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Gov. Cuomo announces water quality initiatives at Stony Brook

By Arielle Martinez
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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo visited the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology at Stony Brook University on Thursday, Feb. 18, to announce a series of initiatives to protect water quality on Long Island.

Among these initiatives is a \$6-million study of groundwater on Long Island to look for saltwater intrusion and chemical contamination.

The governor hinted that the university and its Center for Clean Water Technology will be involved in the groundwater study.

"We'll do it in concert with the U.S. Geological Society, County of Nassau, County of Suffolk, Stony Brook, everybody on the same page," Cuomo said.

The state established the center in 2014 to develop nitrogen removal technology for cesspools and septic systems.

"We are very excited about that," Cuomo said on Thursday. "It couldn't be at a better place. Let's have a round of applause for Stony Brook."

Sen. John Flanagan (R-East Northport) mentioned the importance clean water to institutions like Stony Brook University Hospital.

"Imagine if you had a hospital and you had no water," Flanagan said. "What the heck would you do? These are the things we really need to think about."

The governor also announced that the state has begun testing samples from the Northrop Grumman plume on Long Island.

Grumman Corp. manufactured military equipment at its Bethpage plant until the '90s, when it was acquired by Northrop Corp.

On Thursday, the Department of Environmental Conservation collected the first samples from six monitoring wells in the plume to be tested a toxic compound called dioxane that is used in airplane manufacturing.

The federal government, which controls the site through the Department of the Navy, was

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo, center, spoke at Stony Brook University on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 about statewide efforts to protect drinking water quality. State Assemblyman Steve Englebright, left, represents the 4th District, which surrounds Stony Brook.

Student finds love—and transplant match—on Tinder

By Erika Stern
Contributing Writer

For many, Tinder is the original millennial dating app. But for two people who found a connection with each other on the app, it became much more than that.

Alana Duran, a Stony Brook University student, found a new love and a kidney donor in one Tinder match.

Duran, 25, is receiving her

bachelor's degree in psychology from Stony Brook and has been on a waiting list for a kidney transplant. Due to complications from her lupus, Duran suffers from heart disease and kidney failure.

She has been on dialysis for four and a half years, and last May when she got a call for a kidney transplant, she was ill with the flu and could not receive it. Duran kept an open mind, now knowing she was higher

on the transplant list than she originally thought.

Lori Interlicchio, 22, is a graduate of American University. She was matched with Duran on Tinder after they both "swiped right."

Duran said she fell in love with Interlicchio's pictures on Tinder and her bio that read "All of my favorite people are dogs." Interlicchio described Duran as "incredibly beautiful." They have been dating for four months now.

Duran said she was unable to receive a kidney donation from anyone in her family, so Interlicchio decided she would act on this problem. When she found out there were no antibodies in her own body against Duran's, she decided to tell her significant other in an awesome way.

In late November, Interlicchio made up a box of Duran's favorite

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League of Legends takes gaming to new levels in Campus Series

By Cosette Nuñez
Contributing Writer

League of Legends at Stony Brook University is currently participating for the first time in the University League of Legends Campus Series.

One of the prizes offered to the winning team, other than in-game exclusive bonuses, is \$30,000 of scholarship money for each member of the team.

League of Legends was created in 2009 by video game publisher and developer Riot Games. It is a player versus player competitive online game that averages 27 million members playing per day.

The League of Legends club

at Stony Brook University attracts an average of 30 members per meeting.

Although the club was only formed two semesters ago, select members have decided to take gam-

ing to a global professional level—eSports.

Senior biology major Elias Jalili is the team manager for the A-level team, called Suchbrawlicundergraduates, participating in the ULoL Campus Series East Conference. The team of five members and one substitute practices throughout the week, averaging around two to three hours on weeknights and six hours on weekends. He described the matches as very high-energy and focused.

"Even if our team is losing, we have positive attitudes," Jalili said. "If you get a negative thought in your mind, you tilt."

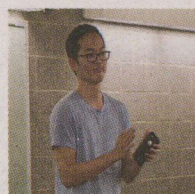
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Members of the campus League of Legends team, above, watch the League of Legends Championship Series.

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Undergraduate Student Government President Cole Lee, above, stands before the USG Senate on Nov. 5, 2015. Lee revealed on Feb. 18 his plans for free laundry on campus.

Campus Briefing: USG president announces push for free laundry for resident students

By Andrew Eichenholz
Sports Editor

Undergraduate Student Government President Cole Lee announced during Thursday's USG Senate meeting that he is working on an initiative to provide free laundry for undergraduate students who live on Stony Brook's campus.

"A change of this nature with enormous magnitude, the sheer scope of it is an undertaking that requires massive, massive, massive time and effort," Lee said. "As you may know, I'm no stranger to that,

taking on big projects and initiatives and what I want to say is that there is an election coming up. And it's my hope that the student body provides me with another electoral mandate to continue to get this done while I lay out the framework of this initiative now."

Lee implored the senators to spend time around campus, from the residence halls to campus dining centers, to communicate planned changes to the student body.

"We're going to continue to enhance student life at every turn," Lee said. "We're going to continue

to take our advocacy efforts to unprecedented heights."

The senate later approved appropriations acts for two clubs that were moved to line budget status last week.

The Stony Brook Ringers Appropriations Act allowed for \$1,021.09 to be moved to the budget of Stony Brook Ringers, a hand-bell and hand-chime choir. Senators also passed the Chess Club Appropriations Act, allocating a \$600 budget for the Chess Club. Representatives of the club said that they plan to use the funds to pay for coaching and events.

Police Blotter

On Sunday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m., a Chase credit card was reportedly taken from a pocketbook at University Hospital.

On Monday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m., a speaker was reportedly taken from an operating room at University Hospital. The case is now closed.

On Monday, Feb. 8 at 8:10 p.m., a man in Keller College was allegedly physically assaulted by two men, who then allegedly stole his money. The victim declined to cooperate with the police. The case is now closed.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6:27 p.m., a resident assistant in Keller College reported that there was a smell of marijuana in the building. Police issued two student referrals.

On Thursday, Feb. 11 at 11:52 a.m., an iPhone was reportedly stolen from the Student Activities Center. The case remains open.

On Thursday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m., a cell phone was allegedly stolen at Melville Library. The case remains open.

On Friday, Feb. 12 at 1:46 a.m., police arrested an individual on suspicion of driving with a blood alcohol level double the legal limit southbound on Nicolls Road south of Shirley Kenny Drive.

On Friday, Feb. 12 at 3:10 a.m., police arrested a man after an alleged altercation with a woman at Kelly Paved Lot.

On Saturday, Feb. 13 at 1:39 a.m., police arrested an individual on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content double the legal limit on Stadium Road.

On Saturday, Feb. 13 at 2:04 a.m., a loud party was approached by the staff at the Hilton Garden Inn and asked to have the non-registered guests to leave. The individuals allegedly did not comply and were engaging in underage drinking. Police issued student referrals for underage drinking.

On Sunday, Feb. 14 at 7:03 p.m., a University Hospital patient allegedly slapped a nurse in the back of the head. The nurse declined to press charges. The case is now closed.

Compiled by Brittany Bernstein

Under the Microscope: Researchers identify link between oxidation and aging

By Ruchi Shah
Staff Writer

By applying principles of physics, a research team at Stony Brook University identified that many proteins associated with aging are damaged and destabilized by a process called oxidation. These findings are important in improving the understanding of the processes that are related to aging and aging-related diseases, like Alzheimer's and cancer.

Oxidation is a process used to make energy in the body. However, a by-product of the reaction is a special type of oxygen called an oxygen free radical. This free radical can damage proteins and other molecules in the cell by neutralizing positive charges.

Charge is essential to how a protein folds and its overall shape. Take away a charge, like oxidation does, and the protein will no longer fold the same way, altering its structure and function in the cell and body.

