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## Political science professor forecasts Trump as general election winner

By Christopher Cameron  
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A professor of political science at Stony Brook University has forecasted that Donald Trump has a minimum 97 percent chance of winning the general election as the Republican nominee.

Professor Helmut Norpoth's forecast presentation took place on Feb. 22 in the SUNY Global Center in Manhattan, which was organized by the Stony Brook Alumni Association.

Norpoth created a statistical model of presidential elections that uses a candidate's performance in their party's primary and patterns in the electoral cycle as predictors of the presidential vote in the general election.

Donald Trump has a 97 percent chance of defeating Hillary Clinton and a 99 percent chance of defeating Bernie Sanders in the general election, according to Norpoth's formula.

"The bottom line is that the primary model, using also the cyclical movement, makes it almost certain that Donald Trump will be the next president," Norpoth said, "if he's a nominee of the [Republican] party."

Norpoth's primary model works for every presidential election since 1912, with the notable exception of the 1960 election. These results give the model an accuracy of 96.1 percent.

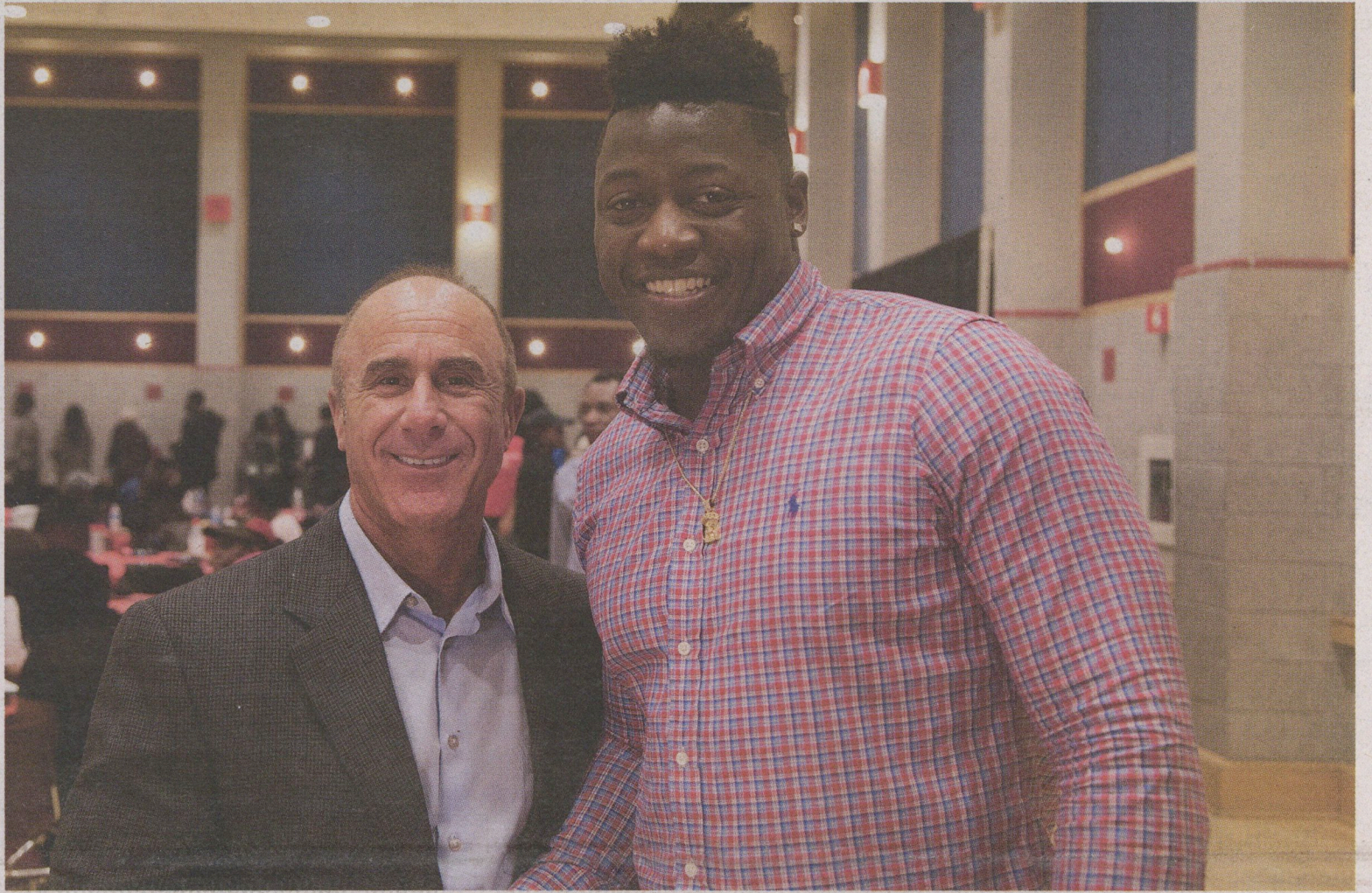
Norpoth began the presentation with an introduction of the potential matchups in the general election, including a hypothetical Sanders vs. Trump general election.

"When I started out with this kind of display a few months ago, I thought it was sort of a joke," Norpoth said referring to Trump and Sanders, as many alumni in the audience laughed. "Well, I'll tell you right now, it ain't a joke anymore."

As the presentation continued, laughter turned to silence as Norpoth forecasted a 61 percent chance of a Republican win in the general election.

This forecast was made using the electoral cycle model, which studies a pattern of voting in the presidential election that makes it less likely for an incumbent party to hold the presidency after two

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Will Tye, right, with Stony Brook Football coach Chuck Priore at the of Black History Month closing ceremony on Feb. 24. Tye is a tight end for the New York Giants and the first Stony Brook alumnus to join the National Football League.

## Stony Brook commemorates end of Black History Month

By Jess Stoneburner  
Contributing Writer

"Sankofa" was the recurring theme that echoed throughout the Student Activities Center last Wednesday night at the closing ceremony of Black History Month, in which Stony Brook University acknowledged the accomplishments of NFL player Will Tye and keynote speaker Yusef Salaam.

"Sankofa" is a word that originates from Ghana and literally translates to, "It is not taboo to

fetch what is at risk of being left behind." In more straight-forward terms, Sankofa means that the past serves as a guide for planning the future.

Spoken-word poetry performed by students reflected the chilling reality people of color face everyday. The poets quoted the "hands up, don't shoot" slogan that demonstrators in Ferguson, Missouri chanted after the death of Michael Brown, as well as the last words Eric Garner spoke when he was choked by a New York City Police Department officer — "I can't breathe."

These performances took place right before the commemoration of Will Tye, a tight end for the New York Giants, who was the first Stony Brook football player to join the NFL. He was honored with a Sankofa plaque and a "Together We Will Rise" t-shirt.

While many students and faculty adorned black shirts that read "Sankofa: Together We Will Rise," with a triumphant fist in place of the "i" in "Rise," no one embodied its meaning quite like guest speaker Yusef Salaam.

Salaam was one of five teens,

known as "The Central Park Five," who were falsely convicted of the rape of "the Central Park Jogger" in 1990. Their sentences were overturned 12 years later in 2002 when Matias Reyes confessed to the crime while serving a life sentence in prison for rape and murder.

After Salaam took the stage, he paced quietly from the center stage to the podium and then back again to the center. The ballroom

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## Black Lives Matter representatives discuss movement at SBU

By Chereen James  
Staff Writer

Representatives of the Black Lives Matter organization and audience members chanted "We have nothing to lose but our chains!" at a panel discussion on Feb. 23. The Africana Studies Department hosted the event, where audience members asked questions that pertained to the Black Lives Matter movement.

The panelists — Arielle Newton, Autumn Marie and Kei Williams — represented the New York City chapter of the Black Lives Matter organization. The organization was formed after the death

of Trayvon Martin and grew after the Ferguson protests. Newton explained that the network is the structural component of the larger Black Lives Matter movement, and although the organization is decentralized and does not have a specific leader, it is structured.

Newton is a community organizer with the chapter, as well as founder and editor-in-chief of the digital platform Black Millennials.

"It's important that we have our voices heard in a way that makes the most sense for us and we do so with no apologies, no exceptions, or no anything that someone else



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From left, Kei Williams, Autumn Marie and Arielle Newton of Black Lives Matter speak at a panel discussion on Feb. 23.

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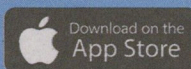
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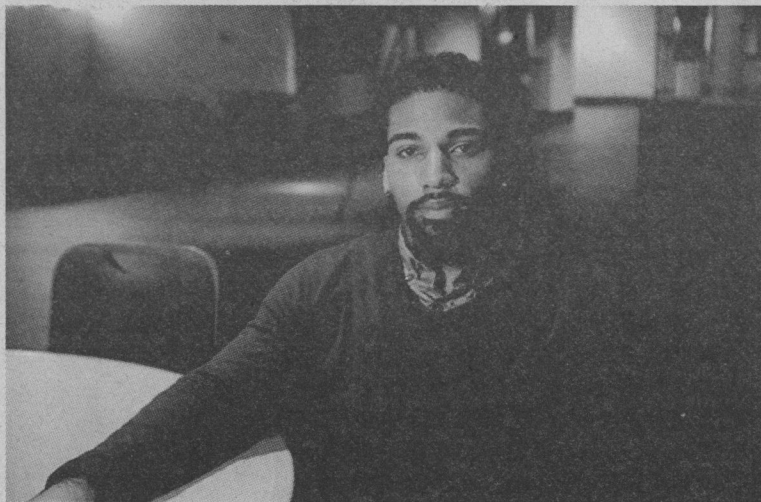
## Stony Brook University students create a scientific website to debunk myths

By Sara Tewksbury  
Contributing Writer

Three students from Stony Brook University and a student from Mercy College have created a website where they debunk scientific misconceptions and break down complicated topics for the public.

Laureano Andrade Vicenty, a senior biochemistry major, said he wanted the name to be unique, which is why he came up with "Chewing the Scientific Fat." He said he came up with the idea for the website because he was trying to think of something he could do and call his own.

In conversations with his girlfriend Shelsie Delphin, a junior health science major who attends Mercy in Dobbs Ferry, New York, they talked about how many people



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**Laureano Andrade Vicenty, above, is one of the four founders of the website "Chewing the Scientific Fat".**

have misconceptions about science and how there are a lot of people who are interested in science and want to

learn more.

"Why don't we as science majors find a way to talk to people and put

certain information out there so people can have a better understanding of certain topics?" Delphin said.

Vicenty learned computer programming on Khan Academy in order to create the website. In the beginning, he got help from Delphin.

"She would tell me when the website looked ugly," he said.

Delphin also started contributing health science articles to the website. After the website was up and running, he wanted to add more writers so he looked to his classmates. Vicenty asked Quiana Lewis, a junior bioscience major, and Tuesday Love, a senior biology major, both in his Biochemistry 361 class.

"I liked the fact that college students who are fascinated by science can write about interesting current events that address the how and the what can be done about it," Love

said about why she decided to join as an author.

As someone who has always loved to write, Lewis jumped at the opportunity to start writing for the website. She said that having the practice writing the articles makes it a lot easier to research and write now.

"It is important to teach others what you know," Love said.

She also said that one of the biggest things she learned was that one should never stop learning.

They all contribute when they have time and try to write about the most important and current topics. The website's latest article was on debunking myths about vaccines.

Vicenty said that they want to expand the number of writers they have and are looking for students with scientific backgrounds to contribute to the website.

## Business professor's research shows being a "jerk" does not always bring success

By Jessica Chin  
Contributing Writer

People often attribute the success of innovators, like Steve Jobs, to abrasive personalities. This attribution is related to the idea that the more "jerky" you are during a discussion of ideas, the more likely your idea is to be heard and used. But is it true that people have to be jerks to succeed?

A recent study published in the *Journal of Business and Psychology* says you do not need to be, but it depends on the environment.

"The main idea is that you don't have to be a jerk to get your ideas heard along as you're in a supportive environment," Lily Cushenbery, an assistant professor of management at Stony Brook University's College of Business and one of the co-researchers of the study, said.

In their paper, Cushenbery and Samuel Hunter, an associate professor of psychology at Penn State, de-

scribed a "jerk" as an individual that exhibited lower levels of "agreeableness," one of five personality traits measured using the Big Five personality test. For the purposes of their study, they defined lower levels of agreeableness as "disagreeableness." People who were more disagreeable were characterized as being "confident, dominant, argumentative, egotistical, aggressive, headstrong and hostile."

The study, which had about 500 participants, relied on two experiments. The first experiment required participants to work individually and then in a group. The second experiment required participants to work online and in a group.

In the first study, participants first worked individually and were then placed into a group to generate a solution to a problem. The first study found that disagreeableness was unrelated to creative idea generation but was positively related to group utilization of ideas. In other



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**Lily Cushenbery, above, is a professor in SBU's College of Business and a co-researcher of the study.**

words, people with jerky personalities did not have more creative ideas, but they were more likely to get their creative ideas used by the group. The results depended largely on group

composition and social context.

