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Stanley's lecture highlights Ebola symptoms and transmission risks

By Elsie Boskamp
Staff Writer

As an international crisis related to the Ebola virus continues to develop, Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley, the chair of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity, spoke of the disease's imminent risks.

"The epidemic is not slowing down, it's speeding up," Stanley said on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Staller Center for the Arts. "It's one of the most lethal viruses that we know."

Characterized by an extremely high mortality rate, this contagious RNA (ribonucleic acid) virus, which causes hemorrhagic fever and symptoms similar to influenza, has plagued various West African nations. Confirmed cases have been reported in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Nigeria, Africa's most populated country.

"It is the biggest outbreak ever reported, and a fairly high

to treat people."

In order to stop the deadly outbreak from "spiraling out of control," Stanley said, "there has to be more international support, and the United States would have to play an absolute key role in providing that support."

Although there is no known cure for Ebola, experimental drugs and vaccines are being tested and developed in the United States.

"Because of support from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense, we actually have things in the pipeline that can potentially prevent Ebola and potentially protect treatment of this disease," Stanley said.

Stanley said that although the Ebola virus does not pose a high threat to the United States, the best defense against the disease penetrating the nation is to control and eliminate the infection in Africa. Demolishing the disease would require the



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President Stanley, above, said the best defense against Ebola is to control and eliminate the infection in Africa.

number of people have died so far," said Dr. Bettina Fries, the chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Stony Brook University Hospital. "Initially only remote rural areas were reporting cases. Now the disease is spreading and major cities like Lagos are also reporting cases."

The lack of modern medical resources in the infected areas is of great concern to the Stony Brook medical community, Stanley said.

"These countries are among the poorest countries in the world," he said. "They lack infrastructure. They lack resources. They lack very rudimentary health care facilities

provision of field hospitals and diagnostic tests as well as the addition of medical personal and containment gear, according to Stanley.

While slim, the highest risk factor for the Ebola infection entering the United States lies in air travel.

"Now, with jet travel, there is no natural geographic barrier to prevent infectious spreads," Stanley said.

The average Ebola incubation period ranges from two to 21 days, therefore, "patients could potentially travel in the incubation time and then get sick

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Bob Saget performs a comedy routine at the Staller Center for the Arts on Thursday.

Students flock to Staller for '90s TV star Bob Saget

By Giselle Barkley and
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Arts & Entertainment Editor and
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

He's got it, dude. If "it" means having the raunchy brand down pat.

Bob Saget brought his not so family-friendly humor to a full house Thursday at the Staller Center. Doors opened at 7 p.m. with lines of students waiting well into the Administration building's shadow and the audience itched for Danny

Tanner to leave his gig at "Good Morning San Francisco" and for Bob Saget to take the main stage on campus.

But before Saget took the stage, opener Liza Treyger warmed up the audience, joking about her personal life and her love of drugs. Then, the man of the hour entered the spotlight.

"I've never been here but I've had sex with most of the campus," he told the packed crowd. But his mind is not always in the gutter.

Saget originally made his name in the ABC sitcom "Full House" from 1987 to 1995 as a single dad raising his three daughters with the help of his friends. He was also the original host of "America's Funniest Home Videos." He was the adult voice of Ted Mosby in CBS' "How I Met Your Mother," which ran from 2005 to 2014.

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Town of Brookhaven weekly community court to crack down on illegal off-campus housing cases

By Kelly Zegers
Assistant News Editor

The Town of Brookhaven set aside one day a week Thursday for a Community Housing Court with the goal of expediting housing violations cases.

The court will deal with violations issued by town inspectors, such as overcrowded housing and noise and nuisance violations. The town held the first community court on Sept. 4 at the Suffolk County Sixth District Court in Patchogue, according to a town press release.

The court comes as a response to Brookhaven's crackdown on housing violations near Stony Brook University in off-campus homes rented to students illegally after residents pushed for action to be taken against landlords who do not comply to town codes.

Bruce Sander, co-founder of Stony Brook Concerned Homeowners, Ltd., said that it was a "nightmare" with no designated day for housing cases and that it took months to get to court and three weeks of waiting all day in court for one case to be heard.

"If a violation happens this month, we want to see the landlord in court that month," Sander said. The community court, he said, means to residents that cases will be settled faster.

While "not every landlord" in the area is in violation of town codes, some "insist on cutting up houses," Sander said, citing 150 Christian Ave. in Stony Brook, which he described as being "chopped up" into illegal bedrooms for 16 students.

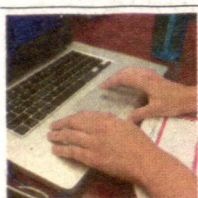
According to Sander, about 100 out of 238 student houses are illegal in the Stony Brook area for violations such as having no rental registration, meaning the house has not been inspected for safety, leaving potential dangers undiscovered.

Sander said that a female student contacted him with concerns about the lease she signed being violated five times. Students can be taken advantage of by a "savvy landlord," he said.



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The new Community Housing Court will expedite cases for off-campus housing violations in Brookhaven.



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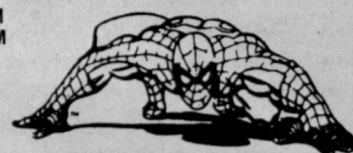
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NEWS

National Security Institute to open on Computer Science Technology Day

By Sandhiya Kannan
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University is starting a National Security Institute on campus as a result of grants from the NYSUNY 2020 vision plan. The university plans to hire six tenure-track faculty members for the cybersecurity-focused institute during the next few years, according to the university's website.

Stony Brook's NSI is not the first program of its kind. This focus on cybersecurity has led to the creation of centers at many other universities such as CyLab at Carnegie Mellon and the Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance at Purdue.

NSI's goal is to be a multidisciplinary research institute, focusing on educating professionals in "defense, national and cyber-security, assurance, healthcare, and policy," according to Dr. Radu Sion, associate professor in the Computer Science Department and director of NSI.

"The Institute's initial focus is on Cyber Security. As such, Computer Science is one of the major disciplines represented. However it is not the only one. ECE [computer engineering] and the school of business are some of the other partner departments we working together with," Sion said in an email.

NSI's grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 12 at the Wang Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a part of Computer Science Technology Day at SBU. According to Sion, NSI will mainly be introduced in a workshop and panel titled "Government Sponsored Research: A Major Enabler Cyber Security Technology Transfer."

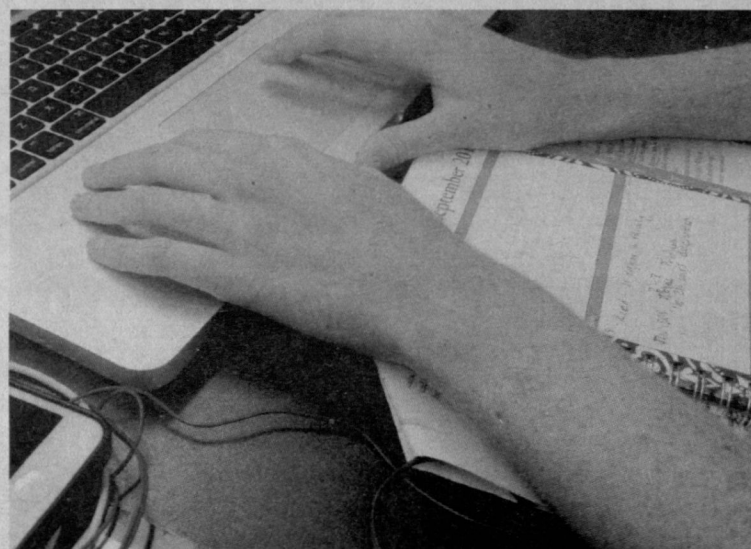
The event will also include opening remarks from representatives of NSI and government agencies, a computer science job and internship fair, over 100 two-minute faculty and graduate research presentations and an award ceremony, according to the department's website.

In the past, the Computer

Science Department held a career fair as a part of the STEM job fair, with research presentations taking place in smaller events. This Computer Science Technology Day will be a consolidation of those events while also celebrating the opening of NSI, according to Christine Cesaria, the director of Communications and Grants in the Computer Science Department.

"The broad reaching goal is to educate the community... about the depth of computer science research taking place at SBU and the cybersecurity expertise that we bring to New York State and the nation," Cesaria said in an interview.

The Computer Science Department hopes to make this an annual event, with a different focus each year. With this year's focus being cybersecurity and NSI, speakers will include state Sen. Kenneth LaValle, Computer Science Department faculty and staff and cybersecurity funding representatives from government agencies such as



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Stony Brook University will open a new National Security Institute (NSI) focused on cybersecurity on Sept. 12.

the National Security Agency, the National Science Foundation and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"Other than students establishing good contacts with recruiters from top firms...I hope that students will feel a sense of pride and excitement about the research and initiatives that the Department

of Computer Science is undertaking," Cesaria said.

The grand opening of NSI will come a few weeks before the 11th Annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month this October, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance.

Game-day parking at LaValle Stadium lot now requires season passes

By Elsie Boskamp
Staff Writer

Stony Brook University's Athletics Department has initiated a new parking protocol for the 2014 football season. As of this semester, game-day parking at the LaValle Stadium parking lot will now require fans to purchase a season parking pass.

"With increased crowds coming to Stony Brook Football games each year, the changes to game-day parking at LaValle Stadium were made in an effort to enhance the fan experience and allow fans to get to the game in a safe and more efficient manner," Thomas Chen said, the assistant athletics director for communications, in an email.

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Fans must purchase a season pass to park at LaValle Stadium. The change is a response to increased crowds.

parking spot, passes can be purchased for \$75 and are discounted at \$60 for Touchdown Club members.

Each pass guarantees the best available spot in the Stadium's lot for all six of the team's home games.

Fans who do not purchase a season parking pass can still secure a spot in either the Stadium or Gym Road parking lot for a surcharge of \$10 per vehicle. These extra parking areas will run on a first-come, first-served basis and will open six hours prior to game-time.

"We want all fans to enjoy the Stony Brook Football experience, and we encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with our 2014 Fan Guide so that on game day they are able to choose the parking option that best fits their needs," Chen said.

