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## O'Neill fire leaves residents displaced and distraught

By Anisah Abdullah  
Contributing Writer

After a fire erupted in an E-wing room of O'Neill College during the evening of Nov. 21, every student in that wing had to temporarily relocate to different rooms.

Residents were unhappy with the abrupt relocation and their new living arrangements. Some students went home for Thanksgiving break before the fire occurred and were relocated after they returned to campus.

Zi Han, a sophomore business management major and resident of E-0, was reassigned to a room in Roth Quad, but instead decided to move in with his girlfriend in Wagner College since the Roth suite was solely freshmen. His girlfriend was reassigned from E-2.

"I'm not used to living in Wagner because it's far from everything," Han said. "When I lived in Mendelsohn, I'm next to the Union, next to the library, next to the Rec. Now I wake up a lot earlier to get to class."

Mavely Pazmino, a senior psychology major and E-2 resident, was away when the fire took place and did not return to campus until Nov. 30. She was assigned to a triple in Benedict with two strangers when she returned. However, she was so uncomfortable with the arrangement that she decided to stay with a friend for two nights until she was allowed back into her room.

Some residents of floor E-2 were able to move back on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 11 days after the fire occurred. Other E-2 residents returned to their rooms on Dec. 4. Residents of E-1 and E-0 were informed that they would not be able to move back until next semester.

In an email to the displaced students sent during the Thanks-

giving break, Mendelsohn Quad director, Steven Jubert, explained why students could not return sooner.

"The most significant delay in restoring access to rooms is in replacing room doors and lock mechanism that were damaged during the Fire Department's response," he said. "As the doors are fire rated, they cannot be purchased locally and need to be special ordered."

Jen Komzyuk, a junior linguistics major and E-2 resident, decided to commute from her home 40 minutes away instead of settling into her temporary room in Chapin Apartments. She assumed the relocation would be shorter and she would be able to move back into her room after the break.

"It was so annoying to commute from home," she said.

Residents had mixed reactions about how the Mendelsohn Quad office handled the situation.

"I think overall, the school handled it really well," Komzyuk said. "I think that this has never happened before with so many students. It was a lot of people that they had to put in different areas."

Rainbow Lian, a freshman health science major and E-2 resident, instead felt neglected.

"I am not satisfied with the way they handled things," she said in an email. "They did not do much to update us with the situation or give a heads up on how they were planning on handling the situation."

Lian was relocated to Yang Hall and was only informed several days ago that she will be able to return to her room.

"I didn't know that I wouldn't be able to stay the whole semester so I moved a lot of my things to Yang already," she said.

Jessica Chin contributed reporting to this story.



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Senior forward Jameel Warney (above, No. 20), the two-time defending America East Player of the Year, swatted a career-high nine blocks in Saturday's 91-77 win over Princeton.

## Stony Brook Great Debates tackles US strategy against Islamic State and extremism

By Jessica Chin  
Contributing Writer

Two teams debated about how to defeat monsters Thursday afternoon at the Humanities Institute hosted by Stony Brook Great Debates—the monsters to which they referred being ISIS and extremism as a whole.

Stony Brook Great Debates is a series of parliamentary-style debates regarding important current issues of the world. A debate

occurs every semester at Stony Brook. Past Great Debates have included topics such as public infrastructure, Edward Snowden and the Fire Island breach opened by Superstorm Sandy.

Thursday's debate drew roughly 140 people, including students, faculty and visitors, leaving no seats in Humanities Lecture Hall 1006 empty. Many attendees stood in the back of the room or sat on the steps in the middle aisle.

The government team won the

debate with their argument that the U.S. should make a major military commitment to defeat the Islamic State group, commonly referred to as ISIS or Daesh, the acronym of its Arabic name, in Syria. The government team argued that the U.S. should not repeat past mistakes of uprooting a country's regime and then leave without helping to rebuild a stable government

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## State, county police increase security at Planned Parenthoods after Colorado attack

By Brittany Bernstein  
Contributing Writer

New York State will be increasing security at Planned Parenthood locations across the state following the shooting at a Planned Parenthood facility in Colorado on Nov. 27, according to a news release from Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

State Police increased patrols on Friday and beginning today will travel to over 60 Planned Parenthood locations to help with increased security and emergency planning measures.

The Suffolk County Police Department released a statement Friday saying that while no specific threat had been made towards any Suffolk County Planned Parenthood location, the department would increase patrols and keep close contact with law enforcement

agencies as a precaution.

"Friday's shooting at a Planned Parenthood clinic was a senseless act of violence that has left us shocked and heartbroken," Cuomo said in the news release. "While we are still learning more about what led to this horrendous attack in Colorado, we are taking appropriate precautions and doing everything possible to prevent similar tragedies from taking place in our state."

The gunman, identified as Robert L. Dear Jr., 57, opened fire in the parking lot of a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic, killing three people and wounding nine others, according to The New York Times. After a hostage situation, Dear surrendered and was taken into custody, according to authorities. The wounded, including five law enforcement officers, were taken to local hospitals for treatment.

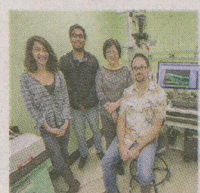
"But unfortunately there is a history of people bringing violence to health centers in the past and so an incident such as this underscores the need for vigilance to ensure that patients and the staff that provide services are safe at all health centers," Lauren Tobias, the president and CEO of Family Planning Advocates and Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York State, said in the news release. "We will work with the Governor's office, local law enforcement and Planned Parenthood affiliates to make sure health centers in New York can continue to provide safe and accessible high quality health care."

There have been eight murders, 17 attempted murders, 42 bombings and 186 arsons against abortion clinics and providers in the past 38 years, according to a Nov. 30 Vox Media report.



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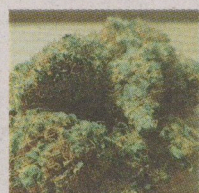
A Setauket Fire Department truck is parked outside of O'Neill College on Saturday, Nov. 21, the night of the fire.



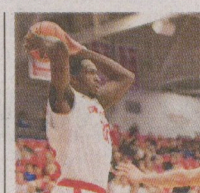
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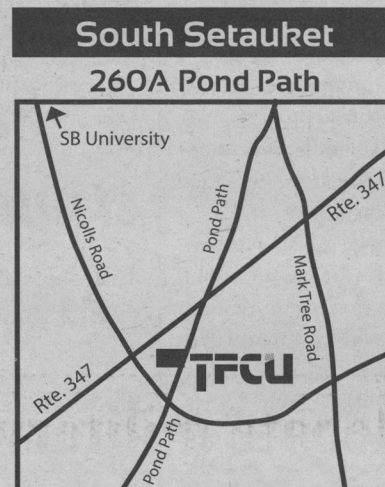
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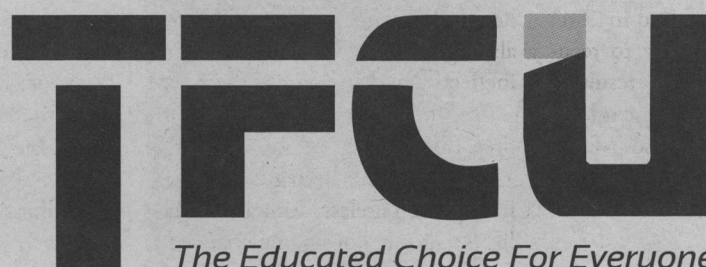
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# NEWS

## Under the Microscope: study opens doors for cancer treatment

By Kenneth Wengler  
Contributing Writer

How cells become invasive is a scientific mystery. Cell invasion is a process in which a cell crosses a basement membrane, a thin, dense, sheet-like matrix that lines tissues and gives your body support. Scientists know that cells have to invade several times during development in an embryo to form organs and tissues, but the reason why certain cells become invasive while others do not is undetermined.