When we are young, our bodies have mechanisms to quickly capture and dispose of these free radicals. As we age, however, these mechanisms do not work as well, and the oxygen free radicals can destabilize more proteins. This contributes to the fact that

by the age of 80, approximately 50 percent of the proteins in our body will be damaged.

This study, led by Dr. Ken Dill, director of the Laufer Center for Physical and Quantitative Biology, and Adam de Graff, a Laufer junior fellow, aimed to identify how the structure and function of a protein is linked to the level at which the protein is being damaged. They wanted to identify which protein would be most susceptible to damage by oxidation, using a systems biology approach.

Using a mathematical framework and known principles of how free radicals behave, de Graff set out to find the proteins in which oxidation makes a significant impact on stability.

The team found that proteins that are highly charged per unit length are the most susceptible to damage via oxidation. This makes sense because the oxidation is taking away the charge from a protein in which charge plays a significant structural role.

Next, the team looked for overlap between their list of proteins susceptible to oxidative damage and those proteins associated with aging in a database.

They found that 20 proteins previously linked to aging were



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From left, Adam de Graff, Michael Hazoglou and Ken Dill of the Laufer Center for Physical and Quantitative Biology stand beside a computerized display of proteins.

also at high risk of oxidative damage. These findings help elucidate the role of oxidation in aging.

Many of the 20 proteins are those that interact with DNA, like histones and transcription factors, which are important for gene expression. Since DNA is

negatively charged, these proteins are often highly positively charged to facilitate their interaction with DNA.

"Oxidation is going to take away the positive charge, which not only is going to change the stability of the protein, but also change the ability of the protein

to bind and do its function," de Graff said.

The team plans to use this model to continue to understand how organisms age. De Graff also plans to investigate how damaged proteins get rescued by chaperone proteins and how this process changes as we age.

Dating app match leads to kidney transplant for student

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things: index cards to study, applesauce, Red Vines, gel pens and Sour Patch Kids, to name a few. At the bottom of the goodie box was a replica of the "You've Got A Match" notification on Tinder that Interlicchio and Duran both received when they matched on the dating app.

They were the exact pictures on their profiles. All but one thing was the same: "You and Lori have no antibodies against each other" was in white font across the top.

It gave the options "Accept Kidney" and "Stay on Waiting list" instead of the usual "Send Message" and "Keep Playing." Duran said she was

in disbelief.

"I was happy, but I was also overwhelmed because I couldn't believe that Lori was a match and that she was willing to give me a kidney," Duran said in an email.

The kidney transplant surgery took place at Stony Brook University Medical Hospital on Feb. 2.

Duran said she is feeling "sore and tired, but also happy." Both Duran and Interlicchio are recovering.

"There are so many people out there with health problems like Alana's, and their significant others probably desperately wish they could help them," Interlicchio said in an email. "How lucky am I to be able to actually do it?"

New York governor, legislators discuss plans for groundwater testing on Long Island

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reluctant to allow the state to test the water, Cuomo said.

"Our position is the state of New York doesn't need the permission from the federal government and that the state of New York has its own environmental jurisdiction, and we can do testing on our own," Cuomo said.

The state is also putting together a "Statewide Water Quality Response Team" to coordinate responses to water quality emergencies and regulate contaminants to protect clean water. New York Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker and Department of Environmental Conservation Acting

Commissioner Basil Seggos will co-chair the team.

Cuomo said he believes the team will be the first of its kind in the country.

"We want to have the best state program in the nation to preserve water quality and spot problems before they come," Cuomo said.

The governor alluded to the crisis in Flint, Michigan — where lead has contaminated the drinking water — to illustrate how infrastructure problems can affect water quality.

"There is nothing unusual about an older city having older infrastructure and lead pipes and the quality of water being demeaned by the infrastructure system itself," Cuomo said.

"So even if you have a quality water source, by the time you run it through a municipal water system that may be aging, you may contaminate the water source just through that infrastructure itself."

Cuomo also said that Assemblyman Steve Englebright (D-Setauket) pushed for regulation of the mulch industry, which may be contaminating groundwater in Suffolk County.

Englebright received his master's degree from Stony Brook and represents the 4th District, which surrounds the university.

"There is no more serious issue on Long Island, or throughout the state, than the chemistry of our water," Englebright said.

Semester at Sea: Life lessons from tai chi master William Ng in Hong Kong

By Paula Pecorella
Contributing Writer

Over 500 students representing universities across the globe set sail on the MV World Odyssey this January for the Spring 2016 Semester at Sea program. Their floating campus will take them around the world to 15 cities in 11 different countries, in just over 100 days. Among these world travelers is Paula Pecorella of Stony Brook University, who will serve as a correspondent for The Statesman this semester.

"Be happy every day and your heart will always be in good condition," tai chi master William Ng told his class as they meditated on the waterfront promenade in Hong Kong.

When students on Semester at Sea signed up for Ng's class on Feb. 5, they expected to learn a little about this traditional Chinese practice, but were surprised when they received a lesson on life instead.

"Tai chi is mainly for the harmony of the body and mind," Ng said. "Be healthy and be peaceful. Peace in life is very, very important."

In Chinese philosophy, tai chi is believed to balance internal organs and strengthen your joints, limbs and bones. This

slow-moving form of martial arts was created by imitating the life and gestures of animals based on the theory of Yin and Yang, which means negative and positive.

Today, it remains one of the favorite means of keeping fit in China, especially among the older generation.

"Tai chi is a very good exercise for a couple of reasons," he said. "If anyone who has ever suffered from heart troubles, hypertension or mental troubles practices tai chi, it can help you recover."

Although it is a form of exercise, tai chi is most effective when practiced very slowly. This helps to relieve stress in the mind and body and create an overall sense of calm and balance.

Ng explained that the movements are art, and when done well they are both graceful and elegant.

The art is also extremely effective when it comes to fighting and can lead to broken bones in just one strike.

"Once you have learned tai chi, you never use it in attack or fighting because it can calm our emotions unless your life is in danger," Ng said, explaining the philosophy behind tai chi. "It teaches us to be humble and not aggressive."



PAULA PECORELLA / THE STATESMAN

William Ng, above, is a teacher of tai chi in Hong Kong. Tai chi is a slow-moving form of martial arts that is believed to balance the internal organs and strengthen joints and bones.

Campus League of Legends team competes in intercollegiate competition

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You just plow downhill."

Suchbrawlicundergraduates' aim is to win the semifinals and earn a spot in the North American Collegiate Championship playoffs in March.

"Given the fact that everyone just met up and they are doing this well is pretty amazing," Jalili said.

Sophomore physics and math double major Sanjay Singh said the members on the A-level team have high ranks and are very good. During club meetings,

members can watch and learn from the A-level team's gameplay. Club member and senior biology major Justin Fazel has been playing League of Legends since 2010.

"I like winning," he said. "It's never the same thing."

Gameplay in LoL is always changing; it is never the same game twice because players and gameplay are always rotating. As Jalili described, "League of Legends is not a static game."

Being social is also a huge component of the game and is what keeps many "summoners" coming back for more.

Anthony Paino, a junior English major, is a team member of Suchbrawlicundergraduates and is competing in the upcoming campus series. Paino said in an email that one of the reasons he continues to play League of Legends is the connections and friendships he has made through the game.

Playing with friends is what has kept A.J. Ryan, a junior computer science major, playing LoL since 2012.

"If I didn't have friends who play, I wouldn't play," Ryan said. "It's not easy for me to have a good time unless I'm

with friends."

Layne Mapes, a sophomore human evolutionary biology major, is the president of the LoL club at Stony Brook University. She said the ULoL team is very talented and they have formed their own gaming family playing together.

She has also continued to play LoL because of the love of sharing something in common with a diverse group of people.

