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Stony Brook University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., center, participates in a demonstration with students showing solidarity with the black community at the University of Missouri on Thursday, Nov. 12 outside the Administration building. See more photos on sbstatesman.com.

Stony Brook students stand in solidarity with Mizzou

By Rachel Siford and Michaela Kilgallen
Assistant News Editors

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. and Dean of Students Timothy Ecklund linked arms with students and faculty members outside the Administration building Thursday afternoon in recognition of the University of Missouri protests.

The demonstration started at the Student Activities Center and students made their way toward the Administration Building, chanting “black lives matter.”

“May I join?” Stanley asked before joining the line of students wearing all black in support of the demonstration.

Speeches were given by students and advisors of clubs and organizations, like Durrion Newman, the advisor for the Student African American Brotherhood and the Caribbean Student Organization. Judith Greiman, the chief deputy to the president of Stony Brook University, also attended.

“Why are we doing this?” Randy Ferguson, a participant in the demonstration, asked. “Because we

matter. I want this event to bring everyone back to the basics and make people understand black and Latino unity on campus.”

The demonstration was held in honor of the students protesting racial inequality at the University of Missouri. Seventy-seven percent of the student population is white, according to the University of Missouri website.

“We want to see things change for the African American student body here because they aren’t really given as much as other races are, which is an issue because ev-

eryone should be given the same amount of love, respect,” Shantia McCarthur, a junior business major at Stony Brook and one of the event’s organizers, said. “Not black or white or Asian or Spanish, just one person.”

One student held a sign with “#InSolidarityWithMizzou” and “#ConcernedStudent1950” written in red marker. The name of the movement at Missouri, Concerned Student 1950, refers to the first year black students were admitted to the

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Civil engineering department works toward accreditation

By Aleeza Kazmi
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University established a new Department of Civil Engineering this past summer, and the first civil engineering majors will graduate in the spring.

The 13 future civil engineering graduates have seen the department grow from being a program within the Department of Engineering to an independent department with seven faculty members and a graduate program.

“This was really the time when it made sense to establish ourselves as an independent department,” Harold Walker, professor and chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, said. “We now had a critical mass of faculty, and a full array of educational programs from bache-

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NPR spurs discussion about finance with “Family Matters”

By Jessica Chin
Contributing Writer

The mother always answered her daughter’s repeated requests to buy something extravagant with the same two unyielding words: “College fund.”

Her daughter snapped back with her own two words: “Nursing home.”

Michelle Singletary, the mother,

laughed with the audience as she recounted the story during a discussion about families dealing with personal finances, such as student loans and saving for retirement, at the Charles B. Wang Center theater Thursday night.

The discussion, “Family Matters,” was presented by NPR in collaboration with its Long Island affiliate WPPB. The discussion was led by Singletary, a nationally syndicated

personal finance columnist for the Washington Post, and Louis Barajas, the founder and chief wealth and business manager at LAB Financial Life Solutions.

Despite their opposing approaches to personal finance, both experts stress communication within families and prioritizing budgets.

The crowd of mostly middle-aged adults sprinkled with some students was engaged all night

with Singletary’s bluntness and Barajas’s empathy.

Along with the NPR’s two co-hosts, David Greene and Sonari Ginton, the crowd laughed during the unconventional panel-audience discussion that made the harrowing topic of financial woes a little less frightening.

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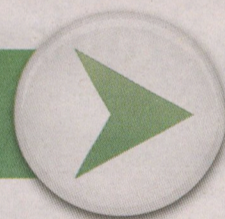
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NEWS

President Stanley, Dean Ecklund participate in demonstration to support Mizzou protests

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University of Missouri.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the president of the student body at the University of Missouri, Payton Head, posted on Facebook that fellow students had shouted racial slurs at him, according to ABC News. ABC also reported that a swastika was drawn with feces in a dorm bathroom.

Protests followed, but it was not until the movement grew and multiple members of the football team refused to play that University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe reacted to calls for his resignation.

Wolfe resigned on Nov. 9, and the university announced Thursday that it has put in place interim president Michael Middleton, who is black, according to a University of Missouri news release. University of Missouri chancellor R. Bowen Loftin also resigned in response to the movement and is now the director of the development of research facilities.

At Stony Brook, the hashtag #sbu4mizzou has over 100 posts on Instagram, calling for people to wear black and stand in solidar-



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Randy Ferguson, president of the Student African-American Brotherhood at Stony Brook, stands outside of the Student Activities Center during the demonstration.

ity with the Concerned Student 1950 movement. Stanley stood with participants and took photos with groups of students after the protest concluded.

"I think it was very impressive," Stanley said. "What happened in Missouri has galvanized campuses again as it should. I am glad to see that Stony Brook students are engaged and involved."

Joddie Lyalekhue, senior business major and event orga-

nizer, told the crowd that the demonstration was not only in support of Missouri, but it was also meant to help black Stony Brook students receive what they need on campus, such as free tutoring. Ecklund expressed the same sentiment.

"I'm the Dean of Students," Ecklund said. "Their issues are my issues."

Kelly Saberi contributed reporting to this story.

New civil engineering department prepares for first graduation in the spring

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lor's through Ph.D."

Walker was brought to Stony Brook from Ohio State University in 2012 to start the civil engineering program.

The plan for the civil engineering program is outlined on the department's website, from 2012 when the program started all the way to the undergraduate class of 2018. On that same timeline, key points of the construction of the new Tappan Zee Bridge are summarized.

"We are using the bridge as an analogy for ourselves," Walker said. "The same way the bridge is a major construction project and is going to be built to serve the citizens of New York for the next 100 years, we are using the same mindset in putting together this Department of Civil Engineering to serve people for the next 100 years."

One project the department is working on is assembling its first class of master's degree and Ph.D. students.

"We don't have a specific number of students in mind," Walker said. "It all depends on the quality of the applicants."

The department is also working on the development of new laboratories and teaching spaces to support both the undergraduate and graduate programs. Currently, the teaching facilities of the Department of Civil Engineering are located in the Heavy Engineering building, and these new facilities will be built in the old Computer

Science building, Walker said.

The next major step for the department is the completion of the accreditation process through the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. In engineering programs, accreditation cannot begin until the program has graduates. For now, the department is collecting the data needed to prepare their ABET "self-study," and plans to apply for accreditation once the first class of undergraduates earn their degrees this spring.

Though the department does not expect to complete the accreditation process until the fall of 2017, all graduates of the program before then are grandfathered into the ABET accreditation.

Among those graduates is Morgan DiCarlo, who is the president and co-founder of the Stony Brook chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. DiCarlo has seen the program grow over the past three years and can appreciate the benefits that come with the establishment of the Department of Civil Engineering.

"One of the exciting projects we are doing this year is concrete canoe," DiCarlo said. "You design, build and race a boat made out of concrete that is meant to float. Last year we competed, and we had some ups and downs. We had some level of success, but this year because we are a part of the department, we are so much more grounded, and we have raised a lot of money, so we will do a lot better as a concrete canoe team and hopefully win."

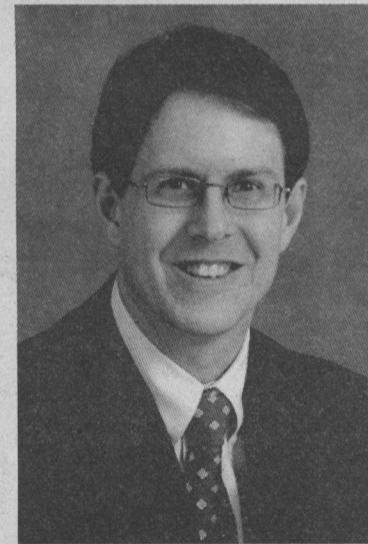


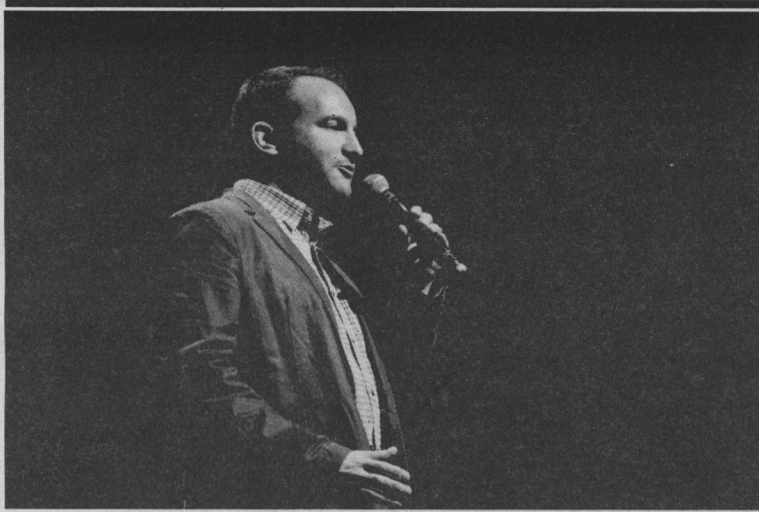
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Harold Walker, above, is the chair of the Department of Civil Engineering at Stony Brook University.

One of the things DiCarlo enjoyed in the civil engineering program was the small size of the program.

"There were so many opportunities for leadership," DiCarlo said. "Because classes were so small, I had strong relationships with the faculty."

With the establishment of the Department of Civil Engineering, the class sizes are expected to grow. However, DiCarlo is not worried that the growing class sizes will negatively affect the students.

"All the professors are really student-oriented and really care about the students," DiCarlo said. "So I think the professors chosen for this program will always have that mentality."