David Q. Matus, an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology at Stony Brook University, studies the process of cell invasion and its misregulation in certain diseases, such as cancer metastasis.

In a recent study published in *Developmental Cell*, Matus discovered that cells cannot divide and invade at the same time.

"When people think of cell invasion, they usually think about cancer," Matus said. "Cells have to escape the primary tumor so they have to invade through basement membrane to do that. They have to then get into your blood vessels, leave your blood vessels, and then invade to the next place."

To study the process of cell invasion, Matus designed an experiment using anchor cells from *C. elegans*, a roundworm nematode. These

cells are naturally invasive and do not divide.

"The anchor cell's job is to, during development, make a connection between the developing uterine tissue and the developing vulva tissue so that the worm can lay eggs, and it does that by invading through the basement membranes that are separating them," Matus said. "It's really the only model that you can look at in a lab where you can look at an invading cell and the surrounding basement membrane."

Matus began the experiment by trying to answer the simple question of how anchor cells become invasive, and he ended up discovering more than he anticipated.

"I didn't go in saying, 'I want to test whether cells can't divide and invade at the same time,' and in fact if I probably tried to do that experiment, I wouldn't have been able to figure it out," Matus admitted. "Instead we were just trying to let the worm tell us how this cell becomes invasive."

To determine how anchor cells become invasive, Matus used genetic screening to determine which transcription factor, a protein that turns genes on and off, was most likely providing the anchor cells with the necessary tools to become invasive. From the screening tests, he determined that the transcription factor important for cell invasion also prevents the anchor

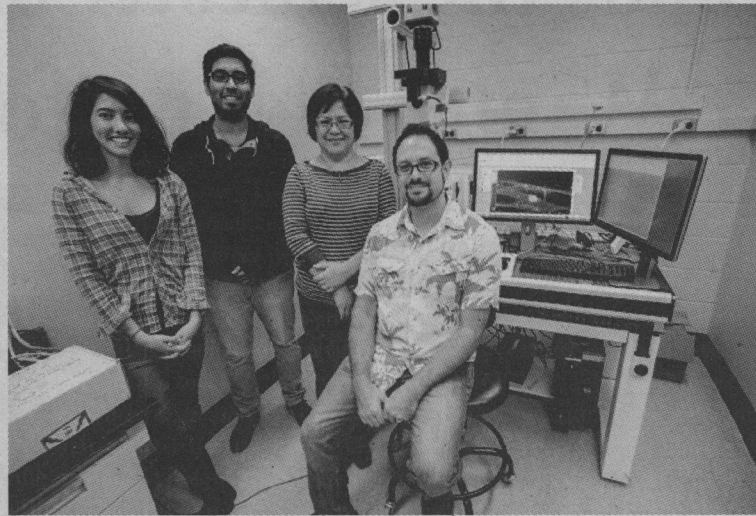


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From left: Mana Chandhok, a Ph.D. student; Ivan Chavez, a master's student; Wan Zhang, a laboratory technician; and seated is David Q. Matus in Matus' Stony Brook laboratory.

cell from dividing. In particular, it halts the cell in the G1 phase of the cell cycle.

"The key experiment that I did to prove that cell division and cell invasion are mutually exclusive was I took a mutant for this transcription factor where you have dividing anchor cells and I blocked cell division, and when I blocked cell division those cells became invasive," Matus said. "So it wasn't that you need the transcription factor to invade. It's that the transcription factor's job is to prevent the anchor cell from dividing."

Matus's discovery can open new

doors to treating cancer. Current cancer treatments are designed to target cells that are constantly dividing, which can leave behind the nondividing invasive cells that can cause the cancer to spread. The idea of targeting invasive cancer cells is not a new one, but Matus's research provides a better understanding of how to accomplish this.

"What my results suggest is maybe a new method of targeting invasive cells," Matus said. "Taking advantage of the fact that invasive cancer cells might be in G1, now we need to figure out how to target cells that are in G1."

## Professors, student debate military commitment in Syria

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and establishing essential infrastructures for democracy such as academic institutions.

"This is the lesson that we have learned: regime change creates a vacuum. And where there are no institutions, there are no democratic institutions, we cannot hope that the country will stabilize and that terrorism will abate," said Michael Holtzman, a member of the government team and a communications and public affairs strategist who has advised heads of state and senior ministers in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Holtzman referred to how the United States toppled the regime of Saddam Hussein in Iraq in 2003 but then left the country to recuperate and rebuild itself, resulting in the creation of extremist groups like Al-Qaida, where Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the widely believed founder and progenitor of ISIS, originated from.

The opposition team argued that past failed U.S. interventions such as in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya should be a reason to not continue the military commitment in Syria.

"How can we use military power to destroy ISIS when we were unable to do much in any country, and then we get up and leave as we have done in Afghanistan creating a vacuum?" professor Jonathan Sanders of the School of Journalism said.

In that sense, the teams agreed that regime change was not the answer.

"More Libyans have died since

Gadhafi has died," said professor Michael Barnhart of the Department of History, speaking for the opposition team. "One monster down, dozens of monster created."

Sanders also argued that continuing a war without dedicated ground troops would be a waste of time and money. He also said that current U.S. airstrikes are ineffective unless the United States is able to commit to a large amount of ground troops in the region.

Sanders then boldly proposed a U.S. draft but noted that not many young Americans would want to sign up and proved his point by asking the audience members how many would voluntarily sign up for a draft. No one in the audience raised his or her hand. The government team also agreed that the airstrikes were ineffective and also agreed there was a need for a more united front to fight ISIS.

"The current strategic airstrikes have proven useless," Ahmad A. Malik, a senior majoring in physics and political science, speaking for the government team, said.

Malik said the United States cannot topple the Assad regime, despite Assad's own humanitarian violations against civilians, at least until ISIS was eliminated. The government team said after ousting ISIS, the United States must stay in the region until it is stable instead of pulling out like in the past.

However, the rejection of changing the Syrian regime and ineffective airstrikes was where the teams' agreements ended. While the gov-



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Michael Holtzman, above, served as the prime minister of the government team in the parliamentary debate on Dec. 3

ernment team was committed to military intervention and long-term infrastructure building post-war, the opposition team remained largely committed to a nonintervention and containment policy.

Barnhart provided a historical context to the debate by citing the Monroe Doctrine, largely posited by U.S. President John Adams, and failed interventions in Cuba and Vietnam as reasons for a non-interventionist policy. Sanders, Barnhart's debate partner, agreed, saying that the focus should be on containment, as well as an end to Islamophobia.

"Maybe a nonmilitary containment policy in Daesh, while they remain in Syria would be a wiser thing and let the forces of moderation and internal discourse and war among them take over," Sanders argued.

He further argued that even if the military eliminated ISIS in Syria, the group would simply relocate to another unstable region like Sirte in Libya.

The government team rejected the opposition team's policy of nonintervention and containment, citing moral obligation and the increasing danger of ISIS and extremism in the world.

"Listen to what they're saying in between the lines: Do nothing," Michael Holtzman said. "They want us to do nothing in the face of this threat that has made itself evident. Tell that to the people of Paris today. Tell that to the people of Nigeria. Tell that to the people of Sri Lanka. Tell that to the people of Indonesia. Tell that to the people of Bangladesh. Tell that to the people of California. Tell that to those people."

## Police Blotter

On Saturday, Nov. 21 at 5:21 p.m., a patient allegedly damaged a wall, removed window screws and took an outlet plate cover from a room at the University Hospital. The hospital did not press charges. The case is now closed.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 4:25 a.m., police responded to a call of harassment at Wagner College where a female was allegedly being disruptive and refusing to leave a room. The case is now closed.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 8:47 a.m., an unknown person allegedly spray-painted graffiti on walls at the Earth and Space Sciences building. The case remains open.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m., an unknown suspect allegedly used chalk to make graffiti at the Student Union. The case remains open.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 11:11 p.m., a man was allegedly seen on video taking property from the Melville Library, placing the items into his bag and attempting to leave. The case is now closed.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 11:24 p.m., a state courier truck allegedly fled after hitting and causing minor damage to a parked police vehicle at Student Activities Center. The case remains open.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 9:20 p.m., an individual allegedly stole a cell phone, glasses and a bank check at the University Hospital. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 10:15 a.m., an iPad was allegedly stolen from Putnam Hall. The case remains open.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 2:05 p.m., police allegedly found three students smoking marijuana at Schick College. Police issued three student referrals.