On game-days the Stadium and Gym Road lots as well as the metered Sports Complex parking area will be specifically reserved for football fans and season parking pass holders. The areas will be closed to all others, with the exception

of vehicles displaying a valid handicapped pass.

Additional game-day parking options include the university's commuter, faculty and residential parking lots. Proper permits are required for these lots, unless otherwise stated. Generally, unrestricted parking in these areas is available on weekends and after 4 p.m. during the week.

The university's parking enforcement department could not be reached for comment on these changes.

The Athletics Department also advised fans to take extra precaution when traveling within the university on game-day. Faculty, staff and students are advised to use the north entrance for the easiest access, as traffic patterns may be adjusted at the main campus entrance.

Under the microscope: parallel pathways between embryo and cancer development

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.

The development of cancer and the development of an embryo seem to be two different processes, but researchers at Stony Brook University have found parallels between the pathways involved in both.

"A lot of the same developmental pathways used to create an embryo become reactivated in cancer, without the proper control that is present in embryogenesis," Dr. Benjamin Martin, assistant professor of biochemistry and cell biology at Stony Brook University, said.

Martin's research focuses on one of those pathways, known as Wnt signaling, which plays a critical role in a process called Epithelial to Mesenchymal Transition.

Imagine that the epithelial cells are like bricks that are held tightly together. EMT is a process that transforms the bricks into the more jelly-like mesenchymal cells that can leave their initial spot and travel.

In development, embryonic stem cells must undergo EMT to become mesoderm and eventually muscle and bone.

Likewise, a prevailing theory in cancer research is that cancer cells undergo EMT, allowing them to leave the area of the tumor, enter the bloodstream and metastasize to other areas of

the body.

To better understand the role of Wnt signaling and EMT, Martin used zebrafish embryos to visualize how this pathway controls cellular behavior during development.

The results shed light on the decision of embryonic cells to become either spinal cord cells or muscle cells, which could lead to more accurate regenerative medicine.

Zebrafish are an ideal model because they are multicellular and transparent, allowing scientists to visualize organ formation and cell movement as it happens in the living organism.

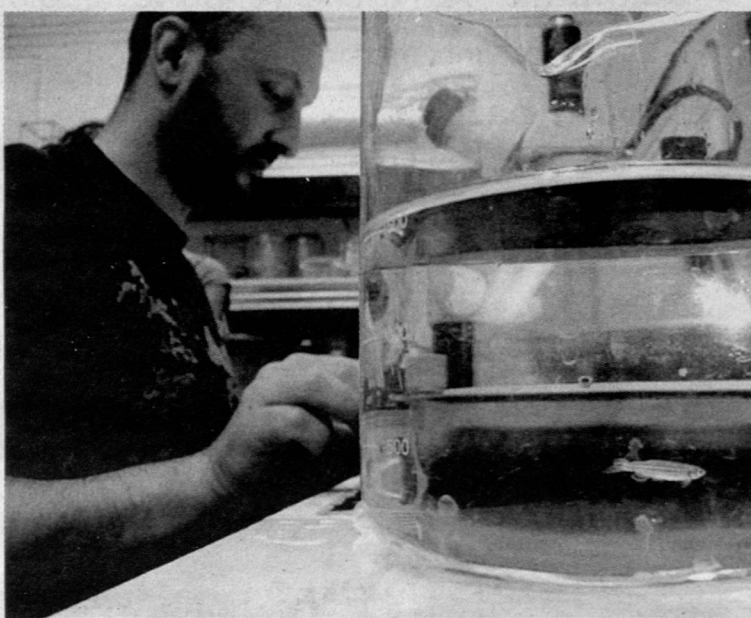


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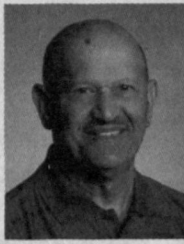
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Researcher visualizes embryo and cancer development similarities using zebrafish

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Martin said he and his team transplanted genetically altered cells that do not have Wnt signaling into normally developing embryos to "understand the mechanism by which the pathway controls the EMT process and the subsequent patterning of the embryo."

The cells that did not have Wnt signaling could not undergo EMT, did not become mesoderm, and ended up in the spinal cord.

Since the cells were fluorescently labeled, scientists could visualize the route of the cells to become a part of the spinal cord.

The cells without Wnt signaling also could not be rescued by neighboring cells that did have a normally functioning pathway.

This means that the pathway is cell autonomous as only the mutant cells expressed the mutant phenotype.

These results allow Martin to eliminate thousands of players that could not be involved in the pathway, thus making it easier to identify downstream targets.

A second aspect of Martin's research focuses on the decision of mesoderm cells to become either blood vessel cells or muscle cells.

Normally, the tissue in the tail bud region of the zebrafish embryo is muscle with a few blood vessels. BMP is a pathway that is known for its role in mesoderm patterning.

To examine the role of BMP in the decision of mesoderm cells, Martin and his team used transgenic lines of zebrafish in which the BMP pathway can be activated or deactivated by placing the fish in warm water.

When BMP was inhibited,

there were large blocks of muscle tissue where blood vessels should have formed, and when the BMP was activated, there was a big expansion of the blood vessels in regions that should have formed blood vessels. This means that BMP plays a critical role in instructing a cell to become a blood vessel.

Not only do these results have significance in terms of embryonic development, but they also increase understanding of cancer cells.

The more blood vessels in a tumor, the more nutrients can reach the cancer cells, thus allowing them to survive and multiply.

Martin's lab is now beginning to examine how multiple signaling pathways like Wnt and BMP interact to better understand how they coordinate cell behavior and fate determination in developing embryos and cancer cells.

Police Blotter

On Monday, Aug. 18, an individual was found in possession of three bags of heroin and eight hypodermic needles. This resulted in an arrest at the University Hospital.

On Monday, Aug. 18, the campus was asked to check on welfare of a student in C.N. Yang Hall. The case is still open.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, a vehicle jumped a gate to avoid a parking fee at the University Hospital. The case is still open.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, a student received a referral for marijuana in Roosevelt Plaza.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, an individual driving a white sedan was arrested for driving while intoxicated at the intersection of Circle Road and Engineering Drive.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, there were cases of graffiti reported at the Student Union.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, a flatbed cart was stolen from the Staller Center. The case is still open.

Compiled by Kelly Frevele

President Stanley talks about Ebola outbreak to Stony Brook community

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here," Fries said. As a precaution, various travel restrictions have been implemented throughout West Africa.

In the rare event that the illness would appear locally, Stony Brook University Hospital has ensured that proper preparations

and procedures have been put in place following specific guidelines set by the New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Healthcare Associated Infections.

Dr. Susan Donelan, the medical director of the Healthcare Epidemiology

Department, and her team are prepared to take the necessary precautions, and, as part of the guidelines, pointed out that the hospital is equipped to perform medical screenings and testing using protective equipment.

"Even if the chance is very, very low, in medicine we prepare for rare events," Dr. Fries said. "Over

the past weeks the hospital has put together a task force under the leadership of Dr. Donelan to draw up detailed instructions for the 'what if' scenario. Every detail is worked out so that we know what to do."

Stony Brook Medicine researchers are also involved in investigating drugs and

vaccines to help combat the virus, including the examination of antibody treatments and additional emerging medicines.

Stanley said "there is almost no risk, essentially, for the Ebola epidemic in the United States." However, research into slowing and stopping the outbreak will continue.

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Bob Saget's raunchy stand-up comedy entertains a full house

SBU's grad film program will draw more attention

By Krysten Massa
Staff Writer

Christine Vachon, whose 2013 film "Kill Your Darlings" received positive praise at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival, is one of the big names to join Stony Brook's new film faculty.

Stony Brook Southampton was able to launch a new graduate film program this year that is drawing a lot of attention due to its partnership with Christine Vachon and Killer Films, and for the first time, students will be able to learn the business of making movies and receive a MFA in film.

It was Magdalene Brandeis, a producer with a background in series production and director of Manhattan programming, who initiated bringing in Vachon to partner with Stony Brook.

When developing the program, Brandeis thought it would be great to bring in a really "high-end" someone to create a profile. She said her friend provided her with a list of names and pointed out Vachon's name at the top, insinuating that she is the person to go for.

With Vachon on board, the next move was to set up meetings between Vachon and Robert Reeves, associate provost at Southampton campus.

That is when everything fell into place.

"It was a really great natural fit," Brandeis said about Vachon. "She was right away very forthcoming, very open about what her interests are and what she was looking for."

The first step for students is to develop and idea.

Students enter the program with a vision of something that they want to create and throughout a two semester course sequence they are able to put their ideas into action to create a short film with the help of professionals who have experience in the field, including Vachon and her partner at Killer Films Pamela Koffler, who, between them, have produced approximately 80 films.

Another new addition to the Southampton faculty who will help guide students through the film program is Lenny Crooks.

Crooks works with Killer Films on its developmental slate and has more than 20 years of experience in the film industry.

The door to enter this new world of film and Stony Brook is open to anybody.

Whether it is a Broadway producer who wants to learn how to move into feature films or a doctor who has a vision of learning how to produce a show about first responders.

People from any discipline are welcome to take classes, not just those who already have a background in film.

Credited and non-credited classes are available for those who wish to peruse a degree in film or for those who already have the knowledge of producing or screen-writing and would just like to try and learn a different skill or view.

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Bob Saget, above, released his autobiography, "Dirty Daddy: The Chronicles of a Family Man Turned Filthy Comedian," on March 1, 2014. His book sold for \$34 per copy.

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Before pursuing any of his acting dreams, Saget dreamed of being a doctor.

While attending Temple University in Philadelphia, Saget took several science class, but he still had not found his place until he enrolled in film school.

During his first time on Stony Brook campus, Saget spent the first part of the night trying to figure out what a Seawolf was.

"I'm in Stony Brook. It's four f***ing thousand miles from everywhere."

Saget's comedic roots took hold when he was 17. But raunchy comedy was not accepted in the early 1970s. According to Saget, comedians just had to be weird.