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David Greene, above, speaks at "Family Matters" in the Wang Center on Nov. 12. Greene hosts NPR's "Morning Edition."

Financial experts encourage choosing cost-effective colleges

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Fielding financial questions from the audience, Singletary and Barajas had different approaches on how to manage personal finance. Singletary took a radical and hard-line approach.

An unsuspecting couple sitting in the front row found out how strict the finance expert could be.

"Which scissors should I use?" Singletary said as she pulled out scissors to cut the couple's credit card after they told her their outstanding credit card debt. Singletary drew laughter when she walked near the front of the stage and continually teased the couple with the scissors, "C'mon. Cut it up. C'mon."

The couple's inability to cut up the card is a look into an underlying problem, Singletary said. She said that she believed families and students should prioritize eliminating all outstanding debts before worrying about any other finances and expenditures.

Barajas took a more subdued and balanced approach, saying that it is OK to prioritize things that are important to you, such as investing in family values and date nights, over outstanding debt so long as you still pay, but maybe not as fast as Singletary would like.

"I want to make sure my clients are investing on spending on memories, experiences and at the same time putting money into their retirement and other things that are coming up faster than they think," Barajas said.

Singletary agreed that making memories and having experiences are important, but she said that if debt is overwhelming, then it should take top priority.

"I want you to be in pain until you pay off that debt, so you don't go out on date nights and you don't go on vacation until you get that monkey off your back," she said. "You know you can make memories without spending money."

Barajas, a certified financial planner, said it is all about perspective and that each individual or family is different. In response to the couple's credit card debt, which they attributed to many date nights among other things, Barajas said they have to ask themselves what values are important to them and prioritize their budgets accordingly.

"Go out to dinner every other week instead of every week, or save up for a family vacation every once a while, and put the rest in a retirement or college fund," he said.

On choosing colleges and taking out student loans, Singletary and Barajas were more in agreement.

Singletary said families should choose schools that are the most cost-effective, even if it means the students have to sacrifice their dream of a traditional college experience.

To her, that means "getting creative," and going to community college for two years before transferring to a four-year university.

Or, if families can afford it, the students can attend the more affordable state university instead of a prestigious university with a fat price tag.

Singletary explained that her daughter didn't have a choice; they made her go to the University of Maryland, 17 miles from their home, because they could afford it.

"Ah! It's too close!" her daughter complained.

"Really? If you walk, it's not that close," Singletary snapped back.

Singletary argued that you can get the same quality of education at a state university that you can at a prestigious university if you put in the work.

She cited the fact that one of her co-workers at The Post went to Harvard and she went to the University of Maryland, but they both ended up at the same place.

"And I make more money than him now!" she said.

Barajas agreed that families should look for the most cost-efficient option, but he also believes "kids should have a skin in the game."

He agreed with Singletary that the parents should be in charge and "set some boundaries."

He proposed the hypothetical example of California State University's accounting program versus University of Southern California's accounting program. Both are great programs, but Cal State tuition is \$40,000 over four years, whereas USC costs \$200,000.

If the child insists on going to USC "because their friends are going there, that just doesn't make sense," he said.

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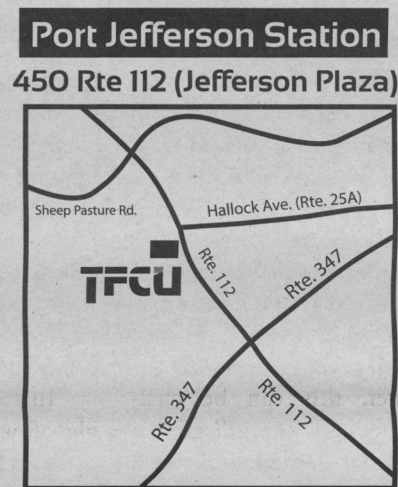
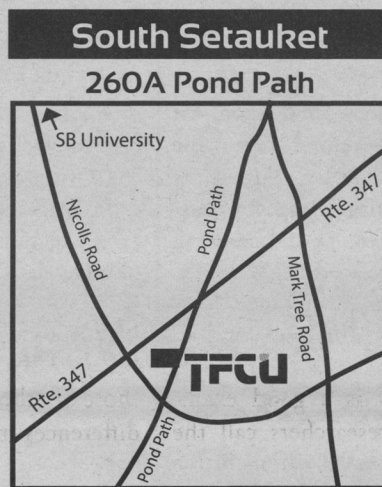
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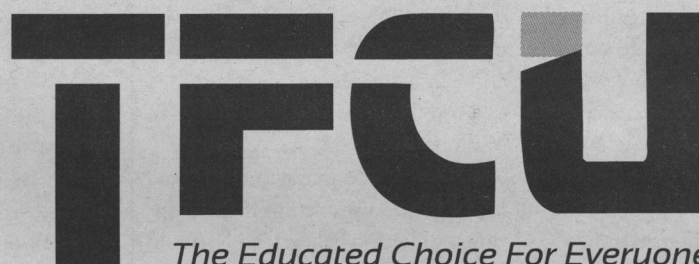
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Police Blotter

On Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:10 a.m., police arrested a man for allegedly possessing 82 grams of marijuana at the underpass between the West and East campuses.

On Monday, Nov. 2 at 2:54 a.m., three students in Eisenhower College were allegedly smoking marijuana. Police issued one student referral.

On Monday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m., a bike was allegedly stolen from Frey Hall. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 9:41 p.m., police responded to a report of a suspended student allegedly squatting in his old dorm room in Gershwin College. The student was gone when police arrived. Police issued a student referral.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 4:10 p.m., a fire extinguisher was maliciously discharged in Langmuir College. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Nov. 5 at 1:38 a.m., police issued two referrals to students allegedly smoking marijuana in Roosevelt Quad.

On Thursday, Nov. 5 at 9:08 p.m., police found a white powdery substance, which they believed to be DMT, along with marijuana at the North P Lot. Police made one arrest.

On Thursday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m., three credit cards were allegedly stolen from a handbag at Health Sciences Center. The case remains open.

On Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:24 a.m., the fire marshal responded to a fire alarm activation due to marijuana smoke at Yang Hall. Police issued 10 student referrals.

On Saturday, Nov. 7 at 5:40 a.m., a red and white bike was allegedly stolen from Eisenhower College. The case remains open.

Compiled by Brittany Bernstein

Under the Microscope: Professors compare ape, panda spine adaptations

By Kenneth Wengler
Contributing Writer

One of the greatest questions concerning human evolution is when and why our ape ancestors developed upright trunk posture. The vertebrae in the lower backs of humans and other members of the ape family exhibit differences from those of their closest living relatives—monkeys, which use a horizontal posture to walk on four legs.

It may seem a natural choice to compare human and other ape spines to monkey spines in order to determine some form of evolutionary shift.

However, this can be challenging because apes display a multitude of different behaviors involving upright postures, including arm swinging and climbing, that make it difficult to pinpoint which factors caused which evolutionary shift. Therefore, scientists have had

trouble attributing the evolution of the differences in the lower backs of apes and monkeys to specific behaviors.

A study by Gabrielle Russo, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at Stony Brook University, and her collaborator Scott Williams, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at New York University, has helped shed some light on this issue.

In an attempt to isolate certain behavioral factors from others, Russo and Williams chose to compare the lower backs of different species of bears.

“This study is a good example of what researchers call the comparative method,” Russo said, “which is to look at distantly related taxa that do similar behaviors and see if they might converge morphologically in certain ways.”

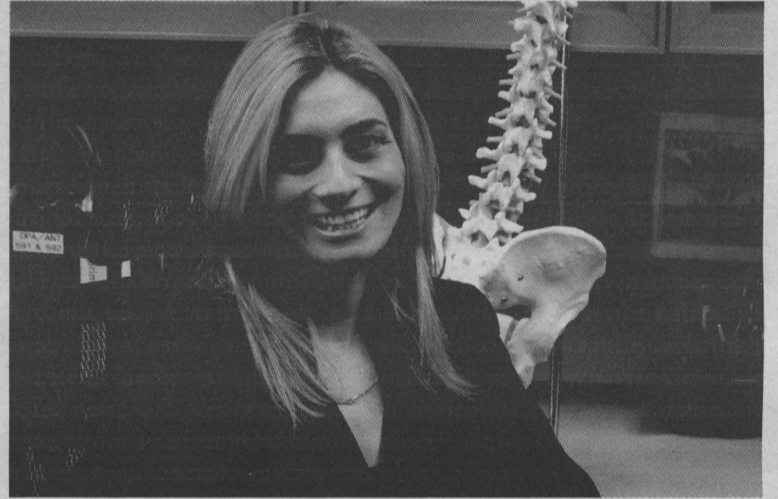
Bears may not seem like an in-

tuitive choice, but one species of bear in particular tends to spend some time sitting on its bottom with its back upright.

“Most bears use horizontal trunk postures and walk on four legs, but giant pandas are different because they spend a considerable amount of their time using upright trunk postures,” Russo said. “When they are feeding, particularly on bamboo, they spend a lot of time sitting upright.”

Russo and Williams found that giant pandas have fewer lower back vertebrae than other bears and the giant panda spines had features that were different from those of other bears’ spines. These differences mirror the differences between the lower backs of apes and monkeys.

Unlike apes, giant pandas do not exhibit complex motions that involve upright posture, such as arm swinging, but they still display the same types of differenc-



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Gabrielle Russo, above, is a professor in the Department of Anthropology who is researching the evolution of the spine.

es in lower-back anatomy from their closest living relatives that apes do. The convergence of giant panda and ape lower-back adaptations may explain that the differences in lower backs between apes and monkeys are simply due to upright posture.