On Thursday, Nov. 26 at 1:57 a.m., an intoxicated passenger of a car on southbound Nicolls Road and South Entrance was allegedly pulling on the steering wheel, causing the vehicle to swerve from lane to lane. Police made an arrest.

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Brittany Bernstein



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## SB Live ends the semester on a high note with Winter Ball performance

By Katarina Delgado  
Staff Writer

Free live music and food were in store for those who followed their ears to find Stony Brook Live, which held its semesterly event on Dec. 3.

From behind an almost hidden door, funk, pop, jazz and even the “Incredibles” theme song rang through the Union auditorium and into the halls, beckoning music lovers to stop by and listen to the sounds of SB Live.

SB Live offers its musical services for any campus clubs or events for free.

The student-run band plays jazz, funk, pop, ska and “loungue music,” according to its drummer and social media director Hunter Frederick, a junior health sciences major.

The Winter Ball is an opportunity for SB Live to play music the way it wants to, without the restrictions that come along with hired events.

“When it’s our own event, we can play as loud as we want and as fast as we want,” Frederick said about the music. “It’s liberating.”

The band has only recently started advertising via Facebook

and other social media outlets to attract attention to itself and the group’s events. It seems to have worked in the group’s favor so far.

Frederick said that this year’s Winter Ball held the record for the highest attendance the band had seen for its annual event. An estimated 50 to 75 people came through the event to listen to SB Live’s music over the course of the night.

The Facebook page showed the group’s character when it advertised “an evening of musical festivities and general shenanigans,” as well as “free pizza and drinks, because we get it, you’re out of meal points.”

Whether they came for the free music, free food or friends, many attendees enjoyed the evening.

“I loved that they played the ‘Incredibles,’” Shayne Clark, a freshman electrical engineering major, said. “It was a great joy.”

Clark had only one complaint. She wished the band announced the names of the songs as they were played. She sat and wondered what the familiar tunes were titled.

“No matter what it was, I thought it was amazing,” Clark said of the musical performance.



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**SB Live features pop funk and jazz music by fellow Stony Brook students, many of whom are part of the marching band. The group allows them to try new musical techniques.**

The Winter Ball event started at 8 p.m. and the music did not stop until 9:45 p.m.

SB Live played 100 minutes of songs, showcasing the range of music available at no cost to students.

“If you’re interested in hearing or playing jazz, come to our events and you’re in for a good time,” Joseph Sweeney, a junior

pharmacology major and SB Live’s vice president, said.

Between each song came whippers and giggles among the musicians, who were simply there to play and enjoy the music.

Many members of SB Live are also members of the marching band. This event, as opposed to marching band or hired events, allows them to “experiment and

try new things,” Frederick said.

Through their events and other live performances, the band’s goal is to “make things fun,” according to Christopher Valentino, SB Live’s president and a senior pharmacology major.

“We love to play and we hope that they love to listen,” Valentino said. The group will hold other events during this year.

## Vinyl record sales reach new heights with millennials

By Rachel Siford and Elsie Boskamp  
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Millennials are pushing vinyl record sales to new heights. With 9 million albums sold in the first half of 2015, vinyl is the fastest growing music format. Final figures are expected to be record-breaking.

U.S. vinyl sales between January and March of this year were 53 percent higher than the previous year and the market has grown by 260 percent since 2009, according to a rating on Nielsen Ratings.

“Vinyl is definitely a bright spot for the business,” Josh Friedlander, Recording Industry Association of America’s senior vice president of strategic data analysis, said. “I think there are a number of reasons why vinyl has re-emerged as a format. For one, in an increasingly digital age, vinyl records can provide a deeper, tactile connection to music that resonates with some of the biggest fans.”

Consumer data reveals that some of the biggest fans of vinyl are young men.

Half of vinyl’s buyers are between the age of 18 and 34, and an estimated 16 million Americans over the age of 13 purchased records last year, according to research released by MusicWatch.

“In some ways, vinyl is the

most appealing music format available today,” Russ Crupnick, founder and managing partner of MusicWatch, said in a statement. “The format combines the collectability and connection to artists that younger fans desire, with the nostalgia that boomers value.”

Vinyl’s last sales boom was in 1989 and today, MusicWatch reports that one-quarter of U.S. vinyl buyers are over the age of 50.

Although the popularity of vinyl is reaching new records, its place within the global music industry remains small.

“Vinyl remains a niche product, accounting for 2 percent of global revenues, but the format continues to revive with sales increasing 54.7 percent in 2014,” the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry stated in its 2015 Digital Music Report, released in April.

Within America’s billion-dollar music business, vinyl contributed \$320.8 million in revenue in 2014, 50 percent more than the previous year, according to RIAA figures.

“Lots of people still love the way music sounds on vinyl, and still others just might think it’s cool to own,” Friedlander said. “Whatever the reasons, it’s remarkable that the music industry today is making more in revenue from relatively moderate volumes of this century-old

format than from the billions of music streams being listened to on YouTube.”

Today, vinyl’s top-selling albums include hits from the Beatles, Mumford & Sons, Arctic Monkeys and Pink Floyd, according to sales data recorded from 2010 to 2015 by Nielsen.

“To be able to have an actual record from groups like The

Beatles is so cool,” Meaghan Coyne, a senior biology major at Stony Brook University, said. “Vinyl lets me experience music in a way that digital streaming can’t.”

That special connection is what keeps millennials coming back to local indie record stores, online stores and department stores to purchase vinyl albums.

“I’ve noticed a lot of young-

er people coming in with their parents, like 14-15 years old, and also a lot of millennials are coming in with their friends and buying records,” Joseph Ostermeier, owner of Infinity Records in Massapequa, said. “People are getting more into music with vinyl records.”

“When you own a record, you really have this special connection with the music,” Coyne said.



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**Vinyl record sales dropped during the early '90s. However, records continue to be manufactured and sold today. Now, they are reaching a resurgence in the millennials.**



# Starbucks' Red Cups: Minimal Design Causes Controversy



JESSICA CARNABUCI / THE STATESMAN

Starbucks holiday cups usually feature festive designs, unlike this season. Coffee competitor Dunkin' Donuts' holiday cup features a wreath with the word "Joy."

By Jessica Carnabuci  
Staff Writer

It was the cup release that shocked the world, at least on social media.

Starbucks' highly anticipated holiday cup release last month did not get the warm and fuzzy online welcome that many people were expecting this holiday season.

This year's holiday cups differ from many of the cups that the brand has used in the past. Snowmen, candy canes, or mistletoe designs were replaced with plain, solid red cups that are supposed to serve as a blank canvas.

As simple as they seem, the minimalistic red cups have caused a social media frenzy and led to some Christians saying that Starbucks has removed Christmas from their cups.

Shortly after their launch, a video posted by Joshua Feuerstein, a former pastor, became viral as he voiced his opinion against Starbucks taking "Christ and Christmas off of their brand new cups."

The video, which now has more than 16.5 million views on Facebook, also asked customers to tell baristas their names are "Merry Christmas" in order to get the Starbucks employees to write the holiday greeting on the cup.

Feuerstein started the hashtag #MerryChristmas-Starbucks as well.

People posted selfies of themselves with their updated cup.

The backlash against Starbucks and the company's marketing decision was also met with backlash from peo-

ple who thought the original outrage was ridiculous. The cups sparked major controversy.