"Stony Brook University has potential to be a huge eSports community," Mapes said.

She plans to take the club further in competitive gaming,

which could increase opportunities for scholarship money through Riot Games.

The University League of Legends campus series website has rankings of each university registered with the North American Collegiate Championship. Broadcast schedules and teams are also posted.

"Wish us luck, guys," Jalili said. "A lot of these guys are excited. This is our first year really participating in this competition."

"I want to be a part of the team that sets a name for SBU in the League scene," Paino said.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spoken word in the Tabler Arts Center Blackbox theater celebrates Black History Month



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In relation to the "Together We Will Rise" theme, the performances focused on one or several principles of Kwanzaa. Winners will perform their poems on the radio.

By Jessica Chin
Contributing Writer

Students and faculty came together through spoken word, poetry and hip-hop in honor of Black History Month at the Tabler Blackbox Feb. 17.

"Through art, music, spoken word, we can express freedom, Randy Ferguson," senior economics major and member of

the Black History Month Committee said, "It's what unites the black community because quintessentially we do not have freedom."

The Spoken Word/Open Mic contest, presented by The Black History Month Committee, is the 12th event in a list of 22 events planned to celebrate African-American history and reflect on this year's theme, "Sankofa:

together we will rise!"

This year's Blackbox performance was focused on "community conversation," according to the Tabler Blackbox Facebook page.

The objective was to delve deeper into the meaning of Black History Month and share the various perspectives of students through vocal arts.

Sankofa is a word in the Twi

language of Ghana which translates to "It is not taboo to go back and fetch what you forgot."

Sanfoka is the idea in the pan-African movement that Africans need to go back and visit their roots in order to move forward.

The judges looked for content, creativity, stage presence, and whether the performers hit upon the seven principles of Kwanzaa, and if they touched on Black issues.

The seven principles of Kwanzaa are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (working together), Ujamaa (supporting each other), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

The five contestants and open mic performances touched on several issues, including sexuality, black beauty, police and black violence, race relations and family.

The performances elicited feelings of strength, unity, and support.

Contestants displayed emphatic performances, sometimes shouting, that black lives matter, highlighting the deaths of Walter Scott, Michael Brown, Eric Garner and Trayvon Martin.

"Pro-black is not anti-white," said another contestant in the running for first place, Larissa, a psychology major, began her

soft-spoken word poem about white and black relations.

The audience was extremely supportive, exhibiting the Kwanzaa principle of Ujamaa.

The winner of the contest will be announced at the Black History Month Closing Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 24 in SAC Ballroom A at 8 p.m., according to the co-hosts of the show, Hall Director Jacqueline Atkins and Shaquille Simpson, a senior health science major.

Along with the performances by the five contestants, the mic was opened up to the floor for performances from anyone in the audience.

Many people took up the stage including Ferguson, who played piano and sang a song dedicated to the beauty of black women, whom he called "ebony queens."

"To me, they're one of God's angels. Stereotypically they're seen in a negative tone, they're seen as promiscuous but to me they're the meaning of love," Ferguson said. "The only thing the black man can do is to raise up the black woman."

The Tabler Blackbox will be hosting a celebration called "True Colors," which will take place on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m.

This event will also highlight and explore black culture as part of an "ACH Expand Event."

Freezing temperatures make Polar Palooza a success

By Jessica Chin
Contributing Writer

Temperatures at Stony Brook dropped to single digits on Saturday Feb. 13., but that did not freeze the festivities of Polar Palooza, hosted by the Weekend Life Council. More than 275 students attended the event at the LDS Center in H Quad. Students were attracted to the offers of free ice skating, free massages and a hot chocolate bar.

Weekend Life Council collaborated with Active Minds, Chill, the Craft Center, RHA, USG and WUSB to help with the festivities. The organizations helped supply free items and activities for students. The Craft Center provided Valentine's Day crafts, while Active Minds provided therapeutic coloring books. RHA provided the hot chocolate. Chill provided Chillfest mugs and WUSB provided free live music. Upon check-in, the first 275 students received free Weekend Life Council texting gloves. Another lucky 100 received free "What's a Seawolf?" t-shirts and limited-edition Walk the Moon t-shirts provided by USG.

"The 'What's a Seawolf?' t-shirts come in six different languages but for this event we gave away four," Figry Kleib, the vice president of

Student Life for USG, said. "For today's event we had Spanish, Greek, Sign Language and Mandarin."

Although some students were disappointed that the ice skating rink was synthetic and not real ice, many said they still had a good time, citing the free food and items, amazing massages and just the feeling of being with others during the gloomy season.

Despite reservations eliciting an hour wait, most students said the massage was their favorite part of the night.

"That massage was the best seven minutes of my life!" Nick Conte, a junior technological systems management major, said.

"Oh, it was heavenly! She really hit all the points, that 15 minutes put me to sleep," Natasia Cole, a junior sustainability studies double major, said.

The massages were given by four professional massage therapists from Feel Well Inc., a local company that was recommended by the Commuter Student Association, said Danielle Espine and Linda Lee, the two co-coordinators of the event.

Natasha Reynoso, a junior Sustainability major, said her favorite part of the night was the free photo snow globes, which were provided

by Neon Entertainment.

Students were able to take their photos against a snowflake backdrop and then print their photos out and place them into snow globes to keep. Students were given two options: an igloo-shaped snow globe or a heart-shaped igloo snow globe.

Most students enjoyed the appetizers that came in three

waves at 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.. The food service was structured this way so that students wouldn't leave early, according to Lee, a junior health sciences and business management major.

However, the stuffed mushrooms, vegetarian spring rolls, mozzarella sticks, meatballs and assorted cheeses ran out before the

third wave began because of the huge turnout.

The students hardly noticed, saying the event brought them closer together in this cold weather.

"We bonded," Sam Rosenthal, a senior business management major, said while his friends nodded their heads in agreement as they munched on their food.



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Students enjoyed a free ice skating rink at Polar Palooza. The ice rink was made of synthetic ice, made of interlocking panels of polymer and used with regular ice skates.

Wait, this isn't another "Avengers" sequel?: A "Deadpool" review

By John Scalamandre
Contributing Writer

With an ever-abundant influx of superhero movies streaming out of Hollywood, at times superhero movies can't help but seem formulaic; take a regular Joe with an unfortunate upbringing, add controversy, some extraordinary abilities, an adversary and a lust-inducing lover and boom! You've got yourself a multi-million dollar grossing film, complete with a new line of toys and a terrible movie-based video game to boot.

Boy am I glad "Deadpool" isn't a superhero movie.

While you may have heard from your friends it's a superhero movie, as Ryan Reynolds' omni-sarcastic, vulgar, crude crimson crusader tells us, it not.

Deadpool himself breaks the fourth wall to tell us that it's a love story, and while it isn't necessarily that either, "Deadpool" falls somewhere between romantic-comedy, superhero action film, and a Seth Rogen, James Franco collaboration.

Reynolds' portrayal of "Deadpool," also known as Wade Wilson, also known as Mr. Pool, is spot on and utterly hilarious. Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein, and Brianna Hildebrand are all completely adequate

in their roles, but Reynolds steals the show.

The entire film is dedicated to the following of one specific mission for "Deadpool."

He has to find the man who gave him his powers in order to have him reverse the horrific side-effects to his appearance.

With well-placed flashbacks showing us how Wade Wilson became "Deadpool," the writers do a fantastic job of building a captivating narrative without sacrificing a

single second of Deadpool's satire.

This all builds to a singular extremely tense moment which is made all the better by the fact that this is not a superhero movie, and you can't assume a happy ending is in.

"Deadpool" is a unique, captivating superhero movie. The comedic genius of the writers and the aptitude with which Reynolds delivers his character's sass mesh beautifully to create an hour and 48 minutes of brilliance.