The second study again found that jerky personalities were not linked to idea generation, but people with jerky personalities were more likely to share their novel ideas in more unsupportive and hostile environments.

"It depends on the group," Cushenbery said. "If you're in a team that is generally more respectful, then there's less of a mean to be pushy. But, if you're working in a more competitive environment, a place where there is more time constraints, where people are more edgy and less receptive to creative work, being lower on agreeableness then would be more useful in that situation."

The second study thus supported the idea of trait activation theory, a psychological theory that states that people are more likely to exhibit a characteristic trait when their environment elicits that trait. Agreeable participants were more likely to

share their ideas in supportive environments, whereas disagreeable participants were more likely to share their ideas in competitive environments.

"Having a supportive environment is really good for creativity," Cushenbery said. "It increases what we call psychological safety, the feeling you can take risks and not be judged harshly for ideas that you present."

Furthermore, being a "jerk" in a supportive environment did not elicit more group utilization of ideas. Cushenbery said their study shows that nicer people can have great ideas, as long as their environments are supportive.

"The idea is that we don't all have to be Steve Jobs, in that he's not the only person that has kind of really great ideas and that actually really nice people might have them, but they just might be more reluctant to talk to them if the environment is unsupportive," Cushenbery said.

## Book analyzes why more Americans are identifying as political independents

By Andrew Goldstein  
Staff Writer

Yanna Krupnikov, an assistant professor in the political science department at Stony Brook University, published a book digging into why more Americans are identifying as independents.

She, along with Samara Klar, an assistant professor at the University of Arizona, published the results in "Independent Politics: How American Disdain for Parties Leads to Political Inaction."

The book argues that many who identify as independent clearly prefer one party over the other and only vote for one party, but think being an independent is more impressive to others. Some self-identified independents do so to avoid political arguments with those around them.

"Our goal was to present our research findings and answer the question 'why do people say they are independent and does this matter?'" Krupnikov said in an email. "Along the way we found some things that were surprising, and so our goal is to

present that information."

In trying to remain independent or undercover, these people tend to be less politically active out of fear that such action will reveal their political leanings. Their political voices become silent. This, in turn, makes it seem like there is a deep political rift in the United States, even if that is not the case.

These independents dislike showing bias because they associate anger, stubbornness and negativity with the parties, according to Krupnikov and Klar's research. In one study, Krupnikov and Klar found that when they asked people to make the best possible impression on another person, the people would identify as independents. But when the people were asked to make the worst possible impression, they would identify as strong partisans.

This growth of independents affects today's politics.

"There is something about contemporary American politics that make people embarrassed to be associated with a party even as they support the party when it comes to



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**Yanna Krupnikov, above, is a political science professor at Stony Brook and co-author of "Independent Politics."**

the issues," Krupnikov said in an email. "This motivates people to use the label independent. Support for Trump and Sanders may come from the same motivation: People don't want to support the party establishment, but they don't necessarily

want to venture outside their own party lines."

Klar and Krupnikov met at a political science conference, where they discussed research and realized their shared curiosity on the increase of self-identified independents. They

began working on "Independent Politics" in 2012. Originally, they intended to write a series of academic journal articles, but after designing and running layers and layers of experiments, they felt that the longer format of a book would better present their evidence.


"The book is definitely a discussion of research related to independents, but it is written in such a way as to be interesting even to people who aren't political science faculty or graduate students," Krupnikov said.

Krupnikov's research and teaching focus on political psychology, political communication, political persuasion, political behavior and empirical methodology, according to her website. She has written for the *The Washington Post*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Communication and Political Behavior*. Krupnikov earned her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

"Independent Politics: How American Disdain for Parties Leads to Political Inaction" was published by Cambridge University Press on Jan. 22.



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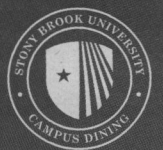
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# Giants' tight end Will Tye and Central Park Five's Yusef Salaam honored

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was filled with the silence of the audience's anticipation.

"Can I take you back on a journey with me?" Salaam said, diving into one of his spoken word pieces. "I stand accused."

Salaam referred to his past as "being run over by the spike wheels of justice." He was 15 years old at the time of the crime, and his new reality had introduced him to a side of America he had not yet seen. He referred to his situation as "the American nightmare."

"I was ripped away from my loved ones and put in a place where I wasn't supposed to survive," Salaam said.

He compared going into jail with the title of "rapist" to having a cattle brand. A man Salaam claimed looked exactly like The Punisher punched Salaam in the face, cutting him right above the eye.

It was not until a prison officer asked Salaam what he was doing there that Salaam started to really think about his life and his purpose.

The officer told Salaam that he could tell he was not a criminal



Yusef Salaam, above, speaks at the Black History Month closing ceremony. Salaam was one of the "Central Park Five" who were exonerated in 2002 after a false rape conviction.

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and wanted to know why exactly he was there, which made Salaam ask that very same question: Why?

Trapped in a prison cell and searching for solace, Salaam turned to the Bible. He found

comfort in reading Genesis 39, in which Joseph goes to prison after Potiphar's wife cries rape when he denies her advances. Salaam related to Joseph, and when he read that Joseph is proven innocent in

the end, he hoped that would be his ending too.

That hope was fulfilled when Salaam was exonerated. He ended up working in the administration at New York Presbyterian Hospital

and then at the North Shore-LIJ Health System before quitting to pursue motivational speaking.

"Although I loved what I did, it was more important to share my story," Salaam said.

When Salaam finished telling his story, everyone was on their feet for a standing ovation.

Sara Papatatto, a junior sociology major at Stony Brook, drove 50 minutes from her internship to see Salaam.

"It's amazing to see how he reacted with the whole process," Papatatto said. "I feel like most people in his situation would still be angry, but he really has made a difference in his life."

"It was well worth the drive," Papatatto added.

Cole Lee, a junior political science major at Stony Brook as well as the president of the Undergraduate Student Government, had a similar reaction to Papatatto.

"That was exceptional," Lee said. "He was truly so inspirational. Just sitting and listening was a privilege."

Salaam gave the audience parting advice with a Ghandi quote, telling them to be the change they wish to see in the world.

## Members of New York City chapter of Black Lives Matter speak on panel

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may say or may place confines and stereotypes on us," Newton said. "We can speak for ourselves, and I welcome that."

For the Black Lives Matter organization, Newton fosters relationships in communities and analyzes the structural component of the network.

Marie, a public relations and marketing professional, explained that her role is to bridge the generational gaps in the black power movement. Marie worked as an activist in the areas of police brutality, political prisoners, education justice, prison abolition and reproductive justice. Marie commended the students of Stony Brook University for their formation of an African Student Union.

The panelists noted that the organization forms an inclusive space. This includes people who are LGBTQ, Afro-Latino, women and others of African diaspora.

Kei Williams identifies as queer and transmasculine.

"My work is committed to capturing the movement from the perspective of a queer individual, a trans individual, as well as someone who deals with mental illness as a black person," Williams said.

Williams has a background in graphic design, social justice and web design and operates the Twitter account for the BLM organization, and also creates its flyers and memes.

The panelists cleared up several misconceptions concerning the movement. Marie said that although some people only recently joined, the movement did not just

appear; rather, it is a continuation of decades of work. Marie also noted that the movement is not only "Twitter activism," but there are people working in communities.

Additionally, the panelists responded to the claim that the phrase "Black Lives Matter" conveys racism. Newton explained that popular historical accounts only portray the movement as the liberation of heterosexual, cisgendered men. However, historically, the movement has included women and LGBTQ individuals.

"All Lives Matter' is inappropriate," Newton said. "It's racist, and it's a way to distract from the issue at hand."

"All lives matter when black lives matter," Marie added.

Williams noted that the intention of the movement is to be disruptive, which heightens

awareness of the issues and brings change. Williams said that someone who is white does not have to feel comfortable when faced with the issues.

"We will not have sympathy for any white tears," Williams said.

The panelists discussed the upcoming election and the candidates' move to engage the network. "Our network has not endorsed and will not endorse a presidential candidate," Williams said.

Williams explained that black people have to settle for whoever is running, even though they do not fully acquaint themselves with the community and the issues. Williams also commented that black people were negatively affected under the Clinton administration due to the "Three Strikes Law" and other laws that led to the mass incarceration of black

people. Williams also said that the candidates only use black people as talking points.

"If a president were to get me free, those eight years have passed," Newton added.

Marie said that it is preferable for black people to understand local elections and to make sure that their rights are protected when they vote and afterwards.

Additionally, Marie, who worked in the entertainment industry, explained the effectiveness of celebrities. She said that the organizers make the issue a hot topic, so that celebrities will have to speak on it and do their part for the movement.

For those who consider being a part of the movement, Newton pointed out that it is a lot of work. However, anyone can reach out to them and start a local chapter.

## Professor says Trump has at least 97 percent chance of winning election

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terms in office. The model does not assume who would be the party nominees or the conditions of the country at the time.

"You think 'This is crazy. How can anything come up with something like that?'" Norpoth said "But that's exactly the kind of equation I used to predict Bill Clinton winning in '96, that I used to predict that George Bush would win in 2004 and, as you remember four years ago, that Obama would win in 2012."

Norpoth then added data from the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries to narrow down the forecast to specific candidates.

As he brought up the first

slide with matchup results, the silence was broken by muttering from the audience.

"Trump beats Hillary 54.7 percent to 45.3 percent [of the popular vote]. This is almost too much to believe," Norpoth said, with a few members of the audience laughing nervously. "The probability of that [outcome] is almost complete certainty, 97 percent. It's almost 'Take it to the bank.'"

The primary model predicts a Trump victory with such certainty due to Trump's relatively high success in the Republican primaries, Norpoth said. Clinton, in comparison, is in an essential tie with Sanders in the Democratic primaries. As a result, Sanders would also lose to Trump in a similar landslide if Sanders were to be the Dem-



Helmut Norpoth, above, after announcing his presidential election forecast at the SUNY Global Center on Feb. 22.

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ocratic nominee, Norpoth said.

In contrast, Norpoth forecasted that a hypothetical presidential race with Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio on the Republican ticket

would be a much closer race. The results showed Clinton with a 55 percent chance of winning the race against Cruz or Rubio with a 0.3 percent lead in the

popular vote.

Norpoth's model showed Sanders losing against Rubio or Cruz with a 0.6 percent gap in the popular vote, giving a Rubio or Cruz ticket a 60 percent chance of winning against the Vermont senator.

Norpoth added that while the non-Trump Republican ticket would be much more unlikely to win the general election due to differences in the popular vote and the electoral college vote, there is almost no chance that Trump would lose the electoral college vote with his forecasted lead in the popular vote.

"If you win by 54 percent [of the popular vote], you have a big majority in the electoral college," Norpoth said. "Nobody who has ever gotten 54 percent has lost."



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Stony Brook's Cadence Step Team hosts 8th annual Black History Month Gala

By Anisah Abdullah  
Contributing Writer

On Friday night, the Cadence Step Team held its eighth annual gala commemorating the conclusion of Black History Month and emphasizing the importance of self-empowerment.

The semi-formal event brought together over 150 students of all cultures and backgrounds for a night of free food and live performances in SAC Ballroom A.

The theme this year, Celebrating Y(Our) Truth, encouraged every student to share and embrace their "truths" and the qualities that make them who they are, regardless of society's stereotypes.

"The goal is to get people to have a safe space where they can talk about who they are and not just who they look like," Cheyenne Vlymen-Williams, a senior mathematics major, as well as the secretary and former president of Cadence, said.

Students were given the chance to anonymously write what their "truth" was on a card and hang it on the Wall of Truth, a colorful board located at the side of the auditorium.

Throughout the night, students came over to the Wall and read each other's unique truths.

Vlymen-Williams said that the reason the Step Team hosts this gala every year is to collaborate with the Black History Month Committee and the other clubs and students that participate in organizing Stony Brook's Black History Month event series, with the aim of educating and celebrating what it means to be black.