People used the hashtag #ItsJustACup to respond to criticism of Starbucks, creating more controversy.

Although the red cups caused an explosion of thoughts online, it did not necessarily have the same effect outside of the internet.

"The vast majority of Christians actually don't care about the cups at all," Julie E. Byrne, author of "The Other Catholics" and associate professor of religion at Hofstra University, said.

"There is a small, but vocal minority of Christians who identify the United States with the Christian religion and are angry or sad to see the decline of Christian markings in the public sphere," Byrne added.

Some people were unsure as to why the red cups caused controversy to begin with.

"I thought it didn't seem like a very important issue and it seemed like it was blown out of proportion, so I was really surprised by the amount of people who were actually taking it really seriously," Tenzin Nyima, a junior at Stony Brook University said. "I felt like they should be concerned with more important issues."

The social media world has yet to affect the business Starbucks sees, Denise Patterson, a Starbucks employee at Stony Brook University said. "It hasn't affected our work at all; we try to compromise as much as we can."

Patterson considers herself religious but says that holiday designs on red cups

are not a symbol of what makes Christmas.

"I would say that I'm a religious person but I don't see the problem with having red cups," Patterson said. "I think red is symbolizing Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ, so for people to be going off about not having 'Merry Christmas' or snowflakes on the cup, I think it's just unnecessary."

The religious aspect of the controversy was the cause for outrage on both sides.

"Sometimes, having your favorite holiday or aspects of your religion being displayed all around you can be a sense of pride and it generally makes people happy and puts them in good spirits," Cindy Marji, a Christian Stony Brook University student, said. "Having a small part of that being taken away can be disconcerting. I think the nature of the change is what is causing the tension."

Marji said she originally had no knowledge of the controversy until she saw posts about it on her Facebook newsfeed.

"The red cup change for the holidays is cute and aesthetically pleasing. I don't feel like my religion is being attacked in any way," Marji said.

Other coffee selling competitors featured holiday designs that have sparked less controversy.

Dunkin' Donuts featured a simple green wreath design on a white cup with the word "Joy" in the center. Similar to Starbucks, Panera Bread's design features a minimalistic red cup, but with a garland design wrapped around it.

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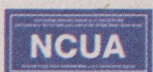
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## From COP21, the Earth needs effective action, not discourse



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Six years ago, President Barack Obama met with European leaders, above, at COP15 in Copenhagen. This year, leaders gathered at Paris to discuss action for climate change.

By Taylor Mandelbaum

Contributing Writer

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The annual Conference of Parties, or COP21, has officially begun in Paris as of Monday and will continue on until Friday, Dec. 11. Since 1995, most of the 196 countries involved in the treaty have conferred together at the COP to discuss and push forward efforts to mitigate the effects of anthropogenic—or human-induced—climate change.

One of the resulting treaties to come out of the COP was the famous Kyoto Protocol of 1997, which set goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on a country-by-country basis. Many consider the Kyoto Protocol to be more symbolic than effective in combating climate change, with states such as China having no binding targets to obtain, the United States never ratifying the treaty and Canada, as of 2012, withdrawing from the treaty entirely.

In order for this year's COP and resulting protocols to be effective, policies must not only maintain a symbolic nature but push forward common-sense strategies to provide the best result in the short and long term. The United States needs to be the leader in the international effort to combat climate change by enacting sound policy and innovating new technologies.

The most clearly stated goal of the COP is to limit the increase in global temperature to 2.7 degrees Celsius, and optimistically to prevent it from going beyond 2 degrees Celsius. Projections of future climate conditions indicate that at the

current rate of warming due to increased greenhouse gas emissions, the rise of sea levels will be significant, even according to conservative models. Of course, an increase in the strength of hurricanes and severe droughts are also a big concern. Considering that we recently have just hit the 1 degree Celsius threshold, this is quite the task, but it can be accomplished.

As the United States, China and other major producers of CO<sub>2</sub> are beginning to reduce their output, developing countries that don't have the luxury of using renewable resources will be vastly increasing their output as their population continues to skyrocket. How does an international body tell a less developed country to stop using the cheapest sources of energy available to them? Solutions beyond carbon taxes and cap/trade systems are essential, and fortunately, in the pipeline.

Big names in philanthropy and entrepreneurship such as Mark Zuckerberg, Richard Branson and Bill Gates recently revealed an initiative to fund private research into renewable energy called the Breakthrough Energy Coalition. Circumventing the need to find venture capitalists or use government grants, the coalition will fund new technologies which would have otherwise been subject to harsh limitations on innovation.

In the U.S. government's camp, President Obama has set a goal to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> output by 32 percent by 2030, which is an excellent proposal, in theory. Ideally, we can invest our tax money into research and development as well as infrastructure creation and maintenance, which would reduce CO<sub>2</sub> output much more than 32 percent.

Realistically, we're forced to

move much slower due to massive corporate interest and economical reliance on fossil fuels. Our tax money is currently used to subsidize much of the fossil fuel industry, with numbers ranging from \$13 to \$21 billion annually.

Regardless of the situation at hand, stagnation and non-action in congress and Washington D.C. needs to stop for effective action to take place. People who deny climate change tend to have little knowledge of energy budget equations and the actual definition of the greenhouse effect. If scientists were in it for the money, wouldn't more of them be taking money under the table from the approximately \$200 billion fossil fuel industry? It isn't surprising that a recent probe into Exxon uncovered in-house research showing evidence of anthropogenic climate change that was swept under the rug.

As COP21 commences, it's a great opportunity for those of you who have accepted climate change as a significant problem to consider your impact. If you want to make a difference, consider learning more about earth's climate.

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We might not necessarily be doomed, this much is true. But unfortunately, international water and food crises along with refugee emergencies from coastal regions will become much more commonplace.

We can choose to accept this reality early or end up facing it when it's knocking on our front door.