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Ryan Reynolds, above, played the superhero Deadpool.

Review: "The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil"

By Andrew Goldstein
Staff Writer

I first saw "The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil" by Stephen Collins while perusing the "graphic novels" section of a Barnes & Noble. A massive thick black beard stemming from a small ovular head engulfed the cover. Between the cover and the title, I was intrigued. I judge books by both.

"The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil" demonstrates the storytelling capability of graphic novels. Collins lets the pictures tell most of the story, only using words to tip the reader in the right direction. Most of the time, the words are simply adding context to the pictures, which are telling the story. The book is simply illustrated in black and white, yet it gives off this profound beauty I could not turn away from.

The story tells of a man named Dave who lives on the orderly, immaculate island of Here surrounded by an ocean that leads to a chaotic darkness known as There. One day, Dave's beard grows out of control and is found to be impervious to shavers, hairstylists and power saws. As it expands it threatens the tranquility of Here. The lives of the people of Here are thrown into pandemonium.

The authorities on Here enlist entire departments of the population in an attempt to control the beard to no avail. Untidiness

creeps into society. Growing ever desperate, the government looks to more extreme ways to handle Dave's beard.

Graphic novels have a bad reputation among the readers that I know. They are full of pictures and are not known for having great prose so many see them as light reading or children's books.

The scale for graphic novels is different than that for books. I would not rate a book based on my criteria for a good movie. A good graphic novel should be able to navigate storytelling in its own way.

"The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil" reads like a fable that can be appreciated by children and adults alike. It addresses the fears of sticking out, the mutability of society and the balance between control and chaos. Collins is able to blend visual jokes and deep ideas that will leave the reader pondering.

"The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil" was shortlisted for the "Best Book" in the British Comic Awards and the Waterstones Book of the Year in 2013. It also won the 9th Art Award and was nominated for the Eisner Award for "Best Graphic Album."

If you're interested in broadening your reading horizon to the valley of graphic novels, I would recommend giving "The Gigantic Beard That Was Evil" a try, whether you are a beard lover or a beard hater.

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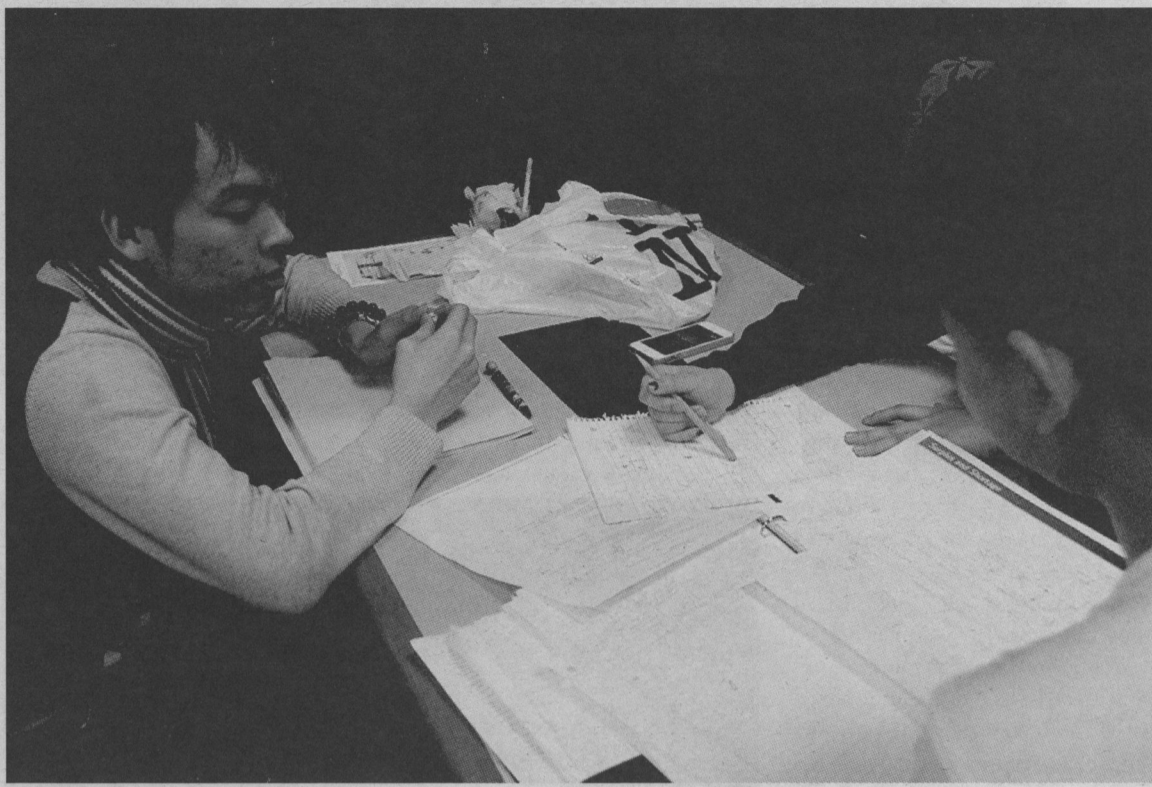
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Stop assigning easy, online work



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The technological revolution brought about by the Internet has also affected the learning process. Students can now find solutions to many homework problems online.

By Zach Rowe
Staff Writer

It seems like every student, at some point in their educational career, has had at least one teacher lecture his class on how easy we have it nowadays thanks to the Internet.

The previous generation talks about their time in the library looking up research materials and slogging through card catalogs and microfilm the same way their elders would talk about mile-long treks through the snow to school, with even less exaggeration. For today's student, it seems almost impossible to imagine how anyone ever managed to complete any project without Wikipedia.

Indeed, the digital revolution has revolutionized education in both effectiveness and access. Sites like Khan Academy and YouTube have made it easier for anyone who wants to learn to access education, traditional student or not.

It's nearly impossible to argue that the advent of the Internet and other digital education materials haven't made learning overall a better, more egalitarian experience. However, nothing comes without its drawbacks, and there's one specific issue I want to address that has arisen in the past decade.

Just as the Internet has changed the way we attain knowledge, it changes the way we can test that knowledge. Cell phones and laptops were pretty swiftly banned from exams, for obvious reasons.

However, as many science, math and engineering students discover during their time in college, certain homework assignments haven't changed in years, and this can create some issues for students.

The classic assignment for many engineering classes is simple: professors pick a variety of problems from either the assigned textbook or other textbooks, and the students have to solve those problems and show their work. However, this system was a lot less vulnerable when textbooks were bought at the school store or through mail-order catalogs.

Nowadays, the answers to nearly every textbook question is available online, and the dissemination of these solutions has become a big industry. Look up any question in the back of an engineering textbook, and the first Google result will most likely be from Chegg.com, an online textbook giant.

For a subscription fee, this company with a market cap of nearly \$500 million dollars offers step-by-step solutions to nearly any textbook problem. Chegg is not the only answer provider, as most solution manuals can be found for free with a little digging, but they're the titans of the industry.

At first glance, this seems like another benefit of the digital-education revolution. Students are no longer doomed to be stumped by a problem they can't solve. However, in the end, these assignments detract from the edu-

cational experience for a variety of reasons.

First, most classes are curved, which hurts students who try to work through the problems when they're competing against students who are willing to just copy and hand in assignments that are perfect, but they may not truly understand. Many people might counter that the students that rely heavily on solutions manuals are hurt during exam time, but the fact remains that homeworks make up a huge amount of many grade structures, and some students can do well enough on the exams to make up for any knowledge gaps.

The second issue involves academic dishonesty, where homework like this can blur the line between cheating and not. It's not cheating to compare your answer to the solution manual when you're showing your own work.

However, blatantly copying the solution can be considered academic dishonesty, and some professors can get overzealous with this issue. I've seen people face accusations of cheating for minor notational similarities between textbook and assignment, when the person didn't in fact commit any dishonesty.