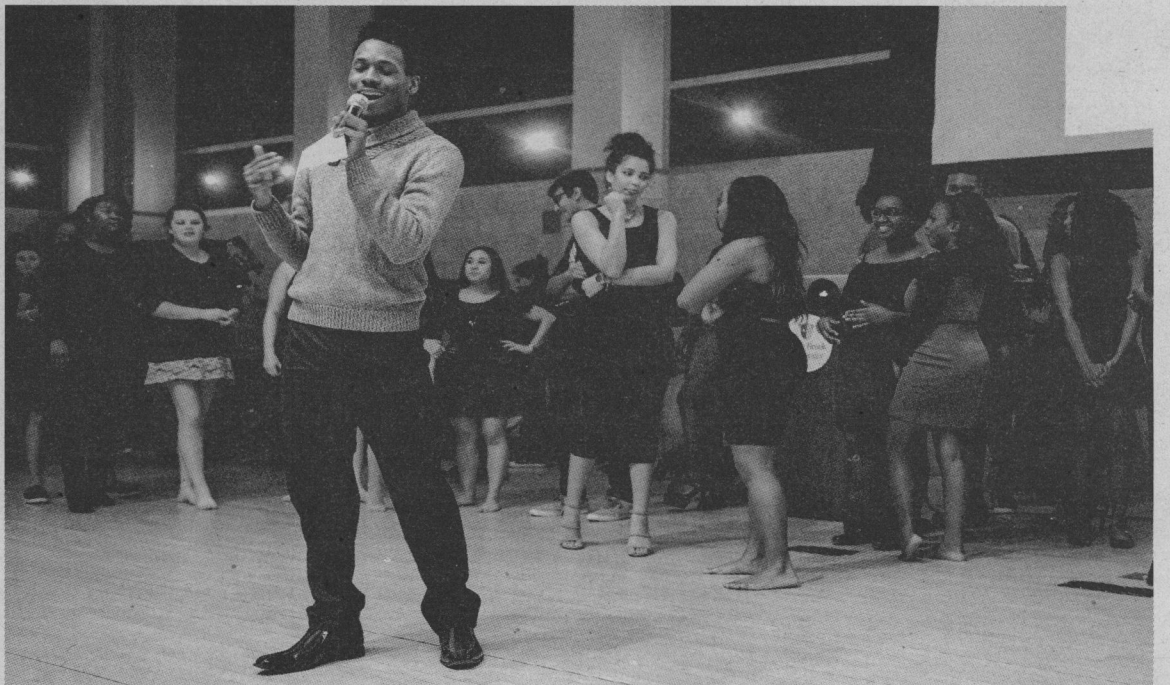
Stony Brook's Dean of Students, Dr. Timothy Ecklund, attended the event to show his support for Cadence and join in the night's festivities.

"They invited me to come," he said. "When groups invite me, I think it's a good thing for me to come. I'm really glad they thought of me."

He added that this gala is "an extension of our Black History Month celebration which is a part of the Dean of Students' office of multicultural affairs."

The gala, hosted by Cadence step-coordinator Jocelyn Jeffrey, kicked off with musical performances by Stony Brook Live and the Stony Brook High C's, followed by a spoken-word group that came all the way from SUNY New Paltz, Urban Lyrics.

The auditorium, echoing with dozens of conversations, fell silent when the five members of Urban Lyrics performed their powerful spoken-word poetry.



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**Cary Lamb, above, gives a thank you speech for everyone who attended and danced at the Cadence Step Team's 8th annual Black History Month Gala. He performed in the event.**

Audience members usually snap their fingers to appreciate spoken word performances, but at the end of Urban Lyrics's poem entitled "I Speak," the crowd was cheering. The poem discussed social injustice in general as well as in the black community and represented those whose voices are not heard.

"I speak for the misunderstood individuals who don't fit the norms of society and are constantly being pressured to fit a

standard when they are obviously limited edition," three of the members said together.

The performance was followed by a speech by Robbye Kinkade, a clinical assistant professor in Stony Brook's health science department.

Her 13-minute speech fit with the night's theme and focused on how people of all skin colors and backgrounds, in her words, "collectively represent a resilient people."

She then narrowed her discussion to the topic of black people's resilience and how they have managed to rise in today's society despite the visibly lasting impact of slavery.

"Black students represent 6 percent of the student population here at Stony Brook University," Kinkade said.

"You are the elite indeed, but you must remain humble... It is

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## Long Island artists unite through collaboration

By Francesca Campione  
and Rena Thomas  
Arts and Entertainment Editors

The Long Island Museum's collaborative arts group met earlier this month to discuss plans to unite the numerous galleries across Long Island.

Together, panelists brainstormed methods of possible collaboration that will soon create more opportunities for artists, collectors, patrons and curators to work together.

As a starting point to facilitate discussion of partnership between Long Island arts venues, four panelists lead the conversation.

John Cino, the Artistic Director of the Patchogue Arts Council and an artist who specializes in sculpture, was one of the panelists.

"What is it about Suffolk County?" Cino said, reflecting on the fact that there are many galleries on Long Island, but often they are overlooked in favor of the work of artists from Manhattan or Brooklyn.

"We don't have that kind of coordination to produce somebody of quality to receive a grant," Cino said comparing the Long Island art scene to its New York City counterparts.

"I see two things so far, one is the fact that artists are so far

spread out in Suffolk County that we don't have enough connection to encourage each other to go the next step."

Cino says the second issue is his concept of "Long Island Regionalism," in which artistic microcultures, each represented by different arts councils across the island, surface and compete for the same county funding, in turn stifling the growth of the others.

"This is an issue that has to be dealt with," he said. "We need to have something that is collaborative throughout the county, that is non-competitive so that people feel like 'we will do this together,' then the artists will come out from wherever they are in the county towards this because it is a step in the right direction."

For local artists, the pressure of financial insecurity is increasingly prevalent.

"The arts are something very important and unfortunately since money is tight, it is usually the first thing that gets cut," Christina Strassfield the Museum Director and Chief Curator of the Guild Hall Museum and a self-proclaimed advocate for the arts said. "The arts have a place and they continue to have a place but we do need help for the federal government and state."



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**Long Island artists were brought together in a collaborative panel. Sharing ideas on how Long Island artists, organizations and committees to give art a stronger presence.**

Karen Levitov, the Curator and Director of the Zuccaire Gallery at Stony Brook University, was another panelist at the Art of Collaboration panel.

Levitov said the panel discussed how to interact with each other and different artists across the region easily and frequently.

"There are a lot of little pockets of interesting places to see

art, but they are kind of isolated on different parts of Long Island and there's not a lot of connection or collaboration," Levitov said.

One initiative in the push to unify artists is an idea called "Slide Slam."

The slide slam event will feature the work of specially selected Long Island artists on a projection slide.

According to Levitov, artists will submit ten or so images of their work to be quickly displayed during show, interconnecting work virtually.

Along with artist interconnectivity, Levitov hopes to increase audience engagement.

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# The Paramount to open new location in Baltimore

By Jessica Carnabuci  
Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Paramount of Huntington has announced plans to expand by opening a new and bigger location in Baltimore, Maryland.

The concert venue's owners have worked with Caves Valley Partners, a real-estate agency based in Towson, Maryland, to establish a location in the stadium area of the city, according to a press release from The Paramount.

"Our owners are interested in expanding our model in various cities across the country," Adam Ellis, the Director of Marketing at The Paramount, said.

"[We're looking to bring] really the same things that we bring to Long Island at the Huntington venue—world class entertain-

ers, comedians, any live events, concerts, artists and all other types of genres of music."

The concert venue, which was recently ranked 11 in worldwide attendance under the club/venue category in Pollstar Magazine, has drawn many people to Huntington for its various types shows over the years.

"It's an economic engine," A.J. Carter, a Public Information Officer for the Town of Huntington, said. "It brings people from out of the area to Huntington Village to patronize the restaurants and the shops."

"What The Paramount did was it opened a whole arts scene in Huntington," Carter added. "It's attracting younger and older audiences and bringing people who like seeing live performances. It's something you can't find in other places on Long

Island."

The wide variety of performances brings many different demographics to Huntington, Kevin Inkles, general manager of the nearby restaurant, TOA Asian Fusion, said.

"It brings a lot of traffic from all over the place, so you're [going to] have people who maybe haven't frequented any of these places over here, so what happens is it gives the ability for all the places down here to obtain new customers on a daily basis," Inkles said.

Popular musicians, including Billy Joel, Don Henley and Ed Sheeran, have performed at The Paramount and helped it gain a positive reputation on Long Island.

"I think that the name itself may not be such a strong brand that's [going to] resonate with folks outside of this market right away, but I think if they look at our history at this venue...they'll quickly realize we have the right structure and the right contacts," Ellis said.

The Baltimore venue's opening date is still being determined, Ellis added.

The Paramount is having a variety of upcoming shows, including "The Blues Brothers: Starring Dan Aykroyd & Jim Belushi" on March 3 at 8 p.m., "Mayday Parade & The Maine 'The American Lines Tour '16' with Special Guest - Better Off" on March 18 at 8 p.m. and more.



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Carly Rae Jepsen will be performing at The Paramount, above, for her "Gimme Love Tour" along with Cardiknox.

## Weekend Life Council hosts movie night with "Creed"

By Jessica Chin  
Contributing Writer

Around 60 students came out to the free showing of "Creed," hosted by the Weekend Life Council this weekend at the Student Activities Center.

Weekend Life Council held two screenings at Friday night and Saturday night at 7 p.m. in case students missed the first screening.

Students received free popcorn from and classic popcorn as well as

free candy upon entry.

After the film, students were asked to fill out an online assessment if they wanted to enter the raffle contest to win a free boxing glove keychain or a poster.

Weekend Life Council had 30 keychains and two "Creed" posters to give away, Cayla Leung, a Weekend Life Council staff member, said.

The 2015 blockbuster boxing film is a sequel to the widely popular "Rocky" series, which followed Rocky Balboa, an un-

derdog boxer who became a legend after defeating many world champions.

"Creed" brings back the old champion, played by Sylvester Stallone, as a trainer to his ex-rival's son, Adonis Creed, played by Michael B. Jordan.

The film paralleled the "Rocky" films with scenes of repetitive workouts coupled with motivational music in the back, along with the theme of pitting an underdog against a big-name fighter.

The main character, Adonis Creed, feels he must prove that he is talented by his own will and not because he is the son of Apollo Creed, one of the all-time greats.

"It was really good," Meiling Li, a junior psychology major said.

Although the film made many allusions to the previous films, students who never watched the "Rocky" series still enjoyed the film.

"It was great even though I didn't know anything about the previous films coming in. The fight scenes were great. There was one punch by Creed that I felt in my soul," Caitlin Weisz, a senior economics and Applied mathematics major said.

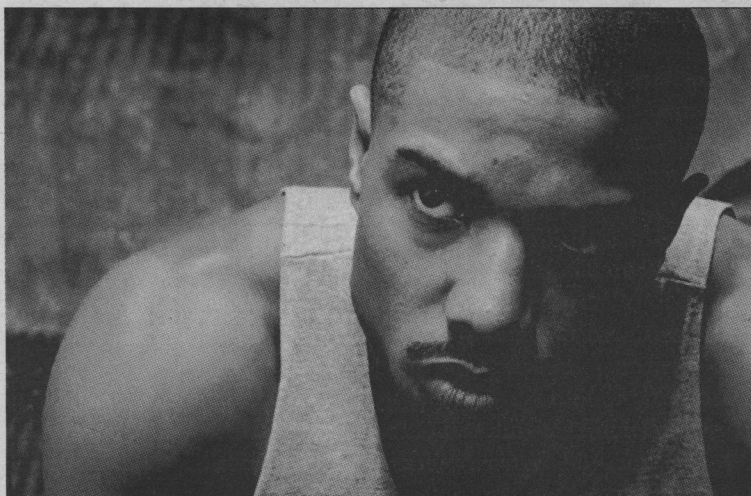


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Michael B. Jordan, above, plays Adonis Johnson, son of boxer Apollo Creed. Who died before Adonis was born.

# Cadence steps to BHM



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Cary Lamb, dance instructor, performs at the SAC in the Cadence Step Team 8th annual Black History Month Gala.

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my prayer that you become grateful and aware and give thanks when you think of your personal experience, your truth, that has allowed your resilience to shine."

The Stony Brook University Gospel Choir followed next with a performance of "Amazing Grace."

Then, Cadence dance junior advisor Zoe Sumner performed a spoken word poem she wrote, entitled "Bentrification."

A buffet-style dinner commenced at 9:15 p.m. with a selection of dishes including Caribbean jerk chicken, BBQ chicken, rice and peas pilaf and fried plantains.

There was also a non-alcoholic Cadence signature cocktail for guests to enjoy.

The second set of performances included a solo act by Cadence

president Cary Lamb.

He danced to the song "Alright" by Kendrick Lamar, which won two Grammys this year for Best Rap Song and Best Rap Performance.

The final scheduled performance was by Stony Brook student Khairika Al-Sinani, who sung two R&B songs in an elegant red gown

The songs included "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys.

Of course, the night would not be complete without a step performance by Cadence.

Although the team was not planning to put on a show, it knew what the crowd wanted.

The female members immediately removed their high heels and the group stepped together to one song in their dresses and suits.

The crowd stood and cheered to end a successful night and a successful performance.

## ARTSY EVENTS

### Joseph Tromba lecture series

Speaker Cav. Luigi Fontanella, Professor of Italian, Stony Brook University will be discussing the Futurist, Socialist, Anarchist and Nationalist struggles in early Italian Immigrants' writings. The event will be held in the Center for Italian Studies and starts at 2:30 p.m.

### Family Orchestra Concert

The concert, directed by Susan Deaver and performed by the University Orchestra, is an annual community event for Stony Brook students, faculty and their families. The theme of this year's concert is "Musical Humor," and it will feature the winner of the 2015 Pre-College Division Concerto Competition. Tickets are \$5 and the concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Staller Center.

### Contemporary Chamber players

This concert includes music from 2015 Guggenheim Award-winner Matthew Barnson. A large ensemble of works were specifically chosen by the composer for this portrait concert, held on March 2 at 8 p.m.