"In the beginning, I said my mother was Gumby my father was Pokey and I'm Mr. Potato Head," he told student media.

And he got weird with Stony Brook students with his own raunchy flavor.

He incorporated them into his stand-up by hitting on some students or insinuating that some were on drugs. He also catered to the full house—pun intended—by

responding to students who yelled to him on the stage from the crowd.

His stand-up was a complete 180 from his iconic role as family man Danny Tanner. But that role was really just another paying job.

"You do what you get hired to do, to do family programming," he said prior to the show.

While Saget's style of comedy was a shock to those who know him as a family man in the beginning, Saget said that after 20 years, people get used to it.

His comedy routine bridges the gap between different generations as sons have brought their mothers and fathers and daughters have brought their fathers.

"When a daughter brings their dad I'm like 'what is going on here this is so inappropriate' and I'm the one that's offended not them," Saget said. Regardless, his stand-ups have become a family affair.

In his show at Staller, Saget paid homage to his family man roots by reminiscing about his scripted emotional talks with his "daughters."

Saget brought up James Jr. Iannotto to the stage and sat him down. Emotional music filled the air. The music sounded "like I used

to talk my daughter, Michelle." Saget put his arm around Iannotto. And then he did not say anything remotely like Danny Tanner would say to his fictitious daughters DJ, Stephanie and Michelle in the last five minutes of Full House.

Screams grew louder and louder each time he name-dropped Full House characters and actors, specifically Dave Coulier, who played Joey Gladstone.

Though the screams were definitely higher pitched when it came to Uncle Jesse, who is better known John Stamos. Ask Saget—Stamos always has greek yogurt dripping his mouth.

Before the night ended, Saget broke out a guitar—that is right, he did not stop singing after he split with Uncle Jesse and Joey—and sang self-censored songs and others that were not appropriate for television.

His performance might not have been one that an audience would expect of Danny Tanner, but it was completely saturated with Saget.

"I was told that he was going to be raunchy but I was not expecting that all," Nisha Rath, junior pharmacology major, said.



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Christine Vachon, left, won two awards, including The Independent Spirit Award for her movie Far From Heaven.



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Several film students got the chance to film scenes for their short film during the summer months of the program.

Off the reel: Irish drama "Calvary" shows the darkside of priesthood

By Robby Cimino

Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Every three weeks, Robby Cimino will look into some of the most ambiguous film in the movie industry.

"Calvary," an Irish drama film directed by John Michael McDonagh, begins by rending audiences' hearts

with an ominous twist.

Father James (Brendan Gleeson) sits opposite a man behind a sliding screen in a dim confessional. The husky cadence of the anonymous man's voice reveals a life spent beneath a heavy burden.

It was at age seven, the man says, that he was abused by a Catholic priest. Swatting at Father James'

attempts to rectify his undoing with stinging remarks, the man reveals that the offending priest has been long dead.

Father James suggests that he seek therapy. The defeated man poignantly replies, "maybe I don't want to cope. Maybe I don't want to learn to live with it."

Coldly, the man proclaims that the only way to be cleansed of his troubled past is not to kill an evil priest, but instead to kill an innocent and good one, namely, Father James.

The man instructs Father James to find him along the shore of the beach the following Sunday to meet his end.

This is Gleeson's second time starring as leading man in a McDonagh film. The first, "The Guard," a 2011 dark Irish comedy, was wildly successful. Gleeson's performance as Father James, the sincere, brooding priest, is quite a departure from the blundering officer he played in "The Guard."

"Calvary," a vignette into a week that end in a standoff between Father James and his shadowy assailant, is engaging from its start.

Framed by ethereal bluffs, crashing grey waves and patchwork pastures, the film makes the impressionistic beauty of County Sligo, located in Northwest Ireland, a spectacle. The sweeping bird's eye views above the sea and hilly landscapes give the audience a beautiful context with which to place this twisted tale.

An array of disparate and vivid parishioners weigh on Father James' sincere, well-meaning conscience as

he makes his way through an ordinary week of tending to his community.

Among them: an artistic altar boy, a haughty business mogul, an elderly novelist, an imprisoned sociopath, a cynical, atheistic surgeon, a wanton housewife, her chiseled lover, the car mechanic, and her husband, the unrefined butcher.

The butcher, Jack Brennan, played by Chris O'Dowd, whom many will recognize as Roy from the hit British sitcom "The IT Crowd," plays a boorish man who allows his wife, Veronica (Orla O'Rourke) to cheat with Simon (Isaach De Bankolé), the car mechanic.

Brennan and Father James sneak into the meat cellar in the butcher shop to discuss the condition of his wife, who has noticeably been beaten at the hand of one of her lovers, whom Brennan insists was not him.

Although the scene may at first seem dark in its subject matter, O'Dowd peppers in some memorable one-liners that will give the audience something to laugh about during a tense moment.

Another shocking and slightly off-putting moment in the film comes when the smarmy business tycoon, Michael Fitzgerald (Dylan Moran) an Irish comedian, urinates on a 16th century painting.

This lavish display of disregard for his most valuable possession reveals to Father James, that money means nothing to Fitzgerald.

The scene feels a bit like a non sequitur but is absurdly, almost frustratingly funny in an otherwise dark film.

Father James mediates the squabbles among the motley assortment of parishioners with selfless patience.

The elderly characters treat the priest with reverence while the younger members of the community tend to toss Father James aside, taking his service to the community entirely for granted.

Father James, in his earnest stride across the windy Irish plains, replete with a dark soutane, carries with him a past that reveals itself as he grows closer to his fate on the shore of the beach.

Before entering the seminary, Father James had been married and fathered a daughter. After his wife had passed away, Father James abandoned his first life and entered the priesthood to find salvation in his second. His adult daughter, the introspective Fiona (Kelly Reilly) after an attempted suicide, visits her father for guidance and comfort.

In a confessional with her father, Fiona references Yukio Mishima, the famed Japanese author who, before committing seppuku, notoriously wrote Jesus Christ into a list of historical suicides.

The name of the film, "Calvary" refers to the biblical site where the crucifixion of Jesus Christ occurred. In a skewed way, Father James, even after rectifying his daughter's fragile state after her suicide attempt, is committing suicide himself by agreeing to meet at the shore with the vindictive man from the confessional.

The film is dark, poignant and a thrill to ruminate on at its conclusion.



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Brendan Gleeson, above, has starred in countless well-known films from "Braveheart" and "Gangs of New York" to "Troy."

College gal cooking: white chocolate chip cake with a strawberry surprise

By Giselle Barkley

Arts & Entertainment Editor

What better way to celebrate the birthday of one of my dear friend's parent, than to bake a cake. I am not crazy about chocolate, but if I am making something sweet, I like using white chocolate chips, especially if I am mixing a fruit like strawberries into the recipe.

For starters, preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Make sure you have two cake pans and an electronic mixer in addition to a wooden spoon or spoonula.

It is easier to mix the batter with the electronic mixer but when adding the white chocolate chips to the mix, it is better to mix them in with a spoon. You can still combine the ingredients without an electronic mixer, but combining all of the ingredients that way may take a little longer.

If you want to save money, use a box of cake mix so that you do not have to make it from scratch. It will cut down the amount of ingredients needed in the recipe if you use a box of pre-made cake mix. Also, the mixes already come in a variety of flavors.

Ingredients:

1 box of white (optional) cake mix
1 cup of water
3 eggs
1/3 cup of oil
3/4 cups of white chocolate chips
1 to 2 box(s) of strawberries

Feel free to tailor the flavor of the cake mix to what you like. I used the white cake mix to keep it simple. Empty the box of cake mix into a large mixing bowl.

Then, add the eggs, oil and water into the bowl. When adding the water, start off adding a little at a time.

If you add more than 1 1/4 cup of water into the mix, the batter may not be the right consistency. Mix the ingredients with the electronic mixer. If there is not enough water mix, the cake batter will be very thick. Make sure to add some more water if this is the case.

Once all four of those ingredients are combined, add the white chocolate chips into the batter. Use a spoon to mix the white chocolate chips so that they are evenly distributed throughout the batter. Then, grease your cake pan and empty the cake batter into the pans.

If you are following the recipe and use only one box of cake mix having two cake pans will be more than enough. If you want to use more than two pans, double the amount of cake mix, water, eggs and oil. Adding more white chocolate chips is optional.

Once the batter is in the pans, put the pans into the oven and let the batter bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Keep an eye on the batter as it bakes because cooking times may vary depending on how efficient

your stove is or where the cake pans are placed in the oven.

Now for the icing. Icing and stacking the cake is complicated, so read through the directions before starting these steps.

I bought pre-made icing just because it was easier. As usual, feel free to make your own icing or buy a different flavor.

Once the cake batter is cooked, take it out of the oven and let it stand. If the top of the cake is not flat, once the cake cools, level the top of at least one of the two cakes—you can level off the top face of both of the cakes, but this is not necessary. This will make it easier to stack the two cakes.

Once one of the cakes are level, spread a layer of icing on the face of the cake that you leveled. Do not put too much icing on this cake.

Wash, dry and slice the strawberries. You can make the slices as thin or as thick as you please however, I stick to medium thickness. Place the sliced strawberries on the cake with the icing. This will be the bottom tier of the cake.

To make sure the other cake will stick to the bottom tier, spread a layer of icing on the bottom face of this cake.

If you leveled the top face of both cakes, stack this cake, the top tier, with the top face facing upwards.

Now that the cake is stacked, ice the rest of the cake. I put star shaped sprinkles on the top of my cake, but

Vachon shines a light on the new film program

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Currently, courses are being offered where students learn how to budget, schedule and finance a feature film.

Stony Brook's partnership with Killer Films is what draws people into the new program.

Killer Films is an independent film production company based in New York that has produced a number of acclaimed films.

"We are creating a content partnership," Brandeis said when discussing the program's goal, in

addition to creating an academic program. "In science, there is a long term tradition of research and then partnering with a corporation to develop something and what we are working on at Southampton arts is a model of public private partnership."

Brandeis describes Stony Brook Southampton as the "creative hub" partnering with a business, Killer Films, to generate their own content.