The whole point of bringing up this issue is that it can be solved very easily. Professors need to alter their assignments and their wording so the solutions can't be found so easily.

It's a simple solution that can do wonders to discourage cheating and encourage better learning of the material.

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Why I made the decision not to be physical with women

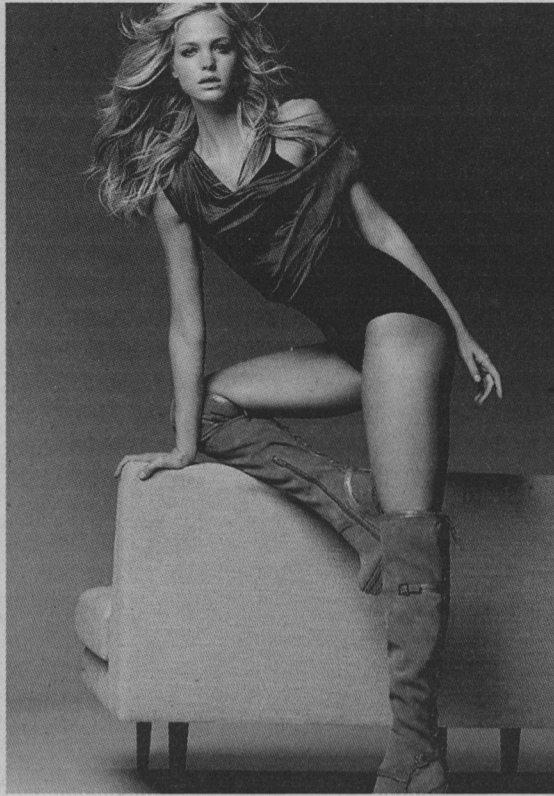
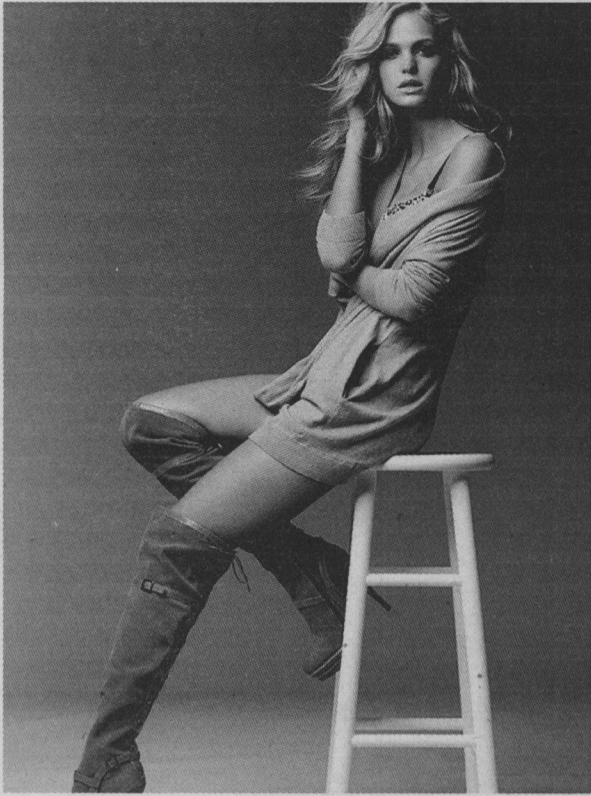


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Author Andrew Goldstein says that his decision helps him to see women less as sexual objects of desire, as they are often portrayed in television commercials.

By Andrew Goldstein
Staff Writer

"There's no Jewish law saying you can't have a girlfriend," my rabbi would joke. "The Kitzur Shulchan Aruch (a text of Jewish law) says a man must keep very very far from women. You can't wink at her or joke with her or look at her beauty with the intention of getting pleasure or smell her perfume or look at her hair or listen to her sing. But no-

where does it say that you can't have a girlfriend."

If I mentioned any of this to my friends, some of them would laugh me off as sexist. But there are real, egalitarian benefits to some of these concepts.

This past Rosh Hashanah, I took a New Year's resolution not to touch women. For my resolution, I am defining touching as any physical contact I initiate with a woman. For the next three months, I would only

touch women seven times. Since then, I haven't touched any. If someone does not know about my resolution, I will still shake her hand rather than embarrass her.

I am not arguing that people who brush against, hold or caress the gender of their affection are bad or evil. This is a standard I am holding myself to.

The law of not touching the opposite gender, known in Hebrew as "shomer negia" or "guarding touch,"

is one of many laws aimed at maintaining family purity. Another such law is the prohibition of a man and woman spending time in a secluded room or area.

I first learned about being shomer in a co-ed Orthodox Jewish sleep-away camp the summer before high school. I had taken all-boys classes and been in all-boys camps throughout elementary school. I didn't give any serious thought to the idea of taking it upon myself until after high school, when I took a gap year in a yeshiva seminary in Israel.

There, I stumbled upon a book titled "Doesn't Anyone Blush Anymore? Reclaiming Intimacy, Modesty, and Sexuality" by Manis Friedman. Friedman wrote about shomer negia as a catalyst to create stronger relationships and a healthier sexuality in all stages of life. Think about how differently you would approach a relationship if you knew it would transcend physical desire. The movie date where I literally stared at a screen while "casually" wrapping my arm around a girl could instead become sitting and talking about our innermost goals and desires and hopes.

The first time I held a girl's hand romantically was on a date to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. My first kiss took place behind a bunny pen while on a summer tour of Israel. We remember moments like these because of how long we have waited for them. By abstaining from physical contact now, even the sim-

plest of touches will morph into romantic experiences.

Being shomer is a way to overcome the brazen sexuality that seems to be shoved at us everywhere. At the mall, pictures of airbrushed, busty models are framed in the Victoria's Secret window display. Magazine covers flaunting objectified women flank the checkout line at the supermarket. Even GoDaddy, a company that registers internet domain names, features women almost nude as a way to draw interest in their ad campaigns. The objectification of women spans television, video games and movies.

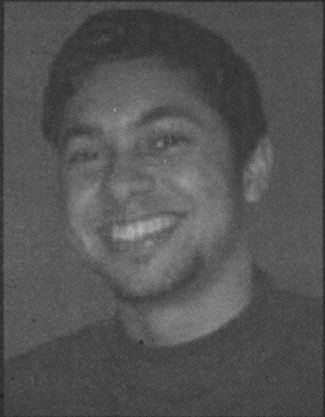
According to sexual objectification theory, this portrayal of women in society encourages men to see women as commodities to be acquired and women to view themselves as objects, valued only for their appearance rather than their competence. Being shomer is a small attempt to rewire that vision.

The main argument I hear against being shomer is that people can control themselves, even in sticky situations. Of course I can control myself when I am alone with a girl. But imagine how much safer and more consensual sex would be if we recognized merely being alone in a locked room as inherently sexual. You draw the line at "Yes means yes." I draw the line at physical contact.

Understand the power of physical contact. Have the internal conversations and figure out what you are comfortable with.

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Hockey gears up for playoffs in search of first national title

By Skyler Gilbert
Assistant Sports Editor

There's always next year.

It is an optimist's sentiment, albeit one that the Stony Brook Club Ice Hockey team had no interest in one year ago in Cleveland when the horn sounded on the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Championship game. Head coach Chris Garofalo's bunch had just been clobbered 4-0 on the league's biggest stage.

In the distance, Central Oklahoma rejoiced. The Bronchos threw their gloves in the air, hugged in celebration and hoisted the Murdoch Cup, the first in the school's history. The players had realized their dream, having ascended to the highest mark on the club hockey scene.

In the foreground, the Seawolves bowed their heads. The team had just completed the best season in club history, reaching the championship game for the first time, but that was the last thing on the players' minds. There was nothing but frustration for a team that bemoaned missing the chance of a lifetime.