# Dance Marathon goes Cabo Fresh

By David Pepa  
Contributing Writer

The first SBU Dance Marathon will take place in the LDS Center on April 16 from 11 a.m. to 11p.m. and the Cabo For Kids fundraiser helps them reach their goal.

Students are signing up for the opportunity to dance and the Cabo for Kids fundraiser helps them reach their goal.

The Dance Marathon is a fundraising organization that helps raise money for Children's Miracle Network. This marathon was established in Fall 2015, which made it into a recognized University club.

The purpose for the fundraiser is to raise money for the children whose lives and families have been affected by childhood illnesses.

The fundraiser will be held at the Cabo Fresh California Mexican Grill of Stony Brook. All of the money made at the fundraiser will go to the Dance Marathon's beneficiary, Cohen's Children's Hospital.

"Throughout the year, dedicated individuals work with University, CMN and hospital/beneficiary advisors to recruit and plan a large-scale multi-hour event at the close of the year to celebrate fundraising efforts and raise money for their local Miracle Network Medical Center," Jay Johnson, the founder and president of the SBU



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## Cabo Fresh Mexican Grill is located off of Nesconset Highway. Cabo brings Mexican food to Long Island.

Dance Marathon said.

On Feb. 25, Cabo Fresh held an all-day fundraiser where customers presented a flyer for the Dance Marathon. The restaurant donated a portion of their earnings to the Dance Marathon.

"We don't really have a goal for how much we make, but it's for the school so we help any way we can," Fabio Gonzalez, a cashier of Cabo Fresh said.

"The event is a 'party with a purpose' - participants, or dancers, enjoy music, food, games, and fun while standing for the duration of the marathon," Johnson said.

The Dance Marathon uses their time to host fundraisers in order for them to host their event.

"We have spent half the year planning, setting up infrastructure as a new club, seeking sponsorships, hosting events and reaching out across campus to different organizations to take part in helping us create a new campus tradition," Johnson said.

"The General Body of the Dance Marathon consists of a planning committee with an executive board and five subcommittees, all of which are responsible for different general tasks," Johnson said. Each member of the general body helps create and function the Dance Marathon in order to help raise the money they need.

The club's goal for their first marathon is to raise \$10,000 for a children's hospital in 12 hours.

# Art on Long Island

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Starting with the Zuccaire Gallery, Levitov wants to expand the work beyond the university.

"Community involvement is something that I'm really interested in and getting the word out, that we're here, we're free, we're accessible, we're not just for the campus," Levitov said, "Our primary mission is for students faculty and people on campus but we're here for the community as well."

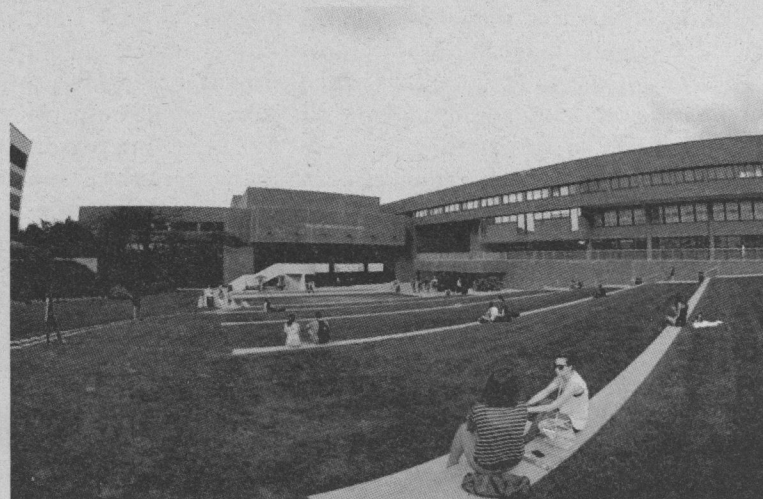
Chasey Chalem, an artist from Sag Harbor, feels that because of computers, communication between artists has improved.

"It has grown, there are many more people that are able to work out here because they are working

with their computers," Chalem, a New York City native and graduate of University of California Berkeley, said. According Chalem, working out of Long Island is difficult even for an established artist. "A lot of galleries have gone out of business but I think many more artists are trying to do something independently."

According to Levitov, for a centralized website for all things art, including exhibitions, opportunities for artists and audience members alike, the official Long Island Arts Alliance site is a valuable trove of information.

The panel discussed other means of artist and gallery collaboration. Similar to most fields of work today, networking is a key aspect of interconnecting artists across the island.



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The Stony Brook Staller Center will be hosting their 2016 Vanessa Williams GALA on Saturday March 5.

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# 2016 Spring Sports Preview

THE STATESMAN

## BASEBALL

By Tim Oakes, Contributing Writer

It may not be warm yet, but the Stony Brook Baseball season is underway. The defending America East Conference champions will embark on what is expected to be another successful season, as the Seawolves were ranked first in the preseason America East Coaches' Poll.

Senior outfielder Jack Parenty, the defending America East Player of the Year, will lead a Seawolves team that is returning 19 players from last season's roster. Parenty earned the honor after leading the conference in batting average, hits and runs batted in to lead his team to its first conference championship since the 2012 season.

Senior pitcher Tyler Honahan returns to Stony Brook's pitching rotation after being one of four starting pitchers named to the First Team All-America East in 2015. Behind him, manager Matt Senk plans to convert junior Cameron Stone, last year's closer, into a starting pitcher this season. His earned run average in 2015 was a minuscule 1.04 in 26 innings. When asked about Stone, Senk referred to his pitching with one word — "electric".

From top to bottom, this roster is seasoned and ready to defend its conference title with a great possibility of making a deep run into the playoffs.

"Winning every award is great, but it means nothing if we don't win a conference championship, make it to regionals and maybe move on to the College World Series."

- Jack Parenty  
Senior Outfielder

### PLAYER TO WATCH:

## Tyler Honahan

Senior Pitcher

Entering his senior year, Honahan has emerged as a leader for Stony Brook's pitching staff. The southpaw was on the All-America East first team in 2015 and is looking to return to his sophomore season success. As a junior, Honahan posted a 4.13 ERA after recording a 2.89 ERA as a sophomore.

Coming off a year when he tossed 76.1 innings with 65 strikeouts, Honahan searches to lead the Seawolves' rotation in 2016. With pressure on his shoulders, the 22-year-old is establishing himself as a player to watch.

But in 2016, Honahan will have to be more consistent like he was in his freshman and sophomore years. Although Honahan earned seven wins in each of the last two seasons, he was more dominant as a sophomore. In 2015, he gave up 25 more hits and 12 more earned runs than in 2014 in about five extra innings of action.

### Fast Facts

1. The Collegiate Baseball Fabulous 40 Preseason Poll ranked the Seawolves 26th in the nation.
2. Stony Brook led the America East in runs scored (324), walks (246) and on base percentage (.390) last season.
3. Stony Brook was the top defensive team in the America East last season, sporting a fielding percentage of .978.
4. Stony Brook has won three of the last six America East Championships.
5. The Seawolves' first home game is on March 2 against New York Institute of Technology at 3 p.m. at Joe Nathan Field.

MANAGER  
Matt Senk

2015 RECORD  
35-16-1



## SOFTBALL

By Dylan Moore, Staff Writer



After a heartbreaking loss in the America East Championship game last season, the Stony Brook Softball team will attempt to take home a conference championship for the first time since 2013.

The Seawolves will try to bounce back from a season-ending, doubleheader loss to Binghamton and make their return to the NCAA tournament. The team has several seniors who will lead the charge, including pitcher Jane Sallen, catcher Allie Pisciotta and outfielder Diane Caruso.

The team, managed by head coach Megan Bryant, will be relying heavily on senior pitcher Jane Sallen, the bona fide ace of this team. Her stellar pitching last season was critical in helping the Seawolves reach the doorstep of a title. Sallen's statistics from last season include a 15-10 record, 2.59 earned run average and 91 strikeouts in 159.2 innings pitched, all the best of her collegiate career.

Last year, the duo of Sallen and former Stony Brook pitcher Allison Cukrov was one of the best one-two punches in terms of pitching in the America East. The pair combined for a 2.74 ERA and 210 strikeouts. With the graduation of Cukrov, Sallen will have to step up to the role of the team's top starter. Two of Sallen's teammates, freshman Maddy Neales and senior Alex Petrolia, are expected to take on the rest of the starting pitching workload.

The team also lost its two best power hitters last season — Shayla Giosia and Bria Green. Giosia hit for a .382 batting average with 12 home runs, and Green had a conference-best .435 average and a Stony Brook single-season record 19 home runs.

### Fast Facts

1. Stony Brook was picked to finish in second in the America East preseason poll.
2. The Seawolves have had 30-plus wins in each of the past four seasons.
3. Senior outfielder Diane Caruso will be a major contributor to the Stony Brook offense. She batted .256 with 29 runs batted in during the 2015 season.

MANAGER  
Megan Bryant

2015 RECORD  
30-17  
14-2, America East

"Every year I try to get better and focus on my weakness. There is never a time when there is something you cannot improve throughout all facets of the game."

- Allie Pisciotta  
Senior Catcher

### PLAYER TO WATCH:

## Allie Pisciotta

Senior Catcher

One of the team's most effective players in recent years has been Pisciotta. She had a batting average of .342 last season, third-best on the team, with six longballs and 26 runs batted in. What is even better than her offense, though, is her defense: in 128 career games, she has only committed two errors. That kind of security behind home plate is valuable to a team hoping to make a championship run.



# MEN'S LACROSSE



By Christian Peraino, Staff Writer

The sticks are laced, the mid-calves are rolled and the flows are pouring out of helmets in streaming waves of precision. Men's lacrosse is back. Stony Brook's last three seasons have all finished in the same disheartening fashion: an America East playoff loss to upstate rival Albany.

But with the graduation of Lyle Thompson, the Great Danes' lacrosse deity and only back-to-back Tewaaron Award winner in NCAA history, the America East is now wide open. Stony Brook has perhaps its best chance in years at rolling over its America East playoff hump. With a first-rate offense and considerable depth, the Seawolves look to claim their first national tournament spot in four years.

## Fast Facts

1. Senior goalkeeper Zach Oliveri, a newly acquired transfer from University of Massachusetts, started 43 consecutive games in net for the Minutemen, dating back to his freshman year. The Ronkonkoma native returns to Long Island to offer some stability to a turntable goalie position that saw three different starters last season.
2. Last year, Stony Brook posted a NCAA Division I-best 40.2 shot percentage.
3. Excluding Rooney, the Seawolves' 12 leading scorers from the 2015 campaign are returning. All starting attackers and midfielders, including Eastwood, Rogers, senior Matt Schultz, junior Ryan Bitzer, junior Alex Corpolongo and senior Chris Hughes, tallied at least twenty points last season.

HEAD COACH  
Jim Nagle

2015 RECORD  
13-5

**"We feel like we have our best group that we've had in years, certainly our deepest team."**

**"The way we run our offense is not geared through one guy. It's more of a ball movement, motion offense, and a lot of people get opportunities."**

- Jim Nagle  
Head Coach

### PLAYERS TO WATCH:

## Challen Rogers

Senior Attackman

## Brody Eastwood

Senior Attackman

Despite graduating the program's all-time career points leader, Mike Rooney, this year's Stony Brook squad is returning eight starters, with the British Columbian offensive duo of seniors Rogers and Eastwood — two Major League Lacrosse draftees last month — at the helm.

Eastwood netted a team-leading 62 goals last season on a pinpoint shooting percentage of 63.9 percent, making him the only Division I player to bury more than half of his shot attempts. Barring injury, expect the lethal attacker to surpass the Stony Brook career goals record handily. Entering the season, Eastwood trailed the record by just 29 goals. The attackman's Canadian counterpart, Rogers, flourishes in a selfless system that breaks down defenses with extensive ball movement. The midfielder notched 53 points last season, and his 23 assists were the team's second highest total, trailing only Rooney. Rogers is the favorite to emerge as the team's leading facilitator and has an outside shot at eclipsing Rooney's career assist record, which he falls 43 dishes behind.

# WOMEN'S LACROSSE

By Skyler Gilbert, Assistant Sports Editor

The 2015 Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse season was memorable, as the Seawolves established themselves as a national power. Head coach Joe Spallina's squad won five games against nationally-ranked opponents, including a road victory against No. 6 Florida and a home victory against No. 5 Northwestern, a team that had won seven of the last 10 NCAA titles.

Make no mistake: This is not your run-of-the-mill America East team. Despite the 2015 campaign ending in a disappointing fashion — an NCAA second round home loss against No. 11 Princeton — this team has its eyes set on the ultimate prize of a national championship, something no America East team in any sport has ever won.

Stony Brook can win a game on both ends of the field. On offense, the Seawolves are led by the lethal duo of sophomore Kylie Ohlmiller and junior Courtney Murphy, a pair of talented attackers. Ohlmiller, a preseason Tewaaron watch list selectee, is the catalyst of the unit. She has an uncanny ability to create plays from the right side of the offense. Murphy, on the other hand, typically stakes out position in front of the net as more of a pure goalscorer, ranking third in the nation in the category with 71 tallies last season.

