20-2.

During his senior year at Stony Brook Coley averaged 10.4 point per games, and 4.9 rebounds per game. He was also one the team's best defenders.

McAlister signed with Denmark's Team FOG Naestved, who finished 12-15 in the 2013-14 season.

In a release on the team's official site, Naestved's head coach Bogdan Karaicic said of McAlister, "I have had a good

[talk] with Eric, and we have been in [talks] with his coach from college, who gave a very good recommendation. He is a hard worker and very dedicated person."

Alongside the piece was a promotional video featuring some of McAlister's highlights during his time in a Seawolves jersey.

"My agent kind of took care of everything. It actually went

pretty quickly. They spoke to me, they spoke to coach Pikiell, they dealt with my agent, and it felt like the right place for me," McAlister told me in a phone conversation

"It felt great. It was definitely the goal for a long time and it's nice to finally achieve it."

During his final season with the Seawolves McAlister averaged 7.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. He was in the starting lineup for 33 of their 34 contests.

Asked of any lasting pieces of advice from his coaching staff or teammates at Stony Brook, McAlister said "Especially with the coaches, everything that they've taught me since I've gotten here will definitely stay with me as I go over there. You know they did a great job with the team as well as individual players. As for my teammates, the confidence that they gave me especially this past year will definitely carry-over."

However, one thing his Seawolves family has not been able to help out with has been the language barrier, with McAlister noting, "Yeah I'm trying, but [learning Danish is] a lot more difficult than I thought. But I'm working on it."

One victory at a time.

McCombs fills out women's basketball staff

By Andrew Eichenholz
Staff Writer

Shortly after Caroline McCombs was hired as head women's basketball coach at Stony Brook earlier in the summer, the first-time head coach recently hired her staff for the upcoming season.

After the departure of all of former coach Beth O'Boyle's staff, McCombs hired Adam Call and Matt Bamford as assistant coaches, with Tatiyana McMorris as director of basketball operations. This will be the first time that either Call or Bamford will be acting as assistant coaches on the Division I level, acting as director of basketball operations and assistant to the head coach respectively at their last school. McMorris was a graduate assistant last season.

Call comes to Stony Brook from accomplished programs, holding positions at Washington, Northwestern and Texas Christian in the past.

He has held various roles with those teams, giving him experience in many areas of the game.

Call's past shows that he is capable of working with players in the low post, which is a major part of the Seawolves makeup, pending any changes McCombs will make.

In the 2013-2014 season, Sabre Proctor, rising senior, was named to the All-America East first team at forward, which helped the team earn a spot in the America East Championship game and a postseason berth in the NIT.

Ironically enough, the

Seawolves' trip to the NIT granted them a first round matchup with Bamford's previous school, Michigan.

While in Ann Arbor, Bamford earned a reputation of having a knack for recruiting top talent, a talent that is necessary at any institution in any sport.

With stars Proctor and Jessica Ogunnorin finishing their tenure at Stony Brook next season, it will be of the utmost importance to find and attract top players to Long Island to keep future teams competitive.

McMorris will be an asset, with experience playing at the highest level of college basketball.

She earned plenty of recognition in the Big East, earning all-conference honors in one of the toughest conferences in the entire country.

Todd Mitmesser notably will not be returning to the Seawolves bench next season. Mitmesser, O'Boyle's lead assistant coach for the past two seasons has been a major part of the success in the post for the Seawolves, as forwards Proctor and Brittany Snow have both previously expressed the vital role that Mitmesser had in improving their games.

He also addressed the scouting for Albany, which even though it eventually led to a loss in the America East finals, ended the Great Danes' 38-game conference winning streak in the last regular season contest of the year.

Mitmesser was still an active member of the staff after O'Boyle's departure, as he attended the annual Wolfie Awards at the end of the year with the team.

It is unclear whether Mitmesser left or was not hired by McCombs, but the combination of Call's experience with players in the post and Call's talent identification will be a major asset in making up for the loss.

The rest of last year's bench has followed O'Boyle to Virginia, all taking spots on her staff at Virginia Commonwealth.

Kate DeSorrento was a major part of the recruiting process as an assistant coach for the Seawolves, and had a lot of prior experience coaching at other institutions.

Nerlande Nicolas, who was in her first season as an assistant coach at Stony Brook, had plenty of experience as a player and organizationally was an asset to the team after serving time as director of basketball operations elsewhere.

Stephanie Witko, also in her first season at Stony Brook acted as director of basketball operations.

She will take the same position at VCU.

Entering next season, the Seawolves look to continue their upward trend, after putting together an impressive 24-win season, their best at the Division I level.

After completing one of the most noticeable turnarounds in the country with just four wins a few seasons back, maintaining momentum would be perfectly punctuated with a trip to the NCAA Tournament come March.

McCombs and company will open their season in the new 4,000-seat Stony Brook Arena in the fall.