The day before, Stony Brook had slain the tournament's Goliath, top-seeded Arizona State, in a shocking 2-1 victory for the Seawolves. It was a memorable upset, but one that took a toll on the body.

"I'd never seen 60 minutes of hockey played that hard," then-senior Brendan Jones, the team's starting goaltender last season, said. "I could barely lift my head

up, I was so tired. Everybody was so tired. There was utter silence in the locker room afterward because literally nobody could even speak."

In the championship game, the fatigue was clear. As Jones put it, the team was "skating in quicksand." The effort was there, but their legs were not.

"I had never seen a team try so hard and not get any results out of it," Jones recalled. "It was so weird. I would watch [Stony Brook's leading scorer last season] Vinny Lopes, the fastest skater in the league. Literally, I had never seen him get beaten to a puck, but in this game, Vinny Lopes was getting beaten to pucks. I just realized it's not in the cards."

"Next year" is finally here.

Key players from last season's team — Jones, captain Sam Brewster and top-line players Lopes and Nick Barbera — graduated, but the team has regrouped from their departures well. At the end of its regular season, Stony Brook is No. 2 in the ACHA rankings, trailing only Minot State, with a record of 26-2-2.

Junior forward J.T. Hall has emerged as the leader of the Seawolves' offense, scoring 65 points in 29 games. Senior forwards Andrew Cetola and Tyler Underhill have added 44 and 41 points, respectively, as part of a deep supporting cast.

"This is a totally different team than my team last year," Jones said. "Last year's team had more skill, I'd say, but this year's team has better chemistry, lines one through four.

They're all on the same page, doing the same thing on the ice."

This past weekend, Stony Brook hosted Central Oklahoma as the two teams squared off for a pair of games in a rematch of last season's title game. After losing narrowly in a shootout on Saturday night, the Seawolves were able to exact revenge on the Bronchos on Sunday afternoon, winning 5-3.

"Central Oklahoma is a great team and it was nice to get that monkey off our back," Garofalo said. "Finally beating a team like that gives us a lot of confidence going into nationals, knowing we can compete with anyone."

Although the newfound rivalry got chippy at times over the weekend, particularly on Saturday when the two teams combined for 48 penalty minutes, Garofalo does not think there is animosity between the clubs.

"I don't think there's bad blood," he said. "Obviously there's some emotion that comes into play, but at the end of the day it was just two highly competitive teams battling out there."

Battling is what the Seawolves will need to do to return to the ACHA National Championship game this season. Regular season numbers can be thrown out the window once the ultimate spectacle, described by Jones as having a "must faster pace" than regular division play, begins.

The tournament, hosted by Rob-

ert Morris University in Chicago, will begin for Stony Brook in a round-of-16 match-up against the winner of Syracuse and Illinois on March 4.

The advice from Jones to players going to Nationals for their first time? Soak it in.

"Enjoy the experience, you never know if it'll be your last time," he said. "Don't overthink yourself. What the team has been doing all year has been working, so don't try to over-compensate for the teams you're playing against."

Under the most pressure, like what comes with competing in the National Championships, just a single slip-up can be a team's demise. This Stony Brook team knows the brutality of that all too well. In a single-game elimination format, one off night can be the difference between agony and glory.

"It's a single-elimination," Garofalo said. "You lose one game and you go home. We really don't have any choice but to try our best and put our best foot forward."

Stony Brook will enter Nationals playing perhaps its best hockey of the season.

On Sunday, the Seawolves claimed their fourth consecutive Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League title, beating Lebanon Valley, 4-1, in the finals.

For Stony Brook, which also beat Rhode Island in the ESCHL playoffs, the divisional tournament serves as a warm-up for Nationals.

Men's Lacrosse starts season 2-0

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With the game in check, Seawolves head coach Jim Nagle used the second half as an opportunity for a number of players to gain experience, issuing 17 substitutions.

"We had a lot of kids out there early, and some young kids out there early in the game," Nagle said. "We're trying to commit to that early in the season, so we can get these guys the experience. I felt like we lacked some depth at the end of last year, and that, combined with some injuries, took the steam out of our season."

Nagle's ball-movement-heavy offense and Stony Brook's depth were on display as seven different players added to the scoreboard.

Bitzer ended with five points on three goals and two assists, while three junior midfielders — Alex Corpolongo, Jeff Reh and Mark Ellis — each found the back of the net twice.

Senior UMass transfer Zach Oliveri started the game in net, notching four saves on six shots.

Sophomore Brandon Maciejewski played a majority of the second half. Nagle has not made an official commitment to either goalie as the permanent starter.

Next up for Stony Brook is another home game, this time against Brown on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m.

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Women's Basketball Senior Day spoiled by Maine

By Skyler Gilbert
Assistant Sports Editor

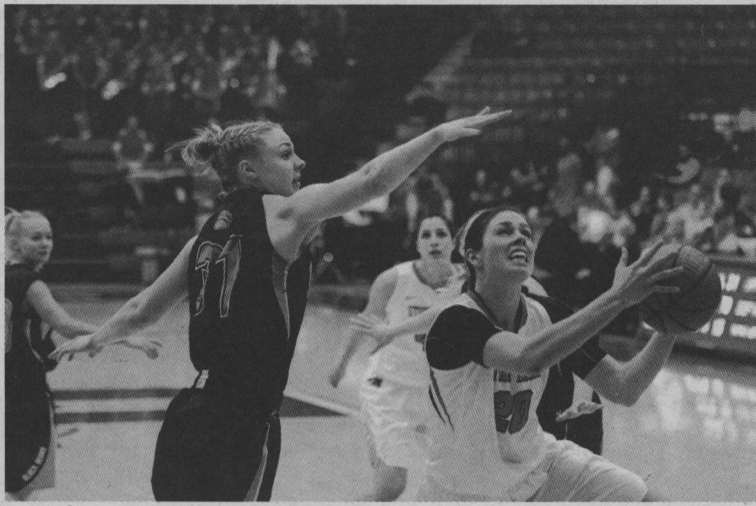
Stony Brook Women's Basketball celebrated the careers of its four seniors on Saturday afternoon, but it was a junior from Maine who stole the show. The Black Bears defeated the Seawolves 60-43 to spoil the home team's Senior Day.

Junior guard Sigi Koizar had a huge game for the Black Bears, scoring 30 points, the highest total by any Seawolves opponent all season. Although Koizar is the most accurate 3-point shooter in the America East, in this game she excelled on drives to the basket. She shot 11-for-14 on 2-point attempts.

"[Koizar] can shoot the ball, she's quick and she's very skilled with her European style of game," Stony Brook head coach Caroline McCombs said of the Austrian. "We held her to the lowest point total of the year in our first game against them [four points on Jan. 24] so she definitely played with a vengeance today."

Stony Brook hung in tight with Maine — which is tied with Albany for first place in the America East — for much of the contest. With 3:28 remaining in the third quarter, the Seawolves trailed by a margin of four points, but from there the Black Bears took control.

Over the next eight minutes, Maine went on a 18-4 run, including 11 points by Koizar, to storm in front



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Senior forward Brittany Snow (No. 20, above) suffered defeat in her final regular season home game on Saturday.

and take control of the game in the waning moments. The loss was the fourth in a row for Stony Brook, who fell to 7-6 in conference play.

The Seawolves had difficulties on the offensive end of the floor. Despite committing only four turnovers in a nearly error-free game, McCombs' team struggled to score. As a team, Stony Brook shot 32.1 percent from the field, compared with Maine's 52.0 percent, and only two Seawolves [senior forward Brittany Snow and junior guard Kori Bayne-Walker] scored more than three points.

Snow was the only consistent threat to score for the Seawolves, as she put up a team-high 19 points on 8-for-15 shooting in the last home

game of her career.