“These anatomies could have

evolved simply in the context of upright posture,” Russo said. “We don’t know what behaviors those postures would have been part of, so that’s still an open door. But what we can say is that it could be upright posture in general and that all of these specialized behaviors could have come afterwards.”

Stony Brook ranks No. 21 out of nearly 1,000 colleges on social mobility index

By Jager Robinson
Contributing Writer

Stony Brook University came in at No. 21 on a list that ranks colleges based on their social mobility from CollegeNET, a web technology company, last month. This social mobility index (SMI) ranked nearly 1,000 universities and colleges across the country.

Social mobility is defined as the movement in and out of predefined social classes. For the CollegeNET ranking, this means Stony Brook is better than nearly 1,000 other universities in the U.S. at providing an education to help students move up in social class. Jill Thacker, the director of communications for CollegeNET, provided some insight into the goals of the company during its time making the SMI.

“The goal of the SMI is to help refocus our higher education system towards providing educational and economic opportunity more broadly for our citizens,” Thacker said in an email.

CollegeNET hopes to reverse the trend of higher education costs and worse conditions to students by releasing this alternative ranking of universities, she said.

Rank	SMI	Institution	City	State	Tuition	% Low Income	% Grad Rate	Median Early Career Salary	Endowment (in M)	% Freshman Pell	% Pell to Rich 1/2
13	74.293605	Texas A & M University-Kingsville	Kingsville	TX	\$6,940	51.7	34.1	\$54,700	\$18.76	59	12
15	71.755046	Montana Tech of the University of Montana	Butte	MT	\$6,464	21.9	48.3	\$62,100	\$27.36	30	26.5
16	71.175892	California State University-Fresno	Fresno	CA	\$6,287	53.7	48.5	\$43,000	\$136.02	62	13.1
17	69.872947	California State University-Stanislaus	Turlock	CA	\$6,491	47.9	51.9	\$43,500	\$10.26	60	20.3
19	68.730953	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	FL	\$5,785	52.8	40.9	\$45,900	\$80.07	68	22.2
20	67.795443	University of California-Riverside	Riverside	CA	\$12,960	44.3	66.1	\$46,300	\$111.23	56	20.4
21	66.37839	Stony Brook University	Stony Brook	NY	\$7,995	27.2	65.9	\$49,700	\$154.68	34	19.1
22	64.146606	Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	TX	\$7,022	49.4	50.6	\$43,200	\$74.23	46	0
23	63.983069	CUNY Queens College	Flushing	NY	\$6,207	39.8	56.3	\$43,100	\$43.65	46	12.5
24	63.428383	University of California-Davis	Davis	CA	\$13,895	29.1	81.3	\$51,000	\$252.72	37	20.7

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CollegeNET's ranking based on social mobility can be accessed at the website socialmobilityindex.org. The algorithm accounts for tuition cost and graduation rate.

CollegeNET uses a complex algorithm to rank universities, according to its website, socialmobilityindex.org.

The algorithm takes into account tuition cost, economic background of the university’s students, graduation rate, early career salary on average and endowment for the school.

Four City University of New York schools made the top 20. CUNY Baruch College was

ranked No. 1 in social mobility.

“By ranking institutions according to the number of undeserved (low income) students they admit and graduate, and by the percentage of endowment that goes toward assistance for these students, the SMI acknowledges schools that are doing the best job at serving the public interest,” Thacker said.

Jim Wolfston, the CEO, president and founder of CollegeNET,

went on to explain the root problem in America.

“The US is now the least economic mobility among developed nations. Yet the US opinions polls seem to think the opposite,” Wolfston said in an email. “For the first time in US history, and for the first time in any developed nations history, our retiring generation is more educated than the replacements generation.”

Social mobility in the U.S. is among the lowest of nations in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, known as OECD, according to the 2012 book “The State of Working America,” published by the Economic Policy Institute.

Wolfston said he believes the way to help the United States get back to a more manageable economy is through education.

“Economics agree that the access to education is the fundamental driver for opportunity and economic mobility,” Wolfston said. “Economists at the IMF have found that the number one correlation for shorter recessions and longer recoveries is the extent to which a country provides economic/social mobility.”

Wolfston went on to explain that this is the first time since World War II that, during a recovery period after a recession, the bottom 90 percent of wage earners actually lost ground, compared to the top 1 percent.

“How we as a nation apply our education resources—particularly our higher education resources—to addressing this problem will be key,” he said. “That is why the SMI was created.”

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New campus dietitian Stephanie May weighs in on healthy habits for students

By Courtney Kwong
Contributing Writer

In her first semester at the university, Stony Brook's new registered dietitian, Stephanie May, has put in effort to improve students' diets with her suggestions to Campus Dining Services and with her answers to students' questions, comments and concerns.

May completed the Dietetic Internship Program at Stony Brook University Hospital in the Department of Family Medicine after earning her degree in dietetics from SUNY Oneonta.

She passed her registration exam in July and is now available to all students for counseling in nutrition and well-being. She also works with campus chefs and managers to develop healthy options on the menu.

May grew up in New York's Hudson Valley surrounded by a family that loved cooking and fresh produce, which inspired her passion in food and healthy lifestyles.

"My grandfather is one of my best mentors," May, 23, said. She first started cooking with him when she was very young.

Fueled by her love and passion for food, May now works with Campus Dining Services to develop healthy menu options and catering to students who have special dietary needs. Recently, May collaborated with Chef Romel Velasquez and Student Activities Center retail manager Suanne Agugliaro to develop the breakfast quinoa bowl at the SAC.

"I am excited that every Monday and Wednesday, Campus Dining is serving a protein-packed breakfast that has a great flavor and is vegan," May said. "My goal on campus is to ensure that there is always new and exciting, healthy, flavorful dishes being made."

Though May has always made healthy meal choices, she was ultimately motivated by playing soccer in middle school. May began to understand the connection between proper nutrition and athletic performance.

"To this day, I choose balanced nutrition to fuel my active lifestyle," she said.

Aside from helping the campus community as a whole with her healthy menu options, May also counsels students one-on-one at her office.

"I really love and appreciate the enthusiasm from all of the students who schedule appointments and are excited and motivated to develop a healthier lifestyle," May said.

She answers a lot of questions about general health and wellness, but the most common topic is avoiding the "freshman 15."

The "freshman 15" is a common myth that college freshmen will gain 15 pounds during their first year. This weight gain can



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Stephanie May, above, is Stony Brook's new registered dietitian. She completed the Dietetic Internship Program in Stony Brook University's Department of Family Medicine.

be caused by stress or poor eating habits. Though not always the case, the fear of the "freshman 15" can cause unhealthy habits and may lead to eating disorders, according to the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt. The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders reported that on college campuses, 91 percent of women have attempted to control their weight through

muscle toning."

For students who are concerned about their body image, May reaches out with her availability. "I currently work with several students who see food differently and need a place to discuss balance and healthier habits," she said. Students can make appointments on the Campus Dining Services website for free nutrition counseling.

diets and 22 percent dieted "often" or "always."

"Many individuals who have negative relationships with food either underreport or overreport their use of diets," May said about the statistics. "Overall, I would say that many people try to change their eating habits to change the way their body looks—whether it be weight gain, muscle building, decreasing body fat, or

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Wind Ensemble's "Flight" show blew everyone away

By David Pepa
Contributing Writer

Music Director Bruce Engel brought the Stony Brook Wind Ensemble to the Staller Main Stage on Nov. 11.

The concert, titled "Flight," featured classic music from artists such as Gioachino Rossini and Johann Strauss II.

The Wind Ensemble is composed of undergraduate students, graduate students and some of Long Island's finest musicians.

The ensemble performs music from classics and the greatest hits of Broadway to the music from classic movies.

Chris Valentino, a senior pharmacology major, said, "I play the saxophone, so I figured it would be a good time and I like symphony music."

As the lights dimmed, the mu-

sicians started playing "La gazza ladra" by Rossini. The music was invigorating and uplifting throughout the performance.

The next performance was "Die Fledermaus" by Strauss.

The second half of the concert consisted of music from "Swan Lake," the theme from "Superman" and selections from "Mary Poppins."

The ensemble played songs such as "Step in Time" and "Supercalifragilisticexpilidocious." After the final note, the musicians received a standing ovation.

"We just talked about the 'Mary Poppins' one and it brings back so many memories," Rose Accetta, a teacher from the Lincoln Educational Services in Stony Brook, said.

Chris Blount, a junior health science major, said, "When I

looked at the program, I was really excited that they were going to do Swan Lake actually because I am fond of that music."

Excerpts from "Swan Lake" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky were beautifully arranged.

After the final scheduled performance, Engel had the ensemble perform an encore.

The ensemble played the finale song from the movie "Star Trek." The ensemble blew the crowd away with their sound and received another standing ovation.

"All of the songs were really good and very well performed," Blount said.

Those who enjoy hearing symphony music and classic hits should definitely see the Wind Ensemble next spring.

The ensemble will be hitting the stage yet again on

April 20, at 8 p.m. on the Staller Mainstage.

The ensemble will be performing "American Salute" on Staller's Main Stage.

The performance will feature

music by John Philip Sousa, Antonín Dvořák, Charles Ives, Morton Gould, Aaron Copland, Glenn Miller and Tchaikovsky and will be conducted by Bruce Engel.



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The Stony Brook Wind Ensemble during a performance from April 2013. Bruce Engel conducts the ensemble.