# That's not funny: college, comedy and restricting offensive speech

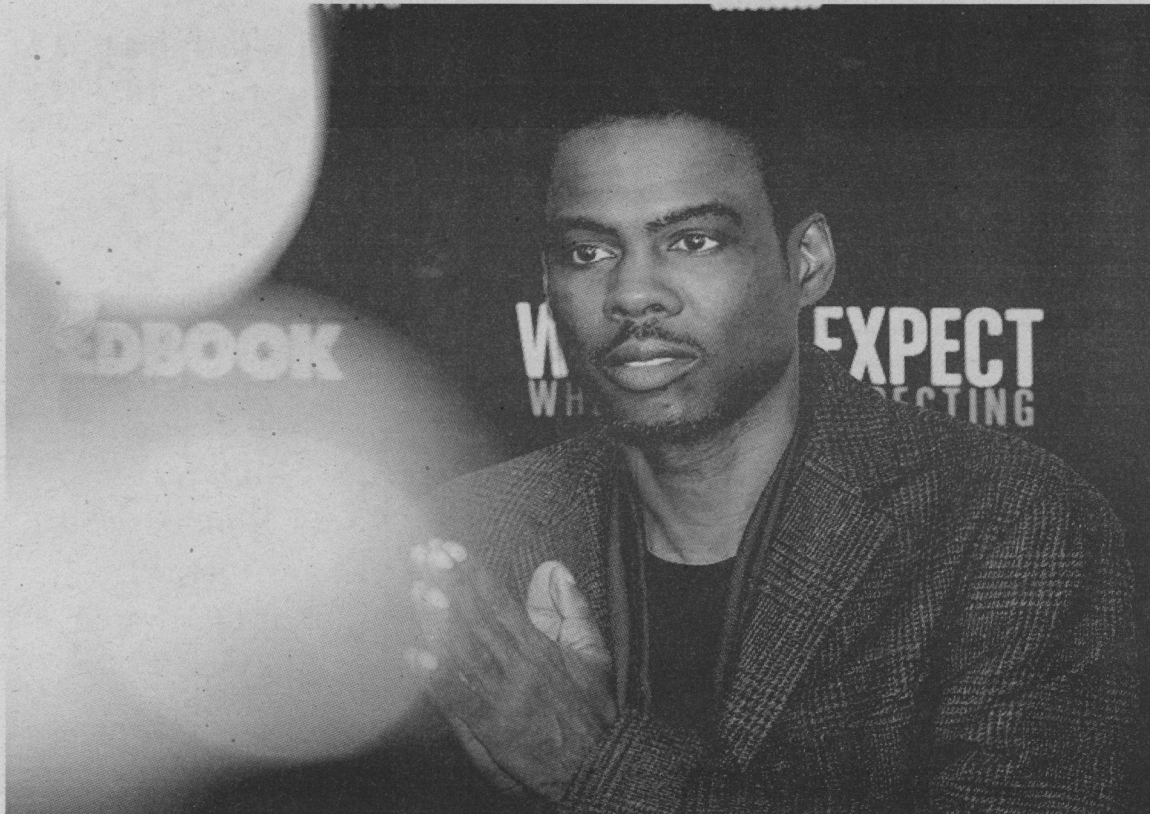


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**Chris Rock, above, is one standup comedian who said that he will not perform at colleges anymore. Other comedians are staying away from them out of fear of offending students.**

By Nick Zararis  
Staff Writer

A new poll conducted by the Pew Research Center conveys an alarming message: 40 percent of millennials would be okay with the government limiting offensive speech aimed toward minority groups. While 40 percent is not a majority, it is certainly a significant portion of the age group

and it corroborates with a notion that's being force-fed down the throats of young people in high schools and universities in the United States: speech being anything but free.

When people list the things that make America great (it's already great, Trump), they often reference the Bill of Rights. The notion of free speech was a foreign concept for long periods of

history and as standup comedian Colin Quinn once said, "You boo'd the king and six archers would pull up their bows and arrows." But in the United States, as part of your rights, you can boo the president all you want because you have the right to do so.

This brings me to something near and dear to my heart—comedy.

This notion of limiting free speech among millennials dovetails with something else that is alarming: several stand-up comedians have come out this past year revealing why they don't play at college campuses anymore. Jerry Seinfeld said that, "They just wanna use these words, that's 'racist,' that's 'sexist,' that's 'prejudice.' They don't even know what they're talking about." Chris Rock said he doesn't play colleges anymore because "of their unwillingness to offend anyone," and Larry the Cable Guy said that "it really is a shame that nobody can handle comedy anymore."

One college student from San Diego State offered a rebuttal to Jerry Seinfeld's point, and was given a forum to do so by the Huffington Post. The writer's argument—that because millennials are more aware of the injustices perpetrated against minorities and women, there is no room for humor to be offensive solely to be offensive and that comedians should spark social dialogue—misses the point of comedy.

A comedian's job, first and foremost, is to make the audience laugh, and it's the job of academics and community leaders to have the uncomfortable conversations that are usually avoided.

If Dave Chappelle's "Killing them Softly" came out today, people would shake in their boots when he started his opening bit:

"One thing I'm seeing, you ever be walking down the street see a group of black people walking down the street, not just any old black dudes. I'm talking about

thugs, and in the group they got one or two or sometimes as many as three white guys in their group. Let me tell you something about those white guys, those are the most dangerous guys in those groups, there is no telling what they did to get those black dude's respect."

If Chappelle, who is undisputedly one of the best comics of all time, tried his race-centered act today, he'd be castigated by the public and there'd be cries of racism. The culture today has been so geared to avoid offending anyone that there is a total unwillingness to make certain jokes and it has permeated to the realm of universities—historical bastions of free speech.

What is seemingly lost on people is that this is comedy—it is not supposed to be taken seriously, but rather, enjoyed. When you start to approach the idea of limiting speech, you infringe upon something guaranteed to you as a citizen of the United States.

The way free speech works is a beautiful thing, and it must not be restricted in any way. Bill Maher, a staunch liberal on almost every issue, put it best when he said, "Opinions shouldn't be illegal. Everyone can come up with a reason why the thing that bugs you should get a waiver. But free speech only works when there are no waivers."

Maher was talking about the aftermath of the January terrorist attack aimed at the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, and his point was simple. Maher continued, "You're just a baby who can't stand to live in a world where you hear things that upset you."

## Marijuana vs. alcohol: Which is the lesser of two evils?

By Pete Galigher  
Contributing Writer

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The alcohol-versus-marijuana debate doesn't seem like it's going to end anytime soon. With U.S. college students smoking more marijuana than at any time in the past 35 years and imbibing on the decline as well, this debate is very important to the health conversation.

There's no denying that both can put your health and even your life in danger. But certainly, one must be worse than the other. In this case, we believe it's alcohol.

Here's why I think so:

Alcohol causes more deaths than marijuana. It's a well-established fact that there's a much higher incidence of death among alcohol drinkers than marijuana smokers. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), binge drinking (drinking five or more alcoholic drinks in a short period of time) kills over 80,000 people each year, either through an alcohol-related illness or an alcohol-induced accident. Excessive drinking is also to blame for one in 10 deaths among adults 20 to 64 years of age.

One study even showed that alcoholism can decrease lifespans by



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**U.S. college students are smoking marijuana now more than they have in the past 35 years, making the discussion of alcohol-verses-marijuana more vital now than ever.**

decades. One the other hand, the CDC doesn't even have a category for "deaths caused by marijuana."

Alcohol causes more diseases than marijuana. It affects the body in more ways than one, possibly causing chronic diseases like liver cancer, high blood pressure, heart disease, dementia, depression, and anxiety. Excessive consumption of alcohol can also lead to potentially fatal alcohol poisoning.

As if these aren't distressing

enough, wait until you find out that alcohol can up the risk of many types of cancers, not just liver but also cancers of the esophagus, mouth, colon, stomach, lungs, pancreas and prostate.

None of these ailments have been as closely linked to marijuana, although it has been found to increase the risk of lung problems.

Alcohol is also linked to more injuries and accidents. Marijuana can affect cognition and impair

logical thinking, but one-third of traffic-related deaths in 2013 involved an alcohol-impaired driver. Alcohol also claims the lives of 2.5 million people every year and causes injuries to millions more, as reported by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD).

Alcohol doesn't only cause unintentional accidents; it has also been linked to injuries caused by violent behavior. A 2011 study published

in the *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research* journal states that 21 percent of injuries can be attributed to the use of alcohol by the injured person. On the other hand, marijuana use has been found to rarely cause visits to the emergency room, according to the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*.

The British Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs explains that unlike alcohol, marijuana does not appear to "increase risk-taking behaviour," which is why it doesn't usually contribute to violence either to oneself or to others. Alcohol, meanwhile, has been associated with many types of violence—domestic assaults, self-harm and so on.

Moreover, alcohol is also more addictive than marijuana. The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that only an average of nine percent of marijuana users develop dependence on it, which is quite a far cry from the 17 percent of men and eight percent of women who will become dependent on alcohol at some point in their lifetime.

Looking at these facts, it's easy to see how alcohol is much worse. But of course, this isn't to say that marijuana is a safe and healthy recreational drug. It also has its own negative repercussions that people should be aware of. So even though it can be considered the "lesser evil" between the two, its use should not be encouraged.



## Wolfie continues to leave his mark on Seawolves at Stony Brook

By Michaela Kilgallen  
Assistant News Editor

When he walks into a room, all eyes are on him. Fans shout his name. Crowds rise to meet him, all with the hopes of snapping a selfie with the man sporting a perpetual smile. No, he is not a rock star or a famous actor, but he is a celebrity of sorts.

He is Wolfie. Although the gray wolf-like creature with perky ears and a red jersey is a fairly new addition to Stony Brook—he turns 21 this February—his image has become synonymous with SBU school spirit.