"We've been growing, and then it became clear that this is how we can grow," Brandeis said about the launch of the new graduate film program.



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Sweet treats, like cake, are tasty, but adding fruits are a great way to give these treats a touch of natural sweetness.

you can decorate your cake as little or as much as you desire. You can let the cake rest in the fridge to let the

icing harden.

Once the cake is ready, slice the cake and dig in.

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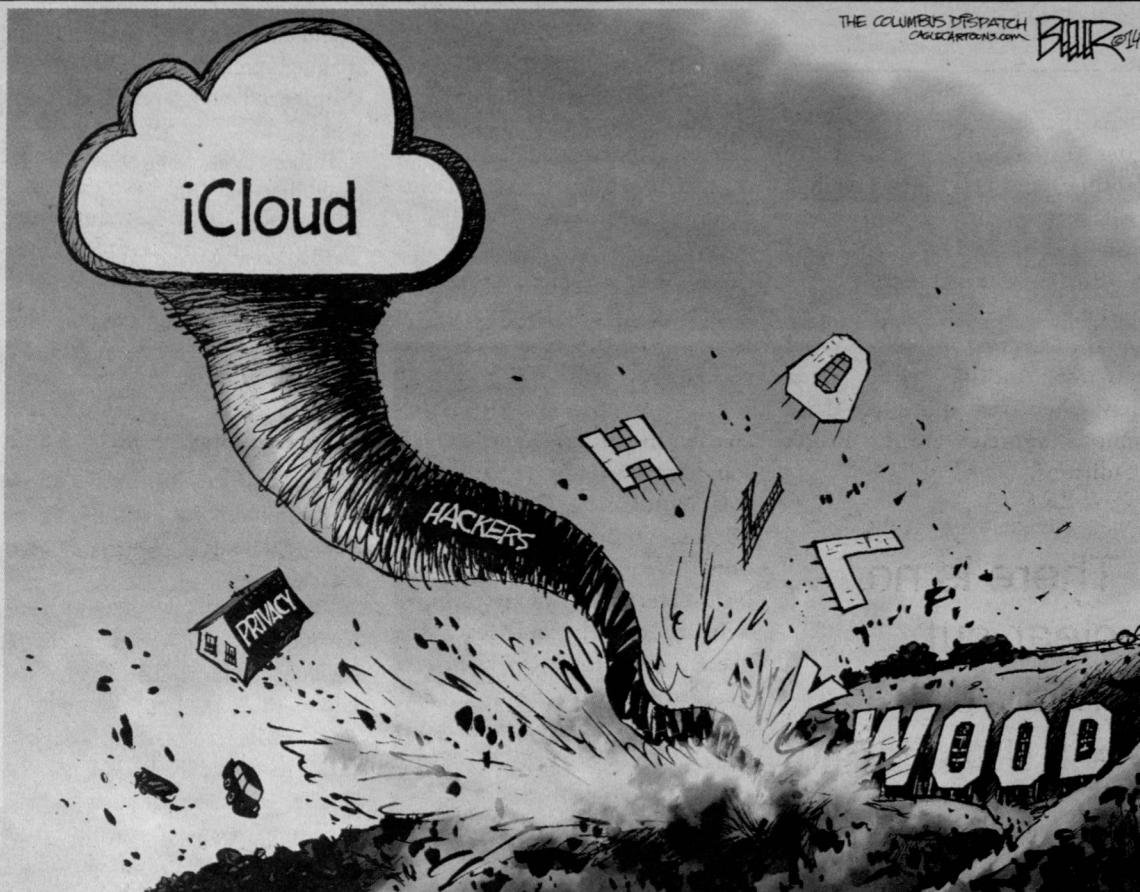


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Letter to the Editor: on sexual assault

“Currently, a woman in America who attends college is more likely to be a victim of sexual assault than one who does not attend college...according to the National Institute of Justice, an estimated one out of five women who attends college will be sexually assaulted during her time there.”

So reads Kirsten Gillibrand's introduction to a bill she is co-sponsoring, the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA).

Along with a bipartisan coalition from around the country, our junior U.S. Senator supports this bill that is designed to make our campuses a safer and more equitable place for all students.

If CASA passes, it will provide vital resources and training to college campuses, it will increase transparency in the way that sexual assault cases are handled, and it will institute enforceable penalties for schools that do not adhere to related existing legislation.

With so many campus

administrations proving themselves to be inept at preventing and handling sexual assault cases, assault is grossly underreported and being sexually assaulted is seen by many women as a normal part of the college experience.

This is unacceptable for all U.S. campuses; it is certainly unacceptable for Stony Brook University.

That is why the American Students for Action (ASA) is leading the campaign against sexual assault on our campus this fall.

Formed to encourage students to become politically involved, the ASA wants you to know that you can call Long Island Congressman Timothy Bishop and let him know that you support CASA.

Let Congress know that nothing less than full support of college women is acceptable, especially when it comes to their physical safety and well-being.

In addition, the ASA is preparing a Sexual Assault Awareness Week scheduled to

begin on September 29. Their ongoing campaign 'Light in the Dark' is a nighttime outreach with pamphlets and neon glow sticks, intended to get students talking about this issue and the way that it affects the entire campus community.

Do what you can to make our university a safe and friendly place. Never accept sexual assault as a normal part of the Stony Brook experience. Be an active bystander. If you see a situation that might be leading to sexual assault, step forward.

Bystander intervention has consistently been proven to be the best defense against sexual assault.

Be an active participant in creating a university where all students can be equal participants in the campus community, with women who are free from fear and fully empowered.

— Andrew Meerwarth
Vice President, American Students of Action

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Back with a quack (sort of): The geese return to Stony Brook's campus

By Jonathon Kline
Staff Writer

As the fall semester officially goes into full swing, many familiar sights and things will return once again. From pumpkin spice lattes, confused freshmen cramming for midterms, and late night runs to the Union for discounted burritos, nothing spells out a new school year quite like these time honored Stony Brook traditions.

There is no clear-cut method that will definitively get rid of the geese.

Another tradition that can be added to this list is the inevitable "Return of the Quack:" the covering of Stony Brook University with goose feces.

Whether you are walking to the Union or Roth Café, to Frey Hall or Javits, there is a disproportionately high chance

that you may run across a single goose, or quite possibly a gaggle of geese, comfortably lounging around, leaving excrement wherever they please.

This, obviously, has students annoyed and frustrated, as walking to your class while having to leapfrog around a minefield of goose feces is not normally what you expect when you go away to college.

To Stony Brook University's credit, the administration has sought out ways to try to counter this epidemic. For instance, border collies were brought onto the universities' campus last semester in an attempt to help round up and scare the geese according to remarks made by Gary Kaczmarczyk, the executive director of Stony Brook Environmental Health and Safety, in an article written earlier this year.

However, this still has not fully answered the problem at hand: there are still geese happily trotting along Roth Pond and many other places.

So what other alternatives are there?

For one, a new predator could be introduced into the environment to act as a stabilizer for the population, though that option is more than likely never going to happen since

that would lead to not only excrement on our universities campus, but dead geese as well.

That would probably be a deterrent to any prospective students visiting Stony Brook, since our already unappealing campus would be dampened just a bit more.

On the other, more humane, hand, the university could try to bring in more of these border collies to try to scare more of geese away, which would probably be the more ethical

way to solve the dilemma at hand.

Another possible way to drive the geese out would be to relocate them to a different part of the island by bringing in a third party that specializes in animal removal, though that would still leave the possibility of the geese just flying back to Stony Brook the moment that they are relocated.

There is no clear-cut method that will definitively get rid of the geese, save for option two.

Unfortunately, if a solution cannot be found, it looks like everyone is just going to have to suck it up, put on their shoes and trudge onward to their next class, avoiding both geese and their excrement alike.

But look on the bright side: when the semester is all said and done, you will not have to see any more geese for close to two months, until the inevitable spring semester rolls around, in which you will see that "The Quack Strikes Back."



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The geese returned to Roth Pond despite the university's attempts to drive them off campus.

ALS ice bucket challenge making a change

By Hunter David Frederick
Staff Writer

It has taken society by storm. Yes, it seems the whole United States is in participating in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. For the few that do not know what it that is, it is a social media based challenge to raise money and awareness for ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. But what is ALS? How did this challenge come to begin and has it helped or hurt the cause? What does the ALS Association (ALSA) have to say about all this?

The people are divided. Some are singing the challenge's praises while others condemn it, either because it gives people an opportunity to escape donating, or simply because they think the challenge is plain stupid. Personally, I believe this challenge has done a great deal of good and you should too.

First, let us start with some facts. According to the website for the ALS Association, ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), is a "progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord." Without breaking out the medical diagrams, ALS is when your motor neurons start to degenerate. The basic path these neurons would normally follow is from your brain to your spinal cord to your muscles.

As you can already guess, when these motor neurons degenerate, paralysis becomes a real threat to those who suffer from ALS. Without instructions from the neurons, muscles begin to atrophy and the area of the spinal cord that has the nerves that would control the muscles begins to harden. This is the lateral sclerosis in ALS.

Let's now look at the part on most folks mind: the money. According to the ALSA website, the group's revenue overall for 2013 was about \$29.1 million, while their expenditures for the same year totaled about \$26.2 million. While the ALSA will not have numbers compiled for 2014 until the end of the fiscal year, the NY Daily News reported online that the donations have topped 100 million dollars, quadrupling their revenue in a fraction of the time.

It is news like this that makes me question why anyone would have anything bad to say about the challenge. Aside from the jokes about ice and bucket companies doing well, this challenge seems to only benefit some unfortunate people suffering from a horrid disease. There is even the added (if minute) bonus of having the bucket of ice mean something. It is believed by some that the momentary paralysis that comes with the shock of being doused with ice water is meant to simulate being paralyzed from ALS. Personally, I do not know if I buy that, but it is still a nice touch.

When asked, freshman chemistry major Nathan Loud said that he thinks "[the challenge] is doing a great thing by raising awareness for ALS. More people know about it now than ever before."

Junior biology major Sean Fernandez said, "I'm not sure exactly how much money has been raised cause of it, but I think it's been spreading awareness which is a good thing."