Students create documentary on Invasive Vines

By Tom Cullen
Contributing Writer

Right in your backyard, your trees are being strangled. Right in your university, people are doing something about it.

Since May of this year, Matt Levine and Alex Scarlatos have been filming a documentary about Professor John Scheffer and an issue important to him: invasive vines that plague our forests.

"We go to the park, I show them the species, I'll cut a vine or two, and show how it's been strangling the tree," Scheffer said on the filming process.

Scheffer first became aware of the problem years ago when he learned that invasive vines had been brought over from Asia in the 1860s and have been spreading at an alarming pace ever since. These invasive species grow year-round, unlike native species, which hibernate. This means that they will eventually overtake the forest. The vine in particular that Scheffer focuses on is called the *Celastrus orbiculatus*, or the Oriental Bittersweet.

The Bittersweet wraps around trees, slowly strangling them by stopping the flow of nutrients. When one tree eventually dies, it brings down several others in its fall.

Scheffer has been a hiker for many years, but he never realized that all these vines were invasive.

"After I learned about this I was shocked that I saw them really everywhere," Scheffer said.

The vine sports bright red berries that attract birds. These birds eat the berries and spread the seeds throughout the continent.

"The way to stop them is manually remove them, not use pesticides, except in limited amounts. Just simply take a saw and cut them at base. It takes like one minute," Scheffer said.

Removing each vine reveals a dark black-scar on the tree. A native forest cannot regrow where a vine has taken root. The vine threatens not just trees, but the ecosystem as a whole.

"If nobody's doing something, then it's on me," Scheffer said. "I have to do something about this."

His initial plan was to make a small YouTube video to show what these vines are, but he was not sure how to do it. He then discovered one of his WRT 102 students made films, so he proposed they work together. Levine, a junior journalism major, agreed to Scheffer's idea and brought in his filming partner, Scarlatos, a junior majoring in computer science.

"Once my filming partner and I went out into the woods with him to start filming, I realized the intensity of the problems regarding invasive species," Levine said.

"Matt and I do all our film projects together, so once he was on board so was I," Scarlatos said.

Once Levine and Scarlatos were involved, the project went from a 5-minute video to a 30-minute documentary called "Bittersweet—An Environmental Documentary."

Levine and Scarlatos are the co-directors and co-photographers, and both of them are co-creators along with Professor Scheffer. Scarlatos also does the music while Levine acts as editor.

"We will frequently edit small sample videos as an experiment to see what we will do in the actual film, though we haven't started editing the final product yet," Scarlatos said.

They hope to be finished sometime in early 2016, but it all depends on the funding they receive.

They have been obtaining donations through a Kickstarter campaign that will help fund a trip to Washington, D.C. where they can get interviews with the appropriate government officials.

"If we act now, we'll stop this problem that's going to exponentially grow," Scheffer said.

Though Scheffer has wanted to raise awareness for a while, this is his first attempt to spread the message.

"I would describe the film as a pretty direct educational documentary that is just to raise awareness about what is going on in our



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Matt Levine, right, and Alex Scarlatos (not pictured) have been behind the lens for months to film a documentary about Professor John Scheffer, left, and the issue of invasive vines.

backyards," he said.

In addition to raising awareness, the trio hopes the film will incite action and uncover solutions.

"Our goal is to subtly and poetically reveal the issue to the audience, to make them feel the issue emotionally," Levine said.

Though Scheffer doesn't like being on camera, he said he is willing to take one for the team.

"I'm very happy there's a movie that will be out there," Scheffer said. "I'm enormously gratified that this is something in my life I followed through with."

His goal is that hikers will learn to recognize the species so they can cut it back.

"It will have enormous impact, because you're not just cutting one vine, you're stopping the 10,000 berries that the vine will make every year."

Still, the problem has to be dealt with reasonably.

"I do not condone widespread use

of herbicides to get rid of them, as it could poison the forest and damage many other species," Scheffer said.

He also mentioned how much fun it's been to make this film with Levine and Scarlatos, both of whom have also enjoyed their involvement.

"I really like working with Scheffer," Scarlatos said. "He's really passionate about the project and is very laid back and easy to work with. We always have a great time in the field and I would even consider working on future projects with him if I had the opportunity."

"Working with Professor Scheffer has been an amazing experience," Levine said. "It's been really exciting to work with an adult who feels so passionately about a project I'm working on."

The documentary is being filmed by Hyadaga Films, a collaborative film company created by Levine, Scarlatos and their friend Shea Glashen. This production label is responsible for all of their short films,

music videos and now, this documentary.

Neither student had made a documentary before, but both spoke of the experience positively.

"It's both thrilling and daunting to be working on a story that writes itself," Scarlatos said.

"I've realized that it's something I want to do professionally," Levine said. "Being able to spread awareness for an important issue through my specific skill set feels very rewarding."

In terms of upcoming projects, Levine and Scarlatos are working on a short film called "Mouse Trap" which will be uploaded to YouTube before 2015 ends.

You can find them on YouTube and on Twitter under the name "HyadagaFilms."

"Even one person can make a great difference," Scheffer said. "Only humans caused this to happen and only humans can fix it."

Theta Phi Alpha gives back with Theta Thrift Shop

By Rena Thomas
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Rows of skirts, sweaters, shirts and shoes filled SAC Ballroom B this Wednesday when the Theta Phi Alpha sorority held its second annual "Theta Thrift Shop," on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

This fashionable fundraiser came to life with the help of Theta philanthropy chair and junior sustainability studies major Kylie Campanelli.

"I really wanted to do something new for a local organization that we cared about," Campanelli said.

According to Campanelli, some of their sisters were involved with the organizations they are donating to, by being supported by and working for these organizations.

This year the thrift shop supported the Long Island organization, L.I. Against Domestic Violence.

This organization provides services for adults and children escaping abusive homes and relationships.

The sisters strived to make the shop bigger and more successful than last year's thrift shop with new amenities like a henna station and bake sale.

According to Campanelli, the sisters raised \$500 for Mercy Center Woman's Shelter last semester.

Mercy Center Woman's Shelter is an organization dedicated to helping women in need.

"We did both a donation and giant shopping trip, shampoos and conditioners, a lot of feminine products," Campanelli said.

The need for feminine products is what inspired Campanelli to hold a drive at this year's thrift shop.



Kylie Campanelli, above, was inspired by her love of thrift shops. Campanelli, along with the beta alpha chapter of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority support causes like House That Theta Phi Alpha Built, & Glenmary Home Missioners.

With every five products a customer donates, they can receive a free item from any section of the shop.

"That is something they are really desperate for in women's shelters, things that we take for granted every day but these women don't have access to," Campanelli said.

This year's thrift shop was open longer than last year's and had a lot more clothing options to choose from, according to Campanelli.

All day long, Stony Brook students perused the selections at the event.

Junior political science and applied mathematics/statistics major Joshua Chulic was one such student.

Chulic skimmed the aisles of the perfectly imperfect mismatched apparel.

"It is really cool to see a vast amount of styles," Chulic said,

"And to maybe find something you weren't necessarily looking for but you're just like 'oh, that's neat.'"

The sisters made it a point to present quality items for people to purchase.

"We made sure nothing is stained or dirty, we made sure everything was gently used," Campanelli said "A lot of things still have tags on them that have never been

worn before."

The shop offered men's and women's clothing alike as well as shoes and accessories.

The event raised a total of \$800 dollars in clothing, bake sale and henna sales for L.I. Against Domestic Violence.

"I feel that for college students need something that is cheap and enticing," Campanelli said. "And who doesn't love cheap clothes?"

Hillel Stony Brook spreads the love with "Love Fest"

By Jager Robinson
Contributing Writer

Hillel Stony Brook, an organization for Jewish students on campus, held its third annual IsraelLoveFest on Wednesday night in

the Union Ballroom, run by Hillel fellow Tal Mansur.

Participants were asked to submit pieces that attested to their love for Israel.

Between the various essays, paintings, videos and unique submissions, Mansur wasn't sure

what the outcome would be.

With all the excitement and love shared at the event, Mansur wanted to make one thing in particular clear.

"This is not a political event," he said. Mansur made it clear that he would rather not talk

about the politics of Israel and he hoped people would enjoy the art and share love for Israel regardless of circumstance.

In total, there were 22 submissions made to the event.

With some surprises, like a stop motion video and pottery made to reflect people's love for Israel, Mansur called the event a "wonderful success."

After all the pictures were taken in front of the large Israeli flag, the judges came out to declare the winners of the event.

Dr. Fran Zak, one of the members that helps support Hillel on campus and a former SBU writing professor of 18 years, gave a quick few words before the winners were announced.

"Thank you for attending a beautiful event even with your busy schedules... I always taught that when you read writing you have to hear the writer in the writing and I heard each one of you in these pieces," Zak said.

Mor Keshet-Levi, who is also associated with the Hillel Foundation, presented the awards to the top three submissions.

"When we started this three years ago, the vision was for a platform to express their (students) voice," Keshet-Levi said.

Cassandra Clark took home the third place prize of \$100,

Glen Higgins took home the second place prize of \$175, and Rachel Chabin took home the first place prize of \$250.

Higgins, who works as a Interfaith Network Engagement Intern for Hillel, found inspiration from his mentor.

"I always try to attend Hillel events but it was the motivation from our Israeli fellow Tal & my mentor Shaina (Abrams) who convinced me to share my story," Higgins said.

Displaying work is something Higgins does not normally do.