“Wolfie is, in almost every way, the face of Stony Brook,” Stony Brook Alum Jared Reed, who played the role of Wolfie from 2012 until 2015 and helped define the character, said. “He’s what Stony Brook stands for, and is the essence of what it means to be a Seawolf. He’s the identity of Stony Brook.”

Wolfie abides by the Mascot 10 Commandments, which include “Never try to pick up or hold children,” “Do not speak when in costume” and “HAVE FUN,” as well as some other more obvious necessities like staying hydrated.

The character has been a constant link between the 25,000 students in the Stony Brook community. He watched from the sidelines as the university transi-

tioned from being a Division III to Division I school, which officially took place during the 1999 to 2000 academic year.

“Wolfie has been a huge part of being a very young Division I program,” Assistant Athletics Director of Marketing and former Wolfie Chris Murray said. “It was tough for fans to fully understand what Division I athletics are really about. When you’re Division III for 50 years, the mentality is D-3, D-3, D-3. It takes some time to get fans to come around.”

But Wolfie was not always the symbol of Stony Brook. SBU has gone through four mascots in its 58-year history. When the university was still stationed in Oyster Bay, the Soundmen/Baymen represented the school. In 1960, the Soundmen became the Warriors and eventually the Patriots in 1966. The Seawolf finally emerged in 1994, when SBU began its eventual ascent into Division I.

A team of 32 Stony Brook students and faculty chose the mythical creature from a list of 200 possible mascots, according to the university.

Myths of the Tlingit, a Native American tribe in Alaska, said that the Seawolf is thought to bring good luck to those who see it. The Tlingit princess Kchokeen gained the ability to predict dan-

gerous ocean storms after catching a glimpse of the Seawolf.

“The problem with college athletics is that student athletes come and go so quickly,” Murray said. “Whereas with professional teams players are there for 10 or 20 years. The longest you’re going to be here is four years. Wolfie worked as a way to symbolize athletics.”

In 2011, ESPN invited Wolfie to take part in a national ESPN College GameDay commercial. He was also the 2009 Sportsman of the Year for the Times Beacon Record Newspapers and the Long Island Press’ Best Mascot. He even made an appearance on “Extreme Home Makeover” when the show visited Setauket.

Wolfie is known for his signature moves, like the classic defense cheer. But what makes him unique is his versatility. He can go from wearing hammer pants and a gold clock around his neck dancing to “Hammer Time” to donning a full tuxedo and gliding his paws along the keys of a miniature grand piano to Billy Joel tunes.

There are currently 12 Wolfies who put on these performances. But in order to keep continuity across personas, performers are not allowed to reveal their identities.

“They take pride in that too,” Coordinator of Annual Giving

and Branding Andrea Lebedinski said. “It’s like their little secret society.”

Lebedinski is in charge of scheduling various events for Wolfie, which only numbered about 25 in the mid-2000s but have since grown to over 400, according to Murray.

Murray reinvented the Wolfie persona in 2007 when, as a student, he put on the mask. Wolfie’s signature swag includes the classic high five, a continually bobbing head and exaggerated motions.

“Just in the five years I was at SBU, I watched Wolfie go from pretty much a one man show to a 10-plus person team,” Reed said. “The caliber of the performances haven’t changed much. Chris set the bar really high.”

Despite Wolfie’s surge in popularity, he has stayed true to his roots and continues to bring together the Stony Brook community through his cheerful demeanor and sometimes rowdy actions.

“He has changed and he hasn’t,” Murray said. “When people see Wolfie on campus or at a game they shouldn’t know who is in the suit. It should always be Wolfie. He has definitely gone outside the box now, which is great. He has evolved a lot, but at the same time he has maintained the persona of Wolfie.”

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at New Hampshire

**Nov. 12**  
vs. Maine

**Nov. 19**  
at Albany

## Stony Brook Rowing Club builds for success in nearby Port Jefferson

By Katarina Delgado  
Contributing Writer

A plunge into the frigid waters of Port Jefferson was a celebration of the hard-earned success and determination of the Stony Brook University Rowing Club.

The “Polar Plunge” tradition called for participants to jump into into 55 degree water after the Stony Brook Women’s Rowing team won the Women’s Collegiate Novice four race at the this year’s Bill Braxton Memorial Regatta, held on Nov. 8.

Usually, only the steersman of the boat (called a coxswain) is pushed in, but this was a rare moment for the club team, which has been working its way to first place in regattas for years fighting against teams with deeper pockets and more experienced rowers.

Practice at the Port Jeff Yacht Club starts as early as 5:30 a.m. for rowers. The club members spend weeks refining their skills on land before they have the opportunity to get their feet wet at water practices. The early mornings consist of working out on rowing machines in the recreation

center and little conversation.

“It’s a non-verbal agreement that we are all there for a good reason,” Shashank Gupta, a sophomore biomedical engineering major who has been rowing with the team for a year and a half, said. “If you can wake up at 6 a.m. and go everyday, you’re committed enough to be on the team.”

That commitment is not consistent throughout the team. Many of the newer rowers interested in the club attend a practice or two and do not return, according to the club president, Sean Kreitzer. Eventually, the

fluctuations cease and a crew team emerges. Those who stick around are put into women’s or men’s boats and can compete.

Competition is the only time men and women are separated. The club practices together, rides to regattas together and shares a coach, Walker Bradshaw.

“Anyone who’s ever been on a crew team knows the kind of bond that forms between athletes,” Bradshaw said. “Maybe it’s the grueling 6 a.m. workouts that they suffer together or the races they win together, but the

crew team is pretty special.”

The rowing club has been working toward this success for decades. The crew program began on the original Oyster Bay campus around 1958 before the Stony Brook campus was built.

The first boat donated to the program was damaged during transportation to the team.

The club’s “newest” boat is 14-years-old and was recently acquired by Kreitzer, a senior political science major who has rowed with the team for three years. The boat came as part of a plan to update and improve on the club.

“Having better equipment would inspire more confidence in the athletes” Kreitzer said. “It would boost team morale.”

He said competing with other teams who have better equipment can be discouraging and has even led to rowers quitting the club.

In order to make the upgrade a reality, fewer regattas were planned for this semester. Each regatta comes with its own costs of entry, transportation and other expenses.

Since it is a campus club, it is supported financially by the Undergraduate Student Government. The \$29,501.45 the club receives from USG, along with donations, has been enough to keep the club afloat, but not enough to allow for separate coaches or new equipment that could boost the club into higher competitive levels.

“It’s a club team putting in serious effort to become something more,” Bradshaw said. “When I first got here they were your typical club team with not a lot of organization, but they have really transformed and learned the ins and outs of what a successful program looks like.”



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The Stony Brook Rowing team wakes up as early as 5:30 a.m. to practice at the Port Jeff Yacht Club. The team's women captured the Women's Collegiate Novice four race on Nov. 8 at the Bill Braxton Memorial Regatta.



# Seawolves remember magical win over No. 13 Washington

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Sports Editor

“Just over thirty seconds to go. [Jameel] Warney. Hook shot. Good. Seawolves with their first lead of the game,” started a SportsCenter highlight of the Stony Brook Men’s Basketball game last winter against Washington. Sophomore guard/forward Chris Braley extended his arms as he joined his teammates rising from their seats on the bench in ecstasy. Then a freshman guard, Bryan Sekunda appeared to yell, “Let’s go.”

“Final seconds, Huskies down four. Williams-Goss, misses. Huskies rebound. Anderson would miss two shots down low. He was fouled but failed to score at the line so Stony Brook gets a 62-57 upset win over Number 13 Washington, their first win over a ranked opponent in school history.”

Head coach Steve Pikiell’s team went into last year’s Dec. 28 game against No. 13 Washington as losers

of four out of its previous six games. The Seawolves had failed to win a game on the road up until that point and were down by as many as 16 against the 12-0 Huskies.