Stony Brook soccer teams both draw challenging schedules

By Joe Galotti
Sports Editor

The Stony Brook men's soccer team does not appear to be an NCAA Tournament caliber club just yet, but they will get the chance to see what one looks like up close multiple times during this upcoming season. In late June, the team's 2014 schedule was announced, and it features four matchups with teams that have made appearances in the NCAA tournament within the past two seasons.

During September, the Seawolves will get the chance to face-off against Connecticut, Farleigh Dickinson, SMU and Northeastern. Perhaps the biggest standout on SBU's schedule is their Sept. 1 match against Connecticut, a team that has made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament each of the past three years.

The Huskies finished last season ranked No. 9 in the NSCAA National Coaches Poll, and have been contenders for the national title in recent years.

Beginning in October Stony Brook will begin play against America East opponents.

SBU will be looking to improve in conference play this season, after only going 1-5-1 against teams in the America East in 2013.

On Nov. 5, the Seawolves will be tested when the two-time defending America East champions UMBC visits LaValle Stadium.

The Retrievers are coming off of an impressive 16-1-3 record last season, and defeated Stony Brook 1-0 in their only matchup last fall.

The Seawolves will also get the

chance to host two other conference opponents on when they take on New Hampshire on Oct. 4, and go up against UMass-Lowell on Oct. 18. They will be on the road against America East foes Vermont, Hartford, Albany and Binghamton.

The Stony Brook women's soccer team will also face some big names this season during their 2014 campaign.

They will play three teams that participated in the NCAA Tournament last year on the women's side in Rutgers, St. John's and UMBC.

Those matchups are just a small part of what is looking to be a very challenging schedule this fall for the Seawolves. Nine of the 17 opponents Stony Brook will face this year had winning records in 2013, which could make it difficult for SBU to put up their third straight 10-plus win season.

Stony Brook will have two early home games when they play Delaware State for their home opener on Aug. 24 and take on Seton Hall on Sept. 4. But, most of the club's games at LaValle will take place late in the season.

The Seawolves will have four regular season home games during the month of October, all of which will be against America East opponents. Maine, Binghamton, Vermont and Hartford will all make visits to SBU this fall.

The Stony Brook women's soccer team will kick off their regular season on Aug. 22 when they travel to New Jersey to take on Rutgers.

The men's soccer team will begin their season on the road as well, when, on Aug. 29., they travel to face Central Connecticut.

SPORTS

Walker's sudden transfer leaves big hole in SBU lineup

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

Departing seniors are always a huge blow to teams, especially so when three starters are among those to graduate.

Such is the case for your 2014-15 Seawolves, who will be without shutdown defender Dave Coley, cold-blooded scorer Anthony Jackson and jack-of-all-trades big Eric McAlister.

But wait, there is more.

Freshman Ahmad Walker has transferred from the men's basketball program, making it so that four of the team's six best players last season need replacement.

What kind of hole does this leave the team in, exactly?

McAlister is likely the easiest void to fill, but do not let that downplay his importance. McAlister was a strong rim protector, leading the team in block rate via nearly two blocks per 40 minutes of action.

McAlister could play out of the high post on offense with his shooting range, finishing second on the squad in true-shooting percentage, which factors in three-pointers and free throws.

His passing ability was strong for a big man and he was no slouch on the boards either.

But luckily, head coach Steve Pikiell has a proxy for Eric in Rayshaun McGrew, the 6-foot-7

inch forward who came into his own late last season.

After accumulating five DNP-CD's, McGrew averaged 18 minutes a night in the America East tournament.

His ability to defend multiple positions, and score in a variety of ways makes him the obvious candidate to slide into McAlister's role as a complement to Jameel Warney's forays down low.

In losing Coley and Jackson, Stony Brook is without their premier perimeter defender and sparkplug scorer.

Jackson's 14 shots per 40 minutes, which led the team, will mean an increase in output by some of the team's mainstays in Warney and Carson Puriefoy, who ranked just below Jackson.

Incoming freshman Deshaun Thrower, who averaged 18.7 points per game in high school, will also be called upon, as well as sophomore Kameron Mitchell, who was Stony Brook's third best three-point shooter last season.

As for Coley, it is hard to imagine any guard mimicking his defensive intensity.

Puriefoy is not someone you want defending the opposition's best player for 30 minutes. Neither is Mitchell.

Thrower is vaunted for his playmaking, but little has been offered about his defense and



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The Seawolves lose athleticism for the 2014-2015 season with Ahmad Walker's departure.

he still needs to familiarize himself with Pikiell's schemes. There is little to no help to be found here.

And finally, there is Walker, who showed much promise as a defender and rebounder with upside on the offensive end.

Yes the Seawolves have a similar player in athletic superiority ready to step in by the name of Roland L'Amour Nyama, but it would have been far more convenient if he did not have to.

The loss of Walker means Nyama may have to guard the opposition's best perimeter scorer night in and night out, no easy task for a rookie.

Pikiell could have gotten really creative and played Walker and Nyama together, forming a defensive chaos machine of length and speed.

Instead, the Seawolves have some alarming lapses in defensive talent, unless the relative unknowns of the roster can make for pleasant surprises.