However, defense is where the team excels. Led by preseason All-American senior Maegan Meritz, the Seawolves have topped the country in scoring for the last three seasons. Last campaign, the defense held opponents to just 5.50 goals per game, the eighth-best mark in NCAA history.

**"We're not sneaking up on people anymore. We've established ourselves as a national power, which speaks volumes for how we've done things from the time I've gotten here."**

- Joe Spallina  
Head Coach

### PLAYER TO WATCH:

## Kristin Yevoli

Junior Midfielder

On a team littered with superstars, there are some question marks surrounding the midfield, where all-America East players Michelle Rubino and Amber Kupres have graduated. Next to junior Dorrien Van Dyke, a first-team all-America East member last season, Yevoli is expected to play a much larger role for Stony Brook this season.

Yevoli, a Massapequa native, had 13 goals and three assists for Stony Brook last season in limited action. As a key contributor for the Seawolves in the midfield this year, it will be interesting to see Yevoli as a more prominent player in the Stony Brook offense. If she can perform well filling in the void of Rubino and Kupres, the Seawolves will be even tougher to stop.

## Fast Facts

1. Stony Brook will start three seniors — Meritz, Alyssa Fleming and Jessica Volpe — on defense. Since the trio has been on the team, the defense has held opponents to under six goals per game in each of their three seasons. No other team in the country has done that in the last ten seasons.
2. Stony Brook ended the 2015 season ranked fifth in the country in the NCAA in Ratings Percentage Index, the main computer ratings system.
3. Ohlmiller's 86 points and 44 assists last season ranked first in the NCAA among freshmen.
4. Spallina has a record of 66-14 in four seasons at Stony Brook. In 10 seasons before Spallina's arrival, Stony Brook had an overall record of 63-80 in women's lacrosse.
5. Stony Brook is ranked No. 7 in the Inside Lacrosse media poll, the highest preseason ranking in program history.

HEAD COACH  
Joe Spallina

2015 RECORD  
18-2  
6-0, America East





# MEN'S TENNIS



By Gregory Zarb, Contributing Writer

Most of the fall 2015 season for the Stony Brook Men's Tennis team was spent playing invitationals and tournaments. At the Stony Brook Invitational, junior Raphael Termat and freshman Samuel Taieb both won their singles flights. During the Hofstra Invitational, Taieb and senior Jose Morales won their singles flight.

The Army Invite had several men's tennis players that went up against both Army West Field and Fairfield, where Stony Brook won 20 out of 22 of their singles matches during the weekend event. In the ITA Regionals, Morales and Termat won their first round matches before both falling in the second round.

## Fast Facts

1. Of the ten members of the team, seven members are upperclassmen. There are five juniors and two seniors, with two freshmen making up the rest of the team.
2. Five players on the team are international, with two players from Brazil, two from France and one from Switzerland. Of the five Americans, two players are from Florida and three are from Long Island.
3. Termat took Columbia's Victor Pham to three sets during the ITA invitational. Pham was ranked as high as the No. 11 tennis player in the country in high school for the class of 2015.

HEAD COACH  
Gary Glassman

2015 RECORD  
5-8

**"Even with having a lot of upperclassmen players on the team, we truly have a mature bunch of guys. They hold each other accountable for the things they do on and off the court."**

- Gary Glassman  
Head Coach

### PLAYERS TO WATCH:

## Samuel Taieb

Freshman

## Tyler Hoffman

Junior

Described by head coach Gary Glassman as being locked in and having the work ethic of Novak Djokovic, Taieb, from northern France, has been a very bright star for the Seawolves. He has crushed competition both alone and in doubles, typically paired with senior Morales.

In singles play, Taieb has a record of 9-2 since the beginning of the fall semester. His winning percentage of 81.8 percent is tied with Morales for second on the Seawolves, only behind Termat. Glassman has gone to the pairing of Taieb and Morales often, and it has worked. The duo has a 6-4 overall record and has played in more doubles matches than any other pairing on the Seawolves.

Hoffman, the team's assistant captain, won 13 matches last season across the second through fourth positions in the lineup.

The Long Island native went 6-3 in fall invitationals, and has won both of his singles matches so far this dual match season, beating opponents from Lehigh and Queens. Along with partner Brian Slivonik from Florida Southern, Hoffman reached the round of 16 in men's doubles at the USTA National Open Championships in December.

# WOMEN'S TENNIS



By Gregory Zarb, Contributing Writer

The fall portion of the tennis season was all about invitationals, and the women's team showed up to play. In total, the women won six singles flights, two of which came from sophomore Elizabeth Tsvetkov, two were won by sophomore Yana Nikolaeva and two trophies went home with senior captain Louise Badoche. The doubles play was also impressive, with three round-of-16 victories, including a win with the Tsvetkov and Nikolaeva pairing.

So far in spring season play, Glassman's team has done well, going 2-1 in three matches. Stony Brook fell to Connecticut 5-2 in the season opener, but have posted back-to-back 6-1 wins against Lehigh and LIU Brooklyn.

**"Our main goal is to compete for April. We want to get better with each match, and I want us to be peaking when April rolls along for the America East Championships."**

- Gary Glassman  
Head Coach

### PLAYER TO WATCH:

## Elizabeth Tsvetkov

Sophomore

With the season starting up, all eyes are on Tsvetkov. In her first year as a Seawolf, she dazzled in the spotlight, being named Rookie of the Year during the 2014-2015 season. Now, she looks to pick up right where she left off. In the invitationals, she won her singles flights twice and made the round of 16 at the ITA Regionals, where she was the only Stony Brook athlete to compete.

Tsvetkov competed in the USTA National Women's Open Championships over winter break. As the No. 14 seed, the sophomore reached the tournament's quarterfinals, where she fell to Virginia Tech senior Kelly Williford. In the opening round, the left-hander defeated University of California, Los Angeles, junior Kelly Shaffer in three sets, dropping only one game total in the final two sets of the match.

## Fast Facts

1. Of the nine members on the team, only three are upperclassmen; there are two seniors and one junior. The rest of the team consists of four freshmen and two sophomores.
2. Stony Brook will look to move on after the graduation of Polina Movchan, the Ukrainian standout that led the Seawolves to back-to-back America East championships in 2014 and 2015. Movchan was named Most Outstanding Player in each tournament.
3. Glassman's squad is very multicultural. France, Germany, Canada, Spain and India all have representatives on the team. The other four players are all from New York, with two players actually coming from the same school — Leon M. Goldstein High School in Brooklyn.

HEAD COACH  
Gary Glassman

2015 RECORD  
15-2  
5-0, AE





# TRACK & FIELD

By Erol Ozkumru, Contributing Writer

The Stony Brook Track and Field team will be looking to kick off its 2016 outdoor season on the right foot when the Seawolves participate in their first meet of the season on March 24 at the Stony Brook Quad Meet.

In a pair of small meets early in the indoor track season, Stony Brook fared well. At the Fordham Quad Meet, the Seawolves defeated all three of their opponents — Fordham, Iona and Providence — to win the meet. In the Sean Atkinson Invitational, both the men's and women's teams finished in first place overall.

When it came to the America East Championships, Stony Brook fell in the middle of the pack. The men's team finished in sixth place and the women's finished in fifth place in the conference tournament. The Seawolves had two individual winners — junior Christina Melian and freshman Holly Manning, who won their individual races in the 3,000-meter and 1,000-meter runs, respectively.

**"I think it's something they need to have in their mind throughout the whole year, understanding this is the last go around in the collegiate environment. But then again, most of the seniors understand."**

- Andy Ronan  
Head Coach

## PLAYER TO WATCH:

### Christina Melian

Junior Distance Runner

Junior distance runner Christina Melian, a Staten Island native, has racked up plenty of accolades over the past few years. In 2013, she was the Junior National Champion in the 3,000-meter run. In each of the last two seasons, she has added to her success in the event, winning a pair of America East indoor championships in the same race. In cross country, she was the America East champion in the 5,000-meter run this season after being the runner-up in 2014. Last fall, Melian competed at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, finishing 143rd out of 254, narrowly missing out on her goal of being an All-American. After not competing in the spring one season ago, Melian will look to bring her success to the outdoor track this year.



HEAD COACH  
Andy Ronan

2015 RECORD  
Men-8th, America East  
Women-7th, America East

## Fast Facts

1. It will be the final outdoor season for 16 Stony Brook seniors, who will look to end their collegiate career on a positive note. Just as talent leaves, new young talent is expected to step up, as Stony Brook has 35 freshmen competing in the spring.
2. Manning is one of the freshmen that is expected to contribute points for the team. Manning is a mid-distance runner from New Zealand — the native country of Lucy Van Dalen and Eric Speakman, two past Stony Brook standouts. She holds the record for the Oceania 800-meter race, and is a bronze medalist in the 1,500-meter race in the New Zealand national U-20 competition. That success has transitioned coming to Stony Brook, where she made her mark in the America East at the recent indoor conference championships.
3. For the men, sophomores Michael Watts and Danny Connelly are two names to watch for. In the 3,000-meter run at the indoor conference championships, Watts and Connelly finished second and fifth, respectively. Last summer, Watts competed at the U-20 Junior Outdoor National Championships at the University of Oregon.

# CREW

By David Vertsberger, Assistant Sports Editor



Photo Credit: Stony Brook Crew

## Fast Facts

1. Crew is the oldest club sport at Stony Brook University.
2. The Seawolves finished second in men's varsity 4+ petite at 2015 New York State Collegiate Championship.
3. The Stony Brook Crew women's team is looking to join the nine New York schools competing in NCAA D-I rowing.

HEAD COACH  
Benjamin Fields

## PLAYER TO WATCH:

### Corey Fitzpatrick

Junior

Junior Corey Fitzpatrick started rowing at the University of Wisconsin, which has a strong rowing program. After transferring to Stony Brook, he tried to join Crew but struggled to keep active in the club as a commuter. Club president Sean Kreitzer expects a lot from Fitzpatrick now that he is a resident.

"He's been showing up everyday, he's pulling really great numbers on the rowing machines," Kreitzer said. "If there is a star player, he could be it."

Stony Brook Crew is coming off a tumultuous 2015 season as it tries to legitimize itself in the eyes of the Stony Brook Athletics Department. Last year, the team was without an established head coach, relying instead on a volunteer student. Many of its rowers studied abroad, leaving the club scrambling to find new recruits. The team has found some success despite these hiccups, with the women's team winning gold in a flight at the 42nd annual Bill Braxton Memorial Regatta and the men taking third in a heat at the Dad Vail Regatta.

This season, expectations are high. Rowers are returning from abroad and the team hired Benjamin Fields, who rowed at Marietta College and ran the Steel City Rowing Club in Pittsburgh as its coach. The team is now going through land practices — held on indoor machines — until the weather permits water practices, where the team can hone in on the goal of making noise in NCAA qualifiers. The club is not an NCAA team, but will try to remedy that when the women compete in the Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference Championships this year to try and join the Division I ranks. Women's rowing is recognized as an NCAA sport, but men's rowing is not.

**"The biggest goal would be [to] have the women compete well at that MARC race, to prove to Athletics that we have the skill and the people to become NCAA, as far as the women's team goes. And then for the men's team it's definitely to build a boat strong enough to go to Dad Vails."**

- Sean Kreitzer  
President



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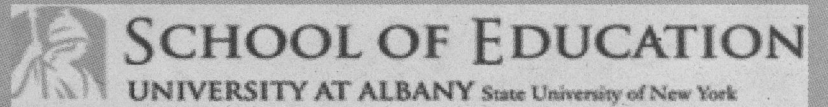
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Stony Brook has a large commuter student population, but author Rachel Spiteri believes they are overlooked when it comes to providing sufficient parking spaces.

By Rachel Spiteri  
Contributing Writer

On the morning of Monday, Feb. 22, I arrived at Stony Brook University at approximately 9:05 a.m. and entered through the south entrance on Nicolls Road. I could immediately sense that something was wrong because traffic was worse than normal, and I saw an enormous fire truck rush to campus. As I progressed on South Drive, I saw that Marburger Drive was completely blocked off because of a car fire. Therefore, the cars and buses could not get to campus, and were being re-routed to Nicolls Road.

Panic ensued and my mind raced as I tried to conjure up a plan to get to class by 10 a.m.. I called 631-632-2886 (2-AUTO) to try to ask what I should do, but nobody answered the phone. I left a voicemail message, hoping that someone would get back to me soon.

I re-entered campus from the north entrance on Nicolls Road and tried to park in the commuter lot by the sports complex. However, to no surprise, this lot was full. I saw that there were spots in the faculty parking lot, but I knew I could not park there because I would receive a parking ticket and have to pay a minimum of \$30, which I cannot afford.

I tried calling 2-AUTO again, and there was still no answer. My panic escalated as I frantically searched for a parking spot. North P Lot was full and there was nobody to help or advise me.

I had no other choice but to park in a metered lot and pay \$7.50 for the day — which severely cut into my lunch money. Before I paid the meter, I called 2-AUTO again, and somebody

finally answered the phone.