With 11:47 to go, it looked as if the \$100,000 that Stony Brook Athletics confirmed Washington paid the school to play them in Seattle would turn into a 13th win for the Huskies. But then-sophomore guard Kameron Mitchell, who had scored just 26 points in the Seawolves’ first 11 games against Division I opponents, ran down the right wing in transition when then-freshman guard Deshaun Thrower found him open for a 3-pointer that Mitchell knocked down.

The Washington lead was still 11 with 6:59 to go in the game. Stony Brook was running out of time to make a dent in its opponent’s advantage. But on the left wing, Mitchell took a quick chest pass from then-junior guard Carson Puriefoy and hit another shot from long-range.

“I kind of just got in one of those zones where I feel like anything I put up is going to go in,” Mitchell said in October of this year. “So I just tried to get my shot off at any time that I could.”

After missing a shot from inside the 3-point arc on the team’s next possession, Mitchell once again found himself open from long-range. In a span of just three seconds, Puriefoy passed it from near the paint out to Sekunda, who relayed it back to the right wing for Mitchell who again put the ball through the hoop. He was 3-for-3 from deep and the Seawolves were down by just seven points.

After Warney, who was a junior forward at the time, hit a free throw to trim the lead to six, the now two-time defending America East Player of the Year looked around the court from the right baseline and found Mitchell just to the left of the top of the 3-point arc. Again, he hit the shot to make it a one-possession game.

“It was good,” Mitchell, who scored 12 points on 4-of-5 shoot-

ing from beyond the 3-point-line, said. “The way we rallied at the end. I think we were down 13 and for me to be a part of that comeback, or a big part of that comeback, was huge.”

Now, the whole team had a part in the victory. Warney and Puriefoy combined to hit eight of their 29 shots, but two of those makes came when it mattered the most.

With just over a minute left, Warney found Puriefoy with a crosscourt pass and the guard knocked down a 3-pointer of his own to tie the game. And as the SportsCenter highlight showed, Warney put the team ahead for good.

For Mitchell, the memory is far from gone. Just a couple of months ago, he said that he came across the game film on Synergy, an analytics and game film software.

“That feeling at the end of the game was, like, indescribable,” Mitchell said. “We knocked off the No. 13 team in the country.”

That the Seawolves did. It was the best win in program history and gave Pikiell’s team the momentum it needed to finish its regular season with wins in 13 of the schedule’s final 17 games.

This season, Stony Brook narrowly lost to No. 17 Vanderbilt in overtime on Nov. 19, 79-72, as they nearly grabbed the spotlight once again. Even ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas took notice.

“Remember Stony Brook when filling out your [NCAA Tournament] bracket, need an upset pick,” Bilas tweeted despite the loss. “Took Vandy to overtime in Nashville. Jameel Warney is a stud.”

Warney and company will once again look to make the highlight reels as the team goes on the road to take on Notre Dame, which made the Elite Eight in last year’s NCAA Tournament, this Tuesday at 9 p.m.



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Junior guard Kameron Mitchell (No. 3, above) used four 3-pointers to help the Stony Brook Men’s Basketball team beat then-No. 13 Washington last December.

## Stony Brook Basketball to continue play during winter break

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

With winter break around the corner, both Stony Brook Basketball teams will approach the end of their nonconference schedules and face some of their toughest match-ups yet.

The men’s basketball team cur-gained momentum heading into the break with a 91-77 win over Princeton, a team that beat the Seawolves by 13 points last season. That set head coach Steve Pikiell’s team up for one of the most daunting games on its schedule, coming up this Tuesday.

Stony Brook will travel to South Bend, Indiana to play Notre Dame of the Atlantic Coast Conference, as the Seawolves seek to improve their 4-2 record.

The Fighting Irish have made the NCAA Tournament five times in the last six seasons, with last year’s team losing in the Elite Eight and sending two players to the NBA.

After an overtime loss to then-No. 17 Vanderbilt on Nov. 19, Stony Brook will have another shot at upending a premier school

in Notre Dame at the Edmund P. Joyce Center on Dec. 8.

The Notre Dame game kicks off a three-game road swing for Stony Brook, with games against Northeastern and American rounding out the trip.

The Dec. 17 game against the American Eagles will be the Seawolves’ second in as many years against the team after a 59-47 home win last season.

Stony Brook then returns home for a bout against Long Island rival Hofstra on Dec. 20. The Seawolves lost to the Pride on the road last season at the hands of then-senior guard Dion Nesmith’s game-winning jumper with 1.6 seconds to go.

Stony Brook then finishes out its nonconference schedule with road games against Lehigh and New Jersey Institute of Technology, along with a home game versus Columbia.

The Seawolves went 2-0 against the Lions last year including a win to open up Island Federal Credit Union Arena.

However, Columbia is return-

ing guard Maodo Lo, now a senior averaging 15.4 points per game after spending his summer with the German national basketball team alongside the likes of Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki. He scored 19 points in a 57-56 season-opening loss to Stony Brook last year before adding seven points in a second matchup between the schools that took place in January in Levien Gymnasium.

America East play begins on Jan. 6 at Binghamton, which Stony Brook topped in the first round of the conference tournament.

The Seawolves’ first game against the defending America East Champion, the Albany Great Danes takes place on Jan. 22 on Long Island. Albany knocked Stony Brook out of 2015’s America East Championship game thanks to then-junior guard Peter Hooley’s game-winning 3-pointer.

The women’s basketball team kicks off its winter break with a high-profile match-up against Syracuse. The Orange play host to the Seawolves, now at 3-3 following two consecutive home

losses, on Dec. 6.

The women have their own Ivy League opponent in a Dec. 12 contest at Yale. Following this, the Seawolves play four out of their next five games at Island Federal Credit Union Arena, entering conference play.

Stony Brook faces off against Wagner for the third straight season on Dec. 18. The Seawolves topped the Seahawks 70-51 in 2013-14 and lost 76-70 last year.

Closing Stony Brook’s non-conference schedule is a bout with Harvard on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Island Federal Credit Union Arena.

A week later, the Seawolves open up America East play with a home game against the Binghamton Bearcats.

Stony Brook’s first shot at revenge against the UMBC team that eliminated the Seawolves from last year’s America East quarterfinals comes on Jan. 13 in Baltimore. The women’s team also takes on Albany over break, with matchup slated for Jan. 21 in the state’s capital.

## Stony Brook Sports Schedule

### Tuesday

Men’s Basketball  
at Notre Dame, 9 p.m.

### Saturday

Men’s Basketball  
at Northeastern, 4 p.m.

Women’s Basketball  
at Yale, 7 p.m.

## Basketball Over Winter Break

### Men’s

Dec. 17  
at American, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 20  
vs. Hofstra, 2 p.m.

Dec. 22  
at Lehigh, 7 p.m.

Dec. 28  
at NJIT, 7 p.m.

Jan. 2  
vs. Columbia, 7 p.m.

Jan. 6  
at Binghamton, 7 p.m.

Jan. 9  
vs. UMass Lowell, 2 p.m.

Jan. 13  
vs. UMBC, 7 p.m.

Jan. 16  
at New Hampshire, 1 p.m.

Jan. 18  
at Hartford, 1 p.m.

Jan. 22  
vs. Albany, 9 p.m.

Jan. 24  
vs. Maine, 2 p.m.

### Women’s

Dec. 14  
vs. Morgan State, 6 p.m.

Dec. 18  
at Wagner, 7 p.m.

Dec. 21  
vs. LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.

Dec. 30  
vs. Harvard, 4 p.m.

Jan. 6  
vs. Binghamton, 12 p.m.

Jan. 9  
at UMass Lowell, 2 p.m.

Jan. 13  
at UMBC, 12 p.m.

Jan. 16  
vs. New Hampshire, 2 p.m.

Jan. 18  
vs. Hartford, 5 p.m.

Jan. 22  
at Albany, 7 p.m.

Jan. 24  
at Maine, 1 p.m.