As for those who condemn the challenge as people avoiding donating to a good cause. When the challenge began, the rules were clear.

If you were nominated, you had 24 hours to either A) Donate \$100 to Charity XYZ or B) Dump a bucket of ice water on your head. The part that garnered the most attention was the numerous videos of people you knew dumping freezing cold water on their heads to get out of a \$100 donation to a good cause. Sounds kind of messed up, doesn't it?

I guess that is the conclusion most of us came to, because the trend

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now seems to be to do the challenge anyway and still donate money. It is almost as if we have forgotten the reason the behind the challenge, but in the best way possible. The nominations and bucket-dumping go in one hand, while the donations go positively in the other.

When you sit back and think about it, and factor how greedy and selfish we can all be at times, it is a pretty impressive thing to be a part of. I am a happy participant of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and I hope that we find a cure soon. Oh, and if you reading this, I hereby nominate you.

You have 24 hours.

Dowling price cuts are not enough

By Jeremy Kline
Staff Writer

As the new semester begins, excited students help awaken the dormitories from their summer slumber. Talks of new classes, incomprehensible professors and off-campus parties can be heard emanating from dorm rooms and common areas alike. However, some of those complaints may not be heard coming from a dorm on Stony Brook's campus, but rather, one on Dowling College's campus.

This year, according to Newsday, around 200 incoming freshman will dorm at a Dowling College dormitory due to the university accepting more students than it can find rooming for on campus. Stephanie Rogers, a biology major transferring in from Hunter College, informed the Stony Brook Independent that she was not notified of her housing placement at Dowling College until late July, which would make transferring to another school almost impossible given the time constraints.

This is an incredibly underhanded tactic by the administration at Stony Brook University. It is as if you have been waiting on line for what you hope will be an amazing roller coaster for 18 years, then you finally get on and sit down, only to be told that the seat belt on your seat has a tendency to malfunction, but the ride has already started and there is no going back, so have fun.

Now, I do not think you need to win a Fields Medal to understand that when some kind of organization spends more than it has, then they go into debt. In

other words, they do both have the proper resources to fully meet all of their demands. So, too, can this analogy be applied to housing.

If you do not have enough dorms to accommodate all of your students, then make a cut-off number. Limit the number of students you accept. If the university was reaching its housing limit, then stop accepting so many students.

I cannot imagine every person in the Admissions department, along with other people in the university, missed this clerical error.

Thankfully, though, these students will be getting a discount for commuting all the way from Shirley. That discount? A whopping \$250 (roughly). That is about what it costs to buy three orders of sushi from Jasmine, or a burger with fries from the SAC.

The only upside to this whole debacle is that, according to the Independent, the dorms over at Dowling happen to have air conditioning and kitchens. But even then, I am not sure if you could pay me enough to ride a bus from Shirley every day, especially when I thought I would actually be living on campus.

If I was dorming on Dowling College's campus, paying almost the same money it takes to dorm on Stony Brook's campus, I would be livid.

The university needs to do more than give a cheap discount to those living at Dowling College. And, going forth, I think it would be wise for Stony Brook University to consider their students, rather than their wallets, as their number one concern.

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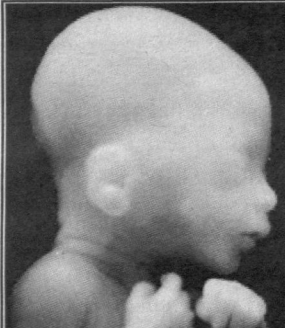



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Influx of international students benefits campus and local community

By Simran Gupta
Staff Writer

The objective of Stony Brook University's mission statement has always revolved around "celebrating diversity and positioning the University in the global community." A simple glance at incoming students will prove that Stony Brook's administration has directed greater effort toward promoting diversity by accepting more international students for the fall semester.

Many of these international students come from different corners of the world, usually as far away as India, China and South Korea. They have endured a grueling and tedious process of filling out college applications, sending test scores, polishing their English skills and submitting all the proper documents to study here.

In the end, fortunately, they have managed to obtain a seat at Stony Brook University, and pursue their education alongside us.

International students have always been vibrant members of the student body, flowing in at gradually increasing rates with each passing year.

However, this year, it seems that a tidal wave of international students have crash-landed onto the shores of Stony Brook.

Though it may be overwhelming to take in so many international students at once, especially with a housing

crisis in our midst, the rest of the university should see this as an opportunity to connect with them as they take their first steps as students in America.

Stony Brook's administration should be applauded for incorporating more international students into the university, as it could not have chosen a better time to do so.

It is evident that Stony Brook has not been spared from a trend of budgetary cut-backs sweeping throughout colleges across the country. As a result, the tuition has slightly increased tuition to accommodate for these losses.

Yet, international students are expected to pay full tuition to cover their periods of study. Thus, the admission of international students at Stony Brook becomes a matter in which both sides win.

In exchange for providing international students with a comprehensive education, Stony Brook can collect vast tuition revenue. Aside from the economic latitude international students provide, their stay at Stony Brook will improve the university in more ways than one.

While international students spend their time adjusting culturally, they impart new perspectives that are invaluable to the university and community as a whole.

As residents of the United States, it is unfortunate whenever we overlook the opportunity to

meet and interact with someone who is not native to our country.

Being part of a diverse social circle will improve our outlooks of the world whenever we take the time to understand how other cultures clash or synchronize with our American customs.

Through the acceptance of more international students, we can transform the rigidly American enclave of Stony Brook University into a colorful microcosm that is more representational of the real world.

The interactions different students will have with each other will echo into their later years of life; beyond matriculation, when they encounter and cooperate with others who come from various walks of life.

After I spoke with some international students from South Korea in my writing class, a handful of them told me that they were inspired to attend Stony Brook because they were allured with the prestige of attending an American institution without the hassle of fierce competition for jobs in their native countries.

However, they admitted that they were doubtful of their English reading and writing skills. There were even times when they were discouraged from applying for jobs because they were not confident in their abilities. Even though there are already workshops and resources available on campus



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International students are an integral asset to campus.

to assist international students in surmounting these obstacles, American students should not be dissuaded from offering help.

If international students receive a boost in their morale to explore career opportunities during college, they will most likely remain in the United States to enter the workforce after they graduate. Since there are already countless international students in America seeking employment, the United States will experience major economic growth if these students choose to remain here after graduation to search for various job opportunities on the market.

Stony Brook's administration should continue to recruit more international students from overseas. As the U.S. counterparts to these newcomers, it is only fitting that we sustain

our tradition of greeting them with a warm welcome. Much like ourselves, these international students were accepted because they have academic potential and will contribute something unique to our campus.

Eventually, the inclusion of more international students will inspire more changes in the student body that go beyond the scopes of race and ethnicity.

Hopefully, the administration will look deeper into attracting students who range in race and ethnicity, as well as in sexual orientation, religion, career ambition and age.

Diversifying our student body will continue to push Stony Brook forward. The arrival of more international students will bring us closer to accomplishing this mission so as long as we remind them that our home is now their home too.

SAC kiosks are receiving mixed reviews

By Emily Benson
Staff Writer

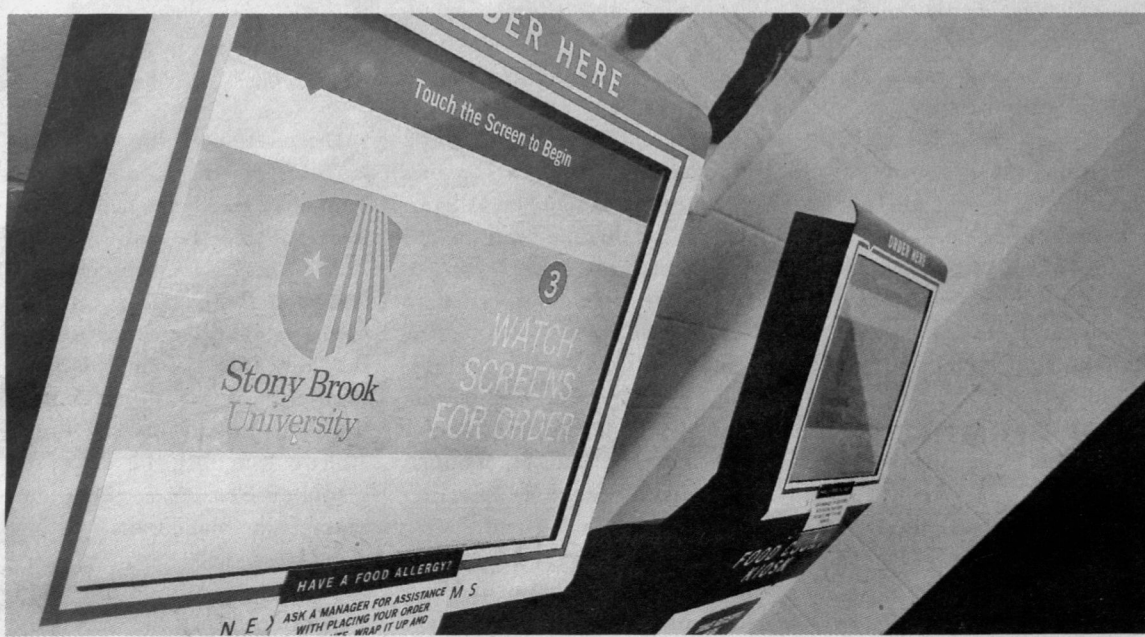
The first thing I noticed was the pile of food. At least eight boxes filled with wraps and burritos, each one perched nicely on top of a large pile of chips, rotting away on the SAC countertops.

I showed up at the Wrap It Up station right at closing time, and got to watch all the workers throw out meals that students had ordered and abandoned. The apparent food waste is one of the reasons faculty and students are questioning the effectiveness of the new kiosk system installed in SAC dining.

The new kiosk system is much different from anything students have seen before on campus. There are four ordering stations, two in the lobby of the SAC and two in the sitting and dining area.

Students go up to the machines and follow the touch-screen instructions that present the option of a wrap or a burrito, then what kinds of toppings and what types of dressings they want. There is even a page that will filter out your options if you have any food allergies.