"It is rare for me to be able to show my artistic side, let alone be rewarded for it. All the submissions were great and I was so surprised I received second place," Higgins said.

Clark, a freshman at Stony Brook University, has never visited Israel but explained her motivation to get involved in as many ways as possible.

"I was inspired to submit something because I'm a freshman and I'm trying to get involved on campus in as many ways as possible," she said.

"In my opinion, there was so many people who also could have won," Clark said. "I think I'll submit something again next year."



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Hillel Stony Brook in an organization for Jewish students on campus to come together. This year marked the third annual IsraelLoveFest, held in the Union Ballroom.

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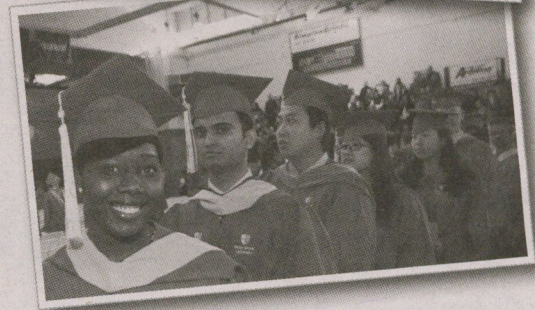
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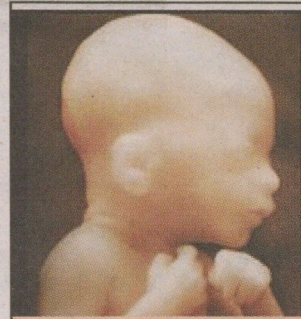
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LETTER EDITOR to the

Tobacco plan is disrespectful and unnecessary

Chris Sorochin is a former adjunct instructor in Stony Brook's Department of Linguistics and the current host of WUSB's "If This Be Treason."

It's been several decades now since college campuses were adult environments, and I guess the move towards becoming an extension of high school continues apace with the "Tobacco Free Initiative." Will there, I wonder, be signs, like the ones at schoolyards which proclaim them "drug free" and provoke knowing smirks from students past and present? Will roving

bands of self-appointed "hall monitors" hand out demerits?

Chief Deputy to the President Judith Greiman says the new policy is part of a "culture of respect." I hope Ms. Greiman will forgive me and Stony Brook's other smokers for feeling considerably less than respected by the new regulations, which would effectively compel us to travel off campus to smoke if we're not lucky enough to have a car in which to take shelter. Or if we do have a car parked in one of Stony Brook's far-flung, inaccessible lots.

If memory serves, didn't the

University Senate vote down this exact measure a couple of years ago? I guess that doesn't matter, does it? It certainly would be nice to know why the Administration finds this particular bit of unreasonable prohibitionism so incredibly necessary, though. Is it to appease deep-pocketed entities (like Mike Bloomberg or certain pharmaceutical companies) that control research funding and grants?

Many thanks to the senators who spoke out against this measure. It's nice to know there are still some reasonable people out there.

Keep Christ in my Christmas Blend



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In late October, Starbucks announced its new holiday cups for 2015—a two-toned red with minimalist design that brewed up a lot of controversy for its lack of holiday symbols.

By Briana Finneran
Copy Chief

Crusader's log: November 16, 2015.

We are now nearly two weeks removed from what I can only refer to as the greatest assault on Christianity—maybe on religion as a whole—of the year. Morale on the battlefield appears to be waning; it turns out caffeine withdrawal will do that. But I think it's important to remember just why we Christian Crusaders are fighting.

Starbucks, or as I like to call it, StarSUCKS, made the outrageous decision this holiday season to, as vice president Jeffrey Fields put it, remove any seasonal decorations from its cups because the company "wanted to usher in the holidays with a purity of design that welcomes all of our stories."

Once again, those damn liberals are using buzzwords like "political correctness" and "inclusivity" as weapons against our

Christian values. Once again, these ideals become the metaphorical tape over our mouths, silencing our beliefs.

But of course, this is nothing new. We Christians have had our beliefs spat upon for decades because of the whole "separation of church and state" and "basic human rights" nonsense. Women are now allowed to actually make decisions for themselves when it comes to their reproductive health, even though the Bible clearly states that women are meant to be subservient to men and should, therefore, have no agency. The homosexuals can now get married, even though procreation is obviously the most important part of marriage, not that "love" fallacy.

And now, our morning coffee is yet another figurative middle finger in the face of God.

But fret not, fellow Crusaders! We have the opportunity, in this age of technology and mass communication, to spread our ancient (and therefore correct)

ideology! While the rest of the world is focused on trivial things like the Syrian refugee crisis and institutionalized racism, we are loudly and proudly fighting the real, good fight here on our own soil.

Sure, no one is technically harmed physically in this battle, but what is at stake here is so much bigger than, say, those cold and hungry homeless that have nowhere to call home this holiday season. We're talking about the latest-and-greatest assault on the very tenets that this obviously Christian and God-fearing nation were founded on.

Though the vehicle for this oppression is ultimately disposable (being a paper cup, after all), the message that is left behind is anything but impermanent: Starbucks hates Christianity.

With that, we need to fight back.

I ask Starbucks one question: We already proudly proclaim "God Bless America." Why can't God also bless the Americano?

Ice cream overlords hiding the truth of global cooling

By Skyler Gilbert
Staff Writer

Climate change is the greatest national security threat of our time, and it is our duty to do something about it.

According to a recent study by NASA, sea ice in Antarctica has reached a record high this year. Antarctic sea ice exceeded 7.72 million square miles this year, the most since 1979. Folks, we are on the verge of perhaps the greatest environmental catastrophe of our lifetimes.

Global cooling.

We must not allow this recent pattern to continue, or else we could suffer cataclysmic consequences. While many climate change deniers may insist that humans cannot cause global cooling, that idea is pure marley. We must accept the evidence and acknowledge that climate change is real, it is caused by human activity and it is going to cause a worldwide ice age if we do not do something about it.

Senator Bernie Sanders, candidate for the Democratic nomination of the president of the United States, has said time and time again that global temperature levels have been warming.

Do not be fooled, people. The earth is not warming—it is cooling. Sanders, being a Vermont native, is most likely in the pockets of the Ben & Jerry's ice cream company, which knows that it is the likely culprit behind the

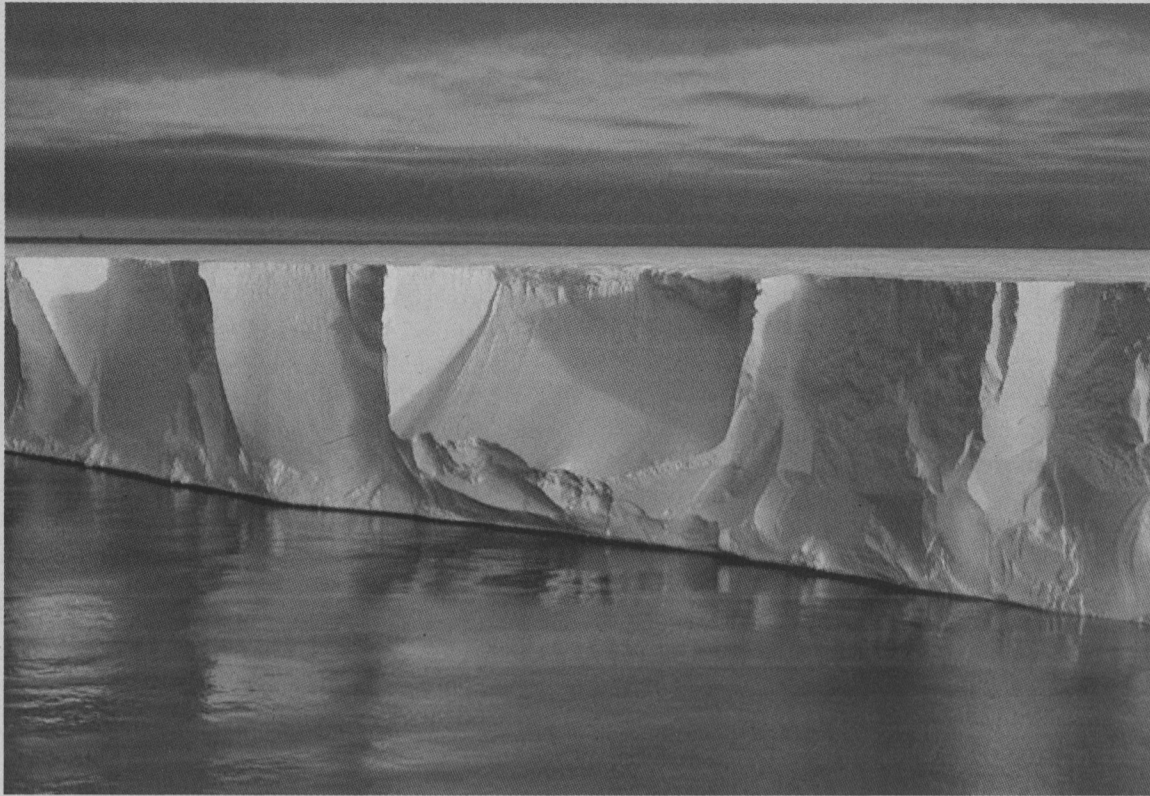


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According to a recent NASA study, Antarctica is actually gaining more ice than it is losing. But climate change in the area may still contribute to a worldwide sea level rise.

recent global cooling.

According to IRI, a market research company, Ben & Jerry's made \$349.9 million in sales last year. Bernie knows very well the impact that manufacturing such a cold product has on atmospheric temperatures.