Walker's departure does leave an extra roster spot open, but it is hard to see Stony Brook taking that advantage.

The only solution that could help in the short-term would be a walk-on, which is far from a favorable answer.

Those remaining on the roster include veteran Scott

King, incoming recruits Tyrell Sturdivant and Bryan Sekunda, as well as sophomores Chris Braley and Ryan Burnett.

King will likely see spot rotation minutes for his shooting ability and tenure as a Seawolf, but the rest of the names leave much to question. Can Pikiell afford to redshirt Sturdivant and Sekunda?

Will Braley and Burnett show enough improvement to warrant key roles?

There are a lot of uncertainties, and so few assurances.

There is no way to avoid players moving on to the next level, now there is only coping with what is next.

QB spot up in the air for SBU

By Cameron Boon
Assistant Sports Editor

With Lyle Negron's graduation this past year, Stony Brook football coach Chuck Priore has a big decision to make by Aug. 28, when the Seawolves open with a Thursday night prime time matchup against the Bryant Bulldogs.

Will it be junior Conor Bednarski, a Fullerton College transfer who redshirted last season and learned the system? Or will it be the local Lawrence High School product John Kinder, who will come in as a senior transfer from Syracuse?

When it comes to playing experience, the edge goes to Bednarski. He started for two years at Fullerton College, as well as totaling 1,836 yards and 11 touchdowns as a freshman.

In his second season, he accumulated 2,453 yards and 25 touchdowns, which was the most of any QB in the Southern California Football Association.

A 2010 graduate of South Pasadena High School and a student of the legendary Ed Smith, Bednarski finished with 3,962 yards and 37 touchdowns in his career.

He was also selected all-area three times and to the all-league team his senior year.

Kinder comes in with less experience on the field, spending three years at Syracuse. Unfortunately for him, Ryan Nassib and Drew Allen were the starters there and Kinder was stuffed in the mix of the depth chart.

Kinder has only three games of experience, playing on Special Teams against USC and Stony Brook in 2012 and lacing up his cleats against Wagner in 2013.

That is not what Seawolves fans would like to see, though.

Kinder comes in a local product of Lawrence High School, about 46 miles from where he will now dress as a Seawolf. The 2009 NYS Class A Player of the Year, Kinder led the Golden Tornadoes to a 29-9 record in his four years there.

He passed for more than 3,000 yards and 22 touchdowns and rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 88 touchdowns in his career.

It would be a dynamic duo in the backfield if he and Marcus Coker, who is scheduled to be healthy before practice officially starts on Aug. 1, were slated to be the opening day starters.

Bednarski also has the jump in that he was able to participate in the Spring Game. He finished the day going 16-for-29, throwing for 183 yards and a touchdown to Jahrie Level.

Level and returning star Adrian Coxson will join Coker as the main pieces of the offense come August.

So to whoever Priore picks, there will be weapons and pressure as Stony Brook does not want another 5-7 season.

They want to make it back to the Division I FCS tournament, and in a tough conference like the CAA, the QB decision and production will be vital.

Seawolves schedule features six home dates

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This season, the Stony Brook football team will enter its second year as a member of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). But, 2014 will be a season of firsts for the Seawolves as they will play 12 regular season games, the highest total in the program's history. Eight of those games will be against conference opponents.

The Seawolves kick off their 2014 campaign on Thursday, Aug. 28, at home against Bryant University. This will be the first time LaValle Stadium has hosted a Thursday night game. The game also will fall within the first week of school for fall semester students.

For the past few years, athletics has hosted "Wolfie's Walk" for students to celebrate the first game of the season with games and barbecue food in the Mendelsohn Pit. Athletics and the Undergraduate Student Government are working together to offer a similar event for this year's opener.

The Seawolves will then hit the road against FBS opponent University of Connecticut (UConn). This marks Stony Brook's seventh game against a team from Division 1-A (FBS). On Sept. 20, the Seawolves will have another out of conference road matchup when they travel to play the University of North Dakota. It will be the second matchup between the two teams since 2009.



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The Seawolves open their season on Aug. 28 against Bryant.

The CAA portion of their schedule will begin Sept. 27 with the Seawolves hosting William & Mary for their 2014 Homecoming game. This will begin a stretch of eight games against conference opponents for Stony Brook.

On Oct. 11, Stony Brook will have a difficult task when they host Maine, the defending conference champions. The Seawolves played tough in their matchup with the Black Bears last season, but fell 19-14 in a loss that eliminated them from FCS playoff contention.

In November, both James Madison and Rhode Island will visit LaValle Stadium in consecutive weeks. Stony Brook

was able to defeat both teams last season on the road.

Stony Brook will travel to North Carolina on Oct. 18 to face the CAA's newest member Elon University. Other road opponents include Towson (10/4), New Hampshire (10/25) and rival Albany (11/22).

SBU will not have to take on Villanova or Richmond this season, two teams that they suffered losses to last season.

The Seawolves will look to improve on the 2013 campaign in which they finished 5-6 overall and 3-5 in CAA play.

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