The machine processes your order, sends it to the wrap station and prints out a ticket with your order number on it. The rest is comparable to Bob's BBQ at Kelly Dining: you hold your ticket, and wait for your order



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The new kiosks are a step in the right direction, but still present many challenges.

number to be called. There is even a screen where you can watch your order number and the status of your order.

This gives students a lot more freedom compared to last year. Now students can leave, go talk to friends, sit in the SAC and do work while waiting for their food to be prepared.

The problem is that many kids forget to come back.

"There are pros and cons to it," said Susanna Polanco, a junior mathematics major who has been working at Wrap It Up for over a year.

"I don't like that people don't

pick up their food and it's such a waste."

And while the kiosks make it a lot faster for students to place their orders, the amount of time it takes to get to ones order and than make it is still just as long. Naveed Ahmed, a sophomore studying engineering science, commented that, "It was faster to order but not necessarily faster to get my order."

The fact that you can order it more easily cancels out the fact that you get it a lot later."

At the end of the day, the kiosks still are not working to address the main problem: the

high volume of orders.

The new system helps students place orders faster and more efficiently, but they have no control over the volume of orders that are placed.

This high volume has always been the biggest problem that students have had to deal with.

The new ticket system does try to accommodate this by not forcing students to stand around for their order to be called, but there is still a large crowd around the Wrap It Up and Picantes stations every day.

But some students appreciate the new system. Max

Carmack, a junior mechanical engineering major, had a pretty positive response.

He pointed out that, "You don't need to be in line, that's what I think the best part is. I come in, I order my food, go to the bathroom, talk to some people, work on my homework, check the screen every once in a while, and if my orders ready all go get it."

While the time that you wait to get your order is still just as long, at least students do not have to stand forever in a line: you have the freedom to leave and come back.

This, of course, is not perfect because of the number of students that either forget to come back or, what is probably most cases, you run out of time and have to go to class, leaving your already-ordered burrito alone on the counter tops.

The ordering system is by no means perfect, but come one people, how can it be? It has not even been around for three full weeks.

Problems are bound to arise while breaking in an entire new way of ordering food. So sure, the kiosks could use some tweaking, but it is a new system with new technology that is working to make things more efficient.

We can only hope that next semester, or at the latest next year, the problems we are still facing are addressed.

Statesman Sports writer experiences Stony Brook Cheerleading first hand

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

What if I told you that attending a Stony Brook basketball or football game gives you the chance to watch two sports for the price of one? Although many would write off the cheerleaders that perform throughout these contests year round as extraneous or novelty, they are athletes just the same.

"I don't think people realize how hard it is," president of the cheer team Kristin McGinn, president of the cheer team, said. "You have to have good technique, you have to have body strength, you have to always be concentrating, you have to know how to tumble, there's just so many things that go into it."

On Friday, Sept. 9, the Stony Brook Cheerleading Team held its fall tryouts, with open slots for the game day and Nationals squads. However, those who did not crack either would still be guaranteed a spot with the club. To truly grasp what it takes to be a cheerleader, I decided to attend these tryouts in hopes of garnering an appreciation towards an often overlooked sport.

I ended up with such, as well as a couple of sore hamstrings and a never ending feeling of emasculation. Needless to say, I am no specimen of athletic ability. Clocking in at six-foot-nothing in sneakers and weighing about 140 pounds, some say when I turn sideways I become impossible to see. Before the tryout began, I spoke to a couple of prospective cheerleaders who were gunning for a spot alongside me.

"I have injuries that I sustained

from the last time that I cheered that I'm going to have for the rest of my life," junior Corinne Natal said. "Not having cartilage in my knee, things like that. It's serious business."

"I've cheered for the past five years," sophomore Angelica Alonso said. "I cheered at my high school and I also did an all-star team which is travel, more intense stuff."

Years of experience? Knee cartilage gone? Not a drop of sweat and I was already questioning my decision.

We began with a few laps around Pritchard Gymnasium to get the blood flowing. The group of myself, one fellow male and approximately 11 women took to the mat for stretches, or what I believed to be intermediate level yoga. When my body was actually able to contort in the manner asked, it felt as if acid was being poured on my muscles. One of the final stretches was a full split.

"Nope," I muttered.

Following the stretches, Coach Amanda Thompson had one of the team's current members teach us a couple of cheering routines.

As a male, I was restricted to having to memorize just four moves. This was a blessing in disguise, as the women had to pick up patterns with dozens of steps and then recite them to perfection half an hour later. This was beyond my mental capacity.

"I do expect them to pick things up quickly," Thompson said. "You have to make sure that you know the material for game day. That could be 15 sidelines, five dances."

We were then given twenty minutes to warm-up our tumbling, which is performing stunts without



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Cheerleading demands the mental fortitude and physicality of major sports stars.

a trampoline or other people, only by running and jumping off the ground. Some leaped and did multiple consecutive flips. I had one of the current team members teach me how to do a basic cartwheel. After learning the proper form and giving it a few tries, I was convinced that anybody watching was holding back laughter and that I would never feel my hamstrings again.

"It's hard on your body," Thompson said. "You have to make sure that you're conditioned, you have to make sure that you're warming up correctly. People have to make sure that they're eating correctly."

After the warm-up came the actual tryouts. Everything prior was but a precursor, yet at this point I was ready

to cease this practice in futility.

We had to display our best tumbling maneuvers and our memorization of the routines for Thompson to judge. I showed off my amateur cartwheel, somehow earning coach's approval. The final leg of tryouts was mingling with the current team members and performing stunts with them. I sat out the stunts, instead opting to observe others. Watching the team practice these stunts forced me to react in ways I would to a ferocious slam dunk or ludicrous touchdown catch. When a slip-up occurred, avoiding major injury hinged on a few teammates reacting in time to catch the falling cheerleader. The group would then laugh it off and try again, despite the clear and present danger.

"At times I think it's probably more dangerous than football," Thompson said. "You don't have the padding. You're flipping and if you do decide to forget what you're doing you can fall."

Having spent a tryout among these competitors, it would be foolish to think of cheerleading as anything other than a sport. The athleticism required, from brute strength to flexibility and agility, is a combination star running backs require. The amount of routines to memorize and the pressure to execute isn't far off from a point guard. As I was preparing to leave, I noted to one cheerleader that some of the things I witnessed throughout the evening should not be humanly possible.

"We're not human," she responded. "We're cheerleaders."

Men's Basketball schedule released

By David Vertsberger
Position

The Stony Brook men's basketball schedule was finally released this past Friday, after the preseason National Invitation Tournament details were finalized after a long delay.

The Seawolves will open their season in the new Stony Brook Arena on Nov. 14 against Columbia before moving on to preseason NIT play.

The Seawolves will not be the first to play at Stony Brook Arena, following up a visit by the Harlem Globetrotters to debut the new stadium.

No longer a bracketed tournament, the preseason NIT now features event games and locked semifinal matchups.

Stony Brook will be taking part in four event games, but won't be able to compete for the pre-NIT championship.

The entirety of Stony Brook's preseason NIT games will be broadcasted on ESPN's family of networks, giving the Seawolves a chance to make themselves known even further.

Stony Brook will travel to Georgia (ranked no. 72 on kenpom.com) on Tuesday, Nov. 18 to play the Bulldogs, then face off against Western Kentucky a week later at Stony Brook Arena.

The Seawolves close out their preseason NIT games with a bout against LIU-Brooklyn at

Madison Square Garden on Nov. 27 (which is Thanksgiving) and an afternoon contest two days later vs. St. Thomas Aquinas back in Stony Brook.

In what will arguably be their toughest opponent of the year, Stony Brook will play at Cincinnati on Dec. 2.

The Bearcats were a No. 5 seed in the NCAA tournament last season, and ranked No. 23 on kenpom.com's team standings.

This game is the first of four straight away games for Stony Brook, their longest road trip of the season.

The Seawolves travel from Cincinnati to Princeton, Providence and Canisius to close the away swing.

The contest against Princeton will be a return to their home state for Stony Brook's two best players, Jameel Warney and Carson Puriefoy.

The Seawolves voyage out west on Dec. 28 to play at Washington of the Pac 12 conference.

The Huskies ranked No. 95 last season on kenpom.com.

Conference play kicks off on Jan. 3 against New Hampshire, when the Seawolves will play every America East foe twice.

Conference play ends when SBU plays at Hartford on Feb. 28 at the cusp of the America East Playoffs.

No longer the America East Championship, the tournament will now reward higher seeds

with home court advantage throughout, as opposed to having one court play host to every game leading up to the championship contest.

Last season Stony Brook played their first two games of the tournament in Albany, but as the higher seed in the championship game, got to play one last game at Pritchard Gymnasium.

Stony Brook will play two non-Division I teams this season, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Division III) and St. Thomas Aquinas, (Division II) the latter as a preseason NIT event.

The Seawolves' Division I non-conference opponents have a combined winning percentage of .564, setting the stage for a season with not only high expectations, but a higher level of competition.

After consecutive years of falling an inch short of their first NCAA Tournament berth, Stony Brook now has to overcome an even tougher schedule with added media attention.

"After a USA Today Sports article proclaimed this to be Stony Brook's year to get over the hump, the Seawolves are no longer trying to come up and win in underdog fashion.

All eyes are on Stony Brook now, with higher profile games, higher profile recruits, and one thought on fans' minds. This is the year.

Women's Basketball team to take on Duke on Nov. 28

By Andrew Eichenholz
Assistant Sports Editor

Duke. Quite simply, when looking at the Stony Brook Women's Basketball schedule, that is all that could be said. Duke.

The Seawolves, under new leadership with coach Caroline McCombs and her staff joining the Long Island community, will have one of the most exciting matchups of any Stony Brook athletic team in the history of the school on Nov. 28, getting a shot at the Duke Blue Devils.

In what will be an enticing game for both Stony Brook, with a chance to shock the world, and Duke, who will look to sharpen up their game ahead of Atlantic Coast Conference play, the Seawolves will have to overcome a returning All-America selection and the second rated recruiting class in the country.