# SPORTS

## Women's Basketball loses two of three games



Junior guard Christa Scognamiglio (No. 4, above) scored 19 points in Stony Brook's 73-68 double-overtime loss to St. Bonaventure in Island Federal Credit Union Arena Tuesday.

By Skyler Gilbert  
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A busy week for the Stony Brook Women's Basketball team started with a matchup to remember—one that featured a nine-point fourth-quarter comeback and saw both teams force an extra overtime at the buzzer. In the end, St. Bonaventure took the victory, upending Stony Brook 73-68 in a double-overtime thriller.

"We've been showing [resilience] all season," Stony Brook head coach Caroline McCombs said after the loss, which dropped the Seawolves' record to 3-3. "I like the way that when we have been down, we have been able to gather ourselves, pull together and fight back."

The non-conference matchup featured memorable shots from both teams, as St. Bonaventure forced play to continue by draining a clutch basket at the end of regulation and Stony Brook returned the favor minutes later at the end of the first overtime.

With 5.7 seconds remaining in the second half, junior guard Kori Bayne-Walker buried a running floater, adding to a Seawolves 11-2 run that gave them a 54-51 lead. After a timeout was called by the visiting Bonnies, sophomore forward Miranda Drummond buried a three-pointer at the horn to tie the game force overtime, silencing the Island Federal Credit Union Arena crowd.

"We were caught staring at the ball," McCombs said, "versus just denying our man and not letting them

get up a three. As a result, we gave up a wide open three."

Sophomore guard Mariah Ruff made a layup with 8.8 seconds to go in overtime for St. Bonaventure, giving the team a 62-61 lead. On the ensuing possession, Christa Scognamiglio turned the ball over for Stony Brook and the Seawolves fouled senior forward Katie Healy, who made one of two free throws to put the Bonnies up by two with 6.1 seconds left.

Despite still having a timeout that could have been used to set up a front-court out-of-bounds play, McCombs opted to let her team play it out on the fly. That was when Bayne-Walker took the ball coast-to-coast to score a layup in traffic to tie the game and send the game to overtime again.

In the second overtime, the Seawolves were unable to match up with Healy, who scored 26 points for the Bonnies, as the Western New York native excelled in the post game, making several hook shots and layups in the extra frame to help secure her team's victory.

Scognamiglio scored 19 points in the game, leading all Stony Brook players.

Behind suffocating defense and a double-double from freshman forward Ogechi Anyagaligbo, the Stony Brook Women's Basketball team was able to cruise to a 58-49 victory over Cornell on Friday night in the team's second game of the week.

The Big Red shot just 32.3 per-

cent from the field, including 21.9 percent in the first half, and the Seawolves never trailed against their Ivy League opponents.

Freshman forward Ogechi Anyagaligbo scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, as she demonstrated an array of post moves on her way to 6-for-8 shooting. The first-year standout is second in the America East Conference in rebounding, averaging 9.3 boards per game.

Stony Brook used an 11-2 run over the first 7:56 of the game to get out to an early lead. Cornell missed eight of its first nine shot attempts, while Anyagaligbo had six points and three rebounds over the same span.

The Big Red were able to cut the deficit to 16-13 midway through the second quarter, but the Seawolves were able to open up their lead again, aided by four points from senior forward Brittany Snow late in the quarter, to take a 26-18 lead into halftime.

Senior guard Kim Hanlon made three 3-pointers in the game, tying a career-high.

The closest Cornell would get in the second half was within six points after going on an 8-0 run while employing a full-court press early in the fourth quarter to make the score 43-37.

After McCombs called timeout to organize her troops, Stony Brook regained its composure and finished off its fourth win of the season.

Leading the offense for Stony Brook was Bayne-Walker, who scored 15 points with eight assists. She topped the Seawolves in both categories. Bayne-Walker missed just one minute of action in the game, playing for 39 minutes.

McCombs' team took the momentum into its game against No. 20 Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on Sunday afternoon. For a while, it looked like the Seawolves would ride it to their first victory over a ranked team in program history.

But after Stony Brook held a two-point lead at halftime, Syracuse stormed back to take a 64-49 victory.

Anyagaligbo led the way with 17 points on the day to go along with nine rebounds.

Stony Brook next takes the court on Saturday at Yale in a 7 p.m. game.

## Warney's big day helps Men's Basketball beat Princeton

By David Vertsberger  
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Just six games into the new season, Stony Brook Men's Basketball has separated itself from last year's team with a 91-77 win over Princeton on Saturday. The Seawolves lost a nine-point lead to the Tigers when their opponents went on a 17-2 run late in last December's game to win, 77-64. But this time, Stony Brook responded to a 9-0 Princeton spark to begin the second half with a 17-5 push of its own to secure the win.

"Just focus," senior forward Jameel Warney said he told his teammates when Princeton climbed within striking distance. "They started off amazing in the second half and we came out lackadaisical, so I told them just keep focused, it's a long second half. They made their run, now let's go back to playing basketball."

Princeton did its best to deny Warney the ball throughout the game, even double-teaming him on every touch.

Despite this, the big man finished with 26 points on 11-of-14 shooting, 15 rebounds, five assists and a career-high with nine blocks. He even pulled a rare turnaround jumpshot over two defenders out of his arsenal in the performance.

In prior years, Stony Brook has struggled to find its offense when opposing teams collapsed on Warney, but not today.

"It's great to have [senior forward Rayshaun McGrew] who's a great short corner jump-shooter, and all the shooters around me, so I can trust them with the ball and just pick and choose my spots," Warney said.

McGrew scored 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting and collected seven boards in the win after learning his mother passed away from the effects of cancer just prior to shootaround.

"First thing I did, I talked to a couple of my teammates, let them know," McGrew said. "Talked to coach. He asked me, was I able to still play the game? I didn't want to let the team down, because we worked hard all week. We had a long week preparing for Princeton, not going to just throw it all

away and not be able to help my team win."

Princeton entered the game with a 4-0 record, but shot just 36.5 percent from the field and 29.4 percent on 3-pointers. The Tigers' leading scorer, junior forward Henry Caruso, was held to 5-of-13 shooting from the field.

The Seawolves saw one of their own stars struggle in senior guard Carson Puriefoy. He finished with five turnovers and shot just 1-of-8 from the field. Junior guard Ahmad Walker got into foul trouble, but Stony Brook's role players produced in a big way.

Sophomore wing Bryan Sekunda aided in Stony Brook's 63.5 percent shooting effort with 12 points and redshirt sophomore forward Roland Nyama had 15 points. Nyama scored all 15 in the second half, coming off the bench after regularly starting last season.

"He was really good today, really helped us and down the stretch, made huge free throws for us," head coach Steve Pikiell said of Nyama. "I really liked our bench production today."

Stony Brook opened the game hot, hitting seven of its first eight shots and shooting 73.1 percent from the field in the first half. The Seawolves cooled off when the Tigers went to a 1-3-1 zone, which forced nine Stony Brook first-half turnovers.

An 11-3 run capped by a Warney tip-in at the 5:46 mark gave the Seawolves an 11-point edge, which they took into halftime. After Princeton cut the deficit to two a minute and 34 seconds into the second half, Stony Brook went on its run and closed the game out at the free throw stripe.

Pikiell's team also controlled Princeton in the rebounding department, winning the battle of the board 41-28.

The Seawolves have now won three straight games, and will hit the road to take on Notre Dame on Tuesday at 9 p.m.

The Fighting Irish were eliminated in last year's Elite Eight, and two of that team's players are now on NBA rosters.

Notre Dame is 5-2 on the young season, coming off of a comeback 84-79 win over Illinois last Wednesday in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.



Freshman forward Ogechi Anyagaligbo (No. 22, above) had 17 points in Stony Brook's loss to No. 20 Syracuse Sunday.



Senior forward Jameel Warney (No. 20, above) scored 26 points and swatted nine shots in a 91-77 win over Princeton.