The four seniors — Snow, guard Kim Hanlon, guard Miranda Jenkins and forward Alyssa Coiro — were honored pre-game beside their families, receiving flowers and plaques. With 71 total victories over four seasons, the class is the winningest in Stony Brook Women's Basketball history.

"These seniors have bought into the program and have done anything and everything that I've asked," McCombs said. "They're hard workers, they're high-character young women and I'm excited to see what they all do in their futures."

Stony Brook will play in its regular season finale at Vermont on Feb. 28.

Women's Track team finishes fifth, men sixth at America East Championship

By David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editor

The Stony Brook Women's Track and Field team placed fifth in the America East Championships over the weekend, with the men's team coming in sixth.

The Seawolves had a couple of strong individual performances through the 20 events spread across Friday and Saturday.

Junior Christina Melian placed first in the women's 3000-meter run and freshman Holly Manning won the women's 1000-meter run.

Manning was named Most Outstanding Rookie at the meet. She finished with a time of 2:52.13 in the 1,000-meter run. Melian won by six seconds with a time of 9:43.16.

Melian and Manning also helped Stony Brook take second place in the women's distance medley relay, joined by sophomore Jane Clark and senior Kate Pouder.

Among other top finishes for the Seawolves was a second-place finish from sophomore Michael Watts, who only lost to UMBC senior standout Hassan Omar in the 3000-meter run.

Junior Dana Husband cleared 5-foot-7-inches in the women's

high jump and sophomore Kaylyn Gordon leapt 19 feet in the women's long jump.

Freshman Kevon White competed in the finals of the men's 60-meter dash and 200-meter dash, finishing fifth and sixth respectively.

Freshman Wayne Williams and sophomore Daniel Connelly both finished in third in the men's 500-meter dash and the 5000-meter run, respectively.

Freshman Pedro Arias joined Williams in the 500-meter dash finals, finishing sixth.

Stony Brook finished third in the men's 4x800-meter relay with three seniors, Jonathan Samuel, Gabriel Vazquez and Bradley Amazan, joined by sophomore Thomas Wimmers.

In the women's 60-meter dash, freshman Chinque Thompson placed fourth and freshman Sarah Militano finished in seventh. Junior Christine Eisenberg finished fourth in the women's mile, followed by Pouder in fifth.

The conference championship results are comparable to last season's, in which the women's team finished in fifth and the men in seventh.

Next up for the Seawolves is the Fastrack Last Chance Meet in Staten Island on Feb. 27 at 4 p.m..

Baseball goes 1-2 in season opening tournament at Wofford

By Tim Oakes
Contributing Writer

Two men were on base with one out in the bottom of the first inning for Stony Brook, and junior first baseman Casey Baker was up at the plate. The Seawolves' clean-up hitter lined a single to right field to score junior Toby Handley, his first of six RBIs in the game, tying a career-high as Stony Brook defeated Dayton, 11-6 on Friday afternoon at Russell C. King Field as part of the Wofford Tournament in South Carolina.

Baker anchored the offense with three hits, a double and six RBIs on the night to lead his team to victory over Dayton in the first game of the 2016 season. Three of Baker's at-bats were with the bases loaded, as Stony Brook reached base at a tremendous pace thanks in large part to drawing 10 walks.

On the mound, senior Tyler Honahan got the nod for the opening day start. He was a unanimous selection for First Team All-America East in 2015 after posting a 7-3 record with 65 strikeouts in 75 innings.

Honahan began the game in a sloppy fashion, allowing two hits, a walk and a run scored before recording an out. From that point on he redeemed himself, retiring 13 of the next 14 batters he faced. The only blip in that span was a solo home run from Dayton's junior first baseman Nick Gobert in the second inning.

Despite leading 11-2 entering the eighth inning the Seawolves had a difficult time closing out the Flyers, coughing up four runs before hanging on to win. Luckily for the bullpen, the offense exploded for 11 runs, which overshadowed the team's

relief pitching issues.

On Saturday, the bullpen was not as fortunate, blowing a late three-run lead, as Stony Brook fell to Wofford 9-8.

Junior Cameron Stone started the game, beginning his transition to the starting role from being the team's closer the last two seasons. In four innings of work, Stone allowed three runs on five hits to go with five strikeouts.

Stony Brook scored three runs in the top of the 7th inning on a two run single from senior left fielder Jack Parenty and one run on a Wofford wild pitch to give the Seawolves a seemingly comfortable 6-3 lead, but the three-run cushion would prove insufficient.

It was in the seventh inning that the Stony Brook bullpen woes caught up to them, as the unit surrendered six runs in the inning to cost them the game.

In the bottom half of the inning, Stony Brook had a 6-3 lead until their bullpen began to burn them once again. With two men on and no outs junior first baseman Brett Hash sent the ball over the left field wall for a three-run home run to tie the game. The Terriers totaled six runs in the inning to put themselves up, 9-6.

The Seawolves fought back with two runs on an RBI single from sophomore second baseman Andruw Gazzola and Giles scored on a wild pitch but Stony Brook was unable to finish mounting a comeback.

Stony Brook finished the weekend tournament on Sunday, when the team played USC Upstate. The Seawolves lost the game, 8-6 despite two RBIs from Baker.

Stony Brook Softball takes two of five in opening tournament

By Dylan Moore
Staff Writer

Stony Brook Softball opened up its season in Charlotte, North Carolina, winning two of five games in the Charlotte 49er Invitational. Senior pitcher Jane Sallen started three of the five games, picking up two wins in the team's opening tournament.

Senior catcher Allie Pisciotta had a strong performance throughout the weekend, batting .533 with two RBIs. She notched her first home run of the season in the first game, a 3-1 win against St. Joseph's.

The season opener was the best overall performance for the Seawolves. Sallen pitched a complete-game gem, giving up just one run on five hits. The senior also struck out four batters and walked three. Stony Brook had RBIs from Pisciotta and senior third baseman Patty Borges.

The lone run for the Hawks came on a one-out solo home run in the sixth inning by junior catcher Kaylyn Zierke. The St. Joseph's bats were completely shut down otherwise.

Game five of the weekend, a rematch with St. Joseph's, was a tightly-contested match-up. But Stony Brook was able to come out on top by a score of 3-2 thanks to a sixth-inning, go-ahead pinch-hit RBI from freshman infielder Lindsey Hughes. Sallen got the nod, and she did not disappoint when it mattered most. With runners on first and second with two outs, Sallen got Hawks freshman first baseman Abigail Stroud to strike out swinging to end the

game. Pisciotta had another big game, going 3-for-3 including a double.

The middle three games were less fortunate for the Seawolves, as Stony Brook lost to Charlotte twice and Presbyterian once by scores of 10-1, 5-0 and 8-2, respectively. Sophomore pitcher Maddy Neales started the second game of the weekend in the circle, allowing seven runs in just 2.1 innings of work. However, her play improved in a relief appearance against Presbyterian, giving up only two runs in five innings pitched.

Stony Brook's offense was almost entirely blanked by Charlotte pitching, scoring just one run in two games against the 49ers. The Seawolves left nine runners on base, failing to capitalize on good opportunities throughout both games.

The only run scored by Stony Brook against Charlotte came in the top of the fourth inning in the first meeting with a solo home run off the bat of senior first baseman Melissa Phelan.

Senior pitcher Alex Petrolia, a transfer student from UNLV, started in the circle against Presbyterian. She walked two and struck out one batter in her first appearance as a Seawolf. Neales relieved her after two-plus innings, in which Petrolia gave up three runs on five hits.

Stony Brook will return to action this weekend in South Florida for the Florida Atlantic University Tournament, playing five games Friday through Sunday. The team will play Michigan State, Florida Atlantic, Boston University, Columbia and Maryland.