The woman on the other end was not helpful and wanted to rush me off the phone. She told me to just park in a metered lot and pay. When I expressed that I could not afford this, she transferred me to a man in parking enforcement who was extremely rude, condescending and sarcastic. He told me it was just “too bad,” and that there was “nothing he could do,” that I had to pay the meter and park there for the day. At the end of the call, I sarcastically said, “Thank you for your help.” His response? Laughter.

It is truly a shame that I called for help, and finally, when I got through after about a half an hour, I was laughed at and treated disrespectfully. I firmly believe that I should be refunded the \$7.50 I was forced to pay to park. I emailed seven email addresses that are listed on the parking services web page, and no one responded.

Unfortunately, this disastrous experience is typical at Stony Brook University. Let me start off by addressing the parking meter situation. The school claims that they only accept credit cards at the meters now because they want to be “green” and prevent workers from driving around to collect money from them. Yet they still have parking enforcement cars driving around campus all day wasting gas and polluting our air.

Furthermore, now that the meters only accept credit card payments, you have to pay in increments of \$1.50 per hour. Hence, if you have an 80 minute class, you have to pay \$3.00 for two hours, instead of \$2.25 for an hour and a half. This needs to be changed. The meters should allow you to select exactly how

much money you want to pay.

More importantly, the amount of commuter parking that is available needs to be addressed. Stony Brook University is largely commuter-based, and yet the parking here is atrocious. New buildings keep appearing, and yet, there are no new parking lots. Commuters get ticketed for parking in faculty lots, but we park there because there are no commuter lots for us to park in. Also, there are residents that live on campus who abuse the commuter lots and leave their cars there.

I have to arrive at campus one full hour before my classes start just so I have enough time to park in the South P lot and wait on line to take the Express Bus to campus.

Soon, I will be starting a new marketing research internship in Great Neck, which is over one hour away from campus. I will be traveling to this internship both on my way to and from class. I shouldn't have to worry about being late for both class and work because of the commuter parking on campus.

Also, I currently work on campus as both a student assistant and a teaching assistant, but still am unable to obtain a faculty parking permit. If I wanted to park by my job, I would have to pay the meter — literally pay to go to work. The situation has escalated so horribly that if I could afford to transfer to another school, I would.

Stony Brook University's current parking procedures are not enough for commuters, and changes need to be made. Students come to Stony Brook University to learn, not to worry and stress about the lack of parking and the abundance of parking tickets.



# The Empire strikes again: Yankees kill online ticket purchases

By Nick Zararis  
Staff Writer

For any sports fan, getting out to the stadium or arena in person is always a major treat. And with the rise of the internet marketplace, the selling of tickets has taken a course which some franchises aren't enthusiastic about.

Stubhub, aside from its blood-sucking exorbitant fees, has emerged as a much more friendly marketplace for consumers than Ticketmaster by allowing for the price of tickets to fluctuate freely as the market dictates.

One franchise that wants to ruin this convenience is the New York Yankees. The satisfaction of getting a ticket last-minute below face value just hours or sometimes even minutes before the game is a great feeling. Like you cheated the system in a totally legal way.

But the Yankees, being the evil force they are, aren't going to allow you to get that satisfaction anymore.

The Yankees, in all their wisdom, are not allowing print-at-home PDF-file tickets for the upcoming season. Their management has cited fears of fake and duplicate tickets as the rationale for the elimination of print at home tickets, but many have taken notice of the Yankees' deal with Ticketmaster as the true underlying purpose for this new policy.

The reason the Yankees went and

made a deal with Ticketmaster is that the company has a minimum value they will allow for a ticket to be sold at. They did this in spite of Major League Baseball's deal with Stubhub to try and help out their bottom line.

As anyone who's watched a Yankee game in the last several years will tell you, there is a noticeable number of empty seats consistently from night to night in the stadium. This is both in part due to a substandard product—the Yankees haven't fielded a World Series-caliber team in a while—and the general overpricing of tickets.

What the Yankees have done here is alienate their fan base. The franchise has gotten the fans acclimated to winning, and now that they're trying to cut corners, it has caught up with the organization.

Another one of the brilliant policies the Yankees have had for a while is their blanket price for every game. Prices don't vary from series to series.

Logic would dictate the value of a ticket when the Yankees play the Red Sox in September would be more costly than against the Rays in mid-July. But the Yankees do not believe in the fluctuating value based on supply and demand of tickets.

Whenever Bernie Sanders is done pretending he's going to become president, I have a new job for him.

Being this beacon of status in New York, the Yankees recently



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**Citing security concerns, the Yankees are no longer allowing fans to print out their tickets at home. But some believe this is a ploy to force consumers to pay face-value for tickets.**

dispatched their COO Lonn Trost (a super villain name if I ever heard one) to WFAN, the radio station that broadcasts Yankee games, and he shot himself in the foot. Trost more or less said they don't want the riff-raff in with the people who paid face-value for their tickets, con-

demning the average Yankee fan in favor of the guy in a suit who doesn't pay attention to the game and scrolls through his iPhone reading emails for nine innings.

Sports in general have been pricing the normal fan out in favor of corporate interests to

woo clients and win political favors for quite some time now (ask Andrew Cuomo about his Mets tickets).

Maybe it's time for change in the way we buy our tickets. We need to make tickets great again!

## Things that Donald Trump actually got right



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**Donald Trump is notorious for his outlandish statements, but not everything he has said is baseless rhetoric. Trump has been critical of the Iraq war in the past and continues to speak out against the dangers of political correctness.**

By Nick Zararis  
Staff Writer

What Donald J. Trump has injected into a usually dull political process is unprecedented.

He has turned three-hour debates, usually reserved for policy wonks, into appointment television, producing soundbite after soundbite.

He's carried himself like a high school bully and has continually shut down conventional candidates. This includes

his personal punching bag Jeb Bush, as seen when he cited his poll numbers—"Well Jeb I'm at 43 and you're at 4"—in reference to Trump's once-enormous lead in Iowa.

Trump wants to "Make America Great Again" by being a straight-talker and speaking what's on his mind. But he has set the record for the most statements rated "pants on fire" by fact-checking site Politifact. So how much of a straight talker can he really be?

For all his mindless theatrics,

Trump has occasionally, and surprisingly, struck the nail right on the head.

Before he started calling every single Mexican illegally coming across the border a rapist, he made an interesting assertion about political correctness: That people need to not be so easily offended, and that political correctness was something he doesn't have time for. Political correctness is a result of the outrage culture we live in. Not having the tough conversations that the U.S. surely needs because someone is

offended is dangerous.

Depending on one's foreign policy views, Trump's notion of "bombing the s\*\*t out of [ISIS]" is appealing. This has been a popular talking point in the GOP camp, but the absolute destruction of ISIS should be a unanimous goal regardless of political party. But when Trump dips into Islamophobia and demagoguery, he ruins these ideas—a common theme for him.

During the Republican debate in South Carolina, Trump again reaffirmed

his stance that, "If we went into Iraq we would destabilize the Middle East."

Although Trump's stance on the war wasn't confirmed until a year after the conflict began, he reiterates he was against the invasion from the beginning, even calling the entire operation a "disaster."

His important point comes when he goes to the liberal talking point well: George W. Bush, Donald Rumsfeld and the neocons in Congress mislead the public, saying there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

I wouldn't go as far as Trump did in calling the war a failure, but the government did mislead the public about the situation in Iraq. Blind allegiance to our former president when it comes to foreign policy kills the GOP.

But undeniably, what Trump has done to our political system is absolutely remarkable. He's essentially Ross Perot with a Queens accent that talks in everyday English. He doesn't use political jargon and bore you to death like Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio.

The scary thing is, he's in first place in most national polls of likely GOP primary voters without exposing a single policy or position in detail.


But two things are true: he does spout some...sensible ideas, and he's absolutely turning 2016 into the most memorable election in recent memory.



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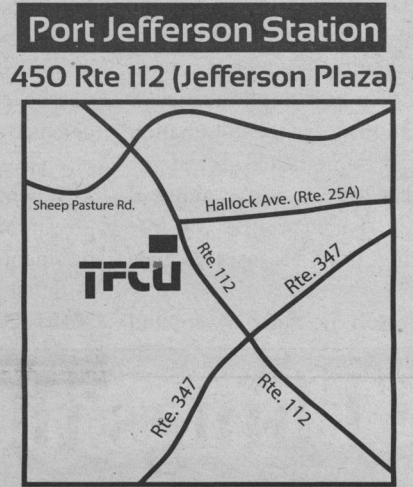
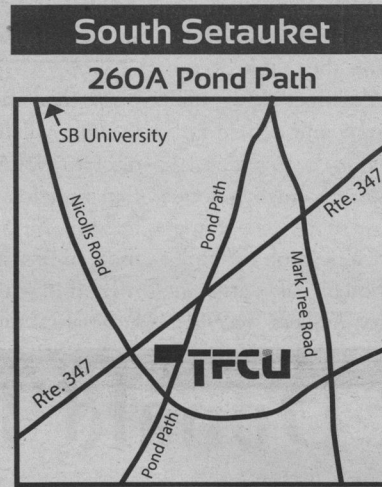
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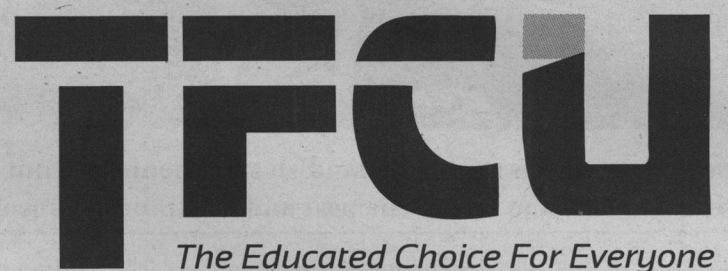
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# Women's Basketball loses against Vermont

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

Vermont freshman guard Hayley Robertson dribbled into a 3-point attempt between two Stony Brook defenders, which rimmed out, giving the Seawolves a last chance at cutting into the Catamounts' four-point lead with 20 seconds to go.

But junior guard Kylie Butler snatched the offensive rebound for Vermont and put the game out of reach at the free-throw line. Stony Brook fell 44-37 in Sunday's road game, making it five straight losses to end its regular season.

With the loss, Stony Brook falls to 8-8 in America East Conference play. Vermont improved to 4-12 in the conference season. Despite the loss, Stony Brook clinched the No. 3 seed in the America East Playoffs at Binghamton University next season.

It has been a struggle on offense of late for the Seawolves, as the team failed to score 50 points in its fourth consecutive contest. On Sunday, Stony Brook scored just 37 points and shot 24.5 percent from the field. Head coach Caroline McCombs's squad also went 2-for-18 on 3-pointers. Stony Brook only scored 11 points in the second half and did not score in the final 8:14 of the

fourth quarter.

Vermont did not shoot with much more success, but it did enough to secure the win behind a balanced effort. Leading the way for the home team was freshman forward Lauren Handy with 10 points, while Robertson added nine.

Senior guard Kylie Atwood and sophomore guard Sydney Smith each scored eight points. The Catamounts outshot the Seawolves from the field by nearly 10 percentage points and took the rebounding battle by a slim margin.

Junior guard Christa Scognamiglio led Stony Brook in scoring with 11 points, followed by freshman forward Ogechi Anyagaligbo with 10.

Anyagaligbo added 11 rebounds in the game, as the first-year standout notched her sixth double-double of the season. Senior forward Brittany Snow put up just four points in her final regular season game as a Seawolf, shooting 0-for-6 from the field.

The first half was a tightly contested one, with Stony Brook going up four at one point and never falling behind by more than six. The game was knotted after one quarter and the Seawolves trailed by just three at halftime. Scognamiglio scored all 11 over her points in the first half, and Any-

agaligbo scored eight of her 10 in the opening two quarters.

Stony Brook, a No. 3 seed in the America East Playoffs, will face off against No. 6 Hartford on Saturday at the Binghamton University Events Center, the site of the tournament's first two rounds.

The Seawolves won both of their games against the Hawks this season. The first match-up was a 23-point blowout at Island Federal Credit Union Arena, the latter a three-point victory at Hartford.

The Hawks are led by sophomore forward Darby Lee, who is averaging a team-best 10.9 points per game in conference play.

"We just have to keep sticking together and keep getting better every single day, that's the most important thing for us," Snow said of the tournament. "We just have to keep sticking together and keep fighting."

Stony Brook will look to fare better than it did in the America East Playoffs last season, where the Seawolves were upset in the first round by the UMBC Retrievers.

To find success this season, Stony Brook will need to turn around its recent woes. McCombs's team has lost five games in a row and eight of its last 11 contests.

# Softball wins two of five in Florida Atlantic Tournament over the weekend

By Dylan Moore  
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Softball team fell to 4-6 after winning two of its five games in the Florida Atlantic Tournament this weekend.

The Seawolves dropped the first three games of the tournament. Head coach Megan Bryant's squad lost to Michigan State 7-0, fell against Florida Atlantic 6-1 and Boston University 4-0.

Stony Brook managed to end the trip on a high note, though, picking up wins over Columbia, 7-2, and Maryland, 10-4.