Although ice cream is a tasty and delicious frozen snack, it is hurting our planet. We must rise up against the ice cream corporations in order to save the world from global cooling. The ice cream lobbyists are buying the

vote of our Congress to manipulate them into pushing a false "global warming" agenda. What's worse is that it appears the ice cream industry is making a push in the scientific community as well, where 97 percent of climatologists wrongfully claim that the earth is warming.

We must stand up to the propagandist campaign of corporate America and recognize that the earth is not warming. The evidence shown by NASA in Antarctica is absolute proof that we

are heading straight towards a dark, cold ice age if we do not rise above our evil overlords. They cannot control us.

Imagine a world in which Antarctica continues to grow. A world where glaciers shape the landscape. A world where hockey is a more popular sport than football. A world where penguins rule the land.

If more ice freezes in the Antarctic, the global sea level could lower by several feet. Instead of having a view of the ocean,

beach-front houses will have a view of the desert. Poor sea creatures will see their habitat shrink every year.

Our government should install a number of new policies to help warm our planet up.

We must be an example to the rest of the world and help raise our carbon emissions for this noble cause. We should put in place a solar tax to discourage our citizens from using energy that does not emit carbon. We should provide tax breaks and incentives to our oil and gas companies to burn as many fossil fuels as possible.

The government should encourage everyone not to car-pool and to drive themselves. One simple solution might be to turn the HOV lane into the LOV (low-occupancy vehicle) lane.

This is not a problem for just the government to solve, however. The common people must make environmentally-conscious decisions in their everyday lives. Buy a Hummer. Leave the lights on. Do not buy local foods. Within no time, your carbon footprint will be increased tenfold.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is our moral duty to prevent this planet from entering a global climate catastrophe. While the recent news in Antarctica looks bleak, there is still time to buck the trend. Do your part to rebel against the ice cream corporations. Warm the earth and save the planet.

University of Missouri protests show clout of college football

By Cameron Boon
Contributing Writer

38 hours. That's roughly how long it took for University of Missouri President Tim Wolfe to resign after the Tigers football team planned a boycott of all team-related activities. This comes after a nearly three-month timeline of administrative and racial issues at the university and the president doing little to change it.

The events have extended back to August, according to Missouri's campus newspaper, *The Maneater*. This was when Graduate Student Health Care was cut by the University, one of the reasons for graduate student Jonathan Butler beginning a hunger strike early in November.

One important point to take away from this event is that, once again, college football is the ultimate arbiter at many colleges around the country. This is nothing new. With the amount of money and recognition college football brings to a school, it is a force to reckon with.

For example, Appalachian State University, a small school located in Boone, North Carolina, is known for mostly one thing outside of the state: its upset of perennial football power Michigan in 2007 on a blocked field goal on the last play of

the game.

Even Google agrees. When you search the school in the search bar, the third suggestion is "Appalachian State Michigan."

Fast forward to 2015, the first year that the College Football Playoff began, and schools are reaping in the benefits of something that has turned into one of the most lucrative rewards in collegiate athletics.

Five of the ten conferences in the NCAA's Football Bowl Sub-division saw an increase in their NCAA payouts of greater than 100 percent. The Mountain West Conference saw a 553 percent increase in its payout, the Mid American Conference had a 488 percent increase and Conference USA's payout increased by 446 percent.

As far as the big conferences are concerned, the Big Ten, Southeastern, Big 12 and Pac-12 conferences all had payouts of \$63 million or greater, according to FOX Sports. The Atlantic Coast Conference had only a measly \$58 million paid to them. Poor ACC boys.

Either way, with the schools raking in this type of money for their conferences, the schools have to prioritize college football.

So when they decide to protest like the University of Missouri players did, they have



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Last week, Stony Brook students joined arms for a moment of silence and chanted "black lives matter" in solidarity with students protesting at the University of Missouri.

much greater influence on an institution.

The fact that college football has become so powerful is ridiculous.

Television networks (mainly ESPN and CBS) are paying lucrative contracts to broadcast games, while schools now have

massive recruiting budgets. All of this for a game that, in the grand scheme of things, does not mean much.

"Most of us will be going pro in something other than sports," the old NCAA commercials would read. The statistics say that is very true, according to

research done by the NCAA and data from the NFL.

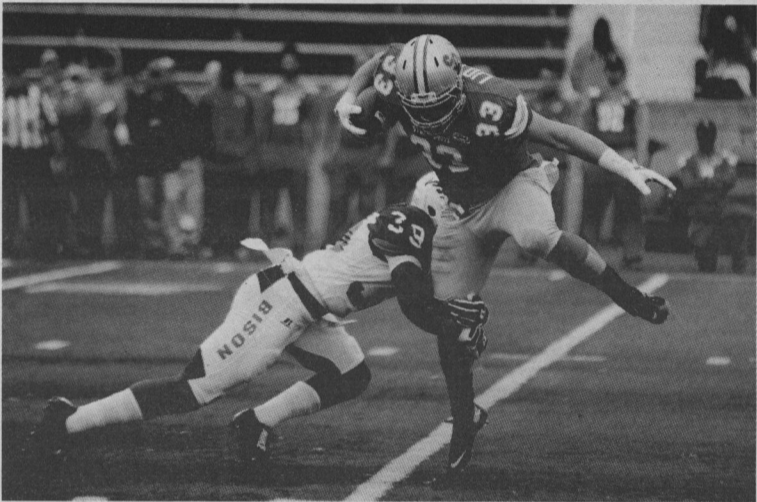
So how has college football grown into this massive enterprise that can now play such a huge role in the stepping down of a school president? You tell me, because I have run out of ideas.

Ochi makes history in Seawolves road finale

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

Senior defensive lineman Victor Ochi officially became the Stony Brook football team's all-time leader in career sacks after recording 1.5 sacks in Saturday's 19-7 win against the Rhode Island Rams.

Ochi's record-breaking sack came in the first quarter, overtaking former Seawolves defensive end David Bamiro, who held the record since 2004 with 29 sacks. Rhode Island looked to get the ball moving on offense after turning it over on a fumble during their previous drive. But Ochi, along with sophomore linebacker John Haggart, stuffed Rams' freshman quarterback Wesley McKoy ten yards behind the line of scrimmage to cause a three-and-out.



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Sophomore running back Donald Liotine (No. 33, above) ran 29 times for 114 yards in Saturday's 19-7 win over URI.

Stony Brook's defense was a well-oiled machine in the first quarter. Sophomore defensive lineman Ousmane Camara rushed in for the seven-yard sack and recorded a safety to end the Rams' second drive of the game and put the Seawolves up 2-0. Redshirt freshman linebacker Shayne Lawless also came up big for Stony Brook, as he forced a fumble that put them in Rhode Island territory.

Offensively, the Seawolves were efficient. Senior quarterback Conor Bednarski went 6-for-8 and threw a touchdown to redshirt freshman tight end Cal Daniels to extend Stony Brook's lead to 9-0.

Sophomore wide receiver Ray Bolden caught three passes from Bednarski for a total of 35 yards in the first quarter, including a 16-yard reception that put the

Seawolves in scoring position.

While the offense and defense put on a show in the first quarter, the special teams unit put on an even more impressive show in the third quarter. Junior defensive back Kye Morgan blocked a Rams punt and returned it for a touchdown to push the Seawolves lead to 19-7.

Stony Brook's defense shut down Rhode Island, causing three-and-outs on all three of Rhode Island's drives in the third quarter.

Although the Seawolves' defense was a force to be reckoned with for most of the game, the Rams found a chink in the Seawolves' armor in the second quarter. After watching Stony Brook's lead increase to 12-0 after junior kicker Przemyslaw Popek's field goal to start the quarter, Rhode Island rushed its way to the red zone.

All McKoy had to do was throw a short, 3-yard pass to redshirt sophomore tight end Charlie McKeeman to cut the Seawolves' lead to 12-7.

The following quarter, Seawolves sophomore running back Donald Liotine came alive, rushing for 62 yards on 15 attempts. Although he did not score, Liotine kept the chains moving and recorded two first downs.

The Seawolves' defense also had a big quarter, as Lawless intercepted McKoy twice. He first picked off McKoy with 8:49 left in the game. Later, Lawless ensured a Stony Brook victory after picking off McKoy on a 4th and

17 pass attempt.

Defense was a huge factor in the Seawolves' win. After it was all said and done, Stony Brook recorded six sacks, eight tackles for loss, two interceptions and two forced fumbles. The Seawolves' defense also caused seven three-and-outs on 14 total drives and held the Rams to just 135 total yards.

Junior defensive lineman Aaron Thompson had a big game from behind the line of scrimmage, as he recorded a pair of sacks and led the Seawolves with three tackles for loss. Junior defensive back Jaheem Woods, along with senior defensive back Naim Cheeseboro, led the team in tackles with five and Woods had 1.5 tackles for losses.

Bednarski also had a great game for the Seawolves. He completed 14 of his 22 passing attempts, threw a touchdown and finished with a quarterback rating of 123.3.

This is the third game in a row in which Bednarski has not thrown an interception.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Joe Carbone did not make much noise in his limited time on the field. He finished out his day with two rushing attempts that went for -2 yards.

Stony Brook will conclude its 2015 season at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium against Albany next Saturday. The Seawolves are looking to avenge last year's season-ending 27-17 loss to the Great Danes and end this year on a three-game winning streak.