Stony Brook Sports Schedule

Friday

Softball
vs. Michigan St., 3:45 p.m.
at Florida Atlantic, 6 p.m.

Baseball
at Baylor, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis
at Bryant, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Softball
vs. Boston U., 9 a.m.
vs. Columbia, 11:15 a.m.

Men's Lacrosse
vs. Brown, 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis
at Brown, TBD

Track
Fastrack Meet, (Staten Island)
4 p.m.

Baseball
at Baylor, 4 p.m.

Men's Basketball
vs. Vermont, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Softball
vs. Maryland, 11:15 a.m.

Women's Lacrosse
at Bryant, 12 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Vermont, 2 p.m.

Baseball
at Baylor, 2 p.m.

SPORTS

Men's Basketball claims regular season title, clinches first seed in America East conference

By Skyler Gilbert and David Vertsberger
Assistant Sports Editors

The Seawolves' road to an America East Men's Basketball Championship will go through Island Federal Credit Union Arena. Stony Brook clinched the conference's top seed and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs on Sunday, beating Maine 75-56 after losing to Albany on the road 82-70.

Three Stony Brook players scored in double-digits against the Black Bears, with senior forward Jameel Warney leading the way with 20 points and nine rebounds. The victory improved the Seawolves' conference record to 14-1, meaning they cannot be caught in the America East standings. The win ensured that a hypothetical championship game rematch with rival Albany will be hosted by Stony Brook.

Warney moved into the rarefied air of the all-time America East elite late in the game when he took a pass from redshirt sophomore guard Roland Nyama and buried a layup. The basket made Warney the first Stony Brook player to ever score 2,000 career points.

The Seawolves' star player became the third player in conference history to top 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds, joining Malik Rose and Tunji Awojobi, who played for Drexel and Boston University respectively,

in the mid-'90s.

The contest with Maine — a team that had beaten Albany at home earlier in the season — was never in much doubt. Stony Brook never trailed in the game and used a pair of 8-0 runs in the first half to extend its lead to a comfortable margin. The Seawolves had a 43-34 advantage at halftime against the outmatched Black Bears and were able to pull away in the second half.

Much of the Stony Brook dominance came underneath the basket, where the Seawolves led 36-20 in points in the paint. The duo of Warney and senior forward Rayshaun McGrew — who had 14 points and eight rebounds — was too much for the Black Bears to handle.

On the perimeter, senior guard Carson Puriefoy added 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

On Wednesday, senior guard Peter Hooley hit the dagger to end Stony Brook's nation-leading 18 game win streak. His jumper gave Albany a 13-point lead with 4:43 to play, one of many responses to Stony Brook's comeback attempts in the Great Danes victory.

"This was a high level game today which I like, because we're going to have another one down the road too," Stony Brook head coach Steve Pikiell said. "We haven't played in these kinds of games lately."

The Stony Brook Men's Basket-

ball team trailed by seven at halftime, an unfamiliar place for a team on an 18-game winning streak, many of which were double-digit victories. Albany entered this game with a streak of its own with 12 straight home wins, adding on to it after taking a double figure lead a little over five minutes into the second half and holding firm the rest of the way.

Albany held Warney to just two points in the first half as its lead grew. Hewould bounce back with a 12-point second half, but the rest of Pikiell's squad struggled.

Puriefoy finished with 10 points on 2-for-11 shooting from the field. No Seawolves starter shot over 50 percent from the field and as a team, Stony Brook shot 39.4 percent from the field and 20 percent on 3-pointers. Its bench scored just seven points on the night.

Albany committed 17 turnovers, but shot 54.7 percent from the field as a team. Leading the attack was Hooley, who finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Every Great Dane that played put up points.

To add insult to injury for Stony Brook, sophomore guard Bryan Sekunda went down with an injury to his left knee late in the contest and did not play against Maine.

Stony Brook ends its regular season on Saturday, Feb. 27 in a home game against Vermont.

Men's Lacrosse opens season with two home wins



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Junior midfielder Alex Corpolongo (No. 7, above) scored a game-high four goals in Stony Brook's win over St. Johns.

By Christian Peraino
Staff Writer

Junior midfielder Alex Corpolongo led the way with four goals in Stony Brook's 14-6 win over St. John's on Sunday. Against Sacred Heart on Tuesday, senior attacker Brody Eastwood scored two quick goals at the top of the crease in the Seawolves' 17-8 season-opening win at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

Stony Brook outscored St. John's 9-2 in the second half, with senior midfielder Challen Rogers chipping in three goals in the win.

On Tuesday, Sacred Heart responded to Eastwood's hot start with a goal, but Eastwood would kickstart a 6-0 Stony Brook onslaught with another score off of a feed from Rogers, the Canadian pair's second connection of the game. Polished play from eight returning starters produced a 10-2 Seawolves lead at the end of the half.

"We have a lot of returners back, a lot of seniors too," Eastwood said. "It's nice to know what's going on right away. Our freshman year, we

had nine [freshman] starters."

"Our chemistry is definitely better because we've been starting, or playing together since freshman year," Rogers added. "It helps."

It took just seven minutes for Eastwood, who finished the day with six goals and a career-high three assists, to record his first hat trick of the season. Fresh off a team-leading 62-goal season on a NCAA Division I leading 63.9 shot percentage, Eastwood is now 24 goals away from eclipsing Jordan McBride's Stony Brook career-goal record of 175.

Despite records in reach and the prospect of playing professional lacrosse, the Canadian duo of Eastwood and Rogers is adamant about focusing on this season and reaching the NCAA tournament for the first time in their collegiate careers.

"Getting out of the America East finally would be nice for the last year, for sure, so I'm just focused on the season," Eastwood said.

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Stony Brook to host 2018 Women's Lacrosse NCAA Championships

By Skyler Gilbert
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook University will be the host of the 2018 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championships, the NCAA announced on Tuesday. The national semifinal and final matches will take place at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.

"Women's lacrosse has a strong presence on Long Island and it gives us tremendous pleasure to be selected to host the 2018 NCAA Division I Championship at Stony Brook University," Stony Brook Athletics Director Shawn Heilbron said in a statement. "We look forward to once again partnering with the NCAA to showcase the very best in women's lacrosse and welcome fans from across the country to our great university."

Stony Brook also hosted the NCAA Championships in women's lacrosse in 2011 and 2012, which drew 8,011 and 7,127 people in attendance respectively — two of the six largest crowds in NCAA women's lacrosse history.

With the Stony Brook women's lacrosse team emerging as a national powerhouse in recent years, enter-

ing last season's NCAA Tournament as a No. 6 seed, it seems natural to fantasize about the Seawolves participating as a home team in the national semifinals and finals in 2018.

"It's a long ways away," head coach Joe Spallina said after the team's practice on Wednesday. "It would be crazy not to think, 'How great would it be for us to be playing in it, as the home team?' and we expect to be playing in it."

The team's underclassmen, including sophomore attacker Kylie Ohlmiller, will still be on the Seawolves team when Stony Brook is slated to host the championship weekend, and could potentially play in the games.

"I remember coming in high school to the national championship when it was hosted here," Ohlmiller said. "I was thinking then, 'how sick would it be to play as the home team in the national championship?' and now it's possible. That's definitely something that we're going to be reaching for."

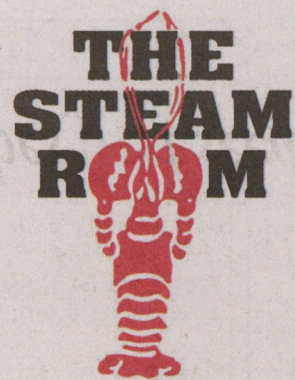
Stony Brook, ranked No. 7 in the Inside Lacrosse media poll, will open its 2016 season in Rhode Island, where the team will face Bryant on Feb. 28.



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