Senior Jane Sallen started three of the five games in the circle, and she also came in for relief in the final game of the series.

The ace allowed 16 runs, 13 of which were earned, on 25 hits over 20 2/3 innings of work. She struck out nine batters and walked seven. Senior Alex Petrolia and sophomore Maddy Neales also pitched over the weekend.

Petrolia made two appearances in the tournament — against Michigan State and Maryland — and threw three scoreless innings, allowing seven hits.

Neales got the nod against Boston University and Maryland, and her performance improved throughout the weekend.

Against the Terriers, the second-year pitcher allowed four runs across a complete game, racking up six strikeouts and six walks. But when she matched up with the Terrapins, she gave up three runs on three hits and picked up the win.

Senior center fielder Kellie Reynolds had a strong weekend, going 8-for-17 with two runs batted in, including three hits in six at-bats during the first two games. She had her best performance in the game against Columbia, when she was 3-for-4 with one run batted in and a run scored. Her batting average improved to .286 on the season.

Senior catcher Allie Pisciotto played at her usual high level, batting 6-for-17 with six runs batted in, three of which came on a home run to pad the Seawolves' lead against the Terrapins. She has continued to be Stony Brook's most effective player on both sides of the ball, batting .467 through 10 games. She still has not committed an error on defense.

Stony Brook will head to Fort Myers, Florida this weekend for the Florida Gulf Coast Tournament, where the team will take on Ball State, Florida Gulf Coast and Notre Dame.

The series starts Friday, March 4 at 2 p.m.

# Brittany Snow honored with Haier Achievement Award

By Tim Oakes  
Contributing Writer

Brittany Snow, senior forward for the Stony Brook women's basketball team, has been named one of eight recipients of the Haier Achievement Award. The award honors student-athletes at the collegiate level for their accomplishments beyond sports.

"It is an honor," Snow said. "I was very shocked but happy because there are a lot of other great athletes out there."

The award is not exclusively for basketball players. Haier scours NCAA players from all sports — there were 460,000 eligible student-athletes for the award — who have outstanding achievements on and off the court. In the award's two-year history, Snow is the first America East player to be honored.

"By recognizing eight inspiring student-athletes like Brittany throughout the year, we hope to further motivate other young people to achieve and succeed both on and off the field," John Homlish, senior vice president of sales and marketing for Haier America, said. "We commend Brittany for being a model student-athlete both in the classroom and in the community."

Snow has been a four-year starter for the Seawolves, increasing her scoring average each season. Last season, Snow was named to the All-America East Third Team based on her prowess on the hardwood. This season, she leads Stony Brook in scoring for the first time, averaging 14.8 points per game.

Off the court, she excels in school, holding a 3.67 grade



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Senior forward Brittany Snow (No. 20, above) will be honored with the Haier Achievement Award during the Men's Basketball Quarterfinals Game against UMBC on Wednesday.

point average as a psychology major. Her academic achievements include being named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District I first team, the America East Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Stony Brook University Dean's List.

A native of Shamong, New Jersey, Snow has expressed interest in entering medical school following a gap year.

"I do research right now in neurology so that's really what's kind of speaking to me," she said. "At first I was like, 'I don't like this,' but it grew on me, I really started to like it."

"Something else I've been thinking about is orthopedic surgery because I am around it so much, in

the training room, with athletics."

In addition to her high grades, she is the Community Service Representative and Event Specialist on the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).

"That's actually where a lot of my community service comes from, because a lot of it stems originally from athletics," Snow explained. "They encourage you so much to get involved and there are so many opportunities for you to get involved."

Snow has organized and volunteered in countless community service events throughout her time at Stony Brook, with both SAAC and with the Stony Brook University Hospital. As the captain of the Stony Brook Women's

Basketball team, she encourages her teammates to participate in these events when possible.

"For basketball, I would make sure my team gets involved in stuff like the ALS Ride for Life we did as a team," she said. "We did Habitat for Humanity as a team."

Haier, a renowned electronics company, will award the Stony Brook Athletics Department with a Haier 48-inch LED television in addition to donating \$2,000 to the Stony Brook general scholarship fund.

Snow will officially be honored by Haier on Wednesday night at Island Federal Credit Union Arena during the Stony Brook Men's Basketball America East quarterfinals game.

# Stony Brook Sports Schedule

Wednesday
<b>Baseball</b> vs. NYIT, 3 p.m.
Friday
<b>Baseball</b> vs. App. State, 12:30 p.m.
<b>Softball</b> vs. Ball State, 2 p.m. vs. Florida Gulf Coast, 7 p.m.
Saturday
<b>Track</b> IC4A/ECAC Championships (Boston), 10 a.m.
<b>Softball</b> vs. Ball State, 11 a.m. vs. Notre Dame, 1:15 p.m.
<b>Men's Tennis</b> vs. NJIT, 12 p.m.
<b>Baseball</b> vs. Elon, 12:30 p.m.
<b>Women's Tennis</b> at Yale, 1 p.m.
<b>Men's Lacrosse</b> at Fairfield, 1 p.m.
Sunday
<b>Men's Tennis</b> at Army West Point, 9 a.m.
<b>Track</b> IC4A/ECAC Championships (Boston), 10 a.m.
<b>Softball</b> vs. Notre Dame, 10 a.m.
<b>Women's Tennis</b> at Yale, 1 p.m.
<b>Baseball</b> vs. Bowling Green, 12:30 p.m.
<b>Women's Lacrosse</b> vs. Florida, 1 p.m.



## No. 9 Brown hands Men's Lacrosse first loss of the 2016 season

By Christian Peraino  
Staff Writer

After trading goals with Brown all game, it seemed like Stony Brook Men's Lacrosse would finally make a run for the lead.

Senior midfielder Chris Hughes shoved in a goal on his way to the ground after being bodied with an illegal check that sent a flurry of yellow flags spiraling in the air.

Junior midfielder Alex Corpolongo capitalized on the man-up opportunity, adding another goal that put the Seawolves within one as the clock dipped below seven minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

But as it had done all day, No. 9 Brown curbed any momentum and responded with two goals of its own, capping off the Bears' 16-14 win over the No. 19 Seawolves at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The two teams played a back-and-forth game, as neither squad was able to string together three consecutive goals.

"The whole game I felt like we had a shot," Corpolongo said. "We knew coming in it was going to be competitive. We knew they are a very talented team, and we know we are as well... We felt like we were right in it the whole game."

Brown junior attacker Dylan Molloy, the 2015 Ivy League Player of the Year, posted a hat trick to go along with his six assists, but senior attacker Matt Schultz was answered with a stellar four-goal, three-assist game of his own.

"[Molloy] is a good player," Schultz said. "He's going to do some stuff on the offensive end



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**Senior attackman Matt Schultz (No. 40, above) tied a career high with seven points — four goals and three assists — on Saturday, as Stony Brook fell to No. 9 Brown 16-14.**

that will help them. We just gotta try and contain him."

The Seawolves, who led Division I men's lacrosse in shooting percentage last year, uncharacteristically went 14-46 on shooting on the day.

"Today just wasn't our day shooting, and I think maybe we need to take a little more pride in our work in that area," head coach Jim Nagle said.

The Bears contained senior attackman Brody Eastwood, a prolific scorer who is on pace to break the Seawolves' career goal-scoring record this season, to zero goals on two shot attempts.

With his production successfully suffocated by face checks, the Seawolves had to look to other players to take control on offense.

"We can't force the ball to go to where they're denying," Nagle said. "We share the ball, and other guys gotta step up. There are going to be more opportunities."

Corpolongo, coming off a career-high four goal game against St. John's, continued his scoring ways. The junior netted a hat trick, including an early snipe from the outside off of a Schultz feed that found its way into the top corner of the cage in a hurry.

Senior midfielder Challen Rogers notched two goals and two assists, propelling him to a team-leading eight assists on the season.

Despite these efforts, it was stellar play from Brown goalie Jack Kelly, who amassed 20 saves on the day, and stifled multiple one-on-one shots on the edge of the

crease, that made the difference.

"We should never let a great goalie affect our shooting, but I thought today it did a little bit," Nagle said. "But hats off to him. I mean, 20 saves, I can't remember the last time a goalie has had 20 saves on us. I thought that was probably the biggest difference in the game."

The poor shooting in the match was made worse by the Seawolves' woes in the faceoff circle. Brown led 23-10 on draw controls, meaning that Stony Brook missed out on several possession opportunities that could have translated into goals.

Stony Brook heads to Connecticut on Saturday to take on winless Fairfield in the team's first road game of the season.

## Ohlmiller leads Women's Lacrosse to opening-day victory

By Skyler Gilbert  
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 8 Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse team began its season in Rhode Island on Sunday, when head coach Joe Spallina's team squared off with Bryant. The Bulldogs, the defending Northeast Conference champions and a team that participated in the 2015 NCAA Tournament, were slated to be a difficult opening match for the Seawolves.

They were not.

Sophomore attacker Kylie Ohlmiller propelled Stony Brook to a dominant 18-4 victory

over Bryant.

The preseason Tewaaronon Watch List selectee had a game-high seven points, scoring five goals and two assists. The ever-flashy Ohlmiller buried two behind-the-back shots in the effort as the Bryant defense was unable to slow her down.

Junior attacker Courtney Murphy added four goals of her own in the Stony Brook victory, including one assisted by Ohlmiller. The pair combined for an on-goal shooting percentage of .900, burying nine of their 10 shots on goal.

"I could have my eyes closed and know right where Murphy is," Ohlmiller said of the offensive tandem in a recent interview. "It's one of those telepathy type of things."

At the other end of the field, freshman goalkeeper Anna Tesoriero impressed in her collegiate debut. Tesoriero, a product of Huntington, New York, face d 12 shots in the contest, turning away nine to earn the win in cage for the Seawolves.

"I think Anna's going to play a big role in the cage," junior midfielder Dorrien Van Dyke said. "I'm excited to see how she performs this year."

Tesoriero allowed three of Bryant's four goals, with senior goalkeeper Kaitlyn Leahy allowing the other goal in limited action.

While shooting percentages were a large contributor to the Seawolves' success — Stony Brook led 78.2 percent to 30.8 percent in converting its shots on goal — possession metrics were also in the road team's favor.

In draw controls, Stony Brook led 13-10. Junior midfielder Kristin Yevoli was the led the way in the faceoff circle, controlling six draws on her own. Yevoli's dominance in the area is much needed

for the Seawolves in a category that midfielder Michelle Rubino, now graduated, led Stony Brook last season.

Yevoli was also a key offensive contributor for Stony Brook, as the Massapequa native netted three goals. It was the fourth career hat trick for the midfielder.

Two freshman midfielders, Keri McCarthy and Kasey Mitchell, each scored the first goal of their Stony Brook careers in the second half, as part of an 8-0 run that extended the Seawolves' lead over the Bulldogs.

The Stony Brook defense, the top-ranked unit in the NCAA in each of the last three seasons, prevented Bryant from stringing together consecutive goals in the match. Bryant senior attacker Lauren Descalzo, the 11th-ranked goal scorer in the country last season, to just one goal on the afternoon.

Next Sunday, Stony Brook will host No. 4 Florida in a marquee matchup at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. This is the third consecutive season the two ranked teams have met, with the Seawolves winning in the Sunshine State 12-11 last season and the Gators winning on Long Island in 2014, 14-1.

## Baseball swept on road against Baylor

By Gregory Zarb  
Contributing Writer

After opening the 2016 season 1-2, Stony Brook Baseball looked for a solid series to get back on track in Waco, Texas, where the Seawolves played against Baylor in a three-game series.

But the weekend did not go as hoped, as the Bears beat the Seawolves handily on both Friday and Saturday, losing 16-2 and 20-4 respectively. Baylor completed the sweep with a closer 6-5 victory on Sunday.

The Bears did their damage early and often in the first inning in Friday's matchup, scoring six runs off of five hits and a walk off of senior pitcher Tyler Honahan. Honahan only lasted 1.2 innings, allowing eight runs on seven hits, five walks and two strikeouts.

It was not until the top of the seventh inning that the Seawolves got on the board, scoring on a sacrifice fly from senior outfielder Jack Parenty and a bases-loaded walk which brought home sophomore infielder Bobby Honeyman.

Those were the only two runs for the Seawolves the entire game, cutting the Bears' blowout margin to 15-2 after the seventh inning. Baylor added one more run in the eighth inning to take a 16-2 lead.

Baylor came out with an almost-identical start in Saturday's game. The Bears started off the game with a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning and got their offense rolling. By the fourth inning, Baylor had already scored 11 runs and Stony Brook was still looking for a run.

Junior pitcher Cameron Stone gave up four earned runs in three innings and senior pitcher Tim Knesnik gave up four earned runs on six hits in relief.

Stony Brook scored three runs in the fifth, thanks to an RBI single from Parenty and a two-RBI single from sophomore catcher Drew Bene.

After the fifth, Stony Brook was only able to muster one more run scored while giving up nine more runs throughout the last five innings.

Sunday was the most competitive game of the weekend. After Baylor mounted an early advantage with a 5-1 lead, Stony Brook used a four-run seventh inning to tie the game 5-5 on a Parenty two-RBI triple.