Also on Stony Brook's non-conference tab will be Army, Columbia and Iowa State.

McCombs and company will open their legacy in the new 4,000-seat Stony Brook Arena with a clash against Saint Peter's on Nov. 15. Last year's contest between the two teams ended up in a blowout in favor of Stony Brook, who dominated the rebounding department, sweeping the glass to control the game in a 77-47 win.

As always with Stony Brook teams, Women's Basketball faces the brunt of their slate starting right as 2015 begins, with the America East schedule opening up on Jan. 3 against New Hampshire, a tough game which has always proved to be a test for Stony Brook.

Although all conference games are important, meaning the difference between making the America East tournament in a good position and ending up with a bad seed accompanied with a tougher path to a NCAA berth, Jan. 19 and Feb. 22 will certainly be circled on the Seawolves schedules, for players and fans alike.

Stony Brook travels up to the state's capital on Jan. 19 for a game against their biggest rival in Albany, before hosting the Great Danes in February.

After last year's devastating loss in the America East Championship game to Albany, just after beating them in the regular season on their home court, the Seawolves will look to shock Albany again, this time when it matters most, at what would more than likely be a matchup at the backend of the conference tournament.

Stony Brook will look to best an already impressive record from the 2013-2014 season, after ending last year with a strong 24 wins.

Women's Soccer defeats Seton Hall at home, then falls to UConn on road

By Drew Ciampa
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"It's good to be home."

Seawolves Head Coach Sue Ryan could not have said it any better. After a tough past week where the Stony Brook women's soccer team suffered two road losses against Siena and Wagner, returned home with a well-earned victory against the Seton Hall Pirates, 2-1.

"Our team is continuing to improve every game, I feel really positive about that. Little bit of a young team and working through some bumps and bruises along the way, but tonight I think was an example of how we're finding ways to win games," Ryan said.

The game featured both exciting offense and solid defense from both sides. With the game nearly six minutes old, Stony Brook's Leah Yurko put away her first goal of the year on a pass from freshman forward Maddie Good. Good was able to make a pass from the goal line and connect with Yurko about 10 yards out. Yurko then shot it into the left corner past the Seton Hall goalkeeper Illissa Blackshear.

After Stony Brook's first goal, play evened out and both teams traded neutral zone possession. Seton Hall had plenty of rushes yet were unable to capitalize on any of them in the first half due to the inability to get in close to create quality scoring chances. Credit goes to the Stony Brook defense, as an impressive slide tackle from

freshman Franki Priore in the first half was one of many defensive plays that showed the strength and grit of the defensive unit.

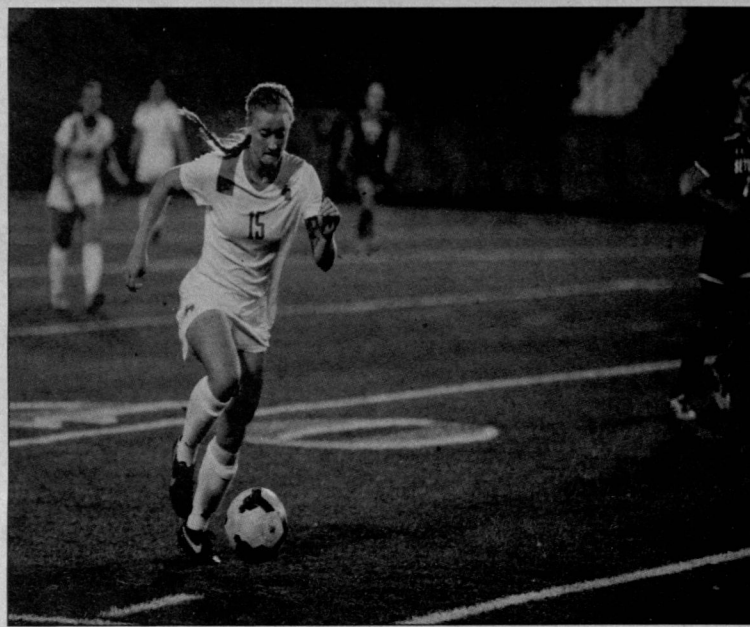
"I think they're really starting to come together," Ryan said of her defense. "I was really pleased with the way they worked as a unit tonight."

Priore certainly did step up tonight as she effectively neutralized Seton Hall rushes. Along with some slide tackles, Priore provided defense with a physical presence, as she showed no fear challenging forwards.

"I think I really started to pick up the play of the game my team plays and I really got the hang of things today, and I think I did a good job stepping up in my role," Priore said when asked about her play.

As the end of the first half drew near, Seton Hall pushed hard for a late goal to tie things up, but a counter from Stony Brook led to a breakaway for senior forward Shannon Grogan. The play started with a pretty lead pass from Maxie New to Grogan, who was able to split the defense and find herself alone with the goalkeeper. Trying to cut back to the middle, Grogan had the ball stolen from her by Blackshear. She finished the game with three saves.

The second half started the way the first half began. Stony Brook struck early in the 53rd minute with a goal from junior Tessa Devereaux, who buried a shot from five yards out. There were no assists on the goal although nice passes by first Good and then Yurko led to



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Leah Yurko scored her first goal of the season on Thursday.

an opportunity for Raven Edwards, who missed the header. The deflected ball hit an opponent and ended up at the feet of Devereaux who put the ball away for her first goal of the year.

From here out the Pirates began to take over the game. They outshot the Seawolves 15-3 in the second half and had five corner kicks. The Pirates eventually scored on a play goalkeeper Ashley Castanio would like to have back. In the 67th minute, she failed to handle a deflection in front of her net and Pirates sophomore Sarah Cortes was there to bury it. This cut the Seawolves' lead in half.

This was the only blunder for Castanio, as the defending America East Goalkeeper of the Year was brilliant on the night with 10 saves

and only one goal against.

With the Pirates a goal behind it was time for the Seawolves defense to step up, and that's exactly what they did. Bend not break is how the defense's night could be described, as they were able to withstand Seton Hall's barrage.

"We have to gain our confidence when we're actually winning to realize that we are winning and to keep that up and not be afraid to win," Priore said.

This has been the case all season, as Stony Brook has shown flashes of great play but have yet to play a consistent 90 minutes.

"We were playing in the first half and then the pressure mounting against us was greater and we were just playing the ball out rather than keeping the ball, which is what we

do well," Ryan said.

Stony Brook could not get the sweep of the week, and were the third team to lose to the UConn Huskies in the past week, after men's soccer and football already did.

Starting a three-game road trip, the Seawolves fell 4-0 up in Storrs, led by a second-half onslaught that led to three Huskie goals in the final 20 minutes of the game.

Castanio did her best to keep the game close, but couldn't stop everything, finishing with six saves.

Rachel Hill led the way for the Huskies, scoring a pair of goals which were her fifth and sixth of the season.

Andrea Plucenik added a goal and an assist, both of those being her first of the season, as the Seawolves fell to 2-4 on the season.

Hill buried the first goal of the game in the 39th minute on a feed from Plucenik and put it past Castanio to make it 1-0.

Hill then started the barrage of goals in the second half in the 70th minute off of a Samantha McGuire, and gave the Huskies a 2-0 lead.

Four minutes later, it was 3-0 UConn after Riley Houle fed Plucenik for another tally.

The Huskies put the icing on the cake in the 85th minute, when Julie Hubbard fed Tanya Altrui in a senior-to-freshman connection, to make it 4-0.

The Seawolves will look to get a win in the second game of their three-game road trip, when they head to Fairfield on Sunday for a 2:00 p.m. matchup in Connecticut.

Stony Brook Men's Soccer wins home opener over Lehigh 3-0

By Jason Mazza
Staff Writer

Stony Brook men's soccer (1-2) beat the Lehigh University Mountain Hawks Friday night, 3-0.

The shutout victory came after the Seawolves lost two consecutive games in Connecticut last weekend to begin the 2014 season.

The previously undefeated Mountain Hawks were able to hold off the Seawolves for much of the first half.

The first goal of the game came in the 42nd minute when the Seawolves advanced the ball into the box where the Lehigh goalkeeper Ciaran Nugent was unable to prevent a ball that was deflected off a Lehigh player.

Shortly into the second half, Stony Brook helped a free kick into the net.

However, the goal was called off due to an offside penalty.

Penalties never slowed the Seawolves down, though.

In the 81st minute, Stony Brook junior midfielder Martin Giordano scored the Seawolves second goal with an assist by Favio Sbarra and Dario Vanegas.

A third goal was scored in the 83rd minute by the junior midfielder Alejandro Fritz to seal the victory.

"I'm really happy with the

result tonight," Stony Brook Head Coach Ryan Anatol said. "To score three goals and get the shut out is a big positive. I thought the guys were very direct in the way they played."

Stony Brook's freshman goalkeeper Tom McMahon had seven saves Friday night to complete the shutout.

It was his first win in his career and his first game at LaValle Stadium.

"Tommy (McMahon) was great for us tonight," Anatol said. "He made some big saves at the end to hold on for the shutout."

McMahon was not the only Seawolf to earn his first win Friday.

Five out of the eleven starters were freshman playing for their first time at home.

"Chemistry had been good," Anatol said. "It's still a young group and the more they can get accustomed to each other and college soccer, the better off we'll be."

Monday night, Stony Brook will host Farleigh Dickinson University at LaValle Stadium.

The following weekend, they will travel to Dallas, Texas for the SMU Invitational where they will play Southern Methodist and Memphis.

SBU will not play at home till Sept. 28.

SBU drops two of three at Columbia Invitational

By Kunal Kohli
Contributing Writer

After facing a hard loss to Hofstra, the 2-2 Seawolves looked to rebound at the three game Columbia Invitational.

The girls first squared off against Fairfield. Fairfield was 1-3 coming into Friday night's match.

The Seawolves got off to a terrific start, winning the first frame.

Unfortunately, they could not capitalize and lost the next three. Seawolves standout outside hitter, Melissa Rigo, recorded 16 kills and 14 digs, giving her a second straight double-double. Nicole

Vogel, setter for the Seawolves, also recorded a double-double with 45 helpers and 16 digs. The Seawolves went down 3-1 to Fairfield.