Volleyball clinches playoff berth in four sets

By Erol Ozkumru
Contributing Writer

When the Seawolves walked into Pritchard Gymnasium Sunday afternoon for their final regular season game against Hartford, they knew what the circumstances were. A win meant they would punch their ticket into the playoffs, and punch their ticket they did. The Stony Brook Women's Volleyball team defeated Hartford in four sets, 25-21, 25-14, 17-25, 25-14.

The Hawks played tough in the first set. Freshman middle blocker and outside hitter Taylor Wilson gave the Seawolves the lead 21-18 when she hit into the blockers and watched the ball go out of bounds. After a kill by senior middle blocker Stephanie McFadden to give the Seawolves the set point, Wilson won the first set for Stony Brook with her fifth kill.

The Seawolves had wasted no time getting an early lead in the second set, as they started the game with a 5-0 run. Redshirt senior outside hitter Kathy Fletcher led the way with five kills for the Seawolves as they dominated the set 25-14.

Freshman hitter McKyla Brooks had her hands on the ball often in the second set, as the freshman recorded four kills and two blocking assists, allowing Stony Brook to win the second set with ease.

Head coach Coley Pawlikowski's team struggled against the Hawks in the third set as Stony Brook lost the set 17-25. The Seawolves had trouble containing Hartford's sophomore outside hitter Kathy Henchy, as she had eight total points in the third set.

Serving errors were also a problem for the Seawolves, who missed six of their serves in the set. Redshirt senior Lo Hathaway, normally the Seawolves defensive specialist or libero, played outside hitter for the majority of the set.

"Just wanted to bring some energy to the court and do something different," Pawlikowski said. "We were flat at that point, let's just put her in see if we can get a spark."

Going into the fourth set, Pawlikowski decided to make a change in the lineup, moving senior Nicole Vogel, who started the game at libero, back to setter and sat freshman setter Morgan Kath in the fourth set.

This was Kath's third game back from injury. Hathaway also switched her jersey and went in at the libero position for the fourth set.

"Set three was not the best so we just made a total change," Pawlikowski said when asked about the lineup changes. Led by Vogel's 13 assists in the set, the Seawolves won the fourth set 25-14, clinching a playoff berth.

At the end of the third and fourth sets, Stony Brook's leader in kills Kathy Fletcher was not on the court. "When she struggles we just minimize her role a little bit and let her focus on her attacking game and her defense at the net rather than the complete six rotation," Pawlikowski said.

Four of Stony Brook's hitters, McFadden, Brooks, Fletcher and Wilson all had double digit kills in the victory.

With the victory, the Seawolves earned a three seed in the America East playoffs and will head to Albany on Friday, Nov. 20 for their first-round match.

Seawolves alumnus Will Tye making strides in NFL

By Andrew Eichenholz
Sports Editor

In 2010, Will Tye was living a childhood dream. The Salisbury High School graduate from Middletown, Connecticut headed south on a football scholarship to Florida State, one of the tight end's favorite schools growing up.

The coaching staff redshirted Tye for his first year, spending the time developing his skills without using up a year of eligibility. While he was not able to play in games, Tye still had time to get ready for his first season on the field. That is when Tye's dream became a nightmare.

In 2011, the six-foot-two-inch, 260-pound student-athlete played in only four games during his redshirt freshman season, catching one pass for seven yards. Tye played in four games again in 2012, this time without catching a single ball.

"Things seemed pretty good during spring, during camp. But then the season came and I was like, 'Man, I don't know. Am I gonna leave? Am I gonna stay? What am I gonna do?'" Tye said about his sophomore year in Tallahassee. "Definitely had some second thoughts."

Tye was the nation's 19th-ranked tight end in his recruiting class coming out of high school, according to Scout.com. Yet he barely saw any action in two years on the Seminoles' active roster.

"You've got to make a move if you want to be somewhere," Tye said.

That move was to transfer to Stony Brook. There, Tye caught 79 passes for 1,015 yards and nine touchdowns in his two seasons on Long Island. As a senior, he was selected to the All-Colonial Athletic Association second team.

"I felt like I was going against a young Vernon Davis everyday," Stony Brook Football alumnus and 2014 first team All-CAA defensive back Davonte Anderson said, comparing Tye to the two-time NFL Pro Bowler. "He was the energy setter on and off the field."

That performance and a strong Pro Day in which Tye ran the 40-yard dash in unofficial times of 4.47 and 4.50 seconds caught the eyes of multiple NFL teams, earning him workouts with the New York Jets, Kansas City Chiefs, Denver Broncos and the New York Giants. The quickest time in the sprint for a tight end at the NFL Combine was 4.58 seconds.

It paid off when the Giants invited Tye, along with 43 others, to a tryout after the NFL Draft. He was one of three that the team signed for its training camp.

"It's extremely satisfying," Tye told *The Statesman* at the time. "It shows also, being from Connecticut, it doesn't matter where you're from, who you are. You can definitely make your dream come true, that's for sure."

Making the team was a longshot, but he had still signed a contract with a professional football team.

On Sept. 1, Tye was waived, seemingly waking him up from his dream.

That could have been the end of the journey, but six days later, he got another shot. The Giants signed Tye to the team's practice squad, where he would work with the team on the field during the week, but have to watch from the sidelines on game day.

Before the Giants played the Bills on Oct. 4, numerous injuries made Larry Donnell the only tight end available for the game. On Oct. 3, Tye was told that he would be activated and made available to play the next day.

Though Tye's journey has been anything but smooth, the former Seawolf remains optimistic.

"It doesn't matter how you get there," Tye said. "As long as you get there."

More than five weeks later, Tye still has not woken up from his dream.

"That's something that I really don't believe still," Tye said.

The former Seawolf has caught 15 passes for 152 yards in seven games. Last week, Tye became the Giants' starter after Donnell suffered an injury the week before in a game against the New Orleans Saints.

Growing up, the Giants were not his favorite team, but one that he enjoyed watching. The 24-year-old watched quarterback Eli Manning lead his team to two Super Bowl victories, and wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. took the league by storm last year as the Associated Press' NFL Rookie of the Year.

Now, those people who Tye watched on the television are his

teammates. Just last week, he discussed strategies to attack the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' defense with Manning in the locker room.

"We're just talking about the game plan, it's like wow, this is happening," Tye said. "I'm about to be the starting tight end this Sunday."

Three years ago, Tye was the backup college tight end. Now as a starter in the NFL, he has a chance to make a name for himself on the national stage. Donnell spoke to Tye before last week's game and reminded him of one thing.

"Hey, it's your time, this is what you wanted," Tye remembered Donnell saying. "I said, 'yeah, you're right. This is exactly what I wanted.'"

Will Tye

- ▶ Has caught two or more passes in five of his seven games with the NY Giants. He caught one in two seasons at Florida State.
- ▶ Is the first Stony Brook Football alumnus to play in a regular season NFL game.
- ▶ Played his final year of high school football with Bjoern Werner of the Indianapolis Colts.

Stony Brook Basketball opens seasons with home wins



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Freshman forward Ogechi Anyagaligbo (No. 22, above) scored nine points and grabbed seven boards in her Seawolves debut.



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Freshman guard Jerell Matthews (No. 11, above) looks to swing the ball in her Stony Brook debut. Matthews started and played 18 minutes in the win.



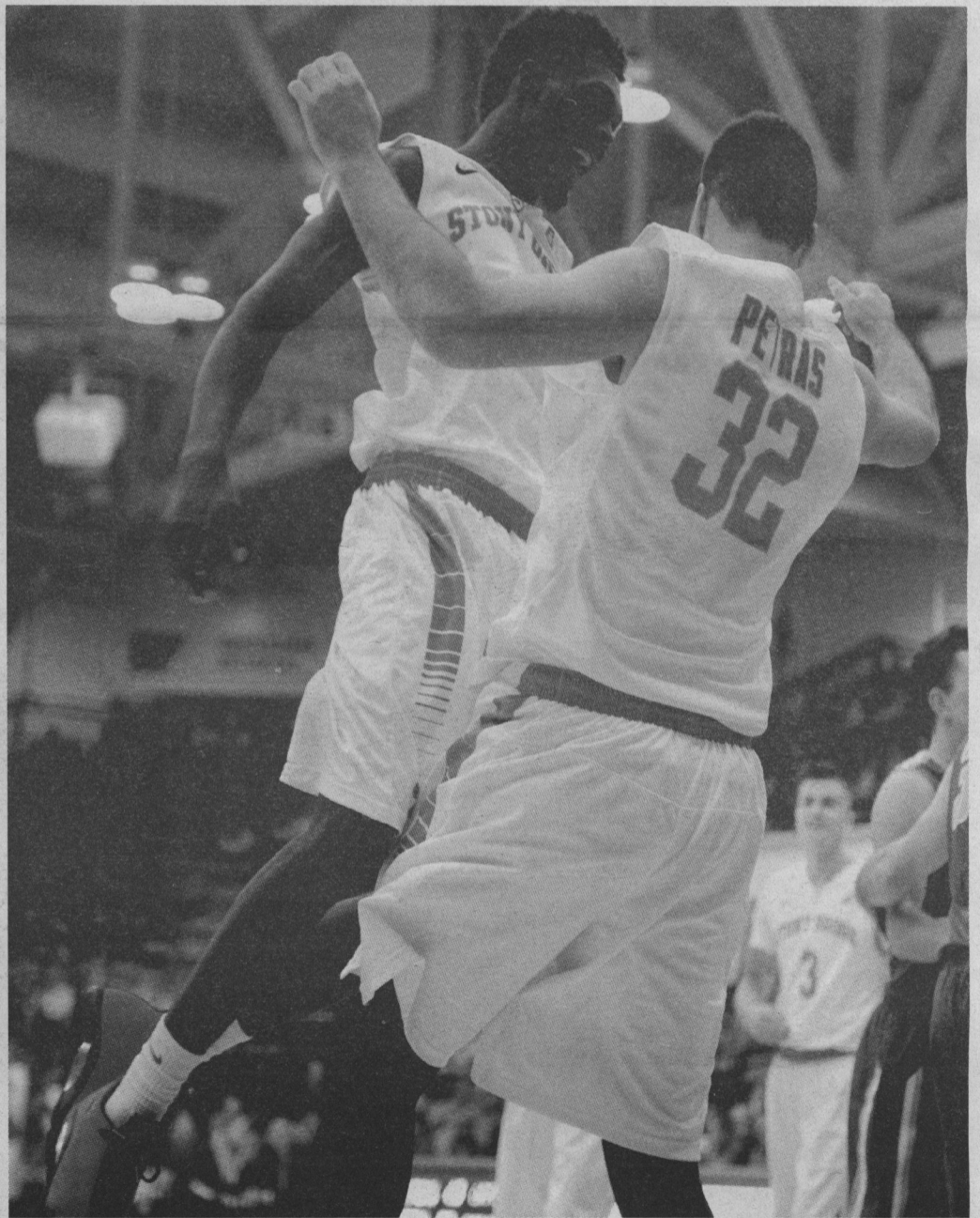
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Senior forward Brittany Snow (No. 20, above) finished with a double-double in Stony Brook's home-opener win over Iona.