Baylor senior infielder West Tunnell gave the Bears the lead in the bottom of the eighth inning with a pinch-hit, solo home run.

Stony Brook was unable to score in the ninth inning, as Baylor won the game.

Parenty had a tremendous series for the Seawolves currently on a six-game hitting streak. Parenty went 6-for-12 with four RBIs against the Bears in this series.

The Seawolves will come home for a few days of rest before taking on NYIT for the Seawolves' home opener on Wednesday at 3 p.m..



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**Sophomore attacker Kylie Ohlmiller (No. 17, above) led Stony Brook with nine points in the team's win over Bryant.**

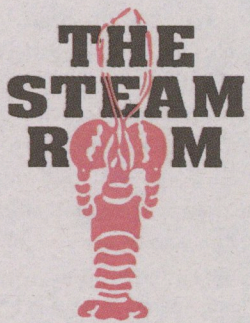




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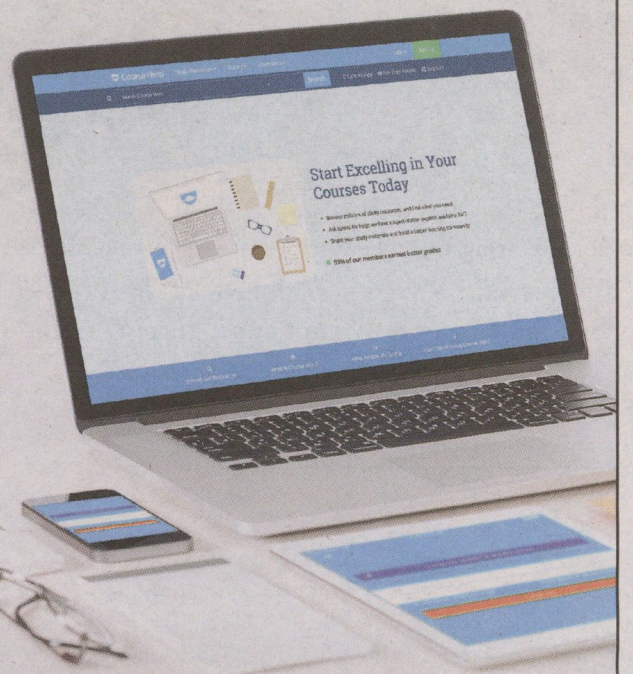


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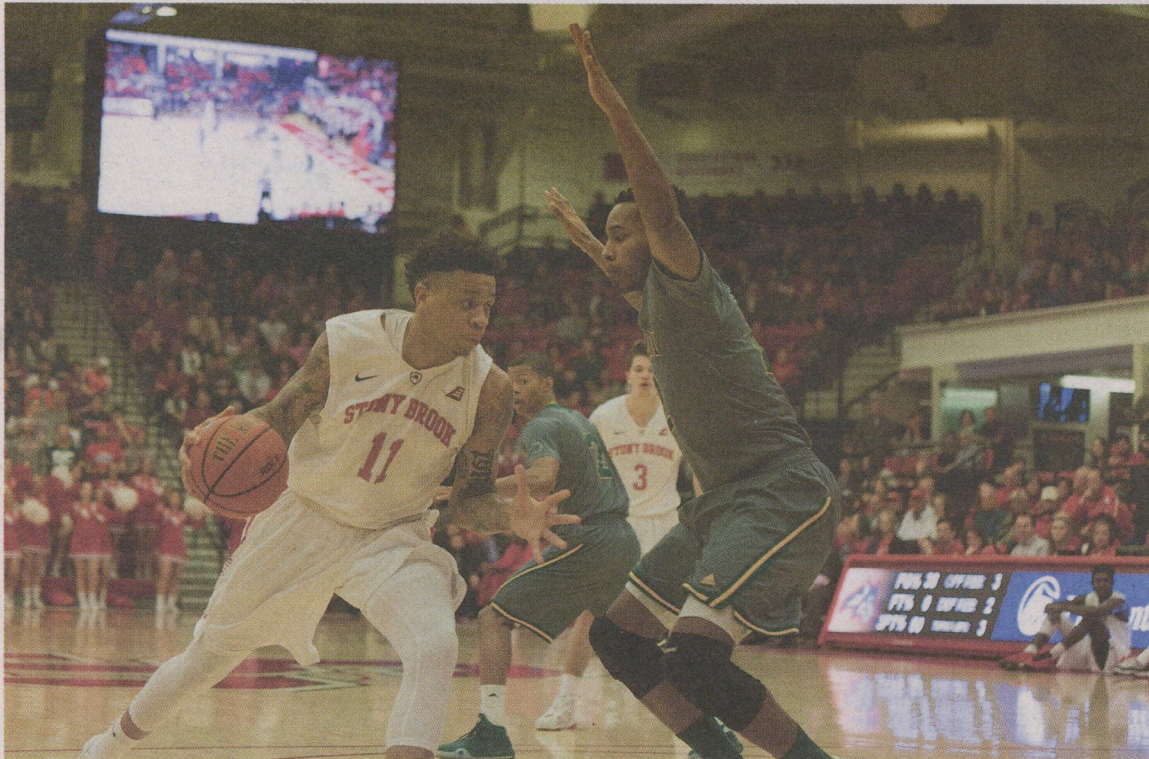
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# SPORTS

## Men's Basketball pummeled in regular season finale, AE playoffs begin Wednesday



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Senior forward Rayshaun McGrew (No. 11, above) scored a team-high 17 points for the Seawolves, but it was not enough, as Vermont beat Stony Brook 76-62 on Saturday.

By David Vertsberger  
Assistant Sports Editor

In spite of the Senior Night festivities at Stony Brook, it was Vermont freshman guard Ernie Duncan that stole the show with 23 points on 8-for-12 shooting from the field to lead his team to a 76-62 upset victory.

The Seawolves fell behind by 17 in the first half and spent the rest of the night trying to crawl back, but the team could not overcome its own poor showing at the free-throw line, combined with the Catamounts' fiery 3-point shooting.

"You have to make some shots, that's the bottom line," head coach Steve Pikiell said. "If they don't go in against a good team, you're not going to win. That certainly was the case tonight."

Stony Brook shot 7-for-19 from the free-throw line while Vermont connected on 10 of its 19 3-point attempts. Sophomore guard Trae Bell-Haynes scored 16 points for the Catamounts, 11 of which came in the second half.

The Seawolves cut the lead to six with 5:29 remaining only to get run off their home court at the hands of a 12-0 Catamounts run late in the second half.

For Stony Brook, which had already clinched the America East Tournament No. 1 seed, the loss was just its second of the conference season and its first home loss overall. Vermont clinched the No. 3 seed in the playoffs with its win.

Vermont won the rebounding battle 37-31, the sixth time a team has out-rebounded Stony Brook this season. The Catamounts regularly sent four players to the defensive glass, which helped limit senior forward Jameel Warney to just three first-half rebounds.

"It's always tougher to play a team the second time around," Warney said. "We went up there and out-rebounded them and we were tougher than them in that spot, so you know that was a point

of emphasis for them... We knew they were going to come in and be more tough, be more aggressive, and that's what they did today."

Leading the way for Stony Brook was senior forward Rayshaun McGrew, who scored 17 points on 8-for-13 shooting. Warney and senior guard Carson Puriefoy both shot under 50 percent from the field and did not receive much help. Junior guards Lucas Woodhouse and Ahmad Walker combined for just six points, and the Seawolves bench scored just 10.

"We didn't make shots tonight," Puriefoy said. "We have to keep feeding it into the big guys, we kind of got away from that. But we have to make shots against the zone, and we have to get it inside and kick it out. We just have to go back to practice, keep working and we'll be fine."

Vermont dealt a body blow in the first half, using a 15-2 run to take a 17-point lead. Warney struggled to make his presence felt against the physicality of Vermont's frontcourt, putting up a just six points.

McGrew kept Stony Brook alive, as the forward went on a personal 7-0 run midway through the period. He led his team in scoring at the half with nine points on 4-for-6 shooting from the field.

For Vermont, the 3-pointer was unstoppable, as the Catamounts 6-for-12 from beyond the arc in the opening 20 minutes. Duncan's play was particularly impressive, as the freshman made all three of his 3-pointers en route to 16 points at halftime.

Stony Brook went on a late 10-0 run to keep the game within striking distance. Pikiell ran a lineup with three point guards — Puriefoy, Woodhouse and sophomore guard Deshaun Thrower — to get more dribble penetration and passing, which helped spark the Seawolves.

Pikiell stayed with similar lineups in the second half, but it was not enough.

The Seawolves now set their sights on winning the America East Championship, the road to which starts and ends on Long Island. Stony Brook will look to avenge last season's title-game loss against Albany.

Stony Brook will not only have home-court advantage against No. 8 UMBC in its quarterfinals match-up on Wednesday, but will also play at home in potential semifinals and finals games.

In their lone trip to Island Federal Credit Union Arena this season, the Retrievers put up a fight in a 12-point loss to the Seawolves. UMBC was within three points with nine minutes to go before Stony Brook blew the lead open.

Sophomore guard Jairus Lyles is the guy the Seawolves will have to focus on. The Robert Morris transfer is averaging a conference-best 22.8 points per game on the season.

"They have guys who can score at every position," Warney said. "We have to come ready to play on both sides and at the end of the day find a way to win."

With a quarterfinals win, Stony Brook would play the lowest seed to advance on Monday, March 7. If all favorites win their first round games, Pikiell's squad would host New Hampshire in the semifinals. The Seawolves won a nail-biter against the Wildcats, 59-58, on Feb. 14.

Stony Brook will be spared from having to face off against Vermont or Albany — the two teams that beat the Seawolves in conference this season — until the America East championship game on Friday, March 11.

The Seawolves will be without sophomore guard Bryan Sekunda for the playoffs. Sekunda, a 3-point specialist for Stony Brook, suffered a serious knee injury in a loss at Albany last week.

"Now the real season's happening," Warney said. "We have to find a way to win three games, up by 20 or up by one."

## Victor Ochi participates in NFL Scouting Combine

By Andrew Eichenholz  
Sports Editor

Growing up, Stony Brook Football senior defensive lineman Victor Ochi watched the National Football League Scouting Combine, where the best prospective draftees are invited every spring to showcase their talents.

Ochi remembered 2014 No. 1 draft pick Jadeveon Clowney's position-leading 40-yard dash and Byron Jones, who was chosen 27th overall, setting a world record in the broad jump at the combine.

This weekend, it was Ochi's turn to perform under the spotlight, as the Valley Stream native became the second Seawolves player to participate in the combine after Miguel Maysonet did so in 2013, as he seeks to become the first to earn a selection in the NFL Draft. Nobody needed to tell him that he has an opportunity to make school history.

"Knowing that my mission is really not done," said Ochi of what pushes him to continue working hard. "I'm not the one to be satisfied. I know there's a whole lot of football ahead of me, my best years are ahead of me. That's not going to come just sitting around and just moping around. I've got to get to work."

While Ochi came nowhere near Jones' record 145-inch broad jump, he tied for eighth place out of 53 participating defensive linemen with a 119-inch leap.

That was not the only exercise in which the Stony Brook player stood out, though. Ochi placed toward the top of most of the drills he partook in on Saturday. He clocked 4.85 and 4.86 second 40-yard dash times, a 7.24 second three-cone drill, a 32-inch vertical jump and a 4.40 second 20-yard shuttle.

Ochi did not complete the

bench press exercise on Saturday, with multiple reports saying that he sat out of the drill due to slight shoulder soreness, although he will do so at Stony Brook's Pro Day at the end of March.

"I used to watch it on TV. It's crazy being a part of it," Ochi said of being selected to participate in the combine. "It's definitely a blessing that people are starting to pay attention to what Stony Brook has produced."

Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN's NFL Draft analyst, had high praise for Ochi and his future as a professional football player.

"Goes to Stony Brook off the radar, all he's doing is sacking quarterbacks, getting after the signal-caller. All-star game, impactful player," Kiper Jr. said on SportsCenter last week. "Somebody's going to get Victor Ochi third round and is going to have themselves a heck of a player getting after the quarterback."

This season, Ochi did plenty to draw attention to himself. The lineman was named the Colonial Athletic Association Co-Defensive Player of the Year, a STATS Football Championship Subdivision All-American, and also earned a spot in the East-West Shrine Game. In that all-star game, Ochi recorded a sack and four total tackles.

Ochi appreciates the praise that he has received from analysts, but he said that he did not need the recognition to push him ahead of the NFL Draft, which will take place from April 28 to April 30 in Chicago.

"I'm pretty self-motivated whether he said something about me or not. I was going to put my work in. I've worked very hard to get to this point in my life and I'm not going to stop now," Ochi said. "I couldn't stop now. I'm definitely going all out with this."



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Victor Ochi (No. 91, above) is looking to become the first Stony Brook player to be drafted by an NFL team.

**America East Basketball Playoffs—Quarterfinals**

**No. 1 Men's Basketball vs. No. 8 UMBC**

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