Saturday was a busy day for the Seawolves, with games against host Columbia and Bucknell on the schedule. First up was Columbia.

The Lions had previously beat Bucknell 3-0 and looked to go on a win streak against Stony Brook. Columbia dominated the Seawolves, winning all three sets. Evann Slaughter, the senior middle blocker, led the Seawolves with six kills.

Next up was Bucknell. The

Bison were 1-4 coming into the game, having lost all their games in the Invitational.

After dropping the last two games, the Seawolves were looking to close the Invitational with a win.

Rigo came in big once again, this time leading the team with 17 kills and adding nine digs. Kathy Fletcher also had a great game with 14 digs.

The Seawolves managed to beat Bucknell, winning all three sets. The 3-3 Seawolves go to Fayetteville, Arkansas on Sept. 12 to go to the Razorback Invitational.

Stony Brook alumnus Tropeano called up to Astros

By Chris Gaine
Contributing Writer

As Major League Baseball rosters expanded for the season's final month, Stony Brook alum and Houston Astros prospect Nick Tropeano received the call of a lifetime: a major league promotion.

Tropeano was called up to join the Astros' major league roster on Sept. 2 for the remainder of the 2014 season. The promotion came after a phenomenal campaign for AAA Oklahoma in which he went 9-5 with a 3.03 ERA.

A West Islip native, Tropeano was taken by Houston in the fifth round of the 2011 MLB

draft after a decorated collegiate career. While at Stony Brook, he became the first and only player in America East history to win conference pitcher of the year twice.

In the year leading up to his draft selection, Tropeano put together one of the most dominant statistical campaigns ever by a Seawolves pitcher. That season, he went 12-1 with a 1.84 ERA while amassing 119 strikeouts in 93 innings. The right hander also left a sizeable mark on school record books, as he ranks second all-time in wins, fourth in strikeouts and ERA, and sixth in innings pitched.

Tropeano becomes the third former Seawolf to reach the

major leagues, joining Tigers pitcher Joe Nathan and Marlins pitcher Tom Koehler.

Houston manager Jeff Luhnow has said that he plans to start Tropeano at some point this month, even if it means beginning his career in the bullpen.

Coming into 2014, mlb.com ranked Tropeano as the 13th best prospect in the Astros' farm system, a system that many talent evaluators consider to be the best in baseball.

Given that he is in the company of some of the best young baseball players in the world, it is quite possible that he could become an integral part of the Astros' rebuilding process.

SPORTS

Football upset bid falls just short across the Sound

By Cameron Boon
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The Stony Brook football team went up to East Hartford, Conn. looking to perform better, particularly on the offensive side, than they did in the opening game 10 days ago against the Bryant Bulldogs.

The defense again played very well, creating two turnovers that led to 10 Seawolves points, but it was not enough as the Connecticut Huskies defeated the Seawolves 19-16 in an NCAA Football inter-division matchup Saturday afternoon at Rentschler Field.

The quarterback questions continued, as John Kinder once again struggled, throwing for just four-of-10 for only 68 yards. Conor Bednarski and Kinder seemed to trade plays for a couple drives in the third quarter, with Bednarski eventually taking over the position and stating his case to be a starter next week, completing eight passes on 19 attempts for 128 yards and a late touchdown to Will Tye.

Marcus Coker also made his debut in a Stony Brook uniform in this match, but he too struggled, carrying the ball 12 times for 21 yards.

Take away an eight-yard carry, his longest of the day, and he averaged just above one yard per carry, a poor showing.

Stacey Bedell made his case to remain the number one back, carrying the ball 15 times for 53 yards on the day.

Tye, along with catching the

lone offensive touchdown for the Seawolves on the day, caught four passes for 76 yards.

Adrian Coxson and Jahrie Level each had 50 yards receiving. Coxson caught two passes, while Level hauled in five.

On the defensive side, Christian Ricard played a crucial role again, recording six tackles with four solo efforts. He also recorded two sacks on UConn's quarterback to increase his total to three on the year.

The Huskies got the ball on their own 35 after the opening kickoff went out of bounds. UConn then drove 40 yards on five plays to set up Bobby Puyol's 42-yard field goal, giving the home team a 3-0 lead.

The defense for the Seawolves scored the first touchdown of the game, as Naim Cheeseboro recovered a Josh Marriner fumble in the end zone to give Stony Brook the lead.

Stony Brook defensive back Max Martinez leveled the running back, forcing the ball loose as it bounced back into the end zone and the hard hitting defensive back fell on it. The extra point by Przemyslaw Popek gave Stony Brook a 7-3 lead.

With that touchdown, the Seawolves have now lead in six of the seven matchups they have had with an FBS team.

On the previous play, it appeared that Josh Marriner had been tackled in the end zone, but the ruling on the field had him at the half-yard line.

Stony Brook then took a 10-3 lead after being set up by



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Stony Brook's Naim Cheeseboro has been a major factor on the defensive end for SBU.

the defense again. Chandler Whitmer got hit in the backfield, and Aaron Thompson recovered it at the UConn 20 yard line.

But in a display of the offensive struggles in the first half, the Seawolves went three and out and Popek drilled a 33-yard field goal to make it 10-3.

The Huskies then responded with an 11-play, 55-yard drive that resulted in another field goal, this time a 27-yarder from Puyol to pull within four.

They then took the lead they would not relinquish when Whitmer hit Jeremy Davis on the right side of the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown.

Thompson then blocked the extra point, and the lead was 12-10 heading into the half.

After its second straight three-and-out, the Seawolves' Luke

Allen came out to punt for one of the 11 he would kick during the game.

What happened next shocked Seawolves Nation, as Allen boomed the punt 61 yards, but Deshon Foxx ran back, took the pigskin off a hop and ran it back 72 yards for a touchdown to make it a two-possession game at 19-10.

The return resembled the Desean Jackson return in 2010 against the Giants, as it was a blown play and Foxx burst through a seam and was gone.

After two drives of switching back and forth, Bednarski took control of the QB reins late in the third quarter, and would take four drives for 141 total yards and a touchdown.

On the touchdown drive that lasted 14 plays and 88 yards, the

Bednarski-led offense converted three third-downs and one fourth down.

The drive was capped by a touch pass down the middle to a wide-open Tye to cut the lead to three at 19-16.

Popek then missed the extra point, and that is how the score would stand at the end.

Before the long touchdown drive, Stony Brook was 0-for-15 on third downs.

Along with that, 12 penalties were committed by the Seawolves that generated 108 yards and three first downs for the Huskies.

Stony Brook will look to stop this losing streak on Sep. 13 when they take on American International at LaValle Stadium. The game is set to kickoff at 6 p.m.

4th and Goal: Four takeaways from SBU's loss to UConn

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Welcome to our new weekly football column, where four points from the previous game will be examined and analyzed. This column will help fans who missed the game or who are looking for a different perspective of things besides a regular game story. With that being said, let us get to the four points from the game.

1st down: There is officially a quarterback controversy

In last week's game against Bryant, John Kinder, a redshirt senior, played poorly (to say the least) against the Bulldogs. Saturday against UConn, he failed to put any sustained drive together again, prompting coach Chuck Priore to put in Conor Bednarski and sit Kinder.

Now, if you want to take this with a grain of salt, go ahead. But Stony Brook's offense looked much better in the second half and scored more than the Kinder-led O in the first half.

Bednarski led the team to 141 yards on three drives that he solely directed in the second half, while Kinder could not muster that in the whole first half and

the early second-half drives that failed to get anywhere.

Will Bednarski be the starter next week against American International? A lot of fans will probably be surprised if not.

2nd down: The offensive line needs work

Against Bryant, the offensive line looked pretty good against the run, but Kinder seemed to be running for his life every play. Saturday was not too different.

Kinder did not seem to be running for his life as much, but there were no running holes.

Bedell's running average dropped to 3.5 yards per carry today, after averaging 4.3 against the Bulldogs, and Marcus Coker could barely get going running through the middle for only 21 yards on 12 carries.

Bednarski played well, but he had to avoid pressure a lot and step up in the pocket to save the offensive line.

3rd down: This team needs to be more disciplined

Third down conversions and penalties are key to winning teams. The Seawolves can point to those two things alone and say

that is the reason they are 0-2 instead of 1-1, maybe 2-0.

Against Bryant, they were 2-for-16 on third downs while having seven penalties for 65 yards. Against UConn converted only three third downs on 18 chances and had 12 penalties for 107 yards, giving UConn first downs on three of them.

Also, Bednarski earned all three of those on the touchdown drive he engineered in the fourth.

Maybe the biggest of them all, a running into the kicker on a punt gave the Seawolves the ball on the five instead of the 40.

4th down: This defense is legit

It was known that the Stony Brook defense would be the strong point this season, but they are going above and beyond to keep this team in games early in the season.

They have allowed two 30-yard touchdown passes, one to a NFL draft prospect, but other than that they have done exceptionally well.

They held an FBS offense, albeit led by a backup quarterback, to 223 yards of total offense and forced a couple of UConn turnovers.

Christian Ricard is making his case to be an early season favorite for defensive player of the year, recording 18 tackles, 5.5 for loss and three sacks in two games, leading the CAA in all three categories, and being all over the field. Victor Ochi is also being stout on the defensive line, and if Rahim Cassell can start producing on the defensive end, this will be a hard unit to score on.

Extra Point: Looking ahead

Now, what should be an easy win on paper, the next matchup is against American International, a Division-II school.

There might be a new starting quarterback in Bednarski, and it will be interesting to see how much Coker will be used as he did not look fully healthy and did not have that burst and power that was prevalent in the 2013 season.

This is also a confidence game for Stony Brook, as they are probably not full of too much of it right now, falling to 0-2 and needing at least seven wins to try and qualify for the FCS playoffs.

The season has only just begun, but there are already questions that need to be answered.

Stony Brook Sports Schedule

Football

vs. American International
Saturday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m.

Men's Soccer

vs. Fairleigh Dickinson
Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

SMU Invitational in Dallas,
Texas on Friday and Sunday

Women's Soccer at Fairfield

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Fordham

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.