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Senior guard Carson Puriefoy (No. 10, left) surveys the defense. He finished with 19 points on 4-8 shooting from three-point range.



HANAA' TAMEEZ/THE STATESMAN

Junior guard Ahmad Walker (above, left) and sophomore forward Jakub Petras (No. 32, right) celebrate during their 103-32 rout over USMMA.

Stony Brook Sports Schedule

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Women's Basketball at Hofstra, 7 p.m.	Men's Basketball at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.	Women's Basketball at Saint Peter's, 7 p.m.	Men's Basketball at Western Kentucky, 1 p.m.
			Cross Country NCAA Championships, 12 p.m.
			Football vs. Albany, 1 p.m.

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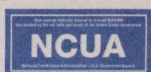
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SPORTS

Men's Basketball crushes USMMA in opener

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a warm homecoming for junior guard Ahmad Walker in his first game back as a Seawolf since transferring to Barton Community College last season.

Walker attempted 11 free throws en route to 17 points in a 103-32 win for Stony Brook Men's Basketball over Division III United States Merchant Marine Academy.

"It was great to be back," Walker said. "Environment was great. Had great teammates. My teammates had allowed me to be aggressive, had a lot of things in transition, getting the ball up ahead."

The Mariners missed 12 of their first 13 shot attempts as the Seawolves jumped out to a 28-5 lead, and never looked back. Stony Brook was up 57-14 at halftime.

The team finished the game with 12 made three-pointers and six players in double-digit scoring.

Walker made an instant impact, starting alongside Woodhouse, who made his Seawolves debut after transferring last year from Longwood. Woodhouse finished with 10 points and three assists in his first game with Stony Brook after sitting out last season in accordance with NCAA transfer rules.

"I think I learned a lot last year, sitting out," Woodhouse said. "I learned the game from a different point of view. I definitely had some nerves going into the game tonight, but once I got out there they pretty much went away."

Woodhouse's addition to the team excited senior forward Jameel Warney.

"It creates more shots for me," Warney said. "Coaches wanted me to be more aggressive. They told me to be more aggressive over the summer, so I'm trying to be more aggressive getting out of my comfort zone. So good passers mean more shots for me,



HANAA' TAMEEZ/THE STATESMAN

Six Seawolves scored in double-digits in their 103-32 win.

and I can't wait to shoot more."

Faces from last year's team also enjoyed strong season openers. Warney scored 16 points, collected 14 rebounds and blocked two shots in 22 minutes. Senior guard Carson Puriefoy led the team with 19 points of his own on 4-8 shooting from deep. Warney was taken out of the game at the 13:19 mark of the second half, Puriefoy at 11:54.

Pikiell took advantage of the early-season blowout by giving his bench unit extended minutes and experimenting with new lineups in garbage time. Junior guard Kameron Mitchell, sophomore center Jakub Petras and sophomore guard Bryan Sekunda each played over 16 minutes.

"It's nice tonight to play everybody and play different combinations and have guys build a little bit of confidence and chemistry together and that's what these games are good for," Seawolves head coach Steve Pikiell said. "Minutes are going to be a little tougher this year to come by and different games we'll use different guys."

Redshirt sophomore Roland Nyama spent his playing time at the power forward position for the first time in his young career and finished with 12 points and nine boards.

"We got a lot more guys so we're trying to figure out playing time for some different guys," Pikiell said. "When [Rayshaun

McGrew] comes back, Ray plays 28 minutes a game, so Roland probably won't play as much at the four. But we can move him around, he's versatile, he's bigger now, he's able to play that spot. Gives us a stretch four, which I kind of like at times."

Senior forward Rayshaun McGrew was not with the team Saturday night, giving sophomore forward Tyrell Sturdivant the start. The forward finished with seven points and 13 rebounds.

This was the second loss in as many seasons at Stony Brook for USMMA head coach and Seawolves alumnus Steve Hayn, who faced off against a former colleague of his. He and Pikiell were both assistant coaches at Central Connecticut State for three years.

"Steve Hayn is a former player, great player and he's a really good coach," Pikiell said. "His team will always be well-coached and I thought we kind of just handled them tonight, because we're just better."

Stony Brook now heads on a three-game road trip, the first of which takes place on Thursday, Nov. 19 at Vanderbilt.

"We know now we're up against SEC referees, great SEC team on the road, then Western Kentucky, very very good team and then Loyola too," Pikiell said. "We have a three-game stretch here where we have to really really be good."



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Senior forward Brittany Snow (No. 20, above) had 12 points and 10 rebounds in Stony Brook's win over Iona.

Scognamiglio's big layup seals 58-53 season opener victory

By Kunal Kohli
Staff Writer

Junior guard Christa Scognamiglio hit a clutch layup and free throw in the final 30 seconds of Stony Brook Women's Basketball's season opener at home against the Iona Gaels to propel the Seawolves to a 58-53 win.

"We actually haven't practiced it this year, yet," Scognamiglio said of the winning play. "We ran it last year and I've been dying—I've been asking coach, 'put it in, put it in, put it in,' and she hadn't put it in yet and the last time-out she drew it up for us and said, 'we're running it, Scog. We're running it for you.'"

The Seawolves had lost all of their momentum in the fourth quarter prior to a senior forward Brittany Snow and-one and Scognamiglio's bucket.

Their defense fell apart as the Gaels surged on to take a 53-49 lead on a 13-2 run. This tear came after a third quarter in which Stony Brook outscored Iona 18-17.

Stony Brook was ice cold to start the final quarter, going 1-of-9 from the field in the first seven minutes.

The Seawolves had previously turned the game in their favor in the third quarter.

Stony Brook looked to Scognamiglio to take over. She came up big when she was needed the most, chipping in ten points in the third quarter to give Stony Brook a seven-point lead. Scognamiglio's clutch layup off a backdoor cut finished the job, but the shooter struggled early on, indicative of the Seawolves' start as a whole.

"[Scognamiglio] is somebody that gets down when she's not doing well," Stony Brook head coach Caroline McCombs said. "What she does is she does other things. She looks to rebound, defend and do the little things when her shot's not falling. So, she was able to do those things and then I was able to keep her on the court because she does those things until that shot finally fell."

The team began the game in precarious fashion, as the Seawolves turned the ball over three times on its first

three possessions.

After spending nearly three minutes with a lid on the basket, freshman forward Ogechi Anyagaligbo scored the first points of her collegiate career, sparking a dominant showing in the paint for Stony Brook.

"I think she's a self-motivated kid," McCombs said of Anyagaligbo. "I think she wants to perform, I think she's really playing off of some really good upperclassmen. So as we'll progress into the season there will be scouting reports on her, but I'm really proud that she came out with some maturity as a freshman, so she'll continue to learn and grow."

Iona's senior forward Joy Adams challenged the Seawolves. Adams—the MAAC Preseason Player of the Year—was held to two points in the first half but came to life in the third quarter. She scored nine in the period to finish with 13 in the game.

"Brittany Snow," McCombs said when asked how Stony Brook was able to contain Adams. "Joy Adams is a [tough] player to guard. She's so athletic, she goes and continues to make play after play. But Brittany did a good job on her last year and she was able to do a good job on her this year."

McCombs felt that a Snow-Adams matchup was an ideal one for Stony Brook's senior forward.

"Sometimes Brittany does really well with those physical post players that she can really battle with," McCombs said.

"So we really didn't care how many rebounds Brittany got, we just wanted to make sure that Adams didn't get many rebounds."

For Stony Brook, Anyagaligbo, along with Snow, put on a show with their post moves. They finished with nine and twelve points, respectively.

Junior point guard Kori Bayne-Walker scored 14 points and dished four assists in the win.

Leading all scorers was Iona junior guard Marina Lizarazu with 24 points.

Up next for the women's basketball team is a road contest against Long Island rival Hofstra on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Hempstead, New York.



HANAA' TAMEEZ/THE STATESMAN

Junior guard Ahmad Walker (No. 5, center) shooting one of his 11 free throws in a 17-point effort. Walker transferred back to Stony Brook after leaving following his freshman year.